

REAL POLYHEDRA

Definition

A polyhedron is a set $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ for which there exists $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ satisfying

$$P = \{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid Ax \le b \}.$$

In other words, a polyhedron is an intersection of finitely many halfpsaces.

A polyhedron P is polytope if it is bounded. In other words, there exists $x_0 \in P$ and M > 0 such that

$$P \subset B_M(x_0) = \{x \mid ||x - x_0|| < M\}$$

Here $B_M(x_0)$ denotes the open ball of radius M, as usual.

