

Metric dimension of distance-regular graphs

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- ▶ Cáceres *et al* (2007): for the square lattice graph (or rook's graph) $H(2, q)$,

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- ▶ **Theorem:** (B., Cameron) For both $J(n, 2)$ and $K(n, 2)$, we have

$$\mu(J(n, 2)) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}n & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{2}{3}(n-1) + 1 & n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{2}{3}(n-2) + 2 & n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases} .$$

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 - ▶ In each part, take all (but one) of its k -subsets: these form a resolving set.

The Grassmann scheme

Oops!!! The result on this slide was wrong. However, it has since been fixed.....

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