

PhD Pizza Seminar

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As easy as a piece of cake

Analytically cutting infinite cakes (yum!)

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- 2 First part(s of the cake)
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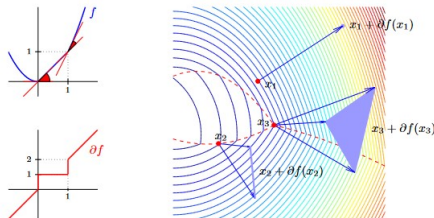
- starting 3rd year, finishing on December, 31st (unless...)
- "cotutelle" France-Québec, here during winter



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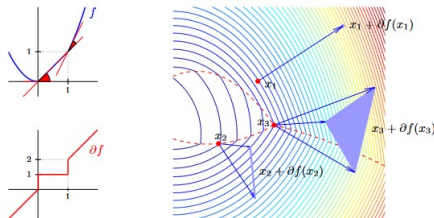
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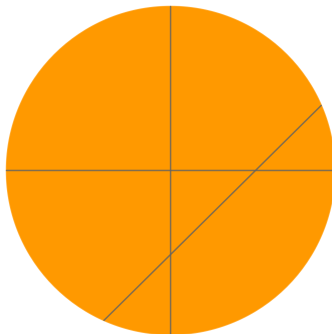
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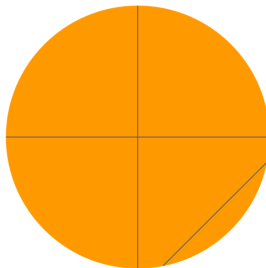
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What about 7 parts ?



Asymmetric cuts - they don't all pass by the center/middle

Other possibilities - 2



Acually can't (really) have 5 slices: this is cheating. This does not respect the infinite cakes assumption.

But the 7-slices one still works: the $2p$ formula isn't valid...

Other possibilities - 3

Is it possible to get 8 slices in three cuts?

Other possibilities - 3



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Parallel sets in each dimension

But parallel set of cuts in each dimension also work:

$$p_1, p_2 \rightarrow (p_1 + 1) \times (p_2 + 1)$$



(you can check the slices after the pizzas :3)

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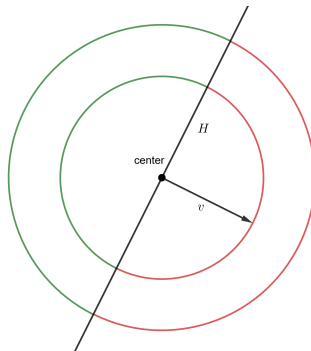
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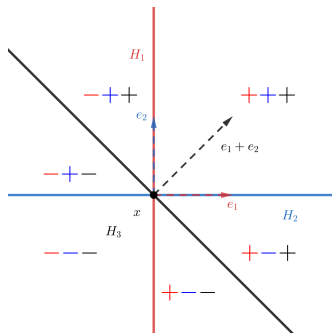
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Each cut: a $-$ and a $+$ side: each of the p cuts, intersection of each halfspaces...

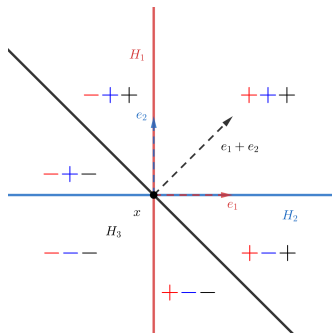
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Main reasoning

Algorithm from [RČ18]:

- recursive binary tree that adds hyperplanes one at a time
- each node has descendant(s) $(s, +1)$ and/or $(s, -1)$
- checking one or two = main computational effort

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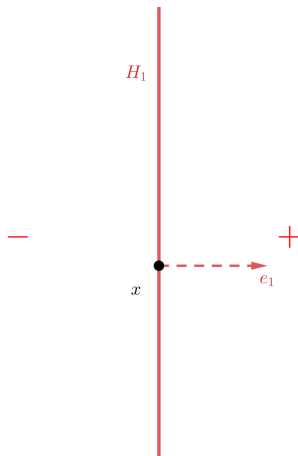


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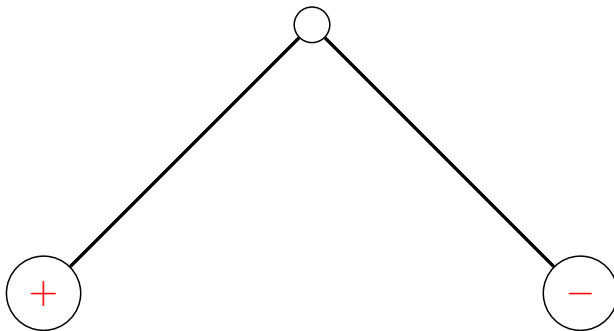


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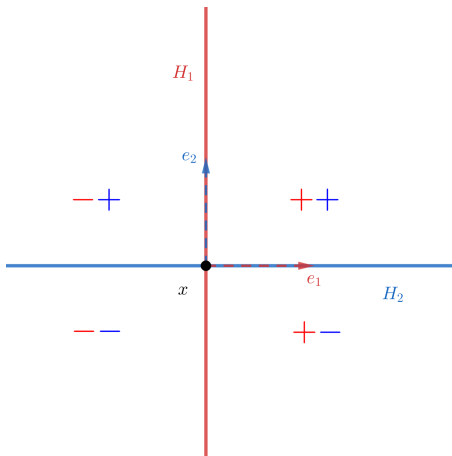


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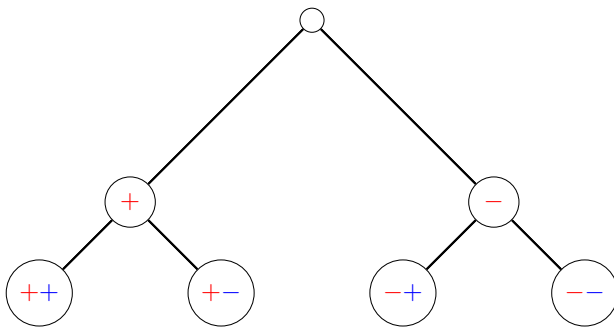


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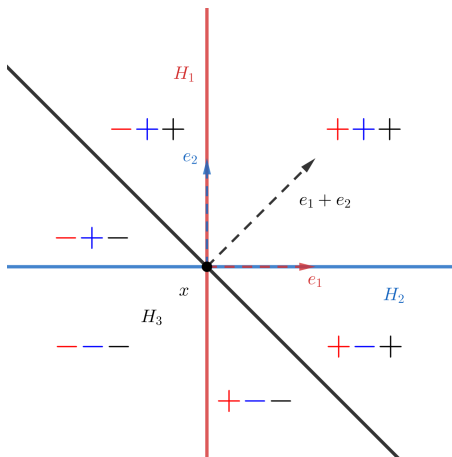
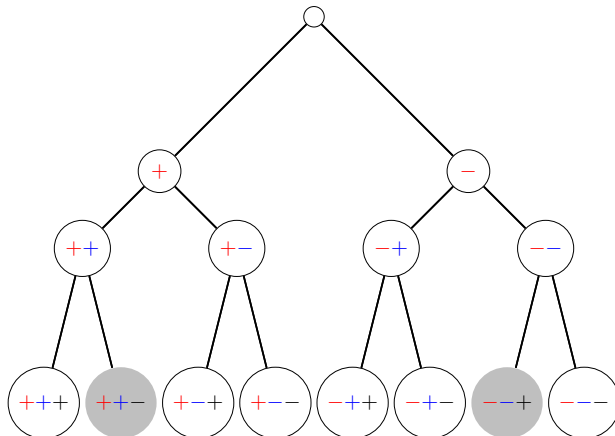


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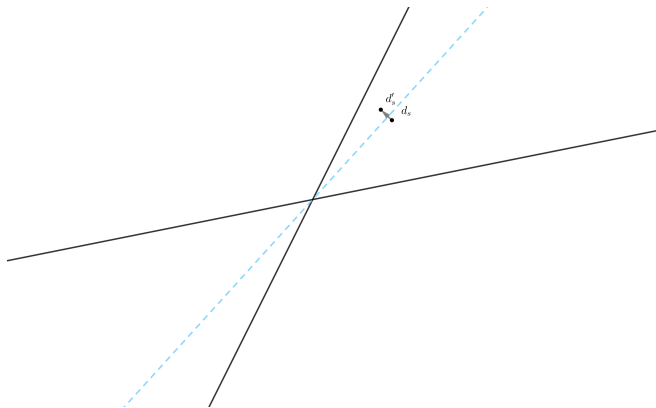
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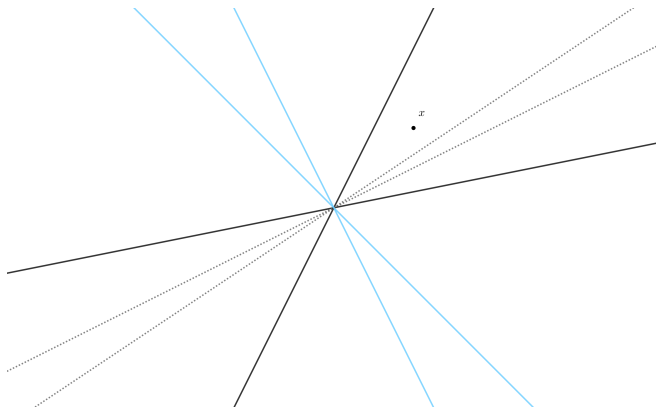
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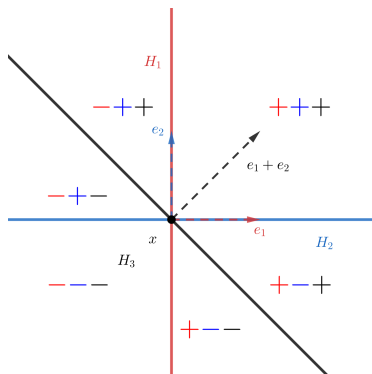
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Black: hyperplanes already treated, x is the current point/region. Dotted and blue: remaining hyperplanes. Here, the blue hyperplanes are "far" from the point, so it's more likely there is only 1 descendant (thus less nodes and a faster algorithm).

Infeasibility, matroids and circuits - 1



$++-$ (and $- - +$) corresponds to an empty region: $+$ means right to H_1 , $+$ over H_2 , $-$ down left H_3 : such a point does not exist. The system is
 $+$: $d_1 > 0$, $+$: $d_2 > 0$, $-$: $-d_1 - d_2 > 0$

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Results; blue = times, black = time RC / time variant

Name	RC	ABC		ABCD2		ABCD3		AD4	
R-4-8-2	1.70 10 ⁻²	7.20 10 ⁻³	2.36	6.53 10 ⁻³	2.60	3.13 10 ⁻³	5.43	8.03 10 ⁻³	2.12
R-7-8-4	5.70 10 ⁻²	3.38 10 ⁻²	1.69	3.15 10 ⁻²	1.81	2.24 10 ⁻²	2.54	2.79 10 ⁻²	2.04
R-7-9-4	9.97 10 ⁻²	4.98 10 ⁻²	2.00	4.96 10 ⁻²	2.01	3.43 10 ⁻²	2.91	5.16 10 ⁻²	1.93
R-7-10-5	2.33 10 ⁻¹	1.16 10 ⁻¹	2.01	1.29 10 ⁻¹	1.81	1.05 10 ⁻¹	2.22	1.22 10 ⁻¹	1.91
R-7-11-4	2.36 10 ⁻¹	1.22 10 ⁻¹	1.93	1.20 10 ⁻¹	1.97	8.49 10 ⁻²	2.78	1.32 10 ⁻¹	1.79
R-7-12-6	9.35 10 ⁻¹	5.05 10 ⁻¹	1.85	5.74 10 ⁻¹	1.63	5.13 10 ⁻¹	1.82	5.65 10 ⁻¹	1.65
R-7-13-5	9.11 10 ⁻¹	4.70 10 ⁻¹	1.94	5.41 10 ⁻¹	1.68	4.71 10 ⁻¹	1.93	5.33 10 ⁻¹	1.71
R-7-14-7	3.69	2.15	1.72	2.39	1.54	2.42	1.52	2.42	1.52
R-8-15-7	6.43	3.56	1.81	3.92	1.64	4.30	1.50	4.57	1.41
R-9-16-8	1.51 10 ⁺¹	8.88	1.70	1.03 10 ⁺¹	1.47	1.34 10 ⁺¹	1.13	1.41 10 ⁺¹	1.07
R-10-17-9	3.45 10 ⁺¹	2.08 10 ⁺¹	1.66	2.50 10 ⁺¹	1.38	4.04 10 ⁺¹	0.85	3.53 10 ⁺¹	0.98
2d-20-4	3.48 10 ⁻¹	1.76 10 ⁻¹	1.98	8.03 10 ⁻²	4.33	6.96 10 ⁻²	5.00	1.73 10 ⁻¹	2.01
2d-20-5	6.74 10 ⁻¹	3.54 10 ⁻¹	1.90	1.29 10 ⁻¹	5.22	1.32 10 ⁻¹	5.11	3.59 10 ⁻¹	1.88
2d-20-6	1.19	6.04 10 ⁻¹	1.97	2.23 10 ⁻¹	5.34	2.70 10 ⁻¹	4.41	6.52 10 ⁻¹	1.83
2d-20-7	2.08	1.45	1.43	5.40 10 ⁻¹	3.85	6.21 10 ⁻¹	3.35	1.11	1.87
2d-20-8	3.69	1.85	1.99	6.36 10 ⁻¹	5.80	7.95 10 ⁻¹	4.64	1.92	1.92
sR-2	1.71 10 ⁺¹	4.26	4.01	3.11	5.50	4.14	4.13	1.05 10 ⁺¹	1.63
sR-4	8.03 10 ⁺¹	3.68 10 ⁺¹	2.18	4.40 10 ⁺¹	1.83	1.41 10 ⁺²	0.57	2.02 10 ⁺²	0.40
sR-6	1.08 10 ⁺²	1.54 10 ⁺²	0.70	7.01 10 ⁺¹	1.54	2.58 10 ⁺²	0.42	4.04 10 ⁺²	0.27
perm-5	6.64 10 ⁻¹	1.89 10 ⁻¹	3.51	6.87 10 ⁻²	9.67	8.53 10 ⁻²	7.78	3.75 10 ⁻¹	1.77
perm-6	5.80	1.32	4.39	5.19 10 ⁻¹	11.18	1.03	5.63	3.81	1.52
perm-7	5.70 10 ⁺¹	1.10 10 ⁺¹	5.18	4.16	13.70	2.12 10 ⁺¹	2.69	6.37 10 ⁺¹	0.89
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r-4-7	3.13	1.62	1.93	1.37	2.28	2.21	1.42	3.01	1.04
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r-5-9	9.02	4.47	2.02	3.72	2.42	7.92	1.14	1.06 10 ⁺¹	0.85
r-6-7	2.18 10 ⁺¹	1.20 10 ⁺¹	1.82	1.14 10 ⁺¹	1.91	2.89 10 ⁺¹	0.75	4.03 10 ⁺¹	0.54
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