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The symbol $(m, n, i, r) \rightarrow p$ means that if $|\mathcal{S}| = m \geq n$, $A_j \subset \mathcal{S}$, $|A_j| \geq n$ is any family of subsets of \mathcal{S} which cannot be represented by any i elements of \mathcal{S} , then there is a subset \mathcal{S}_1 of \mathcal{S} , $|\mathcal{S}_1| = p$, $p \geq r$, every r -tuple of which occurs in some A_j . $(m, n, i, r) \not\rightarrow p$ means that $(m, n, i, r) \rightarrow p$ does not hold. $(2n - 1, n, 1, 2) \rightarrow n + 1$ is an old result of Hajnal and Folkman. The author proves $(2n + i - 2, n, i, 2) \rightarrow n + i$ and that this result is best possible. Several problems are posed, some of which have been settled since. Also a connection with Ramsey's theorem is established.

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