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University. *A Geometric Extremal Result for Cubic Arrays.*

Imagine a game in which your goal is to select as many points as you can from an  $n \times n$  square lattice in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . There is just one rule: No three points in your selected set may form a right triangle. For  $n \geq 2$  you will find that you can pick up to  $2n - 2$  points from the lattice without forming any right triangles. But try as you may, it is impossible to avoid forming a right triangle if you pick at least  $2n - 1$  points.

In this talk, we will examine a 3-dimensional variation to this game: How many points can you pick from an  $n \times n \times n$  cubic lattice in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  without forming a right triangle in any plane parallel to one of the coordinate planes? We will give a tight bound on the maximum number of points one can pick without forming such a right triangle. Several similar, but unsolved problems will also be mentioned. (Received September 20, 2011)