

Random Lattices as Sphere Packings

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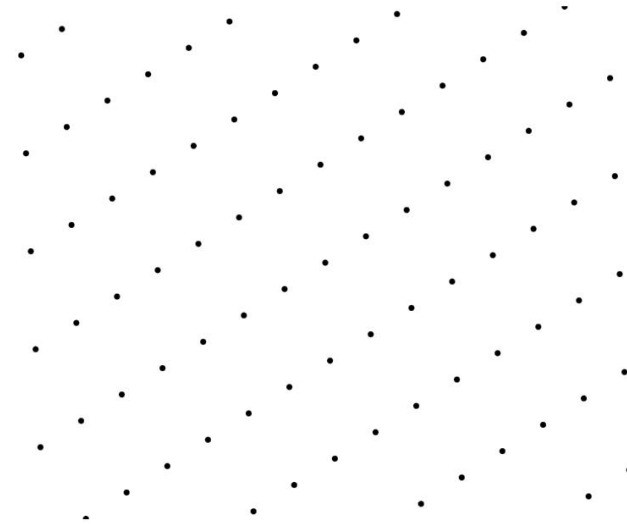
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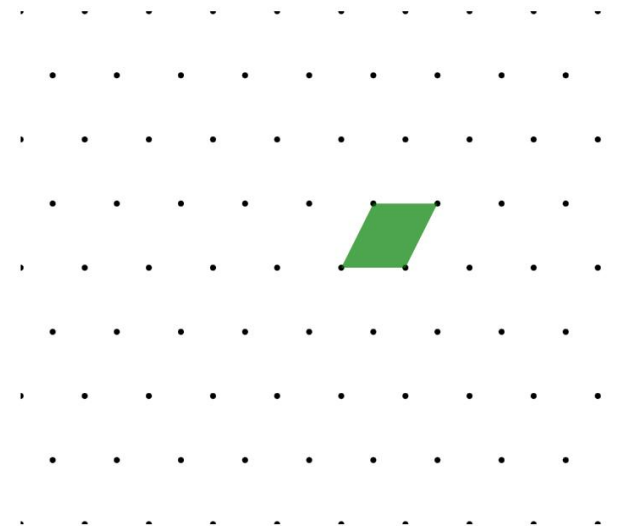


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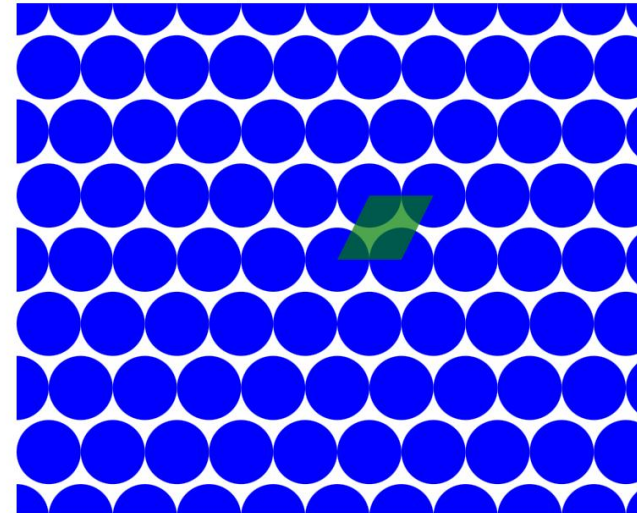


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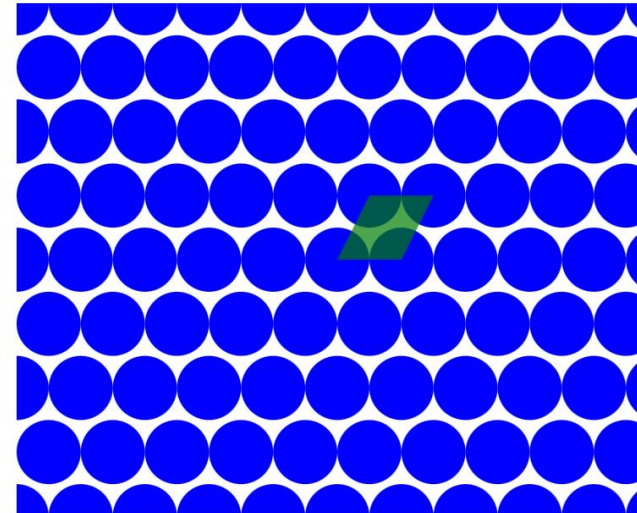
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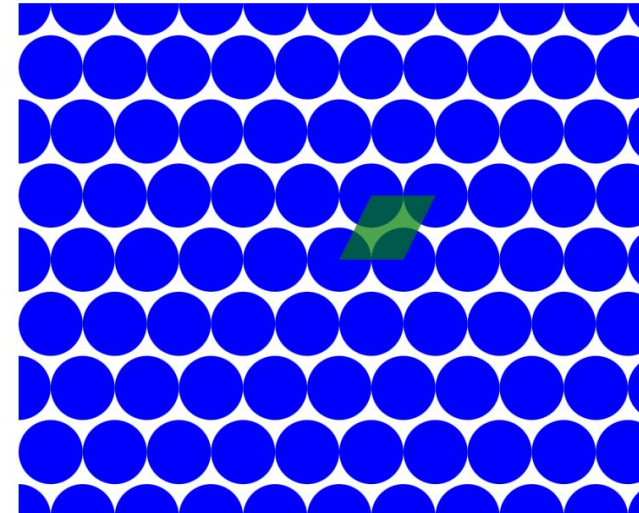
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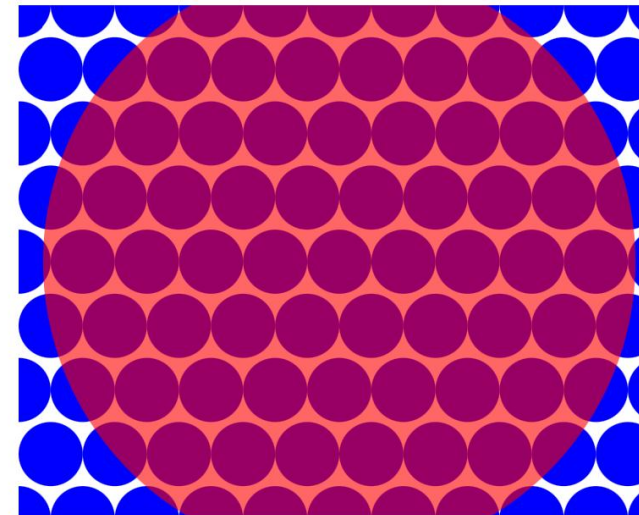
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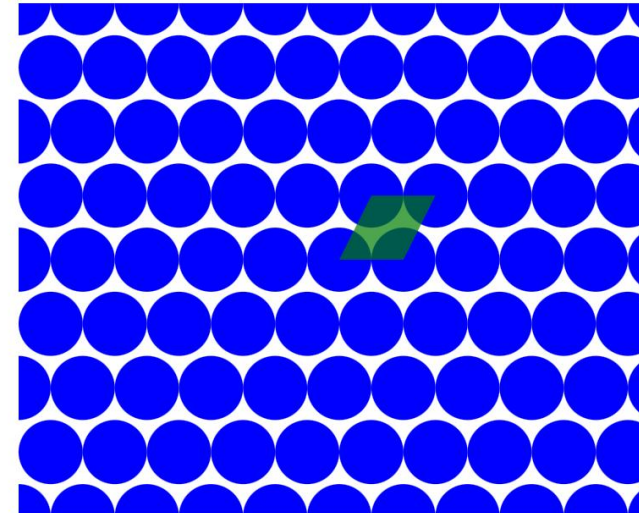
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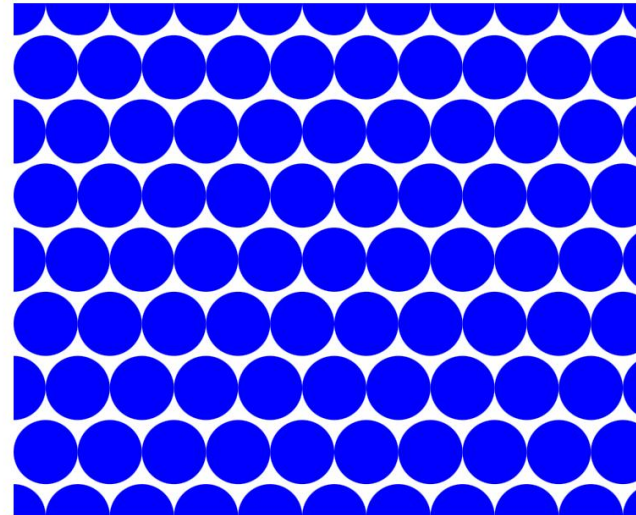
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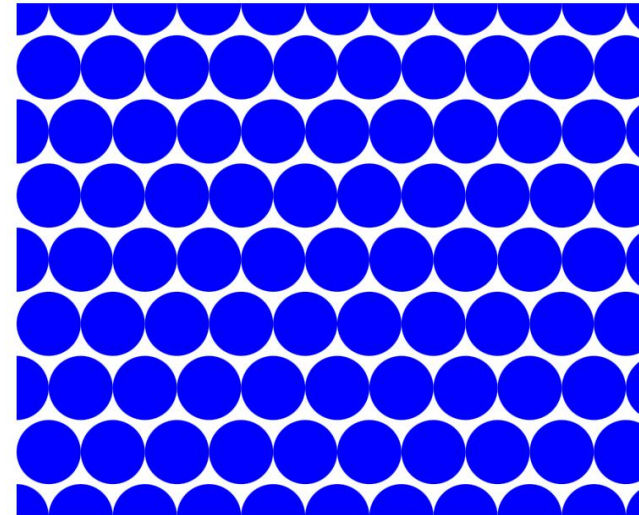
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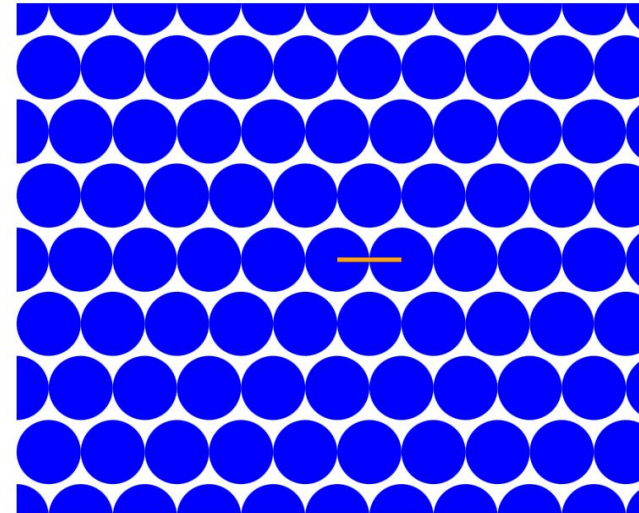
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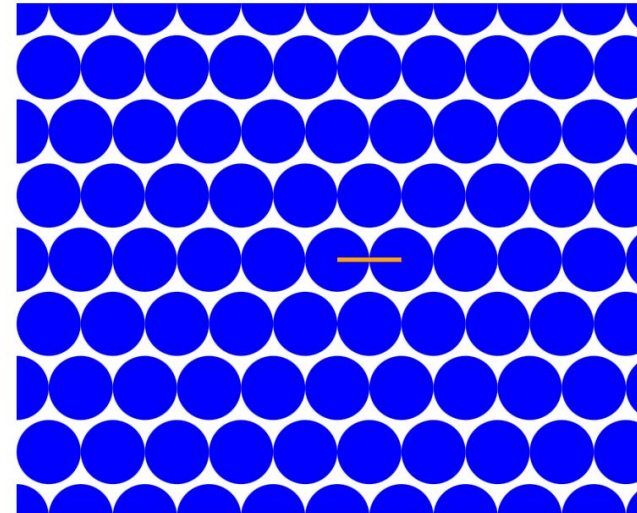
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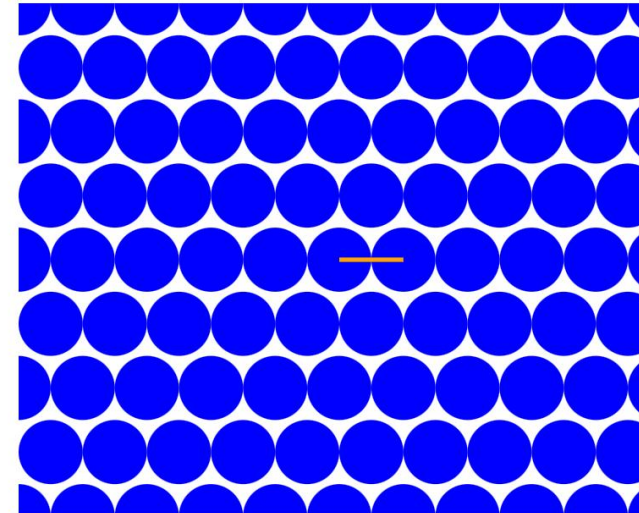
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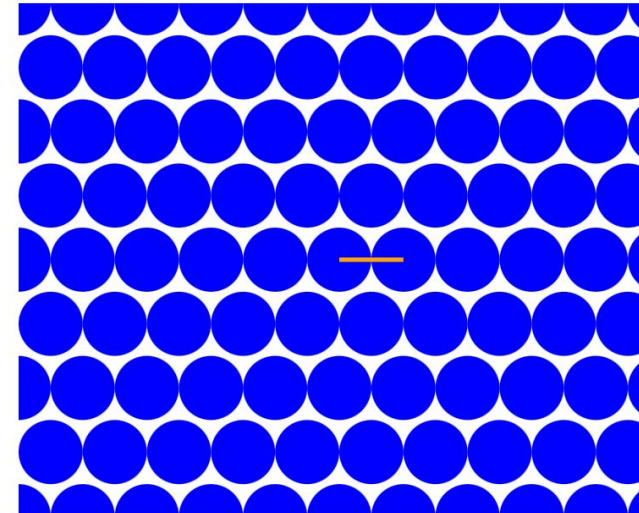
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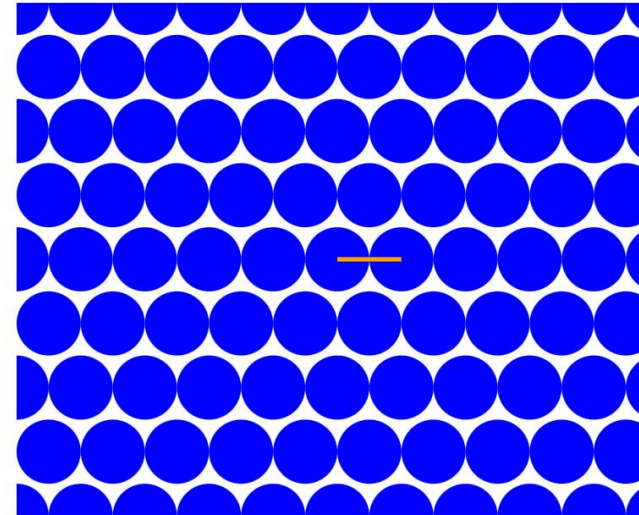
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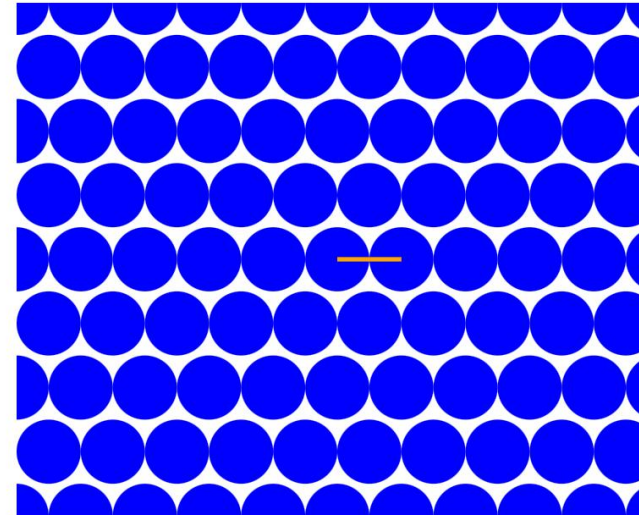


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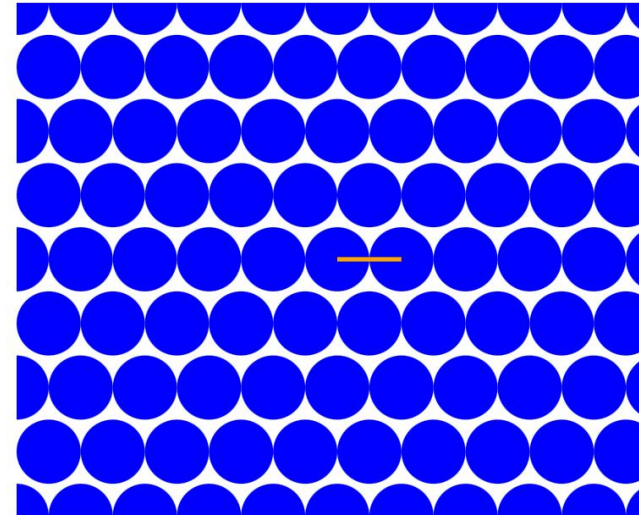


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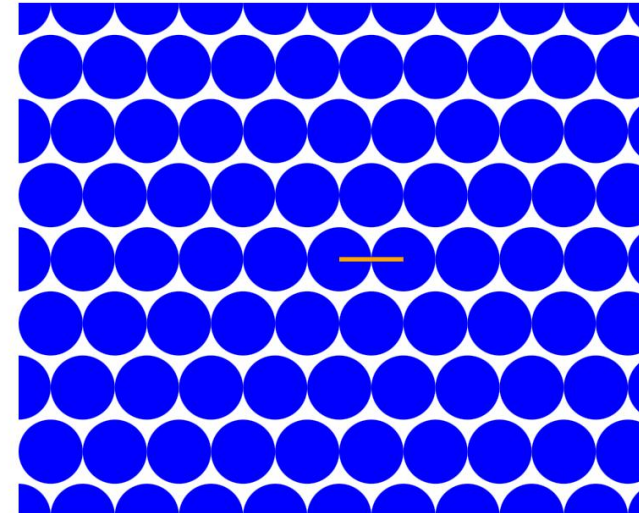
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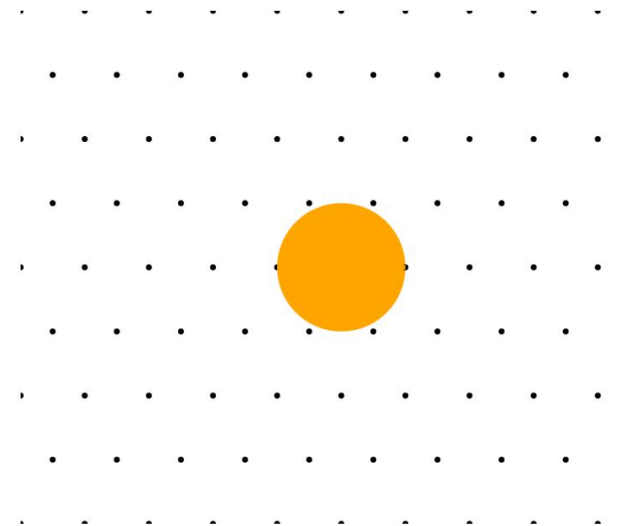
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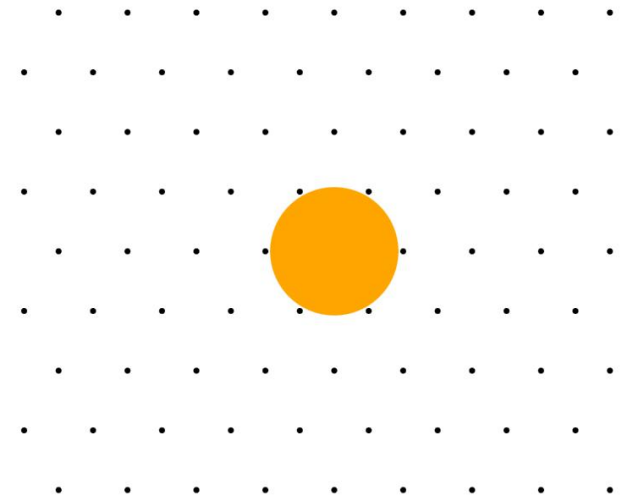
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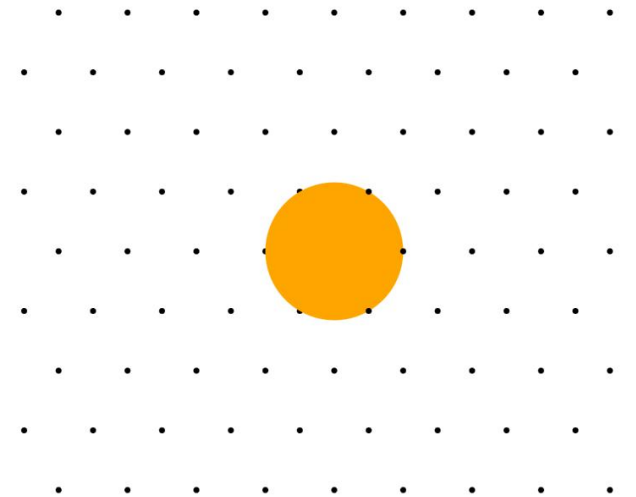
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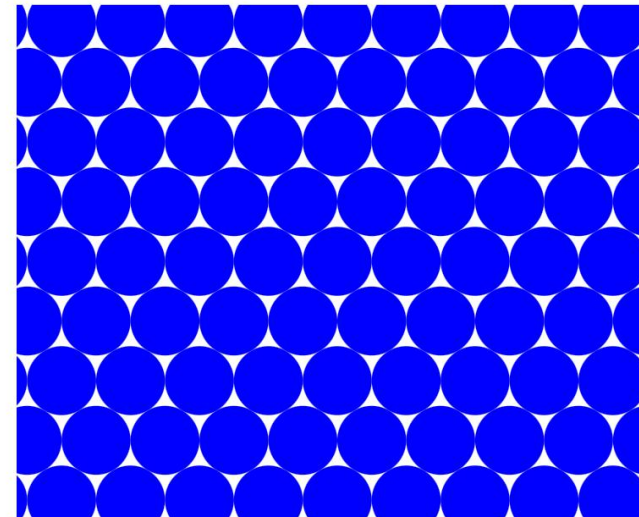
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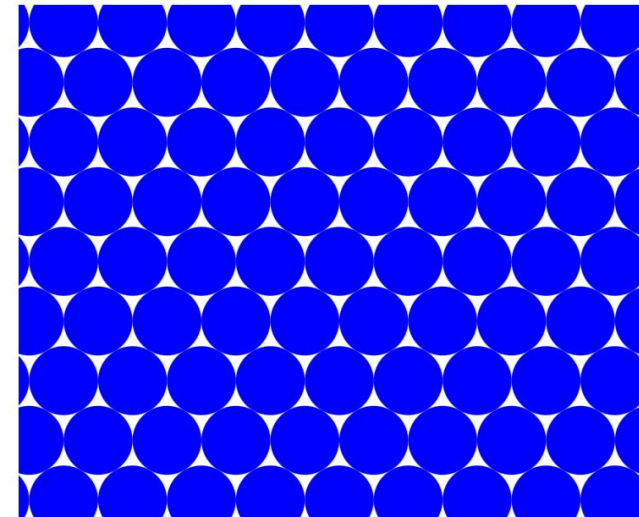
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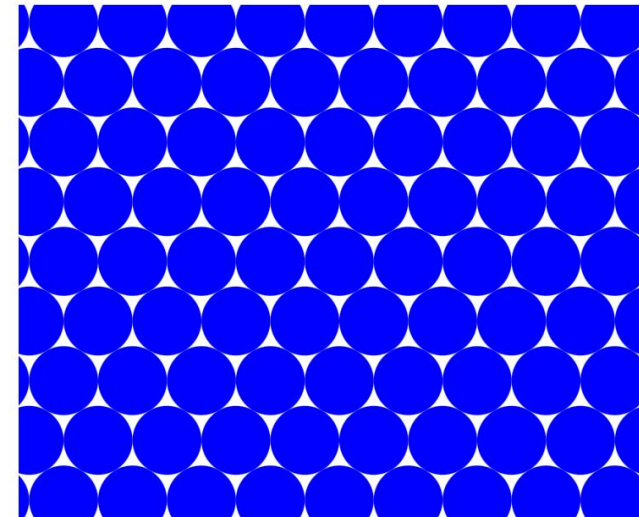
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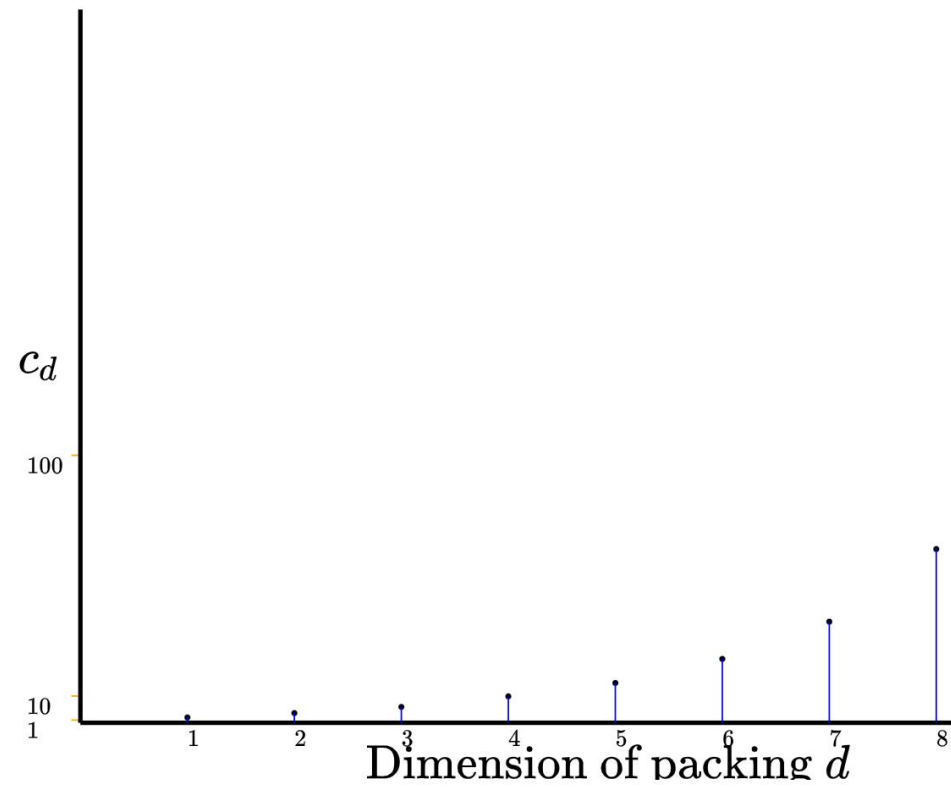
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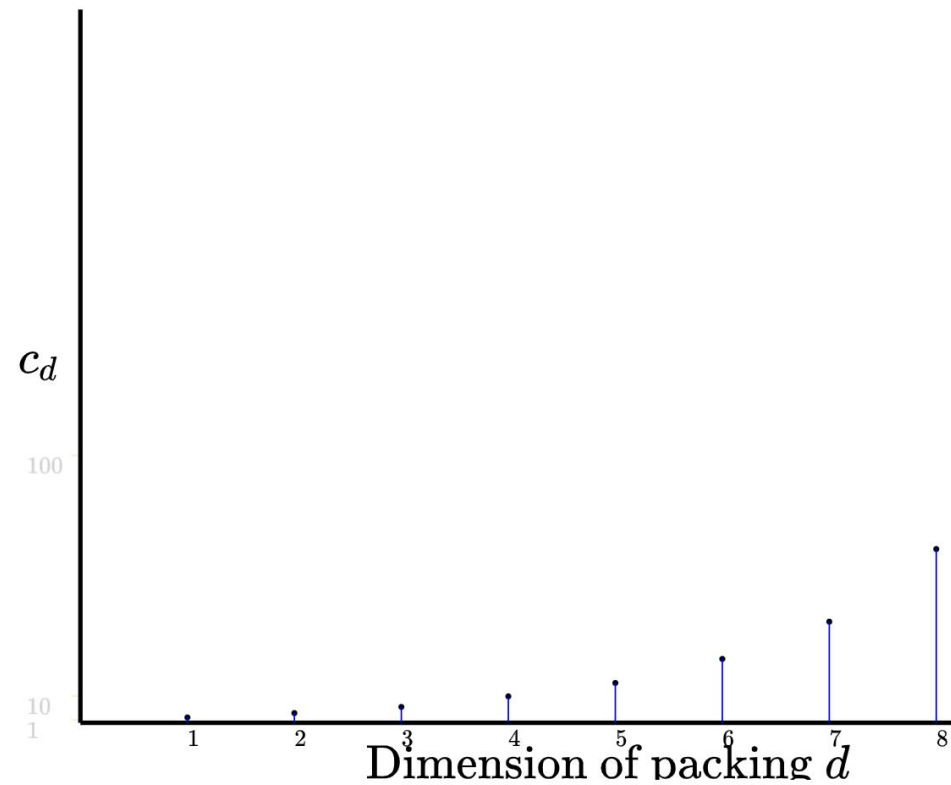
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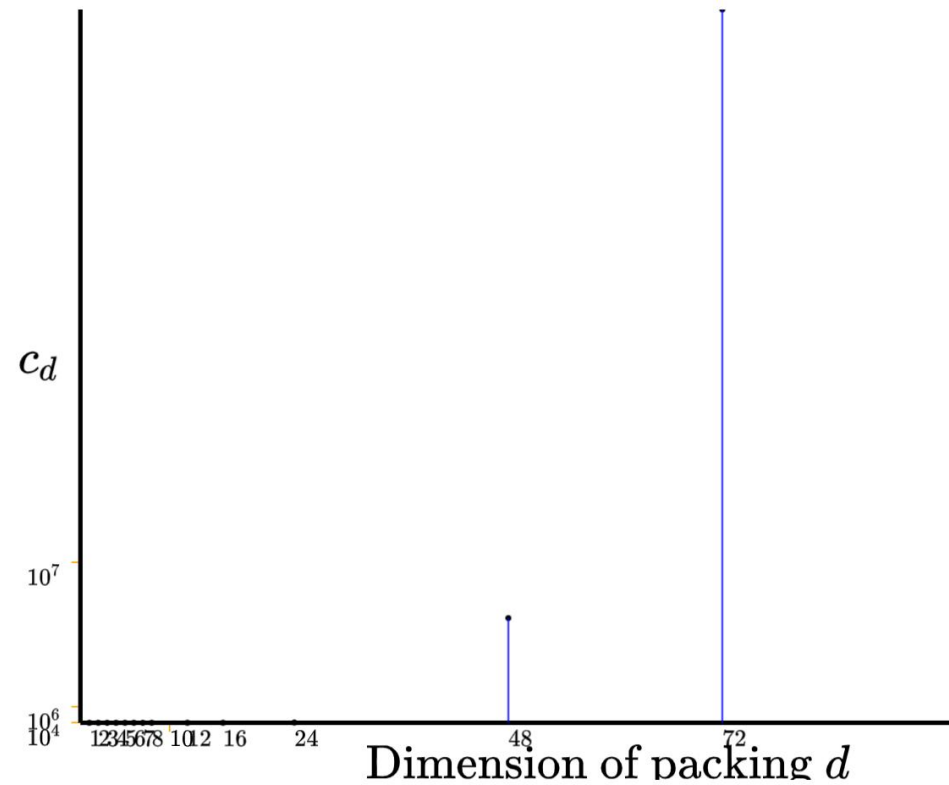
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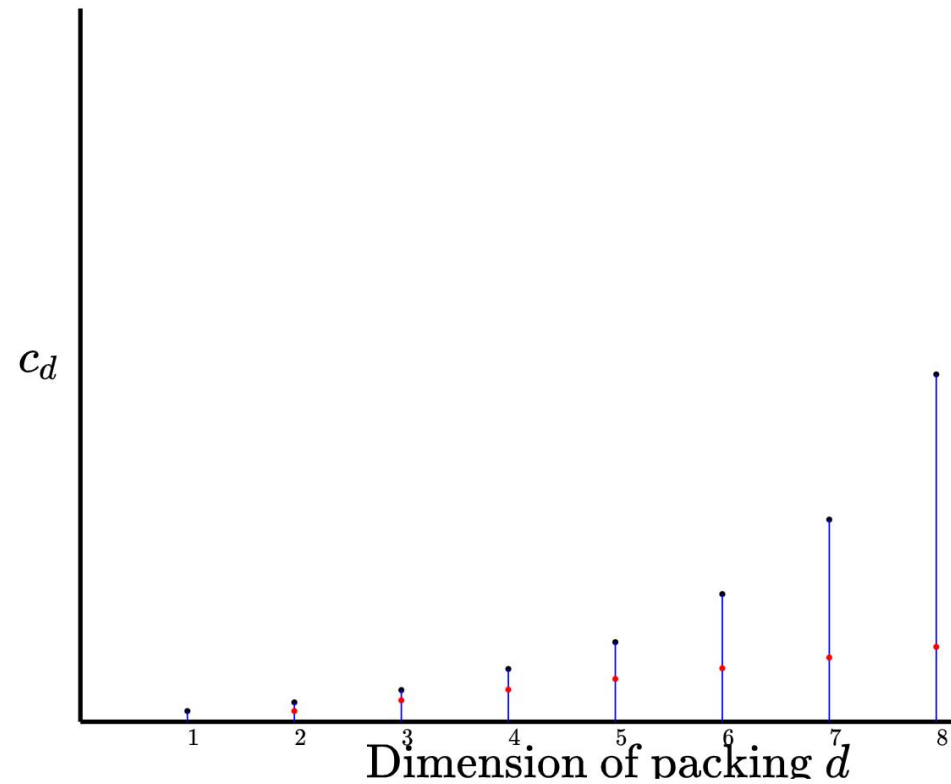


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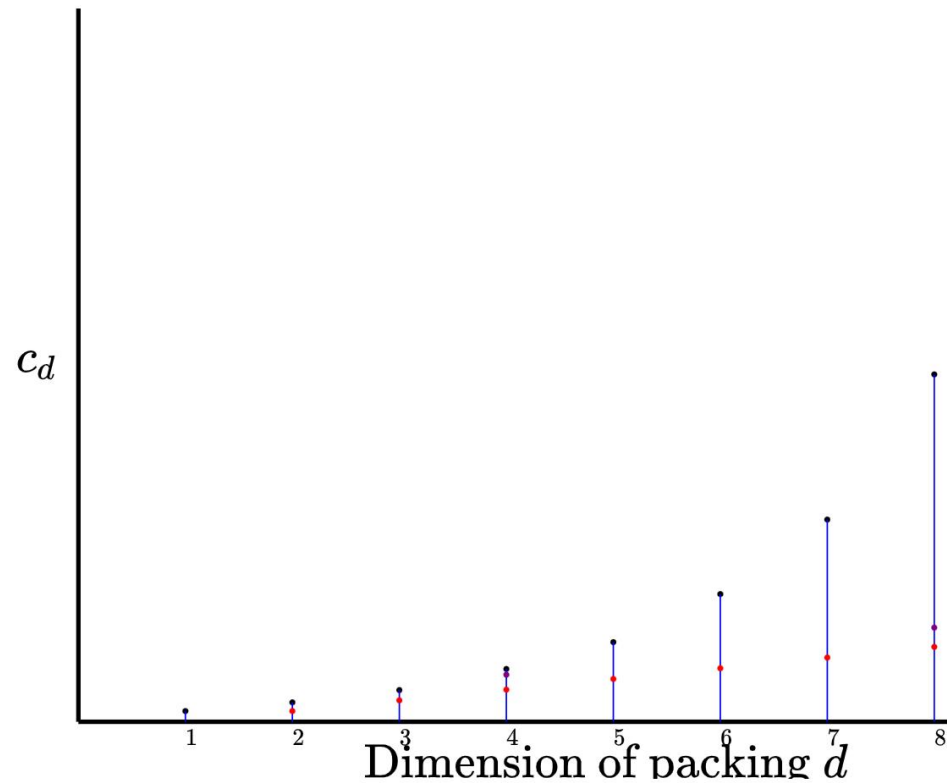
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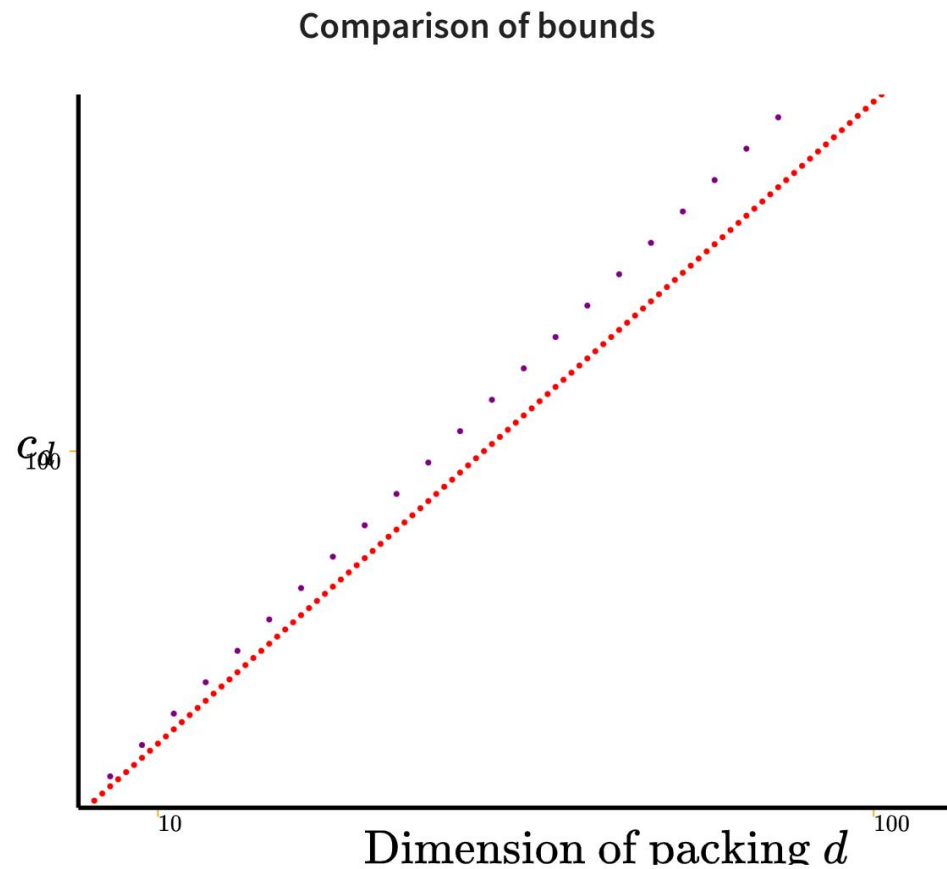


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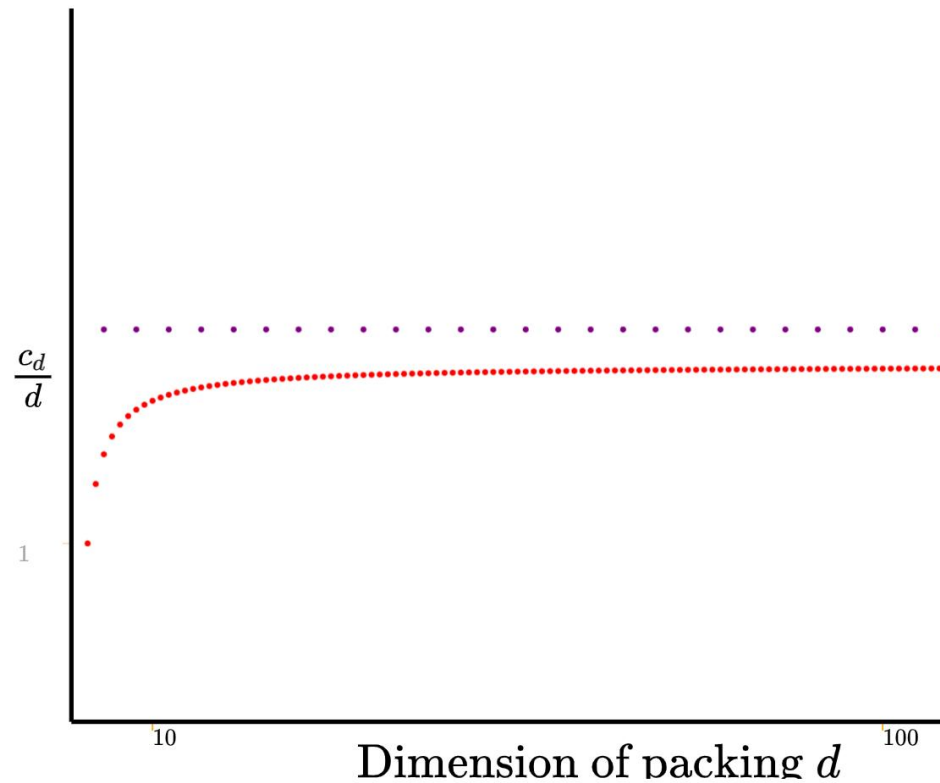
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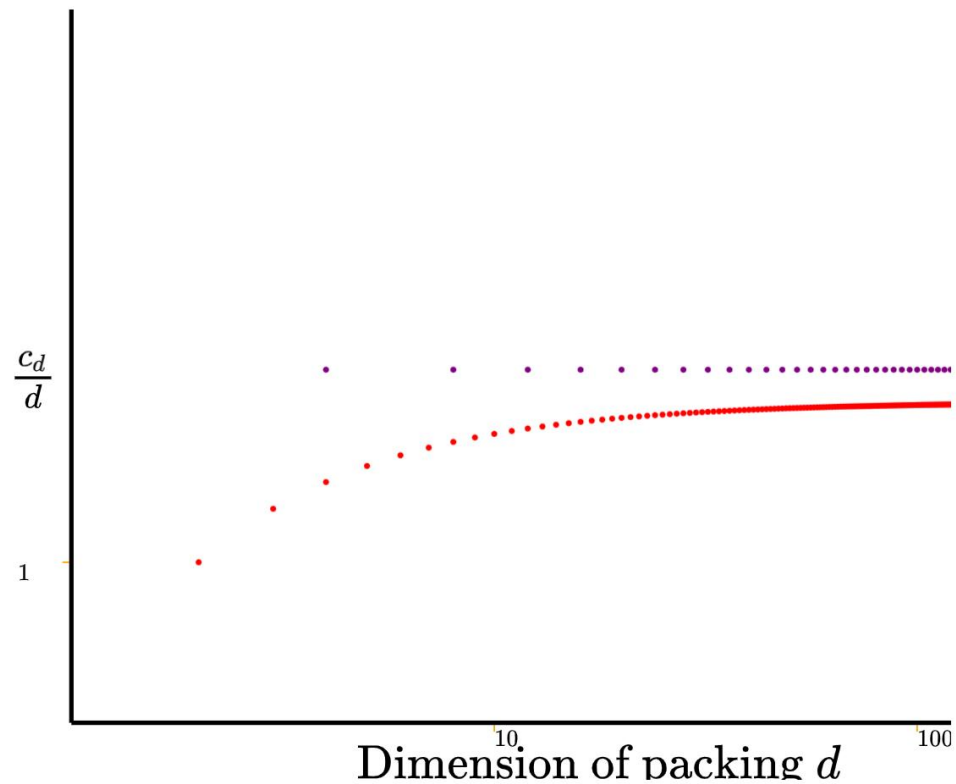
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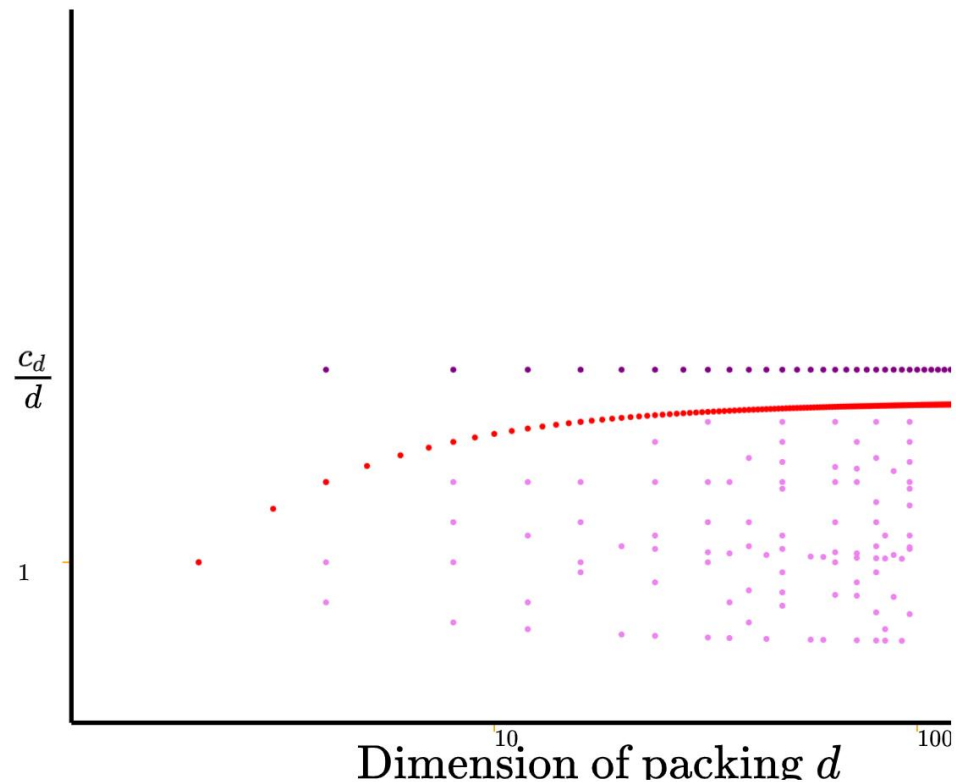
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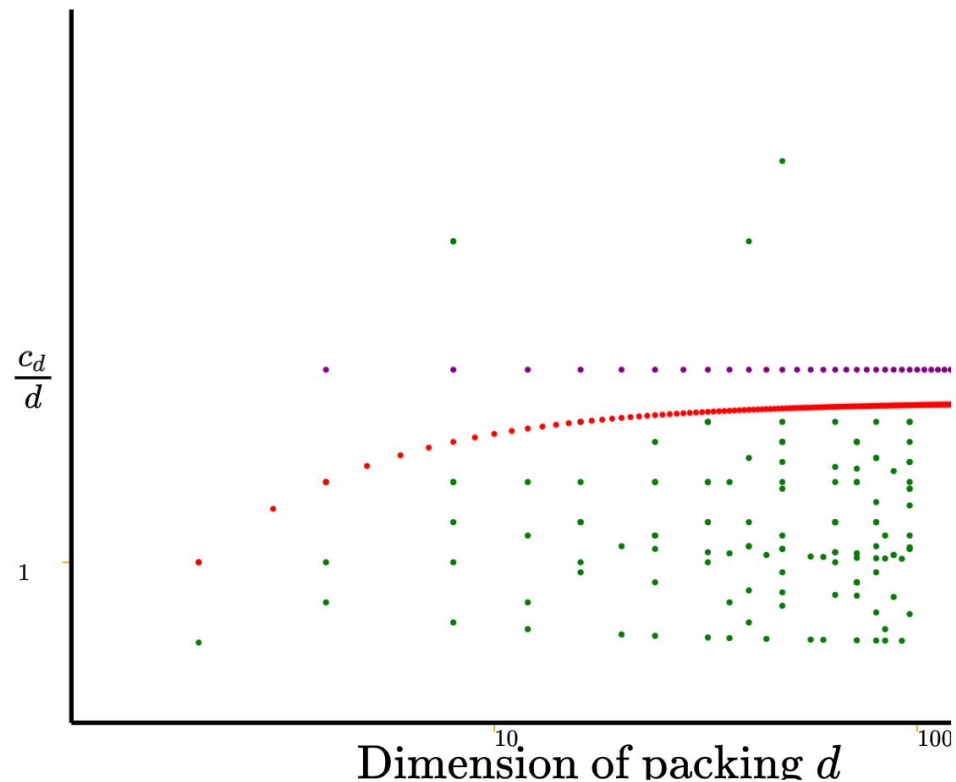
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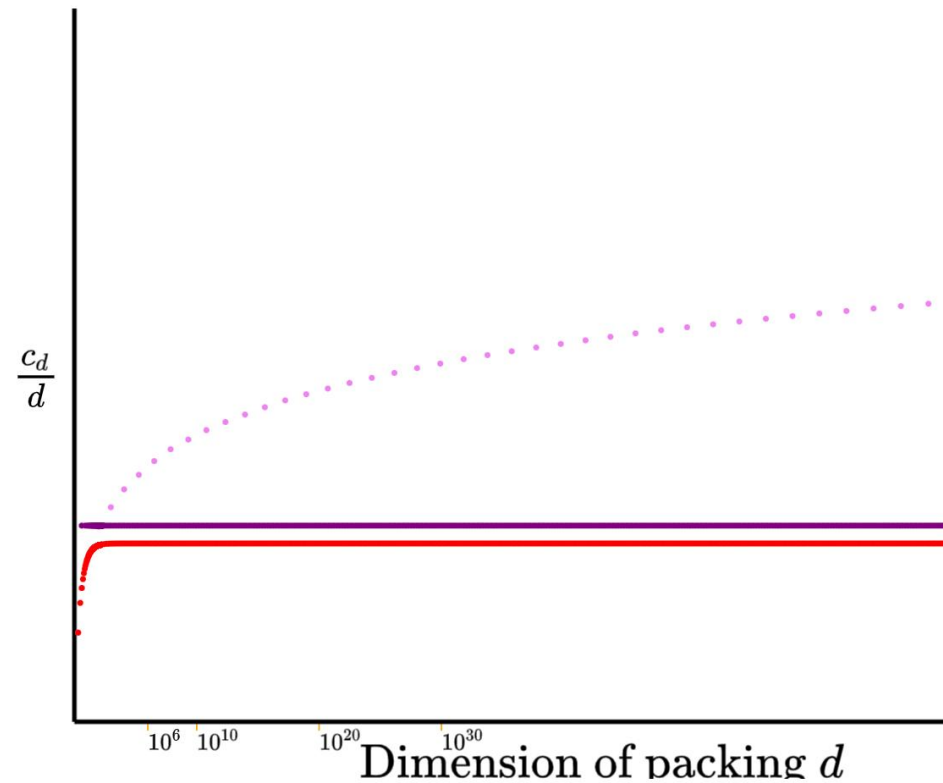
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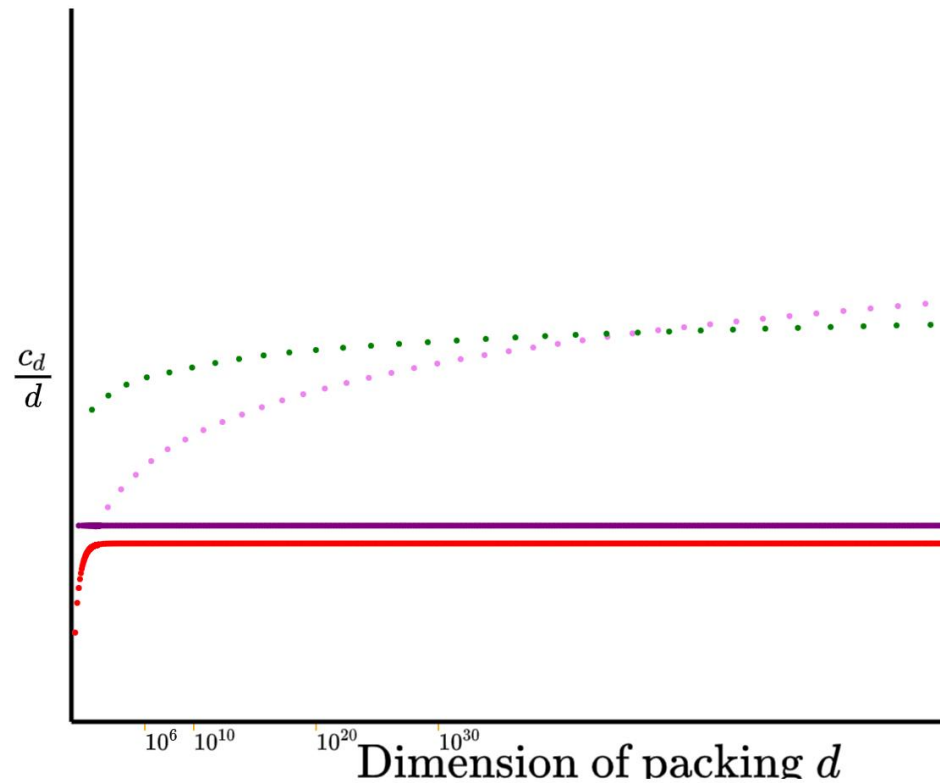
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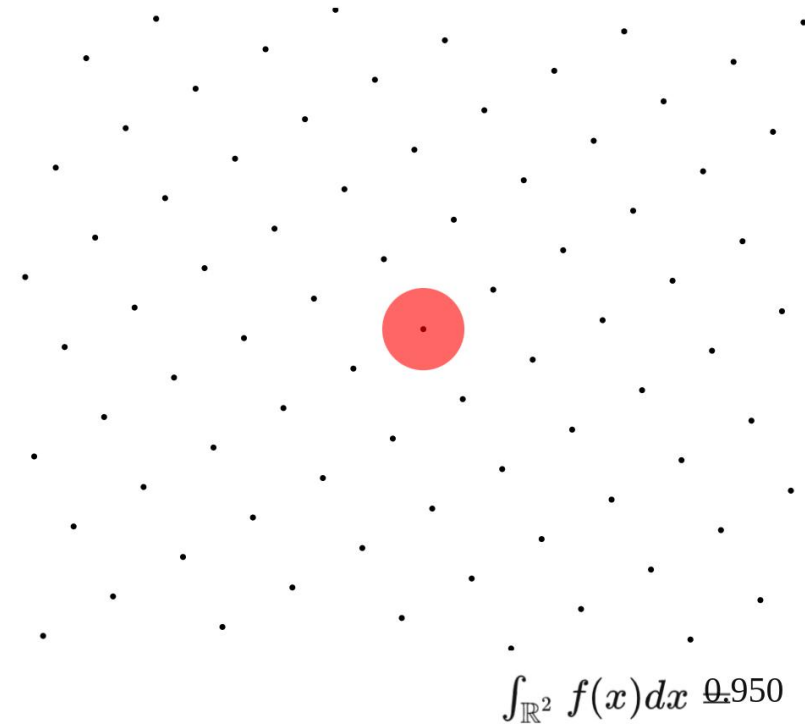
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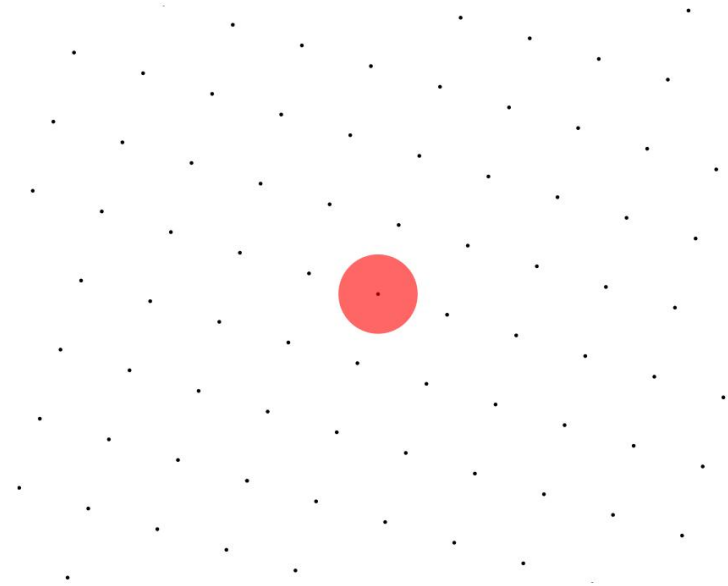
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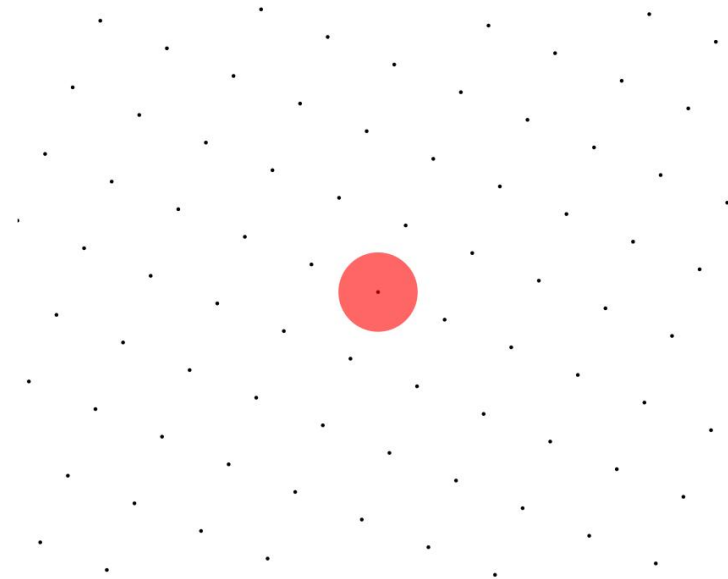
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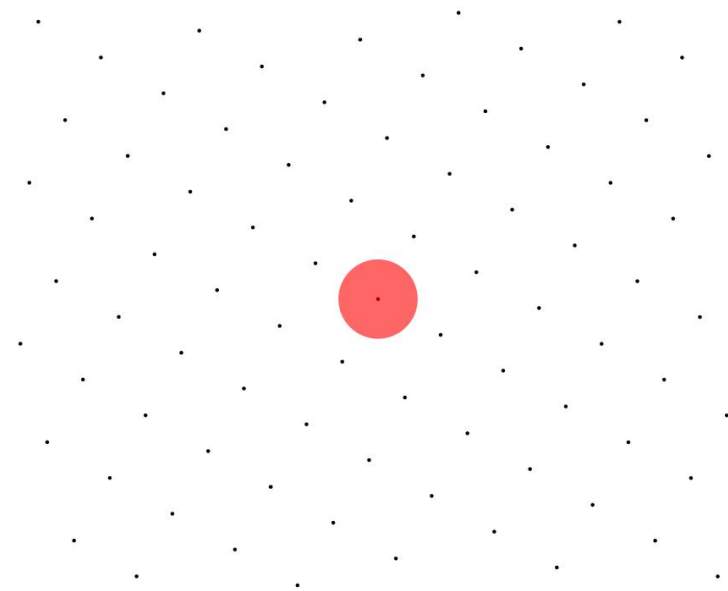
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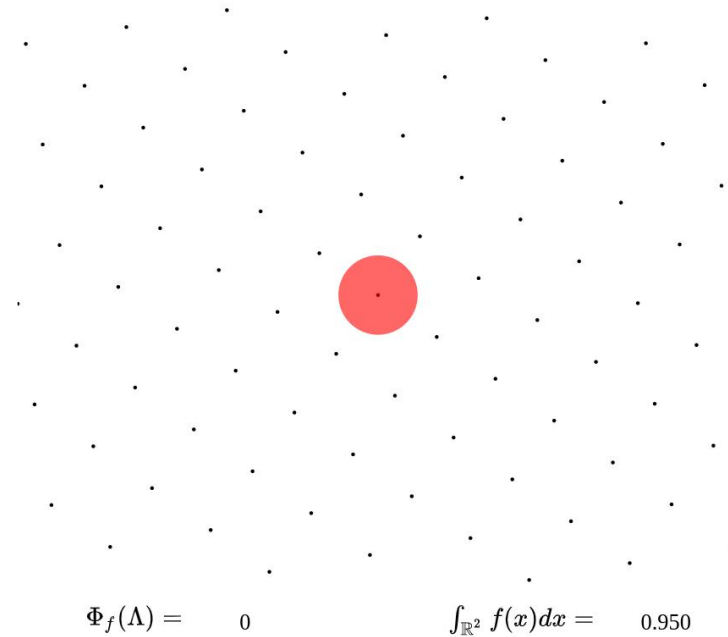
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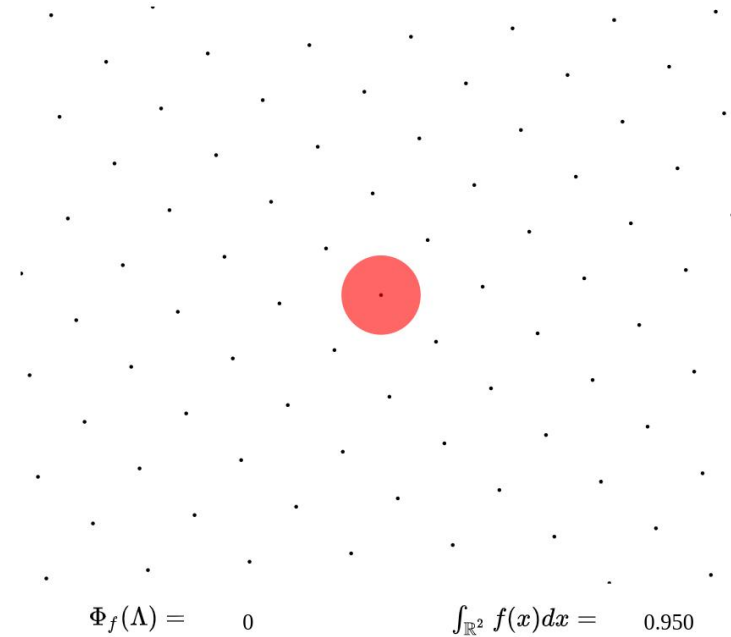
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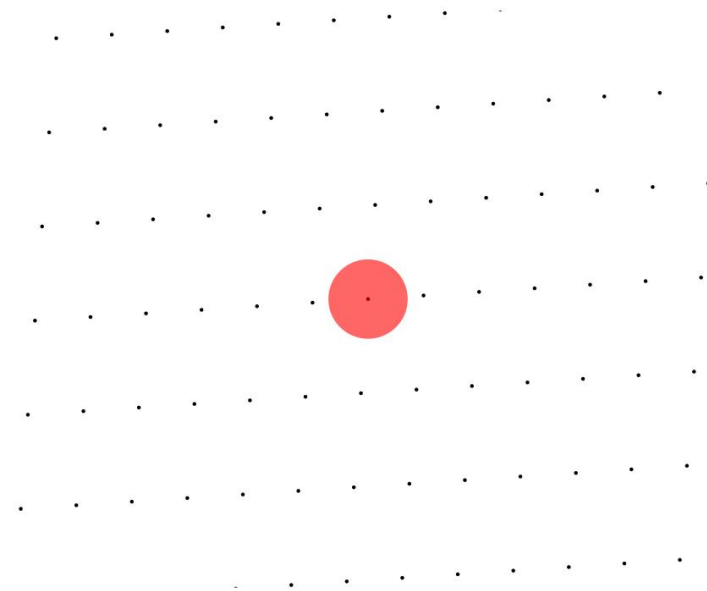
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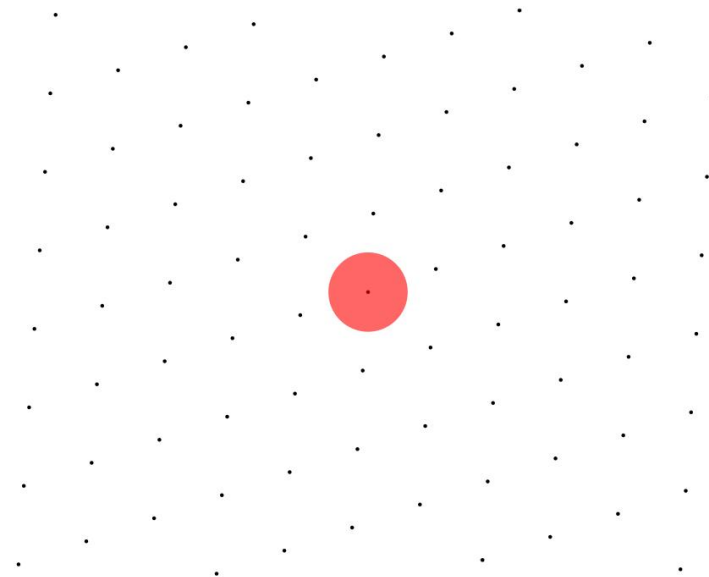
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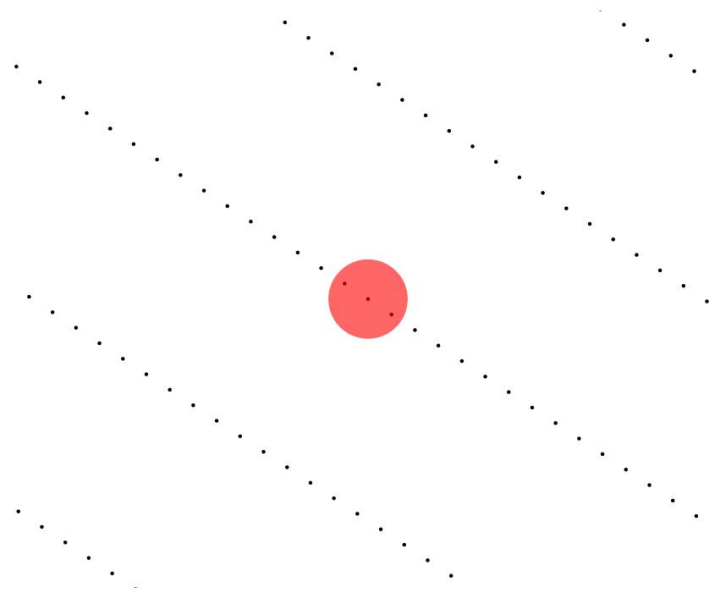
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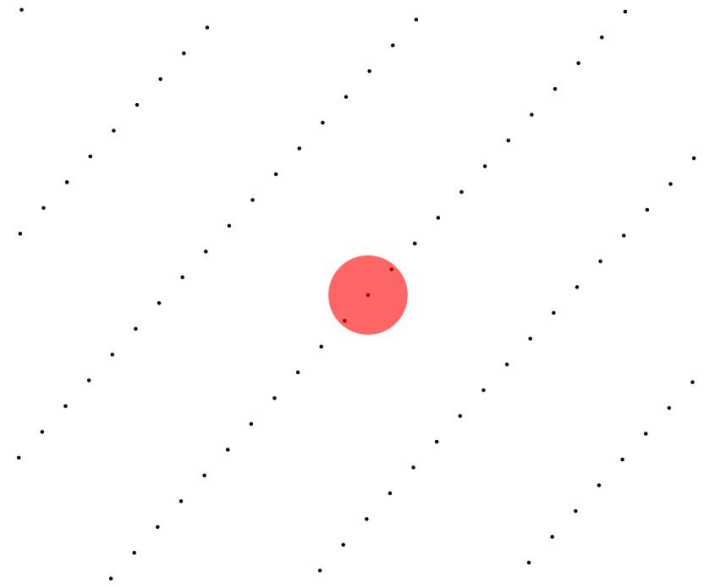
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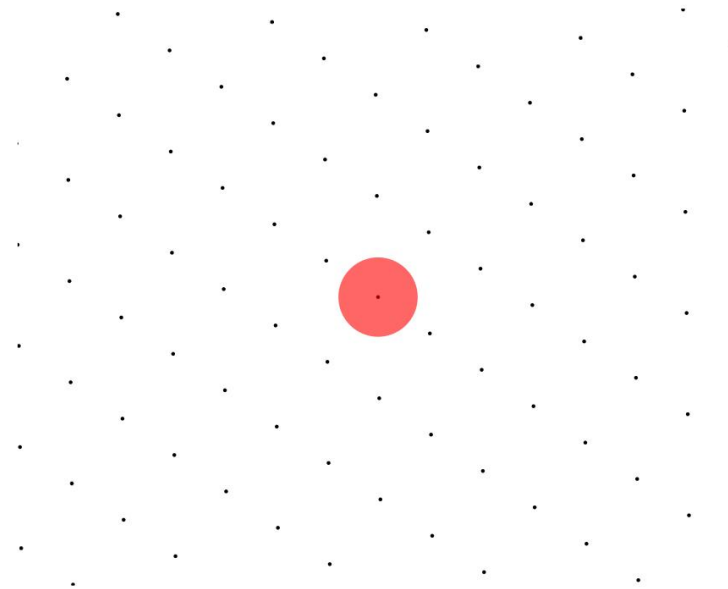
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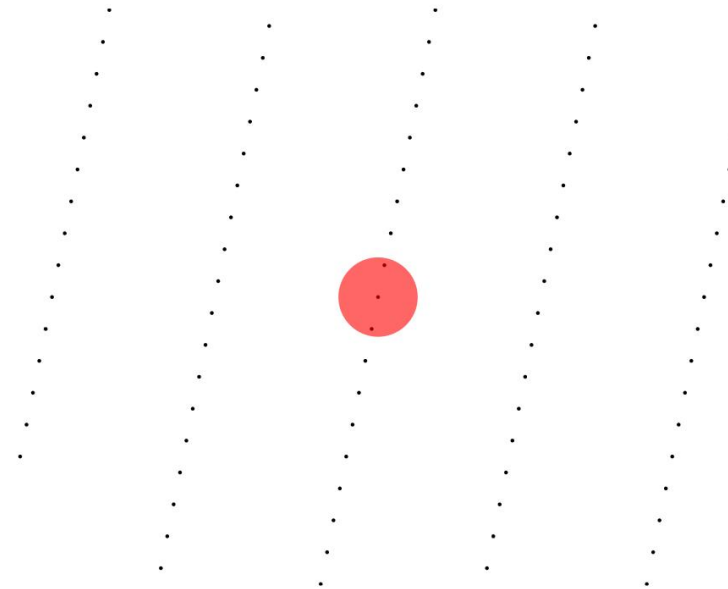
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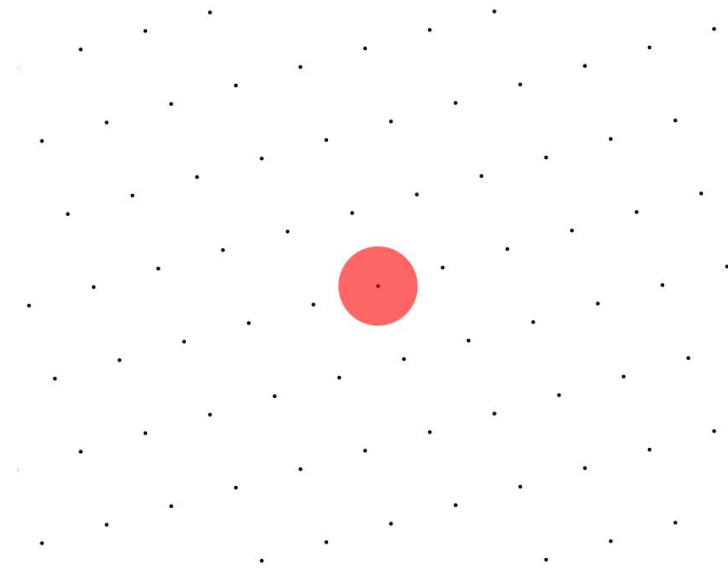
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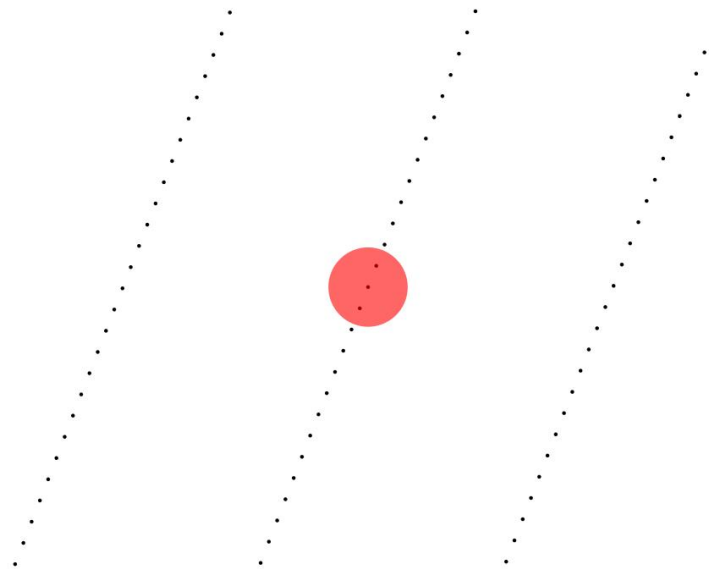
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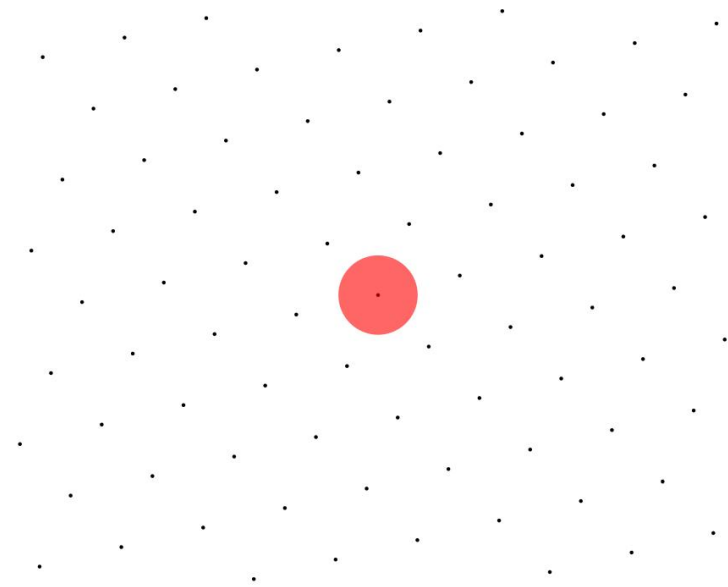
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In fact we only need to find finite subgroups that live in \mathbb{Q} -division algebras. The order \mathcal{O} can be aligned according to the finite group. Fortunately, there exists a complete classification of such finite subgroups due to Amitsur, 1955.

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The proof is by induction on β_y . If $\beta_y=0$, let $x = 1 + q^i z$, $(z, q) = 1$. Then, $(1 + q^i z)^y = 1 + q^i yz +$ terms with higher powers of q , and this case is proved since $(yz, q) = 1$. Let $y = q^i y' = q^{i_1} y'_1$, $(y', q) = 1$, and $\beta_y \geq 1$. By induction it follows that $x^{y'} = 1 + q^{\beta + \beta_{y'}} u$, $(u, q) = 1$. Hence,

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To prove the second part it suffices to show it only for $y=2$. For, if x is

THEOREM 5. A necessary and sufficient condition that $\mathfrak{A}_{m,r}$ is a division algebra is that (3C) or (3D) holds and either:

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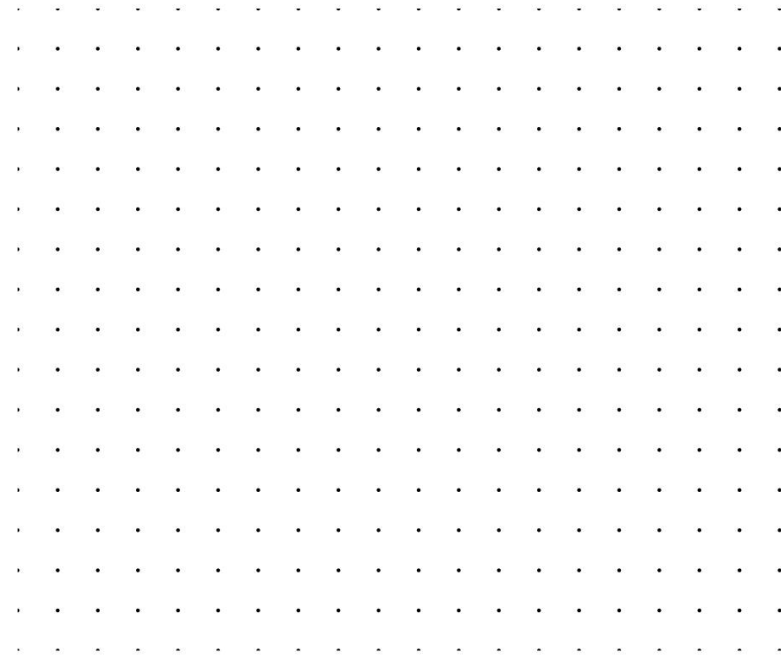
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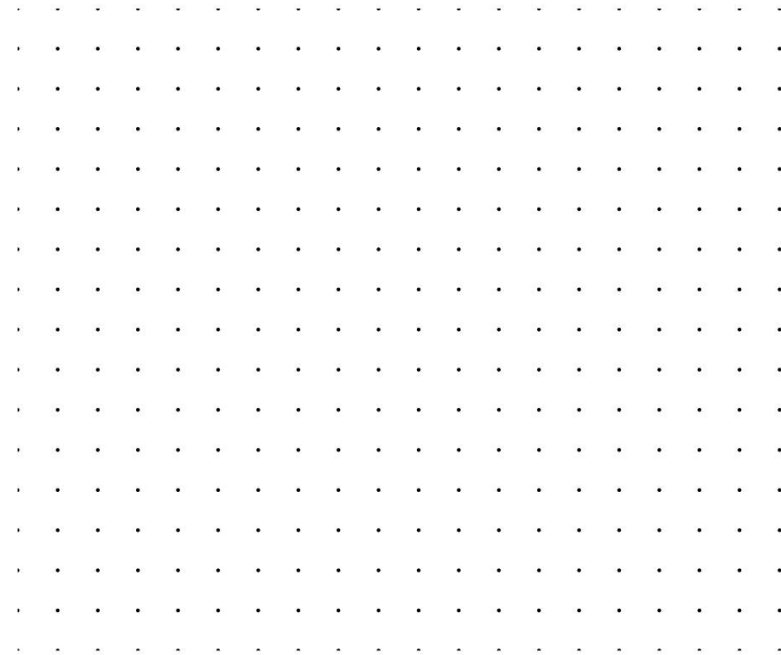


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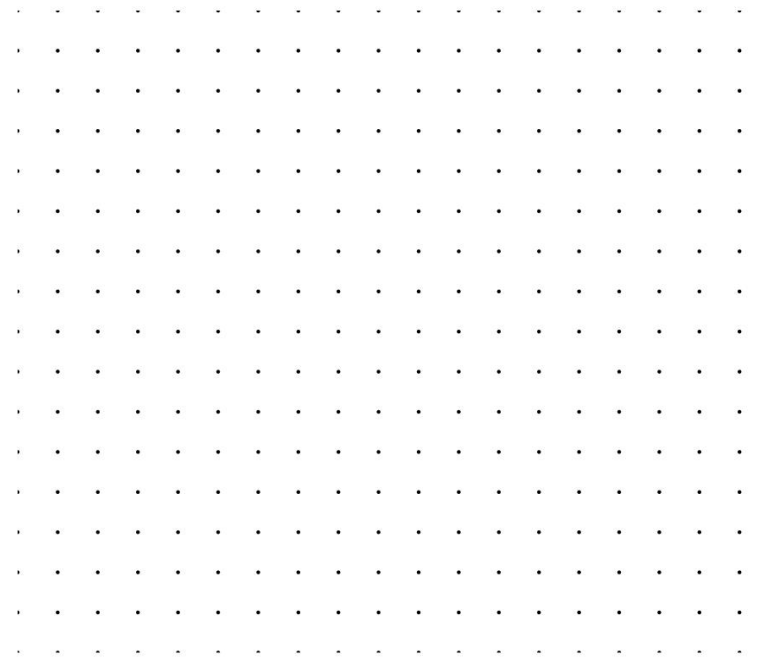
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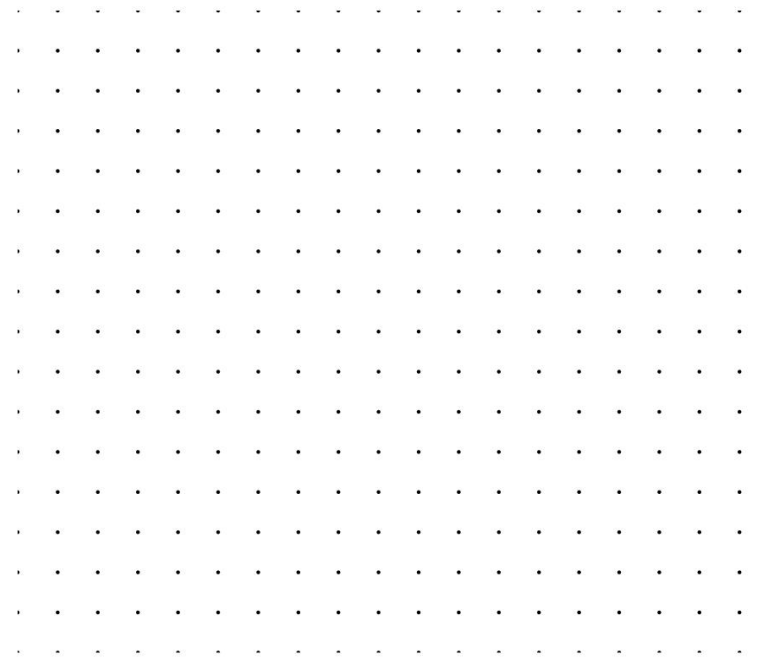
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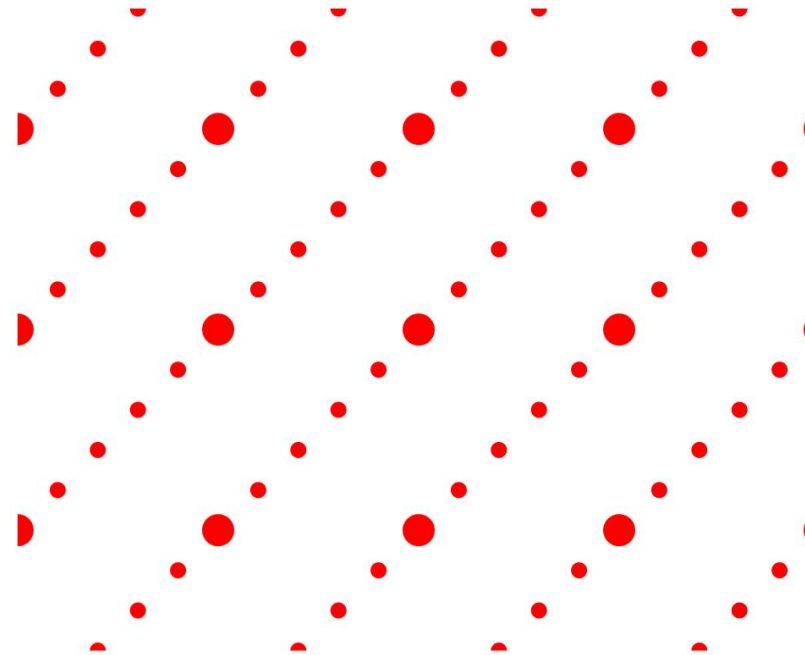
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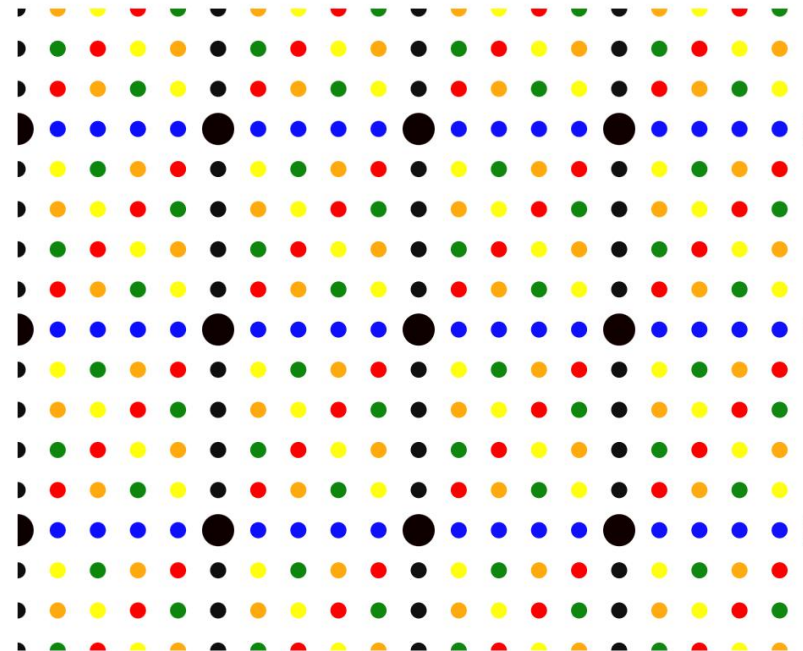
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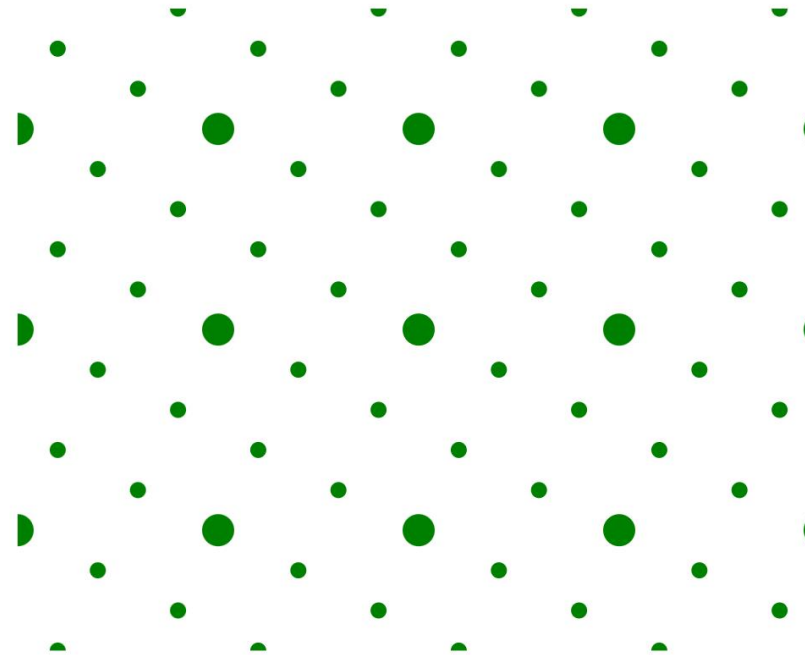
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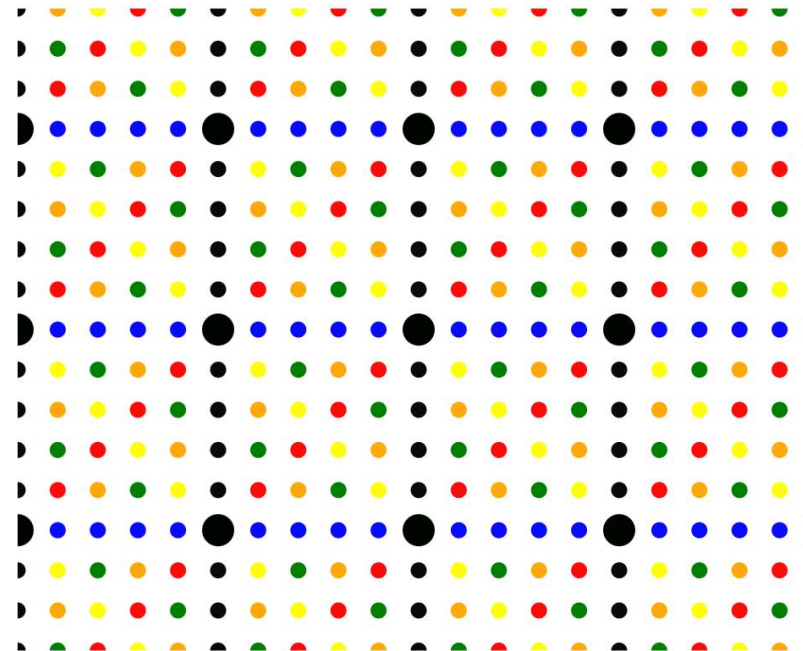
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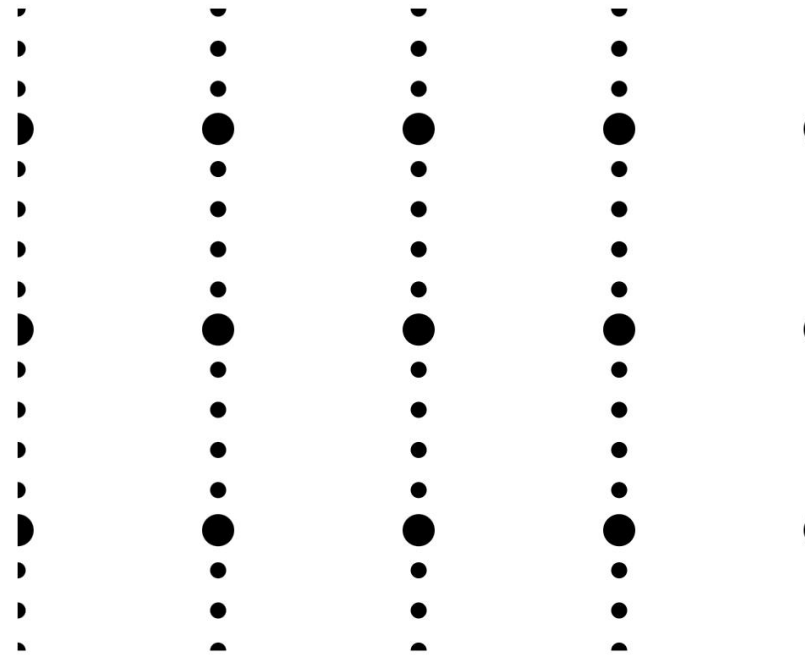
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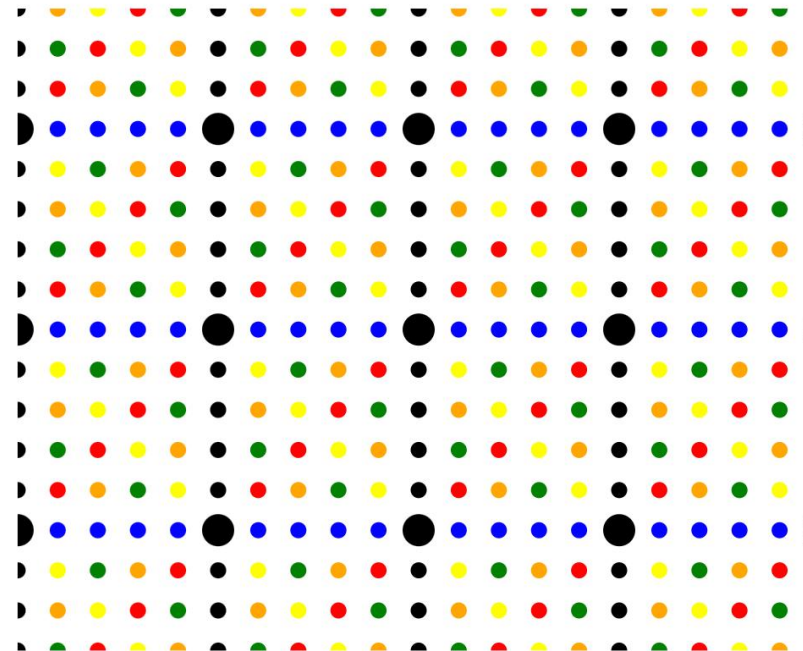
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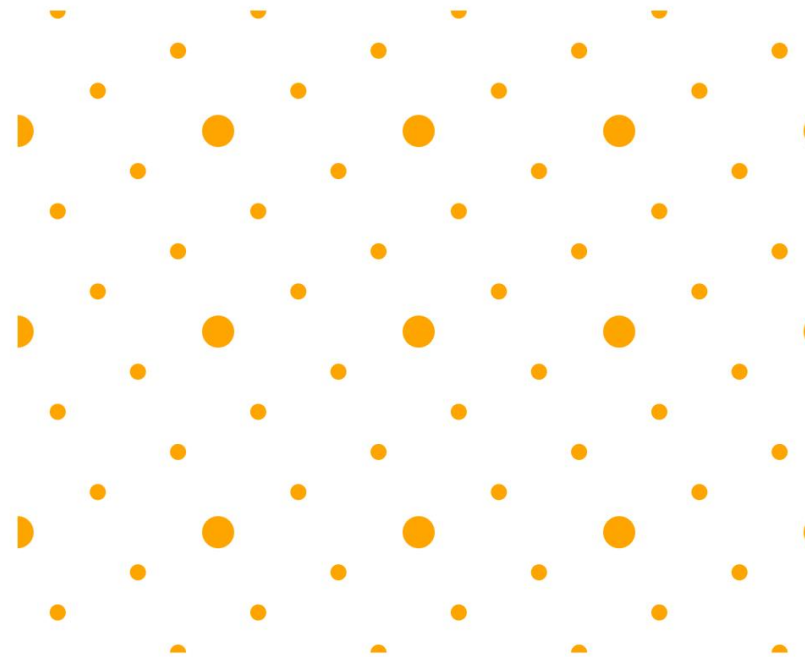
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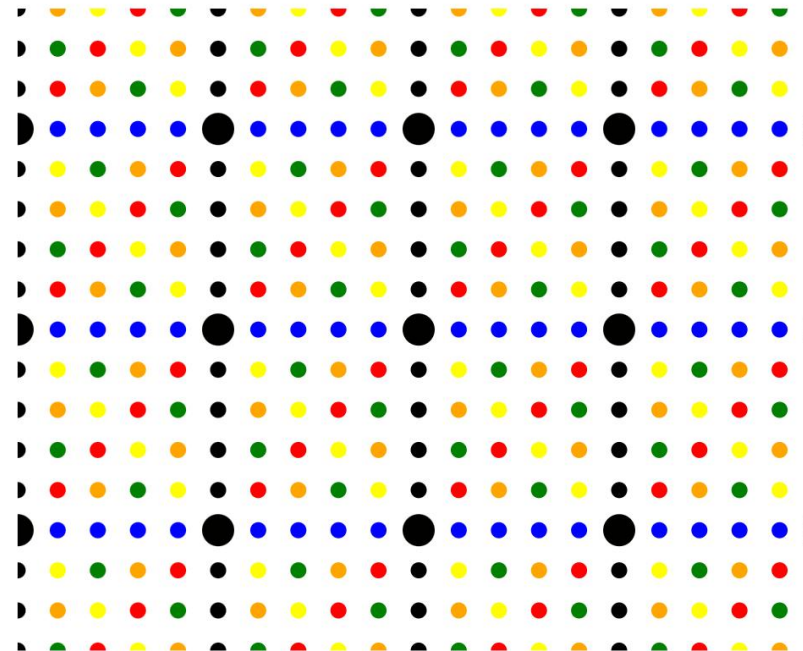
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Such work has not been satisfactorily generalized to $SL_t(K)/SL_t(\mathcal{O}_K)$. This is an ongoing project jointly with V. Serban and M. Viazovska.

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How does it work?:

This presentation and all the animations are written in html and javascript using [reveal.js](#) and [d3.js](#).

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Appendix: How to generate random 2-dimensional lattices

To the map $\psi : [\pi/3, 2\pi/3] \times]0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ given by $\psi(a, b) = \cos(a) + i \sin(a)/b$ is a measure preserving map!

It maps the rectangle bijectively to a fundamental domain of $\mathbb{H}/SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Using this, the following map randomly generates a lattice.

$$\psi_1 : [0, 2\pi] \times [\pi/3, 2\pi/3] \times]0, 1] \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$$
$$\psi_1(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(y) \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\sin(y)}{z}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{\sin(y)}{z}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(x) & \sin(x) \\ -\sin(x) & \cos(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

This only works for $d = 2$. It is not known how to generalize this to higher dimensions!