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$$S_{\Lambda} = \left\{ x \in V \text{ such that } x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} s_{i} \text{ for } s_{i} \in S \right\}.$$

Then since addition and scalar multiplication are both open maps, each S_{Λ} is open. Finally, the convex hull is clearly just

$$\bigcup_{\Lambda} S_{\Lambda},$$

which is therefore open.