

Integer Points in Polyhedra

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Exercise Sheet 10

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10.1. Let P be a reflexive polytope in a lattice Λ .

For $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \partial P \cap \Lambda$, $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}$ we write $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y}$ if there exists a facet of P containing $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$.

For distinct $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \partial P \cap \Lambda$

- (a) either $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y}$
- (b) or $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$
- (c) or $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in \partial P \cap \Lambda$.

If (c) holds, then

- ▷ $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ or $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ and
- ▷ there are $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ such that for $\mathbf{z} := a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y} \in \partial P \cap \Lambda$ we have $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{z} \sim \mathbf{y}$ and $a = 1$ or $b = 1$.

Conclude that the diameter of the graph of a simplicial reflexive polytope is at most 3.

10.2. Prove the classification of reflexive polygons given on the back.

10.3. Show that a polytope P is Gorenstein of index r if and only if for all $k \geq r$

$$e_P(-k) = (-1)^d e_P(k-r).$$

10.4. Prove that the Birkhoff polytope B_n (the convex hull of $n \times n$ -permutation matrices) is a Gorenstein polytope of codegree n . What is its dimension and degree? What is the unique interior lattice point of nB_n ?

10.5. Finish the exercises of Sheets 1 to 9.

