

# On Almost Complete Subsets of a Conic in $\text{PG}(2, q)$ , Completeness of Normal Rational Curves and Extendability of Reed-Solomon Codes

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## Abstract

A subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of a conic  $\mathcal{C}$  in the projective plane  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  is called *almost complete* (AC-subset for short) if it can be extended to a larger arc in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  only by the points of  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{S}$  and by the nucleus of  $\mathcal{C}$  when  $q$  is even. New upper bounds on the smallest size  $t(q)$  of an AC-subset are obtained, in particular,

$$t(q) < \sqrt{q(3 \ln q + \ln \ln q + \ln 3)} + \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}} + 4 \sim \sqrt{3q \ln q};$$

$$t(q) < 1.835\sqrt{q \ln q}.$$

The new bounds are used to increase regions of pairs  $(N, q)$  for which it is proved that every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc or, equivalently, that no  $[q + 1, N + 1, q - N + 1]_q$  generalized doubly-extended Reed-Solomon code can be extended to a  $[q + 2, N + 1, q - N + 2]_q$  MDS code.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  be the  $N$ -dimensional projective space over the Galois field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of order  $q$ . An  $n$ -arc in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  with  $n > N + 1$  is a set of  $n$  points such that no  $N + 1$  points belong to the same hyperplane of  $\text{PG}(N, q)$ . An  $n$ -arc of  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is complete if it is not contained in an  $(n + 1)$ -arc of  $\text{PG}(N, q)$ . In  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  with  $2 \leq N \leq q - 2$ , a normal rational curve is any  $(q + 1)$ -arc projectively equivalent to the arc  $\{(1, t, t^2, \dots, t^N) : t \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \cup \{(0, \dots, 0, 1)\}$ . For an introduction to projective geometries over finite fields see [1–3].

Let an  $[n, k, d]_q$  code be a  $q$ -ary linear code of length  $n$ , dimension  $k$ , and minimum distance  $d$ . If  $d = n - k + 1$ , it is a maximum distance separable (MDS) code. The code dual to an  $[n, k, n - k + 1]_q$  MDS code is an  $[n, n - k, k + 1]_q$  MDS code.

Points (in the homogeneous coordinates) of an  $n$ -arc in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  treated as columns define a generator matrix of an  $[n, N + 1, n - N]_q$  MDS code. If an  $n$ -arc in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is complete then the corresponding  $[n, N + 1, n - N]_q$  MDS code cannot be extended to an  $[n + 1, N + 1, n - N + 1]_q$  MDS code. For properties of linear MDS codes and their equivalence to arcs see e.g. [1–14].

The  $j$ -th column of a generator matrix of a  $[q + 1, N + 1, q - N + 1]_q$  generalized doubly-extended Reed-Solomon (GDRS) code has the form  $(v_j, v_j \alpha_j, v_j \alpha_j^2, \dots, v_j \alpha_j^N)^T$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ;  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_q$  are distinct elements of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ;  $v_1, \dots, v_q$  are nonzero (not necessarily distinct) elements of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Also, this matrix contains one more column  $(0, \dots, 0, v)^T$  with  $v \neq 0$ . The code, dual to a GDRS code, is a GDRS code too.

Points (in the homogeneous coordinates) of a normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  treated as columns define a generator matrix of a  $[q + 1, N + 1, q - N + 1]_q$  GDRS code. Proposition 1.1 is well known.

**Proposition 1.1.** *Let  $N$  and  $q$  be fixed integers with  $2 \leq N \leq q - 2$ . Moreover, let  $q$  be a prime power. The following statements are equivalent:*

- *Every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc;*
- *No  $[q + 1, N + 1, q - N + 1]_q$  GDRS code can be extended to a  $[q + 2, N + 1, q - N + 2]_q$  MDS code.*

Due to Proposition 1.1, all results given below on completeness of normal rational curves can be reformulated in coding theory language for extendability of GDRS codes.

The completeness of normal rational curves and related problems are considered in numerous works starting from Segre's paper [15] of 1955; see for example [1–20], where

surveys and references can be found. In particular, the following conjecture, connected with the famous Segre's three problems, is well known.

**Conjecture 1.2.** *Let  $2 \leq N \leq q - 2$ . Every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc except for the cases  $q$  even and  $N \in \{2, q - 2\}$  when one point can be added to the curve.*

**Remark 1.3.** As a comment to Conjecture 1.2 for  $q$  even, note the following. If  $N = 2$ , the point which can be added to a normal rational curve is unique. But if  $N = q - 2$ , there are many points in  $\text{PG}(q - 2, q)$  which extend a normal rational curve to a  $(q + 2)$ -arc, see [13, Theorem 3.10] for the geometrical characterization of these points.

**Remark 1.4.** If  $k \geq q$  then an  $[n, k, n - k + 1]_q$  MDS code has length  $n \leq k + 1$ , see e.g. [10, 11]. For  $2 \leq N \leq q - 2$ , the well known *MDS conjecture* assumes that an  $[n, N + 1, n - N]_q$  MDS code (or equivalently an  $n$ -arc in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$ ) has length  $n \leq q + 1$  except for the cases  $q$  even and  $N \in \{2, q - 2\}$  when  $n \leq q + 2$ . The MDS conjecture considers all MDS codes (or all arcs) whereas Conjecture 1.2 says only something about normal rational curves (or GDRS codes). If the MDS conjecture holds for some pair  $(N, q)$  then Conjecture 1.2 holds too, but in general the reverse is not true.

For many pairs  $(N, q)$  Conjecture 1.2 is proved, see [1–11, 14–20] and the references therein; but in general, *completeness of normal rational curves is an open problem*. The main known results are given in Table 1, where  $p$  and  $p_0(h)$  are *prime*. For rows 1–6 of Table 1, in fact, the MDS conjecture is proved. In [5], see row 7 of Table 1, it is proved that a subset of size  $3(N - 1) - 6$  of a normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$ ,  $q$  odd, cannot be extended to an arc of size  $q + 2$ . This means that  $3N - 3 \leq q + 1$  (otherwise the curve could not contain a such subset). So,  $N \leq \frac{q+4}{3}$ . The regions of  $N$  in rows 10–11 cover the ones in rows 6–8; we included rows 6–8 in Table 1 as the methods used for them are useful for further research.

For the problem of completeness of normal rational curves we use tools connected with almost complete subsets of a conic in the projective plane  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ .

An  $n$ -arc in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  is a set of  $n$  points no three of which are collinear. A point  $P$  of  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  is covered by an arc  $\mathcal{K} \subset \text{PG}(2, q)$  if  $P$  lies on a bisecant of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Throughout the paper,  $\mathcal{C} = \{(1, t, t^2) : t \in \mathbb{F}_q\} \cup \{(0, 0, 1)\}$  is a fixed conic in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ . Any point subset of  $\mathcal{C}$  is an arc. For even  $q$ , denote by  $\mathcal{O}$  the nucleus of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let

$$\mathcal{M}_q := \begin{cases} \text{PG}(2, q) \setminus \mathcal{C} & \text{if } q \text{ odd} \\ \text{PG}(2, q) \setminus (\mathcal{C} \cup \{\mathcal{O}\}) & \text{if } q \text{ even} \end{cases} .$$

**Definition 1.5. (i)** In  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ , an *almost complete subset* of the conic  $\mathcal{C}$  (*AC-subset*, for short) is a proper subset of  $\mathcal{C}$  covering all the points of  $\mathcal{M}_q$ . An  $n$ -AC-subset is an AC-subset of size  $n$ .

**(ii)** An AC-subset is *minimal* if it does not contain a smaller AC-subset.

Table 1: Pairs  $(N, q)$  for which it is proved that every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc

no.	$q$	$N$	Reference
1	$q = p^{2h+1}, p \geq 3, h \geq 1$	$q - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{pq} + \frac{29}{16}p - 3 < N \leq q - 3$	[2, Table 3.4]
2	$q = p^h, p \geq 5$	$q - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{q} + 1 < N \leq q - 3$	[2, Table 3.4]
3	$q = p^h \geq 23^2; p \geq 3;$ $q \neq 5^5, 3^6; h$ even for $q = 3$	$q - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{q} - 1 < N \leq q - 3$	[2, Table 3.4]
4	$q = 2^h, h > 2$	$q - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{q} - \frac{11}{4} < N \leq q - 5$	[2, Table 3.4]
5	$q = p$	$2 \leq N \leq p - 1$	[4, 6, 16, 17]
6	$q = p^2$	$2 \leq N \leq 2\sqrt{q} - 3$	[4, 6, 16, 17]
7	$q$ odd	$N \leq \frac{q+4}{3}$	[5, Theorem 1.4]
8	all $q$	$3 \leq N \leq q + 2 - 6\sqrt{q \ln q}$	[19, Theorem 3.3]
9	$q = p^{2h+1}; p \geq p_0(h); p_0(h)$ is the smallest $\hat{p}$ satisfying $\sqrt{\hat{p}} > 24\sqrt{(2h+1) \ln \hat{p}}$ $+ \frac{29}{4\hat{p}^{h-0.5}} - \frac{20}{\hat{p}^{h+0.5}}$	$2 \leq N \leq q - 2$	[19, Theorem 3.5]
10	$q$ odd	$2 \leq N \leq q - 2 - \sqrt{7(q+1) \ln q}$	[18, Theorem 9.2]
11	$q$ even	$3 \leq N \leq q - 1 - \sqrt{7(q+1) \ln q}$	[18, Theorem 9.2]

Note that an AC-subset  $\mathcal{S}$  is an arc that can be extended to a larger arc in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  only by the points of  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{S}$  and by the nucleus  $\mathcal{O}$  when  $q$  is even. The term ‘‘almost completeness’’ was introduced in [18, p. 94] for objects in the affine plane  $\text{AG}(2, q)$ .

Denote by  $t(q)$  the smallest size of an AC-subset in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ .

In this work we provide new upper bounds on  $t(q)$ . This is an open problem. It is addressed, for example, in [19–21]. In [21], by probabilistic methods, it is proved that

$$t(q) < 6\sqrt{q \ln q}. \quad (1.1)$$

In [19, Theorem 3.1], using the results and approaches of [20], the following connection between  $t(q)$  and the completeness of normal rational curves is proved:

*under the condition*

$$3 \leq N \leq q + 2 - t(q), \quad (1.2)$$

*every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc.*

The aims of this paper are as follows: obtain new upper bounds on the smallest size of an AC-subset of a conic in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ ; using the bounds, extend regions of pairs  $(N, q)$  for which it is proved that every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 the main results of this paper are formulated. In Section 3, we consider an estimate of the number of new covered points in one step of a step-by-step algorithm constructing AC-subsets. In Section 4, implicit and explicit upper bounds on  $t(q)$ , based on the results of Section 3, are obtained. In Section 5, computer assisted bounds on  $t(q)$  are studied. In Section 6, new bounds on  $t(q)$  are applied to the problem of completeness of normal rational curves. Finally, in Appendix tables of the smallest known sizes  $\bar{t}(q)$  of AC-subsets in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  are given.

## 2 The main results

We introduce the following set of prime powers.

$$Q_1 := \{8 \leq q \leq 139129, q = p^m, p \text{ prime}, m \geq 2\}. \quad (2.1)$$

Throughout the paper we denote

$$\Phi(q) = \sqrt{q(3 \ln q + \ln \ln q + \ln 3)} + \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}} + 4 \sim \sqrt{3} \sqrt{q \ln q}; \quad (2.2)$$

$$\Theta(q) = \begin{cases} 1.62\sqrt{q \ln q} & \text{for } 8 \leq q \leq 17041 \\ 1.635\sqrt{q \ln q} & \text{for } 17041 < q \leq 33013 \\ 1.674\sqrt{q \ln q} & \text{for } q \in Q_1 \\ \min\{1.835\sqrt{q \ln q}, \Phi(q)\} & \text{for } \text{all } q \geq 5 \end{cases}, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$\min\{1.835\sqrt{q \ln q}, \Phi(q)\} = \begin{cases} 1.835\sqrt{q \ln q} & \text{for } q < 12755807 \\ \Phi(q) & \text{for } 12755807 \leq q \end{cases}.$$

The main result of this paper is Theorem 2.1 based on Theorems 4.10, 4.12, and 5.1.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The following upper bound on the smallest size  $t(q)$  of an AC-subset of the conic  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  holds:*

$$t(q) < \Theta(q). \quad (2.4)$$

Similarly to [19], we use upper bounds on  $t(q)$  to prove the completeness of the normal rational curves as arcs in projective spaces. From Theorem 2.1 and [19, Theorems 3.1,3.5] we obtained Corollaries 2.2 and 2.3; see Section 6.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let*

$$3 \leq N \leq q + 2 - \Theta(q). \quad (2.5)$$

*Then every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc.*

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $h \geq 1$  be a fixed integer. Let  $p_0(1) = 757$ ,  $p_0(2) = 1399$ ,  $p_0(3) = 2129$ ,  $p_0(4) = 2887$ ,  $p_0(5) = 3623$ . Also, for  $h \geq 6$  let  $p_0(h)$  be the smallest odd prime  $\widehat{p}$  satisfying*

$$\sqrt{\widehat{p}} > 4c\sqrt{(2h+1)\ln\widehat{p}} + \frac{29}{4\widehat{p}^{h-0.5}} - \frac{20}{\widehat{p}^{h+0.5}}, \quad (2.6)$$

where  $c = 1.62$  for  $6 \leq h \leq 19$ ,  $c = 1.635$  for  $20 \leq h \leq 28$ ,  $c = 1.835$  for  $h \geq 29$ .

Then for every odd prime  $p \geq p_0(h)$  in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  with  $q = p^{2h+1}$ ,  $2 \leq N \leq q-2$ , every normal rational curve is a complete  $(q+1)$ -arc.

**Remark 2.4.** In (2.6), the term  $\frac{29}{4\widehat{p}^{h-0.5}} - \frac{20}{\widehat{p}^{h+0.5}}$  quickly decreases when  $h$  grows. Therefore, practically, use of inequality  $\widehat{p} > 16c^2(2h+1)\ln\widehat{p}$  gives the same result as for (2.6). In particular, we have checked this for  $h \leq 16$ .

In Section 4 we consider also implicit upper bounds on  $t(q)$ .

All bounds on  $t(q)$  obtained in this paper are better than the bound of (1.1).

Corollaries 2.2 and 2.3 extend regions of pairs  $(N, q)$  for which it is proved that every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, q)$  is a complete  $(q+1)$ -arc.

Corollary 2.2 improves the results of [18, Theorem 9.2], cf. (2.5) and rows 10–11 of Table 1; in (2.5) the region on  $N$  values is greater by  $\sim 0.8\sqrt{q\ln q}$ .

Corollary 2.3 gives essentially smaller values  $p_0(h)$  than [19, Theorem 3.5]. By Corollary 2.3, we have  $\{p_0(1), p_0(2), \dots, p_0(16)\} = \{757, 1399, 2129, 2887, 3623, 4621, 5417, 6247, 7079, 7919, 8779, 9629, 10499, 11383, 12253, 13147\}$ . For comparison, [19, Theorem 3.5], see row 9 of Table 1, provides  $\{p_0(1), p_0(2), \dots, p_0(16)\} = \{16831, 29663, 43037, 56747, 70769, 85009, 99431, 114031, 128767, 143651, 158647, 173741, 188953, 204251, 219629, 235091\}$ .

### 3 The number of new covered points in one step of a step-by-step algorithm constructing AC-subsets

Assume that an AC-subset is constructed by a step-by-step algorithm (Algorithm, for short) adding a new point to the subset on every step. As an example, we mention the greedy algorithm that on every step adds to the subset a point providing the maximal possible (for the given step) number of new covered points.

Let  $w > 0$  be a fixed integer. Consider the  $(w+1)$ st step of Algorithm. This step starts from a  $w$ -subset  $\mathcal{K}_w \subset \mathcal{C}$  constructed in the previous  $w$  steps. Let  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)$  be the subset of points of  $\mathcal{M}_q$  not covered by the subset  $\mathcal{K}_w$ .

Let the subset  $\mathcal{K}_w$  consist of  $w$  points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_w$ . Let  $A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w$  be the point that will be included into the subset in the  $(w+1)$ st step. Denote by  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\})$  the subset of points of  $\mathcal{M}_q$  not covered by the new subset  $\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}$ .

Let  $\overline{AB}$  be the line through points  $A$  and  $B$ . The point  $A_{w+1}$  defines a bundle  $\mathcal{B}(A_{w+1}) = \{\overline{A_1A_{w+1}}, \overline{A_2A_{w+1}}, \dots, \overline{A_wA_{w+1}}\}$  of  $w$  tangents (unsecants) to  $\mathcal{K}_w$  which are

bisecants of  $\mathcal{C}$ . In order to obtain the next subset  $\mathcal{K}_{w+1}$ , we may include to  $\mathcal{K}_w$  any of  $q + 1 - w$  points of  $\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w$ . So, there exist  $q + 1 - w$  distinct points  $A_{w+1}$  and  $q + 1 - w$  distinct bundles. Introduce the set of  $w(q + 1 - w)$  lines

$$\mathcal{B}_{w+1}^{\cup} = \bigcup_{A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w} \mathcal{B}(A_{w+1}).$$

Let  $P_{w+1}^{\cup}$  be the point multiset consisting of all points of  $\mathcal{B}_{w+1}^{\cup}$ . A point that is the intersection of  $m$  lines of  $\mathcal{B}_{w+1}^{\cup}$  has multiplicity  $m$  in  $P_{w+1}^{\cup}$ .

Let  $\Delta(A_{w+1})$  be the number of the *new covered* points in the  $(w + 1)$ st step. Denote by  $\mathcal{N}(A_{w+1})$  the set of *new points covered* by  $\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}$ . By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(A_{w+1}) &= \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) \setminus \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}), \\ \Delta(A_{w+1}) &= \#\mathcal{N}(A_{w+1}) = \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}). \end{aligned}$$

Introduce the point multiset

$$\mathcal{N}_{w+1}^{\cup} = \bigcup_{A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w} \mathcal{N}(A_{w+1}) \subset P_{w+1}^{\cup}.$$

By the definitions above,

$$\#\mathcal{N}_{w+1}^{\cup} = \sum_{A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w} \Delta(A_{w+1}).$$

Let  $P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) \subset \mathcal{M}_q$  be a point not covered by  $\mathcal{K}_w$ . Every point of  $\mathcal{M}_q$  lies at most on two tangents of  $\mathcal{C}$ . The rest of lines through this point and the points of  $\mathcal{C}$  are bisecants. Therefore, among the  $w$  lines connecting  $P$  with  $\mathcal{K}_w$  there are at least  $w - 2$  bisecants of  $\mathcal{C}$ . None of those bisecants is a bisecant of  $\mathcal{K}_w$  otherwise the point  $P$  would be covered. Hence, all bisecants of  $\mathcal{C}$  through  $P$  and  $\mathcal{K}_w$  belong to  $\mathcal{B}_{w+1}^{\cup}$ . It means that *every point of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)$  is included in  $\mathcal{N}_{w+1}^{\cup}$  at least  $w - 2$  times*. So,

$$\#\mathcal{N}_{w+1}^{\cup} \geq (w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w). \quad (3.1)$$

**Remark 3.1.** For even  $q$ , every point of  $\mathcal{M}_q$  lies on one tangent of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Therefore for even  $q$ , in relation (3.1) we may change  $w - 2$  by  $w - 1$ . Also, for odd  $q$ , an internal point does not belong to any tangent of a conic whereas each of the  $\frac{1}{2}q(q + 1)$  external points lies on two distinct tangents. Hence for odd  $q$ , in (3.1) we may change  $(w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)$  by  $(w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) + 2 \max\{0, \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \frac{1}{2}q(q + 1)\}$ . These changes could slightly improve estimates below. However, for simplicity of presentation, we save relation (3.1) as it is.

By the above, the average number, say  $\Delta_{w+1}^{\text{aver}}$ , of new covered points in a bundle in the  $(w + 1)$ st step is as follows

$$\Delta_{w+1}^{\text{aver}} = \frac{\sum_{A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w} \Delta(A_{w+1})}{q + 1 - w} \geq \frac{(w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)}{q + 1 - w}.$$

Clearly,

$$\max_{A_{w+1} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{K}_w} \Delta(A_{w+1}) \geq \lceil \Delta_{w+1}^{\text{aver}} \rceil.$$

So, we have proved the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *For an arbitrary step-by-step algorithm, there exists a point  $A_{w+1}$  providing*

$$\Delta(A_{w+1}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{(w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)}{q + 1 - w} \right\rceil. \quad (3.2)$$

Note that the greedy algorithm always finds the point  $A_{w+1}$  with property (3.2).

## 4 Upper bounds on the smallest size of an AC-subset based on properties of step-by-step algorithms

We denote

$$t^*(q) = \frac{t(q)}{\sqrt{q \ln q}}.$$

Let  $t(q) < f(q)$ . Then  $t^*(q) < f(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$ . The upper bounds on  $t^*(q)$  are more convenient for graphical representation than bounds on  $t(q)$ . If  $f(q)$  is called “Bound L”, say, then we call  $f(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$  “Bound L\*\*”.

### 4.1 Implicit bound A

By Section 3,

$$\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) = \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \Delta(A_{w+1}) \leq \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \left\lceil \frac{(w - 2) \cdot \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)}{q + 1 - w} \right\rceil. \quad (4.1)$$

Define  $U_w$  as an upper bound on  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w)$ :

$$\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) = U_w - \delta \leq U_w; \quad \delta \geq 0. \quad (4.2)$$



By (4.1), (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) &\leq U_w - \delta - \left\lceil \frac{(w-2)(U_w - \delta)}{q+1-w} \right\rceil = \\ &U_w - \left\lceil \frac{(w-2)U_w + (q+3-2w)\delta}{q+1-w} \right\rceil. \end{aligned}$$

From now on, we suppose

$$q+3 > 2w. \quad (4.3)$$

Under condition (4.3), it holds that

$$\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) = \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \Delta(A_{w+1}) \leq U_w - \left\lceil \frac{(w-2)U_w}{q+1-w} \right\rceil. \quad (4.4)$$

Assume that there exists a  $w_0$ -subset  $\mathcal{K}_{w_0} \subset \mathcal{C} \subset PG(2, q)$  that does not cover at most  $U_{w_0}$  points of  $\mathcal{M}_q$ . Then, starting from values  $w_0$  and  $U_{w_0}$ , one can iteratively apply the relation (4.4) and obtain eventually  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) = 0$  for some  $w$ , say  $w_{\text{fin}}$ . Clearly,  $w_{\text{fin}}$  depends on  $w_0$  and  $U_{w_0}$ , i.e. we have a function  $w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0})$ . The size  $k$  of the obtained AC-subset is as follows:

$$k = w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0}) + 1 \text{ under condition } \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_{w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0})} \cup \{A_{w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0})+1}\}) = 0.$$

From the above we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1. (*implicit bound*  $A(w_0, U_{w_0})$ )** *Let the values  $w_0$ ,  $U_{w_0}$ , and  $w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0})$  be defined and calculated as above. Let also  $w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0}) < \frac{q+3}{2}$ . Then it holds that*

$$t(q) \leq w_{\text{fin}}(w_0, U_{w_0}) + 1.$$

It is easily seen that, for any  $q$ , there exists a 5-subset  $\mathcal{K}_5 \subset \mathcal{C} \subset PG(2, q)$  that does not cover  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_5) = \#\mathcal{M}_q - (10q - 25) \leq U_5 = (q-5)^2$  points of  $\mathcal{M}_q$ . The corresponding implicit bound  $A^*(5, (q-5)^2)$  (i.e. the value  $(w_{\text{fin}}(5, (q-5)^2) + 1)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$ ) is shown by the third blue curve on Figs. 1 and 2.

**Observation 4.2.** *In the region  $7 \leq q \leq 55711$  the implicit bound  $A^*(5, (q-5)^2)$  tends to increase with the maximal value  $A^*(5, (q-5)^2) \sim 1.8341$  for  $q = 55711$ . In the region  $55711 < q \leq 14000029$  the bound  $A^*(5, (q-5)^2)$  tends to decrease with the minimal value  $A^*(5, (q-5)^2) \sim 1.8180$  for  $q = 13995829$ , see Fig. 2.*

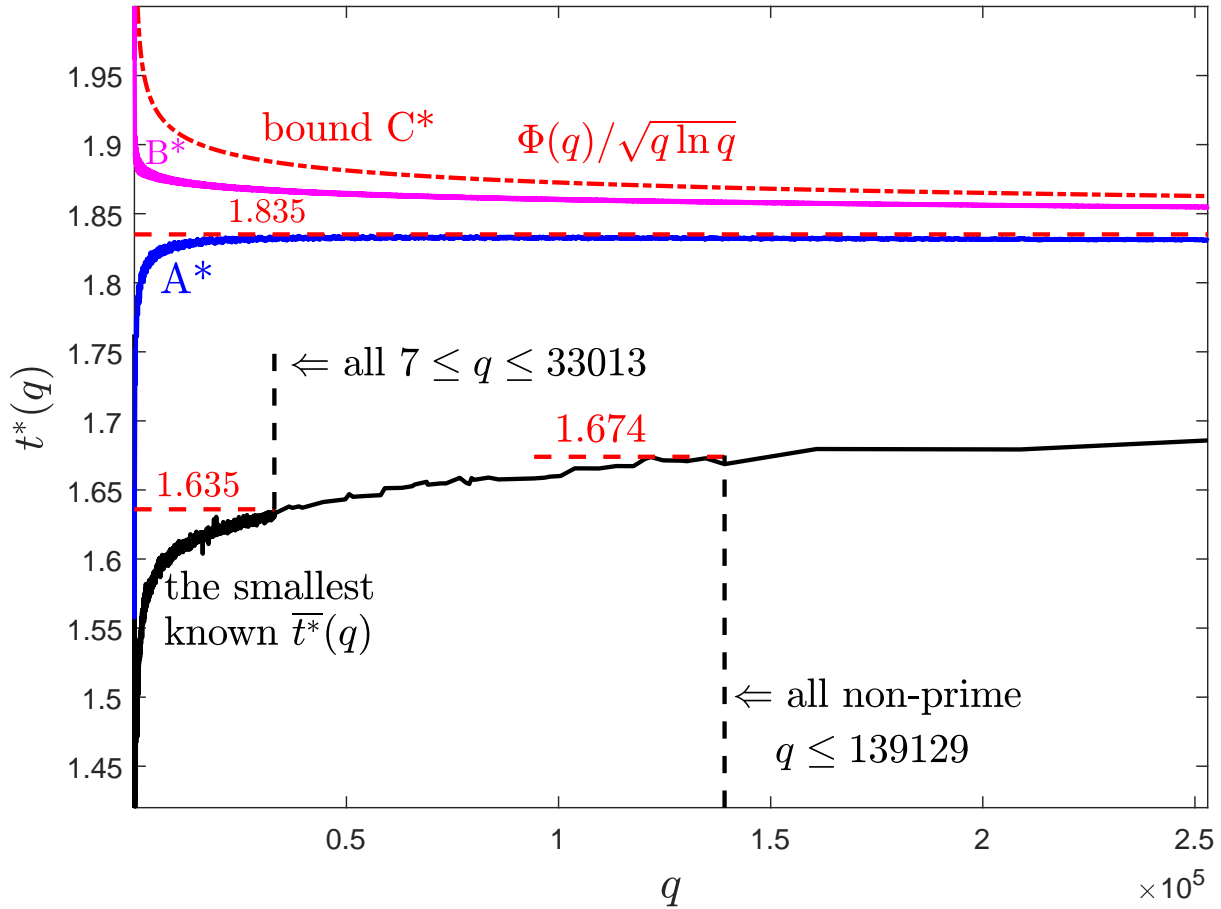


Figure 1: **Upper bounds on sizes of AC-subsets divided by  $\sqrt{q \ln q}$ ,  $q \leq 253009$ :** bound  $C^*$  equal to  $\Phi(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$  (top dashed-dotted red curve); implicit bound  $B^*$  (the 2-nd magenta curve); bound (4.21) (dashed red line  $y = 1.835$ ); implicit bound  $A^*(5, (q - 5)^2)$  (the 3-rd blue curve); bound (5.6) (dashed red line  $y = 1.635$ ); bound (5.7) (dashed red line  $y = 1.674$ ); the smallest known sizes of AC-subsets divided by  $\sqrt{q \ln q}$ , i.e. values  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  (bottom black curve). Vertical dashed lines  $x = 33013$  and  $x = 139129$  mark regions of complete computer search, respectively, for all prime powers  $q$  and all non-prime  $q$ 's

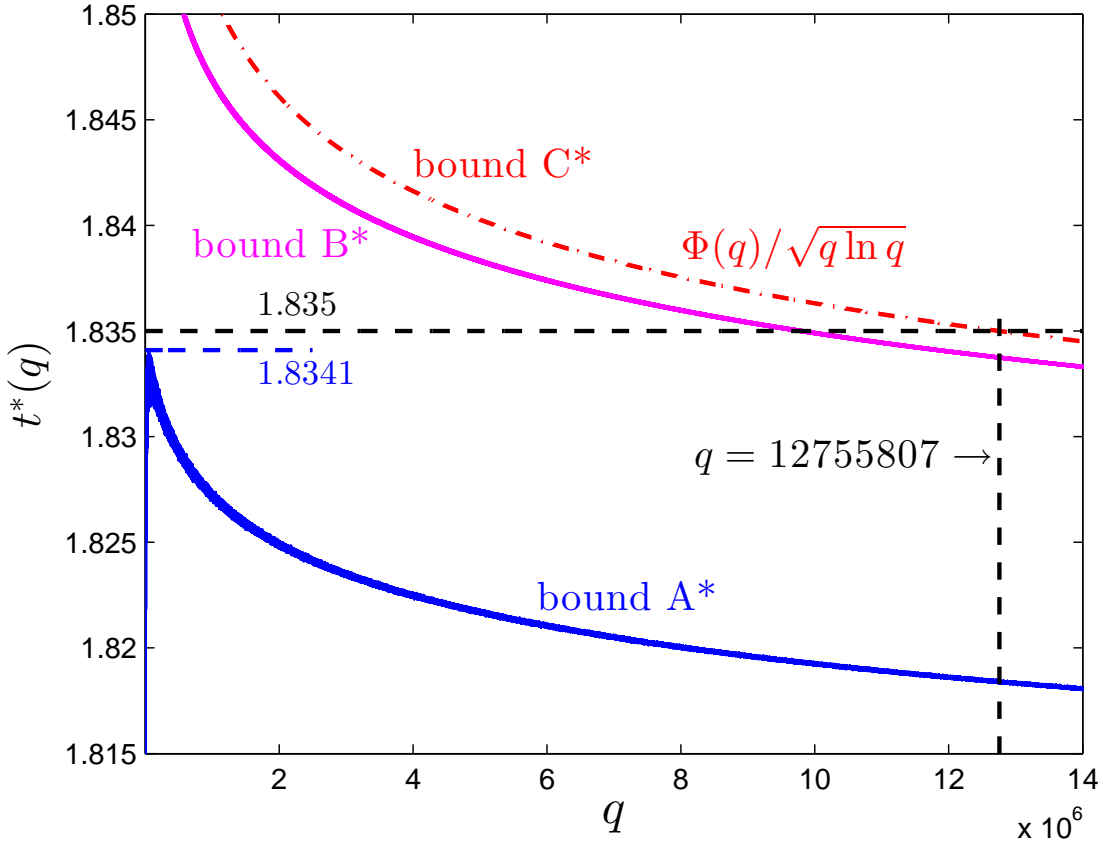


Figure 2: **Upper bounds on sizes of AC-subsets divided by  $\sqrt{q \ln q}$ ,  $q \leq 14000029$ :** bound C\* equal to  $\Phi(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$  (top dashed-dotted red curve); implicit bound B\* (the 2-nd magenta curve); bound (4.21) (dashed red line  $y = 1.835$ ); implicit bound A\*(5,  $(q - 5)^2$ ) (the 3-rd blue curve)

## 4.2 A truncated iterative process

From (4.1) we have that

$$\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) = \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w) - \Delta(A_{w+1}) \leq U_w \left(1 - \frac{w-2}{q+1-w}\right). \quad (4.5)$$

Clearly,  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_1) \leq U_1 = q^2$ . Using (4.5) iteratively, we obtain

$$\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) = U_{w+1} \leq q^2 f_q(w), \quad (4.6)$$

where

$$f_q(w) = \prod_{i=1}^w \left(1 - \frac{i-2}{q+1-i}\right). \quad (4.7)$$

From now on, we will stop the iterative process when  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) \leq \xi$  where  $\xi \geq 1$  is some value that we may assign to improve estimates. Note that if some point  $P \in \mathcal{M}_q$  is not covered by  $\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}$ , one always can find a point  $A_{w+2} \in \mathcal{C} \setminus (\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\})$  such that  $P$  is covered by  $\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}, A_{w+2}\}$ . It means that after the end of the iterative process we can add at most  $\xi$  points of  $\mathcal{C}$  to the running subset in order to get a  $k$ -AC-subset with size  $k$  satisfying

$$w+1 \leq k \leq w+1+\xi \text{ under condition } \#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) \leq \xi. \quad (4.8)$$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\xi \geq 1$  be a fixed value independent of  $w$ . Let  $w < \frac{q+3}{2}$  satisfy*

$$f_q(w) = \prod_{i=1}^w \left(1 - \frac{i-2}{q+1-i}\right) \leq \frac{\xi}{q^2}. \quad (4.9)$$

*Then it holds that*

$$t(q) \leq w+1+\xi. \quad (4.10)$$

*Proof.* By (4.6), to provide the inequality  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) \leq \xi$  it is sufficient to find  $w$  such that  $q^2 f_q(w) \leq \xi$ . Now (4.10) follows from (4.8).  $\square$

Clearly, we should choose  $\xi$  such that  $w+1+\xi$  is small under condition  $\#\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{K}_w \cup \{A_{w+1}\}) \leq \xi$ .

In order to get more simple forms of upper bounds on  $t(q)$  we will find an upper bound on  $f_q(w)$  of (4.7). To this end we use the Taylor series  $e^{-\alpha} = 1 - \alpha + \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha^3}{6} + \dots$ , whence

$$1 - \alpha < e^{-\alpha} \text{ for } \alpha \neq 0. \quad (4.11)$$

### 4.3 Implicit bound B

**Lemma 4.4.** *It holds that*

$$f_q(w) = \prod_{i=1}^w \left(1 - \frac{i-2}{q+1-i}\right) < e^{-S}, \quad (4.12)$$

where

$$-w + (q-1) \ln \frac{q+1}{q+1-w} < S < -w + (q-1) \ln \frac{q}{q-w}. \quad (4.13)$$

*Proof.* By (4.11),

$$\prod_{i=1}^w \left(1 - \frac{i-2}{q+1-i}\right) < e^{-S}, \quad S = \sum_{i=1}^w \frac{i-2}{q+1-i}.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{i=1}^w \frac{i-2}{q+1-i} = \sum_{u=-1}^{w-2} \frac{u}{q-1-u} = -w + \sum_{u=-1}^{w-2} \left( \frac{u}{q-1-u} + 1 \right) = \\ &= -w + (q-1) \sum_{u=-1}^{w-2} \frac{1}{q-1-u} = -w + (q-1) \sum_{t=q+1-w}^q \frac{1}{t}. \end{aligned}$$

It is well known that

$$\ln(q+1) < \sum_{t=1}^q \frac{1}{t} < 1 + \ln q.$$

Therefore,

$$\ln(q+1) - \ln(q+1-w) < \sum_{t=q+1-w}^q \frac{1}{t} = \sum_{t=1}^q \frac{1}{t} - \sum_{t=1}^{q-w} \frac{1}{t} < \ln q - \ln(q-w). \quad \square$$

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $\xi \geq 1$  be a fixed value independent of  $w$ . Let  $w < \frac{q+3}{2}$  satisfy*

$$w - (q-1) \ln \frac{q+1}{q+1-w} \leq \ln \frac{\xi}{q^2}.$$

*Then it holds that*

$$t(q) \leq w + 1 + \xi.$$

*Proof.* We substitute (4.12) and (4.13) in (4.9). □

**Corollary 4.6. (implicit bound B)** Let  $w < \frac{q+3}{2}$  satisfy

$$w - (q-1) \ln \frac{q+1}{q+1-w} \leq \ln \frac{1}{q\sqrt{3q \ln q}}.$$

Then it holds that

$$t(q) \leq w + 1 + \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}}.$$

*Proof.* In the assertions of Corollary 4.5, we use  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}}$ . □

The implicit bound B\* is shown by the second magenta curve on Figs. 1 and 2.

## 4.4 Explicit bounds

By (4.7) and (4.11), we have

$$f_q(w) < \prod_{i=1}^w \left(1 - \frac{i-2}{q}\right) < \prod_{i=1}^w e^{-(i-2)/q} = e^{-(w^2-3w)/2q} < e^{-(w-2)^2/2q}. \quad (4.14)$$

**Lemma 4.7.** Let  $\xi \geq 1$  be a fixed value independent of  $w$ . The value

$$\frac{q+3}{2} > w \geq \sqrt{2q} \sqrt{\ln \frac{q^2}{\xi}} + 3 \quad (4.15)$$

satisfies inequality (4.9).

*Proof.* By (4.14), to provide (4.9) it is sufficient to find  $w$  such that

$$e^{-(w-2)^2/2q} < \frac{\xi}{q^2}.$$

As  $w$  should be an integer, in (4.15) one is added. Inequality  $w < \frac{q+3}{2}$  is obvious. □

**Theorem 4.8.** In  $PG(2, q)$  it holds that

$$t(q) \leq \sqrt{2q} \sqrt{\ln \frac{q^2}{\xi}} + \xi + 4, \quad \xi \geq 1, \quad (4.16)$$

where  $\xi$  is an arbitrarily chosen value.

*Proof.* The assertion follows from (4.10) and (4.15). □

**Remark 4.9.** We consider the function of  $\xi$  of the form

$$\phi(\xi) = \sqrt{2q} \sqrt{\ln \frac{q^2}{\xi}} + \xi + 4.$$

Its derivative by  $\xi$  is

$$\phi'(\xi) = 1 - \frac{1}{\xi} \sqrt{\frac{q}{2 \ln \frac{q^2}{\xi}}}.$$

Put  $\phi'(\xi) = 0$ . Then

$$\xi^2 = \frac{q}{4 \ln q - 2 \ln \xi}. \quad (4.17)$$

We find  $\xi$  in the form  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{c \ln q}}$ . By (4.17),  $c = 3 + \frac{\ln c + \ln \ln q}{\ln q}$ . For simplicity, we choose  $c = 3$ . Then  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}}$  and the value

$$\phi' \left( \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}} \right) = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{3 \ln q}{3 \ln q + \ln \ln q + \ln 3}}$$

is close to zero for growing  $q$ . Also, it is easy to check the following:  $\phi'(1) < 0$  if  $q \geq 9$ ,  $\phi'(\xi)$  is an increasing function,  $0 < \phi' \left( \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}} \right) < \phi'(\sqrt{q}) = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3 \ln q}}$ .

So, the choice  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}}$  in (4.16) seems to be convenient.

**Theorem 4.10. (Bound C)** *The following upper bound on the smallest size  $t(q)$  of an AC-subset in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  holds.*

$$t(q) < \Phi(q) = \sqrt{q(3 \ln q + \ln \ln q + \ln 3)} + \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}} + 4 \sim \sqrt{3q \ln q}. \quad (4.18)$$

*Proof.* We substitute  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q}}$  in (4.16). □

The bound C\* (i.e. the value  $\Phi(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$ ) is shown by the top dashed-dotted red curve on Figs. 1 and 2.

**Remark 4.11.** If in (4.16) we take  $\xi = 1$  and  $\xi = \sqrt{q}$ , we obtain bounds (4.19) and (4.20).

$$t(q) < 2\sqrt{q \ln q} + 5. \quad (4.19)$$

$$t(q) < \sqrt{3q \ln q} + \sqrt{q} + 4. \quad (4.20)$$

It can be shown that bounds (4.19) and (4.20) are worse than (4.18).

If we put, see Remark 4.9,  $c = 3 + \frac{1 + \ln \ln q}{\ln q}$ ,  $\xi = \sqrt{\frac{q}{3 \ln q + \ln \ln q + 1}}$ , we improve bound (4.18). But, the improvement is unessential whereas the bound takes a lengthy form.

**Theorem 4.12.** *The following upper bound on the smallest size  $t(q)$  of an AC-subset in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  holds.*

$$t(q) < 1.835\sqrt{q \ln q}. \quad (4.21)$$

*Proof.* For  $q \leq 12755807$  we checked by computer that the implicit bound  $A(5, (q-5)^2) < 1.8341\sqrt{q \ln q}$ ; so in this region the assertion is provided by the bound  $A(5, (q-5)^2)$ , see Observation 4.2 and Fig. 2. It is easy to see that  $\Phi(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$  is a decreasing function of  $q$ . Moreover,  $\Phi(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q} < 1.835$  for  $q = 12755807$ . So, for  $q > 12755807$  the assertion is provided by the bound C.  $\square$

The bound (4.21) is presented by the dashed red line  $y = 1.835$  in Figs. 1 and 2.

## 5 Computer assisted results on $t(q)$ and $t^*(q)$

Let  $\bar{t}(q)$  be the smallest *known* size of an AC-subset in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ . Let  $\bar{t}^*(q) = \bar{t}(q)/\sqrt{q \ln q}$ . We denote the following sets of values of  $q$ :  $Q_2 := \{5 \leq q \leq 33013, q \text{ prime power}\}$ ;  $Q_3 := \{5 \leq q \leq 32, q \text{ prime power}\}$ ;  $Q_4 := Q_1 \cup \{160801, 208849, 253009\}$ . Let  $Q_1$  be as in (2.1).

For the set  $Q_3$  we obtained by computer search the smallest sizes  $t(q)$  of AC-subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ , see Table 2. The algorithm, used in the search, fixes a conic, computes all the non-equivalent point subsets of the conic of a certain size (6 in our complete cases) and extends each of them trying to obtain a minimal AC-subset. Each time an example is found only smaller examples are looked for. Minimality is checked explicitly: once we have found an AC-subset we test that deleting from it a point in all possible ways no almost complete subset is obtained. All computations are performed using the system for symbol calculations MAGMA [22].

Table 2: The smallest sizes  $t(q)$  of AC-subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$ ,  $q \in Q_3$

$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$	$q$	$t(q)$
5	5	7	6	8	6	9	6	11	8	13	8	16	9	17	10
19	11	23	12	25	12	27	13	29	13	31	14	32	15		

For the sets  $Q_2$  and  $Q_4$  we obtained small AC-subsets of  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  by computer search<sup>3</sup>. For it we used step-by-step randomized greedy algorithms similar to those

<sup>3</sup>The computer search for  $q \in Q_2 \cup Q_4$  has been carried out using computing resources of the federal collective usage center Complex for Simulation and Data Processing for Mega-science Facilities at NRC “Kurchatov Institute”, <http://ckp.nrcki.ru/>.



from [23], see also the references therein. Recall that at each step a randomized greedy algorithm maximizes some objective function  $f$ , but some steps are executed in a random manner. Also, if one and the same maximum of  $f$  can be obtained in different ways, the choice is made at random. As the value of the objective function, the number of points lying on bisecants of the running subset is considered.

As far as the authors know, sizes of AC-subsets, obtained by the mentioned computer search, are the smallest known. The corresponding values of  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  are shown by the bottom black curve in Fig.1. Recall that,

$$t^*(q) = \frac{t(q)}{\sqrt{q \ln q}} .$$

The values  $\bar{t}(q)$  and  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  for  $q \in Q_4$  and prime  $q \in Q_2$  are given in Tables 3 and 4, respectively, see Appendix. As values of  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  are not integers, in Tables 3 and 4 we give rounded values of  $\bar{t}^*(q)$ , moreover we round up. This explains the entry “ $\bar{t}^*(q) <$ ” in the top of columns.

In Table 4, the values  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  are written for not all  $q$ 's. The rules for entries  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  are as follows. Assume that the following holds:  $q' < q''$ ; the values  $\bar{t}^*(q')$  and  $\bar{t}^*(q'')$  are written in Table 4; no value  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  is written in the table if  $q' < q < q''$ . Then  $\bar{t}^*(q') \leq \bar{t}^*(q'')$  and  $\bar{t}^*(q) \leq \bar{t}^*(q')$  with  $q' < q < q''$ .

For example, one may take  $q' = 19$  and  $q'' = 307$ . We see that no value  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  is written in Table 4 if  $19 < q < 307$ . We have  $\bar{t}^*(19) \approx 1.471 < \bar{t}^*(307) \approx 1.479$  and  $\bar{t}^*(q) \leq 1.471$  with  $19 < q < 307$ .

So, in Table 4, the blank on place  $\bar{t}^*(q)$  means that  $\bar{t}^*(q) \leq \bar{t}^*(q')$  under the conditions that  $q' < q$ , value  $\bar{t}^*(q')$  is written in the table, and no value  $\bar{t}^*(q^\bullet)$  is written if  $q' < q^\bullet < q$ .

By computer search for the sets  $Q_2$  and  $Q_4$ , see Tables 3 and 4, we have Theorem 5.1.

**Theorem 5.1.** *The following upper bounds on the smallest size  $t(q)$  of an AC-subset of the conic  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  hold:*

$$t(q) < 1.525\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 8 \leq q \leq 887, \quad q \text{ prime power}, \quad q \neq 11; \quad (5.1)$$

$$t(q) < 1.548\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 887 < q \leq 1553, \quad q \text{ prime power}; \quad (5.2)$$

$$t(q) < 1.572\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 1553 < q \leq 2351, \quad q \text{ prime power}, \quad q = 11; \quad (5.3)$$

$$t(q) < 1.585\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 2351 < q \leq 4027, \quad q \text{ prime power}; \quad (5.4)$$

$$t(q) < 1.620\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 4027 < q \leq 17041, \quad q \text{ prime power}; \quad (5.5)$$

$$t(q) < 1.635\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad 17041 < q \leq 33013, \quad q \text{ prime power}, \quad q = 7; \quad (5.6)$$

$$t(q) < 1.674\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad q = p^m, \quad p \text{ prime}, \quad m \geq 2, \quad q \in Q_1; \quad (5.7)$$

$$t(q) < 1.686\sqrt{q \ln q}, \quad q = 160801, 208849, 253009.$$

The bounds (5.6), (5.7) are presented by dashed red lines  $y = 1.635$ ,  $y = 1.674$  in Fig. 1.

## 6 New bounds on $t(q)$ and completeness of normal rational curves

*Proof of Corollary 2.2.* We substitute the new bounds of Theorem 2.1 in relation (1.2) taken from [19, Theorem 3.1].  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary 2.3.* We act analogously to the proof of [19, Theorem 3.5], changing in it  $6\sqrt{q \ln q}$  by  $c\sqrt{q \ln q}$ . As the result we obtain inequality (2.6).

By (2.6), for  $c = 1.835$ ,  $h \geq 29$ , we have  $p_0(h) \geq 33079 > 33013$ ; but for  $c = 1.835$ ,  $h \leq 28$ , it holds that  $p_0(h) \leq 31840 < 33013$ . So, by (4.21) and (5.1)–(5.6), we may take  $c = 1.835$  for  $h \geq 29$  and  $c = 1.635$  for  $h \leq 28$ .

Again we use (2.6). For  $c = 1.635$ ,  $h \geq 20$ , we have  $p_0(h) \geq 17091 > 17041$ ; but for  $c = 1.635$ ,  $h \leq 19$ , it holds that  $p_0(h) \leq 16164 < 17041$ . So, by (5.1)–(5.6), we may take  $c = 1.635$  for  $20 \leq h \leq 28$  and  $c = 1.62$  for  $h \leq 19$ .

Now for  $h = 1, \dots, 5$  we found  $p_0(h)$  as a solution of (2.6) taking  $c$  on the base Theorem 5.1. For the given  $h$ , at the beginning we obtain  $p_0(h)$  with  $c = 1.62$ . Then we decrease  $c$  using (5.1)–(5.4) and get a smaller  $p_0(h)$ . For  $c = 1.62$  we obtain  $p_0(1) = 877$ ,  $p_0(2) = 1543$ ,  $p_0(3) = 2273$ ,  $p_0(4) = 3037$ ,  $p_0(5) = 3821$ . So, we may put  $c = 1.525$  for  $h = 1$ ,  $c = 1.548$  for  $h = 2$ ,  $c = 1.572$  for  $h = 3$ , and  $c = 1.585$  for  $h = 4, 5$ , see (5.1), (5.2), (5.3), and (5.4), respectively. Solutions of inequality (2.6) for these  $(c, h)$  are the values  $p_0(1), \dots, p_0(5)$  written in the assertion of the corollary.  $\square$

**Remark 6.1.** We can also improve the result of [19, Theorem 3.4]. If in the proof of [19, Theorem 3.4] one uses the new bound  $t(q) < 1.835\sqrt{q \ln q}$  instead of (1.1) then the following assertion can be proved: *for prime  $p \geq 76207$  every normal rational curve in  $\text{PG}(N, p)$  with  $2 \leq N \leq p - 2$  is a complete  $(q + 1)$ -arc.*

For comparison note that in [19, Theorem 3.4] the value  $p > 1007215$  is pointed out.

Of course, due to the results of [4, 16, 17], see row 5 of Table 1, we know that for *all* primes  $p$  normal rational curves in  $\text{PG}(N, p)$  are complete.

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## Appendix. Tables of the smallest known sizes $\bar{t}(q)$ of AC-subsets in $\text{PG}(2, q)$

**Table 3.** The smallest known sizes  $\bar{t}(q)$  of AC-subsets in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  and values  $\bar{t}^*(q)$ ,  $q$  non-prime,  $q \in \{8 \leq q \leq 139129, q = p^m, p \text{ prime}, m \geq 2\} \cup \{160801, 208849, 253009\}$

$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <
8	$2^3$	6	1.48	9	$3^2$	6	1.35	16	$2^4$	9	1.36
25	$5^2$	12	1.34	27	$3^3$	13	1.38	32	$2^5$	15	1.43
49	$7^2$	18	1.31	64	$2^6$	22	1.35	81	$3^4$	25	1.33
121	$11^2$	33	1.37	125	$5^3$	35	1.43	128	$2^7$	35	1.41
169	$13^2$	41	1.40	243	$3^5$	53	1.46	256	$2^8$	55	1.46
289	$17^2$	58	1.44	343	$7^3$	66	1.48	361	$19^2$	66	1.44
512	$2^9$	84	1.49	529	$23^2$	85	1.48	625	$5^4$	96	1.52
729	$3^6$	102	1.48	841	$29^2$	114	1.52	961	$31^2$	122	1.51
1024	$2^{10}$	127	1.51	1331	$11^3$	150	1.54	1369	$37^2$	152	1.53
1681	$41^2$	173	1.55	1849	$43^2$	182	1.55	2048	$2^{11}$	194	1.56
2187	$3^7$	203	1.57	2197	$13^3$	203	1.57	2209	$47^2$	203	1.56
2401	$7^4$	214	1.57	2809	$53^2$	235	1.58	3125	$5^5$	250	1.58
3481	$59^2$	267	1.59	3721	$61^2$	277	1.59	4096	$2^{12}$	292	1.59
4489	$67^2$	309	1.60	4913	$17^3$	325	1.60	5041	$71^2$	330	1.60
5329	$73^2$	341	1.60	6241	$79^2$	373	1.60	6561	$3^8$	383	1.60
6859	$19^3$	393	1.60	6889	$83^2$	394	1.60	7921	$89^2$	426	1.60
8192	$2^{13}$	435	1.61	9409	$97^2$	472	1.61	10201	$101^2$	493	1.61
10609	$103^2$	503	1.61	11449	$107^2$	526	1.61	11881	$109^2$	538	1.62
12167	$23^3$	545	1.62	12769	$113^2$	561	1.62	14641	$11^4$	607	1.62
15625	$5^6$	629	1.62	16129	$127^2$	634	1.61	16384	$2^{14}$	645	1.62
16807	$7^5$	655	1.62	17161	$131^2$	663	1.63	18769	$137^2$	700	1.63
19321	$139^2$	712	1.631	19683	$3^9$	717	1.626	22201	$149^2$	767	1.628
22801	$151^2$	778	1.627	24389	$29^3$	808	1.628	24649	$157^2$	814	1.631
26569	$163^2$	849	1.632	27889	$167^2$	870	1.629	28561	$13^4$	882	1.630
29791	$31^3$	904	1.632	29929	$173^2$	906	1.632	32041	$179^2$	941	1.633
32761	$181^2$	952	1.632	32768	$2^{15}$	953	1.633	36481	$191^2$	1014	1.639
37249	$193^2$	1025	1.638	38809	$197^2$	1049	1.639	39601	$199^2$	1060	1.638
44521	$211^2$	1133	1.642	49729	$223^2$	1205	1.644	50653	$37^3$	1220	1.647
51529	$227^2$	1230	1.646	52441	$229^2$	1242	1.646	54289	$233^2$	1266	1.646
57121	$239^2$	1302	1.647	58081	$241^2$	1314	1.647	59049	$3^{10}$	1330	1.652
63001	$251^2$	1378	1.652	65536	$2^{16}$	1409	1.653	66049	$257^2$	1416	1.654

**Table 3.** Continue

$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$ <	$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$ <	$q$	$p^m$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$ <
68921	$41^3$	1451	1.656	69169	$263^2$	1452	1.654	72361	$269^2$	1489	1.655
73441	$271^2$	1501	1.655	76729	$277^2$	1541	1.659	78125	$5^7$	1553	1.656
78961	$281^2$	1561	1.655	79507	$43^3$	1571	1.659	80089	$283^2$	1576	1.658
83521	$17^4$	1614	1.659	85849	$293^2$	1637	1.658	94249	$307^2$	1723	1.659
96721	$311^2$	1748	1.659	97969	$313^2$	1761	1.660	100489	$317^2$	1786	1.661
103823	$47^3$	1824	1.666	109561	$331^2$	1878	1.666	113569	$337^2$	1917	1.668
117649	$7^6$	1954	1.668	120409	$347^2$	1985	1.673	121801	$349^2$	1999	1.674
124609	$353^2$	2021	1.672	128881	$359^2$	2058	1.672	130321	$19^4$	2070	1.671
131072	$2^{17}$	2077	1.672	134689	$367^2$	2110	1.673	139129	$373^2$	2142	1.669
160801	$401^2$	2332	1.680	208849	$457^2$	2686	1.680	253009	$503^2$	2991	1.686

**Table 4.** The smallest known sizes  $\bar{t}(q)$  of AC-subsets in  $\text{PG}(2, q)$  and values  $\bar{t}^*(q)$ ,  $13 \leq q \leq 33013$ ,  $q$  prime

$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$ <
13	8	1.386	17	10	1.441	19	11	1.471	23	12		29	13	
31	14		37	16		41	16		43	16		47	18	
53	20		59	21		61	22		67	23		71	24	
73	24		79	25		83	26		89	24		97	29	
101	30		103	30		107	31		109	32		113	32	
127	35		131	36		137	37		139	37		149	38	
151	39		157	40		163	41		167	42		173	43	
179	43		181	44		191	45		193	46		197	46	
199	47		211	48		223	50		227	51		229	51	
233	51		239	53		241	53		251	54		257	55	
263	55		269	56		271	57		277	58		281	58	
283	58		293	59		307	62	1.479	311	62		313	62	
317	62		331	64		337	65		347	66		349	66	
353	67		359	68	1.480	367	68		373	69		379	70	
383	70		389	71		397	72		401	73	1.489	409	73	
419	75	1.492	421	74		431	76		433	76		439	76	
443	77		449	78		457	79	1.494	461	79		463	79	
467	80		479	81		487	82	1.494	491	82		499	83	
503	83		509	84		521	85		523	85		541	87	
547	88	1.499	557	89	1.500	563	89		569	90		571	90	
577	91	1.503	587	92	1.504	593	92		599	93		601	93	
607	93		613	94		617	95	1.509	619	95		631	96	
641	97		643	97		647	97		653	98		659	98	
661	99	1.512	673	100		677	100		683	101	1.513	691	101	
701	102		709	103		719	104		727	104		733	105	
739	105		743	106		751	107	1.518	757	107		761	107	
769	108		773	108		787	109		797	111	1.522	809	112	1.522
811	112		821	112		823	113		827	113		829	113	
839	114		853	115		857	116	1.525	859	116		863	116	
877	117		881	117		883	118		887	118		907	120	1.527
911	120		919	120		929	121		937	122		941	122	
947	123		953	123		967	124		971	125	1.530	977	125	
983	125		991	126		997	127	1.531	1009	128	1.533	1013	128	
1019	128		1021	128		1031	129		1033	129		1039	129	
1049	130		1051	131		1061	131		1063	132	1.534	1069	132	
1087	133		1091	133		1093	134		1097	134		1103	134	
1109	135		1117	136	1.537	1123	136		1129	137	1.538	1151	138	
1153	138		1163	139		1171	139		1181	140		1187	140	
1193	141		1201	141		1213	143	1.541	1217	142		1223	143	
1229	144		1231	144		1237	144		1249	145		1259	146	
1277	147		1279	147		1283	147		1289	148		1291	148	
1297	148		1301	149	1.543	1303	149		1307	149		1319	150	
1321	150		1327	150		1361	153	1.544	1367	153		1373	154	1.547

**Table 4.** Continue 1

$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$
1381	153		1399	155		1409	156		1423	157	
1429	157		1433	157		1439	158		1447	158	
1453	159		1459	159		1471	160		1481	160	
1487	161		1489	161		1493	161		1499	162	1.548
1523	163		1531	163		1543	164		1549	165	
1559	166	1.551	1567	166		1571	166		1579	167	
1597	167		1601	168		1607	168		1609	169	
1619	169		1621	169		1627	170		1637	171	1.554
1663	172		1667	172		1669	172		1693	174	
1699	174		1709	175		1721	175		1723	176	
1741	177		1747	177		1753	178		1759	178	
1783	179		1787	180		1789	180		1801	181	
1823	182		1831	183		1847	183		1861	185	1.563
1871	185		1873	185		1877	185		1879	185	
1901	187		1907	187		1913	188	1.564	1931	189	1.564
1949	190	1.564	1951	190		1973	191		1979	191	
1993	192		1997	192		1999	192		2003	192	
2017	193		2027	194		2029	194		2039	194	
2063	196		2069	196		2081	197		2083	197	
2089	197		2099	198		2111	199	1.566	2113	199	
2131	200		2137	200		2141	201	1.569	2143	201	
2161	202		2179	203		2203	204		2207	204	
2221	205		2237	206		2239	206		2243	206	
2267	208	1.572	2269	207		2273	208		2281	208	
2293	209		2297	208		2309	209		2311	208	
2339	211		2341	211		2347	212		2351	212	
2371	212		2377	212		2381	213		2383	212	
2393	213		2399	214		2411	214		2417	214	
2437	216		2441	217		2447	217		2459	217	
2473	219	1.576	2477	219		2503	219		2521	220	
2539	221		2543	222		2549	223	1.578	2551	222	
2579	223		2591	224		2593	223		2609	224	
2621	225		2633	225		2647	227		2657	228	
2663	228		2671	229	1.578	2677	229		2683	229	
2689	230		2693	230		2699	231	1.582	2707	231	
2713	231		2719	231		2729	232		2731	231	
2749	231		2753	231		2767	232		2777	233	
2791	233		2797	234		2801	234		2803	234	
2833	235		2837	236		2843	236		2851	236	
2861	237		2879	238		2887	238		2897	238	
2909	239		2917	239		2927	240		2939	241	
2957	241		2963	241		2969	242		2971	242	
3001	243		3011	244		3019	244		3023	245	
1427	157										
1451	159	1.548									
1483	161	1.548									
1511	162										
1553	165										
1583	167										
1613	169										
1657	172										
1697	175	1.558									
1733	177										
1777	179										
1811	182	1.562									
1867	185										
1889	186										
1933	189										
1987	191										
2011	193										
2053	195										
2087	197										
2129	200	1.566									
2153	202	1.572									
2213	205										
2251	206										
2287	208										
2333	211										
2357	213	1.575									
2389	213										
2423	215										
2467	218										
2531	220										
2557	223										
2617	225										
2659	227										
2687	230	1.580									
2711	231										
2741	231										
2789	233										
2819	235										
2857	237										
2903	239										
2953	242										
2999	244										
3037	245										



**Table 4.** Continue 2

$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$
3041	245		3049	246		3061	247		3067	248		3079	248	
3083	249	1.583	3089	248		3109	249		3119	249		3121	250	
3137	250		3163	251		3167	251		3169	252		3181	252	
3187	253		3191	253		3203	253		3209	254		3217	255	
3221	254		3229	255		3251	255		3253	255		3257	256	
3259	256		3271	256		3299	258		3301	258		3307	257	
3313	258		3319	259		3323	259		3329	258		3331	258	
3343	260		3347	260		3359	261		3361	260		3371	261	
3373	261		3389	262		3391	262		3407	262		3413	262	
3433	264		3449	264		3457	264		3461	265		3463	264	
3467	265		3469	265		3491	266		3499	266		3511	267	
3517	267		3527	268		3529	268		3533	268		3539	268	
3541	268		3547	269		3557	269		3559	269		3571	270	
3581	270		3583	270		3593	271		3607	271		3613	271	
3617	272		3623	271		3631	273	1.583	3637	273		3643	273	
3659	274		3671	274		3673	274		3677	274		3691	275	
3697	275		3701	275		3709	276		3719	276		3727	277	
3733	277		3739	277		3761	278		3767	279	1.585	3769	279	
3779	279		3793	280		3797	280		3803	280		3821	281	
3823	281		3833	281		3847	282		3851	282		3853	282	
3863	282		3877	283		3881	283		3889	283		3907	284	
3911	284		3917	284		3919	284		3923	284		3929	285	
3931	285		3943	286		3947	286		3967	286		3989	288	
4001	288		4003	288		4007	288		4013	288		4019	289	
4021	288		4027	288		4049	291	1.587	4051	290		4057	290	
4073	291		4079	291		4091	292		4093	292		4099	291	
4111	292		4127	293		4129	293		4133	294		4139	293	
4153	294		4157	294		4159	295		4177	295		4201	297	
4211	297		4217	297		4219	297		4229	298		4231	298	
4241	298		4243	298		4253	298		4259	298		4261	299	
4271	299		4273	300	1.588	4283	300		4289	299		4297	300	
4327	301		4337	302		4339	302		4349	302		4357	303	
4363	303		4373	304	1.588	4391	304		4397	305	1.589	4409	305	
4421	306	1.589	4423	305		4441	306		4447	307		4451	306	
4457	307		4463	307		4481	307		4483	308		4493	308	
4507	309		4513	308		4517	309		4519	309		4523	309	
4547	310		4549	310		4561	311		4567	311		4583	312	
4591	311		4597	312		4603	312		4621	313		4637	314	
4639	314		4643	314		4649	314		4651	314		4657	314	
4663	315		4673	315		4679	315		4691	316		4703	317	1.590
4721	317		4723	318	1.591	4729	317		4733	317		4751	318	
4759	319		4783	320		4787	320		4789	320		4793	320	
4799	320		4801	320		4813	321		4817	321		4831	322	

**Table 4.** Continue 3

$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$
4861	323		4871	323		4877	323		4889	323		4903	324	
4909	325	1.592	4919	325		4931	325		4933	325		4937	325	
4943	326		4951	325		4957	326		4967	327		4969	327	
4973	327		4987	327		4993	328		4999	328		5003	328	
5009	328		5011	329	1.593	5021	329		5023	329		5039	328	
5051	330		5059	330		5077	331		5081	331		5087	331	
5099	331		5101	332		5107	332		5113	332		5119	332	
5147	334	1.593	5153	334		5167	334		5171	334		5179	335	
5189	336	1.595	5197	335		5209	335		5227	336		5231	337	
5233	337		5237	337		5261	338		5273	338		5279	338	
5281	338		5297	339		5303	340		5309	339		5323	341	1.596
5333	341		5347	341		5351	342		5381	342		5387	343	
5393	343		5399	343		5407	343		5413	343		5417	343	
5419	344		5431	344		5437	345		5441	345		5443	345	
5449	344		5471	346		5477	346		5479	346		5483	346	
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6199	371		6203	372		6211	371		6217	372		6221	373	
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6271	374		6277	375		6287	374		6299	375		6301	374	
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6481	381		6491	382		6521	382		6529	383		6547	383	
6551	383		6553	383		6563	385	1.604	6569	384		6571	384	
6577	385		6581	384		6599	385		6607	384		6619	385	
6637	386		6653	386		6659	387		6661	386		6673	387	
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6803	391		6823	392		6827	391		6829	392		6833	392	
6841	392		6857	392		6863	393		6869	393		6871	393	
6883	394		6899	395		6907	395		6911	395		6917	395	
6947	396		6949	396		6959	397		6961	397		6967	397	
6971	398		6977	398		6983	397		6991	397		6997	397	
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7043	399		7057	400		7069	400		7079	400		7103	401	
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7211	405		7213	405		7219	405		7229	405		7237	406	
7243	406		7247	405		7253	406		7283	407		7297	408	
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7349	408		7351	409		7369	410		7393	411		7411	411	
7417	411		7433	412		7451	412		7457	412		7459	412	
7477	413		7481	413		7487	413		7489	413		7499	414	
7507	414		7517	414		7523	415		7529	415		7537	415	
7541	416	1.604	7547	415		7549	416		7559	416		7561	416	
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7603	417		7607	417		7621	418		7639	419	1.604	7643	418	
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8543	446		8563	446		8573	447		8581	447		8597	448	
8599	447		8609	448		8623	448		8627	448		8629	448	
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8747	452		8753	452		8761	452		8779	452		8783	452	
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8837	454		8839	455		8849	455		8861	455		8863	456	
8867	456		8887	455		8893	456		8923	456		8929	456	
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8971	458		8999	459		9001	459		9007	458		9011	459	
9013	459		9029	460		9041	461		9043	460		9049	460	
9059	462	1.609	9067	461		9091	462		9103	462		9109	462	
9127	463		9133	464		9137	464		9151	463		9157	464	
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9203	465		9209	465		9221	466		9227	465		9239	466	
9241	466		9257	467		9277	467		9281	468		9283	467	
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9341	469		9343	470		9349	469		9371	470		9377	471	
9391	471		9397	470		9403	470		9413	471		9419	471	
9421	471		9431	473	1.611	9433	471		9437	471		9439	472	
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9491	473		9497	474		9511	474		9521	474		9533	475	
9539	475		9547	475		9551	475		9587	476		9601	475	
9613	477		9619	477		9623	477		9629	478		9631	478	
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11069	517	<	11071	516	<	11083	517	<	11087	517	<	11093	517	<
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11159	519	<	11161	519	<	11171	519	<	11173	518	<	11177	520	<
11197	521	<	11213	521	<	11239	522	<	11243	521	<	11251	521	<
11257	522	<	11261	521	<	11273	522	<	11279	522	<	11287	522	<
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11399	525	<	11411	525	<	11423	526	<	11437	527	<	11443	527	<
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12743	559		12757	559		12763	559		12781	561		12791	561	
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12841	560		12853	562		12889	563		12893	563		12899	563	
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12941	565	1.615	12953	564		12959	565		12967	565		12973	565	
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13313	573		13327	574		13331	573		13337	573		13339	573	
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16349	645	1.620	16361	644		16363	645		16369	645		16381	645	
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16447	647		16451	646		16453	647		16477	646		16481	647	
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16553	649		16561	648		16567	648		16573	649		16603	649	
16607	650		16619	650		16631	650		16633	651		16649	651	
16651	651		16657	651		16661	651		16673	652		16691	650	
16693	651		16699	652		16703	652		16729	653		16741	653	
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16879	656		16883	655		16889	655		16901	656		16903	657	
16921	657		16927	657		16931	657		16937	657		16943	656	
16963	657		16979	657		16981	658		16987	658		16993	657	
17011	659		17021	659		17027	659		17029	658		17033	659	
17041	659		17047	661	1.622	17053	660		17077	660		17093	661	
17099	661		17107	660		17117	660		17123	660		17137	661	
17159	662		17167	663		17183	662		17189	664		17191	662	
17203	664		17207	662		17209	662		17231	664		17239	663	
17257	664		17291	664		17293	665		17299	665		17317	665	
17321	666		17327	666		17333	666		17341	666		17351	666	
17359	666		17377	667		17383	667		17387	667		17389	667	
17393	667		17401	668		17417	668		17419	668		17431	667	
17443	668		17449	670	1.623	17467	669		17471	669		17477	668	
17483	669		17489	668		17491	669		17497	666		17509	670	
17519	671		17539	669		17551	671		17569	671		17573	670	
17579	671		17581	670		17597	671		17599	672		17609	672	
17623	672		17627	673		17657	672		17659	673		17669	673	
17681	673		17683	673		17707	674		17713	674		17729	674	
17737	674		17747	674		17749	674		17761	675		17783	676	
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17839	676		17851	676		17863	677		17881	677		17891	677	
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18713	696		18719	694		18731	696		18743	695		18749	695	
18757	696		18773	697		18787	697		18793	697		18797	697	
18803	697		18839	699		18859	698		18869	698		18899	698	
18911	699		18913	698		18917	699		18919	699		18947	700	



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19013	701		19031	702		19037	702		19051	702		19069	702	
19073	702		19079	703		19081	703		19087	703		19121	704	
19139	704		19141	705		19157	704		19163	703		19181	706	1.624
19183	704		19207	706		19211	705		19213	705		19219	706	
19231	705		19237	705		19249	706		19259	707		19267	706	
19273	707		19289	708		19301	708		19309	707		19319	708	
19333	707		19373	709		19379	709		19381	709		19387	709	
19391	709		19403	709		19417	710		19421	709		19423	710	
19427	710		19429	711		19433	710		19441	709		19447	709	
19457	712	1.625	19463	710		19469	711		19471	710		19477	711	
19483	711		19489	711		19501	712		19507	710		19531	712	
19541	712		19543	713		19553	713		19559	712		19571	713	
19577	713		19583	713		19597	712		19603	714		19609	713	
19661	714		19681	714		19687	715		19697	715		19699	716	
19709	716		19717	716		19727	716		19739	716		19751	717	
19753	717		19759	717		19763	717		19777	716		19793	717	
19801	719	1.625	19813	718		19819	719		19841	718		19843	718	
19853	719		19861	719		19867	719		19889	720		19891	720	
19913	719		19919	721		19927	720		19937	720		19949	721	
19961	721		19963	721		19973	720		19979	721		19991	721	
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20029	722		20047	723		20051	722		20063	722		20071	723	
20089	723		20101	724		20107	724		20113	724		20117	724	
20123	723		20129	725		20143	723		20147	724		20149	725	
20161	725		20173	726		20177	725		20183	726		20201	725	
20219	726		20231	727		20233	727		20249	727		20261	727	
20269	727		20287	726		20297	728		20323	728		20327	729	
20333	728		20341	729		20347	728		20353	729		20357	728	
20359	728		20369	729		20389	730		20393	729		20399	730	
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20477	731		20479	731		20483	731		20507	732		20509	732	
20521	733		20533	732		20543	732		20549	732		20551	733	
20563	733		20593	733		20599	734		20611	733		20627	734	
20639	735		20641	734		20663	734		20681	735		20693	736	
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20857	740		20873	740		20879	740		20887	739		20897	739	
20899	740		20903	740		20921	741		20929	740		20939	740	
20947	741		20959	740		20963	743	1.627	20981	741		20983	741	
21001	742		21011	741		21013	742		21017	741		21019	741	
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21179	745	<	21187	746	<	21191	745	<	21193	745	<	21211	746	<
21221	746	<	21227	746	<	21247	746	<	21269	747	<	21277	747	<
21283	748	<	21313	749	<	21317	748	<	21319	747	<	21323	748	<
21341	749	<	21347	748	<	21377	749	<	21379	749	<	21383	748	<
21391	748	<	21397	749	<	21401	750	<	21407	750	<	21419	751	<
21433	751	<	21467	750	<	21481	750	<	21487	751	<	21491	752	<
21493	751	<	21499	752	<	21503	752	<	21517	752	<	21521	753	<
21523	752	<	21529	752	<	21557	752	<	21559	753	<	21563	753	<
21569	753	<	21577	752	<	21587	753	<	21589	754	<	21599	754	<
21601	753	<	21611	754	<	21613	755	<	21617	754	<	21647	754	<
21649	755	<	21661	754	<	21673	755	<	21683	756	<	21701	755	<
21713	756	<	21727	755	<	21737	756	<	21739	756	<	21751	756	<
21757	756	<	21767	758	<	21773	757	<	21787	758	<	21799	757	<
21803	758	<	21817	758	<	21821	757	<	21839	759	<	21841	758	<
21851	758	<	21859	757	<	21863	760	<	21871	759	<	21881	759	<
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22051	763	<	22063	763	<	22067	761	<	22073	762	<	22079	763	<
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22247	766	<	22259	765	<	22271	767	<	22273	766	<	22277	766	<
22279	766	<	22283	766	<	22291	767	<	22303	768	<	22307	768	<
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23039	781	<	23041	781	<	23053	782	<	23057	781	<	23059	782	<
23063	782	<	23071	782	<	23081	782	<	23087	783	<	23099	782	<
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23209	785	<	23227	785	<	23251	786	<	23269	786	<	23279	785	<
23291	786	<	23293	786	<	23297	786	<	23311	787	<	23321	787	<
23327	786	<	23333	787	<	23339	787	<	23357	788	<	23369	788	<
23371	788	<	23399	789	<	23417	788	<	23431	788	<	23447	789	<
23459	789	<	23473	789	<	23497	791	<	23509	790	<	23531	791	<
23537	791	<	23539	791	<	23549	792	<	23557	793	1.629	23561	792	<
23563	792	<	23567	792	<	23581	791	<	23593	792	<	23599	792	<
23603	793	<	23609	793	<	23623	792	<	23627	793	<	23629	793	<
23633	792	<	23663	792	<	23669	793	<	23671	793	<	23677	793	<
23687	794	<	23689	794	<	23719	794	<	23741	794	<	23743	794	<
23747	795	<	23753	795	<	23761	793	<	23767	795	<	23773	795	<
23789	796	<	23801	796	<	23813	795	<	23819	796	<	23827	798	1.629
23831	796	<	23833	797	<	23857	796	<	23869	796	<	23873	797	<
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23911	797	<	23917	798	<	23929	799	<	23957	798	<	23971	799	<
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24061	800	<	24071	801	<	24077	802	<	24083	801	<	24091	801	<
24097	801	<	24103	802	<	24107	802	<	24109	802	<	24113	803	<
24121	801	<	24133	802	<	24137	803	<	24151	802	<	24169	803	<
24179	803	<	24181	803	<	24197	803	<	24203	803	<	24223	804	<
24229	802	<	24239	804	<	24247	804	<	24251	805	<	24281	805	<
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24781	814	<	24793	815	<	24799	814	<	24809	814	<	24821	816	<
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25189	822	<	25219	821	<	25229	823	<	25237	823	<	25243	824	1.629
25247	822	<	25253	822	<	25261	822	<	25301	823	<	25303	824	<
25307	824	<	25309	823	<	25321	825	<	25339	824	<	25343	825	<
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25523	829	<	25537	827	<	25541	829	<	25561	828	<
25579	829	<	25583	829	<	25589	828	<	25601	830	<
25609	830	<	25621	830	<	25633	831	1.630	25639	830	<
25657	831	<	25667	830	<	25673	830	<	25679	830	<
25703	831	<	25717	831	<	25733	832	<	25741	834	1.632
25759	832	<	25763	831	<	25771	831	<	25793	833	<
25801	833	<	25819	834	<	25841	833	<	25847	833	<
25867	834	<	25873	833	<	25889	835	<	25903	835	<
25919	836	<	25931	836	<	25933	836	<	25939	835	<
25951	835	<	25969	835	<	25981	835	<	25997	835	<
26003	836	<	26017	836	<	26021	837	<	26029	838	<
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26113	838	<	26119	839	<	26141	839	<	26153	839	<
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26209	841	<	26227	840	<	26237	841	<	26249	841	<
26261	840	<	26263	841	<	26267	841	<	26293	841	<
26309	841	<	26317	843	<	26321	841	<	26339	843	<
26357	841	<	26371	843	<	26387	844	<	26393	843	<
26407	844	<	26417	844	<	26423	844	<	26431	844	<
26449	845	<	26459	845	<	26479	845	<	26489	845	<
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26573	847	<	26591	848	<	26597	847	<	26627	848	<
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26993	854	<	27011	854	<	27017	856	<	27031	855	<
27059	856	<	27061	854	<	27067	856	<	27073	856	<
27091	856	<	27103	856	<	27107	856	<	27109	856	<
27143	857	<	27179	856	<	27191	856	<	27197	857	<
27239	859	<	27241	859	<	27253	858	<	27259	859	<
27277	858	<	27281	859	<	27283	860	<	27299	859	<
27337	860	<	27361	862	<	27367	861	<	27397	861	<
27409	861	<	27427	861	<	27431	862	<	27437	862	<
27457	862	<	27479	862	<	27481	863	<	27487	863	<
27527	864	<	27529	863	<	27539	864	<	27541	864	<
27581	865	<	27583	864	<	27611	866	<	27617	864	<

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$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$
27647	864		27653	865		27673	867		27689	866		27691	866	
27697	867		27701	866		27733	868		27737	867		27739	867	
27743	867		27749	867		27751	867		27763	868		27767	868	
27773	866		27779	869		27791	868		27793	869		27799	868	
27803	869		27809	868		27817	868		27823	868		27827	868	
27847	868		27851	869		27883	870		27893	869		27901	870	
27917	871		27919	871		27941	871		27943	872		27947	870	
27953	872		27961	872		27967	871		27983	872		27997	871	
28001	872		28019	872		28027	873		28031	872		28051	873	
28057	872		28069	874		28081	872		28087	875	1.632	28097	874	
28099	873		28109	874		28111	874		28123	873		28151	876	
28163	875		28181	875		28183	875		28201	876		28211	876	
28219	875		28229	875		28277	876		28279	876		28283	876	
28289	875		28297	876		28307	877		28309	878		28319	877	
28349	876		28351	878		28387	879		28393	877		28403	878	
28409	878		28411	879		28429	878		28433	880		28439	881	
28447	880		28463	879		28477	880		28493	881		28499	881	
28513	880		28517	881		28537	881		28541	881		28547	881	
28549	882		28559	883		28571	882		28573	883		28579	883	
28591	882		28597	882		28603	884	1.632	28607	882		28619	882	
28621	882		28627	883		28631	884		28643	882		28649	884	
28657	883		28661	883		28663	883		28669	883		28687	884	
28697	884		28703	883		28711	885		28723	884		28729	884	
28751	883		28753	885		28759	883		28771	885		28789	886	
28793	885		28807	884		28813	887		28817	885		28837	887	
28843	884		28859	886		28867	886		28871	886		28879	888	
28901	888		28909	887		28921	889		28927	888		28933	887	
28949	888		28961	888		28979	889		29009	888		29017	889	
29021	890		29023	888		29027	890		29033	891		29059	891	
29063	891		29077	889		29101	891		29123	892		29129	892	
29131	890		29137	892		29147	891		29153	891		29167	893	
29173	893		29179	893		29191	892		29201	894		29207	893	
29209	893		29221	893		29231	892		29243	892		29251	894	
29269	893		29287	894		29297	894		29303	894		29311	895	
29327	894		29333	896		29339	895		29347	895		29363	895	
29383	895		29387	896		29389	896		29399	895		29401	896	
29411	895		29423	895		29429	897		29437	896		29443	896	
29453	896		29473	898		29483	898		29501	898		29527	898	
29531	897		29537	899		29567	898		29569	900		29573	900	
29581	899		29587	900		29599	899		29611	899		29629	900	
29633	900		29641	900		29663	900		29669	900		29671	901	
29683	900		29717	901		29723	902		29741	902		29753	902	
29759	902		29761	902		29789	902		29803	903		29819	903	

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$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\overline{t^*}(q)$
29833	903		29837	903		29851	904		29863	905		29867	903	
29873	905		29879	904		29881	903		29917	904		29921	905	
29927	904		29947	905		29959	906		29983	906		29989	907	
30011	907		30013	906		30029	907		30047	906		30059	908	
30071	907		30089	908		30091	907		30097	908		30103	909	
30109	909		30113	908		30119	909		30133	908		30137	909	
30139	909		30161	909		30169	910		30181	909		30187	910	
30197	910		30203	910		30211	910		30223	909		30241	910	
30253	911		30259	911		30269	910		30271	911		30293	911	
30307	912		30313	913	1.633	30319	912		30323	911		30341	911	
30347	911		30367	913		30389	912		30391	914		30403	913	
30427	914		30431	914		30449	913		30467	913		30469	915	
30491	914		30493	914		30497	914		30509	915		30517	915	
30529	915		30539	915		30553	915		30557	916		30559	916	
30577	916		30593	915		30631	917		30637	917		30643	917	
30649	916		30661	915		30671	917		30677	918		30689	917	
30697	918		30703	917		30707	918		30713	917		30727	919	
30757	919		30763	919		30773	920		30781	918		30803	921	
30809	919		30817	921		30829	920		30839	921		30841	920	
30851	919		30853	921		30859	922	1.633	30869	920		30871	921	
30881	919		30893	922		30911	922		30931	922		30937	920	
30941	922		30949	921		30971	922		30977	921		30983	923	
31013	925	1.634	31019	923		31033	924		31039	923		31051	925	
31063	925		31069	924		31079	925		31081	925		31091	924	
31121	926		31123	926		31139	925		31147	924		31151	927	
31153	925		31159	926		31177	926		31181	926		31183	927	
31189	928	1.634	31193	927		31219	927		31223	927		31231	927	
31237	928		31247	927		31249	928		31253	927		31259	927	
31267	928		31271	928		31277	928		31307	928		31319	929	
31321	929		31327	929		31333	930		31337	928		31357	928	
31379	929		31387	930		31391	930		31393	930		31397	930	
31469	931		31477	930		31481	931		31489	932		31511	930	
31513	930		31517	931		31531	932		31541	932		31543	932	
31547	933		31567	934		31573	933		31583	933		31601	933	
31607	935	1.634	31627	933		31643	934		31649	934		31657	934	
31663	935		31667	934		31687	936		31699	936		31721	934	
31723	937	1.635	31727	935		31729	935		31741	936		31751	937	
31769	937		31771	936		31793	937		31799	936		31817	936	
31847	937		31849	938		31859	938		31873	938		31883	937	
31891	938		31907	939		31957	939		31963	938		31973	939	
31981	940		31991	940		32003	940		32009	941		32027	941	
32029	939		32051	941		32057	941		32059	940		32063	941	
32069	940		32077	941		32083	941		32089	941		32099	941	

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$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$	$q$	$\bar{t}(q)$	$\bar{t}^*(q)$
32117	942	<	32119	941	<	32141	941	<	32143	942	<
32173	943		32183	943		32189	943		32191	941	
32213	944		32233	944		32237	943		32251	943	
32261	945		32297	945		32299	946		32303	946	
32321	945		32323	945		32327	945		32341	944	
32359	947		32363	946		32369	947		32371	947	
32381	946		32401	947		32411	947		32413	946	
32429	947		32441	946		32443	947		32467	947	
32491	948		32497	948		32503	948		32507	947	
32533	947		32537	947		32561	948		32563	950	
32573	949		32579	949		32587	950		32603	950	
32611	951		32621	950		32633	951		32647	951	
32687	951		32693	951		32707	952		32713	952	
32719	951		32749	953		32771	953		32779	953	
32789	952		32797	953		32801	952		32803	953	
32833	953		32839	954		32843	954		32869	954	
32909	956		32911	955		32917	956		32933	955	
32941	957	1.635	32957	955		32969	956		32971	956	
32987	955		32993	957		32999	957		33013	957	