1046-52-643 Jim Lawrence (lawrence@gmu.edu), Dept. of Math. Sciences, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, and Walter Morris* (wmorris@gmu. edu), Dept. of Math. Sciences, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Finite Sets as Complements of Finite Unions of Convex Sets.
Given a finite $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d}$, how many convex sets are required to write the complement as a union? Crude estimates of the number of convex sets required are given. When the restriction of openness is added, tighter bounds are obtained as an application of a theorem of Björner and Kalai. Certain families of graphs and hypergraphs connected with the problem are introduced. (Received September 09, 2008)

