

CONJECTURES IN COMBINATORIAL AND CONVEX GEOMETRY

This note collects several conjectures, formulated in my papers.

- (1) *Let the plane \mathbb{R}^2 be partitioned into closed convex sets V_1, \dots, V_m . Let v_1, \dots, v_m be a set of vectors. Then there exists a permutation $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_m$ such that the sets*

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cover \mathbb{R}^2 . There also exists a permutation $\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_m$ such that the sets

$$V'_i = V_i + v_{\tau(i)}$$

do not overlap pairwise (their interiors are pairwise disjoint).

This conjecture was formulated in [4], and a particular case was proved for the so called *hierarchically affine* partitions.

- (2) (The generalized Grünbaum conjecture) *Consider a family \mathcal{F} of translates of a convex compact set K in \mathbb{R}^d . Suppose that any d or less sets in \mathcal{F} have a common point. Then there exists a set T of $d + 1$ points that intersects any set in the family \mathcal{F} .*

This conjecture was proved in [3] for the case $d = 2$, the conjecture is formulated in [5].

- (3) (The dual Tverberg theorem) *Suppose we are given a family \mathcal{F} of $(d + 1)n$ hyperplanes in general position in \mathbb{R}^d . Then \mathcal{F} can be partitioned into n sets of $d + 1$ hyperplanes each so that the n simplexes, bounded by each set of $d + 1$ hyperplanes, have a common point.*

This conjecture was proved in [6] for the case when n is a prime power. The conjecture was also proved for $d = 2$ and arbitrary n , in this case it follows from the central point theorem.

- (4) (The colored dual Tverberg theorem) We have the following problem, that could be a natural analogue of the colorful Tverberg theorem [1, 7, 2].

Find least possible $t = t(d, r)$ such that the following holds. Suppose $(d + 1)t$ hyperplanes in general position are given in \mathbb{R}^d , and they are colored into $d + 1$ colors, so that each color is used t times. Then we can select r disjoint rainbow $(d + 1)$ -tuples of hyperplanes so that r simplexes, bounded by the corresponding $(d + 1)$ -tuples, have a common point.

It was conjectured in [6] that $t(2, r) = r$, but a counterexample to this conjecture was found by Li Ping (a student of Imre Bárány) in the case $r = 2$. The results of [7] and [2] imply that for r a prime power $t(d, r - d) \leq 2r$ and for r prime $t(d, r - d - 1) \leq r$.

Thus, even the plane case ($d = 2$) of this problem remains to be interesting.

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