

# Additional material for the paper: “Improved Bounds for $(b, k)$ -hashing”

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## Extended list of Maxima candidates

In the following two sections we report an extended list of all the maxima candidates for the partition based on maximum value and for the partition based on minimum value.

### Partition $\{\check{P}_b^i\}_{i=0,\dots,b}$

#### Maxima candidates for $\check{M}_1$

- 1)  $(\frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b}; \frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b});$
- 2)  $(0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma + (b-1)\delta = 1;$
- 3)  $(0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0)$   
where  $(b-2)\alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1;$
- 4)  $(0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2}; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $2\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1;$
- 5)  $(0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0)$   
where  $(b-3)\alpha + 2\beta = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1;$
- 6)  $(0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0)$   
where  $(b-4)\alpha + 2\beta = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-4)\delta = 1;$
- ...
- $\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2}) (0, \dots, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, \dots, 0)$   
where  $(2j-b)\alpha + 2(b-j)\beta = 1$  and  $2(b-j)\gamma + (2j-b)\delta = 1;$

Exactly one coordinate of  $\mathbf{p}$  equals to  $1 - \epsilon$

- 1)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1}; 0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1});$
- 2)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, 0; 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta)$   
where  $(b-2)\gamma + \delta = 1;$
- 3)  $(1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; 0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2})$   
where  $\alpha + (b-2)\beta = \epsilon;$
- 4)  $(1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0; 0, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta)$   
where  $\alpha + (b-3)\beta = \epsilon$  and  $(b-3)\gamma + \delta = 1;$
- 5)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, 0, 0; 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \delta)$   
where  $(b-3)\gamma + 2\delta = 1;$

$$6) (1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, 0; 0, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \delta) \\ \text{where } \alpha + (b - 4)\beta = \epsilon \text{ and } (b - 4)\gamma + 2\delta = 1;$$

...)

$$(b - j)(b - j + 1)) (1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, \dots, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta) \\ \text{where } (b - j - 1)\alpha + (2j - b)\beta = \epsilon \text{ and } (2j - b)\gamma + (b - j)\delta = 1;$$

$$(b - j)(b - j + 1) + 1) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta) \\ \text{where } \gamma + (b - 2)\delta = 1;$$

$$(b - j)(b - j + 1) + 2) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0; 0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2});$$

...)

$$(b - j)(b - j + 1) + b - j) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{j}, \dots, \frac{1}{j});$$

Exactly one coordinate of p and one coordinate of q equal to  $1 - \epsilon$

$$1) (1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, 0; 0, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, 1 - \epsilon);$$

$$2) (1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, 0, 0; 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, 1 - \epsilon) \\ \text{where } (b - 3)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon;$$

$$3) (1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, 0; 0, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, 1 - \epsilon) \\ \text{where } \alpha + (b - 4)\beta = \epsilon \text{ and } (b - 4)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon;$$

...)

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2}) (1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, \dots, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 1 - \epsilon) \\ \text{where } (b - j - 1)\alpha + (2j - b)\beta = \epsilon \text{ and } (2j - b)\gamma + (b - j - 1)\delta = \epsilon;$$

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + 1) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 1 - \epsilon) \\ \text{where } \gamma + (b - 3)\delta = \epsilon;$$

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + 2) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, 0, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, 1 - \epsilon).$$

...)

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + b - j) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \frac{\epsilon}{j-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{j-1}, 1 - \epsilon).$$

### Maxima candidates for $\widetilde{M}_2$

$$1) (\frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b}; \frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b});$$

$$2) (0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta) \\ \text{where } \gamma + (b - 1)\delta = 1;$$

$$3) (0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0) \\ \text{where } (b - 2)\alpha + \beta = 1 \text{ and } \gamma + (b - 2)\delta = 1;$$

$$4) (0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2}; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta) \\ \text{where } 2\gamma + (b - 2)\delta = 1;$$

$$5) (0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0) \\ \text{where } (b - 3)\alpha + 2\beta = 1 \text{ and } 2\gamma + (b - 3)\delta = 1;$$

$$6) (0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0) \\ \text{where } (b - 4)\alpha + 2\beta = 1 \text{ and } 2\gamma + (b - 4)\delta = 1;$$

...)

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2}) (0, \dots, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \text{where } (2j - b)\alpha + (b - j)\beta = 1 \text{ and } (b - j)\gamma + (2j - b)\delta = 1.$$

**Maxima candidates for  $\widetilde{M}_3$**

- 1)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1}; 1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-1})$ ;
- 2)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta)$   
where  $(b-2)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon$ ;
- 3)  $(1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, 0, \delta)$   
where  $(b-3)\alpha + \beta = \epsilon$  and  $(b-3)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon$ ;
- 4)  $(1 - \epsilon, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, 0, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \delta)$   
where  $(b-3)\gamma + 2\delta = \epsilon$ ;
- 5)  $(1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, 0, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, 0, \delta, \delta)$   
where  $(b-4)\alpha + \beta = \epsilon$  and  $(b-4)\gamma + 2\delta = \epsilon$ ;
- 6)  $(1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta, 0, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, 0, 0, \delta, \delta)$   
where  $(b-5)\alpha + 2\beta = \epsilon$  and  $(b-5)\gamma + 2\delta = \epsilon$ ;

...) .....

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2}) (1 - \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, \dots, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, 0, \dots, 0, \delta, \dots, \delta)$$

where  $(2j-b-1)\alpha + (b-j)\beta = \epsilon$  and  $(2j-b-1)\gamma + (b-j)\delta = \epsilon$ ;

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + 1) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0; 1 - \epsilon, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$$

where  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta = \epsilon$ ;

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + 2) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0; 1 - \epsilon, 0, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-2});$$

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + 3) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, 0, \dots, 0; 1 - \epsilon, 0, 0, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{b-3}).$$

...) .....

$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + b - j + 1) (1 - \epsilon, \epsilon, 0, 0, \dots, 0; 1 - \epsilon, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{\epsilon}{j-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon}{j-1}).$$

**Maxima candidates for  $\widetilde{M}_4$**

- 1)  $(1 - \epsilon + \sigma, \frac{\epsilon-\sigma}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\sigma}{b-2}, 0; 0, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-2}, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$   
where  $0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon$ ;
- 2)  $(1 - \epsilon + \sigma, \frac{\epsilon-\sigma}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\sigma}{b-3}, 0, 0; 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$   
where  $0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon$  and  $(b-3)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon - \phi$ ;
- 3)  $(1 - \epsilon + \sigma, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, 0; 0, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$   
where  $0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\alpha + (b-4)\beta = \epsilon - \sigma$  and  $(b-4)\gamma + \delta = \epsilon - \phi$ ;

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$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2}) (1 - \epsilon + \sigma, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta, 0, \dots, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$$

where  $0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon$ ,  $(b-j-1)\alpha + (2j-b)\beta = \epsilon - \sigma$  and  $(2j-b)\gamma + (b-j-1)\delta = \epsilon - \phi$ ;

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + 1) (1, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-2}, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$$

where  $0 \leq \phi \leq \epsilon$ ;

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + 2) (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, 0, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{b-3}, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$$

where  $0 \leq \phi \leq \epsilon$ .

...) .....

$$\frac{(b-j)(b-j+1)}{2} + b - j) (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0; 0, \dots, 0, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{j-1}, \dots, \frac{\epsilon-\phi}{j-1}, 1 - \epsilon + \phi)$$

where  $0 \leq \phi \leq \epsilon$ .

## Partition $\{\widehat{P}_k^i\}_{i=0,\dots,k}$

### Maxima candidates for $\widehat{M}_1$

- 1)  $(\frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b}; \frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b});$
- 2)  $(\epsilon, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$  and  $\gamma + (b-1)\delta = 1$ ;
- 3)  $(\epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $(b-2)\alpha + \beta + \epsilon = 1$  and  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta + \epsilon = 1$ ;
- 4)  $(\epsilon, \epsilon, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-2}; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$  and  $2\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1$ ;
- 5)  $(\epsilon, \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $(b-3)\alpha + \beta + 2\epsilon = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-3)\delta + \epsilon = 1$ ;
- 6)  $(\epsilon, \epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $(b-4)\alpha + 2\beta + 2\epsilon = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-4)\delta + 2\epsilon = 1$ ;
- ...
- $\frac{b(b+1)}{2}) (\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon, 1 - (b-1)\epsilon; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon).$

### Maxima candidates for $\widehat{M}_2$

- 1)  $(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha \leq \epsilon$  and  $\beta + (b-1)\alpha = 1$ ;
- 2)  $(\alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-2}, \epsilon, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha \leq \epsilon$  and  $2\beta + (b-2)\alpha = 1$ ;
- ...
- $b-1)$   $(\alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon)$   
where  $\alpha \leq \epsilon$  and  $\alpha + (b-1)\beta = 1$ ;
- $b)$   $(\epsilon, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$  and  $\gamma + (b-1)\delta = 1$ ;
- $b+1)$   $(\epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $\beta + (b-2)\alpha = 1 - \epsilon$  and  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1 - \epsilon$ ;
- $b+2)$   $(\epsilon, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon, \epsilon)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $2\beta + (b-3)\alpha = 1 - \epsilon$  and  $\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1 - 2\epsilon$ ;
- ...
- $2b-1)$   $(\epsilon, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon);$
- $2b)$   $(0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$  and  $\gamma + (b-1)\delta = 1$ ;
- $2b+1)$   $(0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $\beta + (b-2)\alpha = 1$  and  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1 - \epsilon$ ;
- $2b+2)$   $(0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon, \epsilon)$   
where  $\gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon$ ,  $2\beta + (b-3)\alpha = 1$  and  $\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1 - 2\epsilon$ ;
- ...

$$\begin{aligned}
3b-1) & (0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1}; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon); \\
3b) & (0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2}; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta) \\
& \text{where } \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon \text{ and } 2\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1; \\
3b+1) & (0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon) \\
& \text{where } \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon, \beta + (b-3)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } 2\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1 - \epsilon; \\
3b+2) & (0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, \epsilon, \epsilon) \\
& \text{where } \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon, 2\beta + (b-4)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } 2\gamma + (b-4)\delta = 1 - 2\epsilon; \\
& \dots) \dots\dots\dots \\
4b-1) & (0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2}; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon); \\
& \dots) \dots\dots\dots \\
b^2 - b(j-2) - 1) & (0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{j}, \dots, \frac{1}{j}; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon); \\
b^2 - b(j-2)) & (0, \dots, 0, 1; \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta) \\
& \text{where } \gamma, \delta \geq \epsilon \text{ and } \delta + (b-1)\gamma = 1; \\
b^2 - b(j-2) + 1) & (0, \dots, 0, 1; \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\epsilon}{b-1}, \epsilon); \\
b^2 - b(j-2) + 2) & (0, \dots, 0, 1; \frac{1-2\epsilon}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1-2\epsilon}{b-2}, \epsilon, \epsilon); \\
& \dots) \dots\dots\dots \\
b^2 - b(j-3) - 1) & (0, \dots, 0, 1; 1 - (b-1)\epsilon, \epsilon, \dots, \epsilon, \epsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

**Maxima candidates for an upper bound on  $\widehat{M}_3$**

$$\begin{aligned}
1) & (\sigma, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-1}; \phi, \frac{1-\phi}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\phi}{b-1}) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon; \\
2) & (\sigma, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \phi, \frac{1-\phi}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1-\phi}{b-2}, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon \text{ and } \beta + (b-2)\alpha = 1 - \sigma; \\
3) & (\sigma, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \phi, \frac{1-\phi}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{1-\phi}{b-3}, 0, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon \text{ and } 2\beta + (b-3)\alpha = 1 - \sigma; \\
4) & (\sigma, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \phi, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0) \\
& \text{where } \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon, \sigma + \beta + (b-3)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \phi + \gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1; \\
5) & (\sigma, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \phi, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon, \sigma + 2\beta + (b-4)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \phi + \gamma + (b-4)\delta = 1; \\
6) & (\sigma, 0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \phi, \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon, \sigma + 2\beta + (b-5)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \phi + 2\gamma + (b-5)\delta = 1; \\
& \dots) \dots\dots\dots \\
\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2}) & (\sigma, 0, \dots, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; \phi, \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, \dots, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma, \phi \leq \epsilon, \sigma + (b-j)\beta + (2j-b-1)\alpha = 1 \text{ and } \phi + (b-j)\gamma + (2j-b-1)\delta = 1; \\
\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + 1) & (\sigma, 0, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-2}; 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma \leq \epsilon; \\
\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + 2) & (\sigma, 0, 0, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-3}, \dots, \frac{1-\sigma}{b-3}; 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \\
& \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma \leq \epsilon;
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} + b - j) \quad (\sigma, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1-\sigma}{j-1}, \dots, \frac{1-\sigma}{j-1}; 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \text{where } 0 \leq \sigma \leq \epsilon.$$

**Maxima candidates for  $\widehat{M_4}$**

- 1)  $(\frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b}; \frac{1}{b}, \dots, \frac{1}{b});$
- 2)  $(0, \frac{1}{b-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-1}; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $\gamma + (b-1)\delta = 1;$
- 3)  $(0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0)$   
where  $(b-2)\alpha + \beta = 1$  and  $\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1;$
- 4)  $(0, 0, \frac{1}{b-2}, \dots, \frac{1}{b-2}; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta)$   
where  $2\gamma + (b-2)\delta = 1;$
- 5)  $(0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0)$   
where  $(b-3)\alpha + 2\beta = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-3)\delta = 1;$
- 6)  $(0, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \beta; \gamma, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, 0)$   
where  $(b-4)\alpha + 2\beta = 1$  and  $2\gamma + (b-4)\delta = 1;$

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$$\frac{(b-j+1)(b-j+2)}{2} ) \quad (0, \dots, 0, \alpha, \dots, \alpha, \beta, \dots, \beta; \gamma, \dots, \gamma, \delta, \dots, \delta, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \text{where } (2j-b)\alpha + (b-j)\beta = 1 \text{ and } (b-j)\gamma + (2j-b)\delta = 1.$$