An Introduction to Semidefinite Program Relaxations of Quadratically Constrained Quadratic Programs

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Recap: QCQP and its SDP relaxation

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$$q_i(x) \coloneqq x^\top A_i x + 2b_i^\top x + c_i = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^\top \begin{pmatrix} A_i & b_i \\ b_i^\top & c_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \left\langle M_i, \begin{pmatrix} xx^\top & x \\ x^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$
$$=: M_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \qquad \mathbf{Opt} &= \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \left\langle M_{\mathsf{obj}}, \begin{pmatrix} xx^\top & x \\ x^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle : \ \left\langle M_i, \begin{pmatrix} xx^\top & x \\ x^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \leq 0, \ \forall i \in [m] \right\} \\ &\geq \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ X \in \mathbb{S}^n, \ Z \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}} \left\{ \left\langle M_{\mathsf{obj}}, Z \right\rangle : \ Z = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ x^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0 \\ x^\top & 1 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} = \mathbf{Opt}_{\mathsf{SDP}} \end{aligned}$$

Recap: forms of exactness

- What does exactness mean?
 - Objective value exactness: $Opt = Opt_{SDP}$
 - Optimizer exactness: $\arg \min Opt = \arg \min Opt_{SDP}$
 - Convex hull exactness: $conv(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{D}_{SDP} \leftarrow convexification of substructures$
 - Rank-one generated (ROG) property:

"SDP exactness that is oblivious to the objective function"

 \longrightarrow exactness in the lifted SDP space

Rank-one generated (ROG) property of SDPs

- Sufficient (necessary) conditions
- Examples

• Exactness in the original space

- Convex hull
- Objective value

• Efficient algorithms for solving SDPs

Exactness in the lifted SDP space: ROG property

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Recap: ROG

• Given
$$\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n+1}$$
, define $\left| \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}) \end{array} \right| \coloneqq \left\{ Z \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_+ : \langle M, Z \rangle \leq 0, \, \forall M \in \mathcal{M} \right\}$

Definition

A closed cone $S \subseteq \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_+$ is rank-one generated (ROG) if

$$\mathcal{S} = \operatorname{conv}\left(\mathcal{S} \cap \left\{zz^{\top}: \, z \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}
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ight).$$

Equivalently, if all extreme rays are generated by rank-one matrices.

- Analogy: (Integer programs, integral polyhedra) \approx (QCQPs, ROG)
- ROG implies exactness (objective value and convex hull via the projected SDP)

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Well-known ROG sets:

- Positive semidefinite cone \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_+ itself!
- Any single linear matrix inequality (LMI) or equation (LME):

Theorem (S-lemma)

 $\mathcal{S}(\{M\})$ for any $M \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}$ is ROG.

[Fradkov and Yakubovich, 1979, Sturm and Zhang, 2003]

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 - When \mathcal{M} is finite, $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M})$ can be "lifted" into $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}')$. But, ROG property is not necessarily preserved in such liftings.

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• When \mathcal{M} is compact,

$$\overline{\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}) \text{ is ROG}} \Longleftrightarrow \overline{\forall \varnothing \neq \mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{M}, \, \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}) \cap \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M}') \text{ is ROG}}$$

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SDP Relaxations of QCQPs

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Lemma

If every pair (M_i, M_j) is "non-interacting" in $\mathcal{M} = \{M_1, \dots, M_k\}$, then $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M})$ are ROG.



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• For any closed convex cone $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \implies \left\{ Z \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_+ : \mathbb{Z}a \in \mathbb{K} \right\}$ is ROG.

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• Complete characterization of ROG property in the case of two LMIs (c.f., S-lemma).

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Theorem ([Sturm and Zhang, 2003])

$$\operatorname{cl\,conv}\left\{zz^{\top}:\left\langle L, zz^{\top}\right\rangle \leq 0\right\} = \left\{Z \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_{+}:\left\langle L, Z\right\rangle \leq 0\right\} = \mathcal{S}(\{L\}).$$

(recall $S(\{L\})$ is ROG). Furthermore,

$$\operatorname{cl\,conv}\left\{ (x, xx^{\top}) : \|x\|_{2} \leq 1 \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ (x, X) : \exists Z = \begin{pmatrix} X & x \\ x^{\top} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ Z_{n+1,n+1} = 1, \ \langle L, Z \rangle \leq 0, \ Z \succeq 0 \right\}$$

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Consider (tb-TRS) in the (x, t) space. Then, its strengthened S(M) set which contains 1 LMI from the norm constraint, 2 SOC-RLT constraints, and 1 LME from the linear RLT, is ROG.

Theorem ([Yang et al., 2018], informal)

Consider the intersection of

- "ball": $||x||_2 \le 1$
- "cuts": $Cx \ge d$
- "holes": $x^{\top}A_ix + 2b_i^{\top}x + c_i \ge 0$, where each $A_i \succ 0$, for all $i \in [k]$.

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Exactness in the original space

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TRS and S-lemma

[Yakubovich, 1971]

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[Jeyakumar and Li, 2014, Ben-Tal and den Hertog, 2014, Locatelli, 2016, Ho-Nguyen and K.-K., 2017, Bomze et al., 2018]

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[Sojoudi and Lavaei, 2014]

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Efficient algorithms for exact SDPs

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Thank you!



Questions?



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