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Title: On a linear algebra version of the Hajós Theorem.

Abstract: *The classical Hajós Theorem gives a constructive characterization of graphs that do not permit a  $k$ -coloring, for each natural number  $k$ . Several strengthenings of the original theorem have appeared, which have applications to other areas, such as to complexity of computation and of formal theorem-proving.*

*For a set  $X$  of subspaces of a vectorspace  $V$  over the field  $F$ , it may happen that every linear map from  $V$  to  $F$  makes some element of  $X$  vanish. In this talk we consider a construction of such sets  $X$  which is similar to the construction in the Hajós Theorem of non-colorable graphs.*

*This construction has applications to graph coloring, hypergraph coloring, nowhere-zero flows, zero-sum flows, the complexity of computation and theorem-proving.*