# The typical structure of $H$-colorings of the Hamming cube 

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- We'll discuss proper $q$-colorings in this talk.


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Slight problem: $G$ might not have a proper $q$-coloring.

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4-coloring:


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What drives these? Number of components, expansion

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(2) for $q$ odd, $(q+1) / 2$ colors appear on about $N /(q+1)$ vertices and the remaining $(q-1) / 2$ colors appear on about $N /(q-1)$ vertices.
Additionally, each color appears almost exclusively on one partition class of $\{0,1\}^{d}$.

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The space of 5-colorings of $\{0,1\}^{d}$ breaks up into 20 large classes based on the dominant colors on one partition of $\{0,1\}^{d}$, plus a small extra class.


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Edge is ideal if $A$ and $B$ are disjoint, use all available colors, and as equal in size as possible.


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- Can't have too many 'non-ideal' $(A, B)$


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Want: $M \rightarrow \infty, d$ fixed.
Now: $M$ fixed, $d \rightarrow \infty$.
Can do: $M=c \log d$

## End

## Thank You!

