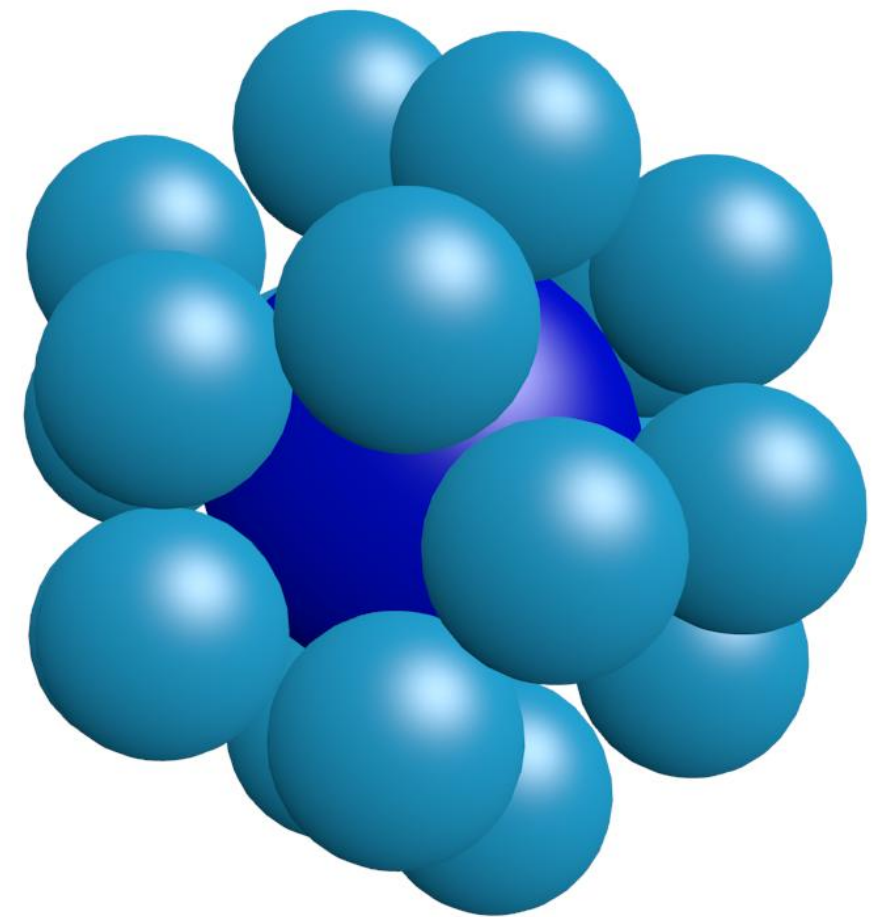


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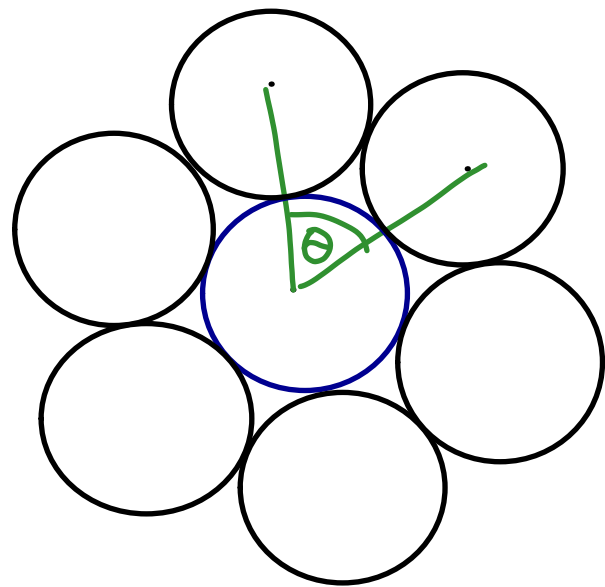
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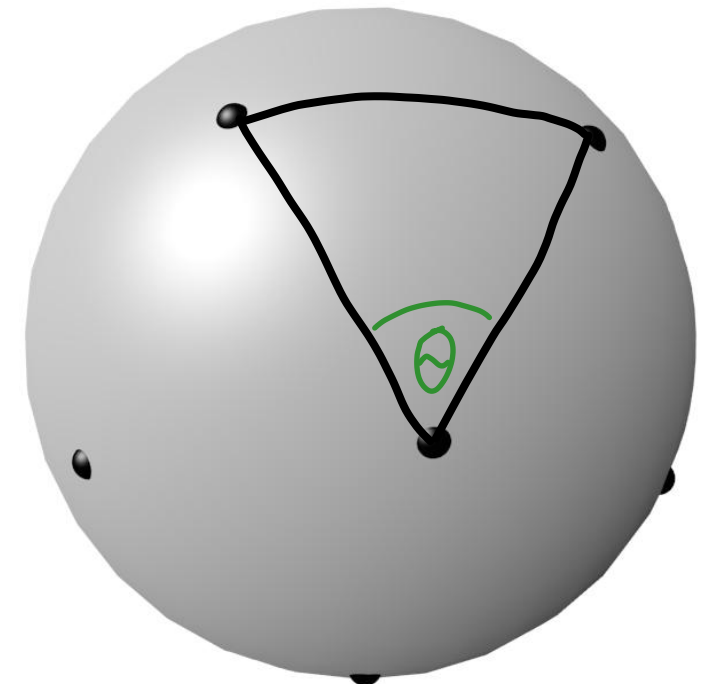
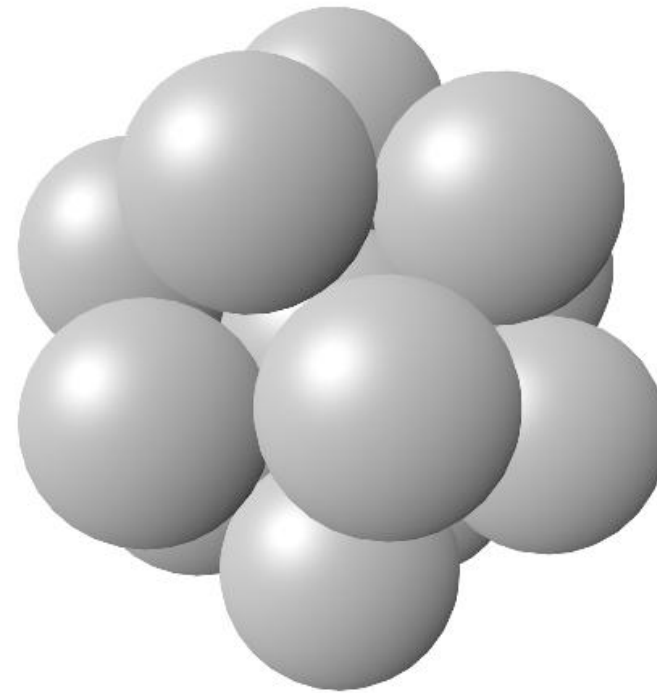
Kissing number of sphere = max number of pairwise non-overlapping unit spheres that can touch simultaneously a central sphere

Dimension 2: kissing number is 6



$$\theta = \pi/3$$

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(Schütte, van der Waerden, 1953)



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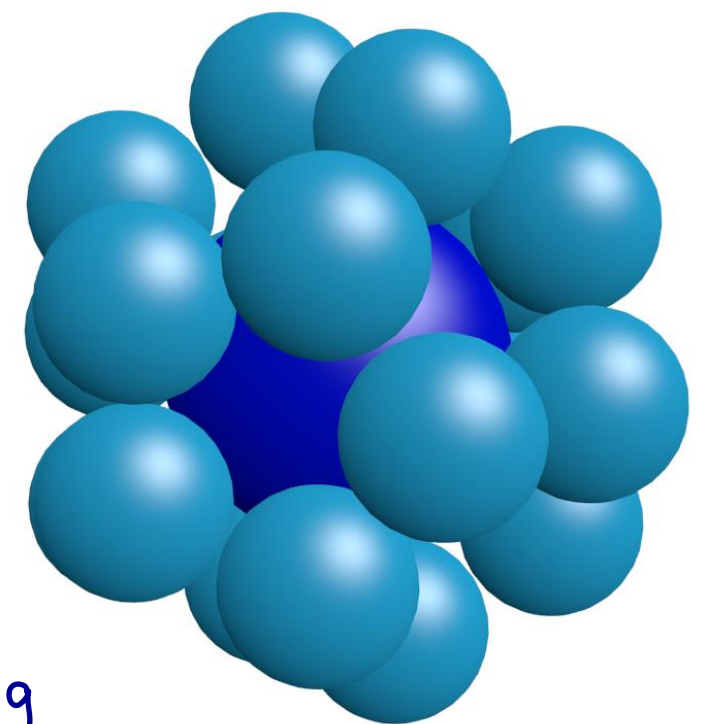
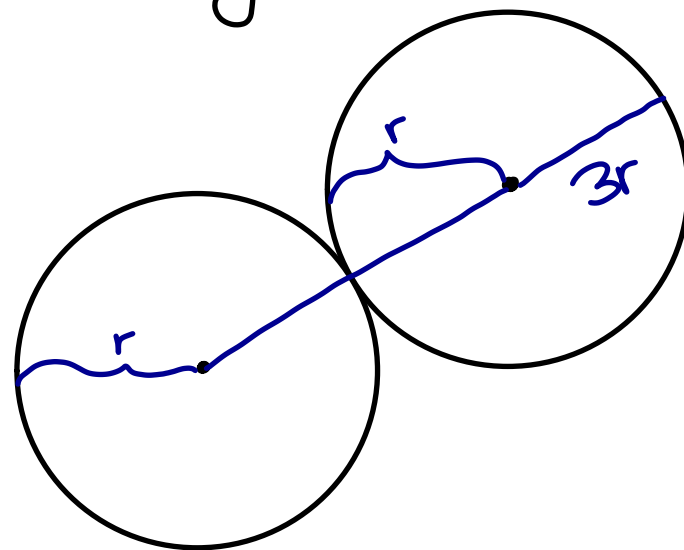
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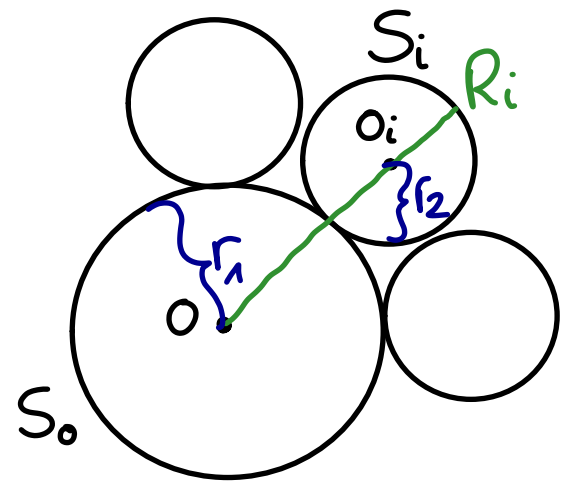
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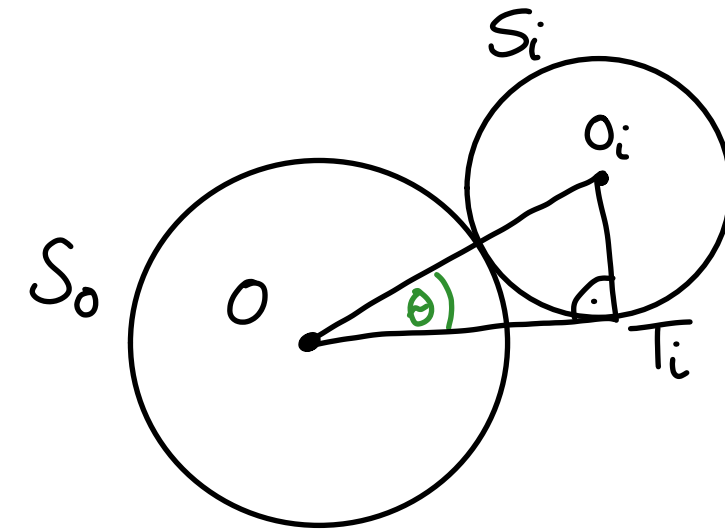
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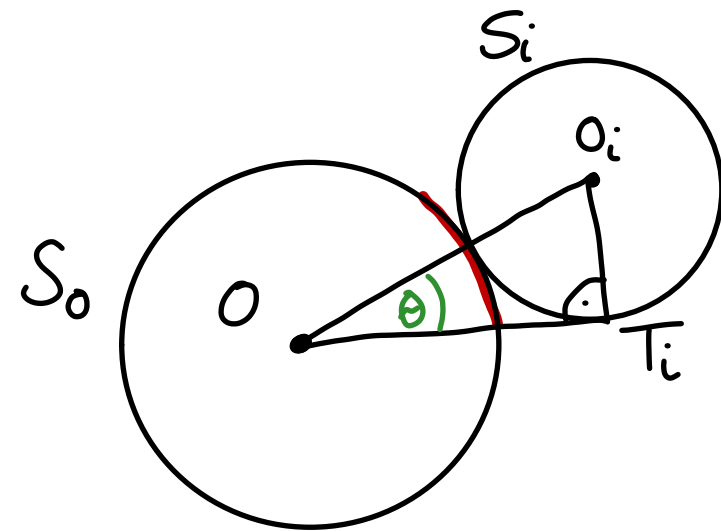
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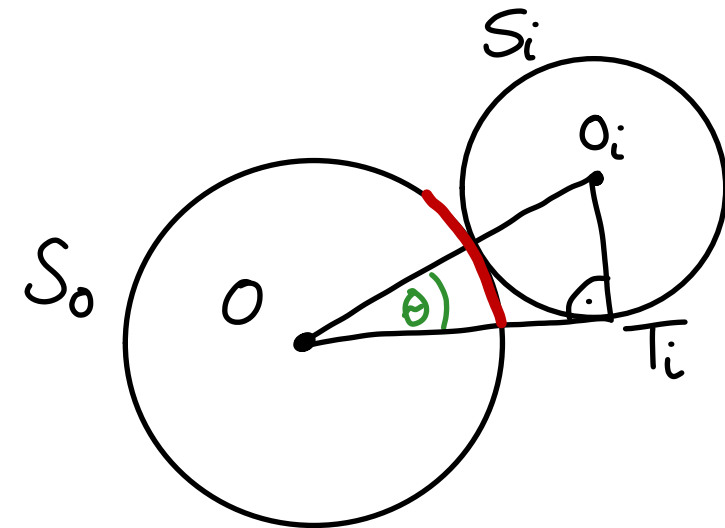


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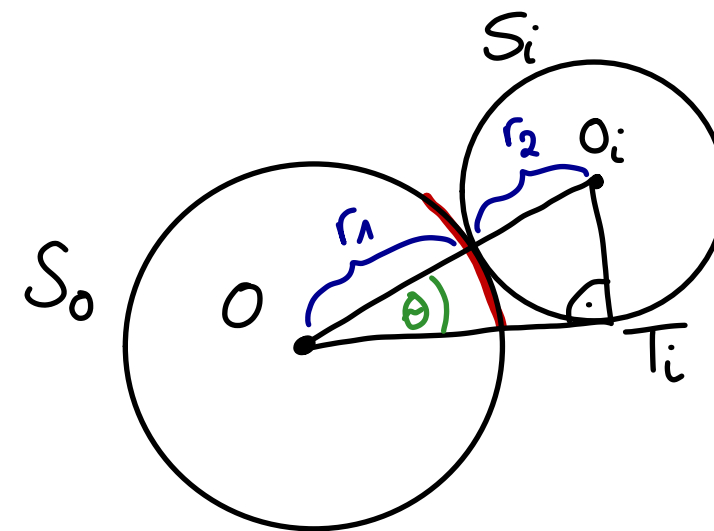
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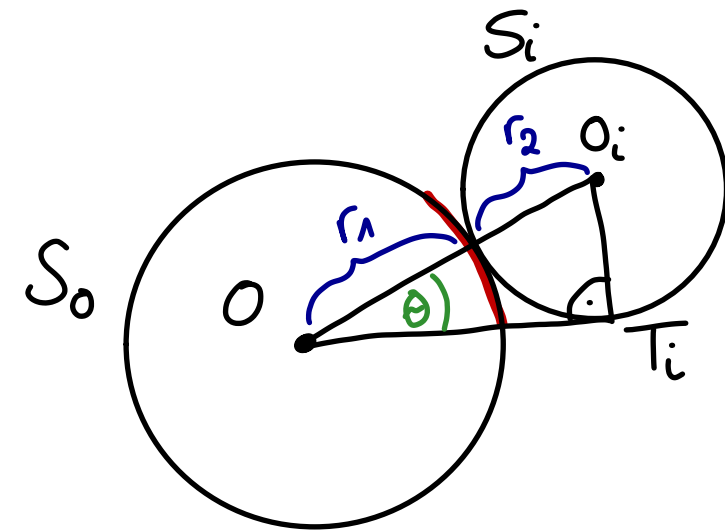
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$$\Delta_0 = \left\{ (u, v, 1) : -1 \leq u \leq 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \cosh(2r)} \right\},$$

$$\Delta = \left\{ (u, v, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : -1 \leq u \leq v \leq t \leq \frac{1}{1 + \cosh(2r)} \text{ and } 1 + 2uvt - u^2 - v^2 - t^2 \geq 0 \right\}$$

is an upper bound on $K_H(n, r)$.

Semidefinite Programming Bound

$$\rho^* \geq A(n, \theta) = \max \{ |C| : C \subset S^{n-1} \text{ and } x \cdot y \leq \cos \theta \text{ for all distinct } x, y \in C \}$$

$$K_H(n, r) = \max \{ |C| : C \subset S^{n-1} \text{ and } x \cdot y \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\cosh(2r)} \text{ for all distinct } x, y \in C \}$$

The optimal solution of the SDP with

$$\Delta_0 = \left\{ (u, v, t) : -1 \leq u \leq 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \cosh(2r)} \right\},$$

$$\Delta = \left\{ (u, v, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : -1 \leq u \leq v \leq t \leq \frac{1}{1 + \cosh(2r)} \text{ and } 1 + 2uvt - u^2 - v^2 - t^2 \geq 0 \right\}$$

is an upper bound on $K_H(n, r)$.

$$K_S(n, r) = \max \{ |C| : C \subset S^{n-1} \text{ and } x \cdot y \leq 1 - \frac{1}{\cos(2r)} \text{ for all distinct } x, y \in C \}$$

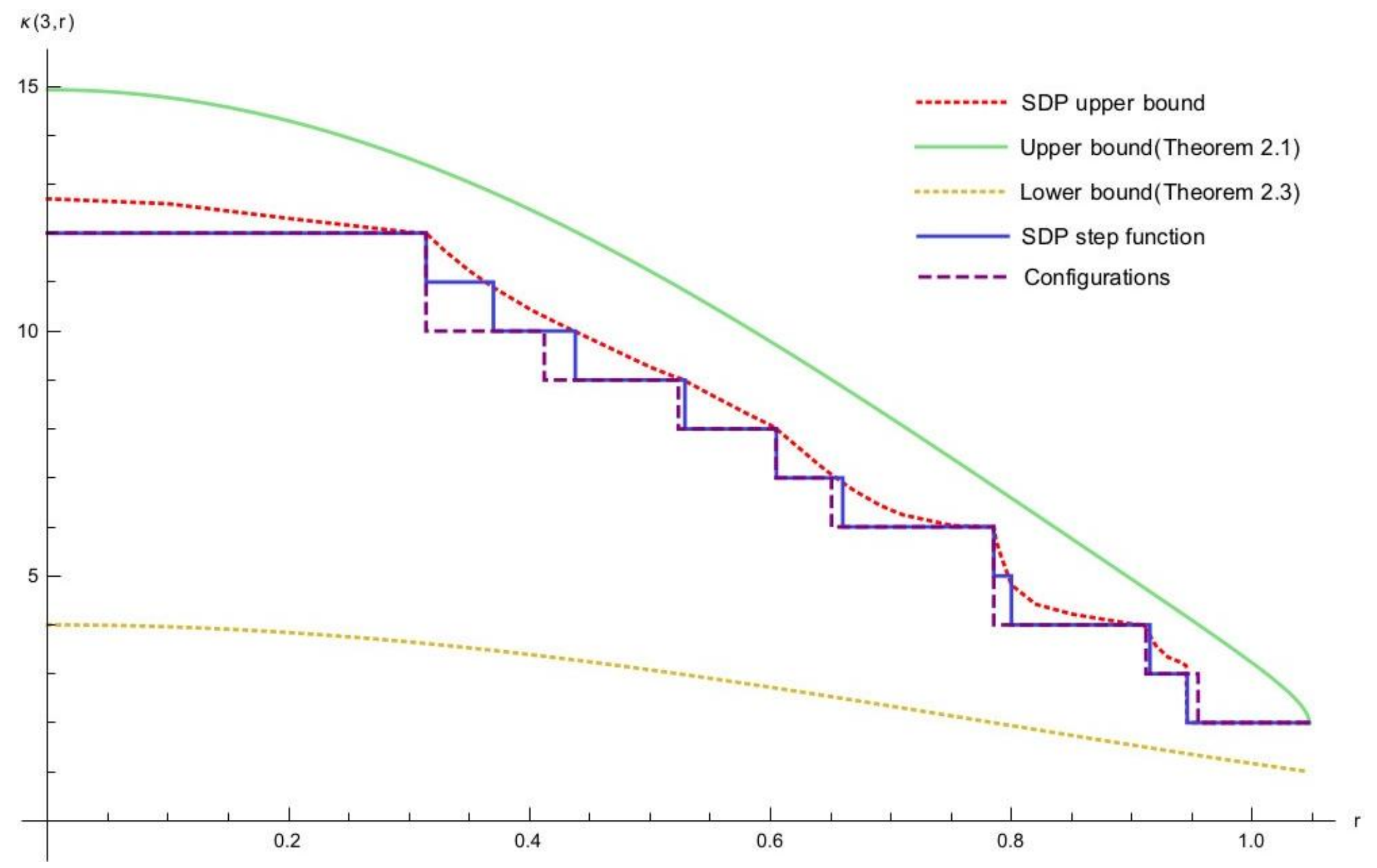
TABLE 1. Bounds for the kissing number in \mathbb{H}^3

r	theoretical lower bound	lower bound by construction	SDP upper bound	Levenshtein bound	Coxeter bound
0	4	12 [27]	12.368591 [20]	13.2857	13.3973
0.3007680932244	4.37289	13	13.66695	14.6365	14.7591
0.3741678937820	4.58663	14	13.57930	15.4829	15.5389
0.4603413898301	4.90925	15	15.76145	16.6843	16.7150
0.5150988762761	5.15856	16	16.63748	17.5619	17.6233
0.5575414271933	5.37771	17	17.39631	18.3659	18.4214
0.6117193853329	5.69307	18	18.57836	19.5957	19.5694
0.6752402229782	6.1184	19	20.12475	21.1343	21.1170
0.6839781903772	6.18194	20	20.43374	21.3570	21.3482
0.7441766799717	6.65554	21	21.88751	23.0631	23.0705
0.7727858684533	6.90384	22	22.81495	24.0041	23.9732
0.8064065300517	7.21623	23	24.08326	25.2137	25.1087
0.8070321648835	7.22226	24	24.32215	25.2348	25.1306

TABLE 2. Bounds for the kissing number in \mathbb{H}^4

r	theoretical lower bound	lower bound by construction	SDP upper bound	Levenshtein bound	Coxeter bound
0	5.11506	24 [22]	24.05691 [20]	26	26.4420
0.2803065634764	5.70802	25	28.36959	29.9154	29.9757
0.2937915284847	5.76935	26	28.54566	30.2755	30.3417
0.3533981811745	6.08306	27	30.35228	32.0432	32.2152
0.4029707622959	6.40115	29	32.37496	33.8969	34.1172
0.4361470369242	6.64597	30	33.73058	35.3805	35.5826

Plot of $\kappa_s(3,r)$



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