

Shadows and cryptology

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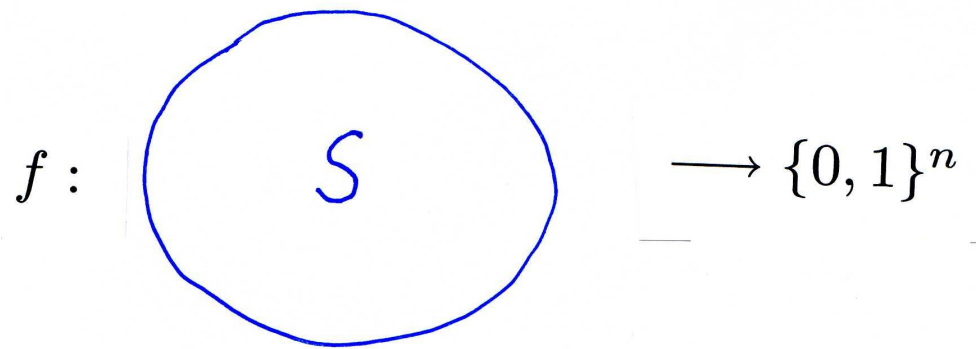
The practical problem



label,

impossible to copy because of its 3-dimensional nature

A mapping



space of all possible labels

$$|S| \ggg 2^n$$

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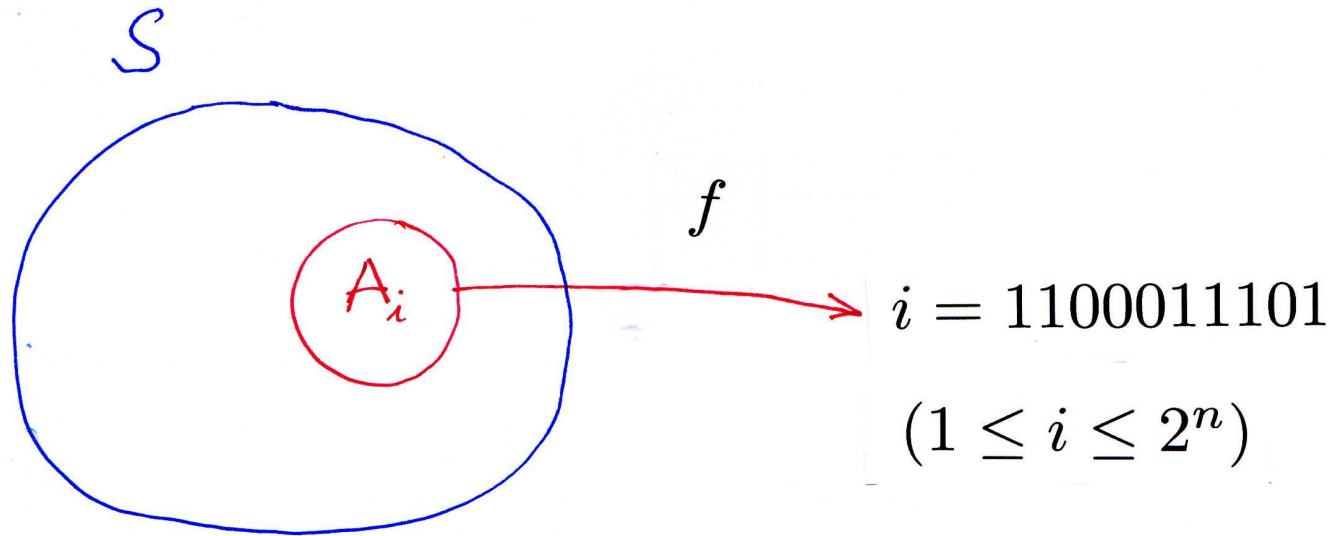
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Its properties



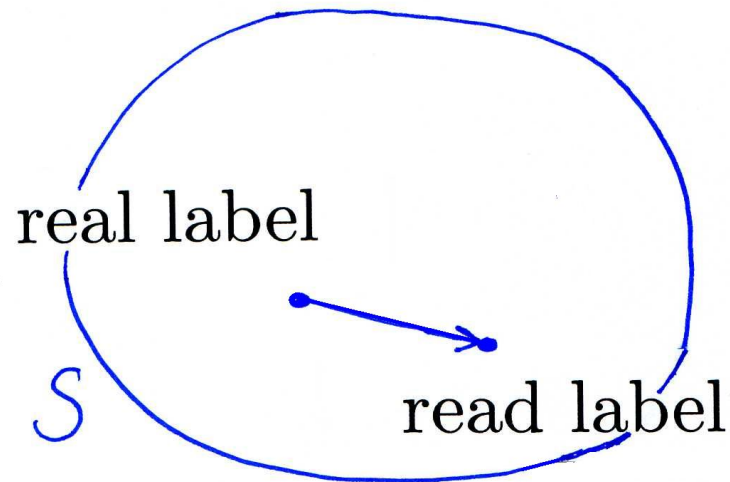
$$A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j)$$

Reading with error

a distance is given on S

$$0 \leq d(a, b) \quad a, b \in S$$

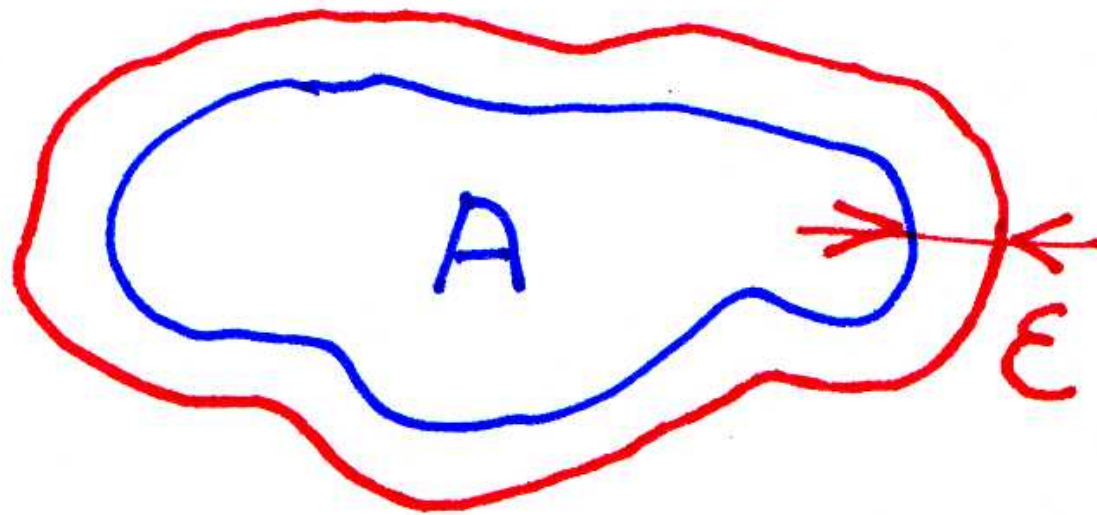
$$d(\text{real label}, \text{read label}) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{where } 0 < \varepsilon \text{ is given}$$



neighborhood

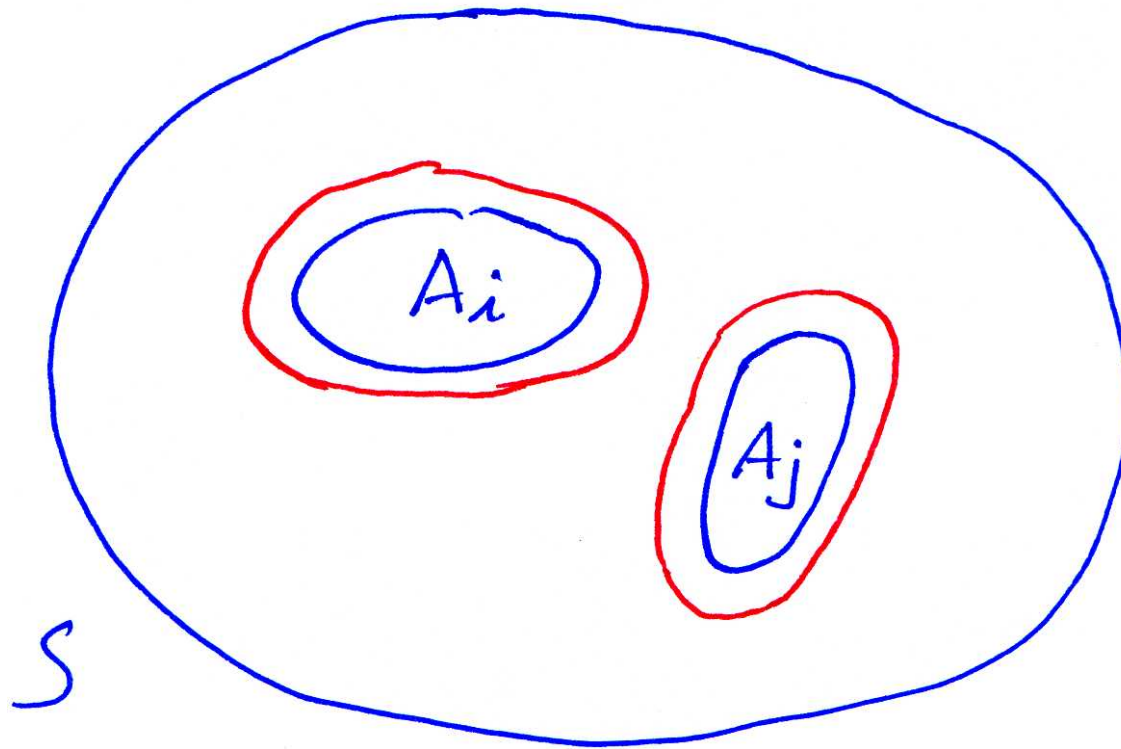
$$A \subset S$$

$$n(A, \varepsilon) = \{x \in S : d(A, x) \leq \varepsilon\}$$



neighborhoods are disjoint

$$n(A_i, \varepsilon) \cap n(A_j, \varepsilon) = \emptyset \quad (i \neq j)$$



A_i cannot be large

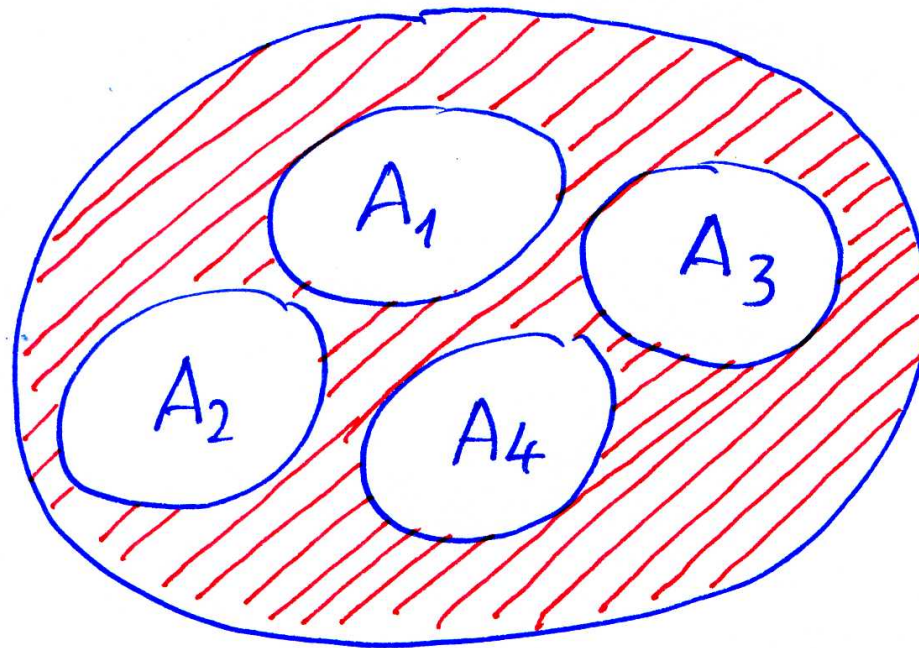
If A_i is large then the swindler chooses an $x \in S$ “randomly” and $x \in A_i$ will have a “large probability”.

This is why a measure μ must be considered on S .

$$\mu(A_i) \leq \rho \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2^n)$$

where $0 < \rho$ is given.

waste



waste cannot be too large:

$\mu(\cup_{i=1}^n A_i) \geq \alpha$ where $0 < \alpha$ is not very small, say 0.1.

Definition

Geometric identifying code in S

(endowed with a distance d and a measure μ) with

error tolerance $\varepsilon (> 0)$,

waste rate $\alpha (> 0)$,

security $\rho (> 0)$

is a family of sets $A_1, \dots, A_{2^n} \subset S$ such that

$$n(A_i, \varepsilon) \cap n(A_j, \varepsilon) = \emptyset \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq 2^n),$$

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq \alpha,$$

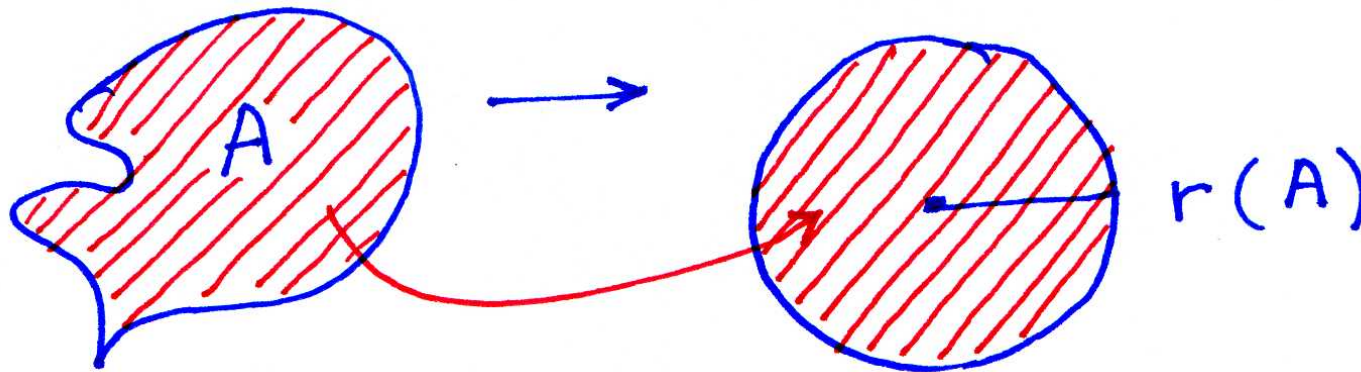
$$\mu(A_i) \leq \rho \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2^n).$$

Ball of radius r with center x : $b(x, r)$

Suppose:

(*) $\mu(b(x, r))$ **independent of x** ($= \mu(r)$)

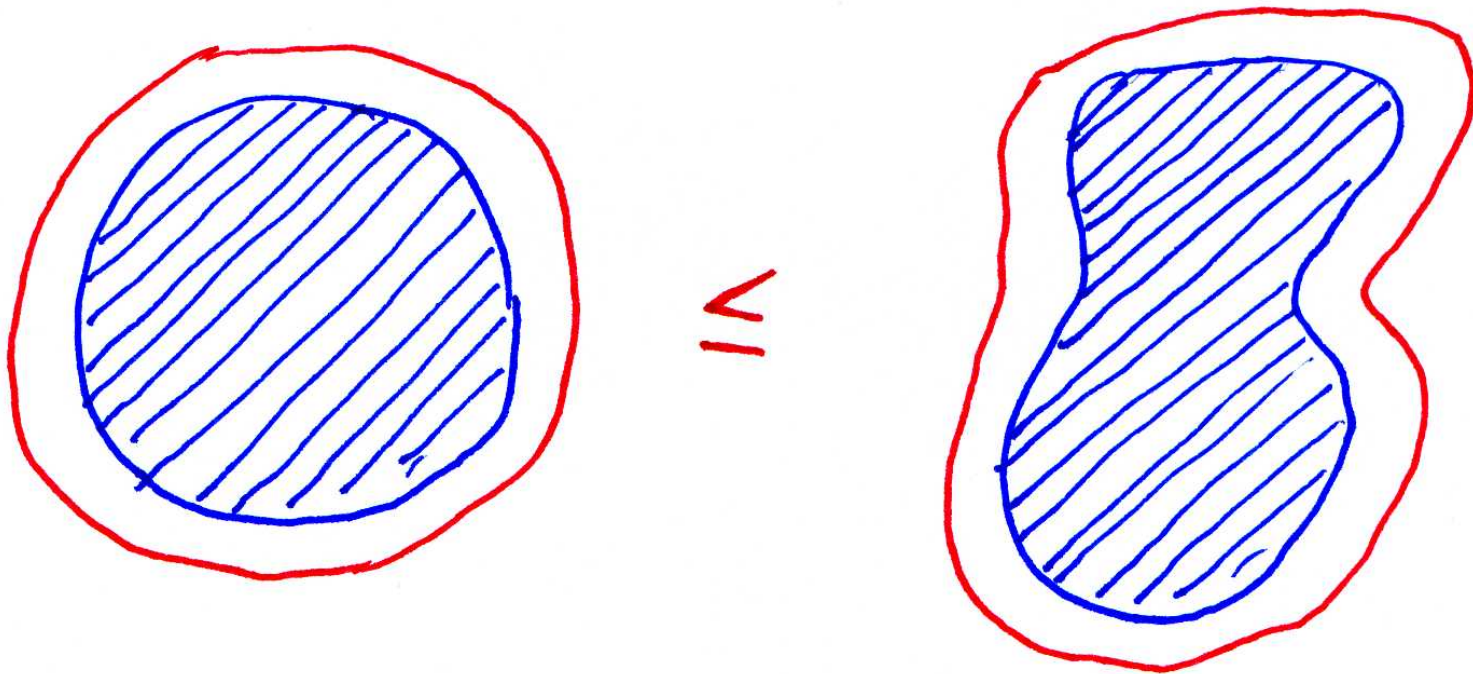
Notation: $r(A)$ = radius of a ball with measure $= \mu(A)$



Brunn-Minkowski property

Suppose:

$$(**) \quad \mu(n(b(x, r(A))), \varepsilon) \leq \mu(n(A, \varepsilon))$$



$\mu^{-1}(x)$ is the **radius** of a ball with measure x .

Theorem (Csirmaz-Katona, 2003)

If (*) and (**) hold then

$$\varepsilon \leq \mu^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho}{\alpha} \right) - \mu^{-1}(\rho)$$

for a geometric identifying code with parameters $\varepsilon, \alpha, \rho$.

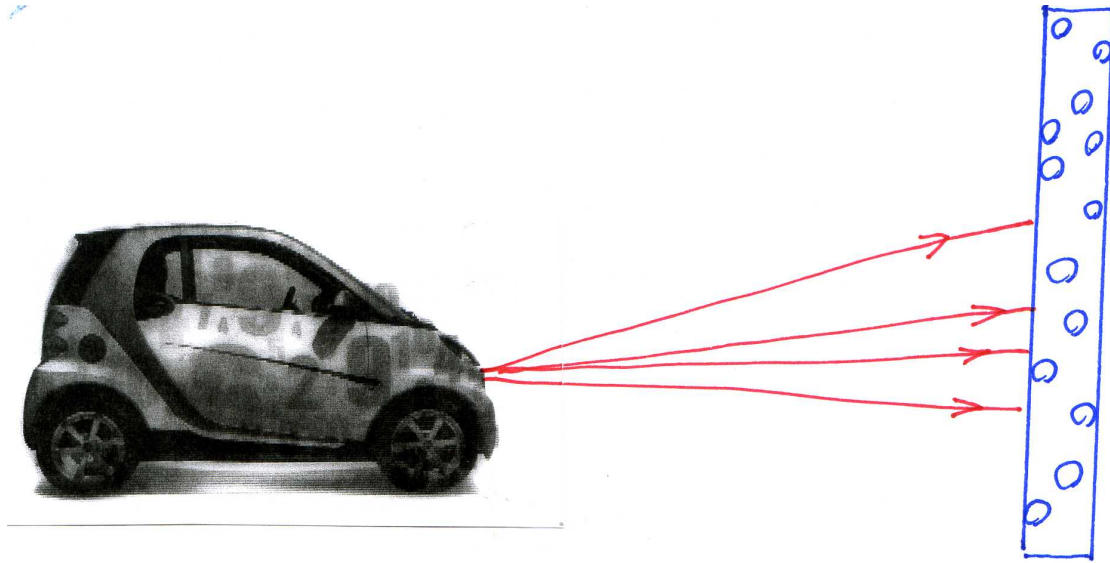
A functioning prototype was constructed by

Haraszti, Marsovszky (Hewlett Packard, Hungary)

and

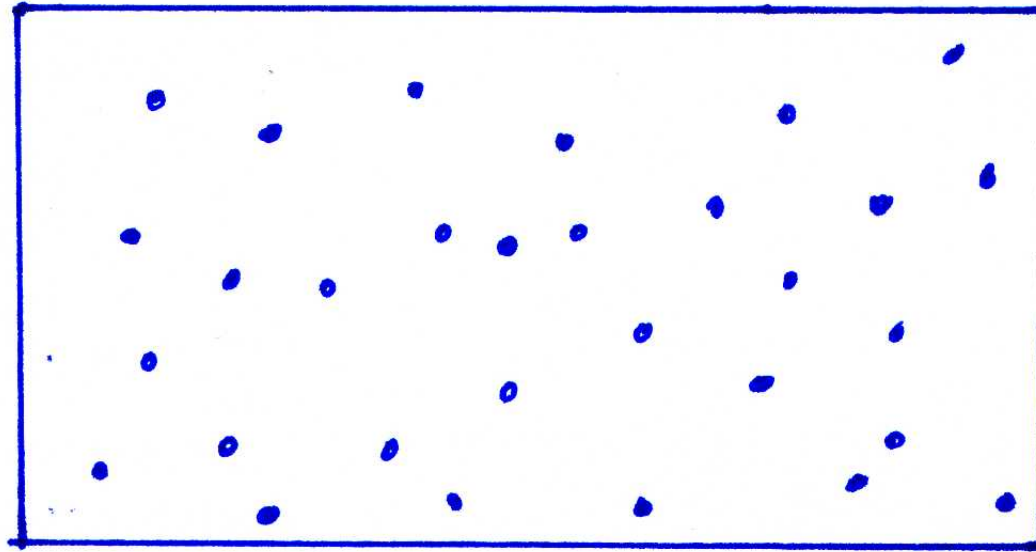
Csirmaz, Katona, Miklós, Nemetz (Rényi Institute, Budapest)

Label: reflecting foil



random, 3-dimensional

mathematically



a set of points (centers of the glass balls)

their number is between two bounds

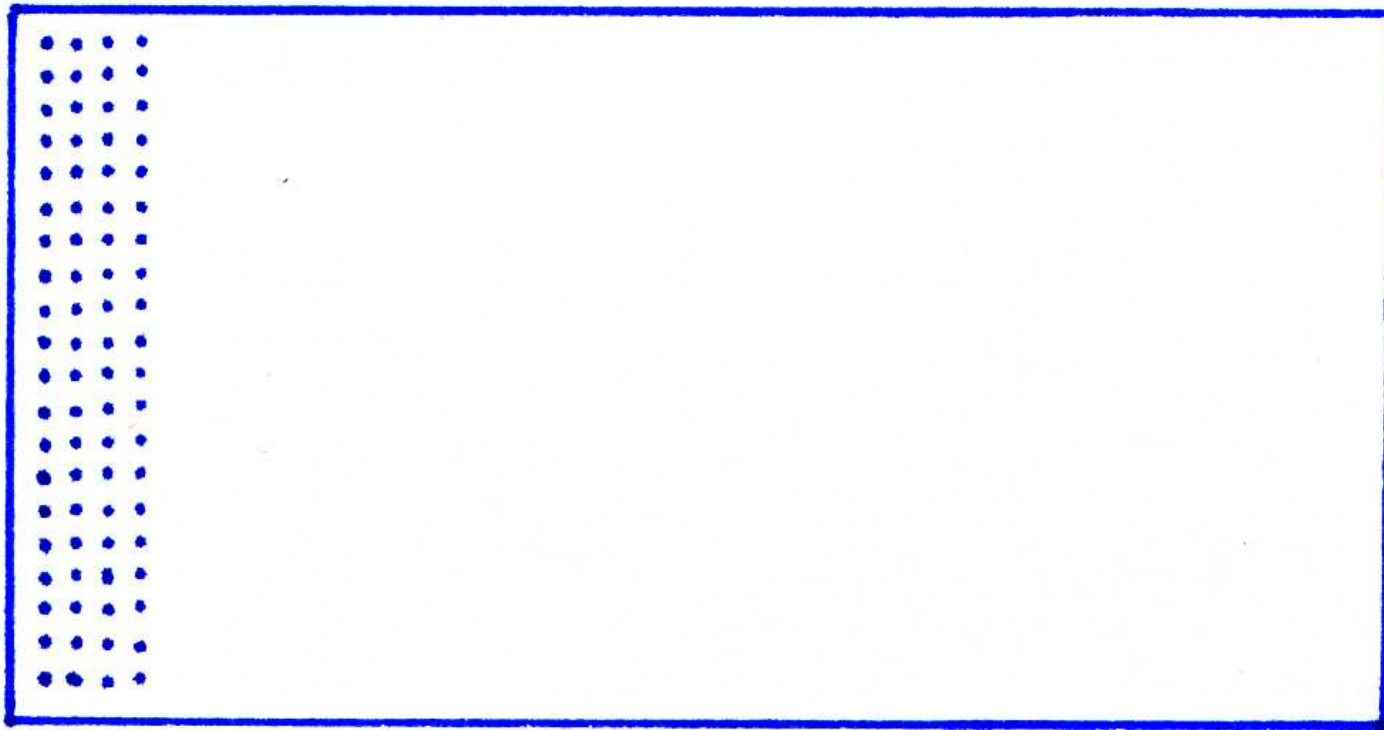
unordered

Big surprise: some points disappear at the reading

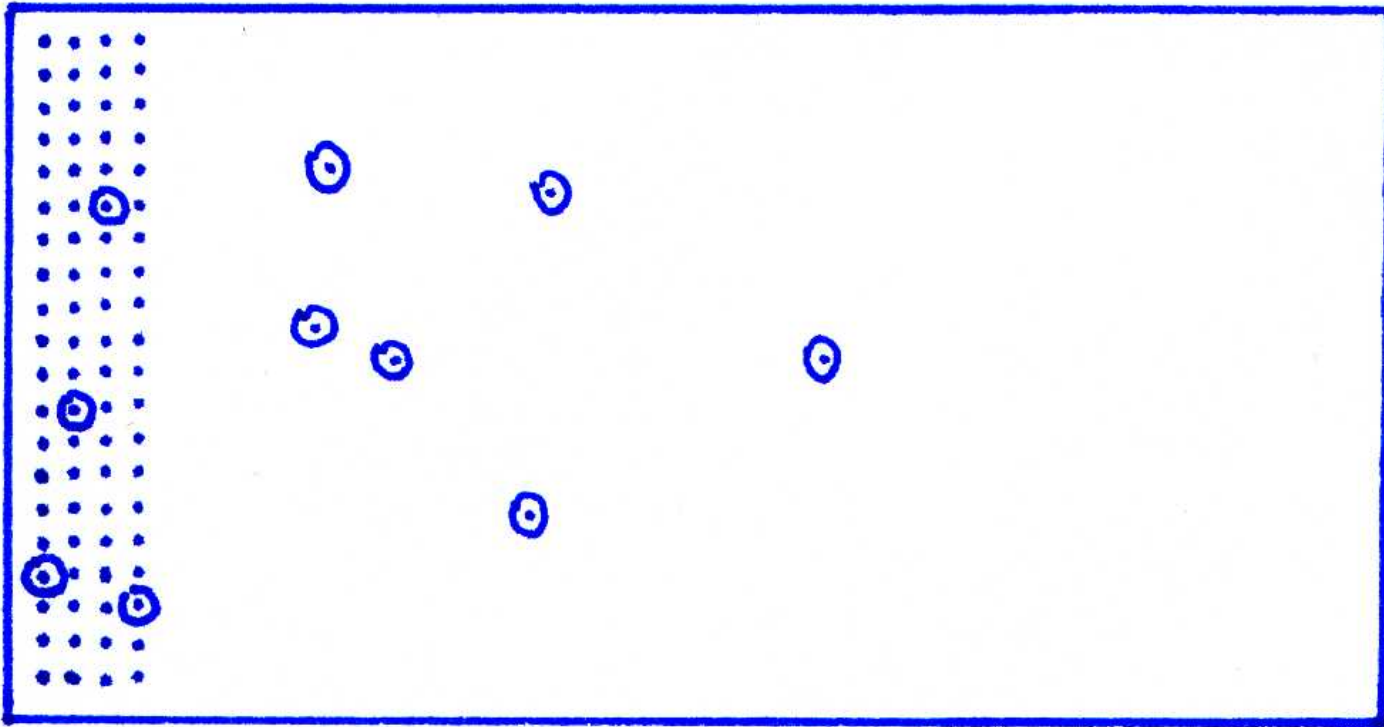


distance d between labels is defined not only by their geometry, but the also by the set distance

computational accuracy \Rightarrow
number of possible points is finite



A **label** is a **subset** of the possible points



Our model in this particular case

Given a finite set of N points.

Space S consists of subsets of this N -element set X .

Illustrated by 0,1 sequences of length N .

Given $0 < k < N$, suppose that the number of elements (number of 1s in the sequence) is exactly k .

This is a condition to make the model mathematically treatable. The real condition would be: the number of 1s is between two bounds.

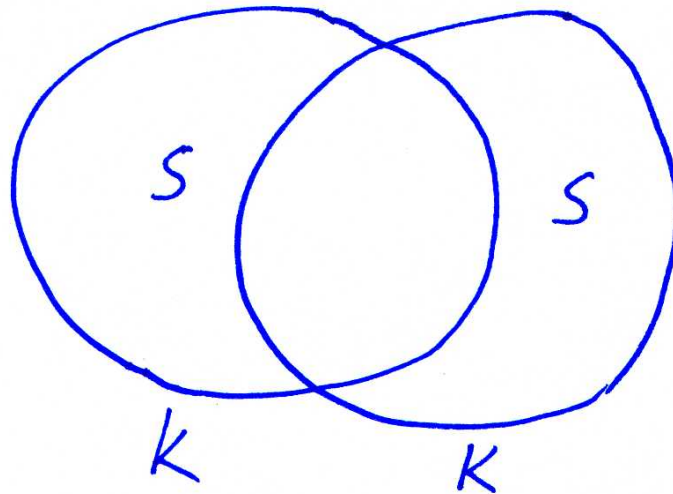
The size of the space is

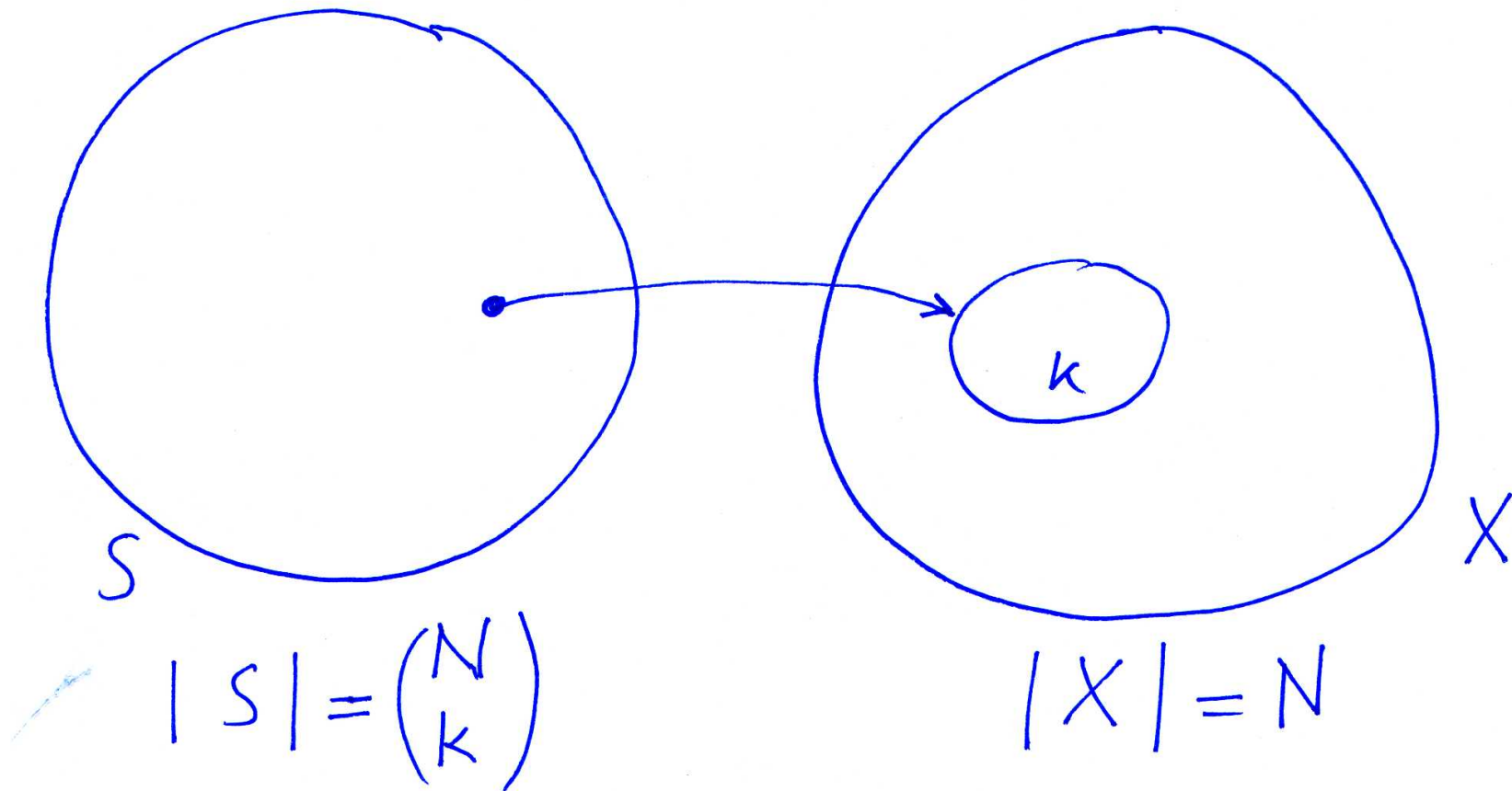
$$|S| = \binom{N}{k}.$$

Distance d of two sequences in S = Hamming distance

(= number of different digits = size of the symmetric difference)

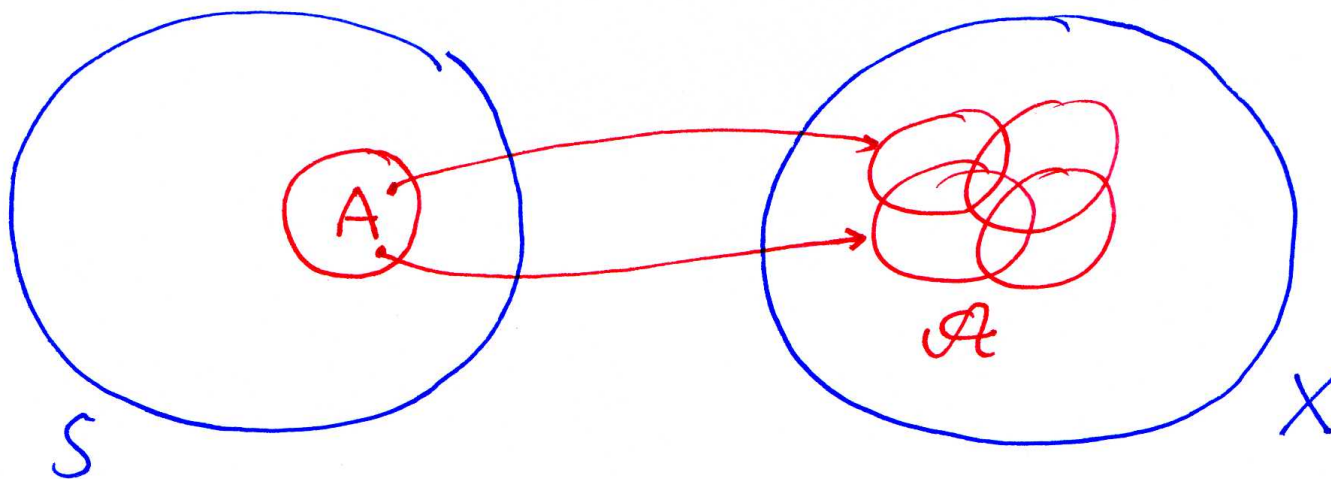
This is a condition to make the model mathematically treatable. The real distance would be a combination of this with the geometrical distance. For instance, the distance of two such sets is $2s$ if:





One element of S is a k -element subset of (the N -element) X .

A set A of elements of S is a family of k -element sets. It will be denoted by \mathcal{A} .



Its measure:

$$\mu(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{|\mathcal{A}|}{\binom{N}{k}}.$$

- **security:**

$$\mu(\mathcal{A}_i) = \frac{|\mathcal{A}_i|}{\binom{N}{k}} < \rho,$$

that is,

$$|\mathcal{A}_i| < \rho \binom{N}{k} = \binom{x}{k} = \frac{x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)}{k!}$$

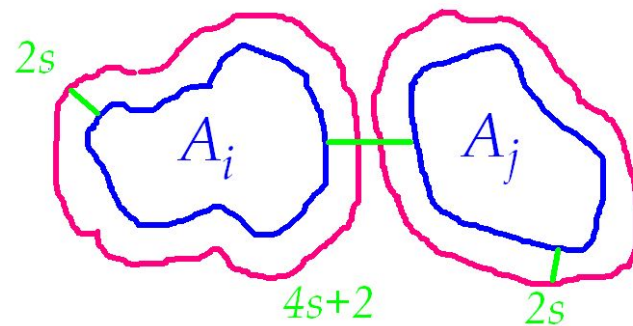
for some positive real number $x > 0$.

Neighbor of \mathcal{A}

= $n(\mathcal{A}, 2s)$: all k -element sets of distance at most $2s$ from a member of \mathcal{A} , that is, the k -element sets obtained from a member by deleting at most s elements and adding the same number of elements.

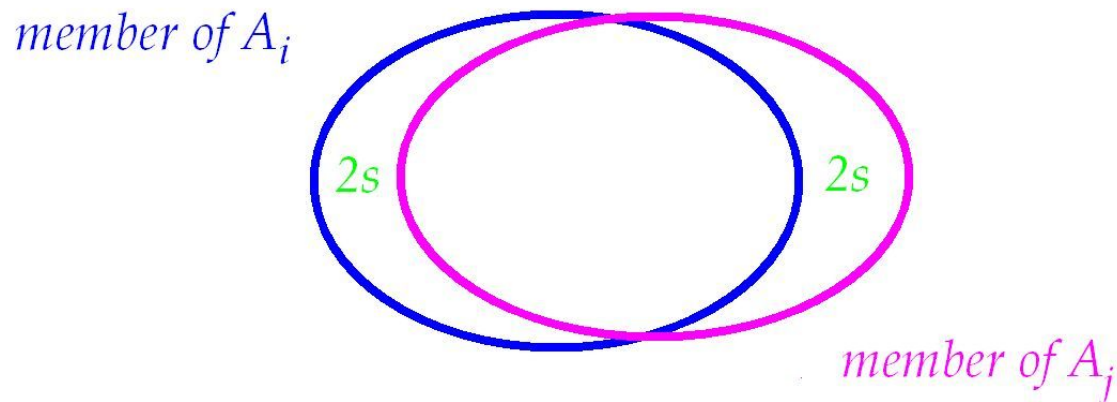
$$n(\mathcal{A}_i, 2s) \cap n(\mathcal{A}_j, 2s) = \emptyset \text{ iff } d(\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{A}_j) \geq 4s + 2.$$

Illustration:

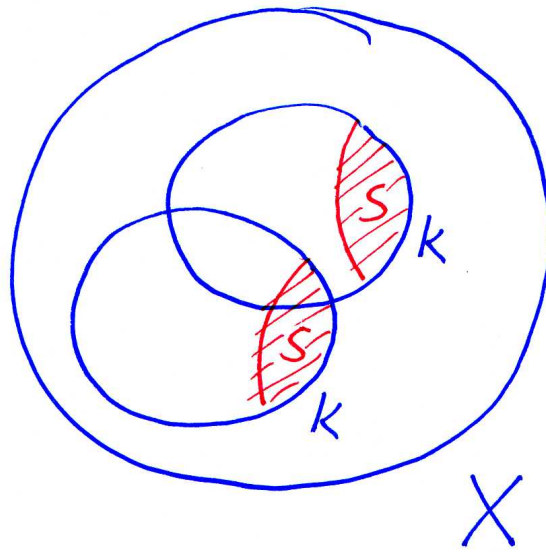


In other words, deleting $2s$ elements from a member of \mathcal{A}_i and deleting $2s$ elements from a member of \mathcal{A}_j , two different $k - 2s$ -element sets are obtained.

This is **forbidden**:



Definition. The **s -shadow** $\sigma_s(\mathcal{A})$ of \mathcal{A} is the family of all $k - s$ -element sets obtained from the members of \mathcal{A} by deleting s elements.



$$\sigma_s(\mathcal{A}) = \{B : |B| = k - s, B \subset A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

- **error tolerance $2s$**

$$n(A_i, 2s) \cap n(A_j, 2s) = \emptyset \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq 2^n),$$

or

$$\sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_i) \cap \sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_j) = \emptyset$$

- **waste rate** α (> 0)

$$\mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{A}_i \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |\mathcal{A}_i|}{\binom{N}{k}} \geq \alpha,$$

Given the security ρ and the error tolerance $2s$, maximize α .

Combinatorial problem. Given N , maximize $\sum_{i=1}^n |\mathcal{A}_i|$ under the conditions

$$|\mathcal{A}_i| \leq \binom{x}{k}$$

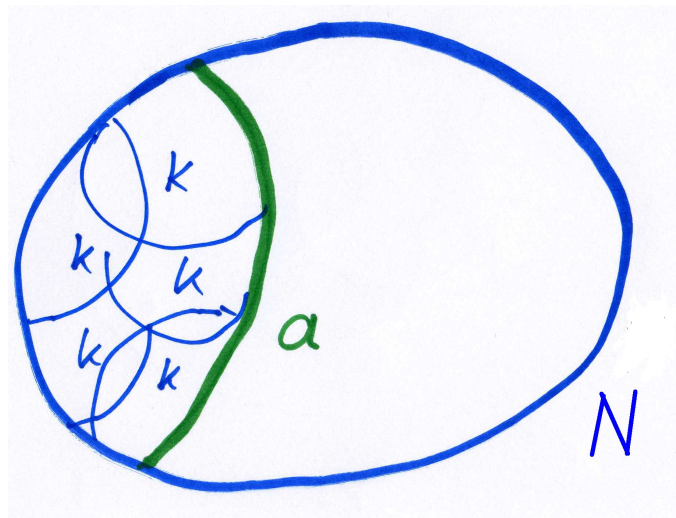
and

$$\sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_i) \cap \sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_j) = \emptyset.$$

Shadow problem

Given N, k and $|\mathcal{F}|$, **minimize** $|\sigma(\mathcal{F})|$.

If lucky then $|\mathcal{F}| = \binom{a}{k}$ holds for an integer a then the best construction is



$$\mathbf{min} |\sigma(\mathcal{F})| = \binom{a}{k-1}$$

Shadow problem

Lemma If $0 < k, m$ are integers then one can find integers $a_k > a_{k-1} > \dots > a_t \geq t \geq 1$ such that

$$m = \binom{a_k}{k} + \binom{a_{k-1}}{k-1} + \dots + \binom{a_t}{t}$$

and they are unique.

This is called the **canonical form** of m .

Shadow problem

Shadow Theorem (Kruskal-K) If N, k and $|\mathcal{F}|$ are given,

the canonical form of $|\mathcal{F}|$ is

$$|\mathcal{F}| = \binom{a_k}{k} + \binom{a_{k-1}}{k-1} + \dots + \binom{a_t}{t}$$

then

$$\min |\sigma(\mathcal{F})| = \binom{a_k}{k-1} + \binom{a_{k-1}}{k-2} + \dots + \binom{a_t}{t-1}.$$

another formulation

characteristic vector of the set $A \subset [N]$

$(0, \quad 0, \quad 1, \quad 1, \quad 0, \quad \dots \quad 1, \quad \dots, \quad 0)$

$1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad \dots \quad k \quad \dots \quad n$

the k th coordinate is 1 iff $k \in A$

another formulation

The previous construction with $k = 3, a = 5$, that is $|\mathcal{F}| = \binom{5}{3} = 10$

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another formulation

Arabically lexicographical ordering

Version of the **Shadow Theorem**

If N, k and $|\mathcal{F}|$ are given, then

$|\sigma(\mathcal{F})|$ is minimum for

the lexicographically first $|\mathcal{F}|$ subsets containing k elements.

s -shadow

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then

$$\min |\sigma_s(\mathcal{F})| = \binom{a_k}{k-s} + \binom{a_{k-s}}{k-1-s} + \dots + \binom{a_t}{t-s}.$$

Only an estimate

If x is a real number, $\binom{x}{k} = \frac{x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1)}{k!}$.

Theorem. (Lovász' version of the Shadow theorem) If \mathcal{A} is a family of k -element sets,

$$|\mathcal{A}| = \binom{x}{k}$$

then

$$|\sigma_s(\mathcal{A})| \geq \binom{x}{k-s}.$$

Theorem. If \mathcal{A}_i are families of k -element subsets of an N -element set,

$$|\mathcal{A}_i| \leq \binom{x}{k} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

and

$$\sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_i) \cap \sigma_{2s}(\mathcal{A}_j) = \emptyset \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq n)$$

hold, then

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |\mathcal{A}_i|}{\binom{N}{k}} \leq \left(\frac{x}{N}\right)^{2s}.$$

Unfortunately this is **not sharp**.

A very special case, modified

$$k = 3, s = 1, n = 2$$

\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are families of 3-element subsets of an N -element set.

If $A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}$ then $|A \cap B| \leq 1$.

$$|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{B}|$$

Find $\max |\mathcal{A}|$.

A weak estimate from **Shadow Theorem**

Choose x in this way: $|\mathcal{A}| = |\mathcal{B}| = \binom{x}{3}$

By the Shadow Theorem: $\binom{x}{2} \leq |\sigma(\mathcal{A})|, |\sigma(\mathcal{B})|$

$$2\binom{x}{2} \leq |\sigma(\mathcal{A})| + |\sigma(\mathcal{B})| \leq \binom{N}{2}$$

From here, asymptotically

$$|\mathcal{A}| = \binom{x}{3} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \binom{N}{3} (1 + o(1))$$

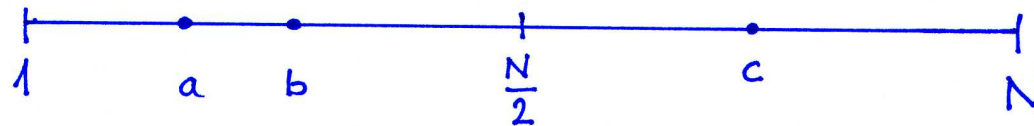
Trivial construction gives:

$$|\mathcal{A}| = \frac{N^3}{48}(1 + o(1)).$$

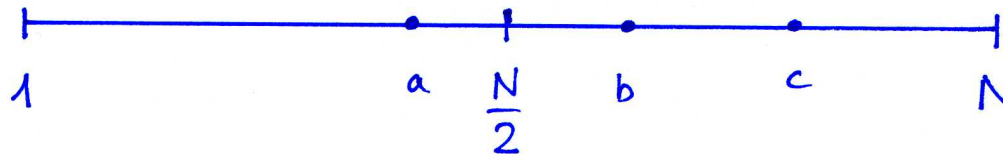
$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (a, b, c) : a < b < c \leq \frac{N}{2} \right\}, \mathcal{B} = \left\{ (a, b, c) : \frac{N}{2} \leq a < b < c \right\}.$$

A better construction: $|\mathcal{A}| = \frac{N^3}{24}(1 + o(1))$.

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ (a, b, c) : \frac{b+c}{2} \leq \frac{N}{2} \right\}$$



$$\{B = \{(a, b, c) : \frac{N}{2} < \frac{a+b}{2}\}.$$



Theorem (Frankl-Kato-Katona-Tokushige, 2012+)

$$\max |\mathcal{A}| = \kappa \binom{N}{3} (1 + o(1))$$

where κ is the unique real root in the $(0,1)$ -interval of the equation

$$z^3 = (1 - z)^3 + 3z(1 - z)^2.$$

Theorem (Frankl-Kato-Katona-Tokushige, 2012+)

If $\mathcal{A} \subset \binom{[N]}{k}$ then

$$\max |\mathcal{A}| = \mu_k \binom{N}{k} (1 + o(1))$$

where μ_k is the unique real root in the $(0,1)$ -interval of the equation

$$z^k = (1 - z)^k + kz(1 - z)^{k-1}.$$

Badly needed generalizations

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Combining this distance with the **geometric distance**.

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