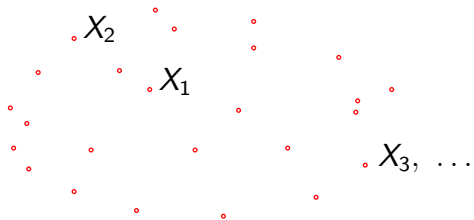


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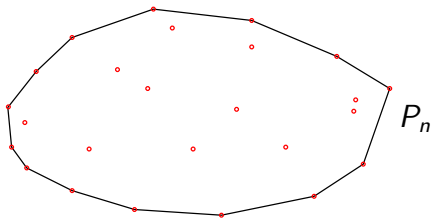
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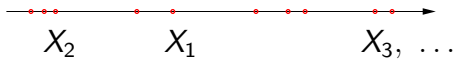
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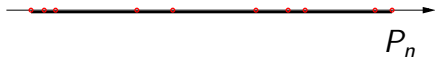
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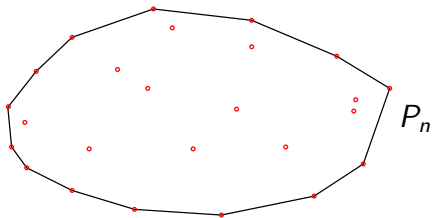
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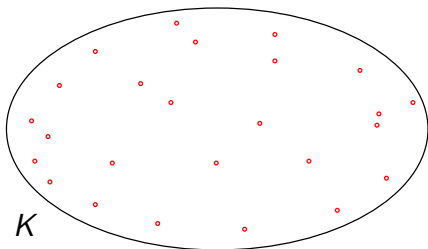
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# Random polytopes with vertices in $K$

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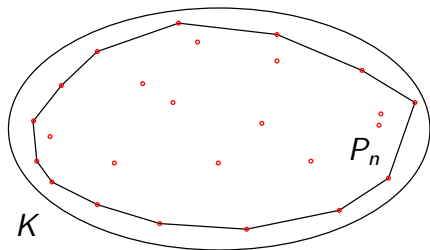
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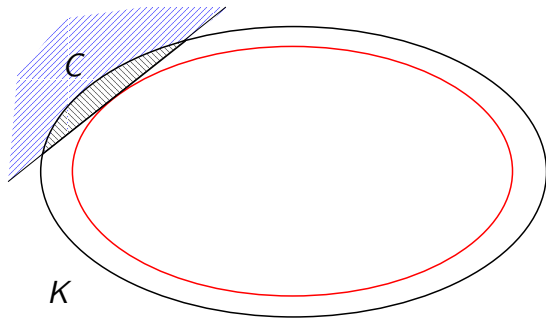
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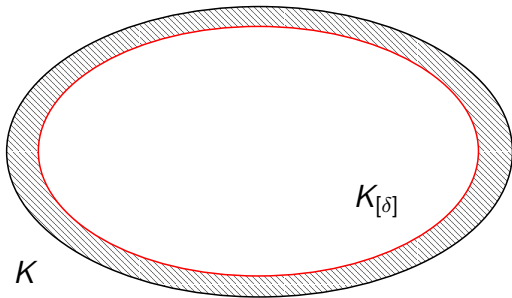
Affentranger, Bárány, Blaschke, Buchta, Dalla, Efron,  
Giannopoulos, Groemer, Larman, Reitzner, Rényi,  
Schneider, Sulanke, Wieacker, ...

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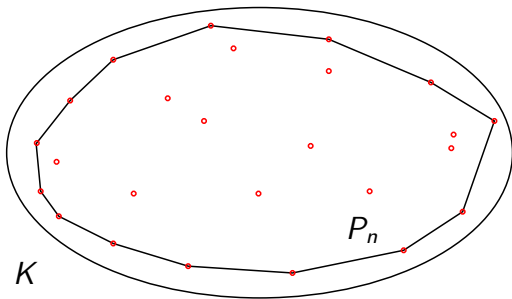


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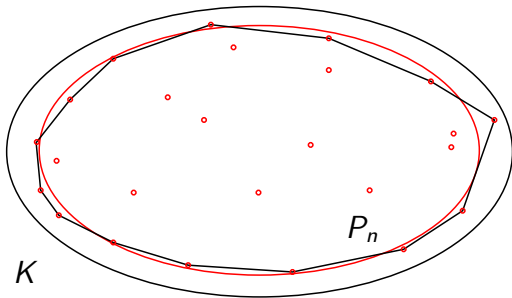


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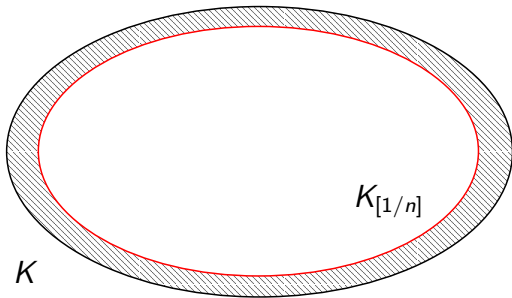




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# The floating body and mean values

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$$V(K) - V(K_{[\delta]}) = c_d \Omega(K) \delta^{\frac{2}{d+1}} + \dots$$

(Schütt, Werner)

$$V(K) - \mathbb{E}V(P_n) = c_d \Omega(K) n^{-\frac{2}{d+1}} + \dots$$

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Bárány, Buchta, Schütt

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Bárány, Buchta

# floating body and first deviation inequalities

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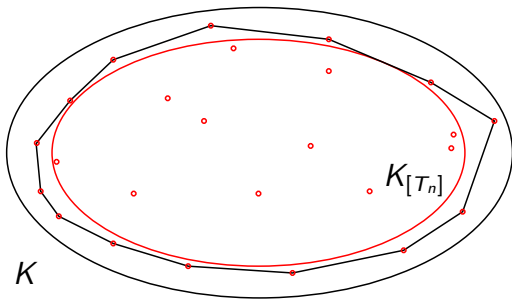
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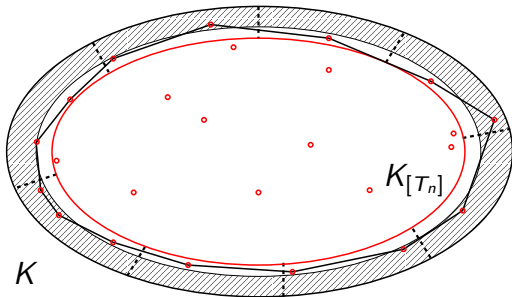
With high probability  $K_{[T_n]} \subset P_n$ .

Bárány, Buchta, Dalla, Larman, ...

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# Azuma's inequality

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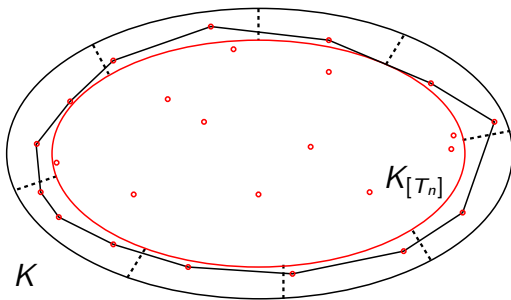
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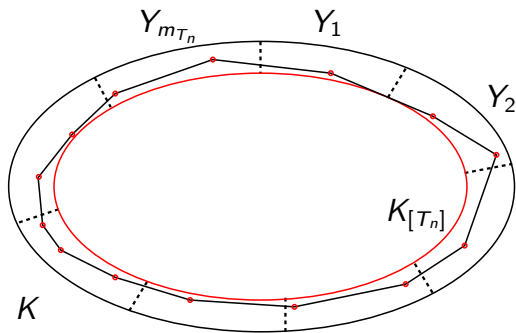
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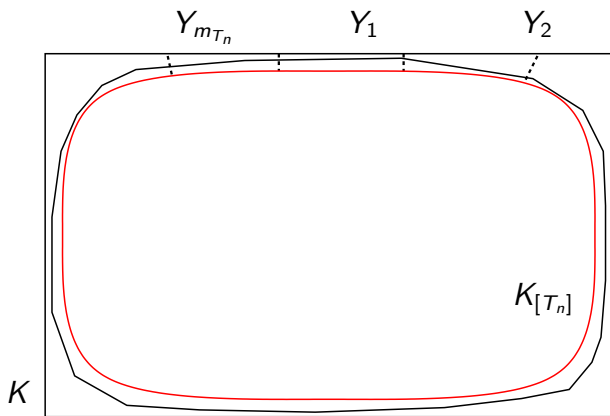
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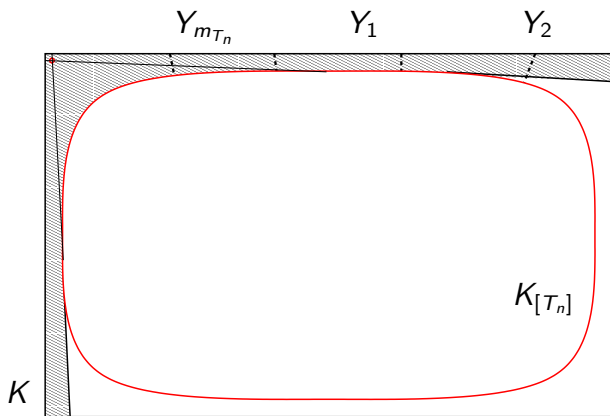
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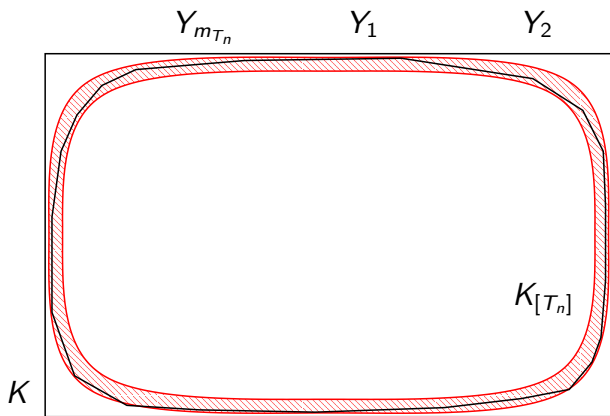




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## Vu's concentration inequality

For  $x \leq S/(2B)$

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