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## Discrete Geometry II

### Tutorial Sheet 2

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**Exercise T1** (face figures) (5 points)

Let  $P$  be the  $n$ -dimensional cross polytope and let  $F$  be an arbitrary dimensional face of  $P$ . Describe the face lattice of the face figure  $\mathcal{F}(F, P)$  and its  $f$ -vector.

**Exercise T2** (polarity) (5 points)

Let  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^e$  be full-dimensional polytopes, both with the origin in the interior.

- a) Describe  $(P^\circ \times Q^\circ)^\circ$  in the case that  $P$  is the interval  $[-1, 1]$  and  $Q$  is a regular  $n$ -gon centered at 0.
- b) In the general case, describe the vertices of  $(P^\circ \times Q^\circ)^\circ$  in terms of the vertices of the polytopes  $P$  and  $Q$ .

**Exercise T3** (Gale's evenness condition) (5 points)

The moment curve is the image of the map  $\mu_d : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\mu_d(t) = (t, \dots, t^d)$ . Let  $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$  be real numbers and  $I \subset [n]$  be a index set of size  $d$ . The convex hull of  $\mu_d(t_1), \mu_d(t_2), \dots, \mu_d(t_n)$  is a cyclic polytope  $Z_d(n)$ .

Prove that the convex hull of  $\{\mu_d(t_i) \mid i \in I\}$  forms a facet of  $Z_d(n)$  if and only if for each pair  $i, j \notin I$  the size of  $\{k \in I \mid i < k < j\}$  is even.