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Abstract

Suppose you want to build a d -dimensional sphere. From a geometric point of view, one can generate a convex region from a set of points to obtain a $(d+1)$ -dimensional polytope; its boundary will be d -dimensional sphere. We will discuss this construction and why it is innately tied to linear algebra. From a topological perspective, one can start with d -dimensional building blocks" that we call d -simplices, before gluing them all together to form a sphere (or many other spaces!). Both of these methods often give us many constructions of our desired space. Once one has a construction of a topological space, the next significant combinatorial question is how few vertices does one need to build it?". The answer for d -spheres can be seen quickly (can you take a guess?), and so we will discuss this question for triangulations of d -dimensional real projective space. In doing so, I will highlight recent work with Stefan Steinerberger and Yirong Yang where we found a new, conjecturally minimal, triangulation of 5-dimensional real projective space coming from the boundary of a simplicial 6-polytope.

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