

# Optimality of entanglement witnesses - a general formulation

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## Outline

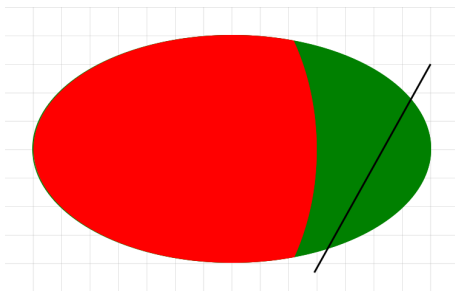
- Introduction - What are entanglement witnesses?
- The world of proper cones
- The proper cones most interesting for us
- The general concept of detection and optimality
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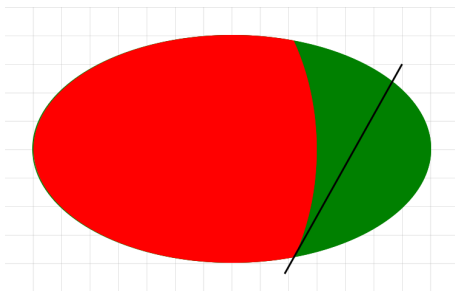
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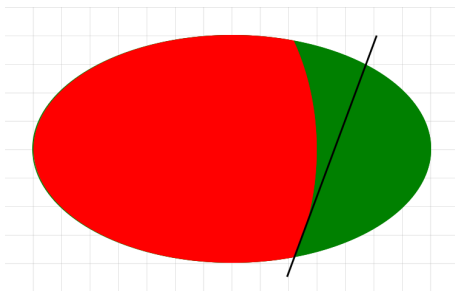
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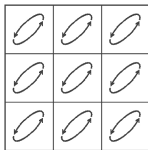
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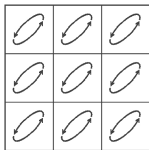
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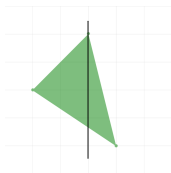
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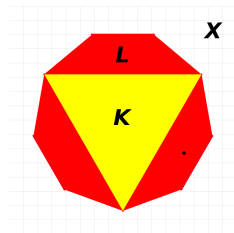


Details about important cones in Quantum Mechanics and the introduction to the cone geometry from physical point of view can be found in:

arXiv:0902.4877 (K. Życzkowski, Ł. Skowronek, E. Størmer)

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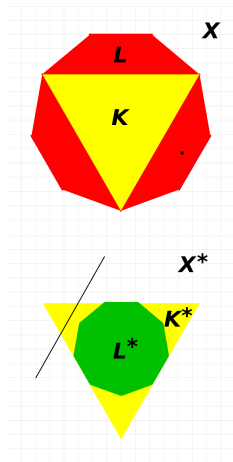


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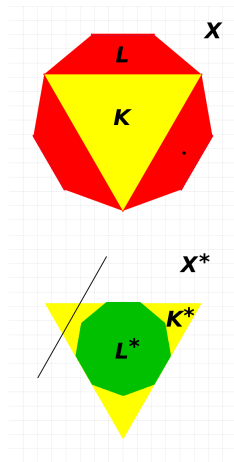
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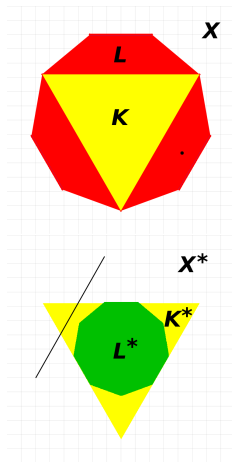
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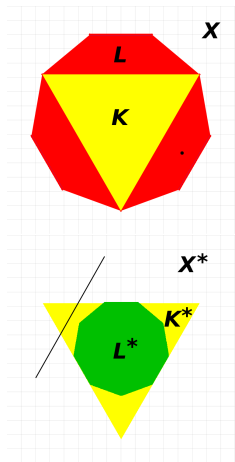
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The set of elements of  $K^* \setminus L^*$  detected by  $w \in L \setminus K$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_{L|K}(w)$ .

One can extend this definition to the whole  $L$  defining  $\mathcal{D}_{L|K}(k) = \emptyset \quad \forall k \in K$ .



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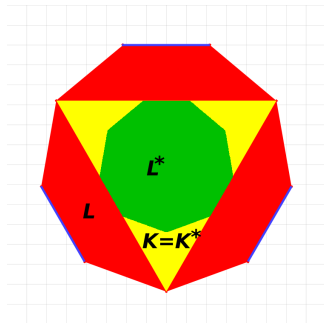
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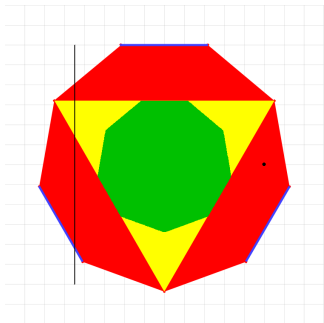
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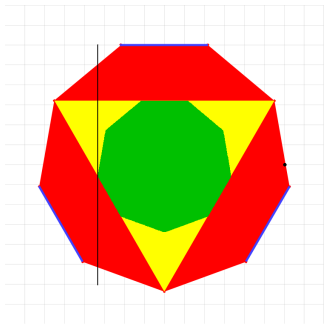


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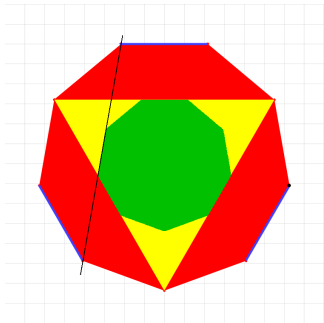
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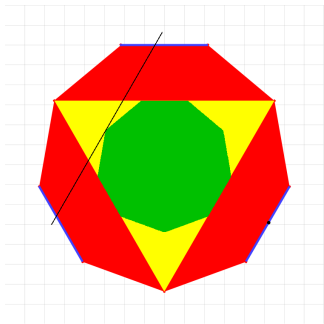
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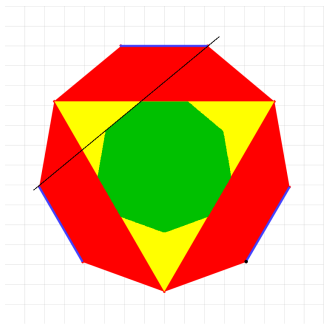
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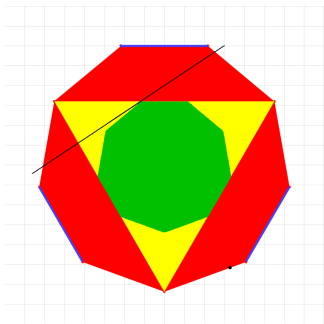
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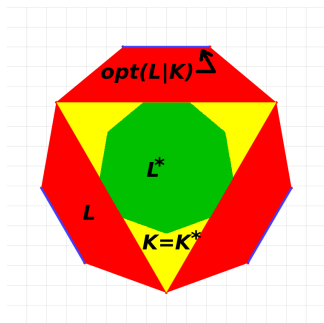
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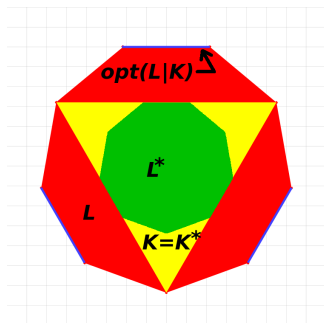
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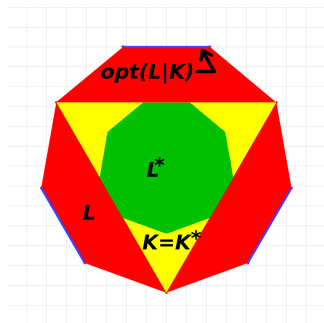
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