Affine invariant points

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A point that is affine invariant, but not continuous

$$p(K) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|\operatorname{ext}(K)|} \sum_{v \in \operatorname{ext}(K)} v & K \text{ is a polytope} \\ g(K) & K \text{ is not a polytope} \end{cases}$$

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Intuitively, there should be a lot of affine invariant points. Grünbaum lists only a few. For the proof of the theorem we have to construct enough affine invariant points.

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$$c_n \lim_{\delta \to 0} \frac{|\mathcal{K}| - |\mathcal{K}_{\delta}|}{(\delta|\mathcal{K}|)^{\frac{2}{n+1}}} = \int_{\partial \mathcal{K}} \kappa^{\frac{1}{n+1}}(x) \ d\mu_{\mathcal{K}}(x).$$

where
$$c_n = 2\left(\frac{|B^{n-1}|}{n+1}\right)^{\frac{2}{n+1}}$$
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These convex bodies are actually dense in \mathcal{K}_n with respect to the Hausdorff metric.





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We have

$$H = \mathcal{P}_n(K) \qquad \qquad \xi \in \mathcal{P}_n(K^\circ)^{\perp}$$

Definition

A map $A : \mathcal{K}_n \to \mathcal{K}_n$ is called an affine invariant set mapping, if A is continuous and if for every nonsingular affine map \mathcal{T} of \mathbb{R}^n , one has

$$A(TK) = T(A(K)).$$

We then call A(K), or simply the map A, an affine invariant set mappings. We denote by \mathfrak{S}_n the set of affine invariant set mappings,

 $\mathfrak{S}_n = \{A : \mathcal{K}_n \to \mathcal{K}_n | A \text{ is affine invariant and continuous} \}.$

If $p \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ and $A \in \mathfrak{S}_n$, then $p \circ A \in \mathfrak{P}_n$.

Lemma

Let $p \in \mathfrak{P}_n$ and let g be the centroid. For $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, define $A_{p,\epsilon} : \mathcal{K}_n \to \mathcal{K}_n$ by

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{p,\epsilon}(\mathcal{K}) &= \left\{ x \in \mathcal{K} \left| \langle x, p((\mathcal{K} - g(\mathcal{K}))^\circ)
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Then $A_{p,\epsilon}$ is an affine invariant set map.

Lemma

Let $K \in \mathcal{K}_n$ and let $P : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be the orthogonal projection onto $\mathfrak{P}_n((K - g(K))^\circ)$. Then the restriction of P to the subspace $\mathfrak{P}_n(K - g(K))$ is an isomorphism between $\mathfrak{P}_n(K - g(K))$ and $\mathfrak{P}_n((K - g(K))^\circ)$. In particular,

$$\dim(\mathfrak{P}_n(\mathcal{K}-g(\mathcal{K})))=\dim(\mathfrak{P}_n((\mathcal{K}-g(\mathcal{K})))^\circ).$$