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*Erdos-Ko-Rado-type colorings of systems of sets or linear
spaces*

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Abstract: For a family F of r -sets in an n -sets elements, we consider colorings of F with k colors such that each two r -sets in F of the same color must intersect in at least ℓ vertices, $\ell < r$. In particular, we are interested in the structure of such families that maximize these number of colorings. It turns out that for $k = 2$ or $k = 3$ colors, the solution of this problem is related to the Erdos-Ko-Rado theorem (or the Turán number of the corresponding uncolored problem). Also the case of more than 3 colors will be discussed. Moreover, we address a q -analogue of this question, i.e., the intersection of each two linear r -subspaces of the same color in a family F must have dimension at least ℓ .

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