

# Classical and quantum fractal code

; topological order beyond TQFT and asymptotically good quantum LDPC code

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*Question:*

*- Is there any limit on information storage capacity of physical systems ?*



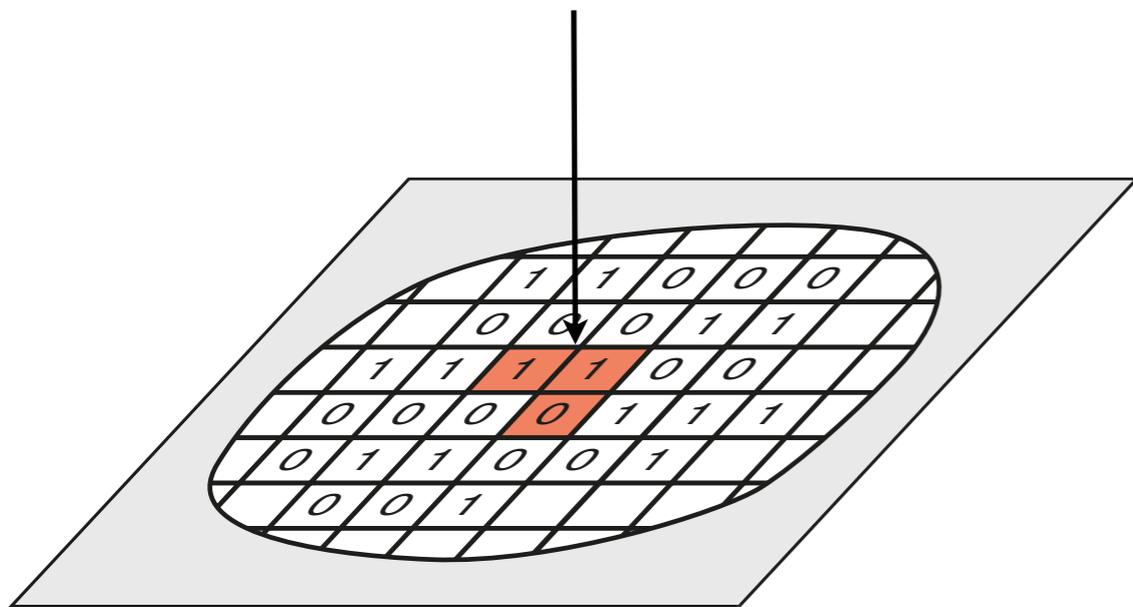


# The (**classical**) local code bound

- Encode information into ground states of a geometrically **local Hamiltonian** on a **D-dim lattice**

Local Code Bound Bravyi, Terhal and Poulin (2009)

local interactions



$$kd^{1/D} \leq O(n)$$

k : number of logical bits **Amount**

d : code distance **Reliability**

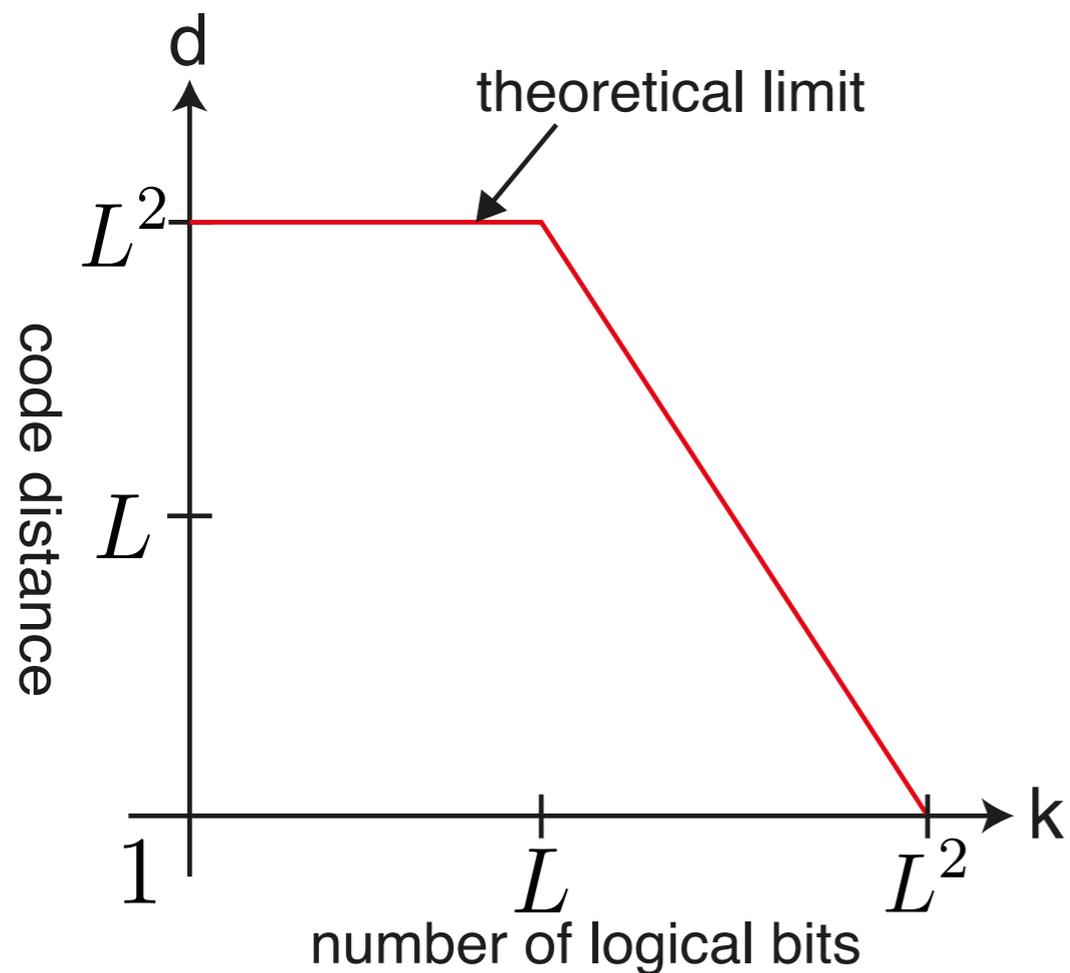
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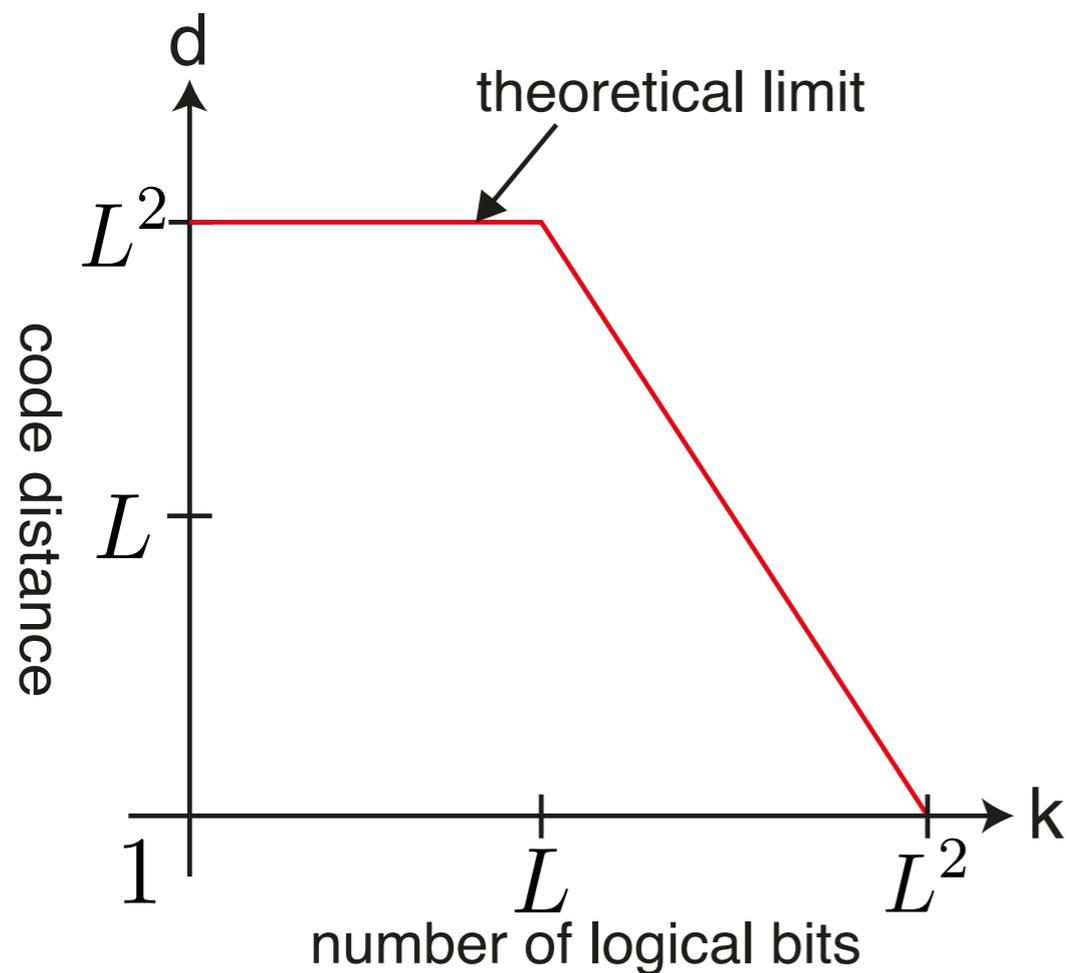


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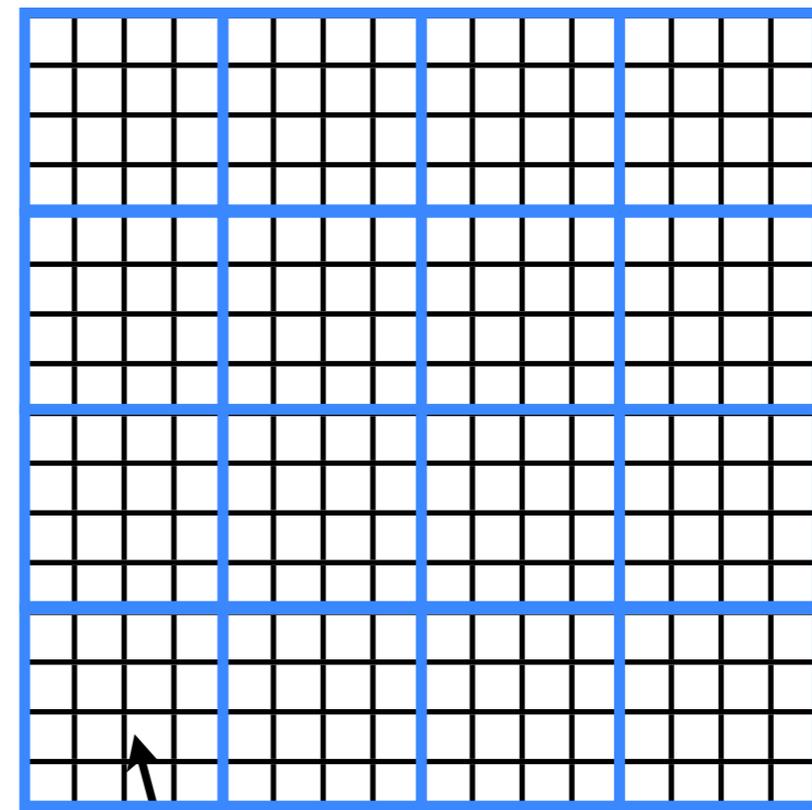
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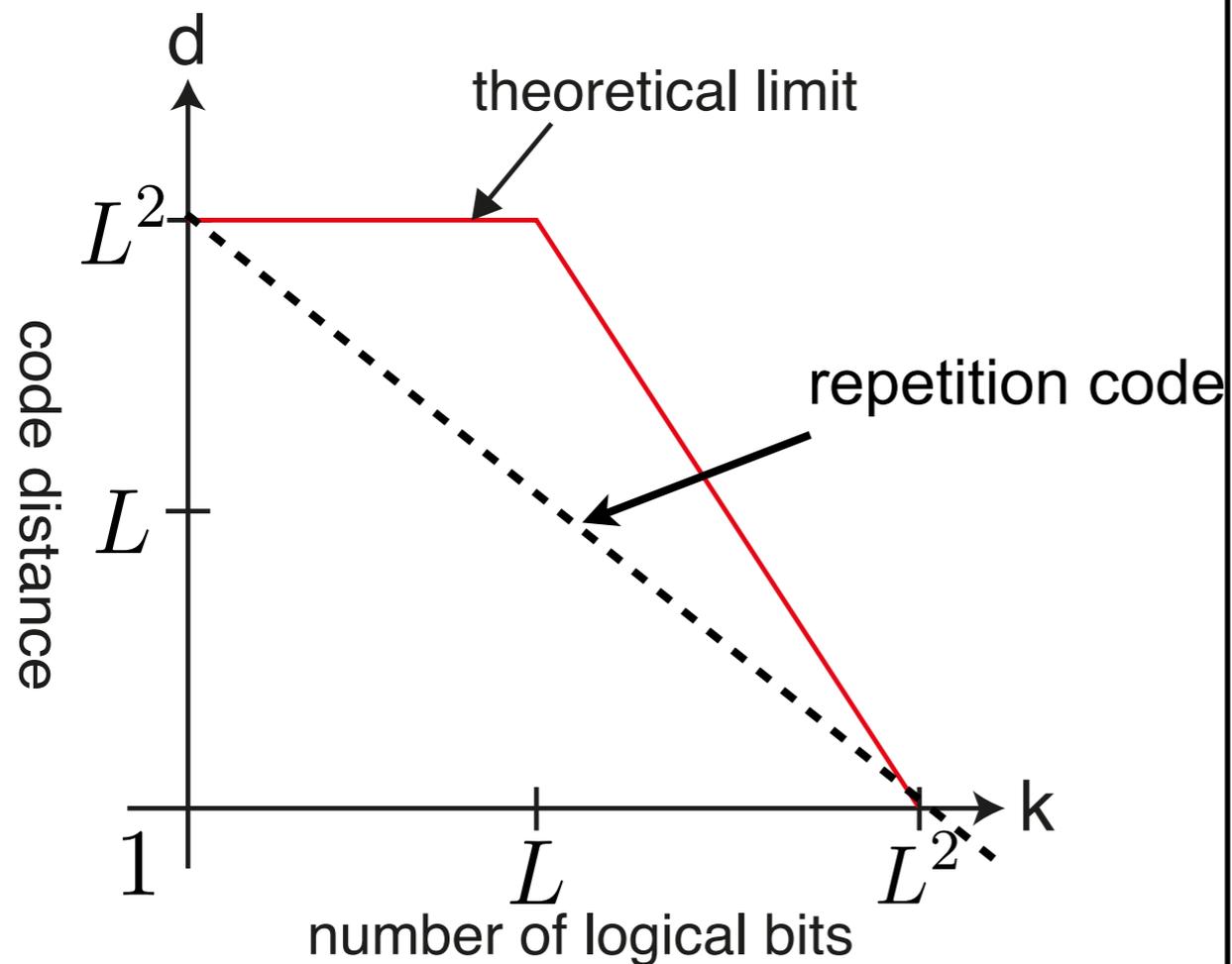
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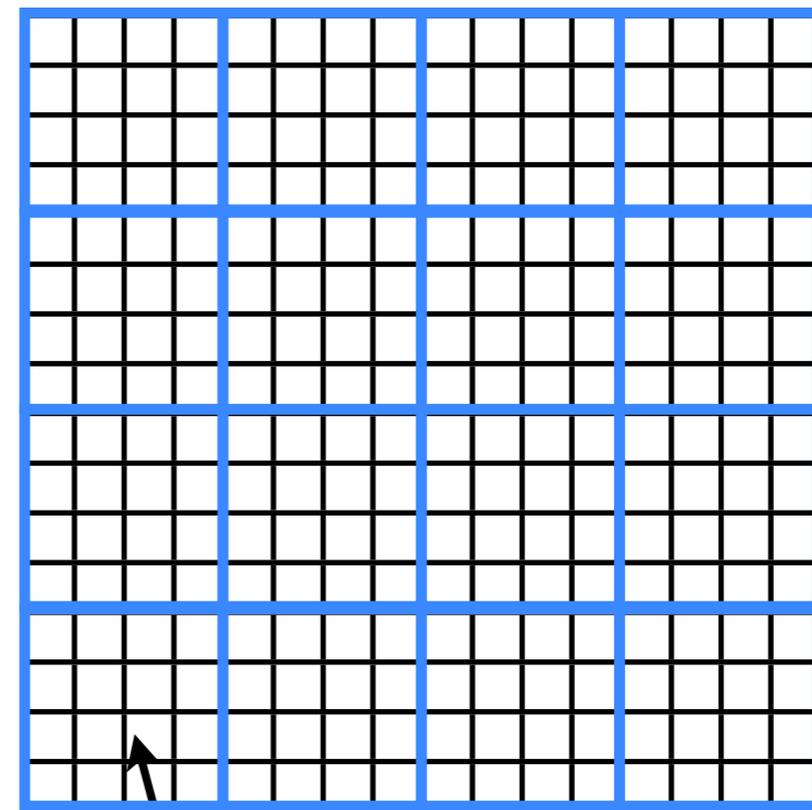
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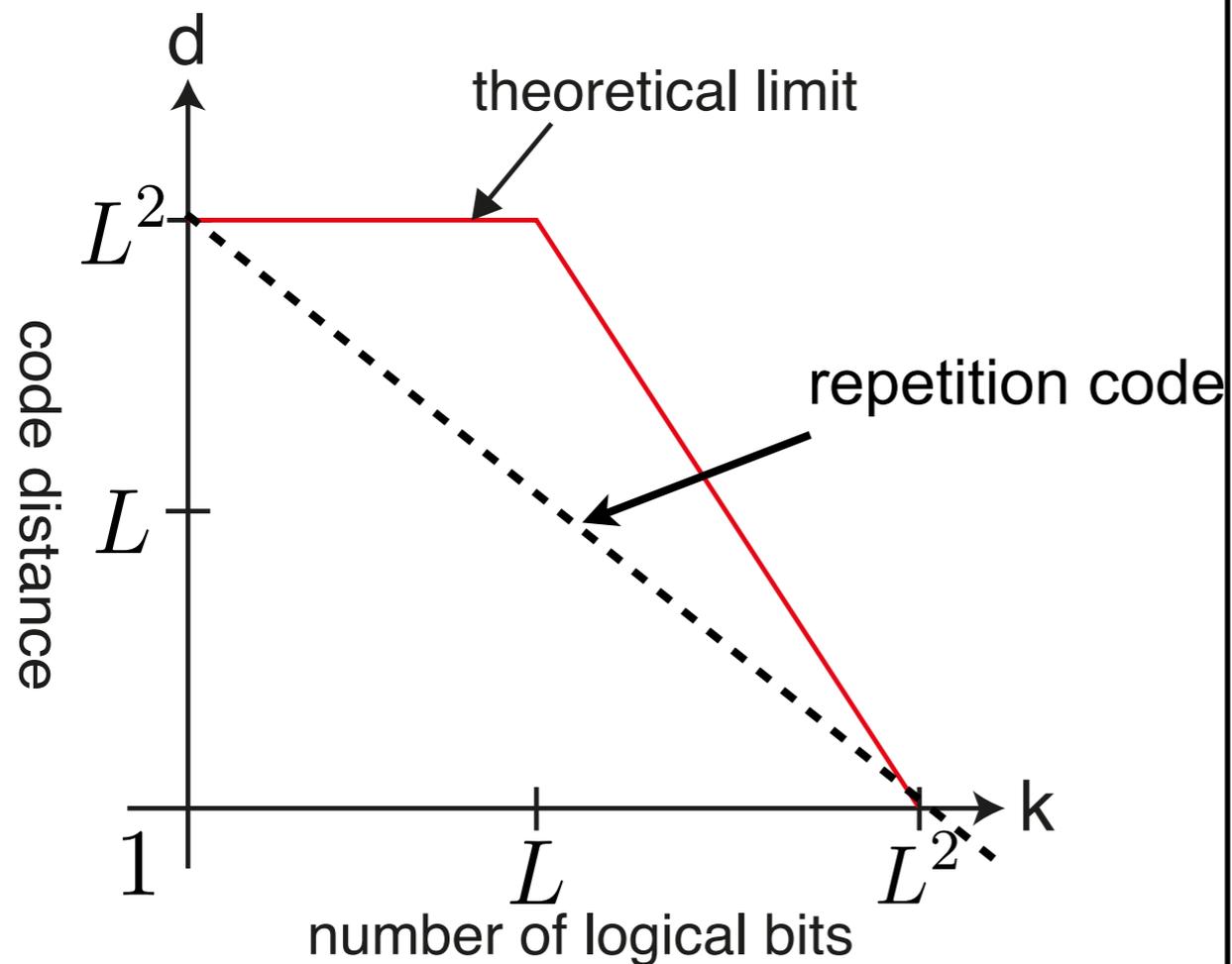
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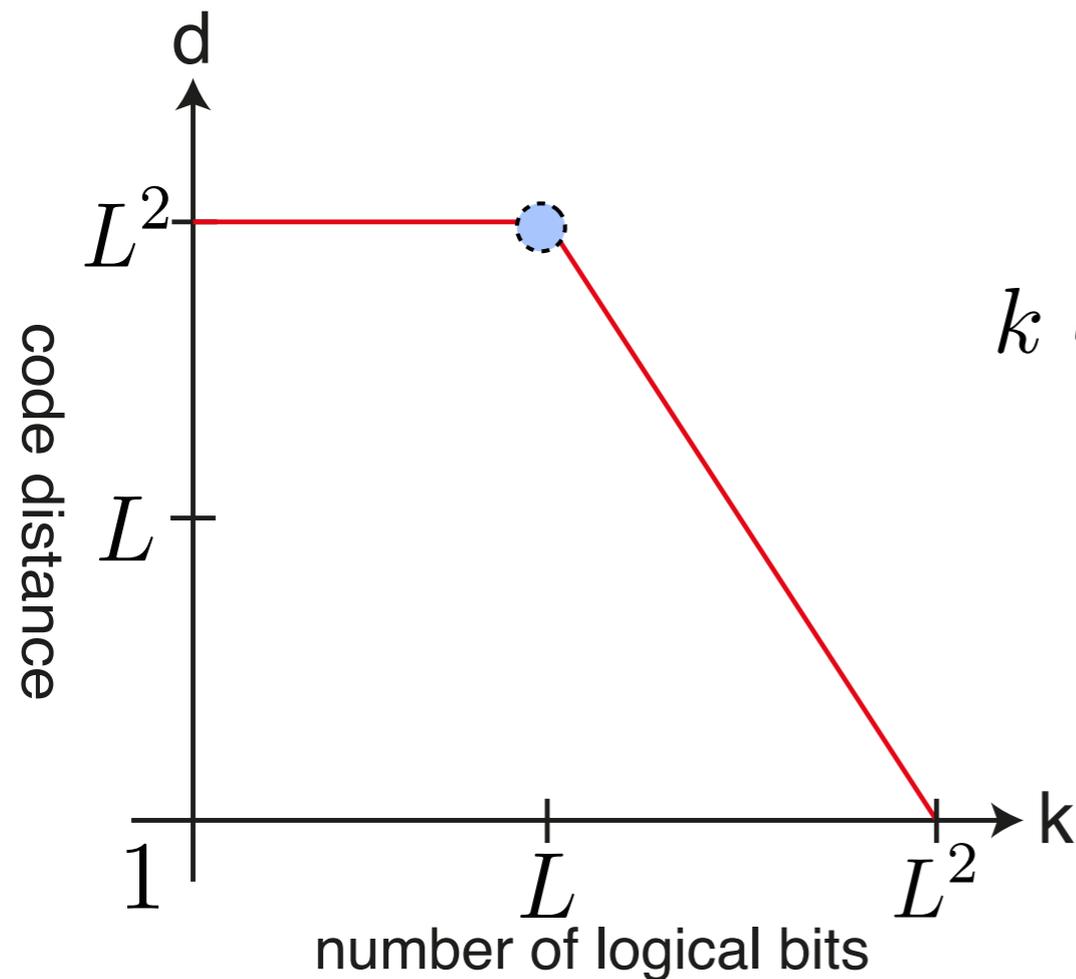


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# Main Result : Asymptotic saturation

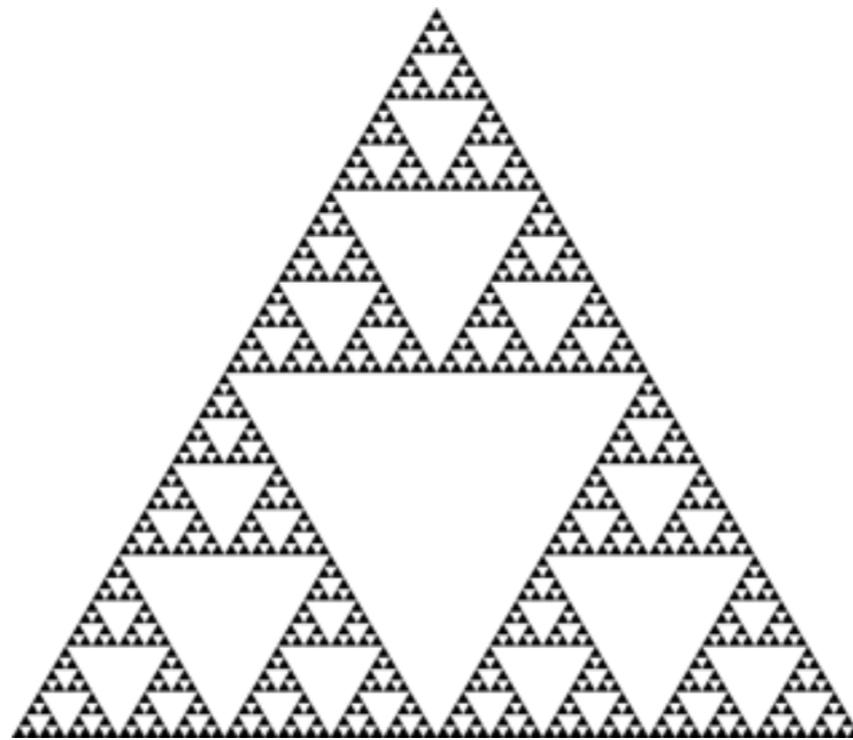
- We give a construction of local codes which “asymptotically” saturate the bound. (BY 2011)



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*Key Idea:*

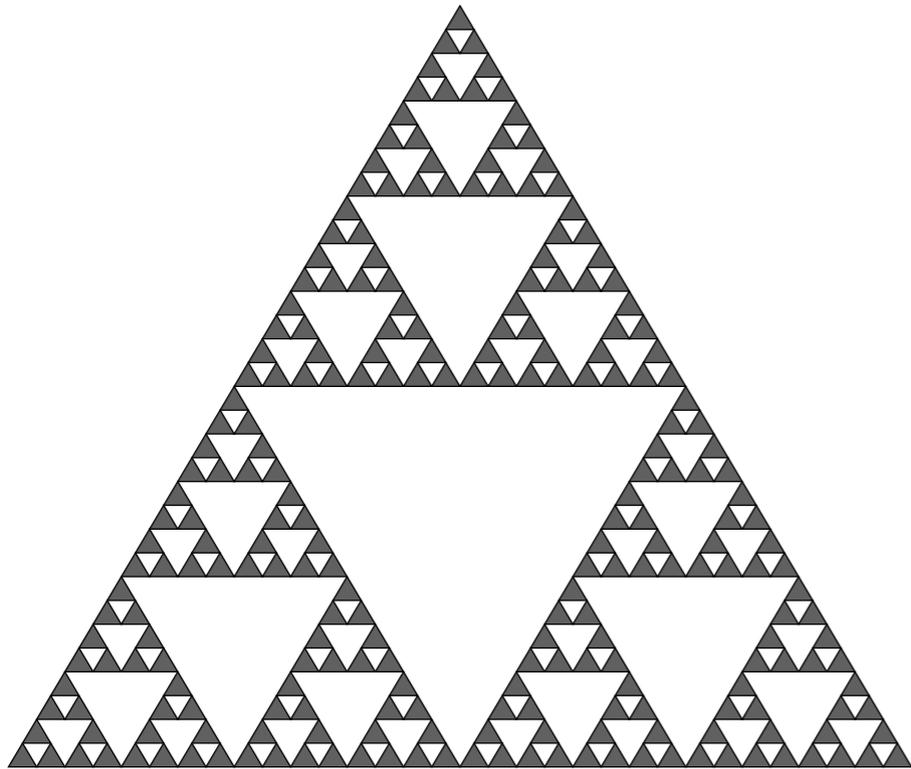
- *Use fractal geometry in the Sierpinski triangle.*



Sierpinski's triangle

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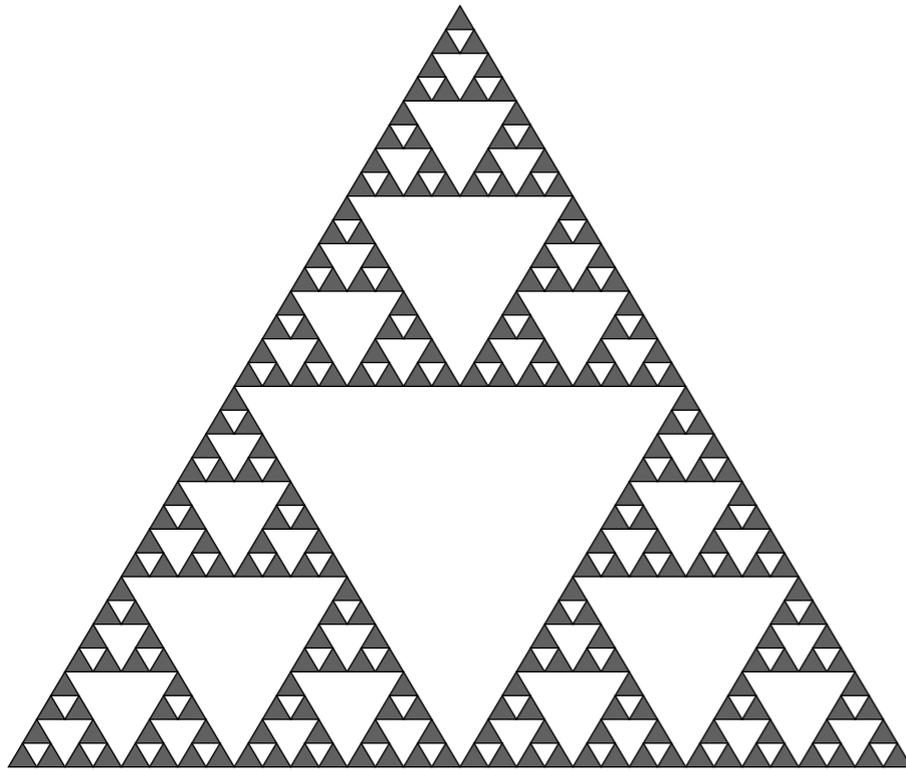
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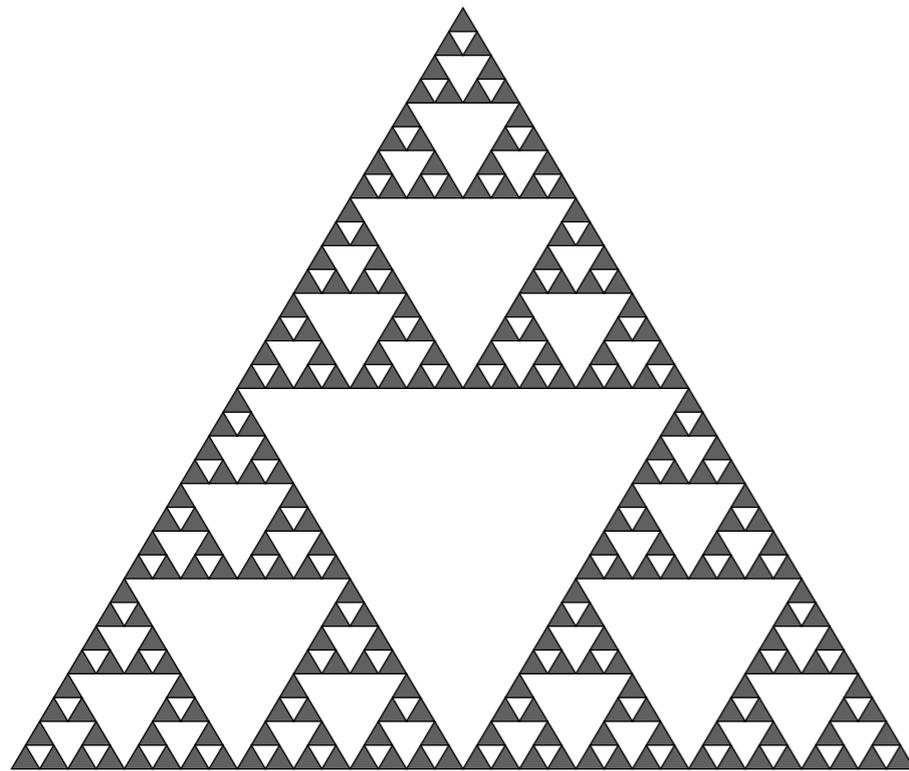
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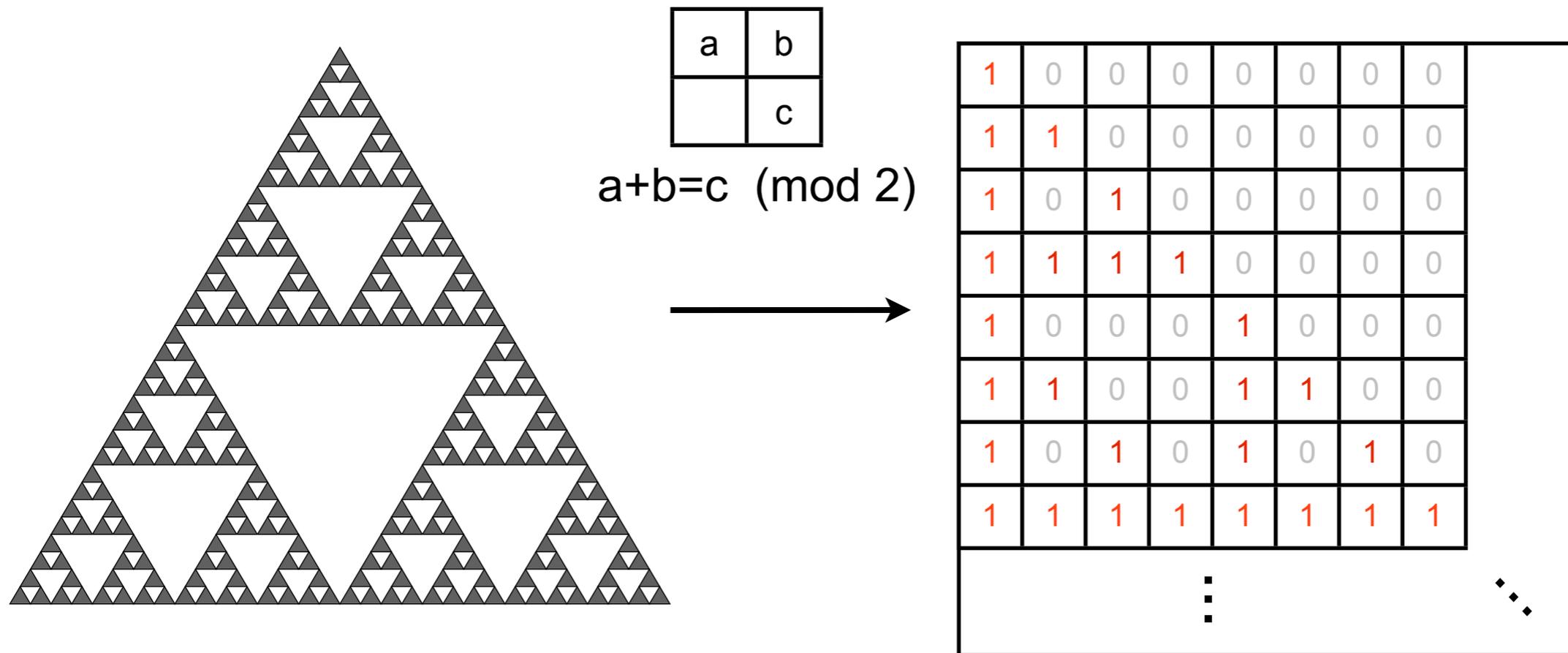
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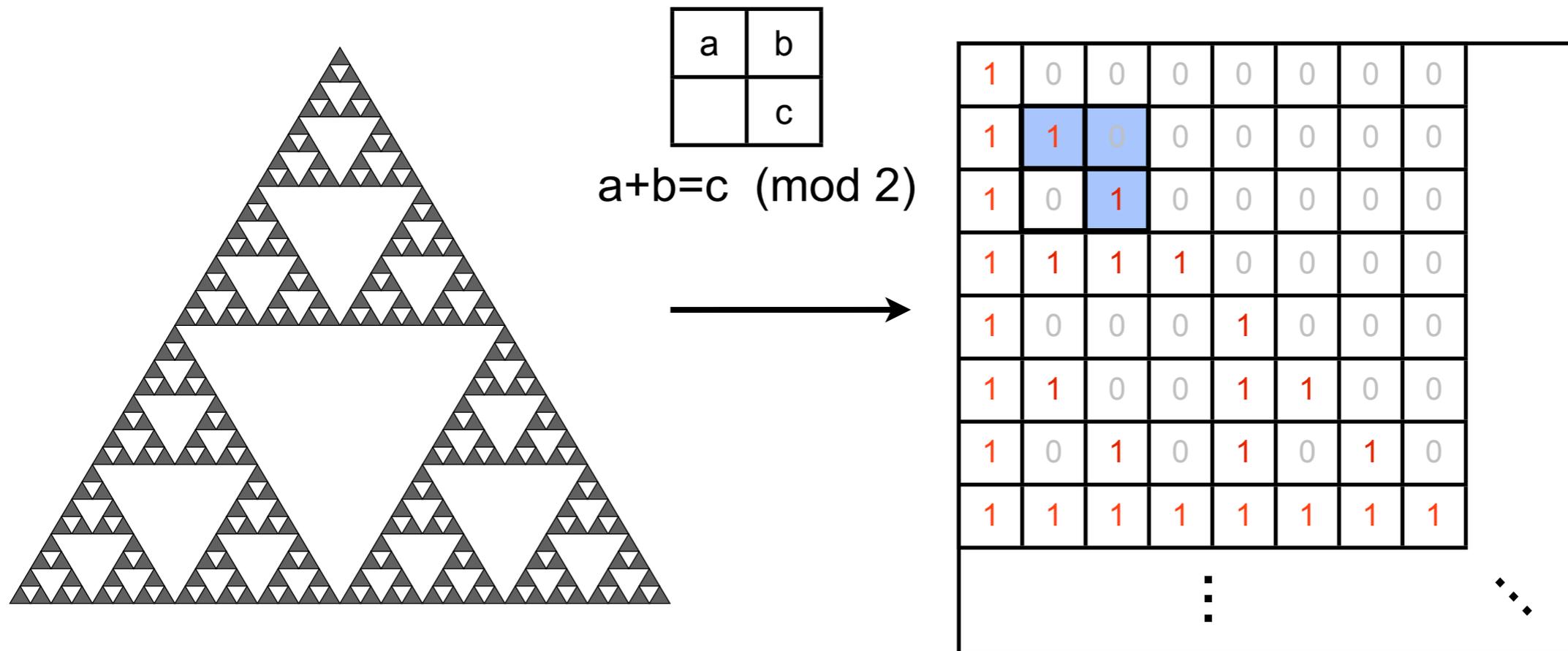
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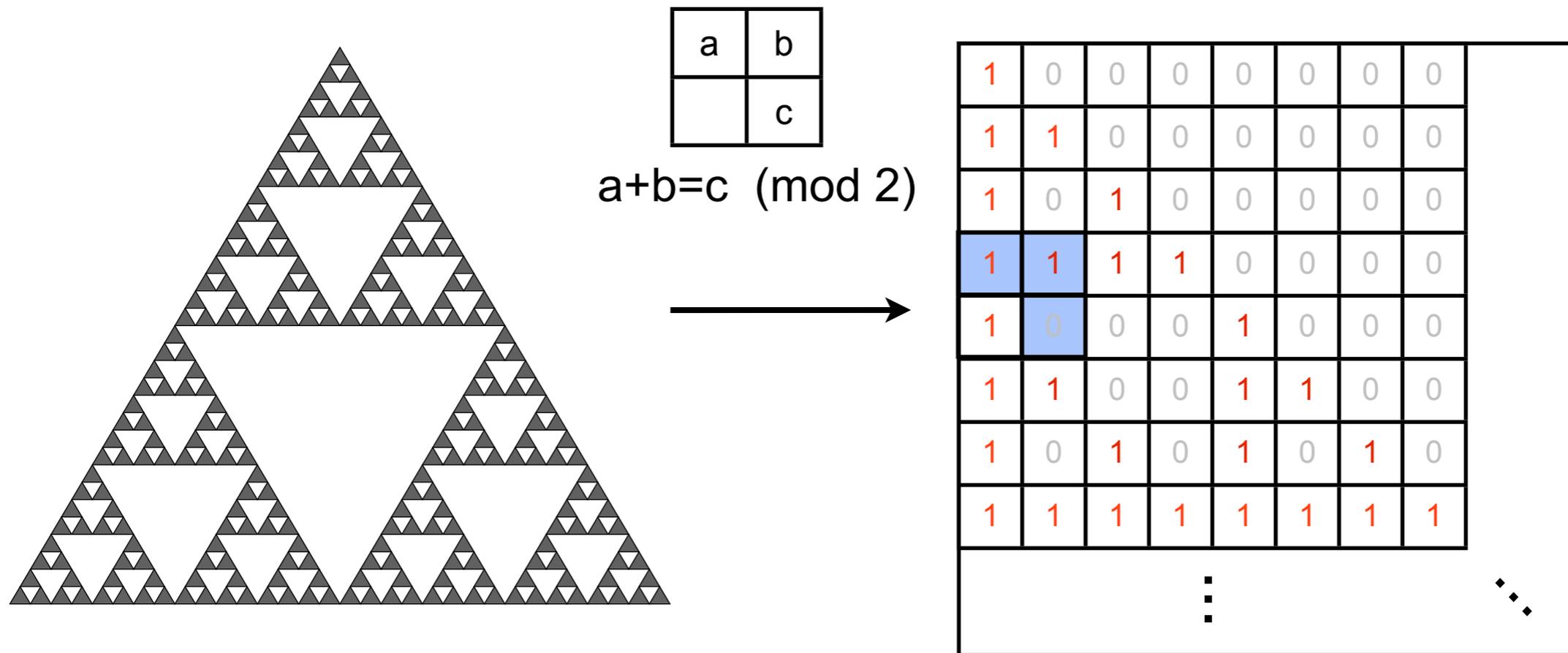
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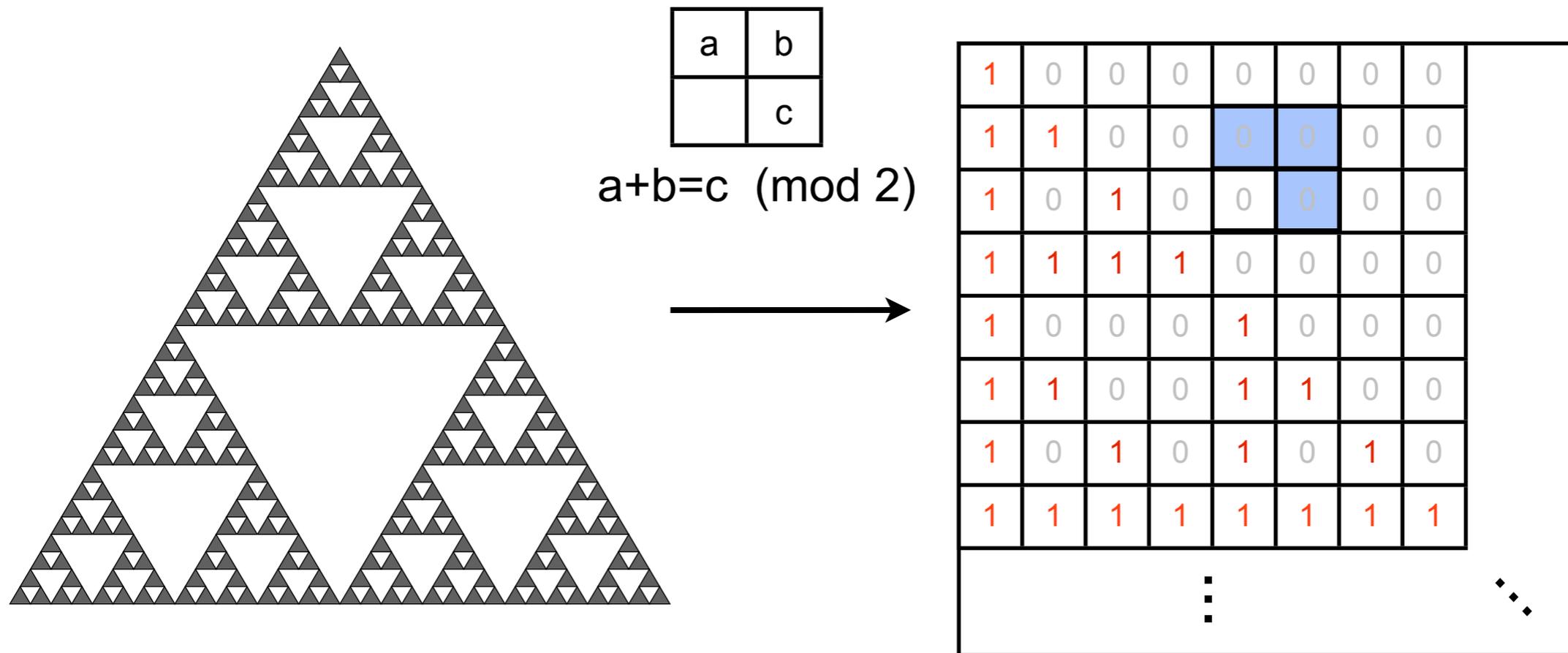
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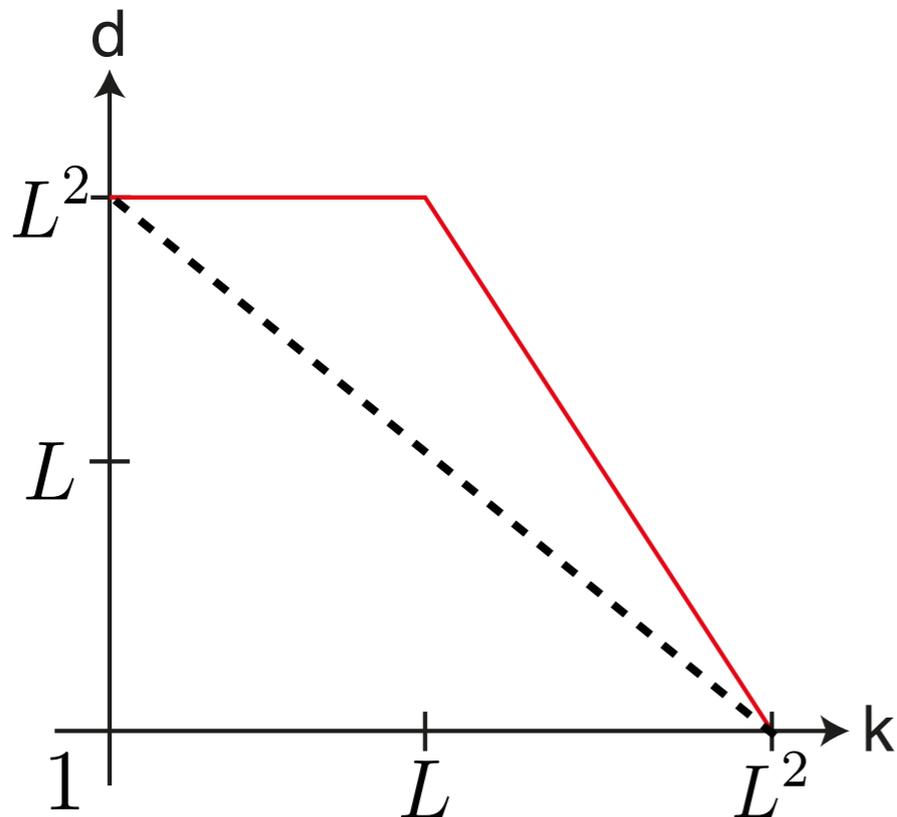


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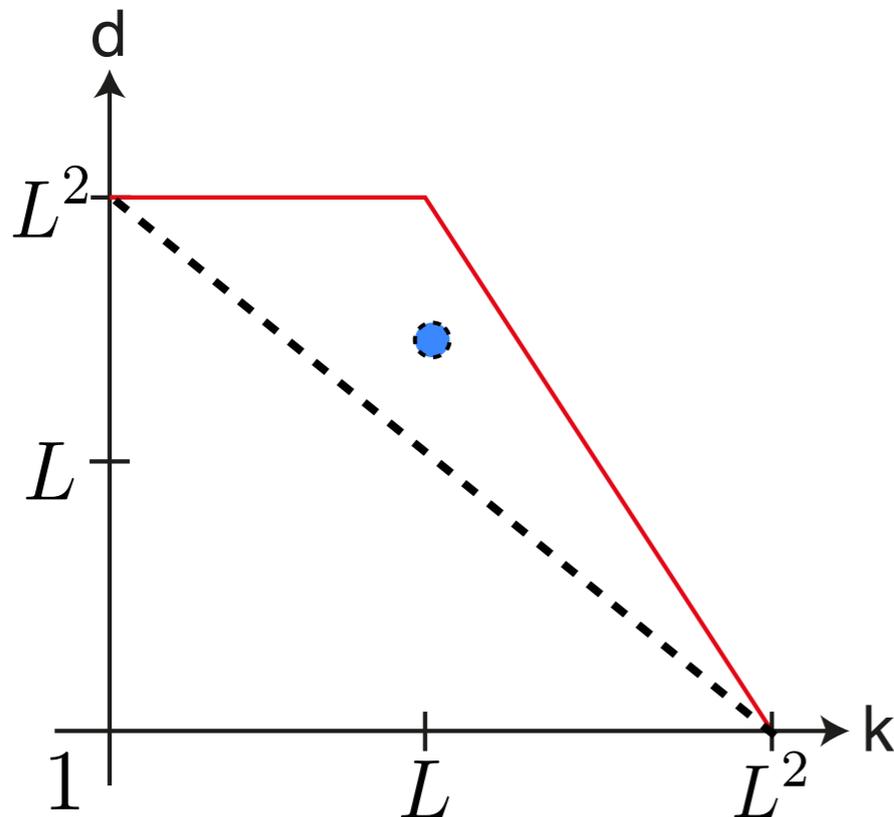


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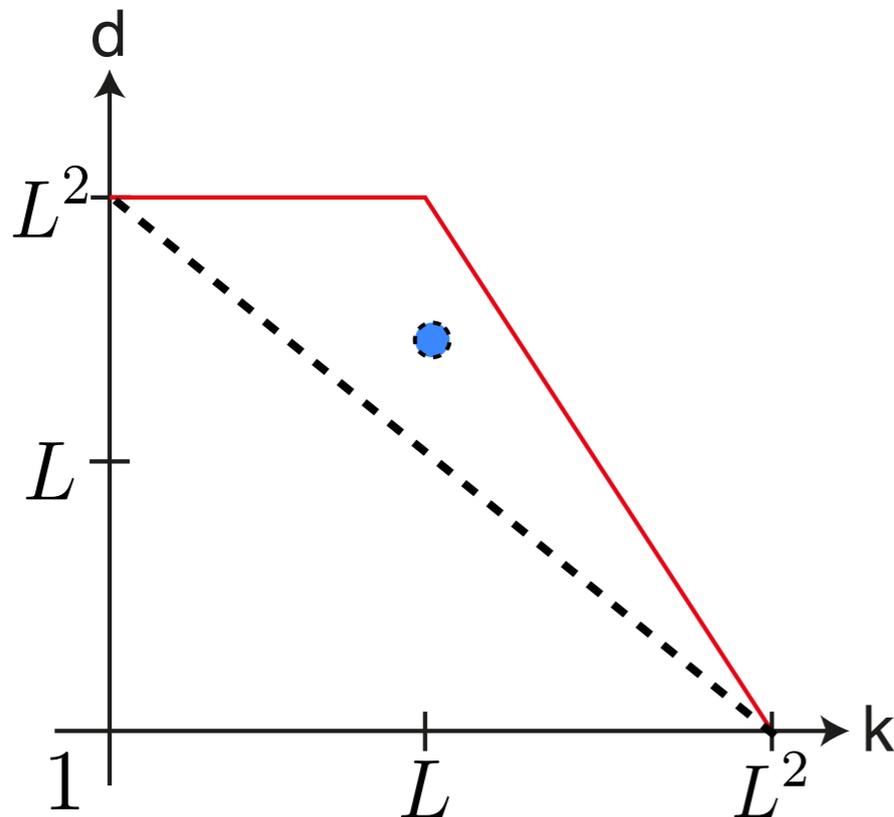
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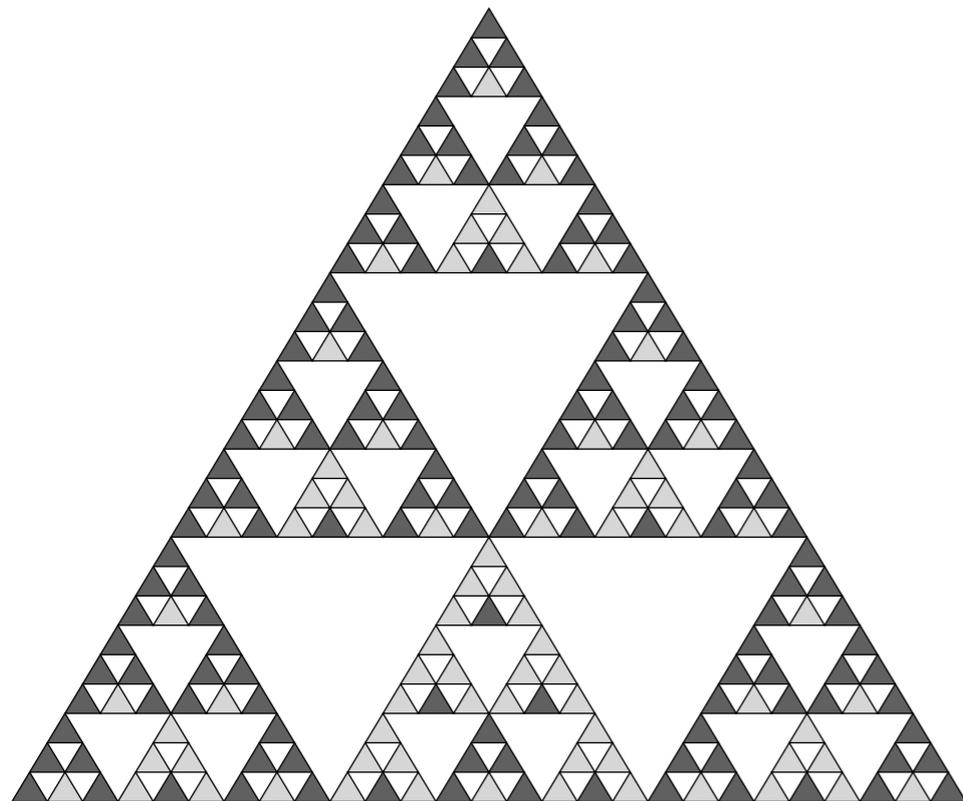


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Still below a theoretical limit ...

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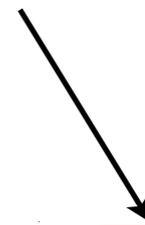
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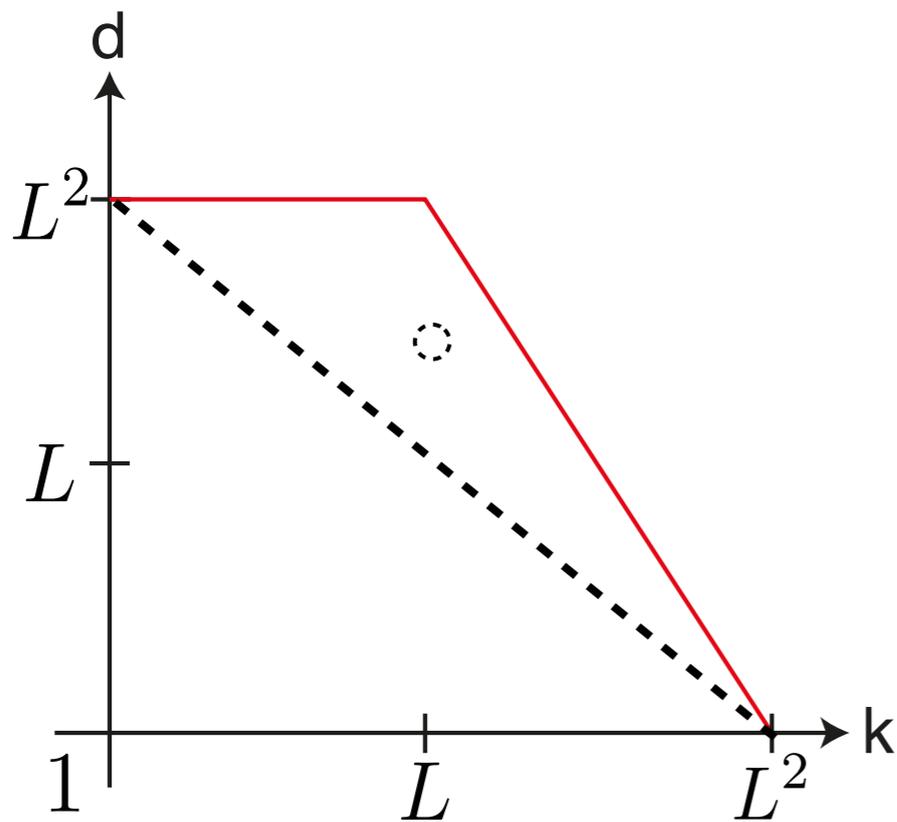
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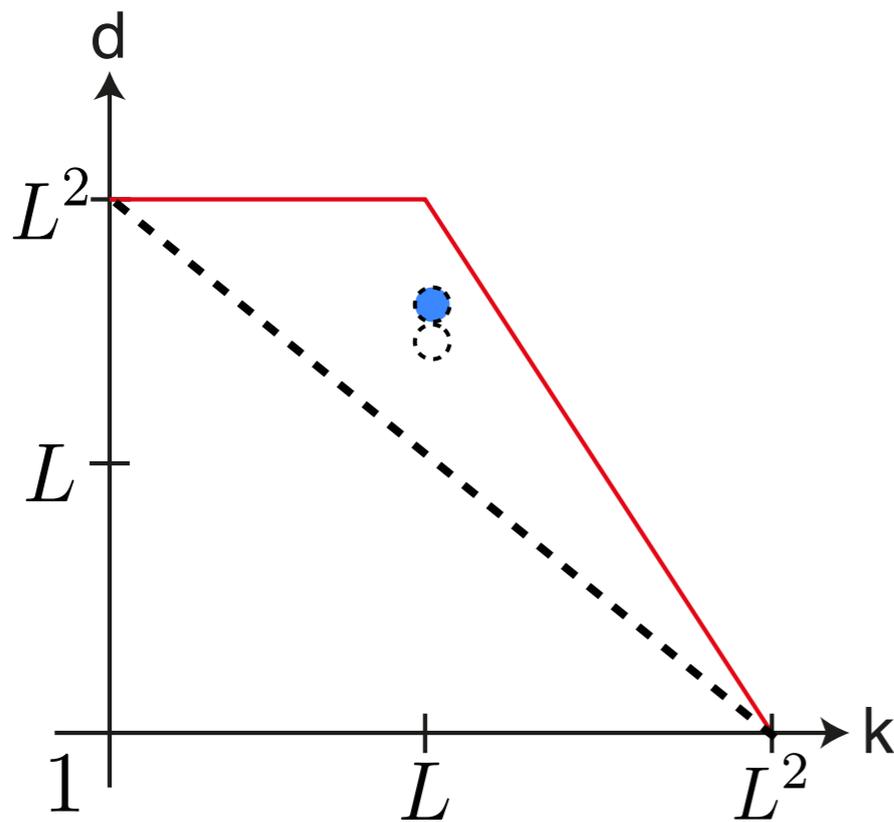
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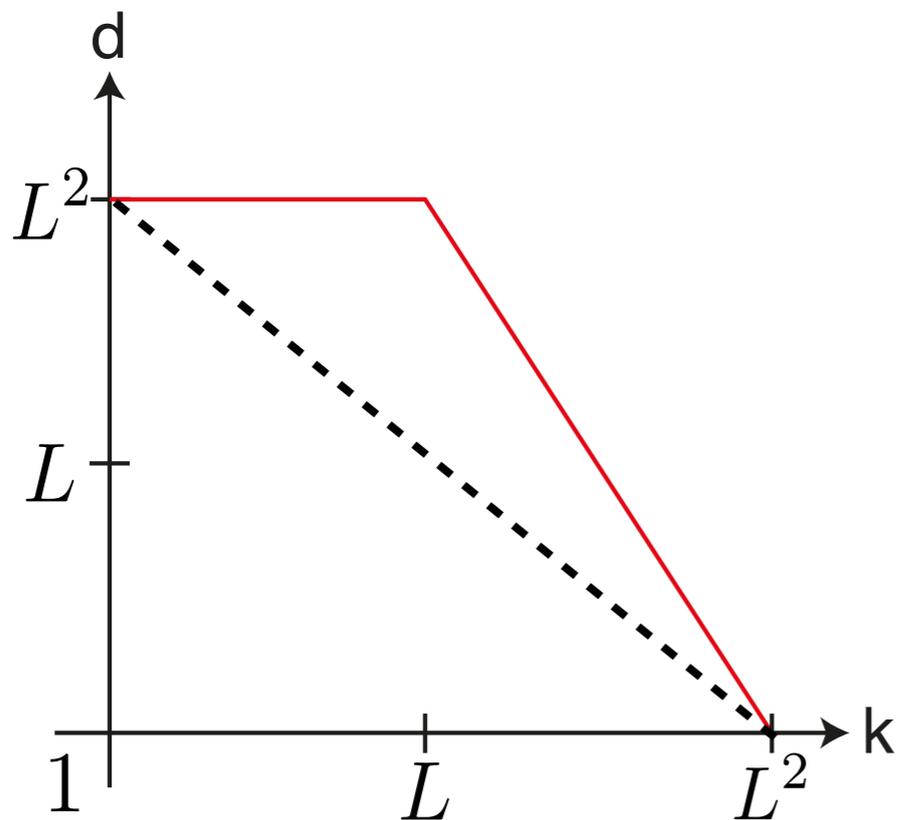
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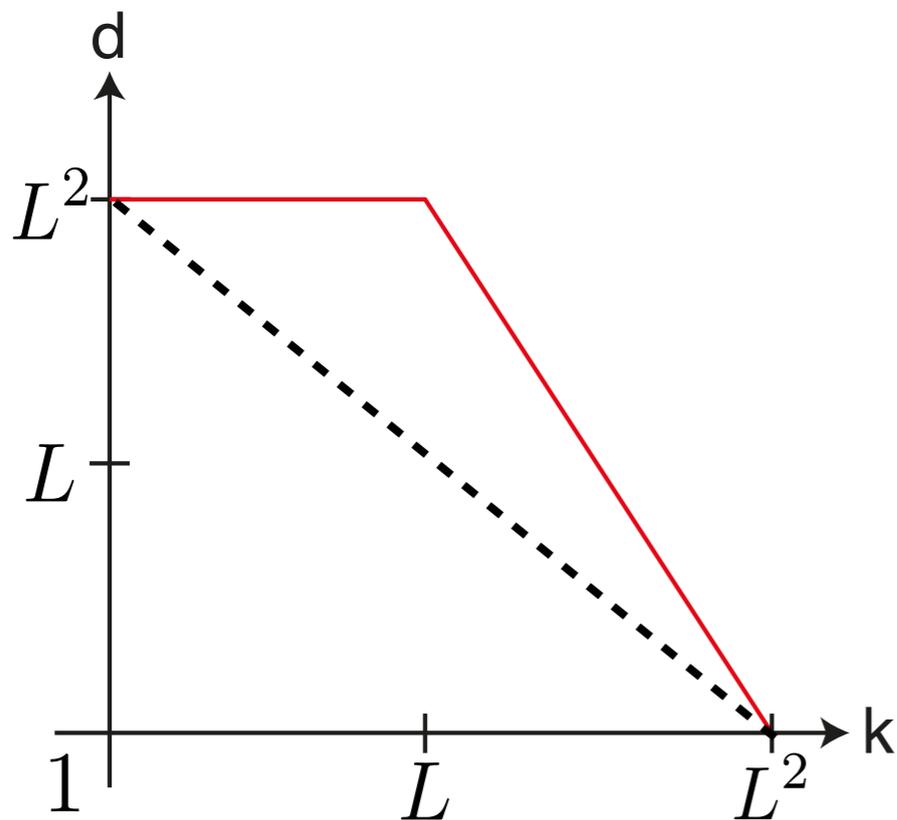


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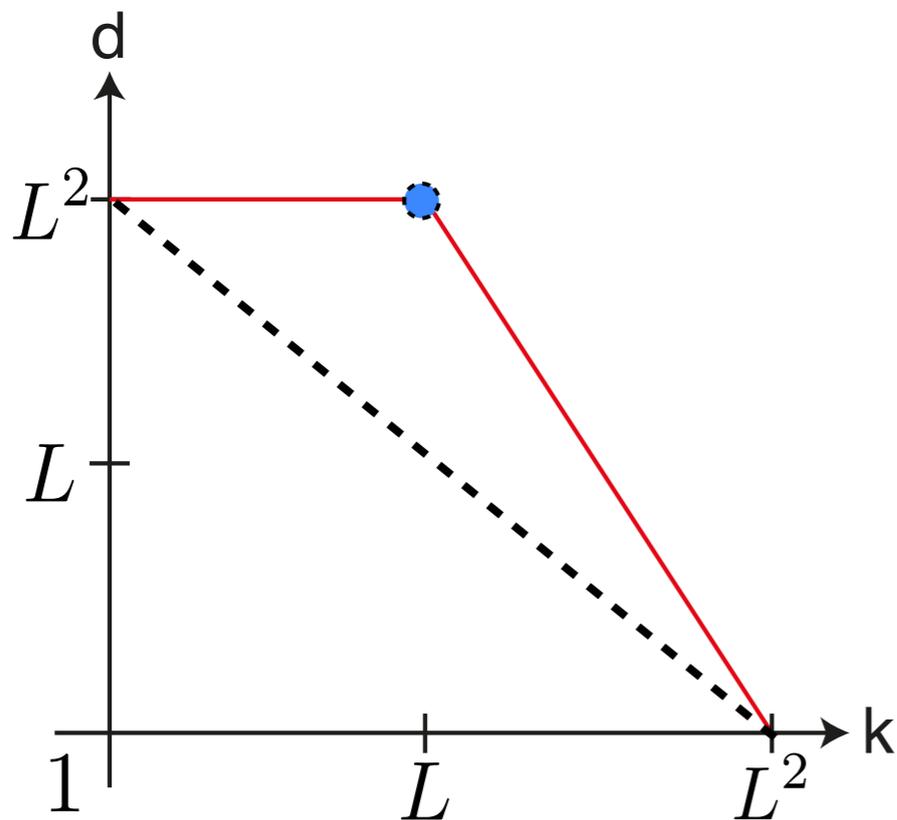


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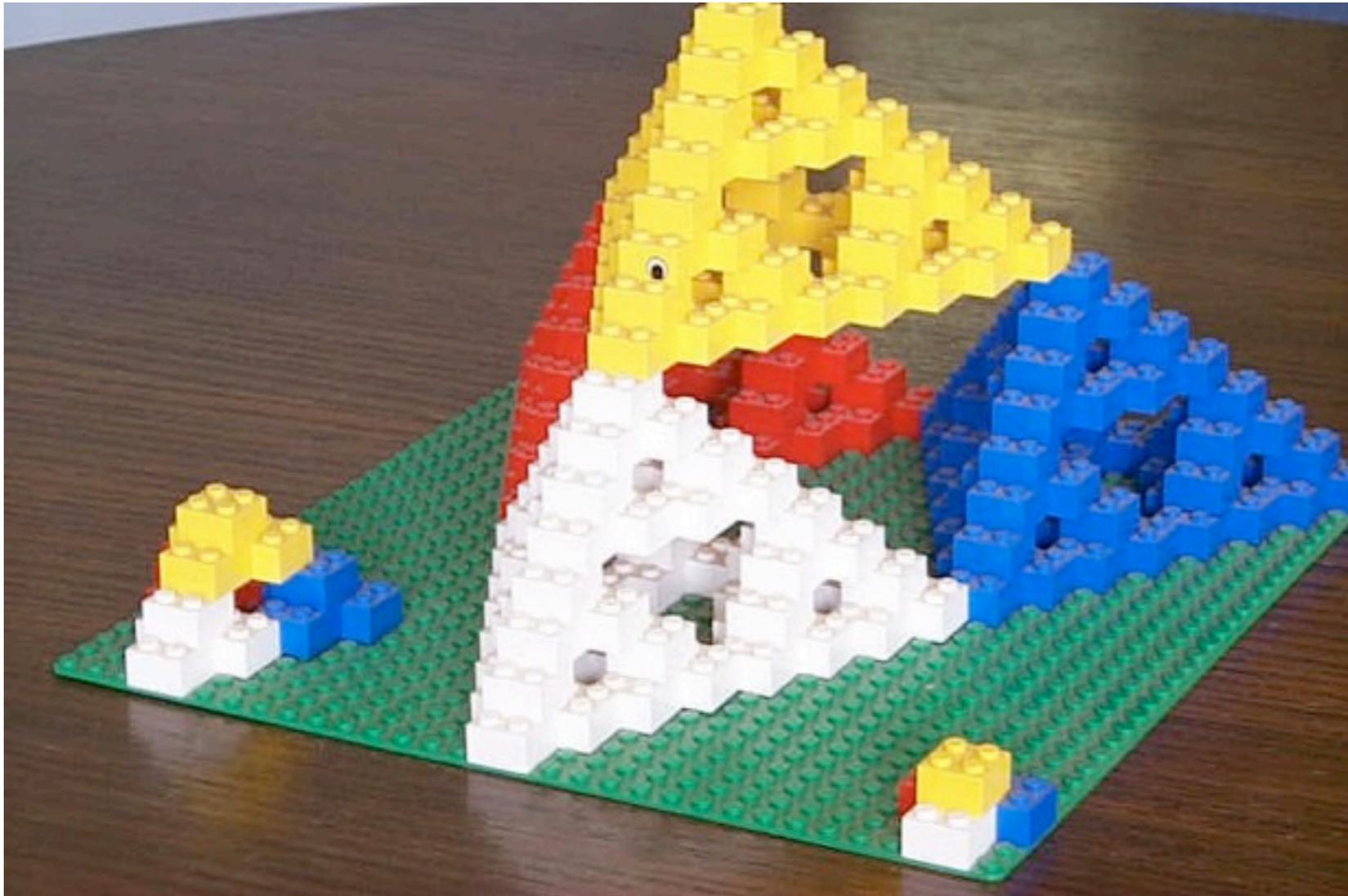
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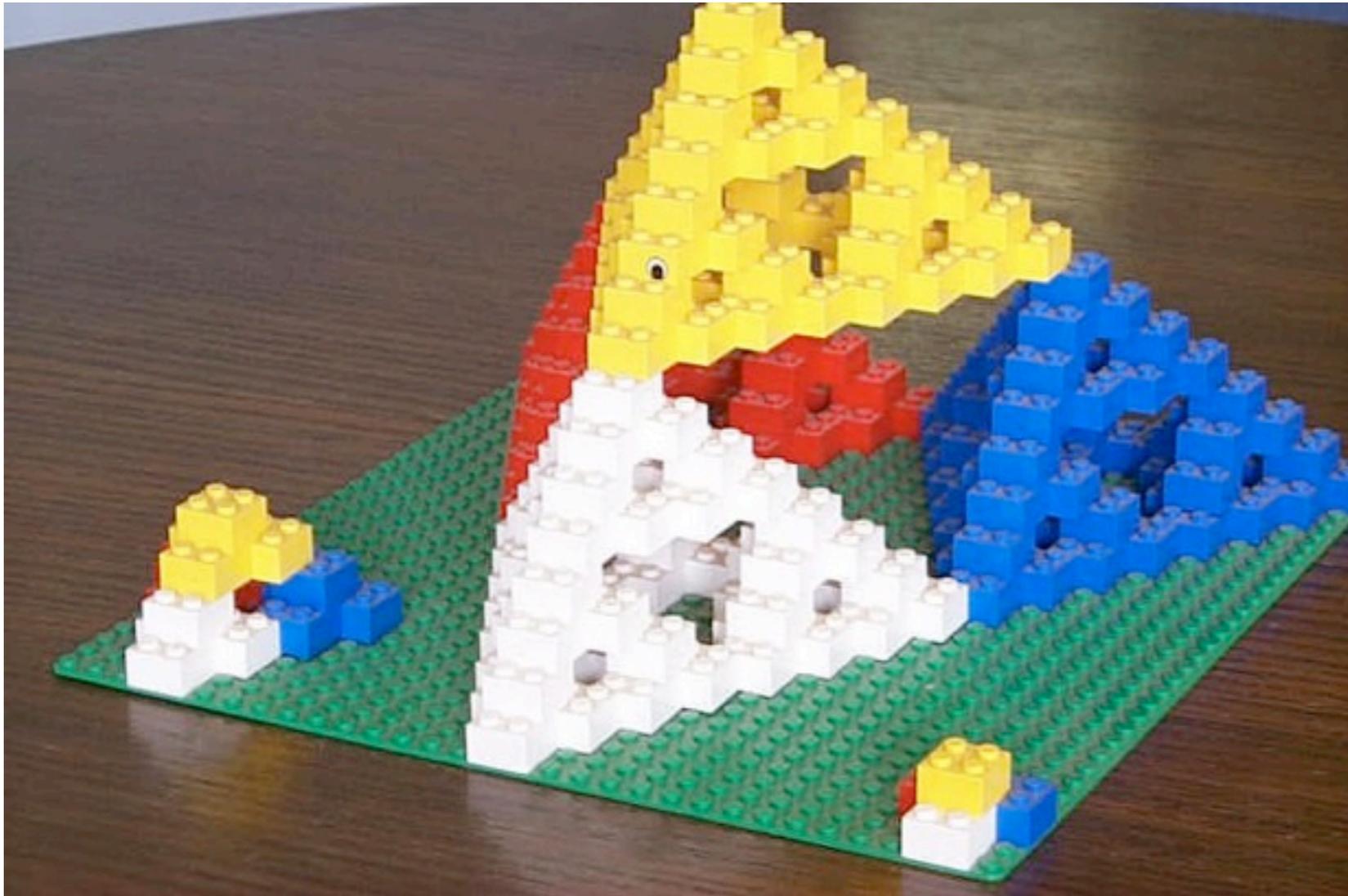


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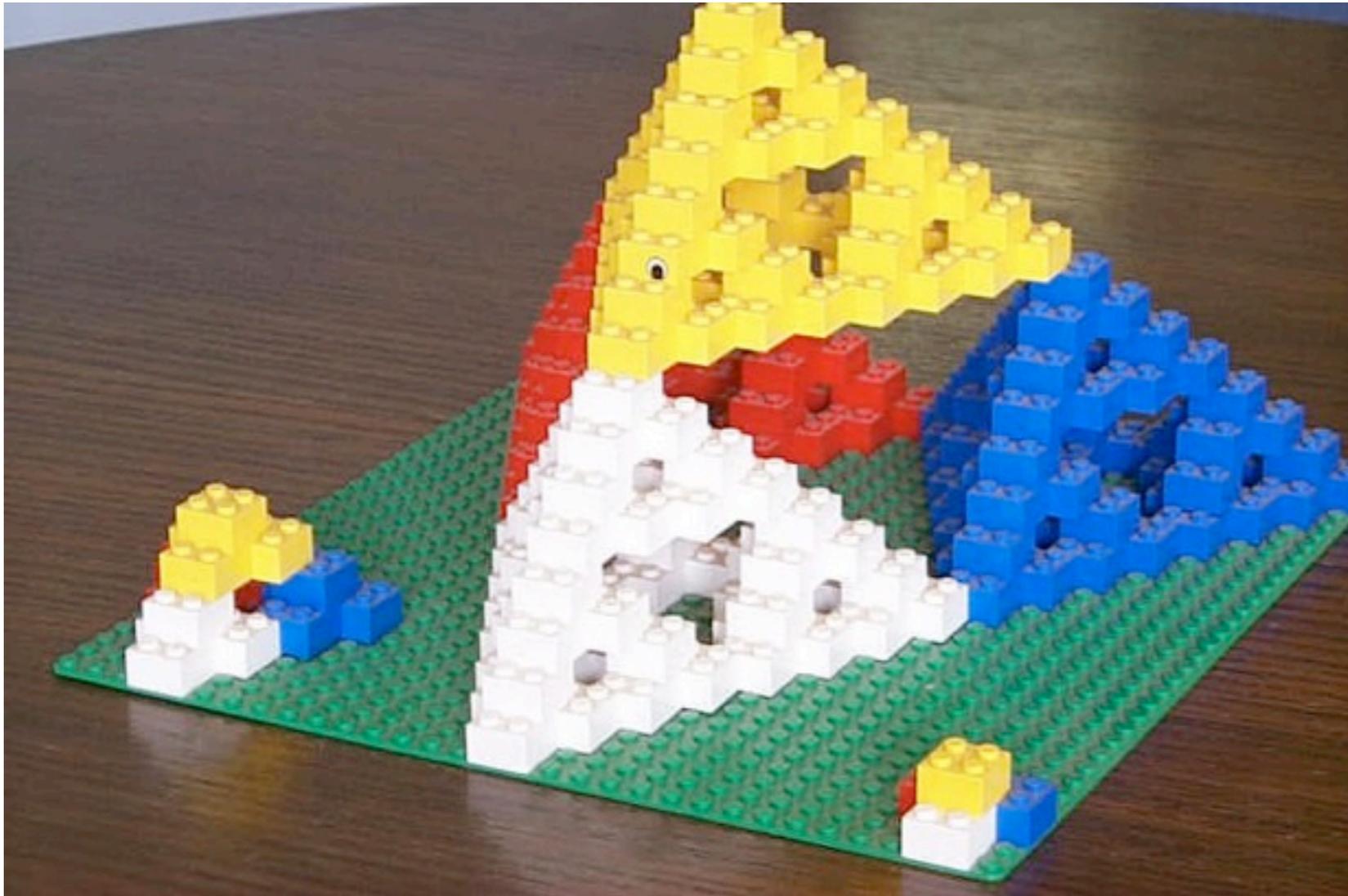
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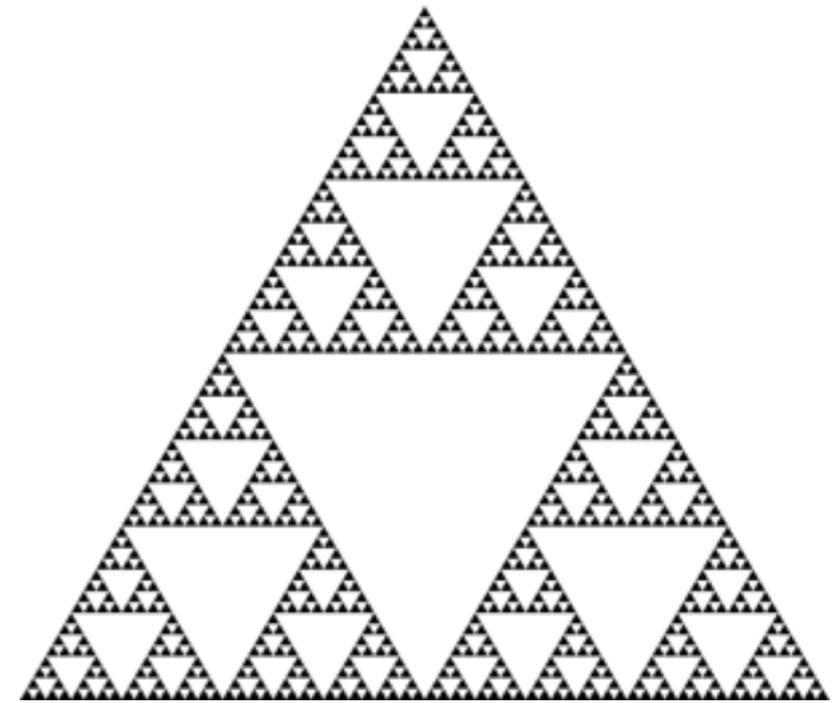
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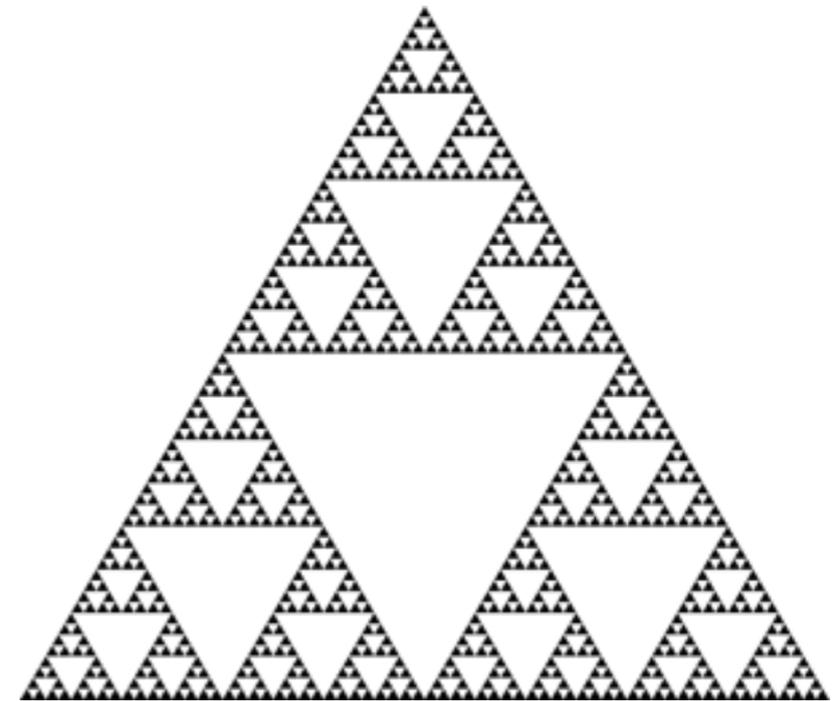


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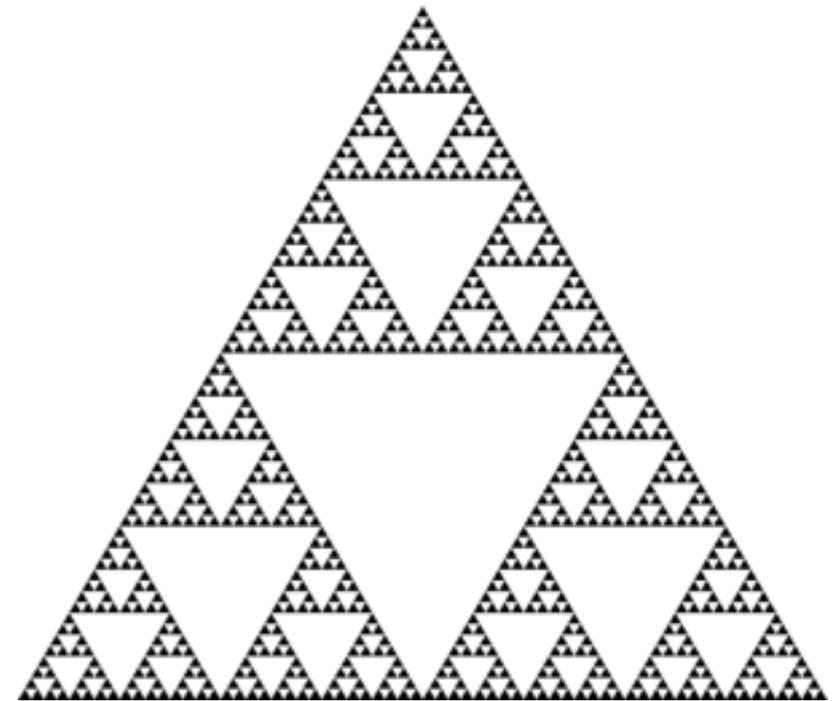


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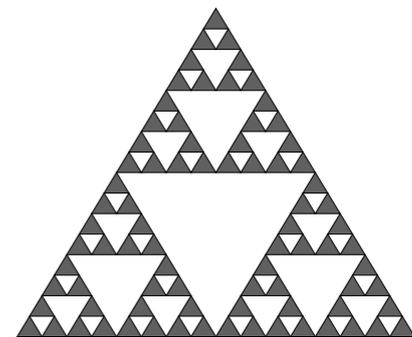
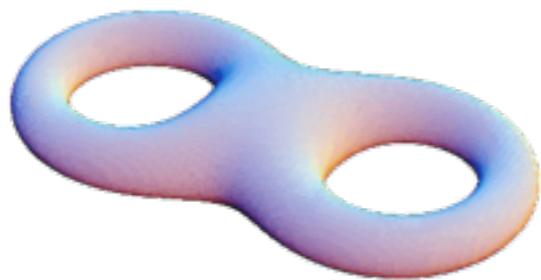
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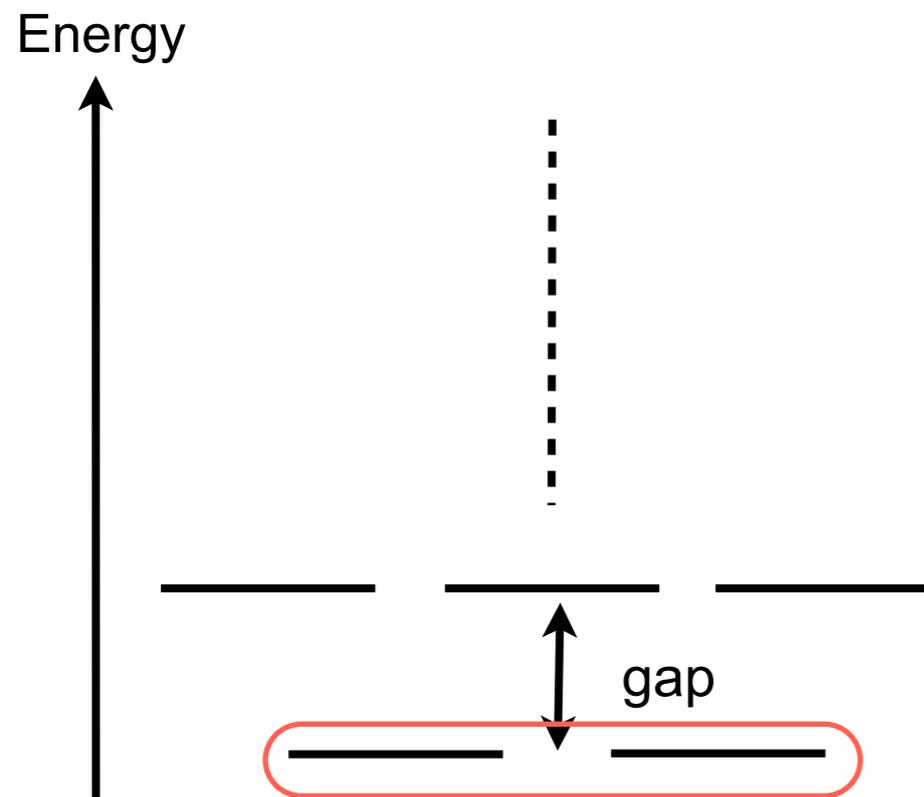
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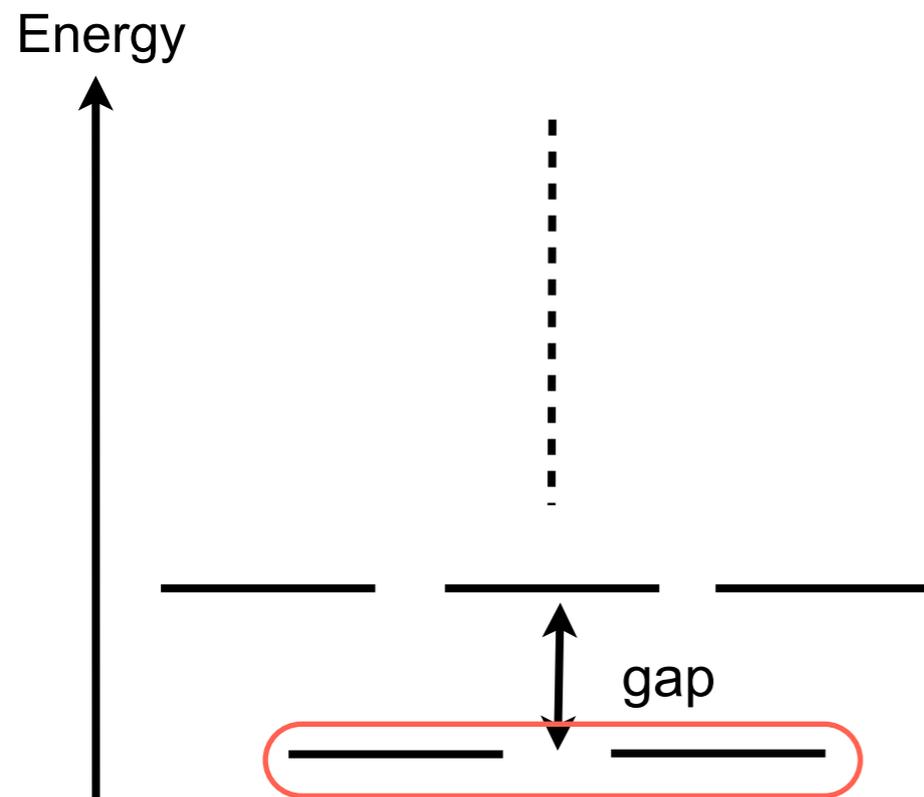


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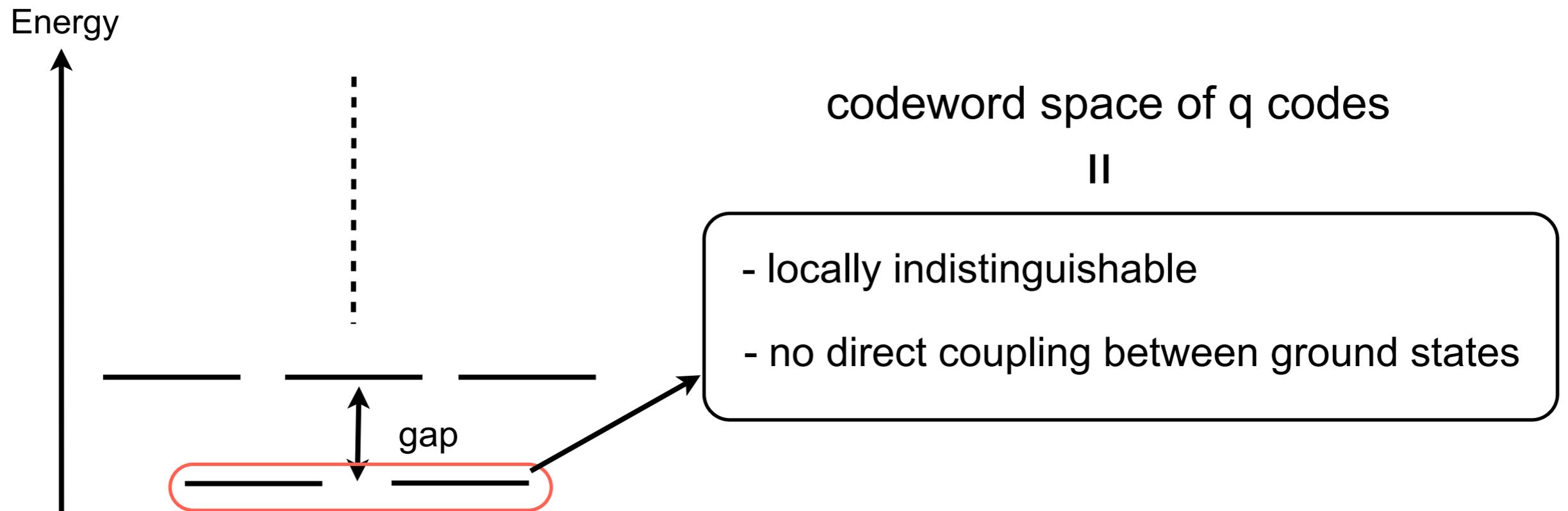


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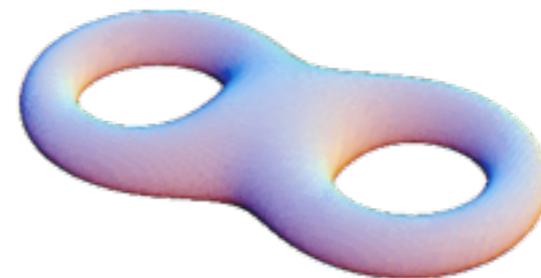
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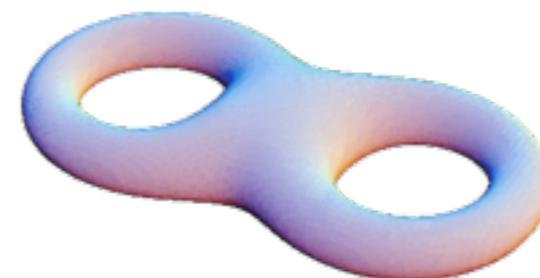
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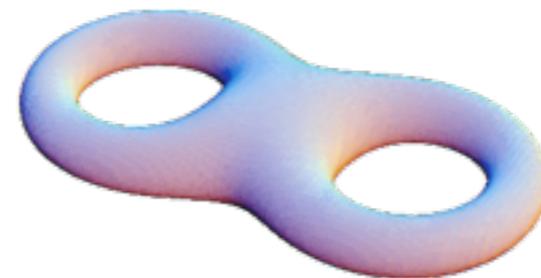
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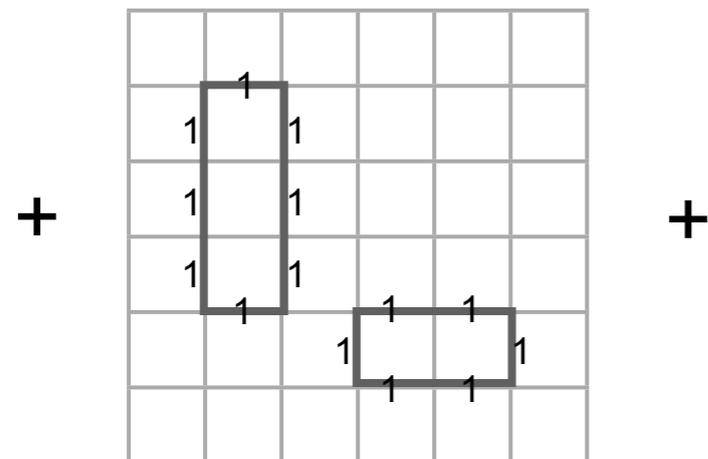
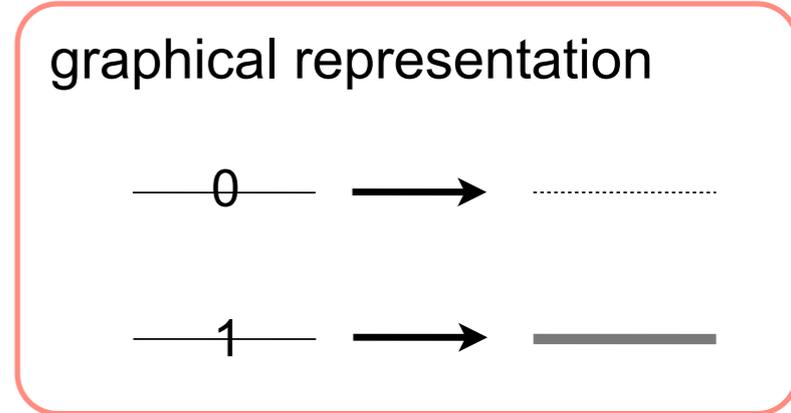
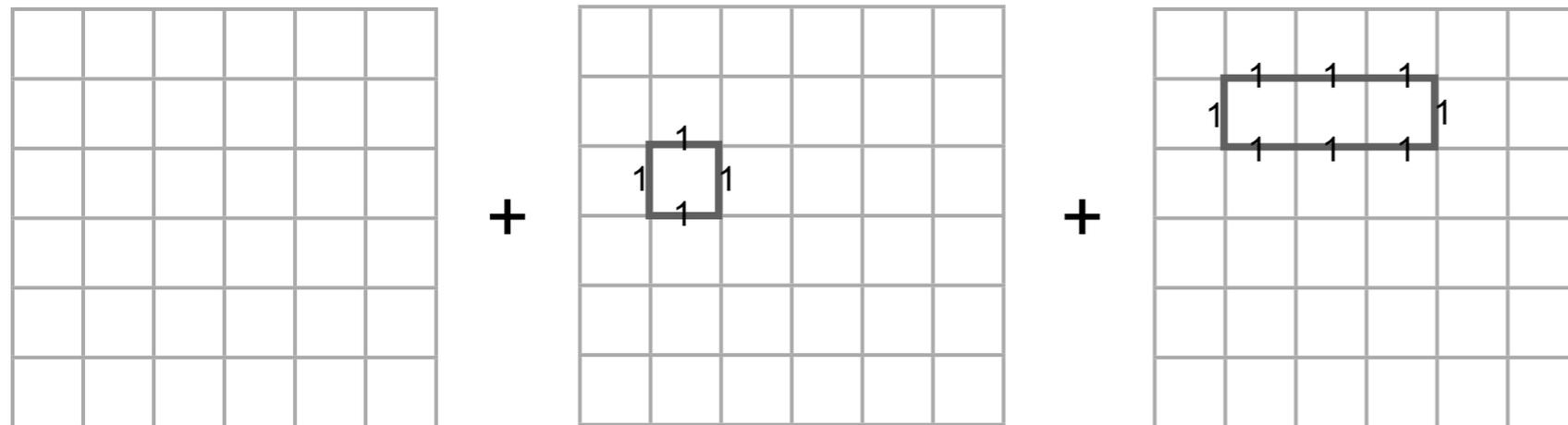
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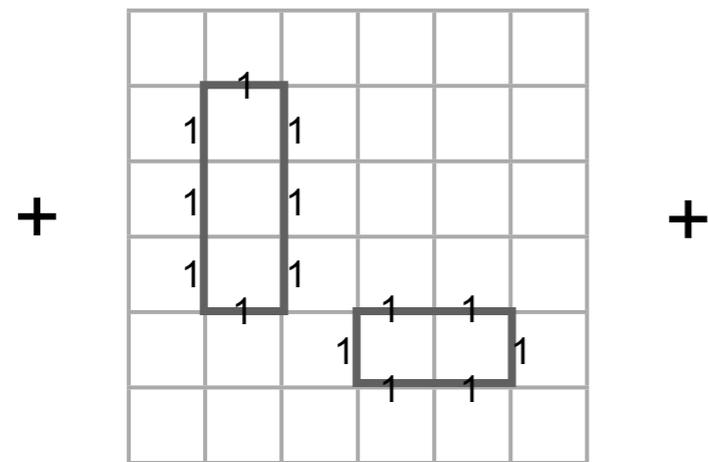
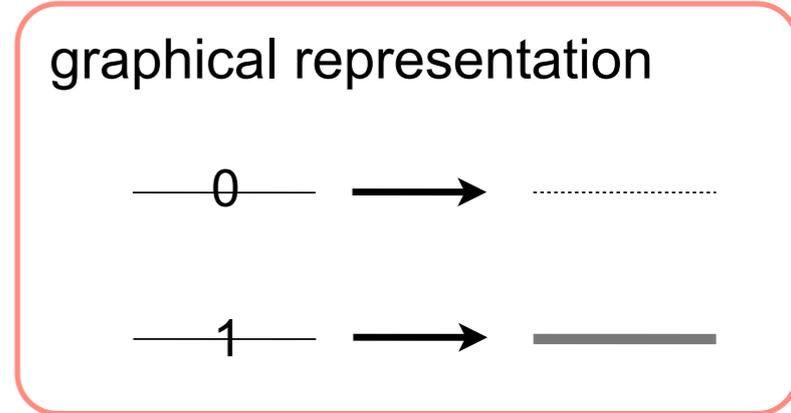
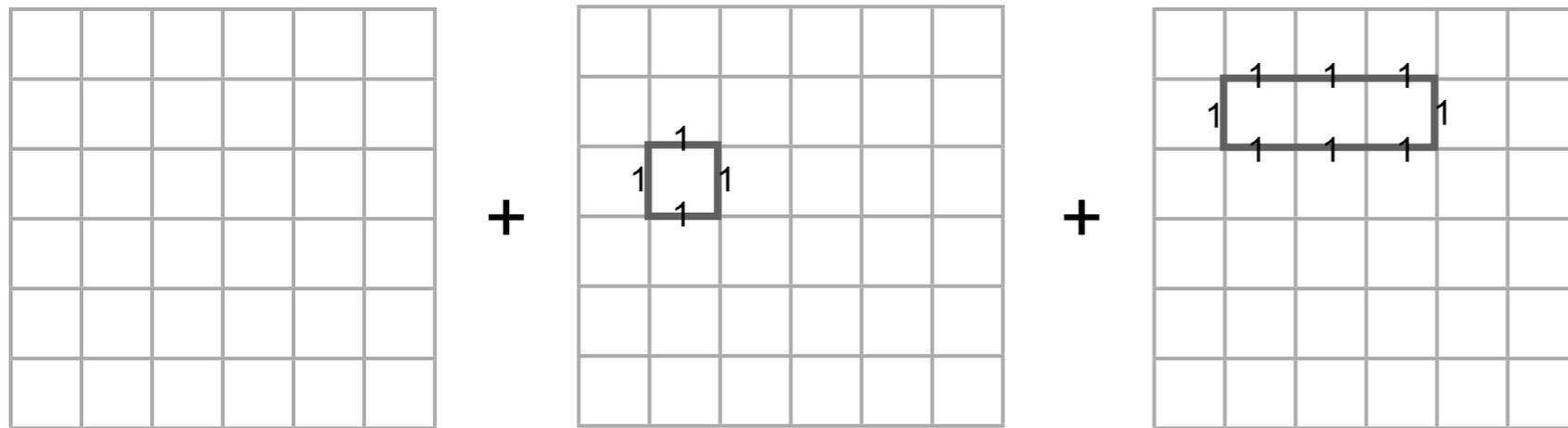
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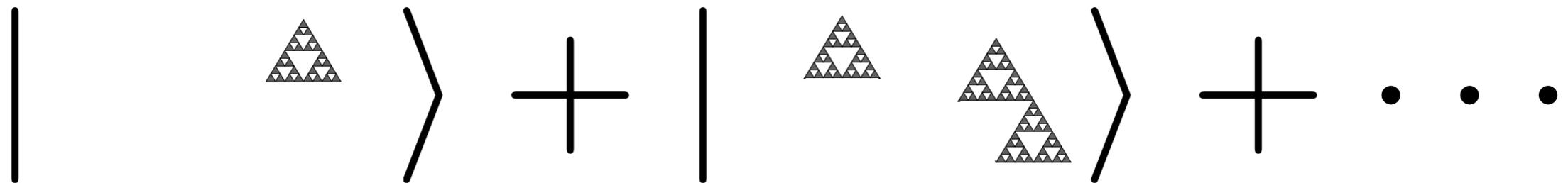
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then,  $D > 2$  ??

## Main result

- **Quantum** fractal codes ( $D > 2$ ) are topologically ordered, but beyond TQFT.



condensation of **fractal objects**

# Quantum code from classical codes

- A framework to construct a quantum code from a pair of (cyclic) classical codes (BY 2013).

a pair of ( $D-1$ )-dim  
classical codes

model A

model B

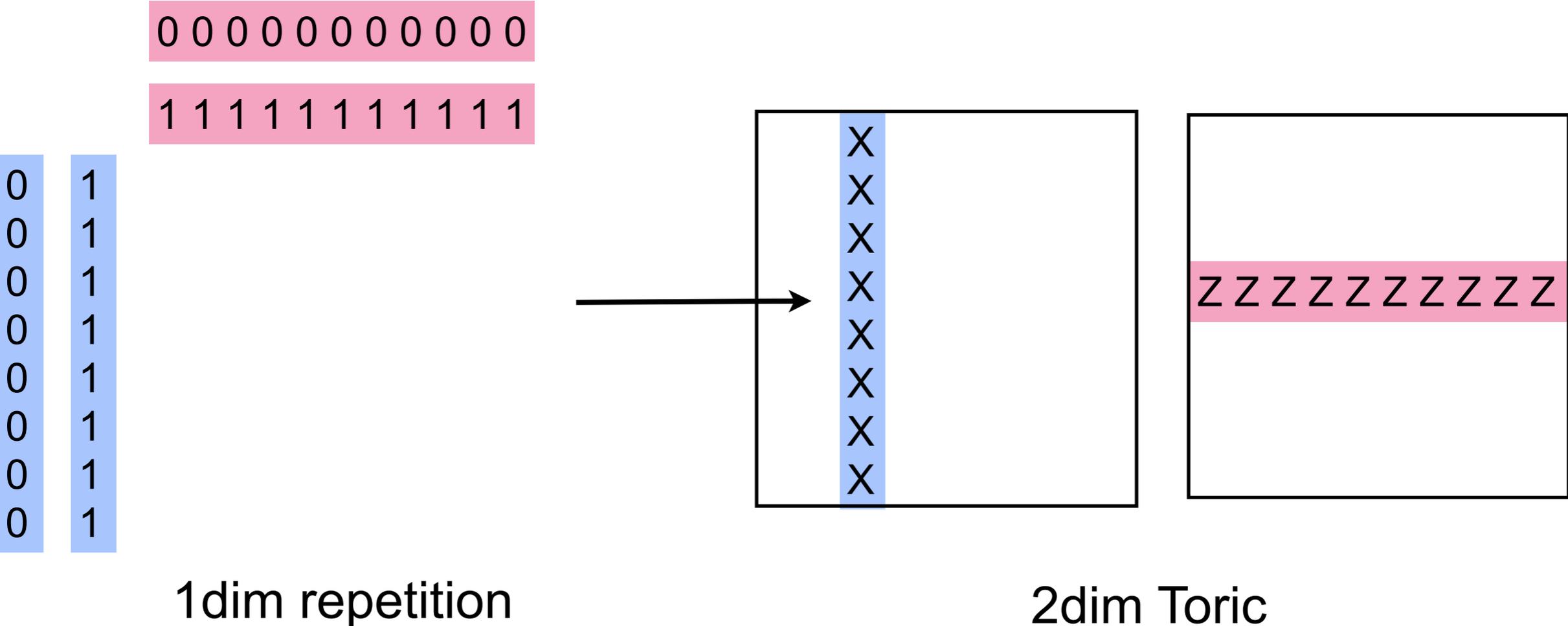
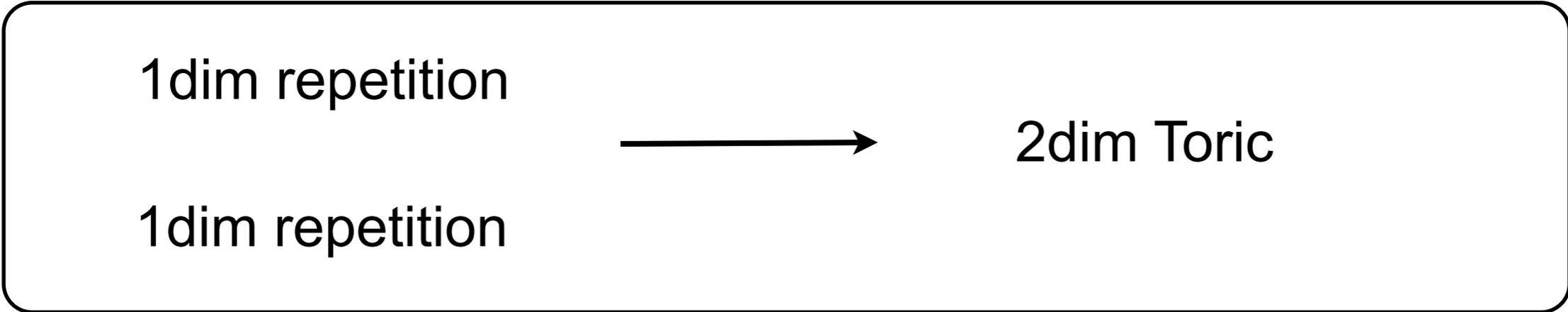


$D$ -dim quantum code

quantum model (A,B)

Geometric shapes of condensed objects look like model A and model B.

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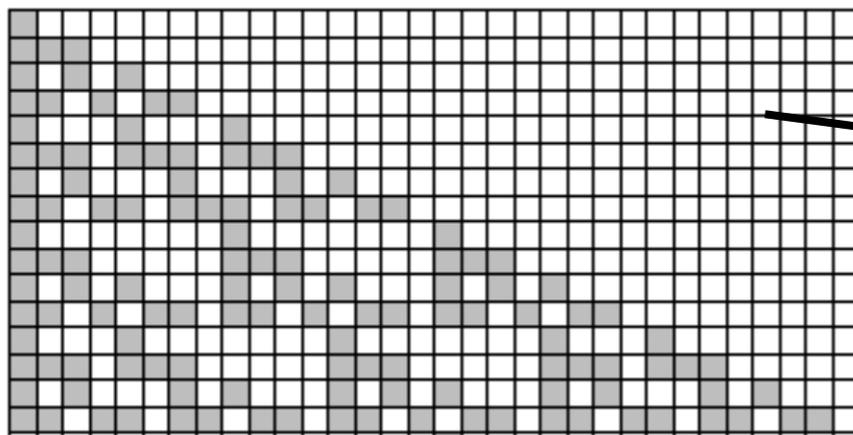


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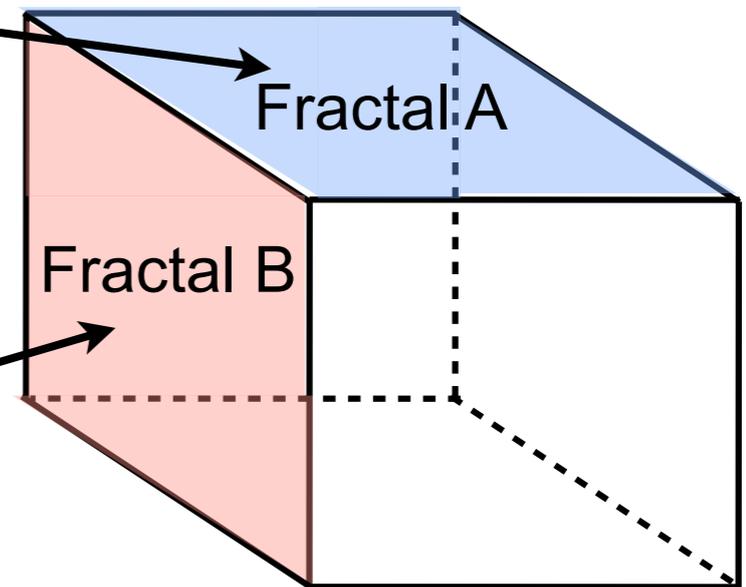
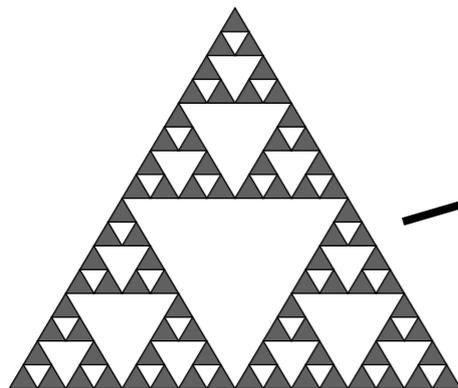
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eg)

Fractal A



Fractal B



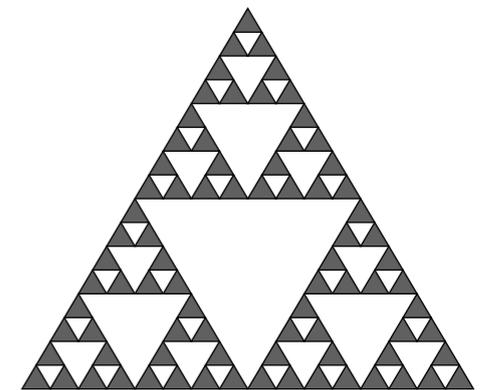
# Why are they beyond TQFT?

(a) A large (diverging) number of ground states:  $k \sim L$

TQFT has  $O(1)$  ground states by its definition...

(b) Fractal objects are not continuously deformable.

Only discrete scale symmetries.



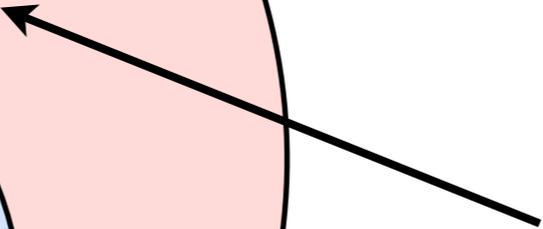
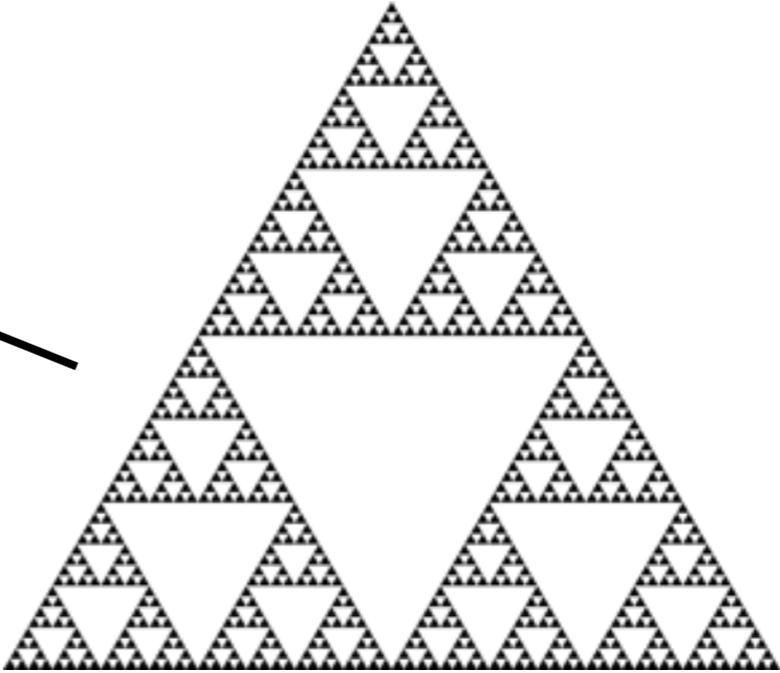
(c) Ground states correspond to **limit cycles** of (Kadanoff-type) real-space RG transformations with imaginary scaling dimensions.

topological order

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eg : Toric code  
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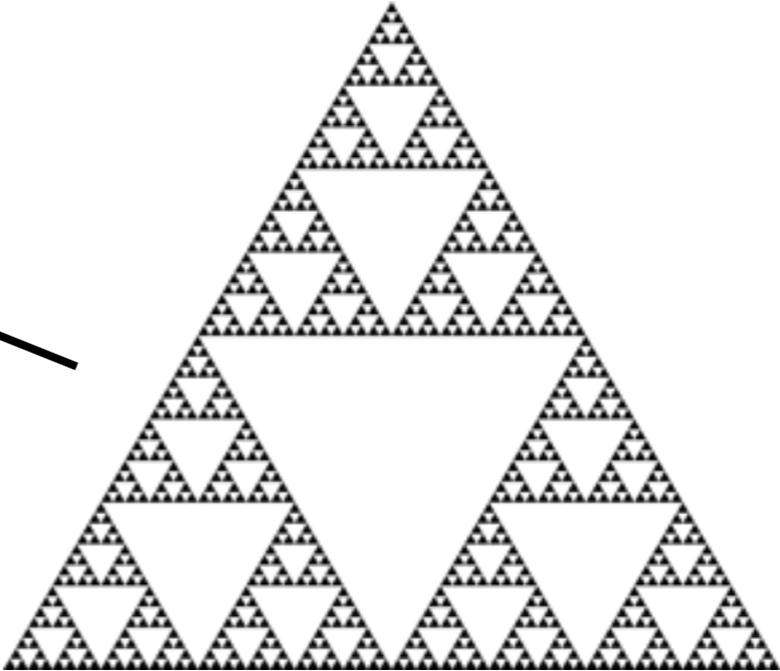
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Application to quantum information processing ?

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# Application 1: (Marginally) Self-Correcting Quantum Memory

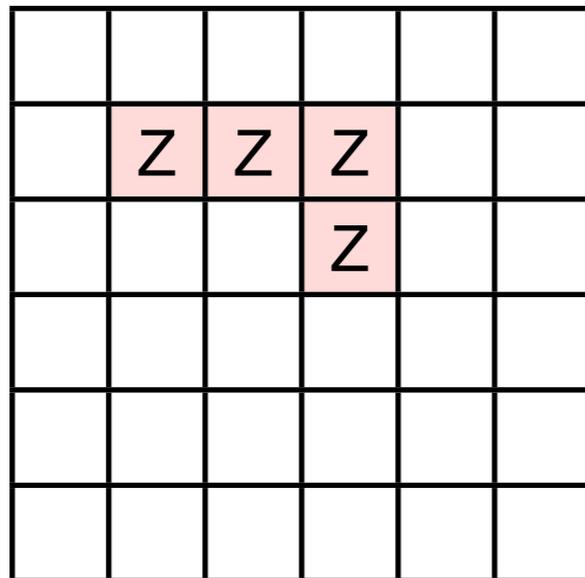
Does self-correcting quantum memory exist in 3d ?

- Cubic code (Haah 2011) “marginally” self-correcting with  $T_c=0$ 
  - No string-like logical operator.
  - $\text{Log}(L)$  energy barrier

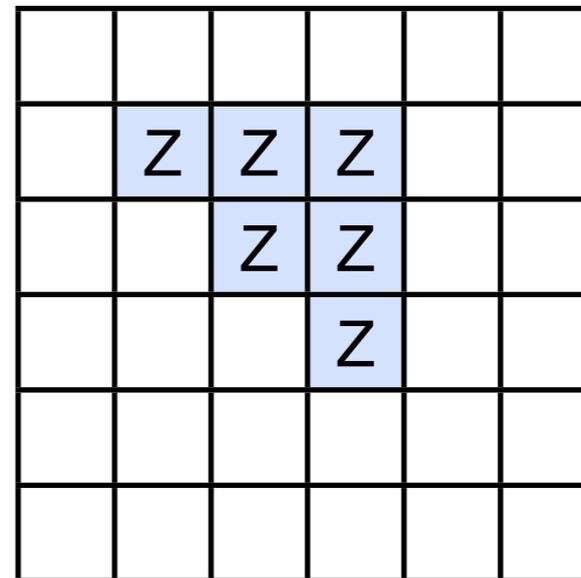
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Does self-correcting quantum memory exist in 3d ?

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model A



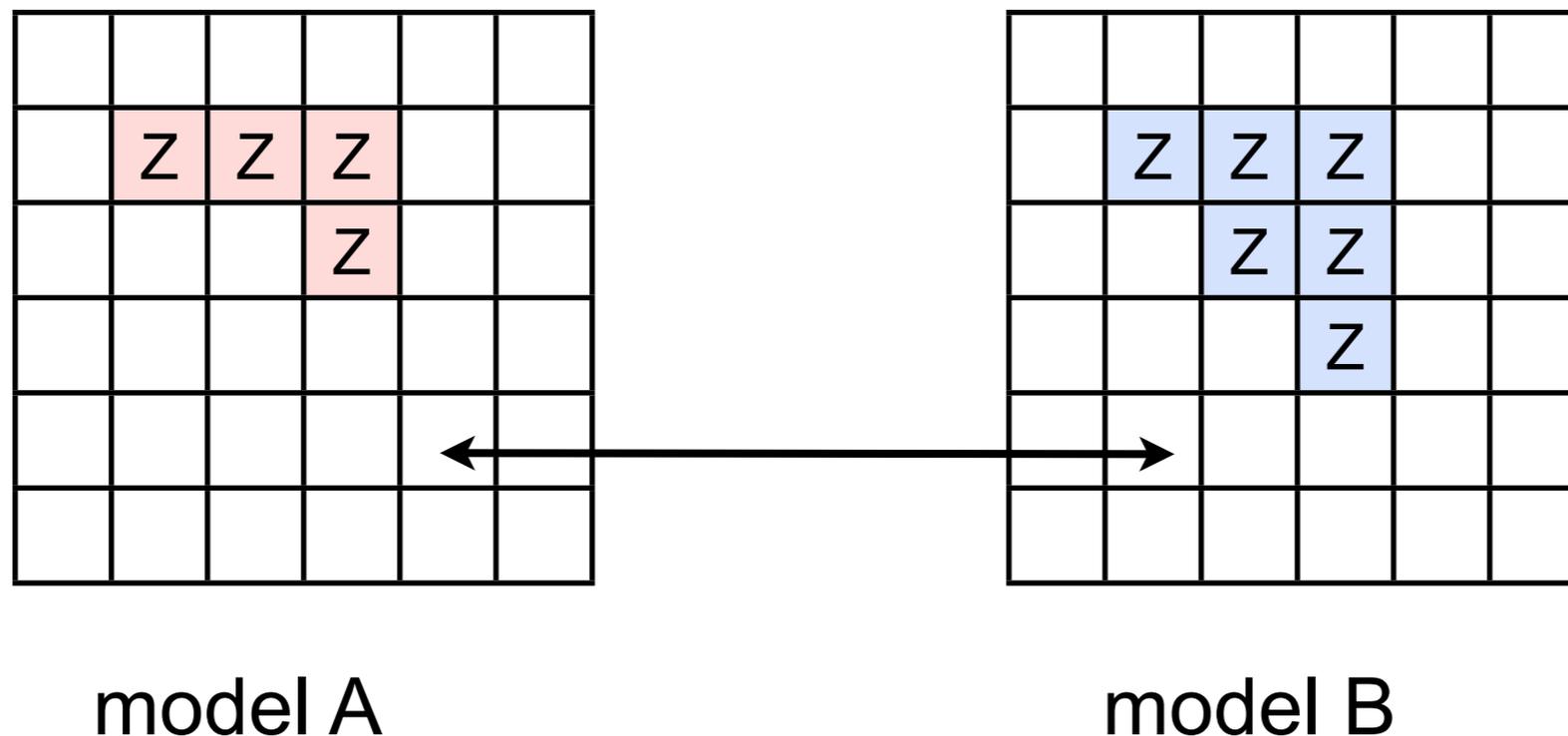
model B

# Application 1: (Marginally) Self-Correcting Quantum Memory

Does self-correcting quantum memory exist in 3d ?

Theorem (BY2013)

The model is free from string-like logical operators if and only if model A and model B are “algebraically different”.



different fractals

# Application 2: (asymptotically) good quantum LDPC code

Quantum local code bound (Bravyi et al 2009)

$$kd^{\frac{2}{D-1}} \leq O(n).$$

Conjecture (BY2013)

Quantum fractal codes asymptotically saturate the bound with

$$k \sim O(L^{D-2}) \quad d \sim O(L^{D-1-\epsilon})$$

- $(D - 1 - \epsilon)$  - dim logical operators exist.

# Application 2: (asymptotically) good quantum LDPC code

- Asymptotically good quantum LDPC code?

infinite dimensional limit (  $D \rightarrow \infty$  )

$$k \sim O(n^{1-\epsilon})$$

$$d \sim O(n^{1-\epsilon})$$

?

current best quantum LDPC code

$$k \sim O(n)$$

$$d \sim O(n^{0.5})$$

# Classical and quantum fractal code

; topological order beyond TQFT and asymptotically good quantum LDPC code

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