

Some representability and duality results for convex mixed-integer programs.

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A number of structural results are known about Integer Linear Programs:

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2. Subadditive dual
3. Cutting plane closure, ranks, lengths, etc.
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1. *Finite number of extreme points of the LP relaxation each of which is rational, existence of basic feasible solutions for LPs.* **Does not hold**
2. **Strong duality results for the Linear Programming (LP) relaxation.**
3. *Existence of finite generator of the Hilbert basis of a rational polyhedral cone.* **Not always relevant in the convex case**

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1 Finiteness Property.

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Fact

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We know:

- ▶ B is polyhedron with rational data \Rightarrow (*) is **true**.

Example 1: polydral set with irrational data

B is a line with irrational slope

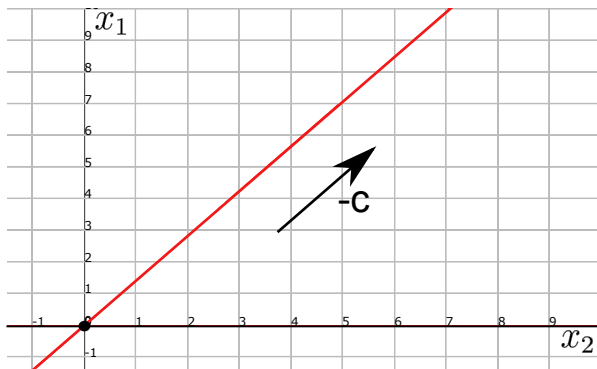


Figure: (*) is **not** true.

Example 2: Second order conic representable (SOCR) set with rational data

We will show a convex set $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ such that:

- ▶ $\text{conv}(B \cap \mathbb{Z}^3)$ is a **polyhedron**.
- ▶ B is conic representable with **rational data**.
 - ▶ There exists $A \in \mathbb{Q}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{Q}^m$ such that

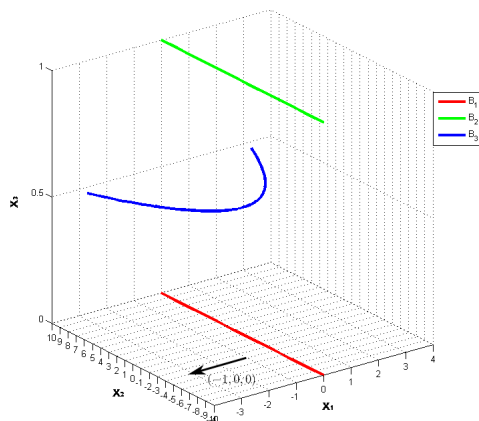
$$B' = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \exists u, A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ u \end{pmatrix} - b \in L \right\},$$

where L is direct product of Lorentz cones.

- ▶ However, B **does not** satisfies the **finiteness property** (\star).

Example: (SOCP) (cont.)

$$B = \text{conv}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3)$$



└ An interesting property

└ Main result

1.1 Main result:

A **sufficient condition** for the **finiteness property**.

A sufficient condition

(for the finiteness property)

Let $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}$ be a closed convex set.

Proposition

If $\text{int}(B) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}) \neq \emptyset$, then (\star) is true, that is

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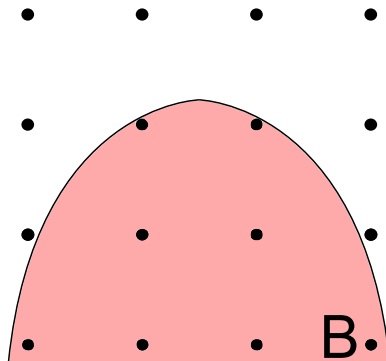
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(In the pure integer case ($n_2 = 0$).)

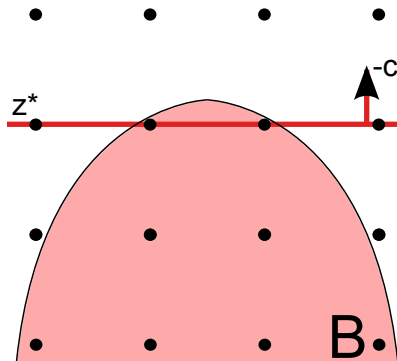
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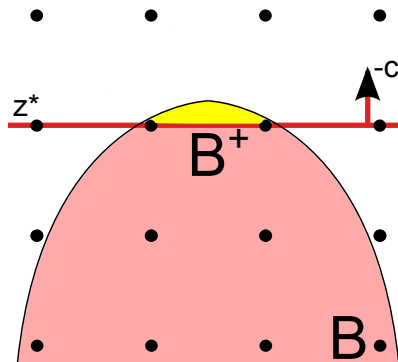
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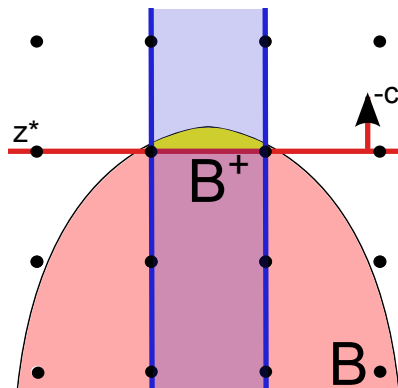
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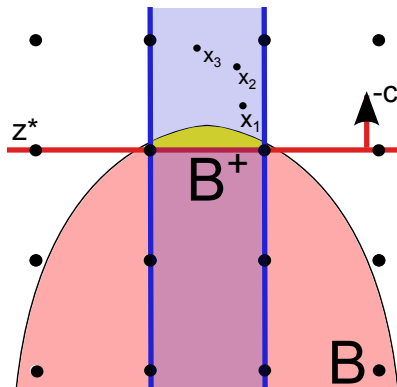
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- ▶ \Rightarrow exists maximal lattice-free convex set Q containing B^+ .
- ▶ $Q = \text{Polytope} + \text{Linear subspace}$.



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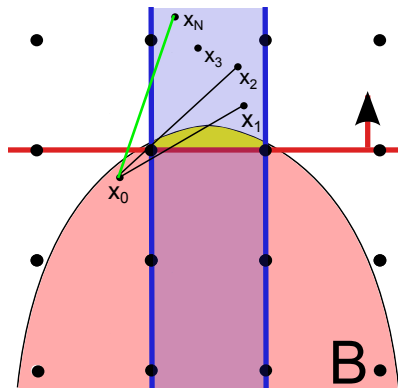
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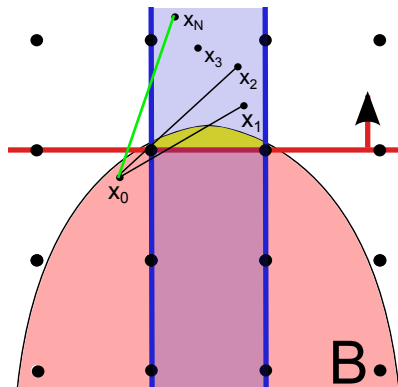
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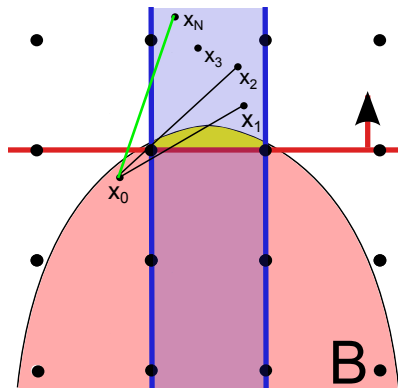
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- ▶ $B^+ \subseteq Q$
- ▶ \Rightarrow for large N we obtain
 Contradiction! \square



2 Polyhedrality of integer hulls.

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The easy case

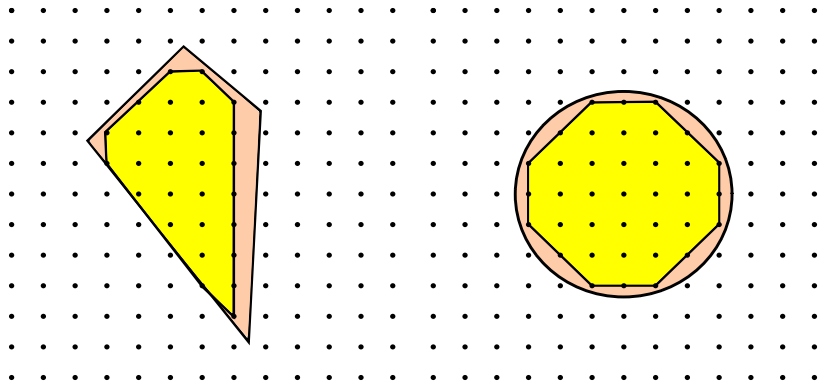
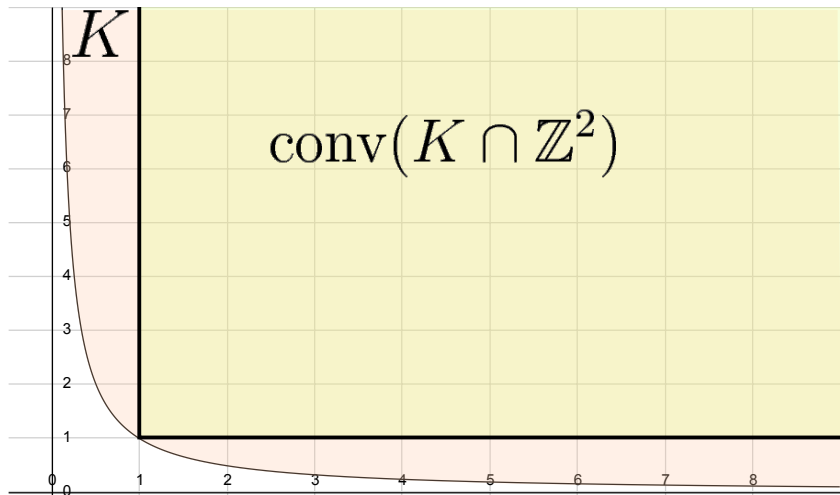


Figure: Polytope

Figure: Bounded convex set

Ex 2: K is an hyperbola



Examples of $\text{conv}(K \cap \mathbb{Z}^n)$
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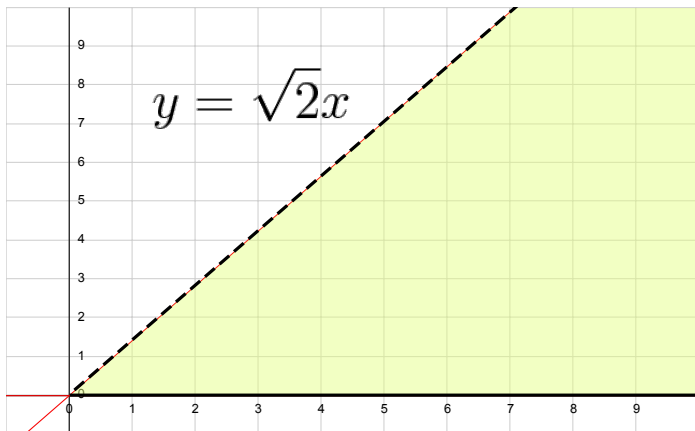


Figure: $\text{conv}(K \cap \mathbb{Z}^n)$ is not even closed

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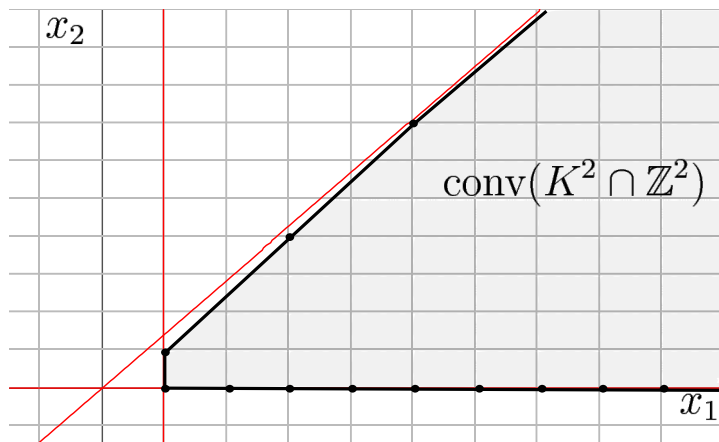


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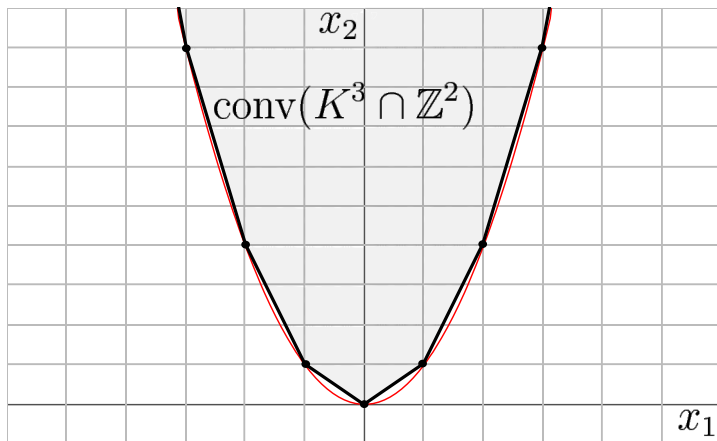
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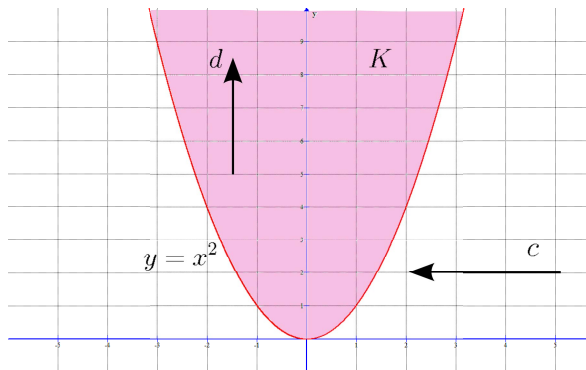
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 - ▶ Ex: Parabola vs Hyperbola.

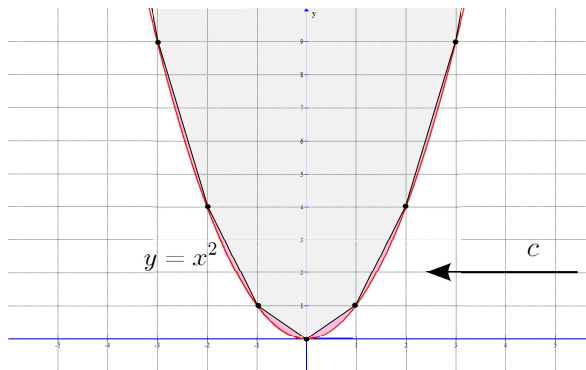
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2.1 Main result

Sufficient and 'necessary' conditions for
polyhedrality.

Definition

Thin convex sets

We say that a closed convex set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is **thin** if

$$\min\{c^T x \mid x \in K\} = -\infty \Leftrightarrow \exists d \in \text{rec.cone}(K) \quad c^T d < 0.$$

- ▶ Every polyhedron is a thin convex set.
- ▶ Hyperbola is a thin convex set.

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2.2 Sketch of the proof.

Gordan-Dickson Lemma (GDL)

Lemma

Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^m$ and assume that $\exists s_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ such that

for all $s \in S$ $s \geq s_0$.

Then there exists $T \subseteq S$, finite set, satisfying

for all $s \in S$ $\exists t \in T$ such that $s \geq t$.

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6. We can apply GDL to S to obtain a finite set $T \subset S$.
 - $\Rightarrow \exists Y \subseteq K \cap \mathbb{Z}^n$, finite set, such that $T = AY$.
 - \Rightarrow for all $x \in K \cap \mathbb{Z}^n \exists y \in Y$ such that $Ax \geq Ay$.
 - $\Rightarrow K \cap \mathbb{Z}^n \subseteq Y + \text{rec.cone}(K). \square$

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1. We know that

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for some $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$.

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- ▶ $\text{rec.cone}(K) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n : Ax \geq 0\}$, a **rational polyhedral cone**.
- ▶ K is a thin set.

3 Duality for conic mixed-integer programs

3.1 Notation and basic ideas

The primal problems

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$.

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(MICP):

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Some definitions

Subadditivity, conic non-decreasing

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, and $g : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$ be a function.

Definition (Subadditive function)

g is said to be subadditive if for all $u, v \in \Omega$

$$u + v \in \Omega \Rightarrow g(u + v) \leq g(u) + g(v).$$

Definition (Nondecreasing w.r.t K)

g is said to be nondecreasing w.r.t. K if for $u, v \in \Omega$

$$u \succeq_K v \Rightarrow g(u) \geq g(v).$$

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where A^i is the i th column of A , and $\bar{g}(d) = \limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(\delta d)}{\delta}$.

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Remark

When $K = \mathbb{R}_+^m$ we retrieve the subadditive dual for (\mathcal{P}_{MILP}) .

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- ▶ **Best possible lower bounds:** (\mathcal{P}) is feasible and bounded, then there exists $g^* : \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ feasible for (\mathcal{D}) such that

$$g^*(b) = \inf\{c^T x : Ax \succeq_K b, x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}\} \quad (\text{Strong duality}).$$

Theorem

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Some applications

(of subadditive duality for (\mathcal{P}_{MILP}))

Dual feasible functions give **ALL** valid linear inequalities for (\mathcal{P}_{MILP}) :

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} g(A^i)x_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} \bar{g}(A^i)x_i \geq g(b),$$

where g is a feasible dual function.

Example

Gomory mixed-integer cuts are given by dual feasible functions corresponding to 1-row Mixed integer linear programs.

3.2 Main result:

Extension of the **Subadditive duality theory** for **(MILP)** to the case of **(MICP)**.

Strong duality for (MILP)

The well-known result:

Theorem (Strong duality for (MILP))

If $A \in \mathbb{Q}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{Q}^m$ (data is rational), then

1. (\mathcal{P}_{MILP}) is feasible and bounded if and only if (\mathcal{D}_{MILP}) is feasible and bounded.
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Strong duality for (MICP)

The new result:

Theorem (Strong duality for (MICP))

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1. Properties of value function f

- ▶ **Definition:** $f : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$, defined as

$$f(u) = \inf\{c^T x : Ax \succeq_K u, x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall i \in \mathcal{I}\}.$$

- ▶ **Domain of f :**

$$u \in \Omega \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{P}) \text{ with r.h.s. } u \text{ is feasible.}$$

- ▶ **Property of f :** In general, f satisfies all constraints of (\mathcal{D}) , except by $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^m$.

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This extension is very technical and uses the fact that there exists $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$ s.t. $A\hat{x} \succ_K b$.

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 - ▶ Strong duality for Conic programming.
 - ▶ Finiteness property.
 - ▶ Extension of value function.

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