

since $\lambda(x)$ is unique. Now,

$$\text{Vol}(\Omega_2) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \text{Vol}(A_x) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \text{Vol}(A_x + \lambda) = \text{Vol}\left(\bigcup_{x \in \Lambda} (A_x + \lambda)\right) \leq \text{Vol}(\Omega_1).$$

From symmetry $\text{Vol}(\Omega_1) = \text{Vol}(\Omega_2)$.

Examples: if $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^n$, $\Omega = [0, 1)^n$. If $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $\lambda = (\lfloor x_1 \rfloor, \lfloor x_2 \rfloor, \dots, \lfloor x_n \rfloor)$.
 $(\lfloor x \rfloor = \max_{\substack{n \leq x \\ n \in \mathbb{Z}}} n)$. Therefore $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \mid 0 \leq a_i < 1$ is

fund. dom. for Λ with basis $v_1, \dots, v_n$ where $P = (v_1 \dots v_n)$.

Cor. For $\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i \mid 0 \leq a_i < 1$ is the fund. cell / parallelepiped for $v_1, \dots, v_n$. $\text{Vol}(\Omega_{v_i}) = |\det(v_1 \dots v_n)|$. By prev. prop. $d(\Lambda) := \text{Vol}(\Omega_{v_i})$ is indep. of choice of basis and is the vol. of any fund. dom. for Λ .
 or sometimes $\text{cov}(\Lambda)$ - covolume

Def. A lattice Λ is unimodular if its covolume is 1.

The set of unimodular lattices is $\mathcal{L}_n$ and is in natural bijection with $\{A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det A = \pm 1\} / GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ and $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) / SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$. $A \cdot SL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow A\mathbb{Z}^n$.

Minkowski's First

Thm. Let A be a centrally symmetric convex set in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ a lattice, if $\text{Vol}(A) \geq 2^n d(\Lambda)$, then A/Λ contains a nonzero point.
 (or = and A is compact)

Blichfeldt's Lemma

proof

$\text{Vol}(A) > d(\Lambda) \rightarrow$ there are $(*) a_1 \neq a_2 \in A$ s.t. $a_1 - a_2 \in \Lambda$.
 define $x(a)$, A_x as before. The sets $A_x + \lambda$ must intersect for $\lambda \neq \lambda' \in \Lambda$.

Strengthening

If A is compact and $\text{Vol}(A) = d(\Lambda)$, $(*)$ holds. So, no fund. dom. is compact.

proof:

$A_{\frac{1}{k}} = (1 - \frac{1}{k})A$, $B = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} A_{\frac{1}{k}}$ contains any $A_{\frac{1}{k}}$ and is compact. By lemma $a_1^{(k)} \neq a_2^{(k)} \in A_{\frac{1}{k}}$, $a_1 - a_2 = \lambda_k \in B - B$ which is compact. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k$ exists for some subsequence k_i .

so λ_{k_i} is constant from some point i_0 , therefore

$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_1^{(k_i)} = a_1$, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} a_2^{(k_i)} = a_2$ for some i_j , and $a_1 - a_2 = \lambda \in \Lambda$.

proof (reminder - A is convex $\iff x, y \in A \Rightarrow ax + (1-a)y \in A$ for any $a \in [0, 1]$. A is cent. symm. if $a \in A \rightarrow -a \in A$.)
(Minkowski first)

Let $A_0 = \frac{1}{2}A$. ~~Let~~ A_0 satisfies Blichfeld's lemma, so $a_1 - a_2 \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $a_1 = \frac{x}{2}, a_2 = \frac{y}{2}$ where $x, y \in A$. so $a_1 - a_2 = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}(-y) \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}$. But $-y \in A$ so $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}(-y) \in A$.

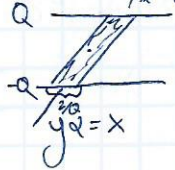
remark 2^n $d(\Lambda)$ is tight - think about $(-1, 1)^n$ and $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^n$ (Euclidean), or $[-1-\varepsilon, 1-\varepsilon]^n$ (again in $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^n$). If A is a ball, finding the sharp const. is open (solved for $n=1, \dots, 8$, and 24).

Also for many other families of shapes and norms.

Applications 1) Diophantine approx. - Dirichlet's thm. $\frac{[-1]}{d} \in \mathbb{R}, Q > 1$, there

exist $p \in \mathbb{Z}^{[n]}, q \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| \leq \frac{1}{q^{n+1}}, q \leq Q$.

or if $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}, \exists p_k, q_k$ as before s.t. $|\alpha - \frac{p_k}{q_k}| \leq \frac{1}{q_k^{n+1}}, q_k \rightarrow \infty$.

using Q  $A = \{(x, y) \mid |x| < Q \wedge |y\alpha - x| \leq \frac{1}{Q^{n+1}}, \Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^{[n+1]}$