

Center of Gravity.

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$$E_0 = \text{Cube} \left[-\frac{R}{2}, \frac{R}{2} \right]^n$$

$$x^0 = 0$$

Separating plane $a^T(x - x^k) \leq 0$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} E_{k+1} = E_k \cap H_k \\ x^{k+1} = \text{COG}(E_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(E_{k+1})} \int_{x \in E_{k+1}} x \, dx \end{array} \right.$$

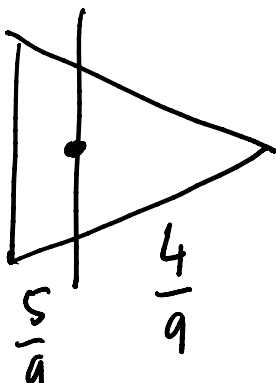
Repeat.

$$2) (E) = \text{Vol}(E)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

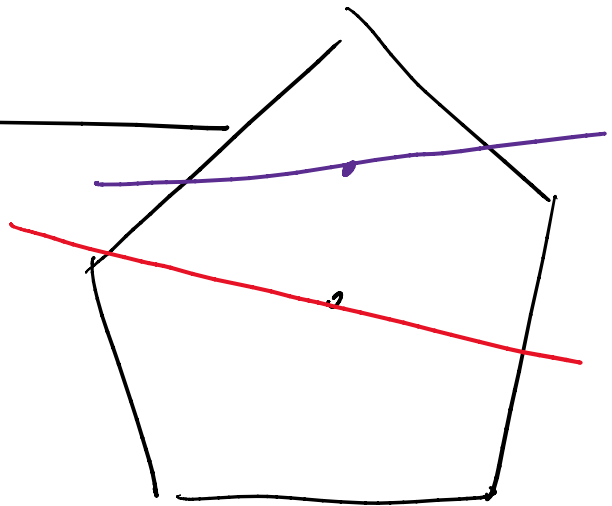
Clearly decreases.

At what rate?

in 2-d.



worrisome!



Th. (Brunn) If convex body K , any halfspace H containing center of gravity z of K satisfies

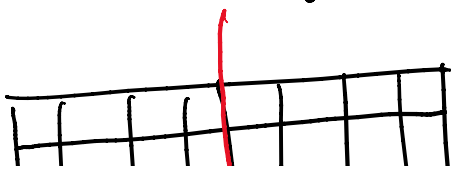
$$\text{Vol}(K \cap H) \geq \frac{1}{e} \text{Vol}(K).$$

\Rightarrow volume decreases by $(1 - \frac{1}{e})$ or faster.

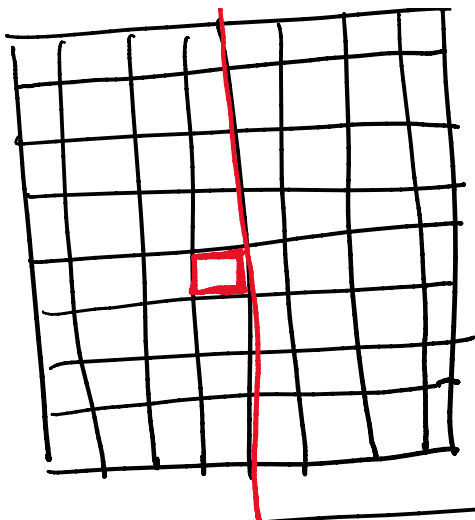
Th. $O(n \log \frac{R}{r})$ iterations suffice to reach set of volume r^n .

Th. Given separation oracle for convex set K , and $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n B_2^n$, and if K nonempty then $\exists x^0: x^0 + rB_2^n \subseteq K$, Cutting Plane method finds $x \in K$ in $O(n \log \frac{R}{r})$ iterations.

Th. This is asymptotically the best possible.

Pf.  Each iteration reduces \dots at most $\frac{1}{e}$.

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Each iteration
volume by at most $\frac{1}{2}$.
 $\Rightarrow \Omega(n \log \frac{R}{r})$ iterations.

Q1. How to prove volume decrease?

Q2. How to find COG?

f is logconcave if $\log f$ is concave, $f \geq 0$.

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda f(y)^{1-\lambda}.$$

e.g. $\mathbb{1}_K$, $e^{-\frac{\|x\|^2}{2}}$, $e^{-\frac{\|x\|^2}{2}} \cdot \mathbb{1}_K$

Lemma. product, min of logconcave f, g is logconcave. So is convolution.

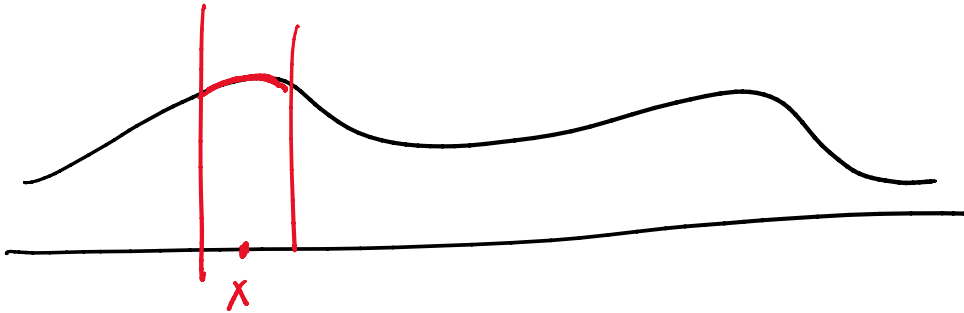
$$f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)g(x-y) dy$$

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$$f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) \mathbb{1}_{\{x-y \in [-1, 1]\}} dy$$

$$= \int f(y) \mathbb{1}_{x \in [y-1, y+1]} dy$$



moving sum/average.

Thm [Brunn-Minkowski] $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$$A+B = \{x+y : x \in A, y \in B\}$$

$$\text{vol}(A+B)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \text{vol}(A)^{\frac{1}{n}} + \text{vol}(B)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

(note: $\Rightarrow \text{vol}(\lambda A + (1-\lambda)B)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \lambda \text{vol}(A)^{\frac{1}{n}} + (1-\lambda) \text{vol}(B)^{\frac{1}{n}}$.)

Thm [Prékopa-Leindler]. $f, g, h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$$h(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \geq f(x)^\lambda g(x)^{1-\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int h \geq \left(\int f\right)^\lambda \left(\int g\right)^{1-\lambda}$$

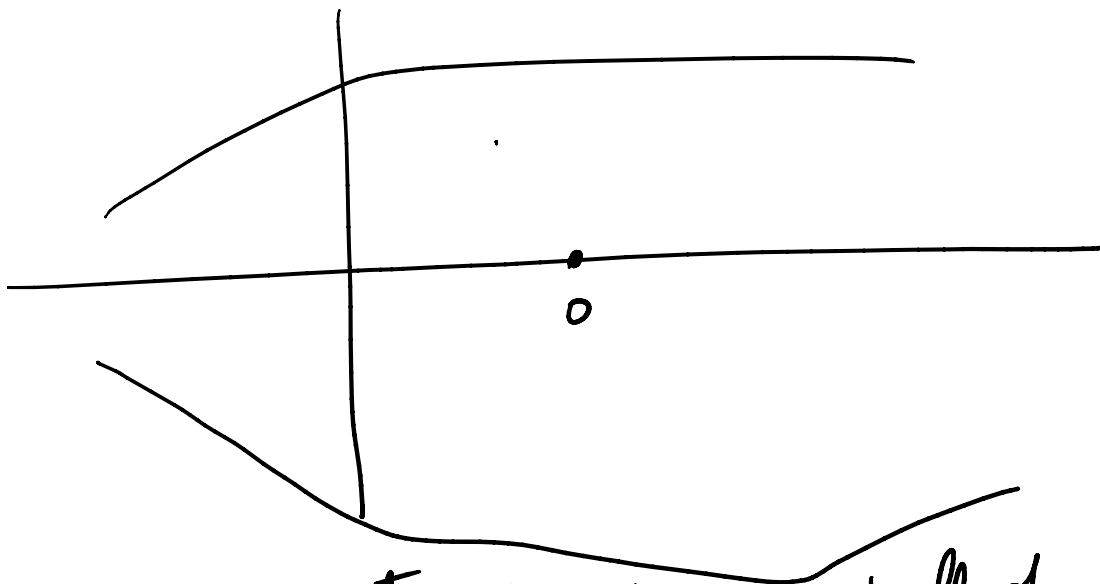
$$\Rightarrow \int h \geq \left(\int f \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\int g \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$

Back to center of gravity.

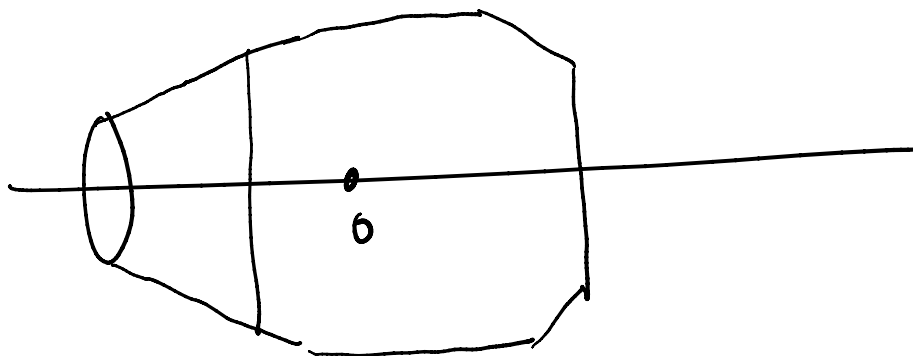
Th. K . $\mathbb{E}_K(x) = 0$.

$$\text{Vol}(K \cap \{x_1 \leq 0\}) \geq \frac{1}{e} \text{Vol}(K).$$

Pf.



Replace each cross-section $A(x=t)$ with a ball of same $(n-1)$ -dim volume.

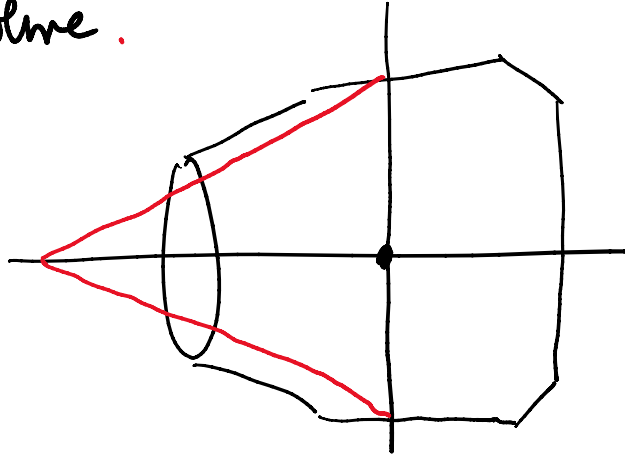


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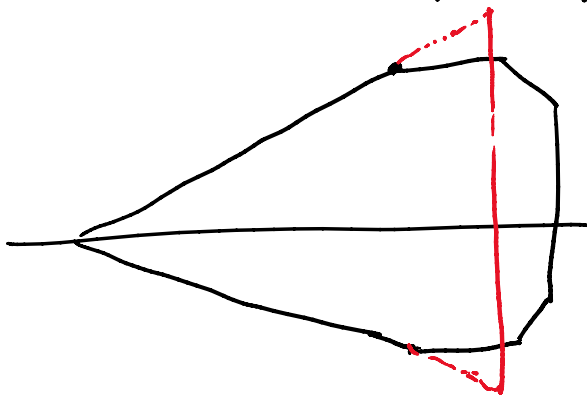
Pf. Apply B-M.

- Next, replace $x_1 \leq 0$ part of K with a cone of some volume.



- moves CoG to the left, reducing volume of left halfspace.

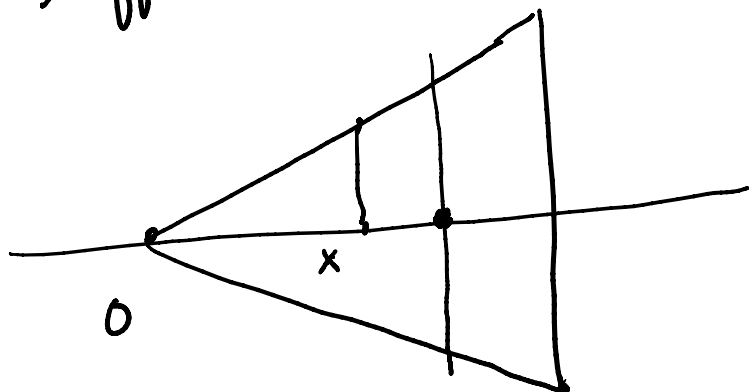
- Do the same on the RHS, keeping same cone.



- moves CoG \leftarrow .

So, suffices to prove for a cone!





$$A(x) \propto x^{n-1} \quad \text{total volume} = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{CoG} = \frac{\int_0^1 x \cdot x^{n-1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$$\frac{\text{Volume}(K \cap H)}{\text{Volume}(K)} = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{n}{n+1}} x^{n-1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n \geq \frac{1}{e}$$

Q2. Has to compute CoG?

Hard! #P-hard even for a polytope.

But $z = E_K(x)$ is the average.

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$$\begin{cases} E_{k+1} = E_k \cap \{a^T x \leq a^T x^k\} \\ x^{k+1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^i \quad y^i \sim \text{uniform from } E_k. \end{cases}$$

Thm 1 x = avg of m random points from K .

H = Halfspace containing x .

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{Vol}(K \cap H)) \geq \left(\frac{1}{e} - \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}\right) \cdot \text{Vol}(K).$$

based on

Thm 2 [Robust Gramian]. isotropic K . $\mathbb{E}_K(x) = 0$

H halfspace within distance t of a . $\mathbb{E}_K(xx^T) = \mathbf{I}$.

Then $\text{Vol}(K \cap H) \geq \left(\frac{1}{e} - t\right) \cdot \text{Vol}(K)$.

Lemma $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, logconcave, isotropic.

$$\int f = 1 \quad \int x f(x) = 0 \quad \int x^2 f(x) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \max f \leq 1.$$

Pf (2) project to 1-d. normal of H .

Apply Lemma.

Pf. $\sigma_{\delta}^2 = 1$.

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|X\|^2) = \frac{1}{m} \mathbb{E}(\|Y^i\|^2)$$

$$= \frac{n}{m} \dots$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|X\|) \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}$$

Apply Th 2 with $t = \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}$.

So using $O(n)$, say $10n$ points suffices
to get a constant-factor decrease in volume.
