Jake Levinson*, jake_levinson@sfu.ca, and Brooke Ullery. A Cayley-Bacharach theorem and plane configurations.

We examine linear conditions on finite sets of points in projective space implied by the Cayley-Bacharach condition. In particular, under certain bounds on the size of the set, we show that the set is forced to lie on a union of low-dimensional linear spaces.

These results are motivated by investigations into degrees of irrationality of complete intersections, which are controlled by minimum-degree rational maps to projective space. As an application of our main theorem, we describe the fibers of such maps for certain complete intersections of codimension two.

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