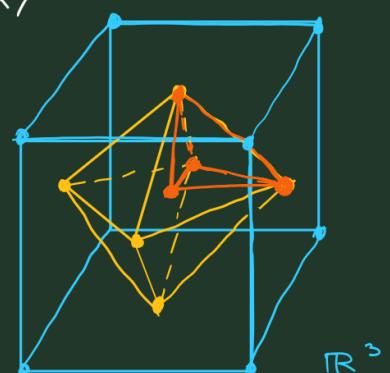
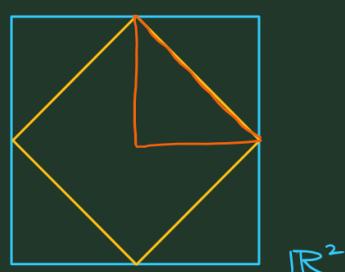


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SWMS - DISCRETE GEOMETRY



LAST TIME: A convex polytope in \mathbb{R}^n is the convex hull of a finite collection of points in \mathbb{R}^n .

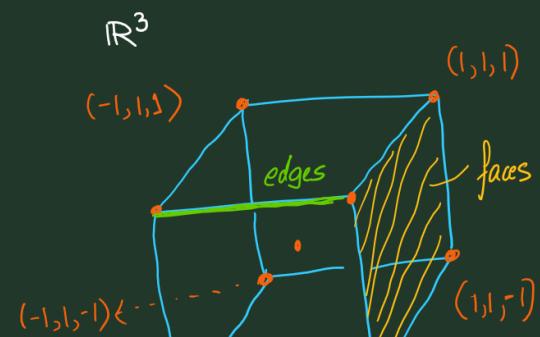
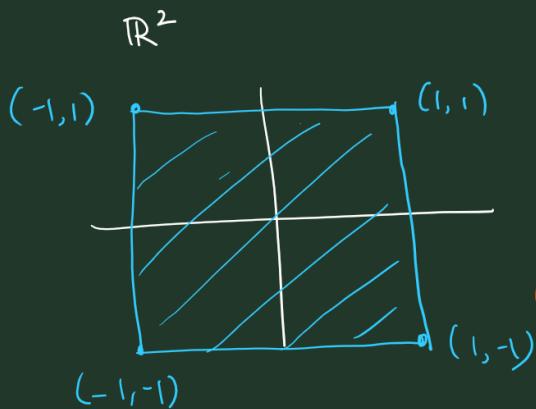
Examples

1. The standard (hyper)cube in \mathbb{R}^n : $\overbrace{[-1, 1] \times \dots \times [-1, 1]}^{n \text{ times}}$

= convex hull of all those points in \mathbb{R}^n whose components/coordinates are +1 or -1.

Q. How many such points are there in \mathbb{R}^n .
 A. $\underbrace{(2 \times 2 \times 2 \dots \times 2)}_{n \text{ spaces}}$ where 2 = # of choices
 ∴ total no. of choices is 2^n .

$$= \left\{ x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \max \{ |x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n| \} \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \begin{array}{c} -1 \leq x_1 \leq 1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \leq x_n \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$


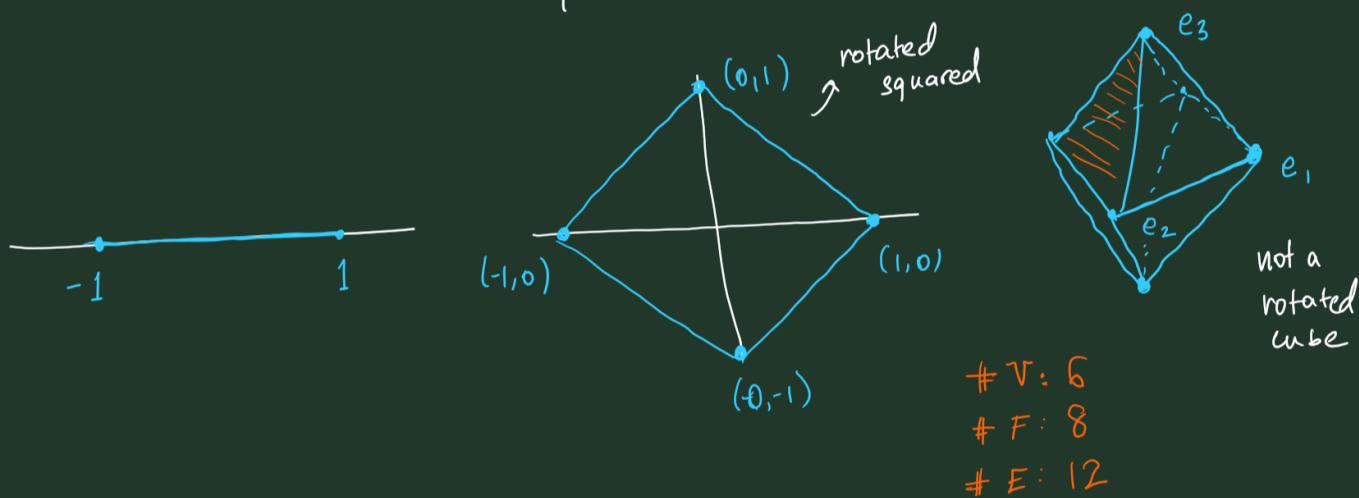
$$\begin{aligned} V: \# \text{ vertices} &= 8 \\ F: \# \text{ faces} &= 6 \\ E: \# \text{ edges} &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

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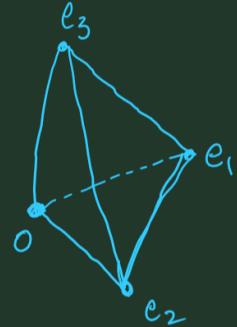
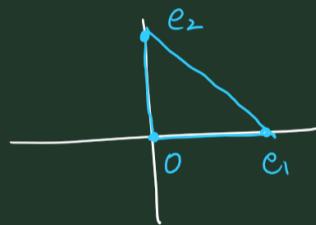
Let $e_j = (0, \dots, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ j^{\text{th}} \text{ position}}}{1}, \dots, 0)$. $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

The crosspolytope in \mathbb{R}^n = $\text{cvx} \{ \pm e_1, \dots, \pm e_n \}$ 2n such vectors.

$$= \left\{ x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x_1| + \dots + |x_n| \leq 1 \right\}.$$


3. The standard simplex in \mathbb{R}^n = $\text{cvx} \{ (0, \dots, 0), e_1, \dots, e_n \}$.

"Simplest n-dim convex polytope in \mathbb{R}^n ."



$\# V: 4$
 $\# F: 4$
 $\# E: 6$

In all the examples above in \mathbb{R}^3 : $V - E + F = 2$.

FACT: any convex polytope in \mathbb{R}^3 satisfies this formula!
 Euler's formula.

Euler's formula.

Worksheet 2.

a) Null space: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



Line passing through $(0,0,0)$ and $(-2,5,1)$.

$$= \text{lin} \left((-2,5,1), \underline{(0,0,0)} \right) = \text{lin} \left((-2,5,1) \right).$$

Facts: $\text{lin}(v) = \begin{cases} \text{line passing through } v \text{ and } 0, \text{ if } v \neq 0 \\ 0, \text{ if } v = 0. \end{cases}$

b) Solution space of $x + 2z = 1$
 $3x + y + z = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \left\{ (1, -1, 0) + t \underbrace{(-2, 5, 1)}_{\substack{w_0 \\ w_1}} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad \text{this is not a linear span!} \\ &= (1, -1, 0) + \text{lin} \left(\underbrace{(-2, 5, 1)}_{w_1}, \underbrace{(1, -1, 0)}_{w_0} \right) = \text{aff} (w_1 + w_0, w_0) \\ &= " \text{aff} \left(\underbrace{(-2, 5, 1)}_{w_1}, \underbrace{(1, -1, 0)}_{w_0} \right)" \quad \begin{matrix} t_1 + t_2 = 1 \\ t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix} \\ &\hookrightarrow (x, y, z) = \underbrace{t (-2, 5, 1)}_{\substack{\text{system of equations}}} + (1-t)(1, -1, 0), \quad \begin{matrix} t \\ t_1 = t \\ t_2 = 1-t \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

In worksheet 1: $\text{aff} (w_1 + w_0, w_0) = \text{lin}(w_1) + w_0$

$$\text{aff} (v_1, v_2) = \text{lin} (v_1 - v_2) + v_2$$

General: $\text{aff} \left(\underbrace{v_1, \dots, v_k}_{w_1 + w_k} \right) = \text{lin} \left(\underbrace{v_1 - v_k, \dots, v_{k-1} - v_k}_{w_1, \dots, w_{k-1}} \right) + v_k$

$$\text{aff} (w_1 + w_k, \dots, w_{k-1} + w_k, w_k) = \text{lin} (w_1, \dots, w_{k-1}) + w_k$$

(a) $Ax = 0$

(b) $Ax = b$

our case

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Null space: $\text{lin}((-2, 5, 1))$.

(a) $Ax = 0$

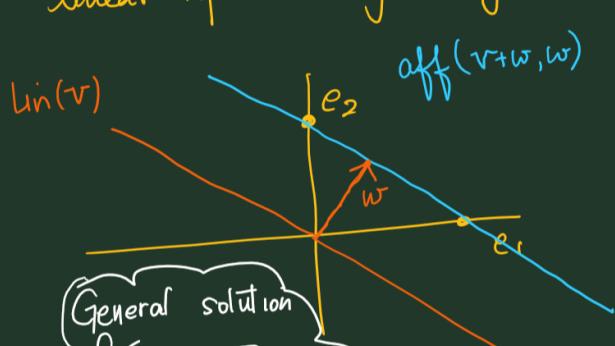
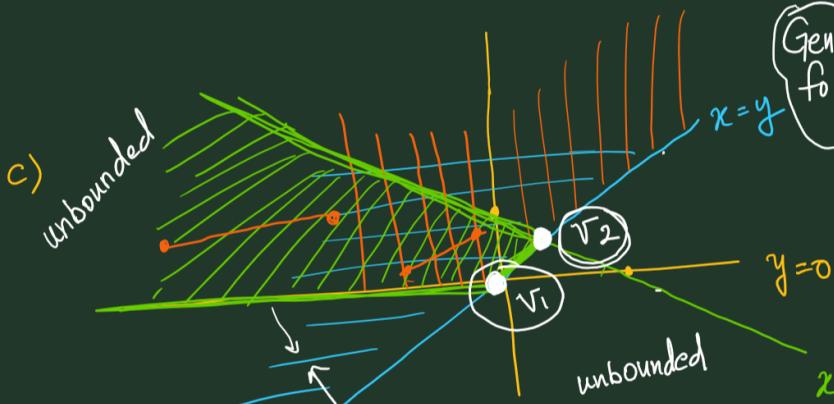
$b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

In general, null space of A is always a linear span.

Solution space of (b)

$$\begin{aligned} w_0 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{particular} \\ \text{solution} \end{array} \right. + \text{null space.} &= \text{lin}((-2, 5, 1)) \\ &\parallel \\ &+ \text{lin}(w_1, \dots, w_m) \\ &\parallel \\ &\text{aff}(w_1 + w_0, \dots, w_m + w_0, w_0) \end{aligned}$$

An affine space is always a linear span shifted by a vector.



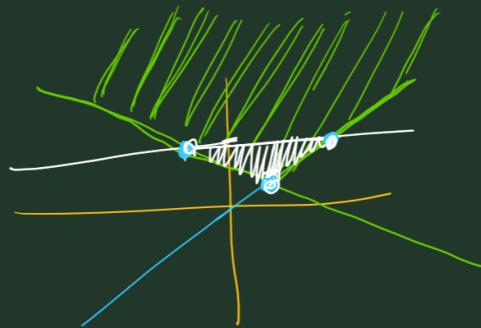
General solution
for
 $Ax \leq b$??

d)

No! These are not convex polytopes!

maybe convex hull
might not be
a convex hull

d')



$$x - y \leq 0, \quad y \geq 0, \quad x + 2y \geq 1.$$

$$\text{add } y \leq 1$$

Based on c) and d), consider the following definitions:

$$\text{cone } (v_1, \dots, v_k) = \left\{ t_1 v_1 + \dots + t_k v_k : t_1, \dots, t_k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

is the polyhedral cone of v_1, \dots, v_k in \mathbb{R}^n .

c) & d) are polyhedral cones.

null space is trivial

$$\stackrel{\text{c)}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x - y \\ -y \\ x + 2y \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↓

$Ax = b$ vs

$Ax \leq b$

linear algebra

solution space
is an affine
space.

span.

linear
programming.

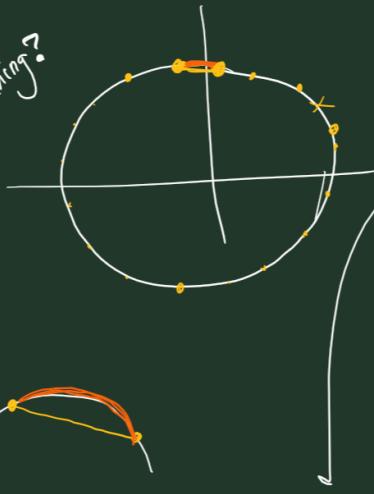
solution space is
a convex polytope/cone

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - y \leq 0 \\ -y \leq 0 \\ x + 2y \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

e)

meaning?

convex hull
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$



$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \quad \text{unit disk}$$

Guess: convex hull of
infinitely many points

Answer

not a convex hull of finitely
many points.

collection of all

finite linear
combinations?

$$t_1 v_1 + \dots + t_k v_k + \dots ?$$

Countable?