

SOLUTION FOR POW 2011-16

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If $|N| \leq |\bigcup_{i \in N} A_i|$ holds for every $N \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, then we can find distinct a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that $a_i \in A_i$ by Hall's theorem. Without loss of generality, we may assume $N = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.

Let $\bigcup_{i \in N} A_i = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t\}$ and define a $k \times t$ matrix M over \mathbb{F}_2 such that $M_{i,j} = 1$ if and only if A_i contains x_j . Then it is easy to see that $X = MM^T$ is the $k \times k$ identity matrix. Therefore the rank of M is k , which implies $k \leq t$ as desired.