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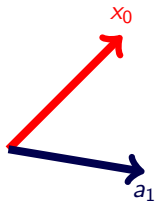


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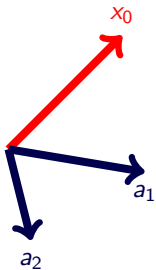
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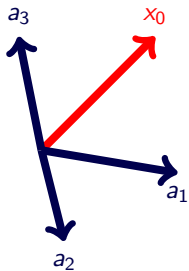
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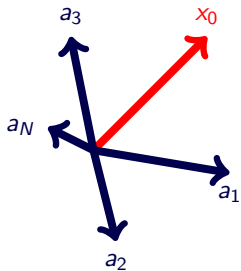
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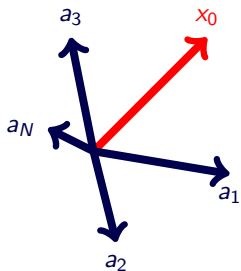


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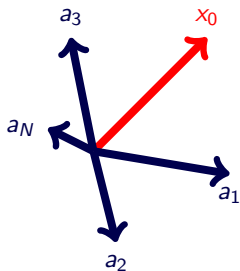
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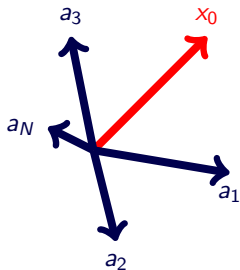


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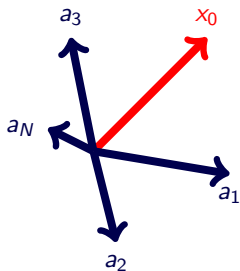
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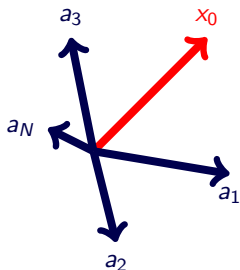
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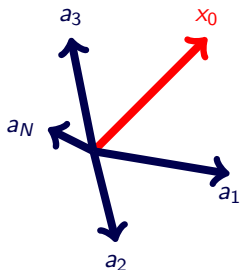
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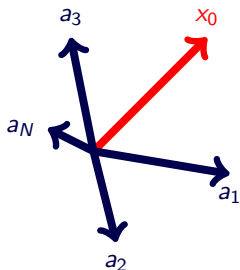
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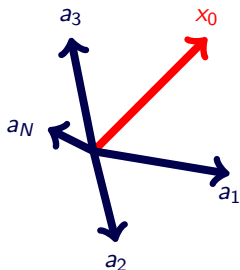
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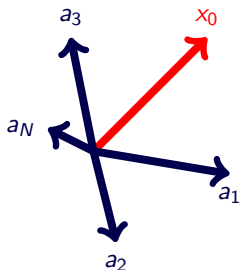
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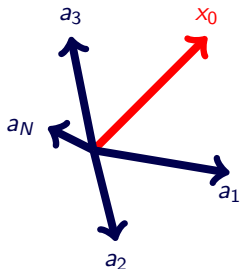
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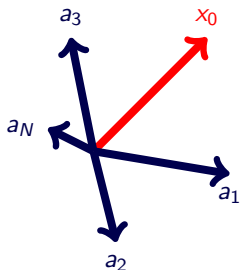
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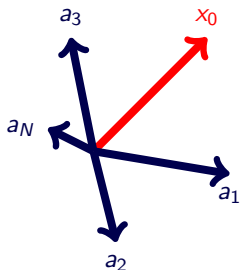
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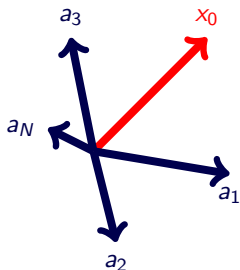
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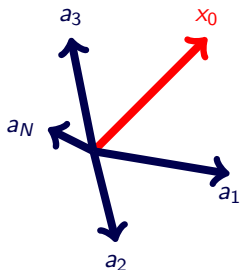
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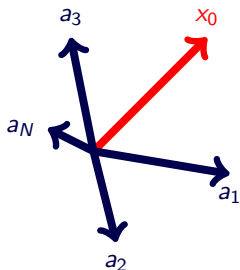
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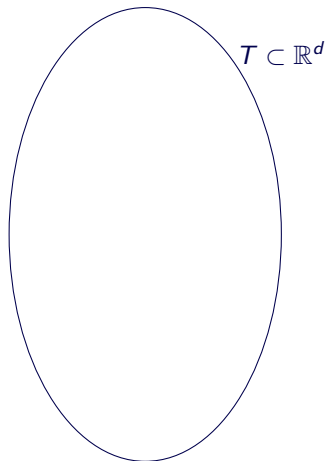
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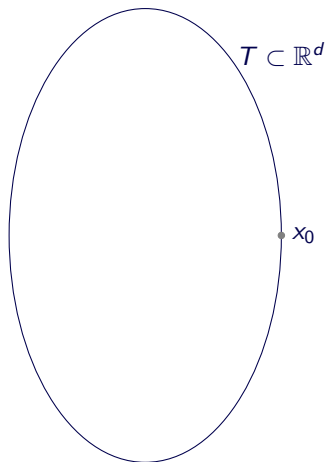
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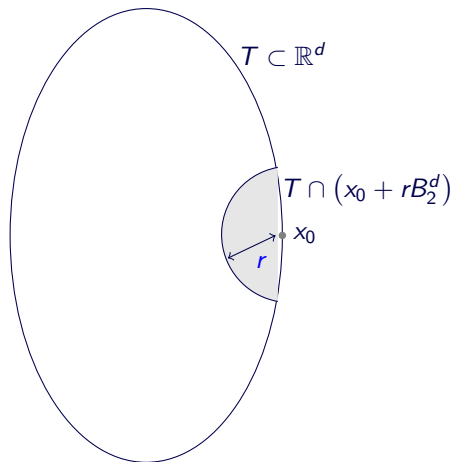
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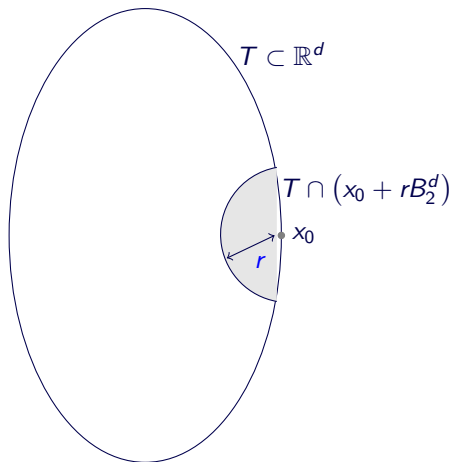


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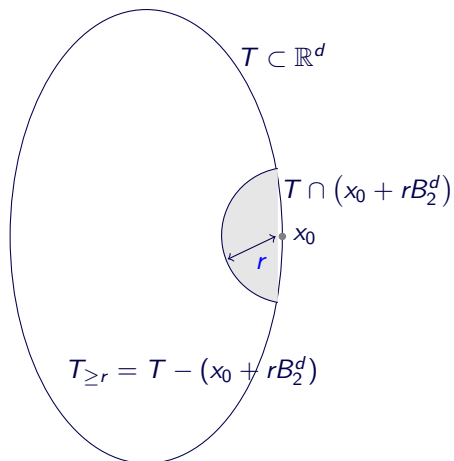


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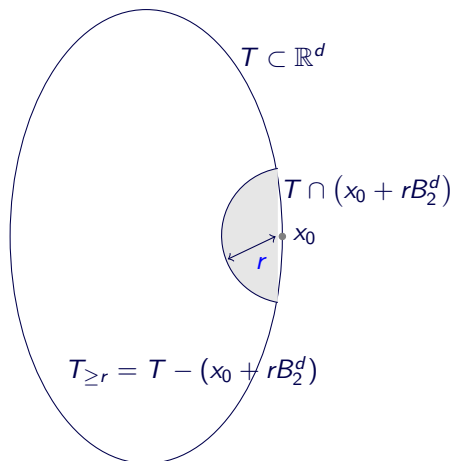


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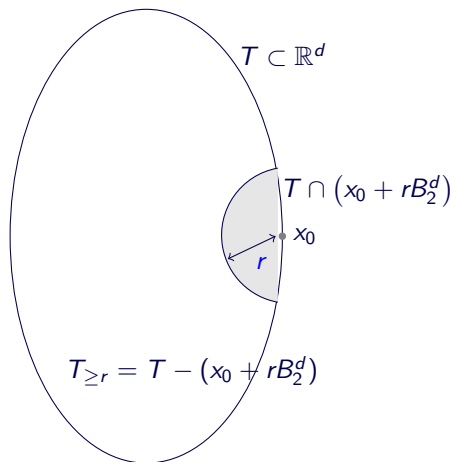
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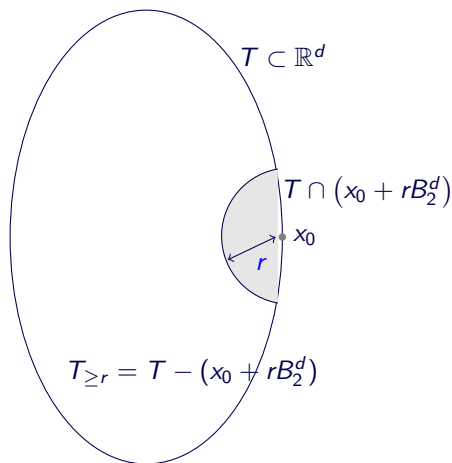
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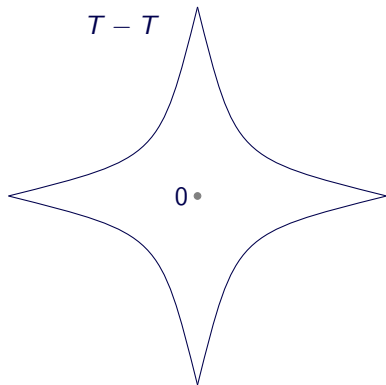
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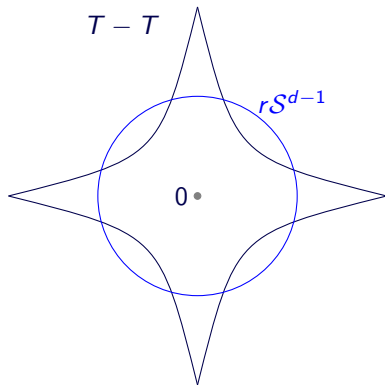
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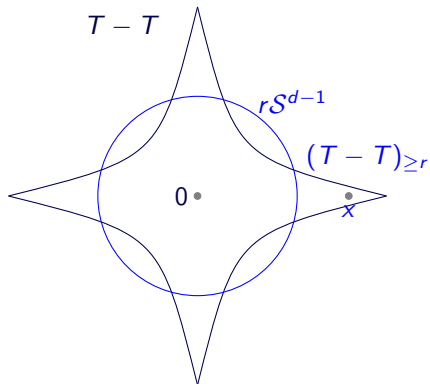
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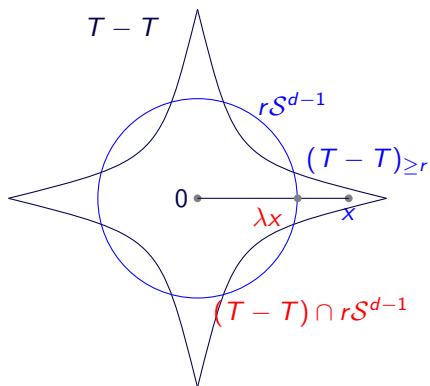
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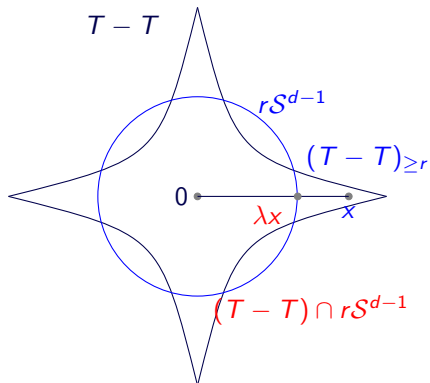
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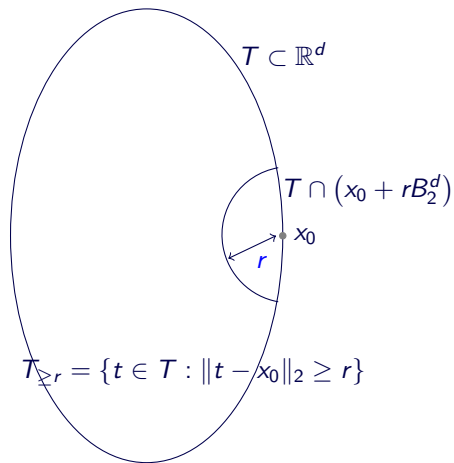


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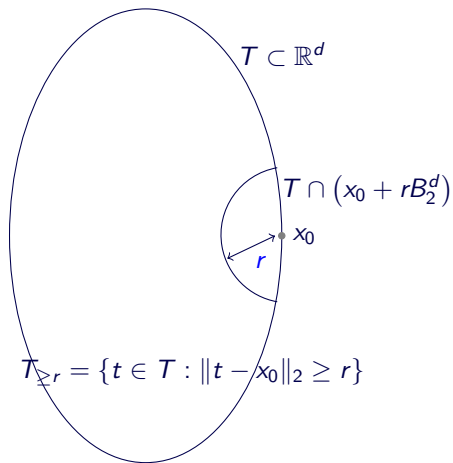
Other ways to study the complexity of  $(T - T) \cap rS^{d-1}$  via “peeling” cf.

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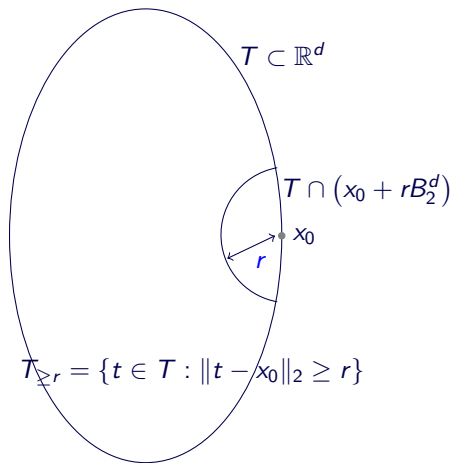


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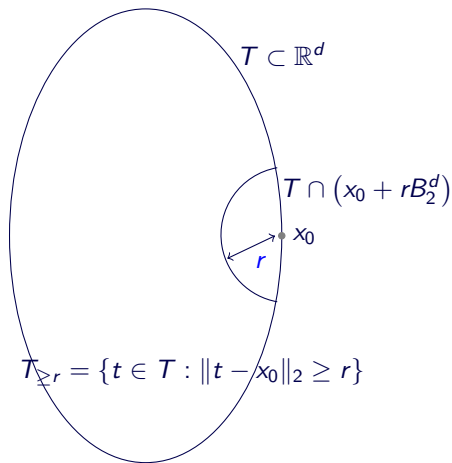
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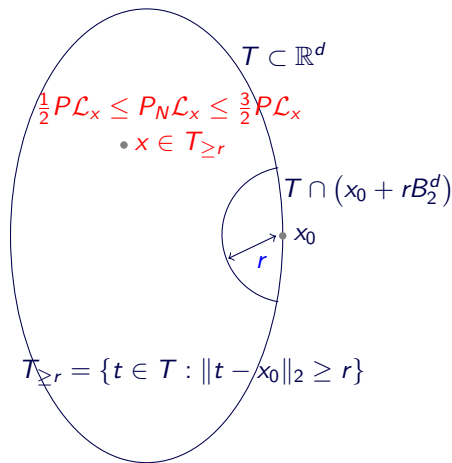
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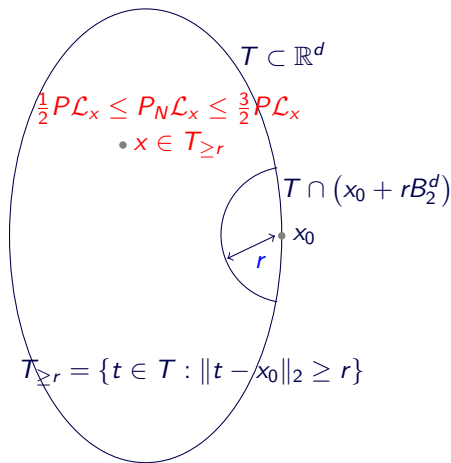
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_x(a, y) &= (\ell_x - \ell_{x_0})(a, y) = (y - \langle a, x \rangle)^2 - (y - \langle a, x_0 \rangle)^2 \\ &= \langle a, x - x_0 \rangle^2 + 2\sigma g \langle a, x - x_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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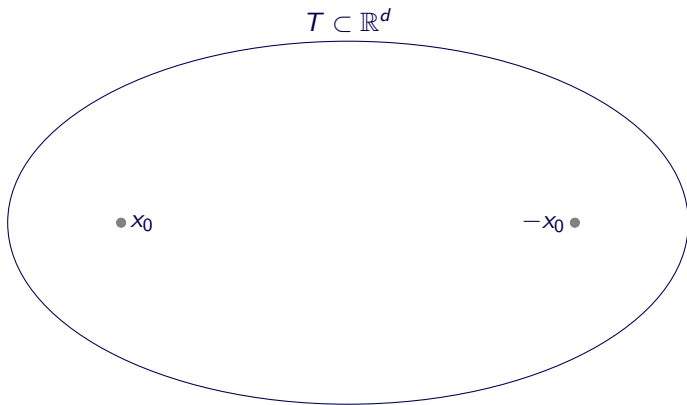
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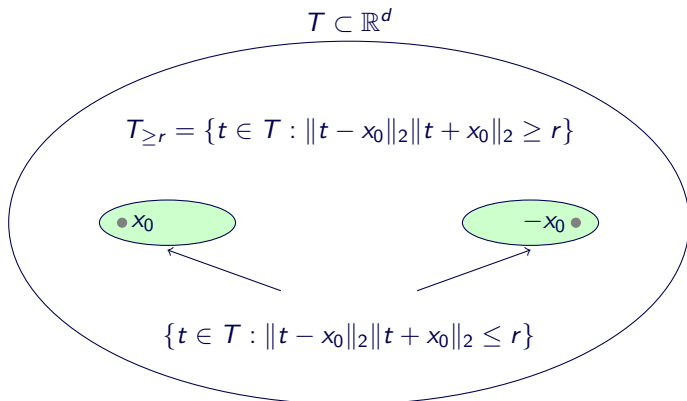
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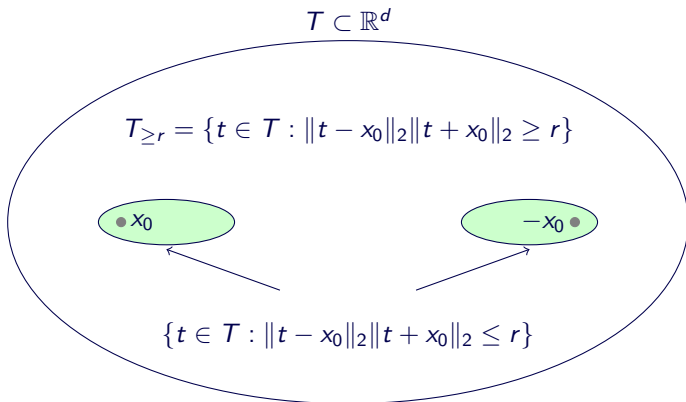
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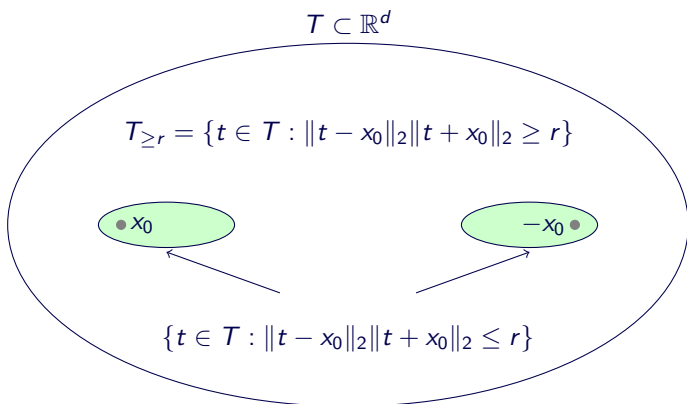
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Thanks for your attention