

ON THE SHADOWS AND THE SECTIONS OF CONVEX SETS

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Abstract.

The paper is a continuation of research into the four point types of convex sets of \mathcal{E}_n introduced in [2]. Transference of the questions relating to this classification onto points exterior to the convex set are examined in section 1. The possibility of maintaining the point type under cutting of a convex set by hyperplane is examined in section 2. The terms of section 1 turn out to be convenient (section 3) for construction of the simple example of a boundedly polyhedral set, all of whose projections are polyhedral. The existence of such sets was proved by V. Klee [1].

Introduction.

Let us recall the main concepts of [2]. Denote by $[x, y\rangle$ the ray emanating from point x towards point y (in case $x = y$, $[x, y\rangle = \{x\}$). For convex $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ and $x \in A$ let

$$[x, A\rangle = \bigcup_{y \in A} [x, y\rangle, \quad \text{cone}(x, A) = [x, A\rangle - x = [0, A - x]$$

and

$$\mu_A(x) = \inf \{ \|A \cap [x, y\rangle\| : y \in A \setminus \{x\} \}$$

(or $\mu_A(x) = +\infty$ in case $A \setminus \{x\} = \emptyset$) Discriminate between the points of set A by the value of the function $\mu_A : A = A_0 \cup A_{+0}$, where

$$A_0 = \{x \in A : \mu_A(x) = 0\}, \quad A_{+0} = \{x \in A : \mu_A(x) > 0\}.$$

A more detailed classification uses the structure of the cone(x, A). Namely, the four point types appear as follows:

$$A_1 = \{x \in A : \text{cone}(x, A) \text{ is not closed}\}$$

(in the case of closed $A, A_1 \subset A_0$),

$$A_2 = A_0 \setminus A_1 = \{x \in A : \mu_A(x) = 0, \text{ cone}(x, A) \text{ is closed}\},$$

$$A_4 = \{x \in A : \text{cone}(x, A) \text{ is polyhedral}\} \quad (A_4 \subset A_{+0})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= A_{\neq 0} \setminus (A_1 \cup A_4) \\ &= \{x \in A : \mu_A(x) > 0, \text{ cone}(x, A) \text{ is closed and not polyhedral}\} \end{aligned}$$

From among the propositions in [2] note the following:

1°. if $x \in A_i (i=1, 2, 3, 4)$, hyperplane Π contains x , $B = A \cap \Pi$ and $x \in B_j$, then $i \leq j$ and $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x)$;

2°. if $x \in (u, v) \subset A$, $(u, v) \cap \Pi = \{x\}$ and $x \in A_i (i=1, 2, 3, 4)$, then $(u, v) \subset A_i$ and $x \in (A \cap \Pi)_i$; in particular, for every face F of A , $\text{ri} F$ lies entirely in one of the sets A_i ;

3°. $\text{cl} A_1 = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$ and $\text{cl}(A_1 \cap A_0) \supset A_2 \cup A_3$, moreover, for every point $x \in \text{cl}(A_1 \cap A_0) \setminus (A_1 \cap A_0)$ there exists an interval $(x, u) \subset A_1 \cap A_0$.

1. Shadow of convex sets.

For any point $s \in \tilde{A} = \mathcal{E}_n \setminus \text{cl} A$ we shall call set $\bigcup_{y \in A} [s, y)$ the *shadow* of set A with respect to the point s and denote it by $\text{sh}(s, A)$. It is natural to presume that the type of the ray (s, y) with respect to $\text{sh}(s, A)$, where $y \in A$, preserves certain information about the type of y with respect to A .

We first define one concept. Let us say that point $a \in A$ is a *non-regular* point of A , if there exists an interval (a, b) such that $(a, b) \subset \text{cl} A \setminus A$. Otherwise it is *regular*. Denote

$$A_R = \{x \in A : x \text{ is regular}\}, \quad A_N = \{x \in A : x \text{ is non-regular}\},$$

$A_{1R} = A_1 \cap A_R$. It is clear that $A_N \subset A_1, A_1 \cap A_{\neq 0} \subset A_N, A_{1R} \subset A_0, A_{1R} \cup A_N = A_1$.

The simplest example of a non-regular point is the vertex of any convex non-closed cone.

In the sequel, we shall use freely the following simple facts.

- LEMMA 1.** a) $x \in A_R$ iff $\text{cone}(x, A) = \text{cone}(x, \text{cl} A)$;
 b) if $x \in A_R$ and $x \notin A_4$, then $x \notin (\text{cl} A)_4$;
 c) if $\text{cl} A$ is a boundedly polyhedral set (that is, $(\text{cl} A)_4 = \text{cl} A$), then $A \setminus A_4 \subset A_N$;
 d) if I is an interval of A (open or not), $x \in \text{ri} I$ and $x \in A_N$, then $I \subset A_N$;
 e) under the conditions of d), if Π is a hyperplane and $I \cap \Pi = \{x\}$, then $x \in (A \cap \Pi)_N$;
 f) if $a \in A_2 \cup A_3$, then an interval $(a, b) \subset A_{1R}$ exists.

The ray $l=[0,p\rangle$ is called a direction of recession in A if $x+l \subset A$ for $x \in \text{ri}A$. The recessive directions of A form a convex cone which we denote by O^+A as in [3]. (Our definition of recessive cone, however, differs slightly from that given in [3] in that $O^+(\text{cl}A)$ in the sense of [3] coincides with our O^+A). Recessive cone O^+A is closed ([3], theorem 8.2).

LEMMA 2. *If $a \in A_{\mathbb{R}}$, then $O^+A \subset \text{cone}(a, A)$.*

Lemma 2 is obvious.

LEMMA 3. *Let $S = \text{sh}(s, A)$ and $x \in S \setminus \{s\}$, that is $x \in (s, p\rangle$ where $p \in A$. Then*

- a) $\text{cone}(x, S) = \text{cone}(p, A) + [0, s-p\rangle + [0, p-s\rangle$;
 b) if $p \in A_{\mathbb{R}}$, then $x \in S_{\mathbb{R}}$.

PROOF. a) If $w \in \text{cone}(x, S)$, then $w = \mu(y-x)$, $\mu \geq 0, y \in S$. The last means that

$$y = s + \lambda(z-s), \quad \lambda \geq 0, z \in A.$$

Finally

$$w = \mu(s-x) + \mu\lambda(z-p) + \mu\lambda(p-s).$$

This proves inclusion \subset . The converse inclusion is obvious.

b) By Lemma 1a), it is sufficient to prove that

$$\text{cone}(x, \text{cl}S) = \text{cone}(x, S).$$

Let w be in $\text{cone}(x, \text{cl}S)$, that is $w = \mu(y-x)$, $\mu \geq 0$ and $y \in \text{cl}S$. The last relationship means that $y = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} y_i$, when $y_i \in S$, that is

$$y_i = s + \lambda_i(z_i-s), \quad \lambda_i \geq 0, z_i \in A.$$

By substituting sequence $\{y_i\}_1^\infty$ for its subsequence, if necessary, we have two cases.

CASE 1. The sequence $\{z_i\}_1^\infty$ converges, $z_i \rightarrow z$. Then $z \in \text{cl}A$ and the sequence $\{\lambda_i\}_1^\infty$ also converges, $\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$. From this $y = s + \lambda(z-s)$ and, as in a),

$$w = \mu(s-x) + \mu\lambda(z-p) + \mu\lambda(p-s);$$

this time under the condition $z \in \text{cl}A$. But, by Lemma 1 a), $z-p \in \text{cone}(p, A)$ and hence, by a) of this Lemma, $w \in \text{cone}(x, S)$.

CASE 2. The sequence $\{z_i\}_1^\infty$ diverges to infinity and the sequence of rays $[p, z_i\rangle$ converges to a ray $l \in O^+A$. In this case $\lambda_i \rightarrow 0, \lambda_i z_i \rightarrow z \in l, y = s + z$ and $w = \mu z + \mu(s - x)$. By Lemma 2, $\mu z \in \text{cone}(p, A)$ and, by a) of this Lemma, $w \in \text{cone}(x, S)$ again.

LEMMA 4. Let $S = \text{sh}(s, A), x \in S \setminus \{s\}, P = A \cap [s, x\rangle$.

a) If $x \in S_1$, then $\text{ri}P \subset A_1$.

b) If $x \in S_0$ and whenever it is the case that P consists of one point, this point is regular, then $\text{ri}P \subset A_0$.

PROOF. Let P consist of more than one point and let $p \in \text{ri}P$. By Lemma 3 a),

$$\text{cone}(x, S) = \text{cone}(p, A)$$

and therefore $x \in S_1$ implies $p \in A_1$ that is a) is true. Moreover,

$$\text{cone}(p, S) = \text{cone}(p, A)$$

and this together with $A \subset S$ gives $\mu_A(p) \geq \mu_S(p)$. Therefore if $\mu_S(x) = 0$, then $\mu_S(p) = 0$ and consequently $\mu_A(p) = 0$, that is, b) is true.

Now let $P = \{p\}$. Then $l, -l \notin \text{cone}(p, A)$, where $l = [0, s - p\rangle$. Since

$$\text{cone}(x, S) = \text{cone}(p, A) + l + (-l),$$

the closedness of $\text{cone}(p, A)$ implies the closedness of $\text{cone}(x, S)$ (see [2], 18). Hence a) is true. Assume that $p \in A_{\neq 0} \cap A_R$. Then $\text{cone}(p, A)$ is closed and with $l, -l \notin \text{cone}(p, A)$ it easily implies $\mu_S(x) > 0$, that is, b) is true.

Whether or not the converse proposition holds is an interesting question. The answer to it depends on regularity.

THEOREM 1. Let $n \geq 3$, the set $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ is convex, $y \in A$ and moreover

- i) the cone O^+A does not contain an $(n-2)$ -dimensional subspace;
- ii) $y \in A_{\text{IR}}$.

Then there exists a point $s \in \tilde{A}$ such that $(s, y) \subset S_{\text{IR}}$ for $S = \text{sh}(s, A)$.

PROOF. Without loss of generality, let $y = 0$.

1) It is sufficient to consider the case of the pointed cone O^+A . Indeed, if $\mathcal{E}_1 \subset O^+A$, then, $n > 3$ and, by Lemma 2, there exists an interval $(u, v) \subset \mathcal{E}_1$ such that $0 \in (u, v) \subset A$. If $\mathcal{E}_n = \mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ and $B = A \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$,

then for the set $B \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ and its point 0, all the conditions of Theorem 1 hold. Therefore, there exists a point $s \in \tilde{B} = \mathcal{E}_{n-1} \setminus \text{cl}B$ such that $(s, 0) \subset S'_{1R}$ for $S' = \text{sh}(s, B)$. Since $\mathcal{E}_1 \subset 0^+A$, $\text{cl}B = \text{cl}A \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ and therefore $s \in \tilde{A}$. Further, from

$$S' = \text{sh}(s, A) \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad (s, 0) \subset S'_{1R}$$

(by 1°) we get $(s, 0) \subset \text{sh}(s, A)_{1R}$.

2) If a point s satisfies Theorem 1 and L is a straight line containing 0 and s , then every point of $L \cap \tilde{A}$ also satisfies Theorem 1.

3) Denote $\text{cone}(0, A)$ by C and let l be a ray such that $l \not\subset C$ and $l \subset \text{cl}C$. There exists a supporting subspace \mathcal{E}_{n-1} of A at point 0 containing l (see e.g. [3, Theorem 11.3]). Denote by \mathcal{E}_n^+ the open half-space associated with \mathcal{E}_{n-1} such that $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n^+ \cup \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$. Let $B = A \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$. Since $B, l \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ and $B \cap l = \{0\}$, there exists in \mathcal{E}_{n-1} a subspace \mathcal{E}_{n-2} separating B and l . Denote by \mathcal{E}_{n-1}^+ and \mathcal{E}_{n-1}^- two open half-spaces in \mathcal{E}_{n-1} associated with \mathcal{E}_{n-2} such that $B \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-1}^+ \cup \mathcal{E}_{n-2}$.

4) Let $l \not\subset \mathcal{E}_{n-2}$, that is, $l \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-1}^-$. It is clear that $\tilde{A} \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-2} \neq \emptyset$. Let

$$s \in \tilde{A} \cap \mathcal{E}_{n-2} \quad \text{and} \quad x \in (s, 0) \subset S = \text{sh}(s, A).$$

By Lemma 3a),

$$\text{cone}(x, S) = C + [0, -s] + [0, s].$$

Hence $\text{cone}(x, S) \subset \mathcal{E}_n^+ \cup \mathcal{E}_{n-1}^+ \cup \mathcal{E}_{n-2}$, that is, $l \not\subset \text{cone}(x, S)$. At the same time, $l \subset \text{cl}C \subset \text{cl} \text{cone}(x, S)$, that is, $(s, 0) \subset S_1$. By Lemma 3b), $(s, 0) \subset S_{1R}$.

5) Let case 4) be impossible, that is, $l \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-2}$ for every choice \mathcal{E}_{n-1} and \mathcal{E}_{n-2} . In particular, this means that $l \subset \text{cl}C'$ for $C' = \text{cone}(0, B)$, from which $0 \in B_{1R}$. The rest of the proof will be carried out by induction in n . First let n be greater than 3. In this case, the set B of \mathcal{E}_{n-1} and its point 0 satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1, and then, by the induction hypothesis, there exists a point $s \in \tilde{B} = \mathcal{E}_{n-1} \setminus \text{cl}B$ such that

$$(s, 0) \subset S'_{1R} \quad \text{for} \quad S' = \text{sh}(s, B).$$

On the straight line $L = [0, s] \cup [0, -s]$ there exists a point p such that $p \in \tilde{A}$. By 2), p satisfies Theorem 1 for $B \subset \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ and its point 0, too. As in 1), it is easy to verify that p satisfies the theorem for $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ and its point 0.

6) For completion of the inductive proof, there remains the consideration of the case 5) for $n = 3$. This means that for any choice of supporting subspace \mathcal{E}_2 , there exists a unique subspace \mathcal{E}_1 separating B and l , and $l \subset \mathcal{E}_1$ holds. In particular, it implies $\dim B = 2$. Let

$$s \in \mathcal{E}_1 \cap \tilde{A}, \quad S = \text{sh}(s, A).$$

Let us ascertain that $(s, 0) \subset S_{\mathbb{1R}}$. Assume for $x \in (s, 0)$ that $\text{cone}(x, S)$ is closed. Then, since

$$\text{cone}(x, S) = C + \mathcal{E}_1,$$

$\text{cone}(x, S)$ is a dihedral angle one side Γ'' of which coincides with \mathcal{E}_2^+ and the other Γ''' is different from \mathcal{E}_2^- . Let \mathcal{E}_2' be any subspace containing \mathcal{E}_1 and passing between Γ''' and \mathcal{E}_2^- . Then \mathcal{E}_2' is a supporting subspace of A at point 0 and $l \subset \mathcal{E}_2'$, that is, for \mathcal{E}_2' case 4) holds (since $\dim(A \cap \mathcal{E}_2') = 1$). This is a contradiction. With Lemma 3b), it gives $(s, 0) \subset S_{\mathbb{1R}}$. The theorem is thus proved.

It is easy to give an example showing that without regularity, Theorem 1 fails.

In addition to the theorem, note that if $0 \in A_2 \cup A_3$ and therefore, by Lemma 1f), an interval $(0, u) \subset A_{\mathbb{1R}}$ exists, then, by choosing $s \in \tilde{A} \cap [0, -u)$, we have $(s, 0) \subset S_{\mathbb{1R}}$.

Let $y \neq s$ and $y \in \text{sh}(s, A)_{\mathbb{N}}$. It is easy to verify that $[s, y) \cap A \subset A_{\mathbb{N}}$. The converse proposition looks more intricate, but it can be proved by imitation of the proof of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *With $n \geq 3$, set $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ convex and $y \in A$ let*

- i) $\text{cone} O^+ A$ contain no $(n-2)$ -dimensional subspace;
- ii) $y \in A_{\mathbb{N}}$, that is, there exists $(y, u) \subset \text{cl} A \setminus A$.

Then there exists a point $s \in \tilde{A}$ such that for $S = \text{sh}(s, A)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{either } [s, y) \subset S_{\mathbb{N}} \\ & \text{or } (s, y) \subset S_{\mathbb{1R}} \text{ and } (y, u) \subset (\text{cl} A)_{\mathbb{1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Under the conditions of Theorem 1 and 2, if point s is relegated to infinity along straight line L containing y and s , we get a special case of the shadow, which will be denoted by $\text{sh}(L, A)$ (it is obvious $\text{sh}(L, A) = A + (L - y)$). For this shadow, Theorems 1 and 2 remain true. Its connection with a special case of projection is obvious. The general case of projection possesses a certain peculiarity. In particular, the condition i) of Theorems 1 and 2 is not essential. The following is simply just one more version of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 3. *If $n \geq 3$ and the set $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ is convex, then there exists a projection πA of the set A such that:*

- a) *if $y \in A_{\mathbb{1R}}$, then $\pi y \in (\pi A)_{\mathbb{1R}}$;*

b) if A is not closed, i.e. a point $x \in \text{cl}A \setminus A$ exists, then

$$\text{either } \pi x \in \text{cl}(\pi A) \setminus \pi A, \quad \text{or } \pi x \in (\pi A)_{\text{IR}};$$

c) if A is a non-closed cone, then πA is also non-closed.

The above specifies in more exact detail the results of [1, §4].

Note the following corollary of Theorem 1.

COROLLARY 1. *If $n \geq 4$, cone $C \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ is closed, convex and non-polyhedral, then there exists a representation $\mathcal{E}_n = \mathcal{E}_1 + \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ such that a linear projection πC of cone C onto \mathcal{E}_{n-1} parallel to \mathcal{E}_1 is closed and non-polyhedral.*

PROOF. It is sufficient to examine the case of pointed cone C . Let Π be a hyperplane ($0 \notin \Pi$) such that $A = C \cap \Pi$ is compact. Then A is non-polyhedral; more exactly

$$A_N = \emptyset, \quad A_1 \neq \emptyset.$$

Let $y \in A_1$. According to Theorem 1, there exists a point $s \in \Pi \setminus A$ such that $(s, y) \subset S_1$ where $S = \text{sh}(s, A)$, that is, the cone S is closed and non-polyhedral. Let $\mathcal{E}_1 = [0, s) \cup [0, -s)$ and let \mathcal{E}_{n-1} be the subspace parallel to Π . It is easy to check that $\pi C = \text{sh}(s, A) - s$.

This corollary, together with 18 from [2] and point 3) of Theorem 3 adds details to the results related to Mirkil's theorem [4] (see e.g., [1]).

COROLLARY 2. *If $n \geq 3$, $C \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ is a convex closed non-polyhedral cone and k is an integer, $2 \leq k \leq n-1$, then there exist a representation*

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \mathcal{E}_1^1 + \mathcal{E}_1^2 + \dots + \mathcal{E}_1^{n-2} + \mathcal{E}_2$$

such that for the sequence of cones $C^1 = \pi_1 C, C^2 = \pi_2 C^1, \dots, C^k = \pi_k C^{k-1}, \dots, C^{n-2} = \pi_{n-2} C^{n-3}$, where π_i is projection onto $\mathcal{E}_1^{i+1} + \dots + \mathcal{E}_1^{n-2} + \mathcal{E}_2$ parallel to \mathcal{E}_1^i , we have C^1, C^2, \dots, C^{k-1} closed and C^k, \dots, C^{n-2} non-closed.

2. On sections.

The point classification given in [2] is such that the type of point can only increase under section (see 1°). It is natural to ask whether it is possible to maintain the type of a point under section by proper choice of the cutting hyperplane. Whenever the point is not extreme, the answer is positive (see 2°). In general, it remains positive only for $i \neq 2$. More precisely, the essence of this section is given in the following Theorem.

THEOREM 4. Let $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ be convex, $\dim A = n$ and $y \in A_i$.

- a) if $i = 1$ and $n \geq 3$, then there exists a hyperplane Π such that $y \in (A \cap \Pi)_1$
- b) if $i = 3$ and $n \geq 4$, then there exists a hyperplane Π such that $y \in (A \cap \Pi)_3$
- c) For every $n \geq 3$ there exists a convex compact set A with a point $a \in A_2$ such that $a \notin (A \cap \Pi)_2$ for any hyperplane Π .

The following lemma prepares the way for construction of an example which proves c).

LEMMA 5. Let B^0 be a ball in \mathcal{E}_n ($n \geq 3$), $S = \text{bd} B^0$, $y \in S$. There exist sequences $\{y^k\}_1^\infty \subset S$ of points and $\{U^k\}_1^\infty$ of their neighbourhoods such that:

- a) $y^k \rightarrow y$,
- b) $U^k \cap U^p = \emptyset$ for $k \neq p$ (and hence $\sup_{x \in U^k} \|y - x\| \rightarrow 0$ with $k \rightarrow \infty$),
- c) every hyperplane containing y meets only finitely many neighbourhoods U^k .

PROOF. Choose in \mathcal{E}_n an orthonormal coordinate system with the origin at y and axis ξ_1 passing through the ball's center, such that the equation of S is

$$(\xi_1 - r)^2 + \sum_{i=2}^n \xi_i^2 = r^2,$$

where r is the radius of S .

For positive ν , define positive functions $\varrho_i(\nu)$, $i = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$, such that these functions $\varrho_i(\nu)$ tend monotonically to zero together with ν , and in addition

$$(1) \quad \nu = o(\varrho_3(\nu) \cdot \varrho_4(\nu) \cdot \dots \cdot \varrho_{n-1}(\nu)).$$

For every value of the parameter ν , define the hyperplanes

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu) &= \{x \in \mathcal{E}_n : -\xi_1 + \nu(\xi_3 + \dots + \xi_n) = 0\}, \\ Q_i(\nu) &= \{x \in \mathcal{E}_n : -\varrho_i(\nu) \cdot \xi_i + (\xi_{i+1} + \dots + \xi_n) = 0\}, \\ &\quad i = 2, \dots, n-1. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_n^+ &= \{x \in \mathcal{E}_n : \xi_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}, \quad P^+(\nu) = P(\nu) \cap \mathcal{E}_n^+, \\ Q_i^+(\nu) &= Q_i(\nu) \cap \mathcal{E}_n^+, \quad T^+(\nu) = P^+(\nu) \cap Q_2^+(\nu) \cap \dots \cap Q_{n-1}^+(\nu). \end{aligned}$$

We shall show that for every hyperplane

$$\Pi = \{x \in \mathcal{E}_n : p_1 \xi_1 + \dots + p_n \xi_n = 0\}$$

there exists $\nu_0 > 0$ such that

$$(2) \quad \Pi \cap T^+(\nu) = \emptyset \quad \text{for every } 0 < \nu < \nu_0.$$

Assume that $x \in T^+(\nu)$ with ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n the coordinates of x . It is easily seen that

$$(3) \quad \frac{\xi_1}{\xi_3 + \dots + \xi_n} = \nu, \quad \frac{\xi_i}{\xi_{i+1} + \dots + \xi_n} = \frac{1}{\varrho_i(\nu)} \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1,$$

$$\frac{\xi_1}{\xi_i + \dots + \xi_n} = \nu \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varrho_3(\nu)}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varrho_{i-1}(\nu)}\right) \quad i = 4, \dots, n.$$

From this and (1) it follows that

$$(4) \quad \lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\xi_1}{\xi_i + \dots + \xi_n} = 0 \quad i = 3, \dots, n,$$

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\xi_i}{\xi_{i+1} + \dots + \xi_n} = \infty \quad i = 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Let $p_2 = \dots = p_{k-1} = 0, p_k \neq 0, k < n$ (the case $k = n$ is trivial). Define

$$p = \max_{k+1 \leq i \leq n} |p_i|.$$

If $x \in \Pi$ also, then

$$|p_1 \xi_1 / (\xi_{k+1} + \dots + \xi_n) + p_k \xi_k / (\xi_{k+1} + \dots + \xi_n)| \leq p.$$

On the other hand, from (4) it follows that this inequality fails for every ν small enough. This contradiction proves equation (2).

Note that for $\nu' \neq \nu''$,

$$Q_i^+(\nu') \cap Q_i^+(\nu'') = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad P^+(\nu') \cap P^+(\nu'') = \emptyset.$$

Define

$$P^+(0, \nu') = \bigcup_{0 < \nu < \nu'} P^+(\nu) = \{x \in \mathcal{E}_n^+ : -\xi_1 + \nu'(\xi_3 + \dots + \xi_n) > 0\}$$

and

$$Q_i^+(\nu'', \nu') = \bigcup_{\nu'' < \nu < \nu'} Q_i^+(\nu) \quad \text{for } \nu'' < \nu'.$$

Fix a sequence $\nu^1 > \nu^2 > \dots \rightarrow 0$ and define

$$\Psi^k = P^+(0, \nu^{k+1}) \cap \left[\bigcap_{i=2}^{n-2} Q_i^+(\nu^{k+1}, \nu^k) \right].$$

Taking into account (3) and the monotonicity of $\varrho_i(\nu)$, from (2) one obtains $\Psi^k \cap \Pi = \emptyset$ for k large enough (it suffices to take k such that $\nu^k > \nu_0, \nu_0$ from (2)).

We now show that $\Psi^k \cap S \neq \emptyset$ for all k . Fix an arbitrary $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}$ such that

$$\lambda_1 < \nu^{k+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu^{k+1} < \lambda_i < \nu^k$$

for $i = 2, \dots, n - 1$. It is easy to choose successively the positive numbers $\xi_n, \xi_{n-1}, \dots, \xi_2, \xi_1$ such that for the point $x = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ the conditions

$$x \in Q_{n-1}(\lambda_{n-1}), \dots, x \in Q_2(\lambda_2), x \in P(\lambda_1)$$

hold, and therefore $x \in \Psi^k$. For $\alpha > 0$ small enough, point $\alpha \cdot x$ is in the set $\Psi^k \cap \text{int} B^0$. It is clear that for $0 < \xi_1' < \alpha \xi_1$ every point $x' = (\xi_1', \alpha \xi_2, \dots, \alpha \xi_n)$ lies in Ψ^k . For appropriate ξ_1' also $x' \in S$, that is, $\Psi^k \cap S \neq \emptyset$.

Since the sets Ψ^k are open and disjoint and since the distance between y and Ψ^k tends to zero with $k \rightarrow \infty$, the sequences $\{y^k\}_1^\infty$ and $\{U^k\}_1^\infty$ satisfying the Lemma can be constructed easily by arbitrarily choosing $y^k \in \Psi^k \cap S$ and $U^k \subset \Psi^k$.

A three dimensional example is shown in Fig.1.

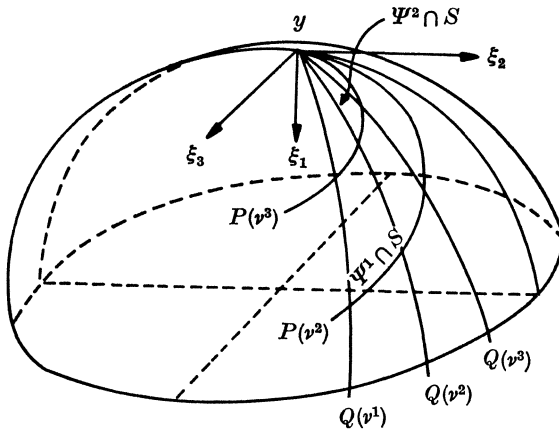


Fig. 1.

We continue the reasoning of Lemma 5. For every $k = 1, 2, \dots$ choose a point $z^k \in U^k \setminus B^0$ such that $B^k \subset U^k$ where $B^k = \text{conv}(B^0 \cup \{z^k\}) / B^0$. This choice implies that: 1) properties a) and b) from Lemma 5 hold for sets B^k , 2) the set $B = \bigcup_{k=0}^\infty B_k$ is a convex compact. Denote by $H_k (k = 1, 2, \dots)$ the hyperplane tangent to B^0 at the point y^k . Consider \mathcal{E}_n together with the construction described above as a hyperplane in \mathcal{E}_{n+1} . Let a point $a \in \mathcal{E}_{n+1}$ be at a distance $\varrho_0 > 0$ from \mathcal{E}_n . For every $k = 1, 2, \dots$ choose a point $w^k \in [a, z^k]$ such that $\varrho_0 > \varrho_1 > \varrho_2 > \dots \rightarrow 0$ where $\varrho_k = \|a - w^k\|$

Let $\Pi^k (k = 1, 2, \dots)$ be the hyperplane in \mathcal{E}_{n+1} containing H_k and w^k and Π_k' be a closed half-space associated with Π_k and containing the point a . Define

$$A = \text{conv}(B \cup \{a\}) \cap \left[\bigcap_{k=1}^\infty \Pi_k' \right].$$

A is a convex compact. In addition $a \in A, \{u^k\}_1^\infty \subset A$ and the set $[a, A] = [a, B]$ and therefore is closed. On the other hand,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|A \cap [a, u^k]\| = 0.$$

Thus, $a \in A_2$.

Define

$$A^0 = \text{conv}(B^0 \cup \{a\}), \quad A^k = \text{conv}(B^k \cup \{a\}) \cap \Pi_k' \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$C^k = [a, A^k] \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and note that

$$A = \bigcup_{k=0}^\infty A^k, \quad C^k = [a, B^k]$$

and

$$[a, A] = \bigcup_{k=0}^\infty C^k.$$

Since

$$\inf \{ \|A \cap [a, x]\| : x \in A^k, x \neq a \} = \rho_k \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots),$$

every subsequence $\{l_s\}_1^\infty$ of rays from $[a, A]$ for which $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \|A \cap l_s\| = 0$ possesses common rays with the set C^k for infinitely many values of k .

Now let Π be a hyperplane in $\mathcal{E}_{n+1}, a \in \Pi$. If $y \in \Pi$, then by 1), $\Pi \cap C^k \neq \emptyset$ only for finitely many values of k . In the case $y \notin \Pi$ it is even more obvious. Thus $\mu_{A \cap \Pi}(a) > 0$ always holds, that is, $a \notin (A \cap \Pi)_2$.

LEMMA 6. *With $n \geq 3, A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ convex, $\dim A = n$ and $y \in A_1$, if l is a ray such that $l \notin [y, A], l \subset \text{cl}[y, A]$ and a is a point from $\text{int} A$, then $y \in (A \cap \Pi)_1$, where Π is any hyperplane containing l and a .*

PROOF. Without loss of generality, let $y = 0$. There exists a subsequence of points $\{y_k\}_1^\infty \subset A \setminus \{0\}$ such that $y_k \rightarrow 0$ and $l_k \rightarrow l$ for $l_k = [0, y_k]$. Let the sequence $\{y_k\}_1^\infty$ lie to one side of Π and let e be a vector orthogonal to Π and lying on the same side. The point y_k can be represented in the form

$$y_k = \nu_k b + d_k + \beta_k e,$$

where b is a fixed point of the ray $l, d_k \in \Pi$ and $d_k \perp b, \nu_k > 0, \beta_k > 0, \|d_k\|/\nu_k \rightarrow 0$ and $\beta_k/\nu_k \rightarrow 0$.

There exists $\alpha > 0$ such that $a - \alpha e \in A$. Let $y_k' = \Pi \cap [a - \alpha e, y_k]$. It is clear that $y_k' \in B \setminus \{0\}$ for $B = A \cap \Pi$. It is easy to verify that $l_k' \rightarrow l$ for $l_k' = [0, y_k']$. Hence $0 \in B_1$. The Lemma is proved.

This implies the proposition a) of Theorem 4.

Moreover, $y \in A_{1R}$ implies $y \in B_{1R}$.

LEMMA 7. *With $n \geq 4, A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ convex, $\dim A = n$ and $y \in A$, if an interval $(y, u) \subset A_1$ exists, then a hyperplane Π exists such that $(y, u) \subset (A \cap \Pi)_1$.*

PROOF. Assume that $z \in (y, u), l \notin [z, A)$ but $l \subset \text{cl}[z, A)$. Let a be in $\text{int}A$ and Π be a hyperplane containing a, l and (y, u) . Since

$$\text{cone}(x, A) = \text{cone}(z, A) \quad \text{for every } x \in (y, u)$$

(see [2], 9), the hyperplane Π satisfies the conditions of Lemma 6 for every $x \in (y, u)$, and hence $(y, u) \subset (A \cap \Pi)_1$. The Lemma is proved.

This Lemma implies the proposition b) of Theorem 4 (see 3^o). As to the point $y \in A_2$, Lemma 7 asserts that for a certain hyperplane Π , $y \in (A \cap \Pi)_2 \cup (A \cap \Pi)_3$. In addition, it follows that $y \in A_4$ iff $y \in (A \cap \Pi)_4$ for every hyperplane Π containing y (see [1]).

3. Appendix. On an example of V. Klee.

The results of section 1 mean, in fact, that if non-polyhedrality of a convex set is revealed locally, that is, $A \setminus A_4 \neq \emptyset$, then it can be detected by a shadow. Now let A be nonpolyhedral, but $A = A_4$, that is, let A be boundedly polyhedral [1]. It is easy to give an example of an A for which $\text{sh}(s, A)$ is polyhedral for every $s \in \mathcal{E}_n \setminus A$. Namely, each continuous set [5] A with $A_4 = A$ is such (it is easy to show that A is continuous iff for every point s and appropriate neighbourhood P of s , $\text{sh}(s, A) = \text{sh}(s, A \cap P)$).

It is non-trivial to prove such a possibility for projection, a special case of shadow. Such an example was given in [1] in the form of a complicated existence theorem. Here we give a much simpler example.

Let us give an example of convex compact set $A \subset \mathcal{E}_n$ and its support hyperplane Π such that:

- 1) $A_1 \neq \emptyset, A_1 \subset \Pi, A \setminus \Pi \subset A_4, A_2 = A_3 = \emptyset$;
- 2) Every point s satisfying Theorem 1 is outside Π , that is, $\text{sh}(s, A)$ is polyhedral for each $s \in \Pi \setminus A$;
- 3) for every point $a \in A_1$, and every ray $l \subset \text{cl}[a, A) \setminus [a, A)$ the relation $l \subset \Pi$ holds.

It will suffice to restrict ourselves to \mathcal{E}_3 (as in [1]).

Let the coordinate system in \mathcal{E}_3 be fixed such that $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$ are coordinates of an arbitrary point. Let

$$Q^0 = (0, 0, 0) \quad Q^s = (1/s^2, 1/s, 0) \quad \text{for } s = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$P^k = (0, 1/k, 1/k^2) \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let

$$A = \text{conv}\{Q^0, Q^1, \dots, P^1, P^2, \dots\}$$

(see Fig. 2). This A is a convex compact and satisfies the condition 1)-3) if Π is the hyperplane $\Omega_3 = 0$.

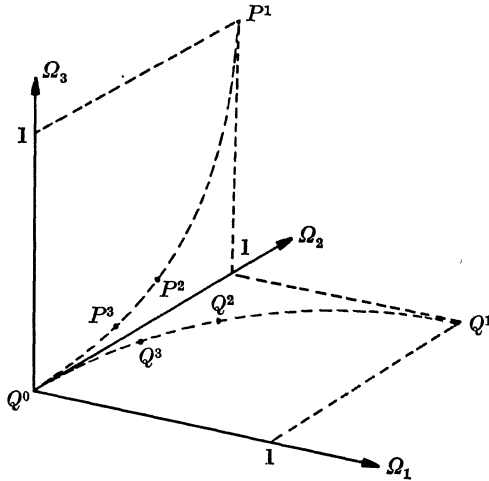


Fig. 2.

It is easy to understand, by interpreting Π as an infinitely distant hyperplane, that a set A satisfying the conditions 1)-3) gives the sought-after example. Concretely, let \mathcal{P} be the projective transformation

$$\omega_1 = \Omega_1/\Omega_3, \quad \omega_2 = \Omega_2/\Omega_3, \quad \omega_3 = 1/\Omega_3.$$

It transforms the set $U = \{x : 0 \leq \Omega_3 \leq 1\}$ into the set $V = \{x : 1 \leq \omega_3 < +\infty\}$ such that convex set $A \subset U$ is transformed into the convex set $\mathcal{P}A \subset V$ and the type of every point remains unchanged. Under the transformation \mathcal{P} , Π changes into the infinitely distant hyperplane, the point $P^k (k = 1, 2, \dots)$ turns into $p^k = (0, k, k^2)$, the point $Q^s (s = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ is identified with the direction $l^s = [0, q^s]$, where

$$q^0 = (0, 0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad q^s = (1/s^2, 1/s, 1) \quad \text{for } s = 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore $\mathcal{P}A$ is the set with $\text{ex } \mathcal{P}A = \{p^1, p^2, \dots\}$ and $O^+ \mathcal{P}A$ is generated by the rays l^0, l^1, l^2, \dots (see Fig. 3). It is also easy to verify by direct computation that all projections of $\mathcal{P}A$ are polyhedral.

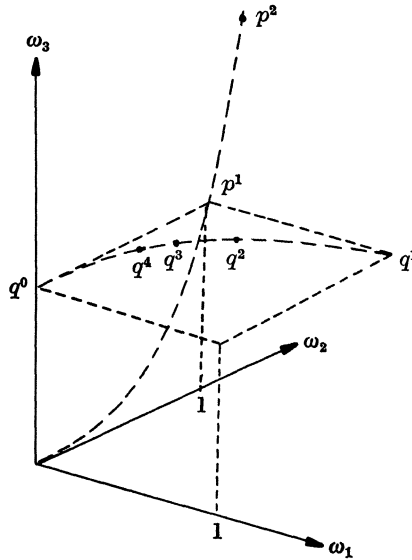


Fig. 3.

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