

# Foundation of Computing and Mathematical Science

## — Optimization —

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This course will cover some recent topics in the theory and applications of optimizations. This year, topics will include semidefinite programming, gradient based methods, and constraint programming.

# Class Schedule for Part I

## **Part I: Semidefinite Programming — Masakazu Kojima**

10/02 — 1

10/09 — 2

10/16 — 3

10/23 — No class, Koudai-sai

10/30 — 4

# Class Schedule for Part II and III

## **Part II: Gradient Based Methods — Mituhiro Fukuda**

11/06 — 1

11/13 — 2

11/20 — 3

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12/04 — 5

## **Part III: Constraint Programming— Alex Fukunaga**

12/11 — 1

12/16 — 2

01/08 — 3

01/15 — No class, the national unified entrance examination

01/22 — 4

01/29 — 5

**Examination on 02/05 or 02/12**

# Introduction to Semidefinite Programming

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*<http://www.is.titech.ac.jp/~kojima/articles/IntroductionToSDP.pdf>*

## Abstract

- The main purpose of this lecture is an introduction of semidefinite programs for graduate students and researchers who are not familiar to this subject and/or who want to look over SDPs quickly.
- Assuming the basics of linear programs and linear algebra, the lecture places the main emphasis on **the basic theory** of SDPs.
- **Some examples and applications** of SDPs are also presented to show the significance of SDPs in the field of optimization.

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SDP is an extension of LP to the space of symmetric matrices.

LP: minimize  $-X_{11} - 2X_{12} - 5X_{22}$   
subject to  $2X_{11} + 3X_{12} + X_{22} = 7, X_{11} + X_{12} \geq 1,$   
 $X_{11} \geq 0, X_{12} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0.$

SDP: minimize  $-X_{11} - 2X_{12} - 5X_{22}$   
subject to  $2X_{11} + 3X_{12} + X_{22} = 7, X_{11} + X_{12} \geq 1,$   
 $X_{11} \geq 0, X_{12} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0,$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} \succeq O$  (positive semidefinite).

- Both LP and SDP have linear objective functions in real variables  $X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{22}.$
- Both LP and SDP have linear equality and inequality constraints in real variables  $X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{22}.$

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 $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} \succeq O$  (positive semidefinite).

- SDP has a psd constraint in  $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , or  
 $X_{11} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0, X_{11}X_{22} - X_{12}^2 \geq 0$ , which requires  
 $X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{22}$  ‘dependent nonlinearly’, while  
 $X_{11} \geq 0, X_{12} \geq 0, X_{22} \geq 0$  in LP are linear and separable.

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 $X_{11} \geq 0$ ,  $X_{12} \geq 0$ ,  $X_{22} \geq 0$ ,  
 $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} \succeq O$  (positive semidefinite).

- The feasible region of LP and the feasible region of SDP are convex sets, but the former is polyhedral while the latter is non-polyhedral.

Exercise 1.

Draw a picture of the set  $\{(X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{22}) : \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} \succeq O\}$ .

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## Lots of Applications to Various Problems

- Systems and control theory — Linear Matrix Inequality [6]
- SDP relaxations of combinatorial and nonconvex problems
  - Max cut and max clique problems [14]
  - 0-1 integer linear programs [24]
  - Polynomial optimization problems [22, 35]
- Robust optimization [4]
- Quantum chemistry [51]
- Moment problems (applied probability) [5, 23]
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Survey articles — Todd [39] , Vandenberghe-Boyd [45]

Handbook of SDP — Wolkowicz-Saigal-Vandenberghe [46]

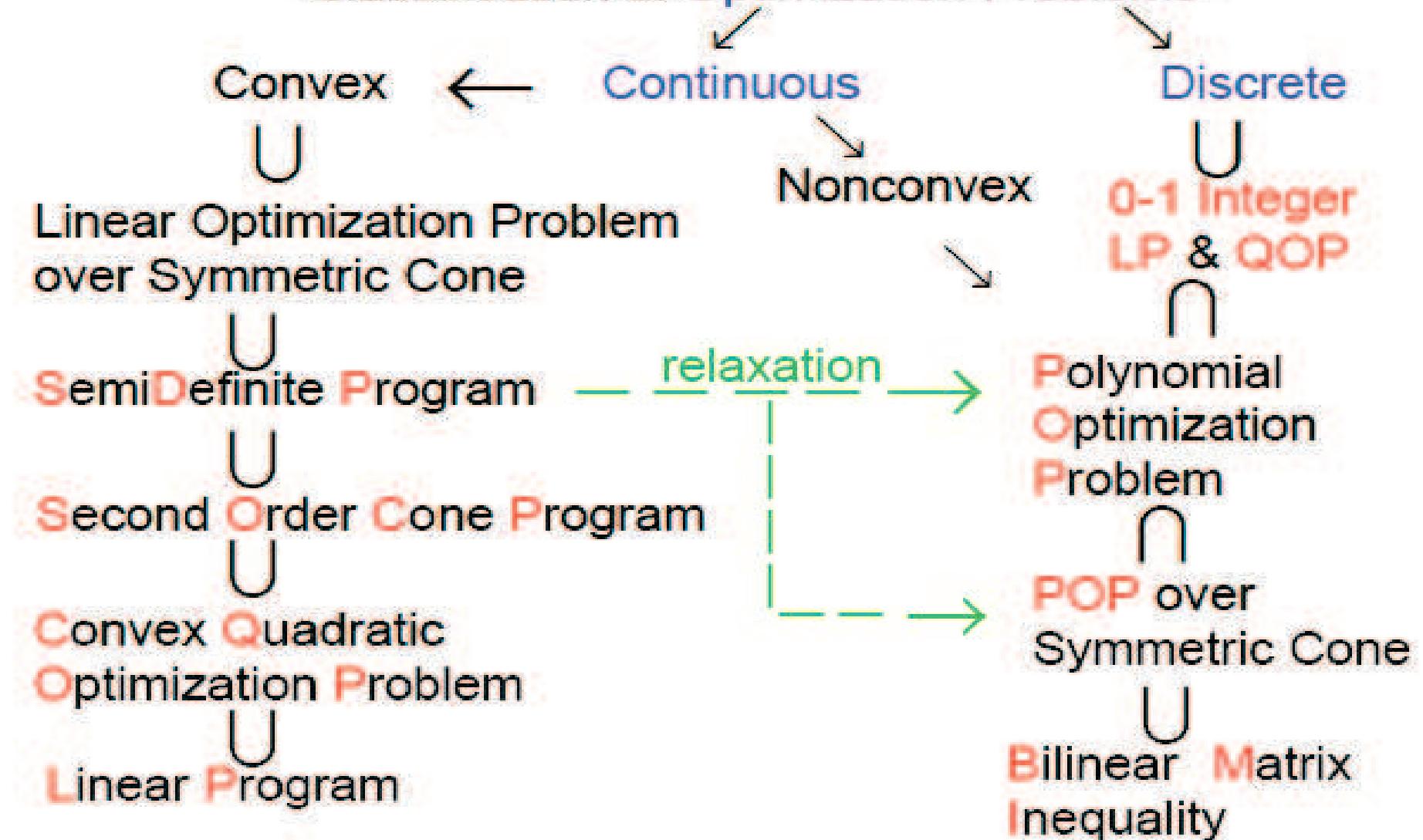
Web pages — Helmberg[15], Wolkowicz [47]

## Theory

- Self-concordant theory [33]
- Euclidean Jordan algebra [10, 36]
- Polynomial-time primal-dual interior-point methods [1, 17, 20, 27, 34]

SDP serves as a core convex optimization problem

## Classification of Optimization Problems



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$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{LP}) \quad & \text{minimize} \quad \mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} \\
 & \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{a}_p \cdot \mathbf{x} = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \quad \mathbb{R}^n \ni \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbb{R}$  : the set (linear space) of real numbers,  
 $\mathbb{R}^n$  : the linear space of  $n$  dim. vectors,  
 $\mathbf{a}_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  : data,  $n$  dim. vector ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),  
 $b_p \in \mathbb{R}$  : data, real number ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),  
 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  : variable,  $n$  dim. vector,  
 $\mathbf{a}_p \cdot \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n [\mathbf{a}_p]_i x_i$  (the inner product of  $\mathbf{a}_p$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ ).

(LP) minimize  $\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x}$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{a}_p \cdot \mathbf{x} = b_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),  $\mathbb{R}^n \ni \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ .

(SDP) minimize  $\mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X}$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),  $\mathbb{S}^n \ni \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}$ .

$\mathbb{S}^n$  : the linear space of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices,

$\mathbf{A}_p \in \mathbb{S}^n$  : data,  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix ( $0 \leq p \leq m$ ),

$b_p \in \mathbb{R}$  : data, real number ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),

$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  :  $n \times n$  variable, symmetric matrix;

$$\mathbf{X} = (X_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \dots & X_{1n} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & \dots & X_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \dots & X_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^n,$$

$$X_{ij} = X_{ji} \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1 \leq i \leq j \leq n),$$

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$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  is positive semidefinite,

$\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$  for some  $n$ ,

$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [\mathbf{A}_p]_{ij} \mathbf{X}_{ij}$   
 (the inner product of  $\mathbf{A}_p$  and  $\mathbf{X}$ ).

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$$\uparrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m = 2, n = 2, b_1 = 7, b_2 = 9, \\ \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1.5 \\ 1.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{array} \right.$$

minimize  $-X_{11} - 2X_{12} - 5X_{22}$   
 subject to  $2X_{11} + 3X_{12} + X_{22} = 7, 2X_{11} + X_{12} + 3X_{22} = 9,$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}$ .

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 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O$  : semidefinite constraint.

- **Definition:**  $X \succeq O$  if  
 $u^T X u = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij} u_i u_j \geq 0$  for  $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- **Definition:**  $X \succ O$  if  
 $u^T X u = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_{ij} u_i u_j > 0$  for  $\forall u \neq 0$ .
- $X \in \mathbb{S}^n \Rightarrow$  all n e.values are real.
- $X \succeq O (\succ O) \Leftrightarrow$  all n e.values  $\geq 0 (> 0)$ .
- $X \succeq O (\succ O) \Leftrightarrow$  all principal minors  $\geq 0 (> 0)$ .
- $X \succeq O (\succ O) \Rightarrow$  all diagonal  $X_{ii}$ 's  $\geq 0 (> 0)$ .
- $X \succeq O$  and  $X_{ii} = 0 \Rightarrow X_{ij} = 0 \quad (\forall j)$ .

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- $X \succeq O$  ( $\succ O$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \exists n \times n$  (nonsingular)  $B$ ;  $X = BB^T$  (factorization).
- $X \succeq O \Leftrightarrow \exists n \times n$  lower triang.  $L$ ;  $X = LL^T$  (Cholesky factorization).
- $X \succeq O \Leftrightarrow \exists n \times n$  orthogonal  $P$  and  $\exists n \times n$  diagonal  $D$ ;  $X = PDP^T$  (orthogonal decomposition).

Here each diagonal element  $\lambda_i = D_{ii}$  of  $D$  is an eigenvalue of  $X$  and each  $i$ th column  $p_i$  of  $P$  an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_i$ .

- $X \succeq O \Leftrightarrow \exists C \in \mathbb{S}_+^n; X = C^2 \Leftarrow$  Take  $C = P(D)^{1/2}P^T$ ;  

$$C^2 = (P(D)^{1/2}P^T)(P(D)^{1/2}P^T) = PDP^T = X.$$

We will write  $X = (\sqrt{X})^2$ .

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 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{S}^n$  : a **linear space** with dimension  $n(n+1)/2$ .

- $\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  for  $\forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  and  $\forall \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .
- $\alpha \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  for  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .
- linear independence.
- a basis consisting of  $n(n+1)/2$ .

**Example.**  $n = 2$ . Note that  $X_{12} = X_{21}$ .

$$2 \begin{pmatrix} 1.1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 2.4 \end{pmatrix} + 0.5 \begin{pmatrix} 2.4 & 0.6 \\ 0.6 & 1.2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.4 & 0.7 \\ 0.7 & 5.4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : \text{a basis of } \mathbb{S}^2.$$

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- linear independence.
- a basis consisting of  $n(n + 1)/2$ .
- For every  $A, X \in \mathbb{S}^n$ , the inner product  $A \bullet X$  is defined;

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \bullet X &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} X_{ij} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} X_{ji} \right) = \text{trace } AX. \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad (i, i)\text{th element of } AX
 \end{aligned}$$

- $u^T X u = \text{trace } u^T X u = \text{trace } X u u^T = X \bullet u u^T$

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & \text{subject to} \quad A_p \bullet X = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \quad \mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O.
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O$  and the inner product  $X \bullet Y$ .

- $\mathbb{S}_+^n \subseteq (\mathbb{S}_+^n)^* \equiv \{Y \in \mathbb{S}^n : Y \bullet X \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall X \in \mathbb{S}_+^n\}$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- $\mathbb{S}_+^n \supseteq (\mathbb{S}_+^n)^*$ . Hence  $\mathbb{S}_+^n = (\mathbb{S}_+^n)^*$  (self-dual).

**Exercise 2.** Prove  $\mathbb{S}_+^n = (\mathbb{S}_+^n)^*$ .

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 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{S}^n \ni \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}$  and the inner product  $\mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{Y}$ .

- $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}$  and  $\mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{XY} = \mathbf{O}$ .

(Proof) Apply the eigenvalue decomposition  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{PDP}^T$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = \text{trace } \mathbf{XY} = \text{trace } \mathbf{PDP}^T \mathbf{Y} \\
 &= \text{trace } \mathbf{DP}^T \mathbf{YP} = \sum_{i=1}^n D_{ii} (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{YP})_{ii}, \quad D_{ii} \geq 0, \quad (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{YP})_{ii} \geq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \forall i, \quad \begin{cases} D_{ii} = 0 \text{ or} \\ (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{YP})_{ii} = 0; \text{ the } i\text{th row of } (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{YP}) = \mathbf{0}. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mathbf{DP}^T \mathbf{YP} = \mathbf{O}$ , which implies

$$\mathbf{XY} = \mathbf{PDP}^T \mathbf{YP} \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{O}.$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Common properties on

$$\mathbb{R}_+^n \equiv \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}\}, \quad \mathbb{S}_+^n \equiv \{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n : \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}\}.$$

- $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  is a **cone**;  $\alpha \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  if  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ .
- $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  is **convex**;  
 $\lambda \mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda) \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  if  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ .
- **self-dual**;
- $(\mathbb{R}_+^n)^* \equiv \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{y} \bullet \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n\} = \mathbb{R}_+^n$ .
- $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0 \implies x_i y_i = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ).

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- $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$  and  $\mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = 0 \implies \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{O}$ .

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Equality standard form (SDP):

$$\min. \quad A_0 \bullet X$$

$$\text{sub.to} \quad A_p \bullet X = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \quad \mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O.$$

$$\uparrow \quad n = \sum_{q=1}^t n^q, \quad A_p \equiv \begin{pmatrix} A_p^1 & O & \dots & O \\ O & A_p^2 & \dots & O \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ O & O & \dots & A_p^t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Equality standard form with multiple matrix variables (SDP)':

$$\min. \quad \sum_{q=1}^t A_0^q \bullet X^q$$

$$\text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{q=1}^t A_p^q \bullet X^q = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \\ \mathbb{S}^{n^q} \ni X^q \succeq O \quad (1 \leq q \leq t).$$

- If  $n^q = 1$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ ), (SDP)' is equivalent to the equality standard form of LP, where  $A_p^q \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $X^q \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Can we transform the above (SDP)' (or the equality standard form of LP) into Equality standard form (SDP)?

Exercise 3. Prove  $(SDP)'$  is equivalent to  $(SDP)$ . Hint:  
Construct an optimal solution of  $(SDP)$  from any optimal  
solution of  $(SDP)'$ , and vice versa.

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Why do we need a standard form SDP?

- (a) A unified SDP model for theory and method of SDPs.
- (b) SDP software packages are available only for some standard forms.

Equality standard form (SDP):

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$$\text{sub.to} \quad A_p \bullet X = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \quad \mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O.$$

$\uparrow ?$

An SDP from systems and control theory (SDP)':

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \lambda \\ \text{sub. to} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} XA + A^T X + C^T C & XB + C^T D \\ B^T X + D^T C & D^T D - I \end{pmatrix} \preceq \lambda I, \\ & X \succeq -\lambda I. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $X \in \mathbb{S}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  are variables, and  $A, B, C, D$  are given data matrices.

- Can we transform the (SDP)' into Equality standard form (SDP)?
- “Yes” in theory, but not practical at all.
- Transform (SDP)' into an LMI standard form (with equality constraints), which corresponds to the dual of an equality standard form with free variables.

## A general SDP:

min. a linear function in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ )  
sub.to linear equalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
linear inequalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
linear (**matrix**) inequalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
 $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$  (free real variables),  
 $\mathbf{X}^q \succeq \mathbf{O}$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ ) (psd matrix variables).

Here a nonnegative  $x_i$  is regarded as a  $1 \times 1$  psd matrix var.,  
and a matrix variable  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}$  a set of free variables  $U_{ij}$ s.

Any real-valued linear function in  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n$  can be written as  
 $\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} \mathbf{X}_{ij}$  for  $\exists \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ .

- We can transform ‘any SDP’ into Equality standard form.  
But such a transformation is neither trivial nor practical in many cases.
- It is easier to reduce an SDP to ‘an LMI standard form with equality constraints’ than to Equality standard form.

A general SDP:

min. a linear function in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ )  
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 $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$  (free real variables),  
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Reduction to ‘an LMI standard form with equality constraints’.

Represent each symmetric variable  $\mathbf{X}^q \in \mathbb{S}^{n^q}$  as a linear combination of a basis  $\mathbf{E}_{ij}^q$  ( $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n^q$ ) such that

$$\mathbf{X}^q = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n^q} \mathbf{E}_{ij}^q y_{ij}^q,$$

where  $y_{ij}^q$  denotes a free real variable and  $\mathbf{E}_{ij}^q$  an  $n^q \times n^q$  matrix with 1 at the  $(i, j)$ th and  $(j, i)$ th elements and 0 elsewhere.  
Then substitute it into the general SDP.

## A general SDP:

min. a linear function in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ )  
sub.to linear equalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
linear inequalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
linear (**matrix**) inequalities in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and  $\mathbf{X}^q$ ,  
 $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R}$  (free real variables),  
 $\mathbf{X}^q \succeq \mathbf{O}$  ( $1 \leq q \leq t$ ) (psd matrix variables).

## 'An LMI standard form with equality constraints':

min a linear function in  $y_1, \dots, y_\ell$   
sub.to linear equalities in  $y_1, \dots, y_\ell$ ,  
linear (**matrix**) inequalities in  $y_1, \dots, y_\ell$ ,  
 $y_1, \dots, y_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$  (free real variables).

- Take the dual  $\Rightarrow$  an eq. standard form with free variables.
- We can apply existing software; CSDP, PENON, SDPA, SDPT3 and SeDuMi to this primal-dual pair.

## Exercise 4. Transform the SDP

$$\min \quad w + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & w \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

to an LMI standard form SDP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & w + 2y_1 + 2y_2 + 3y_3 \\ \text{sub.to} \quad & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y_3 \\ & + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} w + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix $A$

$$\text{the max. eigenvalue} = \min \{\lambda : \lambda I \succeq A\}$$

$$= \min \{\lambda : \lambda I - A \succeq O\}.$$

$$\text{the min. eigenvalue} = \max \{\lambda : A - \lambda I \succeq O\}.$$

- We can formulate many engineering problems involving eigenvalues of symmetric matrices via SDPs.
- A **Linear Matrix inequality (LMI)**  $A(\cdot) \succeq O$ , where  $A(\cdot)$  is a linear mapping in matrix and/or vector variables can be formulated in

$$\text{maximize } \lambda \text{ subject to } A(\cdot) - \lambda I \succeq O.$$

For example,

$$A(X) = \begin{pmatrix} XA + A^T X + C^T C & XB + C^T D \\ B^T X + D^T C & D^T D - I \end{pmatrix} \succeq O.$$

For **LMIs**, see

[6] S. Boyd, L. El Ghaoui, E. Feron and V. Balakrishnan, *Linear Matrix Inequalities in System and Control Theory*, SIAM, Philadelphia, 1994.

## The Schur complement. Let

$$A \in \mathbb{S}^k, \text{ positive definite}, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell}, \quad Y \in \mathbb{S}^\ell.$$

Then

## Proof:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ O & Y - X^T A^{-1} X \end{pmatrix} \\
= \begin{pmatrix} I & -A^{-1}X \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}_T \begin{pmatrix} A & X \\ X^T & Y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A^{-1}X \\ O & I \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & X \\ X^T & Y \end{pmatrix} \succeq O \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & O \\ O & Y - X^T A^{-1} X \end{pmatrix} \succeq O.$$

$\Leftrightarrow$   $A$  is positive definite.

$$Y - X^T A^{-1} X \succ O.$$

## The Schur complement. Let

$$A \in \mathbb{S}^k, \text{ positive definite}, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell}, \quad Y \in \mathbb{S}^\ell.$$

Then

- When  $A = I$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \succeq O \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} I & X \\ X^T & Y \end{pmatrix} \succeq O.$
  - When  $A = I$ ,  $X = x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $Y = y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
$$\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} I & x \\ x^T & y \end{pmatrix} \succeq O.$$
  - When  $A = Iy$ ,  $X = x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $Y = y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
$$y - \sqrt{x^T x} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{y}^2 - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \geq 0, \quad y \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} Iy & x \\ x^T & y \end{pmatrix} \succeq O.$$

(SOCP constraint)  $(y - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}/y \geq 0 \text{ if } y > 0)$

A quasi-convex optimization problem

$$\min \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}} \text{ sub.to } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

Here  $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ , and  $\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$  for  $\forall$  feasible  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\Updownarrow$

$$\min \zeta \text{ sub.to } \zeta \geq \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

$$\Updownarrow \zeta - \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c} \\ (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T & \zeta \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

SDP:  $\min \zeta \text{ sub.to } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c} \\ (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T & \zeta \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$

$\Downarrow$   
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# Lagrangian function, Lagrangian Dual, 10/10/2008

A general nonlinear program (P):

$$\min f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{sub.to } g_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \ (j = 1, \dots, \ell), \ h_k(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \ (k = 1, \dots, m).$$

Here  $f, g_j, h_k : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\zeta^*$  be the optimal value of (P).

Lagrangian function  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{+}^{\ell} \times \mathbb{R}_{+}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} y_j g_j(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{k=1}^m z_k h_k(\mathbf{x}).$$

Let  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell} \times \mathbb{R}_{+}^m$  be fixed. Then, for  $\forall$  feas. sol.  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  of (P)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \leq L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \leq f(\bar{\mathbf{x}});$$

hence  $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \leq \zeta^* \Rightarrow$  Lagrangian relaxation.

Lagrangian dual

$$\hat{\zeta} = \max_{(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell} \times \mathbb{R}^m} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \leq L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) \leq \zeta^*$$

$\hat{\zeta} < \zeta^*$  can occur in general. Convexity+Assumption  $\Rightarrow \hat{\zeta} = \zeta^*$ .

Equality standard form SDP:

$$\min \quad A_0 \bullet X \quad \text{sub.to} \quad A_p \bullet X = b_p \quad (1 \leq p \leq m), \quad X \succeq O.$$

Lagrangian function, Lagrangian dual

$$L(X, y, S) = A_0 \bullet X - \sum_{p=1}^m (A_p \bullet X - b_p) y_p - S \bullet X$$

for  $\forall X \in S^n$ ,  $\forall y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\forall S \succeq O$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O} \min_{X \in S^n} L(X, y, S) \\
= & \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O} \{L(X, y, S) : \nabla_X L(X, y, S) = O\} \\
= & \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O} \left\{ L(X, y, S) : A_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p - S = O \right\} \\
= & \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O} \left\{ L(X, y, S) : S = A_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p \right\} \\
= & \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O} \left\{ \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p : S = A_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p \right\} \\
& (\text{since } L(X, y, A_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p) = \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p) \\
= & \max \left\{ \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p : S = A_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p, y \in \mathbb{R}^m, S \succeq O \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(Dual of Equality standard form).

## A primal-dual pair of LPs

$$(P) \quad \min \quad \mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{a}_p \cdot \mathbf{x} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

$$(D) \quad \max \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{a}_p y_p + \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{a}_0, \ \mathbb{R}^n \ni \mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

Weak duality

$$\text{LP} \ : \ \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} - \sum_{j=1}^m b_p y_p \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \text{ feasible } \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}.$$

$$\text{SDP} \ : \ \mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} - \sum_{j=1}^m b_p y_p \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \text{ feasible } \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}.$$

Exercise 5: Prove the weak duality

$$\mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} - \sum_{j=1}^m b_p y_p \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \text{ feasible } \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}.$$

## A primal-dual pair of SDPs

$$(P) \quad \min. \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

$$(D) \quad \max. \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

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Strong duality: If  $\exists$  feasible  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s})$  ( $\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \geq \mathbf{0}$ ) then

$$\text{LP} : \bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x} - \sum_{j=1}^m b_p \bar{y}_p = 0 \text{ at } \forall \text{ optimal } (\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}, \bar{\mathbf{s}}).$$

If  $\exists$  interior feasible  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S})$  ( $\mathbf{X} \succ \mathbf{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O}$ ) then

$$\text{SDP} : \bar{\mathbf{X}} \bullet \bar{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{X}} - \sum_{j=1}^m b_p \bar{y}_p = 0 \text{ at } \forall \text{ optimal } (\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}, \bar{\mathbf{S}}).$$

- For the strong duality, “ $\exists$  int. feasible  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S})$  ( $\mathbf{X} \succ \mathbf{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O}$ )” is necessary!  $\Rightarrow$  an example, next

## A primal-dual pair of SDPs

$$(P) \quad \min. \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

$$(D) \quad \max. \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

Example [45]: “ $\exists$  interior feasible  $(X, y, S)$  ( $X \succ O, S \succ O$ )” is necessary!

$$(P) \min \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bullet X$$

sub.to

$$X_{11} = 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \bullet X = 2, \quad X \succeq O.$$

or

$$(P) \min X_{33} \quad \text{sub.to} \quad X_{11} = 0, X_{12} + X_{21} + 2X_{33} = 2, \quad X \succeq O.$$

Exercise 6. Show that the objective value  $X_{33} = 1$  if  $X$  is feasible.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{D}) \max \quad 2y_2 \\
 \text{sub.to} \quad & \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) y_1 + \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) y_2 \preceq \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{D}) \min \quad 2y_2 \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc} -y_1 & -y_2 & 0 \\ -y_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - 2y_2 \end{array} \right) \succeq O.
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 7. Show that the objective value  $2y_2 = 0$  if  $(y_1, y_2)$  is feasible.

## A primal-dual pair of SDPs

$$(P) \quad \min. \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

$$(D) \quad \max. \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

### The KKT optimality condition

$$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (1 \leq p \leq m), \ \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0,$$

$$\mathbb{S}^n \ni \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \ \mathbb{S}^n \ni \mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{O} \ (\text{complementarity}).$$

$\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{X} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  are commutative; hence

$\Downarrow \exists$  orthogonal  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}; \ \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n),$

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$$

$$\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \text{diag}(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n),$$

$$\mathbf{P}^T (\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) + \text{diag}(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n).$$



$$\lambda_i \geq 0, \ \nu_i \geq 0, \ \lambda_i \nu_i = 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq n) \ (\text{complementarity}),$$

$$\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O} \Leftrightarrow \lambda_i + \nu_i > 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq n) \ (\text{strict comp.}).$$

$$\text{LP: } x_i \geq 0, s_i \geq 0, x_i s_i = 0 \ (\forall i) \ (\text{comp.}), \ x_i + s_i > 0 \ (\forall i)$$

An equality standard form

$$(P) \quad \text{min. } A_0 \bullet X \quad \text{sub.to } A_p \bullet X = b_p \ (1 \leq p \leq m), \ X \succeq O.$$

An equality standard form with free variables

$$\begin{aligned} (P) \quad & \text{min. } A_0 \bullet X + d_0^T z \\ & \text{sub.to } A_p \bullet X + d_p^T z = b_p \ (1 \leq p \leq m), \\ & \mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O, \ z \in \mathbb{R}^\ell \ (\text{a free vector variable}). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $d_p \in \mathbb{R}^\ell \ (0 \leq p \leq m)$ .

$\Updownarrow$  dual

An LMI standard form with equality constraints

$$\begin{aligned} (D) \quad & \max. \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \\ & \text{sub.to } \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p + S = A_0, \ \mathbb{S}^n \ni S \succeq O, \ \sum_{p=1}^m d_p y_p = d_0. \end{aligned}$$

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## Some existing numerical methods for SDPs

- IPMs (Interior-point methods)
  - Primal-dual scaling, **CSDP**(Borchers[7]),  
**SDPA**(Fujisawa-K-Nakata-Yamashita[49]),  
SDPT3(Toh-Todd-Tutuncu[42]), SeDuMi(Sturm[37])
  - Dual scaling, **DSDP**(Benson-Ye-Zhang[3] )
- Nonlinear programming approaches
  - Spectral bundle method(Helmburg-Rendl[17])
  - Gradient-based log-barrier method(Burer-Monteiro[9])
  - PENON(Kocvara [19]) — Augmented Lagrangian
  - Saddle point mirror-prox algorithm  
(Lu-Nemirovski-Monteiro[26])

- Medium scale (e.g.  $n, m \leq 5000$ ) and high accuracy.
- Large scale (e.g.,  $n, m \geq 10,000$ ) and low accuracy.

- Parallel implementation:

**SDPA**  $\Rightarrow$  **SDPARA**(Y-F-K[49]), **SDPARA-C**(N-Y-F-K[31])

**DSDP**  $\Rightarrow$  **PDSDP**(Benson[2]), **CSDP**  $\Rightarrow$  Borchers-Young[8]

**Spectral bundle method**  $\Rightarrow$  Nayakkankuppam[32]

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## 3 approaches to primal-dual interior-point methods for SDPs

(1) Self-concordance.

Yu. E. Nesterov and A. Nemirovski '94 [33]

Yu. E. Nesterov and M. J. Todd '98 [34]

(2) Linear optimization problems over symmetric cones

(Jordan algebra)

L. Faybusovich '97 [10]

S. Schmieta and F. Alizadeh '01 [36]

⇒ Appendix.

(3) Extensions of primal-dual interior-point algorithms for LPs  
to SDPs [1, 17, 20, 27]

⇒ Our approach in this lecture.

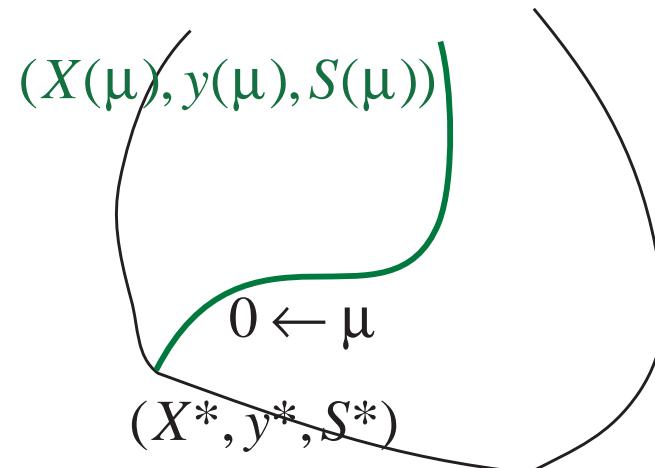
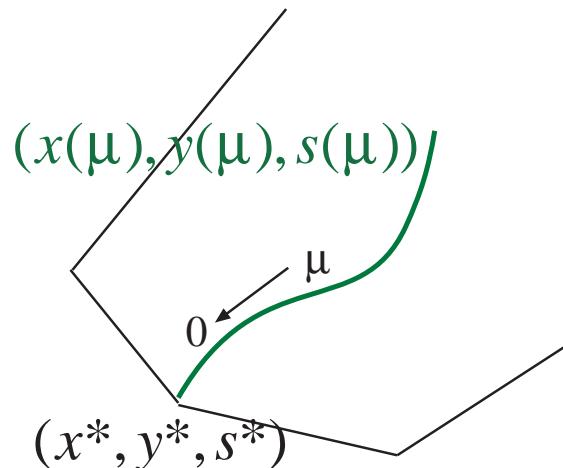
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- Basic idea of the primal-dual interior-point method:  
Trace **the central trajectory** → an opt. sol. in the p-d space.



- How do we define **the central trajectory**?
- How do we numerically trace **the central trajectory**?

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- A log barrier to be away from the boundary –  $\sum_{i=1}^m \log x_i$ .

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D( $\mu$ )	$\max \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p + \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \log s_i$	s.t. $\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{a}_p y_p + \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{a}_0, \ \mathbf{s} > \mathbf{0}$

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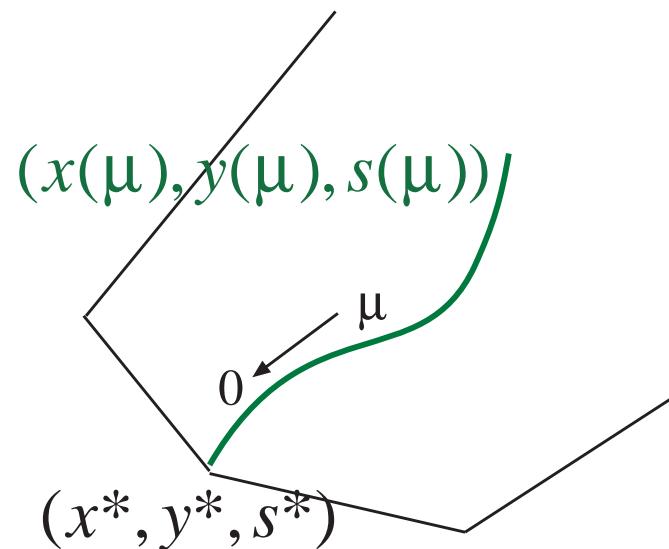
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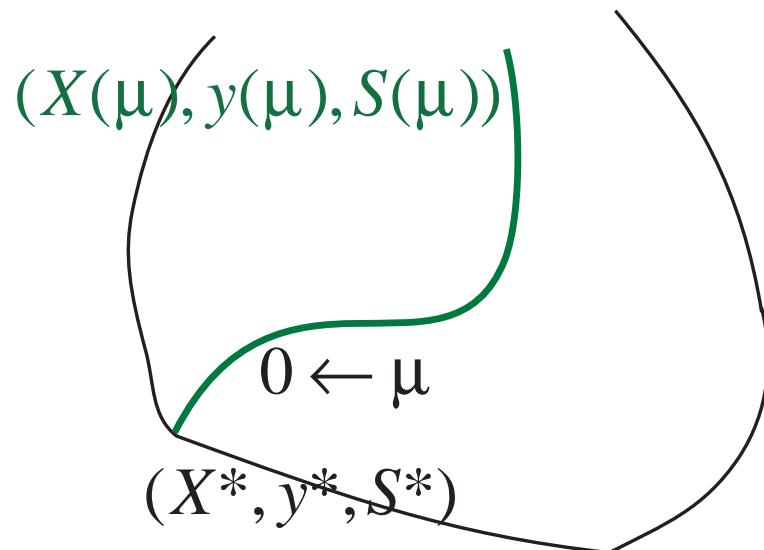
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## A primal-dual pair of SDPs

$$(P) \quad \text{min.} \quad A_0 \bullet X \quad \text{sub.to} \quad A_p \bullet X = b_p \ (\forall p), \ X \succeq O.$$

$$(D) \quad \text{max.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p + S = A_0, \ S \succeq O.$$

### The KKT optimality condition

$$A_p \bullet X = b_p \ (1 \leq p \leq m), \ \sum_{p=1}^m A_p y_p + S = A_0,$$

$$\mathbb{S}^n \ni X \succeq O, \ \mathbb{S}^n \ni S \succeq O, \ XS = O \ (\text{complementarity}).$$

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- For every  $\mu > 0$ , the objective function of  $P(\mu)$  is convex in  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- For every  $\mu > 0$ , the objective function of  $D(\mu)$  is concave in  $(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S})$ .
- For every  $\mu > 0$ ,  $(\mathbf{X}(\mu), \mathbf{y}(\mu), \mathbf{S}(\mu))$  is characterized as the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker optimality condition

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} &= b_p \ (\forall p), \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \\ \mathbf{X} &\succ \mathbf{0}, \ \mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{0}, \ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{S} = \mu \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned}$$

## Some properties of the central trajectory $C$

Suppose that

$$(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}) \in C \text{ or } \begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \\ \mathbf{X} \succ 0, \ \mathbf{S} \succ 0, \ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{S} = \mu\mathbf{I} \text{ for } \exists \mu > 0. \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  are commutative; hence  
 $\exists$  orthogonal  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ;  $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{P} = \text{diag} (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ ,  
 $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} = \text{diag} (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)$ .
- $\mu\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{P}^T \mu\mathbf{I} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P} =$   
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 $\lambda_i > 0, \ \nu_i > 0, \ \lambda_i \nu_i = \mu \ (\forall i)$
- As  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ,  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}) \rightarrow$  an opt. sol. and  $\lambda_i \nu_i \rightarrow 0 \ (\forall i)$ .

In LP case: If  $(x, y, s)$  is on the central trajectory then

- $x_i > 0, \ s_i > 0, \ x_i s_i = \mu \ (\forall i)$ .
- As  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ,  $(x, y, s) \rightarrow$  an opt. sol. and  $x_i s_i \rightarrow 0 \ (\forall i)$ .

Hence  $\lambda_i \leftrightarrow x_i$  and  $\nu_i \leftrightarrow s_i$ .

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Compute a search (“Newton”) direction  $(d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{S})$ .

Choose step lengths  $\alpha_p > 0$  and  $\alpha_d > 0$  ( $\alpha_p = \alpha_d$  in theory);

$$\mathbf{X}^{k+1} = \mathbf{X}^k + \alpha_p d\mathbf{X} \succ 0, \mathbf{y}^{k+1} = \mathbf{y}^k + \alpha_d d\mathbf{y},$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{k+1} = \mathbf{S}^k + \alpha_d d\mathbf{S} \succ 0.$$

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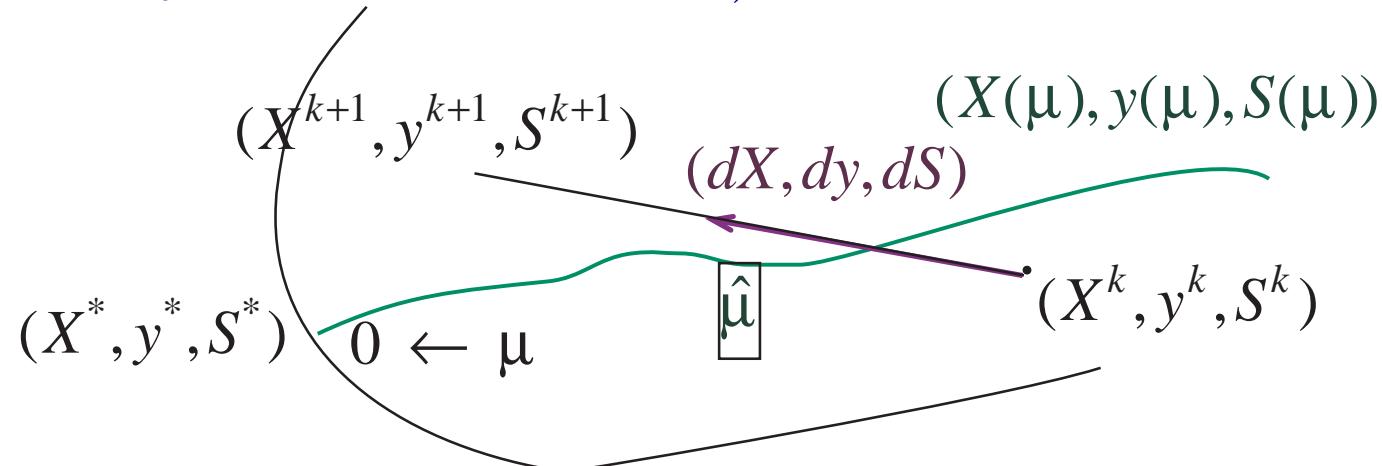
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Substitute  $(\mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{y}^k, \mathbf{S}^k) + (d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{S})$  into  $(\sharp)$ . Solve

$$(\mathbf{X}^k + d\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{S}^k + d\mathbf{S}) = \hat{\mu} \mathbf{I} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{S}^k + d\mathbf{X} \mathbf{S}^k + \mathbf{X}^k d\mathbf{S} = \hat{\mu} \mathbf{I},$$

linearize

$$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet (\mathbf{X}^k + d\mathbf{X}) = b_p \ (\forall p),$$

$$\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p (\mathbf{y}_p^k + d\mathbf{y}_p) + (\mathbf{S}^k + d\mathbf{S}) = \mathbf{A}_0 \quad \text{in } (d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{S}).$$

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	# of equations	# of variables
$\mathbf{X}^k \mathbf{S}^k + d\mathbf{X} \mathbf{S}^k + \mathbf{X}^k d\mathbf{S} = \hat{\mu} \mathbf{I} \rightarrow n^2$	$d\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$	
$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet (\mathbf{X}^k + d\mathbf{X}) = b_p \ (\forall p) \rightarrow m$	$d\mathbf{y} \rightarrow m$	
$\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p (y_p^k + dy_p) + (\mathbf{S}^k + d\mathbf{S}) = \mathbf{A}_0$		
	$\rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$	$d\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
Total:	$3n^2/2 + n/2 + m$	$n^2 + n + m$

$\Rightarrow$  We need modification.

- More than 20 search directions and several family of search directions (Todd [38])
- Most popular ones are:
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  - NT direction [34]

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Typical primal-dual interior-point methods (in theory)

- (a) Path-following
- (b) Mizuno-Todd-Ye Predictor-corrector
- (c) Potential reduction — not stated, see [20, 43]
- (d) Homogeneous self-dual embedding — not stated, see [26, 18]

Main issues studied:

- Polynomial-time convergence for (a), (b), (c) and (d)
- Local convergence for (b)

Some additional issues to be taken account:

- (e) Search directions — NT [34], HKM [17, 20, 27]
- (f) Feasible starting points or infeasible starting points

Primal-dual interior-point methods in practice — later

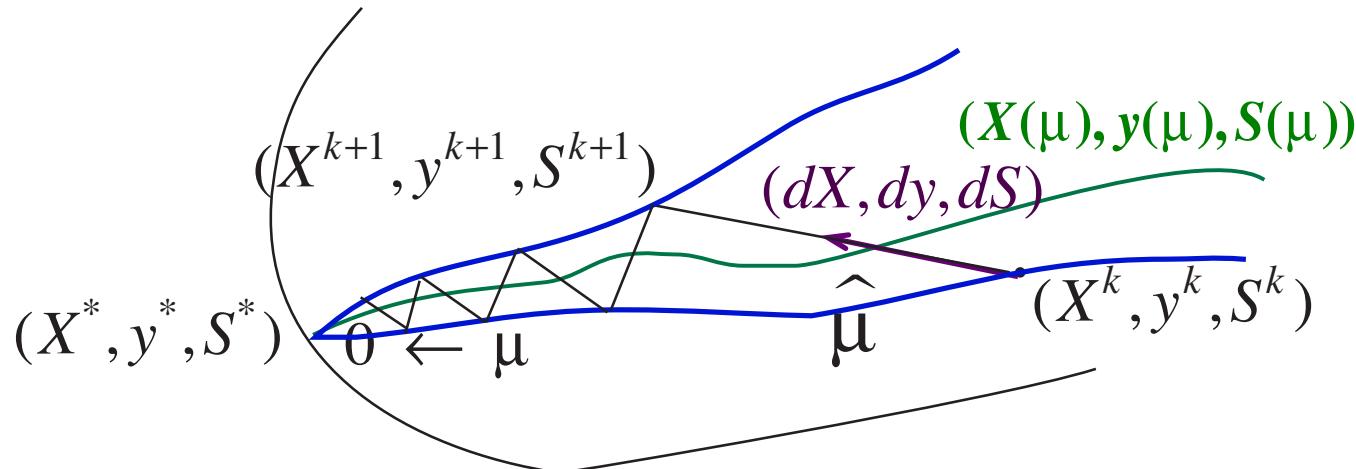
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Best complexity: Short-step algorithms [20, 27, 34]

$$N_2(\tau) = \left\{ (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{S}) : \begin{array}{l} \text{feasible, } \left\| \sqrt{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{S} \sqrt{\mathbf{X}} - \mu \mathbf{I} \right\|_F \leq \tau \mu, \\ \text{where } \mu = \mathbf{X} \bullet \mathbf{S}/n. \end{array} \right\},$$

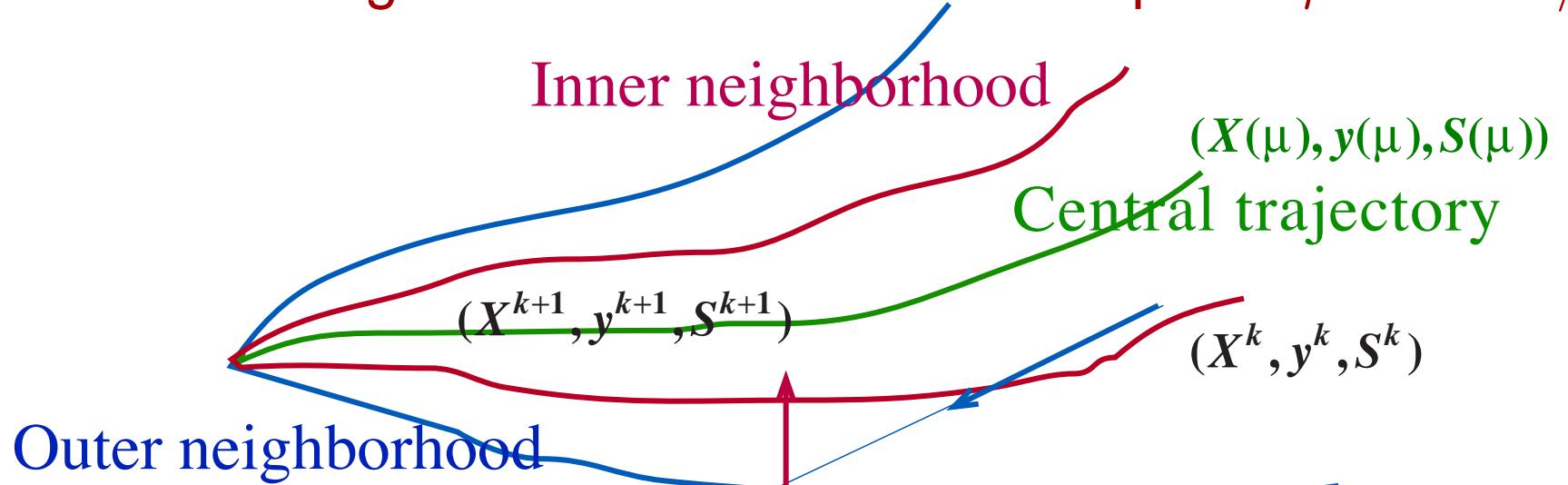
$$\hat{\mu} = (1 - \gamma/\sqrt{n}) \mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{S}^k/n.$$

Here  $\tau, \gamma \in (0, 1)$ , e.g.,  $\tau = \gamma = 0.5$ .

$\Rightarrow O\left(\sqrt{n} \log\left(\frac{\mathbf{X}^0 \bullet \mathbf{S}^0}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$  iterations to attain  $\mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{S}^k \leq \epsilon$

## (b) Mizuno-Todd-Ye Predictor-corrector

- An outer neighborhood for a predictor step with  $\hat{\mu} = 0$
- An inner neighborhood for a corrector step with  $\hat{\mu} = X \bullet S/n$



- Not only polynomial-time but also superlinear linear convergence under a certain assumption; the strict complementarity and nondegeneracy of the unique optimal solution  $(X^*, y^*, S^*)$ :  $X^* + S^* \succ O$  and Inner and outer neighborhoods which enforce  $(X^k, y^k, S^k)$  to converge  $(X^*, y^*, S^*)$  tangentially to the central trajectory [21].

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{P}) \quad & \min \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n. \\
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## Primal-dual interior-point methods in practice

(i) An infeasible  $(\mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{y}^0, \mathbf{S}^0)$  such that  $\mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{S}^0 \succ \mathbf{O}$ .

(ii)  $(\mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{y}^k, \mathbf{S}^k)$ ;  $\mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{S}^k \succ \mathbf{O}$ ,  $|\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X}^k - b_p| \rightarrow 0$ ,  
 $\|\mathbf{A}_p y_p^k + \mathbf{S}^k - \mathbf{A}_0\| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{S}^k \rightarrow 0$ .

(iii) Step size control: Let  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , e.g.,  $\gamma = 0.80 \sim 0.98$ ,

$$\alpha_p = \gamma \times \max\{\alpha \in [0, 1] : \mathbf{X}^k + \alpha d\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}\},$$

$$\alpha_d = \gamma \times \max\{\alpha \in [0, 1] : \mathbf{S}^k + \alpha d\mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O}\},$$

$$\mathbf{X}^{k+1} = \mathbf{X}^k + \alpha_p d\mathbf{X},$$

$$(\mathbf{y}^{k+1}, \mathbf{S}^{k+1}) = (\mathbf{y}^k, \mathbf{S}^k) + \alpha_d (d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{S})$$

(Conservative compared to the LP case).

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{P}) \quad & \min \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n. \\
 (\text{D}) \quad & \max \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Primal-dual interior-point methods in practice

### (iv) Mehrotra's predictor-corrector

- A reasonable choice of **the target point**  $(\mathbf{X}(\beta\mu^k), \mathbf{y}(\beta\mu^k), \mathbf{S}(\beta\mu^k))$  on **the central trajectory**, where  $\mu^k = \mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{S}^k / n$ .
- A 2nd-order correction in computing **the search direction**  $(d\mathbf{X}, d\mathbf{y}, d\mathbf{S})$ .

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$$\begin{array}{ll}
 P \quad \min & \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n. \\
 D \quad \max & \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n.
 \end{array}$$

Important features in practice — large-scale SDPs arise often.

- $n \times n$  matrix variables  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}^n$ , each of which involves  $n(n+1)/2$  real variables; for example,  $n = 2000 \Rightarrow n(n+1)/2 \approx 2$  million.
- $m$  linear equality constraints in  $\mathcal{P}$  or  $m$   $\mathbf{A}_p$ 's  $\in \mathcal{S}^n$ .

Data matrices  $\mathbf{A}_p$  ( $p = 1, \dots, m$ ) are sparse!

21 benchmark problems with  $n \geq 500$  from SDPLIB [53]

the ratio of nonzero elements in $\mathbf{A}_p$ 's	$10^{-2}$	$\sim$	$10^{-4}$	$\sim$	$10^{-6}$	$\sim$	$10^{-8}$
# of problems	7		11		3		



- ◊ Exploit sparsity and structured sparsity
- ◊ Enormous computational power  $\Rightarrow$  parallel computation

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{P} & \min \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n. \\
 \text{D} & \max \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n.
 \end{array}$$

## Structured sparsity

The aggregate sparsity pattern  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  : a symbolic  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{ij} = \begin{cases} * & \text{if the } (i, j)\text{th element of } \mathbf{A}_p \text{ is nonzero for } \exists p \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $*$  denotes a nonzero number.

Example:  $m = 1$

$$\mathbf{A}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next — three types of structured sparsity

The aggregate sparsity pattern  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  : a symbolic  $n \times n$  matrix:

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where  $*$  denotes a nonzero number.

Structured sparsity-1 :  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  is block-diagonal.

Then  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$  have the same diagonal block structure as  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & O & O \\ O & B_2 & O \\ O & O & B_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_i : \text{symmetric.}$$

Example: CH<sub>3</sub>N : an SDP from quantum chemistry, Fukuda et al. [13], Zhao et al. [51].

$m = 20,709$ ,  $n = 12,802$ , “the number of blocks in  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ ” = 22,  
the largest bl.size =  $3,211 \times 3,211$ ,  
the average bl.size =  $583 \times 583$ .

The aggregate sparsity pattern  $\hat{A}$  : a symbolic  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\hat{A}_{ij} = \begin{cases} * & \text{if the } (i, j)\text{th element of } A_p \text{ is nonzero for } \exists p \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $*$  denotes a nonzero number.

Structured sparsity-2 :  $\hat{A}$  has a sparse Cholesky factorization.

“a small bandwidth”

$$\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & O & O & O \\ * & * & * & O & O \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ O & O & * & * & * \\ O & O & \cdots & * & * \end{pmatrix},$$

“a small bandwidth + bordered”

$$\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & O & O & * \\ * & * & * & O & * \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ O & O & * & * & * \\ * & * & \cdots & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

- $S$  : the same sparsity pattern as  $\hat{A}$ .
- $X^{-1}$  : the same sparsity pattern as  $\hat{A} \Rightarrow$  Use  $X^{-1}$  instead  $X$  (the positive definite matrix completion used in SDPARA-C)
- $X$  : fully dense.

The aggregate sparsity pattern  $\hat{A}$  : a symbolic  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\hat{A}_{ij} = \begin{cases} * & \text{if the } (i, j)\text{th element of } A_p \text{ is nonzero for } \exists p \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $*$  denotes a nonzero number.

Structured sparsity-3 : bl-diagonal  $\hat{A}$  + blockwise orthogonal,

for most pairs  $(p, q)$   $1 \leq p < q \leq m$ ,

$A_p$  and  $A_q$  do not share nonzero blocks;  $A_p \bullet A_q = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  efficient computation of search directions

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & O & O \\ O & O & O \\ O & O & O \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} O & O & O \\ O & A_{22} & O \\ O & O & A_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

- An engineering application, Ben-Tal et al. [52].
- A sparse SDP relaxation of poly. opt., Waki et al. [44].

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Optimization Technology Center  
<http://www.ece.northwestern.edu/OTC/>



NEOS Solvers

<http://www-neos.mcs.anl.gov/neos/solvers/index.html>



- Semidefinite Programming

software	lang.	method
csdp	c	p-d <b>ipm</b>
<b>pensdp</b>	matlab	<b>augmented Lagrangian</b>
sdpa	c++	p-d <b>ipm</b>
sdpt3	matlab	p-d <b>ipm</b>
sedumi	matlab	p-d <b>ipm</b> , self-dual embedding
...	...	...

- Binary and/or source codes are available.
- **SDPA sparse format** for all packages, **matlab interface**.
- Online solver — submit your SDP problem through Internet.

Some remarks on software packages.

- SDPs are more difficult to solve than LPs.
  - Degeneracy, no interior points in primal or dual SDPs.
  - Large scale problems.
- More accuracy requires more cpu time.
- Some package can solve SDPs faster with low accuracy.
- Sparse structure of SDPs.
- Some SDPs can be solved faster and/or more accurately by one package, but other SDPs by some other else.

Try some software packages that fit your problem.

### SDPA Online Solver

<http://sdpara.r.dendai.ac.jp/portal/>

- SDPA on a single cpu.
- SDPARA on Opteron 32 cpu (1.4GHz), Xeon 16cpu (2.8GHz).
- SDPARA-C on Opteron 32 cpu (1.4GHz), Xeon 16cpu (2.8GHz).
- Submit your problem and choose one of the packages.

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Sparse SDP relaxation [44]: min g.Rosenbrock function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=2}^n (100(x_i - x_{i-1}^2)^2 + (1 - x_i)^2), \quad x_1 \geq 0.$$

- SeDuMi.
- a single cpu, 2.4GHz Xeon.

		cpu in sec.	
$n$	$\epsilon_{\text{obj}}$	Sparse	Dense
10	2.5e-08	0.2	10.6
15	6.5e-08	0.2	756.6
400	2.5e-06	3.7	—
800	5.5e-06	6.8	—

$$\epsilon_{\text{obj}} = \frac{|\text{the lower bound for opt. value} - \text{the approx. opt. value}|}{\max\{1, |\text{the lower bound for opt. value}|\}}.$$

When  $n = 800$ , SDP relaxation problem:

- $A_p : 4794 \times 4794$  ( $p = 1, 2, \dots, 7, 988$ )
- Each  $A_p$ : 799 diagonal blocks with  $6 \times 6$  matrices
- Structured sparsity, bl-diagonal + bl-wise orthogonal

$\mathcal{P}$ :	$\min \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X}$	sub.to	$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$
$\mathcal{D}$ :	$\max \quad \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p$	sub.to	$\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$

From quantum chemistry, Fukuda et al. [13], Zhao et al. [51].

problem	$m$	$n$	#blocks	the sizes of largest blocks
O	7230	5990	22	[1450, 1450, 450, ...]
HF	15018	10146	22	[2520, 2520, 792, ...]
$\text{CH}_3\text{N}$	20709	12802	22	[3211, 3211, 1014, ...]

Parallel computation: cpu time in second

# of processors	16	64	128	256
O	14250.6	4453.3	3281.1	2951.6
HF	*	*	26797.1	20780.7
$\text{CH}_3\text{N}$	*	*	57034.8	45488.9

$\mathcal{P}$ :	$\min \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X}$	sub.to	$\mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$
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Large-size SDPs by SDPARA-C [31] (64 CPUs)

3 types of test Problems:

- (a) SDP relaxations of max. cut problems on lattice graphs with size  $10 \times 1000$ ,  $10 \times 2000$  and  $10 \times 4000$ .
- (b) SDP relaxations of max. clique problems on lattice graphs with size  $10 \times 500$ ,  $10 \times 1000$  and  $10 \times 2000$ .
- (c) Norm minimization problems

$$\min. \left\| \mathbf{F}_0 - \sum_{i=1}^{10} \mathbf{F}_i y_i \right\| \text{ sub.to } y_i \in \mathbb{R} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 10)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_i : 10 \times 9990$ ,  $10 \times 19990$  or  $10 \times 39990$  and  $\|\mathbf{G}\| = \text{the square root of the max. eigenvalue of } \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}$ .

In all cases, the aggregate sparsity pattern consists of one block and is very sparse.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{P} : \min & \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} & \text{sub.to} \quad \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_p \ (\forall p), \ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \\ \mathcal{D} : \max & \sum_{p=1}^m b_p y_p & \text{sub.to} \quad \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \end{array}$$

## Large-size SDPs by SDPARA-C (64 CPUs)

Problem		$n$	$m$	time (s)	memory (MB)
(a)	Cut(10×1000)	10000	10000	274.3	126
	Cut(10×2000)	20000	20000	1328.2	276
	Cut(10×4000)	40000	40000	7462.0	720
(b)	Clique(10×500)	5000	9491	639.5	119
	Clique(10×1000)	10000	18991	3033.2	259
	Clique(10×2000)	20000	37991	15329.0	669
(c)	Norm(10×9990)	10000	11	409.5	164
	Norm(10×19990)	20000	11	1800.9	304
	Norm(10×39990)	40000	11	7706.0	583

## Some exercises, 10/10/2008

Exercise 8. Describe a pair of the equality standard form SDP and its dual.

Exercise 9. Explain the basic idea of the primal-dual interior-point for SDPs briefly.

Exercise 10. Give the definition and the role of the log barrier used in the primal-dual interior-point for SDPs.

Exercise 11. Give the definition of the central trajectory for a pair of primal and dual SDPs.

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Let  $\mathbf{F}_p$  be an  $k \times \ell$  matrix ( $0 \leq p \leq m$ ). Approximate the matrix  $\mathbf{F}_0$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{F}_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ );  
minimize  $\{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\| : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$ ,  
where  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{F}_p x_p$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$ .

- Which norm?

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max \{|A_{ij}| : 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq \ell\} \text{ (the } \infty \text{ norm)}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^\ell A_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \text{ (the Frobenius norm)}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{L_2} = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = (\text{the maximum eigenvalue of } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{1/2}$$

(the  $L_2$  operator norm).

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where  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{F}_p x_p$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$ .

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_\infty = \max \{|A_{ij}| : 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq \ell\} \text{ (the } \infty \text{ norm)}$$

$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_\infty : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$



$$\text{minimize } \max\{|F_{ij}(\mathbf{x})| : 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq \ell\}$$



$$\text{minimize } \zeta \text{ sub.to } -\zeta \leq F_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \zeta \quad (1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq \ell)$$

LP (Linear Programming)

Let  $\mathbf{F}_p$  be an  $k \times \ell$  matrix ( $0 \leq p \leq m$ ). Approximate the matrix  $\mathbf{F}_0$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{F}_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ );

$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\| : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\},$$

where  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{F}_p x_p$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$ .

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_F = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^\ell A_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{the Frobenius norm})$$

$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_F : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$



$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^\ell F_{ij}(\mathbf{x})^2$$

the least square problem  
convex QP (quadratic Programming)

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$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\| : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\},$$

where  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_0 - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{F}_p x_p$  for  $\forall \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$ .

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{L_2} = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = (\text{the maximum eigenvalue of } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{1/2}$$

(the  $L_2$  operator norm)

$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_{L_2} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$



minimize “the maximum eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ ”



minimize  $\lambda$  subject to  $\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \succeq \mathbf{O}$



the Schur complement

minimize  $\lambda$  subject to  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})^T & \lambda \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}$  **(SDP)**

Exercise 12: Identify each  $k \times \ell$  matrix  $\mathbf{F}_p$  with a  $kl$  column vector placing  $\ell$   $k$ -dimensional columns of  $\mathbf{F}_p$  into one column. Then formulate the problem

$$\text{minimize } \{\|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_F : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$$

as a standard least square problem, and derive the normal equation.

Exercise 13: Prove the identity

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\| = (\text{the maximum eigenvalue of } \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{1/2}$$

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$$\min x^T \mathbf{Q}_0 x + 2\mathbf{q}_0^T x \text{ s.t. } x^T \mathbf{Q}_p x + 2\mathbf{q}_p^T x + \gamma_p \leq 0 \quad (1 \leq p \leq m)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_p & \mathbf{q}_p^T \\ \mathbf{q}_p & \mathbf{Q}_p \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_0 = 0.$$

$$\min \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_0 \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (1 \leq p \leq m)$$

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relaxation  $\Downarrow$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O} \text{ (lifting)}$$

SDP-P:  $\min \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}$  s.t.  $\widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \mathbf{Y} \leq 0 \ (\forall p), \ Y_{11} = 1, \ \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$

- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a feas.sol. of QOP then  $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix}$  is a feas.sol. of SDP-P with the same obj. val.  $\Rightarrow$  relaxation.
- If  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$  is an opt. sol. of SDP-P and  $\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}} & \bar{\mathbf{x}}\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \end{pmatrix}$  for some  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  (i.e.,  $\text{rank}(\bar{\mathbf{Y}}) = 1$ ) then  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  is an opt. sol. of QOP.  
Exercise 14. Prove this statement.
- If  $\mathbf{Q}_p$  ( $0 \leq p \leq m$ ) are p. semidefinite, then QOP = SDP-P.

## An SDP relaxation of QOP

$$\min \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_0 \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (1 \leq p \leq m)$$

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- Let  $\overline{\mathbf{Y}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}} & \overline{\mathbf{X}} \end{pmatrix}$  be an opt. sol. of SDP-P, and  $\xi$  a random variable from the multivariate normal distribution  $N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \overline{\mathbf{X}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T)$ . Then

$$E \left( \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \xi^T \\ \xi & \xi\xi^T \end{pmatrix} \right) = \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \\ \bar{\mathbf{x}} & \overline{\mathbf{X}} \end{pmatrix} = \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_p \bullet \overline{\mathbf{Y}}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \text{the opt. value of SDP-P} & \text{if } p = 0, \\ \leq 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq p \leq m. \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 15.** Prove the identity

$$E(\xi \xi^T) = E(\bar{\mathbf{X}})$$

under the assumption that  $\xi$  is a random variable from the multivariate normal distribution  $N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T)$  (recall the definition of  $N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{X}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T)$ ).

## The Lagrangian dual of QOP

$$\min \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_0 \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{q}_0^T \mathbf{x} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_p \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{q}_p^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_p \leq 0 \quad (1 \leq p \leq m)$$

### Lagrangian function

$$L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_p \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{q}_p^T \mathbf{x} + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_p \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{q}_p^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_p), \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m.$$

$$\text{Lagrangian dual: } \max \quad \min\{L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$$

↔

$$\text{L. dual: } \max. \quad \zeta \quad \text{s.t.} \quad L(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) - \zeta \geq 0 \quad (\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n), \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$$

↔

L. dual: max.  $\zeta$  s.t.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \gamma_i - \zeta & \mathbf{q}_0^T + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{q}_i^T \\ \mathbf{q}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{q}_i & \mathbf{Q}_0 + \sum_{i=0}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{Q}_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

$(\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $\mathbf{x}$  is not a variable.),  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$

$\Updownarrow$

SDP-D: max  $\zeta$  s.t.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \gamma_i - \zeta & \mathbf{q}_0^T + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{q}_i^T \\ \mathbf{q}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{q}_i & \mathbf{Q}_0 + \sum_{i=0}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{Q}_i \end{pmatrix} \succeq O, \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m.$$

- SDP-D above is the dual SDP of SDP-P.

Exercise 16. Prove the equivalence  $\Updownarrow$  above.

## Chapter 3: Some applications

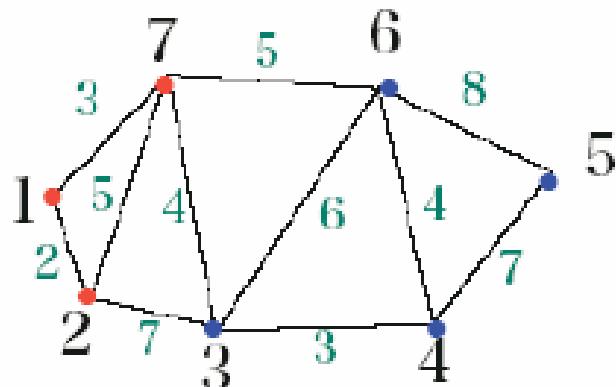
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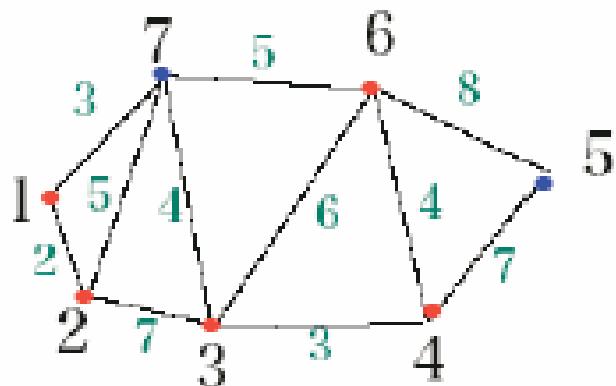
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Let  $w_{ij} = 0$  if  $\{i, j\} \notin E$ , and let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in K, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  Then  $w(\delta(K)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij}(1 - x_i x_j) =$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}(1 - x_i x_j) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}, \text{ where } c_{ij} = -w_{ij}/4 \quad (i \neq j)$$

and  $c_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}$ .

Exercise 17. Verify the identity  $\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}(1 - x_i x_j) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}$ .



Max-cut prob.	$\Leftrightarrow$	$c^* = \max C \bullet x^T x \text{ s.t. } x_i^2 = 1 \ (i \in N)$
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relaxation	$\Rightarrow$ <b>SDP:</b> $\hat{c} = \max C \bullet X$ s.t. $X_{ii} = 1 \ (i \in N), X \succeq O$
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- $c^* \leq \hat{c}$       Exercise 18. Show this inequality.
- How do we construct a cut from an opt.sol.  $\widehat{X}$  of SDP?

<p>Step 1. Factorize <math>\widehat{X}</math> s.t. <math>\widehat{X} = (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)^T (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)</math>.</p> <p>Step 2. Choose a vector <math>\xi</math> randomly from the unit sphere <math>\{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \ \eta\  = 1\}</math>; hence <math>\xi</math> is a random variable vector.</p> <p>Step 3. Let</p> $x_i(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{v}_i^T \xi > 0, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad K(\xi) = \{i \in N : \mathbf{v}_i^T \xi > 0\}$
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$$\frac{E(w(\delta(K(\xi))))}{\text{the value } c^* \text{ of max-cut}} \geq 0.878$$

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$f(\mathbf{x})$  : an SOS (Sum of Squares) polynomial

$$\Updownarrow \quad \exists \text{ polynomials } g_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, g_k(\mathbf{x}); f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(\mathbf{x})^2.$$

$\mathcal{N}$  : the set of nonnegative polynomials in  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\mathbf{sos}_*$  : the set of SOS. Obviously,  $\mathbf{sos}_* \subset \mathcal{N}$ .

$\mathbf{sos}_{2r} = \{f \in \mathbf{sos}_* : \deg f \leq 2r\}$  : SOSs w. degree at most  $2r$ .

$$n = 2. \quad f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 - 2x_2 + 1)^2 + (3x_1x_2 + x_2 - 4)^2 \in \mathbf{sos}_4.$$

$$n = 2. \quad f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1x_2 - 1)^2 + x_1^2 \in \mathbf{sos}_4.$$

- In theory,  $\mathbf{sos}_*$  (SOS)  $\subset \mathcal{N}$ .  $\mathbf{sos}_* \neq \mathcal{N}$  in general.
- If  $n = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{sos}_* = \mathcal{N}$ .  $\{f \in \mathcal{N} : \deg f \leq 2\} \equiv \mathbf{sos}_2$ .
- In practice,  $f(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathbf{sos}_*$  is rare.
- So we replace  $\mathcal{N}$  by  $\mathbf{sos}_* \implies$  SOS Relaxations.

**Exercise 19.** Show  $f(x_1, x_2) \equiv (x_1x_2 - 1)^2 + x_1^2 > 0$  for every  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2} f(x_1, x_2) = 0$ .

## Representation of

$$SOS_{2r} \equiv \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k g_j(\mathbf{x})^2 : k \geq 1, g_j(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is a poly. of deg } \leq r \right\} \subset SOS_*$$

$\forall$  poly.  $g(\mathbf{x})$  of deg  $\leq r$ ,  $\exists \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{d(r)}$ ;  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x})$ , where

$$\mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}) = (1, x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^2, x_1x_2, x_1x_3, \dots, x_n^2, \dots, x_1^r, \dots, x_n^r)^T$$

(a column vector of a basis for polynomials of degree  $\leq r$ ),

$$d(r) = \binom{n+r}{r} : \text{the dimension of } \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}).$$



$$\begin{aligned} SOS_{2r} &= \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k (\mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}))^2 : k \geq 1, \mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{d(r)} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x})^T \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{a}_j \mathbf{a}_j^T \right) \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}) : k \geq 1, \mathbf{a}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{d(r)} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{V} \mathbf{u}_r(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{O} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**  $n = 1$ , SOS polynomials of degree  $\leq 3$  in  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} SOS_6 &\equiv \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(x)^2 : k \geq 1, g_i(x) \text{ is a poly. of degree } \leq 3 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{V} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbf{V} \text{ is } 4 \times 4 \text{ psd matrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Example.**  $n = 2$ , SOS polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$  in  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 SOS_4 &\equiv \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(x)^2 : k \geq 1, g_i(x) \text{ is a poly. of degree } \leq 2 \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{array} \right)^T \mathbf{V} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{array} \right) : \mathbf{V} \text{ is a } 6 \times 6 \text{ psd matrix} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_1^2 - 5x_1^2x_2^2 + 7x_2^4 \quad \zeta = 3.1: \text{fixed}$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta \geq 0 \ (\forall \mathbf{x}) \implies \text{LMI}$$

$f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta \in SOS_4$  (SOS of poly. of degree  $\leq 2$ )

$\Updownarrow$

$$\exists \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{S}^6; \quad f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta =$$

Sum of Squares

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} V_{11} & V_{12} & V_{13} & V_{14} & V_{15} & V_{16} \\ V_{12} & V_{22} & V_{23} & V_{24} & V_{25} & V_{26} \\ V_{13} & V_{23} & V_{33} & V_{34} & V_{35} & V_{36} \\ V_{14} & V_{24} & V_{34} & V_{44} & V_{45} & V_{46} \\ V_{15} & V_{25} & V_{35} & V_{45} & V_{55} & V_{56} \\ V_{16} & V_{26} & V_{36} & V_{46} & V_{56} & V_{66} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\forall (x_1, x_2)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n), \quad \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{O}$$

$\Updownarrow$  Compare the coef. of  $1, x_1, x_2, x_1^2, x_1x_2, x_2^2$  on both sides of  $=$

LMI:  $\exists \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{S}^6$ ?;

$$-\zeta = V_{11}, \quad -1 = 2V_{12}, \quad 2 = 2V_{13}, \quad 3 = 2V_{14} + V_{22},$$

$$-5 = 2V_{46} + V_{55}, \quad 7 = V_{66}, \quad \text{all others } 0 = \dots,$$

$$\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{O}$$

In general, each equality constraint is a linear equation in  $\zeta$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ .

$$\min f(\mathbf{x}) = -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_1^2 - 5x_1^2x_2^2 + 7x_2^4 \quad \zeta \quad : \text{variable}$$

$$\max \zeta; \quad f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta \geq 0 \ (\forall \mathbf{x}) \implies \text{SDP}$$

$\max \zeta$  s.t.  $f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta \in SOS_4$  (SOS of polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$ )

$\Updownarrow$

$$\max \zeta$$

$$\text{s.t. } f(\mathbf{x}) - \zeta =$$

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## SDP (Semidefinite Program)

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Sensor network localization problem: Let  $s = 2$  or  $3$ .

$\mathbf{x}^p \in \mathbb{R}^s$  : unknown location of sensors ( $1 \leq p \leq m$ ),

$\mathbf{x}^r = \mathbf{a}^r \in \mathbb{R}^s$  : known location of anchors ( $m + 1 \leq r \leq n$ ),

$d_{pq} = \|\mathbf{x}^p - \mathbf{x}^q\| + \epsilon_{pq}$  — given for  $(p, q) \in \mathcal{N}$ ,

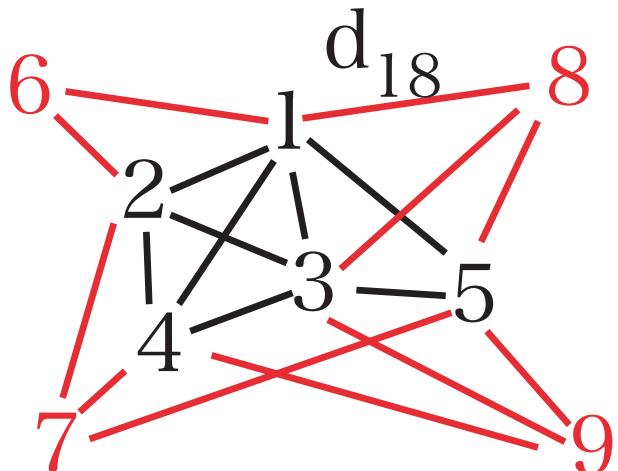
$\mathcal{N} = \{(p, q) : \|\mathbf{x}^p - \mathbf{x}^q\| \leq \rho = \text{a given radio range}\}$

Here  $\epsilon_{pq}$  denotes a noise.

$m = 5, n = 9$ .

1, ..., 5: sensors

6, 7, 8, 9: anchors



Anchor's positions are known.

A distance is given for  $\forall$  edge.

Compute locations of sensors.

⇒ Some nonconvex QOPs

- SDP relaxation — **FSDP** by Biswas-Ye '06, **ESDP** by Wang et al '07, ... for  $s = 2$ .
- SOCP relaxation — Tseng '07 for  $s = 2$ .
- ...

Numerical results on 3 methods (a), (b) and (c) applied to a sensor network localization problem with

$m$  = the number of sensors dist. randomly in  $[0, 1]^2$ ,

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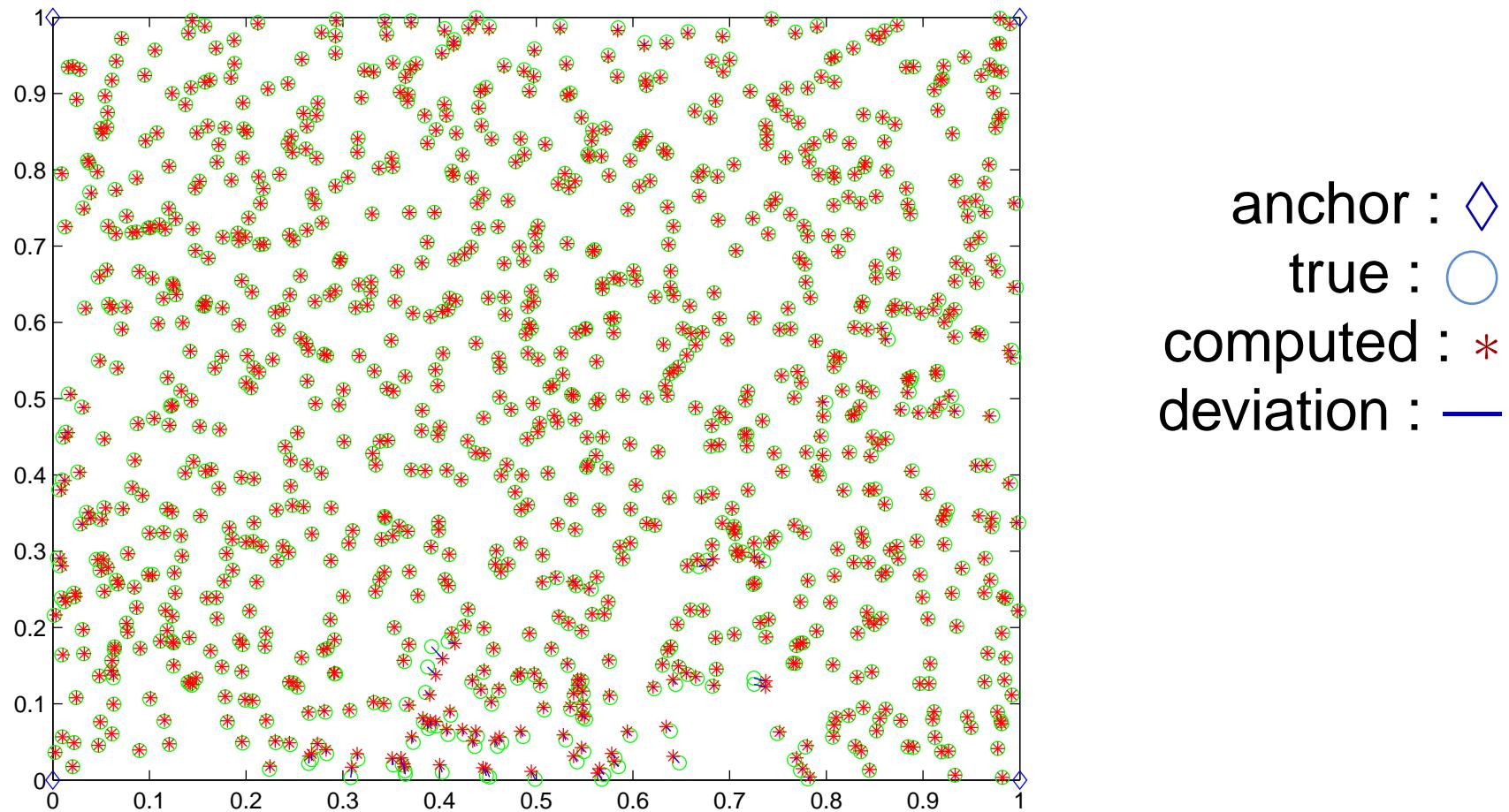
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- (a) **FSDP**
- (b) **FSDP + exploiting sparsity**, as strong as (a)
- (c) **ESDP** — a further relaxation of FSDP, weaker than (a);

m	SeDuMi cpu time in second		
	(a)	(b)	(c)
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1000	3345.2	60.4	200.3
2000		111.1	1403.9
4000		182.1	11559.8

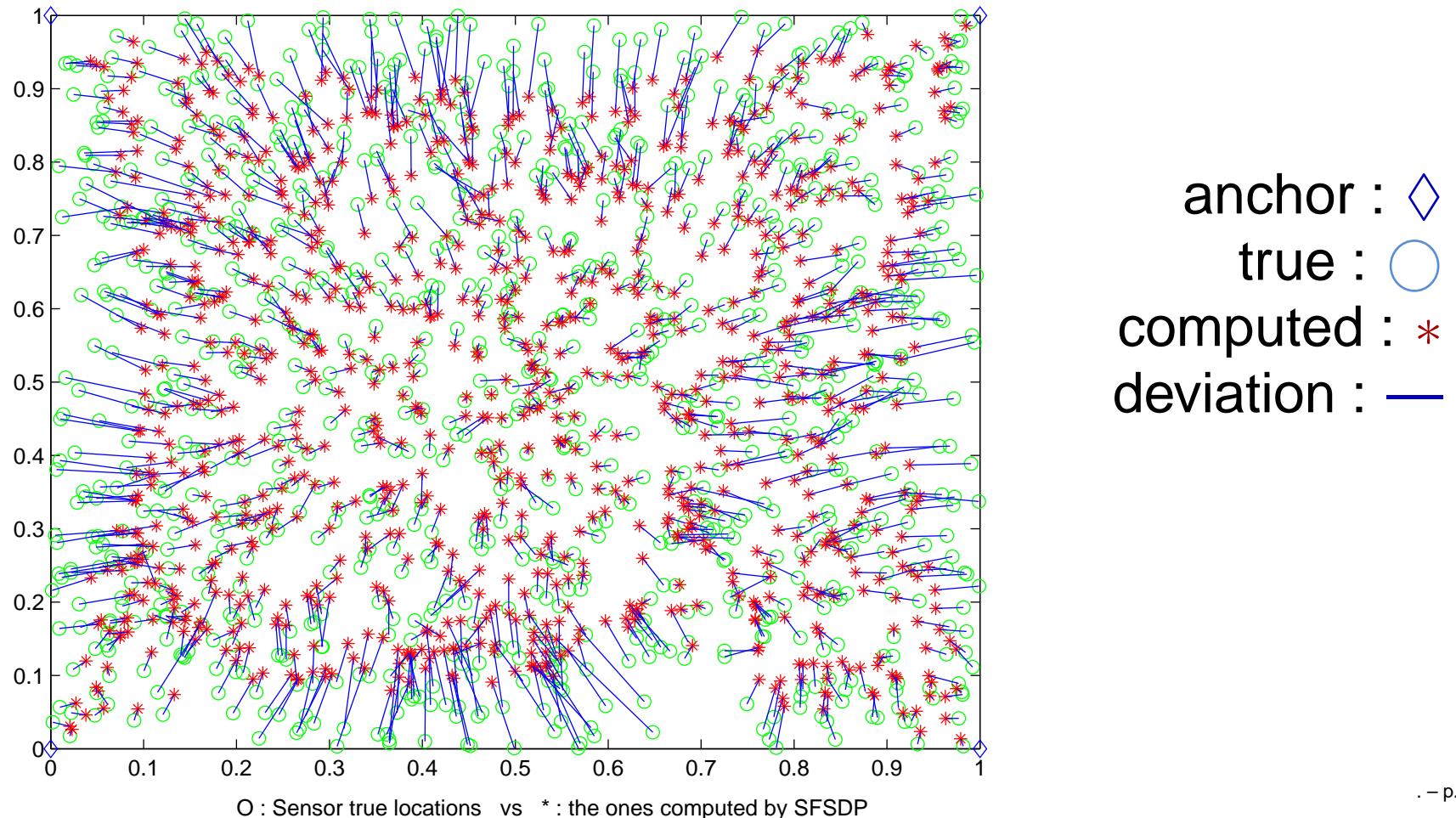
A sensor network localization problem with  
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 4 anchors located at the corner of  $[0, 1]^2$ ,  
 $\rho$  = radio distance = 0.1,  
 no noise

(b) FSDP+ exploiting sparsity



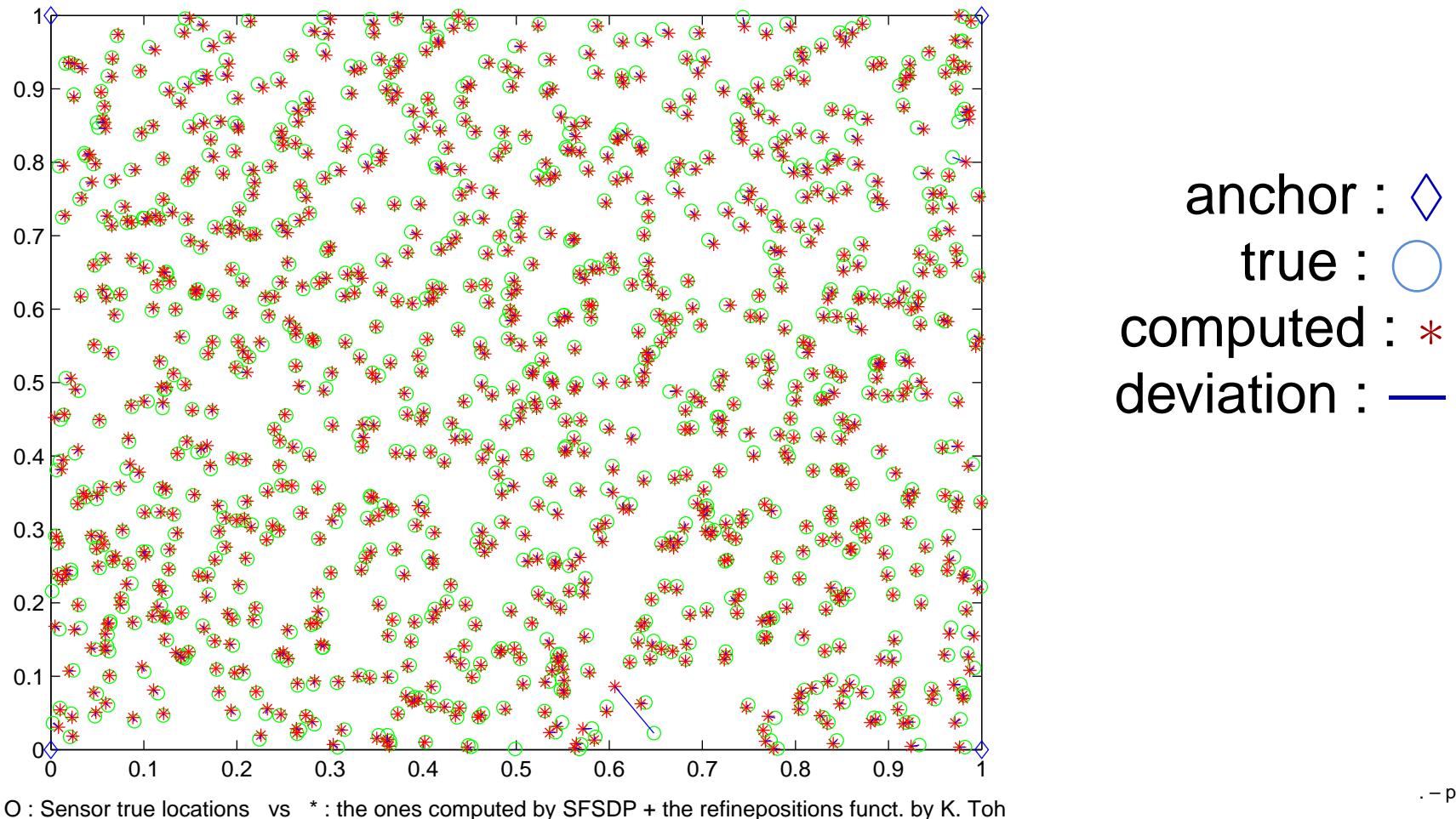
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 noise = the true disttance  $\times (1 + \xi)$ ,  $\xi \sim N(0, 0.1)$ .

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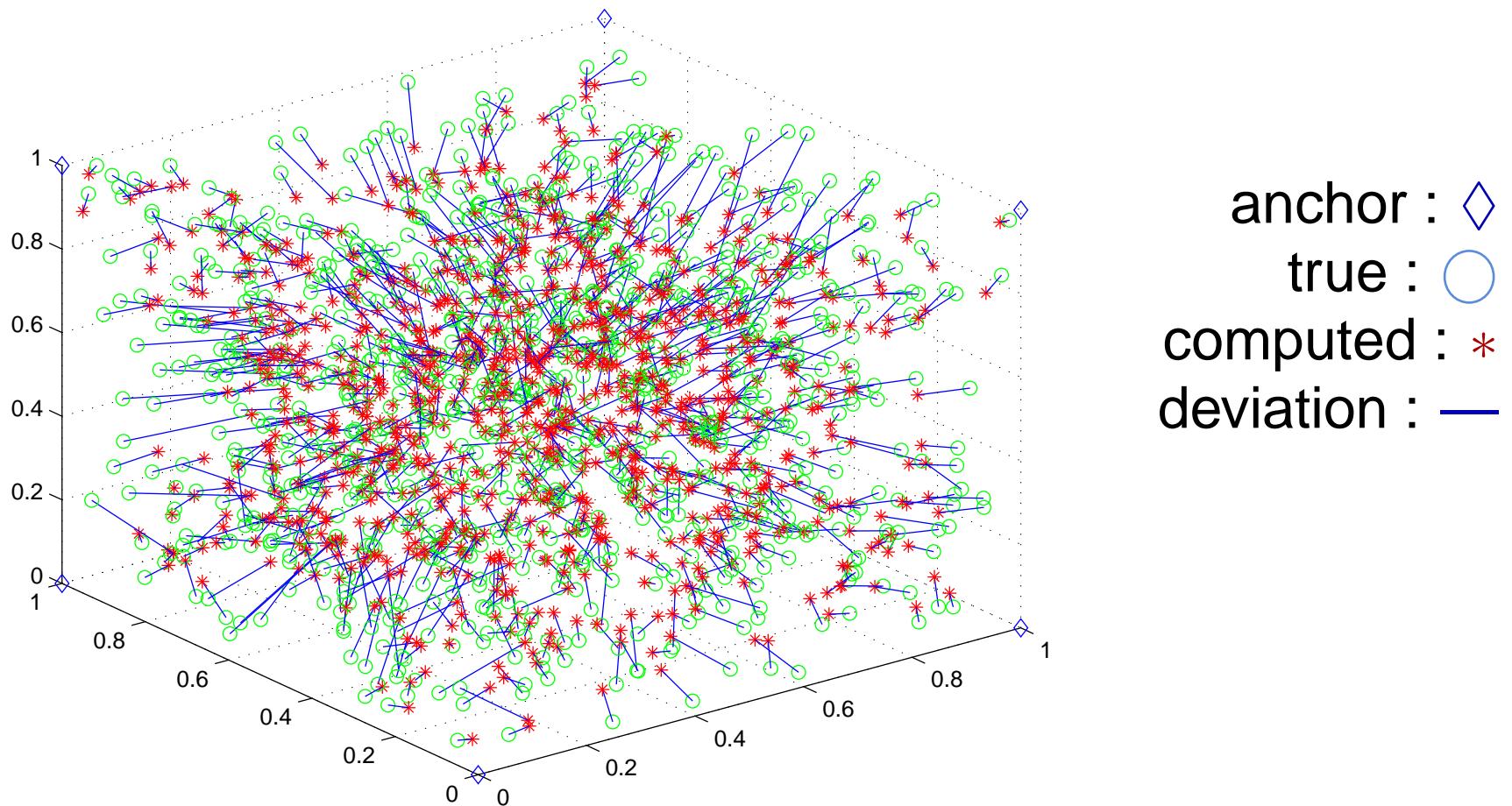
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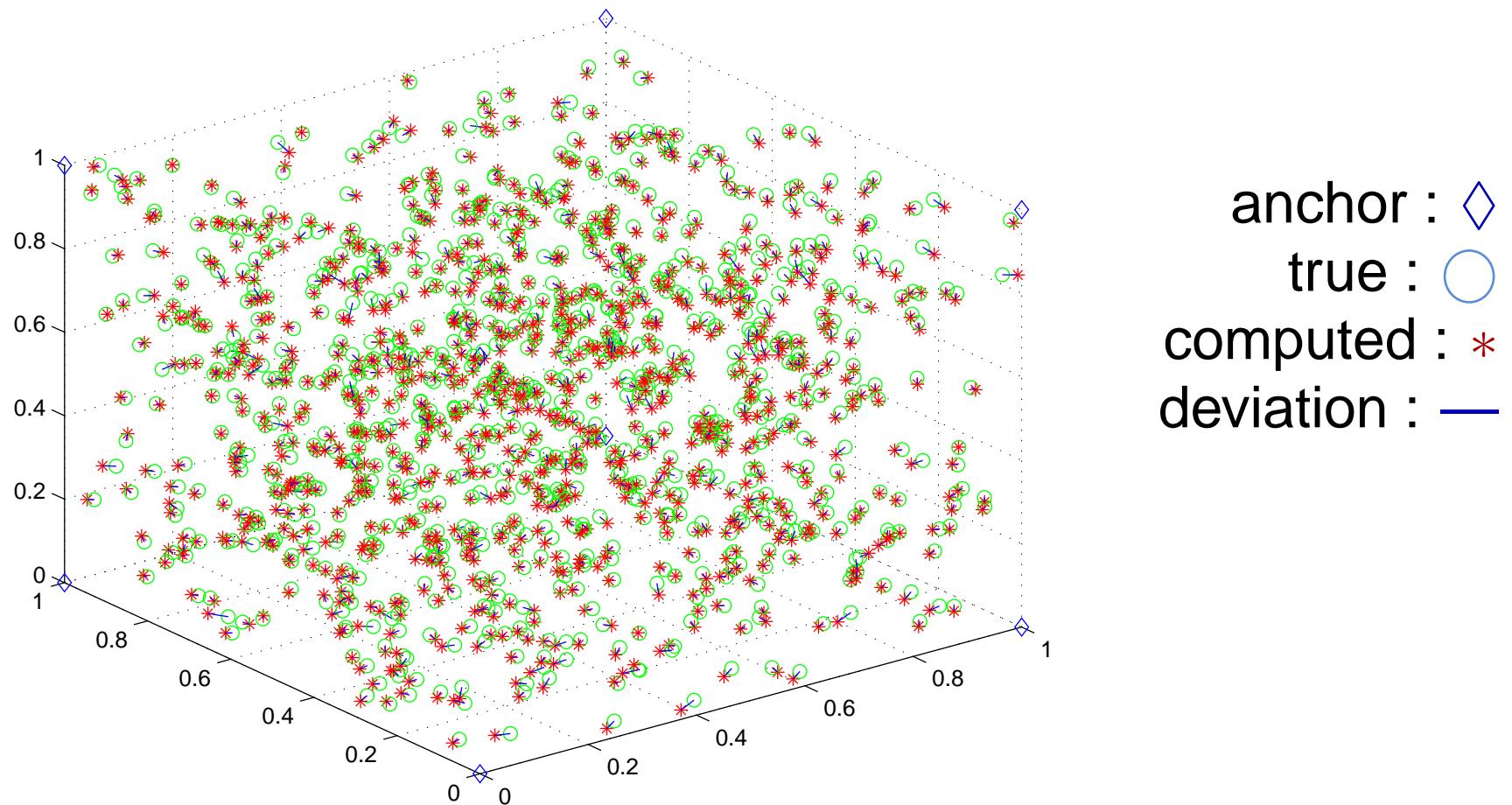
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 1000 sensors dist. randomly in  $[0, 1]^3$ ,  
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(b) FSDP+ exploiting sparsity +Gradient method



**Exercise 20.** Describe the max-cut problem and formulate it as a 0-1 quadratic programming problem.

**Exercise 21.** Explain why the problem of minimizing  $f(x)$  over  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is equivalent to the problem

$$\text{maximize } \zeta \text{ subject to } f(x) - \zeta \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Exercise 22.** Give the definition of an SOS polynomial of degree 2 in  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , and represent the set of such SOS polynomials in terms of a positive semidefinite matrix variable  $V$ .

## Appendix. Linear Optimization Problems over Symmetric Cones

1. Linear optimization problems over cones
2. Symmetric cones
3. Euclidean Jordan algebra
4. The equality standard form SOCP (Second Order Cone Program)
5. Some applications of SOCPs

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$$(P) \text{ (LOP over a cone } K): \begin{aligned} & \min \langle \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{x} \rangle \\ & \text{s.t. } \langle \mathbf{a}_p, \mathbf{x} \rangle = b_p \ (1 \leq p \leq m), \ \mathbf{x} \in K \end{aligned}$$

- $V$  : a finite dimensional vector space  
 with an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ,  
 $K \subset V$  : closed, convex cone,  
 nonempty-interior,  $\nexists$  line  $\subset K$ ,  
 $\mathbf{a}_p \in V$  : data ( $0 \leq p \leq m$ ),  $b_p \in \mathbb{R}$  : data,  
 $\mathbf{x} \in V$  : variable,  
 $K^* = \{s \in V : \langle s, x \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall x \in K\}$  (the dual of  $K$ ).

## Examples

$$V = \mathbb{R}^n, K = \mathbb{R}_+^n \Rightarrow \text{LP}; K^* = K$$

$$V = \mathbb{S}^n, K = \mathbb{S}_+^n \Rightarrow \text{SDP}; K^* = K$$

$$V = \mathbb{R}^{1+n}, K = \{x = (x_0, x_1) : x_0 \in \mathbb{R}, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, x_0 \geq \|x_1\|\},$$

$\Rightarrow$  SOCP, Second Order Cone Program;  $K^* = K$  — later.

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Convex program :  $\min \langle \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{x} \rangle$  sub.to  $\mathbf{x} \in F$ ,

where  $F$  : compact, convex, nonempty interior.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} K \equiv \{\lambda(1, \mathbf{x}) : \lambda \geq 0, \ \mathbf{x} \in F\} \\ \Downarrow \\ \mathbf{x} \in F \text{ iff } (1, \mathbf{x}) \in K \end{array}}$$

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Self-concordance theory (Nesterov-Nemirovski [33])  $\Rightarrow$

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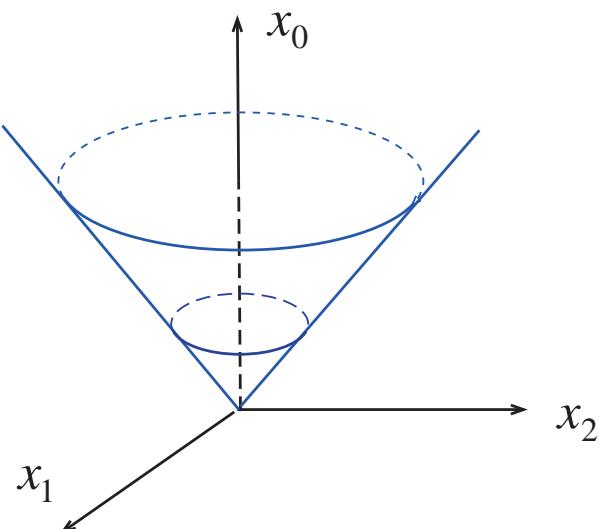
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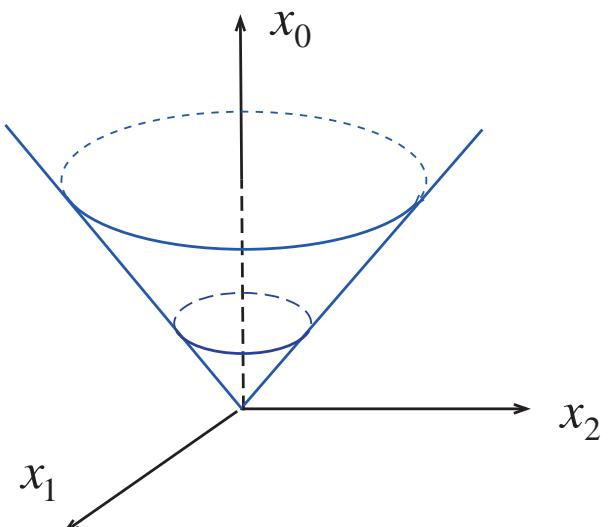
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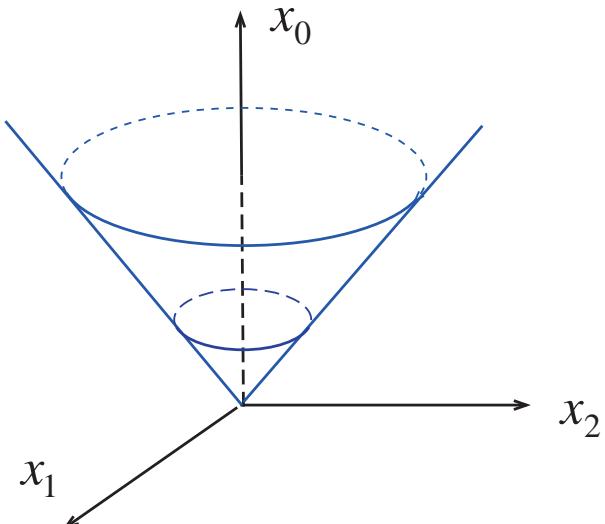
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- If  $\mathbf{x}_p \in \mathbb{Q}(n_p)$  and  $\mathbf{s}_p \in \mathbb{Q}(n_p)$  then  
 $0 = \mathbf{x}_p^T \mathbf{s}_p \Leftrightarrow 0 = \mathbf{x}_p \circ \mathbf{s}_p \equiv (\mathbf{x}_p^T \mathbf{s}_p, x_{p0} s_{p1} + s_{p0} x_{p1}).$
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Strong duality: If  $\exists$  int. feas.  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s})$ , then

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KKT optimality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
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## Basic fact

Let  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_\alpha & \mathbf{w} \\ \mathbf{w}^T & \beta \end{pmatrix} \succeq O \text{ (an SDP inequality).}$$

$\Updownarrow$  a special case of the Schur complement

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \leq \alpha\beta, \quad \alpha \geq 0 \text{ and } \beta \geq 0.$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \beta \\ 2\mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq \alpha + \beta.$$

$\Updownarrow$

$$(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{1+n}) \in \mathbb{Q}(1+n),$$

$$x_0 = \alpha + \beta, \quad x_1 = \alpha - \beta, \quad x_2 = 2w_1, \dots, x_{2+n} = 2w_n$$

(an SOCP inequality).

A quasi-convex optimization problem.

$$\text{minimize } \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}} \text{ subject to } \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

Here we assume  $\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x} > 0$  for  $\forall$  feasible  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .



$$\text{minimize } \zeta \text{ subject to } \zeta \geq \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \zeta - \frac{(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})}{\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c} \\ (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T & \zeta \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

$$\text{SDP: min } \zeta \text{ s.t. } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c} \\ (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T & \zeta \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Basic fact with  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}$ ,  $\alpha = \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x}$  and  $\beta = \zeta$

$$\text{SOCP: min } \zeta \text{ s.t. } \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x} - \zeta \\ 2(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{x} + \zeta, \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{b}.$$

A convex quadratic optimization problem.

$$\min \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_0 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x} \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_i \leq 0 \ (\forall i).$$

Here  $\mathbf{Q}_i \in \mathbb{S}_+^n$  ( $0 \leq i \leq m$ ) : data matrices,  $\mathbf{c}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) : data vectors and  $\gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ).

$\Downarrow$  factorize  $\mathbf{Q}_i$  such that  $\mathbf{Q}_i = \mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{L}_i$ , a new variable  $\zeta$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \zeta \quad \text{s.t.} \quad (\mathbf{L}_0 \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{L}_0 \mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x} \leq \zeta, \\ & (\mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x} + \gamma_i \leq 0 \ (1 \leq i \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \zeta \quad \text{s.t.} \quad (\mathbf{L}_0 \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{L}_0 \mathbf{x}) \leq (\zeta - \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x}), \\ & (\mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x}) \leq (-\gamma_i - \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x}) \ (1 \leq i \leq m). \end{aligned}$$

Basic fact:

$$\Downarrow \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} \leq \alpha \beta, \ \alpha \geq 0 \ \text{and} \ \beta \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \alpha - \beta \\ 2\mathbf{w} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq \alpha + \beta.$$

with  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\alpha = (\zeta - \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x})$  or  $(-\gamma_i - \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x})$ ,  $\beta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min \quad & \zeta \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \zeta - \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x} - 1 \\ 2\mathbf{L}_0 \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq \zeta - \mathbf{c}_0^T \mathbf{x} + 1 \\
& \left\| \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma_i - \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x} - 1 \\ 2\mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \right\| \leq -\gamma_i - \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{x} + 1 \\
& (1 \leq i \leq m).
\end{aligned}$$

Minimization of the sum of Euclidean norms.

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq m).$$

Here  $\mathbf{A}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) : data matrices,  $\mathbf{b}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) : data vectors and  $0 < c_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) : data.

↓ new variables  $t_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ )

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m c_i t_i \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}_i, \quad \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \leq t_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq m).$$

A robust LP:  $\min \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$  subject to  $\mathbf{x} \in F$ , where

$$F = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} - b_i \geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \mathbf{a}_i \in U_i \ (1 \leq i \leq m)\}.$$

Here  $U_i \equiv \{\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i + \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{u}_i : \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \leq 1\}$  denotes an ellipsoidal uncertain set for some  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i$  and some nonsingular matrix  $\mathbf{P}_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_i^T \mathbf{x} - b_i &\geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \mathbf{a}_i \in U_i \\ &\Updownarrow \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{u}_i)^T \mathbf{x} - b_i &\geq 0 \text{ for } \forall \mathbf{u}_i \text{ with } \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \leq 1. \\ &\Updownarrow \\ \min\{\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}) - b_i : \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \leq 1\} &\geq 0. \\ &\Updownarrow \text{ min . attains at } \mathbf{u}_i = -(\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}) / \|\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}\| \\ \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{x} - \|\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}\| - b_i &\geq 0 \text{ or } \|\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}\| \leq \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{x} - b_i. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the robust LP  $\Rightarrow$

$$\text{SOCP} \quad \min \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{x}\| \leq \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_i^T \mathbf{x} - b_i \ (1 \leq i \leq m).$$

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