

# Lecture 5

## Convex geometry

Finite convex polytopes (simple)

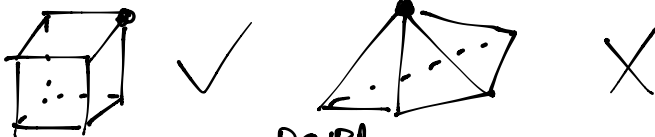
A closed half space in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \leq c \right\}$$

Closed convex figure it is intersection of some number of half spaces.  
Bounded Polytopes (finite of intersection)



In  $\mathbb{R}^n$  simple polytope is such polytopes that in each vertex we have exactly  $n$  edges meeting.



With any polytopes,  $P \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we associate a set numbers  
 $f_0$ : number of vertices  
 $f_1$ : number of edges  
 $f_2$ : number of 2-dim faces

...  
 $f_n$ : number of  $n$ -dim faces

Euler relation:  $f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - \dots + (-1)^n f_n = 1$

$f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - f_3 = 1$     $f_0 - f_1 + f_2 = 2$

Dehn-Sommerville relations (holds only for SIMPLE POLYTOPES)

$f(t) = f_0 + f_1 t + \dots + f_n t^n$

$h(t) = f(t-1)$

$h(t) = f_0 + f_1(t-1) + \dots + f_n(t-1)^n = h_0 + h_1 t + \dots + h_n t^n$

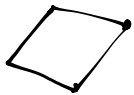
$h_0 = f_0 - f_1 + f_2 - f_3 + \dots + (-1)^n f_n$

D-S Thm: for simple polytopes

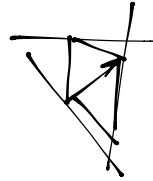
- ①  $h_i = h_{n-i}$
- ②  $h_i \geq 1$

Proof:  $L$  is a linear functional on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  it is linear  
 $L(\lambda v + \mu w) = \lambda L(v) + \mu L(w)$   $L(\dots) = x_1 L(\vec{e}_1) + \dots + x_n L(\vec{e}_n)$   
 $L(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = \langle a, x \rangle$

Linear function  $L$  is generic w.r.t. polytope  $P$  iff it takes different values on all vertices of  $P$ .

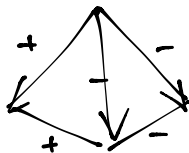


$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_i, a \rangle &= \langle v_j, a \rangle \\ \langle v_{i-j}, a \rangle &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



$P, L$   
 index of vertex  $i$  w.r.t. functional  $L$

$\parallel$   
 # of edges point out of  $v$  s.t.  $L$  decreases along the edges.



Lemma: For every  $L$  and  $P$  the number  $\tilde{h}_i$  of vertices of index  $i$  is equal to  $h_i$ ,  
 (in particular it doesn't depend on  $L$ )

vertex  $v$  maximize? for face  $F$ .

If  $L$  attains its maximum on the face  $F$  at vertex  $v$ .



$f_m \parallel (F, v)$ , assume  $F$   $n$ -dim

$\binom{i}{m}$

assume  $v$ , sps  $v$  has index  $i$ ,



$$\sum_{i \geq m} \binom{i}{m} \tilde{h}_i$$

$$f_i = \sum_{i \geq m} \binom{i}{m} \tilde{h}_i$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i t^i = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{i \geq m} \binom{i}{m} \tilde{h}_i = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-1} \sum_{i \geq m} \binom{i}{m} \tilde{h}_i t^i = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{m=0}^i \binom{i}{m} t^m \right) \tilde{h}_i = \sum_{i=0}^n \tilde{h}_i (1+t)^i$$

$$h(t) = f(t-1) = \sum_{i=0}^n \tilde{h}_i t^i \quad h_i = \tilde{h}_i$$

A subset  $\delta$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called convex if along with any 2 pts  $a, b \in \delta$ ,  $\delta$  contains all pts in the segment joining  $a, b$ .

$$\{x \mid \langle a, x \rangle \leq c\}$$

$\bigcap$  convex sets is convex

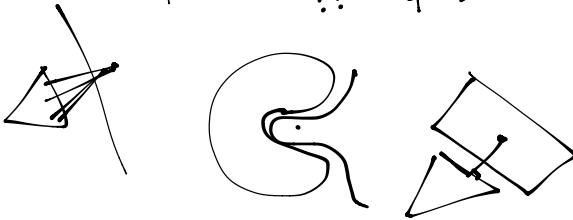
Not true union



Separation Theorem:

C.c set  $P$  and pt  $a \notin P$ , then  $\exists$  a hyperplane that separates  $P$  from  $a$ .

Pf: take  $F: P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $F(P) = \text{dis}(P, a) + (P, a)$

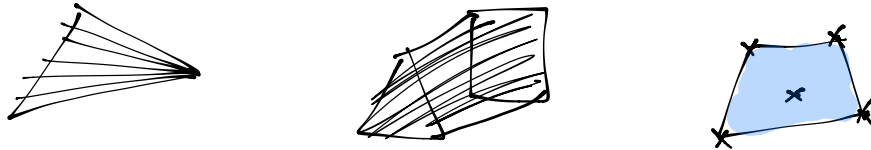


$$\delta = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} L_i$$

Missed a lot

Convex Hull

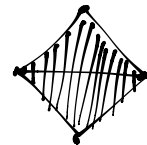
For a set  $\mu$ , convex hull of  $\mu$  is the smallest convex set that contains  $\mu$ .



Claims:  $P$  belongs to the convex hull of  $S$  iff there exists points  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in S$   
 $\lambda_i \geq 0, \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_m = 1$  (\*)

$N$ -all points that can be represented in the form (\*)

$S \ni x_1, \dots, x_n, \text{ c.h } S \supset N, \text{ c.h } S \ni \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n$   
 $\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2$   
 $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \quad \lambda_1 x_1 + (1 - \lambda_1) x_2$



$x_1, \dots, x_m$   
 $\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_m x_m \in \text{c.h } S$   
 $\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_m x_m + \lambda_{m+1} x_{m+1}$   
 $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_m = 1 - \lambda_{m+1}$

$$(1 - \lambda_{m+1}) \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \lambda_{m+1}} x_1 + \dots + \frac{\lambda_m}{1 - \lambda_{m+1}} x_m \right) + \lambda_{m+1} x_{m+1}$$

# Carathéodory Lemma

$S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , any  $p \in \text{c.h. } S$   
 can be written as  $\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} x_{d+1}$  for some  $x_1, \dots, x_{d+1} \in S$

$$x = \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_{m+1} x_{m+1}, m > d$$



$$x_2 - x_1, x_3 - x_1, \dots, x_{m+1} - x_1$$

$$\mu_2(x_2 - x_1) + \dots + \mu_{m+1}(x_{m+1} - x_1) = 0$$

$$\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_{m+1} = 0$$

$$(\mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_{m+1} x_{m+1}) = 0$$

$$\mu_1 = -\mu_2 - \dots - \mu_{m+1}$$

$$\sum (\mu_1 x_1 + \dots + \mu_{m+1} x_{m+1}) = 0$$

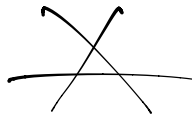
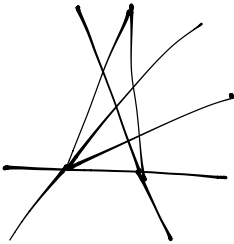
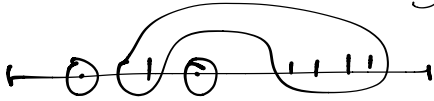
$$\Rightarrow x = (\lambda_1 - \sum \mu_i) x_1 + (\lambda_2 + \sum \mu_2) x_2 + \dots + (\lambda_{m+1} - \sum \mu_{m+1}) x_{m+1}$$

Helly's Theorem:

Assume we have a collection of <sup>Convex</sup> sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  s.t. any  $d+1$  intersect then all sets intersect.

Radon's lemma:

If  $S$  is a finite set of at least  $d+2$  pts in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then the set  $S$  can be partitioned as a union of two subsets,  $A$  &  $B$  s.t. the convex hulls of  $A$  and  $B$  intersect non-trivially.



$A_1, \dots, A_n$   
 $A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \neq \emptyset$   
 $G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4$   
 $G_1 \cap G_2 \cap G_3 = B_4$   
 $G_1 \cap G_2 \cap G_4 = B_3$   
 $G_2 \cap G_3 \cap G_4 = B_1$

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