

# HW 10 Review

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In the  $W(k, c)$ -sized block will be a mono  $k$ -AP.

**Key** VDW is about coloring  $[W]$  but works just as well coloring

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Contradiction.

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Assume for all  $V$ , there is a 4-free set  $A \subseteq [V]$  of size  $Ve^{-(\log V)^f}$ .  
A, B, C, D each have a string of length  $n$  on their foreheads. The strings are  $a, b, c, d$ . Give a protocol for them to use such that

- ▶ At the end they all know if  $a + b + c + d = 2^{n+1} - 1$ .
- ▶ The number of bits communicated is  $\ll n$ .
- ▶ Assume that your reader is a student in this class who MISSED the lecture on multiparty Communication (but she saw all of the prior lectures).

# Two Solutions

I present:

- ▶ The solution I had in mind from the **literature**.
- ▶ A **new** solution that Rob **Brady** showed me.

Both begin the same way with material on 4-free sets and 4-AP free colorings.



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## Definitions of $\Gamma_{sq}$ and $\Gamma_{lit}$

- ▶ A **lit** is 4 points in  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  of the form  
 $(x, y, z)$ ,  
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 $(x, y, z + \lambda)$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).
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Working out the real asymptotics is so boring that I WON'T say **might be on the HW or the FINAL**.

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