



Why

We want to generalize rectangles and cubes to n -dimensional space.

Definition

Let $I : \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a family of d intervals. A *hyperrectangle* is the set $\prod_{i=1}^d I_i$.¹

As a result of this definition, an interval, a rectangle, and a cube are all hyperrectangles. Of course, in our definition we include four, five, and “dimensional” rectangles.

As with intervals, rectangles, and cubes, we call a hyperrectangle open, closed, left-open, right-open accordingly.

¹Some authors use the term rectangle or *n-dimensional rectangle*. Some authors use the term *box* or *n-box*.

