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More bounds on the diameter of convex polytopes

Let $\Delta(d, n)$ be the maximum possible edge diameter over all polytopes defined by n inequalities in dimension d. The conjecture of Hirsch, formulated in 1957, states that $\Delta(d, n)$ is not greater than n - d. No polynomial bound is known for $\Delta(d, n)$, the best one being quasipolynomial and due to Kalai and Kleitman in 1992. Goodey showed in 1972 that $\Delta(4, 10) = 5$ and $\Delta(5, 11) = 6$. Recently, Bremner and Schewe proved that $\Delta(4, 11) = \Delta(6, 12) = 6$. In this follow-up work, we show that $\Delta(4, 12) = 7$ and present evidence that $\Delta(5, 12) = \Delta(6, 13) = 7$.

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