

Figure 37.2: The relationship between the closed unit balls centered at (0,0).

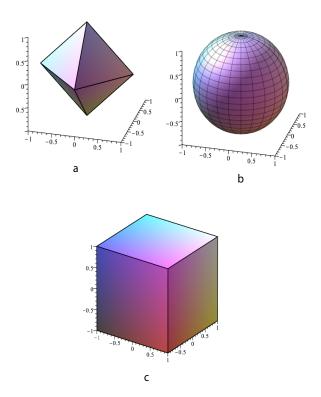


Figure 37.3: Figure (a) shows the octahedral shaped closed ball associated with $\| \|_1$. Figure (b) shows the closed spherical associated with $\| \|_2$, while Figure (c) illustrates the closed unit ball associated with $\| \|_{\infty}$.

In a normed vector space we define a closed ball or an open ball of radius ρ as a closed ball or an open ball of center 0. We may use the notation $B(\rho)$ and $B_0(\rho)$.

We will now define the crucial notions of open sets and closed sets, and of a topological space.