From approximate factorizations to approximate lifts

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Equivalently, it is a polytope Q with k facets such that L(Q) = P for some affine map L.

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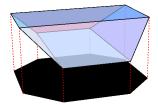
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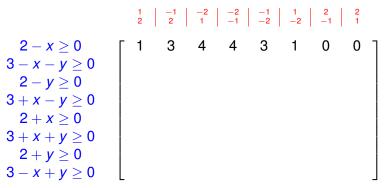
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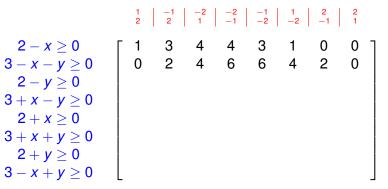


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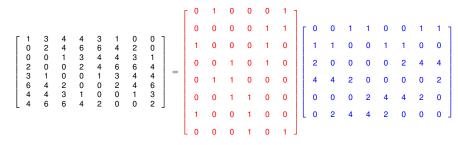
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Then $\mathcal{O}_{in}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n_+ \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{out}^n$, and furthermore, $(\mathcal{O}_{in}^n)^* = (\mathcal{O}_{out}^n)$.

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Both $Inn_P(A)$ and $Out_P(B)$ are actually $\mathbb{R}^k_+ \times SOC_{k+n+1}$ lifts, so we gain robustness and don't loose effectiveness.

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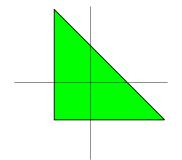
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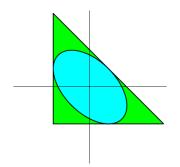
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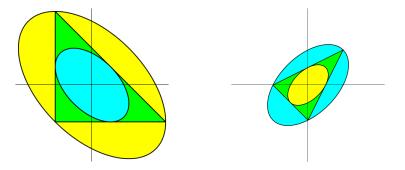
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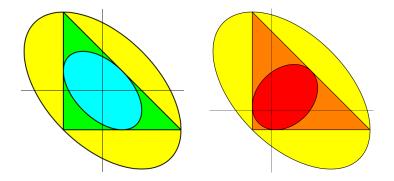
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Translation (In)variance

Note that the inner approximations depend on the choice of the center, while the outer is invariant.



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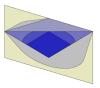


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