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**Susan Marie Cooper\*** (sucooper@math.syr.edu), Department of Mathematics, 317 H Carnegie Building, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1150. *Hilbert Functions of Subsets of Complete Intersections.*

A characterization of which sequences of numbers can be the Hilbert function of a finite set of distinct points in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  follows from the work of Macaulay, Hartshorne, and others. Although Hilbert functions of complete intersections are well-known, Hilbert functions of subsets of complete intersections have not yet been classified, even for the reduced zero-dimensional case. Let  $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \cdots \leq d_n$  be positive integers and  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Hilbert function of some finite set of distinct points in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . We wish to determine if there exists some reduced zero-dimensional complete intersection C.I.  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  which contains a subset whose Hilbert function is  $\mathcal{H}$ .

The special case of this problem where the ideal of the complete intersection is generated by a product of linear forms follows from the combinatorial results of Clements-Lindström and Greene-Kleitman. We will show that the problem in general is connected to the Lex-Plus-Powers Conjecture of Eisenbud-Green-Harris and discuss the cases of  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$ . (Received February 06, 2006)