

PM comme un problème mathématique

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Equilateral triangles on a hypercube

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- $X_1 = A, X_2 = B, X_3 = C.$
- $X_i = (X_i^{(1)}, \dots, X_i^{(d)}), d^2(X_i, X_j) = \sum_{\ell=1}^d (X_i^{(\ell)} - X_j^{(\ell)})^2 = \|X_i - X_j\|^2.$

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$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^d V^{(i)} = 0\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(2\pi d)^m |\text{Var}(V)|}}{|\mathcal{Lat}(V)|} = 1$$

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$\text{Var}(V) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ and hence $|\text{Var}(V)| = 3 \cdot 2^{-4}$. Now the LLT implies: $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} d\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^d V^{(i)} = 0) = \frac{4}{\pi\sqrt{3}}$.

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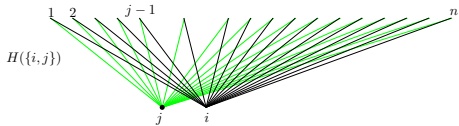
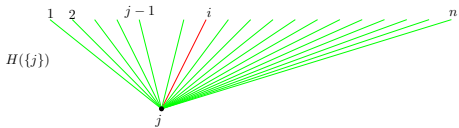
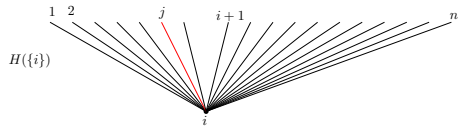
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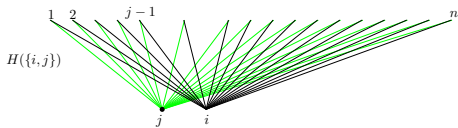
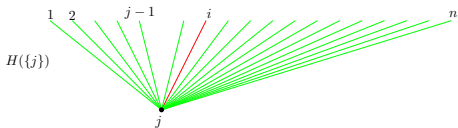
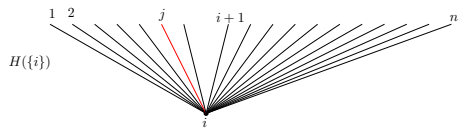
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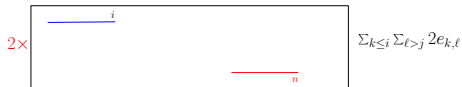
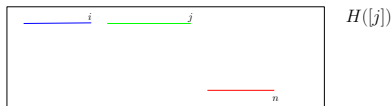
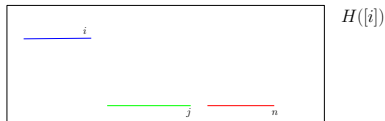
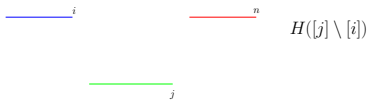
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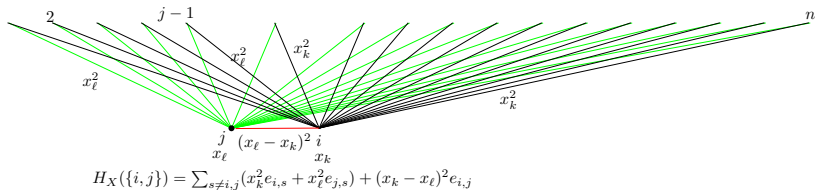
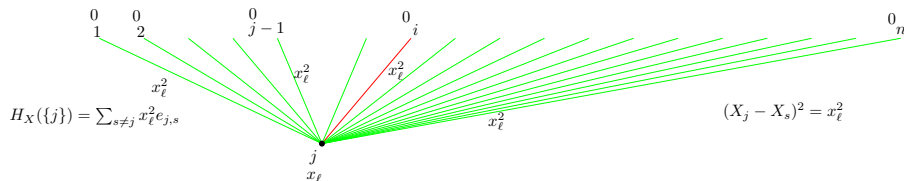
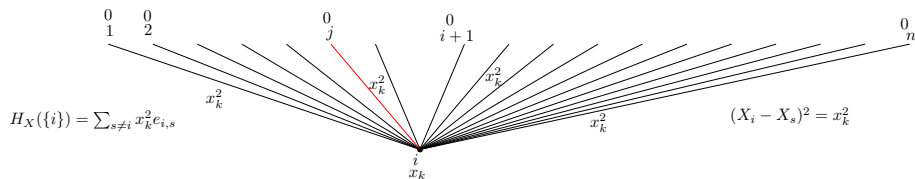
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