# Common Information of Random Linear Network Coding Over A 1-Hop Broadcast Packet Erasure Channel 

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An example is provided in the paper.

## Main Result

- A partition of $\{1, \cdots, K\}$ is a collection of disjoint subsets $\left\{S_{m}\right\} \triangleq\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, \cdots, S_{M}\right\}$ such that $\bigcup_{m=1}^{M} S_{m}=\{1, \cdots, K\}$.

Theorem 1 Define $(\cdot)^{+} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \max (\cdot, 0)$. For any receiving sets $\left\{\mathcal{R}_{t}: \forall t\right\}$, with sufficiently large $\mathrm{GF}(q)$ we have
$\operatorname{rank}\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{K} \Omega_{k}\right)=\max \left\{N-\sum_{m=1}^{M}\left(N-\mathcal{T}_{S_{m}}\right)^{+}: \forall\right.$ partition $\left.\left\{S_{m}\right\}\right\}$.

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