# 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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## Recap: forms of exactness

- What does exactness mean?
- Objective value exactness: $\mathrm{Opt}=\mathrm{Opt}_{\text {SDP }}$
- Optimizer exactness: arg min Opt $=$ arg min Opt ${ }_{\text {SDP }}$
- Convex hull exactness: $\operatorname{conv}(\mathcal{D})=\mathcal{D}_{\text {SDP }} \longleftarrow$ convexification of substructures
- Rank-one generated (ROG) property: "SDP exactness that is oblivious to the objective function" $\longrightarrow$ exactness in the lifted SDP space


## Today's outline

- 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 $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M}):=\left\{Z \in \mathbb{S}_{+}^{n+1}:\langle M, Z\rangle \leq 0, \forall M \in \mathcal{M}\right\}$


## Definition

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

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

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)


## ROG

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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 compact,

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## Lemma

If every pair $\left(M_{i}, M_{j}\right)$ is "non-interacting" in $\mathcal{M}=\left\{M_{1}, \ldots, M_{k}\right\}$, then $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{M})$ are ROG.


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- For any closed convex cone $\mathbb{K} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \Longrightarrow\left\{Z \in \mathbb{S}_{+}^{n+1}: Z a \in \mathbb{K}\right\}$ 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 ([Burer and Anstreicher, 2013, Burer, 2015] and references therein)
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Related: Fujie and Kojima [1997]

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Thank you!


## Questions?



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