

Title: MUBs and Hadamards

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Abstract: Mutually unbiased bases (MUBs) have attracted a lot of attention the last years. These bases are interesting for their potential use within quantum information processing and when trying to understand quantum state space. A central question is if there exists complete sets of  $N+1$  MUBs in  $N$ -dimensional Hilbert space, as these are desired for quantum state tomography. Despite a lot of effort they are only known in prime power dimensions.

I will describe in geometrical terms how a complete set of MUBs would sit in the set of density matrices and present a distance between bases  $\hat{A}$ —a measure of unbiasedness. Then I will explain the relation between MUBs and Hadamard matrices, and report on a search for MUB-sets in dimension  $N=6$ . In this case no sets of more than three MUBs are found, but there are several inequivalent triplets.

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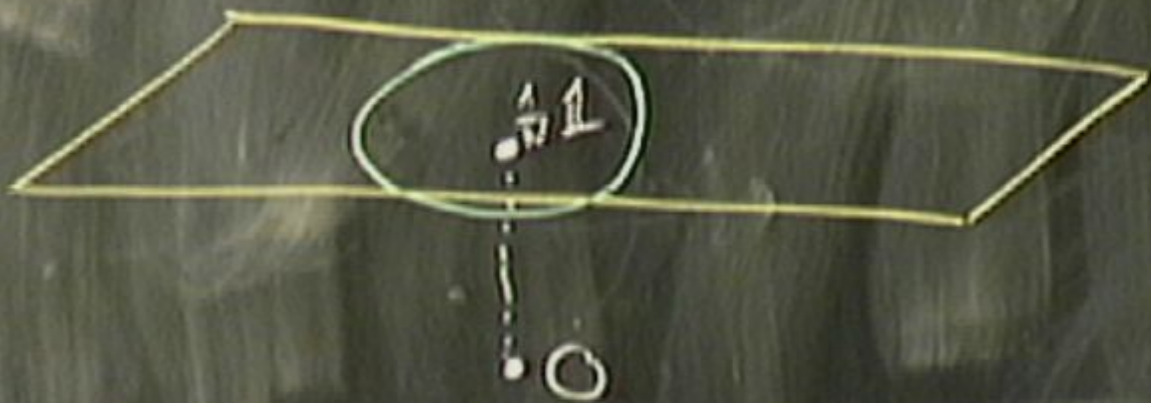


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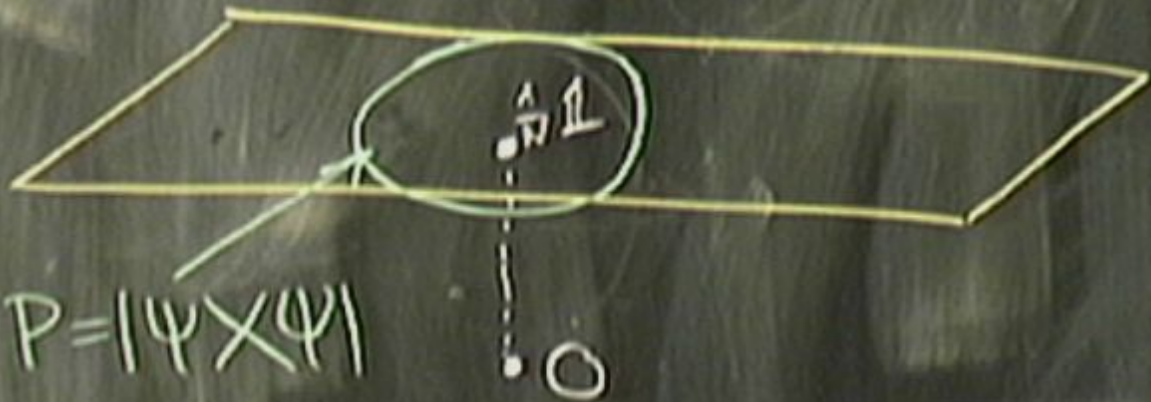


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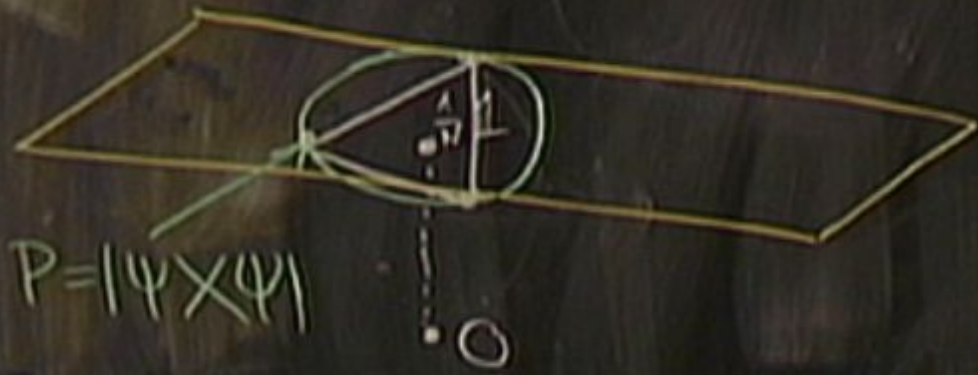
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$$P = | \psi \times \psi |$$

BASIS:  $p_j = |e_j \times e_j| = D^2 = 1$  Simplex

$(P^* \quad N \quad \Pi \quad \text{origin})$



$$P = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

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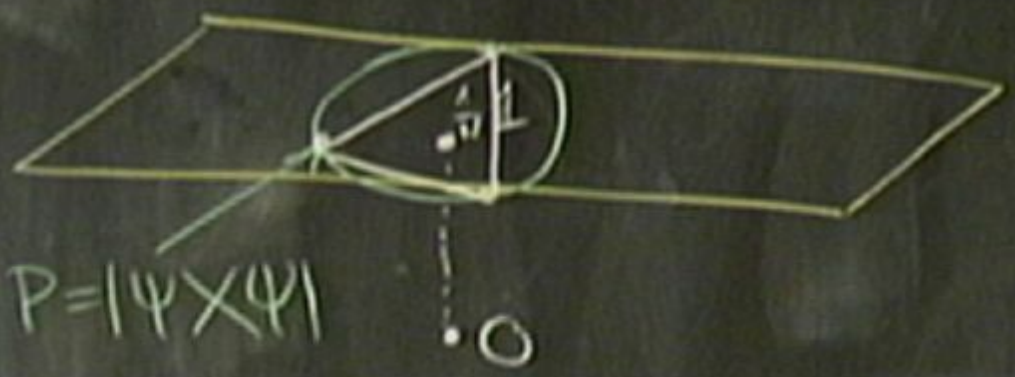


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MUB:  $\text{Tr} P_{e_j} P_{e_i} = \frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow (P_{e_j}, P_{e_i}) = 0 \quad \text{Orthogonal}$

$$\underline{N=3}$$



Degeneracy = # of ways to fill empty orbitals

$N=3$



Not more than  $N+1$

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tomography

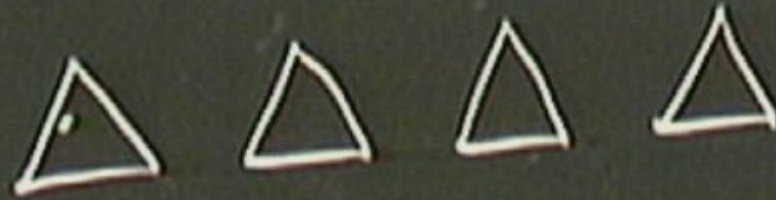
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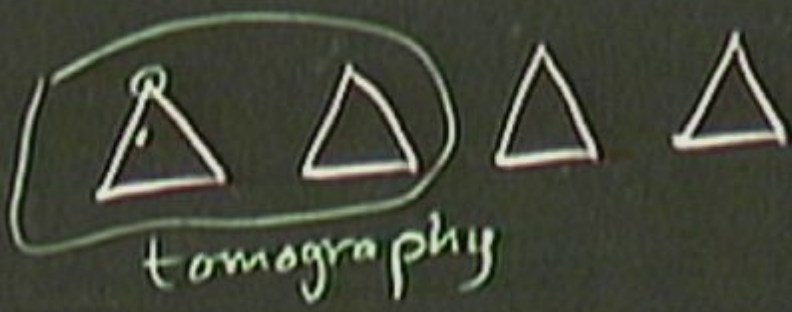


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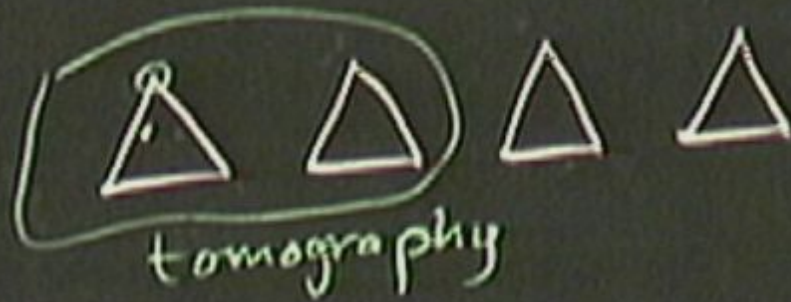


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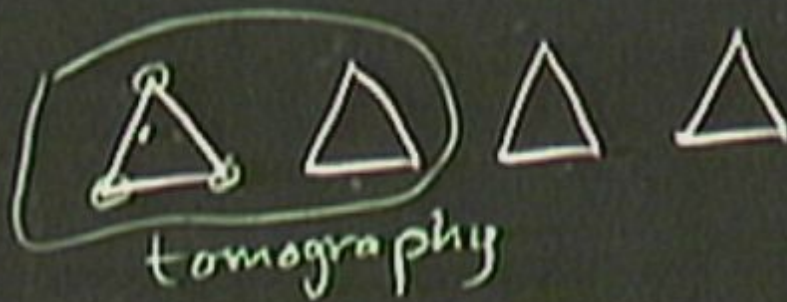
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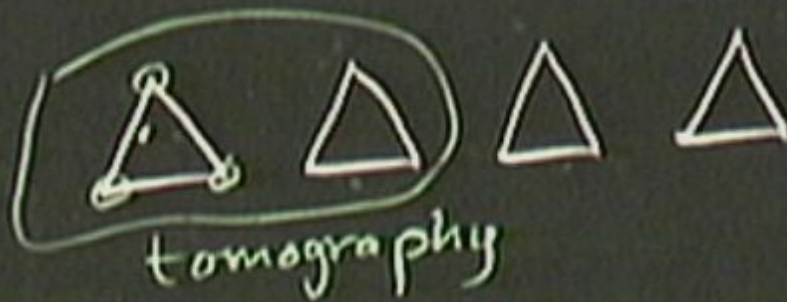
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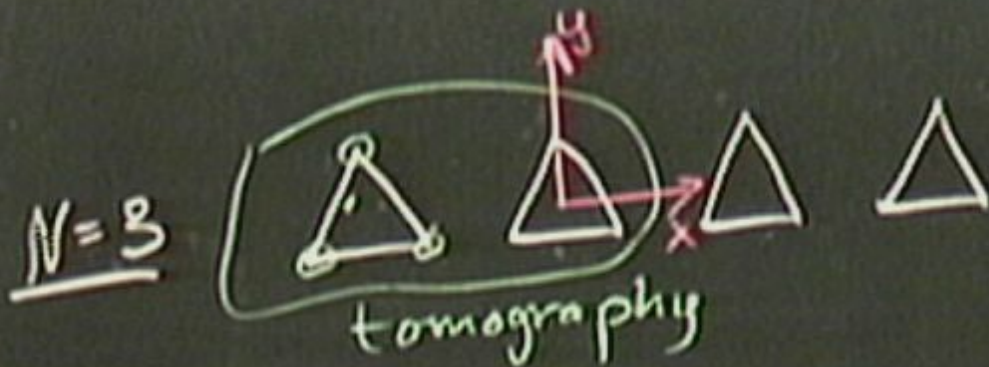
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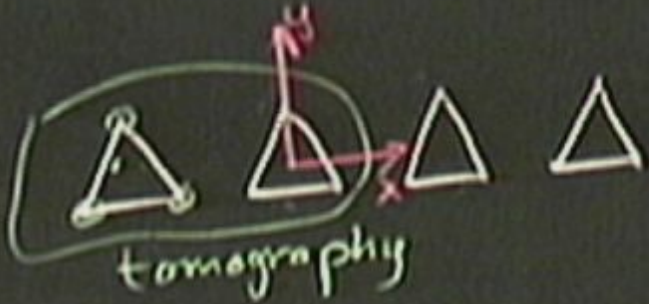


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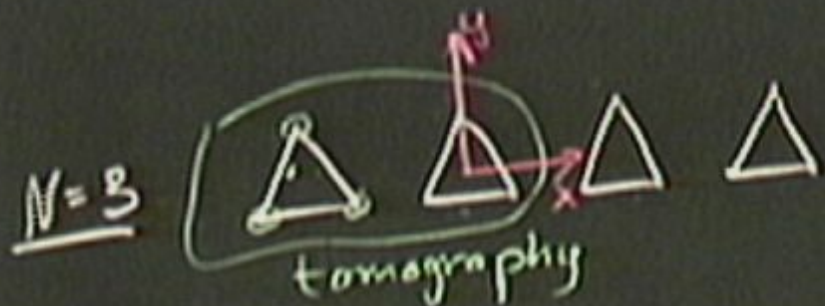
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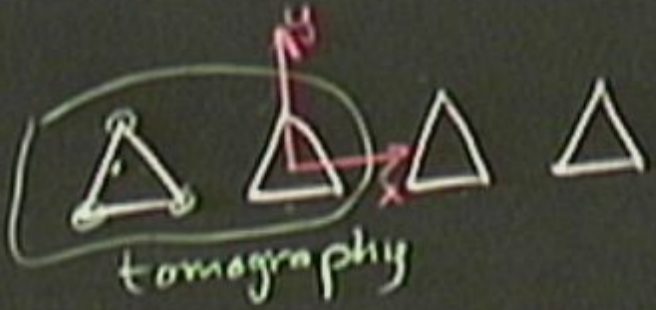
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"point face"  $\propto N^{1/3}$

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hyperplanes  $\text{Trp}$



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$$\text{Tr} A_\alpha A_\beta = N \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

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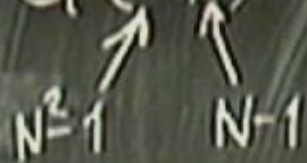
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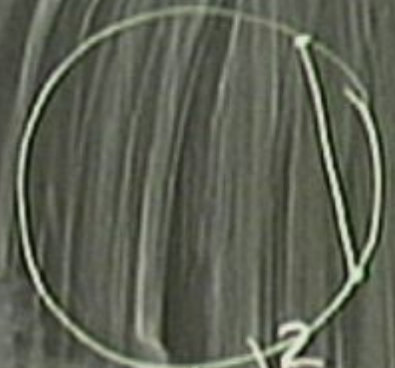


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$$D_c^2(\{|e_i\rangle\}, \{|f_j\rangle\}) = 1 - \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_i \sum_j \left( |\langle e_i | f_j \rangle|^2 - \frac{1}{N} \right)$$

$$0 \leq D_c^2 \leq 1$$

MOB

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$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} \\ e^{i\beta} \\ e^{i\gamma} \end{pmatrix} H_1 = H_2$$

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$q = e^{2\pi i/3}$   
 $H_1$  and  $H_2$  unbiased iff  $H_1^\dagger H_2 =$  also Hadamard.



## HADAMARD MATRICES $N=6$

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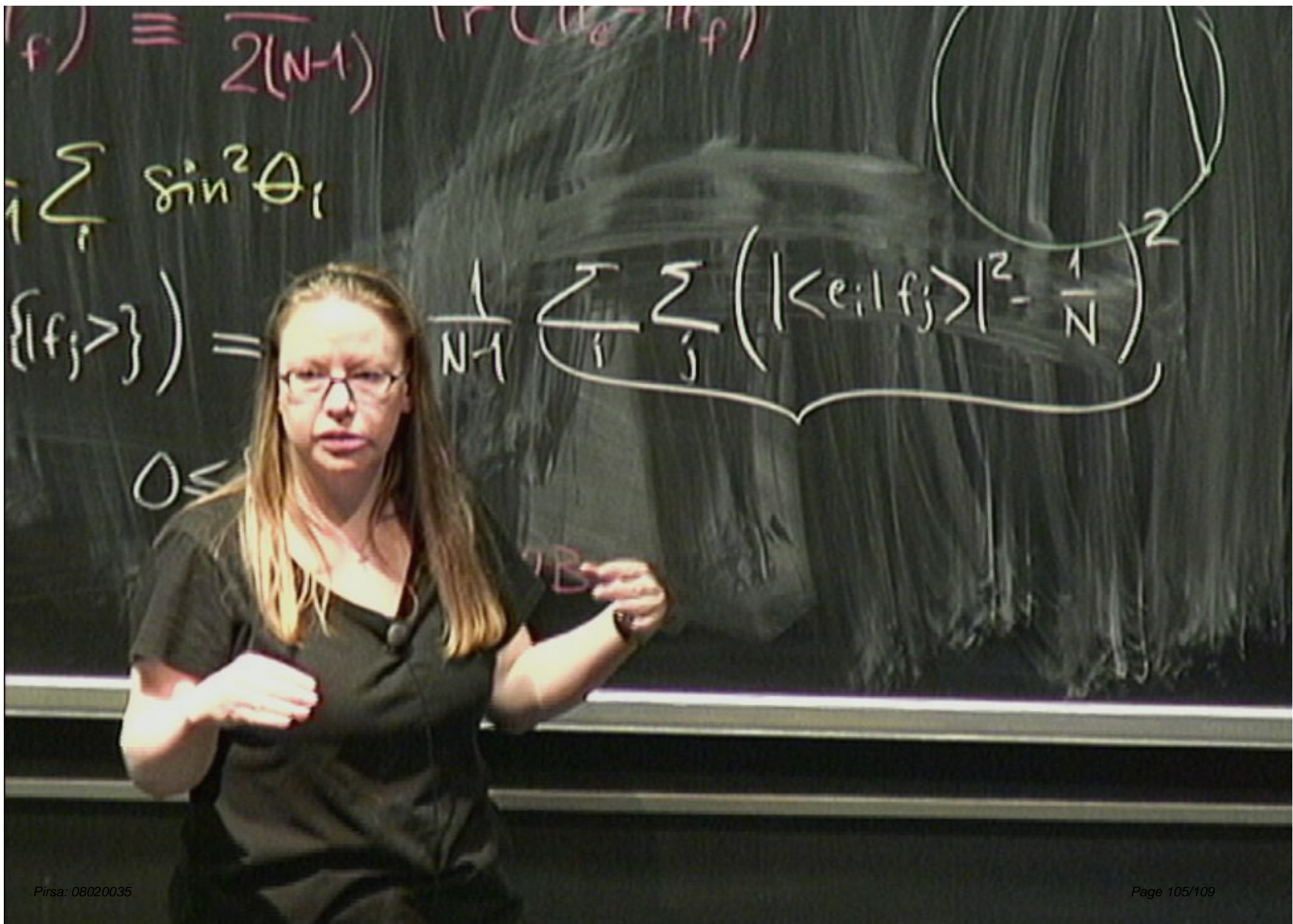
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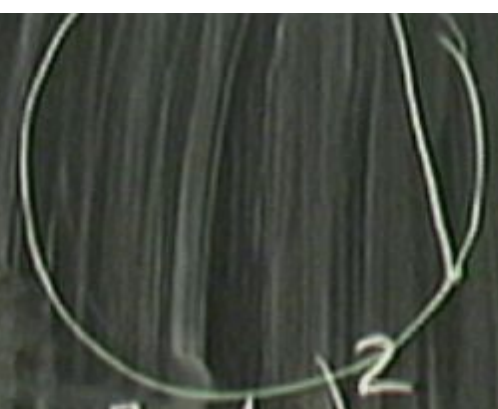


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