

Extremal Properties of Vertices on Special Polygons, Part I

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Summary. First, extremal properties of endpoints of line segments in n -dimensional Euclidean space are discussed. Some topological properties of line segments are also discussed. Secondly, extremal properties of vertices of special polygons which consist of horizontal and vertical line segments in 2-dimensional Euclidean space, are also derived.

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The terminology and notation used in this paper are introduced in the following articles: [18], [2], [12], [17], [21], [19], [22], [6], [15], [10], [16], [1], [7], [3], [5], [13], [4], [8], [20], [9], [14], and [11].

1. PRELIMINARIES

One can prove the following propositions:

- (1) For every finite sequence f holds f is trivial iff $\text{len } f < 2$.
- (2) For every finite set A holds A is trivial iff $\text{card } A < 2$.
- (3) For every set A holds A is non trivial iff there exist arbitrary a_1, a_2 such that $a_1 \in A$ and $a_2 \in A$ and $a_1 \neq a_2$.
- (4) Let D be a non empty set and let A be a subset of D . Then A is non trivial if and only if there exist elements d_1, d_2 of D such that $d_1 \in A$ and $d_2 \in A$ and $d_1 \neq d_2$.

We follow a convention: n, i, k, m will denote natural numbers and r, r_1, r_2, s, s_1, s_2 will denote real numbers.

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (5) If $n \leq k$, then $n - 1 \leq k$ and $n - 1 < k$ and $n \leq k + 1$ and $n < k + 1$.

- (6) If $n < k$, then $n - 1 \leq k$ and $n - 1 < k$ and $n + 1 \leq k$ and $n \leq k - 1$ and $n \leq k + 1$ and $n < k + 1$.
- (7) If $1 \leq k - m$ and $k - m \leq n$, then $k - m \in \text{Seg } n$ and $k - m$ is a natural number.
- (8) If $r_1 \geq 0$ and $r_2 \geq 0$ and $r_1 + r_2 = 0$, then $r_1 = 0$ and $r_2 = 0$.
- (9) If $r_1 \leq 0$ and $r_2 \leq 0$ and $r_1 + r_2 = 0$, then $r_1 = 0$ and $r_2 = 0$.
- (10) If $0 \leq r_1$ and $r_1 \leq 1$ and $0 \leq r_2$ and $r_2 \leq 1$ and $r_1 \cdot r_2 = 1$, then $r_1 = 1$ and $r_2 = 1$.
- (11) If $r_1 \geq 0$ and $r_2 \geq 0$ and $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 \geq 0$ and $r_1 \cdot s_1 + r_2 \cdot s_2 = 0$, then $r_1 = 0$ or $s_1 = 0$ but $r_2 = 0$ or $s_2 = 0$.
- (12) If $0 \leq r$ and $r \leq 1$ and $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 \geq 0$ and $r \cdot s_1 + (1 - r) \cdot s_2 = 0$, then $r = 0$ and $s_2 = 0$ or $r = 1$ and $s_1 = 0$ or $s_1 = 0$ and $s_2 = 0$.
- (13) If $r < r_1$ and $r < r_2$, then $r < \min(r_1, r_2)$.
- (14) If $r > r_1$ and $r > r_2$, then $r > \max(r_1, r_2)$.

In this article we present several logical schemes. The scheme *FinSeqFam* deals with a non empty set \mathcal{A} , a finite sequence \mathcal{B} of elements of \mathcal{A} , a binary functor \mathcal{F} yielding a set, and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

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Next we state several propositions:

- (15) For all elements x_1, x_2, x_3 of \mathcal{R}^n holds $|x_1 - x_2| - |x_2 - x_3| \leq |x_1 - x_3|$.
- (16) For all elements x_1, x_2, x_3 of \mathcal{R}^n holds $|x_2 - x_1| - |x_2 - x_3| \leq |x_3 - x_1|$.
- (17) Every point of \mathcal{E}_T^n is an element of \mathcal{R}^n and a point of \mathcal{E}^n .
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- (19) Every element of \mathcal{R}^n is a point of \mathcal{E}^n and a point of \mathcal{E}_T^n .

2. PROPERTIES OF LINE SEGMENTS

In the sequel p, p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2 will denote points of \mathcal{E}_T^n .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (20) For all points u_1, u_2 of \mathcal{E}^n and for all elements v_1, v_2 of \mathcal{R}^n such that $v_1 = u_1$ and $v_2 = u_2$ holds $\rho(u_1, u_2) = |v_1 - v_2|$.
- (21) For all p, p_1, p_2 such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ there exists r such that $0 \leq r$ and $r \leq 1$ and $p = (1 - r) \cdot p_1 + r \cdot p_2$.
- (22) For all p_1, p_2, r such that $0 \leq r$ and $r \leq 1$ holds $(1 - r) \cdot p_1 + r \cdot p_2 \in \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$.

- (23) Given p_1, p_2 and let P be a non empty subset of \mathcal{E}_T^n . Suppose P is closed and $P \subseteq \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$. Then there exists s such that $(1-s) \cdot p_1 + s \cdot p_2 \in P$ and for every r such that $0 \leq r$ and $r \leq 1$ and $(1-r) \cdot p_1 + r \cdot p_2 \in P$ holds $s \leq r$.
- (24) For all p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2 such that $\mathcal{L}(q_1, q_2) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ and $p_1 \in \mathcal{L}(q_1, q_2)$ holds $p_1 = q_1$ or $p_1 = q_2$.
- (25) For all p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2 such that $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2) = \mathcal{L}(q_1, q_2)$ holds $p_1 = q_1$ and $p_2 = q_2$ or $p_1 = q_2$ and $p_2 = q_1$.
- (26) \mathcal{E}_T^n is a T_2 space.
- (27) $\{p\}$ is closed.
- (28) $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ is compact.
- (29) $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ is closed.

Let us consider n, p and let P be a subset of \mathcal{E}_T^n . We say that p is extremal in P if and only if:

- (Def.1) $p \in P$ and for all p_1, p_2 such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ and $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2) \subseteq P$ holds $p = p_1$ or $p = p_2$.

We now state several propositions:

- (30) For all subsets P, Q of \mathcal{E}_T^n such that p is extremal in P and $Q \subseteq P$ and $p \in Q$ holds p is extremal in Q .
- (31) p is extremal in $\{p\}$.
- (32) p_1 is extremal in $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$.
- (33) p_2 is extremal in $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$.
- (34) If p is extremal in $\mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$, then $p = p_1$ or $p = p_2$.

3. ALTERNATING SPECIAL SEQUENCES

We follow the rules: P, Q will be subsets of \mathcal{E}_T^2 , f, f_1, f_2 will be finite sequences of elements of the carrier of \mathcal{E}_T^2 , and p, p_1, p_2, p_3, q will be points of \mathcal{E}_T^2 .

The following proposition is true

- (35) For all p_1, p_2 such that $(p_1)_1 \neq (p_2)_1$ and $(p_1)_2 \neq (p_2)_2$ there exists p such that $p \in \mathcal{L}(p_1, p_2)$ and $p_1 \neq (p)_1$ and $p_1 \neq (p)_2$ and $p_2 \neq (p)_1$ and $p_2 \neq (p)_2$.

Let us consider P . We say that P is horizontal if and only if:

- (Def.2) For all p, q such that $p \in P$ and $q \in P$ holds $p_2 = q_2$.

We say that P is vertical if and only if:

- (Def.3) For all p, q such that $p \in P$ and $q \in P$ holds $p_1 = q_1$.

Let us observe that every subset of \mathcal{E}_T^2 which is non trivial and horizontal is also non vertical and every subset of \mathcal{E}_T^2 which is non trivial and vertical is also non horizontal.

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (36) $p_2 = q_2$ iff $\mathcal{L}(p, q)$ is horizontal.
- (37) $p_1 = q_1$ iff $\mathcal{L}(p, q)$ is vertical.
- (38) If $p_1 \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $p_2 \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $(p_1)_1 \neq (p_2)_1$ and $(p_1)_2 = (p_2)_2$, then $\mathcal{L}(p, q)$ is horizontal.
- (39) If $p_1 \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $p_2 \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $(p_1)_2 \neq (p_2)_2$ and $(p_1)_1 = (p_2)_1$, then $\mathcal{L}(p, q)$ is vertical.
- (40) $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is closed.
- (41) If f is special, then $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is vertical or $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is horizontal.
- (42) If f is one-to-one and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 1 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is non trivial.
- (43) If f is one-to-one and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 1 \leq \text{len } f$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is vertical, then $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is non horizontal.
- (44) For every f holds $\{\mathcal{L}(f, i) : 1 \leq i \wedge i \leq \text{len } f\}$ is finite.
- (45) For every f holds $\{\mathcal{L}(f, i) : 1 \leq i \wedge i + 1 \leq \text{len } f\}$ is finite.
- (46) For every f holds $\{\mathcal{L}(f, i) : 1 \leq i \wedge i \leq \text{len } f\}$ is a family of subsets of \mathcal{E}_T^2 .
- (47) For every f holds $\{\mathcal{L}(f, i) : 1 \leq i \wedge i + 1 \leq \text{len } f\}$ is a family of subsets of \mathcal{E}_T^2 .
- (48) For every f such that $Q = \bigcup\{\mathcal{L}(f, i) : 1 \leq i \wedge i + 1 \leq \text{len } f\}$ holds Q is closed.
- (49) $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f)$ is closed.

A finite sequence of elements of \mathcal{E}_T^2 is alternating if:

- (Def.4) For every i such that $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len it}$ holds $(\pi_i \text{it})_1 \neq (\pi_{i+2} \text{it})_1$ and $(\pi_i \text{it})_2 \neq (\pi_{i+2} \text{it})_2$.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (50) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $(\pi_i f)_1 = (\pi_{i+1} f)_1$, then $(\pi_{i+1} f)_2 = (\pi_{i+2} f)_2$.
- (51) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $(\pi_i f)_2 = (\pi_{i+1} f)_2$, then $(\pi_{i+1} f)_1 = (\pi_{i+2} f)_1$.
- (52) Suppose f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $p_1 = \pi_i f$ and $p_2 = \pi_{i+1} f$ and $p_3 = \pi_{i+2} f$. Then $(p_1)_1 = (p_2)_1$ and $(p_3)_1 \neq (p_2)_1$ or $(p_1)_2 = (p_2)_2$ and $(p_3)_2 \neq (p_2)_2$.
- (53) Suppose f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $p_1 = \pi_i f$ and $p_2 = \pi_{i+1} f$ and $p_3 = \pi_{i+2} f$. Then $(p_2)_1 = (p_3)_1$ and $(p_1)_1 \neq (p_2)_1$ or $(p_2)_2 = (p_3)_2$ and $(p_1)_2 \neq (p_2)_2$.
- (54) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\mathcal{L}(\pi_i f, \pi_{i+2} f) \not\subseteq \mathcal{L}(f, i) \cup \mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$.
- (55) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is vertical, then $\mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$ is horizontal.
- (56) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is horizontal, then $\mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$ is vertical.

- (57) Suppose f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$. Then $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is vertical and $\mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$ is horizontal or $\mathcal{L}(f, i)$ is horizontal and $\mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$ is vertical.
- (58) Suppose f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $\pi_{i+1}f \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $\mathcal{L}(p, q) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(f, i) \cup \mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$. Then $\pi_{i+1}f = p$ or $\pi_{i+1}f = q$.
- (59) If f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$, then $\pi_{i+1}f$ is extremal in $\mathcal{L}(f, i) \cup \mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$.
- (60) Let u be a point of \mathcal{E}^2 . Suppose f is special and alternating and $1 \leq i$ and $i + 2 \leq \text{len } f$ and $u = \pi_{i+1}f$ and $\pi_{i+1}f \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $\pi_{i+1}f \neq q$ and $p \notin \mathcal{L}(f, i) \cup \mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$. Given s . If $s > 0$, then there exists p_3 such that $p_3 \notin \mathcal{L}(f, i) \cup \mathcal{L}(f, i + 1)$ and $p_3 \in \mathcal{L}(p, q)$ and $p_3 \in \text{Ball}(u, s)$.

Let us consider f_1, f_2, P . We say that f_1 and f_2 are generators of P if and only if the conditions (Def.5) are satisfied.

- (Def.5) (i) f_1 is alternating,
(ii) f_2 is alternating,
(iii) $\pi_1 f_1 = \pi_1 f_2$,
(iv) $\pi_{\text{len } f_1} f_1 = \pi_{\text{len } f_2} f_2$,
(v) $\langle \pi_2 f_1, \pi_1 f_1, \pi_2 f_2 \rangle$ is alternating,
(vi) $\langle \pi_{\text{len } f_1 - 1} f_1, \pi_{\text{len } f_1} f_1, \pi_{\text{len } f_2 - 1} f_2 \rangle$ is alternating,
(vii) $\pi_1 f_1 \neq \pi_{\text{len } f_1} f_1$,
(viii) $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f_1) \cap \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f_2) = \{\pi_1 f_1, \pi_{\text{len } f_1} f_1\}$, and
(ix) $P = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f_1) \cup \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(f_2)$.

Next we state the proposition

- (61) If f_1 and f_2 are generators of P and $1 < i$ and $i < \text{len } f_1$, then $\pi_i f_1$ is extremal in P .

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