

ZONOIDS

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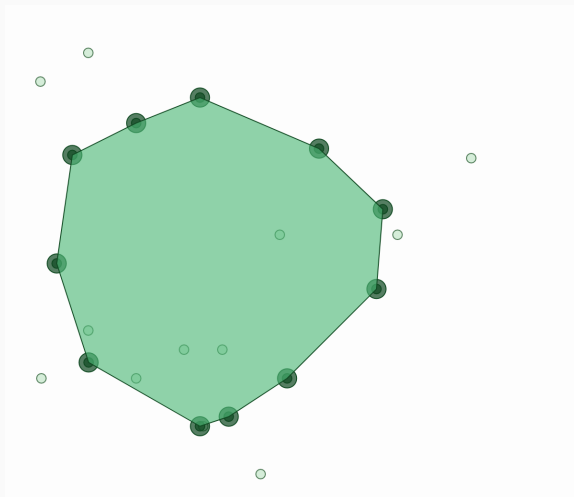
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- If $k_1 > k_2$, then $Z_{k_1} \subseteq Z_{k_2}$.

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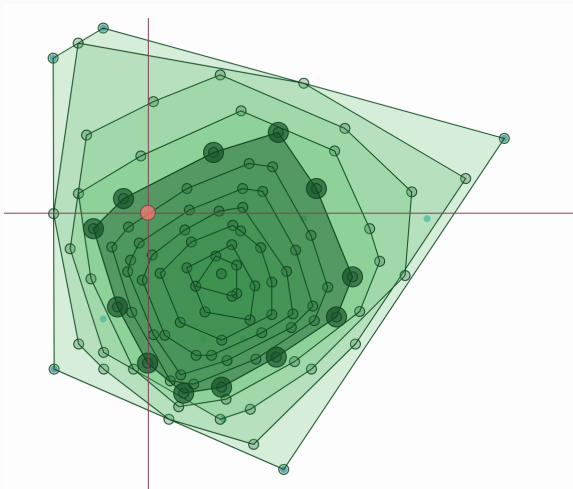
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Zonoid depth = 5. Look at the demo instead!

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- Formally, the k -zonoid vertex x in a direction p is:

$$\arg \max_x \{p \cdot x \mid x \in Z_k(S)\} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{k} s_i^p \right)$$

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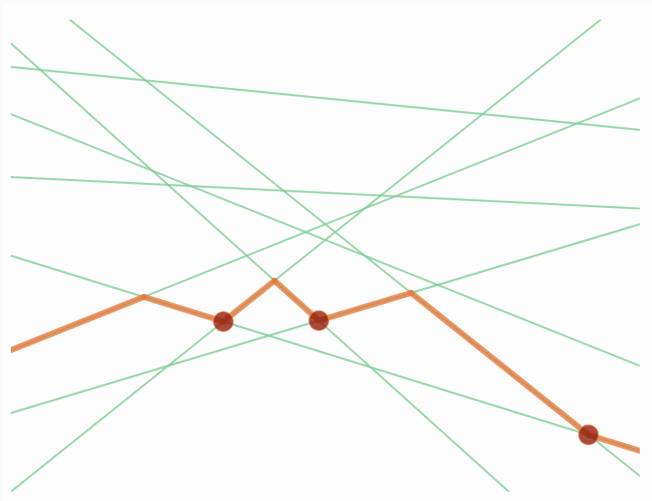
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- **Point-line duality**: the dual of $p = (p_1, p_2)$ is the line $p^* = \{(x, y) : y = p_1x - p_2\}$. The dual of a line $l = \{(x, y) : y = ax + b\}$ is the point $l^* = (a, -b)$.

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- These k points are a k -set in the primal plane!

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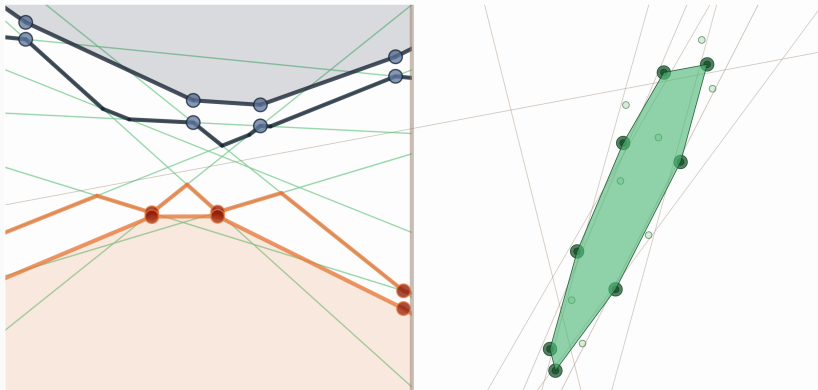
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3-zonoid computed from the k-levels.

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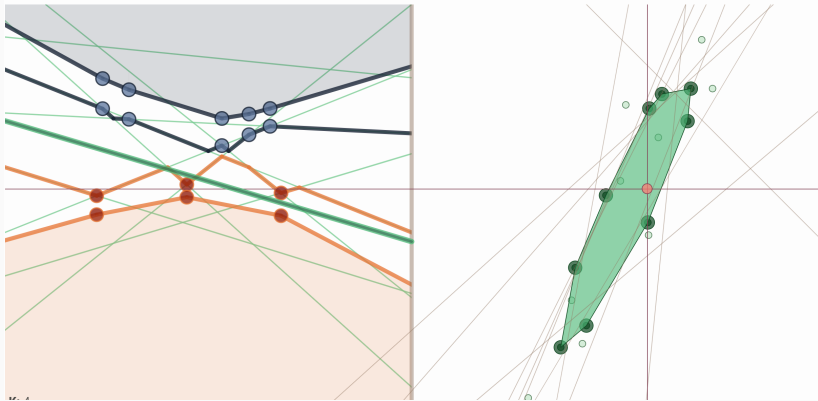
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If a primal point is outside, it is above (below) 2 edges of the zonoid. In the dual, the dual line will be above the duals of those 2 edges, i.e. points on the 2 envelopes.

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The point is inside the zonoid, the dual line doesn't intersect the envelopes

THANK YOU!

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