

Euclidean balls and ellipsoids

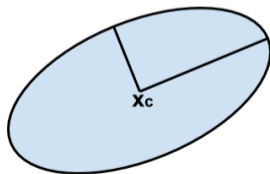
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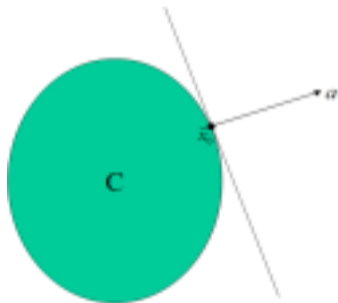
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In the 1-D case, the open interval obtained by excluding endpoints from an interval \mathcal{I} is the interior of \mathcal{I} , denoted by $\text{int}(\mathcal{I})$. For example, $\text{int}([a, b]) = (a, b)$ and $\text{int}([0, \infty)) = (0, \infty)$.

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- 1 The simplest examples of an open set are the open ball, the empty set \emptyset and \mathbb{R}^n .
- 2 Further, arbitrary union of opens sets is open. Also, finite intersection of open sets is open.
- 3 The interior of any set is always open. It can be proved that a set \mathcal{S} is open if and only if $\text{int}(\mathcal{S}) = \mathcal{S}$.

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Homework: Separating and Supporting Hyperplane Theorems (Fill in the Blanks)

SHT: Separating hyperplane theorem (a fundamental theorem)

If \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are disjoint convex sets, i.e., $\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{D} = \emptyset$, then there exists $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} \leq b \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C},$$

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That is, the hyperplane $\{\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} = b\}$ separates \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} .

- The separating hyperplane need not be unique though.
- Strict separation requires additional assumptions (e.g., \mathcal{C} is closed, \mathcal{D} is a singleton).

Both separating and supporting hyperplane theorems become trivial in the case of sets with empty interiors. Why?

1) Hyperplanes in \mathbb{R}^n were defined as affine hulls of n affinely independent points \implies Hyperplane has one dimension less than the space

2) If space is \mathbb{R}^3 , \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{D} are discs in \mathbb{R}^2 lying on plane, trivial hyperplane (separating or supporting) is the hyperplane containing \mathcal{C} (and \mathcal{D}) with equality everywhere

Proof of the Separating Hyperplane Theorem

Sum/difference of any two convex sets is convex

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$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_2 = \text{dist}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}). \text{ Define } \underline{\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{b} = 1/2 \|\mathbf{f}\|^2}.$$

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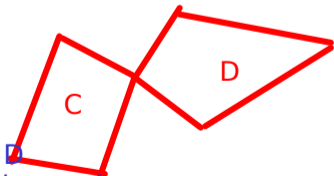
Nontrivial part, sketched on the board in class

⁶Easy proof. Let us attempt.

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That is, C and D are touching at a point...

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 - ▶ In other words, \mathcal{S} is contained in a hyperplane $\{z | a^T z = b\}$, which must include the origin and therefore $b = 0$. In other words, $a^T x = a^T y$ for all $x \in \mathcal{C}$ and all $y \in \mathcal{D}$ gives us a trivial separating hyperplane.



Basically the hyperplane containing C and D is the separating hyperplane with a trivial equality everywhere on C and D

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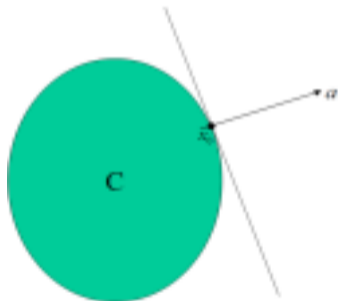
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HW: Proof of Supporting Hyperplane Theorem

The supporting hyperplane theorem is proved from the separating hyperplane theorem as follows:

- 1 If $\text{int}(C) \neq \emptyset$, the result follows by applying the separating hyperplane theorem to the sets $\{\mathbf{x}\}$ and $\text{int}(C)$.
- 2 If $\text{int}(C) = \emptyset$, then C must lie in an affine set of dimension $< n$, and any hyperplane containing that affine set contains C and \mathbf{x} , and is therefore a (trivial) supporting hyperplane.

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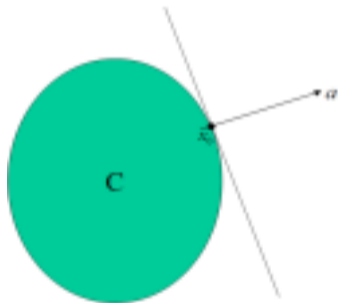
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Separating hyperplane and the Ellipsoid: Ellipsoid Algorithm

Implicit assumption on boundedness of set C is made

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- Given an ellipsoid $(P(i), \mathbf{x}_c(i))$ containing a set C **Imagine C to be a polytope**
- **Ask a separating oracle to answer if $\mathbf{x}_c(i) \in C$** or compute separating hyperplane \mathbf{a}, b between $\mathbf{x}_c(i)$ and C .
- If $\mathbf{x}_c(i) \notin C$, **update ellipsoid center $\mathbf{x}_c(i+1)$ and ellipsoid shape $P(i)$**

Examples of separating hyperplanes: (1) Cutting plane (cutting plane algos)
(2) Hyperplane based on gradient or subgradient (we will see 2 very soon)
(3) Say $C = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} \leq d \}$ as in Linear Programs

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