

Magnitude of Metric Spaces II

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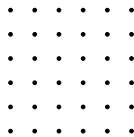
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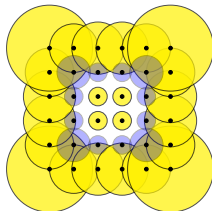
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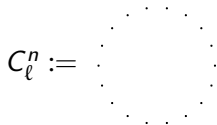
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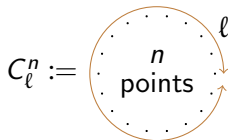
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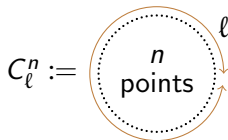
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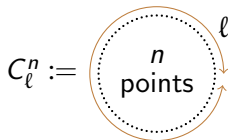
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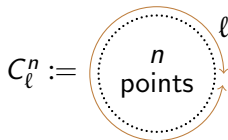
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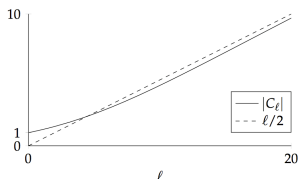
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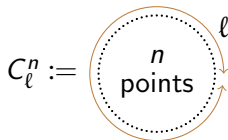
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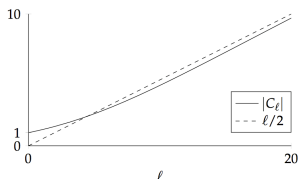
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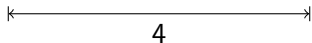
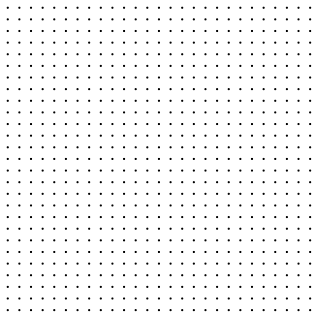


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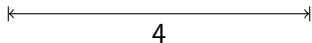
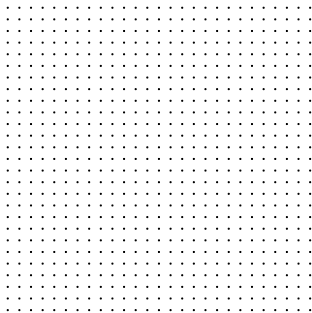
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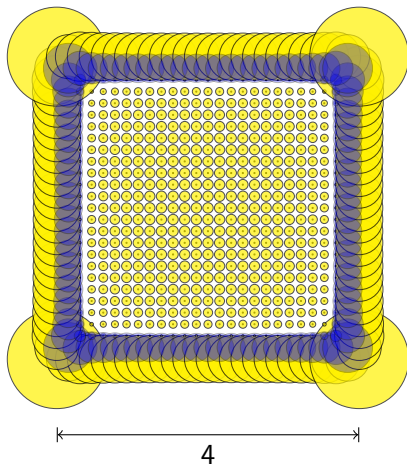
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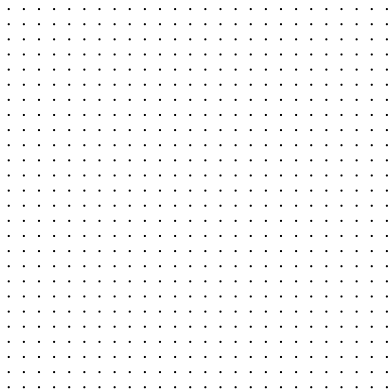
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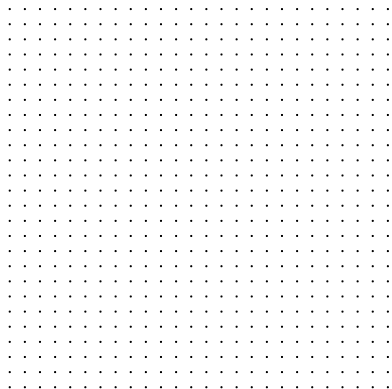
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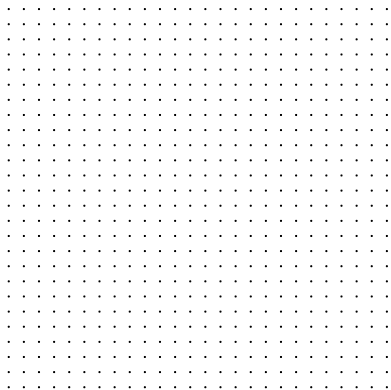
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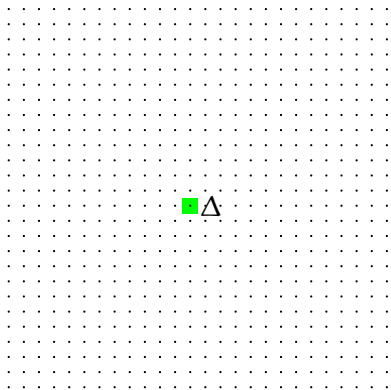
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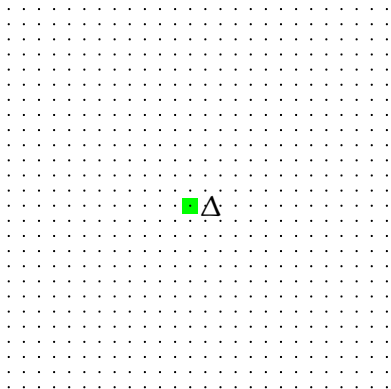
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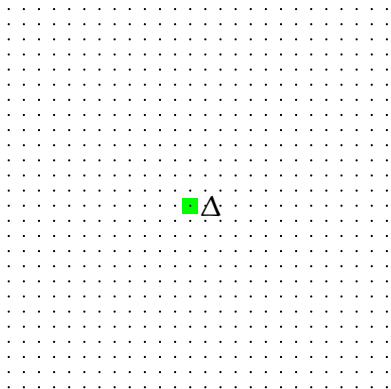
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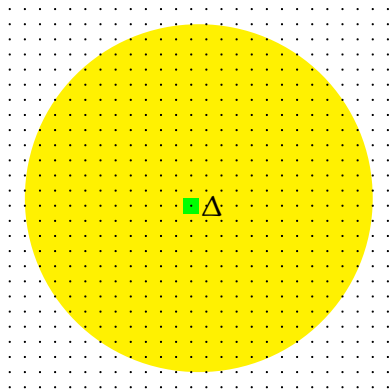
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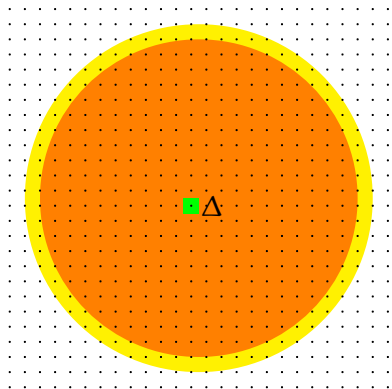


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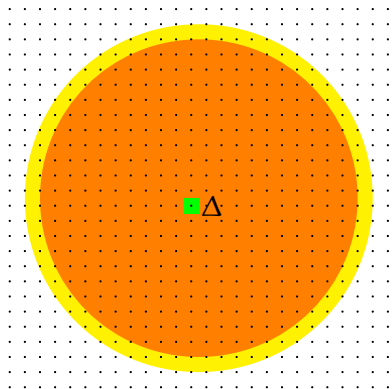


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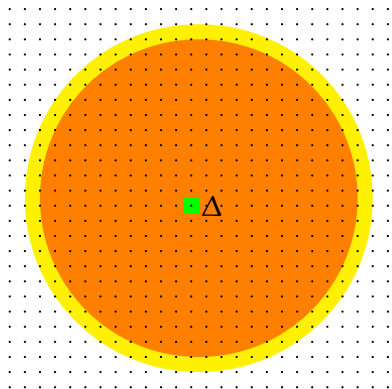
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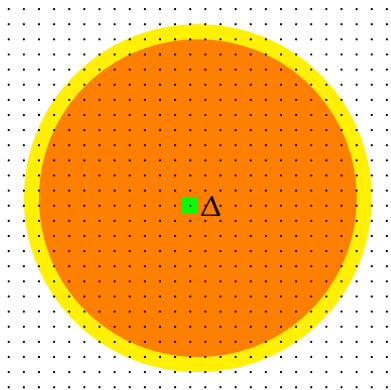
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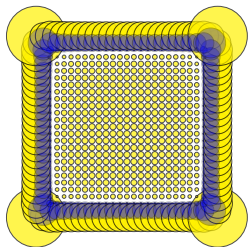
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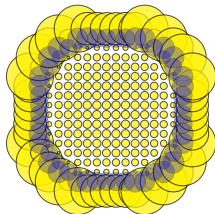
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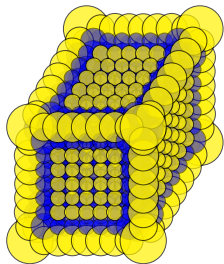
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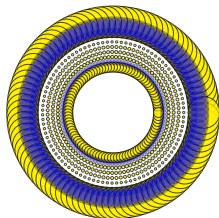
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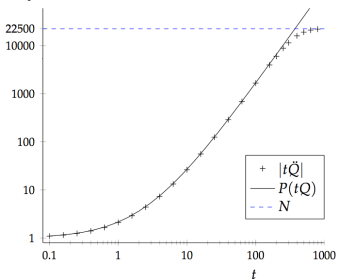


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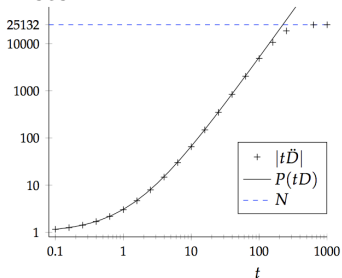


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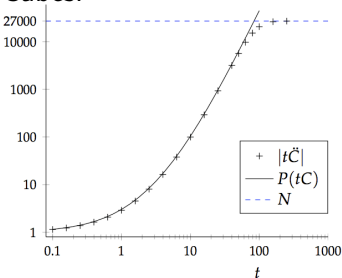
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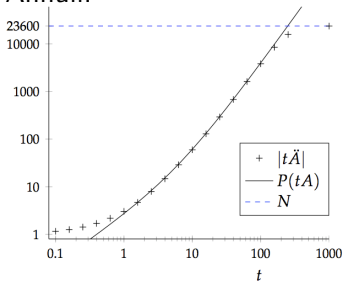
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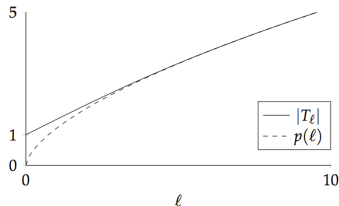
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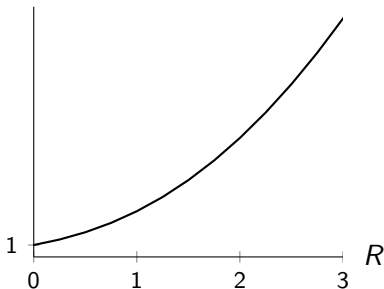
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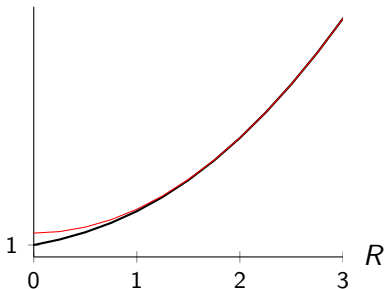
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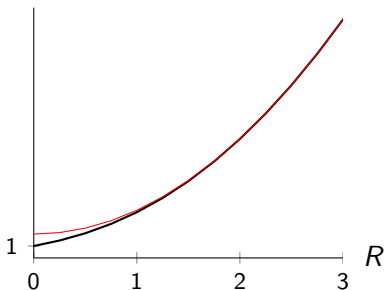
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For example

Suppose Σ is a homogeneous Riemannian 2-sphere or 2-torus

$$\|t\Sigma\| = \frac{\text{Area}(t\Sigma)}{2\pi} + \chi(t\Sigma) + O(t^{-2}) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$