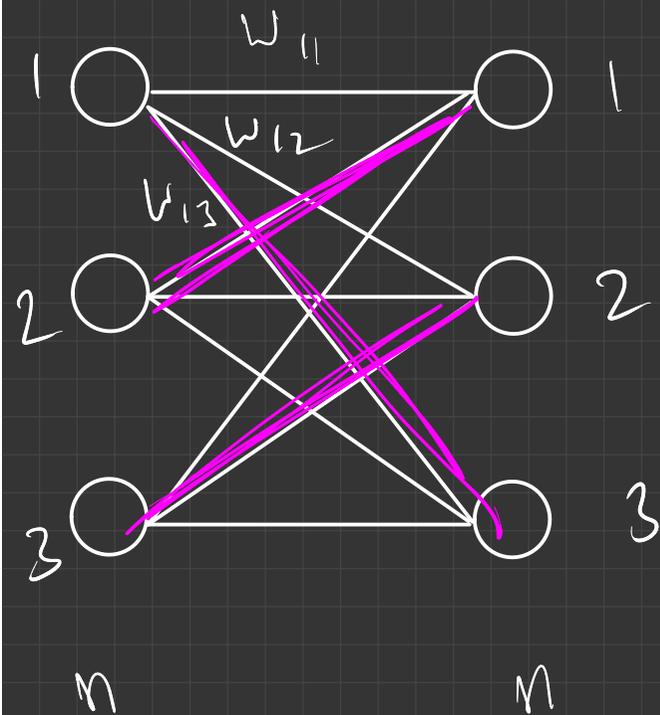


# Convex Sets

# Motivating example: Bipartite max-wt matching



$w_{ij}$  (1,3) (2,1) (3,2)

A perfect matching is a subgraph of this complete bipartite graph st each vertex has degree 1.

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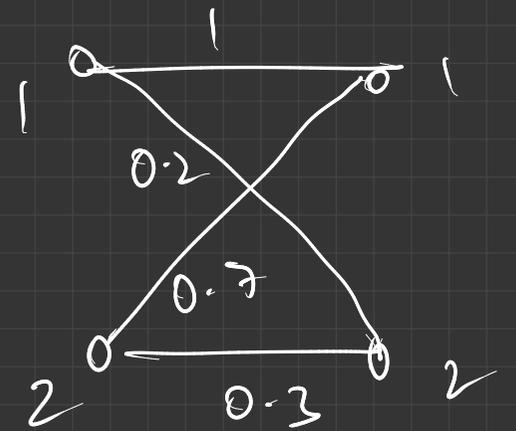
A perfect matching is a permutation on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$$W_{PM} = \sum_{(i,j) \in PM} w_{ij}$$

Given:  $\{w_{ij} \mid i, j \in [n]\} \rightarrow W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1,1) (2,2)



Variables:  $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$  represents the connections  
 $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \& j \text{ are connected in PM} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} x_{ij}$$

Problem :       $\max f(x)$   
                          $x$  : permutation  
                         matrix

$$\begin{aligned} &= \max \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \forall i, & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \\ \forall j, & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \\ & x_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \end{aligned}$$

# LP Relaxation

$$\text{Find : } \quad \max \quad \sum_{ij} w_{ij} x_{ij}$$
$$x_i, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$$
$$x_j, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$$
$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i, j$$

Linear  
program

General LP :

$$\max \quad \underline{a}^T \underline{x}$$

$$A \underline{x} \leq \underline{b}$$



elementwise

General LP:

$$\underline{a}_i^T \underline{x} \geq b_i$$

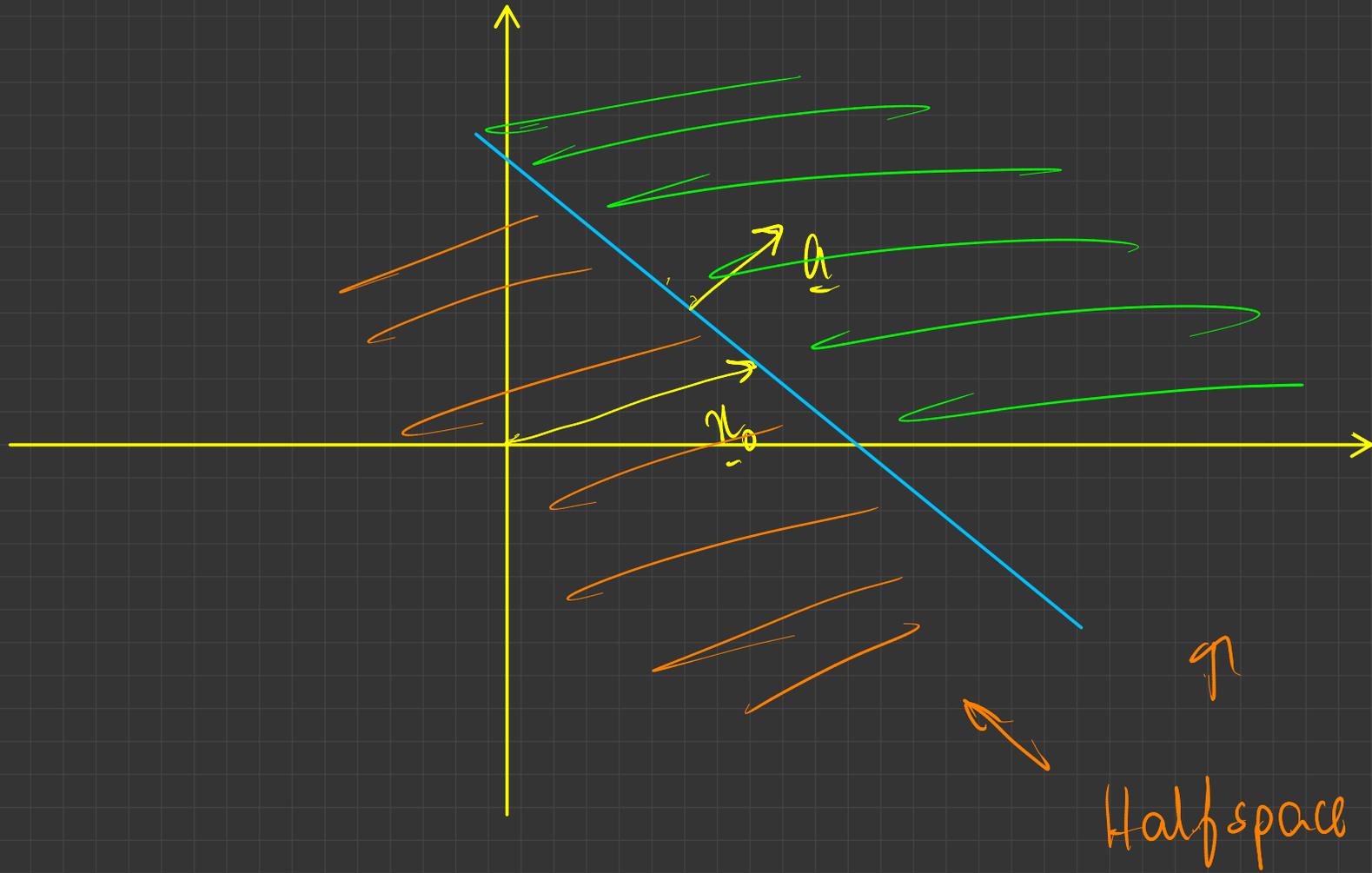
Hyperplane:  $\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \underline{a}^T \underline{x} = b \} = \mathcal{H}$

$$\dim(\mathcal{H}) = n-1$$

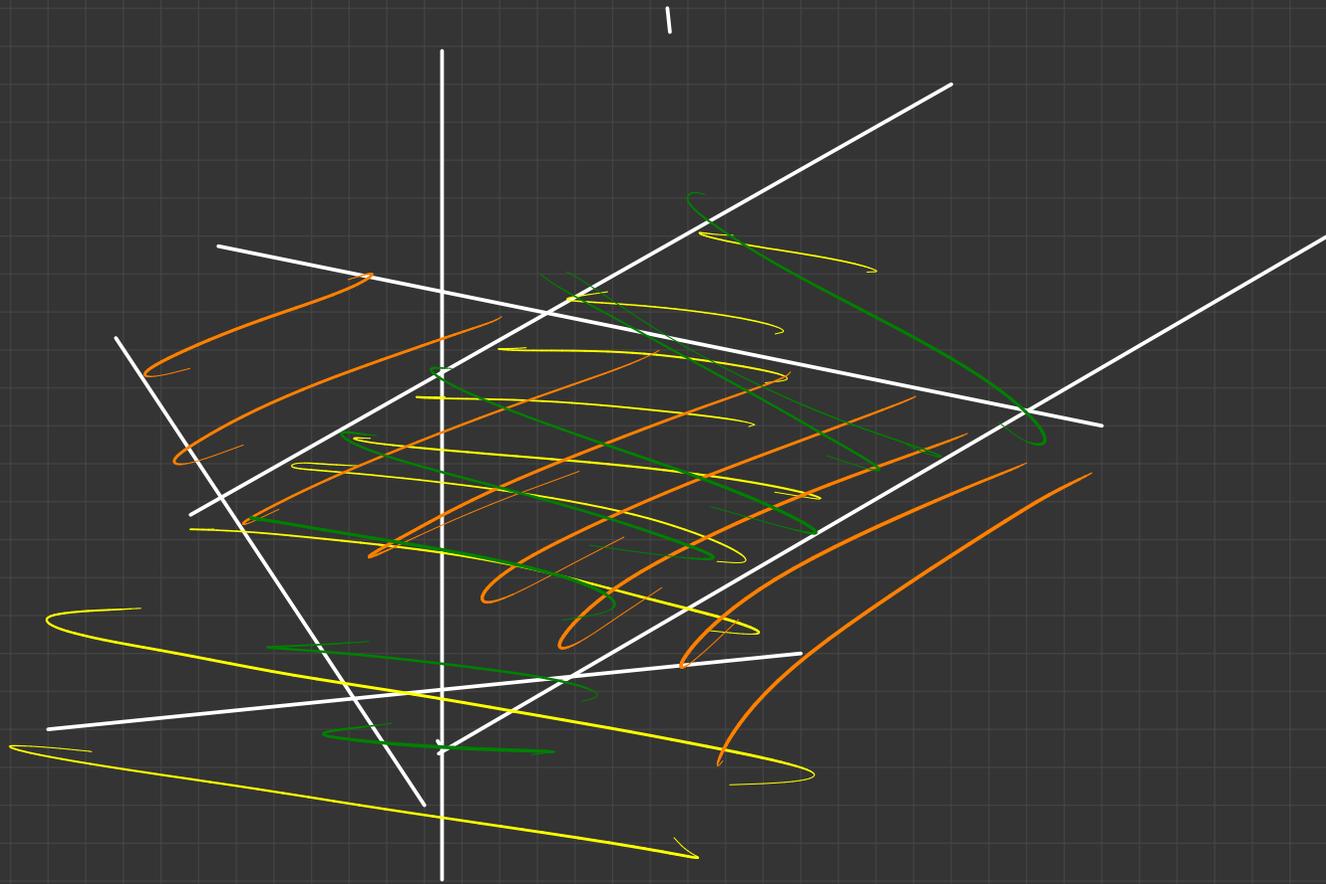
$$\mathcal{H} = \{ \underline{x} : \underline{a}^T (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) = 0 \}$$

$$= \{ \underline{y} + \underline{x}_0 : \underline{a}^T \underline{y} = 0 \}$$

$\{ \underline{y} : \underline{a}^T \underline{y} = 0 \}$  is a subspace of  $\dim n-1$



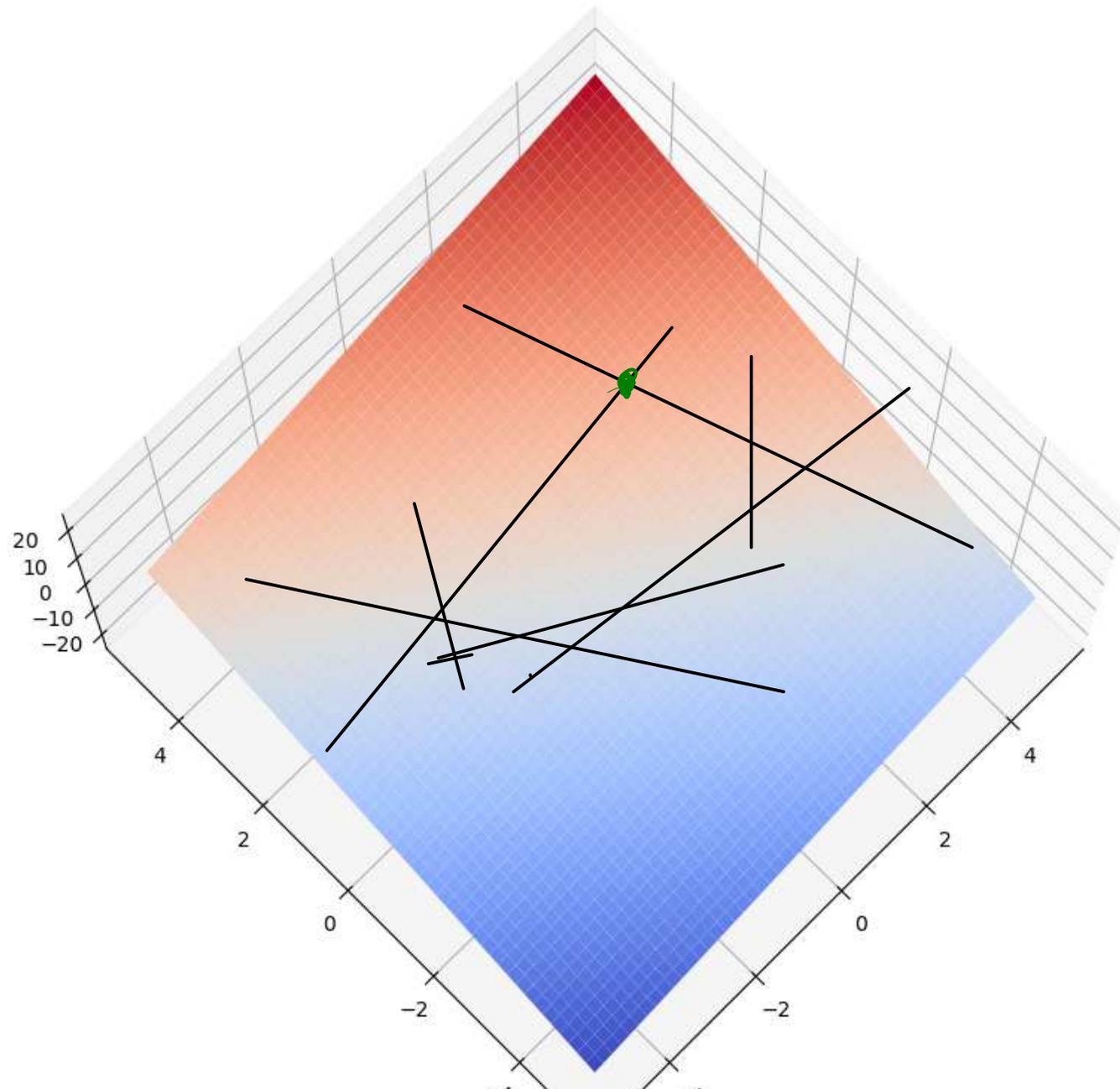
$Ax \leq b \rightarrow m \text{ linear constraints}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $m \times n$

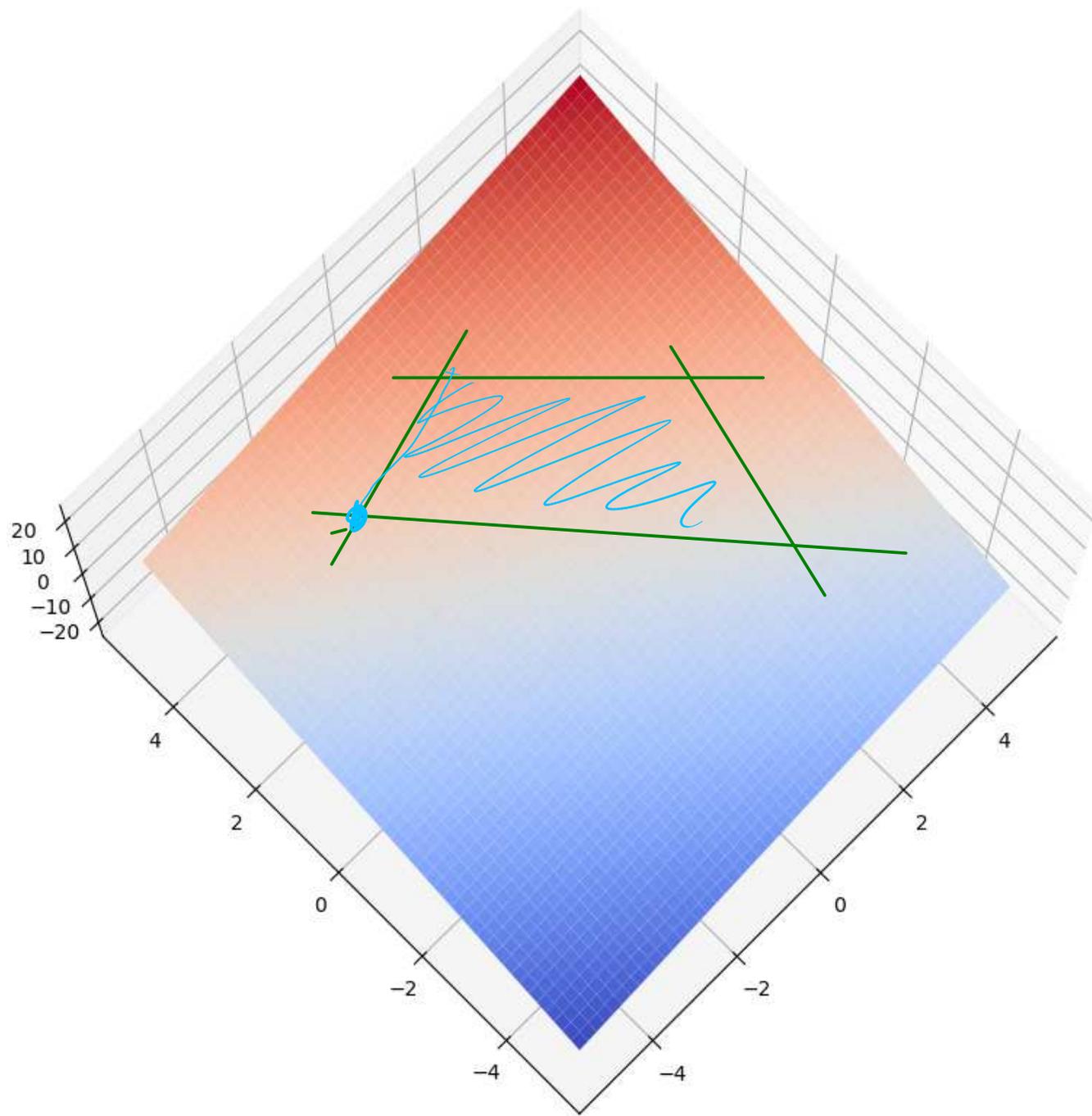


Polyhedron : any set that is an intersection of  
finitely many halfspaces.

(may be unbounded)

Polytope : Bounded polyhedron





Fact: For any LP, the optimum is reached at a vertex.

$$P_n = \left\{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : \begin{array}{l} x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i, j \\ \sum_i x_{ij} = 1 \\ \sum_j x_{ij} = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Doubly  
stochastic  
matrices

Birkhoff - von Neumann theorem - Vertex set of  $P_n$   
is the set of permutation matrices

# Recap

- Straight lines and line segments
- Convex sets
- Hyperplanes
- Halfspaces
- Linear programming

# Affine sets

We say that  $S$  is affine if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in S,$

$$\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 \in S \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$S$  is affine  $\Rightarrow$  ✓  $S$  is convex  
 $\Leftarrow$  ✓  
 $\Leftarrow$  ✓  
 $\Leftarrow$  ✓

# Affine hull and convex hull

Given any set  $S$ ,

The affine hull,  $\text{aff}(S)$  = smallest affine set containing  $S$

$$\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_m,$$

$$\alpha_1 \underline{r}_1 + \alpha_2 \underline{r}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \underline{r}_m$$

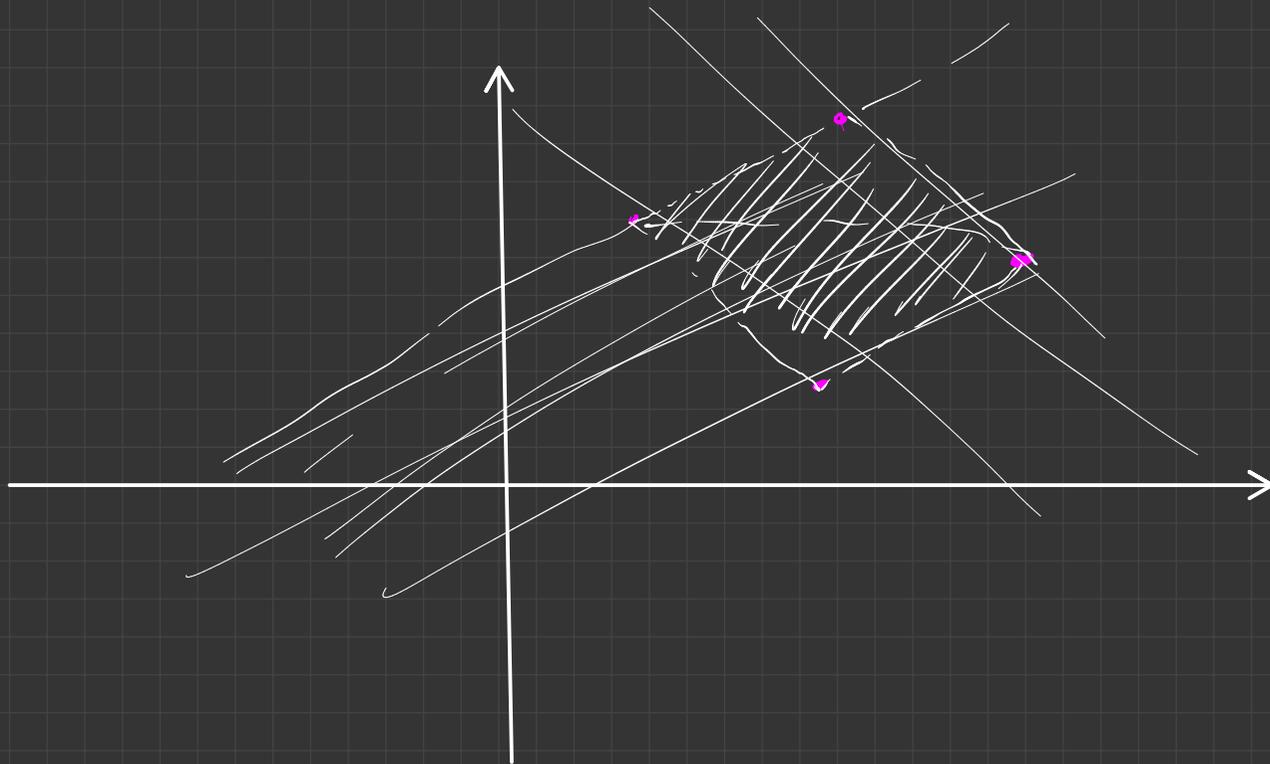
$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m = 1$$

affine combination

$$\text{aff}(S) = \left\{ \underline{r} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \underline{r}_i : \begin{array}{l} \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \\ \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j = 1 \\ \forall m \end{array} \right\}$$

Convex hull ( $S$ ) is the smallest convex set that contains  $S$

$$\text{conv}(S) = \left\{ \underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \underline{x}_i \mid \alpha_i \in [0, 1], \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 1, \underline{x}_i \in S \right\}$$



# Characterizing affine sets; Affine dimension

Suppose  $S$  is affine

$$\underline{x}_0 \in S$$

Define:  $S' = S - \underline{x}_0 = \{ \underline{x} - \underline{x}_0 : \underline{x} \in S \}$

Claim:  $S'$  is a subspace

$$\underline{x}'_1, \underline{x}'_2 \in S'$$

$$\alpha \underline{x}'_1 + \beta \underline{x}'_2 \in S$$

$$\forall \alpha, \beta$$

$$\alpha \underline{x}_1 + \beta \underline{x}_2 \in S'$$

$$= \alpha \underline{x}_1 - \alpha \underline{x}_0 + \beta \underline{x}_1 - \beta \underline{x}_0$$

$$= \alpha \underline{x}_1 + \beta \underline{x}_2 + (-\alpha - \beta) \underline{x}_0$$

We know,

$$\underline{x}_1' = \underline{x}_1 - \underline{x}_0$$

$$\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2 \in S$$

$$\underline{x}_2' = \underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}_0$$

$$= \alpha \underline{x}_1 + \beta \underline{x}_2 + (-\alpha - \beta) \underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_0 - \underline{x}_0$$

$$= \underbrace{\alpha \underline{x}_1 + \beta \underline{x}_2 + (1 - \alpha - \beta) \underline{x}_0}_{\text{affine combination of } \underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \underline{x}_0 \in S} - \underline{x}_0 = \underline{x} - \underline{x}_0$$

$\underline{x} \in S$

affine combination of  $\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \underline{x}_0 \in S$   
 $\in S$

$\therefore$  Affine subs are shifts of vector subspaces.

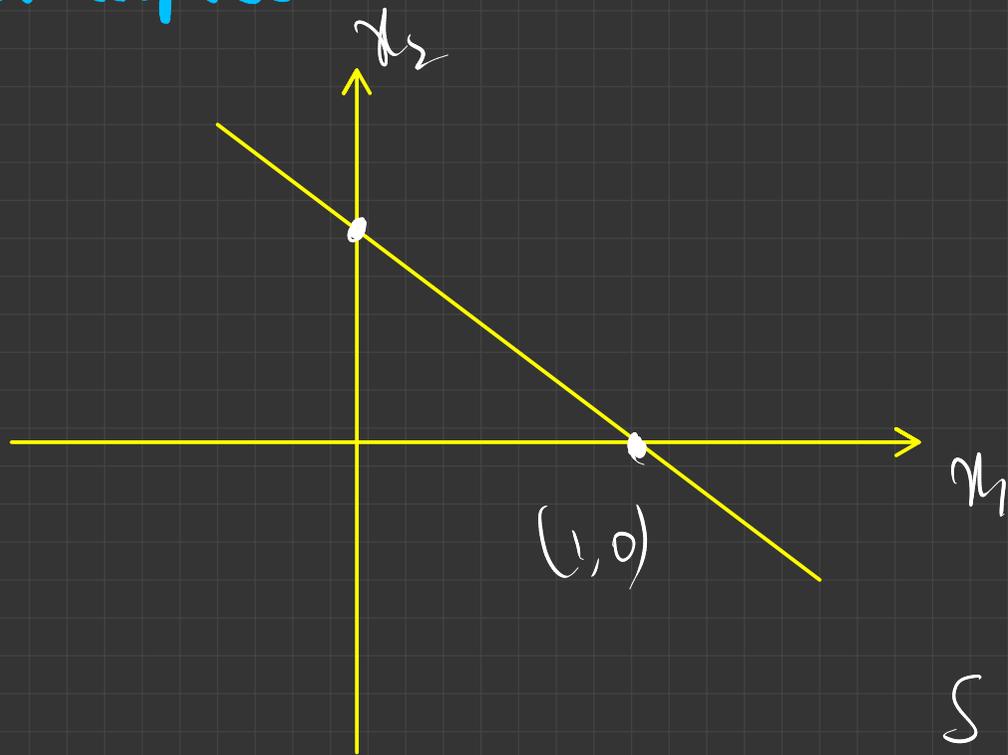
$$\text{Affine dimension}(S) = \dim(S - \underline{x}_0)$$

for any  $S$ ,

$$\text{aff dim}(S) = \dim(\text{aff}(S) - x_0)$$

$x_0 \in S$

# Examples



$$S = \{ \underline{x} : x_1 + x_2 = 1 \}$$

$$x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_1' = x_1 - 1, \quad x_2' = x_2$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \{ \underline{x}' : \begin{array}{l} x_1' \in \mathbb{R} - 1 \\ x_2' \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \}$$

$$x_1' + x_2' = 0$$

$$x_1'' = x_1$$

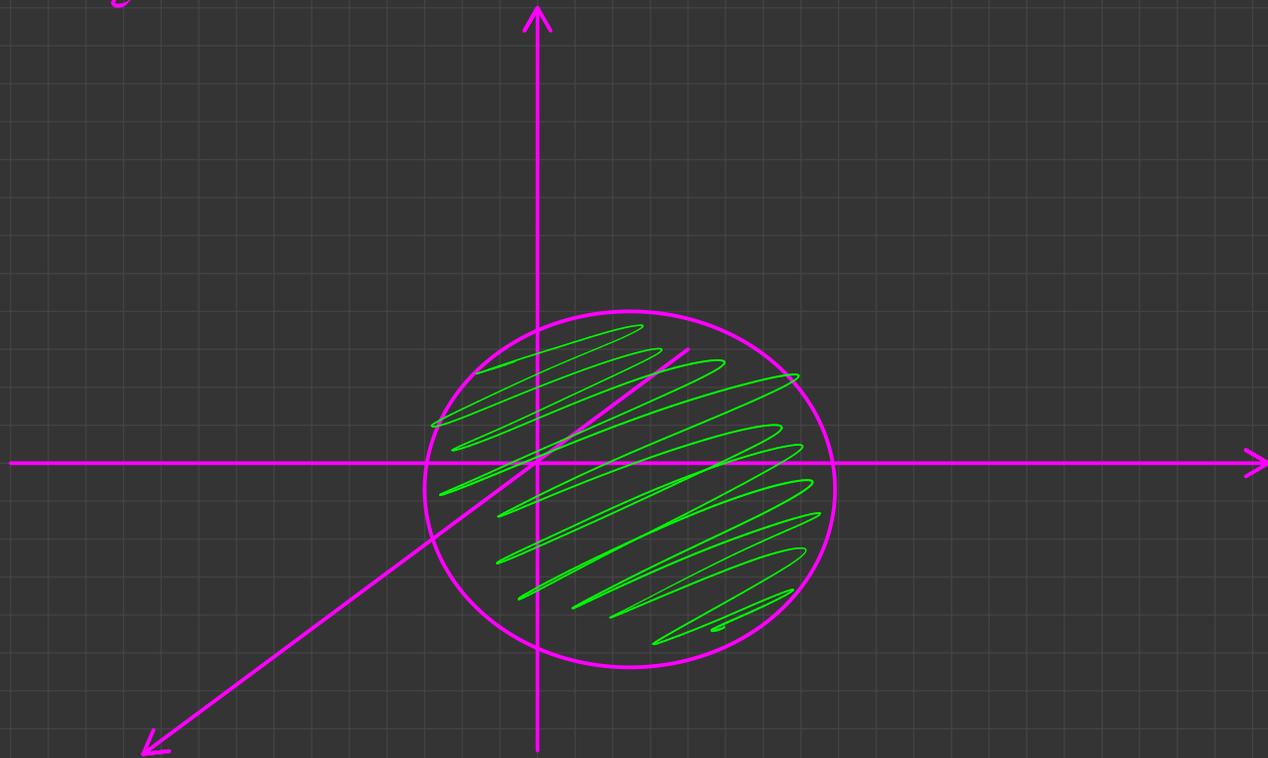
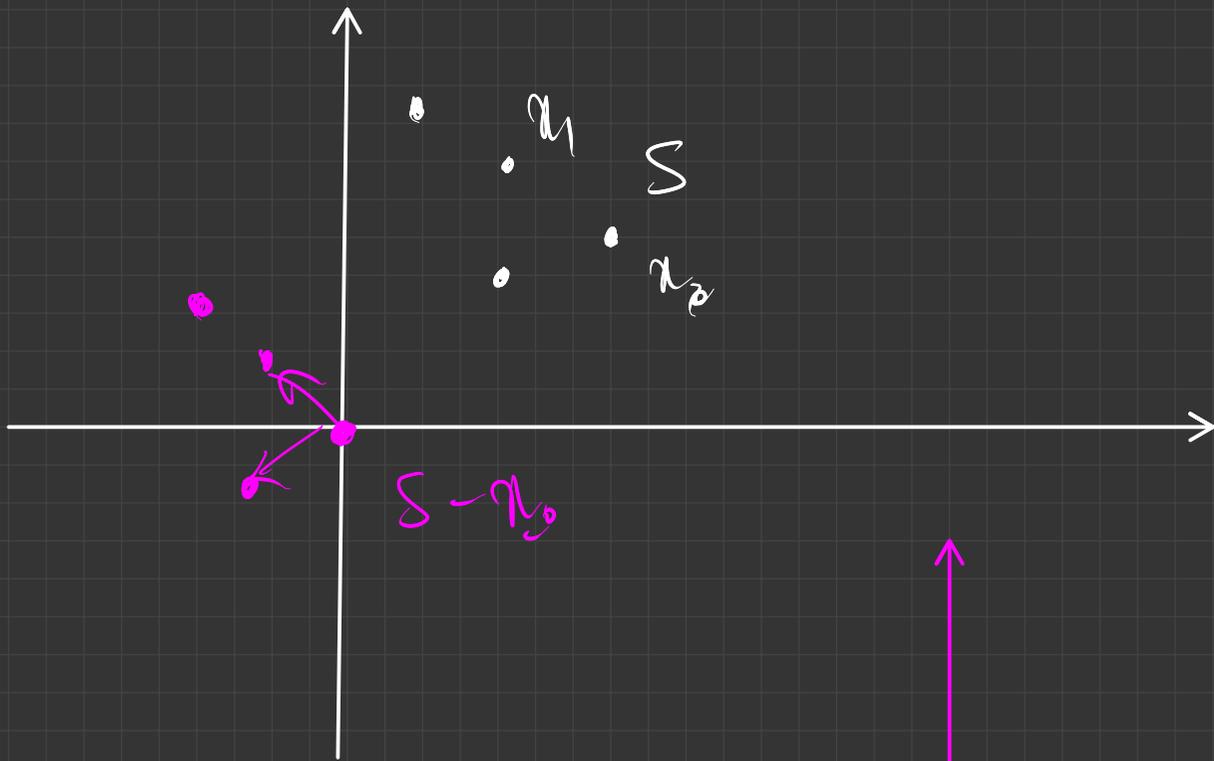
$$x_2'' = x_2 - 1$$

$\mathbb{R}^2$  :  $\dim(z) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \text{affine}$

$\dim z = 1$  all straight lines

$\dim = 0$  all points / singleton sets

$\mathbb{R}^3$  :



# Limit points, closure and interior

Given any set  $S$ , consider any convergent sequence  
of points in  $S$

$$x_1, x_2, \dots \quad x_i \in S$$

For each  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N_\epsilon$

$$|x_{i_1} - x_{i_2}| < \epsilon \quad \forall i_1, i_2 > N_\epsilon$$

The limit of such a sequence is a limit pt

Eg:  $S = (0, 1)$

limit points also include 0 & 1

Closure( $S$ ) = set of all limit pts of  $S$   
(smallest closed set containing  $S$ )

$$(0, 1) \cup (1, 2)$$

$$\text{Closure}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Closure}(\mathbb{N}) = \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Closure}\left\{\frac{1}{2^i} : i \in \mathbb{N}, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\right\}$$

$$= \left\{\frac{1}{2^i} : i \in \mathbb{N}, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\right\} \cup \{0\}$$

Interior( $S$ ) : Largest open set contained in  $S$

$\underline{x} \in S$  is an interior point  $\iff \exists \epsilon > 0$   
st  $B(\underline{x}, \epsilon) \subseteq S$

$\uparrow$   
open ball of radius  $\epsilon$  center  $\underline{x}$   
 $\{y : \|\underline{x} - y\| \leq \epsilon\}$

Boundary( $S$ ) = closure( $S$ )  $\setminus$  Interior( $S$ )

Ex:  $S = (0, 1]$

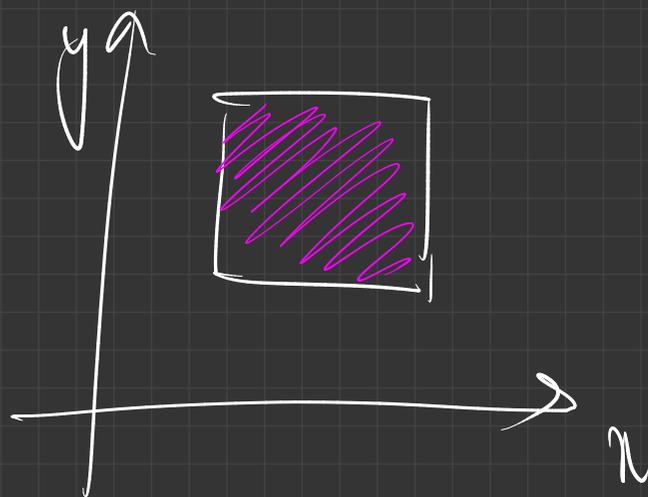
$$\text{closure}(S) = [0, 1]$$

$$\text{Interior}(S) = (0, 1)$$

$$\text{Boundary}(S) = \{0, 1\}$$



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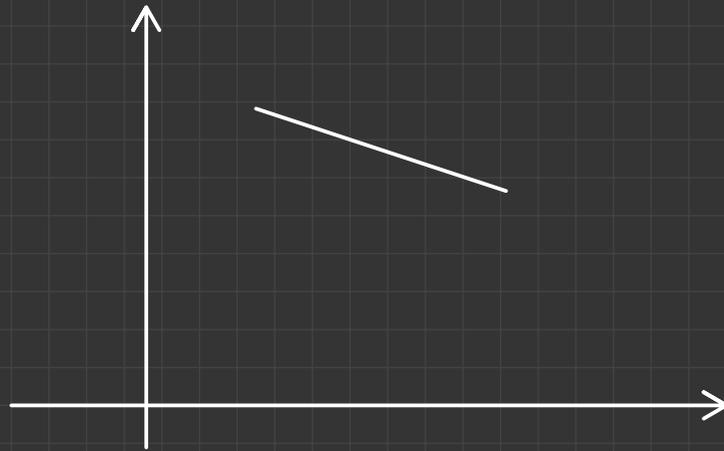
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$$S = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{Closure}(S) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Int}(S) = \emptyset$$

④



$$2x + 3y = 1$$

$$x \leq 2$$

$$y \leq 5$$

$$\text{Closure}(S) = S$$

$$\text{Int}(S) = \emptyset$$

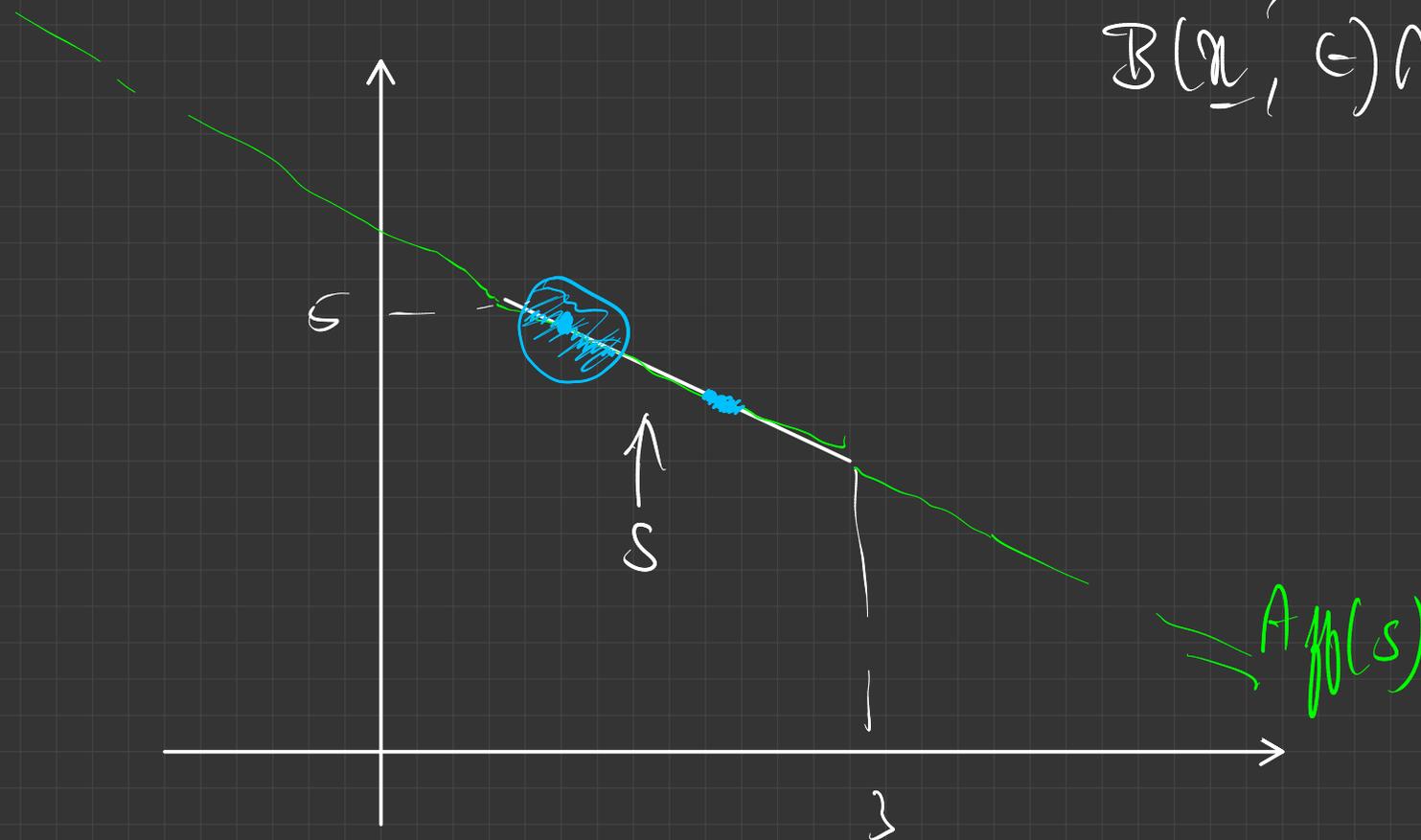
$$\text{Bd}(S) = S$$

# Relative interior and relative boundary

Relative interior of  $S$

$$\text{Relint}(S) = \{ \underline{x} \in S :$$

$$\exists \epsilon > 0, \mathcal{B}(\underline{x}, \epsilon) \cap \text{Aff}(S) \subseteq S \}$$



$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y &\geq 1 \\ x &\leq 3 \\ y &\leq 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Bd}(S) = \left\{ (3, -1), (-9, 5) \right\}$$

$$\text{Relint}(S) = \left\{ (x, y) : \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = 1 \\ x < 3 \\ y < 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

# Find the affine dimension, closure, int, relint, boundary

$$\textcircled{1} \quad S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \quad S = \{ \underline{x} : \|\underline{x}\|_2 \leq 1 \}$$

$$\text{—} \quad \text{closure}(S) = S$$

$$\text{Int}(S) = \{ \underline{x} : \|\underline{x}\|_2 < 1 \}$$

$$\text{Rel Int}(S) = \text{Int}(S)$$

$$\text{Bd}(S) = \{ \underline{x} : \|\underline{x}\|_2 = 1 \}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 : \quad S = \{ (1,2), (2,1), (3,1) \}$$

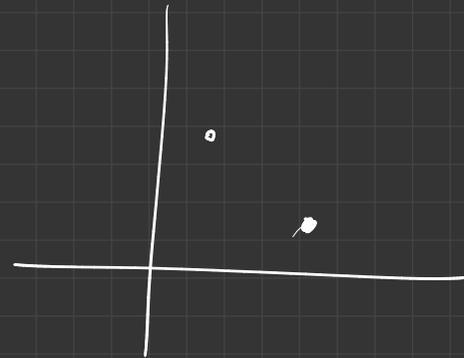
$$\text{Clow}_w(S) = S$$

$$\text{Int}(S) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{Rel Int}(S) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{Bd}(S) = S$$

$$\text{Aff}(S) = \mathbb{R}^2$$



$$\textcircled{2.3} \quad S = \{ (1,2), (2,1) \}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 : \quad S = \{ \underline{x} : x_1 + x_2 = 1 \}$$

$$\text{Closure}(S) = S$$

$$\text{Int}(S) = \emptyset$$

$$\text{RelInt}(S) = S$$

$$\text{Rel Bd}(S) = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 :$$

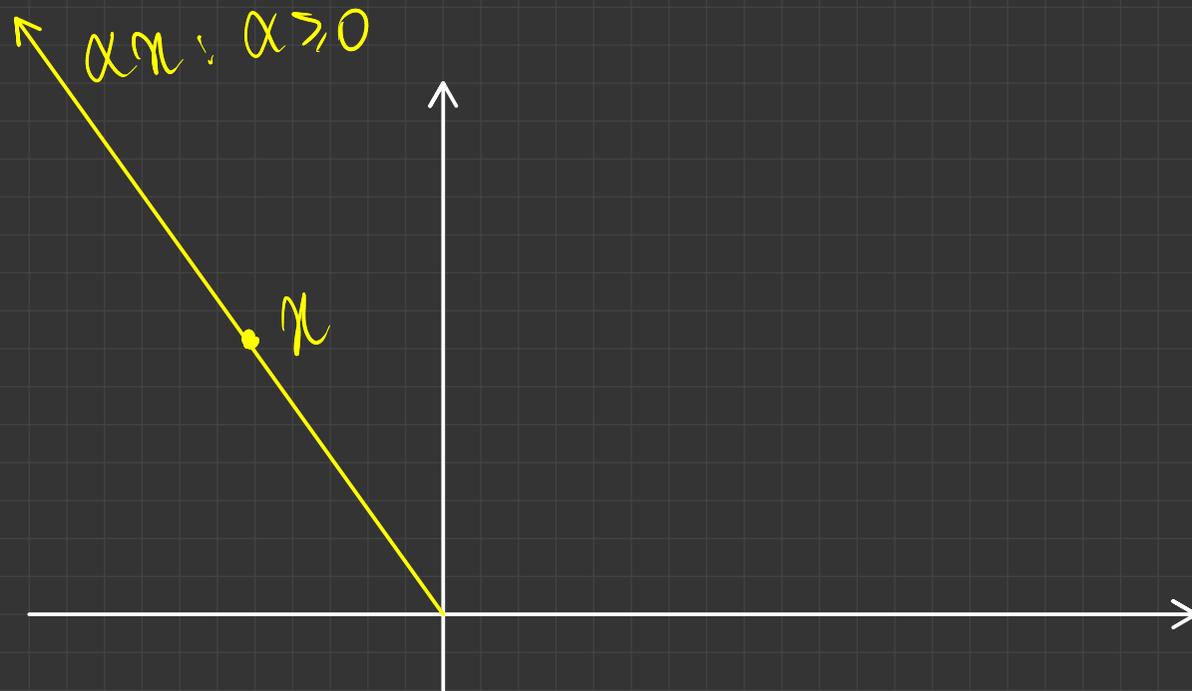
$$S = \left\{ \underline{x} : \underline{x} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + (1-\alpha) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \alpha \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$S = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{array}{l} x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq 1 \\ x_3 = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

# Cones, and convex cones

$S$  is a cone if  $\forall \underline{x} \in S \ \& \ \alpha \geq 0,$   
 $\alpha \underline{x} \in S$



Conic combinations:  $\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i x_i$      $\theta_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$

Claim:  $S$  is closed under conic combinations iff it is a convex cone.

Suppose  $S$  is a convex cone.

$$x_1, \dots, x_m \in S, \quad \theta_1, \dots, \theta_m \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i x_i = (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_m) \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\left( \frac{\theta_i}{\theta_1 + \dots + \theta_m} \right)}_{\substack{\text{convex comp} \\ \in S}} x_i$$

$\in S$

Suppose closed under conic combn



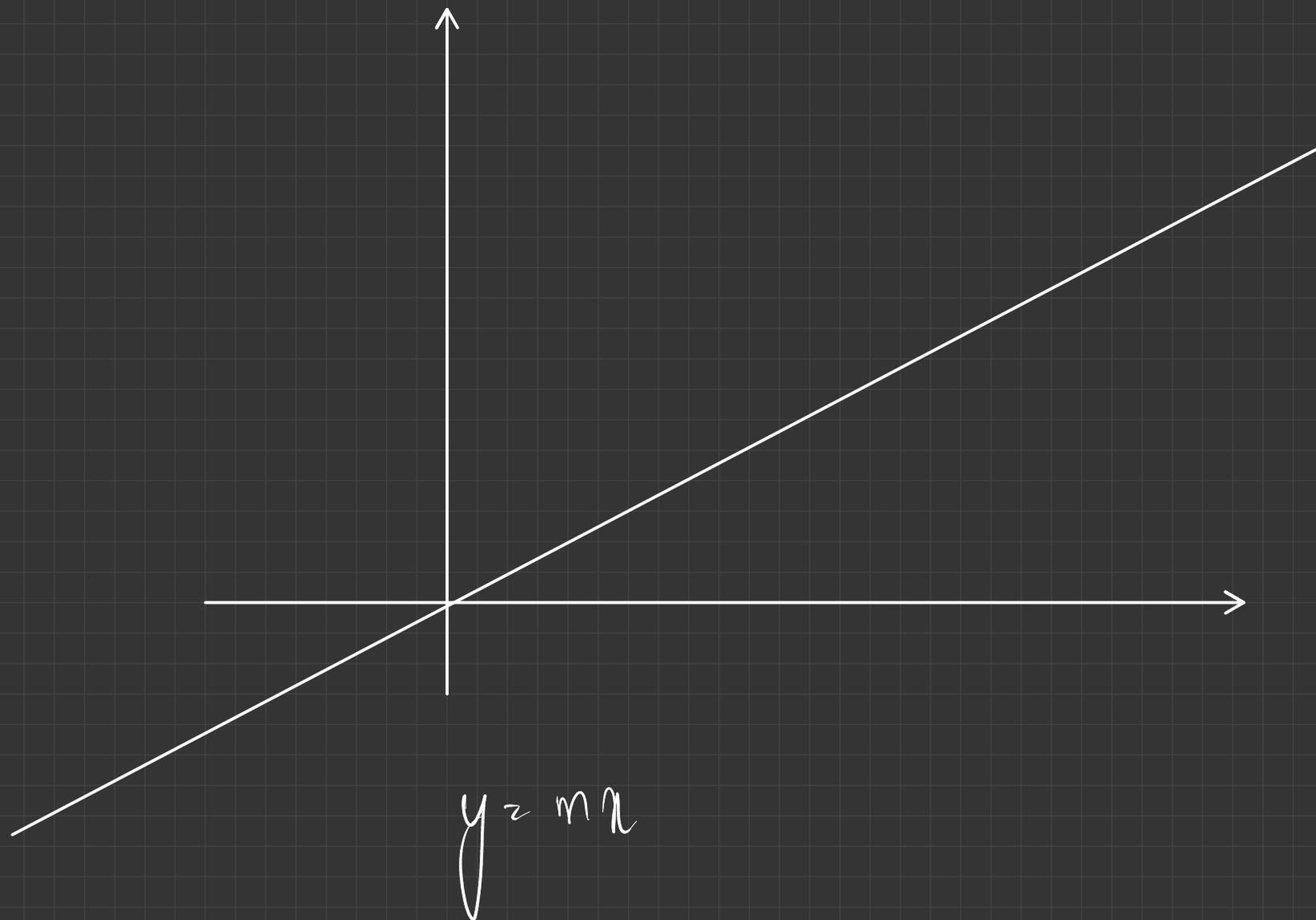
$$\alpha \in S \Rightarrow \theta \alpha \in S \quad \forall \theta \geq 0$$

Hence  $S$  is a cone

Closed under convex combn.

$$\alpha_1 \text{ --- } \alpha_m$$

Fig



Q: What is the equation of a  $\mathcal{H}$  line in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\{ \underline{x} : W \underline{x} = \underline{b} \}$$

$$\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

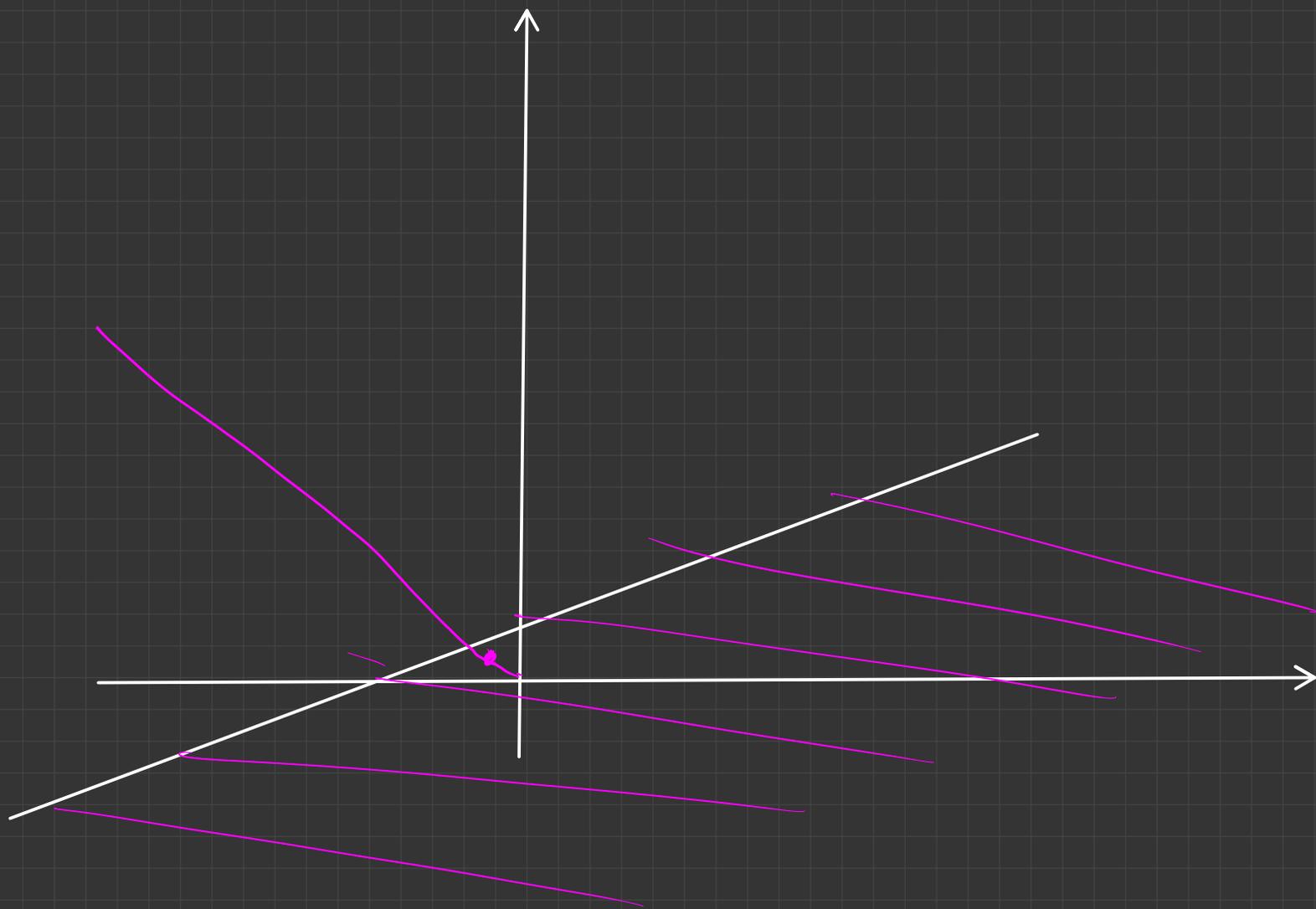
$W \rightarrow (n-1) \times n$  full rank matrix

Eq of  $\mathcal{H}$  line passing through origin

$$= \{ \underline{x} : W \underline{x} = \underline{0} \}$$

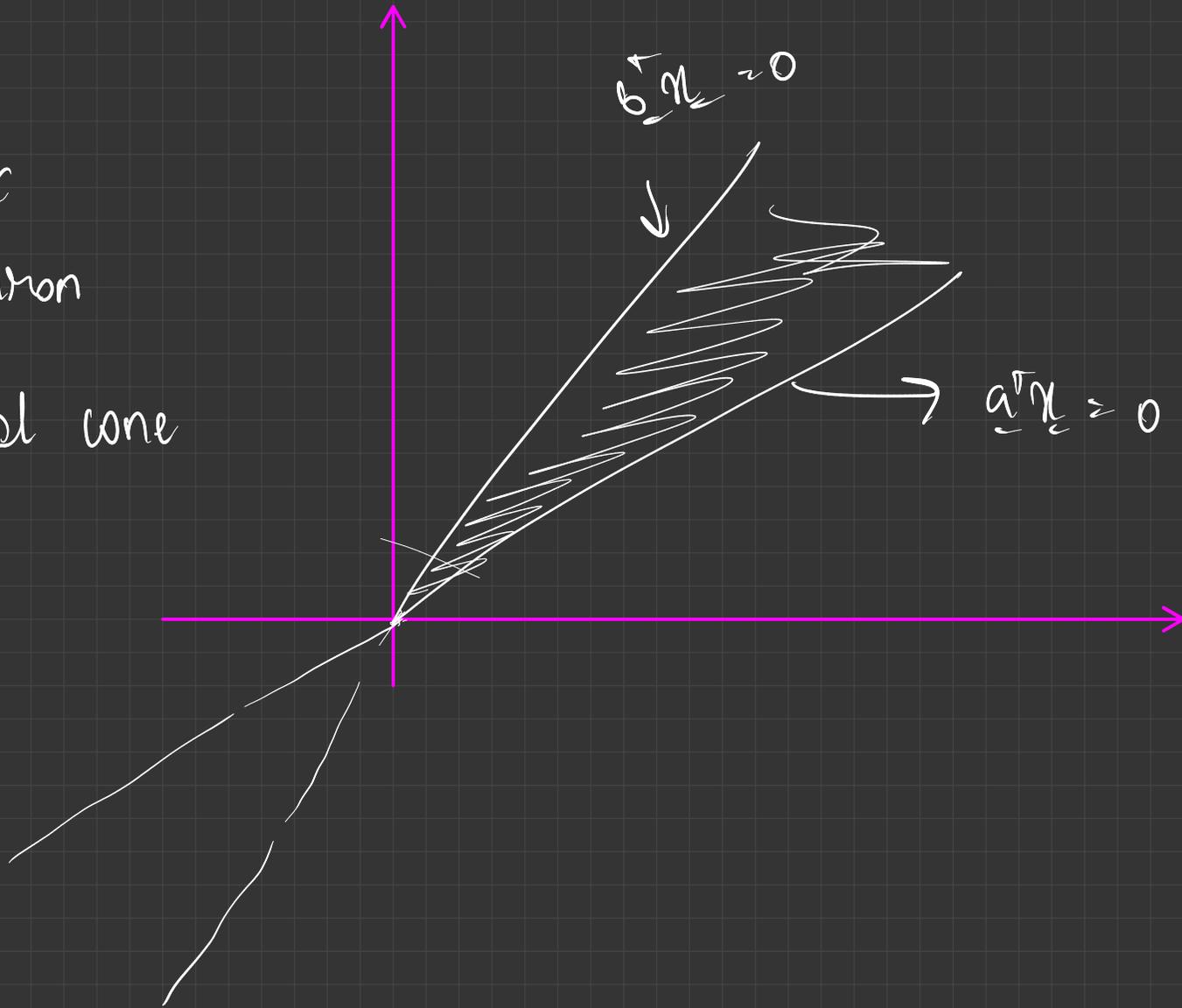
$$\text{rank}(W) = n-1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

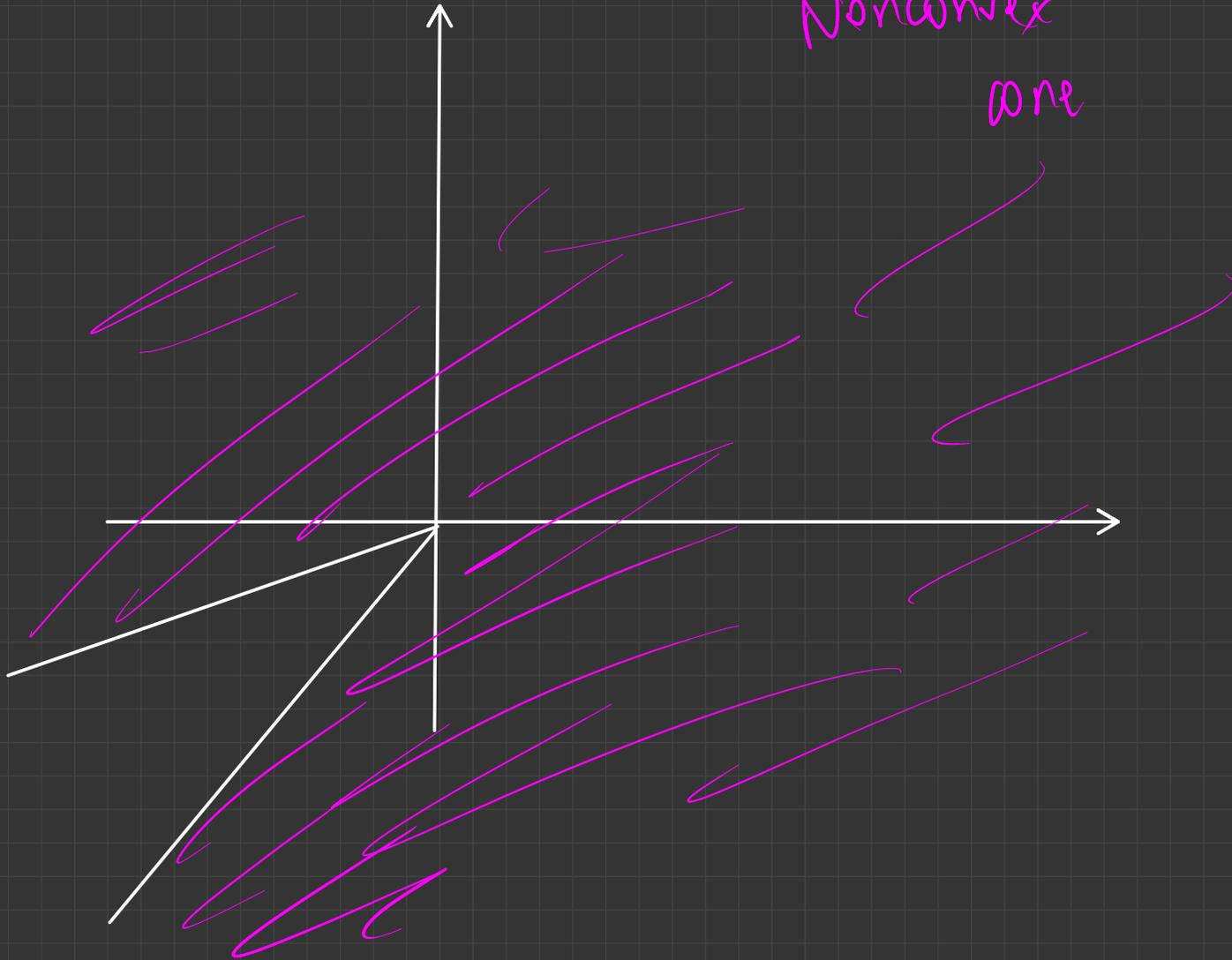


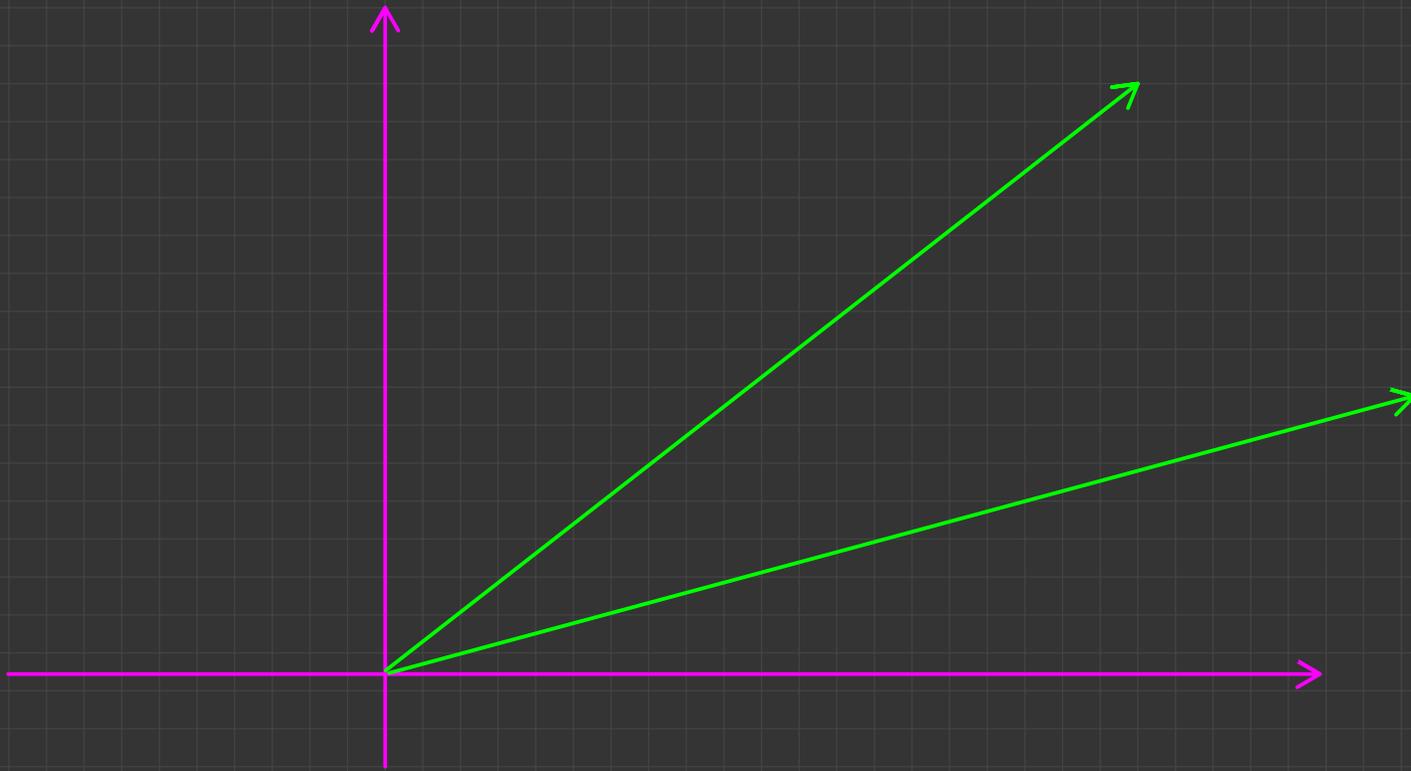
- Cone
- Convex
- Polyhedron

Polyhedral cone



Nonconvex  
cone



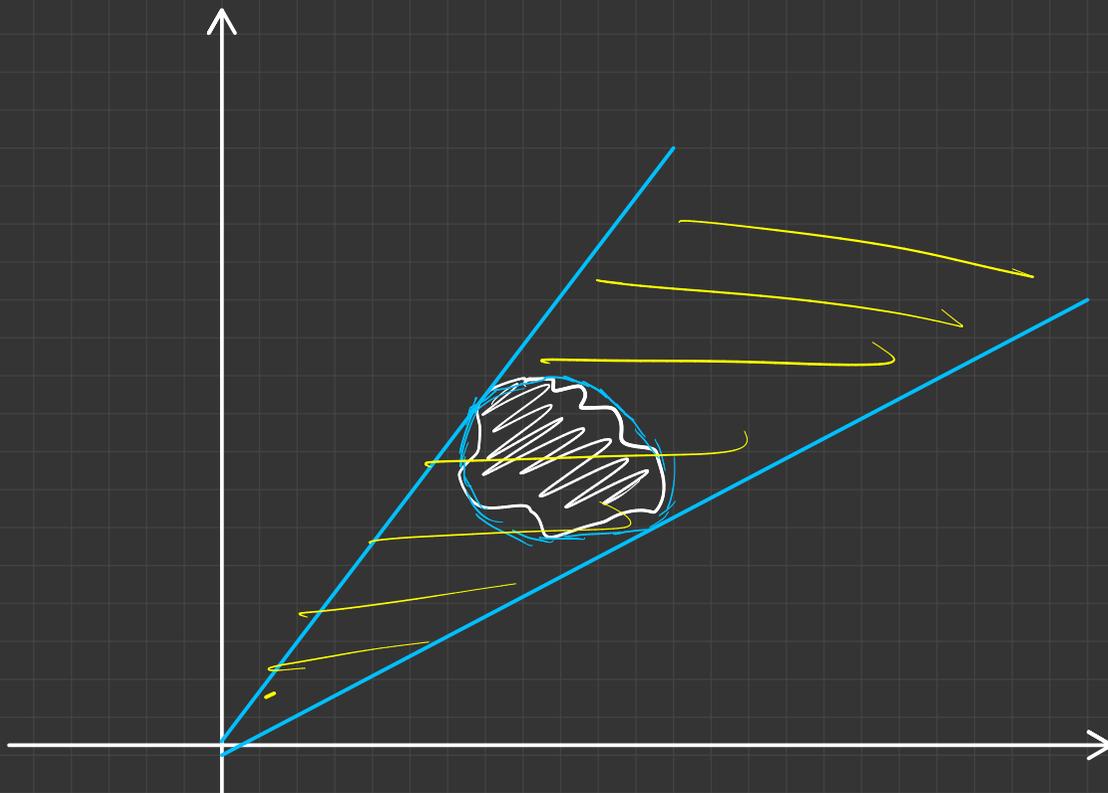


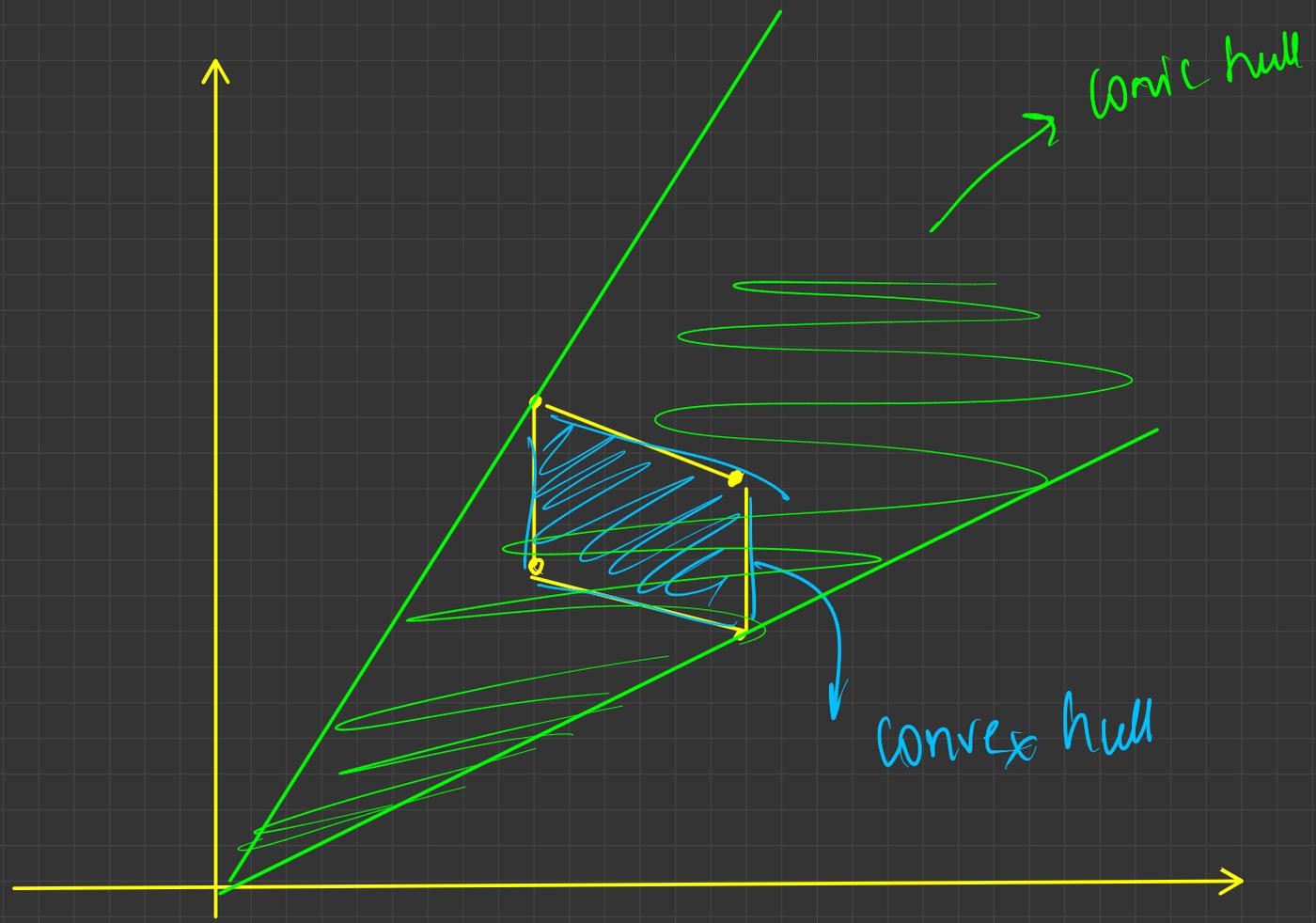
Note: Union of cones is a cone

# Conic hull

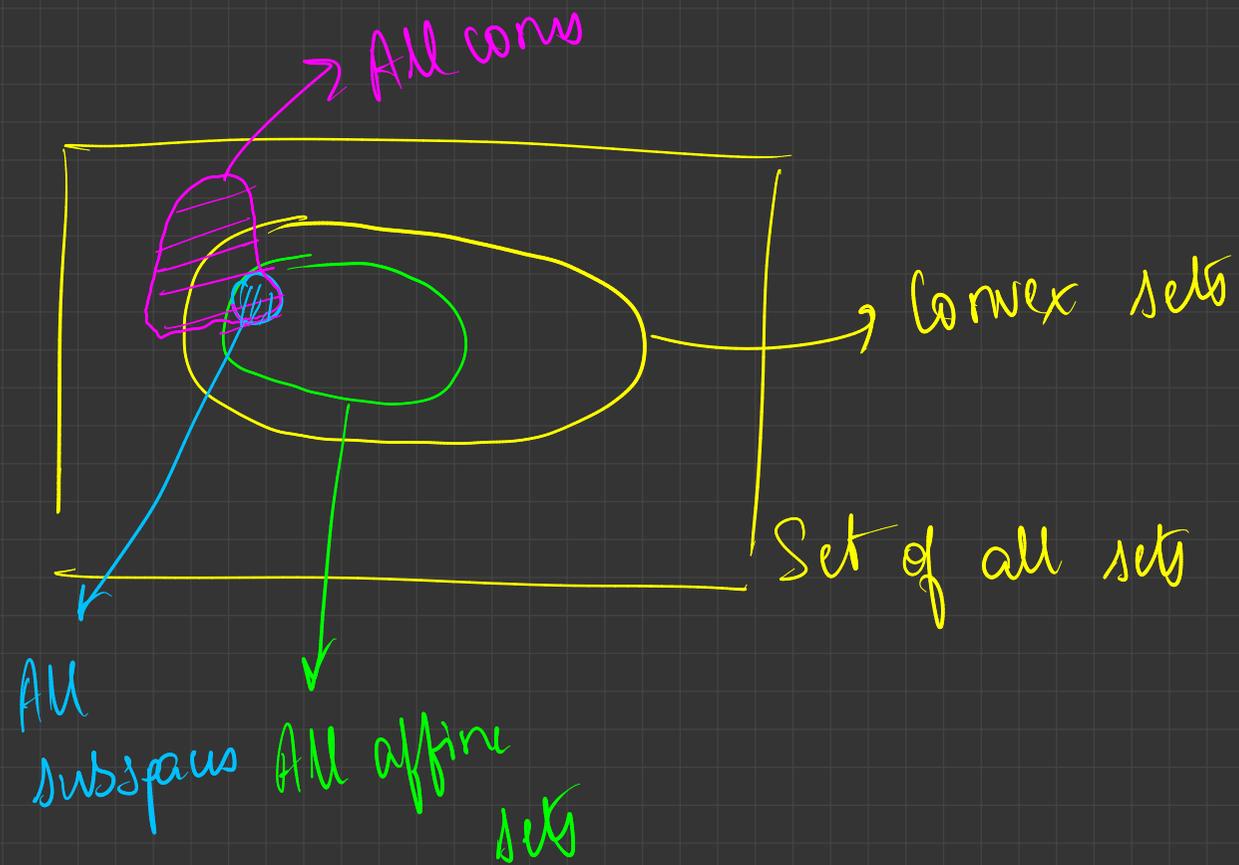
Smallest <sup>convex</sup> cone containing  $S$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i x_i \\ x_i \in S \\ \theta_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$





What does a convex cone in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  look like?



Any vector subspace

Convex?

Affine?

Cone?

# The norm cone

$$\left\{ (x, t) : \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ \|x\| \leq t \end{array} \right\}$$

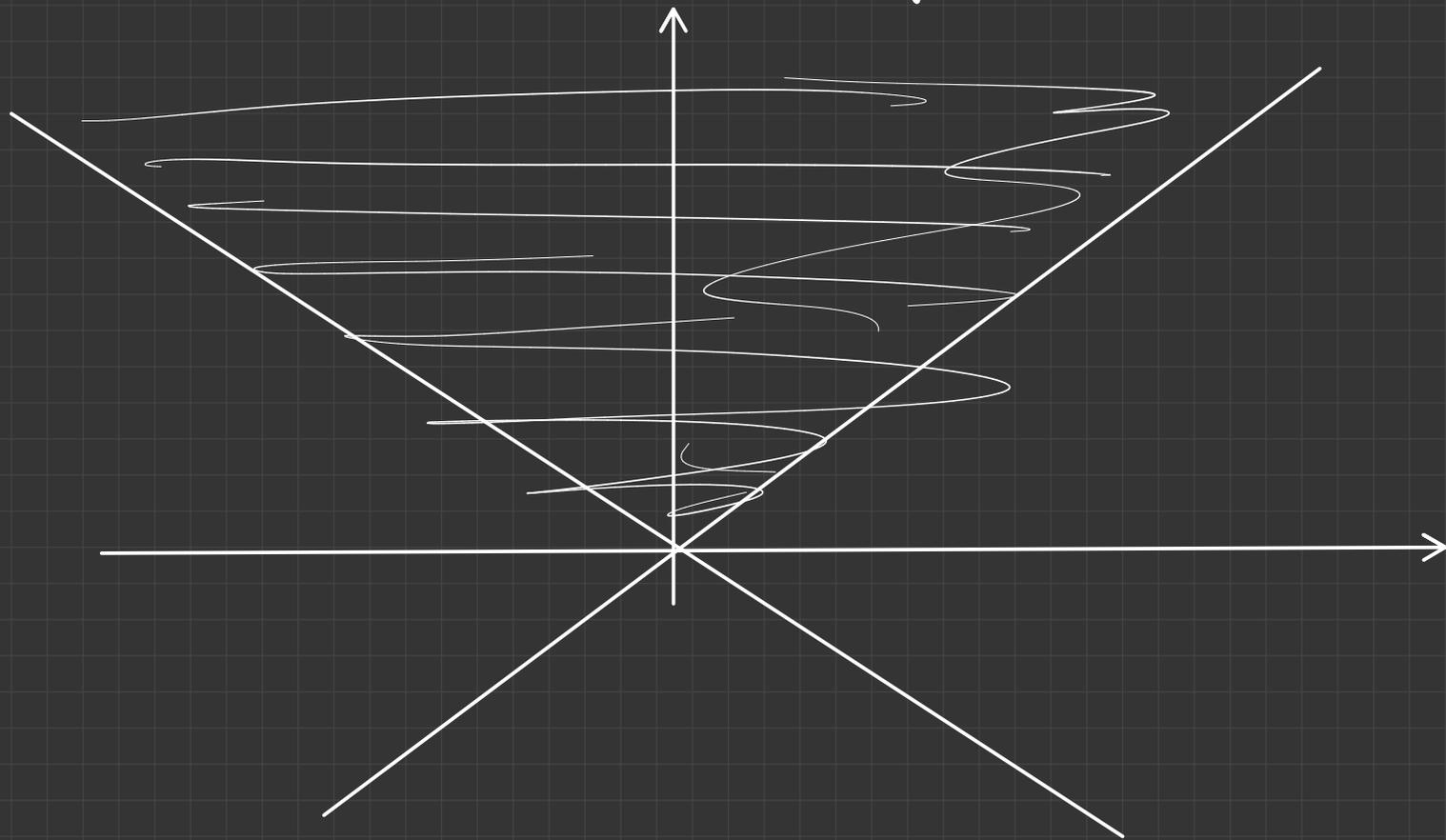
~~X~~ Vector space?

~~✓~~ Convex?      prove

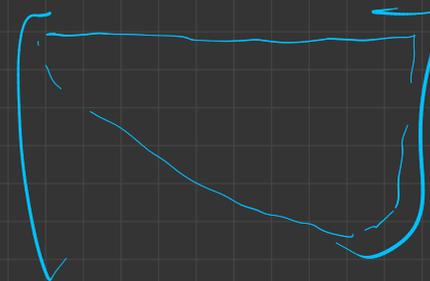
~~X~~ Affine?

~~✓~~ Cone?      prove

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\{ (x,y) : |x| \leq y, y \geq 0 \}$



# The set of symmetric matrices



Vector space?

Convex?

Affine?

Cone?

$$\dim = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

# The set of positive semidefinite matrices

Vector space? X

Convex? ✓

Affine? X

Cone? ✓

$A, B$

$$\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} \geq 0$$

$$\underline{x}^T B \underline{x} \geq 0$$

$$\alpha A + (1-\alpha)B$$

$$\underline{x}^T (\alpha A + (1-\alpha)B) \underline{x}$$

$$= \alpha \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} + (1-\alpha) \underline{x}^T B \underline{x} \geq 0$$

$$-1 I + 2 0 \text{ Not PSD}$$

Give examples of

1. Polyhedral cone

2. Non-polyhedral cone

3. Non-convex cone

# Operations that preserve convexity

## 1. Arbitrary intersections

$A_1, A_2$  convex

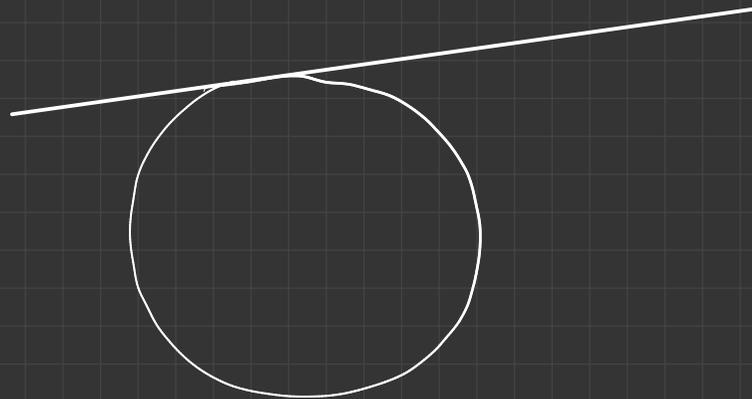
$A_1 \cap A_2$  is also convex

$$A_a = \{ X \in \mathcal{S}^n : \underline{a}^T X \underline{a} \geq 0 \} \rightarrow \text{halfspace}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f(A) \geq 0 & \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \text{linear operator} & \\ A \text{ vec}(X) & & \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_+^n = \bigcap_{\underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n} A_a$$

(set of all  $n \times n$  sym PSD)





## 2. Images and inverse images of affine functions

$S$  is a convex set

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$f(\underline{x}) = A\underline{x} + \underline{b}$$

$$f(S) = \{ \underline{y} = A\underline{x} + \underline{b} : \underline{x} \in S \} \text{ is convex}$$

$$\underline{y}_1 = A\underline{x}_1 + \underline{b}$$

$$\underline{y}_2 = A\underline{x}_2 + \underline{b}$$

$$\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2 \in S$$

$$\alpha \underline{y}_1 + (1-\alpha) \underline{y}_2 =$$

$$\alpha A\underline{x}_1 + \alpha \underline{b} + (1-\alpha) A\underline{x}_2 + (1-\alpha) \underline{b}$$

$$= A(\underbrace{\alpha \underline{x}_1 + (1-\alpha) \underline{x}_2}_{\underline{x} \in S}) + \underline{b}$$

$$= A\underline{x} + \underline{b} \in f(S)$$

$$f^{-1}(s) = \left\{ \underset{\substack{y \\ \mathbb{R} \text{ convex}}}{y} : \underline{x} = Ay + \underline{b} \text{ for some } \underline{x} \in s \right\}$$

# Second order conic program (SOCP)

$$\text{Minimize } \underline{c}^T \underline{x}$$
$$\text{ST : } F \underline{x} = g$$

$$\|A_i \underline{x} + b_i\|_2 \leq c_i^T \underline{x} + d_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\{ \underline{x} : \|A \underline{x} + b\|_2 \leq c^T \underline{x} + d \}$$

$$\approx \{ \underline{x} : f(\underline{x}) \in \text{SOC} \}$$



affine transformation

Second order cone:

$$\{(\underline{x}, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t \geq 0, \|\underline{x}\|_2 \leq t\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \underline{x} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \succeq \begin{bmatrix} A\underline{x} + \underline{b} \\ c^T \underline{x} + d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\succeq \begin{bmatrix} A \\ c^T \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} + \begin{bmatrix} \underline{b} \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \underline{x} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \in \text{SOC} \}$$

$$= \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|A\underline{x} + \underline{b}\|_2 \leq c^T \underline{x} + d \}$$

$\mathbb{R}^3$ 

$$\{ \underline{x} : \|A\underline{x} + \underline{b}\|_2 \leq \underline{c}^T \underline{x} + d \}$$

 $A: 2 \times 3$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ \underline{c} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{b}$$

$$d \quad \underline{x} : \|Ax + b\|_2 \leq c^T x + d \quad \}$$

$$\downarrow \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = 0$$
$$c^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad d = 0$$

$$d \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3) : \left\| \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq x_3 \quad \} \rightarrow \text{SOC}$$

# Example: Robust linear programming

$$\text{Minimize } \underline{c}^T \underline{x}$$

s.t.

$$\underline{a}_i^T \underline{x} \leq b_i \quad i=1, 2, 3, \dots, m$$

eg:  $x_i \rightarrow$  # of stocks I purchase for comp  $i$

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \leq b$$

$c_i \rightarrow$  expected returns for comp  $i$

$$\text{Max } \underline{c}^T \underline{x}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underline{a}_i^T \underline{x} \leq b$$

$$\text{Max } \underline{c}^T \underline{x}$$

s.t

$$(\underline{a} + \underline{e})^T \underline{x} \leq b$$

$$\|\underline{e}\|_2 \leq 1$$

}

$$\underline{a}^T \underline{x} + \underline{e}^T \underline{x} \leq b$$

||

$$\underline{a}^T \underline{x} + \|\underline{x}\| \leq b$$

$$\|\underline{x}\| \leq -\underline{a}^T \underline{x} + b$$

# Recap

- Cones and convex cones
- Conic combinations and conic hull
- Examples
- Second order conic program (SOCP)
- Example: Robust linear programming

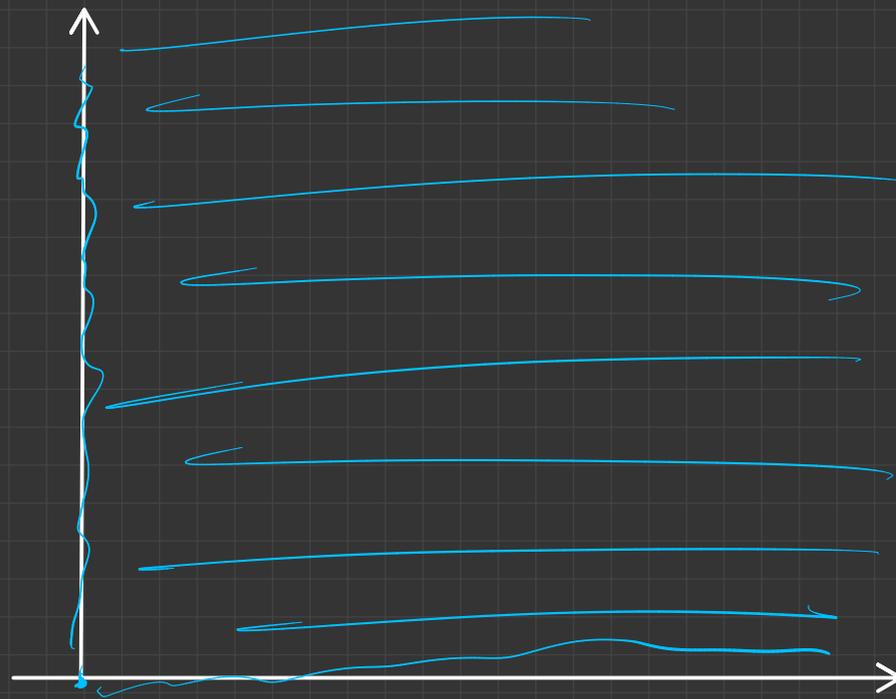
# Proper cone

① **Convex**  $\forall \underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2 \in K, \quad \alpha \underline{x}_1 + (1-\alpha) \underline{x}_2 \in K$   
 $\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$

② **Closed**  $\{(\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \underline{x}_1 > 0 \wedge \underline{x}_2 > 0$   
 $\text{or } \underline{x}_1 = \underline{x}_2 = 0\}$

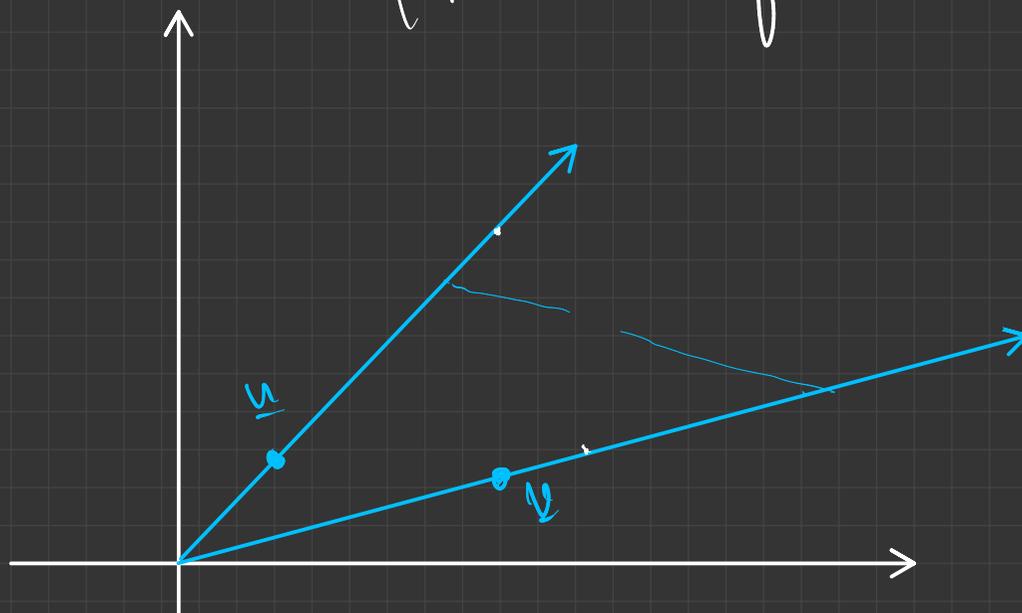
③ **Solid**  $K$  has a nonempty interior  
 $\exists \epsilon > 0 \wedge \underline{a} \in K$  st  $\mathcal{B}(\underline{a}, \epsilon) \subseteq K$

④ **Pointed**  $\underline{x} \in K \wedge \underline{x} \neq \underline{0} \Rightarrow -\underline{x} \notin K$



## Examples

① Nonconvex :  $K = \{ \underline{x} = \alpha \underline{u} \text{ for some } \alpha \geq 0 \} \cup$   
 $\{ \underline{x} = \alpha \underline{v} \text{ for some } \alpha \geq 0 \}$



- Not solid

- Closed

- Pointed

$$\underline{x}_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \underline{u}, & k \text{ odd} \\ \beta_k \underline{v}, & k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

② Nonnegative orthant

$$K = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \geq 0 \ \forall i \}$$

- Cone

- Convex

- Closed

- Pointed

- Solid

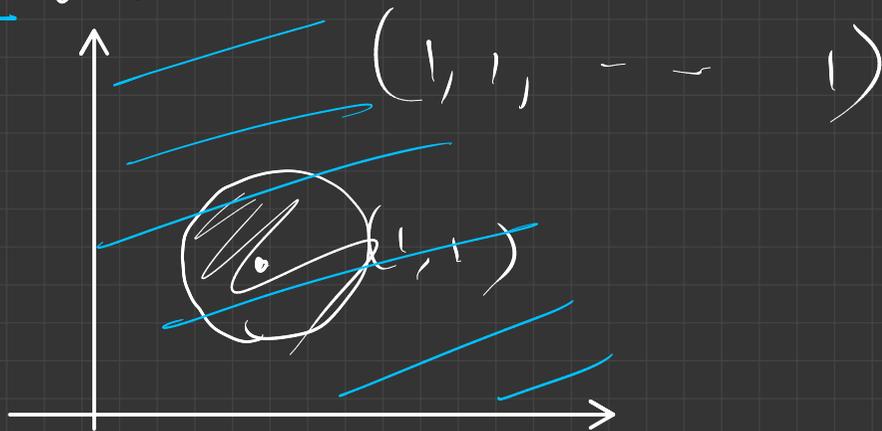
$$\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2 \in K$$

$$\theta_1 \underline{x}_1 + \theta_2 \underline{x}_2 \in K \text{ for } \theta_1 \geq 0, \theta_2 \geq 0$$

Consider any  $\underline{x} \in K$

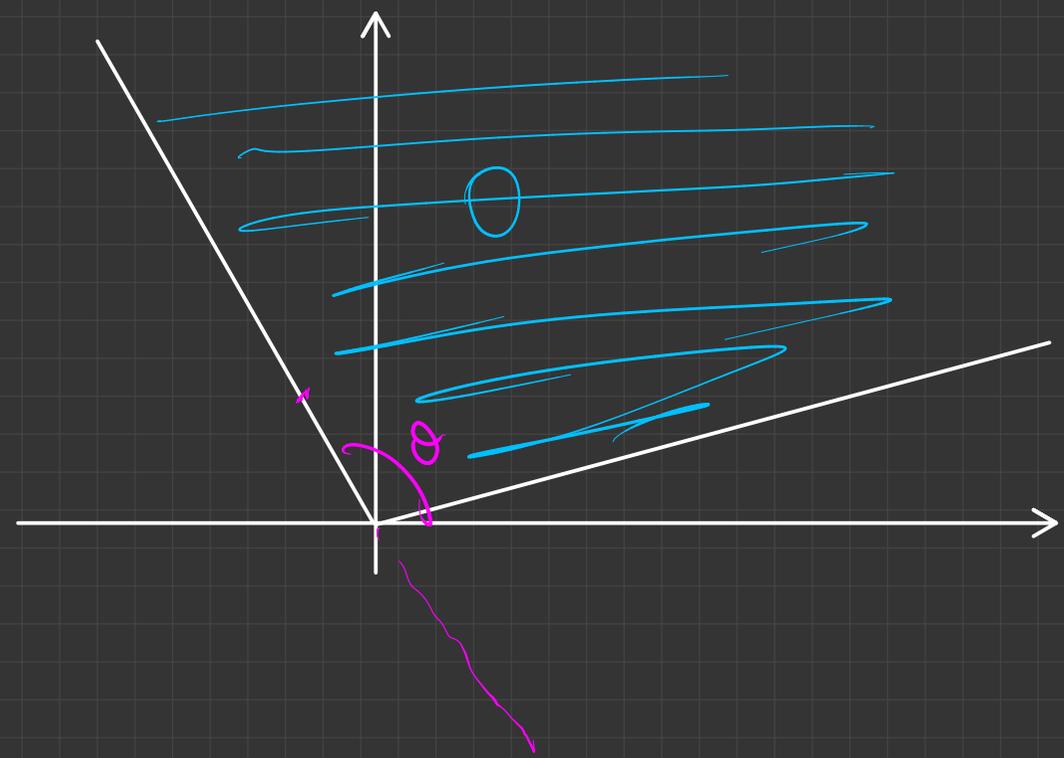
$$-\underline{x} \in K \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

This is a proper cone



⑬ Consider any subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Convex cone
- Closed
- Solid only if  $\dim = n$
- Pointed? No, unless  $\dim = 0$



$\theta < 180^\circ \Leftrightarrow$  pointed

① PSD matrices  $\rightarrow$  proper cone

- convex cone

- closed

- Solid  $\checkmark$

- Pointed  $\checkmark$

$\downarrow$

$\exists$  some PSD  $A$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  s.t.

$$\|X - A\| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow X \in S_+^n$$

$$A = I$$

$$\forall X \text{ s.t. } \|X - I\| \leq \epsilon \Rightarrow X \text{ is PSD}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix} - I = \begin{bmatrix} a-1 & c \\ c & b-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(a-1)^2 + (b-1)^2 + 2c^2 \leq 0.1$$

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - a & -c \\ -c & \lambda - b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - a)(\lambda - b) - c^2$$

$$= \lambda^2 - \lambda(a+b) + ab - c^2$$

A is PSD  $\iff$

$$a^2 + b^2 + 4c^2 - 2ab \leq 0$$

$$(a-b)^2 + 4c^2 \leq 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a+b \geq 0 \\ ab-c^2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{Conditions for } A \\ \text{to be PSD}$$

Suppose,  $(a-1)^2 + (b-1)^2 + 2c^2 \leq 0.1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Exercise: ST (1)  $\Rightarrow$  A is PSD.

# Matrix inner product

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$$

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^T A)}$$

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 2c^2}$$

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\sum_i a_{ii}^2 + \sum_i \sum_{j=2}^n 2a_{ij}^2}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(A, \epsilon) = \left\{ X \in \mathcal{S}^n : \|X - A\| \leq \epsilon \right\}$$

# Solid cones

Solid v/s open set

Every open set is solid

$$\text{eg: } \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_2 < 1\}$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$$

Not every solid set is open

But every solid set contains some open set.

# The set of PSD matrices is a solid cone

Claim:  $S_{++}^n$  (set of P.D. matrices) =  $\text{int}(S_+^n)$

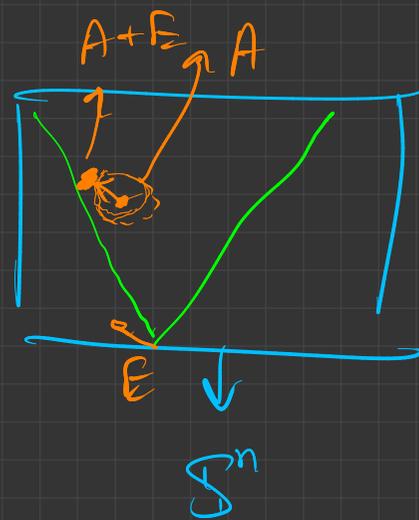
If  $A$  is P.D., then we want to show  $\exists \epsilon > 0$

so for all symmetric  $E$  with  $\text{tr}(E^T E) < \epsilon^2$

$$A + E \in S_+^n$$

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $A$

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_n$  are orthonormal e.v.



$$\lambda_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \lambda_i > 0 \quad \text{as } A \text{ is P.D.}$$

$$\text{Choose } \epsilon < \lambda_{\min}$$

$$E \in \mathbb{S}^n, \quad \text{tr}(E^T E) \leq \epsilon^2$$

$$\text{tr}(E^2) \leq \epsilon^2$$

Assume  $\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_n$  are eigenvalues of  $E$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_1^2, \rho_2^2, \dots, \rho_n^2 \quad \text{---} \quad \text{tr} \quad \text{---} \quad E^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^2 \leq \epsilon^2$$

$$|\rho_i| \leq \epsilon$$

$$-\epsilon \leq \rho_i \leq \epsilon$$

$$\lambda_{\min}(A + E) > 0$$

Suppose  $\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \dots, \underline{u}_n$  are eigenvectors of  $E$   
 $\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_n$

$$C = A + E$$

↓

$\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_n$  are eigenvectors of  $C$   
 $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  are eigenvalues

$$\underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \underline{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \underline{u}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \underline{w}_i$$

$$\|\underline{x}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i^2$$

$$\underline{x}^T C \underline{x} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \underline{w}_i \right)^T C \left( \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \underline{w}_j \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n r_i r_j \underline{w}_i^T C \underline{w}_j$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n r_i r_j M_j \underline{w}_i^T \underline{w}_j$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 M_j$$

$$\underline{x}^T A \underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 \lambda_i$$

$$\underline{x}^T E \underline{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i^2 e_i$$

$$\underline{x}^T C \underline{x}$$

$$\underbrace{\alpha^T C \alpha}_{\text{convex combn of } M_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 M_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (\underbrace{\alpha_i^2}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{e.v. of } A}} \lambda_i + \underbrace{\beta_i^2}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{e.v. of } E}} l_i)$$

$$\| \alpha \| = 1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2}_{\text{convex comb.}} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 M_i &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i^2 \lambda_{\min} + \beta_i^2 l_{\min}) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^2 \right) \lambda_{\min} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i^2 \right) l_{\min} \\ &= \lambda_{\min} + l_{\min} \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_{\min}$  can be obtained by choosing  
some  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$

$$\mu_{\min} \geq \lambda_{\min} + \ell_{\min}$$

$$\mu_{\max} \leq \lambda_{\max} + \ell_{\max}$$

But from our choice of  $\epsilon, \epsilon,$

$$\text{min E.V of } E = \ell_{\min} \geq -\epsilon$$

$$\text{min e.v of } A = \lambda_{\min} > \epsilon$$

$$\mu_{\min} > \epsilon - \epsilon = 0$$

$\therefore A + E$  is P.S.D.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 \mu_i \geq \lambda_{\min} + \epsilon_{\min} \quad \forall (r_1, \dots, r_n)$$

$$\text{ST } \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 = 1$$

$$\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_n$$

Choose  $r_1 = 0 = r_2 = \dots = r_{n-1}$  &  $r_n = 1$

$$\mu_{\min} = \mu_n \geq \lambda_{\min} + \epsilon_{\min}$$

EX: ST if  $A$  is PSD NOT P.D then  $A$  is not  
an interior pt of  $S_+^n$

# Generalized inequalities

Consider  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$x \preceq y \quad \text{if} \quad x_i \leq y_i \quad \forall i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \preceq \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \preceq \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_1(x) \quad f_2(x)$$

Defn: If  $K$  is a proper cone;

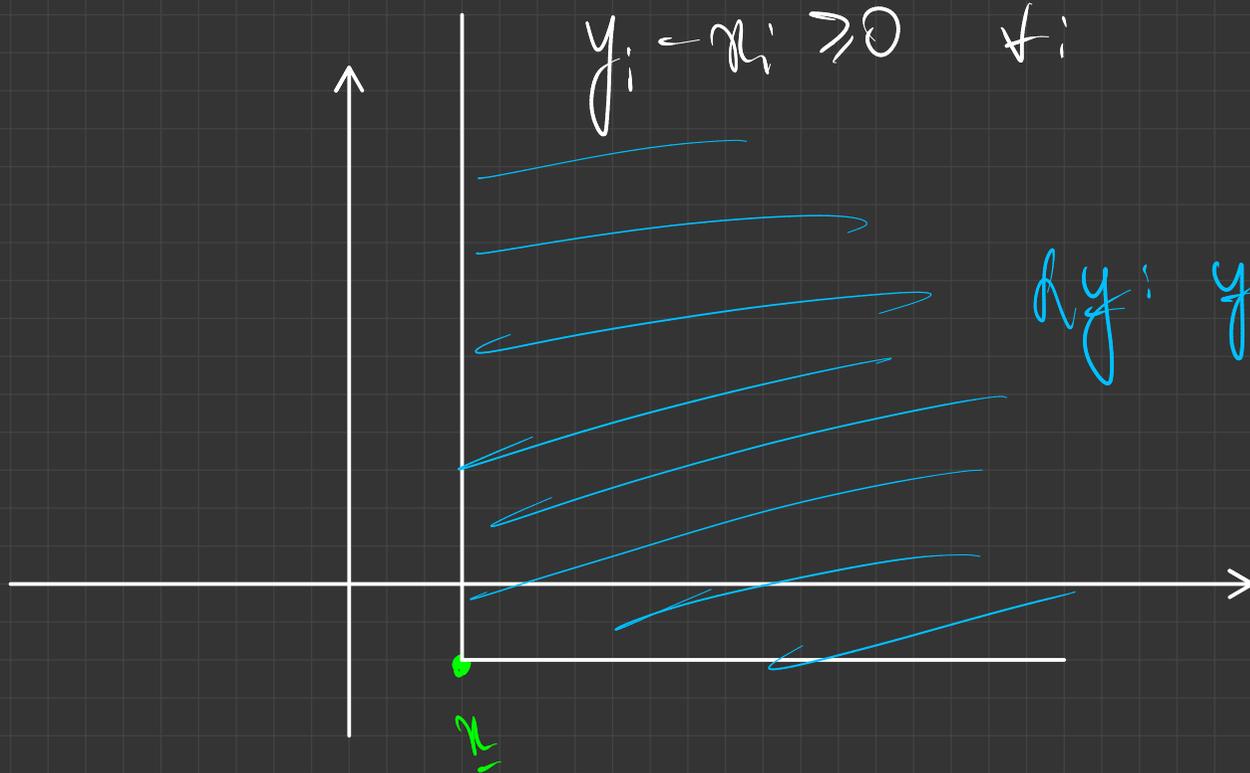
We say  $x \preceq_K y \iff y-x \in K$

Ex:

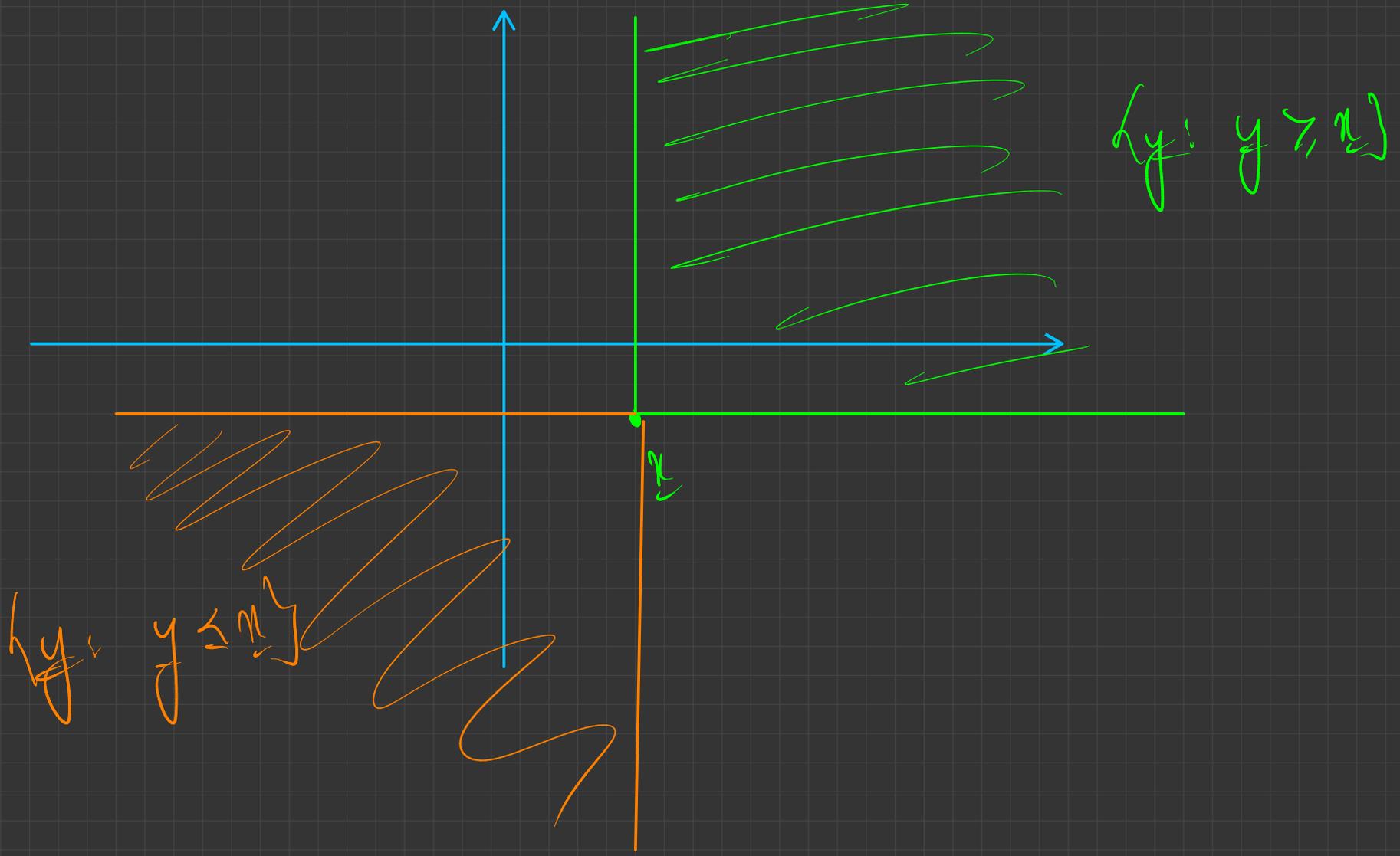
$$x \preceq y$$

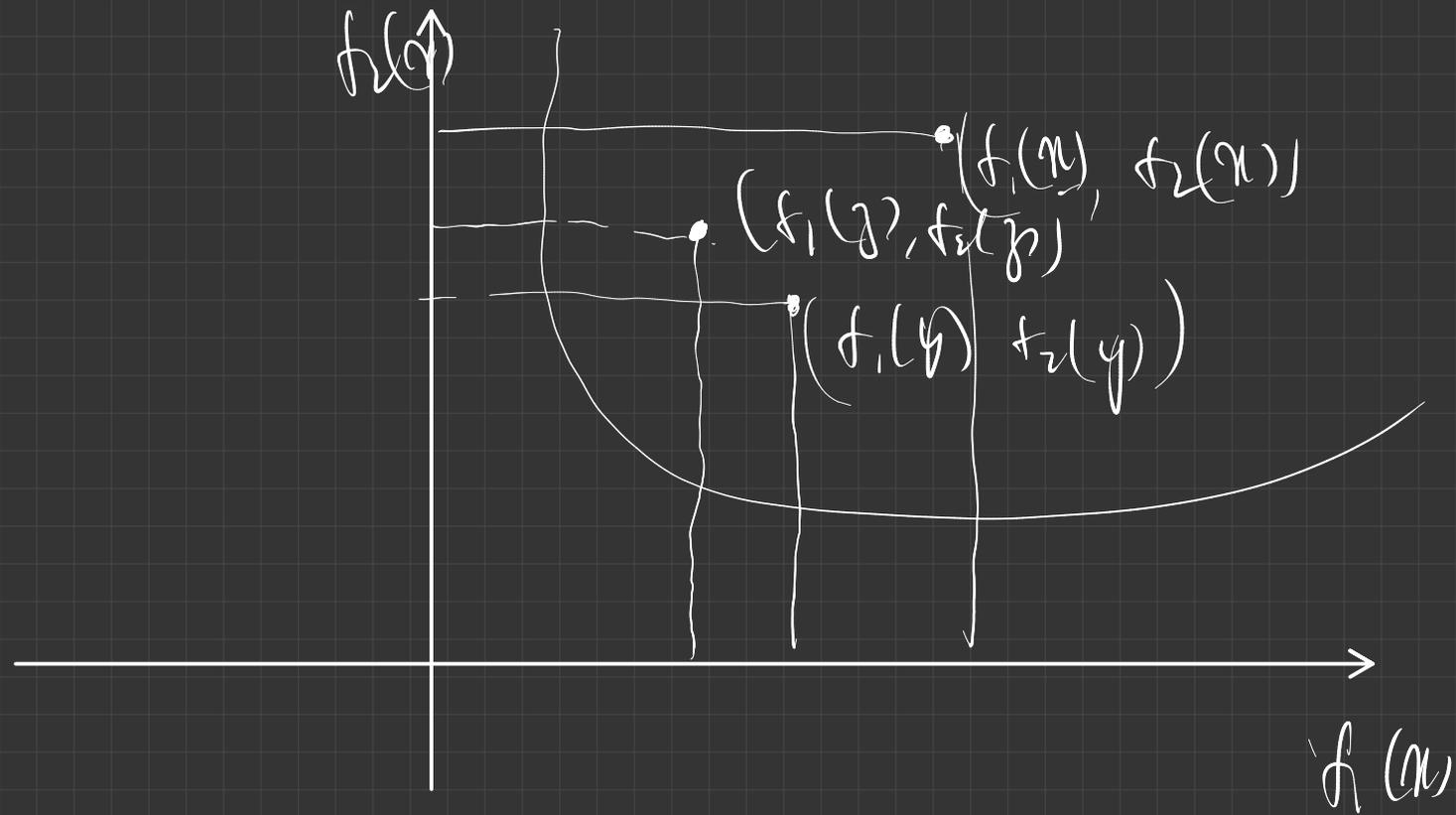
$$x_i \preceq y_i \quad \forall i$$

$$y_i - x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$



$$dy: y \succeq x$$





# Generalized inequality induces a partial ordering

We say that  $\leq$  is an inequality that induces a partial order if

① Reflexive :  $x \leq x \quad \forall x$

② Antisymmetric :  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \Rightarrow y = x$

③ Transitive :  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$

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Total order  $\rightarrow$  ④  $\forall x, y \quad x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$

Eg:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  if  $x_1 \leq y_1$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Not antisymmetric

① Reflexive

$$\underline{x} \in V$$

$$\underline{x} \leq_K \underline{x}$$

because

$$\underline{x} - \underline{x} = \underline{0} \in K$$



since  $K$  is  
a cone

② Antisymmetric

$$\underline{x} \leq_K \underline{y} \quad \& \quad \underline{y} \leq_K \underline{x}$$



$$\underline{y} - \underline{x} \in K$$



$$\underline{x} - \underline{y} \in K$$

$$-(\underline{y} - \underline{x}) \in K$$

This can happen only if  $\underline{y} - \underline{x} = \underline{0}$   
(as  $K$  is pointed)

③ Transitive

$$x \leq_K y \quad \& \quad y \leq_K z$$
$$(y-x) \in K \quad (z-y) \in K$$

Since  $K$  is a convex cone,

$$(y-x) + (z-y) \in K$$
$$z-x \in K$$
$$\Rightarrow x \leq_K z$$

## Other properties

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{x} \leq_k \underline{y} \quad \& \quad \underline{u} \leq_k \underline{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{x} + \underline{u} \leq_k \underline{y} + \underline{v}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{x} \leq_k \underline{y} \quad \& \quad \alpha \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha \underline{x} \leq_k \alpha \underline{y}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{x}_i \leq_k \underline{y}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \underline{x}_i \leq_k \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \underline{y}_i$$

# Minimum and minimal elements

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

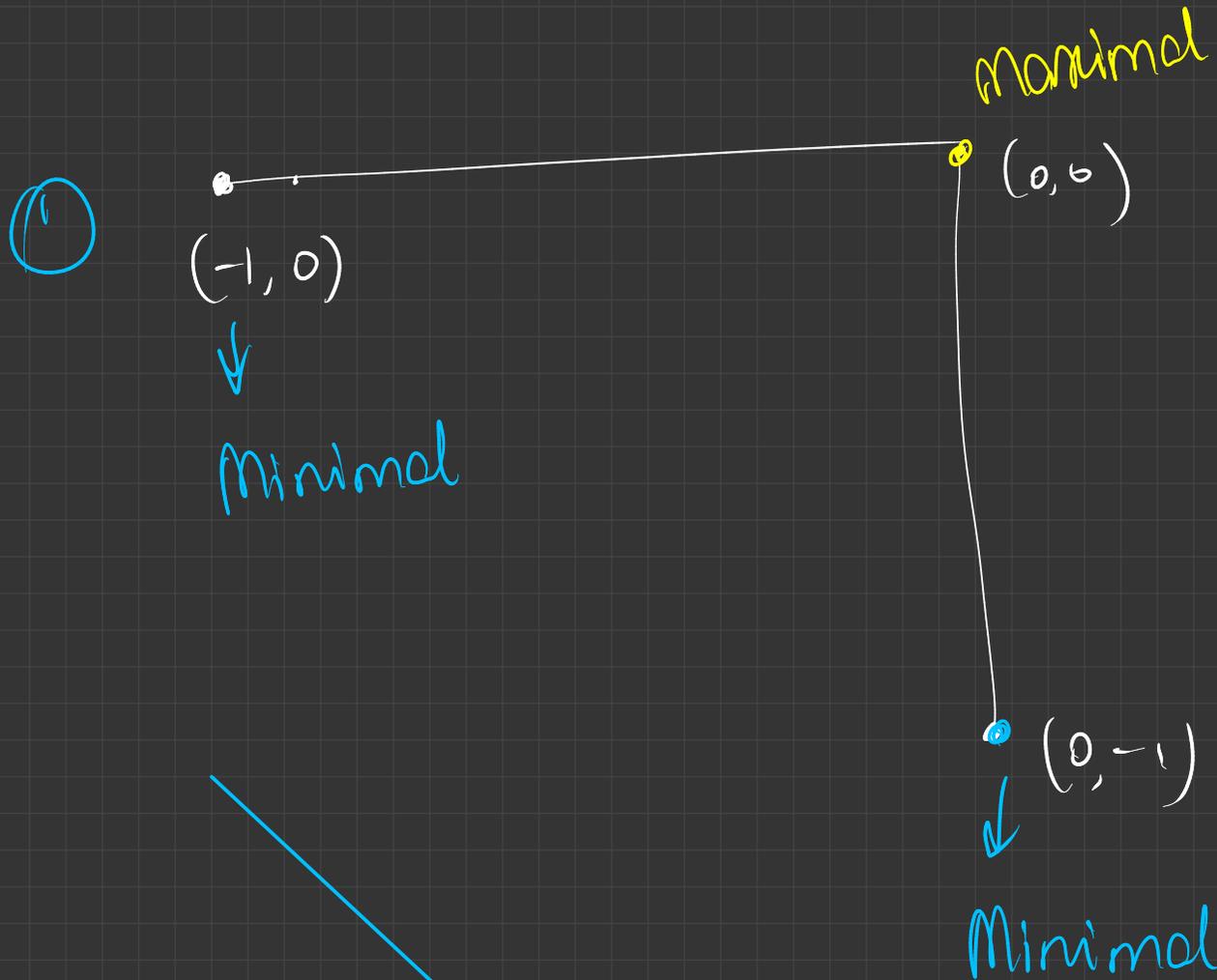
① Given  $S$  & a proper cone  $K$ ,

We say that  $x^*$  is the minimum of  $S$  under  $\preceq_K$

$$\text{if } x^* \preceq_K x \quad \forall x \in S$$

② We say that  $y$  is a minimal element of  $S$  if

$$\text{if } x \preceq_K y \Rightarrow y = x$$



$$\left\{ \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \alpha \in [-1, 0] \right\}$$

②

In ②, all points are minimal

$$\textcircled{3} \quad K = \left\{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \leq 0 \quad \forall i \right\}$$

$$\underline{x} \preceq_K y$$

$$y - \underline{x} \in K$$

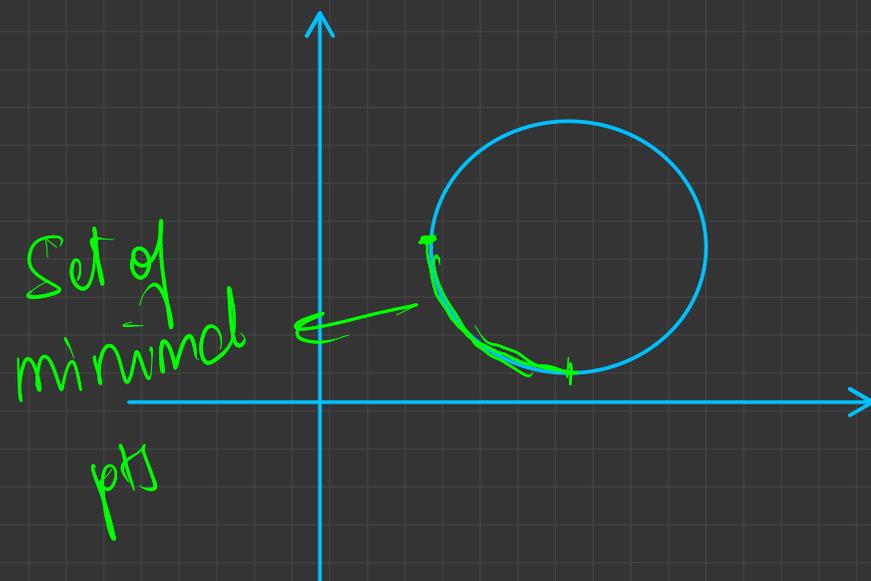
$$y_i - x_i \leq 0$$

$$y_i \leq x_i$$

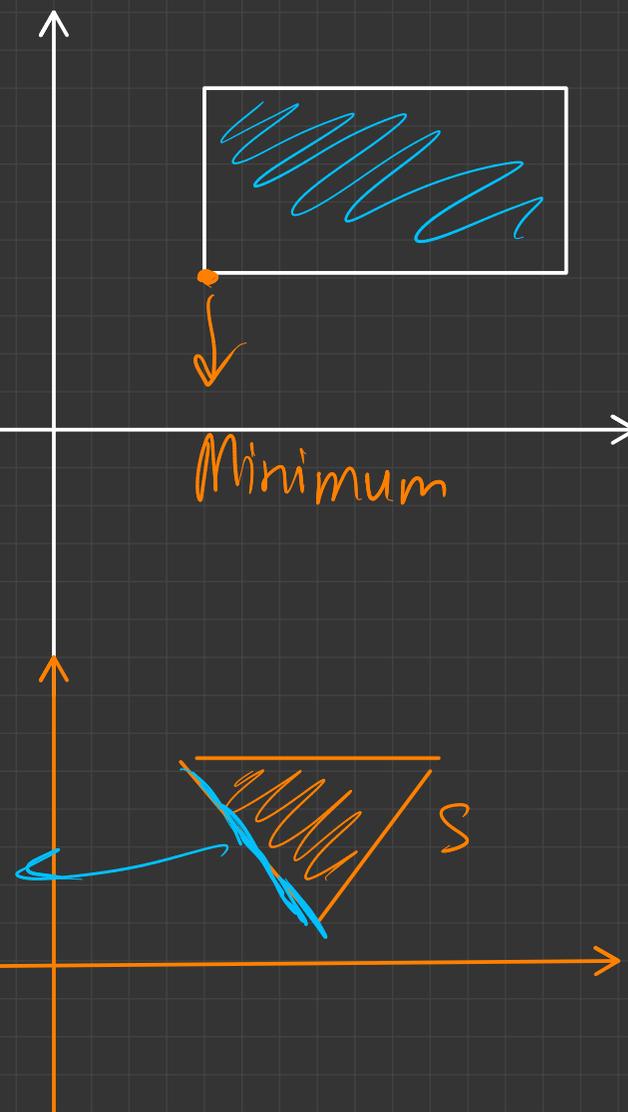
# Examples

① Consider the componentwise inequality

$$S = \{ (x_1, x_2) : 1 \leq x_1 \leq 2, 1 \leq x_2 \leq 1.5 \}$$



Set of minimal elements

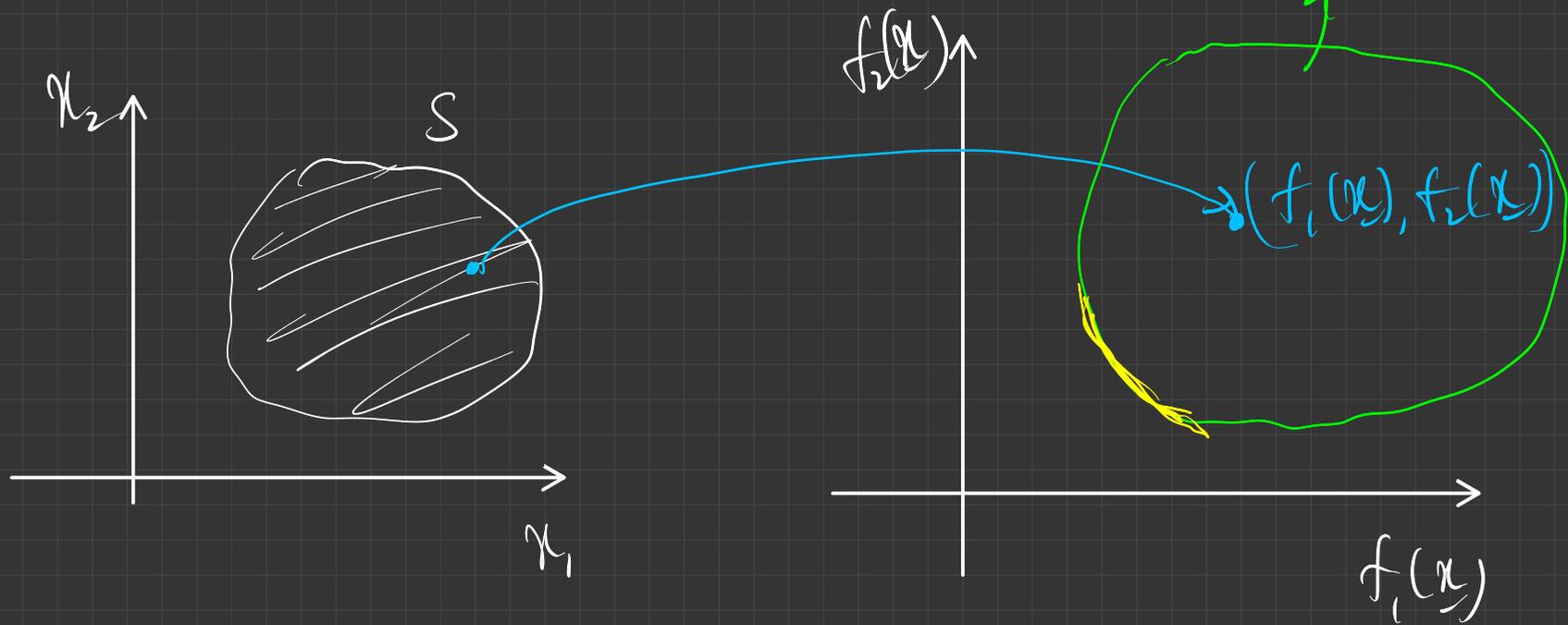


# Examples

$$f_1(x) \quad f_2(x)$$

$$x \in S$$

Goal: Minimize both  $f_1(x)$  &  $f_2(x)$



Goal: Find set of all minimal pts of  $\Sigma_m(s)$   
(under componentwise inequality)

$\approx$  Pareto optimal points

$$f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2) \leq \alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2)$$

$f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow$  WRT some generalized inequality  $\leq_K$   
We say  $f$  is convex if

$$f(\alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2) \leq_K \alpha f(x_1) + (1-\alpha)f(x_2)$$

$$\underline{f}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Dual cone

Given a cone  $K$ , the dual cone

$$K^* = \left\{ \underline{x} : \langle \underline{x}, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in K \right\}$$

Q1: Is  $K^*$  a cone? YES

$$\text{If } \underline{x} \in K^*, \quad \langle \underline{x}, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \alpha \underline{x}, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in K \\ \forall \alpha \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \underline{x} \in K^* \quad \forall \alpha \geq 0$$

②  $K^*$  is convex

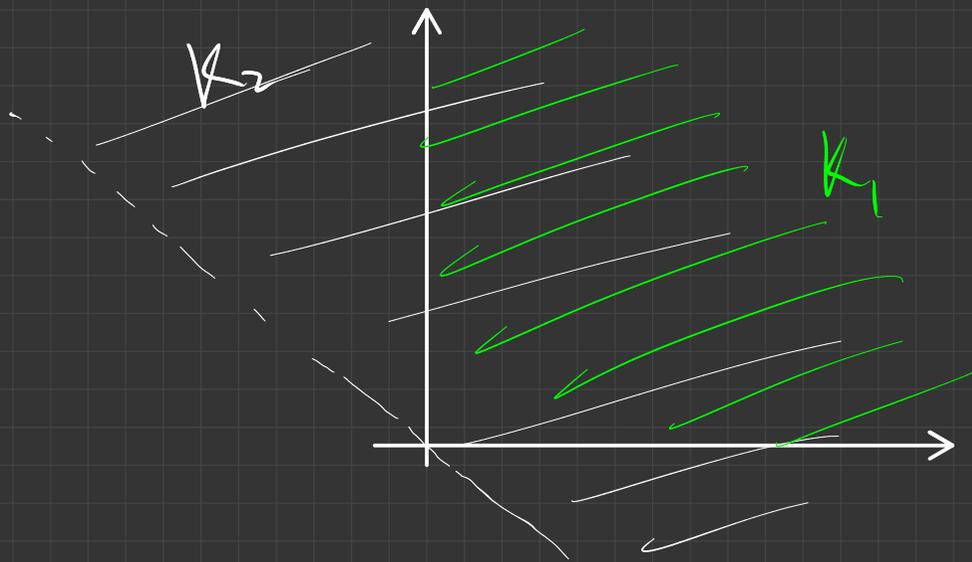
$$\underline{\mu}_1, \underline{\mu}_2 \in K^* \quad \wedge \quad \theta_1, \theta_2 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta_1 \underline{\mu}_1 + \theta_2 \underline{\mu}_2, \underline{y} \rangle &= \theta_1 \langle \underline{\mu}_1, \underline{y} \rangle + \theta_2 \langle \underline{\mu}_2, \underline{y} \rangle \\ &\geq 0 \quad \text{as } \underline{\mu}_1, \underline{\mu}_2 \in K^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_1 \underline{\mu}_1 + \theta_2 \underline{\mu}_2 \in K^*$$

③  $K_1 \subseteq K_2 \quad K_1^* \supseteq K_2^*$

Consider any  $\underline{\mu} \in K_2^* \quad \langle \underline{\mu}, \underline{y} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{y} \in K_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \underline{\mu} \in K_1^*$



$$K_1 = \{ \underline{x} : x_i \geq 0 \forall i \}$$

$$K_2 = \{ \underline{x} : x_1 + x_2 \geq 0 \}$$

$$K_3 = \{ \underline{x} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : \alpha \geq 0 \}$$

$$K_2 \supseteq K_1 \supseteq K_3$$

$$K_2^* \subseteq K_1^* \subseteq K_3^*$$

$$K_1^* = K_1, \quad K_2^* = K_3 \quad \& \quad K_3^* = K_2$$

$$K_1 = \{ \underline{x} : x_i \geq 0 \ \forall i \}$$

Suppose  $\exists y_i < 0$

$$y \notin K^*$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ y_j \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow j^{\text{th}} \text{ comp}$$

Any  $y \in K_1$  also lies in  $K_1^*$

$$K_1 = K_1^* \quad (\text{Self dual})$$

$$K_2 = \{ \underline{x} : x_1 + x_2 \geq 0 \}$$

Every  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  lies in  $K_2^*$

Consider  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} : \alpha \neq \beta$

$$\text{If } \alpha \neq \beta$$

$$\alpha - \beta \geq 0 \quad \text{OR}$$

$$\beta - \alpha < 0$$

$$\underbrace{\alpha - \beta}_{\leftarrow -\epsilon} + \underbrace{\beta \delta}_{\leftarrow \epsilon/2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 + \delta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 + \delta \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

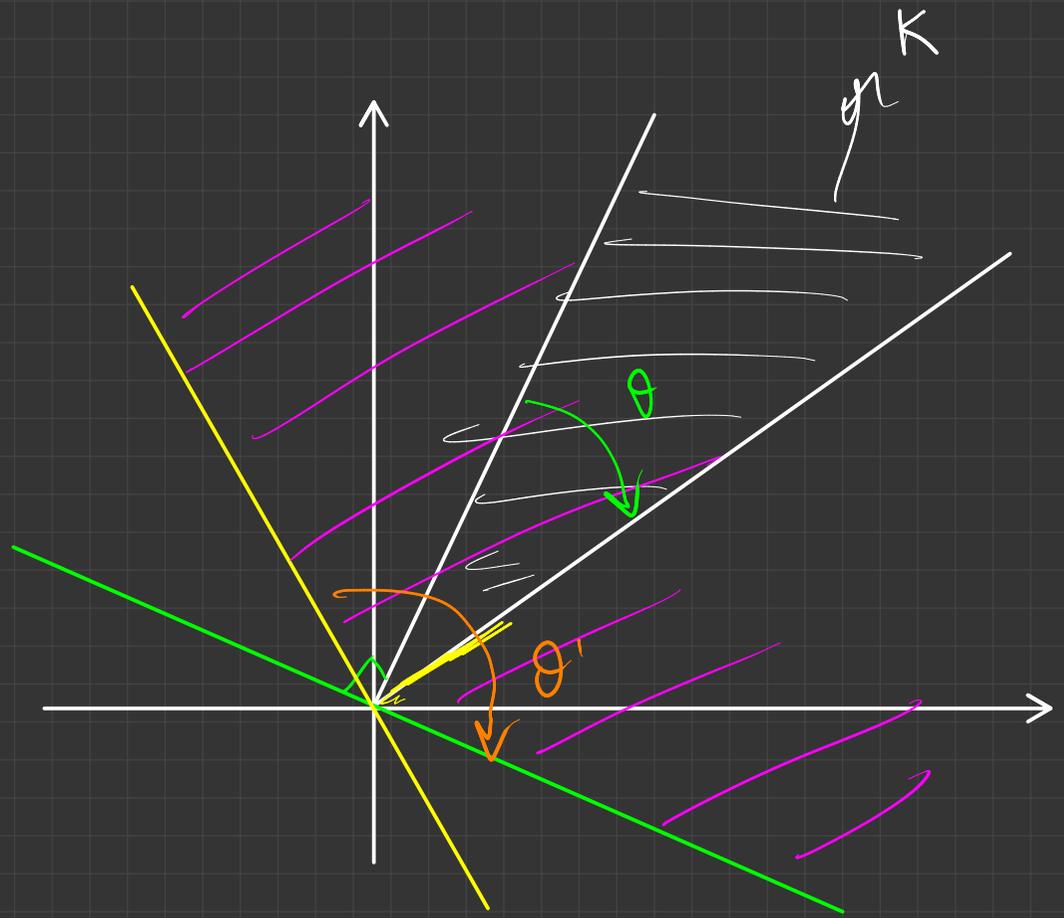
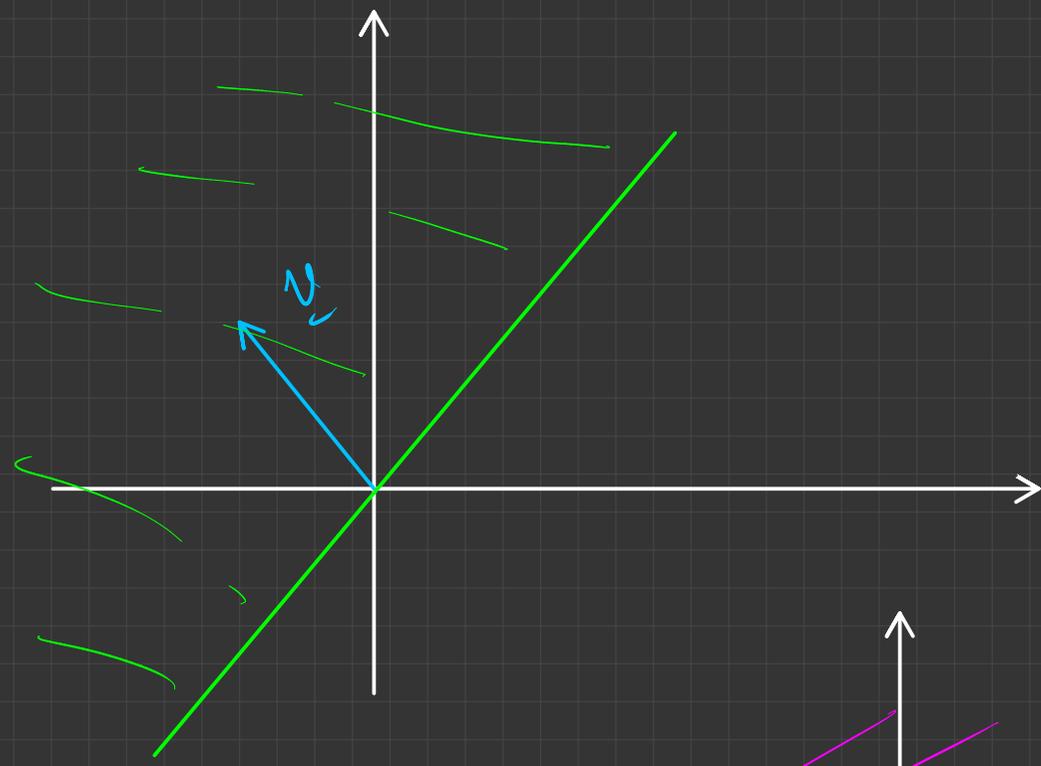
$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \in K_2^*$$

$$\Rightarrow K_2^* = K_3$$

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$$\bar{K}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \geq 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0 \right\}$$

$$\bar{K}_2^* = K_3$$



# Properties

①  $K^{\circ\circ}$  = Closure of Convex hull of  $K$

$K^{\circ\circ} = K$  if  $K$  is closed & convex

② If  $K$  is proper, then  $K^{\circ}$  is also proper

# Examples

①  $K =$  a subspace

②  $K =$  ray

③ Halfspace

④ Second order cone

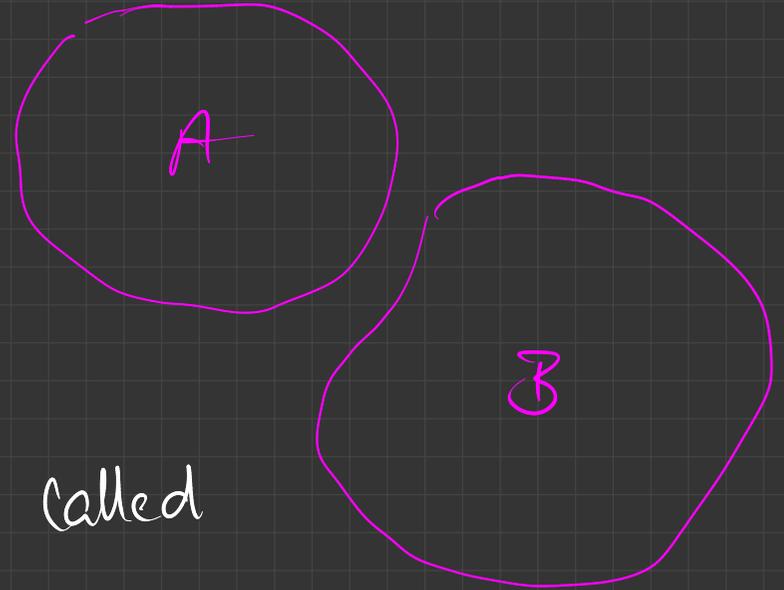
⑤ PSD matrices

Hyperplanes :

$$\{ \underline{x} : \langle \underline{a}, \underline{x} \rangle = b \}$$

$$\underline{x} \in A \Rightarrow \langle \underline{a}, \underline{x} \rangle \geq b$$

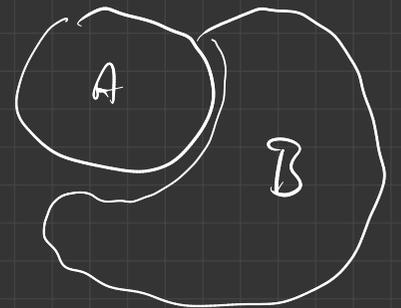
$$\underline{x} \in B \Rightarrow \langle \underline{a}, \underline{x} \rangle < b$$



$\exists \underline{a}, b$ , then

$\{ \underline{x} : \langle \underline{a}, \underline{x} \rangle = b \}$  is called  
a separating hyperplane

Theorem :  $\exists \underline{a}, b$  are convex, &  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  
then  $\exists$  a separating hyperplane.

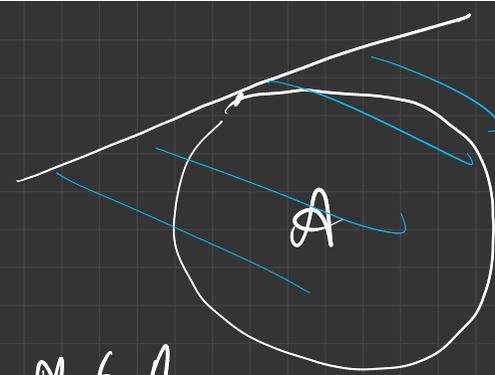


## Supporting hyperplane:

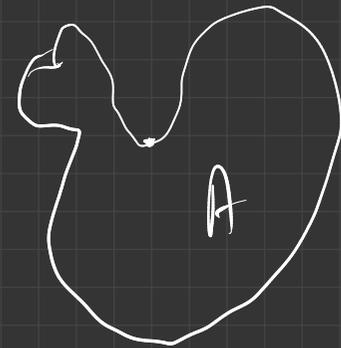
Consider  $x_0 \in \text{bd}(A)$ .

If  $\langle a, x \rangle \geq \langle a, x_0 \rangle \quad \forall x \in A,$

then  $\{y: \langle a, y \rangle = \langle a, x_0 \rangle\} \rightarrow$  supporting hyperplane



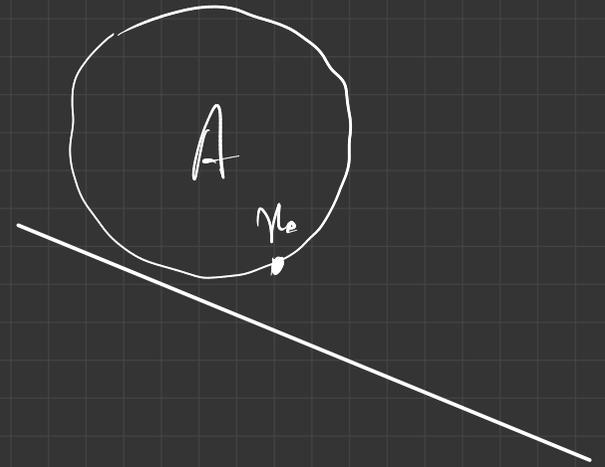
Theorem: If  $A$  is convex,  
Every point on  $\text{bd}(A)$   
has a supporting hyperplane



Note: Any closed & convex set  $A$  can be expressed as  
an intersection of halfspaces.

$$A' = \text{rint}(A)$$

$$B' = h(x_0)$$



→ polytope

$x_0$  is a vertex of  $A$  if

$\exists$  a supporting hyperplane through  $x_0$  that contains exactly one pt of  $A$ .

