

Complexity of convex mixed-integer optimization

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HELP! WE'RE LOST!

HELP "CAR 54"...AND WIN CASH
54...\$1,000 PRIZES
ONE...\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

START AND FINISH

Map by Reed Whitey

Help Tooty and Muktoon find the shortest round trip route to visit all 33 locations shown on the map.
All you do is draw connecting straight lines from location to location to show the shortest round trip route.

HERE'S THE CORRECT START...
Begin at Chicago, Illinois. From there, lines show correct route as far as Erie, Pennsylvania. Next, do you go to Caronde, Pennsylvania or Wawa, West Virginia? Check the easy instructions on back of this entry blank for details.

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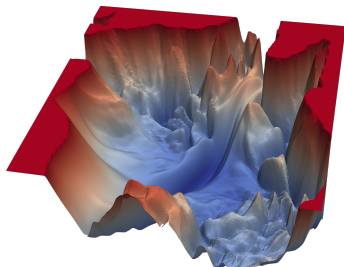


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Example: Traveling Salesperson Problem (TSP)

Information: Distances between cities (edge lengths)

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Example: Numerical optimization

Information: Function values and (sub)gradients

Oracles for information gathering

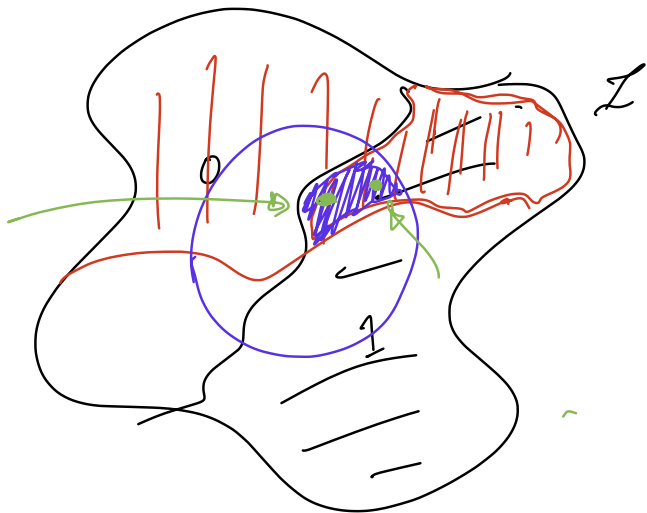
\mathcal{I} : set of problem instances

\mathcal{Q} : set of queries

H : information (response) set

$$q : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow H.$$

Oracle ambiguity and information complexity



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$$\text{Information complexity} \leq \text{Algorithmic complexity}$$

Parameterized complexity

Parameters: values associated with every instance.

Examples: Dimension, binary encoding size, bound on Lipschitz constants, bound on norms of feasible solutions ...

Convex optimization with integer variables

ϵ -approx. soln.

$$(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in C$$
$$\hat{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

minimize $f(x, y)$

subject to $(x, y) \in C,$

$$f(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \leq \text{OPT} + \epsilon$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$$



$C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d$ closed, convex.

Contained in l_∞ ball of radius $R > 0$.

Contains l_∞ ball of radius $\rho > 0$ in the optimal fiber.

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex, Lipschitz continuous with constant M over C .

$$x, \gamma \quad |f(x) - f(\gamma)| \leq M \|x - \gamma\|$$

First order oracle: separation for C , value + subgradient for f

Complexity of convex optimization with integer variables

Information complexity:

$n = \#$ integer vars. $d = \#$ of cont. vars.

Lower bounds

M, R, ρ

$$d \log \frac{MR}{\rho \epsilon} \leftarrow \boxed{d \geq 1: \Omega\left(d 2^n \log\left(\frac{MR}{\rho \epsilon}\right)\right)}$$

$$\rightarrow d = 0: \underline{\Omega(2^n \log(R))}$$

$$\rightarrow 2^{O(n)} \log R$$

Upper bounds

$$n, d \geq 1: O(d(n+d)2^n \log\left(\frac{MR}{\rho \epsilon}\right))$$

$$\leftarrow \begin{matrix} n=0 \\ d=0 \end{matrix} O(d^2)$$

pure int. \rightarrow $d = 0: \underline{O(n 2^n \log(R))}$

$$\leftarrow 2^{O(n)}$$

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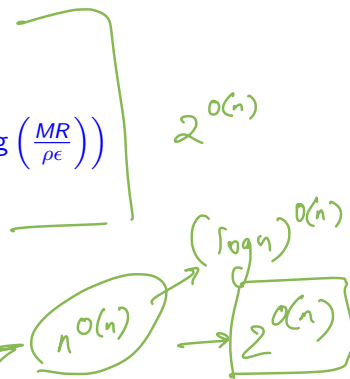
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Overall (worst case) complexity:

$$O\left(2^{\tilde{O}(n \log(n))} \text{poly}\left(d, \log\left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon}\right)\right)\right)$$



Information complexity lower bounds

$n = \# \text{ int. var.}$

$d = \# \text{ cont. var.}$

$$\Omega\left(d 2^n \log \frac{MR}{\epsilon}\right)$$

Feasibility \uparrow

$f=0, C$

$$: \Omega\left(d 2^n \log \frac{R}{\delta}\right)$$

Optimization

$f, C = [-R, R]^d$

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$$\max \left\{ d 2^n \log \frac{R}{\delta}, d 2^n \log \frac{MR}{\epsilon} \right\}$$

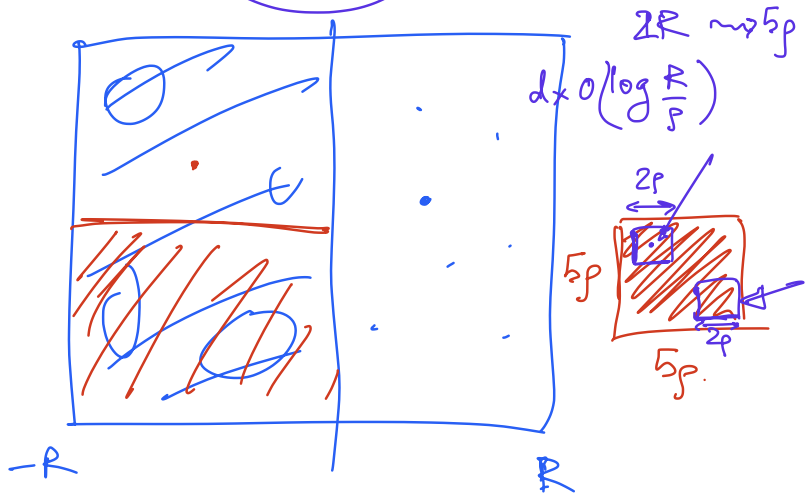
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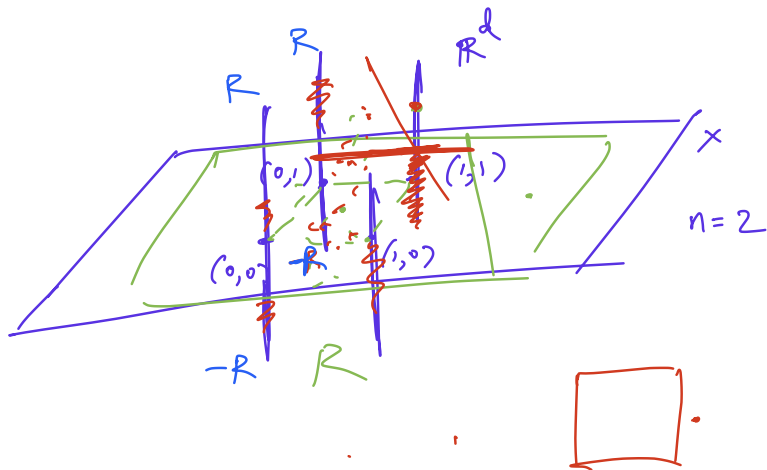
Feasibility

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Pure optimization

f_1, \dots, f_k

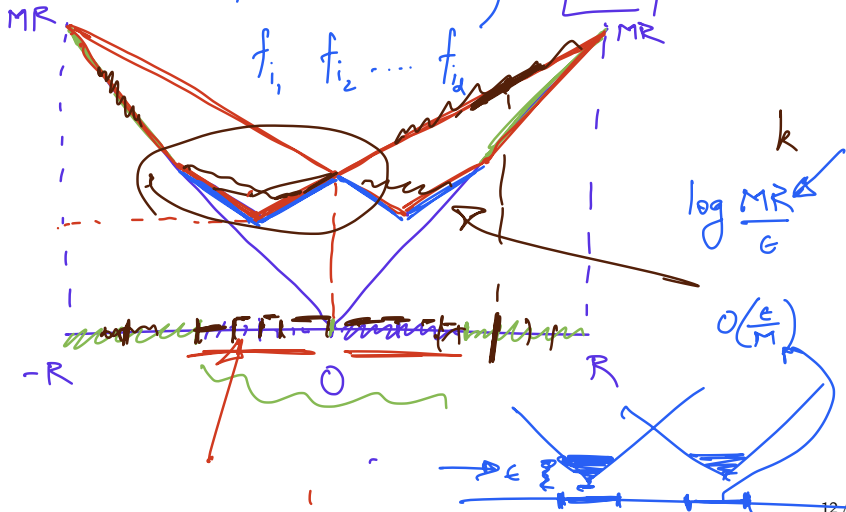
f_1, f_2, \dots, f_d

$$f(x) = \max_{i=1, \dots, d} f_{i_j}(x_j)$$

$d=1$

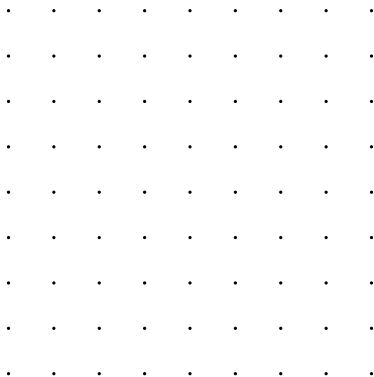
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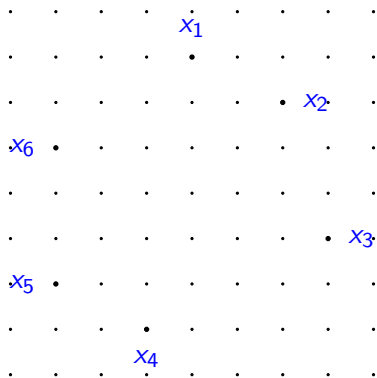
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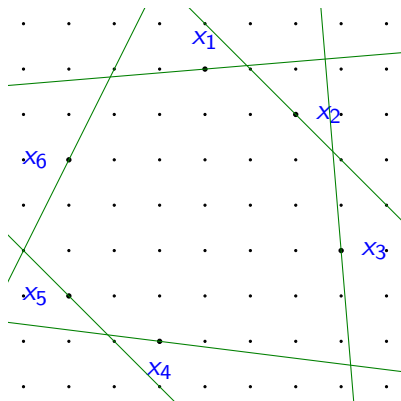
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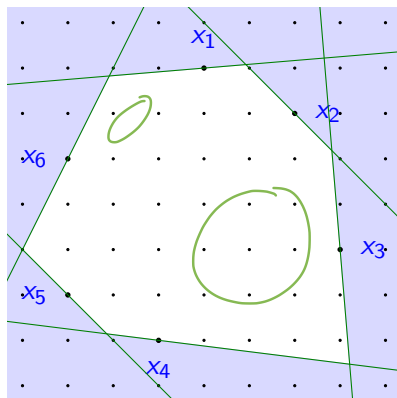
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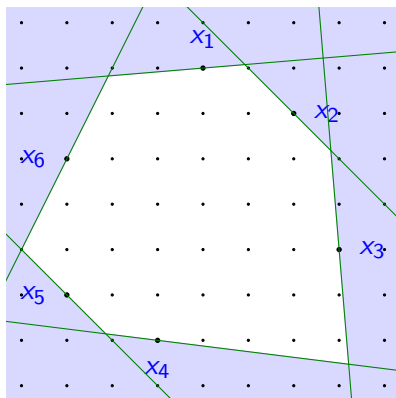


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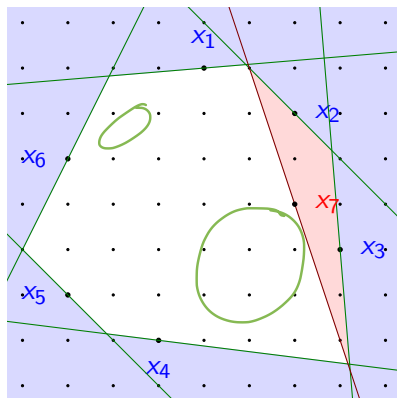


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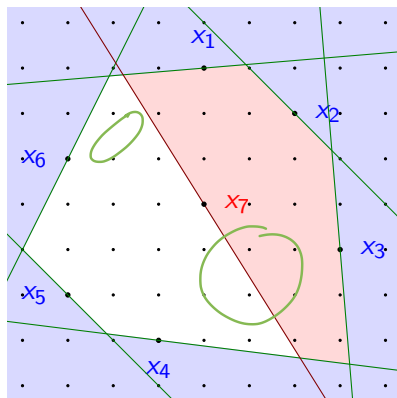


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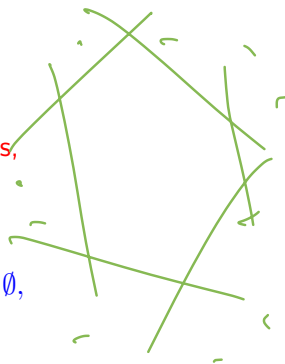
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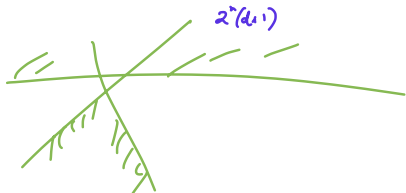
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$\eta = 0$



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k

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Definition $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d$ convex, μ_Q uniform measure on $Q \cap (\mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d)$. The **centerpoints** of Q :

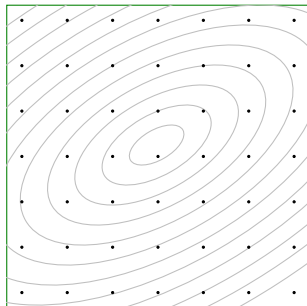
$$\sup_{x \in Q \cap (\mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d)} \underbrace{\inf_{\substack{\text{halfspace } H : \\ x \in H}} \mu_Q(H)}_{f(x)}$$

Centerpoint based algorithm

- ▶ Let $P_0 := [-R, R]^{n+d}$.
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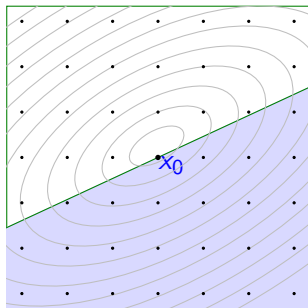
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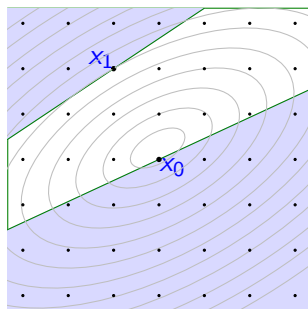
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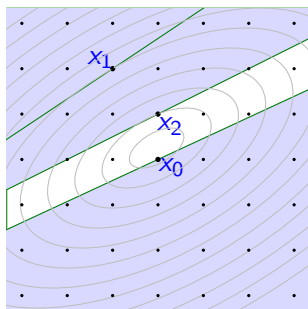
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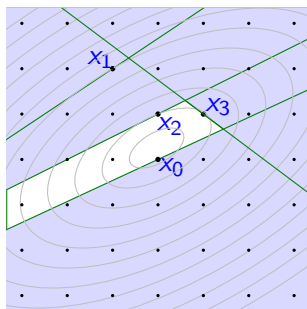
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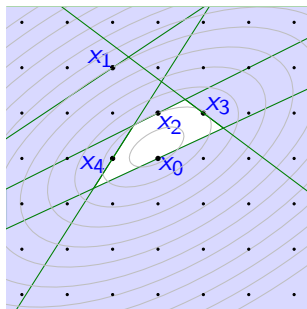
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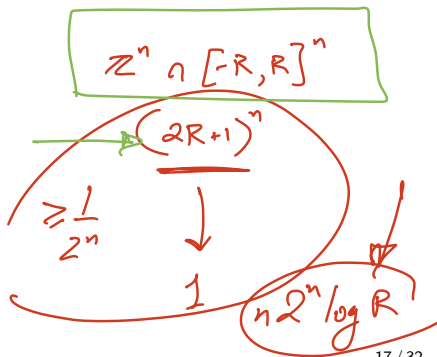
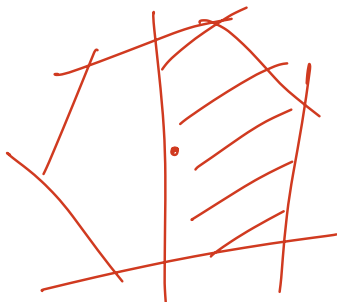


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$$2^{O(n)} \log R$$

$$O(d^{1/2})$$

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$$\frac{1}{2^n} \left(\frac{d}{d+1} \right)^d$$

$$\frac{1}{2^n e}$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} n=0 \\ \frac{1}{d+1} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{2}{9}$$



$$\int_C x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{e}$$

Euler's constant.

$$\left(\frac{d}{d+1} \right)^d \approx e^{-1}$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{d+1} \right)$$

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Overall (worst case) complexity:

Hildebrand $\rightarrow O\left(\underline{2^{O(n \log(n))}} \text{poly}\left(d, \log\left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon}\right)\right)\right)$

Unconstrained quadratic minimization

minimize $f(z) := \frac{1}{2}z^T Qz - c^T z$

subject to $z \in \mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d$

Positive definite

$[-R, R]^{n+d}$

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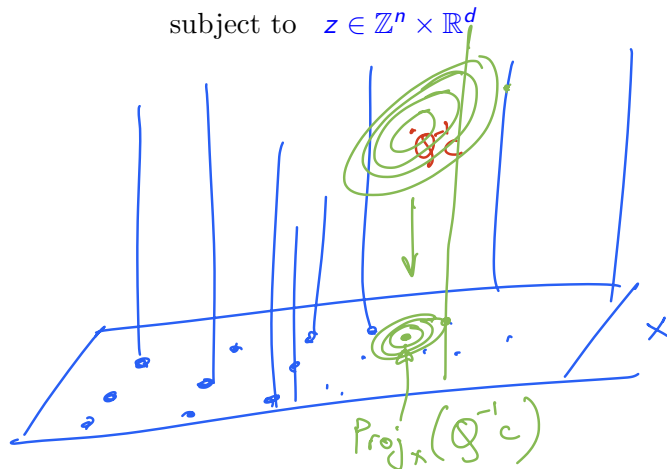
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Overall complexity: $O(d^3) + 2^{O(n)}$ (ignoring Q, c terms)



Ellipsoids

THEOREM Nemirovski-Yudin 1976

Ellipsoid $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ centered at c , halfspace H does not contain $c + \frac{1}{k+1}(E - c)$. Then, there exists another ellipsoid E' such that

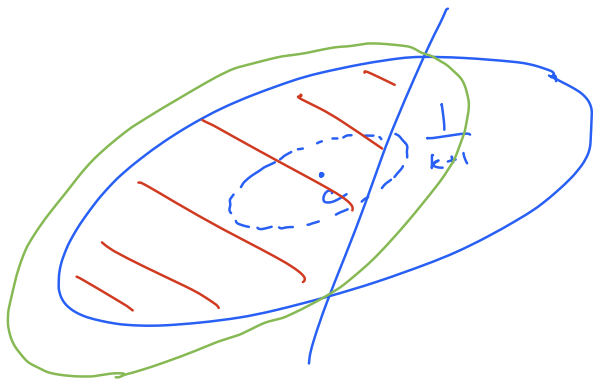
$$E \cap H \subseteq E'$$

and

$$\text{vol}(E') \leq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{5k(k+1)^2}\right) \text{vol}(E).$$



Ellipsoids

 \mathbb{R}^k 

Ellipsoids

$$O(k \text{ poly}(\log(k)))$$

Flatness Thm

THEOREM Khinchine 1948, Lagarias-Lenstra-Schnorr 1990,
Banaszczyk 1996

Ellipsoid $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$ with $E \cap \mathbb{Z}^k = \emptyset$. Then, there exists a direction $w \in \mathbb{R}^k$ such that E intersects at most k lattice hyperplanes orthogonal to $w \in \mathbb{R}^k$.

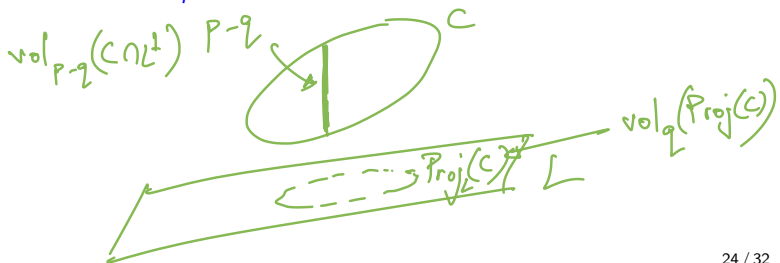


Rogers-Shephard inequality

THEOREM Rogers-Shephard 1958

Compact, convex body $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$, subspace $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ with $\dim(L) = q$. Then,

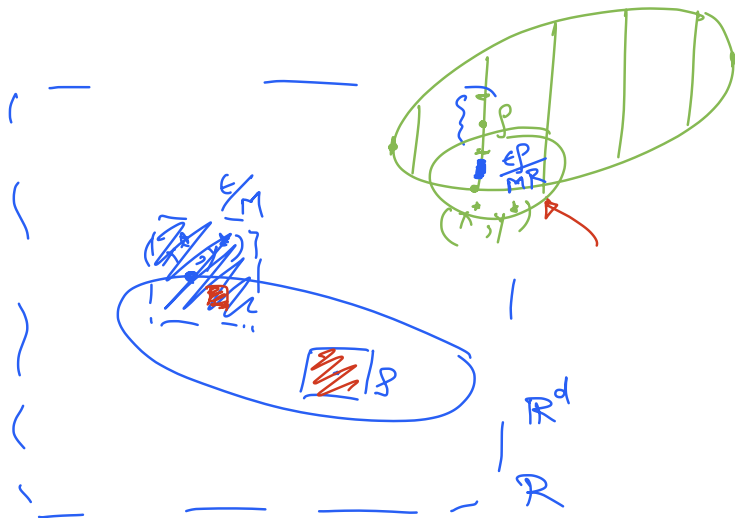
$$\text{vol}(C) \geq \frac{\text{vol}(C \cap L^\perp) \text{vol}(\text{Proj}_L(C))}{\binom{p}{q}} \geq \frac{\text{vol}(C \cap L^\perp) \text{vol}(\text{Proj}_L(C))}{2^p}$$



Lenstra style algorithm

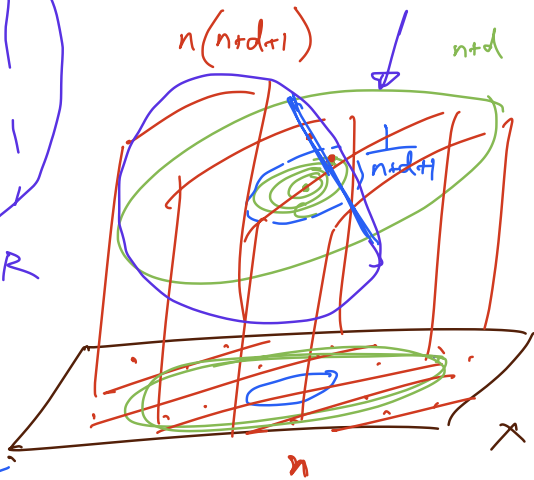
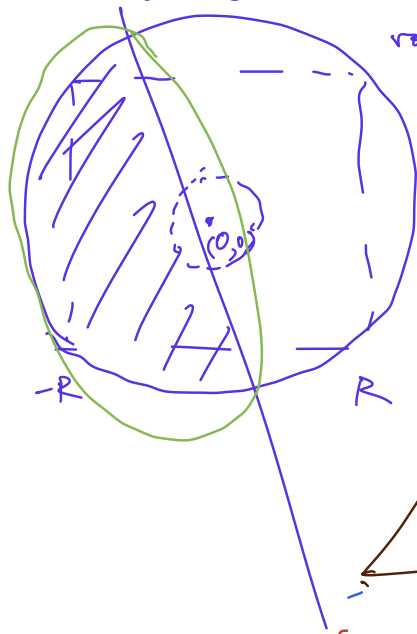
$$C \in [-R, R]^{n+d}$$

(x^*, y^*) optimal point.



Lenstra style algorithm

$$\text{rad}(E) < \left(\frac{EP}{2MR} \right)^{ndd}$$



Lenstra style algorithm

1. Initialize ellipsoid $E = B(0, R\sqrt{n+d})$.
2. While $\text{vol}(E) \geq \left(\frac{\epsilon\rho}{2MR}\right)^{n+d}$
 - 2.1 Compute closest mixed-integer point z^* to center c of E .
 - 2.2 If $z^* \notin c + \frac{1}{n+d+1}(E - c)$, then find “flat” direction for $\text{Proj}_n(E)$ and recurse on $O(n(n+d+1))$ subproblems.
 - 2.3 Else, $z^* \in c + \frac{1}{n+d+1}(E - c)$. Consider separating halfspace if $z^* \notin C$, else consider subgradient halfspace at z^* . Intersect E with this halfspace and update with smaller ellipsoid.
3. If no integer variables, then report feasible point with smallest value. STOP.
4. Else, compute $\text{Proj}_n(E)$.
5. If $\text{vol}(\text{Proj}_n(E)) \geq 1$, then report feasible point with smallest value. STOP.
6. Else, $\text{vol}(\text{Proj}_n(E)) < 1$ then find “flat” direction for $\text{Proj}_n(E)$ and recurse on $O(n)$ subproblems.

Lenstra style algorithm: complexity analysis

$(n(n+d+1))^n$

$\approx \frac{(R\sqrt{n+d})^{n+d}}{\left(\frac{\epsilon p}{MR}\right)^{n+d}}$ starting volume. $O(n^{O(n)} \text{poly}(d))$

$\approx \frac{1}{e^{-\frac{1}{5(n+d)^3}}}$ ending volume.

$(n+d)^4 \left(\log \frac{MR}{\epsilon p} \right)$

$n \underline{(n+d+1)}^n (n+d)^4 \log \frac{MR}{\epsilon p} \left(O(d^3) + 2^{O(n)} \text{poly} \log \right)$

Convex optimization with integer variables

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && f(x, y) \\ & \text{subject to} && (x, y) \in C, \\ & && x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{aligned}$$

$C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d$, closed, convex.

Contained in l_∞ ball of radius $R > 0$.

Contains l_∞ ball of radius $\rho > 0$ in the optimal fiber.

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, convex, Lipschitz continuous with constant M over C

First order oracle: separation for C , value + subgradient for f

Complexity of convex optimization with integer variables

Information complexity:

Lower bounds

$$d \geq 1 : \Omega \left(d 2^n \log \left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon} \right) \right)$$

$$d = 0 : \Omega (2^n \log(R))$$

Upper bounds

$$n, d \geq 1 : O \left(d(n+d) 2^n \log \left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon} \right) \right)$$

$$d = 0 : O(n 2^n \log(R))$$

$$n = 0 : O \left(d \log \left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon} \right) \right)$$

Overall (worst case) complexity:

$$O \left(2^{O(n \log(n))} \text{poly} \left(d, \log \left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon} \right) \right) \right)$$

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Conjecture on **mixed-integer centerpoints**: improve bound from $\frac{1}{2^n(d+1)}$ to $\frac{1}{2^ne}$.

Unify upper bounds, remove gap between lower and upper bounds

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Family of all possible **binary** queries: $\Theta \left((n + d) \log \left(\frac{MR}{\rho\epsilon} \right) \right)$
information complexity.

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Improve dependence on n from $2^{O(n \log(n))}$ to $2^{O(n)}$.

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Lenstra '83 $2^{O(n^2)}$ \rightarrow $n^{O(n)}$

Recurse on lower dimensional lattice subspaces, as opposed to lattice hyperplanes.

Kannan, Lovasz-Kannan, Dadush
'92

Reis-Rothvoss '23 $\rightarrow (\log n)^{O(n)}$

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Understand information and overall complexity of specific
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Some open questions

Understand information and overall complexity of specific **branch-and-cut algorithms**.

Improve information complexity from $2^{O(n)}$ to $2^{O(n \log(n))}$

Accompanying paper

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.06172>

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Questions/Comments ?