On the Beer Index of Convexity and Its Variants

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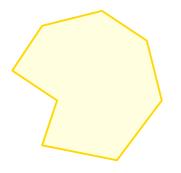
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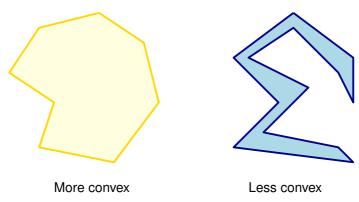
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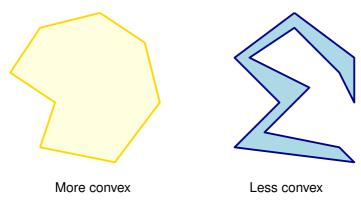




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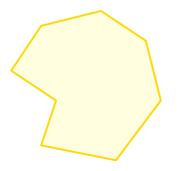


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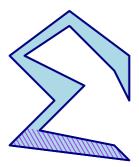
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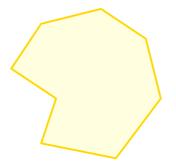
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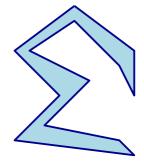
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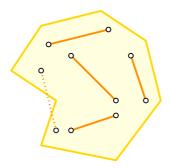


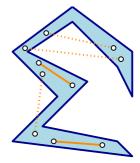


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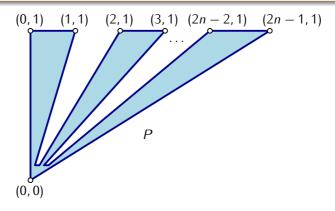
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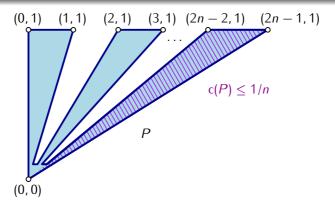
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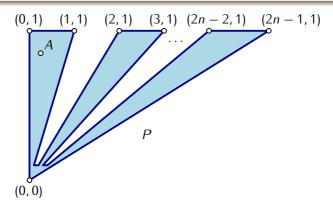
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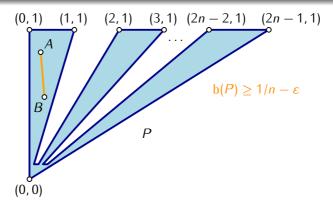
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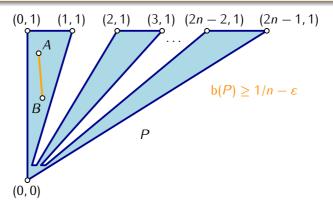
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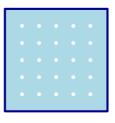
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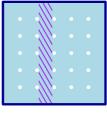
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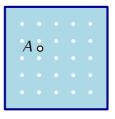
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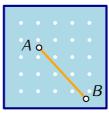
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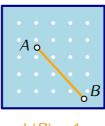


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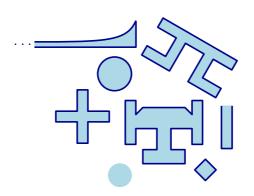
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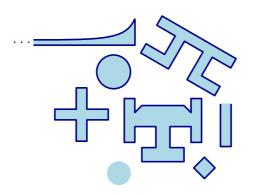


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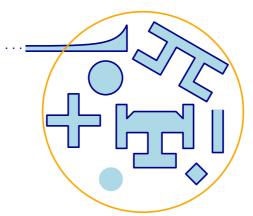
• In fact, $S := [0,1]^2 \setminus \mathbb{Q}^2$ gives c(S) = 0 and b(S) = 1.



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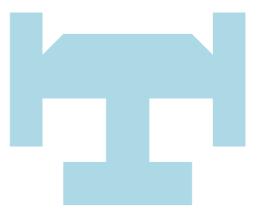
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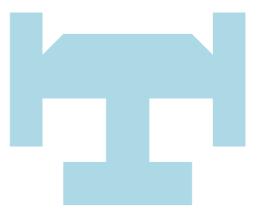


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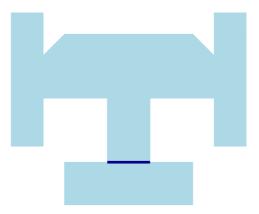


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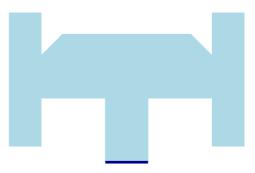




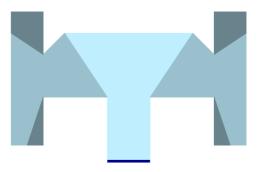
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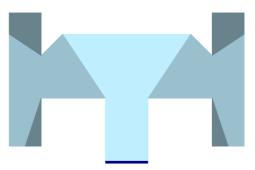
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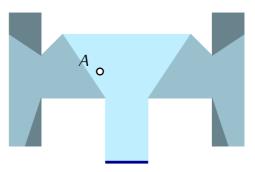
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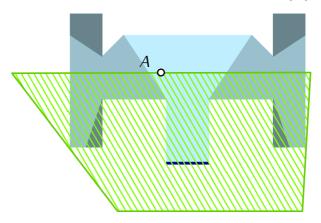
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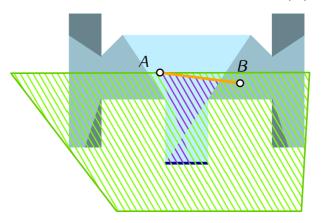
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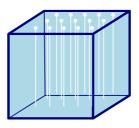
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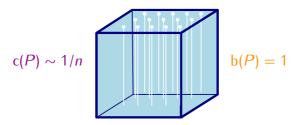


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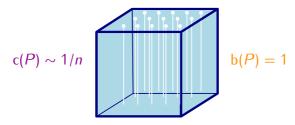


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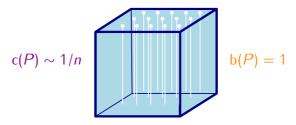




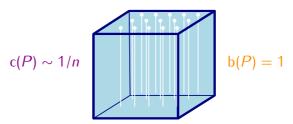
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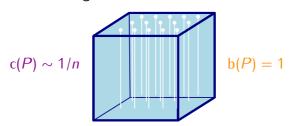
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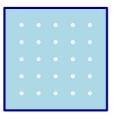
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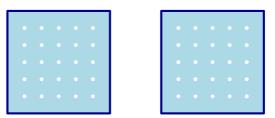
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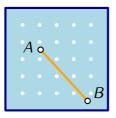


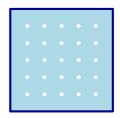


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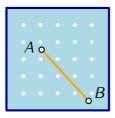


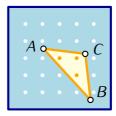


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