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LinPy is a polyhedral library for Python based on [isl](#). Integer Set Library (isl) is a C library for manipulating sets and relations of integer points bounded by linear constraints.

LinPy is a free software, licensed under the [GPLv3 license](#). Its source code is available [here](#).

To have an overview of LinPy's features, you may wish to read the [Tutorial](#). For a comprehensive description of its functionalities, please consult the [Module Reference](#).



## INSTALLATION

### 1.1 Dependencies

LinPy requires Python version 3.4 or above to work.

LinPy's one mandatory dependency is `isl` version 0.12 or 0.13 (it may work with other versions of `isl`, but this has not been tested). `isl` can be downloaded [here](#) or preferably, using your favorite package manager. For Debian or Ubuntu, the command to run is:

```
sudo apt-get install libisl-dev
```

For Arch Linux, run:

```
sudo pacman -S isl
```

Apart from `isl`, there are two optional dependencies that will maximize the use of LinPy's functions: [SymPy](#) and [matplotlib](#). Please consult the [SymPy download page](#) and [matplotlib installation instructions](#) to install these libraries.

### 1.2 Install Using pip

This is the recommended way to install LinPy, with the command:

```
sudo pip install linpy
```

### 1.3 Install From Source

Alternatively, LinPy can be installed from source. First, clone the public git repository:

```
git clone https://scm.cri.mines-paristech.fr/git/linpy.git
```

and build and install as usual with:

```
sudo python3 setup.py install
```





This section a short introduction to some of LinPy's features. For a comprehensive description of its functionalities, please consult the *Module Reference*.

## 2.1 Z-Polyhedra

The following example shows how we can manipulate polyhedra using LinPy. Let us define two square polyhedra, corresponding to the sets  $\text{square1} = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2\}$  and  $\text{square2} = \{(x, y) \mid 2 \leq x \leq 4, 2 \leq y \leq 4\}$ . First, we need define the symbols used, for instance with the `symbols()` function.

```
>>> from linpy import *
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
```

Then, we can build the `Polyhedron` object `square1` from its constraints:

```
>>> square1 = Le(0, x, 2) & Le(0, y, 2)
>>> square1
And(0 <= x, x <= 2, 0 <= y, y <= 2)
```

LinPy provides comparison functions `Lt()`, `Le()`, `Eq()`, `Ne()`, `Ge()` and `Gt()` to build constraints, and logical operators `And()`, `Or()`, `Not()` to combine them. Alternatively, a polyhedron can be built from a string:

```
>>> square2 = Polyhedron('1 <= x <= 3, 1 <= y <= 3')
>>> square2
And(1 <= x, x <= 3, 1 <= y, y <= 3)
```

The usual polyhedral operations are available, including intersection:

```
>>> inter = square1.intersection(square2) # or square1 & square2
>>> inter
And(1 <= x, x <= 2, 1 <= y, y <= 2)
```

convex union:

```
>>> hull = square1.convex_union(square2)
>>> hull
And(0 <= x, 0 <= y, x <= y + 2, y <= x + 2, x <= 3, y <= 3)
```

and projection:

```
>>> proj = square1.project([y])
>>> proj
And(0 <= x, x <= 2)
```

Equality and inclusion tests are also provided. Special values `Empty` and `Universe` represent the empty and universe polyhedra.

```
>>> inter <= square1
True
>>> inter == Empty
False
```

## 2.2 Domains

LinPy is also able to manipulate polyhedral *domains*, that is, unions of polyhedra. An example of domain is the set union (as opposed to convex union) of polyhedra `square1` and `square2`. The result is a `Domain` object.

```
>>> union = square1.union(square2) # or square1 | square2
>>> union
Or(And(x <= 2, 0 <= x, y <= 2, 0 <= y), And(x <= 3, 1 <= x, y <= 3, 1 <= y))
>>> union <= hull
True
```

Unlike polyhedra, domains allow exact computation of union, subtraction and complementary operations.

```
>>> diff = square1.difference(square2) # or square1 - square2
>>> diff
Or(And(x == 0, 0 <= y, y <= 2), And(y == 0, 1 <= x, x <= 2))
>>> ~square1
Or(x + 1 <= 0, 3 <= x, And(0 <= x, x <= 2, y + 1 <= 0), And(0 <= x, x <= 2, 3 <= y))
```

## 2.3 Plotting

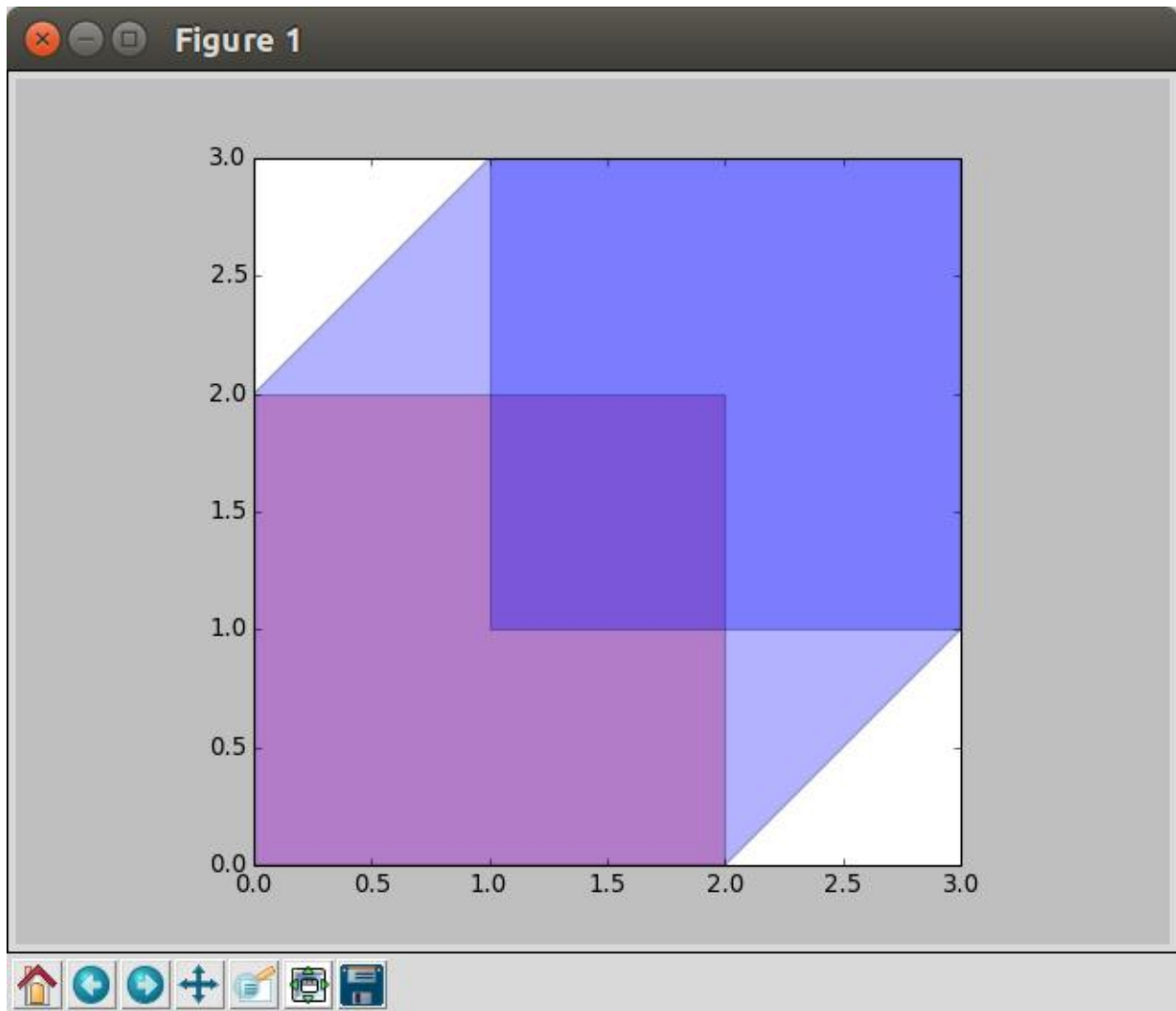
LinPy can use the `matplotlib` plotting library, if available, to plot bounded polyhedra and domains.

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> from matplotlib import pylab
>>> fig = plt.figure()
>>> plot = fig.add_subplot(1, 1, 1, aspect='equal')
>>> square1.plot(plot, facecolor='red', alpha=0.3)
>>> square2.plot(plot, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.3)
>>> hull.plot(plot, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.3)
>>> pylab.show()
```

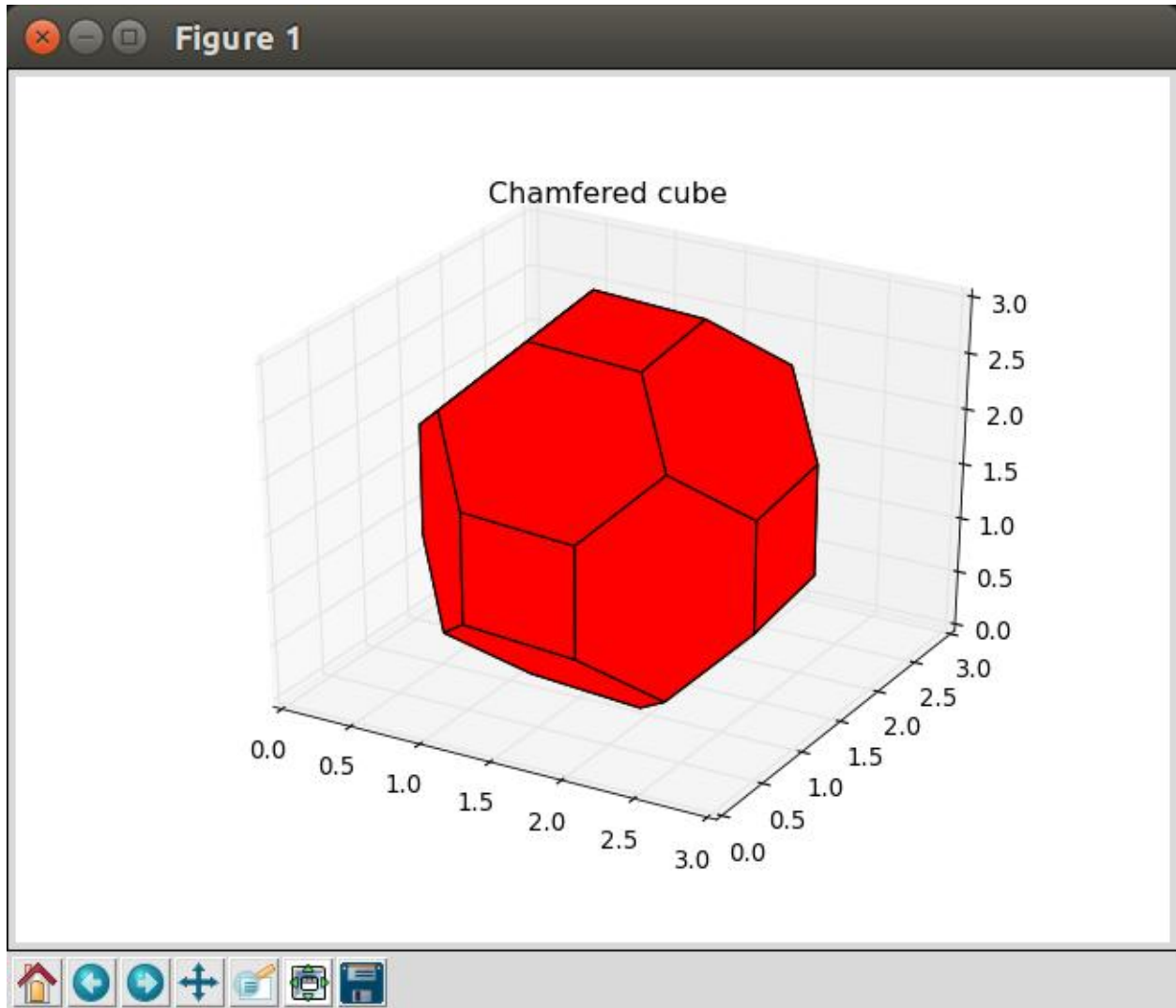
Note that you can pass a plot object to the `Domain.plot()` method, which provides great flexibility. Also, keyword arguments can be passed such as color and the degree of transparency of a polygon.

3D plots are also supported:

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> from matplotlib import pylab
>>> from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
>>> from linpy import *
>>> x, y, z = symbols('x y z')
>>> fig = plt.figure()
>>> plot = fig.add_subplot(1, 1, 1, projection='3d', aspect='equal')
>>> plot.set_title('Chamfered cube')
>>> poly = Le(0, x, 3) & Le(0, y, 3) & Le(0, z, 3) & \
          Le(z - 2, x) & Le(x, z + 2) & Le(1 - z, x) & Le(x, 5 - z) & \
```



```
Le(z - 2, y) & Le(y, z + 2) & Le(1 - z, y) & Le(y, 5 - z) & \  
Le(y - 2, x) & Le(x, y + 2) & Le(1 - y, x) & Le(x, 5 - y)  
>>> poly.plot(plot, facecolor='red', alpha=0.75)  
>>> pylab.show()
```



## MODULE REFERENCE

### 3.1 Symbols

*Symbols* are the basic components to build expressions and constraints. They correspond to mathematical variables.

**class `Symbol`** (*name*)

Return a symbol with the name string given in argument. Alternatively, the function `symbols()` allows to create several symbols at once. Symbols are instances of class `LinExpr` and inherit its functionalities.

```
>>> x = Symbol('x')
>>> x
x
```

Two instances of `Symbol` are equal if they have the same name.

**name**

The name of the symbol.

**asdummy** ()

Return a new `Dummy` symbol instance with the same name.

**sortkey** ()

Return a sorting key for the symbol. It is useful to sort a list of symbols in a consistent order, as comparison functions are overridden (see the documentation of class `LinExpr`).

```
>>> sort(symbols, key=Symbol.sortkey)
```

**symbols** (*names*)

This function returns a tuple of symbols whose names are taken from a comma or whitespace delimited string, or a sequence of strings. It is useful to define several symbols at once.

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> x, y = symbols('x, y')
>>> x, y = symbols(['x', 'y'])
```

Sometimes you need to have a unique symbol. For example, you might need a temporary one in some calculation, which is going to be substituted for something else at the end anyway. This is achieved using `Dummy('x')`.

**class `Dummy`** (*name=None*)

A variation of `Symbol` in which all symbols are unique and identified by an internal count index. If a name is not supplied then a string value of the count index will be used. This is useful when a unique, temporary variable is needed and the name of the variable used in the expression is not important.

Unlike `Symbol`, `Dummy` instances with the same name are not equal:

```
>>> x = Symbol('x')
>>> x1, x2 = Dummy('x'), Dummy('x')
>>> x == x1
False
>>> x1 == x2
False
>>> x1 == x1
True
```

## 3.2 Linear Expressions

A *linear expression* consists of a list of coefficient-variable pairs that capture the linear terms, plus a constant term. Linear expressions are used to build constraints. They are temporary objects that typically have short lifespans.

Linear expressions are generally built using overloaded operators. For example, if `x` is a `Symbol`, then `x + 1` is an instance of `LinExpr`.

**class** `LinExpr` (*coefficients=None, constant=0*)

**class** `LinExpr` (*string*)

Return a linear expression from a dictionary or a sequence, that maps symbols to their coefficients, and a constant term. The coefficients and the constant term must be rational numbers.

For example, the linear expression  $x + 2y + 1$  can be constructed using one of the following instructions:

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> LinExpr({x: 1, y: 2}, 1)
>>> LinExpr([(x, 1), (y, 2)], 1)
```

However, it may be easier to use overloaded operators:

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> x + 2*y + 1
```

Alternatively, linear expressions can be constructed from a string:

```
>>> LinExpr('x + 2y + 1')
```

`LinExpr` instances are hashable, and should be treated as immutable.

A linear expression with a single symbol of coefficient 1 and no constant term is automatically subclassed as a `Symbol` instance. A linear expression with no symbol, only a constant term, is automatically subclassed as a `Rational` instance.

**coefficient** (*symbol*)

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*symbol*)

Return the coefficient value of the given symbol, or 0 if the symbol does not appear in the expression.

**coefficients** ()

Iterate over the pairs (*symbol*, *value*) of linear terms in the expression. The constant term is ignored.

**constant**

The constant term of the expression.

**symbols**

The tuple of symbols present in the expression, sorted according to `Symbol.sortkey()`.

**dimension**

The dimension of the expression, i.e. the number of symbols present in it.

**isconstant** ()

Return True if the expression only consists of a constant term. In this case, it is a `Rational` instance.

**issymbol** ()

Return True if an expression only consists of a symbol with coefficient 1. In this case, it is a `Symbol` instance.

**values** ()

Iterate over the coefficient values in the expression, and the constant term.

**\_\_add\_\_** (*expr*)

Return the sum of two linear expressions.

**\_\_sub\_\_** (*expr*)

Return the difference between two linear expressions.

**\_\_mul\_\_** (*value*)

Return the product of the linear expression by a rational.

**\_\_truediv\_\_** (*value*)

Return the quotient of the linear expression by a rational.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*expr*)

Test whether two linear expressions are equal. Unlike methods `LinExpr.__lt__()`, `LinExpr.__le__()`, `LinExpr.__ge__()`, `LinExpr.__gt__()`, the result is a boolean value, not a polyhedron. To express that two linear expressions are equal or not equal, use functions `Eq()` and `Ne()` instead.

As explained below, it is possible to create polyhedra from linear expressions using comparison methods.

**\_\_lt\_\_** (*expr*)

**\_\_le\_\_** (*expr*)

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*expr*)

**\_\_gt\_\_** (*expr*)

Create a new `Polyhedron` instance whose unique constraint is the comparison between two linear expressions. As an alternative, functions `Lt()`, `Le()`, `Ge()` and `Gt()` can be used.

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> x < y
x + 1 <= y
```

**scaleint** ()

Return the expression multiplied by its lowest common denominator to make all values integer.

**subs** (*symbol, expression*)

**subs** (*pairs*)

Substitute the given symbol by an expression and return the resulting expression. Raise `TypeError` if the resulting expression is not linear.

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> e = x + 2*y + 1
>>> e.subs(y, x - 1)
3*x - 1
```

To perform multiple substitutions at once, pass a sequence or a dictionary of (`old`, `new`) pairs to `subs`.

```
>>> e.subs({x: y, y: x})
2*x + y + 1
```

**classmethod fromstring** (*string*)

Create an expression from a string. Raise `SyntaxError` if the string is not properly formatted.

There are also methods to convert linear expressions to and from `SymPy` expressions:

**classmethod** `fromsympy` (*expr*)

Create a linear expression from a `sympy` expression. Raise `TypeError` if the `sympy` expression is not linear.

**tosympy** ()

Convert the linear expression to a `sympy` expression.

Apart from `Symbol`, a particular case of linear expressions are rational values, i.e. linear expressions consisting only of a constant term, with no symbol. They are implemented by the `Rational` class, that inherits from both `LinExpr` and `fractions.Fraction` classes.

**class** `Rational` (*numerator, denominator=1*)

**class** `Rational` (*string*)

The first version requires that the *numerator* and *denominator* are instances of `numbers.Rational` and returns a new `Rational` instance with the value `numerator/denominator`. If the `denominator` is 0, it raises a `ZeroDivisionError`. The other version of the constructor expects a string. The usual form for this instance is:

```
[sign] numerator ['/' denominator]
```

where the optional `sign` may be either '+' or '-' and the `numerator` and `denominator` (if present) are strings of decimal digits.

See the documentation of `fractions.Fraction` for more information and examples.

## 3.3 Polyhedra

A *convex polyhedron* (or simply “polyhedron”) is the space defined by a system of linear equalities and inequalities. This space can be unbounded. A *Z-polyhedron* (simply called “polyhedron” in LinPy) is the set of integer points in a convex polyhedron.

**class** `Polyhedron` (*equalities, inequalities*)

**class** `Polyhedron` (*string*)

**class** `Polyhedron` (*geometric object*)

Return a polyhedron from two sequences of linear expressions: *equalities* is a list of expressions equal to 0, and *inequalities* is a list of expressions greater or equal to 0. For example, the polyhedron  $0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2$  can be constructed with:

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> square1 = Polyhedron([], [x, 2 - x, y, 2 - y])
>>> square1
And(0 <= x, x <= 2, 0 <= y, y <= 2)
```

It may be easier to use comparison operators `LinExpr.__lt__()`, `LinExpr.__le__()`, `LinExpr.__ge__()`, `LinExpr.__gt__()`, or functions `Lt()`, `Le()`, `Eq()`, `Ge()` and `Gt()`, using one of the following instructions:

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> square1 = (0 <= x) & (x <= 2) & (0 <= y) & (y <= 2)
>>> square1 = Le(0, x, 2) & Le(0, y, 2)
```

It is also possible to build a polyhedron from a string.

```
>>> square1 = Polyhedron('0 <= x <= 2, 0 <= y <= 2')
```



Finally, a polyhedron can be constructed from a `GeometricObject` instance, calling the `GeometricObject.aspolyhedron()` method. This way, it is possible to compute the polyhedral hull of a `Domain` instance, i.e., the convex hull of two polyhedra:

```
>>> square1 = Polyhedron('0 <= x <= 2, 0 <= y <= 2')
>>> square2 = Polyhedron('1 <= x <= 3, 1 <= y <= 3')
>>> Polyhedron(square1 | square2)
And(0 <= x, 0 <= y, x <= y + 2, y <= x + 2, x <= 3, y <= 3)
```

A polyhedron is a `Domain` instance, and, therefore, inherits the functionalities of this class. It is also a `GeometricObject` instance.

#### **equalities**

The tuple of equalities. This is a list of `LinExpr` instances that are equal to 0 in the polyhedron.

#### **inequalities**

The tuple of inequalities. This is a list of `LinExpr` instances that are greater or equal to 0 in the polyhedron.

#### **constraints**

The tuple of constraints, i.e., equalities and inequalities. This is semantically equivalent to: `equalities + inequalities`.

#### **convex\_union** (*polyhedron*[, ... ])

Return the convex union of two or more polyhedra.

#### **asinequalities** ()

Express the polyhedron using inequalities, given as a list of expressions greater or equal to 0.

#### **widen** (*polyhedron*)

Compute the *standard widening* of two polyhedra, à la Halbwachs.

In its current implementation, this method is slow and should not be used on large polyhedra.

#### **Empty**

The empty polyhedron, whose set of constraints is not satisfiable.

#### **Universe**

The universe polyhedron, whose set of constraints is always satisfiable, i.e. is empty.

## 3.4 Domains

A *domain* is a union of polyhedra. Unlike polyhedra, domains allow exact computation of union, subtraction and complementary operations.

**class Domain** (*\*polyhedra*)

**class Domain** (*string*)

**class Domain** (*geometric object*)

Return a domain from a sequence of polyhedra.

```
>>> square1 = Polyhedron('0 <= x <= 2, 0 <= y <= 2')
>>> square2 = Polyhedron('1 <= x <= 3, 1 <= y <= 3')
>>> dom = Domain(square1, square2)
>>> dom
Or(And(x <= 2, 0 <= x, y <= 2, 0 <= y), And(x <= 3, 1 <= x, y <= 3, 1 <= y))
```

It is also possible to build domains from polyhedra using arithmetic operators `Domain.__or__()`, `Domain.__invert__()` or functions `Or()` and `Not()`, using one of the following instructions:

```
>>> dom = square1 | square2
>>> dom = Or(square1, square2)
```

Alternatively, a domain can be built from a string:

```
>>> dom = Domain('0 <= x <= 2, 0 <= y <= 2; 1 <= x <= 3, 1 <= y <= 3')
```

Finally, a domain can be built from a `GeometricObject` instance, calling the `GeometricObject.asdomain()` method.

A domain is also a `GeometricObject` instance. A domain with a unique polyhedron is automatically subclassed as a `Polyhedron` instance.

### **polyhedra**

The tuple of polyhedra present in the domain.

### **symbols**

The tuple of symbols present in the domain equations, sorted according to `Symbol.sortkey()`.

### **dimension**

The dimension of the domain, i.e. the number of symbols present in it.

### **isempty()**

Return `True` if the domain is empty, that is, equal to `Empty`.

### **\_\_bool\_\_()**

Return `True` if the domain is non-empty.

### **isuniverse()**

Return `True` if the domain is universal, that is, equal to `Universe`.

### **isbounded()**

Return `True` if the domain is bounded.

### **\_\_eq\_\_(domain)**

Return `True` if two domains are equal.

### **isdisjoint(domain)**

Return `True` if two domains have a null intersection.

### **issubset(domain)**

### **\_\_le\_\_(domain)**

Report whether another domain contains the domain.

### **\_\_lt\_\_(domain)**

Report whether another domain is contained within the domain.

### **complement()**

### **\_\_invert\_\_()**

Return the complementary domain of the domain.

### **make\_disjoint()**

Return an equivalent domain, whose polyhedra are disjoint.

### **coalesce()**

Simplify the representation of the domain by trying to combine pairs of polyhedra into a single polyhedron, and return the resulting domain.

### **detect\_equalities()**

Simplify the representation of the domain by detecting implicit equalities, and return the resulting domain.

### **remove\_redundancies()**

Remove redundant constraints in the domain, and return the resulting domain.

**project** (*symbols*)

Project out the sequence of symbols given in arguments, and return the resulting domain.

**sample** ()

Return a sample of the domain, as an integer instance of `Point`. If the domain is empty, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

**intersection** (*domain*[, ... ])

**\_\_and\_\_** (*domain*)

Return the intersection of two or more domains as a new domain. As an alternative, function `And()` can be used.

**union** (*domain*[, ... ])

**\_\_or\_\_** (*domain*)

**\_\_add\_\_** (*domain*)

Return the union of two or more domains as a new domain. As an alternative, function `Or()` can be used.

**difference** (*domain*)

**\_\_sub\_\_** (*domain*)

Return the difference between two domains as a new domain.

**lexmin** ()

Return the lexicographic minimum of the elements in the domain.

**lexmax** ()

Return the lexicographic maximum of the elements in the domain.

**vertices** ()

Return the vertices of the domain, as a list of rational instances of `Point`.

**points** ()

Return the integer points of a bounded domain, as a list of integer instances of `Point`. If the domain is not bounded, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

**\_\_contains\_\_** (*point*)

Return `True` if the point is contained within the domain.

**faces** ()

Return the list of faces of a bounded domain. Each face is represented by a list of vertices, in the form of rational instances of `Point`. If the domain is not bounded, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

**plot** (*plot=None, \*\*options*)

Plot a 2D or 3D domain using `matplotlib`. Draw it to the current *plot* object if present, otherwise create a new one. *options* are keyword arguments passed to the `matplotlib` drawing functions, they can be used to set the drawing color for example. Raise `ValueError` if the domain is not 2D or 3D.

**subs** (*symbol, expression*)

**subs** (*pairs*)

Substitute the given symbol by an expression in the domain constraints. To perform multiple substitutions at once, pass a sequence or a dictionary of (`old`, `new`) pairs to `subs`. The syntax of this function is similar to `LinExpr.subs()`.

**classmethod fromstring** (*string*)

Create a domain from a string. Raise `SyntaxError` if the string is not properly formatted.

There are also methods to convert a domain to and from `SymPy` expressions:

**classmethod fromsympy** (*expr*)

Create a domain from a `sympy` expression.

**tosympy** ()

Convert the domain to a `sympy` expression.

## 3.5 Comparison and Logic Operators

The following functions create `Polyhedron` or `Domain` instances using the comparisons of two or more `LinExpr` instances:

**Lt** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the polyhedron with constraints  $\text{expr1} < \text{expr2} < \text{expr3} \dots$

**Le** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the polyhedron with constraints  $\text{expr1} \leq \text{expr2} \leq \text{expr3} \dots$

**Eq** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the polyhedron with constraints  $\text{expr1} == \text{expr2} == \text{expr3} \dots$

**Ne** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the domain such that  $\text{expr1} \neq \text{expr2} \neq \text{expr3} \dots$ . The result is a `Domain` object, not a `Polyhedron`.

**Ge** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the polyhedron with constraints  $\text{expr1} \geq \text{expr2} \geq \text{expr3} \dots$

**Gt** (*expr1*, *expr2*[, *expr3*, ... ])

Create the polyhedron with constraints  $\text{expr1} > \text{expr2} > \text{expr3} \dots$

The following functions combine `Polyhedron` or `Domain` instances using logic operators:

**And** (*domain1*, *domain2*[, ... ])

Create the intersection domain of the domains given in arguments.

**Or** (*domain1*, *domain2*[, ... ])

Create the union domain of the domains given in arguments.

**Not** (*domain*)

Create the complementary domain of the domain given in argument.

## 3.6 Geometric Objects

**class GeometricObject**

`GeometricObject` is an abstract class to represent objects with a geometric representation in space. Subclasses of `GeometricObject` are `Polyhedron`, `Domain` and `Point`. The following elements must be provided:

**symbols**

The tuple of symbols present in the object expression, sorted according to `Symbol.sortkey()`.

**dimension**

The dimension of the object, i.e. the number of symbols present in it.

**aspolyhedron()**

Return a `Polyhedron` object that approximates the geometric object.

**asdomain()**

Return a `Domain` object that approximates the geometric object.

**class Point** (*coordinates*)

Create a point from a dictionary or a sequence that maps the symbols to their coordinates. Coordinates must be rational numbers.

For example, the point ( $x: 1, y: 2$ ) can be constructed using one of the following instructions:

```
>>> x, y = symbols('x y')
>>> p = Point({x: 1, y: 2})
>>> p = Point([(x, 1), (y, 2)])
```

`Point` instances are hashable and should be treated as immutable.

A point is a `GeometricObject` instance.

#### **symbols**

The tuple of symbols present in the point, sorted according to `Symbol.sortkey()`.

#### **dimension**

The dimension of the point, i.e. the number of symbols present in it.

#### **coordinate** (*symbol*)

#### **\_\_getitem\_\_** (*symbol*)

Return the coordinate value of the given symbol. Raise `KeyError` if the symbol is not involved in the point.

#### **coordinates** ()

Iterate over the pairs (*symbol*, *value*) of coordinates in the point.

#### **values** ()

Iterate over the coordinate values in the point.

#### **isorigin** ()

Return `True` if all coordinates are 0.

#### **\_\_bool\_\_** ()

Return `True` if not all coordinates are 0.

#### **\_\_add\_\_** (*vector*)

Translate the point by a `Vector` object and return the resulting point.

#### **\_\_sub\_\_** (*point*)

#### **\_\_sub\_\_** (*vector*)

The first version subtracts a point from another and returns the resulting vector. The second version translates the point by the opposite vector of *vector* and returns the resulting point.

#### **\_\_eq\_\_** (*point*)

Test whether two points are equal.

#### **class Vector** (*coordinates*)

#### **class Vector** (*point1*, *point2*)

The first version creates a vector from a dictionary or a sequence that maps the symbols to their coordinates, similarly to `Point()`. The second version creates a vector between two points.

`Vector` instances are hashable and should be treated as immutable.

#### **symbols**

The tuple of symbols present in the point, sorted according to `Symbol.sortkey()`.

#### **dimension**

The dimension of the point, i.e. the number of symbols present in it.

#### **coordinate** (*symbol*)

#### **\_\_getitem\_\_** (*symbol*)

Return the coordinate value of the given symbol. Raise `KeyError` if the symbol is not involved in the point.

#### **coordinates** ()

Iterate over the pairs (*symbol*, *value*) of coordinates in the point.

**values** ()

Iterate over the coordinate values in the point.

**isnull** ()

Return True if all coordinates are 0.

**\_\_bool\_\_** ()

Return True if not all coordinates are 0.

**\_\_add\_\_** (*point*)

**\_\_add\_\_** (*vector*)

The first version translates the point *point* to the vector and returns the resulting point. The second version adds vector *vector* to the vector and returns the resulting vector.

**\_\_sub\_\_** (*point*)

**\_\_sub\_\_** (*vector*)

The first version subtracts a point from a vector and returns the resulting point. The second version returns the difference vector between two vectors.

**\_\_neg\_\_** ()

Return the opposite vector.

**\_\_mul\_\_** (*value*)

Multiply the vector by a scalar value and return the resulting vector.

**\_\_truediv\_\_** (*value*)

Divide the vector by a scalar value and return the resulting vector.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*vector*)

Test whether two vectors are equal.

**angle** (*vector*)

Retrieve the angle required to rotate the vector into the vector passed in argument. The result is an angle in radians, ranging between  $-\pi$  and  $\pi$ .

**cross** (*vector*)

Compute the cross product of two 3D vectors. If either one of the vectors is not three-dimensional, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

**dot** (*vector*)

Compute the dot product of two vectors.

**norm** ()

Return the norm of the vector.

**norm2** ()

Return the squared norm of the vector.

**asunit** ()

Return the normalized vector, i.e. the vector of same direction but with norm 1.

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