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*Upper bounds on the size of 4- and 6-cycle-free
subgraphs of the hypercube*

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Abstract: In this talk we show a slight modification of Razborov's flag algebra machinery to be suitable for the hypercube. We use this modified method to show that the maximum number of edges of a 4-cycle-free subgraph of the n -dimensional hypercube is at most 0.6068 times the number of its edges. We also improve the upper bound on the number of edges for 6-cycle-free subgraphs of the n -dimensional hypercube from $\sqrt{2} - 1$ to 0.3755 times the number of its edges.

Additionally, we show that if the n -dimensional hypercube is considered as a poset then the maximum vertex density of three middle layers in an induced subgraph without 4-cycles is at most

$$2.15121 \binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}.$$

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