

0.1 Exercise 4.3.7

First, we want to show for any convex set C , if $X \subset C$ and the set of recession directions of C contains Y , then $\text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y \subset C$

$\forall z \in \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y, \forall x \in \text{conv}X, \forall y \in \text{pos}Y, \text{ we have } z = x + y$

$C \text{ is convex and } X \subset C \Rightarrow \text{conv}X \subset C$

$\Rightarrow \text{ we have } x \in C \text{ and } y = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i, \forall \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ and } y_i \geq 0 \text{ since } y \in \text{pos}Y$

Since set of recession directions of C contains Y and $x \in X \subset C$,

we have $x + \alpha_1 y_1 \in C \Rightarrow (x + \alpha_1 y_1) + \alpha_2 y_2 \in C$

By induction, $x + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i = z \in C$

Thus, we have $\text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y \subset C$

Secondly, we want to show $X \subset \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$ and the recession directions of $\text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$ contains Y

Since $X \subset \text{conv}X$ and $\text{pos}Y$ contains $\{0\} \Rightarrow X \subset \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$

$\forall z \in \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y, z = x + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i, \forall x \in \text{conv}X, \forall \alpha_i \geq 0, \text{ and } \forall y_i \in Y$

$\forall \alpha \geq 0, \forall y \in Y, z + \alpha y = x + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i + \alpha y \in \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$

$\Rightarrow \text{ the recession directions of } \text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y \text{ contains } Y$

Thus, we conclude that $\text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$ is the smallest among all convex sets C that contains X and the set of recession directions of C contains Y since $\text{conv}X + \text{pos}Y$ is always contained by other such C .

0.2 Exercise 4.3.8

We want to find coefficients $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ s.t.

$$\alpha_1(-1, -1) + \alpha_2(1, -1) + \beta_1(-1, 1) + \beta_2(1, 1) = (0, 0),$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \leq 1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \beta_1 \geq 0, \beta_2 \geq 0$$

$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2)$ could be $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ or $(1, 0, 0, 1)$

Thus, the representation need not be unique