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- **Tr**iangle Count $\Delta(f)$

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$$\Phi_{\gamma}(f) = \int \Pi_{e \in E} f(x_i, x_j) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_k$$

is a continuos functional of f in the cut topology.

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> \frac{1}{2} \left[p_c^2 \log \frac{1}{p} + (1 - p_c^2) \log \frac{1}{1 - p} \right]$$

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