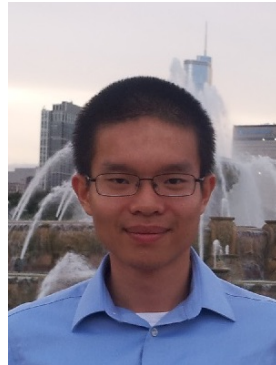




Forbidding tight cycles in hypergraphs



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A tight k -uniform ℓ -cycle, denoted by TC_ℓ^k , is a k -uniform hypergraph whose vertex set is $v_0, \dots, v_{\ell-1}$, and the edges are all the k -tuples $\{v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_{i+k-1}\}$, with subscripts modulo ℓ . Motivated by a classic result in graph theory that every n -vertex cycle-free graph has at most $n - 1$ edges, Sós and, independently, Verstraëte asked whether for every integer k , a k -uniform n -vertex hypergraph without any tight k -uniform cycles has at most $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ edges. In this talk I will present a construction giving negative answer to this question, and discuss some related problems. Joint work with Jie Ma.

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