

The approximate Ramsey property of classes of finite dimensional normed spaces

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0-1 valued matrices

Proposition (DRT, embedding version)

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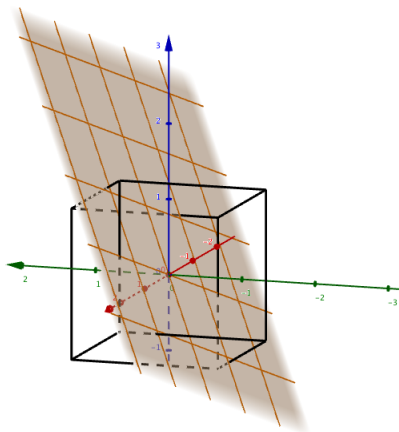
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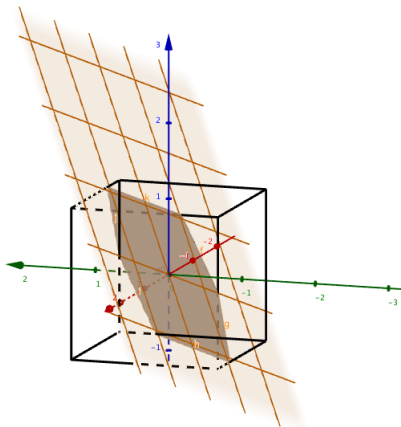
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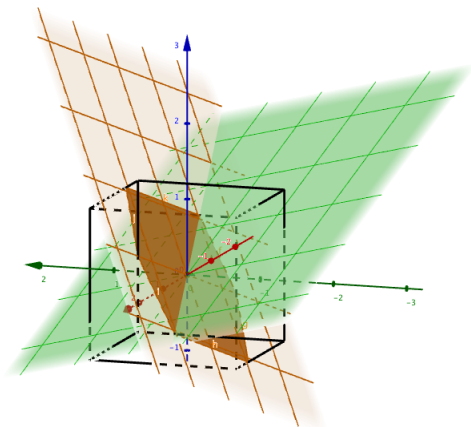
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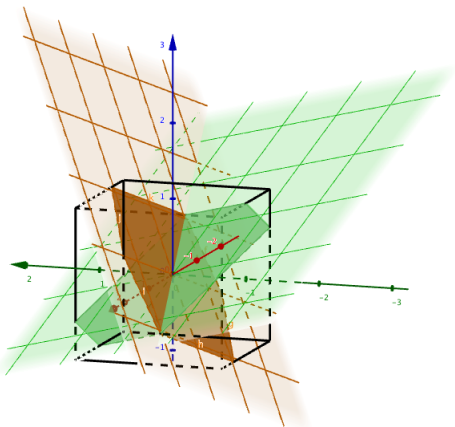


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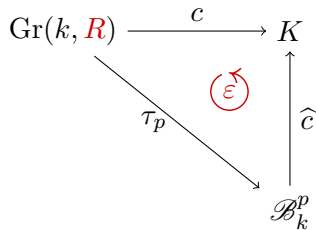


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GLR for $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ Theorem (GLR Theorem for \mathbb{R} , p -version)

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This is consequence of **Dvoretzky's Theorem** and the GLR Theorem for $p = 2$.

Thank You!