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Abstract: The Minkowski-Weyl Theorem is proven for polyhedra by first showing the proof for cones, then the reductions from polyhedra to cones. The proof follows Ziegler [1], and uses Fourier-Motzkin elimination. A C++ implementation is given for the enumeration algorithm suggested by the proof.

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# Introduction

Polyhedra are fundamental mathematical objects. Two ways of describing polyhedra are:

1. A finite intersection of half-spaces
2. The *Minkowski-Sum* of the *convex-hull* of a finite set of rays and a finite set of points

The Minkowski-Weyl Theorem is a fundamental result in the theory of polyhedra. It states that both means of representation are equivalent. The proof given here is algorithmic in nature, using a technique known as *Fourier-Motzkin elimination*. The algorithm implied by the proof is then implemented in C++.

# 1. Minkowski-Weyl Theorem

## 1.1 Polyhedra

**Definition 1** (Non-negative Linear Combination). Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$ ,  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p} t_j U^j = U\mathbf{t}$  is called a *non-negative linear combination* of  $U$ .

**Definition 2** (V-Cone). Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$ . The set of all non-negative linear combinations of  $U$  is denoted  $\text{cone}(U)$ . Such a set is called a *V-Cone*.

**Definition 3** (Convex Combination). Let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \lambda_j = 1$ , then  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \lambda_j V^j$  is called a *convex combination* of  $V$ . The set of all convex combinations of  $V$  is denoted  $\text{conv}(V)$ .

**Definition 4** (V-Polyhedron). Let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ ,  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$ . Then the set

$$\{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \text{cone}(U), \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(V)\}$$

is called a *V-Polyhedron*.

**Definition 5** (H-Polyhedron). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the set

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \right\}$$

is called an *H-Polyhedron*.

**Definition 6** (H-Cone). Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ . Then the set

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

is called an *H-Cone*.

A simple but useful property of cones is that they are closed under addition and positive scaling.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $C$  be either an H-Cone or a V-Cone, for each  $i$   $\mathbf{x}^i \in C$ , and  $c_i \geq 0$ . Then:

$$\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i \in C$$

*Proof.* First we prove Proposition 1 for H-Cones, then for V-Cones. If, for each  $i$ ,  $A\mathbf{x}^i \leq \mathbf{0}$ , then  $A(c_i \mathbf{x}^i) = c_i A\mathbf{x}^i \leq \mathbf{0}$ , and

$$A\left(\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i\right) = \sum_i A(c_i \mathbf{x}^i) = \sum_i c_i A\mathbf{x}^i \leq \sum_i \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{0}$$

So,  $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i \in C$  when  $C$  is an H-Cone. Next, suppose that  $C = \text{cone}(U)$ , and for each  $i$ ,  $\exists \mathbf{t}_i \geq \mathbf{0} : \mathbf{x}^i = U\mathbf{t}_i$ . Then  $c_i \mathbf{t}_i \geq \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{t}_i \geq \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore

$$\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i = \sum_i c_i U\mathbf{t}_i = \sum_i U(c_i \mathbf{t}_i) = U\left(\sum_i c_i \mathbf{t}_i\right)$$

So,  $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i \in C$  when  $C$  is a V-Cone. □

This proposition will be used in the following way: if we wish to show that  $\sum_i c_i \mathbf{x}^i$  is a member of some cone  $C$ , it suffices to show that, for each  $i$ ,  $c_i \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{x}^i \in C$ .

## 1.2 Minkowski-Weyl Theorem

The following theorem is the basic result to be proved in this thesis, which states that V-Polyhedra and H-Polyhedra are two different representations of the same objects.

**Theorem 1** (Minkowski-Weyl Theorem). *Every V-Polyhedron is an H-Polyhedron, and every H-Polyhedron is a V-Polyhedron.*

The proof proceeds by first showing that V-Cones are representable as H-Cones, and H-Cones are representable as V-Cones. Then it is shown that the case of polyhedra can be reduced to cones.

**Theorem 2** (Minkowski-Weyl Theorem for Cones). *Every V-Cone is an H-Cone, and every H-Cone is a V-Cone.*



## 2. Proof of the Minkowski-Weyl Theorem

### 2.1 Every V-Cone is an H-Cone

**Definition 7** (Coordinate Projection). Let  $I$  be the identity matrix. Then the matrix  $I'$  formed by deleting some rows from  $I$  is called a **coordinate-projection**.

The proof rests on the following two propositions:

(V1) Every V-Cone is a coordinate-projection of an H-Cone.

(V2) Every coordinate-projection of an H-Cone is an H-Cone.

*Proof.* Given (V1) and (V2), the proof follows simply. Given a V-Cone, we use (V1), to get a description involving coordinate-projection of an H-Cone. Then we can apply (V2) in order to get an H-Cone.  $\square$

*Proof of (V1).* We prove that every V-Cone is a coordinate-projection of an H-Cone, by giving an explicit formula. Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$ , and observe that

$$\text{cone}(U) = \{U\mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p, \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}\} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid (\exists \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^p) \mathbf{x} = U\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

We will collect  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  on the left side of the inequality, treating  $\mathbf{t}$  as a variable and expressing its constraints as linear inequalities, then project away the coordinates corresponding to  $\mathbf{t}$ . The following expression takes one step:

$$\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow -I\mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{2.1}$$

And using the equality:  $a = 0 \Leftrightarrow a \leq 0 \wedge -a \leq 0$ , and block matrix notation, we take the second step.

$$\mathbf{x} = U\mathbf{t} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} - U\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} I & -U \\ -I & U \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{2.2}$$

Comparing (2.1) and (2.2), we define a new matrix  $A' \in \mathbb{R}^{(p+2d) \times (d+p)}$ :

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -I \\ I & -U \\ -I & U \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.3}$$

then we can rewrite  $\text{cone}(U)$ :

$$\text{cone}(U) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A' \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

Let  $\Pi \in \{0, 1\}^{d \times (d+p)}$  be the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{(d+p) \times (d+p)}$ , but with the last  $p$ -rows deleted. Then  $\Pi$  is a coordinate projection, and the above expression can be written:

$$\text{cone}(U) = \Pi \left( \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+p} \mid A'\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} \right) \tag{2.4}$$

This is a coordinate projection of an H-Cone, and (V1) is shown.  $\square$

To prove (V2), we use two separate propositions.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m' \times (d+p)}$ ,  $B'$  be  $B$  with the last  $p$  columns deleted, and  $\Pi$  the identity matrix with the last  $p$  rows deleted (i.e.  $B' = \Pi B$ ). Furthermore, suppose that the last  $p$  columns of  $B$  are  $\mathbf{0}$ . Then*

$$\Pi \left( \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+p} \mid B\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} \right) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid B'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

*Proof.* Recall that  $B\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0}$  means that  $(\forall i) \langle B_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq 0$ . By the way we've defined  $B$ , any row  $B_i$  of  $B$  can be written  $(B'_i, \mathbf{0})$ , with  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . Rewriting  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+p}$  as  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$  with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , so that  $\mathbf{x} = \Pi(\mathbf{y})$ . Then

$$\langle B, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle (B'_i, \mathbf{0}), (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) \rangle = \langle B'_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle B'_i, \Pi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle$$

It follows that

$$\langle B_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle B'_i, \Pi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \leq 0$$

Since  $B_i$  is an arbitrary row of  $B$ , the proposition is shown.  $\square$

In order to use the above proposition, we need a matrix with  $\mathbf{0}$  columns. The next proposition shows us how to do so, one column at a time.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times (d+p)}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq (d+p)$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \neq k} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$ . Then there exists a matrix  $B' \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2 \times (d+p)}$  with the following properties:*

1. *Every row of  $B'$  is a positive linear combination of rows of  $B$ .*
2.  *$m_2$  is finite.*
3. *The  $k$ -th column of  $B'$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ .*
4.  *$(\exists t) B(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k) \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow B'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$*

*Proof.* Partition the rows of  $B$  as follows:

$$P = \{ i \mid B_i^k > 0 \}$$

$$N = \{ j \mid B_j^k < 0 \}$$

$$Z = \{ l \mid B_l^k = 0 \}$$

Then let  $B'$  be a matrix with rows of the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} C_l &= B_l & \mid l \in Z \\ C_{ij} &= B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i & \mid i \in P, j \in N \end{aligned}$$

1 and 2 are clear. 3 can be seen from:

$$\langle C_l, \mathbf{e}_k \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle C_{ij}, \mathbf{e}_k \rangle = \langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{e}_k \rangle = B_i^k B_j^k - B_j^k B_i^k = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

The right direction of 4 is shown in the following calculations. Because  $B_l^k = 0$ :

$$\langle B_l, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle = \langle B_l, \mathbf{x} \rangle + tB_l^k = \langle B_l, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle C_l, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

So:

$$\langle B_l, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle C_l, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq 0$$

For rows indexed by  $P, N$ , we observe (2.15), and have:

$$\langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle = \langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

Now, we use property 1:

$$\langle B_i, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle \leq 0, \langle B_j, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle \leq 0$$

Therefore

$$\langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq 0$$

Now suppose that  $B'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$ . The task is to find a  $t$  so that  $B\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$ . Looking at (2.15), any choice of  $t$  we make will be okay for rows indexed by  $Z$ . So the task is to find a  $t$  so that the inequality holds for rows indexed by  $P$  and  $N$ . Observe

$$\begin{aligned} \forall i \in P, \forall j \in N \quad & \langle B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \forall i \in P, \forall j \in N \quad & \langle B_i^k B_j, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq \langle B_j^k B_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \Leftrightarrow \\ \forall i \in P, \forall j \in N \quad & \langle B_j/B_j^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq \langle B_i/B_i^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \Leftrightarrow \\ & \min_{j \in N} \langle B_j/B_j^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq \max_{i \in P} \langle B_i/B_i^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note that the third inequality changes directions because  $B_j^k < 0$ . Now we choose  $t$  to lie in this last interval, and show that we can use it to satisfy all of the constraints given by  $B$ . So, we have a  $t$  such that

$$\min_{j \in N} \langle B_j/B_j^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq t \geq \max_{i \in P} \langle B_i/B_i^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall j \in N) \quad & \langle B_j/B_j^k, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq t \Rightarrow \\ (\forall j \in N) \quad & \langle B_j, \mathbf{x} \rangle - B_j^k t \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Again, the inequality changes directions because  $B_j^k < 0$ . Now consider a row  $B_j$  from  $B$ :

$$\langle B_j, \mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle = B_j \mathbf{x} - B_j^k t \leq 0$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall i \in P) \quad & t \geq B_i/B_i^k \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \\ (\forall i \in P) \quad & 0 \geq B_i \mathbf{x} - B_i^k t \end{aligned}$$

Now consider a row  $B_i$  from  $B$ :

$$\langle B_i, \mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{e}_k \rangle = B_i \mathbf{x} - B_i^k t \leq 0$$

So, we've demonstrated that  $\mathbf{x} - t\mathbf{e}_k$  satisfies all the constraints from  $B$ , and the left implication is shown. So 4 holds.  $\square$

**Remark:** Proposition 3 highlights the properties of the matrix  $B'$ . Upon close inspection, we can create a Matrix  $Y$  such that  $B' = YB$ , and every element of  $Y$  is non-negative. Create the following set of row vectors  $Y$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{e}_l \quad \quad \quad | \quad l \in Z \\ & B_i^k \mathbf{e}_j - B_j^k \mathbf{e}_i \quad | \quad i \in P, j \in N \end{aligned}$$

Since the basis vectors simply select rows during matrix multiplication, it is clear that

$$B' = YB$$

Now to prove:

(V2) Every coordinate-projection of an H-Cone is an H-Cone.

*proof of (V2).* Here we prove the case that the coordinate projection is onto the first  $d$  of  $d + p$  coordinates. Let  $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+p} : A'\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$  be the H-Cone we need to project, and  $\Pi$  the coordinate-projection we need to apply (the identity matrix with the last  $p$  columns deleted). For each  $1 \leq k \leq p$  we can use proposition 3 in an incremental manner, starting with  $A'$ .

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let  $B_0 := A'$ 
for  $1 \leq k \leq p$ 
  let  $B_k :=$  result of proposition 2 applied to  $B_{k-1}, \mathbf{e}_{d+k}$ 
endfor
return  $B_p$ 

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Consider the resulting  $B$ . Property 2 holds throughout, so  $B$  is finite. After each iteration, property 3 holds for  $k$ , so the  $k$ -th column is  $\mathbf{0}$ . Since each iteration only results from non-negative combinations of the result of the previous iteration (property 1), once a column is  $\mathbf{0}$  it remains so. Therefore, at the end of the process, the last  $p$  columns of  $B$  are all  $\mathbf{0}$ . Then, by proposition 2, we can apply  $\Pi$  to  $B$  by simply deleting the last  $p$  columns of  $B$ . Denote this resulting matrix  $A$ . We still need to check:

$$A'\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow A(\Pi(\mathbf{y})) \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{2.6}$$

$$(\exists t_1) \dots (\exists t_p) A'(\mathbf{x} + t_1 \mathbf{e}_{d+1} + \dots + t_p \mathbf{e}_{d+p}) \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{2.7}$$

Then, using (2.6) and (2.7), it is easy to see that:

$$\Pi \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+p} \mid A'\mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} \tag{2.8}$$

The key observation of this verification utilizes property 4 of proposition 3:

$$(\exists t) B(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{e}_k) \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow B'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$$

In what follows, let  $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j \mathbf{e}_j$ . The above property is applied sequentially to the sets  $B_k$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
(\exists t_p)(\exists t_{p-1}) \dots (\exists t_1) & B_0(\mathbf{x} + t_1 \mathbf{e}_p + t_2 \mathbf{e}_{p-1} + \dots + t_p \mathbf{e}_d) \leq \mathbf{0} & \Leftrightarrow \\
(\exists t_p) \dots (\exists t_2) & B_1(\mathbf{x} + t_2 \mathbf{e}_{d+2} + \dots + t_p \mathbf{e}_{d+p}) \leq \mathbf{0} & \Leftrightarrow \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
(\exists t_p) & B_{p-1}(\mathbf{x} + t_p \mathbf{e}_{d+p}) \leq \mathbf{0} & \Leftrightarrow \\
& B_p \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} & \Leftrightarrow
\end{array}$$

Because  $A' = B_0$ , and  $A$  is  $B_p$  with the last  $p$  columns deleted, (2.6) and (2.7) hold, therefore (2.8) holds, and the proof of (V2) is complete, and we've shown that a coordinate projection of an H-Cone is again an H-Cone.  $\square$

With (V1) and (V2) proven, we are now certain that any V-Cone is also an H-Cone.

## 2.2 Every H-Cone is a V-Cone

**Definition 8** (Coordinate Hyperplane). A set of the form

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+m} \mid \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e}_k \rangle = 0 \right\} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+m} \mid x_k = 0 \right\}$$

is called a *coordinate-hyperplane*.

We will use coordinate-hyperplanes in the following way. We consider a V-Cone intersected with some coordinate hyperplanes, and write it in the following way:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid (\exists \mathbf{t} \geq 0) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = U' \mathbf{t} \right\} \quad (2.9)$$

If we suppose that  $U' \subset \mathbb{R}^{d+m}$ , and  $\Pi$  is the identity matrix with the last  $m$  rows deleted, then this is just a convenient way of writing:

$$\Pi \left( \text{cone}(U') \cap \{x_{d+1} = 0\} \cap \dots \cap \{x_{d+m} = 0\} \right) \quad (2.10)$$

The proof rests on the following three propositions:

*H1* Every H-Cone is a coordinate-projection of a V-Cone intersected with some coordinate hyperplanes.

*H2* Every V-Cone intersected with a coordinate-hyperplane is a V-Cone

*H3* Every coordinate-projection of a V-Cone is an V-Cone.

*Proof.* Given *H1*, *H2*, and *H3*, the proof follows simply. Given an H-Cone, we use *H1* to get a description involving the coordinate-projection of a V-Cone intersected with some coordinate-hyperplanes. We apply *H2* as many times as necessary to eliminate the intersections, then we can apply *H3* in order to get a V-Cone.  $\square$

*Proof of H1.* Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ , we now show that the H-Cone

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

can be written as the projection of a V-Cone intersected with some hyperplanes. Define  $U'$ :

$$U' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e}_i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_j \\ -A^j \end{pmatrix}, 1 \leq j \leq d, 1 \leq i \leq m \right\}$$

Then we claim:

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid (\exists \mathbf{t} \geq 0) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = U'\mathbf{t} \right\} \quad (2.11)$$

First, considering (2.9) and (2.10), observe that this is a coordinate-projection of a V-Cone intersected with some coordinate-hyperplanes. Next, we note that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ A\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix}$$

We can write this as a sum with all positive coefficients if we split up the  $x_j$  as follows:

$$x_j^+ = \begin{cases} x_j & x_j \geq 0 \\ 0 & x_j < 0 \end{cases} \quad x_j^- = \begin{cases} 0 & x_j \geq 0 \\ -x_j & x_j < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ A\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j^+ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j^- \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_j \\ -A^j \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.12)$$

where  $x_j^+, x_j^- \geq 0$ . Also observe that

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (\exists \mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{0}) \mid A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$$

This can also be written

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (\exists \mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{0}) \mid \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ A\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.13)$$

(2.12) and (2.13) together show

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow (\exists \mathbf{t} \geq 0) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = U'\mathbf{t}$$

Conversely, suppose

$$(\exists \mathbf{t} \geq 0) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = U'\mathbf{t}$$

We would like to show that  $A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$ . Let  $x_j^+, x_j^-, w_i$  take the values of  $\mathbf{t}$  that are coefficients of  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_j \\ -A^j \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e}_i \end{pmatrix}$  respectively, and denote  $x_j = x_j^+ - x_j^-$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} &= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j^+ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j^- \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_j \\ -A^j \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} w_i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e}_i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} x_j \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_j \\ A^j \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} w_i \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{e}_i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ A\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{w} \geq \mathbf{0}$ . By (2.13) we have  $A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$ . So (2.11) holds.  $\square$

Note that  $U'$  can be written:

$$U' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I & -I \\ I & A & -A \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.14)$$

The proof of  $H2$  relies upon the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+m) \times n_1}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , and  $\mathbf{x}$  satisfy  $x_k = 0$ . Then there exists a matrix  $Y' \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+m) \times n_2}$  with the following properties:*

1. *Every column of  $Y'$  is a positive linear combination of rows of  $B$ .*
2.  *$n_2$  is finite.*
3. *The  $k$ -th row of  $Y'$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ .*
4.  *$(\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{x} = Y\mathbf{t} \Leftrightarrow (\exists \mathbf{t}' \geq \mathbf{0}) \mathbf{x} = Y'\mathbf{t}'$*

Recall that  $Y^i$  is the  $i$ -th column of  $Y$ , and  $Y_k^i$  is the element of  $Y$  in the  $i$ -th column and  $k$ -th row.

*Proof.* We partition the columns of  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P &= i \mid Y_k^i > 0 \\ N &= j \mid Y_k^j < 0 \\ Z &= l \mid Y_k^l = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We then define  $Y'$ :

$$Y' = \{Y^l \mid l \in Z\} \cup \{Y_k^i Y^j - Y_k^j Y^i \mid i \in P, j \in N\}$$

1 and 2 are clear. 3 can be seen from:

$$\langle Y^l, \mathbf{e}^k \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle Y^{ij}, \mathbf{e}^k \rangle = \langle Y_k^i Y^j - Y_k^j Y^i, \mathbf{e}^k \rangle = Y_k^i Y_k^j - Y_k^j Y_k^i = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

Before moving on to the proof, we first note how to write our vectors.

$$Y\mathbf{t} = \sum_{l \in Z} t_l Y^l + \sum_{i \in P} t_i Y^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y^j$$

$$Y'\mathbf{t} = \sum_{l \in Z} t_l Y^l + \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} t_{ij} (Y_k^i Y^j - Y_k^j Y^i)$$

Then, by proposition 1, to show that the proposition is true, we need only show that, given any  $t_i, t_j \geq 0$  ( $t_{ij} \geq 0$ ), there exists  $t_{ij} \geq 0$  ( $t_i, t_j \geq 0$ ) such that

$$\sum_{i \in P} t_i Y^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y^j = \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} t_{ij} (Y_k^i Y^j - Y_k^j Y^i) \quad (2.16)$$

**Proposition 5.** *Suppose that*

$$\sum_{i \in P} t_i Y_{d+1}^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y_{d+1}^j = 0 \quad Y_k^j < 0 < Y_k^i$$

*Then the following holds*

$$(t_i, t_j \geq 0) \Rightarrow (\exists t_{ij} \geq 0) \quad \text{such that (2.16) holds}$$

$$(t_{ij} \geq 0) \Rightarrow (\exists t_i, t_j \geq 0) \quad \text{such that (2.16) holds}$$

*Proof.* First note that if all  $t_i = 0, t_j = 0$ , then choosing  $t_{ij} = 0$  satisfies (2.16), likewise if all  $t_{ij} = 0$ , then  $t_i = 0, t_j = 0$  satisfies (2.16). So suppose that some  $t_i \neq 0, t_j \neq 0, t_{ij} \neq 0$ .

The right hand side of (2.16) can be written

$$\sum_{j \in N} \left( \sum_{i \in P} t_{ij} Y_k^i \right) Y^j + \sum_{i \in P} \left( - \sum_{j \in N} t_{ij} Y_k^j \right) Y^i$$

This means, given  $t_{ij} \geq 0$ , we can choose  $t_j = \sum_{i \in P} t_{ij} Y_k^i$ , and  $t_i = - \sum_{j \in N} t_{ij} Y_k^j$ , both of which are greater than 0.

Now suppose we have been given  $t_i \geq 0, t_j \geq 0$ . First observe:

$$0 = \sum_{i \in P} t_i Y_k^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y_k^j \Rightarrow \sum_{i \in P} t_i Y_k^i = - \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y_k^j$$

Denote the value in this equality as  $\sigma$ , and note that  $\sigma > 0$ . Then

$$\sum_{i \in P} t_i Y^i = \frac{- \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y_k^j}{\sigma} \sum_{i \in P} t_i Y^i = \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} - \frac{t_i t_j}{\sigma} Y_k^j Y^i$$

$$\sum_{j \in N} t_j Y^j = \frac{\sum_{i \in P} t_i Y_k^i}{\sigma} \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y^j = \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} \frac{t_i t_j}{\sigma} Y_k^i Y^j$$

Combining these results, we have

$$\sum_{i \in P} t_i Y^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j Y^j = \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} \frac{t_i t_j}{\sigma} (Y_k^i Y^j - Y_k^j Y^i)$$

□



Finally, we can conclude that, given  $\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , if  $Y\mathbf{t}$  has a 0 in the final coordinate, then we can write it as  $Y'\mathbf{t}'$  where  $\mathbf{t}' \geq \mathbf{0}$ , and any non-negative linear combination of vectors from  $Y'$  can be written as a non-negative linear combination of vectors from  $Y$ , and will necessarily have the  $k$ -th coordinate be 0 by property 3. So property 4 holds.  $\square$

*Proof of H2.* In proposition 4, the assumption that  $x_k = 0$  in property 4 creates the set  $\text{cone}(Y) \cap \{\mathbf{x} \mid x_k = 0\}$ . This set, by property 4, is  $\text{cone}(Y')$ .  $\square$

*Proof of H3.* We shall prove that the coordinate-projection of a V-Cone is again a V-Cone. Let  $\Pi$  be the relevant projection, then we have:

$$\Pi\{U\mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}\} = \{\Pi(U\mathbf{t}) \mid \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}\} = \{\Pi(U)\mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}\}$$

The last equality follows from associativity of matrix multiplication. Therefore,

$$\Pi(\text{cone}(U)) = \text{cone}(\Pi(U))$$

$\square$

## 2.3 Reducing Polyhedra to Cones

**Definition 9** (Hyperplane). Let  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then a set of the form

$$\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = c\}$$

is called a *hyperplane*.

### 2.3.1 H-Polyhedra $\leftrightarrow$ H-Cones

We show that an H-Polyhedron can be represented as the projection of an H-Cone intersected with a hyperplane. We begin by re-writing the expression:

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow -\mathbf{b} + A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b} & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \quad (2.17)$$

**Proposition 6.** *Every H-Polyhedron can be written as an H-Cone intersected with the set  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid x_0 = 1\}$ , and any H-Cone intersected with the set  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid x_0 = 1\}$  is an H-Polyhedron.*

*Proof.* We extend (2.17):

$$\mathbf{x} \in \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \in \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mid \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{b} & A \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$$

We conclude, given an H-Polyhedron, we can add an extra coordinate and prepend the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  to the left of  $A$ , and later we can just move this column back to the right side of the inequality and drop the extra coordinate.  $\square$

### 2.3.2 V-Polyhedra $\leftrightarrow$ V-Cone

We show that a V-Polyhedra can be represented as a projection of a V-Cone intersected with the hyperplane  $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mid y_0 = 1\}$ . Given two sets  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  and  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$ , the V-Polyhedron is given by:

$$P_V = \{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \text{cone}(U), \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(V)\}$$

It isn't hard to see that

$$\mathbf{x} \in P_V \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \in \text{cone} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ U & V \end{pmatrix}$$

For the value 1 to appear in the first coordinate, a convex combination of the vectors from  $(\mathbf{1}, V)$  must be taken. After that, any non-negative combination of  $(\mathbf{0}, U)$  added to this vector won't affect the 1 in the first coordinate.

It is more difficult to show that, given a V-Cone, that you can intersect it with the hyperplane  $\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mid y_0 = 1\}$  and get a V-Polytope out of it. So let

$$C_V = \text{cone}(U) \cap \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \mid y_0 = 1\}$$

We partition  $U$  into the sets:

$$P = i \mid U_0^i > 0$$

$$N = j \mid U_0^j < 0$$

$$Z = l \mid U_0^l = 0$$

And define two new sets:

$$U' = \{U^l \mid l \in Z\} \cup \{U_0^i U^j - U_0^j U^i \mid i \in P, j \in N\}$$

$$V = \{U^i / U_0^i \mid i \in P\}$$

Then I claim that

$$C_V = \{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \text{cone}(U'), \mathbf{y} \in \text{conv}(V)\} \quad (2.18)$$

Say  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{cone}(U')$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U^l + \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} t_{ij} (U_0^i U^j - U_0^j U^i) \\ &= \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U^l + \sum_{j \in N} \left( \sum_{i \in P} t_{ij} U_0^i \right) U^j + \sum_{i \in P} \left( \sum_{j \in N} -t_{ij} U_0^j \right) U^i \end{aligned}$$

So  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{cone}(U)$ . Furthermore,

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U_0^l + \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} t_{ij} (U_0^i U_0^j - U_0^j U_0^i) = 0$$

So  $x_0 = 0$ . Similarly, for  $\mathbf{y}$ ,

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i \in P} \lambda_i U^i / U_0^i, \quad \sum_{i \in P} \lambda_i = 1$$

So  $\mathbf{y} \in \text{cone}(U)$ , and then  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \text{cone}(U)$ . Furthermore,

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i \in P} \lambda_i U_0^i / U_0^i = 1$$

So  $y_0 = 1$  and  $x_0 + y_0 = 1$ . Then, by proposition 1,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in C_V$ .

Next, suppose that  $\mathbf{z} \in C_V$ , then  $\mathbf{z}$  can be written

$$\mathbf{z} = \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U^l + \sum_{i \in P} t_i U^i + \sum_{j \in N} t_j U^j$$

It will be convenient to use shorter notation for these sums. Define the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Z &= \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U^l, & \sigma_l &= \sum_{l \in Z} t_l U_0^l = 0 \\ \sigma_P &= \sum_{i \in P} t_i U^i, & \sigma_i &= \sum_{i \in P} t_i U_0^i \\ \sigma_N &= \sum_{j \in N} t_j U^j, & \sigma_j &= \sum_{j \in N} t_j U_0^j \end{aligned}$$

Then it holds that

$$\langle \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \sigma_l + \sigma_i + \sigma_j = \sigma_i + \sigma_j = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\sigma_j / \sigma_i = 1 - 1 / \sigma_i$$

$$\sigma_P = \sigma_P / \sigma_i + (1 - 1 / \sigma_i) \sigma_P = \sigma_P / \sigma_i - (\sigma_j / \sigma_i) \sigma_P$$

Using the new notation, we can rewrite  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$\mathbf{z} = \sigma_Z + \sigma_P + \sigma_N = \sigma_Z + \frac{\sigma_P}{\sigma_i} - \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_i} \sigma_P + \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i} \sigma_N = \sigma_Z + \frac{\sigma_P}{\sigma_i} + \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_N - \sigma_j \sigma_P}{\sigma_i}$$

Using proposition 1, we need only show that

1.  $\sigma_Z \in \text{cone}(U')$
2.  $(\sigma_i \sigma_N - \sigma_j \sigma_P) / \sigma_i \in \text{cone}(U')$
3.  $\sigma_P / \sigma_i \in \text{conv}(V)$

Since each  $U^l : l \in Z$  is in  $C_V$ , (1) holds. We also have:

$$\sigma_i \sigma_N - \sigma_j \sigma_P = \sum_{i \in P} t_i \sum_{j \in N} t_j U_0^i U^j - \sum_{j \in N} t_j \sum_{i \in P} t_i U_0^j U^i = \sum_{\substack{i \in P \\ j \in N}} t_i t_j (U_0^i U^j - U_0^j U^i)$$

So (2) holds. Finally,

$$\sigma_P / \sigma_i = \sum_{i \in P} t_i U^i / \sigma_i = \sum_{i \in P} (t_i U_0^i / \sigma_i) (U^i / U_0^i)$$

Since  $\sum_{i \in P} (t_i U_0^i / \sigma_i) = \sigma_i / \sigma_i = 1$ , it follows that  $\sigma_P / \sigma_i \in \text{conv}(V)$ .

## 2.4 Picture of the Proof

Here we show a diagram that represent the proof of the Minkowski-Weyl Theorem.

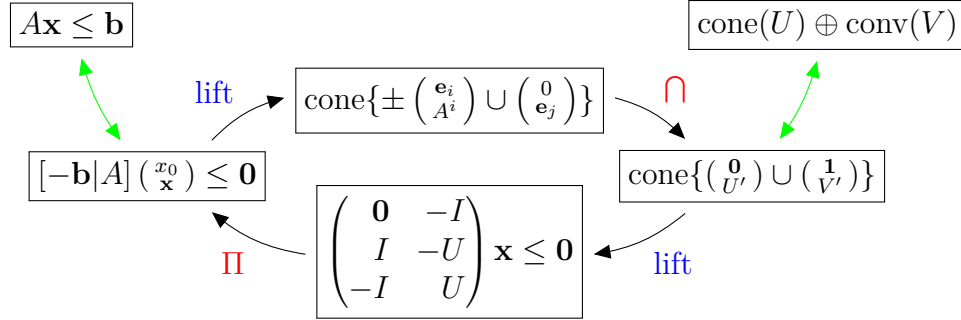


Figure 2.1: Diagram of the proof  $P_H \leftrightarrow P_V$

Figure 2.1 shows the flow from an H-Polyhedron to a V-Polyhedron and back. The **colored arrows** are the transformations back and forth from polyhedra to cones. The black arrows show the transformation between cones. V-Cones are **lifted** to H-Cones which need to be **projected** ( $\Pi$ ), and H-Cones are **lifted** to V-Cones which need to be **intersected** ( $\cap$ ) with some coordinate-hyperplanes then projected.

### 3. C++ Implementation

The above transformation have been implemented in C++. Program `main.cpp` takes on argument specifying the type of input object. It reads the description of the object from standard input, and writes the result of the implied transformation to standard output. If no arguments are supplied, then a `usage` message is given. The `usage` message, which also contains the input format for the objects, is:

```
usage: ./main input_type
```

The input object is read on `stdin`, and the result of the transform to sent to `stdout`. `input_type` determines the type of input and output:

```
-vc # transforms a vcone into an hcone
-vp # transforms a vpolyhedron into an hpolyhedron
-hc # transforms an hcone into a vcone
-hp # transforms an hpolyhedron into a vpolyhedron
```

input format is as follows:

```
hcne := dimension (vector ws)*
vcne := dimension (vector ws)*
hpoly := dimension+1 (vector ws constraint ws)*
vpoly := dimension ('U' | 'V') ws vpoly_vecs*

ws      := whitespace, as would be read by "cin >> ws;"
dimension := a positive integer. For hpoly, add one to
            the dimension of the space (this extra
            dimension is for the constraint)
vector    := (dimension) doubles separated by whitespace
constraint := a double (the value  $b_i$  in  $\langle A_i, x \rangle \leq b_i$ )
'V' | 'U' := the literal character 'U' or 'V'
vpoly_vecs := ([ 'U' ] ws vector) | ([ 'V' ] ws vector)
```

VPOLY ONLY:

```
vpoly contains two matrices:
  U - contains the rays of the vpolyhedron
  V - contains the points of the vpolyhedron
```

On input, enter 'U' or 'V' to indicate which matrix should receive the vectors that follow. You can switch back and forth as you like, but either 'U' or 'V' must be entered before starting to input vectors.

EXAMPLES:

```
$ ./main -vc <<< "2 1 0"
```

OUTPUT:

```
2
-0 -1
0 1
0 0
-1 0
```

```
$ ./main -hc <<< "2 1 0 0 1"
```

OUTPUT:

```
2
-1 0
0 0
0 0
0 -1
```

```
$ ./main -vp <<< "2 U 1 0 V 0 0 1 1"
```

OUTPUT:

```
3
0 0 -0
0 0 -0
0 1 1
0 0 1
-1 1 -0
-1 0 -0
0 0 -0
0 -1 -0
$ ./main -hp <<< "3 0 -1 0 0 1 1 -1 1 0"
```

OUTPUT:

```
2
U
1 0
0 0
0 0
0 0
V
0 0
1 1
```

The files pertaining to the implementation will be discussed in the following sections, but here is a table showing the include dependencies followed by a short

summary of the files.

file	includes
linear_algebra.h	
fourier_motzkin.h	linear_algebra.h
polyhedra.h	fourier_motzkin.h
main.cpp	polyhedra.h
test_functions.h	linear_algebra.h
test.cpp	test_functions.h, polyhedra.h

Here is a very brief summary of the files mentioned in the above table, more details are given in sequent sections.

- `linear_algebra.h`  
Types `Vector` and `Matrix`, and some basic functionality for them
- `fourier_motzkin.h`  
Fourier Motzkin elimination, Minkowski-Weyl Theorem for cones
- `polyhedra.{cpp,h}`  
Transforms between polytopes and polyhedra, Minkowski-Weyl Theorem
- `test_functions.h`  
Types and functions for testing the algorithms, e.g. if an h-polyhedra contains some points
- `test.cpp`  
Test cases for functions from `test_functions.h` and algorithms for Minkowski-Weyl Theorem

## 3.1 Code

The relevant code will be displayed with commentary below. Some of the code relating to C++ specific technicalities and I/O is omitted.

### 3.1.1 `linear_algebra.h`

The types `Vector` and `Matrix` are used in the representation of polyhedra. The `std::valarray` template is used because it has built-in vector-space operations (sum and scaling). `std::vector`, is used, however other sequence containers could be used.

```
10 using Vector = std::valarray<double>;
11 using Vectors = std::vector<Vector>;
```

The `class Matrix` implements a subset of what a *C++ Container* should. It is the primary type for representing polyhedra, and directly represents Cones, as well as H-Polyhedra. The interface is designed to enforce the following invariant:

**invariant:**  $(\forall v \in \text{vectors}) v.\text{size}() == d$

The *factory* function `read_Matrix` is provided to read a `Matrix` from an `istream`. It is necessary because the value of `d` can't be known before reading some of the stream.

```

13 class Matrix {
14 // invariant: d >= 0
15 // invariant: (forall valid i) vectors[i].size() == d
16 public:
17     const size_t d; // size of all Vectors
18 private:
19     Vectors vectors;
20 public:
21     // needed for back_insert_iterator
22     using value_type = Vector;
23
24     Matrix(size_t d);
25     Matrix(std::initializer_list<Vector>&&);
26     bool check() const; // checks each Vector has size d
27
28     //defaults don't work because of const member
29     Matrix(const Matrix&);
30     Matrix(Matrix&&);
31     Matrix &operator=(const Matrix&);
32     Matrix &operator=(Matrix&&);
33     Matrix &operator=(std::initializer_list<Vector>&&);
34
35     static Matrix read_Matrix(std::istream&);
36
37     Vectors::iterator      begin();
38     Vectors::iterator      end();
39     Vectors::const_iterator begin() const;
40     Vectors::const_iterator end()   const;
41
42     bool    empty() const;
43     size_t  size()  const;
44     Vector& back();
45
46     Vector& add_Vector();
47     void push_back(const Vector &v);
48     void push_back(Vector &&v);
49 };

```

The `struct VPoly` gather two `Matrix`s needed to represent a V-Polyhedron. The `Matrix U` corresponds to the rays that generate the cone, and the `Matrix V` corresponds to the points, i.e.

$$\text{Vpoly } \text{vpoly} = \{p + q \mid p \in \text{cone}(\text{vpoly}.U), q \in \text{conv}(\text{vpoly}.V)\}$$

```

51 struct VPoly {
52     const size_t d;
53     Matrix U; // rays
54     Matrix V; // points

```



```

55
56     VPoly(size_t d) : d{d}, U{d}, V{d} {}
57     VPoly(std::initializer_list<Vector>&&,
58           std::initializer_list<Vector>&&);
59     bool check() const;
60
61     static VPoly read_VPoly(std::istream&);
62 };

```

The `class` `input_error` is thrown to indicate an invalid input to the program, and provide some clue as to why it failed. Here are two command line examples:

```

$ ./main -vc <<< "0"
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'input_error'
  what():  bad d: 0
Aborted (core dumped)
$ ./main -vc <<< "2 1"
error reading matrix, vector 1
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'input_error'
  what():  failed to read vector: istream failed
Aborted (core dumped)

```

```

64 class input_error : public std::runtime_error {
65 public:
66     input_error(const char*s);
67     input_error(const std::string &s);
68 };

```

`operator>>` and `operator<<` implement the input format described in `usage.txt`.

```

70 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream&, Vector&);
71 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream&, Matrix&);
72 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream&, VPoly&);

74 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& o, const Vector&);
75 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& o, const Matrix&);
76 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& o, const VPoly&);

```

`usage()` outputs the usage message shown above.

```

78 int usage();

```

### 3.1.2 linear\_algebra.cpp

`e_k` creates the canonical basis Vector  $\mathbf{e}_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

```

232 Vector e_k(size_t d, size_t k) {
233     Vector result(d);
234     result[k] = 1;
235     return result;
236 }

```

`concatenate` takes the Vectors  $\mathbf{l} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbf{l.size}()}$  and  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbf{r.size}()}$  and `returns` the Vector  $(\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbf{l.size}() + \mathbf{r.size}()}$

```

239 Vector concatenate(const Vector &l, const Vector &r) {
240     Vector result(l.size() + r.size());
241     copy(begin(l), end(l), begin(result));
242     copy(begin(r), end(r), next(begin(result), l.size()));
243     return result;
244 }

```

`get_column` returns the  $k$ -th column of the Matrix  $M$ . Note that while a Matrix may logically represent either a collection of row or column Vectors, `get_column` is only used in the function `transpose`, where this distinction is unimportant.

```

249 Vector get_column(const Matrix &M, size_t k) {
250     if (!(0 <= k && k < M.d)) {
251         throw std::out_of_range("k < 0 || M.d <= k");
252     }
253     Vector result(M.size());
254     size_t result_row{0};
255     for (auto &&row : M) {
256         result[result_row++] = row[k];
257     }
258     return result;
259 }

```

`transpose` returns the transpose of Matrix  $M$ .

```

262 Matrix transpose(const Matrix &M) {
263     if (M.empty()) {
264         return M;
265     }
266     Matrix result{M.size()};
267     // for every column of M,
268     for (size_t k = 0; k < M.d; ++k) {
269         result.push_back(get_column(M,k));
270     }
271     return result;
272 }

```

An slice object can be used to conveniently obtain a subset of an `valarray`. `slice_matrix` returns the Matrix obtained by applying the slice `s` to each Vector of the Matrix.

```

275 Matrix slice_matrix(const Matrix &M, const std::slice &s) {
276     Matrix result{s.size()};
277     transform(M.begin(), M.end(), back_inserter(result),
278         [s](const Vector &v) { return v[s]; });
279     return result;
280 }

```

### 3.1.3 `fourier_motzkin.h`

`Lift` is a function pointer `typedef` that is used in a generic cone-transformation function.

```

43 typedef Matrix(*Lift)(const Matrix&);

```

### 3.1.4 fourier\_motzkin.cpp

A slice object is determined by three fields: `start`, `size`, and `stride`, and implicitly represents all indices of the form:

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < \text{size}} \text{start} + k \cdot \text{stride}$$

Therefore:

$$i \in \text{slice} \Leftrightarrow i - \text{start} \equiv 0 \pmod{\text{stride}}, \quad \text{start} \leq i \leq \text{start} + \text{stride} \cdot \text{size}$$

```

11 bool index_in_slice(size_t index, const slice &s) {
12     return ((index - s.start()) % s.stride() == 0) &&
13           s.start() <= index &&
14           index <= s.start() + s.stride()*(s.size()-1);
15 }

```

`fourier_motzkin` takes a Matrix `M` and a coordinate `k` and creates the set which either corresponds to a projection of an H-Cone (without actually doing the projection), or the intersection of a V-Cone with a coordinate-hyperplane.

```

20 Matrix fourier_motzkin(Matrix M, size_t k) {
21     Matrix result{M.d};
22     // Partition into Z,P,N
23     const auto z_end = partition(M.begin(), M.end(),
24                                 [k](const Vector &v) { return v[k] == 0; });
25     const auto p_end = partition(z_end, M.end(),
26                                 [k](const Vector &v) { return v[k] > 0; });
27     // Move Z to result
28     move(M.begin(), z_end, back_inserter(result));
29     // convolute vectors from P,N
30     for (auto p_it = z_end; p_it != p_end; ++p_it) {
31         for (auto z_it = p_end; z_it != M.end(); ++z_it) {
32             result.push_back(
33                 (*p_it)[k]*(*z_it) - (*z_it)[k]*(*p_it));
34         }
35     }
36     return result;
37 }

```

The lines:

```

23 const auto z_end = partition(M.begin(), M.end(),
24                             [k](const Vector &v) { return v[k] == 0; });
25 const auto p_end = partition(z_end, M.end(),
26                             [k](const Vector &v) { return v[k] > 0; });

```

Partition `M` into logical sets `Z`, `P`, `N` that satisfy the following:

set	range	property
$Z$	$[M.begin(), z\_end)$	$it \in Z \Leftrightarrow (*it)[k] = 0$
$P$	$[z\_end, p\_end)$	$it \in P \Leftrightarrow (*it)[k] > 0$
$N$	$[p\_end, M.end())$	$it \in N \Leftrightarrow (*it)[k] < 0$

The line:

```
28     move(M.begin(), z_end, back_inserter(result));
```

Moves  $Z$  into the result. The lines:

```
30     for (auto p_it = z_end; p_it != p_end; ++p_it) {
31         for (auto z_it = p_end; z_it != M.end(); ++z_it) {
32             result.push_back(
33                 (*p_it)[k]*(*z_it) - (*z_it)[k]*(*p_it));
34         }
35     }
```

Convolutes the vectors in the way described in Propositions 3 and 4 (concerning projecting an H-Cone and intersecting a V-Cone with a coordinate-hyperplane), and push them into the result `Matrix`. In particular, it creates the sets which correspond to

$$B_i^k B_j - B_j^k B_i \mid i \in P, j \in N$$

`sliced_fourier_motzkin` applies `fourier_motzkin` to `Matrix M` for each  $k \notin \text{slice } s$ , then slices the resulting `Matrix` using `slice_matrix` and  $s$ . This is the realization of the algorithms indicated by the proofs of either direction of the Minkowski-Weyl Theorem for cones.

```
40 Matrix sliced_fourier_motzkin(Matrix M, const slice &s) {
41     for (size_t k = 0; k < M.d; ++k) {
42         if (!index_in_slice(k,s)) {
43             M = fourier_motzkin(M, k);
44         }
45     }
46     return slice_matrix(M, s);
47 }
```

When transforming an H-Cone to a V-Cone, it first must be written as a V-Cone of a new matrix, then it is intersected with coordinate-hyperplanes and projected. Similarly, when a V-Cone is transformed into an H-Cone, it must be written as and H-Cone of a new matrix then projected with coordinate-projections. The transformations are described in (2.3) and (2.14), and summarized here:

$$A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -I \\ I & -U \\ -I & U \end{pmatrix} \quad U \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I & -I \\ I & A & -A \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the tranformation of  $U$  can be written:

$$U \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & I \\ I & A \\ -I & -A \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Remembering that a `Matrix` is either a collection of row *or* column `Vectors`, it is not surprising that these two transformations can be written as one function of a `Matrix` and some coefficients. In `generalizedlift`, the coefficients are given as an `array<double, 5> C`, so the overall transformation can be illustrated as:

$$\text{Matrix } M \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & C[0]I \\ C[1]I & C[2]M \\ C[3]I & C[4]M \end{pmatrix}$$

Where Matrix  $M$  is a collection of row Vectors, or

$$\text{Matrix } M \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & C[1]I & C[3]I \\ C[0]I & C[2]M & C[4]M \end{pmatrix}$$

Where Matrix  $M$  is a collection of column Vectors.

```

64 Matrix generalized_lift(const Matrix &cone,
65                        const array<double,5> &C) {
66     const size_t d = cone.d;
67     const size_t n = cone.size();
68     Matrix result{d+n};
69     Matrix cone_t = transpose(cone);
70     // |0  C[0]*I|  |0      |
71     //           |C[0]*I|
72     for (size_t i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
73         result.add_Vector()[d+i] = C[0];
74     }
75     size_t k = 0;
76     // |C[1]*I C[2]*U|  |C[1]*I|
77     //           |C[2]*A|
78     for (auto &&row_t : cone_t) {
79         result.push_back(
80             concatenate(C[1]*e_k(d,k++), C[2]*row_t));
81     }
82     k = 0;
83     // |C[3]*I C[4]*U|  |C[3]*I|
84     //           |C[4]*A|
85     for (auto &&row_t : cone_t) {
86         result.push_back(
87             concatenate(C[3]*e_k(d,k++), C[4]*row_t));
88     }
89     return result;
90 }

```

lift\_vcône and lift\_hcône implement the appropriate transformation using generalized\_lift and providing the appropriate coefficients in array<double, 5> C.

```

98 Matrix lift_vcône(const Matrix &vcône) {
99     return generalized_lift(vcône, {-1,1,-1,-1,1});
100 }

```

```

107 Matrix lift_hcône(const Matrix &hcône) {
108     return generalized_lift(hcône, {1,1,1,-1,-1});
109 }

```

cone\_transform consolidates the logic of the V-Cône  $\rightarrow$  H-Cône and H-Cône  $\rightarrow$  V-Cône transformations by accepting a Matrix cone and a Lift.

```

112 Matrix cone_transform(const Matrix &cone, Lift lift) {
113     if (cone.empty()) {
114         throw logic_error{"empty cone for transform"};
115     }
116     // the idea of the entire mwt is this one line

```

```

117     return sliced_fourier_motzkin(
118         lift(cone), slice(0, cone.d, 1));
119 }

```

`vcone_to_hcone` and `hcone_to_vcone` specialize `cone_transform` by providing the appropriate `Lift`.

```

121 Matrix vcone_to_hcone(Matrix vcone) {
122     return cone_transform(vcone, lift_vcone);
123 }

```

```

125 Matrix hcone_to_vcone(Matrix hcone) {
126     return cone_transform(hcone, lift_hcone);
127 }

```

### 3.1.5 polyhedra.cpp

`hpoly_to_hcone` and `hcone_to_hpoly` implement the `Matrix` transforms:

$$\text{hpoly\_to\_hcone} : (A|b) \rightarrow (-b|A), \quad \text{hcone\_to\_hpoly} : (-b|A) \rightarrow (A|b)$$

These very simple transforms are done with the `cshift` function, which “circularly shifts” the elements of a `Vector` (provided as part of the interface to `valarray`).

```

13 Matrix hpoly_to_hcone(Matrix hpoly) {
14     transform(hpoly.begin(), hpoly.end(), hpoly.begin(),
15         [](Vector v) {
16             v[v.size()-1] *= -1;
17             return v.cshift(-1);
18         });
19     return hpoly;
20 }

```

```

24 Matrix hcone_to_hpoly(Matrix hcone) {
25     transform(hcone.begin(), hcone.end(), hcone.begin(),
26         [](Vector v) {
27             v[0] *= -1;
28             return v.cshift(1);
29         });
30     return hcone;
31 }

```

`vpoly_to_vcone` implements the `VPoly` transform:

$$\text{vpoly} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \text{vpoly.U} & \text{vpoly.V} \end{pmatrix}$$

```

36 Matrix vpoly_to_vcone(VPoly vpoly) {
37     //requires increase in dimension
38     Matrix result{vpoly.d+1};
39     for (auto &&u : vpoly.U) {
40         result.push_back(concatenate({0},u));
41     }

```

```

42     for (auto &&v : vpoly.V) {
43         result.push_back(concatenate({1},v));
44     }
45     return result;
46 }

```

normalized\_P calculates the  $V$  in (2.18). Let  $\Pi$  is the identity matrix with the 0-th row deleted, and  $P = \{\mathbf{u} \in U : u_0 > 0\}$ . then this is the result of:

$$\Pi(\text{cone}(P) \cap \{x_0 = 1\})$$

```

50 Matrix normalized_P(const Matrix &U) {
51     if (U.d <= 1) {
52         throw std::logic_error{"can't normalize U!"};
53     }
54     Matrix result{U.d-1};
55     std::slice s{1,result.d,1};
56     for (auto &&v : U) {
57         // select the vectors with positive 0-th coordinate
58         if (v[0] <= 0) { continue; }
59         // normalize the selected vectors,
60         result.push_back(v[0] == 1 ? v[s] : (v / v[0])[s]);
61     }
62     return result;
63 }

```

vcone\_to\_vpoly implements the full tranformation in (2.18).

```

67 VPoly vcone_to_vpoly(Matrix vcone) {
68     VPoly result{vcone.d-1};
69     result.U = sliced_fourier_motzkin(
70         vcone, slice(1,vcone.d-1,1));
71     result.V = normalized_P(vcone);
72     return result;
73 }

```

hpoly\_to\_vpoly and vpoly\_to\_hpoly implement the complete transformations promised by the file.

```

77 VPoly hpoly_to_vpoly(Matrix hpoly) {
78     return vcone_to_vpoly(
79         hccone_to_vcone(
80             hpoly_to_hccone(move(hpoly))));
81 }

83 Matrix vpoly_to_hpoly(VPoly vpoly) {
84     return hccone_to_hpoly(
85         vccone_to_hccone(
86             vpoly_to_vccone(move(vpoly))));
87 }

```

## 3.2 Testing

In the next sections, the methods used for testing the program described above will be discussed.

### 3.2.1 Testing H-Cone $\rightarrow$ V-Cone

Suppose we have an H-Cone  $C_H = \{A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ , and would like to test if a V-Cone  $\text{cone}(V')$  represents the same set. It's easy to check if

$$(\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \text{cone}(V') \subseteq C_H$$

It's not clear what to do to check if  $C_H \subseteq \text{cone}(V')$ . Suppose we had a set  $V$ , and we knew that  $C_H = \text{cone}(V)$ , and that  $\text{cone}(V) = \text{cone}(V') \Rightarrow V \subseteq V'$ . Then we'd have the following situation:

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0} &\Rightarrow \text{cone}(V') \subseteq C_H \\ V \subseteq V' &\Rightarrow C_H \subseteq \text{cone}(V') \\ \text{cone}(V') = C_H &\Rightarrow V \subseteq V' \\ \text{cone}(V') = C_H &\Rightarrow (\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$C_H = \text{cone}(V') \Leftrightarrow [V \subseteq V', (\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0}]$$

The problem is now to come up with such a set  $V$ . We will need to relax the requirements on  $V$  a little bit, but not in a way that reduces its utility. The set is described in the next proposition, but first we introduce the notion of equivalence vectors:

**Definition 10** (vector equivalence). Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and suppose that  $\mathbf{u}/\|\mathbf{u}\| = \mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\|$ . Then say that  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are equivalent, and write:

$$\mathbf{u} \simeq \mathbf{v}$$

**Definition 11** (Extreme). Let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ , if no member of  $V$  is a positive linear combination of other elements of  $V$  then  $V$  is called *extreme*.

**Proposition 7.** Let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  be extreme. Then

$$\text{cone}(V) = \text{cone}(V') \Rightarrow (\forall \mathbf{v} \in V)(\exists \mathbf{v}' \in V') : \mathbf{v} \simeq \mathbf{v}'$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ , so that  $\mathbf{v} = V\mathbf{e}_k$ . Since  $\text{cone}(V) = \text{cone}(V')$ , there exists a matrix  $A$  with all non-negative entries such that  $V' = VA$ . There is also a non-negative  $b$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = V'b$ . Then  $\mathbf{v} = (VA)b = V(Ab)$ . Since  $A$  and  $b$  contain only non-negative entries, so does  $Ab$ . Since  $\mathbf{v}$  is not a non-negative combination of other vectors from  $V$ ,  $Ab$  must be the basis vector  $\mathbf{e}_k$ . Then if  $i \neq k$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_i^T(Ab) = 0$ , or  $(\mathbf{e}_i^T A)b = \sum_j A_i^j b_j = 0$ . Since  $A_i^j, b_j \geq 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall i \neq k) \quad A_i^j > 0 &\Rightarrow b_j = 0 \\ (\forall i \neq k) \quad b_j > 0 &\Rightarrow A_i^j = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have  $\langle A_k, b \rangle = 1$ , so for some  $l$ ,  $A_i^l, b_l > 0$ . Then,

$$(\forall i \neq k) \quad A_i^l = 0$$



Now let  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{e}_l / A_k^l$ . Then it immediately follows that  $\langle A_k, \mathbf{b}' \rangle = 1$ . Also,

$$(\forall i \neq k) \quad A_i^l = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle A_i, \mathbf{b}' \rangle = A_i^l / A_k^l = 0$$

We conclude that  $A\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{e}_k = A\mathbf{b}$ , and that  $\mathbf{v} = V(A\mathbf{b}) = V(A\mathbf{b}') = (VA)\mathbf{b}' = U(\mathbf{e}_l / A_k^l)$ . If  $\mathbf{v}' = U\mathbf{e}_l$ , that is  $\mathbf{v}'$  is the  $l$ -th vector of  $U$ , then  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}' / A_k^l$ , or

$$\mathbf{v} / \|\mathbf{v}\| = (\mathbf{v}' / A_k^l) / \|\mathbf{v}' / A_k^l\| = \mathbf{v}' / \|\mathbf{v}'\|$$

So  $\mathbf{v} \simeq \mathbf{v}'$ . □

Let's denote  $(\forall \mathbf{v} \in V)(\exists \mathbf{v}' \in V') : \mathbf{v} \simeq \mathbf{v}'$  as  $V \sqsubseteq V'$ . Then, considering the discussion before the proposition, we have the following result. Say  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  is extreme. Also suppose that  $C_V = \text{cone}(V) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ . Then

$$C_V = \text{cone}(V') \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad V \sqsubseteq V'$$

We now have a method for testing the program. First, we hand-craft an H-Cone  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$  based on some extreme set  $V$ , then run our program to get a set  $V'$ , with the alleged property that  $\text{cone}(V') = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ . If we confirm that  $\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V', A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{0}$  and  $V \sqsubseteq V'$ , then our program has succeeded.

### 3.2.2 Farkas Lemma

The procedure for the other direction is *almost* identical, but there is a slight catch. Call a set of row vectors **extreme** if no row is a non-negative combination of the other. We would be able to use proposition 7 to say something similar about an extreme set of row vectors  $A$ , if we could say that:

**Proposition 8.**

$$\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} \Leftrightarrow \text{cone}(A^T) = \text{cone}(A'^T)$$

To prove this proposition, we use the Farkas Lemma:

**Proposition 9** (The Farkas Lemma). *Let  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ . Precisely one of the following is true:*

$$(\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}) : \mathbf{x} = U\mathbf{t}$$

$$(\exists \mathbf{y}) : U^T \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle > 0$$

*Proof.* That both can't be true can be seen by:

$$\mathbf{x} = U\mathbf{t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^T U\mathbf{t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 \neq 0$$

To see that at least one is true we must reconsider the process of converting a V-Cone to an H-Cone. First, we lift the V-Cone  $\text{cone}(U)$  into the following form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -I \\ I & -U \\ -I & U \end{pmatrix}$$

In the proof of the transformation, we use proposition 3 to transform that matrix  $A$ . The remark 2.1 after the proof of the proposition promises a sequence of matrices  $Y_{d+1}, \dots, Y_{d+n}$  satisfying certain properties. Let  $Y = Y_{d+n} Y_{d+(n-1)} \dots Y_{d+1}$ , then it can be said of  $Y$ :

1. Every element of  $Y$  is non-negative.
2.  $Y$  is finite.
3. The last  $n$  columns of  $YA$  is  $\mathbf{0}$ .
4.  $(\exists t_{d+1}, \dots, t_{d+n}) A(\mathbf{x} + \sum_{i=d+1}^{d+n} t_i \mathbf{e}_i) \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (YA)\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}$

Note that here  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+n}$ .  $A$  has three blocks of rows, which can be labeled with  $Z, P, N$  in a fairly obvious way. Then,  $Y$  can be broken up into three blocks of columns, so that

$$Y = (Y_Z \ Y_P \ Y_N)$$

Where each of  $Y_Z, Y_P, Y_N \geq \mathbf{0}$ . Consolidating what is known about  $A$  and  $Y$ ,

$$YA = (Y_Z \ Y_P \ Y_N) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -I \\ I & -U \\ -I & U \end{pmatrix} = (Y' \ \mathbf{0})$$

Here, we have let  $Y' = Y_P - Y_N$ . Then it follows that

$$\mathbf{0} = -Y_Z - Y_P(U) + Y_N(U) = -Y_Z - Y'(U) \Rightarrow Y_Z = -Y'U \Rightarrow Y'U \leq \mathbf{0}$$

Then it holds that, for any row  $\mathbf{y}' \in Y'$ :

$$\mathbf{y}'U \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{3.1}$$

We also have

$$(\exists \mathbf{t}) : A \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (YA) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} = (Y' \ \mathbf{0}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} = Y'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0} \tag{3.2}$$

Note that here  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . So, if given some  $\mathbf{x}$ , the left side of (3.2) is not satisfied, then neither is the right, and there must be some row  $\mathbf{y}' \in Y'$  such that the following holds:

$$\langle \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0 \tag{3.3}$$

Furthermore, by the way  $A$  is constructed,

$$(\exists \mathbf{t}) : A \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{t} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow (\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}) \ \mathbf{x} = U\mathbf{t} \tag{3.4}$$

Then we conclude that, if the right side of (3.4) fails, then there is a vector  $\mathbf{y}' \in Y'$  satisfying (3.1) and (3.3).  $\square$

### 3.2.3 Testing V-Cone $\rightarrow$ H-Cone

Now we can prove proposition 8:

$$\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} \Leftrightarrow \text{cone}(A^T) = \text{cone}(A'^T)$$

*Proof.* First suppose that  $\text{cone}(A^T) = \text{cone}(A'^T)$ . Then there exists a non-negative matrix  $B$  such that  $A'^T = A^T B$ . Then  $Ax \leq 0 \Rightarrow B^T Ax \leq 0 \Rightarrow A'x \leq 0$ . Precisely the same reasoning shows that  $A'x \leq 0 \Rightarrow Ax \leq 0$ , and we conclude that  $\text{cone}(A^T) = \text{cone}(A'^T) \Rightarrow \{x \mid Ax \leq 0\} = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\}$ .

Next suppose that  $\text{cone}(A^T) \neq \text{cone}(A'^T)$ , that is, let  $z \in \text{cone}(A), z \notin \text{cone}(A')$ . We must show that  $\{x \mid Ax \leq 0\} \neq \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\}$ . By the Farkas Lemma, we have a  $y$  such that  $\langle y, z \rangle > 0, A'y \leq 0$ . Clearly this means that  $y \in \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\}$ . Since  $z \in \text{cone}(A)$ , there is some  $(t \geq 0) : z^T = t^T A$ . Then if  $Ay \leq 0$ , we would have  $\langle y, z \rangle = t^T Ay \leq 0 < \langle y, z \rangle$ , a contradiction. So we conclude that  $y \notin \{x \mid Ax \leq 0\}$ .  $\square$

**The Test** Finally, we can make a test for the transformation from V-Cone to H-Cone. Let  $A$  be an *extreme* set of row vectors. Then clearly  $A^T$  is an extreme set of column vectors, and we can use propositions 7 and 8 to say that

$$\{x \mid Ax \leq 0\} = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} \Leftrightarrow \text{cone}(A^T) = \text{cone}(A'^T) \Rightarrow A^T \sqsubseteq A'^T$$

Given the last implication, we can also write  $A \sqsubseteq A'$ , where we are now considering  $A$  and  $A'$  as sets of row vectors as opposed to column vectors.

Now, as before, we suppose that we have a set  $V$  and  $A$ , where  $A$  is extreme, and we know that  $C := \text{cone}(V) = \{x \mid Ax \leq 0\}$ . We run our program on  $V$  and get a new set  $A'$ , and would like to know if  $C = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\}$ . We have the following situation:

$$\begin{aligned} C = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} &\Rightarrow A \sqsubseteq A' \\ C = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} &\Rightarrow (\forall v \in V) A'v \leq 0 \\ A \sqsubseteq A' &\Rightarrow \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} \subseteq C \\ (\forall v \in V) A'v \leq 0 &\Rightarrow C \subseteq \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

So we can conclude that

$$C = \{x \mid A'x \leq 0\} \Leftrightarrow (\forall v \in V) A'v \leq 0, A \sqsubseteq A'$$

### 3.2.4 Testing H-Polyhedron $\rightarrow$ V-Polyhedron

Say we have an H-Polyhedron  $P_H = \{x \mid Ax \leq b\}$ , and wish to check that our program correctly calculates a  $V'$  and  $U'$  such that  $P_H = \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V')$ . Again, we shall use the notion of extremity and show that under certain circumstances we can use extreme sets to demonstrate the validity of our algorithm. In this case, the definition of extreme is a little more complicated, but it asserts that a set  $U$  is extreme as before, and that no element of another set  $V$  can be expressed as a non-trivial sum of a convex combination of  $V$  and a non-negative linear combination of members of  $U$ .

**Definition 12** (Extreme Pair). A pair of sets  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$  is called an *extreme pair* if for any  $u = Ue_k, v = Ve_l$  the following is true:

$$\begin{aligned} t \geq 0, u = Ut &\Rightarrow t = e_k \\ t \geq 0, \lambda \geq 0, \langle \lambda, 1 \rangle = 1, v = Ut + V\lambda &\Rightarrow t = 0, \lambda = e_l \end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider the set  $U$  in the expression  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$ .

**Proposition 10.** *Suppose that  $P := \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$ . Then*

$$\text{cone}(U) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$$

*Proof.* We show that the following three statements are equivalent:

1.  $A\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{0}$
2.  $(\forall \mathbf{x} \in P)(\forall \alpha > 0) \mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{r} \in P$
3.  $\mathbf{r} \in \text{cone}(U)$

$(1 \Rightarrow 2)$ .  $\mathbf{x} \in P$  means that  $A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$ , and  $A\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{0}$  means that  $A(\mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{r}) \leq A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}$ .

$(\neg 1 \Rightarrow \neg 2)$ . Suppose  $\langle A_i, \mathbf{r} \rangle \geq 0$ , then let  $\alpha > (b_i - \langle A_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle) / \langle A_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle$ . We have:

$$\langle A_i, \mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{u} \rangle > \langle A_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \frac{b_i \langle A_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle - \langle A_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle \langle A_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle}{\langle A_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle} = b_i$$

$(3 \Rightarrow 2)$ . This is essentially the definition of  $\text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$ .  $(2 \Rightarrow 3)$ . Now for the real work. Suppose that (2) holds, but  $\mathbf{r} \notin \text{cone}(U)$ . Then by the Farkas Lemma, we have a  $\mathbf{y}$  that satisfies  $(\forall \mathbf{u} \in U) \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq 0$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r} \rangle > 0$ . From (2) we construct a sequence:  $(\mathbf{x}_n) = \mathbf{v} + n \cdot \mathbf{r}$ . Then it is clear that the sequence  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_n \rangle \rightarrow \infty$ . It is also clear that  $(\forall n) \mathbf{x}_n \in P$ . We now require a few basic results from topology and analysis, proved in appendix A.

- $\text{conv}(V)$  is compact.
- a continuous function on a compact set achieves its maximal value.

Now consider the maximum value of the function  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \bullet \rangle$  on  $P$ . Since any element of  $P$  can be written  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \in \text{cone}(U)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \in \text{conv}(V)$ , and  $(\forall \mathbf{u} \in U) \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u} \rangle \leq 0$ , we can find the maximum value on  $\text{conv}(V)$ . However, since  $\text{conv}(V)$  is compact, the function will actually achieve this value, which is a contradiction with the fact that  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_n \rangle \rightarrow \infty$ , so we conclude that  $\mathbf{r} \in \text{cone}(U)$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** Note that (2) in the proof above is independent of  $A$  and  $U$ . This means that the cone of a polyhedron is independent of its representation, i.e. if  $\text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V) = \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V')$ , then  $\text{cone}(U) = \text{cone}(U')$ , while it is not necessarily true that  $\text{conv}(V) = \text{conv}(V')$ . Similarly, if  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ , then it holds that  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ .

One more quick observation to make tidier notation, and we will be ready to state the testing criteria. Let  $\Lambda$  represent a collection of convex combinations, that is,  $\mathbf{1}^T \Lambda = \mathbf{1}^T$ , and let  $\lambda \geq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{1}^T \lambda = 1$  be a typical convex combinator. Then  $\Lambda \lambda = \lambda'$  where  $\lambda' \geq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{1}^T \lambda' = 1$ . That  $\lambda' \geq \mathbf{0}$  is clear, then just note that  $\mathbf{1}^T \lambda' = \mathbf{1}^T \Lambda \lambda = \mathbf{1}^T \lambda = 1$ . In words, *a convex combination of convex combinations is yet again a convex combination.*

**Proposition 11.** *Suppose that there is an extreme pair  $U, V$  such that  $\text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$ . Denote this Polyhedron  $P$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

$$1. P = \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V')$$

$$2. U \subseteq U', V \subseteq V', (\forall \mathbf{u}' \in U', \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{u}' \leq \mathbf{0}, A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{b}$$

*Proof.* (2  $\Rightarrow$  1). There's not too much to say about this direction, it's mostly just collecting some straightforward observations and results.

$$(a) U \subseteq U' \Rightarrow \text{cone}(U) \subseteq \text{cone}(U')$$

$$(b) V \subseteq V' \Rightarrow \text{conv}(V) \subseteq \text{conv}(V')$$

$$(c) (a) + (b) \Rightarrow \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V) \subseteq \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V')$$

$$(d) (\forall \mathbf{u}' \in U') A\mathbf{u}' \leq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \text{cone}(U') \subseteq \text{cone}(U)$$

$$(e) (\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow \text{conv}(V') \subseteq P$$

$$(f) (d) + (e) \Rightarrow \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V') \subseteq P + \text{cone}(U) = P$$

$$\bullet (c) + (f) \Rightarrow (2 \Rightarrow 1)$$

(1  $\Rightarrow$  2). This direction is a little more interesting. First we observe:

$$\text{cone}(U) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} = \text{cone}(U') \Rightarrow U \subseteq U'$$

The equalities follow proposition 10, and the implication from proposition 7. Note that the extremeness of  $U$  and the Farkas lemma are both used here. Since we know that  $\text{cone}(U) = \text{cone}(U')$ , we also know that  $\text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V') = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V')$ . Next, we consider  $V$  and exploit its extremeness. Since  $P = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V')$ , each  $\mathbf{v}' \in V'$  can be written  $U\mathbf{t} + V\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ , where  $\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  is a convex combinator. We combine these into matrices  $T$  and  $\Lambda$ , so  $V' = UT + V\Lambda$ . But it is also true that every  $\mathbf{v} \in V$  can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} = U\mathbf{t} + V'\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = U\mathbf{t} + (UT + V\Lambda)\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = U\mathbf{t}' + V\boldsymbol{\lambda}'$$

Where  $\mathbf{t}' \geq \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}'$  is a convex combinator. Because  $U, V$  is an extreme pair, we have that  $\mathbf{t}' = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = \mathbf{e}_k$  for some  $k$ . Because  $U$  is extreme, it does not contain  $\mathbf{0}$ , and so  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$ . This puts us at  $\mathbf{v} = V'\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = V\Lambda\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = V\boldsymbol{\lambda}'$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = \mathbf{e}_k$ . In order that  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}' = \mathbf{e}_k$ , for every column of  $\Lambda$  corresponding to a positive entry in  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ , only one row may contain a positive entry, and that entry must be 1. Then instead of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ , use instead  $\mathbf{e}_l$  where  $\Lambda_k^l = 1$ . Then  $\Lambda\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \Lambda\mathbf{e}_l$ , so  $V\Lambda\boldsymbol{\lambda} = V\Lambda\mathbf{e}_l = V'\mathbf{e}_l = \mathbf{v}'$  where  $\mathbf{v}' \in V'$ . Then  $\mathbf{v} \in V'$ .

That  $(\forall \mathbf{v}' \in V') A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{b}$  is obvious, and that  $(\forall \mathbf{u}' \in U') A\mathbf{u}' \leq \mathbf{0}$  is the subject of proposition 10.  $\square$

**The Test.** To test our program, we *simply* create Polyhedron  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$  where  $(U, V)$  is an extreme pair, run our program on  $(A, b)$  to get some new  $(V', U')$ . Then, we check that  $A\mathbf{v}' \leq \mathbf{b}$ ,  $A\mathbf{u}' \leq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $U \subseteq U'$ , and  $V \subseteq V'$ .

### 3.2.5 Testing V-Polyhedron $\rightarrow$ H-Polyhedron

Now we suppose we have a V-Polyhedron  $P = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$ , and would like to test the program which returns a matrix-vector pair  $A', \mathbf{b}'$  where supposedly  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ . Again, we will start off with a pair  $A, \mathbf{b}$  where we know that  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$ , where  $A, \mathbf{b}$  satisfy some nice properties, and use those properties to test if  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ . In order to demonstrate these properties, the Farkas Lemma will be used, but in different forms. We want to use proposition 8, but first we have to check:

**Proposition 12.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$
2.  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{b} & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{b}' & A' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$

*Proof.*  $(2 \Rightarrow 1)$ . Just set  $x_0 = 1$ , and move  $\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}'$  to the right side of the inequalities.

$(\neg 2 \Rightarrow \neg 1)$ . Suppose that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{b} & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{b}' & A' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \not\leq \mathbf{0}$$

Observe that, by the way these sets are constructed,  $x_0 \geq 0$ . If  $x_0 = 0$ , then we have  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} \neq \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ , which, by the remark following proposition 10 means that  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} \neq \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ . If  $x_0 > 0$ , then we have:

$$A\mathbf{x} \leq x_0\mathbf{b}, \quad A'\mathbf{x} \not\leq x_0\mathbf{b}' \Rightarrow A(\mathbf{x}/x_0) \leq \mathbf{b}, \quad A'(\mathbf{x}/x_0) \not\leq \mathbf{b}'$$

So  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} \neq \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ . □

Now, combining the results of propositions 8 and 12, we have the following result:

**Proposition 13.** *The following two statement are equivalent:*

1.  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$
2.  $\text{cone} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}^T & -1 \\ A^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \text{cone} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}'^T & -1 \\ A'^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$

### 3.2.6 Extreme H-Polyhedra Pairs

**Definition 13** (Extreme Pair). A pair  $A, \mathbf{b}$  is called **extreme** if  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$  is non-empty, and

$$\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{t}^T(A, \mathbf{b}) = (A_i, b_i) \Rightarrow [\mathbf{t} \neq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{e}_i]$$

Of course, we want to say that if  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$  where  $(A, \mathbf{b})$  is an extreme pair, and  $P = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ , then, by proposition 13,  $(A, \mathbf{b}) \sqsubseteq (A', \mathbf{b}')$ . The catch is that the cones in proposition 13 have a strange form. What we want to be true turns out to be so, but before we can prove this fact, we need a property of extreme pairs, which requires a new form of the Farkas Lemma.

### 3.2.7 Farkas Lemma: Round 2

Let us restate the conclusion of the Farkas Lemma:

$$\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0} \mid U\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{y}^T U \leq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$$

If we let  $U = (A, -A, I)$ , and we get a new form:

$$\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0} \mid (A, -A, I)\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{y}^T (A, -A, I) \leq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$$

Then breaking apart  $\mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{t}_P, \mathbf{t}_N, \mathbf{t}_I)$ , we have

$$(A, -A, I) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{t}_P \\ \mathbf{t}_N \\ \mathbf{t}_I \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow A(\mathbf{t}_P - \mathbf{t}_N) = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{t}_I$$

If we let  $\mathbf{t}_P - \mathbf{t}_N = \mathbf{z}$ , then  $\mathbf{z}$  is no longer constrained by  $\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , and we have that  $A\mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\mathbf{y}^T A \leq \mathbf{0}$  and  $-\mathbf{y}^T A \leq \mathbf{0}$ , it must be that  $\mathbf{y}^T A = \mathbf{0}$ . Combining these results, relabeling  $\mathbf{x}$  as  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  as  $\mathbf{x}$ , and  $\mathbf{y}$  as  $-\mathbf{y}$ , we see a new form of Farkas Lemma:

$$\exists \mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{y}^T A = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} < 0 \quad (3.5)$$

This form tells us that an H-Polyhedron is non-empty, or we can create an inequality that is impossible to solve from it's matrix. The next form shows a similar result, but this time it is for a specific  $\mathbf{x}$ , not implying the emptiness of the Polyhedra, just the constraints' failure to be satisfied at a specific point.

First observe that (using (3.5))

$$A\mathbf{x} \not\leq \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists \mathbf{z} \mid \begin{pmatrix} A \\ I \\ -I \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} \leq \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{x} \\ -\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0} \mid \mathbf{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} A \\ I \\ -I \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{x} \\ -\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} < 0$$

Splitting up  $\mathbf{y}$  into components like we did before with  $\mathbf{t}$ , we can rewrite this as

$$A\mathbf{x} \not\leq \mathbf{b} \Leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{y}^T A = \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{b} < \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{b} \quad (3.6)$$

We can now prove some useful properties of extreme pairs.

**Proposition 14.** *Let  $A, \mathbf{b}$  be an extreme pair. Then the following holds:*

$$\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t}^T A = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{t} \neq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b} \rangle > 0] \quad (3.7)$$

$$\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t}^T A = A_i \Rightarrow [\mathbf{t} \neq \mathbf{e}_i \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b} \rangle > b_i] \quad (3.8)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathbf{t}^T A = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Next suppose that  $\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} = 0$ . Then  $(\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{e}_i)(A, \mathbf{b}) = (A_i, b_i)$ , but  $\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{e}_i \neq \mathbf{e}_i$ , a contradiction. Next suppose that  $\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} < 0$ . Then we have that  $\exists \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t}^T A = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} < 0$ , which by (3.5) means that  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$  is empty, a contradiction. So the first property is proven.

Now suppose that  $\mathbf{t}^T A = A_i, \mathbf{t} \neq \mathbf{e}_i$ . Then we know that  $\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} \neq b_i$ , but if  $\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{b} < 0$ , we'd have that  $(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{e}_i)^T A = \mathbf{0}, (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{e}_i)^T \mathbf{b} < 0$ , contradicting the first property.  $\square$

We are now prepared to prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 15.** Suppose that  $\{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ , where  $(A, \mathbf{b})$  is an extreme pair. Then  $(A, \mathbf{b}) \sqsubseteq (A', \mathbf{b}')$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}^T & -1 \\ A^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$  is extreme, for then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}^T & -1 \\ A^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \sqsubseteq \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}'^T & -1 \\ A'^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}^T \\ A^T \end{pmatrix} \sqsubseteq \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}'^T \\ A'^T \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (A, \mathbf{b}) \sqsubseteq (A', \mathbf{b}')$$

So, suppose that  $(\mathbf{t}, t) \geq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{b}^T & -1 \\ A^T & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{t}, t) = \begin{pmatrix} -b_i \\ A_i^T \end{pmatrix}$ . We must show that  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{e}_i$ ,  $t = 0$ . Suppose that it's not. Then we have  $\mathbf{t}^T A = A_i$ , and by (3.8)  $\mathbf{t}^T - \mathbf{b} < b_i$ . Since  $-t \leq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{t}^T - \mathbf{b} - t < b_i$ , a contradiction. So we have shown that  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{e}_i$ , in which case  $t = 0$ , and the proposition follows.  $\square$

### 3.2.8 The Test

Let  $AU \leq \mathbf{b}$  be shorthand for  $(\forall \mathbf{u} \in U) A\mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{b}$ .

Suppose that we have a  $(U, V)$  and  $(A, \mathbf{b})$  such that  $P := \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$ , and  $(A, \mathbf{b})$  is an extreme pair. We run our program and get a new pair  $(A', \mathbf{b}')$ . Denote  $P' := \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}'\}$ . We would like to verify that  $P = P'$ . We have the following:

1.  $A'U \leq \mathbf{0}, A'V \leq \mathbf{b}' \Rightarrow P \subseteq P'$
2.  $(A, \mathbf{b}) \sqsubseteq (A', \mathbf{b}') \Rightarrow P' \subseteq P$
3.  $P = P' \Rightarrow A'U \leq \mathbf{0}, A'V \leq \mathbf{b}'$
4.  $P = P' \Rightarrow (A, \mathbf{b}) \sqsubseteq (A', \mathbf{b}')$

So we conclude that

$$P = P' \Leftrightarrow A'U \leq \mathbf{0}, A'V \leq \mathbf{b}', A \sqsubseteq A'$$

To test our program, we just verify the right side of the equivalence, which is fairly straightforward.

### 3.2.9 test\_functions.h

The following types are defined for running tests of the different algorithms. They are expected to be given a descriptive name, the object on which the test will be run, and a **key** with which the result of the test will be compared. The o

bject is one of the objects described above.

```

7 struct hccone_test_case {
8     std::string name;
9     Matrix hccone; // vectors for H or V cone
10    Matrix key;    // minimal generating set
11
12    bool run_test() const;
13 };

```



```

15 struct vcone_test_case {
16     std::string name;
17     Matrix vcone; // vectors for H or V cone
18     Matrix key;   // minimal generating set
19
20     bool run_test() const;
21 };

23 struct hpoly_test_case {
24     std::string name;
25     Matrix hpoly; // vectors for H-Polyhedron
26     VPoly key;    // minimal generating set
27
28     bool run_test() const;
29 };

31 struct vpoly_test_case {
32     std::string name;
33     VPoly vpoly; // vectors for V-Polyhedron
34     Matrix key;  // minimal generating set
35
36     bool run_test() const;
37 };

```

### 3.2.10 test\_functions.cpp

The dot-product and norm (in terms of dot product).

```

28 double operator*(const Vector &l, const Vector &r) {
29     if (l.size() > r.size()) {
30         throw runtime_error{"inner product: l > r"};
31     }
32     return inner_product(begin(l), end(l), begin(r), 0.);
33 }

35 double norm(const Vector &v) {
36     return sqrt(v*v);
37 }

```

`approximately_zero` is used during tests to avoid issues involving floating point rounding errors. For example,  $1/6.0 * 2.5 - 5/12.0 == 0$  will give `false`, while `approximately_zero(1/6.0 * 2.5 - 5/12.0)` will return `true`. Test cases are used where intermediate calculations don't depend on such high accuracy, and these discrepancies can be ignored.

`approximately_zero(c) == true` will be denoted  $c \approx 0$ .

```

39 bool approximately_zero(double d) {
40     const double error = .000001;
41     bool result = abs(d) < error;
42     if (d != 0 && result) {
43         ostringstream oss;

```

```

44     oss << scientific << d;
45     log("approximately_zero " + oss.str(), 1);
46 }
47 return result;
48 }

```

Tests  $c < 0 \vee c \approx 0$ .

```

50 bool approximately_lt_zero(double d) {
51     return d < 0 || approximately_zero(d);
52 }

```

Tests  $\|v\| \approx 0$ . This will be denoted  $v \approx 0$ .

```

55 bool approximately_zero(const Vector &v) {
56     return approximately_zero(norm(v));
57 }

```

Tests  $u/\|u\| - v/\|v\| \approx 0$ . This will be denoted  $u \simeq v$ .

```

59 bool is_equivalent(const Vector &l, const Vector &r) {
60     if (l.size() != r.size()) return false;
61     if (norm(l) == 0 || norm(r) == 0) {
62         return norm(l) == 0 && norm(r) == 0;
63     }
64     return approximately_zero(l / norm(l) - r / norm(r));
65 }

```

Tests  $u - v \approx 0$ . This will be denoted  $u \approx v$ .

```

67 bool is_equal(const Vector &l, const Vector &r) {
68     if (l.size() != r.size()) return false;
69     return approximately_zero(l - r);
70 }

```

Tests  $(\exists u \in U) \mid v \simeq u$ .

```

72 bool has_equivalent_member(const Matrix &M,
73                             const Vector &v) {
74     if (!any_of(M.begin(), M.end(),
75                 [&](const Vector &u) {
76                     return is_equivalent(u, v);
77                 })) {
78         ostringstream oss;
79         oss << dashes
80             << " no equivalent member found for:\n"
81             << v << endl;
82         log(oss.str(), 1);
83         return false;
84     }
85     return true;
86 }

```

Tests  $(\exists u \in U) \mid v \approx u$ .

```

87 bool has_equal_member(const Matrix &M,
88                       const Vector &v) {

```

```

89     if (!any_of(M.begin(), M.end(),
90                [&](const Vector &u) { return
91                    is_equal(u,v); }))) {
92         ostringstream oss;
93         oss << dashes
94             << " no equal member found for:\n"
95             << v << endl;
96         log(oss.str(),1);
97         return false;
98     }
99     return true;
100 }

```

Tests  $(\forall v \in V)(\exists \mathbf{u} \in U) \mid \mathbf{v} \simeq \mathbf{u}$ . This will be denoted  $V \sqsubseteq U$ .

```

103 bool subset_mod_eq(const Matrix &generators,
104                   const Matrix &vcone) {
105     return all_of(generators.begin(), generators.end(),
106                  [&](const Vector &g) {
107                     return has_equivalent_member(vcone, g); }));
108 }

```

Tests  $(\forall v \in V)(\exists \mathbf{u} \in U) \mid \mathbf{v} \approx \mathbf{u}$ . This will be denoted  $V \subseteq U$ .

```

111 bool subset(const Matrix &generators,
112            const Matrix &vcone) {
113     return all_of(generators.begin(), generators.end(),
114                  [&](const Vector &g) {
115                     return has_equal_member(vcone, g); }));
116 }

```

Given a Vector constraint and Vector ray, tests if `approximately_lt_zero(ray * constraint)`. Note that if the constraint is of the form  $\langle A_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle \leq b$  for some value  $b$ , then this still works, because the dot product function only takes the first  $d$  values of each vector.

```

120 bool ray_satisfied(const Vector &constraint,
121                   const Vector &ray) {
122     if (constraint.size() != ray.size() &&
123         constraint.size()-1 != ray.size()) {
124         throw runtime_error{"bad ray vs constraint"};
125     }
126     double ip = ray * constraint;
127     if (!(approximately_lt_zero(ip))) {
128         ostringstream oss;
129         oss << dashes << " ray not satisfied!\n"
130             << "ray: " << ray
131             << "\nconstraint: " << constraint
132             << "\n ray * constraint = " << ip << endl;
133         log(oss.str(), 1);
134         return false;
135     }
136     return true;
137 }

```

Test  $A\mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{0}$

```
139 bool ray_satisfied(const Matrix &constraints,
140                   const Vector &ray) {
141     return all_of(constraints.begin(), constraints.end(),
142                  [&](const Vector &cv) {
143                     return ray_satisfied(cv, ray); });
144 }
```

Test  $(\forall \mathbf{v}) A\mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{0}$

```
146 bool rays_satisfied(const Matrix &constraints,
147                    const Matrix &rays) {
148     return all_of(rays.begin(), rays.end(),
149                  [&](const Vector &ray) {
150                     return ray_satisfied(constraints, ray); });
151 }
```

Test  $\langle A_i, \mathbf{v} \rangle \leq b_i$

```
154 bool vec_satisfied(const Vector &constraint,
155                   const Vector &vec) {
156     size_t cback_i = constraint.size()-1;
157     if (cback_i != vec.size()) {
158         throw runtime_error{"bad vec vs constraint"};
159     }
160     double ip = vec * constraint;
161     double c_val = constraint[cback_i];
162     if (!(approximately_lt_zero(ip - c_val))) {
163         ostringstream oss;
164         oss << dashes << " vec not satisfied!\n"
165             << "vec: " << vec
166             << "\nconstraint: " << constraint
167             << "\n vec * constraint = " << ip << endl;
168         log(oss.str(), 1);
169         return false;
170     }
171     return true;
172 }
```

Test  $A\mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{b}$

```
174 bool vec_satisfied(const Matrix &constraints,
175                   const Vector &vec) {
176     return all_of(constraints.begin(), constraints.end(),
177                  [&](const Vector &cv) {
178                     return vec_satisfied(cv, vec); });
179 }
```

Test  $(\forall \mathbf{v}) A\mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{b}$

```
181 bool vecs_satisfied(const Matrix &constraints,
182                   const Matrix &vecs) {
183     return all_of(vecs.begin(), vecs.end(),
184                  [&](const Vector &vec) {
```

```

185         return vec_satisfied(constraints, vec); });
186     }

```

Given an H-Cone  $C_H = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\} = \text{cone}(U)$  where  $U$  is minimal, and an alternative representation  $U'$ , determines if  $C_H = \text{cone}(U')$ .

Similarly, given a V-Cone  $C_U = \text{cone}(U) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$  where  $A$  is minimal, and an alternative representation  $A'$ , determines if  $C_U = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ .

```

190 bool equivalent_cone_rep(const Matrix &cone,
191                          const Matrix &key,
192                          const Matrix &alt_rep) {
193     return rays_satisfied (cone, alt_rep) &&
194            subset_mod_eq   (key, alt_rep);
195 }

```

Given an H-Polytope  $P_H = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\} = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V)$  where  $U$  and  $V$  are minimal, and an alternative representation  $(U', V')$ , determines if  $P_H = \text{cone}(U') + \text{conv}(V')$ .

```

197 bool equivalent_hpoly_rep(const Matrix &hpoly,
198                          const VPoly &key,
199                          const VPoly &vpoly) {
200     return rays_satisfied (hpoly, vpoly.U) &&
201            vecs_satisfied (hpoly, vpoly.V) &&
202            subset_mod_eq   (key.U, vpoly.U) &&
203            subset          (key.V, vpoly.V);
204 }

```

Given a V-Polytope  $P_V = \text{cone}(U) + \text{conv}(V) = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}\}$  where  $A$  is minimal, and an alternative representation  $A'$ , determines if  $P_V = \{\mathbf{x} \mid A'\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{0}\}$ .

```

206 bool equivalent_vpoly_rep(const VPoly &vpoly,
207                          const Matrix &key,
208                          const Matrix &hpoly) {
209     return rays_satisfied (hpoly, vpoly.U) &&
210            vecs_satisfied (hpoly, vpoly.V) &&
211            subset_mod_eq   (key, hpoly);
212 }

```

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