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Let  $|S| = n$ ,  $m(n, l_1, l_2, k)$  (respectively,  $m'(n, l_1, l_2, k)$ ) denote the cardinality of the largest family of subsets  $A_i \subset S$  satisfying  $|A_i| = k$  (respectively,  $|A_i| \leq k$ ) and  $|A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}| = l_1$  or  $l_2$ . In this paper we prove

(a)  $m(n, 0, l_2, k) \leq \binom{n}{2}$ ,  $m'(n, 0, l_2, k) \leq \binom{n}{2} + n + 1$ ; equality if  $k = 2$ ;

(b)  $m(n, 0, l_2, k) \leq n$ , if  $l_2 \nmid k$ , with equality for an infinity of  $n$ .

For  $n \geq n_0(k)$  we show that

(a)  $m(n, l_1, l_2, k) \leq \binom{n-l_1}{2}$ ,  $m'(n, l_1, l_2, k) \leq \binom{n-l_1}{2} + (n - l_1) + 1$ ;

(b) more exactly,  $m(n, l_1, l_2, k) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n-l_1}{k-l_1} \left\lceil \frac{n-l_2}{k-l_2} \right\rceil \right\rceil$ , with equality for an infinity of  $n$ .

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