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**Fusun Akman\*** (akmanf@ilstu.edu), Illinois State University, Department of Mathematics, Campus Box 4520, Normal, IL 61790-4520, and **Papa Amar Sissokho**. *The lattice of finite vector space partitions and its Möbius function.*

Let  $V = V(n, q)$  denote the vector space of dimension  $n$  over  $GF(q)$ . A vector space partition of  $V$  is a collection  $\Pi$  of subspaces of  $V$  such that every nonzero vector in  $V$  is contained in exactly one subspace belonging to  $\Pi$ . We show that the set of all vector space partitions of  $V$  form a poset under refinement, with unique minimum and maximum elements, and introduce a lattice structure on it. Furthermore, we compute the Möbius function of this poset for small  $n$  and conjecture that its value approaches that of the Möbius function of a set partition as  $q \rightarrow 1$ . (Received July 24, 2009)