

(Minimal)SDP-lifts of Polytopes

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1. Linear Representations and Yannakakis Theorem

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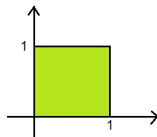
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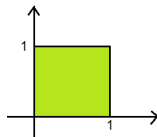
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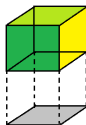
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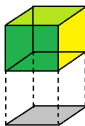
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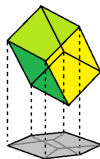
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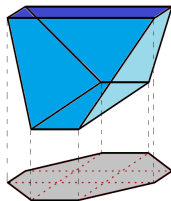
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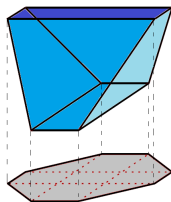
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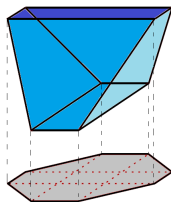


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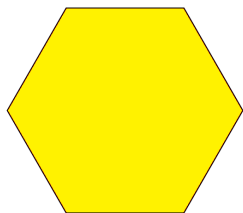
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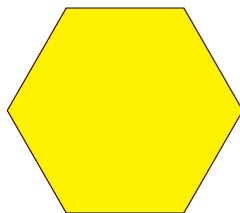
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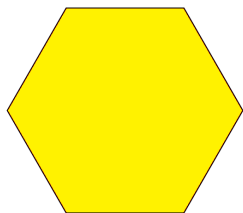
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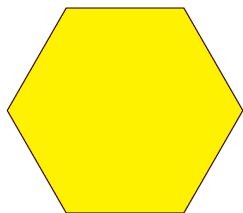
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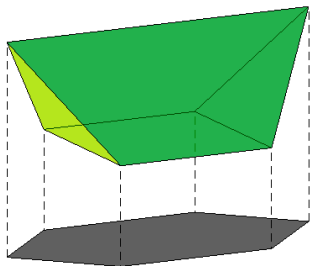
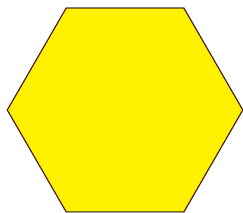
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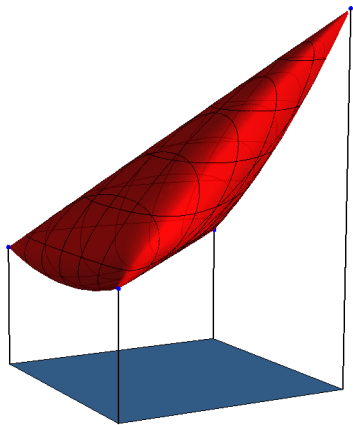
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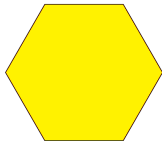
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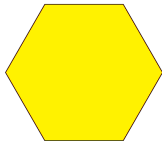
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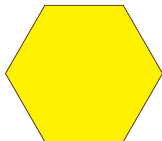


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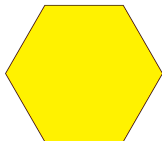
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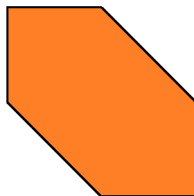
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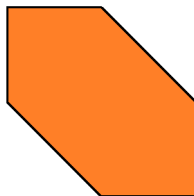
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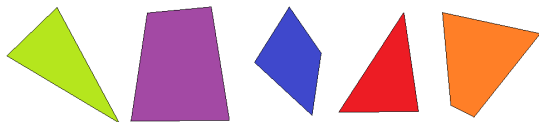
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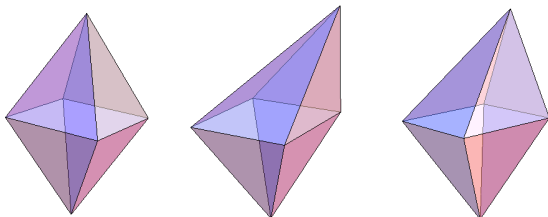
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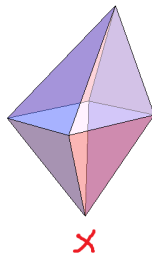
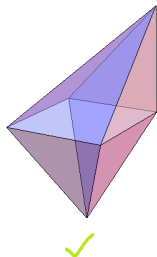
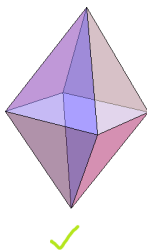
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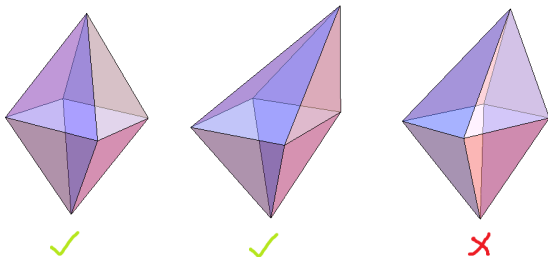
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To read more on this:

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