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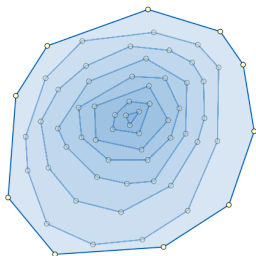
# Random polytopes in fixed and high dimension

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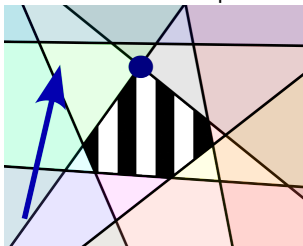
**Convex hull** of random points.



*Example*

Generalization of extreme values

**Intersection** of half spaces.

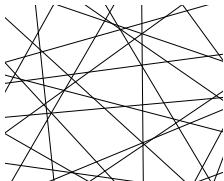


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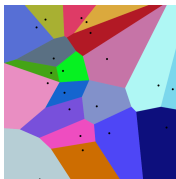
Feasible solutions of a set of (random) linear inequality constraints.

$$\text{conv}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \overset{\text{convex duality}}{\longleftrightarrow} \bigcap_i \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \langle x, X_i \rangle \leq 1\}$$

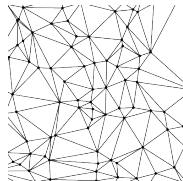
### ■ Cells in a random tessellation:



(a) Hyperplane tessellation



(b) Voronoi tessellation



(c) Delaunay tessellation

*Example:* Signal processing/compression in high-dimension.

### ■ Even more options:

- (random) **projection** of a higher dimensional (random) polytope
- (random) **intersection** of a higher dimensional (random) polytope
- ...



- Generalization of **extreme values** from one to multi dimensional data,
- **Probabilistic method**:  
The **Banach-Mazure compactum** over  $\mathbb{R}^d$  has size  $\Theta(d)$ .  
Proof using **Gaussian polytopes** [Gluskin] '81, 1.5 pages long
- **Signal processing/data compression**,
- **Approximation** of convex set by a polytope,
- **Linear programming** (complexity of the simplex algorithm),
- **High dimensional convex geometry**,
- ...



### ■ Metric quantities

- volume,  
surface area,  
mean-width,  
... (intrinsic volumes  $V_i(P)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, d$ )
- in-radius (radius of the largest ball inside),  
out-radius (radius of the smallest ball containing  $P$ ),
- distance with a fixed convex body (Hausdorff distance, volume difference,...),
- ...

### ■ Combinatorial quantities

- vertices number  $f_0(P)$ ,  
facets number  $f_{d-1}(P)$ ,  
... (more generally, number of  $k$ -dimensional faces  $f_k(P)$ ),
- combinatorial diameter,
- ...



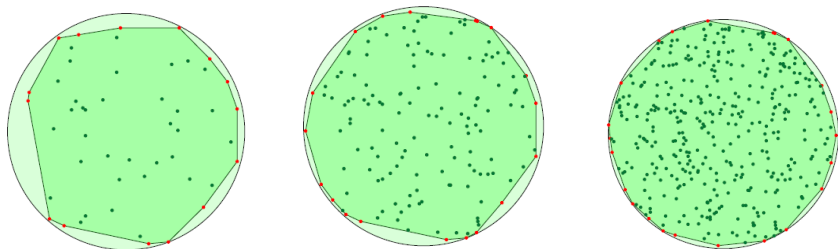
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## Monotonicity questions

$K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  a convex body

$X_1, X_2, \dots \in K$  i.i.d. **uniformly distributed** in  $K$

$K_n = \text{conv}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$



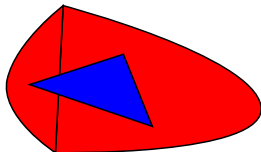
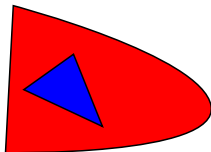
### Three questions

1. Is  $n \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} K_n$  increasing?
2. Is  $K \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} K_n$  increasing?
3. Is  $n \rightarrow \mathbb{E} f_0 K_n$  increasing?

1. YES!  $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} K_n \subseteq \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} K_{n+1}$ .

## Second question

2. Is  $K \mapsto \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} K_n$  increasing?



Trivially true in dimension  $d = 1$

'06 Question asked by Meckes

'12 → True in dimension 2,

[Rademacher]

→ Counterexample in dimensions  $d \geq 4$ .

'16 Counterexamples also for higher moments.

[Reichenwallner, Reitzner]

'16 Counterexample in dimension 3.

[Kunis, Reichenwallner, Reitzner]

'18 Counterexamples for lower dimensional simplices.

[Reichenwallner]



## Third question

3. Is  $n \mapsto \mathbb{E}f_0 K_n$  increasing?

**Problem:** Adding a point might kill many vertices.

**Hopes:**  $\mathbb{E}f_0 K_n \geq c \log^{d-1} n$  consequence of [Bárány, Larman, '88]

**But:** There exists a convex body  $K$  and a sequence  $(n_i)_i$  with  
 $\mathbb{E}f_0(K_{n_{2i}}) \gg n_{2i} n_{2i+1}^{\frac{d-1}{d+1}}$  and  $\mathbb{E}f_0(K_{n_{2i+1}}) \ll \log(n_{2i})^{d-1} (n_{2i})$ . (also [BL88])

'05 V.H. Vu calls it a *tantalizing conjecture*

'13 True for  $d = 2$  [Devillers, Glisse, Goac, Moroz, Reitzner]  
 True for  $n$  large enough in any dimension

'14 True for the **facet number** and  $K = \mathbb{B}^d$  [Beermann]  
 True for the **facet number** if the points are **normally distributed**

**Definition: Beta and Beta-prime distributions**

Both distributions are defined on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and depend on the value of a parameter  $\beta$ .

**Beta distribution:**

- if  $\beta > -1$ , density proportional to  $\mathbb{1}(x \in \mathbb{B}^d)(1 - \|x\|)^\beta$ ;
- if  $\beta = -1$ , = uniform distribution on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ .

**Beta-prime distribution:**

- if  $\beta > d/2$ , density proportional to  $(1 + \|x\|)^{-\beta}$ ;

Special cases: *uniform distributions on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  and  $\mathbb{B}^d$ , and the normal distribution.*

$$P_{n,d}^\beta = \text{conv}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \text{ with } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ i.i.d.}$$

**Theorem**

[B., Grote, Temesvari, Thäle, Turchi, Wespi] '17

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are beta or beta prime distributed, then  $\mathbb{E}f_{d-1}(P_n) > \mathbb{E}f_{d-1}(P_{n-1})$ .

(also: random spherical polytopes.)



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'17 True for the **facet number** and if the points are **beta** or **beta-prime** distributed

[B., Grote, Temesvari, Thäle, Turchi, Wespi]

'18 True for **the whole  $f$ -vector** for random projections of regular polytopes

[Kabluchko, Thäle]



### Open problems

1. Is  $n \mapsto \mathbb{E}f_0(K_n)$  increasing, for arbitrary  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  in dimension  $\geq 3$ ?
2. Monotonicity of the distribution:  $\mathbb{P}(f_0(K_n) \geq \ell) \leq \mathbb{P}(f_0(K_{n+1}) \geq \ell)$ ?
3. Monotonicity of other combinatorial quantities: e.g. combinatorial diameter?

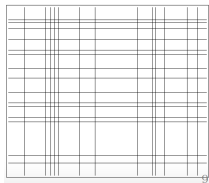
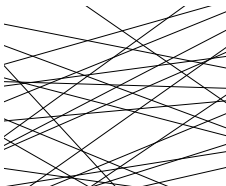
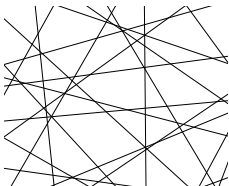


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$\eta$  stationary Poisson hyperplane process in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

→  $\varphi$  directional distribution

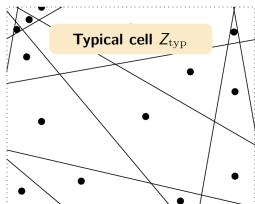
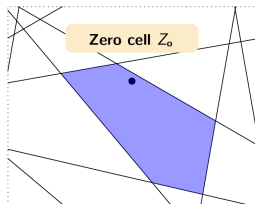
→  $\gamma$  intensity



Zero cell  $Z_0$

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Typical cell  $Z$



Distributions of  $Z$  and  $Z_0$ ?

- $\mathbb{E} \text{Vol}(Z) = ?$
- $\mathbb{E} f_{d-1}(Z) = ?$
- $\mathbb{P}(f_{d-1}(Z) = \ell) = ?$
- ...



### The zero-cell is volume-biased

$$\mathbb{E}g(Z_0) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\text{Vol} Z}{\mathbb{E} \text{Vol} Z} g(Z) \right]$$

... where  $g$  is any *stationary invariant* positive measurable function.

More generally, for  $g$  non stationary invariant:  $\mathbb{E}g(Z_0 - c(Z_0)) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\text{Vol} Z}{\mathbb{E} \text{Vol} Z} g(Z) \right]$

### The typical cell is contained in the zero-cell

$$Z \subseteq Z_0$$

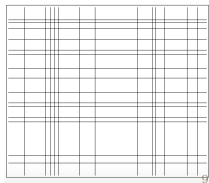
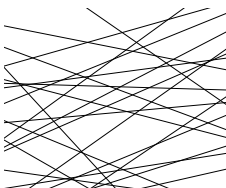
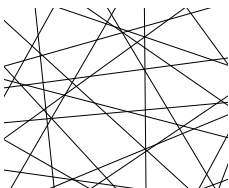
... for an appropriate coupling.

$f_k(Z)$  = # faces of dimension  $k$ .

## First moment of the faces numbers of the typical cell

$\mathbb{E}f_k(Z)$  is independent of  $\gamma$  and  $\varphi$ .

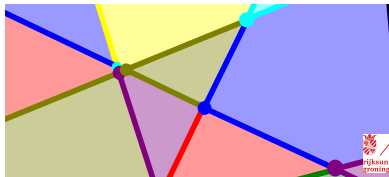
$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}f_k(Z) = \mathbb{E}f_k(Z_{\text{cuboid}}) = f_k(\text{Cube}) = 2^{d-k} \binom{d}{k}.$$



*Neat and simple proof:*

Each vertex takes the edges and cells

that contain it and are on its right.





### Theorem

[Mecke] '95 Adv. Appl. Prob.

$$\mathbb{E} \text{Vol} Z_\varphi \geq \mathbb{E} \text{Vol} Z_{\text{isotropic}}$$

- equality holds only in the isotropic setting.
- extend to any (integer) moment;
- also true for the zero cell.

### Open problem (Is it true for intrinsic volumes?)

$$\mathbb{E} V_i(Z_\varphi) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \mathbb{E} V_i(Z_{\text{isotropic}}), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, d-i\}$$

## Theorem

[Wiecker] '86 Prob. Th. Rel. Fields

$$\mathbb{E} \text{Vol } Z_{0,\text{isotropic}} = d! \kappa_d \left( \frac{2\kappa_{d-1}}{d\kappa_d} \gamma \right)^{-d}$$

Wiecker proved much more

- $\mathbb{E} \text{Vol } Z_0 = 2^{-d} d! \text{Vol}(\Pi_{\varphi,\gamma}^o)$  (no isotropy assumption)  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \text{Vol } Z_0 \geq \mathbb{E} \text{Vol } Z_{0,\text{isotropic}}$   
 (with equality only in the isotropic case)
  
- $\mathbb{E} \mathcal{H}^k(\text{skel}_k Z_0) = 2^{-d} d! V_{d-k}(\Pi_{\varphi,\gamma}) V_k(\Pi_{\varphi,\gamma}^o)$   $k = 0, \dots, d-1$   
 $\Rightarrow 2^d = \mathbb{E} f_0(Z_{0,\text{cuboid}}) \leq \mathbb{E} f_0(Z_0) \leq \mathbb{E} f_0(Z_{0,\text{isotropic}}) = 2^{-d} d! \kappa_d^2$   
 (with equalities only in the cuboid and isotropic case)

**Notation:**

$\kappa_d = \text{Vol } \mathbb{B}^d$ ,  $\text{skel}_k = k$ -dimensional skeleton,  $V_k = k$ -th intrinsic volume,

$\Pi_{\varphi,\gamma}$  and  $\Pi_{\varphi,\gamma}^o$  are convex bodies determined by  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$ . They are called *zonotopes*.



### Challenge

Find  $\mathbb{P}(f_{d-1}(Z) = k)$ .

Even in the simplest setting ( $d = 2$  and isotropy) this is answered only for a few values of  $k$ .

$\eta$  stationary and isotropic Poisson hyperplane process in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$Z$  typical cell

## Theorem

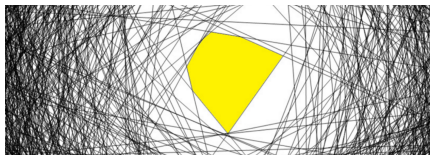
[Calka, Hilhorst] '08 J. Stat. Phys.

If  $d = 2$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}(f_1(Z) = n) \sim 16\pi^{\frac{5}{2}} n^{-1/2} \left(\frac{n}{\pi e}\right)^{-2n}.$$

In the same article, similar results about:

- the zero cell of Poisson hyperplane tessellation which are *non-stationary* (but scale homogeneous)
- the typical Poisson Voronoi cell.



Picture credit: [Kabluchko, Thäle, Zaporozhets] Adv. in Math. (2020)

Beta polytopes and Poisson polyhedra:  $f$ -vectors and angles

## Theorem

[B., Calka, Reitzner] '18 Adv. in Math.

$$\mathbb{P}(f_{d-1}(Z) = n) = \Theta(n)^{-\frac{2}{d-1}} n$$

We also show:

- $n \mapsto \mathbb{P}(f_{d-1}(Z) = n)$  decreases for  $n$  large enough;
- it extends to non-isotropic distributions.

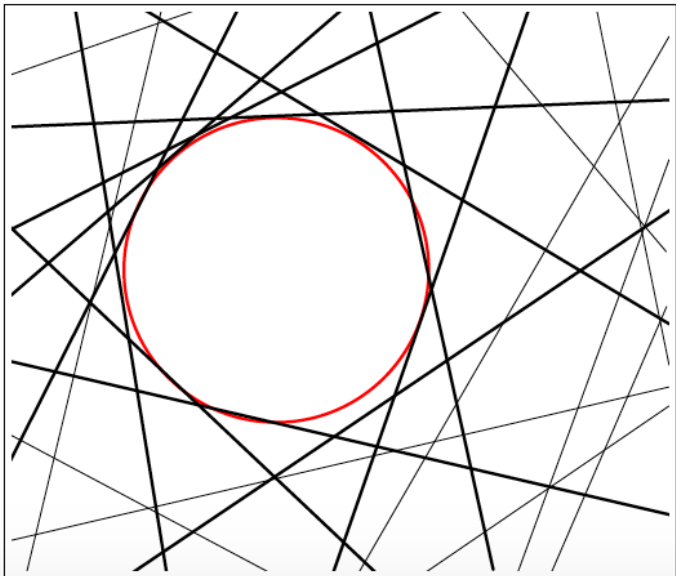


Foreword by **David Kendall** in *Stochastic geometry and its applications* (1<sup>st</sup> ed. '87) authored by his son **Wilfrid Kendall** and D. Stoyan and J. Mecke:

My own first contact with *classical geometrical probability* occurred during the war, when the Superintendent of my group (Louis Rosenhead) asked me to investigate the following problem; for the sake of clarity I formulate it in the modern terminology.

A euclidean plane with a marked origin  $O$  carries a Poisson field of unsensed lines with a uniform intensity. Almost surely the point  $O$  will lie in the interior of a unique Crofton cell  $C$ , with (unlabelled) shape  $\sigma(C)$  and area  $a(C)$ . What probability statements can be made about  $C$  which convey information about the strength of a fabric ('a sheet of paper') consisting of the field of lines ('fibres')? Thus it would be useful to be able to calculate the rate of occurrence of splinter-shaped cells  $C$ , and the rate of occurrence of cells with large area  $a(C)$ .

A few moments of the  $a(C)$ -distribution were already known, and I managed to add one more to these. One would have preferred to be able to say something about the asymptotics of the marginal  $a(C)$ -distribution valid for large areas, and to throw light one way or the other on my conjecture that the conditional law for  $\sigma(C)|a(C)$  converges weakly, as  $a(C) \rightarrow \infty$ , to the degenerate law concentrated at the circular shape.



## Kendall's conjecture ('87 minus decades)

$$\mathbb{P}(\exists r > 0 : r\mathbb{B}^2 \subseteq Z_0 \subseteq (1+\epsilon)r\mathbb{B}^2 \mid \text{Area}(Z_0) > a) \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow \infty} 1 \quad \forall \epsilon > 0.$$

- '95 heuristic proof [Miles]
- '98 strong support for the conjecture [Goldman]
- '97 first proof (in russian) [Kovalenko]
- '99 simplified proof (in english) [Kovalenko]
- '04 higher dim, no isotropy, also typical cell Ann Probab [Hug, Reitzner, Schneider]
- '04 finite numbers of directions (and more) Adv Appl Probab [Hug, Reitzner, Schneider]
- '07 far reaching generalization (geometric stability...) Geom Funct Anal [Hug, Schneider]
- '18 small progress on remaining open cases Adv Math [B., Calka, Reitzner]
- ... (also results about large faces of cells; Kendall's problem in the sphere, ...)



**Assumptions:**  $d = 2$ , stationary, isotropy, unit intensity.

For a convex body  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ , set

$$\vartheta(K) := \frac{\text{Perimeter}(K) / \sqrt{\text{Area}(K)}}{\text{Perimeter}(\mathbb{B}^2) / \sqrt{\text{Area}(\mathbb{B}^2)}} - 1.$$

■  $\vartheta(K) \geq 0$ ;

■  $\vartheta(K) = 0 \Leftrightarrow K$  is a ball.

### Theorem

[Hug, Schneider] '07 GAFA

$$\limsup_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^2} \log \mathbb{P}(\vartheta(Z_0) \geq \epsilon \mid \text{Area}(Z_0) > a) \leq -\epsilon,$$

### Theorem (Refinement: LDP)

[B.] PhD thesis '16

$$\limsup_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^2} \log \mathbb{P}(\vartheta(Z_0) \geq \epsilon \mid \text{Area}(Z_0) > a) = -\epsilon,$$

Both results extend to a much larger setting.

## Open problems

What is the shape of the typical cell conditioned on having a

- large number of facets?
- large mean-width? (=perimeter in dimension 2)

For a convex body  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$ , set

$$\widehat{\vartheta}_j(K) := \frac{V_{j+1}(K)}{V_1(K)}.$$

- $\widehat{\vartheta}_j \geq 0$
- $\widehat{\vartheta}_j = 0 \Leftrightarrow K$  is contained in a  $j$ -dimensional flat.

## Theorem (cells with large mean-width are not elongated)

[B., Calka, Reitzner] '18

Assume  $d \geq 4$ , isotropy and stationarity.

Let  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, \lceil (d-1)/2 \rceil - 1\}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  sufficiently small. Then

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\widehat{\vartheta}_j(Z) \geq \epsilon \mid V_1(Z) \geq a) = 0.$$



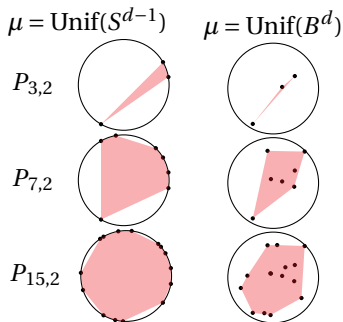
1. Jump to the next section? (Case study 3: High dimensional convex hulls.)
2. Discuss proofs' ideas? (on the board)



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- $X_1, X_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}^d$  i.i.d. random vectors distributed according to a probability measure  $\mu = \mu_d$
- $P_{n,d} = \text{conv}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

What does a **high dimensional** random polytope look like ?



### Distribution

- Uniform on the sphere,
- Uniform in the ball,
- Gaussian,
- Beta distributions,
- ...

### Regime

- $n \simeq \alpha d$  linear,
- $n \simeq d^\alpha$  polynomial,
- $n \simeq \alpha^d$  exponential,
- $n \simeq d^{\alpha d}$  super exponential,
- ...

### Characteristic

- Number of facets,
- Height of the facets,
- Volume,
- $\mathbf{1}(0 \in P_{n,d})$ ,
- ...

## Distribution

- Uniform on the sphere,

## Regime

- $n \simeq \alpha d$  linear.

## Characteristic

- $\mathbf{1}(0 \in P_{n,d})$ ,

## Theorem

[Wendel] '62

$$\mathbb{P}(0 \notin P_{n,d}) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} \binom{n-1}{k} = \mathbb{P}(B_{n-1} < d).$$

where  $B_{n-1}$  is a Binomial random variable with parameters  $n-1$  and  $1/2$ .

Since  $[2B_{n-1} - (n-1)]/\sqrt{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$  we have

## Corollary (Threshold phenomena)

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(0 \in P_{n,d}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq (2 - \epsilon)d, \\ 1 & \text{if } n \geq (2 + \epsilon)d. \end{cases}$$

## Corollary (Phase transition)

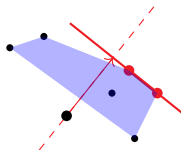
If  $n = 2d + x\sqrt{d} + o(\sqrt{d})$  then  $\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(0 \in P_{n,d}) = \Phi(x)$ .

where  $\Phi(x) = \mathbb{P}(Z \leq x)$  is the CDF of a standard normal random variable.

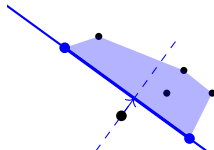
Let  $F$  be a facet of  $P_{n,d}$ .

Set  $H = \text{affineHull}(F)$  its supporting hyperplane

Let  $u \in S^{d-1}$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $H = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \langle x, u \rangle = h\}$  and  $P_{n,d} \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \langle x, u \rangle \leq h\}$ . We call  $h$  the height of the facet  $F$ .



(a) A facet with positive height.



(b) A facet with negative height.

The **typical height**  $H_{\text{typ}}$  is a random variable defined by

$$\mathbb{P}(H_{\text{typ}} \in \cdot) = \mathbb{P}([X_1, \dots, X_d] \text{ has height } \in \cdot \mid [X_1, \dots, X_d] \text{ is a facet of } P_{n,d}).$$

Distribution assumption: **uniform on the sphere.**

Let  $[h_1, h_2] \subseteq [-1, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(H_{\text{typ}} \in [h_1, h_2]) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}([X_1, \dots, X_d] \text{ is facet \& its height is } \in [h_1, h_2])}{\mathbb{P}([X_1, \dots, X_d] \text{ is a facet of } P_{n,d})} \\ &= \frac{I_{[h_1, h_2]}}{I_{[-1, 1]}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_{[h_1, h_2]} &= \mathbb{P}([X_1, \dots, X_d] \text{ is facet \& its height is } \in [h_1, h_2]) \\ &\vdots \quad \boxed{\text{Toolbox from integral geometry}} \\ &= \int_{h_1}^{h_2} c_1 (1-h)^{\frac{d^2-2d-1}{2}} \left( c_2 \int_{-1}^h (1-s^2)^{\frac{d-3}{2}} ds \right)^{n-d} dh. \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

[B., O'Reilly] '22+

Distribution assumption: **Uniform on the sphere.**

- (sub-exponential) If  $(\ln n)/d \rightarrow 0$ , then  $H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ .
  - If  $n-d = O(\sqrt{d})$ , then  $dH_{\text{typ}} - \frac{n-d}{\sqrt{d}} r_1 \xrightarrow{d} Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .
  - If  $\sqrt{d} \ll n-d \ll d$ , then  $\frac{d^{3/2}}{n-d} H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_2$ .
  - If  $n \sim \rho d$ , then  $\sqrt{d} H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_3(\rho)$ .
  - If  $\ln n \ll d \ll n$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{\ln(n/d)}} H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_4$ .
- (exponential) If  $(\ln n)/d \rightarrow \alpha$ , then  $H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \sqrt{1 - e^{-\alpha}}$ .
- (super-exponential) If  $(\ln n)/d \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $H_{\text{typ}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 1$ .
  - If  $\ln n \gg d$ , then  $-\frac{d-1}{\ln n} \ln(1 - H_{\text{typ}}^2) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_5$ .
  - If  $\ln n \gg d \ln d$ , then  $r_6 \frac{n}{d} (1 - H_{\text{typ}}^2)^{\frac{d}{2}} - \sqrt{d} \xrightarrow{\text{tv}} Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .
  - If "d is fixed", then  $nc_d (1 - H_{\text{typ}}^2)^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \xrightarrow{\text{tv}} \Gamma_{d-1}$ .

where  $r_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}$ ,  $r_2 = \frac{2}{\pi}$ ,  $r_3 = \operatorname{argmax}(r \mapsto (\rho - 1) \ln \Phi(r) - r^2/2)$ ,  $r_4 = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $r_5 = 2$ ,  $r_6 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}$ .

$$H_{\min} := \min\{\text{height}(F) \mid F \in \text{Facets}(P_{n,d})\}$$

$$H_{\max} := \max\{\text{height}(F) \mid F \in \text{Facets}(P_{n,d})\}$$

These random variables have a similar asymptotic as the typical height:

### Theorem

[B., O'Reilly] '22+

Distribution assumption: **Uniform on the sphere.**

For  $H \in \{H_{\min}, H_{\text{typ}}, H_{\max}\}$ , we have

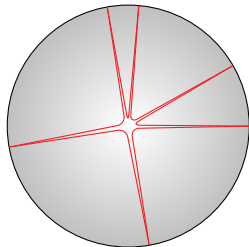
- (sub-exponential) If  $(\ln n)/d \rightarrow 0$ , then  $H \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ .
  - If  $n - d \ll d$ , then  $\sqrt{d}H \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ .
  - If  $n \sim \rho d$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(r_7(\rho) \leq \sqrt{d}H \leq r_8(\rho)) \rightarrow 1$ .
  - If  $\ln n \ll d \ll n$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{d}{\ln(n/d)}}H \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_4$ .
- (exponential) If  $(\ln n)/d \rightarrow \alpha$ , then  $H \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \sqrt{1 - e^{-\alpha}}$ .
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  - If  $\ln n \gg d$ , then  $-\frac{d-1}{\ln n} \ln(1 - H^2) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} r_5$ .

### Distribution

■ Uniform on the sphere,

### Characteristic

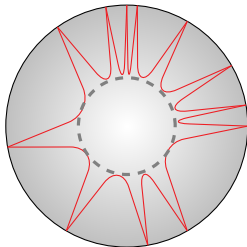
■ Height of the facets,



**(a) sub-exponential regime**

$(\ln n)/d \rightarrow 0$ .

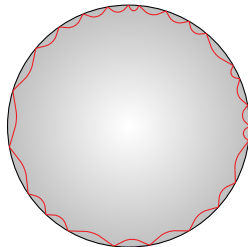
Facets' heights  $\simeq O(1/\sqrt{d})$ .



**(b) exponential regime**

$(\ln n)/d \rightarrow \alpha$ .

Facets' heights  $\simeq \sqrt{1 - e^{-\alpha}}$ .



**(c) super-exponential regime**

$(\ln n)/d \rightarrow \infty$ .

Facets' heights  $\simeq 1$ .

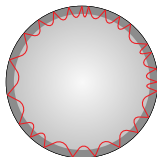
Distribution assumption: **Uniform on the sphere**

**Hausdorff distance:**

$$d_H(P_{n,d}, B^d) = 1 - H_{\min}$$


**Corollary**

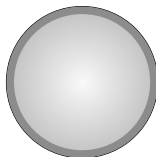
$$d_H(P_{n,d}, B^d) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow (\ln n) / d \rightarrow \infty.$$



**Volume ratio:**

$$\frac{\mathbb{E} V_d(P_{n,d})}{V_d(B^d)}$$

 The volume of the ball  $B^d$  is concentrated in a thin shell of width of order  $\frac{1}{d}$ .





## Theorem: Volume Threshold

[Pivovarov] '07 Studia Math.

Distribution assumption: **Uniform on the sphere/ball.**Fix  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ .

Then

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} V_d(P_{n,d})}{V_d(B^d)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq d^{(1-\varepsilon)(\frac{d}{2})}, \\ 1 & \text{if } n \geq d^{(1+\varepsilon)(\frac{d}{2})}. \end{cases}$$

## Theorem: Extension of Pivovarov's result

[B., Chasapis, Grote, Temesvari, Turchi]

'18 Comm Cont Math

Distribution assumption: **Beta distribution:** density  $\propto \mathbb{1}(x \in B^d) (1 - \|x\|^2)^\beta$ .Fix  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and let  $\beta = \beta(d) > -1$ .

Then

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} V_d(P_{n,d})}{V_d(B^d)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq d^{(1-\varepsilon)(\beta + \frac{d}{2})}, \\ 1 & \text{if } n \geq d^{(1+\varepsilon)(\beta + \frac{d}{2})}. \end{cases}$$

In the same paper we show similar results for **intrinsic volumes** and for **Gaussian distribution**.

**Theorem: Phase transition for random polytopes**

[B., Kabluchko, Turchi] '21 RSA

Distribution assumption: **Beta distribution**: density  $\propto \mathbb{1}(x \in B^d) (1 - \|x\|^2)^\beta$ .

Let  $\beta = \beta(d) > -1$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is fixed and  $n = \left(\frac{d}{2x+o(1)}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}+\beta}$ , then

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} V_d(P_{n,d})}{V_d(B^d)} = e^{-x}$$

In the same paper we show similar results for:

- **intrinsic volumes**.
- asymptotic for the **number of vertices** for the uniform distribution on the ball.

**Current work with Kabluchko and Turchi**

Asymptotic of  $\frac{\mathbb{E} V_d(P_{n,d})}{V_d(B^d)}$  for arbitrary regime.



1. Jump to the next section? (Case study 4: Combinatorial diameter of random polytopes.)
2. Discuss the front line of our research (slides)

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$  i.i.d uniformly distributed in  $\mathbb{B}^d$ .

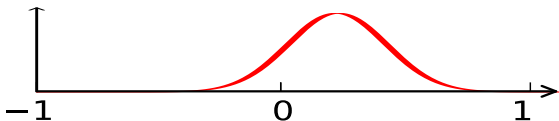
$$P_{n,d} = \text{conv}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

$$\mathbb{E}V_d(P_{n,d}) = \dots \boxed{\text{Toolbox from integral geometry}} \dots = B_{n,d} \int_{-1}^1 f_r^p(x) F_r^q(x) dx$$

with  $p \sim 2r \sim d$ ,  $q = n - d - 1$  and

$$f_r(x) = c_r (1 - x^2)^r \quad (\text{density on } [-1, 1]),$$

$$F_r(x) = \int_{-1}^x f_r(t) dt \quad (\text{cumulative distribution function}).$$





Set  $g = \log[f_r^p(x)F_r^q(x)]$

and  $x_d = \operatorname{argmax} g(x)$ .

Is it true that

$$\int_{-1}^1 f_r(x)^p F_r(x)^q dx = \int_{-1}^1 e^{g(x)} dx \stackrel{?}{\sim} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{-g''(x_d)}} g(x_d)?$$

### Theorem

[B., Turchi, Kabluchko] in preparation

**YES.** It is true.

If  $g$  would be of the form  $g(x) = dh(x)$  with  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , it would be trivial by Laplace's method.

But  $g$  is much more complicated to handle,  $g = g_{p,q,r}$ .

It is **not a trivial problem**.

**Lemma (Generalized Laplace's method)**
**[B., Turchi, Kabluchko] in preparation**

Let  $(g_d : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R})_{d \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence of **three times differentiable concave functions**, such that each of them has a **unique maximizer**  $x_d \in (a, b)$ . Assume that

$$\sqrt{-g_d''(x_d)} \min(x_d - a, b - x_d) \rightarrow \infty \quad (1)$$

and for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \sup \left\{ \frac{|g_d'''(x)|^{\frac{1}{3}}}{|g_d''(x_d)|^{\frac{1}{2}}} : |x - x_d| \leq \frac{k}{\sqrt{-g_d''(x_d)}}, x \in [a, b] \right\} = 0. \quad (2)$$

Then it holds

$$\int_a^b e^{g_d(x)} dx \sim \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{-g_d''(x_d)}} e^{g_d(x_d)}, \quad \text{as } d \rightarrow \infty.$$



$$\mathbb{E}V_d(P_{n,d}) \sim B_{n,d} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{-g''(x_d)}} f_r(x_d)^p F_r(x_d)^q, \quad x_d = \operatorname{argmax} f_r^p(x) F_r^q(x),$$

with  $p \sim 2r \sim d$ ,  $q = n - d - 1$  and

$$f_r(x) = c_r(1-x^2)^r \text{ is a density on } [-1, 1], \quad F_r(x) = \int_{-1}^x f_r(t) dt \text{ is a cdf.}$$

### Lemma

- $$\left[ \frac{-f_r' F_r}{f_r^2} \right] (x_d) = \frac{q}{p} \quad (\text{because } [f^p F^q]'(x_d) = 0)$$
- $$\frac{r+1}{r} \left[ \frac{-f_r'(1-F_r)}{f_r^2} \right] (x_d) = 1 + \sum_{k \geq 1} c_k \left( \frac{1-x^2}{r x^2} \right)^k \quad (\text{approx. } 1 - F(x) = \int_x^1 f(t) dt)$$



## New goal

$f^p(x_d) \sim ?$  and  $F^q(x_d) \sim ?$  given that

$$1. \left[ \frac{-f'F}{f^2} \right] (x_d) = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$2. \left[ \frac{-f'(1-F)}{f^2} \right] (x_d) = 1 + \epsilon_r$$

$$1. \oplus 2. \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{-f'}{f^2} \right] (x_d) = \frac{q}{p} + 1 + \epsilon_r$$

$$\text{Plug this in 1.} \Rightarrow \left[ \frac{q}{p} + 1 + \epsilon_r \right] F(x_d) = \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F(x_d)^q = \left( 1 + \frac{p(1 + \epsilon_r)}{q} \right)^q$$

$$\sim \exp(p(1 + \epsilon_r)) \quad \text{if } p \ll q^2 \quad (\Leftrightarrow n - d \gg \sqrt{d}).$$



$$\text{A bit of reorganization} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\left[ \frac{c_r}{2} \left( \frac{q}{p} + 1 + \epsilon_r \right) \right]^2}_{=: T^R} \underbrace{(1 - x_d^2)^{2(r+1)}}_{X^R} = \underbrace{x^2}_{=: 1-X}$$

Note that  $X \propto f_r(x_d)^2$ .

### New goal

$$X^{R^2} \sim? \quad \text{given that} \quad (TX)^R = 1 - X, \quad X \in [0, 1], \quad T = T(R) \geq 1, \quad R \rightarrow \infty.$$

Fixed point iteration method with the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{T}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{R}}$  leads us to:

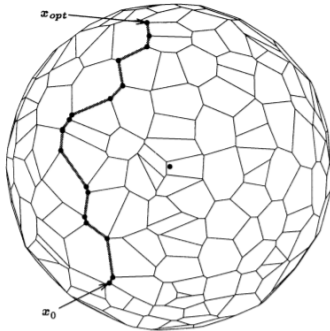
$$X^{R^2} \sim \frac{(T-1)^R}{T^{R^2+R}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{T-1} \log\left(\frac{1}{T-1}\right) + 1\right)$$

assuming that  $\frac{\log(T-1)}{T-1} = o(\sqrt{R})$  (which seems to be satisfied for  $n = e^{\Omega(\sqrt{d})}$ ).

... more to come soon...



- 1 Story 1: Monotonicity questions for random convex hulls
- 2 Story 2: Cells in a Poisson hyperplane tessellation
- 3 Story 3: Describing high dimensional random convex hulls
- 4 Story 4: Bounding the combinatorial diameter of random convex hulls**



## Linear programming:

- Polytope  
= set of linear constraints  $\langle a_i, x \rangle \leq b_i$   
= set of *feasible solution*,
- One want to maximize a linear objective function.
- The *simplex algorithm* searches the optimal vertex by exploring the *Vertices/Edges graph* of the polytope.
- What is the longest distance between vertices?



Let  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a polytope with  $m$  facets.

$$\text{distance}(x, y) = \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \exists [x, v_1], [v_1, v_2], \dots, [v_{k-1}, y] \in \text{Edges}(P)\},$$

$$\text{diam}(P) = \max\{\text{distance}(x, y) : x, y \in \text{Vertices}(P)\},$$

### Hirsch conjecture (1957)

$$\text{diam}(P) \leq m - n$$

Examples:

- Simplex:  $m = n + 1$        $\text{diam} = 1 = m - n$
- Cube:  $m = 2n$        $\text{diam} = n = m - n$
- Cross-polytope:  $m = 2^n$        $\text{diam} = 2 \ll m - n$



### Counter-example

[Santos] '12 Annales of Mathematics

There exists a polytope  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{43}$  with 86 facets and  $\text{diam}(P) > 43 = 86 - 43$ .

### Small improvement

[Matschke, Santos, Weibel] '12 Proc. London Math. Soc.

There exists a polytope  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{20}$  with 40 facets and  $\text{diam}(P) = 21 > 40 - 20$ .

Elements of the proof (for both results):

- They construct first a “spindle” (intersection of two polyhedral cones) with diameter greater than the dimension (diameter 6, dimension 5).
- Then they show that it implies the existence of a counter-example.





Santos' construction leads also to the existence of family of polytope violating the conjecture by  $\epsilon \geq 5\%$ .

### Family of counter-examples

[Santos] '12

There exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and an infinite collection of polytopes  $(P_k)_k$ , such that

1.  $P_k \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
2.  $\text{diam}(P_k) \geq (1 + \epsilon)m_k$ .

In particular,  $\text{diam}(P_k) > m_k - n$ .

### Polynomial Hirsch Conjecture

The diameter of a polytope is bounded by a polynomial of its dimension and number of facets.

Exponential in  $n$ , linear in  $m$ 

$$\text{diam}(P) \leq 2^{n-3} m. \quad [\text{Barnette ('69, '74)}] \text{ and } [\text{Larman ('70)}]$$

## Quasi-polynomial

$$\text{diam}(P) \leq m^{\log_2 n + 1}, \quad [\text{Kalai, Kleitman ('92)}]$$

$$\text{diam}(P) \leq (m - n)^{\log_2 n}, \quad [\text{Todd ('14)}]$$

$$\text{diam}(P) \leq (m - n)^{\log_2 O(n/\log n)}. \quad [\text{Sukewaga ('19)}]$$

Similar results for graph induced by certain classes of simplicial polytopes:

- Barnette-Larman and Kalai-Kleitman bounds hold for *connected-layer families* [Eisanbrand et al. '10]
- Barnette-Larman bound hold for *pure, normal, pseudo-manifolds without boundary* [Labbé et al. '17].



- 0-1 polytopes [Nadef '89]
- Leontief substitution systems [Grinold '71]
- Transportation polyhedra and their duals [Balinski '84] [Brightwell, Heuvel, Stougie '06]  
[Borgwardt, De Loera, Finhold, '18]
- Fractional stable-set and perfect matching polytopes [Michini, Sassano '14] [Sanità '18]



- "Well-conditioned" polytopes:

If  $P$  is defined by an integral matrix  $A \in \mathbf{Z}^{m \times n}$  with minors less than  $\Delta$ , then  $\text{diam}(P) = O(n^3 \Delta^2 \log \Delta)$ . [Dadush, Hähnle, '16]

- Polytopes with vertices in  $\{0, 1, \dots, k\}^n$

- $\text{diam}(P) \leq nk$ , [Kleinschmidt, Onn '92]

- $\text{diam}(P) \leq nk - \lceil n/2 \rceil$  for  $k \geq 2$ , [Del Pia, Michini '16]

- $\text{diam}(P) \leq nk - \lceil 2n/3 \rceil - (k - 2)$  for  $k \geq 4$ , [Deza, Pournin '18]



Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  a random matrix.

Set  $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq \mathbf{1}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\rightsquigarrow$  at most  $m$  facets.

Let  $P'(W)$  = orthogonal projection on a fixed plane  $W$ .

**Shadow-bound** = Expected number of edges of  $P'(W)$ .

Remark:  $\text{dist}(v_1, v_2) \leq \# \text{ edges of } P'(\text{span}(v_1, v_2))$ , for any vertices  $v_1, v_2 \in P$ .

### i.i.d. rows

[Borgwardt] '87, '99

Assume the rows of  $A$  are i.i.d.

Shadow-bound =  $O(n^2 m^{1/(n-1)})$  for any rotational symmetric distribution.

Shadow-bound =  $\Theta(n^2 m^{1/(n-1)})$  for the uniform distribution on the sphere.

### Smoothed analysis

[Dadush, Huiberts] '19

Assume that  $A = \bar{A} + \sigma G$ , where  $\bar{A}$  is fixed with rows of  $\ell_2$  norm at most 1, and  $G$  has i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  entries and  $\sigma > 0$ .

Shadow-bound =  $O(n^2 \sqrt{\log m / \sigma^2})$ , when  $\sigma \leq 1 / \sqrt{n \log m}$ .

## Theorem.

[B., Dadush, Grupel, Huiberts, Livshitz] '22

Suppose that  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2^{\Omega(n)}$ .

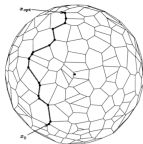
Let  $A^\top := (a_1, \dots, a_M) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times M}$ , where  $M \sim \text{Poisson}(m)$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_M$  are sampled independently and uniformly from  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ .

Set  $P(A) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq 1\}$ .

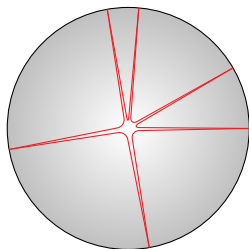
Then, with probability at least  $1 - m^{-n}$ , we have that

$$\Omega(nm^{\frac{1}{n-1}}) \leq \text{diam}(P(A)) \leq O(n^2 m^{\frac{1}{n-1}} + n^5 4^n).$$

For  $m = 2^{\Omega(n^2)}$ ,  $\Omega(nm^{\frac{1}{n-1}}) \leq \text{diam}(P(A)) \leq O(n^2 m^{\frac{1}{n-1}})$ .



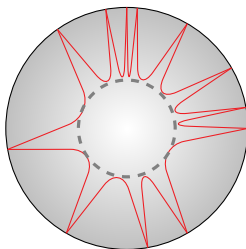
For the convex hull of  $m$  i.i.d. uniform unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the following picture holds:



**(a) sub-exponential regime**

$$(\ln m)/n \rightarrow 0.$$

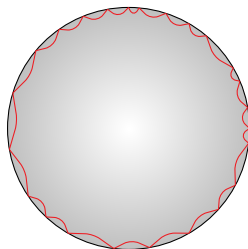
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**(b) exponential regime**

$$(\ln m)/n \rightarrow \alpha.$$

Facets' heights  $\simeq \sqrt{1 - e^{-\alpha}}$ .



**(c) super-exponential regime**

$$(\ln m)/n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Facets' heights  $\simeq 1$ .



Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  a random matrix with i.i.d.  $\beta$ -distributed rows,  
i.e. with density proportional to  $\mathbf{1}(a \in \mathbb{B}^n)(1 - \|a\|^2)^\beta$ .

Set  $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq \mathbf{1}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

[Bogwardt and Huhn '99] provide a lower bound on the Diameter of  $P(A)$ .

For  $\beta \rightarrow -1$  that gives:

### Best previous lower bound

[Bogwardt, Huhn] '99

Assume that the rows of  $A$  are i.i.d. uniform unit vectors, then

$$\Omega\left(\frac{m^{1/(n-1)}}{(m^{1/(n-1)} n)^{\delta(n)}}\right) \leq \mathbb{E} \text{diam}(P(A)),$$

where  $\delta(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Our results is a triple improvement (when  $n \geq 2^{\Omega(n)}$ ):

1. we remove the denominator  $(m^{1/(n-1)} n)^{\delta(n)}$ ,
2. we add a factor  $n$  (Bogwardt and Huhn wrote this would be difficult),
3. we show that it holds with high probability rather than only in expectation.

**1-neighbourly random polytope**

[Bárány, Füredi] '88

Let  $Q(A) = \text{conv}(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  with  $a_i$  i.i.d. uniformly distributed in the unit ball. With probability  $1 - o(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diam}(Q(A)) &= 1, & \text{if } m \leq 1.125^n, \\ \text{diam}(Q(A)) &> 1, & \text{if } m \geq 1.4^n. \end{aligned}$$

**Shadows of 3-dimensional convex hull**

[Glisse et al.] '16

Let  $Q(A) = \text{conv}(a_1, \dots, a_M)$  with  $a_i \in \mathbb{S}^2$  i.i.d. uniformly distributed in the unit sphere, and  $M$  a Poisson random variable with  $\mathbb{E}(M) = m$ .

1. With high probability, the maximum number of edges in any 2-dimensional projection is  $\Theta(\sqrt{m})$ .
2. In particular  $\text{diam}(Q(A)) = O(\sqrt{m})$ .



$$Q(A) = \text{conv}(a_1, \dots, a_m)^\circ = \{x : \langle x, y \rangle \leq 1, \forall y \in Q(A)\} = P(A)^\circ$$

$$P(A) = Q(A)^\circ$$

The proof of our main theorem (for  $P(A)$ ) leads to similar bounds for  $Q(A)$ , smaller by a factor  $n$ .

### Theorem (convex hull)

[B., Dadush, Grupel, Huiberts, Livshitz] '22

Suppose that  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2^{\Omega(n)}$ . Let  $M$  be Poisson distributed with  $\mathbb{E}[M] = m$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_M$  i.i.d. uniform unit vectors. Then, letting  $Q(A) := \text{conv}(a_1, \dots, a_M)$ , with probability at least  $1 - m^{-n}$ , we have that

$$\Omega(m^{\frac{1}{n-1}}) \leq \text{diam}(Q(A)) \leq O(nm^{\frac{1}{n-1}} + n^5 4^n).$$



## Theorem

[Eisenbrand, Hähnle, Razborov and Rothvoß] '10

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph, where the vertices  $V$  of  $G$  are subsets of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  of cardinality  $n$  and the edges  $E$  of  $G$  are such that for each  $u, v \in V$  there exists a path connecting  $u$  and  $v$  whose intermediate vertices all contain  $u \cap v$ . Then the following upper bounds on the diameter of  $G$  hold:

$$2^{n-1} \cdot k - 1 \text{ (Barnette–Larman)}, \quad k^{1+\log n} - 1 \text{ (Kalai–Kleitman)}.$$

Let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  be in general position. For a vertex  $x \in P(A)$ , we denote  $A_x = \{a \in A : \langle a, x \rangle = 1\}$ . Consider the following sets

$$V = \{A_x : x \text{ is a vertex of } P(A)\}, \quad E = \{\{A_x, A_y\} : [x, y] \text{ is an edge of } P(A)\}.$$

$$\text{diam}(P(A)) \leq 2^{n-1} m - 1, \quad \text{diam}(P(A)) \leq m^{1+\log n} - 1.$$

These are almost the bounds presented earlier:

$$\text{diam}(P(A)) \leq 2^{n-3} \cdot m, \quad \text{diam}(P(A)) \leq m^{\log_2 n + 1}.$$



1. Choose a *scale*  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(n, m)$  at which, with high probability,
  - $\{a_1, \dots, a_M\} \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  is **sufficiently dense**:  
 $C(v, \varepsilon) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for any  $v \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ ,
  - $\{a_1, \dots, a_M\} \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  is **not too dense**:  
 $\#(C(v, t\varepsilon) \cap A) \leq 45 \log(p) t^{n-1}$  for any  $t \geq 1$  and  $0 < p < m^{-n}$ .
2. **Bound the diameter of the shadow** on an arbitrary plane  $W$ 
  - Let  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{1/\varepsilon} = w_1 \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \cap W$ .
  - (**localization**) Show that the shadow path “between”  $w_i$  and  $w_{i+1}$  is determined (whp) by  $A \cap C(w_i, 6\varepsilon)$ .
  - Use the **abstract diameter bound** to bound the length of the local shadow.
  - Sum the local contributions
3. **Bound the diameter**
  - Let  $N \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  be a fixed minimal  $\varepsilon$ -net.
  - Bound the shadow diameter for any plane  $W = \text{span}(e_1, v)$ ,  $v \in N$ .
  - Connect the  $a_i$  to the closest shadow path.

Quantify carefully everything... and you are done!

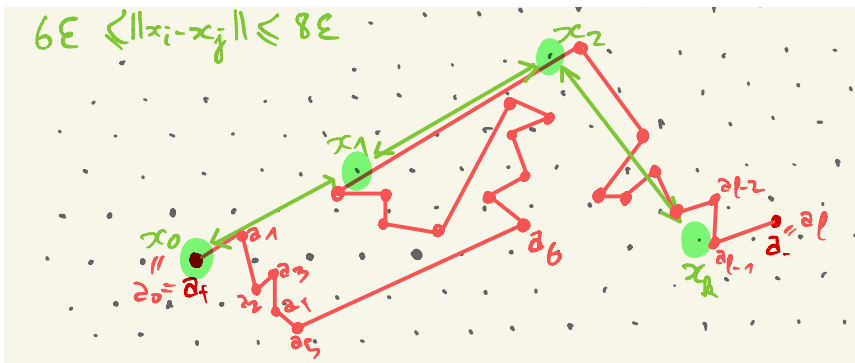


### Lemma

For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a simple bounded polytope containing the origin in its interior and let  $Q = P^\circ := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle \leq 1, \forall y \in P\}$  denote the polar of  $P$ . Then,

$$\text{diam}(P) \geq (n - 1)(\text{diam}(Q) - 2).$$

Thus, we only need a lower bound for  $\text{diam}(Q(A))$ .



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- Set  $x_0 = a_+$  and for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

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## 2. Intermediate lemmas:

- $\#X_k \leq (17^{n-1})^k$
- For any path  $[a_0, a_1], [a_1, a_2], \dots, [a_{\ell-1}, a_\ell]$  with  $a_0 = a_+$  and  $a_\ell = a_-$ , there exists  $k \geq k_0 = \Omega(1/\varepsilon)$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in X_k$  such that, for any  $i \in [k]$ , there exists  $j \in [\ell]$  and  $x \in [a_{j-1}, a_j]$  such that  $x/\|x\| \in C(x_i, \varepsilon)$
- It implies

$$\text{diam}(Q(A)) \geq \min_{k \geq k_0} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in X_k} \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} \mathbf{1}(C(x_i, \varepsilon/2) \cap A \neq \emptyset) \mathbf{1}(C(x_{i+1}, \varepsilon/2) \cap A \neq \emptyset).$$

## 3. Conclude with the union bound.



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