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Matching preclusion and condition matching preclusion of folded Petersen Cubes. Preliminary report.

The matching preclusion number of a graph is the minimum number of edges whose deletion results in a graph that has neither perfect matchings nor almost-perfect matchings. For many interconnection networks, the optimal sets are precisely those induced by a single vertex. Recently, the conditional matching preclusion number of a graph was introduced to look for obstruction sets beyond those induced by a single vertex. It is defined to be the minimum number of edges whose deletion results in a graph *with no isolated vertices* that has neither perfect matchings nor almost-perfect matchings. We find this number and classify all optimal sets for the folded Petersen cubes. Moreover, some general results regarding Cartesian product are also presented. (Received March 23, 2010)