

SKELETON 02.01.01 Manual

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Abstract

This paper describes SKELETON: implementation of several new variations of well-known Double Description Method (DDM) for solving the vertex and facet enumeration problems for convex polyhedra. New enhancements makes SKELETON quite competitive in comparison with other implementations of DDM. The source code of SKELETON 02.01.01 is available at <http://www.uic.nnov.ru/~zny/skeleton>.

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1 What's new?

SKELETON 02.00.00 May 7, 2006

It is new, completely re-written, fast version of SKELETON.

SKELETON 02.00.01 November 1, 2006

SKELETON now runs on Linux platform. Source code is available.

SKELETON 02.00.02 November 7, 2006

Floating point arithmetic is now supported.

SKELETON 02.00.03 May 30, 2007

Time bug fixed.

SKELETON 02.00.04 October 6, 2009

A bug occurring on 64 bit architecture fixed. (Thanks to Sergey Lyalin and Sergey Lobanov.)

SKELETON 02.01.00 November 16, 2009:

- The possibility to explicitly set a system of linear equations in addition to a system of linear inequalities. See `--skeletonformat` option.
- New option `--ridges` for constructing ridges.
- New option `--facetadjacency` for constructing lists of adjacent facets.
- New option `--verifyine` to determine implicit equations and redundant inequalities in the input system.
- Avis-Fukuda format is now (partially) supported. See `--avisfukudaformat` option.
- New option `--silence` is available.
- New options `--inputfromstdin`, `--noinputfromstdin` are now available.
- According GNU style in long option names double hyphen is used instead of single hyphen, for example, `--minindex` instead of `-minindex`.
- `-graphinc` option is renamed `--graphadj` (from *graph of potential adjacency*).
- `-inc` option is renamed `--dis` (from *discrepancies*).
- `-minedges`, `-maxedges` options are renamed `--minpairs` and `--maxpairs` correspondingly.
- `-incext`, `-noincext`, `-incine`, `-noincine` options are renamed `--extinc`, `--noextinc`, `--ineinc`, `--noineinc` correspondingly.

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Installation procedure became simpler. Make file (for Linux) and project file (for MS Visual Studio) are provided now. ARAGELI is in the SKELETON distribution now and you need not to install ARAGELI separately. A lot of thanks to Aleksey Bader and Sergey Lyalin.

2 Introduction

It is well known that any polyhedron in \mathbf{R}^d can be represented by the following two ways:

- (1) as a set of solutions to the system of linear inequalities, or
- (2) as the (Minkowski's) sum of the conic hull of some vectors and the convex hull of some points in \mathbf{R}^d .

The problem to generate representation (2) if representation (1) is available is called the *vertex enumeration problem*. The converse one is called the *facet enumeration problem*, or *convex hull problem*.

Analogously, any polyhedral cone in \mathbf{R}^d can be represented by the following two ways:

- (1) as a set of solutions to the system of homogenous linear inequalities, or
- (2) as a set of all non-negative linear combinations of some vectors in \mathbf{R}^d .

There is a standard way to reduce vertex/facet enumeration problem for polyhedra to the correspondent problem for polyhedral cones. From theoretical point of view it is convenient to consider both problems just for polyhedral cones.

The program SKELETON implements several variations of Double Description Method (DDM) [MRTT53] solving the vertex and facet enumeration problems. DDM is considered in a few papers and monographs [Bur56, Che64, Che65, Che68a, VPS84, Che68b, FQ88, Ver92, FP96, SC97, SG03].

SKELETON works with the system of linear inequalities whose entries are integers (arbitrary precision or 4 bytes long ints) or reals (double floating point numbers).

In our implementation we use ideas described in [VPS84, FP96, SC97] and some new enhancements. All these makes SKELETON quite competitive in comparison with other implementations of DDM, in particular, [Ver92, Fuk02, Gru03]. Early version of SKELETON is described in [Zol97].

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Thanks to Sergey Lobanov you can use Skeleton on-line (without install it). Visit <http://www.arageli.org>.

3 Theoretical Preliminaries

3.1 Polyhedral Cones

Polyhedral cone C is the set of all solutions to a system of homogenous linear inequalities and equations $Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0$:

$$C = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0\}, \quad (\star)$$

where $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$, $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$ (m or/and t may be equal to 0 that corresponds to the case when inequalities or/and equations are absent accordingly). The case of system of equations and inequalities can be obviously reduced to the case of system with only inequalities. For this instead of $Bx = 0$ we can consider $Bx \geq 0$ and $-Bx \geq 0$. But it will be more convenient to consider the more general case.

The maximal subspace contained in the cone C can be described as a set of all solutions to the system $Ax = 0, Bx = 0$. The dimension of this subspace is equal to $d - \text{rank}(A^\top, B^\top)$. The cone is called *pointed* if it contains only zero subspace, that's equivalent to $\text{rank}(A^\top, B^\top) = d$.

Let $a \in \mathbf{R}^d$, $a \neq 0$. The hyper-plane $\{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : ax = 0\}$ is called *supporting* for the cone C if $C \subseteq \{x : ax \geq 0\}$ or $C \subseteq \{x : ax \leq 0\}$. The intersection of the cone with a supporting hyper-plane is called its *face*.

Consider the system of vectors u_1, \dots, u_p in \mathbf{R}^d . The *linear hull* $\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p)$ of the system is the set of all linear combinations of these vectors:

$$\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) = \{\lambda_1 u_1 + \dots + \lambda_p u_p : \lambda_i \in \mathbf{R} \ (i = 1, \dots, p)\}.$$

The *non-negative*, or *conic*, *hull* $\text{NonNeg}(u_1, \dots, u_p)$ of the system is the set of all non-negative linear combinations:

$$\text{NonNeg}(u_1, \dots, u_p) = \{\lambda_1 u_1 + \dots + \lambda_p u_p : \lambda_i \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda_i \geq 0 \ (i = 1, \dots, p)\}.$$

Theorem 1 (Minkowski) *For any polyhedral cone C in \mathbf{R}^d there exist vectors $u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q$ in \mathbf{R}^d such that*

$$C = \text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q). \quad (\star\star)$$

Obviously, w.l.g. in Minkowski's theorem we can omit $\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p)$ item and instead of $(\star\star)$ write simply $C = \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q)$.

Using matrix notation we can re-formulate Minkowski's theorem as follows. For any matrices $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$ and $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$ there exist matrices $V \in \mathbf{R}^{q \times d}$ and $U \in \mathbf{R}^{p \times d}$ such that

$$\{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0\} = \{x = \mu V + \lambda U : \mu \in \mathbf{R}^n, \mu \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^s\}.$$

Vectors $u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q$ (equivalently, matrices U and V) can be chosen in such a way that the following *properties of minimality* hold:

1. $p = d - \text{rank}(A^\top, B^\top)$ and $\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p)$ is the maximal subspace L included in C (so, the system u_1, \dots, u_p is a basis of L); and

2. q is minimal among all possible q such that $(\star\star)$ holds (this means also that the system v_1, \dots, v_q is irreducible); in this case the system v_1, \dots, v_q is called a *skeleton* of the cone C .

The vectors in a skeleton are unique up to any positive multiplier and any item in L . If the cone C is pointed, i.e. $\text{rank}(A^\top, B^\top) = d$ and, hence, $p = 0$, then v_1, \dots, v_q (and — up to positive multiplier — only they) are *extreme rays* of C . We'll say that two vectors in a skeleton are *adjacent* if minimal face containing both does not contain any other vector in the skeleton.

The converse theorem to Minkowski's one is correct and is known as Weyl's theorem.

Theorem 2 (Weyl) *For any vectors $u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q$ in \mathbf{R}^d there exist matrices $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$ and $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$ such that*

$$\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0\}.$$

Obviously, w.l.g. in Weyl's theorem we can omit linear equations $Bx = 0$ and simply write $\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0\}$.

Using matrix notation we can re-formulate Weyl's theorem as follows. For any matrices $U \in \mathbf{R}^{p \times d}$ and $V \in \mathbf{R}^{q \times d}$ there exist matrices $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$ and $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$ such that

$$\{x = \lambda U + \mu V : \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^p, \mu \in \mathbf{R}^q, \mu \geq 0\} = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0\}.$$

Matrices A and B can be chosen in such a way that the following *properties of minimality* hold:

1. $t = d - \text{rank}\{u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q\}$ and $\{x : Bx = 0\}$ is the minimal subspace containing C (this means also that the system $Bx = 0$ is irreducible); and
2. m is minimal among all possible m such that (\star) holds (this means also that the system $Ax \geq 0$ is irreducible).

The rows in such a matrix A are unique up to any positive multiplier and any item which is linear combinations of rows in B . The rows in A correspond to faces of maximum dimension. In particular, if the cone C is full-dimensional, i.e. $\text{rank}\{u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q\} = d$ and, hence, $t = 0$, then the rows in A correspond to *facets* of C .

These theorems suggest two fundamental problems. First one is to obtain a dual representation $(\star\star)$ if a representation (\star) is known. The second problem is converse. It turns out that these problems are computationally equivalent as the following theorem shows. So, we can concentrate on the first problem.

Theorem 3 (Farkas–Minkowski–Weyl) *If*

$$C = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0, Bx = 0\} = \{x = \mu V + \lambda U : \mu \in \mathbf{R}^q, \mu \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^p\}$$

then

$$C' = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Vx \geq 0, Ux = 0\} = \{x = \mu A + \lambda B : \mu \in \mathbf{R}^m, \mu \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}^t\}.$$

Moreover, if rows in V and U form a skeleton of C and a basis of minimal subspace correspondingly, then $Vx \geq 0$, $Ux = 0$ are irreducible systems determining C' and viceversa. Analogous property is true for A and B .

3.2 Polyhedra

Polyhedron P is the set of all solutions to a system of linear inequalities and equations $Ax \geq b$, $Bx = c$:

$$P = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq b, Bx = c\}, \quad (*)$$

where $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$, $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$, $b \in \mathbf{R}^m$, $c \in \mathbf{R}^t$ (m or/and t may be equal to 0 that corresponds to the case when inequalities or/and equations are absent accordingly). The case of system of equations and inequalities can be obviously reduced to the case of system with only inequalities. But it will be more convenient to consider the more general case.

Let $a \in \mathbf{R}^d$, $a \neq 0$, $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$. The hyper-plane $\{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : ax = \alpha\}$ is called *supporting* for the polyhedron P if $P \cap \{x : ax = \alpha\} \neq \emptyset$ and $P \subseteq \{x : ax \geq \alpha\}$ or $P \subseteq \{x : ax \leq \alpha\}$. The intersection of the polyhedron with a supporting hyper-plane is called a *face* of the polyhedron. The face with dimension 0 (i.e. a point) is called a *vertex* of P .

Consider the system of vectors w_1, \dots, w_s in \mathbf{R}^d . The *convex hull* $\text{Conv}(w_1, \dots, w_s)$ of the system is the set of all *convex combinations* of these vectors, i.e.:

$$\text{Conv}(w_1, \dots, w_s) = \left\{ \lambda_1 w_1 + \dots + \lambda_s w_s : \lambda_i \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i = 1 \right\}.$$

The set of points in \mathbf{R}^d which can be represented as a convex hull of some finite system of points is called *polytope*.

From Minkowski's theorem we get the following.

Theorem 4 *For any polyhedron P in \mathbf{R}^d there exist vectors u_1, \dots, u_p , v_1, \dots, v_q , w_1, \dots, w_s in \mathbf{R}^d such that*

$$P = \text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q) + \text{Conv}(w_1, \dots, w_s). \quad (**)$$

So, any polyhedron is the sum of a cone and a polytope.

Obviously, w.l.g. in the theorem we can omit $\text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p)$ item and instead of $(**)$ write simply $P = \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q) + \text{Conv}(w_1, \dots, w_s)$.

Vectors u_1, \dots, u_p , v_1, \dots, v_q , w_1, \dots, w_s can be chosen in such a way that the following *properties of minimality* hold:

1. u_1, \dots, u_p is a basis of the subspace L associated with the maximal linear variety in P ; and
2. q and s are minimal among all possible q and s such that $(**)$ holds (this means also that the systems v_1, \dots, v_q and w_1, \dots, w_s are irreducible).

In this case vectors w_1, \dots, w_s are unique up to any item in L ; vectors v_1, \dots, v_q are unique up to any positive multiplier and any item in L . If $p = 0$ then points w_1, \dots, w_s (and only they) are vertices of P and vectors v_1, \dots, v_q (and only they) are extreme rays of P .

The problem of constructing the representation (**) if representation (*) is available is called the *vertex enumeration problem*. It can be reduced to the analogous problem for cones as follows.

Consider the cone in \mathbf{R}^{d+1}

$$C = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})^\top \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1} : Ax \geq bx_{n+1}, Bx = cx_{n+1}, x_{n+1} \geq 0\},$$

where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^\top$. For the cone C we can get a dual representation

$$C = \text{Lin}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_p) + \text{NonNeg}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_q)$$

for some vectors $\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_p, \bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_q$ in \mathbf{R}^{d+1} .

Let $\bar{u}_i = (u_i, u_{i,n+1})$ ($i = 1, \dots, p$), $\bar{v}_i = (v_i, v_{i,n+1})$ ($i = 1, \dots, q$). Since the system of homogenous linear inequalities and equations contains the inequality $x_{n+1} \geq 0$, then it is clear that $u_{i,n+1} = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, p$). Suppose w.l.g. that $v_{i,n+1} = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, s$), $v_{i,n+1} \neq 0$ ($i = s+1, \dots, q$). Now it is not hard to see that the initial polyhedron P has the following dual representation:

$$P = \text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_s) + \text{Conv}\left(\frac{1}{v_{s+1,d+1}} \cdot v_{s+1}, \dots, \frac{1}{v_{q,d+1}} \cdot v_q\right).$$

Moreover, if the system $\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_p$ is a basis of the maximal linear subspace in C and the system $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_q$ is a skeleton of C then the system of vectors constructed to describe P also has the property of minimality. In particular, if $p = 0$ then $\frac{1}{v_{s+1,d+1}} \cdot v_{s+1}, \dots, \frac{1}{v_{q,d+1}} \cdot v_q$ are vertices of P .

From Weyl's theorem we get the following.

Theorem 5 *For any vectors $u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q, w_1, \dots, w_s$, in \mathbf{R}^d there exist matrices $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$ and $B \in \mathbf{R}^{t \times d}$ and vectors $b \in \mathbf{R}_m, c \in \mathbf{R}^t$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lin}(u_1, \dots, u_p) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, \dots, v_q) + \text{Conv}(w_1, \dots, w_s) = \\ = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq b, Bx = c\}. \end{aligned}$$

Matrices A and B can be chosen in such a way that the following *properties of minimality* hold:

1. the system $Bx = c$ is irreducible and $\{x : Bx = c\}$ is the minimal linear variety containing P ; and
2. m is minimal among all possible m such that (*) holds (this means also that the system $Ax \geq 0$ is irreducible).

In this case the rows in the matrix (A, b) correspond to faces of maximum dimension. In particular, if P is full-dimensional, i.e.

$$\text{rank}\{u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_q, w_1 - w_s, \dots, w_{s-1} - w_s\} = d$$

and, hence, $t = 0$, then the rows in (A, b) correspond to *facets* of P .

The problem of constructing the representation (*) if representation (**) is available is called the *facet enumeration problem*, or the *convex hull problem*. It can be reduced to the analogous problem for cones as follows.

In \mathbf{R}^{d+1} consider the cone

$$C = \text{Lin}(\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_p) + \text{NonNeg}(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_q, \bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_s),$$

where $\bar{u}_i = (u_i, 0)$ ($i = 1, \dots, p$), $\bar{v}_i = (v_i, 0)$ ($i = 1, \dots, q$), $\bar{w}_i = (w_i, 1)$ ($i = 1, \dots, s$) and find its representation

$$C = \{(x_1, \dots, x_d, x_{d+1})^\top \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1} : Ax - bx_{d+1} \geq 0, Bx - cx_{d+1} = 0\},$$

where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbf{R}^d$. Now it is not hard to see that the initial polyhedron P has the following representation:

$$P = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq b, Bx = c\}.$$

Moreover, if A, B, b, c are such that each of the systems $Ax - bx_{d+1} \geq 0$ and $Bx = cx_{d+1}$ is irreducible and $\{(x_1, \dots, x_d, x_{d+1})^\top \in \mathbf{R}^{d+1} : Bx - cx_{d+1} = 0\}$ is the minimal subspace containing C then the system of inequalities and equations constructed to describe P also has a property of minimality.

3.3 The main idea of the algorithm

Given a matrix $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times d}$, DDM generates a basis of maximal subspace and a skeleton of the cone $C = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0\}$. Obviously, the case then the cone is defined by a system of linear inequalities and equations can be reduced to the case with only inequalities.

In the preliminary step of DDM the rank r of A and a basis of the maximal subspace containing in C are founded. Also, a skeleton of the cone determined by some irreducible subsystem containing r inequalities is generated. Then, other inequalities are added one after the other and every time the skeleton is re-constructed. Consider this slightly in detail.

Let K be a cone determined by some subsystem of $Ax \geq 0$. Suppose that a skeleton of K is known. Consider what will happen with the skeleton then a new inequality $ax \geq 0$ is added.

Each vector in the skeleton of K falls to one of the following sets:

1. W_0 is the set of all vectors w in the skeleton such that $aw = 0$;
2. W_+ is the set of all vectors w in the skeleton such that $aw \geq 0$;
3. W_- is the set of all vectors w in the skeleton such that $aw \leq 0$.

A skeleton of the new cone is formed by all elements in W_+ and W_0 and vectors which we obtain as follows. For each pair of vectors $w' \in W_+$ and $w'' \in W_-$ adjacent in K we obtain their linear combination w satisfying to equality $aw = 0$. Every such w should be included to the skeleton of the new cone.

Variations of DDM differs one from another by ordering in which inequalities are choose from the system, the methods used to find adjacent rays, a time when the adjacency is computed and others [VPS84, FP96, SC97]. Checking the adjacency seems the most time-expensive procedure in DDM and different techniques to determine what pairs of vectors should be verifying are used [FP96].

4 How to Build

The source code of SKELETON is available at <http://uic.nnov.ru/~zny/skeleton>. The package contains a documentation, examples, ARAGELI library and three C++ files: `skeleton.cpp`, `ddm.hpp` and `ddmio.hpp`.

SKELETON uses ARAGELI library [Ara10]. ARAGELI is included in the distribution and it will be compiled automatically. To use newer version of ARAGELI (for example downloaded from the site [Ara10]), just replace it in the directory `tools/arageli`.

To compile the code in standard Linux environment you need `gcc` version 4 or above. Type

```
make
```

We supposed to be in the root directory of skeleton distribution, so after that command, binary `skeleton` will appear in the root directory of the distribution.

To compile the code in Windows you can use MS Visual Studio 2008 or later. Please refer to `msvs_2008` directory and `skeleton.sln` solution file (just build entire solution). Note that for this building way, executables will appear in `bin` directory and will be named by pattern `skeleton{32,64}{d,r,f,t}.exe` corresponding to choosen configuration (32 or 64 bit and Debug, Release, Fast or Test configuration). The fastest configuration is Fast (`skeleton32f.exe` or `skeleton64f.exe` depending on operating system used), so make sure that Fast configuration is choosen before building MS Visual Studio solution.

5 How to Use

Given a matrix $A \in \mathbf{Z}^{m \times d}$, program SKELETON generates a basis of maximal subspace and a skeleton of the cone $C = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : Ax \geq 0\}$.

To use SKELETON, first of all, one should prepare a file with your data. The file must contain the size and entries of matrix A . Numbers are separated by spaces and blank lines. For example, if you want to find a skeleton of the cone

C defined as a set of solution to the system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 & & & \geq 0, \\ -x_1 & +x_3 + x_4 & & \geq 0, \\ & -x_2 + x_3 & & \geq 0, \\ & & x_3 + x_4 & \geq 0, \\ x_1 + x_2 & & +x_4 & \geq 0, \\ -x_1 - x_2 & & -x_4 & \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

then the input file (say `example.ine`) is

```
6 4
 1 0 0 0
-1 0 1 1
 0 -1 1 0
 0 0 1 1
 1 1 0 1
-1 -1 0 -1
```

To run SKELETON just type in the command prompt:

```
skeleton filename
```

where `filename` is the name of the input file. Example:

```
skeleton example.ine
```

(The file `example.ine` and other example files mentioned below is in the folder `examples`.)

SKELETON produces two files: “output” file, “log” file and “summary” file. By default, their names are obtained by adding extension `.out`, `.log`, `.sum` respectively to input file name. In our example SKELETON produces files `example.ine.out`, `example.ine.log`, and `example.ine.sum`.

The output file contains sizes and entries of matrix U (vectors of a basis in row-wise order) and matrix V (vectors of a skeleton). Also, the file can contain other information (it depends on options used; see the list of available options below). In our example we get the following file `example.ine.out`: Thus, we get $u_1 = (0, -1, -1, 1)^\top$, $v_1 = (1, -1, 1, 0)^\top$, $v_2 = (0, 0, 1, 0)^\top$ and $C = \text{Lin}(u_1) + \text{NonNeg}(v_1, v_2)$.

The log file contains computation hystory. By default, this information is also displayed on `stdcr` during computation. In our example we get the following file `example.ine.log`:

The summary file contains computation summary. By default, this information are also displayed on `stdcr` after computation. In our example we get the following file `example.ine.sum`:

You may set different options affecting the process of computation and the output of information:

```
skeleton filename options
```

where `options` is a list of options. Each option is an abbreviation usually beginning with double hyphen. Options are separated by spaces. Example:

```
skeleton example.ine --lexmin --adjacency
```

Complete list of all available options is in the next section.

6 Options

The following options are available (the default parameters are in braces):

`{--minindex}`, `{--maxindex}`, `--lexmin`, `--lexmax`, `--random`, `--mincutoff`,
`--maxcutoff`, `--minpairs`, `--maxpairs`

These options affect the ordering of inequalities to be added at each iteration of DDM.

`--prefixedorder`, `--noprefixedorder`

If options `--mincutoff`, `--maxcutoff`, `--minpairs`, `--maxpairs` are chosen then only `--noprefixedorder` is possible. In other cases both options are available; the default one is `--prefixedorder`.

`{--graphadj}`, `--nographadj`

These affect the way of determining adjacent vectors.

`{--plusplus}`, `--noplusplus`

If option `--plusplus` is chosen then only the pairs of adjacent vectors that will be necessary on the future iterations are constructed. If option `--noplusplus` is chosen then all edges are constructed on each iteration.

`{--bigint}`, `--int`, `--float`

By default, arbitrary precision integer arithmetic is used. Option `--int` forces to use ordinary (4 bytes) integer precision arithmetic. Option `--float` forces to use double floating point (8 bytes) arithmetic. Option `--rational` forces to use rational arithmetic when exact numerator / exact denominator pair is used to represent rational number.

`--zerotol value`

The option affects only if option `--float` is used. This is used to change a zero tolerance for floating point computation. A real value is considered as zero if its absolute value is at most the tolerance. The default value for the zero tolerance is `1e-8`.

`--edges`, `{--noedges}`

Option `--edges` forces to find edges, i.e. all pairs of adjacent vectors in the skeleton.

`--adjacency`, `{--noadjacency}`

Option `--adjacency` forces to find the lists of skeleton vectors adjacent to each one.

`--ridges`, `{--noridges}`

Option `--ridges` forces to find ridges, i.e. all pairs of adjacent facets.

`--facetadjacency, {--nofacetadjacency}`
Option `--facetadjacency` forces to find the lists of facets adjacent to each one.

`--verifyine, {--noverifyine}`
Option `--verifyine` forces to determine implicit equations and redundant inequalities in the input system.

`--inputfile filename`
This option defines input file name. `skeleton --inputfile filename` is equivalent to `skeleton filename`.

`-o filename --outputfile filename`
This option sets the name of output file. By default, this name is obtained by adding extension `.out` to input file name. If input was from `stdin` then output file is `skeleton.out`.

`--logfile filename`
This option sets the name of log file. By default, this name is obtained by adding extension `.log` to input file name. If input was from `stdin` then log file is `skeleton.log`.

`--summaryfile filename`
This option sets the name of summary file. By default, this name is obtained by adding extension `.sum` to input file name. If input was from `stdin` then log file is `skeleton.sum`.

`--inputfromstdin, {--noinputfromstdin}`
`--inputfromstdin` forces to read input information from `stdin` instead of file.

`{--simpleformat}, --skeletonformat, --avisfukudaformat`
`--skeletonformat` indicates that input contains both inequalities and equations (both A and B matrices).
`--avisfukudaformat` indicates that input is in Avis–Fukuda format (see [Fuk02]); all options in the file are ignored; only matrix in `begin–end` parentheses is read; the number type specifier (`integer`, `ration` etc.) is ignored.

`{--outputinfile}, --nooutputinfile`
If `--nooutputinfile` is chosen then SKELETON will not put results in output file.

`--outputonstdout, {--nooutputonstdout}`
If `--outputonstdout` is chosen then SKELETON will put results on `stdout`.

`{--loginfile}, --nologinfile`
If `--nologinfile` is chosen then SKELETON will not put log information in log file.

`{--logonstdout}, --nologonstdout`
If `--nologonstdout` is chosen then SKELETON will not put log information on `stdout`.

`{--summaryinfile}, --nosummaryinfile`
 If `--nosummaryinfile` is chosen then SKELETON will not put summary information in summary file.

`{--summaryonstdout}, --nosummaryonstdout`
 If `--nosummaryonstdout` is chosen then SKELETON will not put summary information on stdout.

`--silence`
 This option is equivalent to `--nooutputonstdout`, `--nologonstdout`, `--nosummaryonstdout`.

`--ine, {--noine}`
 If `--ine` is chosen then SKELETON will put the input matrix A (coefficients of linear inequalities) on stdout or/and in outputfile. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`--equ, {--noequ}`
 If `--equ` is chosen then SKELETON will put the input matrix B (coefficients of linear equations) on stdout or/and in outputfile. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`{--ext}, --noext`
 If `--noext` is chosen then SKELETON will not put the matrix V (with entries of skeleton vectors) on stdout and in outputfile. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`{--bas}, --nobas`
 If `--nobas` is chosen then SKELETON will not put the matrix U (with entries of basis of maximal subspace contained in the cone) on stdout and in outputfile. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`--dis, {--nodis}`
 If `--dis` is chosen then SKELETON will put the discrepancies matrix VA^T on stdout or/and in outputfile. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`--extinc, {--noextinc}`
 If `--extinc` is chosen then for each vector in skeleton the program will print (on stdout or/and in outputfile) inequalities which hold as equality. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`--ineinc, {--noineinc}`
 If `--ineinc` is chosen then for each inequality in the initial system the program will print (on stdout or/and in outputfile) vectors in the skeleton for which the inequality holds as equality. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` correspondingly turns on.

`--matrices, --nomatrices`
`--matrices` is equivalent to `--ine, --ext, --bas, --inc`; `--nomatrices` is equivalent to `--noine, --noext, --nobas, --noinc`. This works only if option `--outputinfile` or `--outputonstdout` turns on.

`{--log}, --nolog`
If `--nolog` is chosen no log information will not put on stdout and in log file. This works only if option `--summaryinfile` or `--summaryonstdout` turns on.

`{--summary}, --nosummary`
If `--nosummary` is chosen no summary information (input/output/log file names, sizes of matrices and option values) will not put on stdout and in summary file. This works only if option `--summaryinfile` or `--summaryonstdout` turns on.

`-h` or `--help`
skeleton `-h` prints the list of available options and terminates the program. **skeleton** `--help` does the same.

`-v` or `--version`
skeleton `-v` prints SKELETON version and terminates the program. **skeleton** `--version` does the same.

`--copying`
skeleton `--copying` prints copyright info: GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE Version 2.

7 More Examples

7.1 Cube With a Cutted Vertex

Consider the polyhedron described by the following system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & & \geq 0, \\ & x_2 & \geq 0, \\ & & x_3 \geq 0, \\ x_1 & & \leq 1, \\ & x_2 & \leq 1, \\ & & x_3 \leq 1, \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 & \leq & 5. \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

It is a cube with a “cutted” vertex (see Fig. 1).

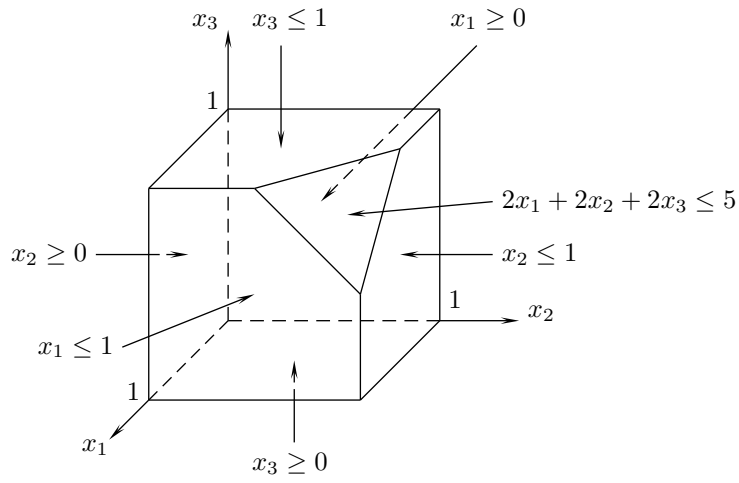


Figure 1: Cube with a cutted vertex. Facet representation

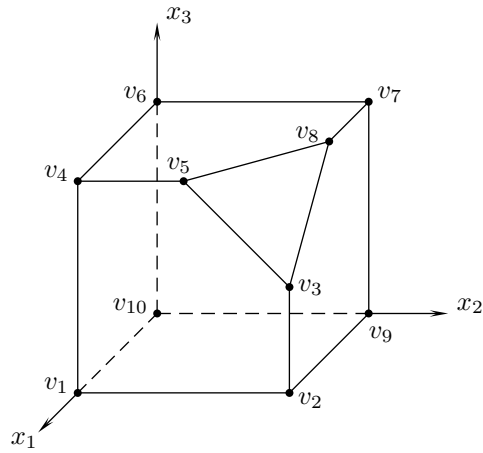


Figure 2: Cube with a cutted vertex. Vertex representation

The corresponding cone is described by the following homogenous system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & & \geq 0, \\ & x_2 & \geq 0, \\ & & x_3 \geq 0, \\ -x_1 & & + x_4 \geq 0, \\ & -x_2 & + x_4 \geq 0, \\ & & -x_3 + x_4 \geq 0, \\ -2x_1 - 2x_2 - 2x_3 + 5x_4 & \geq & 0, \\ & & x_4 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

(setting $x_4 = 1$ we get the initial system). So, input file (named `cwcv.ine`) is

```
8 4
0 1 0 0
0 0 1 0
0 0 0 1
1 -1 0 0
1 0 -1 0
1 0 0 -1
5 -2 -2 -2
1 0 0 0
```

Running SKELETON with

```
skeleton cwcv.ine --edges --ineinc
```

we get the following file `cwcv.ine.out`:

Matrix with entries of the basis is empty (it contains 0 rows), hence the polyhedron does not contain any non-zero linear variety. Matrix with entries of the skeleton has 10 rows, hence the polyhedron has 10 vertex (see Fig. 2). The fourth coordinate corresponds to the denominator in entries of all these vertices. They are $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)^\top$, $v_2 = (1, 1, 0)^\top$, $v_3 = (1, 1, \frac{1}{2})^\top$, $v_4 = (1, 0, 1)^\top$, $v_5 = (1, \frac{1}{2}, 1)^\top$, $v_6 = (0, 0, 1)^\top$, $v_7 = (0, 1, 1)^\top$, $v_{10} = (\frac{1}{2}, 1, 1)^\top$, $v_8 = (0, 1, 0)^\top$, $v_9 = (0, 0, 0)^\top$.

Also, we have computed all edges, i.e. pairs of adjacent vertices. The polyhedron has 15 edges. They are v_1-v_2 , v_1-v_4 , v_1-v_{10} , v_2-v_3 , v_2-v_9 , v_3-v_5 , v_3-v_8 , v_4-v_5 , v_4-v_6 , v_5-v_8 , v_6-v_7 , v_6-v_{10} , v_7-v_8 , v_7-v_9 , v_9-v_{10} .

Information concerning “Inequalities-to-rays incidence” tell us that 7 facets are formed by vertices v_6, v_7, v_9, v_{10} ; v_1, v_4, v_6, v_{10} ; v_1, v_2, v_9, v_{10} ; v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 ; v_2, v_3, v_7, v_8, v_9 ; v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8 ; v_3, v_5, v_8 correspondingly.

Now we can check our computations by “reversing” them. Form the input file (named `cwcv.ext`) containing entries of vertices found:

```
10 4
1 1 0 0
1 1 1 0
2 2 2 1
```



```

1 1 0 1
2 2 1 2
1 0 0 1
1 0 1 1
2 1 2 2
1 0 1 0
1 0 0 0

```

and evoke SKELETON:

```
skeleton cwcvc.ext
```

We get the following file `cwcvc.ext.out`: Since the matrix with “basis” is empty the polyhedron has full dimension. The matrix with “skeleton” has 7 rows. They correspond to exactly the same inequalities as in (1), so the polyhedron has 7 facets. We remark that in the list obtained there is no row corresponding to the inequality $x_4 \geq 0$ because in our case it is redundant in (2).

7.2 Implicit equations and redundant inequalities

SKELETON can find implicit equations and redundant inequalities in a system.

Let’s consider the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \geq 0, \\ \quad x_2 \geq 0, \\ \quad \quad x_3 \geq 0, \\ \quad \quad \quad x_4 \geq 0, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_4 \geq 0, \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 \geq 0, \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 \geq 0, \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 - 3x_4 \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

So, the input file (named `equ.ine`) is

```

8 4
1 0 0 0
0 1 0 0
0 0 1 0
0 0 0 1
1 2 0 3
1 1 1 3
1 -2 1 3
-1 2 -1 -3

```

Running SKELETON with

```
skeleton equ.ine --verifyine
```

we get the following file `equ.ine.out`:

This mean that two inequalities in the original system , the 7th and the 8th, are implicit equations; the 2nd, 5th and 6th inequalities are redundant.

7.3 Skeleton “extended” format

SKELETON can treat systems containing both inequalities and equations (explicitly defined): both A and B matrices. For this it is necessary to use a special format in the input file. Here is an example:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0, \\ x_1 \geq 0, \\ x_2 \geq 0, \\ x_3 \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

The input file (names `sf.ine`) follows.

```
* Equations:
1 3
1 -1 -1

* Inequalities:
3 3
1 0 0
0 1 0
0 0 1
```

Running SKELETON with

```
skeleton sf.ine --skeletonformat
```

we get the following file `sf.ine.out`:

7.4 Avis–Fukuda format

SKELETON partially supports Avis–Fukuda format (see [Avis, Fuk02]). All options (except a matrix inside `begin–end` parentheses) in the file are ignored. The number type specifier (`integer`, `rational` etc.) is also ignored. Note that the most of options in Avis–Fukuda format has equivalent ones in SKELETON but they must be indicated in command line.

Let’s consider, for example, the file `ucube.ine` taken from K. Fukuda cdd repository [Fuk02]:

```
* file name: ucube.ine
* 3 cube without one "lid"
H-representation
begin
  6      4      integer
  2  -1  0  0
  2   0 -1  0
 -1   1  0  0
 -1   0  1  0
```

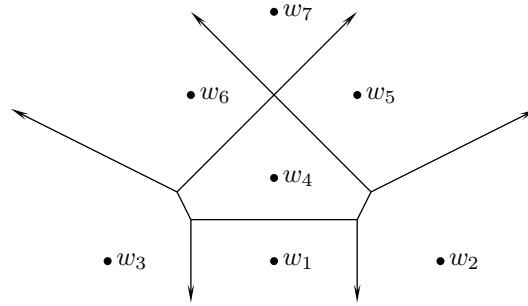


Figure 3: Voronoi diagram for the set of points

```

-1    0    0    1
 4   -1   -1    0
end
incidence
adjacency
input_adjacency
input_incidence

```

Run SKELETON:

```

skeleton ucube.in --avisfukudaformat --adjacency --facetadjacency
--extinc --ineinc

```

The output file is The log file is

7.5 Voronoi Diagram

Let W be a system of s points in \mathbf{R}^d . For each $w \in W$ we can consider the set

$$VS(w) = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d : \forall v \in W \setminus \{w\} \text{ dist}(x, w) \leq \text{dist}(x, v)\},$$

where dist is the Euclidean distance function. The set $VS(w)$ is called a *Voronoi cell*. It is a polyhedron. Its vertices are called *Voronoi vertices* and extreme rays are called *Voronoi rays*. The set $\{VS(w) : w \in W\}$ of all Voronoi cells is called *Voronoi diagram* (see Fig.3). For generating Voronoi diagram the following construction is widely used.

For each $w \in W$ consider the hyperplane tangent at $w = (w_1, \dots, w_d)^\top$ to the paraboloid $\{(x_1, \dots, x_d, x_{d+1}) : x_{d+1} = x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2\}$. This hyperplane is represented by the following equation:

$$-2w_1x_1 - \dots - 2w_dx_d + x_{d+1} + w_1^2 + \dots + w_d^2 = 0.$$

Replacing the equality with inequality \geq and considering these inequalities for each $w \in W$ we get the system of s linear inequalities. Let P be the polyhedron of all solutions to the system. It turns out that P is a lifting of Voronoi diagram to one higher dimensional space; and the projection of each facet of P associated with w is exactly the Voronoi cell $VS(w)$. The vertices and extreme rays of P project exactly to the Voronoi vertices and rays, respectively [Fuk04].

As an example consider the set of points $(0,0)^\top$, $(2,0)^\top$, $(-2,0)^\top$, $(0,1)^\top$, $(1,2)^\top$, $(-1,2)^\top$, $(0,3)^\top$. For generating their Voronoi diagram consider the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} & + x_3 & \geq 0, \\ -4x_1 & + x_3 + 4x_4 & \geq 0, \\ 4x_1 & + x_3 + 4x_4 & \geq 0, \\ & - 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 & \geq 0, \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 & + x_3 + 5x_4 & \geq 0, \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 & + x_3 + 5x_4 & \geq 0, \\ & - 6x_2 + x_3 + 9x_4 & \geq 0, \\ & & x_4 \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Prepare file `exvoronoi.in`:

```
8 4
0 0 1 0
-4 0 1 4
4 0 1 4
0 -2 1 1
-2 -4 1 5
2 -4 1 5
0 -6 1 9
0 0 0 1
```

Now evoke SKELETON:

```
skeleton exvoronoi.in --ineinc --extinc
```

We get the following file `exvoronoi.out`:

Each extreme ray with last entry equal to 0 corresponds to a Voronoi ray. Each ray whose last entry is non-zero corresponds to a Voronoi vertex. So, we get 5 Voronoi rays (ignoring the third component):

$$v_1 = (0, -1)^\top, v_2 = (1, 1)^\top, v_3 = (2, 1)^\top, v_4 = (-1, 1)^\top, v_5 = (-2, 1)^\top.$$

and 5 Voronoi vertices (dividing by the forth component and ignoring the third one):

$$v_6 = \left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)^\top, v_7 = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)^\top, v_8 = (0, 2)^\top, \\ v_9 = \left(-\frac{7}{6}, \frac{5}{6}\right)^\top, v_{10} = \left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{5}{6}\right)^\top.$$

Interpreting “Edges” or/and “Inequalities-to-rays incidence” we get Fig. 4.

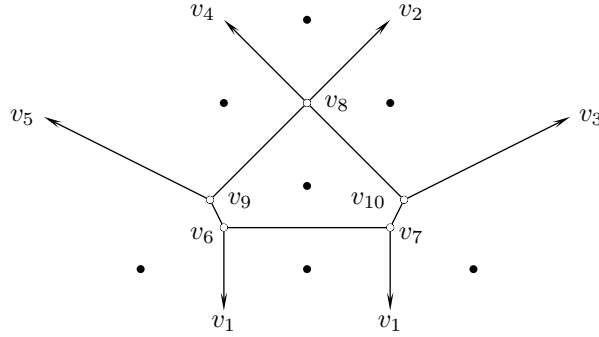


Figure 4: Voronoi diagram constructed with the help of SKELETON

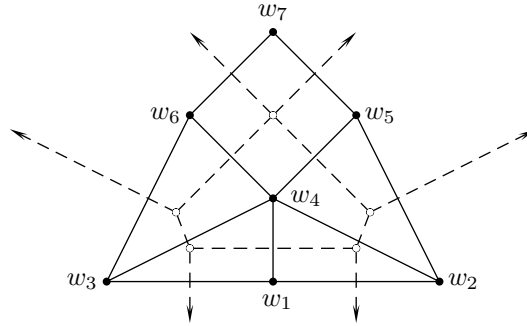


Figure 5: Delaunay triangulation is dual to Voronoi diagram

7.6 Delaunay Triangulation

Let W be a system of s points in \mathbf{R}^d and v be some Voronoi vertex for W . The convex hull of the nearest neighbor set of v is called the *Delaunay cell* of v . The *Delaunay complex* (or *triangulation*) of W is a partition of $\text{Conv } W$ into the Delaunay cells of Voronoi vertices.

The Delaunay complex is not in general a triangulation but becomes a triangulation when the points in W are in *general position* (or *nondegenerate*), i.e. no $d + 2$ points are cospherical or equivalently there is no point $c \in \mathbf{R}^d$ whose nearest neighbor set has more than $d + 1$ elements.

The Delaunay complex is dual to the Voronoi diagram in the sense that there is a natural bijection between the two complexes which reverses the face inclusions (see Fig. 5) [Fuk04].

So, to generate Delaunay triangulation we can perform the following procedure. For each vertex of polyhedra (we are not interesting in extreme rays) in previous section we determine all facets incident to the vertex. Interpreting information about “Rays-to-inequalities incidence” in `exvoronoi.ine.out` we get that Delaunay cells in this example are formed by the following vertices $w_1, w_3, w_4; w_1, w_2, w_4; w_2, w_4, w_5; w_3, w_4, w_6; w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7$ (see Fig. 5).

There is a direct way to construct the Delaunay triangulation. Consider the same paraboloid as in the previous section: $x_{d+1} = x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2$. For each point $w = (w_1, \dots, w_d)^\top$ in W consider its lifting $(w_1, \dots, w_d, w_1^2 + \dots + w_d^2)^\top$ in \mathbf{R}^{d+1} and take the convex hull P of all such lifted points. Let $v = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$. It turns out that any facet of $P + \text{NonNeg}(v)$ which is not parallel to v is a Delaunay cell once its last coordinate is ignored, and any Delaunay cell is represented this way [Fuk04].

For our example form the file `exdelaunay.ext`:

```
8 4
 0 0 0 1
 2 0 4 1
-2 0 4 1
 0 1 1 1
 1 2 5 1
-1 2 5 1
 0 3 9 1
 0 0 1 0
```

and evoke SKELETON:

```
skeleton exdelaunay.ext --extinc
```

We get the file `exdelaunay.ext.out`: Only first 5 facets are not parallel to v (because their 3rd coordinate is non-zero). So, we again have 5 Delaunay cells which are formed by points $w_1, w_3, w_4; w_1, w_2, w_4; w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7; w_3, w_4, w_6; w_2, w_4, w_5$ correspondingly (see Fig. 5).

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