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Nested Sampling Designs with Small Covering Radii

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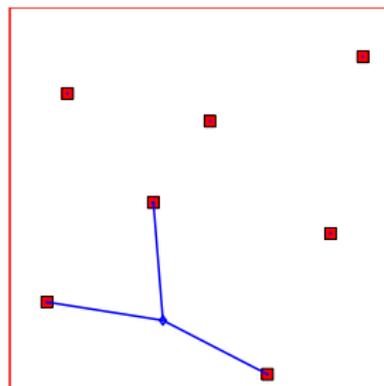
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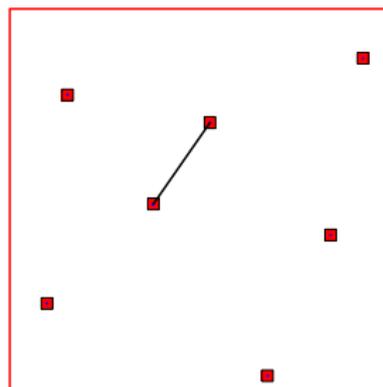
$CR(\mathbf{X}_n) =$ fill distance = dispersion = miniMax distance criterion



\rightarrow we are never far from a design point

Packing radius $\text{PR}(\mathbf{X}_n) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \min_{i \neq j} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|$

$\text{PR}(\mathbf{X}_n) = \text{separation radius} = \frac{1}{2}$ Maximin distance criterion

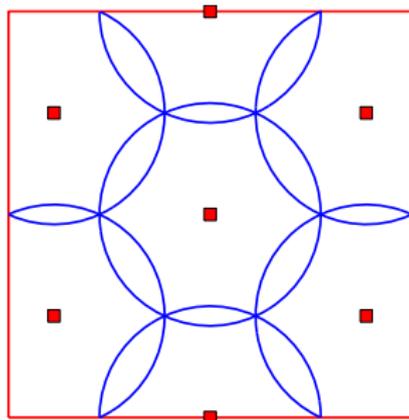


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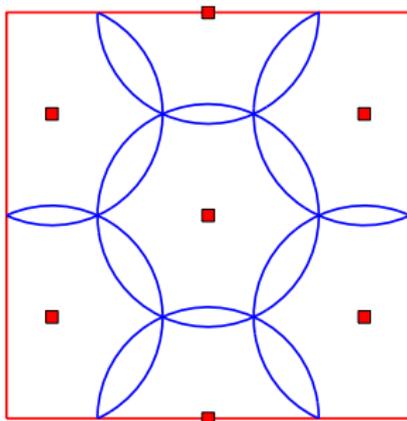
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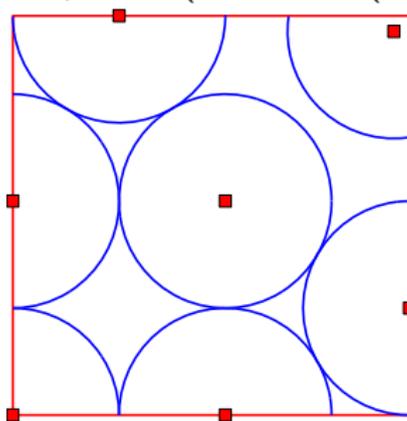


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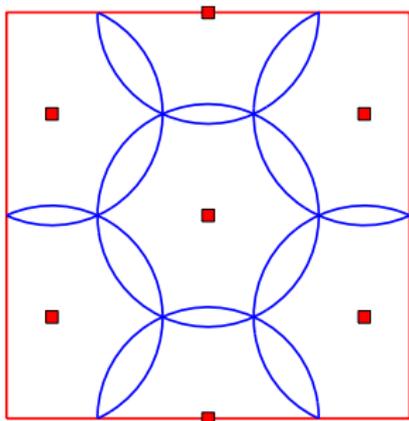
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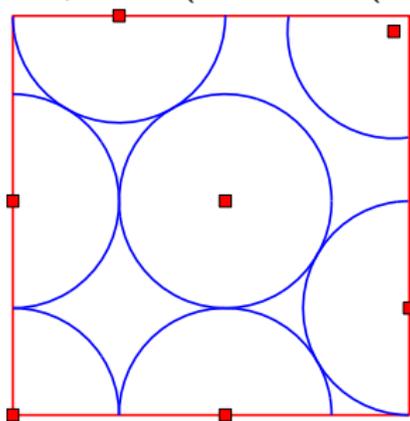
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We can also minimise the mesh-Ratio $MR(\mathbf{X}_n) \triangleq \frac{CR(\mathbf{X}_n)}{PR(\mathbf{X}_n)}$

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What if f has lower smoothness than α ? \Rightarrow Escape theorem

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B/ apply a **gradient-type descent** algorithm to a suitable functional $\phi(\xi_n)$

with ξ_n the empirical measure $\xi_n = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}$ for \mathbf{X}_n

⇒ sometimes simple enough to obtain a convergence rate

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$$\Rightarrow \forall k \in \{1, \dots, C\}, \frac{f(\mathbf{X}_k) - f(\emptyset)}{f_k^* - f(\emptyset)} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{e} > 63.2\%$$

where $f_k^* = \max_{\mathbf{X} \subset \mathcal{X}_C: |\mathbf{X}| \leq k} f(\mathbf{X})$ and $e = \exp(1)$

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Take $\xi_1 = \delta_{\mathbf{x}_1}$ and $\alpha_k = 1/(k + 1)$ for all k

= Wynn's **Vertex-Direction** algorithm (1972) for DOE

$$\rightarrow \xi_n = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i} = \text{empirical measure on } \mathbf{X}_n$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{X}_n^{VD}$$

In practice: replace \mathcal{X} by $\mathcal{X}_C \subset \mathcal{X}$ (with C elements) to choose \mathbf{x}_{k+1}

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Four approaches considered, based on:

- 1 minimisation of a relaxed version of $CR(\mathbf{X}_n) \rightarrow A$ and B
- 2 minimisation of a Maximum-Mean-Discrepancy (MMD) = distance between ξ_n and μ uniform on $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow A$ and B
- 3 maximisation of an integrated covering measure $\rightarrow A$
- 4 geometrical considerations: greedy packing (coffee-house design) $\rightarrow A$

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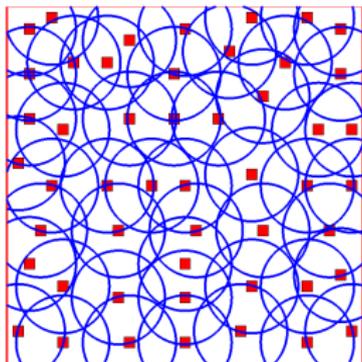
2 remarks:

- Minimisation of $\phi_q^q(\xi; \mu_Q) \Leftrightarrow A$ -optimal design
 (trace[$\mathbf{M}^{-1}(\xi)$] min! for a particular information matrix $\mathbf{M}(\xi)$)
- The optimal measure ξ^* is not uniform on \mathcal{X}

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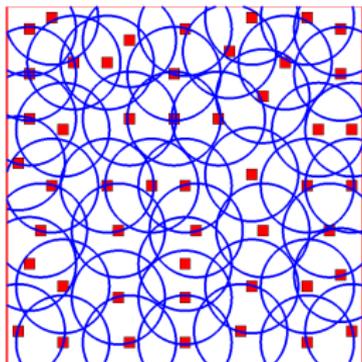
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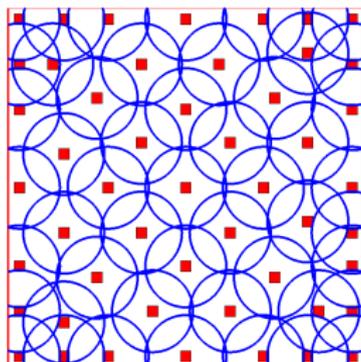
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Let K be a PD kernel on $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$, \mathcal{H}_K the associated RKHS

For ν a signed measure on \mathcal{X} , define

$$\mathcal{E}_K(\nu) \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{X}^2} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\nu(\mathbf{x})d\nu(\mathbf{x}') = \text{energy of } \nu$$

$$P_{K,\nu}(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \int_{\mathcal{X}} K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') d\nu(\mathbf{x}') = \text{potential of } \nu \text{ at } \mathbf{x}$$

$$[P_{K,\nu}(\cdot) = \text{kernel imbedding of } \nu \text{ into } \mathcal{H}_K]$$

For $f \in \mathcal{H}_K$, $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(\mathcal{X})$ with finite energy

RKHS property [$K_{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot) = K(\mathbf{x}, \cdot)$] \Rightarrow

$$|I_{\mu}(f) - I_{\nu}(f)| = \left| \int_{\mathcal{X}} \langle f, K_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle_K d(\mu - \nu)(\mathbf{x}) \right| = |\langle f, P_{K, \mu} - P_{K, \nu} \rangle_K|$$

CS inequality \rightarrow a Koksma-Hlawka type inequality:

$$\left| \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\nu(\mathbf{x}) - \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mu(\mathbf{x}) \right| \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_K} \text{MMD}_K(\mu, \nu)$$

$$\text{where } \boxed{\text{MMD}_K(\mu, \nu) \triangleq \|P_{K, \mu} - P_{K, \nu}\|_{\mathcal{H}_K} = \mathcal{E}_K^{1/2}(\nu - \mu)}$$

$\text{MMD}_K(\mu, \nu) =$ **Maximum Mean Discrepancy** between μ and ν
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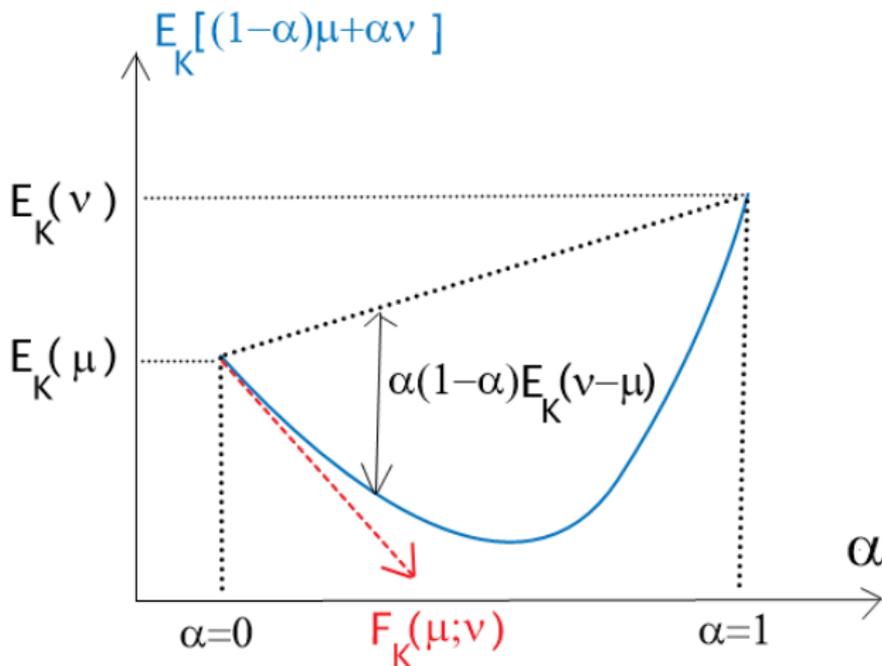
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This is called *Kernel Herding* in machine learning:

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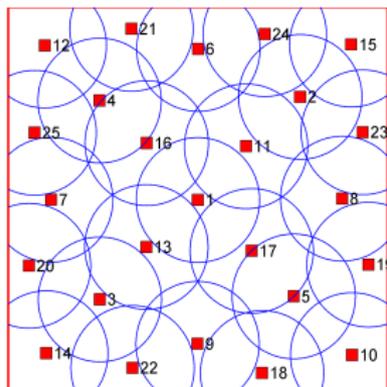
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Alg. 4 ($\alpha_k = 1/k$)



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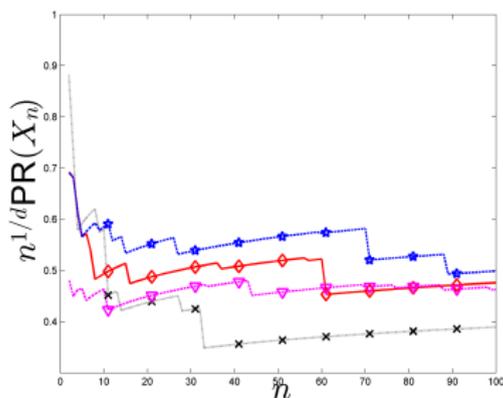
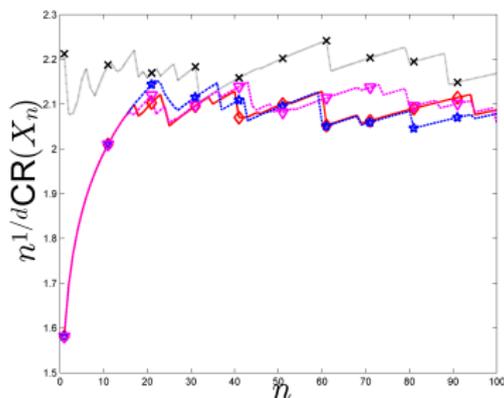
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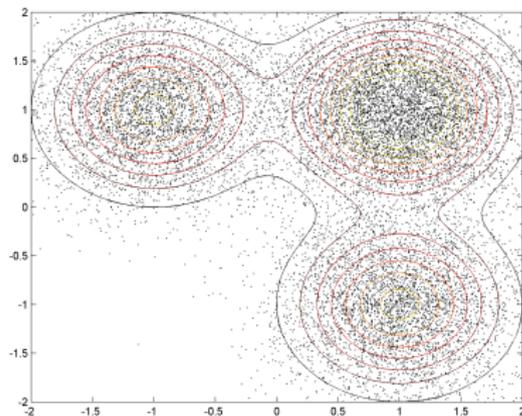
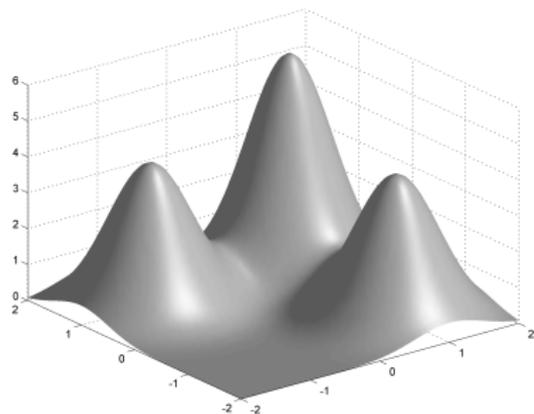
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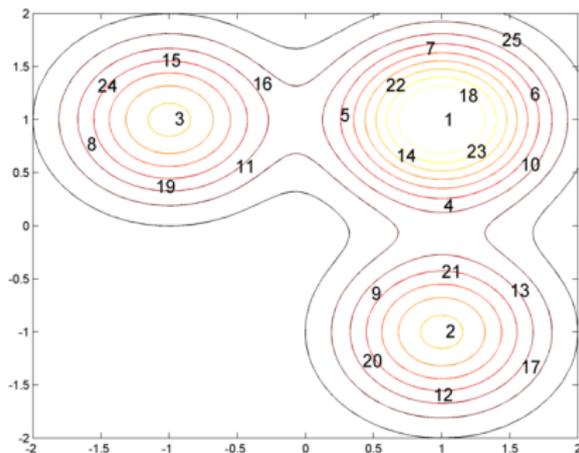
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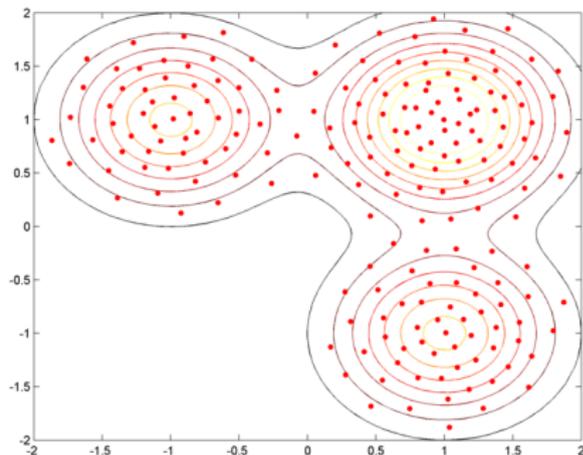


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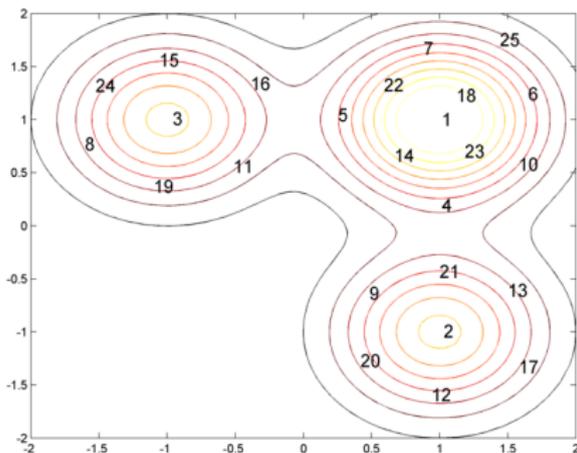
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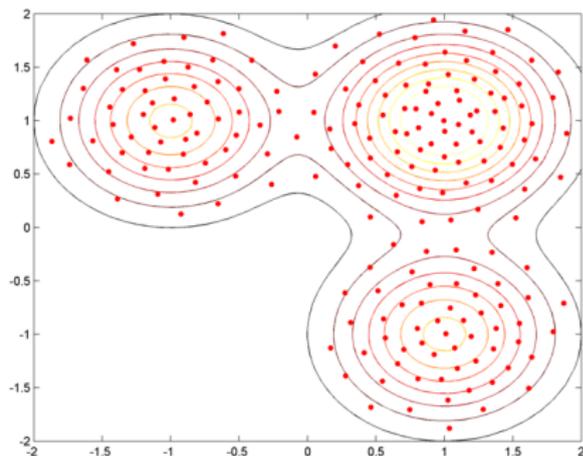
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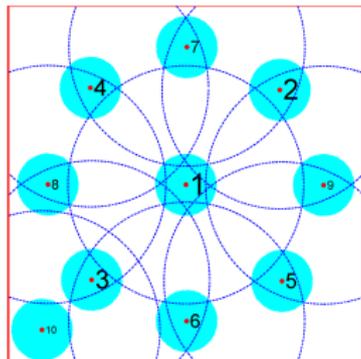
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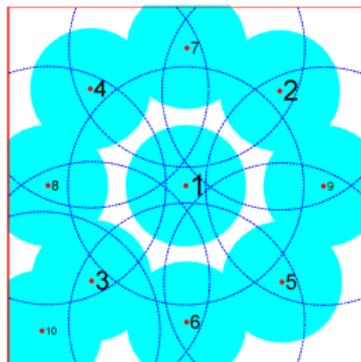
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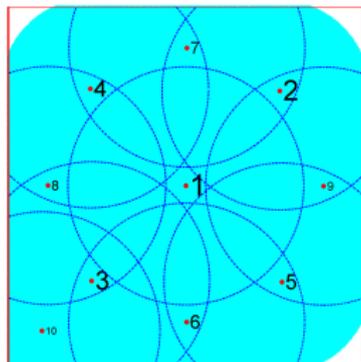
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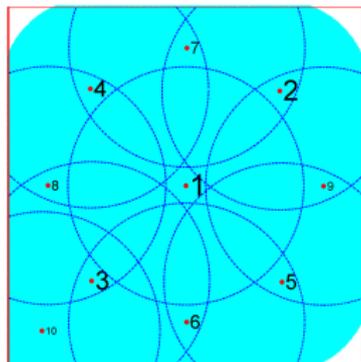
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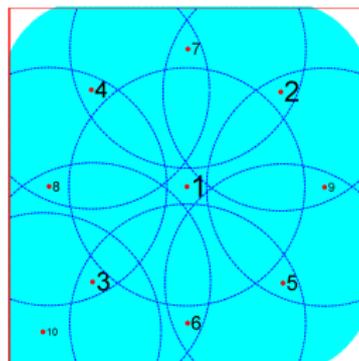
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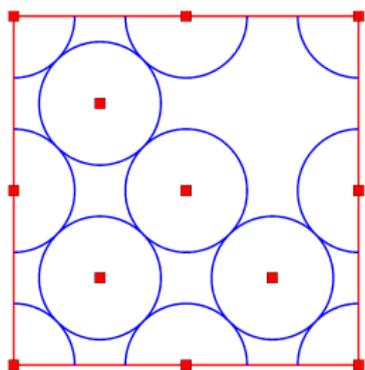
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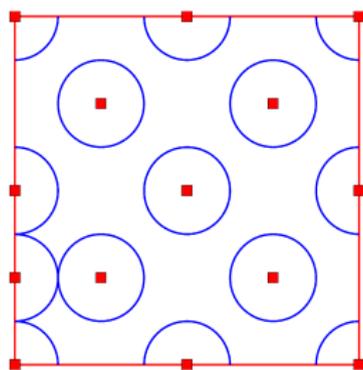
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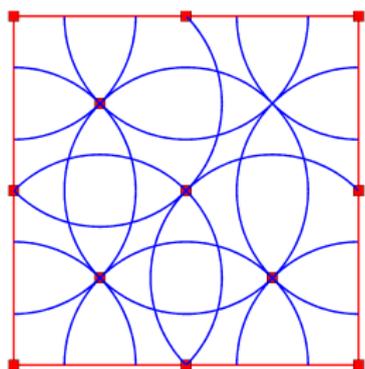
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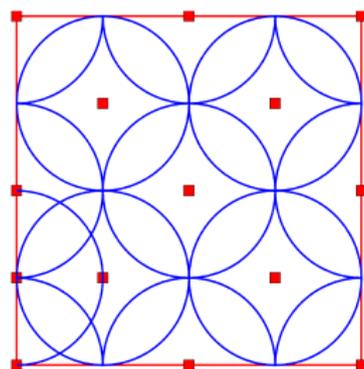
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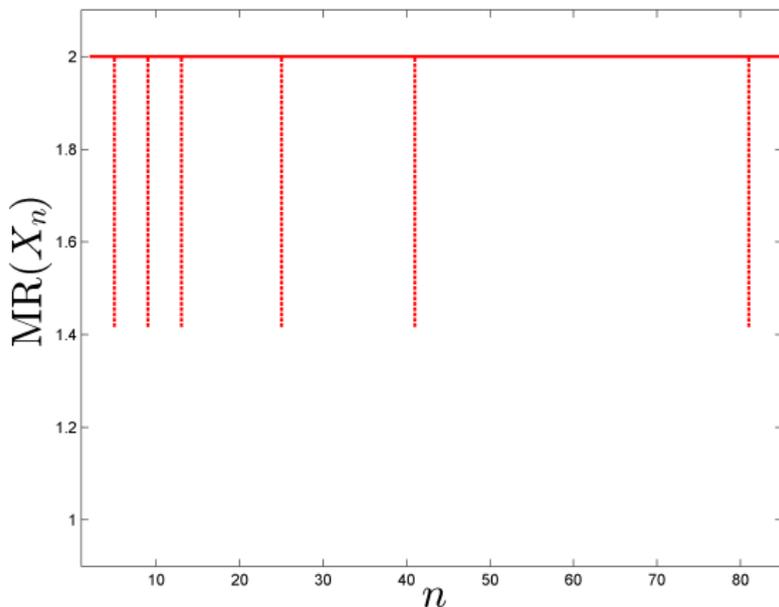


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... but there is no competitor in terms of $\text{MR}(\mathbf{X}_n)$!



$$\mathcal{X} = [0, 1]^2, \text{MR}(\mathbf{X}_n), n = 2, \dots, 85$$

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- $\beta = \infty$ ⇨ greedy packing
- $\beta = 2$ ⇨ traditional packing: n non-intersecting balls fully in \mathcal{X}
- (Shang and Apley, 2021) → $\beta = 2\sqrt{2d}$
 (Nogales Gómez et al., 2021) → $\beta = \beta(n, d) = \frac{d}{2(n_{\max} V_d)^{-1/d}} - \sqrt{d}$,
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Performance of *boundary-phobic greedy packing*:

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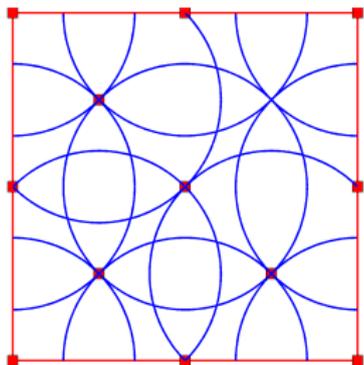
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with $a = 1/(1 + \sqrt{d}/\beta)$ (P. & Zhigljavsky, 2022)

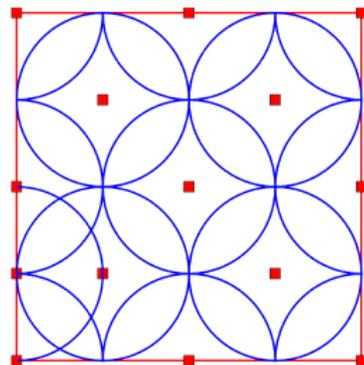
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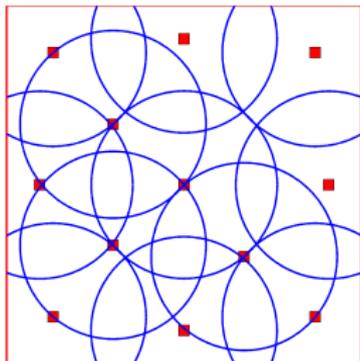
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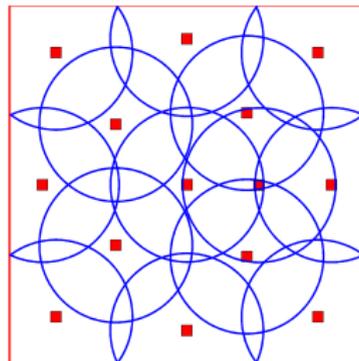
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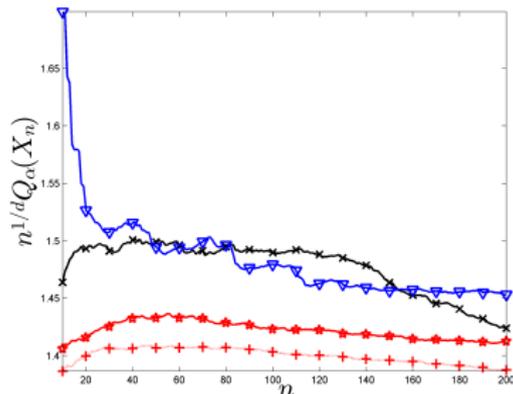
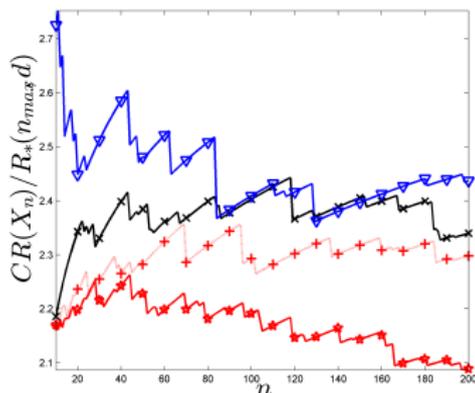


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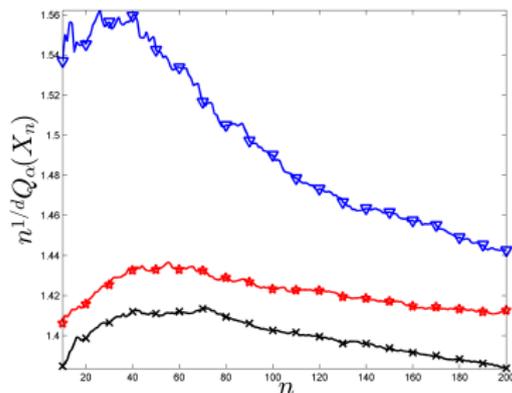
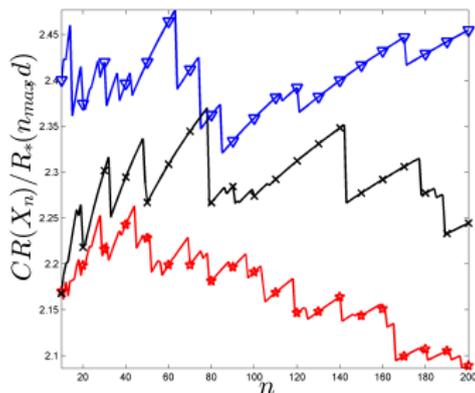
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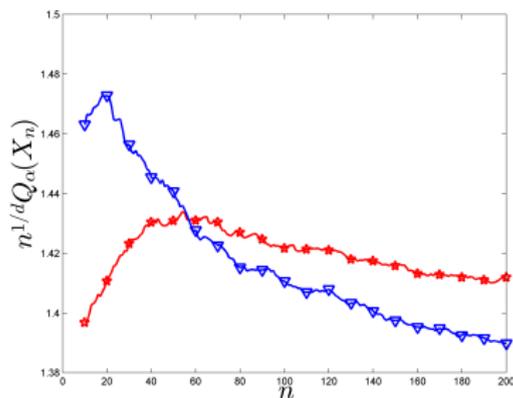
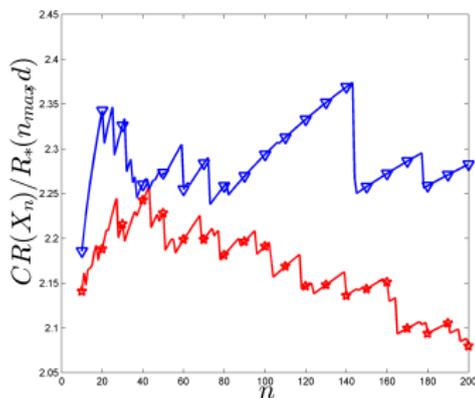
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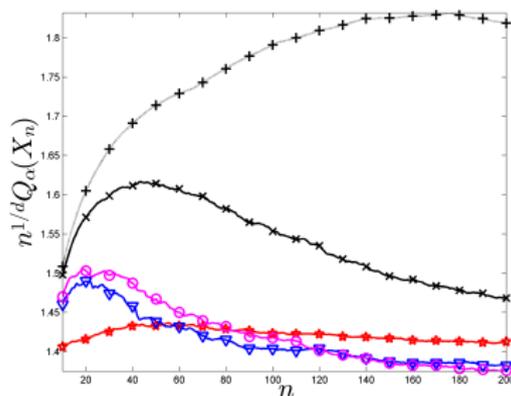
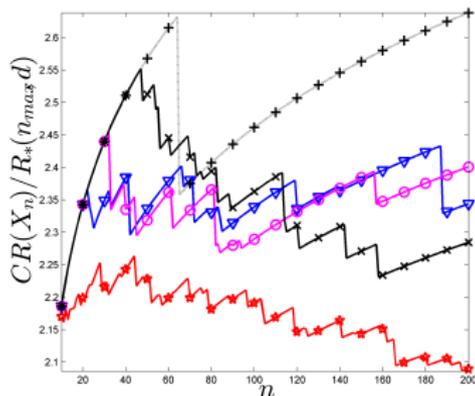
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