

Lagrangian dual interior-point method for semidefinite programs

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Brief overview of existing methods to solve SDPs

(I) Primal-dual path-following interior-point methods

- for general SDPs
- search directions: AHO, NT, H..K..M, *etc.*
- use of CG method, *Nakata et al.'98, Toh et al.'00, etc.*
- p.definite matrix completion, *Fukuda et al.'00, Nakata et al.'01*
- SDPT3, SeDuMi, CSDP, SDPA

(II) Dual interior-point method, *S.Benson-Ye-Zhang'00*

(III) Spectral Bundle method, *Helmberg-Rendl'00*

(IV) Nonlinear programming formulation

- *Burer-Monteiro-Zhang'99, Vanderbei-H.Benson'00*

- (II), (III), (IV) : effective for SDPs from comb. optim.
- Solving general large scale SDPs in high accuracy is challenging!

Major difficulties in primal-dual IPMs for SDPs — 1

Large scale fully dense positive definite system of equations

$$M^k dy = r^k$$

to compute a search direction (dX, dS, dy) at each iteration k .

Here the size m of M^k = the number of constraints of an SDP to be solved;

m can be more than 200,000.



- Use iterative methods such as CG and CR methods
- However, the condition number of M^k gets worse rapidly as the iterated approx. sol. (X^k, S^k, y^k) approaches to an opt. sol.



- Effective preconditioner for the fully positive definite dense matrix M^k without storing M^k .

LDIPM tries to resolve this difficulty by using “the BFGS quasi-Newton matrix” as a preconditioner in the CG method.

Major difficulties in primal-dual IPMs for SDPs — 2

Primal matrix variable X becomes fully dense even when data matrices A_0, A_1, \dots, A_m are sparse. The size of X can be $10,000 \times 10,000$.

But the dual matrix variable S can be sparse because

$$S = A_0 - \sum_{i=1}^m A_i y_i.$$

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- Dual interior-point methods, *S.Benson-Ye-Zhang'00*
— effective for SDPs from max cut and graph partition problems.
- p.definite matrix completion, *Fukuda et al.'00, Nakata et al.'01*
— effective for special sparse cases.

LDIPM tries to resolve this difficulty by evaluating X only when $XS = \mu I$. Instead of X itself, we store and utilize

$$\mu X^{-1} = S = LL^T = \text{a sparse Cholesky factorization of } S$$

A class of SDPs solved by LDIPM (Lagrangian Dual Interior-Point Method)

$$\text{Primal} \begin{cases} \max. & \mathbf{C} \bullet \mathbf{X} \\ \text{sub.to} & \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X} = a_p \quad (p = 1, 2, \dots, m), \quad \mathbf{I} \bullet \mathbf{X} = b, \quad \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Dual} \begin{cases} \min. & \sum_{p=1}^m a_p y_p + bw \\ \text{sub.to} & \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C}, \quad \mathbf{S} \succeq \mathbf{O} \end{cases}$$

Here

\mathcal{S}^n : the space of $n \times n$ symmetric matrices

\mathbb{R}^m : the n -dimensional Euclidean space

$\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_m \in \mathcal{S}^n$, $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\mathbb{R} \in b > 0$ are given data.

\mathbf{I} : the $n \times n$ identity matrix

$\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{X}$: the inner product $\sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{q=1}^n A_{pq} X_{pq}$

$\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}$: \mathbf{X} is a symm. positive semidefinite matrix

$\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}^n$: primal matrix variable

$\mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{S}^n$: dual matrix variable

Important feature of the SDP above — “the simplex constraint”

$$I \bullet X = b, \quad X \succeq O.$$

This is restrictive. But

- (1) covers various SDPs,
- when the feasible region of an SDP to be solved is bounded and its bound is known in advance, we can transform it into (1).

Assumption

1. $\exists \mathbf{X}^0 \succ \mathbf{O}$ feasible for Primal SDP (Slater c.q.)
2. \mathbf{A}_p ($p = 1, 2, \dots, m$) and \mathbf{I} are linearly independent.

For any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}w + \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p - \mathbf{C} \succ \mathbf{O}$

whenever w is sufficiently large;

hence $(\mathbf{y}, w, \mathbf{S})$ is an interior feasible solution of Dual.

\implies In LDIPM, \mathbf{y} can vary over the entire space \mathbb{R}^m .

Lagrangian Dual IPM

Given $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mu > 0$, consider

$$g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \equiv \tilde{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \begin{cases} \text{min.} & \sum_{p=1}^m a_p y_p + bw - \mu \log \det \mathbf{S} \\ \text{sub.to} & \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p, \quad \mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O} \end{cases}$$

↓ Unconstrained convex minimization (Lagrangian dual):

Given $\mu > 0$, $\hat{\mathbf{D}}(\mu) : \text{min. } g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \text{ sub.to } \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

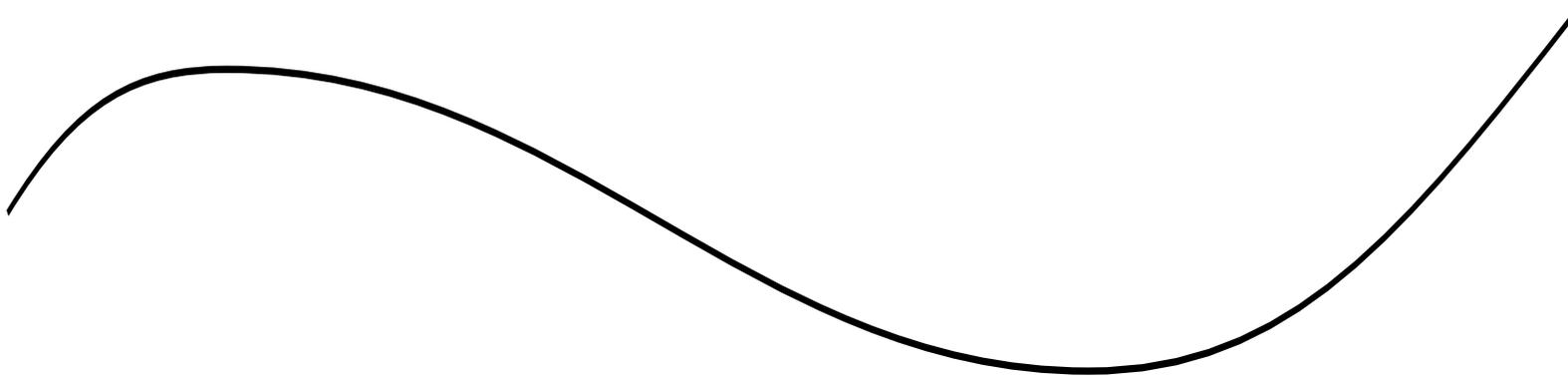
$$\mathbf{y}(\mu) = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\text{argmin}} g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$$

Basic idea of LDIPM

- Trace $\mathbf{y}(\mu)$, which converges to an optimal Lagrange multiplier vector of Primal as $\mu \rightarrow 0$, by the predictor-corrector method.
- When we compute $\mathbf{y}(\mu)$, we can retrieve p. and d. int. feasible solutions $\mathbf{X}(\mu), \mathbf{y}(\mu), \mathbf{w}(\mu), \mathbf{S}(\mu)$, which lie on the central trajectory. Therefore they converge to p. and d. opt. solutions as $\mu \rightarrow 0$, and $\{\mathbf{y}(\mu) : \mu > 0\}$ forms the central trajectory in the \mathbf{y} space.

Corrector procedure $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Newton} \\ \text{BFGS quasi-Newton} \end{array} \right.$

Predictor procedure — CG to compute a predictor direction $-\dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu)$



Algorithm framework of the LDIPM

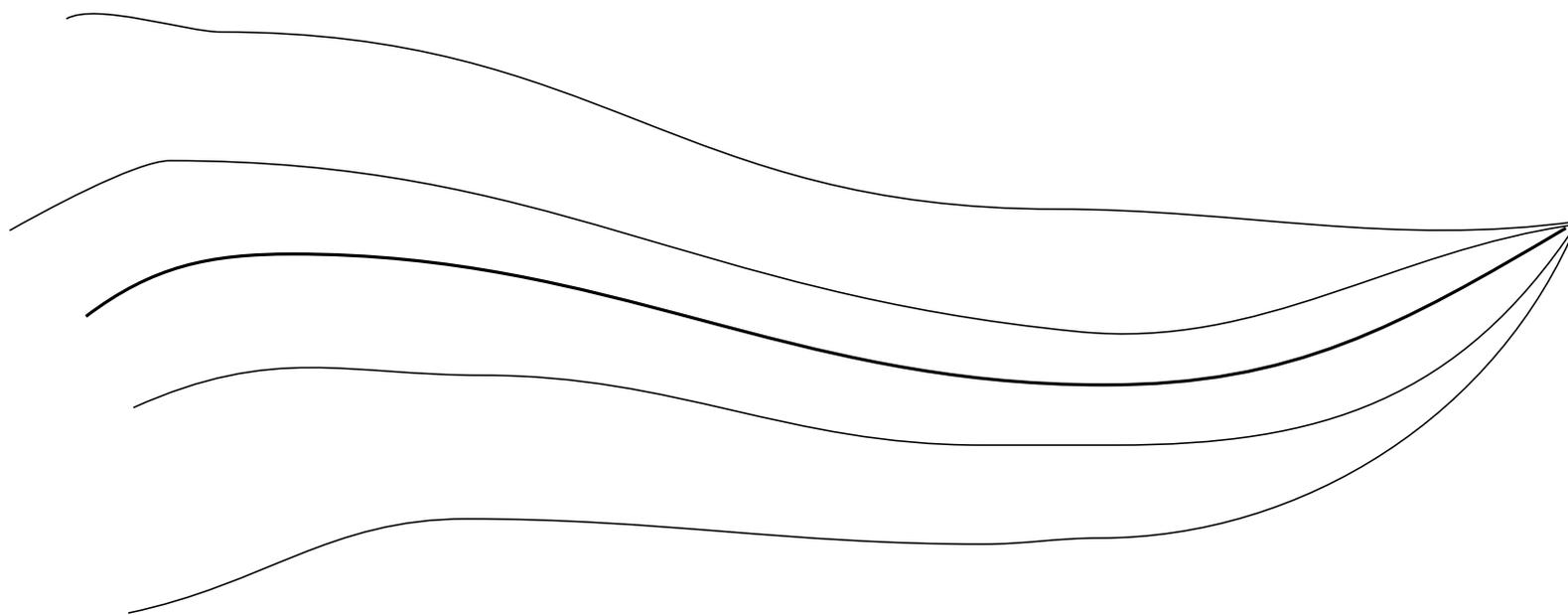
Step 0: Let $0 < \epsilon_c < \epsilon_p$, $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. Initial $\mu^0 \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $k = 0$

Step 1: (CORRECTOR procedure) Let $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y}^k$.

Solve approximately $\{\min g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k) : \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$. Repeat

- find a search direction \mathbf{d}
- choose a step length $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, update $\mathbf{z} := \mathbf{z} + \alpha \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

until $(\mathbf{z}, \mu^k) \in N(\epsilon_c)$. Let $\mathbf{y}^k := \mathbf{z}$.



Direction d in Step 1 (Newton Method)

$$d = - [\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{z}; \mu^k)]^{-1} \nabla g(\mathbf{z}; \mu^k)$$

- Need to compute the Hessian $\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k)$
- Neighborhood

$$N(\epsilon) = \{(\mathbf{y}, \mu^k) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}_{++} : \nabla g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k)^T \nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k)^{-1} \nabla g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k) \leq \mu\epsilon\}$$

A neighborhood based on the self-concordant theory by Nesterov and Nemirovskii

Direction d in Step 1 (BFGS Quasi-Newton Method)

- Initialize $H = I$ at the beginning

$$d = -H\nabla g(\mathbf{z}; \mu^k),$$
$$H^+ = H - \frac{H\eta\sigma^T + \sigma(H\eta)^T}{\sigma^T\eta} + \left(1 + \frac{\eta^T H\eta}{\sigma^T\eta}\right) \frac{\sigma\sigma^T}{\sigma^T\eta},$$

where $\sigma = \mathbf{z}^+ - \mathbf{z}$ and $\eta = \nabla g(\mathbf{z}^+; \mu^k) - \nabla g(\mathbf{z}; \mu^k)$

- Neighborhood

$$\tilde{N}(\epsilon) = \{(\mathbf{y}, \mu^k) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}_{++} : \nabla g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k)^T H \nabla g(\mathbf{y}; \mu^k) \leq \mu\epsilon\}$$

Step 2: (PREDICTOR procedure) Compute $\dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$. Let $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, $\delta = 1/\gamma$. Repeat

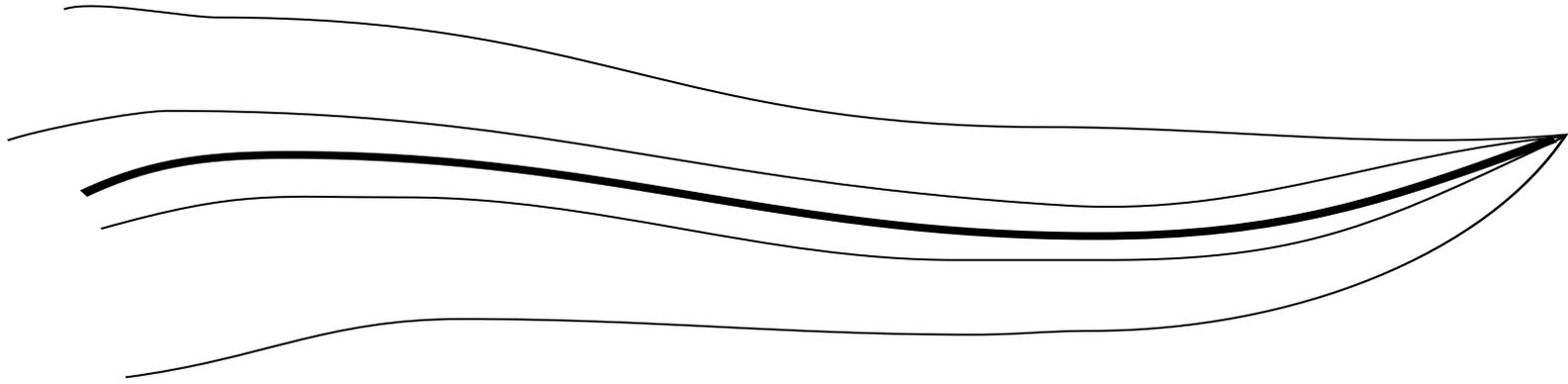
- $\delta = \gamma\delta, \bar{\mu} = (1 - \delta)\mu^k$
- $\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y}^k + (\bar{\mu} - \mu^k)\dot{\mathbf{y}}^k = \mathbf{y}^k - \delta\dot{\mathbf{y}}^k$ (the 1st order)

until $(\bar{\mathbf{y}}, \bar{\mu}) \in N(\epsilon_p)$. Let $\mu^{k+1} := \bar{\mu}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{k+1} := \bar{\mathbf{y}}$

Step 3: $k := k + 1$, go to Step 1

- We may be able to use

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y}^k + (\bar{\mu} - \mu^k)\dot{\mathbf{y}}^k + ((\bar{\mu} - \mu^k)^2/2)\ddot{\mathbf{y}}^k \text{ (the 2nd order)}$$



Computation of the 1st order derivative $\dot{\mathbf{y}}^k = \dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$

$$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}^k, \mu^k) \dot{\mathbf{y}}^k = \exists \mathbf{a}^k$$

- The cholesky factorization, the CG or CR methods

Computation of the 2nd order derivative $\ddot{\mathbf{y}}^k = \ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$

$$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}^k, \mu^k) \ddot{\mathbf{y}}^k = \exists \mathbf{r}^k$$

- Computation of \mathbf{r}^k is much more expensive than that of \mathbf{a}^k !

- How do we combine the predictor and the corrector procedures effectively?
- How do we utilize the information obtained at the corrector procedure for the succeeding predictor procedure?

Corrector procedure with the use of BFGS quasi-Newton method



An effective preconditioning matrix for the CG method in the succeeding predictor procedure

(Morales-Nocedal '01)

Smooth nonlinear equation system for $\mathbf{y}(\mu)$ ($\mu > 0$):

$$\mathbf{y}(\mu) = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\operatorname{argmin}} g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \iff \nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \mathbf{0} \quad (2)$$

L. eq. system for a pred. direction $\dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$ at $\mu = \mu^k$ and $\mathbf{y}^k = \mathbf{y}(\mu^k)$:

$$\left. \frac{\nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)}{d\mu} \right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}^k, \mu=\mu^k} = \nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}^k, \mu^k) \dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k) + \left. \frac{\partial \nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}^k, \mu=\mu^k} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (3)$$

Solve (3) by CG method. Let $\mathbf{z}^0 = \mathbf{y}^k + \alpha \dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$ and $\mu^{k+1} = \mu^k + \alpha$, where $\alpha \in (0, 1]$: a step length.

Corrector iterations to minimize $g(\mathbf{z}, \mu^{k+1})$ using the Newton method with the initial point $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}^0$. Let $p = 0$.

$$\mathbf{z}^{p+1} = \mathbf{z}^p - (\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{z}^p, \mu^{k+1}))^{-1} \nabla g(\mathbf{z}^p, \mu^{k+1}) \quad (4)$$

- Hessian mat. $\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{z}, \mu)$ in both pred. and corr. procedures.
- If we use BFGS method: $\mathbf{z}^{p+1} = \mathbf{z}^p - \mathbf{H}_p \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{z}} g(\mathbf{z}^p, \mu^{k+1})$, then $\mathbf{H}_p \approx (\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{z}^p, \mu^{k+1}))^{-1}$ works as a preconditioner for CG meth.

More details about LDIPM

How do we compute

$$g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{p=1}^m a_p y_p + bw - \mu \log \det \mathbf{S} : \\ \mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p, \\ \end{array} \right\},$$

$\nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ (the gradient vector), and

$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ (the Hessian matrix)?

$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mu > 0$: given.

$$g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \min \left\{ \sum_{p=1}^m a_p y_p + bw - \mu \log \det \mathbf{S} : \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} - \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p, \\ \mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{O} \end{array} \right\}.$$

KKT cond.:
$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{I} \bullet \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = b, \quad \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w(\mathbf{y}, \mu) - \mathbf{C}, \\ \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \mu \mathbf{I}, \quad \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \succeq \mathbf{O}, \quad \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) \succeq \mathbf{O} \end{array}$$

$$\Downarrow \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \mu \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-1}$$

$$\phi(w; \mathbf{y}, \mu) \equiv \mu \mathbf{I} \bullet \left(\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{C} \right)^{-1} = b, \quad \left(\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{C} \right) \succ \mathbf{O}$$

1. Newton meth. to $\phi(w; \mathbf{y}, \mu) = b$ to compute $w = w(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ using

$$\frac{d\phi}{dw}(w; \mathbf{y}, \mu) = -\mu \mathbf{I} \bullet \left(\sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{C} \right)^{-2},$$

Cholesky factorization of $\mathbf{S} = \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p + \mathbf{I}w - \mathbf{C}$.

2. Let $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \mathbf{I}w(\mathbf{y}, \mu) - \mathbf{C} + \sum_{p=1}^m \mathbf{A}_p y_p$.

3. Let $g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = \sum_{p=1}^m a_p y_p + bw(\mathbf{y}, \mu) - \mu \log \det \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$

$\nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$, $\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ and properties of $g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$

1. $\nabla g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = (a_1 - \mu \mathbf{A}_1 \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-1}, \dots, a_m - \mu \mathbf{A}_m \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-1})^T$
 $= (a_1 - \mathbf{A}_1 \bullet \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu), \dots, a_m - \mathbf{A}_m \bullet \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{y}, \mu))^T$

2. $\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu) = (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{h}\mathbf{h}^T / h_{m+1})$, where

$$M_{qr} = \mu \mathbf{A}_q \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-1} \quad (q, r = 1, \dots, m)$$

$$\mathbf{h} = (\mu \mathbf{A}_1 \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-2}, \dots, \mu \mathbf{A}_m \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-2})^T$$

$$h_{m+1} = \mu \mathbf{I} \bullet \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}, \mu)^{-2}$$

(the coefficient matrix of the Schur complement equation)

(the most expensive part to compute)

3. $\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ is positive definite $(g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$ is strictly convex)

4. $\{g(\cdot, \mu) : \mu \in \mathbb{R}_{++}\}$ is “a self-concordant family” on \mathbb{R}^m

Preliminary numerical experiments

- 4 variants of the LDIPM

	Corrector	
Predictor	Newton	BFGS quasi-Newton
1st order		
2nd order [†]		

$$\dagger : \mathbf{y}^{k+1} = \mathbf{y}(\mu^k) + \alpha \dot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \ddot{\mathbf{y}}(\mu^k)$$

- Stopping criterion

$$\text{relative error} = \frac{|\text{primal obj.} - \text{dual obj.}|}{\max\{\text{primal obj.}, 1.0\}} < 1.0e - 6$$
$$\text{primal feasibility error} = \max_{p=1, \dots, m} |a_p - \mathbf{A}_p \bullet \mathbf{X}| < 1.0e - 6$$

- MATLAB Version 5.2
- Macintosh with PowerPC 750 400MHz and 360 MB memory

Box Constrained Quadratic ± 1 Program

- Average of 5 problems $\{\max x^T Q x \text{ sub.to } x_i^2 = 1, (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)\}$
- Matrix size $n = 200$

Corrector Predictor	Newton 1st-order	Newton 2nd-order	BFGS 1st-order	BFGS 2nd-order
major # it.	13.4	10.8	12.6	10.2
CPU	3252s	1529s	763s	585s
Newton # it.	27.0	19.6	-	-
BFGS # it.	-	-	210.2	180.0
Cholesky of S	285.4	165.8	795.8	567.8
CG	-	-	188.4	177.2
$\kappa(\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu))$	6.2e+7	3.4e+7	2.7e+7	2.2e+7
$\kappa(H \nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu))$	-	-	7.8e+1	8.6e+1

$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$: the Hessian matrix of $g(\cdot, \mu)$

H : the BFGS matrix

$\kappa(\mathbf{A})$: the condition number of \mathbf{A} .

Norm Minimization Problem

- Average of 5 problems
- Matrix size $n = 50$, constraints $m = 200$

Corrector Predictor	Newton 1st-order	Newton 2nd-order	BFGS 1st-order	BFGS 2nd-order
major # it.	14.8	12.6	14.2	12.6
CPU	843s	544s	240s	210s
Newton # it.	39.2	28.0	-	-
BFGS # it.	-	-	340.0	319.8
Cholesky of S	198.6	107.8	608.2	509.4
CG	-	-	228.2	262.2
$\kappa(\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu))$	7.8e+9	9.2e+9	4.8e+9	1.2e+10
$\kappa(\mathbf{H}\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu))$	-	-	3.3e+2	1.7e+3

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\mathbf{H} : the BFGS matrix

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Condition and scaled condition numbers along the iterations

- Box Constrained Quadratic ± 1 Program
- Matrix size $n = 200$, constraints $m = 201$

k	μ^k	rel.error	$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}^k, \mu^k)$	$\kappa(\mathbf{H}^k \nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}^k, \mu^k))$	#CG
1	1.41e+1	+2.81e+1	2.17e+2	3.03e+3	4
2	3.83e+0	+1.87e+0	3.42e+2	9.00e+2	9
3	2.00e+0	+6.17e-1	7.57e+2	6.75e+2	14
4	8.19e-1	+1.92e-1	1.75e+3	1.07e+3	24
5	2.22e-1	+4.62e-2	2.58e+3	2.86e+1	16
6	4.22e-2	+8.48e-3	3.01e+3	5.94e+1	18
7	4.22e-3	+8.47e-4	1.32e+4	1.93e+4	44
8	4.22e-4	+8.47e-5	1.33e+5	1.62e+2	18
9	4.22e-5	+8.43e-6	1.33e+6	3.37e+1	14
10	4.22e-6	+8.45e-7	1.33e+7	5.18e+2	16

$\nabla^2 g(\mathbf{y}, \mu)$: the Hessian matrix of $g(\cdot, \mu)$

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Summary

⇒ New type of predictor-corrector dual IP method for SDP

$$\begin{cases} \text{dual feasible, primal infeasible} \\ \mathbf{XS} = \mu \mathbf{I} \end{cases}$$

⇒ (CORRECTOR procedure)

Quasi-Newton BFGS instead of Newton method

⇒ (PREDICTOR Step)

BFGS matrix H is a good preconditioner for the CG

⇒ Can be extended to Linear Optimization Problems over
convex cones (LP, SOCP)

Further Directions

⇒ Implementation in C/C++

⇒ Improve numerical convergence

⇒ Limited memory BFGS method for large scale problems