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Lower Bounds On Products Of Correlation Coefficients

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Abstract: We consider square integrable stochastic variables X_1, \ldots, X_n without

imposing any further conditions on their distributions. If $T_{i,j}$ denotes the

correlation coefficient between X_i and X_j then the product

 $r_{1,2}r_{2,3}\cdots r_{(n-1),n}r_{n,1}$ is bounded from below by $-\cos^n(\pi/n)$. The

configuration of stochastic variables attaining the minimum value is

essentially unique.

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