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Title: On the geometry of proportional quotients of  $l_1^m$ 

Abstract: Some recent results concerning the geometry of random *n*-dimensional quotients of  $l_1^{(1+\delta)n}$  will be presented. It turns out that "vast majority" (with respect to the Haar measure on related Grassmann manifold) of such quotients X satisfies the property:

for every sufficiently nontrivial operator  $T \in L(X)$  (i.e. for so called  $(\kappa n, 1)$ mixing operators) the inequality  $||Tx||_X \ge c\sqrt{n}$  is satisfied by at least  $\delta n/2$ extreme points of the unit ball of X, where  $c = c(\kappa, \delta) > 0$  depends on  $\kappa$  and  $\delta$  only.

In particular, this implies that the basis constant (and some other "geometric constants" as well) of such a quotient is grater than or equal to  $c\sqrt{n}$ . Joint work with S. Szarek.