

Certificate of infeasibility and cutting planes from lattice-point-free polyhedra

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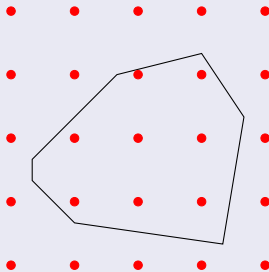
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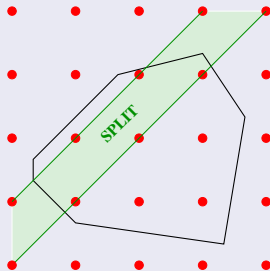
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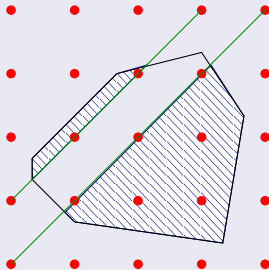
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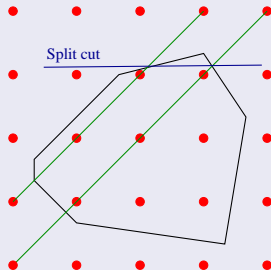
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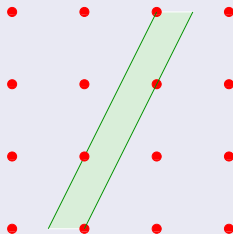
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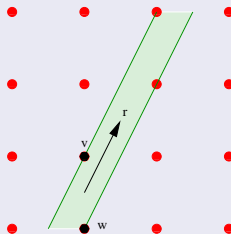
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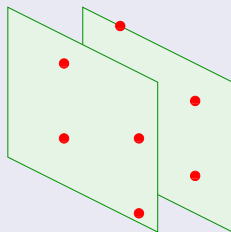
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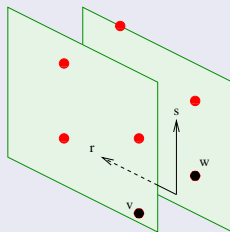
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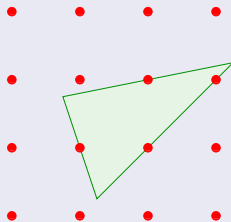
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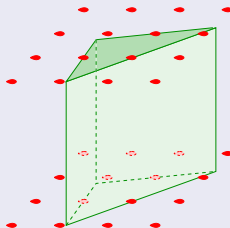
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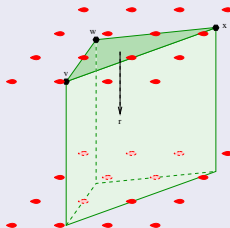
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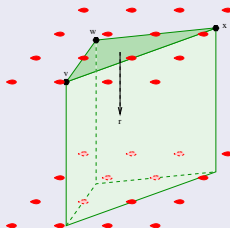
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Definition of the **split dimension**

A lattice-point-free polyhedron $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written as

$$P = \text{conv}\{v^1, \dots, v^p\} + \text{cone}\{w^1, \dots, w^q\} + \text{span}\{r^1, \dots, r^{n-d}\}.$$

The **split-dimension** of P is d .

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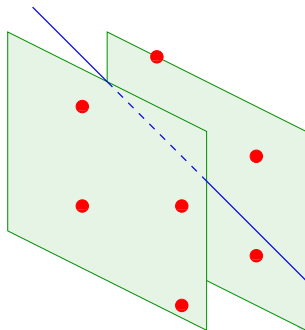
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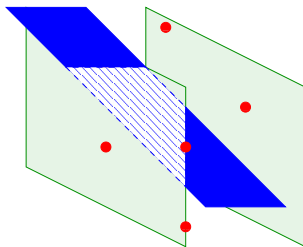
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Idea

$$\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ Cx &\leq d \\ x &\in \mathbb{Z}^n \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The bigger $\text{rank}(C)$, the more complicate the certificate of infeasibility.
(1) is infeasible if and only if $\{Ax = b, Cx \leq d\}$ is contained in the interior of a **lattice-point-free polyhedron** of split-dimension equal to $\text{rank}(C)$.

Integral Farkas Lemma for Systems with Equalities and Inequalities

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A certificate of infeasibility of (1) is an **integral infeasible** linear system (derived from the rows of (1)) with **as many variables as $\text{rank}(C)$** .

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[Andersen, L. , Weismantel 2007]

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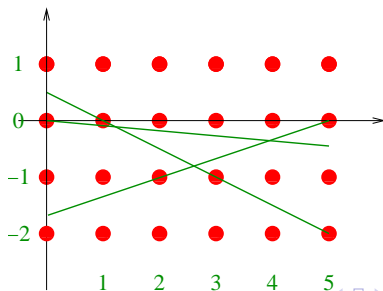
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Projecting out the s variable

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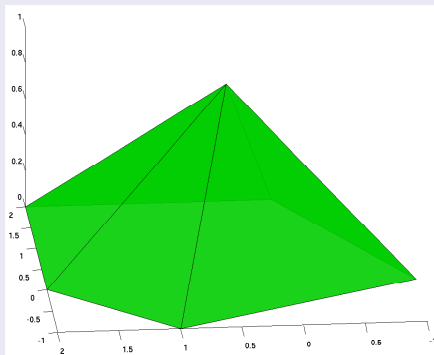
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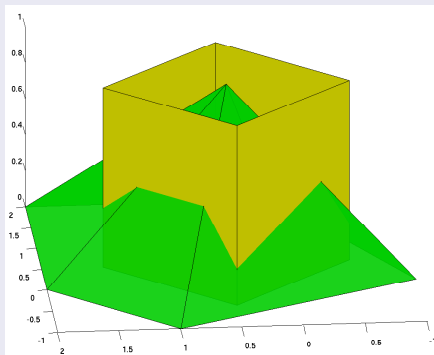


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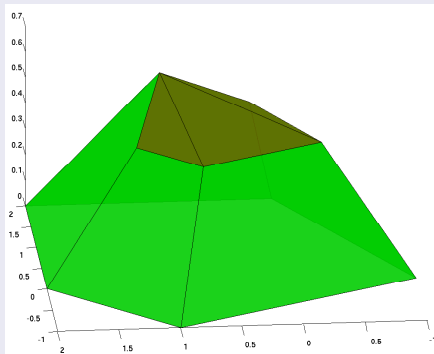
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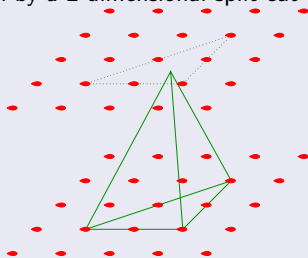
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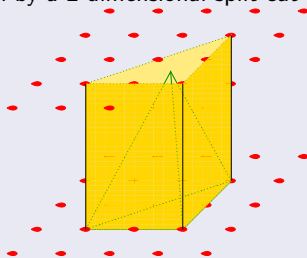
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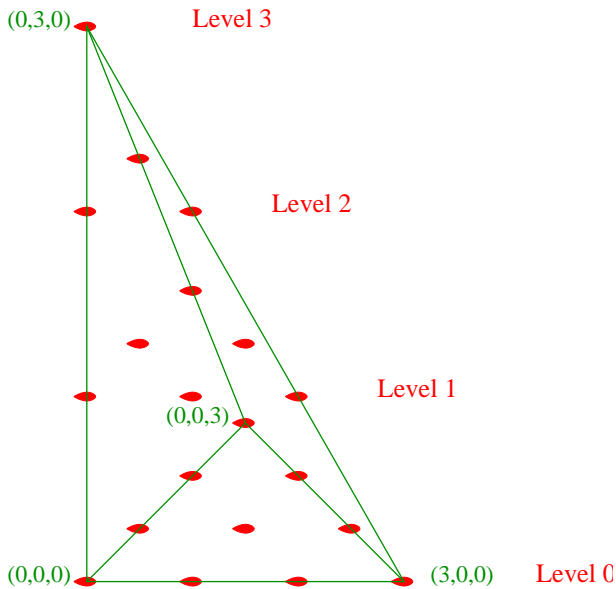
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