

# Center of Gravity

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Y-axis

$$E_0 = \text{Cube} \left[ -\frac{R}{2}, \frac{R}{2} \right]^n$$

$$x^0 = 0$$

Separating plane  $a^T(x - x^k) \leq 0$

$$E_{k+1} = E_k \cap H_k$$

$$x^{k+1} = \text{CoG}(E_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(E_{k+1})} \int_{x \in E_{k+1}} x \, dx$$

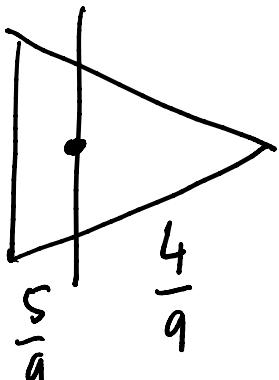
Repeat.

$$\text{Vol}(E) = \text{Vol}(E)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

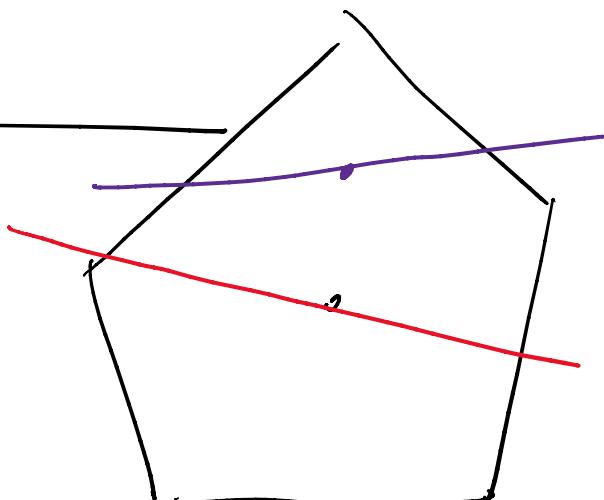
Clearly decreases.

At what rate?

in 2-d.



warnings!



Th. (Grunbaum) If convex body  $K$ , any halfspace  $H$  containing center of gravity  $z$  of  $K$  satisfies

$$\text{Vol}(K \cap H) \geq \frac{1}{e} \text{Vol}(K).$$

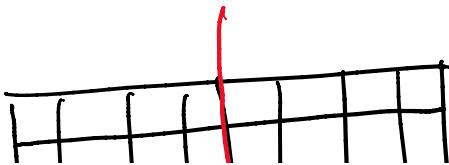
$\Rightarrow$  volume decreases by  $(1 - \frac{1}{e})$  or faster.

Th.  $O(n \log \frac{R}{r})$  iterations suffice to reach set of volume  $r^n$ .

Th. Given separation oracle for convex set  $K$ , and  $K \subseteq R B_2^n$ , and if  $K$  nonempty then  $\exists x^0: x^0 + r B_2^n \subseteq K$ , Cutting Plane method finds  $x \in K$  in  $O(n \log \frac{R}{r})$  iterations.

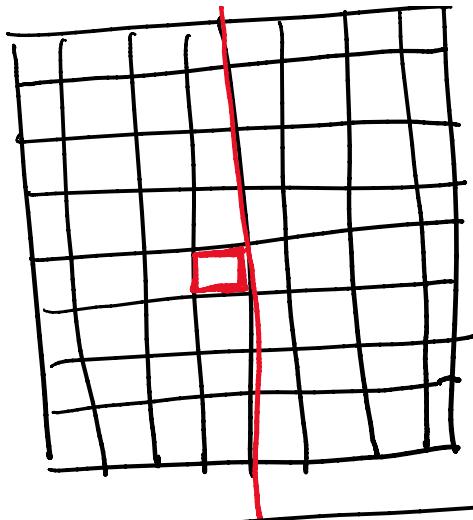
Th. This is asymptotically the best possible.

Pf.



Each iteration reduces at most  $\frac{1}{e}$ .

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Each iteration reduces volume by at most  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \Omega(n \log \frac{R}{r})$  iterations.

Q1. How to prove volume decrease?

Q2. How to find CofG?

$f$  is logconcave if  $\log f$  is concave,  $f \geq 0$ .

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda f(y)^{1-\lambda}.$$

e.g.  $1_K$ ,  $e^{\frac{-\|x\|^2}{2}}$ ,  $e^{-\frac{\|x\|^2}{2}} \cdot 1_K$

Lemma . product, min of log concave  $f, g$   
 is logconcave. So is convolution.

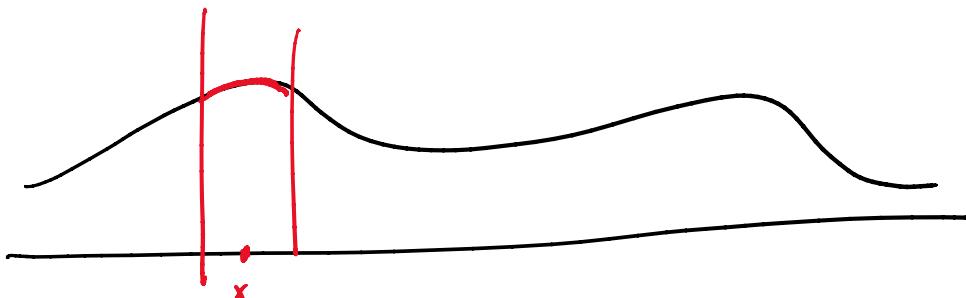
$$f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)g(x-y) dy$$

e.g.  $g = [-1, 1]$

$\mathbb{R}^n$ l.s.  $g = [-1, 1]$ 

$$f \star g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) \mathbf{1}_{\{x-y \in [-1, 1]\}} dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) \mathbf{1}_{x \in [y-1, y+1]} dy$$



*Moving sum/average.*

Thm [Brunn-Minkowski]  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$$A+B = \{x+y : x \in A, y \in B\}$$

$$\text{Vol}(A+B)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \text{Vol}(A)^{\frac{1}{n}} + \text{Vol}(B)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

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(note:  $\Rightarrow \text{Vol}(\lambda A + (1-\lambda)B)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \lambda \text{Vol}(A)^{\frac{1}{n}} + (1-\lambda) \text{Vol}(B)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ )

Thm [Prékopa-Leindler].  $f, g, h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$   $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$h(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda g(y)^{1-\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_h \geq (C_f)^\lambda (C_g)^{1-\lambda}$$

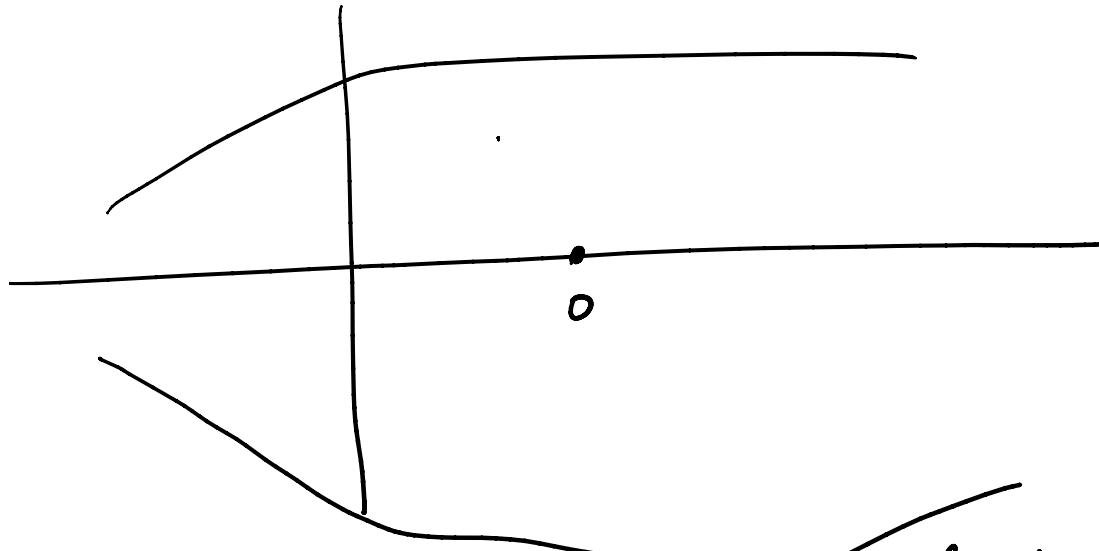
$$\Rightarrow \int h \geq (\int f)^1 (\int g)^1$$

Back to center of gravity.

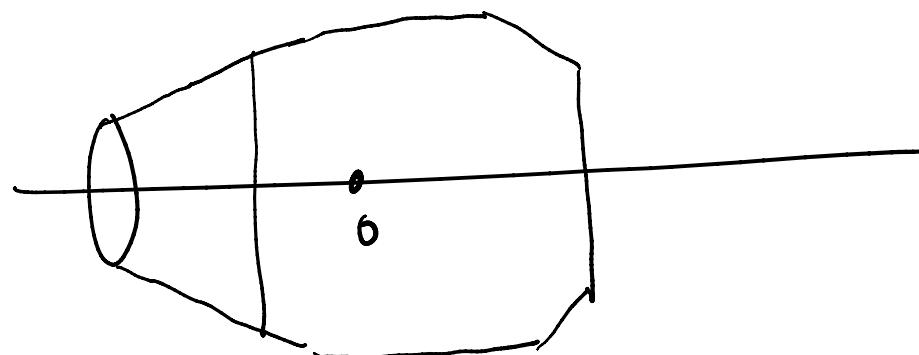
Th.  $K$ .  $\mathbb{E}_K(x) = 0$ .

$$\text{Vol}(K \cap \{x_1 \leq 0\}) \geq \frac{1}{e} \text{Vol}(K).$$

Pf.



Replace each cross-section  $A(x=t)$  with a ball of same  $(n-1)$ -dim volume.

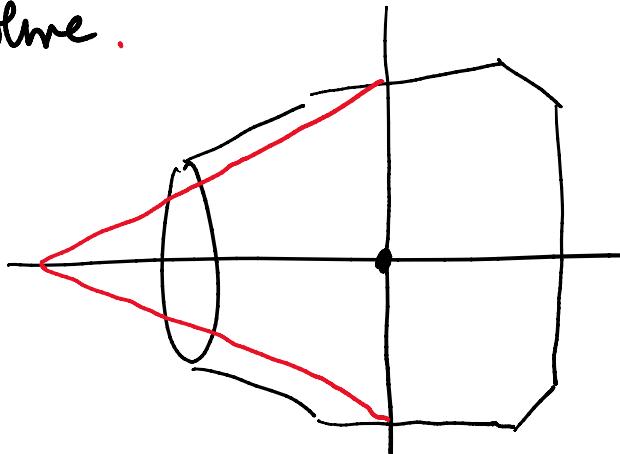


Claim: radius  $r(t)$  is a concave function

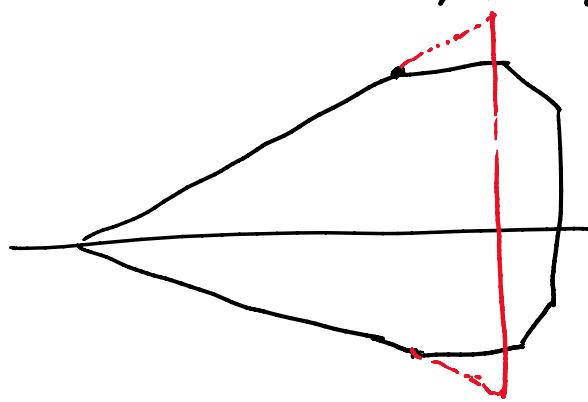
Claim: radius  $r(t)$  is a concave 'U'

Pf. Apply B-M.

- Next, replace  $x_1 \leq 0$  part of  $K$  with a cone of some volume.



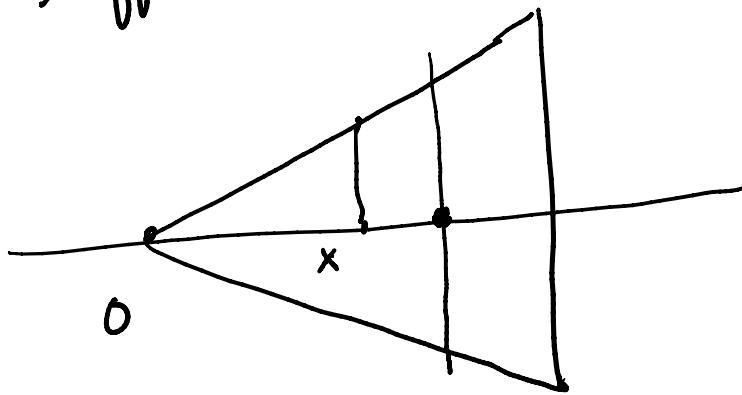
- moves CoG to the left, reducing volume of left halfspace.
- Do the same on the RHS, keeping same cone.



- moves CoG  $\leftarrow$ .

So, suffices to prove for a cone!





$$A(x) \propto x^{n-1}. \quad \text{total value} = \int_0^x x^{n-1} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{CoG} = \frac{\int_0^1 x \cdot x^{n-1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

$$\frac{\text{volume}(K \cap H)}{\text{volume}(K)} = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{n+1}} x^{n-1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n \geq \frac{1}{e}.$$


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Q2. Has to compute CoG?

Hard! #P-hard even for a polytope.

But  $\bar{z} = E_K(x)$  is the average.

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$$\begin{cases} E_{k+1} = E_k \cap \{ \bar{a}^T x \leq \bar{a}^T x^k \} \\ x^{k+1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^i \quad y^i \sim \text{uniform from } E_k. \end{cases}$$

Th 1:  $x = \arg \min$  of  $m$  random points from  $K$ .

$H$  = Halfspace containing  $x$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{Vol}(K \cap H)) \geq \left( \frac{1}{e} - \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}} \right) \cdot \text{Vol}(K).$$

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based on

Th 2. [Robert Grubman]. Isotropic  $K$ .  $E_K(x) = 0$   
 $E_K(xx^T) = I$ .  
 $H$  halfspace within distance  $t$  of 0.

Then  $\text{Vol}(K \cap H) \geq \left( \frac{1}{e} - t \right) \cdot \text{Vol}(K)$ .

Lemma  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , logconcave, isotropic.

$$\int f = 1 \quad \int x f(x) = 0 \quad \int x^2 f(x) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \max f \leq 1.$$

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Pf (2) project to 1-d. normal of  $H$ .

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Apply Lemma.

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Pf. of 1.  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|X\|^2) = \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}(\|Y^i\|^2)$$

$$= \frac{n}{m} \dots$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|X\|) \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}$$

Apply Thm 2 with  $t = \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}$ .

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So using  $O(n)$ , say  $10n$  points suffices  
to get a constant-factor decrease in volume.

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