

Thm: Any (lattice) polytope P has a regular triangulation τ with $V(\tau) = V(E)$

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Proof. Ex

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Case: Any pointed cone C has a regular triangulation using only the rays of C .

Proof: C pointed $\Rightarrow$ there is a functional α

$$\text{s.t. } \alpha(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in C$$

$$\Rightarrow P := C \cap \{x \mid \alpha(x) = 1\} \text{ polytope}$$

Take cones over triangulation of P .

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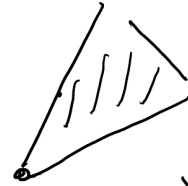
4. Volume

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Euclidean does not respect lattice:

Pick : vol of min. simplex is $\frac{1}{2}$
for $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^2$

$$\Lambda = \Lambda\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} ? \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$



minimal, but vol = 1

$\Rightarrow$ volume relative to lattice:

$$\text{vol}_\Lambda(\pi(\Lambda)) := 1$$

Let P be a lattice simplex in Λ

Then $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ with $\varphi(\Lambda_d) = P$
has integral matrix, so

$$d! \text{vol}_\Lambda P = d! |\det \varphi| \text{vol}_\Lambda \Lambda_d = |\det \varphi|$$

so

$$d! \text{vol}_\Lambda P \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

and

$$d! \text{vol} P = 1 \Leftrightarrow P \cong \Lambda_d$$

Using a triangulation:

$d! \text{vol} P \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ for all lattice polytopes.

Def The normalized volume of a d -dim lattice polytope P in $\mathbb{R}^d$ is

$$\text{vol } P := d! \cdot \text{vol}_1 P \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$$

→ extend to lower dim by passing to $\text{aff } P$ and $\Lambda \cap \text{aff } P$.

P lattice polytope of $\text{vol } V$

⇒ any triangulation has at most V maximal simplices!

→ show that this leaves only finitely many types

Recall: $S = \text{conv}(v_0, \dots, v_d)$ simplex, then
 $c(S) = \frac{1}{d+1} \sum v_i$ centroid of S .

Then P d -dim lattice polytope, $\text{vol } P = V$

Then there is $Q \cong P$ s.t. $Q \subseteq [0, dV]^d$

If P is a simplex, then even $Q \subseteq [0, V]^d$

Proof: (1) $P = \text{conv}(0, v_1, \dots, v_d)$ simplex

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & v_d \end{pmatrix}$$

$UV \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$ there is unimodular U s.t.

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$UV = H$ is

- upper triangular

- non-negative

- max det of each column a diagonal.

$$\Rightarrow Q = \det(c_1, \dots, c_d) \leq \underbrace{[c_1, \dots, c_d]}_{=V}^d$$

(2) in general:

In the exercises you prove that there is a simplex $S \in \mathcal{P}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} P &\subseteq (-d)(S - c(S)) + c(S) \\ &= (-d)S + \sum_{v \in V(S)} v \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ there is unimod $\varphi: \varphi(S) \subseteq [0, \text{unod } S]^d$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P &\cong \varphi(P) \subseteq (-d)\varphi(S) + \sum_{v \in V(S)} \varphi(v) \\ &\subseteq [0, -d \text{ unod } S]^d + \sum_{v \in V(S)} \varphi(v) \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary (Finiteness Thm)

There are only finitely many isomorphism classes of lattice polytopes of given dimension and volume.

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5. Counting Lattice Points

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volume vs lattice pts in convex bodies:

B convex, approximate vol by cubes at lattice pts in B :
and refine the lattice:

$$\int_B dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^d} |B \cap \frac{1}{k} \mathbb{Z}^d| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^d} |k B \cap \mathbb{Z}^d|$$

Def: B convex bounded

$$\text{chr}_B : \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \quad \text{ Ehrhart counting function}$$

$k \mapsto |k B \cap \mathbb{Z}^d|$

Ex: • $P = [a, b]$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \text{chr}_P(k) = k(b-a) + 1$

• $P = [0, 1]^d \mapsto \text{chr}_P(k) = (k+1)^d$

• $P = \Delta_d \mapsto \text{chr}_P(k) = \binom{d+k}{d} \quad (\text{Exercise})$

$\mapsto$ polynomial of degree d !

Ehrhart's Theorem: $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ d -dim lattice polytope

The $\text{chr}_P(k) := |k P \cap \mathbb{Z}^d|$ is a polynomial of deg d with leading coeff $\text{vol } P$.

The proof requires some preparations:

- (1) look at cone over P :

$$C(P) := \{ (x_0, x_0 x) \mid x_0 \geq 0, x \in P \}$$

reows kP as $C(P) \cap \{x_0 = k\}$

- (2) Encode lattice points in a cone by

$$\sum_{a \in C \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1}} x^a, \quad x^a = x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_d^{a_d}$$

- (3) show that this formal series can be written as a rational function

- (4) compute this for simplicial cones

- (5) use triangulation for general cones

- (6) evaluate at $(k, 1, \dots, 1)$