

EXAMPLE OF CUBE SLICES THAT ARE NOT ZONOIDS

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Abstract

Let Q be the unit cube in R^n centered at the Origin O and H a hyperplane through O . The intersection is called a central Cube slice and its study was initiated by Hadwiger, Henesley and Vaaler, continued by Ball and others. A zonoid is the range of a non atomic vector measure into R^n . In this paper, when $n = 4$ we give examples of non-zonoid cube slices. Let $H: x + y + z + t = 0$; the slice has triangle faces and is not a zonoid. This contrasts with a result in R^3 , where it follows from a classical Theorem due to Herz and Lindenstrauss that every central cube slice is a zonoid (zonotope). We also give nontrivial examples in which the slice is a zonoid. For ex. let $H: ax + y + z + t = 0$ with $a > 1$. If $a \geq 3$, the slice is a zonotope. Otherwise it has faces that are trapeziums or pentagons and is not a zonoid. We also give other examples of the like nature.

1 Introduction

1.1 Slices Zonoids, Zonotopes

Let us recall the result from [3]: Let $Q^n = Q$ = unit cube in R^n centered at Origin O ; ie. $Q = \{ \mathbf{x} = (x_k) : |x_k| \leq \frac{1}{2} \}$.

Let H be a vector subspace of dimension $n-1$, ie. a plane thru the Origin with equation: $H = (\mathbf{x} = (x_k) \text{ with } \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0)$ for \mathbf{a} (non zero) vector \mathbf{a} in R^n . The intersection of H and Q will be called central slice or, slice. Following [3] we denote by $|A|$ the appropriate volume /area of the measurable set A , and assume $n \geq 2$. As other examples let us note the papers [7], [8], [13] initial to this subject, and the surveys [5], [10] [14] that treats many related topics. We note the p th power of L^p norm of the sinc function in [3]: for ($p \geq 2$):

$$I_p = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_R \frac{|\text{sinc}t|^p}{|t|^p} dt \quad (1)$$

An upper bound for this is: $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{p}}$, with equality iff $p = 2$. The lower bound is assumed by $H: x_k = 0$ and upper only if $n=2$ and $H: x + y = 0$ or with $x - y = 0$

Let us mention that Valler[13] considers concepts of analytic interest; his results not only prove lower bound but also apply to Minkowski's Theorem on Linear foirms.

We note that there are also results on sections by central planes of dimension k (see [14] TH 1.2, 1.3 p 154), also due to Ball. We treat only the case $k = n-1$.

This estimate is in [3]; see also [10, Ch1]. The proof of this estimate in [3, p468] is with "direct" and uses only elementary methods. The one in [10] uses Fourier methods. This integral I_p has found use in wavelets [11]

For our needs we use the more precise values also from ([3] Lemma 3) below, see eq(9), (10). In [3] this is derived, first using Characteristic functions (= Fourier Transform) then the standard Inverse Fourier Formula.

As pointed out by an anonymous referee (of another paper) - see Acknowledgements - this I_4 is in the classic, [12] (also in [9]); see [10] for many related deeper results. However we use the formula from [3] for vol of slice of cube. Our interest is more in the slice itself. With $n=4$ in Sec 3 we give example of a (central) slice that has a triangle face, and is not a zonoid ("face") defined below). On the other hand, in Sec 4 we give examples of slices that are zonoids, and others that have a pentagon or trapezium face and so are not.

Notation and preliminaries : We write an element of R^4 as (x, y, z, t) and use a, b, c, d as coefficients. Below we avoid the case when H is parallel to a coordinate hyperplane; in this case the slice is a Cube of lower dimension and so a zonoid

Let a hyperplane be $H : ax + by + cz + dt = 0$. As in [8], we may assume that no coefficient is zero, and next they are all positive. Further we may assume that $a \geq b \geq c \geq d$ and then by dividing by d , that $H : ax + by + cz + t = 0$ with $a \geq b \geq c \geq 1$. In all examples of non zonoids we consider the equation [$t = -1/2$] to get a Face that is a triangle, trapezium or pentagon (disqualifying slice for being a zonoid : see beginning of Sec 3).

In ex 3.1 we consider the case when $a=b=c (= 1)$; and as mentioned above show that the slice has triangular faces and so not a zonoid ("face" defined below). The sections of this slice by planes [$t = -c$] with $0 < c < 1/2$ are hexagons. These tend to the triangle face as c tends to $1/2$. We may feel that "cube slices in R^4 are never nontrivial zonoids". Hence in ex 4.1 we consider $H : a x + y + z + t = 0$ with $a > 1$. Now the slice is a zonoid if $a \geq 3$ and is a paralleotope; in the contrary cases the slice has pentagon faces and is not a zonoid. In Ex 4.2 we consider $H : a(x + y) + z + t = 0$; the slice is not a zonoid on account of trapezium faces. In Ex 4.3 we have $H : a(x + y) + z + t = 0$ and slice has pentagon faces. In ex 4.4 We briefly indicate special cases of $H : ax + by + z + t = 0$ with $a > b > 1$. As the methods in these examples is same as the one in Ex 3.1 we do not give details. In Ex. 4.4 we consider the case of $H : ax + by + cz + t = 0$. Slice is a paralleotope in case $a \geq b + c + 1$ and $b \geq c + 1$. If (i) and (ii) both fail then the slice has pentagon faces and is not a zonoid

We give these as samples; and do not consider every possible case. Roughly, the non zonoids prevail in our list of examples.

Diagram They will help.

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Our **methods** are elementary and can be found for ex in [6]. We do use the formula for vol of slices from [3] (see also [10] ch1) referred to above.

We note that in all of our examples we use the face $[t = -1/2]$ of the cube, this is also a face of the slice. The "domain" C of face is found first, then an affine map T to determine the face $T(C)$. The points in C are found by checking the x and y intercepts of lines involved satisfy the conditions for slice: $-|x|, |y|$ and $|z|$ are all $\leq 1/2$. This condition must be satisfied by all coordinates of points in the Face (of slices) that we find, and leads to the conditions imposed on the coefficients of H .

Let us first describe the result on slices

1.2 Theorem ([3][5], [7], [8] [13], [14]) In all dimensions the measure of cube slice is between 1 and $\sqrt{2}$; these are best.

1.3 Zonoids

Returning to the title of this paper, about Zonoids:— Our concern is:— When is a slice a zonoid? We do not have a complete characterization of this. Instead let us concentrate in R^4 , and give examples of non zonoid slices as well as those that are zonoids and a consequence (known) for I_4 . We recall from [6] with $X = R^n$:— A zonoid is range of a non atomic vector measure and above all the classical Liapunov's Theorem:— A zonoid is compact and convex. A zonotope is sum of segments (each centered at the Origin). For our purpose we need the classic result of Herz and Lindenstrauss from [6]:— The closed unit ball in every 2 dimensional normed space is a zonoid

2 Zonoids and Zonotopes

2.1 Theorem [6]

i) If H is 2 dimensional then every such slice is a zonotope ii) In all dimensions every projection of Q is a zonotope

Proof:

(i) This follows from the classic result due to Herz and Lindenstrauss quoted above and the result from ([6]) :— in R^2 every centrally symmetric polygon is always a sum of segments

(ii) This is in [6] and can also be verified directly. Hence the Theorem.

Remark 2.2:

For much more about projections see, [4].

3 Example of slice that is not a zonoid

As noted before, in contrast (Th 2.1, part i) to the situation in R^3 we offer an example of a slice in R^4 that is not a zonoid. Reasons to disqualify it from being a zonoid are the useful facts, all from [6]:— If K is a zonoid then

(i) K has center of symmetry c say. In fact by definition of " K is a Zonoid " (see Introduction)

$K = \mu(\Sigma)$ for a (vector measure) μ then $c = \frac{1}{2}\mu(S)$ will do. For, with $A^c =$ complement of set A, we have $\frac{1}{2}(\mu(A) + \mu(A^c)) = \frac{1}{2}\mu(S) = c$ for every A in domain Σ of μ

(ii) faces are translates of zonoids of lower dimension and

(iii) Since it has no center of symmetry, the triangle is not a zonoid; neither is a trapezium (trapezoid) or a pentagon

(iv) Hence any compact, convex, balanced set that has a triangular, (or a trapezium face) cannot be a zonoid. Thus, the Octohedron in R^3 is not a zonoid, for it has triangular faces. There are deeper non zonoids for ex the 1976 result due to LE Dor (for ex[10]):-If $1 < p < 2$ and $n \geq 3$ then the closed unit Balls of the spaces l_n^p are not zonoids

We give, in Th3.4, a version of(ii) from [2]:- a face (defined below) is a translate of some zonoid of lower dimension. We need this version in the Th 3.4 to produce non zonoid slices in our examples.

Let us recall from [6] the term, Face of a compact convex set K in a real (normed space) X. Let us use H for any hyperplane (not necessarily thru O)

As above a hyperplane is

$$H = \{x \in X : (x, x^*) = \alpha\}, \tag{2}$$

where x^* is a non zero functional in X^* and α is a real number.

The set K is "on one side" of this H if

$$\sup\{(x, x^*) : x \in K\} \leq \alpha, \tag{3}$$

A similar condition holds with inf replacing sup and \geq replacing \leq ; and H supports K if K is to one side of H as in eq(3), $H \cap K \neq \emptyset$ and K is not entirely contained in H. Finally the (compact convex) set $H \cap K$ is called a Face of K.

Below we use the fact that an affine map preserves convexity.

Let X, Y be real Banach spaces. Then a map $T: X \rightarrow Y$ is affine if $T(ax + by) = aT(x) + bT(y)$ for every x, y in X and a, b ≥ 0 with $a + b = 1$. i.e; the definition of Linear map is now restricted to line segments in domain.

Let us recall; $K = H \cap Q$ is the slice corresponding to $H[t = -1/2]$ In the next (and other) examples all we need is that the relevant, y, z coordinates of our points are limited by $|x| \leq 1/2$ etc.

3.1 Example with triangle face

Let us recall H is given in R^4 by

$$x + y + z + t = 0, \tag{4}$$

The slice (i) has triangular faces and so is not a zonoid

(ii) the intersections of slice with $t = -c$, $0 \leq c < \frac{1}{2}$

are hexagons; these are sections (iii) These tend to the above triangle as c tends to 1/2

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proof(i)

Substituting $t = -1/2$ in eq(4) of H , for any $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z, t)$ in this H we have

$\mathbf{x} = x(1,0,0,-1) + y(0,1,0,-1) + z(0,0,1,-1)$ is the linear combination $x\mathbf{u} + y\mathbf{v} + z\mathbf{w}$. (these 3 vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ are Linearly independent)

First consider the 2 dimensional set S in slice, in span of vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} . Starting with A ($\mathbf{u}/2$) on the x axis and going counterclockwise, we see

that S is a hexagon with vertices A ($\mathbf{u}/2$), B($\mathbf{v}/2$), C($(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u})/2$), A' = -A,

B' = -B , C = -C. Further it is regular all sides have length $1/\sqrt{2}$ and that this = sum of 3 segments , OA , OC and OB'. This set S is in plane $z=0$ Now we consider the 3rd term in above eq for x ; we note that the vector $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{w}/2$ cannot be added to A or B as the sum will leave the cube We consider the Hyperplane $H_1 = (x, y, z, t): t = -1/2$) or, simply by $t = -1/2$ and claim that

(a) this plane supports the slice K and that

(b) the face $F = H_1 \cap K$ is convex triangle.

As noted above, (b) disqualifies the slice from being a zonoid

Let us verify the claims. Now (a) follows directly from def. of Q. In fact for every element in Q we have $t \geq -1/2$ ie., Q is to one side of H_1 ; so is the slice. Further , the elements A , B, are in the slice, and also lie in H_1 , hence in Face F. The Origin O is in slice K not in H_1 ; ie. the slice is not entirely contained in H_1 . Hence H_1 is a supporting hyperplane of the slice as claimed.

For claim (b) we may write any element in the Face as

$$\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z, t) = (x, y, \frac{1}{2} - x - y, -1/2),$$

since we use $t = -1/2$ in eq (4) of H and

we get $z = 1/2 - x - y$.

As x is in Q we need $|x|$ and $|y|$ and also $|z|$ from above $\leq 1/2$ and so

$$|1/2 - x - y| \leq 1/2 , \tag{5}$$

This last translates to

$$0 \leq x + y \leq 1 , \tag{6}$$

Geometrically, we note that the last inequality gives two boundary lines of "domain C" say $L_1 := x+y = 1$, and $L_2 := x+y=0$. We sketch these lines; as the x-intercept of L_1 exceed the bound $1/2$ let us consider its intersection with the line $x = 1/2$ to get point $(1/2, 1/2)$.; intersection of L_2 with the line $y=1/2$ gives $(-1/2, 1/2)$. This line with $y=-1/2$ gives $(1/2, -1/2)$

These result in a (convex right angled) triangle C in x-y plane with above vertices P($1/2, -1/2$) , Q($1/2, 1/2$) and R ($-1/2, 1/2$)

Now let us define a map T from C to F by

$$T(x, y) = (x, y, 1/2 - x - y, -1/2) \tag{7}$$

and C is its domain. Then we may verify that, T is affine and that $T(C) = F$. Further as observed before statement of this example, affine map preserves convexity, and so the image $T(C) =$ convex hull of the 3 points

(p_1, p_2, p_3) where $p_1 = T(P) = (1/2, -1/2, 1/2, -1/2)$, $p_2 = T(Q) = (1/2, 1/2, -1/2, -1/2)$ and $p_3 = T(R) = (-1/2, 1/2, 1/2, -1/2)$. These points are not collinear, form a triangle and we conclude that the face F is a triangle, completing Claim (b) and proof of (i).

We need to prove (ii) and (iii).

Recall $K = \text{slice}$; now we let $0 < c < 1/2$ and Section $K_c = K \cap [t = -c]$.

Use $t = -c$ in eq (4) H; any x in K_c is then of

the form $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, -x-y+c, -c)$ with the conditions

$|x|, |y|$ and $|x+y-c| \leq 1/2$.

Similarly to above (6) this last translates to

$$-1/2 + c \leq x + y \leq 1/2 + c, \tag{8}$$

As in part (i) we draw the "boundary" lines L_1, L_2 from eq (8). Again, both the x and y - intercepts of L_1 fail the bounds of $1/2$; however L_2 passes (noting the limits on c) Then we find the vertices of our "domain C" by intersecting L_1 and L_2 with the lines $y=1/2, y=-1/2, x=1/2$ and $x=-1/2$. We get a hexagon (domain). Its 6 vertices are shown in a Chart in next Theorem 3.3 and as follows:-

$p_6 = (c, -1/2)$ on lines $y = -1/2$ and L_2 , $p_1 = (1/2, -1/2)$ and $p_2 = (1/2, c)$ on line $x = 1/2$ and L_1 . Next $p_3 = (c, 1/2)$ on lines L_1 and $y=1/2$ and $p_4 = (-1/2, 1/2)$ then $p_5 = (-1/2, c)$ on lines L_2 and $x = -1/2$

These 6 points (p_i) form a hexagon making

the new domain C of map T defined analogous to eq(7) in part (i) above.

As there we see that the section $K_c = T(C)$ is also a hexagon.

Finally let c tend to $1/2$; then we see from above that the

following vertices coincide:- $p_2 = p_3 = (1/2, 1/2)$, $p_4 = p_5$

$= (-1/2, 1/2)$ and $p_6 = (1/2, -1/2) = p_1$. Correspondingly (as in

case i above) we verify that the section $T(C)$ becomes the triangle in

part(i) completing thereby proof of (ii) and the example

Remark 3.2. Above we used the hyper plane given by the equation, $t = -1/2$ and found that the face of slice given by it is triangular; we may instead consider $t = 1/2$ Further, the equation defining H is symmetric with respect to the four variables x, y, z, t . Hence we may conclude that there are 8 triangular faces. We do not know what are the remaining faces and we think there are 4 more but not triangles.

For the next result, we follow [3] Lemma 3 (see also [10] ch1) and recall from Introduction eq(1) the integral I_p :

$$\frac{1}{\pi_R} \int \frac{|sint|^p}{|t|^p} dt.$$

Here p is an integer ≥ 2 , and we have from the result in [3] above,

the formula for the exact value of slice :-

$$||H \cap Q|| = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_R g(t) dt, \tag{9}$$

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where g is the finite product

$$g(t) = \prod_1^N \frac{\sin a_i t}{a_i t}, \tag{10}$$

and the sequence (a_i) (of coordinates of vector normal to H) is normalized in l_2 and also each $|a_j| \leq 1/2$

To find volume of slice S we use Cavalieri's principle = Fubini's Theorem .

Let $|A(c)|$ = area of the section of S by plane $[t = -c]$. Then the

vol of slice = $2 \int_0^{1/2} |A(c)| dc$.

We saw in ex 3.1 that $A(c)$ is a hexagon . We give the details in the next result;

3.3 Theorem (i) The volume of the slice in Ex3.1 is $4/3$ (ii) $I_4 = 2/3$

Proof(i) We refer to part (b) in ex3.1 and list the vertices of the hexagons in domain C as well as in the range $T(C)$.

Recall $T(x, y) = (x, y, c-x-y, -c)$ with $0 < c < 1/2$.

Domain C range $T(C)$

$p_1(1/2, -1/2)$ $P_1(1/2, -1/2, c, -c)$

$p_2(1/2, c)$ $P_2(1/2, c, -1/2, -c)$

$p_3(c, 1/2)$ $P_3(c, 1/2, -1/2, -c)$

$p_4(-1/2, 1/2)$ $P_4(-1/2, 1/2, c, -c)$

$p_5(-1/2, c)$ $P_5(-1/2, c, 1/2, -c)$

$p_6(c, -1/2)$ $P_6(c, -1/2, 1/2, -c)$

We claim that area of domain $C =$

$$|A(c)| = (3/4 - c^2), \tag{11}$$

In the following we use formula for area of trapezium by rule

$(1/2) h (a + b)$ where h is the height and a, b are lengths of parallel sides.

Let us use the chart for domain C first then use it to get the image.

The domain $C =$ two trapeziums T_1 and T_2 ; these are the top and at

bottom resp. Namely, T_1 has vertices, p_5, p_2, p_3 and p_4

and T_2 has vertices, p_6, p_1, p_2 and p_5 .

Then we have

$|T_1| = \frac{1}{2}(1 + c + 1/2)(1/2 - c) = 1/2(3/2 + c)(1/2 - c)$ and

$|T_2| = 1/2(1 - c + 1/2)(1/2 + c) = 1/2(3/2 - c)(1/2 + c)$

Adding them we get the eq (11) for $A(c)$.

To get the area of image $T(C)$ observe that the domain C is the

projection on plane ($z=0$) of the wanted $T(C)$.

For the factor needed we note that the unit normal to H is

$n = (1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 1/2)$ and that $e_3 = (0,0,1, 0)$.

Using the dot product $n \cdot e_3$ we see that area of Projection

$= 1/2$ area of $T(C)$. Thus the area of $T(C) = 2(3/4 - c^2)$ from above.

We integrate from $c=0$ to $1/2$ to get

$$2 \int_0^{1/2} (\frac{3}{4} - c^2) dc = 2/3$$

Taking into account also the part $t = 1/2$ to 0 we get $2(2/3) = 4/3$ as claimed
 Part (ii) : Recalling $H: x + y + z + t = 0$ and the coefficients, normalized, we apply the formula from [3] quoted above in eq (9), (10) to get vol of slice =

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_R \frac{(sint/2)^4}{(t/2)^4} dt.$$

(as in part (i) we used each a_i coefficient is $1/2$ due to normalizing them in eq of H) Now a change of variable gives

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_R (sint/t)^4 dt = 2I_4.$$

From part (i) we have $2I_4 = 4/3$

and so part (ii) and the Theorem

Above, in example of a non zonoid slice we used the important fact about faces of a zonoid from [6] (in next Theorem) The following proof is different from the one in [6] which uses Every Zonoid is a zonoid of moments . This approach is not suitable for our purpose; hence we give a proof (in [2]) in next result. We see in the proof that it is more meaningful in case the Face is not a singleton, ie. when the composed measure $x^*o\mu$ is not equivalent to μ

3.4 Theorem [6][2] Let $K = \mu(\Sigma)$ be a zonoid in $X = R^n$, and H a supporting Hyperplane given by x^* in X^* . Then the face $F = K \cap H$ is a translate of a zonoid of lower dimension . In fact there are μ almost disjoint sets S_0 and S_1 such that

- (i) $x^*o\mu(S_1) = \sup\{x^*o\mu(E) : E \in \Sigma\}$ and every set E in S_0 is $x^*o\mu$ - null
- (ii) $F = \mu(S_1) + \mu_{S_0}(\Sigma)$.

Proof: With $\beta = \sup x^*o\mu(\Sigma)$ we have, from definition of F

$$F = \{x : x = \mu(E) \text{ s.t. } x^*(x) = \beta\}, \tag{12}$$

Let S^+ be such that $x^*o\mu(S^+) = \beta$.

We will write $S^+ = S_0 \cup S_1$ as stated in the Theorem.

To do this let us note that the signed measure $x^*o\mu \ll \mu$

; consider those E that are $x^*o\mu$ - null but not μ - null.

(if there are no such sets E then S_0 may be taken to be \emptyset).

Otherwise consider a maximal pairwise disjoint family of such sets; this family is countable, so that their union is in Σ . Call this set S_0 and let $S_1 = S^+ - S_0$. Then

(i) follows from the fact that

$x^*o\mu(S_0) = 0$ by the construction of S_0 and so

$$\beta = x^*o\mu(S^+) = x^*o\mu(S_0) + x^*o\mu(S_1)$$

$= x^*o\mu(S_1)$. we see that second part in (i) follows by construction again.

As for part (ii) we have from Eq (12) if $x = \mu(E) \in F$ then

$$x^*o\mu(E) = \beta.$$

We need to write $x = \mu(E)$ as the sum, $\mu(E) = \mu(S_1) + \mu(A)$ for some set $A \subset S_0$. To do this, first we claim that (ae- $x^*o\mu$) this $E \subset S^+$. If not we can argue to contradict to the fact that $S = S^+ \cup S^-$ is a Hahn decomposition of the underlying set S in terms of $x^*o\mu$

Again we can argue that $S_1 - E$ is μ null; from it being $x^*o\mu$ null, and then on (subsets of) S_1 these two measures are equivalent by construction.

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Hence we have $E = E \cap S_1 \cup E \cap S_0$, and so
 $\mu(E) = \mu(E \cap S_1) + \mu(E \cap S_0) =$
 $\mu(S_1) + \mu(A)$ with $A = (E \cap S_0) \subset S_0$ as claimed.
Hence the Theorem

4 Examples of non zonoids with pentagon faces and some zonoids $a > 1$

As in Introduction we let $H: ax + by + cz + t = 0$ be a hyperplane in R^4 , with $a \geq b \geq c \geq 1$.

We do not consider all cases but hope the following are of interest. There are non trivial cases of zonoid slices. As the methods are same as the one in the earlier ex 3.1 we only summarise the results. It seems the non zonoid slices dominate:-

In the next ex. we do not know if the converse is true in this generality. Hence we give some special cases of the eq of H in the EXs 4.2 and on. In all cases for the Face we use as before the support hyperplane of Q $[t = \frac{-1}{2}]$

4.1 H: general case above

If $a \geq b + c + 1$ then the slice is a zonotope.

Proceeding as in Ex 3.1, we find the "domain" for the face. For this we have the boundary lines L_1 to be $ax + by = \frac{c+1}{2}$ and L_2 to be $ax + by = \frac{-c+1}{2}$

First we note both x and y-intercepts of L_2 are always (regardless of this condition) $\frac{1}{2}$ in absolute value. As for L_1 this condition gives the x-intercept to be $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ in absolute value. In the following "domain" the vertex p_2 depends on this condition, ie. its $|x|$ satisfies the limits $\leq \frac{1}{2}$.

With the condition above we have now the chart

Domain

$$p_1 \left(\frac{b-c+1}{2a}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$p_2 \left(\frac{c+1+b}{2a}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$p_3 \left(\frac{c+1-b}{2a}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$p_4 \left(\frac{1-b-c}{2a}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Next the corresponding points on the Face:-

$$\text{Face } T(x,y) = \left(x, y, \frac{1/2 - ax - by}{c}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$P_1 \left(\frac{b-c+1}{2a}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$P_2 \left(\frac{c+1+b}{2a}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$P_3 \left(\frac{c+1-b}{2a}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

$$P_4 \left(\frac{1-b-c}{2a}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2} \right)$$

It is seen that this domain is a parallelogram with the parallel sides (so is the Face):

$$(p_1 p_2) = (p_4 p_3) = \left(\frac{c}{a}, 0 \right) \text{ and}$$

$$(p_2 p_3) = (p_1 p_4) = \left(\frac{b}{a}, -1 \right)$$

Likewise, it can be verified using the map "T", that so is the Face.

Further, the sections of the slice by planes with eqs $t = -c_1$, with $0 < c_1 < 1/2$ are parallelograms that are congruent to the one for the Face. Hence it follows (using symmetry) that the slice is a zonotope.

4.2 H : $ax + y + z + t = 0$

In one direction this is a special case of Ex 4.1 ; however due to limitation of eq of H we can state "iff" and we give details :-

In this case if $a \geq 3$ then the slice is a zonoid ; it is a parallelepiped if not the slice has pentagon faces and is not a zonoid.

Case $a \geq 3$: Face is a parallelogram ; so is every parallel section congruent to it

Let us note that analogously to eq(6) above we replace x by ax there. Thus the x -intercept of the line with equation $ax + y = 1$ is $x = 1/a$. The condition $x \leq 1/2$ now holds (due to the condition on a). This forces the "Domain" to be a parallelogram as we now state. As before we use (x,y) for points p_i and

$$x = T(x,y) = (x, y, 1/2 - (ax + y), -1/2) \text{ for points } P_i :$$

Domain C(x,y) Face T(C)

$$p_1(1/2a, -1/2) \quad P_1(1/2a, -1/2, 1/2, -1/2)$$

$$p_2(3/2a, -1/2) \quad P_2(3/2a, -1/2, -1/2, -1/2)$$

$$p_3(1/2a, 1/2) \quad P_3(1/2a, 1/2, -1/2, -1/2)$$

$$p_4(-1/2a, 1/2) \quad P_4(-1/2a, 1/2, 1/2, -1/2)$$

We see that the opposite sides are parallel and have equal length, so that the Face is a rhombus. Further so is any section by plane $[t = -c]$ with $0 < c < 1/2$, the area does not depend on c and equals $\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}$

case $a < 3$ in this case we can verify the "domain" to be a pentagon; so is the face and slice is not a zonoid

4.3 H: $a(x + y) + z + t = 0$ with $a \geq 2$

The Face $[t = -1/2]$ is a trapezium again, slice not a zonoid

4.4 H: $ax + by + z + t = 0$ (compare ex4.1) Face is a parallelogram in case $b + 2 \leq a$. The parallel sections $[t = -c]$ are congruent parallelograms, and the slice is a parallelepiped. Otherwise Face is a pentagon, slice is not a zonoid

4.5 H: $ax + by + z + t = 0$ The slice is a zonotope if (i) $a \geq b + c + 1$ and (ii) $b \geq c + 1$.

In case (i) and (ii) both fail Face is a pentagon and slice is not a zonoid.

If (i) fails but (ii) is true then the Face is a hexagon

Remark 4.5 In the last case we don't know if the slice is a zonoid

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