



Maximal and singular operators in codimension 1 and higher

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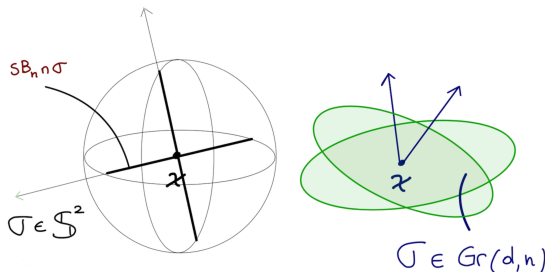
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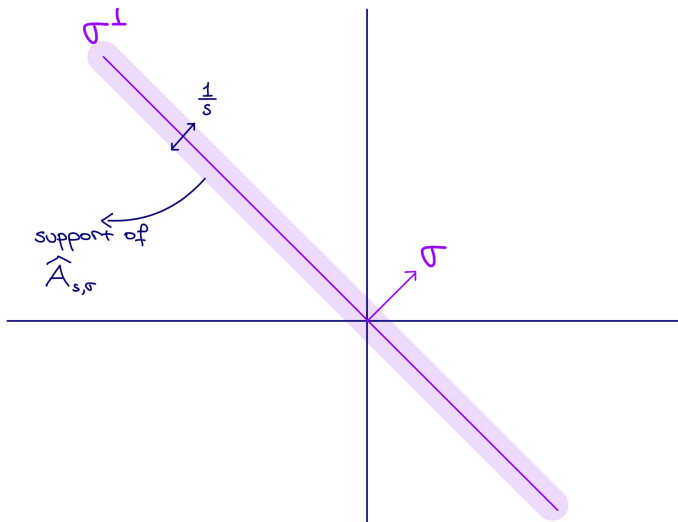
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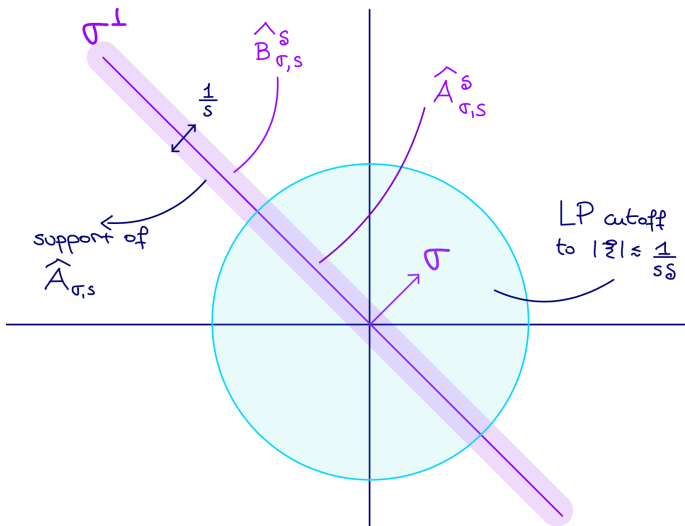
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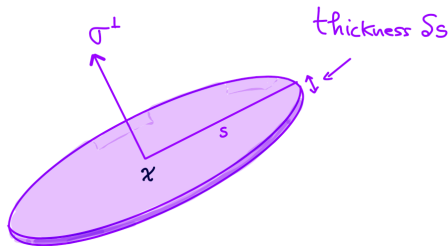
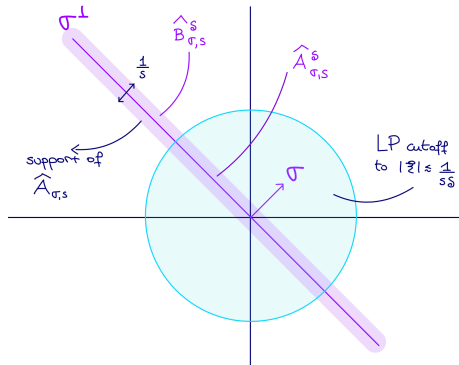
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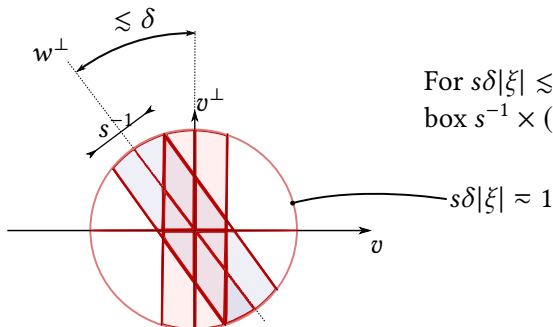
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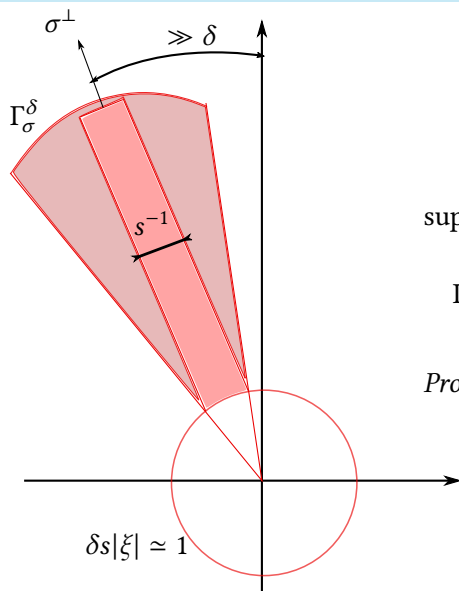
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For $s\delta|\xi| \lesssim 1$ both adapted to box $s^{-1} \times (\delta s)^{-1}$ in coordinates $v, v^\perp$.

Fourier methods: almost orthogonality of cones



$$\text{supp } \widehat{B_{\sigma,s}^\delta} \subset \Gamma_\sigma^\delta,$$

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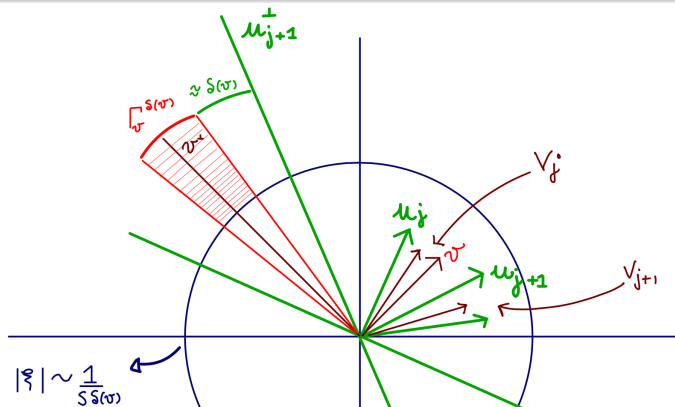
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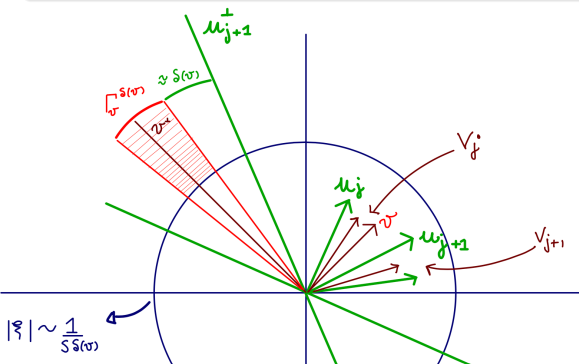


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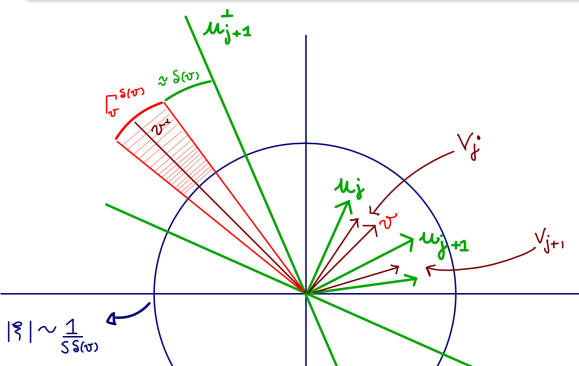
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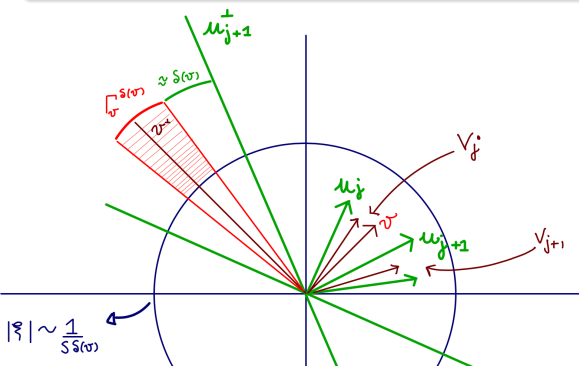
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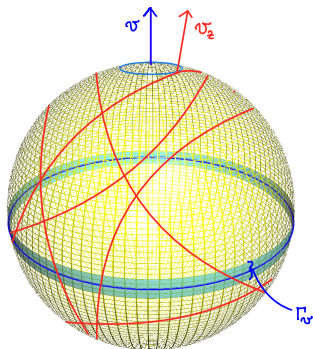
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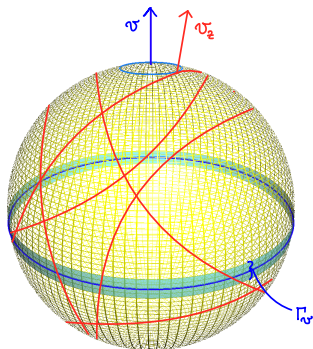


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- if $\xi \in \Gamma_C$ then $\xi^\perp \cap C \neq \emptyset$
- $\Theta = \sup_{\xi \neq 0} \#\{C \in C(P) : \xi \in \Gamma_C\}.$

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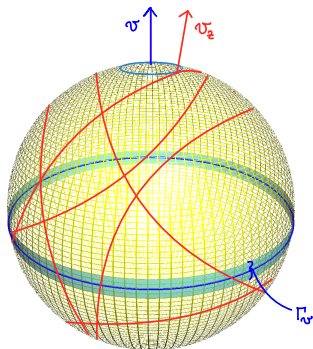


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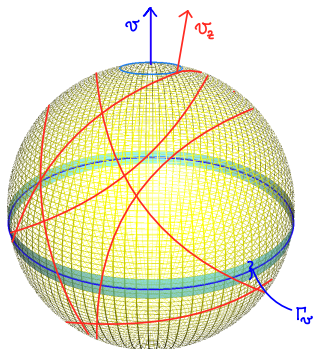


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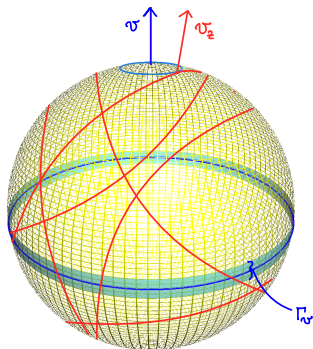


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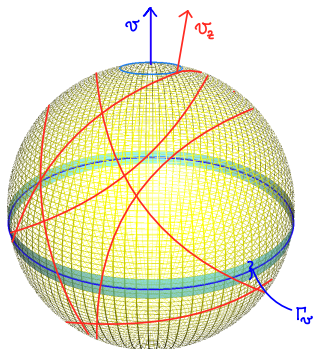


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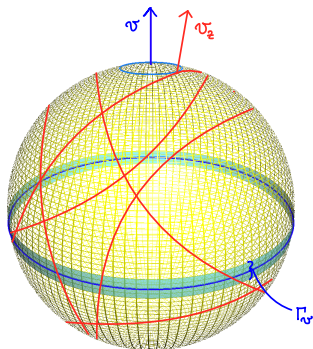


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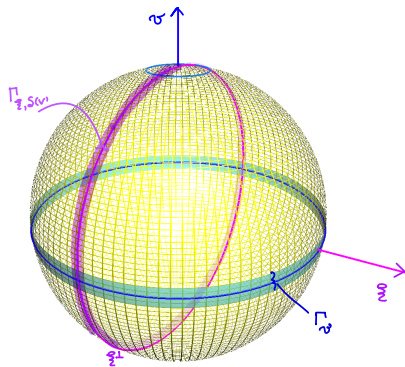


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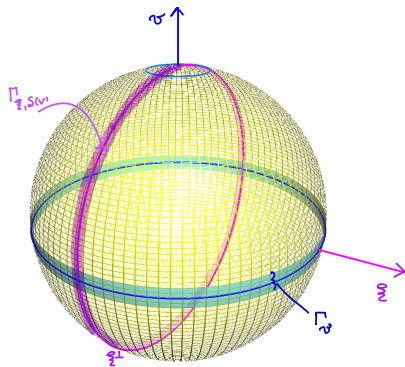


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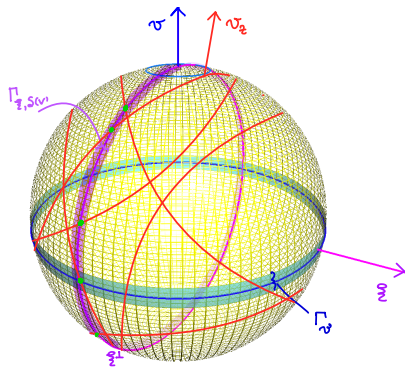


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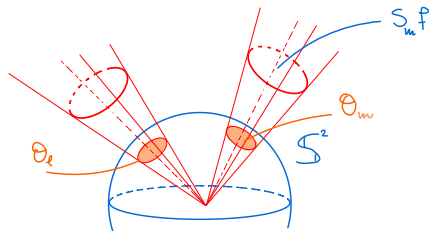
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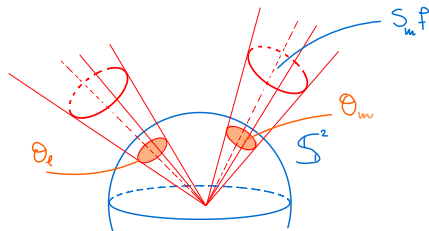
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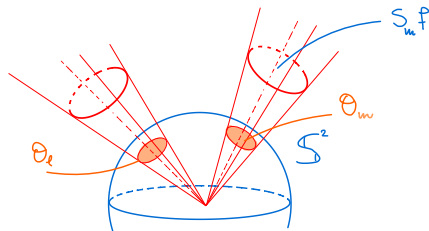
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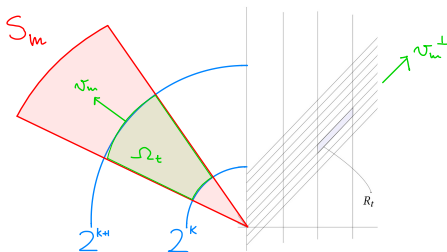
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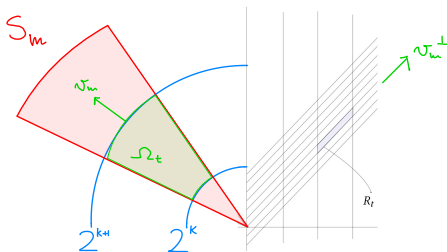
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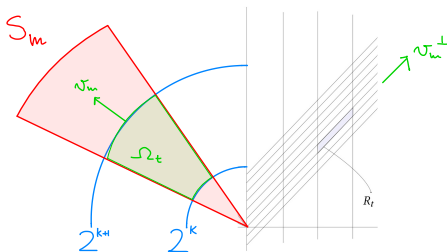
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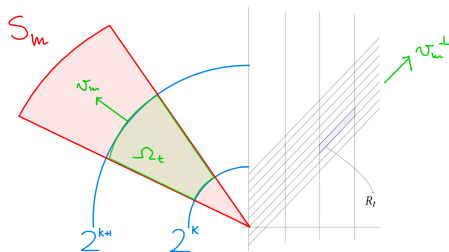
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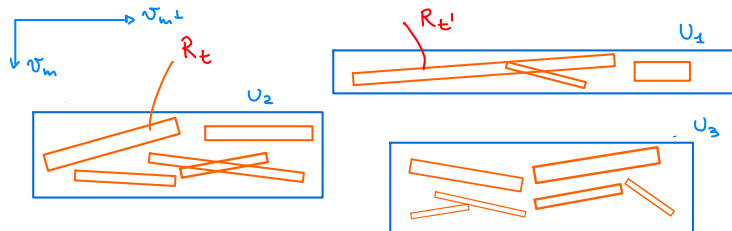


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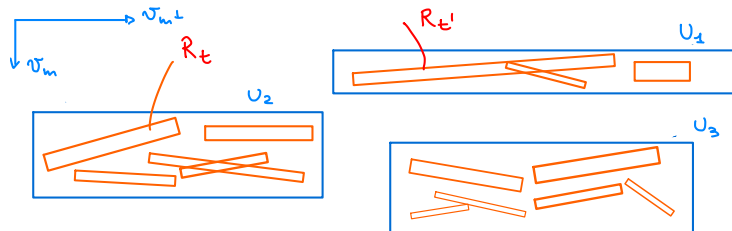


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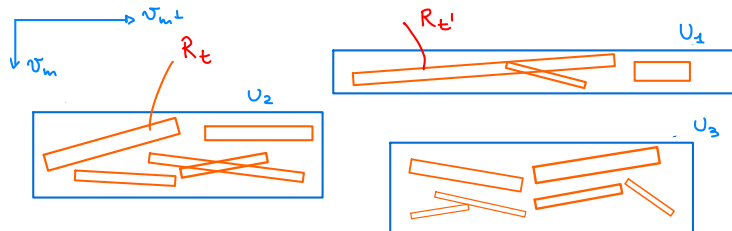


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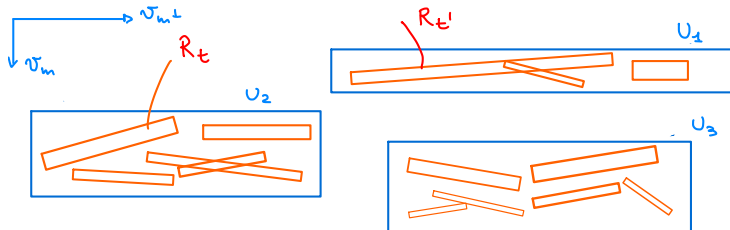


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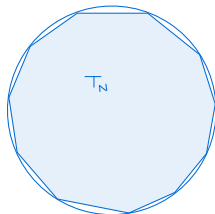
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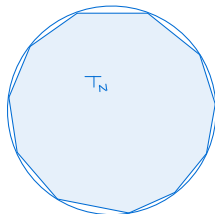
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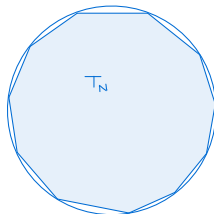
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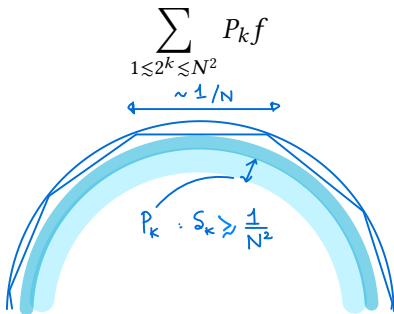
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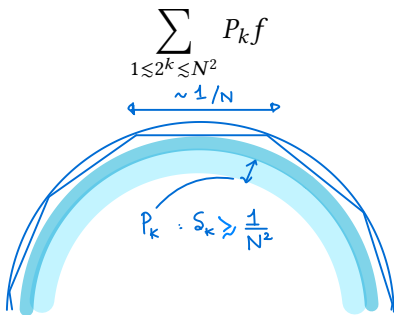
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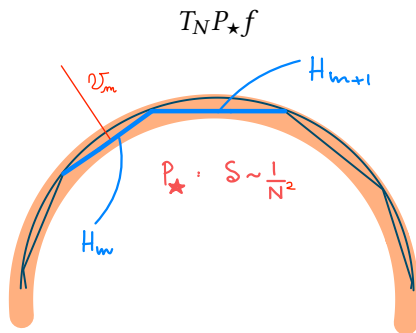
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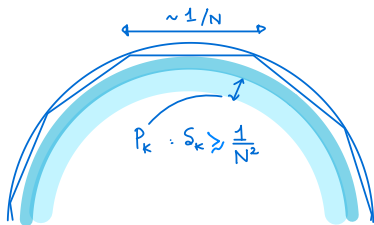
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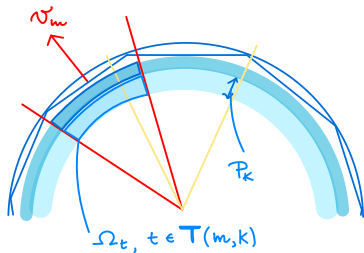
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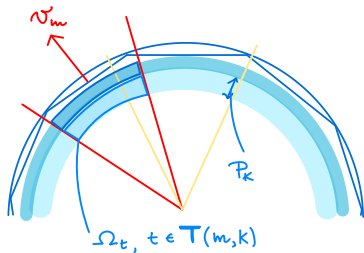
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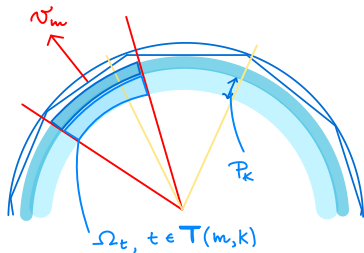
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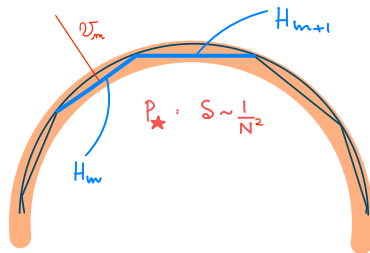
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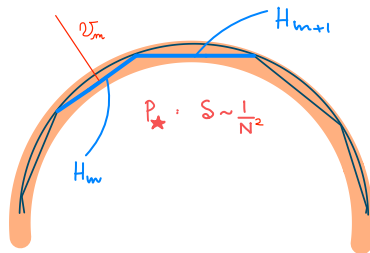
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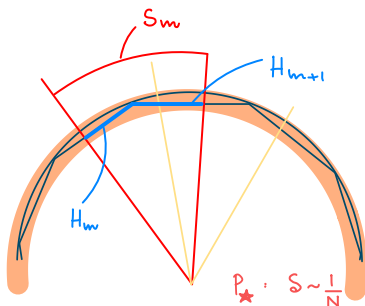
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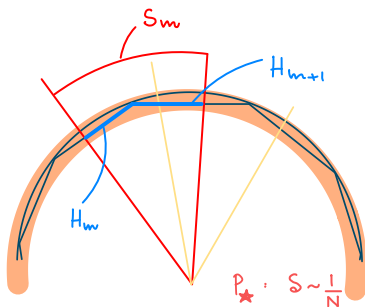
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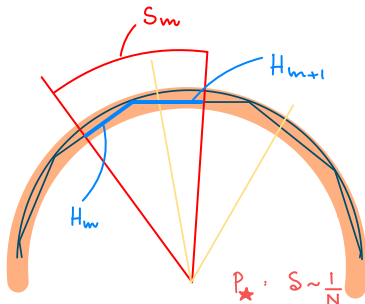
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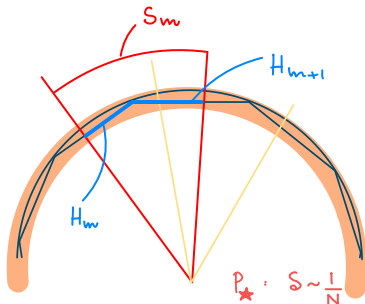
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$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_N P_\star f\|_p \\ & \lesssim (\log N)^{\alpha(p)} \left\| \left(\sum_{m=1}^N |S_m T_N P_\star f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p = (\log N)^{\alpha(p)} \left\| \left(\sum_{m=1}^N |H_m H_{m+1} S_m P_\star f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \\ & \lesssim (\log N)^{3\alpha(p)} \left\| \left(\sum_{m=1}^N |S_m P_\star f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_p \lesssim (\log N)^{4\alpha(p)} \|f\|_p \end{aligned}$$

Outer layer term

$$T_N f = T_0 f + \left(\sum_{1 \lesssim 2^k \lesssim N^2} P_k f \right) + T_N P_\star f$$



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