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**Arrangement**

**Introduction**

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## k-Flat

❖ The affine hull of  $k + 1$  affinely independent points is called a **k-flat**

0-flat: point

1-flat: line

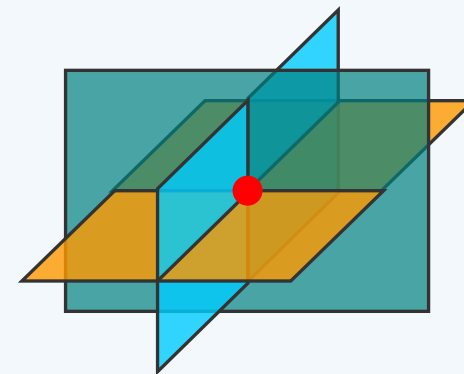
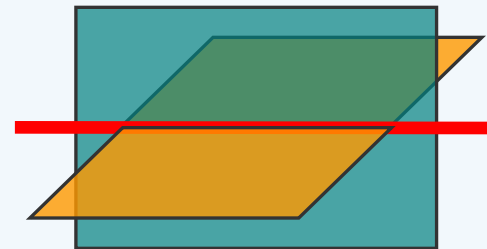
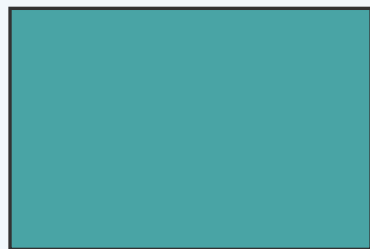
2-flat: plane

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(d-1)-flat: hyperplane

d-flat:  $\mathcal{E}^d$

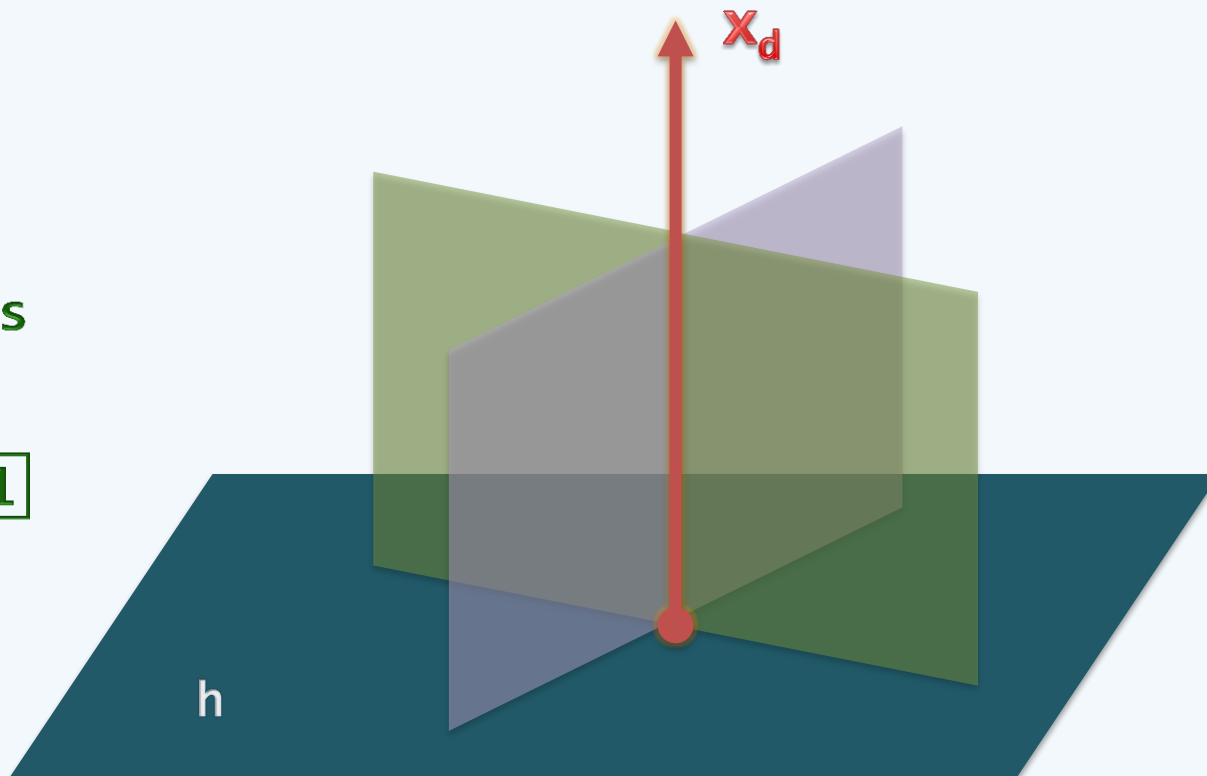
(-1)-flat: defined as the empty set  $\emptyset$



❖ Each k-flat in  $\mathcal{E}^d$  is the intersection of at least  $d - k$  hyperplanes

## Vertical Flat

- ❖ A **line** is called **vertical**  
if  
it is parallel to the  $x_d$ -axis
- ❖ A **k-flat** is called **vertical**  
if  
it contains a vertical line



# Hyperplane

❖  $h(N, \delta) = \{ x \in \mathcal{E}^d \mid N^T x = \delta \}$  where

$N$  is a normalized vector in  $\mathcal{E}^d$ , and

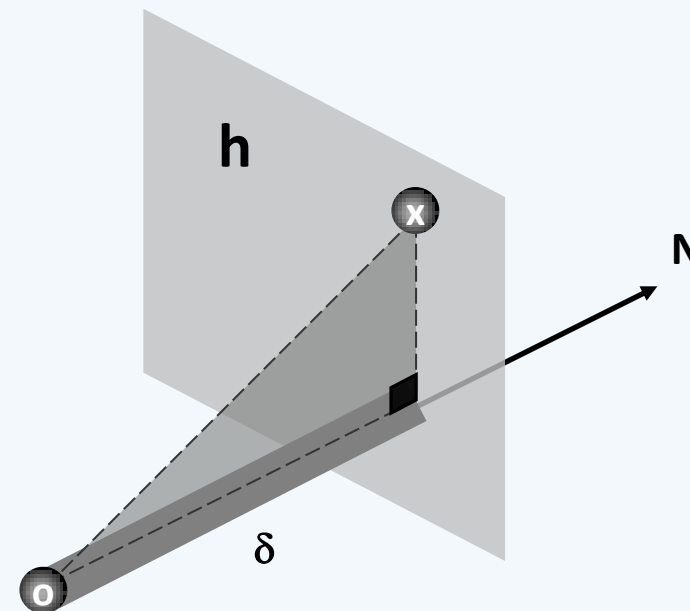
$\delta \in \mathbb{R}$

❖ Each hyperplane in  $\mathcal{E}^d$  is itself

a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional Euclidean space

e.g., lines in the plane, or

planes in the space

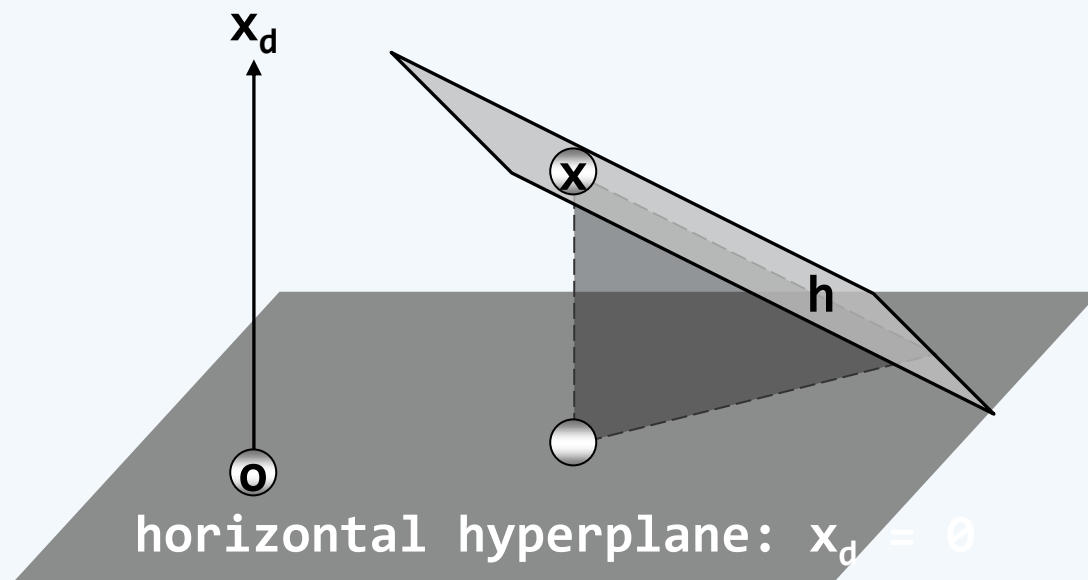


## Non-vertical Hyperplane

❖  $h \subset \mathcal{E}^d$  is not vertical iff

there exist  $d$  reals  $\boxed{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_d} \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$h = \{ x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^T \mid x_d = \eta_1 x_1 + \dots + \eta_{d-1} x_{d-1} + \eta_d \}$$



## Upper/Lower Halfspaces

❖ Let  $h$  be a non-vertical hyperplane in  $\mathcal{E}^d$

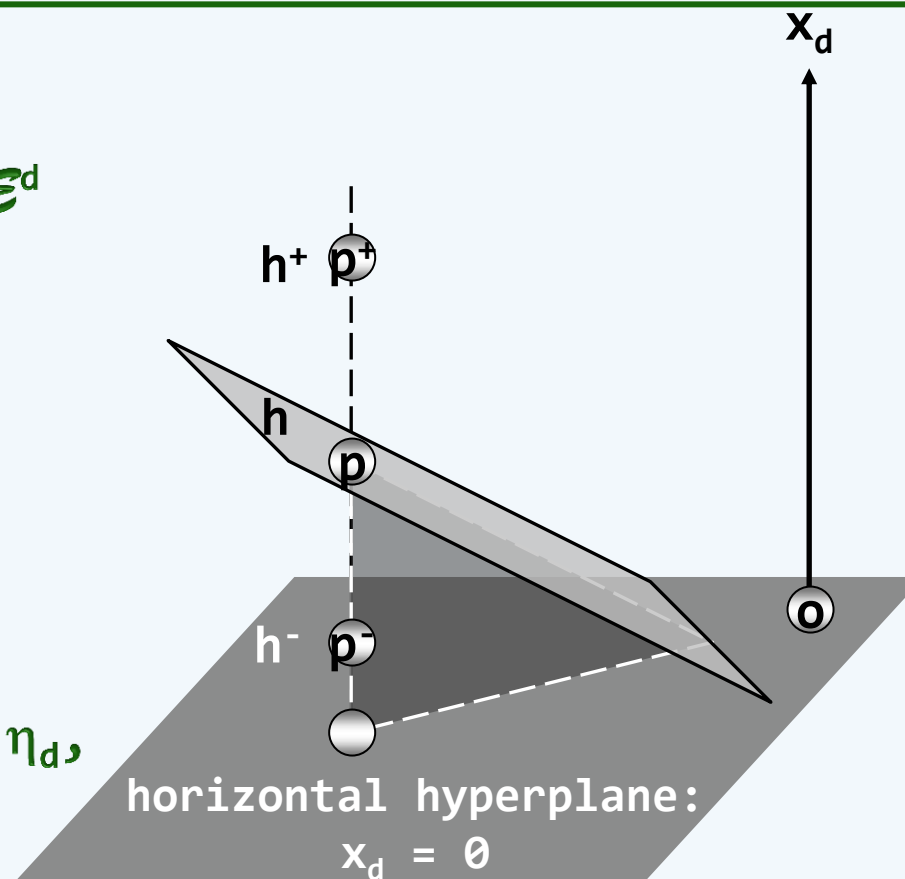
❖  $p = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^T$  is called to lie

above/on/below  $h$  if

$$x_d \begin{cases} > \\ = \\ < \end{cases} \eta_1 x_1 + \dots + \eta_{d-1} x_{d-1} + \eta_d,$$

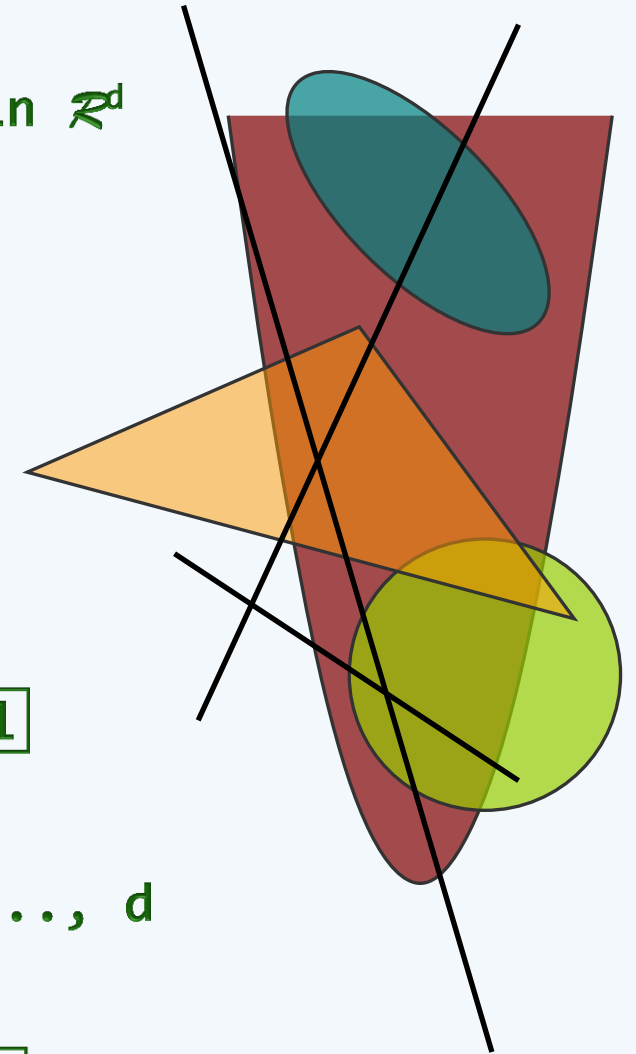
❖  $h^+ / h^- = \{ p \in \mathcal{E}^d \mid p \text{ is ABOVE/BELOW } h \}$

is called the upper/lower halfspace defined by  $h$



## Arrangement

- ❖ Let  $S$  be a finite collection of geometric objects in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
e.g. hyperplanes or spheres
- ❖ The **arrangement**  $\mathcal{A}(S)$  is  
the decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  induced by  $S$  where  
each maximal connected **open** set is called a **cell**
- ❖ A **k-cell** is a cell of dimension  $k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, d$
- ❖ The **closure** of a  $k$ -cell of  $\mathcal{A}(H)$  is called a **k-face**



# Arrangement of Hyperplanes

❖ Let  $A(H)$  be an arrangement of  $n$  hyperplanes in  $\mathcal{E}^d$

❖ Each  $k$ -face of  $A(H)$  is

a maximal connected set of points

lying in the intersection of at least

$d-k$  hyperplanes (i.e. a  $k$ -flat) of  $H$

❖ If  $(k-1)$ -face  $f \subset k$ -face  $g$ , we say

$f$  is a **subface** of  $g$  and

there is an **incidence** between  $f$  and  $g$

