

Re: Integer lattice

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On 20 Aug., 02:28, Mariano Suárez-Alvarez
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On Aug 19, 6:52 pm, sanchopancho...@xxxxxx wrote:

Hello,

perhaps it is a little boring to bring up this problem once again but I have some problems with it, yet.

Problem: Let $f: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that $f(n, m) = (f(n+1, m) + f(n-1, m) + f(n, m+1) + f(n, m-1))/4$ then f is constant.

I have seen the following solution in a book with the title...well...something with "newman" in the title, but however, here is the solution stated there:

All such functions f form a locally compact convex cone. It suffices to show that there is only one extreme point. Let T be the translation $(1, 0)$ and S be the translation $(0, 1)$ one has

$$f = 1/4 * fT + 1/4 * fT^{-1} + 1/4 * fS + 1/4 * fS^{-1}$$

For an extreme point holds $fT = xf$ and $fS = yf$ and one gets $x = y = 1$.

I don't understand this solution completely. Why is it sufficient to show that there is only one extreme point? In my opinion every cone has only one extreme point...?

Suppose you consider only bounded solutions to your

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functional equation, and let S be the set of solutions in $L^\infty(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$. It is easy to see that S is weak-star closed and that the intersection Q of S and the unit ball B in $L^\infty(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z})$ is a weak-star compact convex set K (using the Banach-Alaoglu theorem to get the weak-star compactness of B)

Therefore, by the Krein-Milman theorem, C is the closed (in the weak star topology) convex hull of its set of extremal points. If you show that there is only one extremal point p , then, you'll obviously have that $C = \{ p \}$.

You seem to want, though, this for not-necessarily bounded solutions, so you'll apparently need some variant of Krein-Milman for non-compact convex sets. I do not know of any such variant...

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Thank you. Does anybody know such a variant?

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