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A new bound for the size of weak Sidon sets.

A weak Sidon set S_k of degree $k > 1$ is a set having no solutions of the equation (*) $x_1 + \dots + x_k = x'_1 + \dots + x'_k$, where variables $x_1, \dots, x_k, x'_1, \dots, x'_k \in S_k$ are different. Determining the maximal size of such a set from the segment $\{1, \dots, N\}$ is a rather old question of Additive Combinatorics having little success. Recently, bounding the number of the solutions of equation (*), Schoen and Shkredov showed that $|S_k| \ll k^{2-c} N^{1/k}$, where $c > 0$ is an absolute constant. We give a scheme of the proof in our talk.