

ON ZONOTOPES

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Abstract. In this paper is described a diagram technique for zonotopes, or vector sums of line segments, which is analogous to that of Gale diagrams for general polytopes, and central diagrams for centrally symmetric polytopes. The use of these new zonal diagrams leads to relationships between zonotopes with n zones of dimensions d and $n-d$, and enables one to enumerate all the combinatorial types of d -zonotopes with $n \leq d+2$ zones. The connexion between arrangements of hyperplanes in projective space and zonotopes leads to corresponding new results about arrangements.

1. Introduction. Several recent advances in the theory of convex polytopes have stemmed from the idea of *Gale diagrams*, which were first conceived by Gale [1956], and later much elaborated by Perles (see Grünbaum [1967, 5.4, 6.3 and elsewhere]). The technique is to represent a d -polytope with n vertices by a diagram of n points in $(n-d-1)$ -dimensional space, from which all the combinatorial properties of the original polytope can be determined.

However, Gale diagrams proved ineffective in dealing with the problems of centrally symmetric polytopes. McMullen-Shephard [1968] described the appropriate analogues of Gale diagrams for centrally symmetric polytopes; these diagrams are known as *central diagrams* or *c.s. diagrams*.

One subclass of the centrally symmetric polytopes, which is interesting for many reasons (in particular, the connexion with arrangements of hyperplanes, for which see §7 below), comprises the zonotopes. Since a d -dimensional zonotope has at least 2^d vertices, even central diagrams fail to give much information about zonotopes. In this paper, we shall describe an appropriate diagram technique for zonotopes; the corresponding diagrams will be called *zonal diagrams*.

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2. Zonotopes. A *zonotope* is the vector sum of a finite number of closed line segments in some Euclidean space. (For the terminology employed here and elsewhere, the reader is referred to Grünbaum [1967].) Alternatively, we may charac-

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terize a zonotope as a convex polytope, all of whose 2-faces are centrally symmetric. We shall usually suppose that no two of the line segments are parallel, and, without loss of generality, we may take the segments to be centered at the origin. So, a d -dimensional zonotope (or d -zonotope) can be written in the form

$$P = S_1 + \cdots + S_n$$

where

$$S_i = \text{conv} \{ -z_i, z_i \}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

and $\text{lin} \{ z_1, \dots, z_n \} = E^d$. A general point of P is of the form

$$p = \lambda_1 z_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n z_n,$$

where $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). In particular, each vertex of P is of the form

$$\varepsilon_1 z_1 + \cdots + \varepsilon_n z_n,$$

for some $\varepsilon_i = \pm 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$); it should be noticed, however, that in general not all points of this form are vertices of P .

A face F of P can be written

$$F = S_{1\sigma} + \cdots + S_{r\sigma} + \varepsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \cdots + \varepsilon_n z_{n\sigma},$$

for some permutation σ of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, and some $\varepsilon_i = \pm 1$ ($i = r+1, \dots, n$). To see this, suppose that

$$H = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, u \rangle = \alpha\}$$

is the supporting hyperplane of P such that $F = H \cap P$, and that

$$P \subset H^- = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, u \rangle \leq \alpha\}.$$

Let H_0 be the hyperplane through the origin parallel to H ; then certain of the points z_i will lie in H_0 , say $z_{1\sigma}, \dots, z_{r\sigma}$, and the remaining points $\pm z_{(r+1)\sigma}, \dots, \pm z_{n\sigma}$ will lie in the open half-spaces bounded by H_0 . Suppose that, for $i = r+1, \dots, n$,

$$\varepsilon_i z_{i\sigma} \in \text{int } H_0^+ = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, u \rangle > 0\};$$

then if $z = \eta_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \cdots + \eta_n z_{n\sigma}$ ($\eta_i = \pm 1$, $i = r+1, \dots, n$), we see that

$$\langle z, u \rangle \leq \langle \varepsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \cdots + \varepsilon_n z_{n\sigma}, u \rangle,$$

with strict inequality unless $\eta_i = \varepsilon_i$ ($i = r+1, \dots, n$). Since $S_{i\sigma} \subset H_0$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$) it follows that

$$F = S_{1\sigma} + \cdots + S_{r\sigma} + \varepsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \cdots + \varepsilon_n z_{n\sigma},$$

as claimed above.

It should be noticed that the argument used above did not depend upon the line segments S_i being nonparallel, and so the description of the faces applies to any vector sum of line segments.

The description of the faces of the zonotope P shows that if H is any hyperplane such that $H \cap P = F$, then the normal vector u to H is orthogonal to each of the line segments $S_{i\sigma}$ ($i=1, \dots, r$). So, to every segment S_i ($i=1, \dots, n$) with $z_i \neq 0$, there corresponds a *zone* of faces, which are the intersections with P of supporting hyperplanes with normal vectors orthogonal to z_i . If no two of the segments S_i are parallel, we shall say P is a zonotope with n zones.

In what follows, we may without loss of generality suppose that, after suitable relabelling and changes of sign of the points z_i , we can write any particular face F in which we are interested in the form

$$F = S_1 + \cdots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n.$$

Any point of a polytope P is a relatively interior point of exactly one face of P (in this context, we define P to be an improper face of itself). If the point $p = z_1 + \cdots + z_n$ is a vertex of P , and $z_i \neq 0$ ($i=1, \dots, n$), then we have seen that there is an open half-space of E^d bounded by a hyperplane H_0 through 0 which contains every z_i ($i=1, \dots, n$). If p is not a vertex, then suppose that p is a relatively interior point of the face $F = S_1 + \cdots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n$ (included here are the cases when any or all of z_1, \dots, z_r are the zero vector). Then we can write

$$p = \lambda_1 z_1 + \cdots + \lambda_r z_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n,$$

for some $|\lambda_i| < 1$ ($i=1, \dots, r$). Subtracting the second expression for p from the first, we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda_1)z_1 + \cdots + (1 - \lambda_r)z_r = 0,$$

and since $1 - \lambda_i > 0$ ($i=1, \dots, r$), we see by dividing this expression by $\sum_{i=1}^r (1 - \lambda_i)$ that

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv } \{z_1, \dots, z_r\},$$

the relative interior of the convex hull of $\{z_1, \dots, z_r\}$. Conversely, if this condition holds, say

$$0 = \mu_1 z_1 + \cdots + \mu_r z_r,$$

for some $\mu_i > 0$ ($i=1, \dots, r$) with $\sum_{i=1}^r \mu_i = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} p &= z_1 + \cdots + z_n \\ &= (1 - \mu_1)z_1 + \cdots + (1 - \mu_r)z_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n, \end{aligned}$$

which, since $|1 - \mu_i| < 1$ ($i=1, \dots, r$) implies that $p \in \text{rel int } F$.

We may divide the points $\epsilon_1 z_1 + \cdots + \epsilon_n z_n$ ($\epsilon_i = \pm 1$, $i=1, \dots, n$) into three classes: vertices, boundary points and interior points of P . In view of the previous discussion, we shall not call any of these points vertices if any $z_i = 0$, since then the points coincide in sets of 2 or more, and no supporting hyperplane of P can contain just one of the points. Obviously P can have no such interior points if one or more

subsets of $n - 1$ of the points z_1, \dots, z_n lie in a hyperplane (in which case P will be a prism).

The description of the faces of the zonotope P makes it clear that, if Λ is a non-singular linear transformation of E^d , and if $\nu_i > 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), then

$$Q = (\nu_1 S_1 + \dots + \nu_n S_n) \Lambda$$

is a zonotope combinatorially isomorphic to P . We shall say that P and Q are *equivalent* zonotopes. Of course, in general not all zonotopes Q that are combinatorially isomorphic to P are equivalent to P ; if they are, we shall say that P is *zonally stable*. We shall briefly discuss zonally stable zonotopes in §8.

Of interest also are the polytopes dual to zonotopes. Let P^* be the polar reciprocal of the zonotope P ; that is,

$$P^* = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, p \rangle \leq 1 \text{ for all } p \in P\}.$$

Referring to the general expression for a point of P , we see that

$$x \in P^* \leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \langle x, z_i \rangle \leq 1,$$

for all $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$); considering the particular values $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), it follows that P^* consists of just those points $x \in E^d$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, z_i \rangle| \leq 1.$$

The face \hat{F} of P^* corresponding to the face

$$F = S_1 + \dots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \dots + z_n$$

of P is

$$\hat{F} = \{x \in P^* \mid \langle x, p \rangle = 1 \text{ for all } p \in F\},$$

from which it is easy to deduce that

$$\hat{F} = \{x \in P^* \mid \langle x, z_i \rangle = 0 \text{ } (i = 1, \dots, r), \langle x, z_{r+1} + \dots + z_n \rangle = 1\}.$$

We notice that the faces of P^* corresponding to the faces in the i th zone of P (that is, to those containing a translate of S_i) lie in the hyperplane

$$H_i = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, z_i \rangle = 0\}.$$

The facets (or $(d-1)$ -faces) of P^* are each bounded by a subset of the hyperplanes H_i .

3. Zonal diagrams. Let $Z = (\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$ be a centrally symmetric set of points which spans E^d . A *central representation* (or *c.s. transform*) of Z is constructed as follows. (We shall follow the treatment of McMullen-Shephard [1968], and refer the reader to that paper for fuller details.) A linear dependence of

$Z_+ = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ is a vector $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ of E^n which satisfies

$$\alpha_1 z_1 + \dots + \alpha_n z_n = 0.$$

It is clear that the set $L(Z_+)$ of linear dependences of Z_+ forms a linear subspace of E^n of dimension $n-d$. Let $\{a_1, \dots, a_{n-d}\}$ be a basis of $L(Z_+)$, say $a_j = (\alpha_{j1}, \dots, \alpha_{jn})$ ($j=1, \dots, n-d$). If we write

$$\bar{z}_i = (\alpha_{1i}, \dots, \alpha_{(n-d)i}) \in E^{n-d} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

then $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ is a central representation of Z .

Among the properties of central representations we shall need are the following. The central representation \bar{Z} is defined to within nonsingular linear transformation of E^{n-d} , and Z is a central representation of \bar{Z} (from which it follows that \bar{Z} is a central representation of every set linearly equivalent to Z). It is clear that if $\nu_i \neq 0$ ($i=1, \dots, n$), then a central representation of $(\pm \nu_1 z_1, \dots, \pm \nu_n z_n)$ is $(\pm \nu_1^{-1} \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \nu_n^{-1} \bar{z}_n)$. Finally, a central representation of the subset $(\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_r)$ of Z is obtained by projecting the corresponding subset $(\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_r)$ of \bar{Z} orthogonally on to the subspace of E^{n-d} completely orthogonal to the subspace spanned by $\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n$.

Notice that, if $a = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ is any linear dependence of $Z_+ = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, then, for some $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n-d}$,

$$a = \beta_1 a_1 + \dots + \beta_{n-d} a_{n-d},$$

from which it follows that

$$\alpha_i = \langle b, \bar{z}_i \rangle \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

where $b = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n-d}) \in E^{n-d}$. Conversely, any $b \in E^{n-d}$ gives rise to a linear dependence of Z_+ in this manner. The symmetry between Z and \bar{Z} shows that there is a corresponding relationship between vectors in E^d and linear dependences of $\bar{Z}_+ = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$.

A centrally symmetric set of points which spans E^d clearly gives rise to a d -zonotope; our first theorem discusses the relationship between this zonotope and a central representation of the original set.

THEOREM 1. *Let $Z = (\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$ be a centrally symmetric set of points which spans E^d , let $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ be a central representation of Z , and let*

$$P = S_1 + \dots + S_n, \quad S_i = \text{conv} \{ -z_i, z_i \} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

Let σ be a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$, and let $\varepsilon_i = \pm 1$ ($i=r+1, \dots, n$). Then

$$F = S_{1\sigma} + \dots + S_{r\sigma} + \varepsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \dots + \varepsilon_n z_{n\sigma}$$

is a face of P if and only if

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv} \{ \varepsilon_{r+1} \bar{z}_{(r+1)\sigma}, \dots, \varepsilon_n \bar{z}_{n\sigma} \}.$$

There is no loss in generality in supposing that σ is the identity permutation, and that $\epsilon_i = 1$ ($i = r+1, \dots, n$). From the description of the faces of the zonotope P in §2, we see that F is a face of P if and only if there is a vector $u \in E^d$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, z_i \rangle &= 0 & (i = 1, \dots, r), \\ \langle u, z_i \rangle &= \mu_i > 0 & (i = r+1, \dots, n).\end{aligned}$$

We may clearly choose the magnitude of u so that $\sum_{i=r+1}^n \mu_i = 1$. From the definition of the central representation, it follows that the vector

$$(0, \dots, 0, \mu_{r+1}, \dots, \mu_n)$$

is a linear dependence of $\bar{Z}_+ = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$, and so

$$\mu_{r+1}\bar{z}_{r+1} + \dots + \mu_n\bar{z}_n = 0.$$

That is,

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv } \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}.$$

The argument is clearly reversible, and this establishes the theorem.

The particular case where no two of the line segments are parallel is obviously important. If

$$P = S_1 + \dots + S_n, \quad S_i = \text{conv } \{-z_i, z_i\} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

is a d -zonotope with n zones, then a central representation \bar{Z} of the set $(\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$ will be called a *zonal diagram* of P .

It is natural to ask which centrally symmetric sets \bar{Z} are zonal diagrams of zonotopes; this question is answered by the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. *Let $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ be a centrally symmetric set of points in E^{n-d} . Then \bar{Z} is a zonal diagram of some d -zonotope with n zones if and only if every open half-space of E^{n-d} bounded by a hyperplane through 0 contains at least 3 points of \bar{Z} .*

For, let $Z = (\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$ be a central representation of \bar{Z} (so that \bar{Z} is a central representation of Z), let

$$S_i = \text{conv } \{-z_i, z_i\} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

and write

$$P = S_1 + \dots + S_n.$$

Bearing in mind the relationship between linear dependences of (z_1, \dots, z_n) and vectors in E^{n-d} , it is immediate that the condition stated in the theorem is equivalent to the condition that there be no (nontrivial) linear relations between 2 or fewer of (z_1, \dots, z_n) , that is, to the condition that no two of S_1, \dots, S_n be parallel. This proves the theorem.

A number of results about zonal diagrams are analogous to those for Gale and central diagrams, and we shall list them here without proof. Throughout, we shall keep to the notation and conventions introduced above.

PROPOSITION 1. *P is a prism with basis $S_1 + \cdots + S_{i-1} + S_{i+1} + \cdots + S_n$ if and only if $\bar{z}_i = 0$.*

Let $\bar{V} = (\pm \bar{v}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{v}_n)$ be another centrally symmetric set of $2n$ points which spans E^{n-d} . We say that \bar{Z} and \bar{V} are *isomorphic* if for each choice $(\epsilon_{i(1)}, \dots, \epsilon_{i(r)})$, where $\epsilon_{i(s)} = \pm 1$ ($s = 1, \dots, r$), and the subscripts $i(1), \dots, i(r)$ are distinct, the conditions

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv } \{\epsilon_{i(s)} \bar{z}_{i(s)} \mid s = 1, \dots, r\},$$

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv } \{\epsilon_{i(s)} \bar{v}_{i(s)} \mid s = 1, \dots, r\}$$

are equivalent. We say \bar{Z} and \bar{V} are *equivalent* if there are positive numbers $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n$, and a nonsingular linear transformation $\bar{\Lambda}$ of E^{n-d} into itself, such that $\bar{v}_i = \bar{v}_i \bar{z}_i \bar{\Lambda}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). Then (subject to suitable relabelling of the points of the zonal diagrams, and changes of sign) we have

PROPOSITION 2. *Two d-zonotopes with n zones are combinatorially isomorphic if and only if their zonal diagrams are isomorphic.*

PROPOSITION 3. *Two d-zonotopes with n zones are equivalent if and only if their zonal diagrams are equivalent.*

We now return to the case of zonotopes which are the sums of line segments, two or more of which may be parallel. Let $Z = (\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$, and suppose that z_n (say) is a scalar multiple of some z_j (with suffix $j \neq n$). Let $S_i = \text{conv } \{-z_i, z_i\}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). Then clearly the zonotopes

$$P = S_1 + \cdots + S_n, \quad P' = S_1 + \cdots + S_{n-1}$$

are equivalent.

Now consider the central representation $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ of Z . The condition on z_n is equivalent to the existence of an open half-space, bounded by a hyperplane through 0 which contains at most one point of \bar{Z} apart from \bar{z}_n . From the results about central representations listed at the beginning of the section, if we project $(\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_{n-1})$ orthogonally on to the hyperplane through 0 orthogonal to \bar{z}_n , we obtain a central representation of the subset $(\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_{n-1})$.

We can clearly repeat this procedure, until finally we obtain a centrally symmetric set which corresponds to the distinct zones of the zonotope P ; we shall call such a set a *reduced diagram* of \bar{Z} . It will generally be possible to obtain a reduced diagram of \bar{Z} in many ways, since at each stage we may be presented with different choices of points \bar{z}_i which lie in open half-spaces bounded by hyperplanes through 0 containing at most one point of \bar{Z} apart from \bar{z}_i . However, consideration of the

original zonotope P shows that all these reduced diagrams are equivalent. We summarize this as follows.

THEOREM 3. *Let*

$$P = S_1 + \cdots + S_n, \quad S_i = \text{conv} \{ -z_i, z_i \} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

be a zonotope, and let $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ be a central representation of $(\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$. Then a zonal diagram of P is equivalent to any reduced diagram of \bar{Z} .

Two results are immediate consequences of Theorem 3 and the preliminary remarks about central representations.

PROPOSITION 4. *With the notation of Theorem 3, a zonal diagram of $S_1 + \cdots + S_r$ is equivalent to a reduced diagram of the orthogonal projection of $(\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_r)$ on to the subspace of $\text{lin } \bar{Z}$ completely orthogonal to $\text{lin } \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$.*

Let us denote by $P/(S_{r+1}, \dots, S_n)$ the zonotope obtained by projecting P orthogonally on to the subspace of E^d completely orthogonal to $\text{lin } \{z_{r+1}, \dots, z_n\}$. Then

PROPOSITION 5. *A zonal diagram of $P/(S_{r+1}, \dots, S_n)$ is equivalent to a reduced diagram of $(\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_r)$.*

Finally, let $\bar{X} = (\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_m)$ be a set of points in E^k (say) such that

$$0 \in \text{int conv } \bar{X}.$$

So, by multiplying the points \bar{x}_i by suitable positive numbers, we may assume that

$$\bar{x}_1 + \cdots + \bar{x}_m = 0,$$

in which case \bar{X} is an affine representation (or Gale transform, see Grünbaum [1967, 5.4]) of some set $X = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ in E^{m-k-1} . Not all points of X will (in general) be vertices of the polytope $Q = \text{conv } X$, so to find a Gale diagram of Q we must apply the following *reduction* to \bar{X} , which is equivalent to eliminating those points $x \in X$ such that $x \in \text{conv}(X \setminus \{x\})$. If $\bar{x} \in \bar{X}$ is such that there exists an open half-space of E^k bounded by a hyperplane through 0 which meets \bar{X} in \bar{x} alone, then project $\bar{X} \setminus \{\bar{x}\}$ orthogonally on to the hyperplane through 0 orthogonal to \bar{x} . Repeat this process as often as possible (and if different choices of such \bar{x} present themselves, perform the reduction with any such \bar{x}), finally obtaining a set of points \bar{Y} in some subspace of E^k . We call \bar{Y} a *reduced diagram* of \bar{X} ; \bar{Y} will be a Gale diagram of Q .

It is known that, if F is a j -face of a d -polytope P , then the sublattice of faces F_1 of P such that $F \leq F_1 \leq P$ forms a lattice which is isomorphic to the lattice of faces of some $(d-j-1)$ -polytope, which we denote by P/F . (See Grünbaum [1967, 3.4, Exercise 10].) We then have the result analogous to McMullen-Shephard [1971, §3, Theorem 8].

PROPOSITION 6. *Let $F = S_1 + \cdots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n$ be a face of P . Then the reduced diagram of $(\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n)$ is a Gale diagram of P/F .*

4. Geometric formulations of zonal diagrams. In common with Gale diagrams and central diagrams, zonal diagrams can also be formulated geometrically. In this section we shall describe two closely related formulations, and show that they are equivalent to the algebraic formulation.

Let P be a d -zonotope with n zones. Keeping to the notation of the previous sections, its polar reciprocal is

$$P^* = \left\{ x \in E^d \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, z_i \rangle| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Let e_1, \dots, e_n be linearly independent vectors in E^n , and let X be the (not necessarily regular) cross-polytope with vertices $\pm e_1, \dots, \pm e_n$. That is,

$$X = \left\{ y = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i e_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |\eta_i| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We then have

THEOREM 4. *Let P^* and X be as above. Then the map $\Lambda: E^d \rightarrow E^n$ defined by*

$$x\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x, z_i \rangle e_i$$

is a one-to-one linear map such that

$$P^*\Lambda = E^d \Lambda \cap X.$$

The map Λ is clearly linear, and it is one-to-one because $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$ spans E^d . Further, the condition that $x \in P^*$ is $\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, z_i \rangle| \leq 1$, which is also just the condition that $x\Lambda \in E^d \Lambda \cap X$. This proves the theorem.

We now describe the first geometric formulation. Let M be the $(n-d)$ -dimensional subspace of E^n orthogonal to $L = E^d \Lambda$, and write Π_M for orthogonal projection on to M . Then we define the set

$$\bar{Z} = (\text{vert } X)\Pi_M$$

to be a zonal diagram of P . If we write

$$\bar{z}_i = e_i \Pi_M \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

then \bar{z}_i is the point of \bar{Z} corresponding to the point z_i . (We shall show in the course of the second geometric formulation that \bar{Z} is also a zonal diagram in the algebraic sense.)

The zonal diagram condition of Theorem 1 can be deduced geometrically, as follows. Let

$$F = S_1 + \cdots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n$$

be a face of P . As we saw in §1, the corresponding face of P^* is

$$\hat{F} = \{x \in P^* \mid \langle x, z_i \rangle = 0 \text{ } (i = 1, \dots, r), \langle x, z_{r+1} + \dots + z_n \rangle = 1\}.$$

So, from the definition of the linear transformation Λ , we see that

$$D = \text{conv} \{e_{r+1}, \dots, e_n\}$$

is the (unique) face of X of minimal dimension such that $\hat{F}\Lambda = L \cap D$; thus

$$\text{rel int}(\hat{F}\Lambda) \subseteq \text{rel int } D.$$

Since $L\Pi_M = \{0\}$, and $\hat{F}\Lambda \subset L$, it follows that

$$0 \in (\text{rel int } D)\Pi_M = \text{rel int conv} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}.$$

The argument is completely reversible, and we thus obtain the condition of Theorem 1.

The geometrical formulation makes it easy to find the dimension of the face F in terms of the zonal diagram \bar{Z} . For,

$$\dim F + \dim \hat{F} = d - 1,$$

and

$$\dim(\hat{F}\Lambda) + \dim D\Pi_M = \dim D = n - r - 1.$$

Since Λ is one-to-one (and so $\dim \hat{F} = \dim(\hat{F}\Lambda)$), we deduce that

$$\dim F = \dim \text{lin} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\} - n + d + r.$$

Two special cases of this relation are of interest. Firstly, F is a facet ($\dim F = d - 1$) if and only if

$$\dim \text{lin} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\} = n - r - 1;$$

that is, $\text{conv} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$ is a simplex with the origin in its relative interior. Secondly, F is a cube (or, more properly, a parallelotope, so that z_1, \dots, z_r are linearly independent) if and only if

$$\dim \text{lin} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\} = n - d;$$

that is, $\{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$ spans M positively.

The other geometric formulation is, in a sense, the dual of this, and is completely equivalent to it. However, the different formulation sheds new light on the relationship between a zonotope and its diagram, and enables us to relate the geometric and algebraic formulations.

It is clear that a zonotope with n zones is the image under orthogonal projection of some (not necessarily regular) n -cube. For example, we may suppose that the zonotope P lies in a d -dimensional (linear) subspace L of E^n ; we let M denote the $(n-d)$ -dimensional subspace of E^n orthogonal to L . Using the same notation $P = S_1 + \dots + S_n$, $S_i = \text{conv} \{-z_i, z_i\}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) as before, we may assume without loss of generality that z_1, \dots, z_d are linearly independent. Let $\{b_{d+1}, \dots, b_n\}$

be a basis of M ; then the points $z_1, \dots, z_d, z_{d+1} + b_{d+1}, \dots, z_n + b_n$ are clearly linearly independent points of E^n , whose orthogonal projections on to L are z_1, \dots, z_n . So, let P be the orthogonal projection on to L of the n -cube $C = T_1 + \dots + T_n$, $T_i = \text{conv}\{-t_i, t_i\}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), where t_1, \dots, t_n (which are linearly independent) are such that $z_i = t_i \Pi_L$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) (Π_L denoting the orthogonal projection on to L). Let

$$X = \text{conv}\{\pm e_1, \dots, \pm e_n\}$$

be the cross-polytope which is the polar reciprocal of C , so that the vectors t_1, \dots, t_n and e_1, \dots, e_n satisfy the relations

$$\langle t_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, n),$$

where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta function. Of course, the relationship between sections and projections implies that

$$P^* = (C\Pi_L)^* = X \cap L,$$

and so we see that $(\text{vert } X)\Pi_M$ is a zonal diagram of P , as previously formulated geometrically.

However, we are now in a position to recover the algebraic formulation. Let us write

$$w_i = t_i \Pi_M, \quad \bar{z}_i = e_i \Pi_M, \quad \bar{w}_i = e_i \Pi_L \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

so that $\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ is the zonal diagram of P . We may choose coordinates in E^n so that the points of L are those whose last $n-d$ coordinates vanish (and the points of M are then those whose first d coordinates vanish); we then write

$$t_i = (z_i, w_i), \quad e_i = (\bar{w}_i, \bar{z}_i) \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

(rather than $t_i = z_i + w_i$, $e_i = \bar{w}_i + \bar{z}_i$). We further let

$$T = (t_1^T, \dots, t_n^T), \quad E = (e_1^T, \dots, e_n^T)$$

denote the matrices whose columns are the transposes of the vectors t_i and e_i (the superscript T denotes transpose). The relation between the vectors t_i and e_i noted above is equivalent to $T^T E = I$, the $n \times n$ identity matrix. But then $E T^T = I$ also. Writing $\bar{z}_i = (\xi_{i1}, \dots, \xi_{i,n-d})$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), we see that this gives at once $\sum_{j=1}^n \xi_{ij} z_j = 0$ ($j = 1, \dots, n-d$), which are precisely the defining relations for a zonal diagram of P in the algebraic sense.

Finally, we can also obtain the zonal diagram condition using the geometric formulation of the zonal diagram by means of projections. For, let

$$F = S_1 + \dots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \dots + z_n$$

be a face of P . Then $F = H \cap P$ for some supporting hyperplane

$$H = \{x \in E^d \mid \langle x, u \rangle = 1\}$$

of P . But then $K = H\Pi_L^{-1}$ is a supporting hyperplane of C , such that

$$K \cap C = T_1 + \cdots + T_r + t_{r+1} + \cdots + t_n.$$

Now

$$K = \{y \in E^n \mid \langle y, u \rangle = 1\},$$

and these last two conditions imply that $u \in \text{rel int } D$, where $D = \text{conv}\{e_{r+1}, \dots, e_n\}$ is the face of the dual cross-polytope X corresponding to $K \cap C$. As before, projecting orthogonally on to M sends u to 0, and yields the zonal diagram condition. This argument is also completely reversible.

5. The derived zonotope. Let

$$P = S_1 + \cdots + S_n, \quad S_i = \text{conv}\{-z_i, z_i\} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

be a d -zonotope (where we again relax the condition that no two of the segments S_i be parallel), and let

$$\bar{Z} = (\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$$

be a central representation of $(\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$. If we write

$$\bar{S}_i = \text{conv}\{-\bar{z}_i, \bar{z}_i\} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

then

$$\bar{P} = \bar{S}_1 + \cdots + \bar{S}_n$$

is an $(n-d)$ -zonotope, which we shall call a zonotope *derived* from P . Clearly, P is also a zonotope derived from \bar{P} . We remark that the derived zonotope \bar{P} depends not on P alone, but on the way of writing P as a vector sum of line segments.

If we extend the definition of equivalence to sums of not necessarily nonparallel line segments in the obvious way, then (compare Proposition 3) if Q is equivalent to P , the derived zonotope \bar{Q} is equivalent to \bar{P} . However, we can obtain stronger results than this, and show that, in a certain sense, the correspondence between P and the derived zonotope \bar{P} is combinatorial in nature.

We first remark that Theorem 1 has the following consequence.

THEOREM 5. *If*

$$F = S_1 + \cdots + S_r + z_{r+1} + \cdots + z_n$$

is a face of P , and

$$z_1 + \cdots + z_n \in \text{rel int } F,$$

then

$$\bar{F} = \bar{z}_1 + \cdots + \bar{z}_r + \bar{S}_{r+1} + \cdots + \bar{S}_n$$

is a face of \bar{P} , and

$$\bar{z}_1 + \cdots + \bar{z}_n \in \text{rel int } \bar{F}.$$

For, Theorem 1 implies that

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv} \{\bar{z}_{r+1}, \dots, \bar{z}_n\},$$

which is the second conclusion. Further, the second hypothesis implies that

$$0 \in \text{rel int conv} \{z_1, \dots, z_r\},$$

and Theorem 1 gives the first conclusion immediately. This proves Theorem 5.

COROLLARY. *For each choice $\epsilon_i = \pm 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), $\epsilon_1 z_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n z_n$ is a vertex (boundary point or interior point) of P if and only if $\epsilon_1 \bar{z}_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n \bar{z}_n$ is an interior point (boundary point or vertex) of \bar{P} .*

The required combinatorial correspondence will then follow from

THEOREM 6. *Suppose that $Z = (\pm z_1, \dots, \pm z_n)$ is such that no hyperplane through 0 contains all of z_1, \dots, z_n but one, and that $z_i \neq 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$). Suppose further it is known for each $(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)$ ($\epsilon_i = \pm 1$, $i = 1, \dots, n$) whether the point $\epsilon_1 z_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n z_n$ is a vertex, boundary point or interior point of P . Then the combinatorial type of P can be determined.*

We observe firstly that the conditions on Z ensure that P has both vertices and interior points. The combinatorial type of P is determined if we know which vertices of P belong to each facet of P (Grünbaum [1967, Exercise 3.2.3]), and so Theorem 6 follows immediately from the observation that the facets of P are the subsets of the form

$$F = S_{1\sigma} + \dots + S_{r\sigma} + \epsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \dots + \epsilon_n z_{n\sigma}$$

which are maximal with respect to inclusion, such that every point

$$\eta_1 z_{1\sigma} + \dots + \eta_r z_{r\sigma} + \epsilon_{r+1} z_{(r+1)\sigma} + \dots + \epsilon_n z_{n\sigma} \quad (\eta_i = \pm 1, i = 1, \dots, r)$$

is a vertex or boundary point. This proves Theorem 6.

Recalling the correspondence of Proposition 1 between prismatic zonotopes and zero vectors in the zonal diagram, we see that if Z satisfies the conditions of Theorem 6, so does its central representation \bar{Z} .

To obtain a correspondence between combinatorial types of zonotopes, we must impose further restrictions on the set Z . From now on, we shall assume that no two of the segments $S_i = \text{conv} \{-z_i, z_i\}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are parallel, so that P is a zonotope with n zones. To ensure that \bar{P} is also a zonotope with n zones, we must clearly demand that Z satisfy the condition of Theorem 2; that is, no hyperplane through 0 can contain $n-2$ or more of z_1, \dots, z_n . (Notice that we must have $d \geq 2$, $n-d \geq 2$ in this case.) Let us denote the class of d -zonotopes with this property \mathcal{Z}_*^d . We then deduce at once from the Corollary to Theorem 5 and Theorem 6

THEOREM 7. *For each $d \geq 2$, $n \geq d+2$, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the combinatorial isomorphism classes of zonotopes in \mathcal{Z}_*^d with n zones and zonotopes in \mathcal{Z}_*^{n-d} with n zones.*

We can further refine this correspondence, as follows. We say a d -zonotope is *cubical* if all its proper faces are (combinatorially isomorphic to) cubes. In our usual notation, this clearly implies that no d of the vectors z_1, \dots, z_n lie in a hyperplane through 0; that is, $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$ is in linearly general position. It is easy to verify that the subset $\{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$ of the zonal diagram must also be in linearly general position, so that the derived zonotope is also cubical. As before, we deduce from the Corollary to Theorem 5 and Theorem 6

THEOREM 8. *For each $d \geq 2$, $n \geq d+2$, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the combinatorial types of cubical d -zonotopes with n zones and cubical $(n-d)$ -zonotopes with n zones.*

6. Enumeration of combinatorial types. In this section we shall consider the problem of enumerating the combinatorial types of zonotopes of a given dimension with a given number of zones.

We denote by $z(n, d)$ the number of combinatorial types of d -zonotopes with n zones, and by $z_c(n, d)$ the number of combinatorial types of cubical d -zonotopes with n zones. We first consider the case $n=d$. The zonal diagram of such a zonotope is 0-dimensional, and so consists of $2d$ points coincident at the origin. The combinatorial type is thus unique; it is that of the d -cube. So

THEOREM 9. *If $d \geq 1$, $z(d, d)=1=z_c(d, d)$.*

We have remarked in Proposition 3 that equivalent zonotopes have equivalent zonal diagrams; thus, if we are concerned only with combinatorial type, we may replace the points \bar{z}_i of the zonal diagram with any multiples of these by nonzero scalars. In particular, we may assume that, if $\bar{z}_i \neq 0$, then $\|\bar{z}_i\|=1$; we shall call such a zonal diagram *standard*.

In the case $n=d+1$ ($d \geq 2$), the standard zonal diagram is 1-dimensional, and so consists of a centrally symmetric set of $2(d+1)$ points, each of which is ± 1 or 0. The zonal diagram condition of Theorem 2 implies that at least three points occur at +1 (and at -1). The zonotope is cubical if the points of the zonal diagram are in linearly general position; that is, none of them is zero. There is thus only one combinatorial type of cubical d -zonotope with $d+1$ zones. In the general case, if $2k$ of the points of the zonal diagram occur at the origin, the corresponding zonotope is the k -fold prism whose basis is the cubical $(d-k)$ -zonotope with $d-k+1$ zones. Summarizing:

THEOREM 10. *If $d \geq 2$, $z(d+1, d)=d-1$, $z_c(d+1, d)=1$.*

We finally consider the case $n=d+2$. The standard zonal diagram is 2-dimensional, and so is a subset of $S \cup \{0\}$, where S is the unit circle in E^2 . The nonzero points occur (in a centrally symmetric way) on at least two diameters of S . It is clear that we may rotate diameters of S (and the points of the zonal diagram that they contain) in any fashion, as long as we do not allow two diameters to cross, without altering the combinatorial type of the corresponding zonotope. In

particular, we may assume that the diameters of S which contain points of the diagram are equally spaced. (Compare the corresponding result for Gale diagrams, Grünbaum [1967, 6.4].)

For small numbers of diameters, the zonal diagram condition of Theorem 2 imposes certain restrictions. If there are two diameters, each must contain at least 3 pairs of nonzero points, and if there are three diameters, two of these must contain at least 2 pairs of nonzero points.

If the zonotope is cubical, there must be $d+2$ distinct diameters, which can only happen in one way. In the general case, from the discussion above we conclude that the number of combinatorial types of d -zonotopes with $d+2$ zones is the number of ways, distinct under orthogonal transformation, of distributing $2(d+2)$ points in a centrally symmetric manner at the vertices or centre of a regular $2k$ -gon ($k \geq 2$); if $k=2$, each vertex has at least 3 points, and if $k=3$, at least two pairs of opposite vertices have at least 2 points. This, in turn, is equal to the number of ways of distributing $d+2$ points at the vertices or centre of a regular k -gon; if $k=2$, each vertex has at least 3 points, and if $k=3$, at least two vertices have at least 2 points. This number may be calculated using Pólya's theorem (Pólya [1937]); we do not reproduce the details here, but state only the final result.

THEOREM 11. *If $d \geq 2$, $z_c(d+2, d) = 1$,*

$$z(d+2, d) = \sum_{r=1}^{d+2} \frac{1}{2r} \left\{ \sum_{s|r} 2^s \varphi\left(\frac{r}{s}\right) \right\} - 5d - \frac{13}{2} + \begin{cases} 5.2^{d/2}, & d \text{ even,} \\ 7.2^{(d-1)/2}, & d \text{ odd,} \end{cases}$$

where φ is Euler's function ($\varphi(t)$ is the number of positive integers less than, and prime to, t), and the inside sum is taken over all positive integer divisors s of r .

7. Zonotopes and arrangements. A k -arrangement is a finite set of hyperplanes in real k -dimensional projective space, which do not contain a common point. The components of the complement of the hyperplanes are the interiors of convex k -polytopes; these polytopes, together with their faces, are called the *faces* of the arrangement. As with polytopes, we say that two arrangements are *combinatorially isomorphic* if there is a one-to-one inclusion preserving correspondence between their faces. (For more detailed information, consult Grünbaum [1967, Chapter 18].)

Our interest in arrangements is due to their connexion with zonotopes. For, bearing in mind the one-to-two correspondence between points of projective k -space and pairs of antipodal points of the k -sphere in E^{k+1} , we see that an arrangement corresponds to a set of hyperplanes through the origin of E^{k+1} (which cut out a set of great spheres of the k -sphere), and so to the zonotope which is the vector sum of the diameters of the k -sphere orthogonal to the hyperplanes. From our description in §2 of the dual of a zonotope, it follows that there is a two-to-one correspondence between the faces of the dual and the faces of the original arrangement.

In many cases it is more convenient to consider the analogous arrangements of points in projective k -space, not all of which lie in a hyperplane. The points of a point-arrangement correspond directly to diameters of the k -sphere, and so to zones of the associated zonotope. To the various subspaces spanned by subsets of points of the arrangement correspond sets of parallel faces of the zonotope.

Many results about zonotopes have been deduced from consideration of the corresponding arrangements (see, for example, Coxeter [1962] and Kelly-Moser [1958]), but there are few, if any, results in the other direction. Here, however, this situation can be remedied. Theorems 10 and 11 enable us to solve the problem of enumerating the combinatorial types of k -arrangements of n hyperplanes, for $n \leq k+3$. Since, in particular, to cubical zonotopes correspond *simple* arrangements, in which no more than k hyperplanes pass through any point, we have the somewhat surprising

THEOREM 12. *If $n \leq k+3$, there is only one combinatorial type of simple k -arrangements of n hyperplanes.*

Furthermore, from Theorem 8 we at once deduce

THEOREM 13. *If $k \geq 1$, $n \geq k+3$, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the combinatorial types of simple k -arrangements of n hyperplanes and simple $(n-k-2)$ -arrangements of n hyperplanes.*

Much of the interest in arrangements has centered around variants and extensions of Sylvester's problem (Sylvester [1893]). In an arrangement of points, we call a line *ordinary* if it contains exactly two of the points. Sylvester's question is equivalent to the following

Problem. Does every arrangement of points determine at least one ordinary line?

The question was first answered in the affirmative by Gallai (Grünwald) (see Erdős [1943]); Dirac [1951] showed that there are at least 3 ordinary lines, and Motzkin [1951] showed that the number of ordinary lines determined by n points is at least $c\sqrt{n}$, for some constant c . Kelly-Moser [1958] established the best known lower bound $3n/7$; however, Motzkin [1951] has conjectured that the true lower-bound for the number of ordinary lines is $[n/2]$, and examples show that no better bound is possible.

It should be remarked that Dirac's result can be obtained most easily by considering the 3-zonotope corresponding to the arrangement. We notice that ordinary lines correspond to pairs of parallel faces which are parallelograms. The faces of a 3-zonotope are polygons with an even number of sides; let p_{2i} denote the number of $2i$ -gonal faces, and v_j the number of j -valent vertices. Then we easily deduce from Euler's equation and double counting of incidences (compare Grünbaum [1967, 13.1]) the equation

$$p_4 = 6 + \sum_{i \geq 4} (i-3)p_{2i} + \sum_{j \geq 4} (j-3)v_j,$$

from which we deduce at once that $p_4 \geq 6$.

Among the extensions of Sylvester's problem that have been considered are those to higher dimensions. For example, we call a hyperplane spanned by points of a k -arrangement *ordinary* if all but one of the points of the arrangement in the hyperplane lie in a $(k-2)$ -dimensional subspace. Motzkin [1951] established the existence of ordinary planes in 3-arrangements, and Hansen [1965] proved the same result for higher dimensions. The analogous result for zonotopes is

THEOREM 14. *Every d -zonotope has at least one facet (or $(d-1)$ -face) which is a prism.*

Bonnice-Kelly [1970] have shown that a 3-arrangement of n points determines at least cn ordinary planes, where c is some constant satisfying $3/11 \leq c \leq 2/3$.

We may use an easy induction argument to deduce from Theorem 14 the following result, which for arrangements gives a different generalization of Sylvester's problem.

THEOREM 15. *Every d -zonotope has parallelotope j -faces, for each $j \leq [(d+1)/2]$.*

If $n \geq [3d/2]$, the example of the cartesian product of $[d/2]-1$ regular hexagons and, if d is even a regular $(n-3[d/2]+3)$ -gon, or, if d is odd any 3-zonotope with $n-3[d/2]+3$ zones, shows that the result of Theorem 15 cannot be improved. However, for smaller n , we have the stronger

THEOREM 16. *If $n \leq [3d/2]$, a d -zonotope with n zones has j -faces which are parallelotopes for each $j \leq 2d-n$.*

For, consider the zonal diagram $\bar{Z}=(\pm \bar{z}_1, \dots, \pm \bar{z}_n)$ of such a zonotope. The zonotope has (at least) one vertex, which we may assume to be $z_1 + \dots + z_n$. Then, by Theorem 1,

$$0 \in \text{int conv } \{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n\};$$

that is, $\{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$ spans E^{n-d} positively. It follows by a theorem of Steinitz [1914] (see also Shephard [1970] for an elegant proof of this result) that some subset of at most $2(n-d)$ points of $\{\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n\}$ spans E^{n-d} positively. It follows that the zonotope has a face which is a parallelotope of dimension at least $n-2(n-d)=2d-n$, as claimed. This proves the theorem.

It is not hard to find examples to show that the result of Theorem 16 cannot be further improved.

The result on arrangements of points analogous to Theorem 16 is

THEOREM 17. *For each $n \leq [3(k+1)/2]$ and $j \leq 2k+1-n$, a k -arrangement of n points has j -dimensional subspaces spanned by and containing exactly $j+1$ points of the arrangement.*

8. Concluding remarks. We have seen in the previous sections that the use of zonal diagrams sheds a considerable amount of light on the combinatorial structure

of zonotopes, as well as leading to some new results on arrangements. It may be expected that other applications of zonal diagrams will be found in the future.

One possible avenue of investigation is suggested by the following. We say that a zonotope P is *zonally stable* if every zonotope combinatorially isomorphic to P is actually equivalent to P . A few obvious results present themselves: The cartesian product of zonally stable zonotopes is zonally stable; any d -zonotope with at most $d+1$ zones is zonally stable, and the zonally stable d -zonotopes with $d+2$ zones are precisely those whose zonal diagrams have at most 3 distinct diameters. The existence of an essentially irrational arrangement of 9 points in projective 2-space (Grünbaum [1967, 5.5]), which gives rise to a zonally stable 3-zonotope, shows that for each $d \geq 3$, there exists a d -zonotope which cannot be realized, as a zonotope, so that all its vertices have rational coordinates. It would obviously be interesting to have a characterization of zonally stable zonotopes analogous to that of linearly stable polytopes (McMullen [1969]).

In a sense, Gale diagrams, central diagrams and zonal diagrams are very closely related. For example, a general polytope is a projection of a simplex, and dual to a section of a simplex, a centrally symmetric polytope is a projection of a cross-polytope, and dual to a section of a cube, and a zonotope is a projection of a cube, and dual to a section of a cross-polytope. These representations lead to completely analogous definitions of the corresponding diagrams. Further, such analogies seem to lead one to the conclusion that there are no more diagram techniques for polytopes apart from these three.

However, since this work was done, Shephard [1970] has shown that a similar diagram technique, that of *positive diagrams*, can be applied to investigate positive bases of E^d . The use of positive diagrams, which can be regarded as inverses of Gale transforms (Grünbaum [1967, 5.4]), leads to more intuitive and perspicuous proofs of many results on positive bases, including the theorem of Steinitz [1914] mentioned in §7.

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