

Lecture #4

Euclidean balls & Ellipsoids

$$\underbrace{B(\underline{x}_c, r)}_{\text{convex}} := \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_c\|_2 \leq r \} \\
 = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_c)^T (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_c) \leq r^2 \} \\
 = \{ \underline{x}_c + r \underline{u} \mid \underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\underline{u}\|_2 \leq 1 \}$$

convex

Ellipsoid:

$$\Sigma \left(\begin{array}{c} \underline{x}_c \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} P \\ \uparrow \\ \mathbb{S}_{++}^n \end{array} \right) = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_c)^T P^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_c) \leq 1 \} \\
 = \{ \underline{x}_c + \underbrace{M}_{\|P\|^{-1/2}} \underline{u} \mid \underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\underline{u}\|_2 \leq 1 \}$$

$\lambda_i = \text{eig}(P)$

semi-axes length = $\sqrt{\lambda_i}$



$MM = P$

$P = r^2 I \rightarrow \text{ball } B(\underline{x}_c, r)$

Polytopes / Polyhedra (Solⁿ set of finite number of linear equations & linear inequalities)

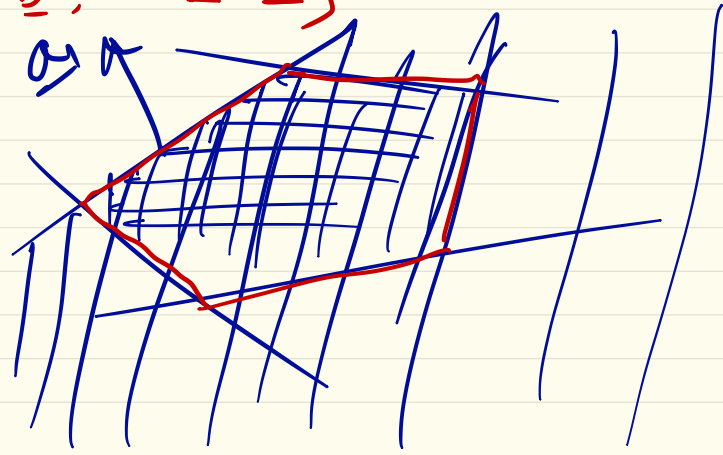
$$P := \left\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \begin{array}{l} \underline{a}_j^T \underline{x} \leq b_j, \quad j=1, \dots, m \\ \underline{c}_j^T \underline{x} = d_j, \quad j=1, \dots, p \end{array} \right\}$$

= Finite intersections of halfspaces & hyperplanes

$$= \left\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}, C \underline{x} = \underline{d} \right\}$$

$$A_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{a}_1^T \\ \underline{a}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{a}_m^T \end{pmatrix}$$

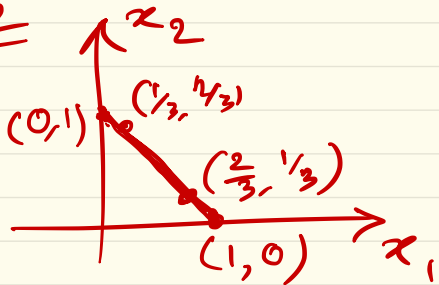
$$C_{p \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{c}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \underline{c}_p^T \end{pmatrix}$$



Example of Polyhedron: Standard simplex
(Probability simplex)

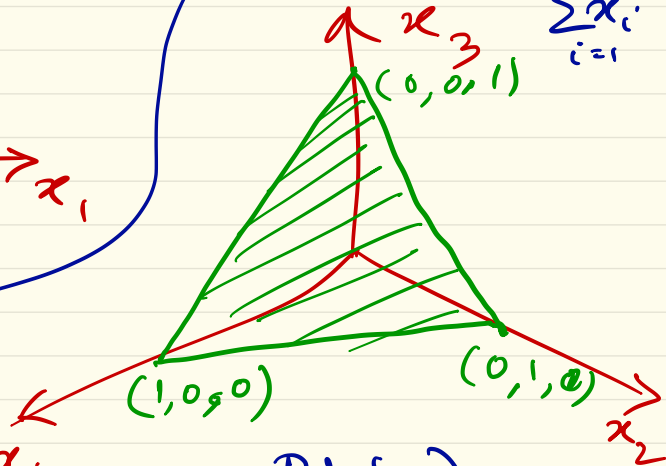
$$P = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \underline{x} \geq 0, \mathbb{1}^T \underline{x} = 1 \}$$

If $n=2$



$$\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

If $n=3$



$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Alternative Description of Polyhedron:

$$P = \{ \theta_1 \underline{v}_1 + \theta_2 \underline{v}_2 + \dots + \theta_k \underline{v}_k \mid \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_m = 1, \theta_i \geq 0, i=1, \dots, k, m \leq k \}$$

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= Non-neg. linear
combⁿ of \underline{v}_i (vectors)
but only the 1st m coefficients sum to 1.

= Convex hull of pt-s $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_m$
& cone " " " $\underline{v}_{m+1}, \dots, \underline{v}_k$.

low unit norm ball:

$$\mathcal{C} = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |x_i| \leq 1, i=1, \dots, n \}$$

Intersection of
 $2n$ linear inequalities

$$\pm \underline{e}_i^T \underline{x} \leq 1$$

Alternatively

$$\mathcal{C} = \text{conv} \{ \underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_{2n} \}.$$

Operations preserving set convexity:

① Intersection (Countable OR uncountable)

e.g. $\mathcal{S} = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \left| \sum_{k=1}^m x_k \cos(kt) \right| \leq 1 \text{ for all } -\pi/3 \leq t \leq \pi/3 \}$

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcap_{|t| \leq \pi/3} \mathcal{S}_t$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_t := \left\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid -1 \leq x_1 \cos(t) + x_2 \cos(2t) + \dots + x_n \cos(nt) \leq +1 \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \bigcap_{-\pi/3 \leq t \leq \pi/3} \mathcal{S}_t$$

② Affine Transformation: $A\underline{x} + \underline{b}$

e.g. Projection is convex
Scaling " " } any combination of these operations is also convex
Translation " " }
Rotation " " }

③ Cartesian Product of convex is convex

Applⁿ: Set Sum (Minkowski Sum)

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{S}_1}_{\text{convex}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{S}_2}_{\text{convex}} = \left\{ \underline{x} + \underline{y} \mid \underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1, \underline{y} \in \mathcal{S}_2 \right\} = \left\{ (\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \mid \underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1, \underline{y} \in \mathcal{S}_2 \right\}$$

$\mathcal{S}_1 \times \mathcal{S}_2$

convex convex

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 = \text{Image of } \delta_1 \times \delta_2$$

under function $f(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \underline{x} + \underline{y}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x} \\ \underline{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Perspective function: $p: \text{dom}(p) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$

$$p \left(\begin{matrix} \underline{z} \\ t \end{matrix} \right) = \underline{z} / t$$

$\mathbb{R}^n \quad \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$$\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{++} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

$(\mathbb{R}_{>0})$

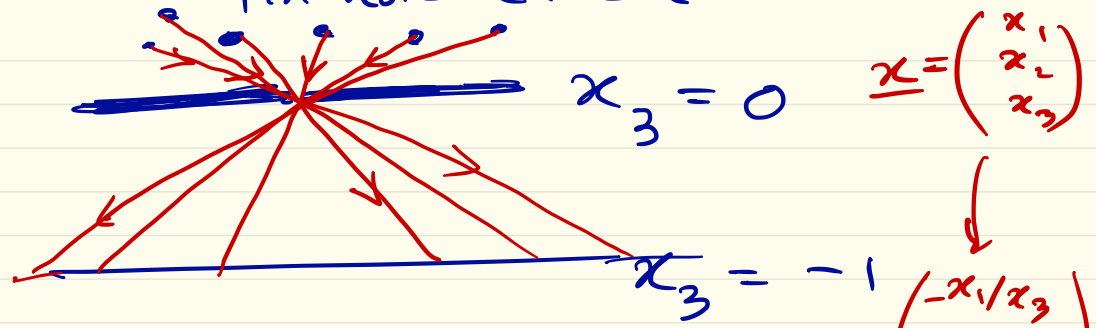
$$\underline{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2.7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$t = 4$

$$p \begin{pmatrix} \underline{z} \\ t \end{pmatrix} = p \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2.7 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ -2.7/4 \\ 3/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pin-hole camera



$p(\mathcal{L})$ is convex if \mathcal{L} is convex

$$\begin{pmatrix} -x_1/x_3 \\ -x_2/x_3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Chopping off the last

Linear fractional function (g)

= Perspective $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ Affine function $g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$g: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \mid g(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{m \times n} \\ \underline{c}^T \end{pmatrix} \underline{x} + \begin{pmatrix} \underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m \\ d \in \mathbb{R} \end{pmatrix}$

$$f(\underline{x}) = \frac{A \underline{x} + \underline{b}}{\underline{c}^T \underline{x} + d}$$

If $\underline{c} = \underline{0}$ and $d > 0$ then $\text{dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{dom}(f) = \{ \underline{x} \mid \underline{c}^T \underline{x} + d > 0 \}$$

Linear fractional f^x preserves convexity,
Affine is spl. case of linear fractional.

e.g. conditional probability.

u discrete random var. on $\{1, \dots, n\}$

v " " " on $\{1, \dots, m\}$

$$p_{ij} = \text{Joint Probability} = \mathbb{P}(u=i, v=j)$$

$$\text{Conditional probability } (f_{ij}) = \mathbb{P}(u=i | v=j)$$

$$\text{Linear fractional function} \rightarrow = \frac{p_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_{ij}}$$

Cone K is called "proper" if it is

- ① convex
- ② closed
- ③ solid (interior is non-empty)
- ④ pointed (contains no line
i.e., $\underline{x} \in K$, & $-\underline{x} \in K$

Any proper cone has $\underline{x} \Downarrow = \underline{0}$

"partial" ordering.

$$\underline{x} \succ_K \underline{y} \iff \underline{x} - \underline{y} \in K$$

$$\underline{x} \prec_K \underline{y} \iff \underline{y} - \underline{x} \in K$$

$$\underline{x} \succ^{\text{int}} \underline{y} \iff \underline{x} - \underline{y} \in \text{int}(K)$$

e.g. ① $K = \mathbb{R}^n_+$ \Leftrightarrow \succcurlyeq (componentwise vector inequality)

$$\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n_+, \quad \underline{x} \succcurlyeq \underline{y}$$

$(\mathbb{R}^n_{\succcurlyeq 0})$

$$\textcircled{2} K := \left\{ \underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \underline{c}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ \vdots \\ t^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = c_1 + c_2 t + c_3 t^2 + \dots + c_n t^{n-1} \geq 0 \right. \\ \left. \forall t \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

Prove that K is a proper cone.

what does \succcurlyeq mean?

$$\underline{c}, \underline{d} \in K \leftarrow$$

$$\underline{c} \succcurlyeq_K \underline{d} \Leftrightarrow c_1 + c_2 t + \dots + c_n t^{n-1} \geq d_1 + d_2 t + \dots + d_n t^{n-1} \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$$