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**Hypercube locality-sensitive hashing  
for approximate near neighbors**

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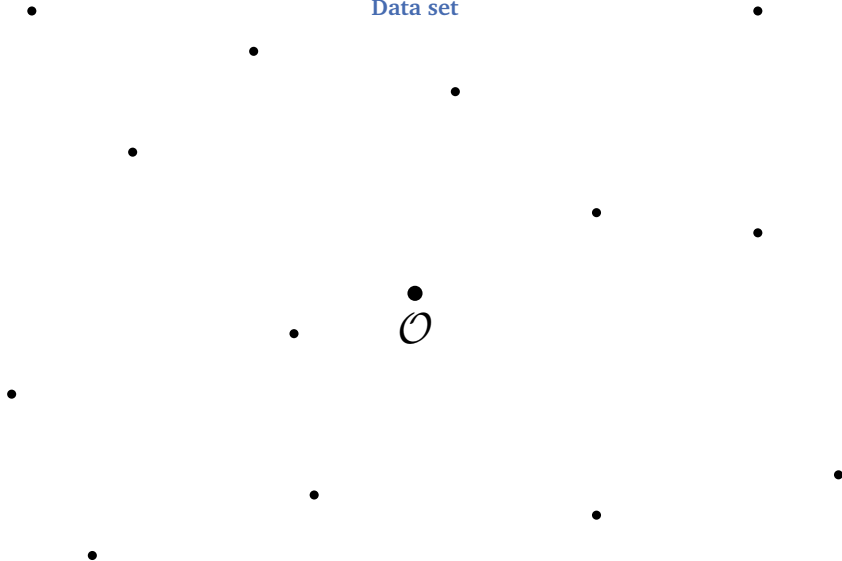
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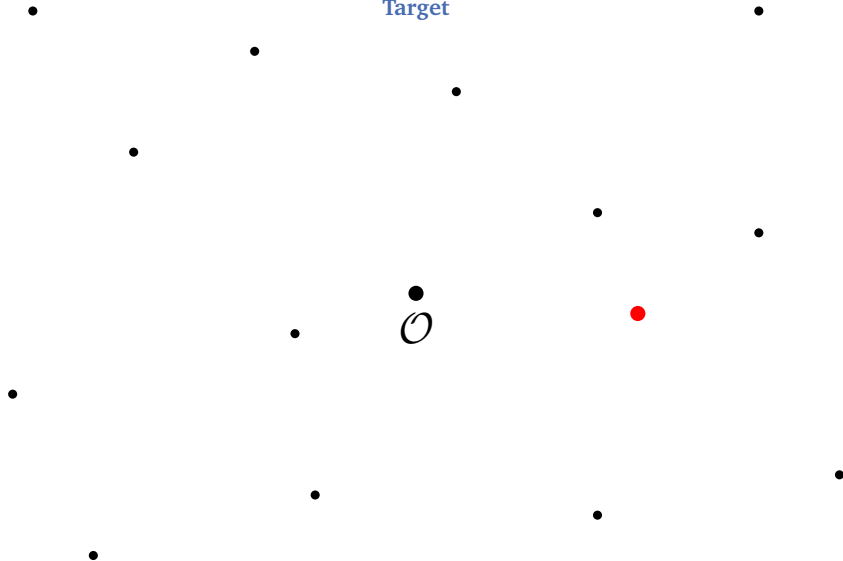
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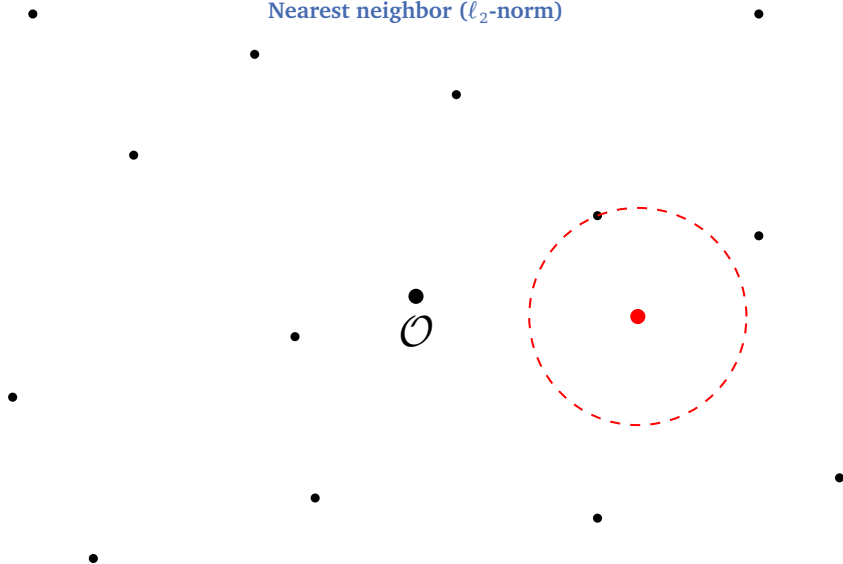
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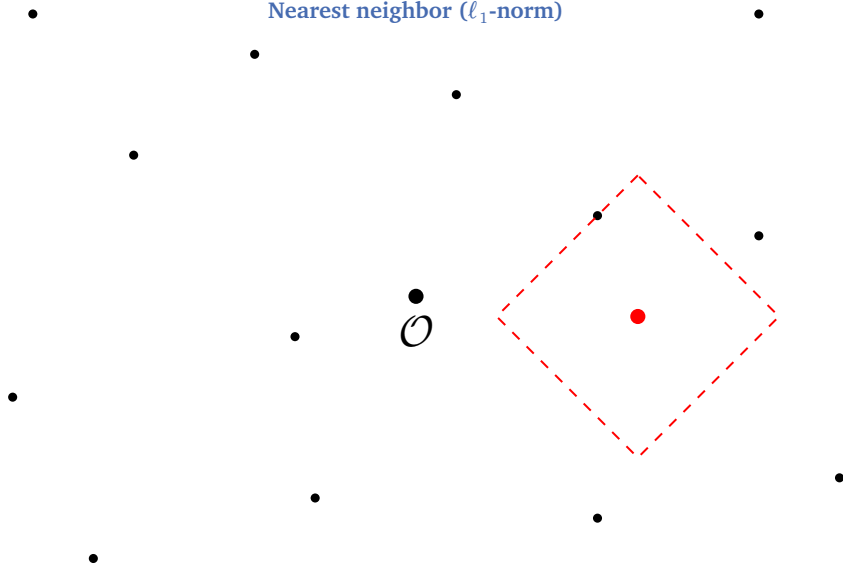
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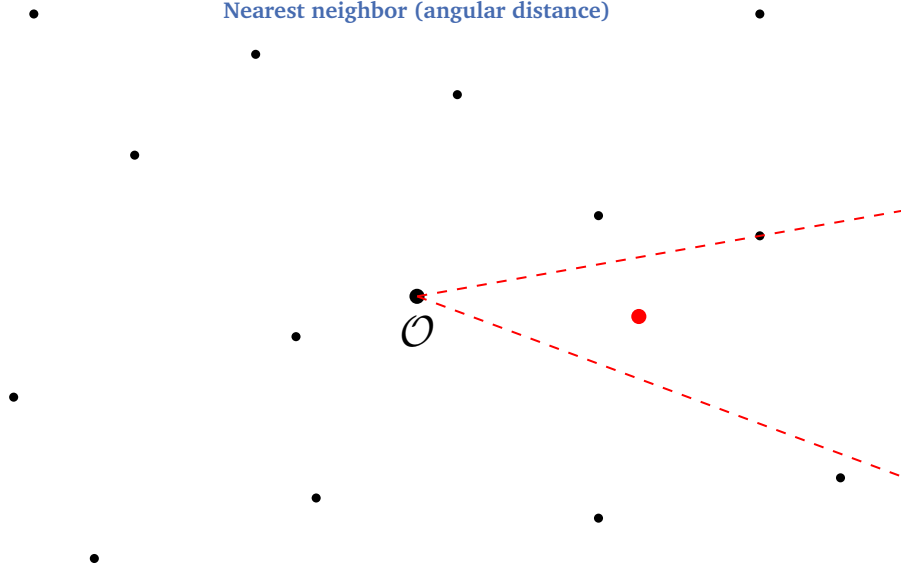
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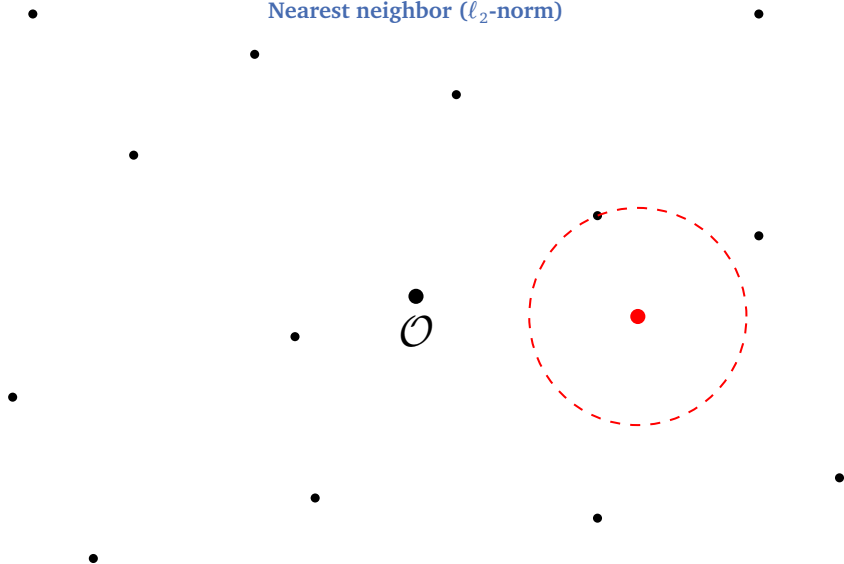
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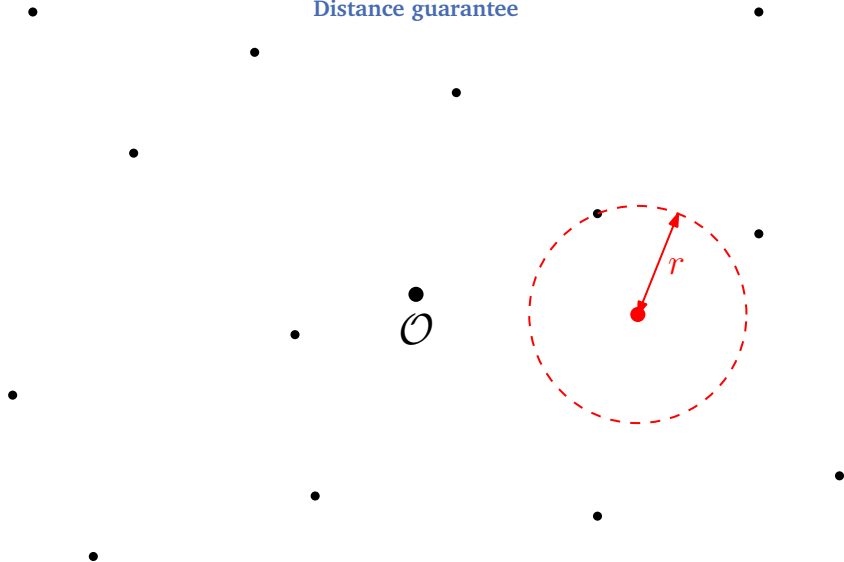
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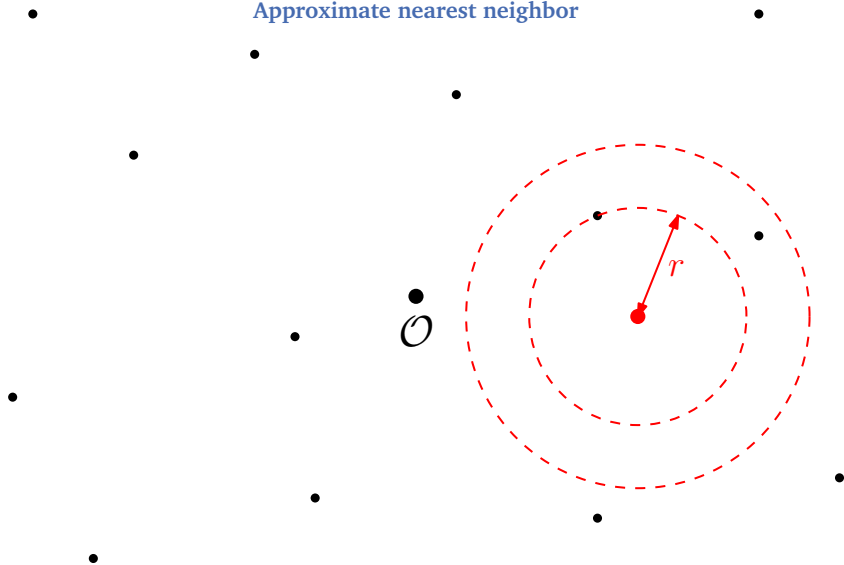
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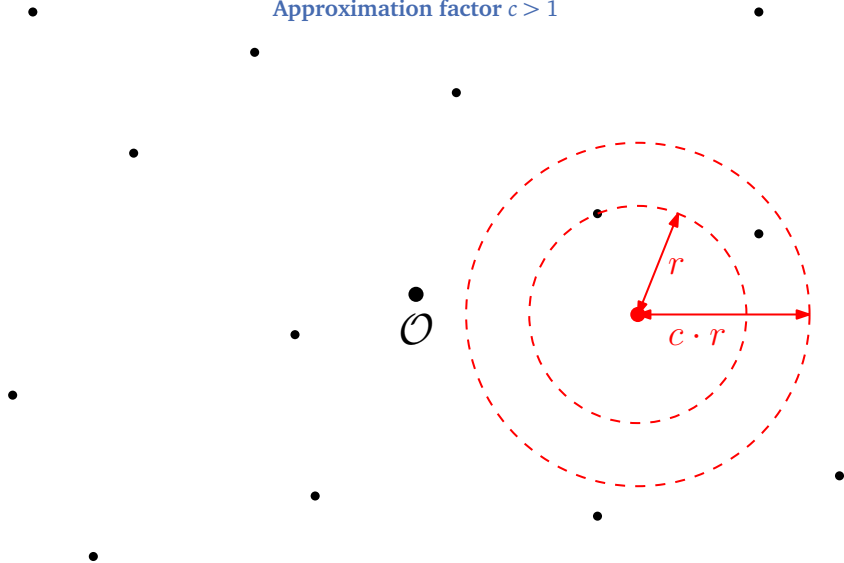
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Approximate nearest neighbor



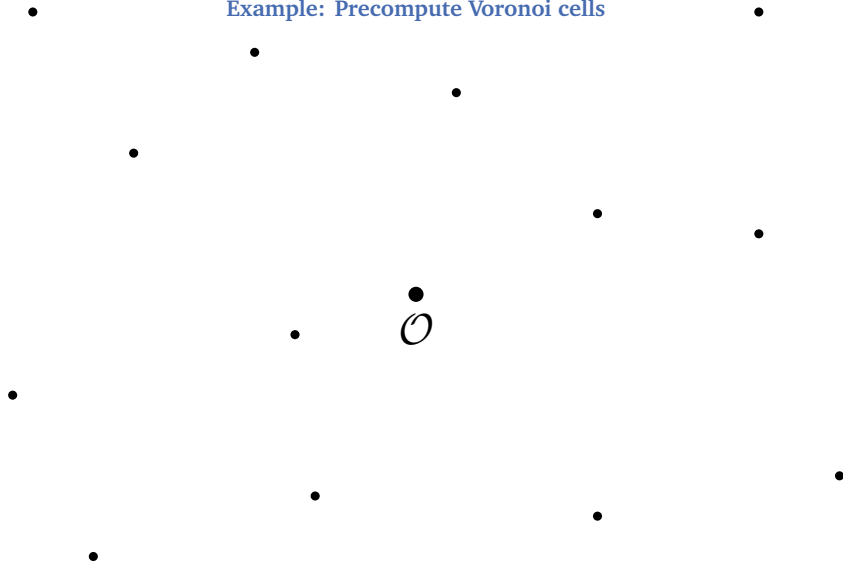
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Approximation factor  $c > 1$



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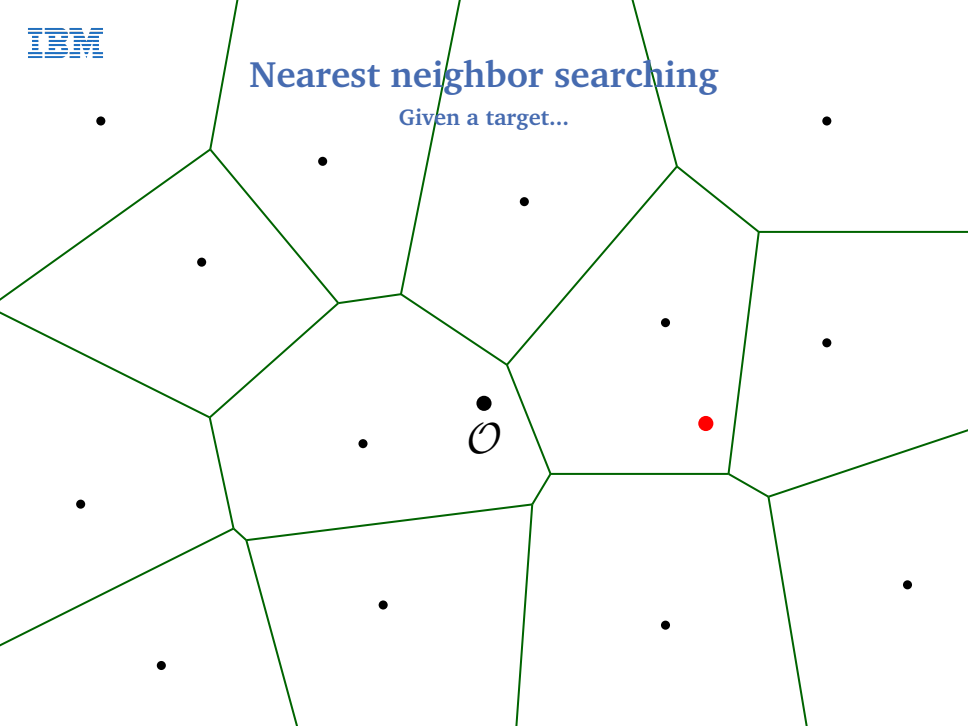
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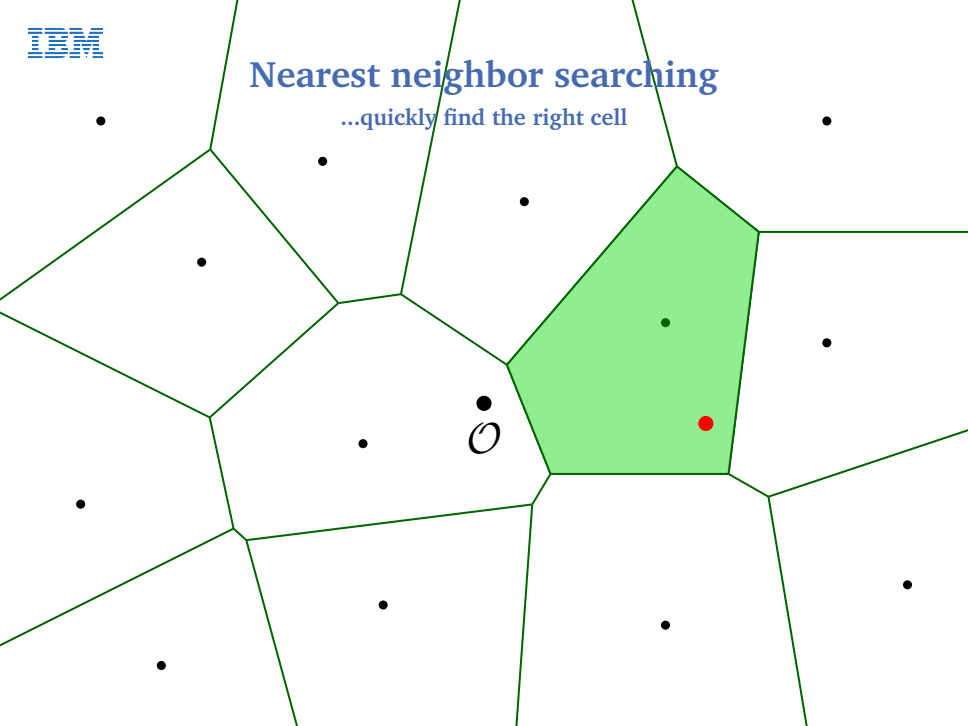
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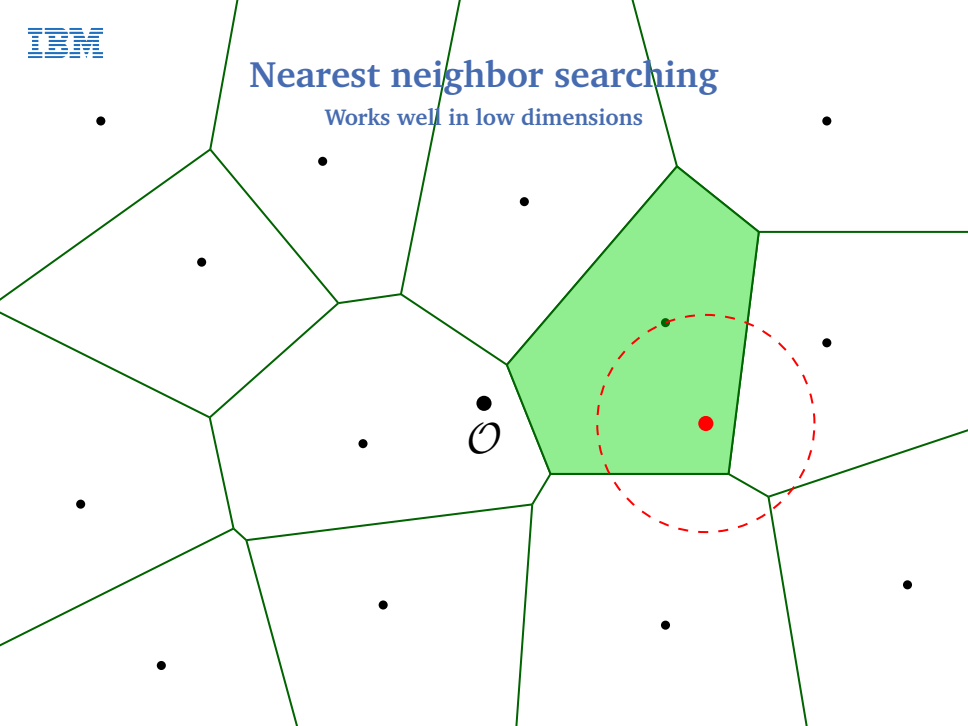
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...quickly find the right cell



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Works well in low dimensions







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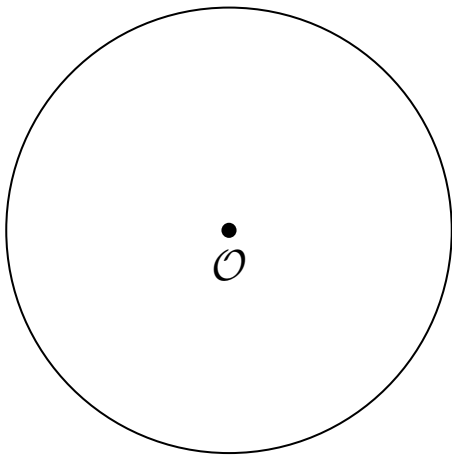
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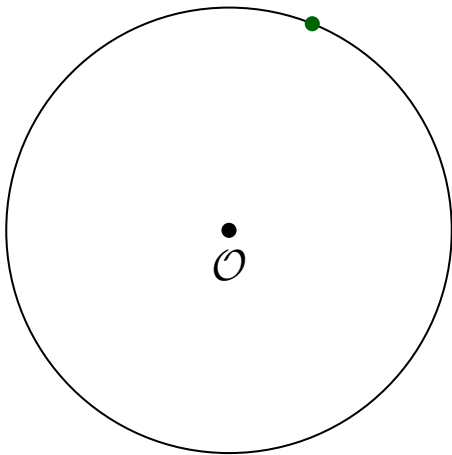
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[Charikar, STOC'02]



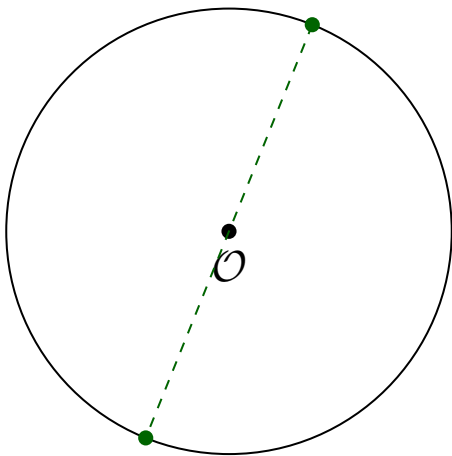
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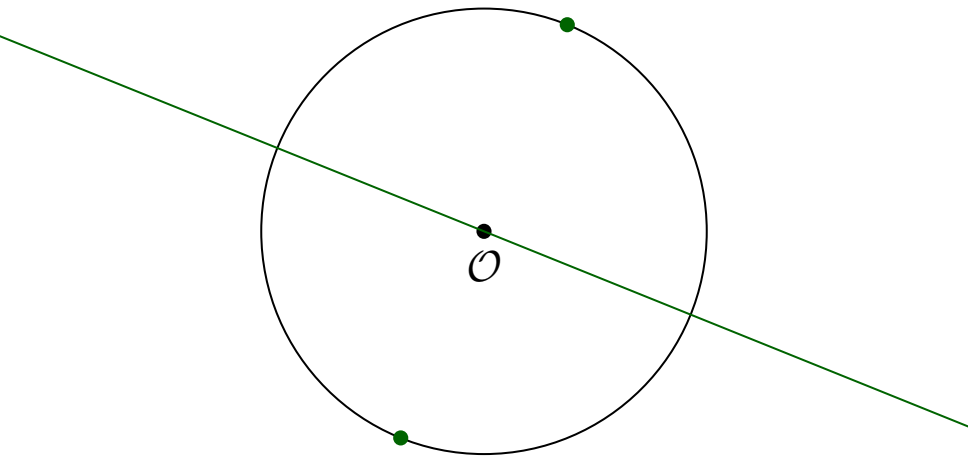
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Opposite point



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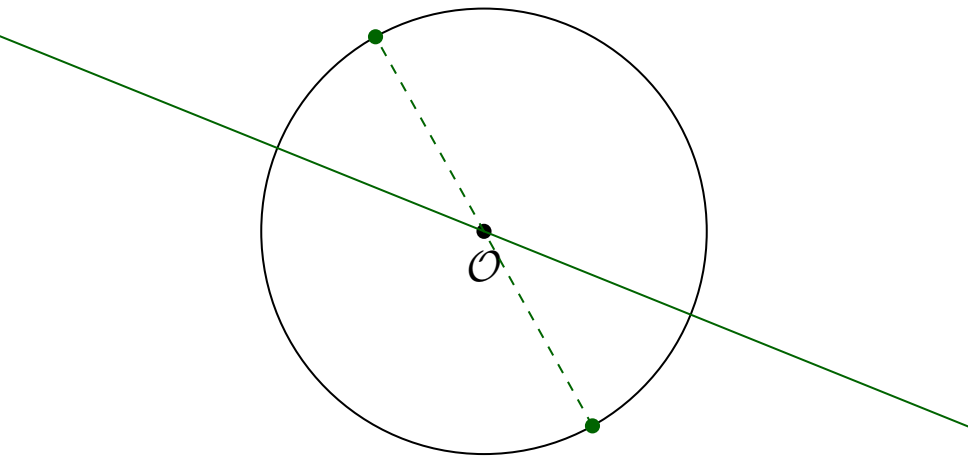
Two Voronoi cells





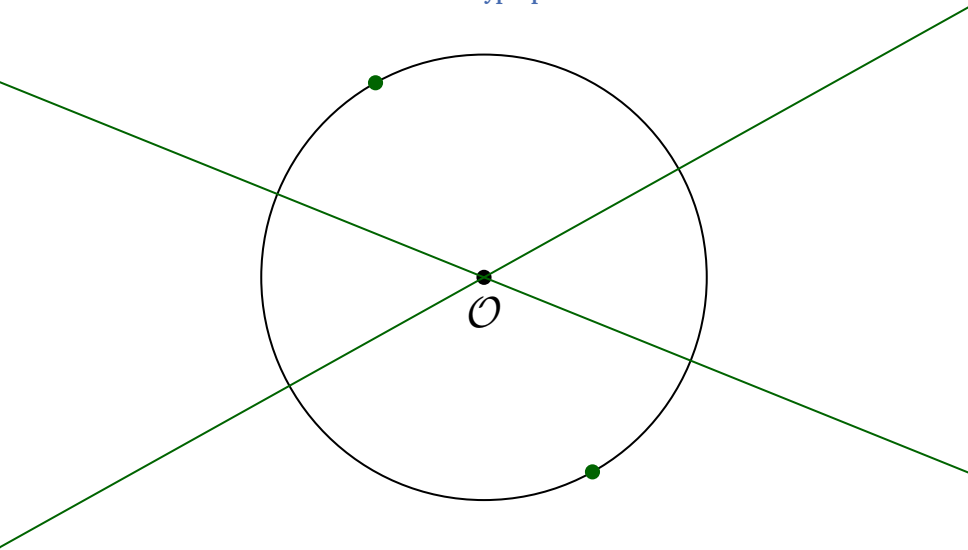
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Another pair of points



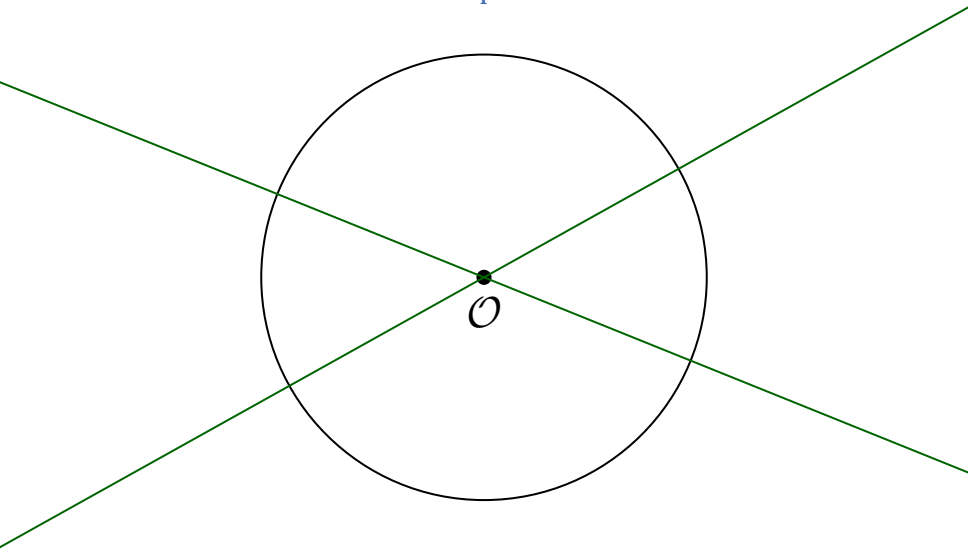
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Another hyperplane



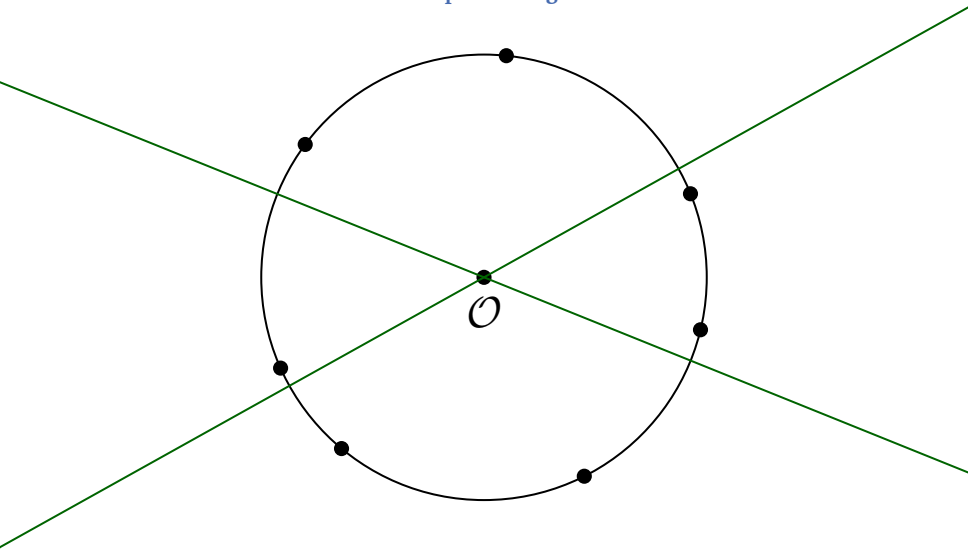
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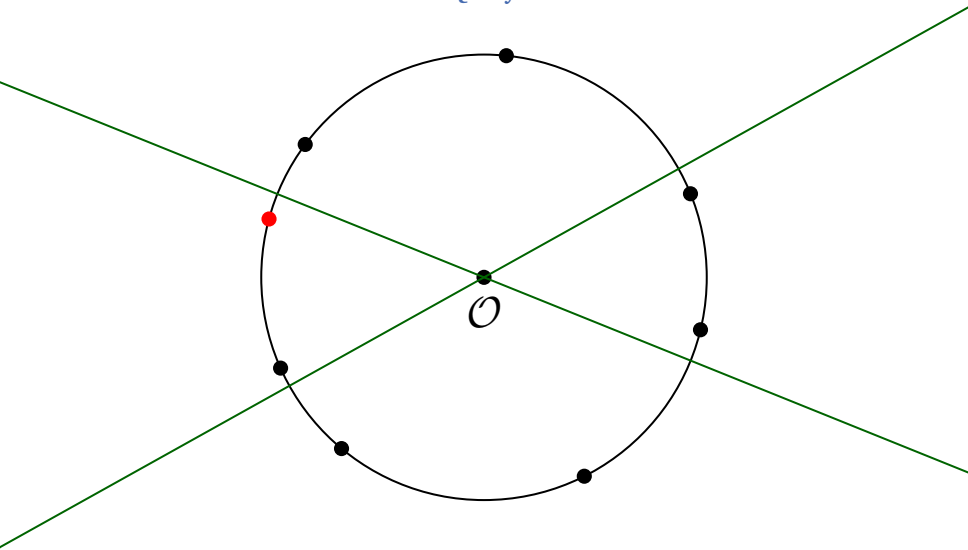
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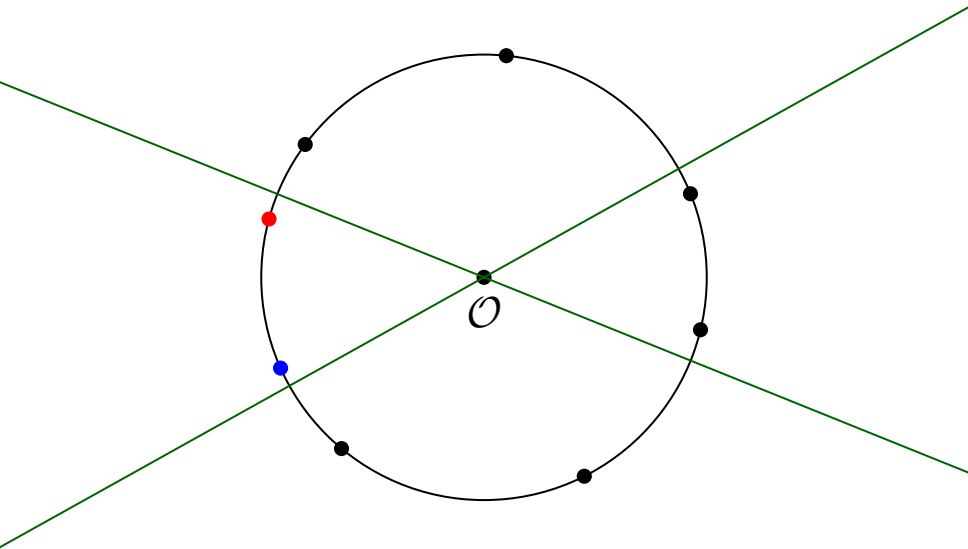
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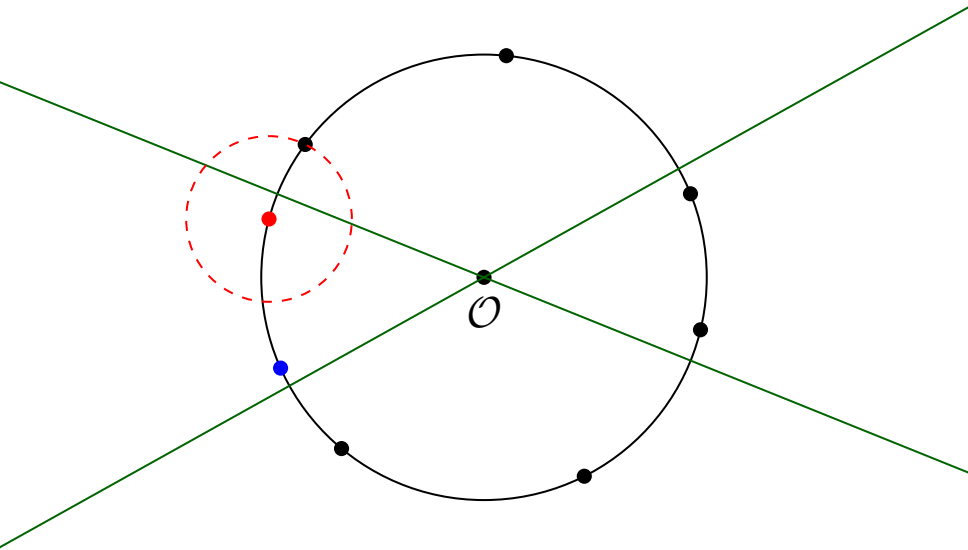
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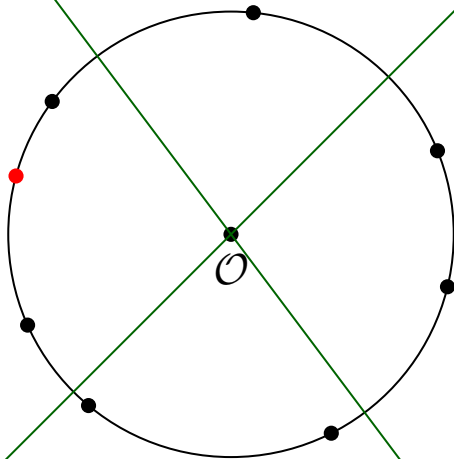
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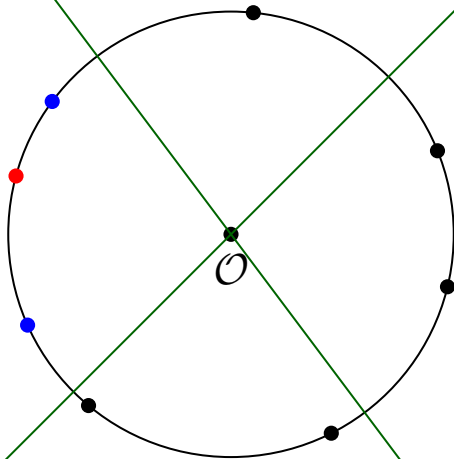
Rerandomization





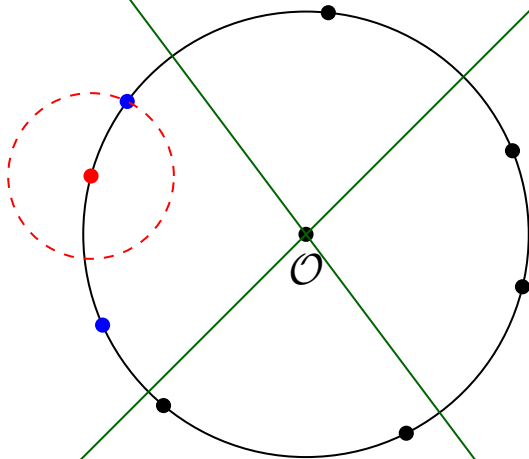
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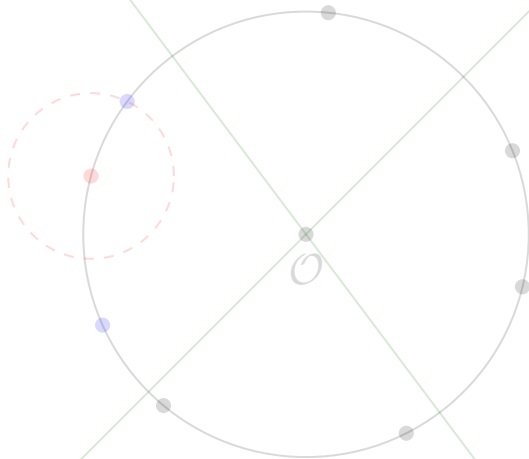
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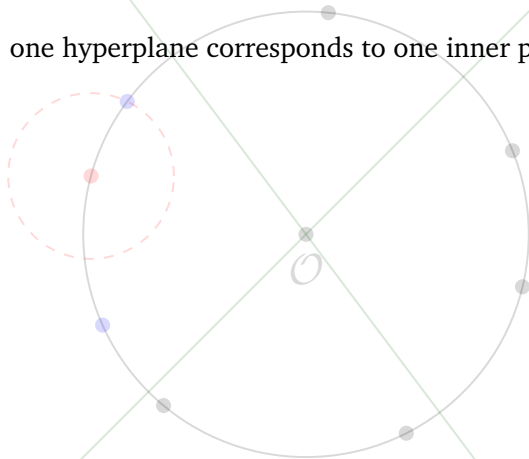
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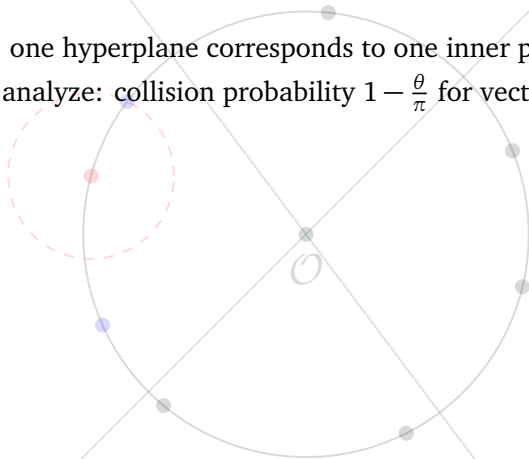
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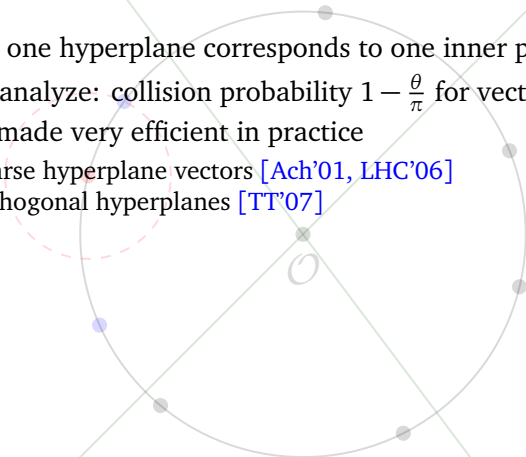
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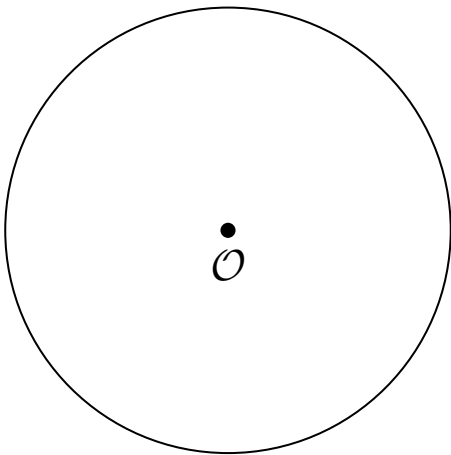
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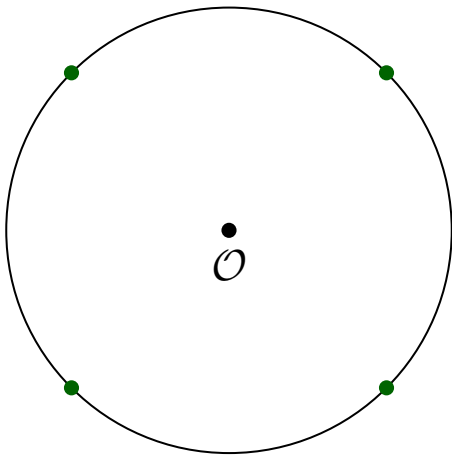
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[Terasawa-Tanaka, WADS'07]



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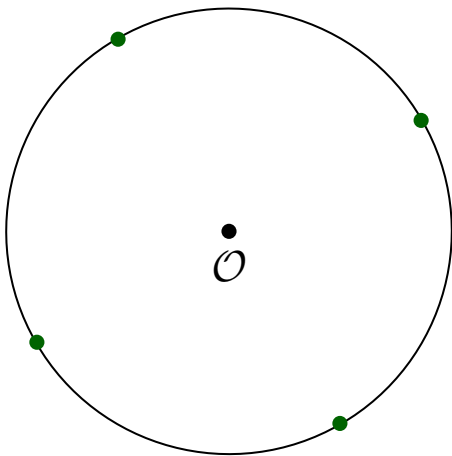
Vertices of hypercube





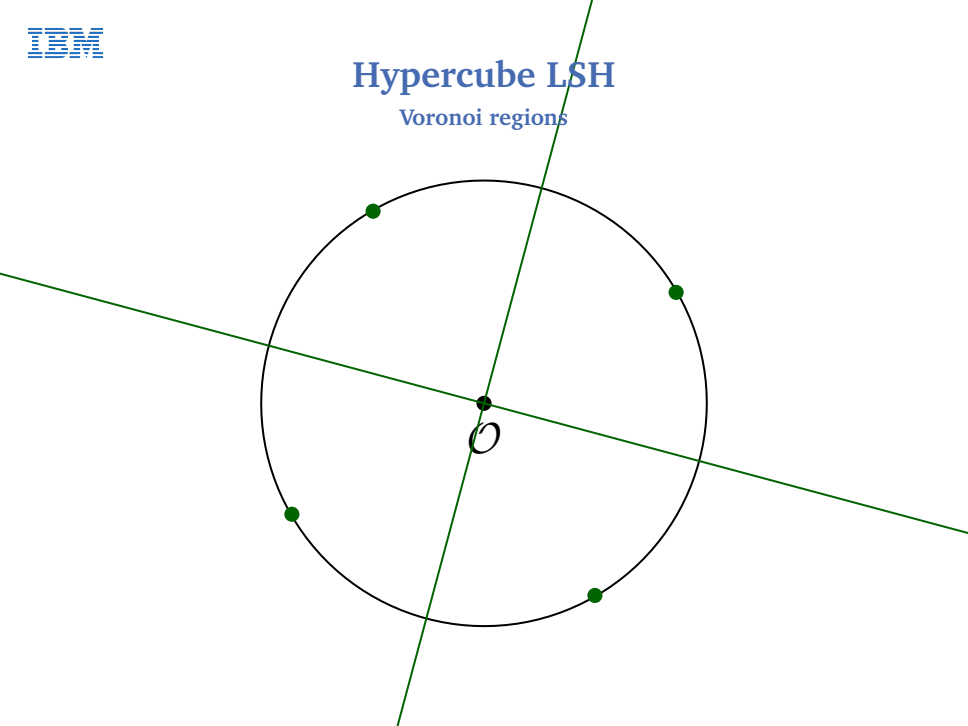
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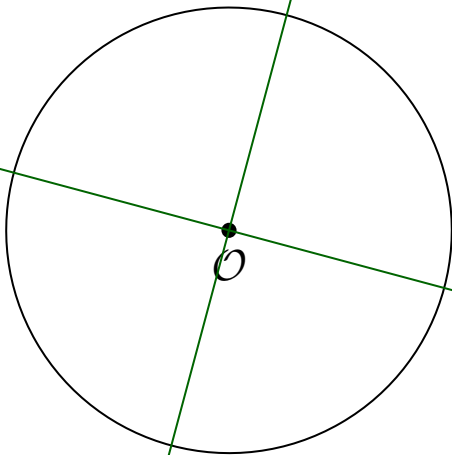
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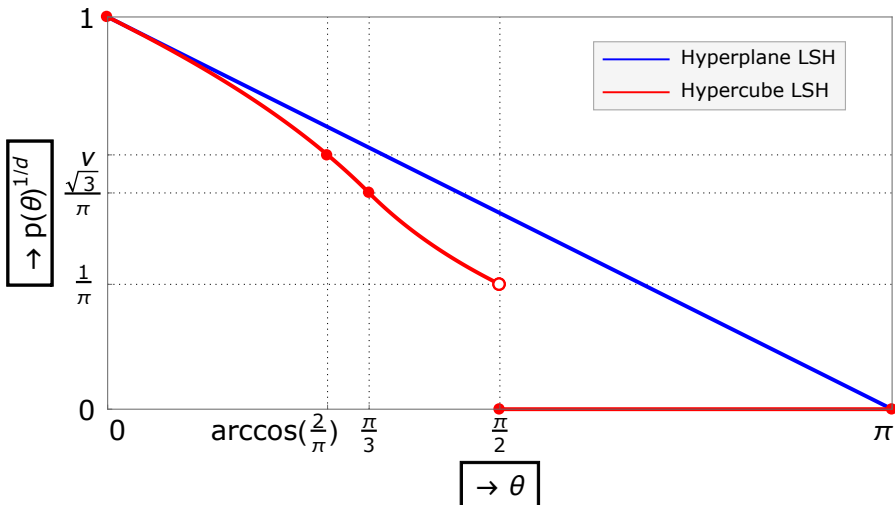
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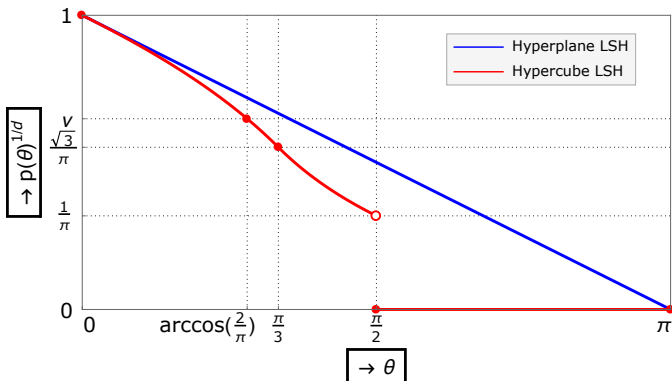
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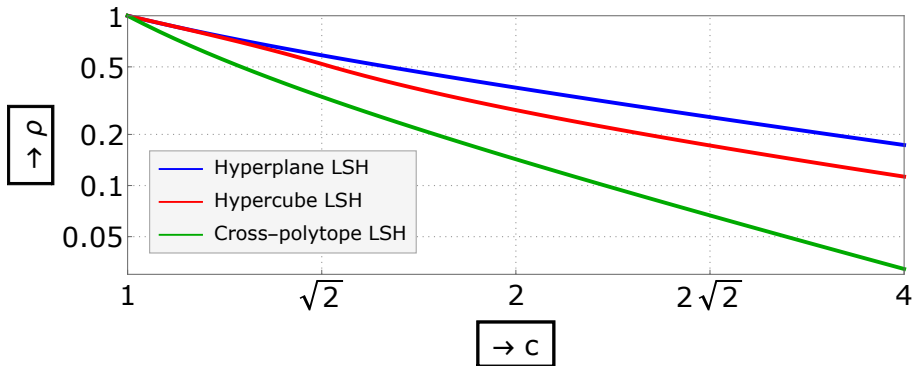
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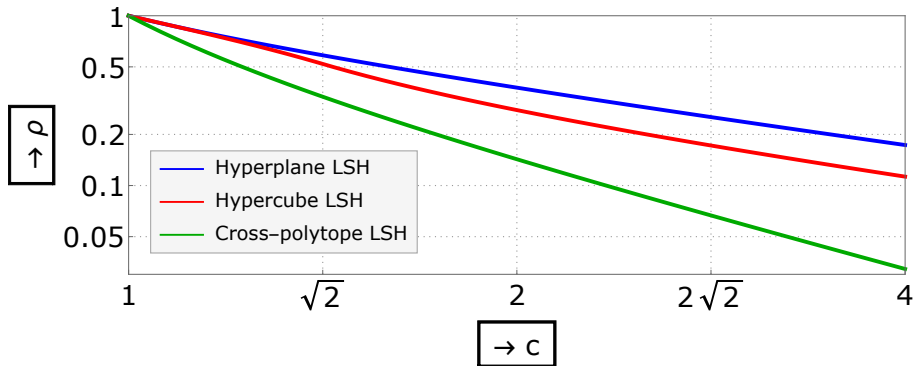
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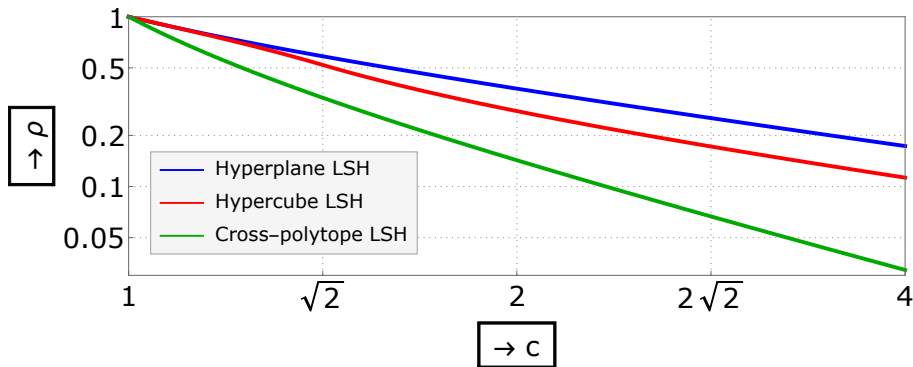
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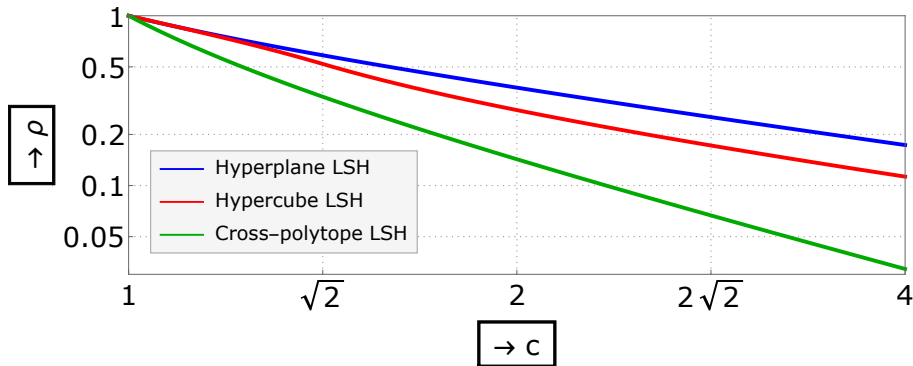


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