

Recent Results for the Discrepancy of Polynomial Lattice Point Sets

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- van der Corput-Halton sequences and Hammersley point sets;
- good lattice point sets (Korobov and Hlawka);
- (t, m, s) -nets, polynomial lattice point sets (Niederreiter).

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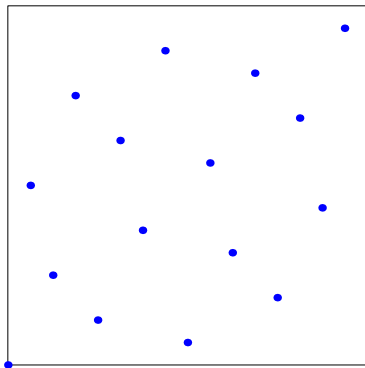


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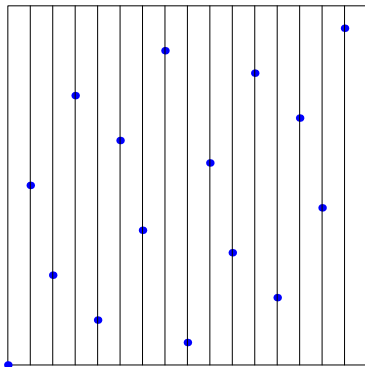


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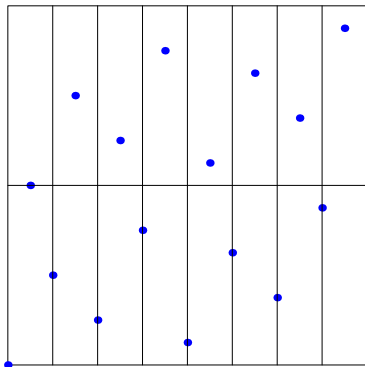


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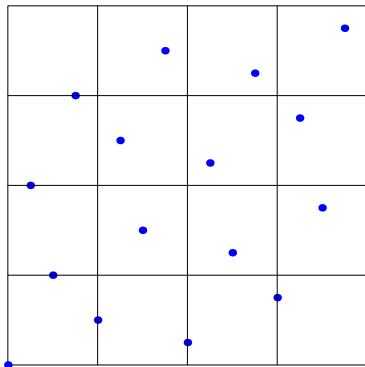


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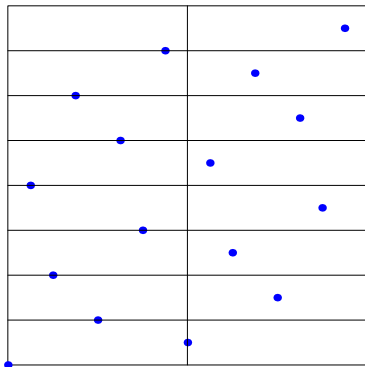


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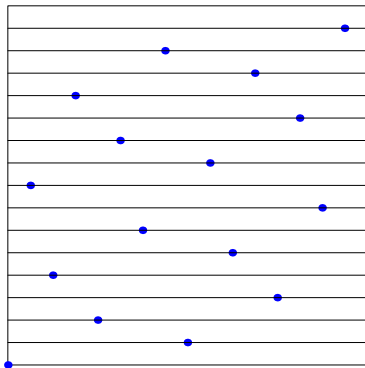


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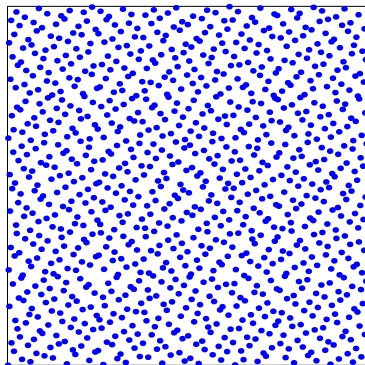
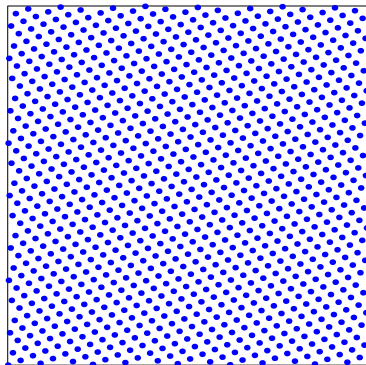
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and

$$t = m - s + 1 - \min_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}} \sum_{i=1}^s \deg(h_i).$$

(Polynomial) lattice point sets: an example



left: $N = 987$, $\mathbf{g} = (1, 610)$

right: $p(x) = x^{10} + x^8 + x^4 + x^2 + 1$, $\mathbf{q} = (1, x^9 + x^5 + x)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$

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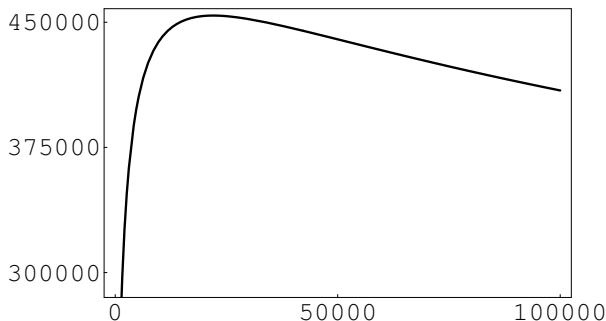


Figure: The function $N \mapsto (\log N)^s / N$ is increasing for $N \leq e^s$ (here $s = 10$).

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