

Basics of Convex Geometry

$$\underline{\mathbb{R}^d}, \quad \underline{d = 2, 3}$$

Basic facts

(I) $v_1, \dots, v_{d+1} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 $\exists c_1, \dots, c_{d+1}$, not all "0"
 s.t. $\sum c_i v_i = 0$

(II) p_1, \dots, p_k in \mathbb{R}^d , $k \leq d$

Def 1 (Affine combination) Let P_1, \dots, P_n be n points in \mathbb{R}^d , we define affine ^{comb.} of these points in the following way

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i P_i$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i = 1$$

Smallest dim
flat containing these
points
Unique?

Def 2 (Convex comb.)

$$c_i \geq 0$$

Convex hull of the set $\{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ Unique?

Def 3 (Affine independence) $\text{Aff}(\underline{P})$, $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$
 \rightarrow affinely dependent

$$x \in \text{Aff}(P)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \sum c_i p_i \\ &\rightarrow \sum c'_i p_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &\neq c'_1 \\ c_i &\neq c'_i \end{aligned}$$

Goal: (1) Radon's Theorem ✓
 (2) Helly's Theorem ↗
 (3) Carathéodory Theorem

Theorem 1 (Radon's Theorem) Given a set of A of $d+2$ points in \mathbb{R}^d , there exists two disjoint subsets of A_1, A_2 of A such $\text{conv}(A_1) \cap \text{conv}(A_2) = \emptyset$.

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 \emptyset A

Proof $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{d+2}\}$, $\exists c_1, \dots, c_{d+2}$
 (not all zeros) s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^{d+2} c_i a_i = 0$, and $\sum_{i=1}^{d+2} c_i = 0$

$$x \in \text{Aff}(A) \text{ s.t. } x = \sum_{i=1}^{d+2} c_i a_i, \text{ and } \sum c_i = 1$$

$$= \left(\sum c'_i a_i \right), \text{ and } \sum c'_i = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{d+2} (c_i - c'_i) a_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d+2} (c_i - c'_i) = 0 \rightarrow \sum c_i - \sum c'_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d+2} c_i a_i = 0, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{d+2} \underline{c_i} = 0$$

$$A_1 = \{a_i \mid c_i > 0\} \quad A_2 = \{a_i \mid c_i < 0\}$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_1} c_i > 0$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_2} c_i < 0$$

$$\underbrace{a_i \in A_1} \rightarrow S$$

$$\underbrace{a_i \in A_2}_{-S}$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_2} \left(\frac{-c_i}{S} \right) a_i = X = \sum_{a_i \in A_1} \left(\frac{c_i}{S} \right) a_i \in \text{conv}(A_1)$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_2} \left(\frac{-c_i}{s} \right) a_i \geq 0$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{Conv}(A_2)$

claim ~~=~~

~~$\sum_{a_i \in A_1} \left(\frac{c_i}{s} \right) a_i$~~

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_1} \left(\frac{c_i}{s} \right) a_i \in \text{Conv}(A_1)$$

$\sum_{a_i \in A_1} \frac{c_i}{s} = 1$

witness

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d+2} c_i a_i \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A_1} c_i a_i + \sum_{a_i \in A_2} c_i a_i + \sum_{a_i \in A \setminus \{A_1, A_2\}} c_i a_i$$

Complete the proof.

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Can you think of other generalisation?

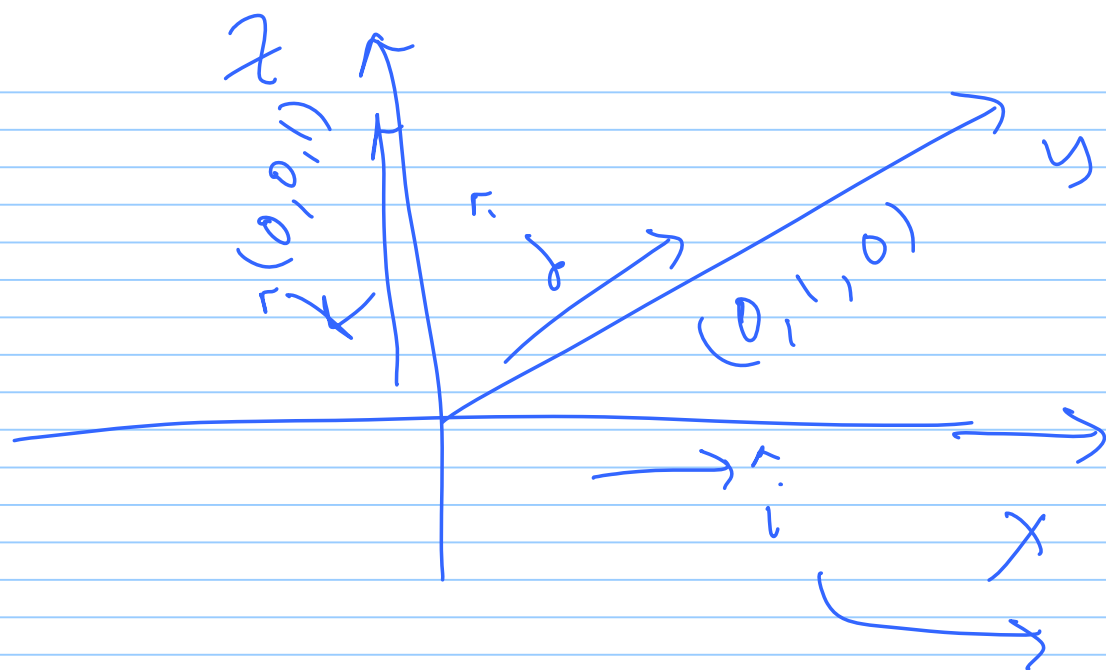
$$A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$$

Ques

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n c_i a_i \mid \forall i, c_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{a_0, \dots, a_n}{n} \mid \exists c_i \\ \sum_{i=0}^n c_i a_i = 0, \text{ and } \sum_{i=0}^n c_i = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} v_i = a_i - a_0 \\ \hline v_1, \dots, v_n \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dependent} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n d_i v_i = 0 \end{array} \right. \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^n d_i (a_i - a_0) = 0 \\ \underline{\underline{c_i = d_i}} \quad i = \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \underline{\underline{c_0 = -\sum d_i}} \end{array}$$



$$c_1, c_2, c_3$$

$$\underline{\cancel{c_1 \hat{i} + c_2 \hat{j} + c_3 \hat{k}}} = 0$$

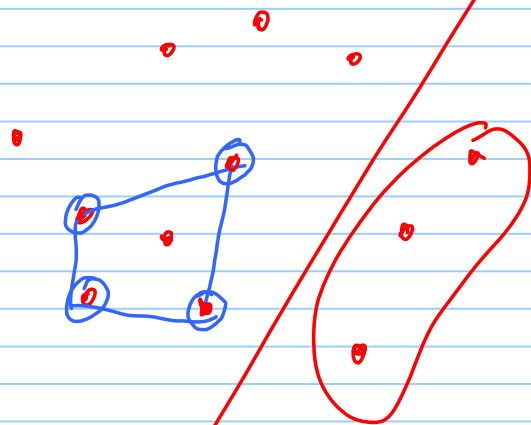
$$(1, 0, 0) \quad (c_1, c_2, c_3)$$

Thm 2 (Equivalent statement) $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{d+2}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^d

\exists a partition of $A = A_1 \sqcup A_2$ s.t. $\text{conv}(A_1) \cap \text{conv}(A_2) \neq \emptyset$.

Example (Using Radon)

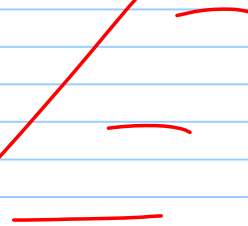
S points in \mathbb{R}^2



$$S_1 \subseteq S$$

$$S_1 \quad S \setminus S_1$$

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$\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

$d+2$

Hyperplanes

S

~~\mathbb{R}^2~~

9 $S = S_1 \sqcup S_2$

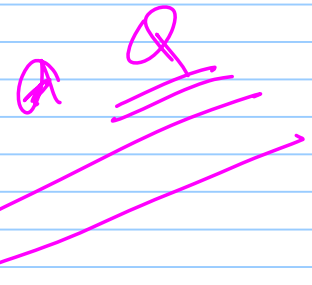
$$\text{conv}(S_1) \cap \text{conv}(S_2) \neq \emptyset$$



A_1

A_2

S



$$\text{Size} = \underline{\underline{d+2}}$$

Thm (Ver 3) $|A| \geq d+2, A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \dots$

$$\downarrow$$

$$|A'| = d+2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \underbrace{A_1'}_{=} \cup \underbrace{A_2'}_{\neq A'} = A'$$

$$A \subseteq C$$

$$B \subseteq C$$

$$\downarrow$$

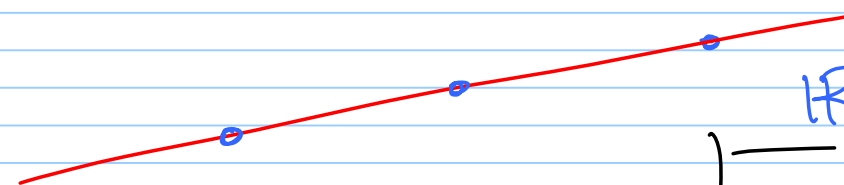
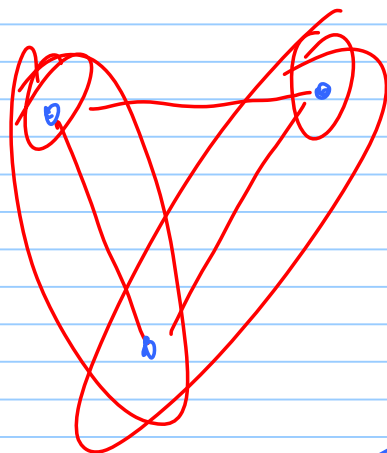
$$\text{conv}(B) \subseteq \text{conv}(C)$$

$$\underbrace{A_1'}_{\neq} \cup \underbrace{A_2'}_{= A_2'} = A_1' \cup (A \setminus A_2') \supseteq A_1'$$

What about $d+1$?

\mathbb{R}^2

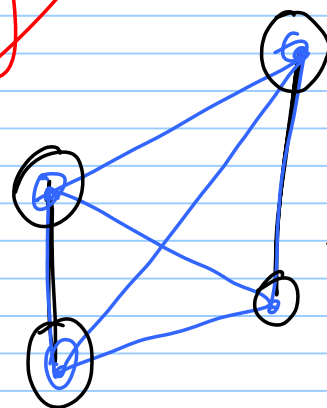
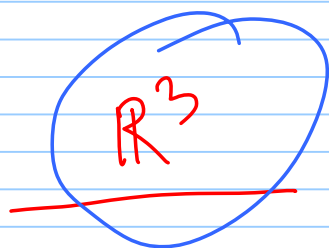
$S \quad S_1 \quad S_2$



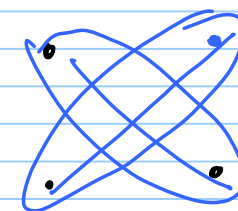
\mathbb{R}^1

\mathbb{R}^2

$S_1 \quad S_2$



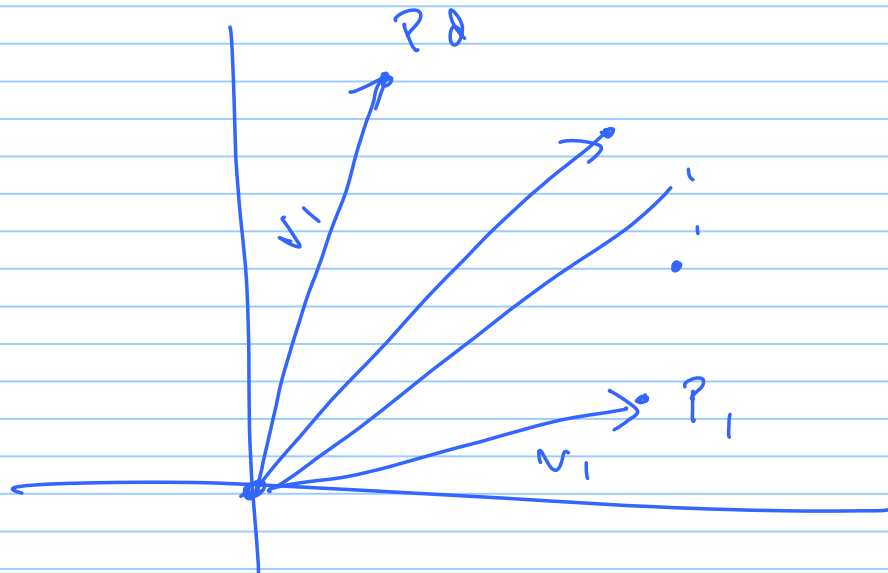
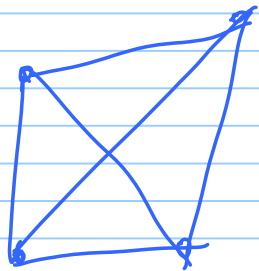
→ Simplex



Thm (Ver³⁴) A is a ~~A~~ finite point set in some Euclidean Sp.

If $|A| \geq \dim(\underline{\text{Aff}}(A)) + 2$ then ...

\mathbb{R}^d



Thm 2 (Helly's Thm) Given a collection $\{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$ of $n \geq d+1$ convex sets in \mathbb{R}^d , if it satisfies $(d+1)$ -property, then

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_i \neq \emptyset.$$

Def (q -property) C_1, \dots, C_n (assume $n \geq q$)

Satisfies q -property then any q convex bodies from the set have a common point.

$$\exists x \text{ s.t. } \underbrace{c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_q}}_x$$

Proof @ By induction on "n".

Base case $n = d+1$

Ind hyp holds $n-1$

Ind. set holds for n^{d+2} (to prove).

$$S = \{c_1, \dots, c_n\} \quad S_i = \{c_j \mid i \neq j\}$$

Can we apply ind hyp & on S_i 's.

* $\exists p_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. p_i belong all convex bodies contained
 $\forall i$ in S_i

$$A = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \leftarrow$$

$$\hookrightarrow A_1 \sqcup A_2 \text{ s.t. } \text{conv}(A_1) \cap \text{conv}(A_2) \neq \emptyset.$$

Consider the ^{convex} set C_i , and wlog assume $p_i \in A_1$.

$\forall p_j$, with $i \neq j$, $p_j \in C_i$.

Remember
we ~~are~~ will
apply Radon's
Theorem.

$$p_i \in A_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall p_j \in A_2, p_j \in C_i$$

$$\text{Conv}(A_2) \subseteq C_i \Rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Conv}(A_1) \cap \text{Conv}(A_2)}_{\neq \emptyset} \subseteq \underline{\underline{C_i}}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n \underline{\underline{C_i}} \supseteq \text{Conv}(A_1) \cap \text{Conv}(A_2) \quad \square$$

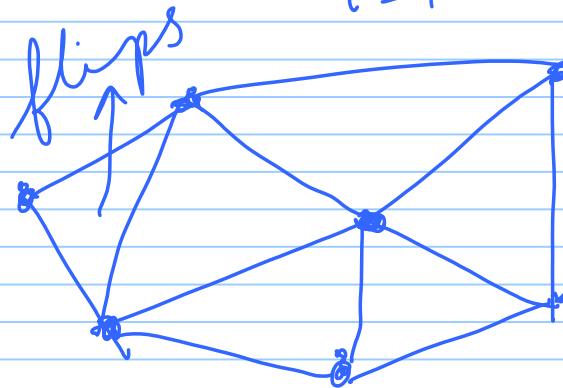
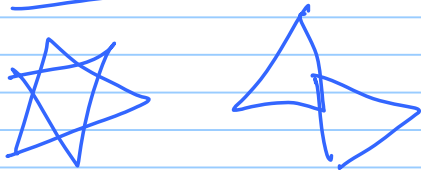
Issues to add:

Thm 3 (Caratheodory theorem) Any convex ~~set~~ combination of a set of points $A = \{ \underbrace{a_1, \dots, a_n}_{\text{gen. pos.}} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a convex combination of $d+1$ points in A .

Convex comb.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i a_i, \quad c_i \geq 0, \quad \sum c_i = 1$$

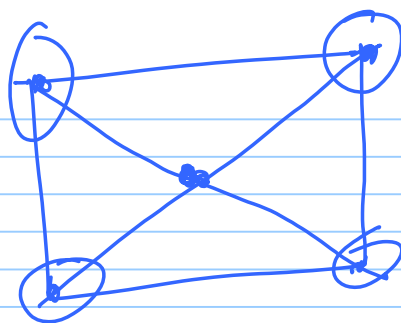
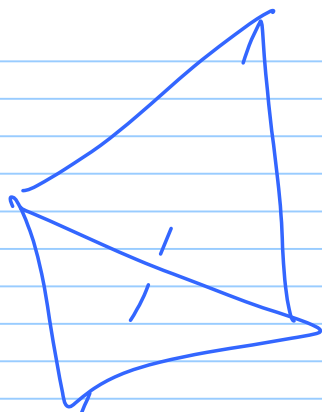
Prod $d=2$



Delannay tria..

Triangulates the convex hull of the point.

$$\frac{\mathbb{R}^3}{\mathbb{R}^d}$$



$$\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$$

Proof without Delaunay. Let $x \in \text{conv}(A)$, and

let
$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i a_i, \text{ where } c_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^k c_i = 1$$

If $k \leq d+1$.

Minimal $c_i > 0$.

(i) $k \leq d+1$ (Nothing to prove)

(ii) $k \geq d+2$

$\exists d_i$, (Not all zeros) s.t

$$\sum_{i=1}^k d_i a_i = 0, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k d_i = 0$$

d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k .

~~Wlog~~ $d_k > 0$, and satisfy that among all $d_i > 0$

$$\cancel{\frac{c_k}{d_k}} \leq \frac{c_i}{d_i} \quad \checkmark \quad \forall i, \quad \frac{c_i}{d_i} \geq 0 \quad \forall d_i > 0$$

Not look at the following thing

$$e_i = c_i - \frac{c_k}{d_k} d_i$$

Are they ≥ 0 ?

Now consider

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} e_i a_i \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad e_k = 0 \quad = X$$

$e_i \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} e_i$$



Q Center point //