

Operator $\ell_p \rightarrow \ell_q$ norms of random matrices with iid entries

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What if $X_{i,j}$ are exponential? Or, more generally, symmetric Weibull r.v.'s with parameter $r \in [1, 2]$:

$$\mathbb{P}(|X_i| \geq t) = e^{-t^r} \quad ?$$

Theorem (Latała–S., 2023)

Let $X_{i,j}$, X_i , X_j , $1 \leq i \leq m$, $1 \leq j \leq n$ be iid symmetric Weibull r.v.'s with parameter $r \in [1, 2]$. Then

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Proposition (Latała–Strzelecka 2023+)

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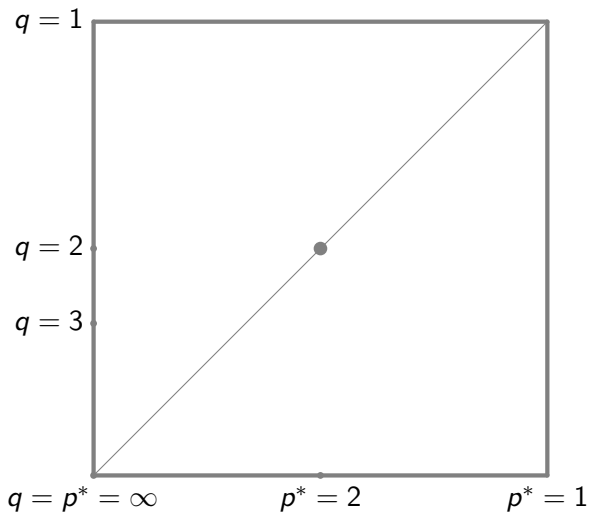
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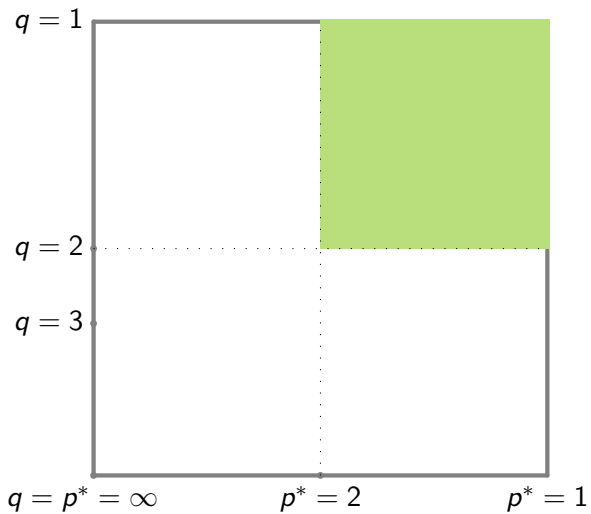
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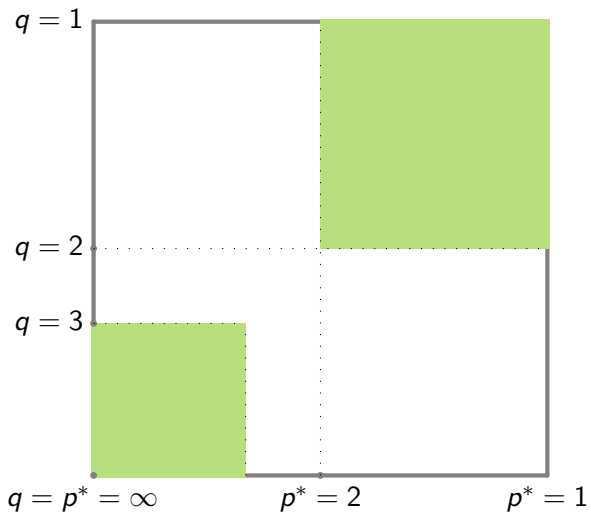
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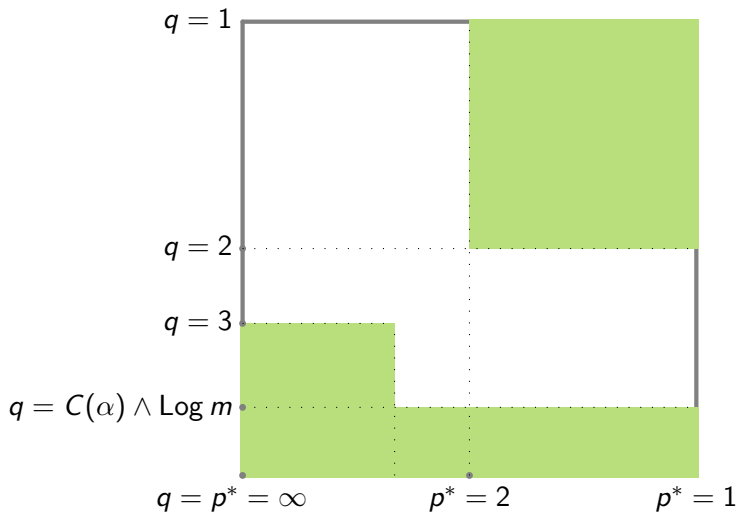
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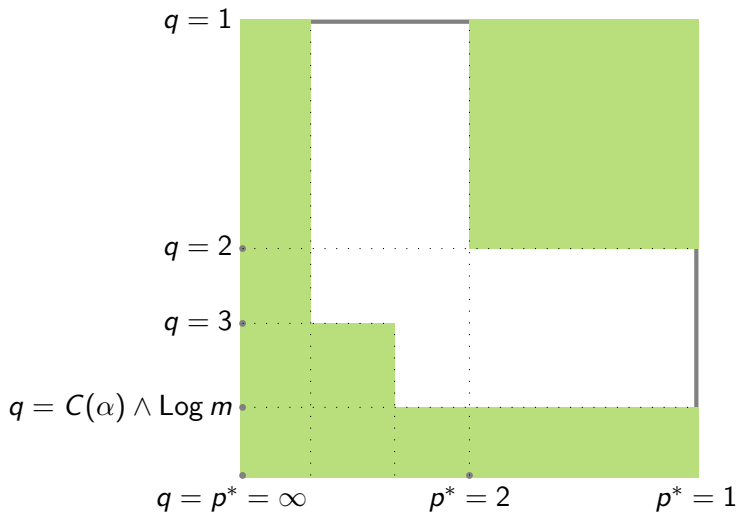
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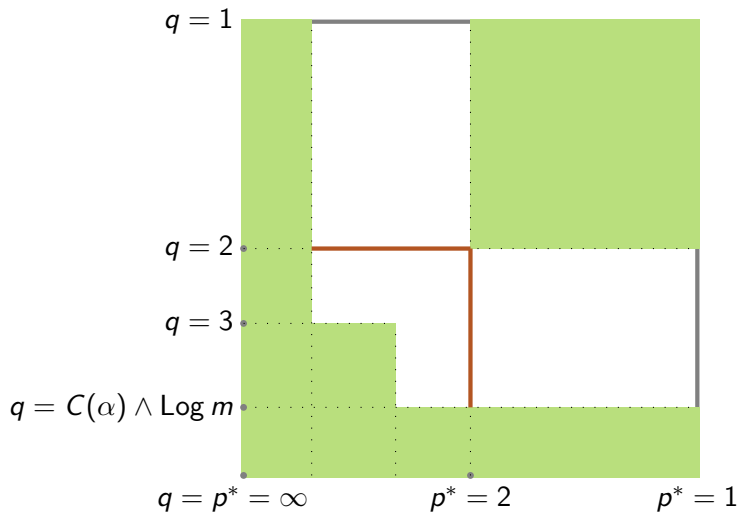
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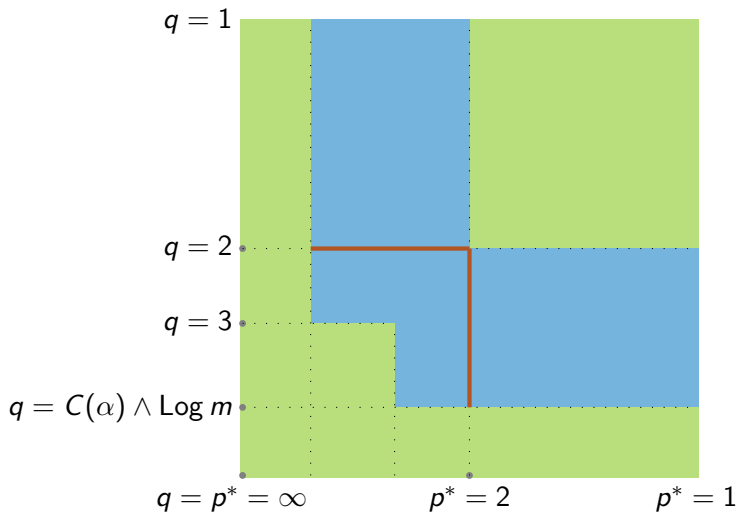


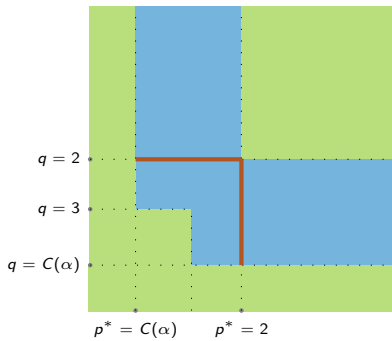
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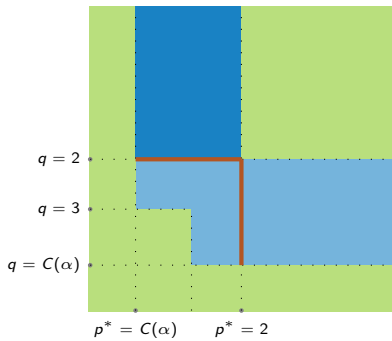


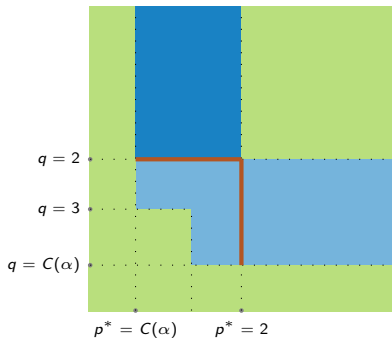
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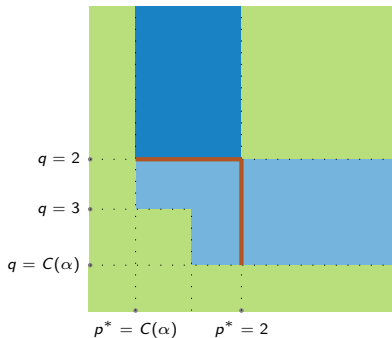






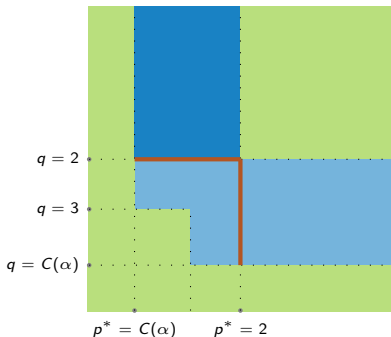


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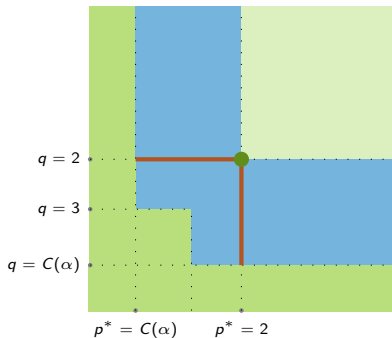
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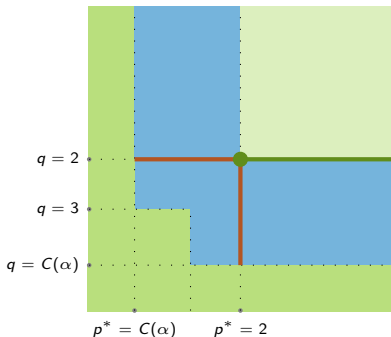
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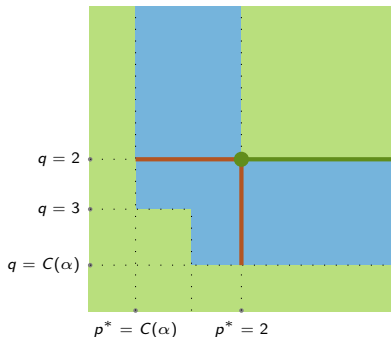
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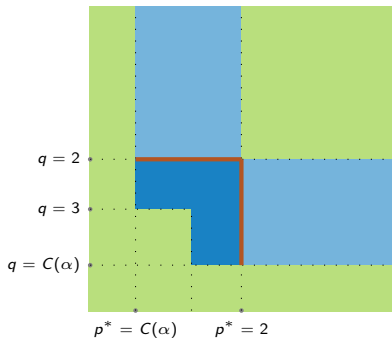
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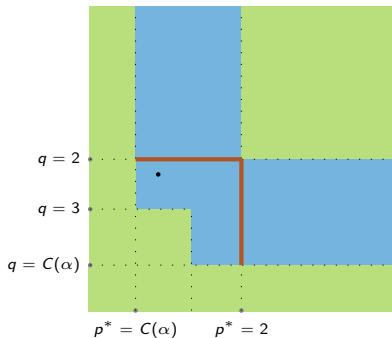
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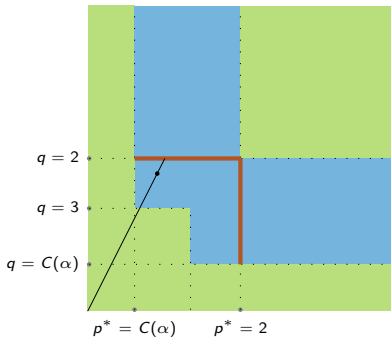


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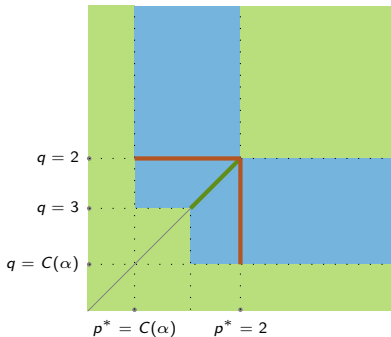
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