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Partitions of $V(n, q)$ into 2- and s-dimensional subspaces. (English) Zbl 1267.51007
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Let $V(n, q)$ denote a vector space of dimension n over the field with q elements. A vector space partition of $V(n, q)$ is a collection \mathcal{P} of subspaces of $V(n, q)$ such that each non-zero vector is contained in precisely one element of \mathcal{P} . A vector space partition is of type $d_1^{x_1} \cdots d_k^{x_k}$ if it contains precisely x_i subspaces of dimension d_i . Let s and n be integers with $s \geq 3$ and $n \geq 2s$. The authors show that the existence of partitions of $V(n, q)$ across a suitable range of types $s^x 2^y$ implies the existence of partitions of $V(n+j, q)$ of essentially all the types $s^x 2^y$ for any integer $j \geq 1$. They apply this result to construct partitions of $V(n, 2)$ of types $5^x 2^y$ for all $n \geq 14$.

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