Mixed minors, compact representations and $\chi\text{-}\mathsf{boundedness}$

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Note: mixed \iff has a 2 × 2 contiguous mixed submatrix (corner).

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Part 2

COMPACT REPRESENTATIONS

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Data structure

Reminder

- Fixed: $d \in \mathbb{N}$.
- Input: M an $n \times n$ matrix that is *d*-twin-ordered.
- Target:

 $\mathcal{O}_d(n)$ bits of memory, $\mathcal{O}(\log \log n)$ per query.



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Part 3

χ -BOUNDEDNESS

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This resolves to $f_d(\omega) = 2^{\beta_d \cdot \log^d \omega}$.

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