

- (1a) Prove that the  $(d-1)$ -dimensional simplex  $\triangle^{d-1}$  has  $\binom{d}{k}$  faces of dimension  $(k-1)$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq d$ .
- (1b) Using the simple form  $n! \approx (\frac{n}{e})^n$  of Stirling's formula, show that  $\varphi_d(x) := \log \binom{d}{x}$  is asymptotically proportional to  $-x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x)$ , for  $x \in (0, 1)$  and  $d \rightarrow \infty$ . Discuss the real function  $\varphi_d$  on  $[0, 1]$ .
- (2a) Prove that the  $d$ -dimensional cube  $\square^d$  has  $2^{d-k} \binom{d}{k}$  faces of dimension  $k$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq d$ .
- (2b) Using the simple form  $n! \approx (\frac{n}{e})^n$  of Stirling's formula, show that  $\psi_d(x) := d(1-x) + \log \binom{d}{x}$  is asymptotically proportional to  $1-x-x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x)$ , where  $\log = \log_2$  denotes the binary logarithm. Find an approximation to the maximum of this function on  $(0, 1)$ .