

Illustration of the Proof of Lemma 5.28

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On the next page, we mimic the proof of Lemma 5.28, using these X, Y . Reading the proof with this example in mind, might make the proof more understandable.

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