

# POLYHEDRAL GEOMETRY AND POLYMAKE EXERCISES

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(1) *Warm-up*

- (a) Initiate the 4-cube  $P$ .
- (b) How lattice points does  $P$  have?
- (c) How many interior lattice points does  $P$  have?
- (d) Compute the Ehrhart Polynomial of  $P$ .

(2) *Reflexive polygons*

- (a) Initiate a polytope  $P = \text{Conv}((1, 0), (0, 1), (-1, -1)) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . See Figure 1.
- (b) Is  $P$  reflexive?
- (c) Compute its dual. Call it  $Q = P^\vee$ . Print the vertices (I recommend drawing  $Q$  on some graphed paper).
- (d) Show that

$$|\partial P \cap \mathbb{Z}^2| + |\partial Q \cap \mathbb{Z}^2| = 12.,$$

that is, that the number of lattice points on the boundaries of  $P$  and  $Q$  is 12.

- (e) Display the properties which polymake has computed about  $P$ .

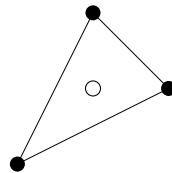


FIGURE 1. The polytope  $P$ .

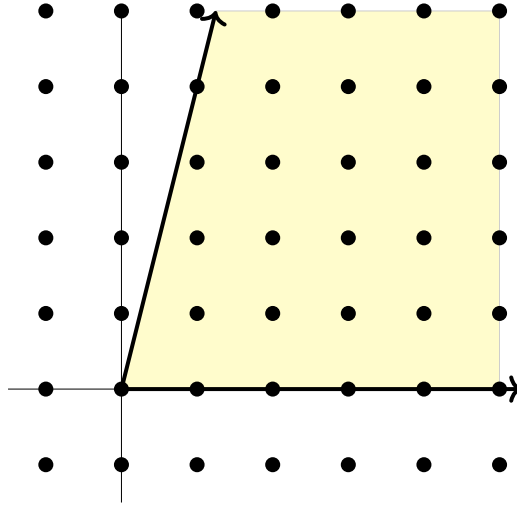
(3) *Simplices*

- (a) Initiate the polytope  $P = \text{Conv}((4, 0, 0), (0, 4, 0), (0, 0, 2))$ . What is its dimension?
- (b) Is  $P$  a smooth polytope?
- (c) Define a matrix  $M = (v_1 \mid v_2 \mid v_3)^t$ . What is the null space of this matrix?
- (d) Is  $P$  a simplex?

(4) *Cones*

- (a) Initiate the cone  $C = \text{Cone}((4, -1), (1, 0))$ .

- (b) Compute a Hilbert basis of  $C$ .
- (c) Is  $C$  smooth?
- (d) Check your answer using polymake.

FIGURE 2. The cone  $C$ .