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A hypergraph  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$  is called a  $k$ -representation of the graph  $G$  if  $V(G) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $(i, j)$  is an edge if and only if  $\max\{|H_i \setminus H_j|, |H_j \setminus H_i|\} \geq k$ . Let  $k(G) := \min k$ .

Improving earlier results of Boros, Gurvich and Meshulam (2004) we show that for most  $n$ -vertex graphs  $k(G)$  is asymptotic to  $\Theta(n/\log n)$ . (Received September 12, 2006)