



**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.



