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We are interested in the maximum size of a family $\mathcal{F}$ of subsets of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, subject to the condition that a certain configuration is excluded. We survey results of this kind, and present new bounds on $|\mathcal{F}|$ for the case that $\mathcal{F}$ contains no four distinct subsets A, B, C, D satisfying $A \subset C$, $A \subset D$, $B \subset C$. (Received January 04, 2007)