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John Engbers* (jengbers@nd.edu), Department of Mathematics, 255 Hurley Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556, and **David Galvin**. *The typical structure of H -colorings of the Hamming cube.*

The d -dimensional discrete hypercube Q_d is the graph on $\{0, 1\}^d$ with two strings adjacent if they differ on one coordinate. For a graph H (possibly with loops), an H -coloring of Q_d is a function from $\{0, 1\}^d$ to $V(H)$ which preserves adjacency. With appropriate choices of H , H -colorings can encode independent sets and proper colorings of Q_d .

We are interested in the following question: In a uniformly chosen H -coloring of Q_d , what proportion of vertices of Q_d get mapped to each vertex of H ? We obtain a quite precise answer to this question. For example, we can say that in a uniformly chosen proper $2k$ -coloring of Q_d , asymptotically almost surely each color class has size very close to $2^d/(2k)$, and in a uniformly chosen proper $(2k + 1)$ -coloring, asymptotically almost surely there are k color classes with size very close to $2^d/(2k)$ and $k + 1$ class with size very close to $2^d/(2(k + 1))$. In both cases, each color class is contained almost exclusively in a single bipartition class of Q_d .

The results generalize to the discrete torus with fixed even side length. The approach is through entropy, and extends results obtained by Jeff Kahn (who had considered the case when H is a doubly infinite path). (Received September 08, 2010)