# Faces of the Barvinok-Novik orbitope 

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Theorem (Barvinok, Novik 2008)
For $d=2 k$ fixed, $j \leq k-1$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$, there is $c_{j}(d) \in \mathbb{R}_{+}$with

$$
c_{j}(d)+o(1) \leq \frac{f \max (d, n ; j)}{\binom{n}{j+1}} \leq 1-\frac{1}{2^{d}}+o(1)
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where $\operatorname{fmax}(d, n ; j)$ is the maximum number of $j$ - faces on a centrally symmetric polytope with dimension $d$ and $n$ vertices.

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As shown by Barvinok \& Novik (2008), the exposed faces of $B_{4}$ are

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