



Why

We generalize real polyhedra to arbitrary inner product spaces.

Definition

Suppose X is a vector space with an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ over \mathbf{R} . A set $P \subset X$ is a *polyhedron* (called a *polyhedral set*) if there exists $c_1, \dots, c_m \in X$ and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbf{R}$ so that

$$P = \{x \in X \mid \langle x, c_i \rangle \leq \alpha_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

In other words, if the set can be described by finitely many inequalities.

As before, a polyhedron is a *polytope* if it is bounded.

