

## Some calculations concerning Talagrand's submeasure

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*A submeasure  $\mu$  is uniformly exhaustive if and only if there exists a measure  $\lambda$  that is equivalent to  $\mu$ .*

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- ▶ Can something similar be said about Talagrand's construction? (That is, can we take a sledgehammer to it!?)



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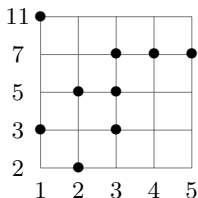
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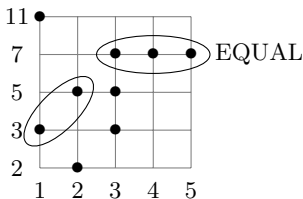


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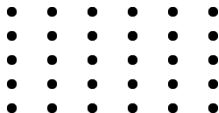
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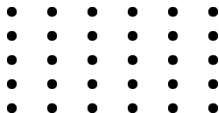
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