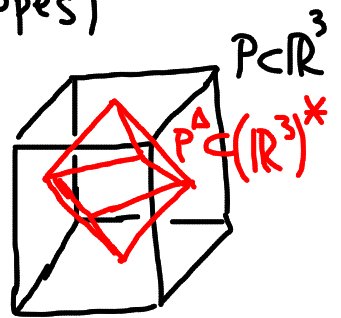


# Polar Polytopes (Dual polytopes)

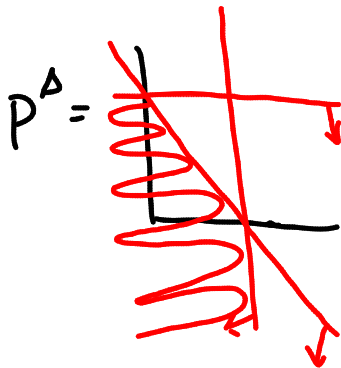
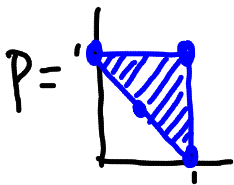
$P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  polytope (or some other subset)

The polar of  $P$  is:

$$P^\Delta = \{c \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^* : c \cdot x \leq 1, \text{ all } x \in P\}$$



Ex.



$V$  vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $V^* = \{ \text{linear functions } f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$   
 , "functional"  
 $\cong V$

## Theorem

$P, Q$  polytopes

$$P^\Delta = \{c \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^* : c \cdot x \leq 1, \text{ all } x \in P\}$$

$$\checkmark (a) P \subseteq Q \Rightarrow P^\Delta \supseteq Q^\Delta$$

Ex. (b)  $P \subseteq P^{\Delta\Delta}$

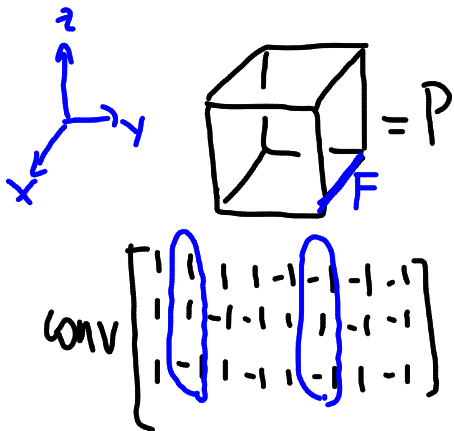
(c) If  $0 \in P$  then  $P = P^{\Delta\Delta}$

(d) If  $(0 \in \text{int } P)$  and  $P = \text{conv}(V)$  then

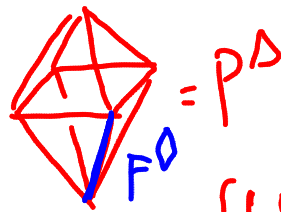
$$P^\Delta = \{a : a \cdot v \leq 1 \text{ for all } v \in V\}$$

(e) If  $(0 \in \text{int } P)$  and  $P = P(A, \mathbf{1})$  then

$$P^\Delta = \{c \cdot A : c \geq 0, c \cdot \mathbf{1} = 1\} = \text{conv}(\text{rows}(A))$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



conv (rows)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[x \ y \ z] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) If  $0 \in P$  then  $P = P^{\Delta\Delta}$

Need:  $P^{\Delta\Delta} \subset P$

Sup  $q \in P^{\Delta\Delta}, q \notin P$

Let  $c \cdot x = \omega$  sep.  $q$  from  $P$ :

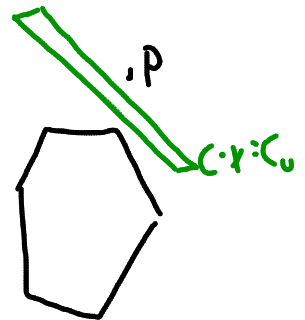
$$\begin{cases} c \cdot q > \omega \\ c \cdot p < \omega \text{ for } p \in P \end{cases} \xrightarrow{0 \in P} 0 < \omega$$

$$\begin{cases} c/\omega \cdot q > 1 \\ c/\omega \cdot p < 1 \text{ for } p \in P \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{c}{\omega} \in P^{\Delta\Delta} \left. \begin{matrix} c \\ q \in P^{\Delta\Delta} \end{matrix} \right) \frac{c}{\omega} \cdot q \leq 1$$

$$P^\Delta = \{c : c \cdot x \leq 1 \ \forall x \in P\}$$

$$P^{\Delta\Delta} = \{y : c \cdot y \leq 1 \ c \in P^\Delta\}$$

$$= \{y : \text{if } c \cdot x \leq 1 \text{ for } x \in P \text{ then } c \cdot y \leq 1\}$$



(d) If  $(0 \in \text{int } P \text{ and } P = \text{conv}(V))$

$$P^\Delta = \{a : a \cdot v \leq 1 \quad \forall v \in V\}$$

Pf  
 $\subseteq$ :  $P^\Delta = \{a : a \cdot p \leq 1 \quad \forall p \in P\} \quad \checkmark$

$\supseteq$ : let  $a$  be such that  $a \cdot v \leq 1 \quad \forall v \in V$   
Sup  $a \cdot p > 1$  for some  $p \in P$ .

The linear functional  $a \cdot -$  is max  
at face  $P_a$ . let  $v$  be a vertex of  $P_a$

$$a \cdot v \geq a \cdot p > 1$$

(e) If  $(0 \in \text{int } P \text{ and})$   $P = P(A, \mathbb{1})$

$$P^\Delta = \{cA : c \geq 0, c \cdot \mathbb{1} = 1\} = \text{conv}(\text{rows}(A))$$

$\supseteq$ : easy.

$\subseteq$ : Let  $a \in P^\Delta$ . Either

~~$P = \emptyset$~~   $(0 \in P)$  or

$ax \leq 1$  is a  $\geq 0$   
combin of  $Ax \leq \mathbb{1}$

$$P^\Delta = \left\{ a : \begin{array}{l} x \in P \Rightarrow \\ a \cdot x \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ a : \begin{array}{l} Ax \leq \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \\ ax \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Farkas IV

If an ineq. holds for  $P$   
then either

• that ineq is a  $> 0$   
comb of the ineqs of  $P$

or

•  $P = \emptyset$

$ax \leq 1$  is a combin. of  $Ax \leq \mathbb{1}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c' \text{ such that } c'A = a, c' \cdot \mathbb{1} = e \leq 1, c' \geq 0$$

We need:  $\exists c$  such that  $cA = a, c \cdot \mathbb{1} = 1, c \geq 0$   
(Assume  $e < 1$ )

Sufficient:  $\exists d$  such that  $dA = 0, d \cdot \mathbb{1} = 1, d \geq 0$

$$\frac{c - c'}{1 - e} \quad \text{Need: } d \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad d \geq 0$$

Farkas II: If  $d$  didn't exist, there must be  $(x \ y)$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

$$Ax = \mathbb{1}y \quad y < 0 \Rightarrow x \in P \\ \Rightarrow \lambda x \in P \quad \lambda > 0$$