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# Geometry of Convex Sets in Spaces of Homogeneous Polynomials

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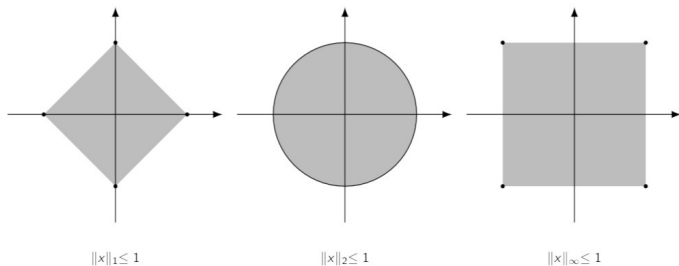
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# Extreme Points. Definitions

Let  $X$  be a vector space, and  $C \subset X$  a convex subset in it.

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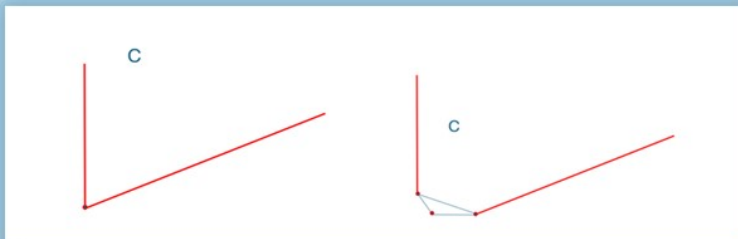
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Let  $C$  be a subset of a linear vector space  $X$ .

- **Definition.** An **extreme ray** of  $C$  is an open half-line  $\rho \subset C$  such that any line segment  $[x, y] \subset C$  lies entirely on  $\rho$  provided that  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in \rho$  for some  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .
- The set of extreme rays of  $C$  is denoted by **extr**( $C$ ).
- **Illustration.**

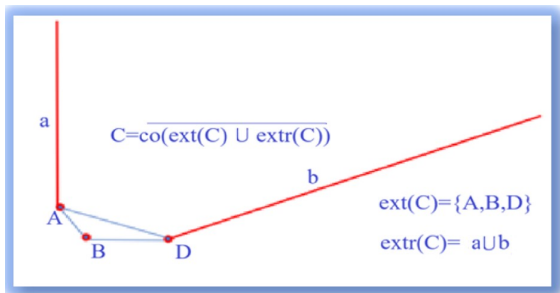


# Krein-Milman Type Theorem

**Theorem (Klee, 1958).** Let  $C$  be a closed convex locally compact subset of a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space. Suppose  $C$  contains no straight lines, then

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Denote

$$L^0(\mu) := L^0(Q, \Sigma, \mu)$$

the space of all (equivalence classes of) measurable almost everywhere finite real-valued functions on  $Q$ .

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