

MATH-566 HW 2

Due **Sep 9** before class. Just bring it before the class and it will be collected there.

1: (*Carathéodory's theorem*)

Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and let \mathbf{x} be in the convex hull of X . Show that \mathbf{x} is a convex combination of at most $d + 1$ points of X .

(*Hint: You can use other theorems, like Radon's.*)

2: (*Convex sets*)

Construct 4 convex sets C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 in the plane such that the intersection of each 3 of them contains a segment of unit length, but there is no segment of unit length in the intersection of all four of them.

3: (*SAGE: convex and affine combination*)

Write a program in sage that will compute if a point \mathbf{x} is a convex/affine combination of given points. The sage template with instructions is provided separately.

4: (*Largest disk in a convex polygon*)

Show that it is possible to use linear programming to find the largest disk that can be inscribed in a convex polygon. Suppose the polygon is given as H -polytope and formulate a linear program whose solution is the largest disk.

(*It can be done for H -polyhedron in higher dimension too, but do just 2D.*)

5: (*V-polytopes and H-polytopes*)

Let P be a V -polytope. Show that P is also H -polytope.

6: (*Polytopes and dual*)

Let P be a 4-dimensional hypercube. That is, $P = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_i \in [-1, 1], i = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Describe its dual $P^* := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} \leq 1 \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \in P\}$.