

Subspace Concentration Conditions and Cone-Volumes

A Discrete Approach

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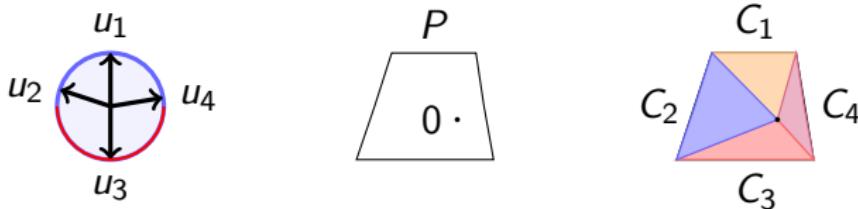
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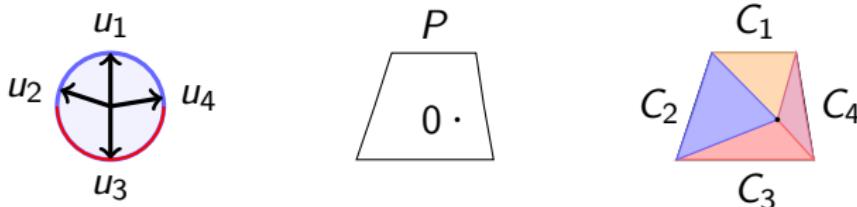
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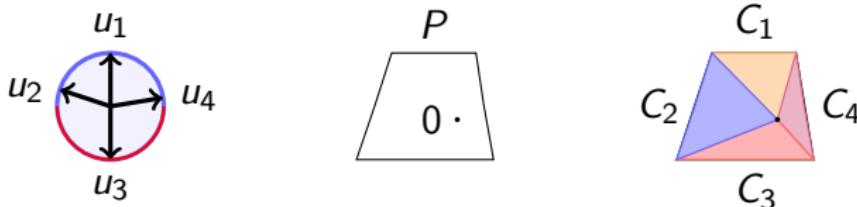
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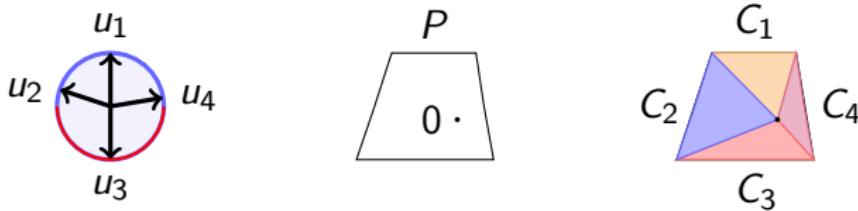
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- A measure μ is called even if $\mu(\omega) = \mu(-\omega)$ for all $\omega \subset \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$.

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Necessity was independently shown by B. He, G. Leng, K. Li, 2006 and H., Schürmann, Wills, 2005.

SCC for Polytopes

The scc for P reads:

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$$\frac{V_P(L \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1})}{V_P(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(P)} \sum_{u_i \in L} \text{vol}(C_i) \leq \frac{\dim(L)}{n},$$

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Y.-D. Liu, Q. Sun, G. Xiong, 2024: called concentration polytope for U without antipodal points.

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From the definition it follows $n \cdot \overline{P_{\text{scc}}(U)} = P(U)$.

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- Sh. Chen, Q.-R. Li, G. Zhu, 2019: $P_{scc}(U) \subset C_\gamma(U)$.

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This decomposition implies

$$\text{aff}(P_{\text{scc}}(U)) = \text{aff}(C_\gamma(U)).$$

Further,

$$\dim(P_{\text{scc}}) = \dim(C_\gamma(U)) = |U| - |\{S \in F(U) : S \text{ is irreducible}\}|.$$

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- In general, $C_\gamma(U)$ is not convex (cf. Böröczky, Hegedűs, 2015)

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- Baumbach, Henk, 2024+. $C_\gamma(U) = P_{scc}(U)$ if and only if U defines a parallelepiped.

If $U = (\pm e_1, \dots, \pm e_n)$. Then

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- Every polytope $P_U(\tilde{b})$ can be approximated by a simple polytope $P_U(b)$.
- Baumbach, Henk, 2024+: $\overline{C_\gamma(U)}$ is semialgebraic.

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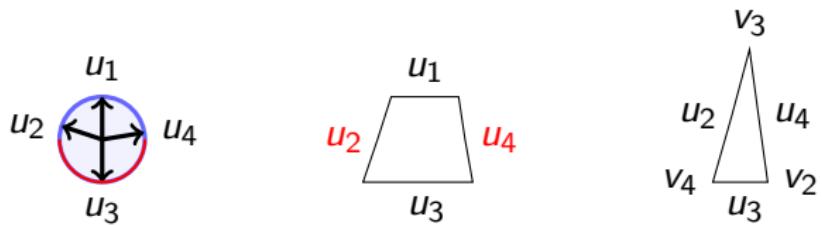
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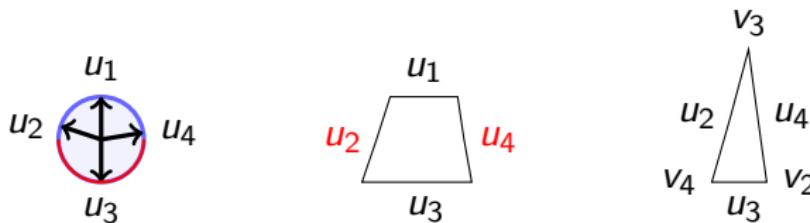
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Baumbach, Henk 2024+: We get the \mathcal{V} -representation

$$\text{conv}(\overline{C_{\gamma}(U)}) = \text{conv} \left(\bigcup_{i: u_i \in U_{\Delta}} \{e_i\} \cup \bigcup_{i: u_i \in U_{\square}, u_j \in U_{\square, u_i}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(e_i + e_j) \right\} \right).$$

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- $C_{\gamma, \text{sym}}(U)$ is convex using the volume formulas for simple polytopes.

Thank you for your attention!