

**An Extension of Sums of Squares Relaxations to Polynomial
Optimization Problems over Symmetric Cones**

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\mathbb{E} : a finite dimensional real vector space,

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Example 1: A polynomial second-order programming problem

$$\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{R}^{1+m},$$

$$\mathbb{E}_+ = \mathbb{Q}(m) \text{ (the second-order cone in } \mathbb{R}^{1+m}\text{)}$$

$$= \{(y_0, y_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+m} : y_0 \geq \|y_1\|\}$$

Let $n = 2$, $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{R}^{1+2}$, $\mathbb{E}_+ = \mathbb{Q}(2)$.

$$\text{POP: } \min -x_1^3 + 2x_1x_2^2$$

sub.to

$$(x_1^2 - x_2, 2x_1^2x_2 - x_2, x_1 + x_2) \in \mathbb{Q}(2)$$

$$\text{(or } x_1^2 - x_2 \geq \|(2x_1^2x_2 - x_2, x_1 + x_2)\|)$$

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Example 2: A general POP over a symmetric cone

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} &= \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{S}^\ell \times \mathbb{R}^{1+m}, \\ \mathbb{E}_+ &= \mathbb{R}_+^k \times \mathbb{S}_+^\ell \times \mathbb{Q}(m) \end{aligned}$$

Let $n = 2$, $x = (x_1, x_2)$, $\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^{1+2}$, $\mathbb{E}_+ = \mathbb{R}_+^3 \times \mathbb{S}_+^2 \times \mathbb{Q}(2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{POP: } \min & -x_1^3 + 2x_1x_2^2 \\ \text{sub.to } & (x_2 + 0.5, 1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2, -x_1^3 + x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x_1x_2^2 + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x_1^2x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}_+^2 \\ & (x_1^2 - x_2, 2x_1^2x_2 - x_2, x_1 + x_2) \in \mathbb{Q}(2) \\ & (\text{or } x_1^2 - x_2 \geq \|(2x_1^2x_2 - x_2, x_1 + x_2)\|) \end{aligned}$$

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Importance of **polynomial SOCP inequalities**: Let

$f(x)$: a real valued polynomial with deg d_f in $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$h(x)$: a \mathbb{R}^m -valued polynomial with deg d_h in $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

normal poly. inequalities

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(x)^2 - h(x)^T h(x) \geq 0 \\ f(x) \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

degree $2 \max\{d_f, d_h\}$

$$f(x) - h(x)^T h(x) \geq 0$$

degree $\max\{d_f, 2d_h\}$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(x) \geq \|h(x)\| \Leftrightarrow$$

poly. SOCP inequalities

$$\begin{pmatrix} f(x) \\ h(x) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Q}(m)$$

degree $\max\{d_f, d_h\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + f(x) \\ 1 - f(x) \\ h(x) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Q}(1 + m)$$

degree $\max\{d_f, d_h\}$

\Rightarrow Applications to nonlinear least square problems

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Definition. $K \subset \mathbb{E}$ is a symmetric cone if

- $K^* \equiv \{u \in \mathbb{E} : \langle u, v \rangle \geq 0 \ (\forall v \in K)\} = K$ (self-dual).
- For every pair of u, v of $\text{int}(K)$, there is a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ such that $T(K) = K$ and $T(u) = v$ (homogeneous).

Symmetric cones are classified into the following cones

(a) the second order cone.

$$\mathbb{Q}(m) \equiv \{u = (u_0, u_1) : u_0 \in \mathbb{R}, u_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m, u_0 \geq \|u_1\|\},$$

where $\|u_1\| = \sqrt{u_1^T u_1}$.

(b) the set \mathbb{S}_+^n of $n \times n$ real, symmetric **positive semidefinite** matrices (including the set of nonnegative numbers when $n = 1$).

(c) the set of $n \times n$ Hermitian **psd** matrices with complex entries.

(d) the set of $n \times n$ Hermitian **psd** matrices with quaternions entries.

(e) the set of 3×3 Hermitian **psd** matrices with octonions entries.

(f) any cone $K_1 \times K_2$ where K_1 and K_2 are themselves symmetric cones.

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Theorem. A cone K is symmetric iff it is the cone of squares of some **Euclidean Jordan algebra** \circ in \mathbb{E} (Jordan algebra characterization of symmetric cones); $K = \{u \circ u : u \in \mathbb{E}\}$.

Definition. (\mathbb{E}, \circ) is a **Euclidean Jordan algebra** if $(u, v) \in \mathbb{E} \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow u \circ v \in \mathbb{E}$ is a bilinear map satisfying

- (i) $u \circ v = v \circ u$, (ii) $u \circ (u^2 \circ v) = u^2 \circ (u \circ v)$ where $u^2 = u \circ u$,
- (iii) $\langle u \circ v, w \rangle = \langle u, v \circ w \rangle$ for $\forall u, v, w \in \mathbb{E}$.

(a) the second order cone $\mathbb{Q}(m) \equiv \{u = (u_0, u_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+m} : u_0 \geq \|u_1\|\}$:
 $u \circ v \equiv (u_0 v_0 + u_1^T v_1, u_0 v_1 + v_0 u_1) \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(m) = \{u \circ u : u \in \mathbb{R}^{1+m}\}$.

(b) the set \mathbb{S}_+^ℓ of $\ell \times \ell$ real, symmetric positive semidefinite matrices (including the set of positive numbers as a special case when $n = 1$).

$$X \circ Y \equiv (XY + YX) / 2 \Rightarrow \mathbb{S}_+^\ell = \{X \circ X = X^2 : X \in \mathbb{S}^n\}.$$

(b)' the nonnegative orthant $\mathbb{R}_+^k = \prod_{i=1}^k \mathbb{S}_+^1 : u \circ v = (u_1 v_1, \dots, u_k v_k)$
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^k = \{u \circ u = (u_1^2, \dots, u_k^2) : u \in \mathbb{R}^k\}$.

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$\mathbb{E}[x]$: the set of \mathbb{E} -valued polynomials; $\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x] \Leftrightarrow \varphi(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}} f_{\alpha} x^{\alpha}$.

(\mathbb{E}, \circ) : a Euclidean Jordan algebra

\mathcal{F} : a nonempty finite set of nonnegative integer vectors in \mathbb{R}^n

$f_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{E}$ ($\alpha \in \mathcal{F}$)

$x^{\alpha} = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$, for example,

if $n = 3$ and $\alpha = (2, 0, 4)$ then $x^{(2,0,4)} = x_1^2 x_2^0 x_3^4$.

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(\varphi) &= \max\{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i : \alpha \in \mathcal{F}\}, \\ \mathbb{E}[x]_r &= \{\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x] : \deg(\varphi) \leq r\}. \end{aligned}$$

Specifically,

$\mathbb{R}[x]$ ($\mathbb{R}[x]_r$) : the set of \mathbb{R} -valued poly. (with $\deg. \leq r$)

Extension of \circ to the \mathbb{E} -valued polynomials. Let

$$\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x]; \varphi(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}} f_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi \in \mathbb{E}[x]; \psi(x) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{G}} g_{\beta} x^{\beta},$$

then $\varphi \circ \psi \in \mathbb{E}[x];$

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi \circ \psi)(x) &= \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}} f_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} \right) \circ \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{G}} g_{\beta} x^{\beta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{G}} (f_{\alpha} \circ g_{\beta}) x^{\alpha+\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

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For \forall linear subspace $\mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}]$ of $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]$, let

$$\mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}]^2 = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^q \varphi_i \circ \varphi_i : \exists q, \varphi_i \in \mathcal{D} \right\} \text{ (SOS poly. of } \mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}]).$$

Thus we will use $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]^2$, $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]_r^2$, $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]_r^2$. Here

$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]$ ($\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]_r$) : the set of $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]$ -valued poly. (with deg. $\leq r$)

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$\omega_a = \lceil \deg(a)/2 \rceil$, $\omega_b = \lceil \deg(b)/2 \rceil$, $\omega_{\max} = \max\{\omega_a, \omega_b\}$.

G. Lagrangian funct.: $L(x, \varphi) = a(x) - \langle \varphi(x), b(x) \rangle$ ($\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x]^2$).

$$\text{G.Lagrangian Dual: } \max_{\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x]^2} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} L(x, \varphi)$$

\Updownarrow

G.L. Dual: $\max \zeta$ sub.to $L(x, \varphi) - \zeta \geq 0$ ($\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$) and $\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x]^2$.

relaxation \Downarrow $\omega \geq \omega_{\max}$

SOS relaxation: $\max \zeta$ sub.to $L(x, \varphi) - \zeta \in \mathbb{R}[x]_{\omega}^2$ and $\varphi \in \mathbb{E}[x]_{\omega - \omega_b}^2$.

- An Extension of Lasserre's relaxation 2001.
- We can transform **SOS relaxation** to an **SDP**.
- We can apply an **SDP'** relaxation directly to POP; **SDP** and **SDP'** are dual to each other.

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Let $d = \deg(b)$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. We can prove that

\exists **SOS relaxation** of **POP**; $\text{opt.val POP} \geq \text{opt.val SOS} \geq \text{opt.val POP} - \epsilon$

The basic idea is:

(a) Reduce **POP** to

\mathbf{P}_ω : $\min a_\omega(x) \equiv a(x) + \psi_\omega(x)$ sub.to $x \in U$ ($\omega = 1, 2, \dots$)

Here $\psi_\omega \in \mathbb{R}[x]_{d+2\omega d}$ serves as a penalty function in U such that

$$x \in U \text{ and } b(x) \in \mathbb{E}_+ \Rightarrow 0 \geq \psi_\omega(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \omega \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$x \in U \text{ and } b(x) \notin \mathbb{E}_+ \Rightarrow \psi_\omega(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \omega \rightarrow \infty.$$

More specifically,

$$\psi_\omega(x) = -\langle b(x), \varphi_\omega(x) \rangle, \quad \varphi_\omega(x) = (e - b(x)/\lambda_{\max})^{2\omega} \in \mathbb{E}[x]_\omega^2,$$

e denotes the identity element of \mathbb{E} ,

λ_{\max} denotes the max. eigenvalue of $b(x)$ over $x \in U$.

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$\exists \omega$; $\text{opt.val POP} \geq \text{opt.val } P_\omega \geq \text{opt.val POP} - \epsilon/2$

(b) Apply the convergence theorem by Lasserre '01 to P_ω .

\exists **SOS relaxation** of P_ω ; $\text{opt.val } P_\omega \geq \text{opt.val SOS} \geq \text{opt.val } P_\omega - \epsilon/2$

\Downarrow

$\text{opt.val.of POP} \geq \text{opt.val.of SOS} \geq \text{opt.val.of POP} - \epsilon$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{POP: } \min & \sum_{p=1}^q a_p(x_{N_p}) \\ \text{sub.to } & b_p(x_{N_p}) \in \mathbb{E}_{p+}, \\ & x_{N_p} \in U_p \equiv \{x_{N_p} : \|x_{N_p}\| \leq M_p\} \quad (p = 1, \dots, q). \end{aligned}$$

Here $N_p \subset N \equiv \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $x_{N_p} = (x_i : i \in N_p)$;

if $N_p \equiv \{1, 4\} \subset N \equiv \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ then $x_{N_p} = (x_1, x_4)$.

- Each a_p & each b_p involve only variables x_i ($i \in N_p$) among x_i ($i \in N$).
- Ball constraint $x_{N_p} \in U_p$ ($p = 1, \dots, q$).
- We can extend **the sparse relaxation (Waki et al. 04)** to **POP**.
- We can prove the convergence of the extension under **Assumption** using the same argument as in the dense case and **Lasserre 05**.

Assumption (**Lasserre 05**, **Waki et.al 04** as a chordal graph structure).

N_p ($p = 1, \dots, q$) are the “maximal” cliques of a chordal graph;

$$\forall p \in \{1, \dots, q-1\} \exists r \geq p+1; N_p \cap \left(\bigcup_{k=p+1}^q N_k \right) \subset N_r$$

(the running intersection property of the max.cliques of a chordal graph)

[**Lasserre 05**] “Convergent semidefinite relaxation in polynomial optimization with sparsity”, November 2004.

Proof is given in: M.Kojima and Muramatsu, “A note on sparse SOS relaxations for POPs over symmetric cones”, B-421, January 2006.

A sparse numerical example

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_j & c_j \\ c_j & d_j \end{pmatrix} x_j + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x_j x_{j+1} + \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x_{j+1} \succeq O,$$

$$(0.3(x_k^3 + x_n) + 1) - \|(x_k + \beta_i, x_n)\| \geq 0 \quad (j, k = 1, \dots, n-1),$$

$$1 - x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - x_n^2 \geq 0 \quad (p = 1, \dots, n-2).$$

Here $a_i, b_j, d_j \in (-1, 0)$, $c_j, \beta_j \in (0, 1)$ are random numbers.

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n	cpu sec.	ω	ϵ_{obj}	ϵ_{feas}	SDP size size of A, SeDuMi	# of nonzeros
600	25.7	2	4.0e-12	0.0	11,974 × 113,022	235,612
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$$\epsilon_{\text{obj}} = \frac{|\text{the lower bound for opt. value} - \text{the approx. opt. value}|}{\max\{1, |\text{the lower bound for opt. value}|\}},$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{feas}} = -\min\{\text{the left side (min.eigen) values over all constraints}, 0\}.$$

- # of nonzero elements in A increases linearly as n increases.

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$$\left((0.3(x_k^3 + x_n) + 1)^2 - (x_k + \beta_i)^2 - x_n^2 \geq 0 \right) \quad (\text{degree } 6)$$

$$1 - x_p^2 - x_{p+1}^2 - x_n^2 \geq 0 \quad (p = 1, \dots, n-2).$$

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800	218.2	3	2.0e-12	0.0	44,715 × 719,399	1,758,600
1000	229.2	3	4.8e-12	0.0	55,915 × 899,198	2,197,596

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- (i) Applications to polynomial least square problems: Let $f_i \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ ($i = 1, \dots, m$), $d = \max_i \deg(f_i)$ and $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)^T$.

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x)^2 \text{ or } \min \|f(x)\|.$$

Three different formulations for SOS relaxations.

(a) A normal POP \Rightarrow **degree = $2d$** : $\min \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x)^2$.

(b) A polynomial SOCP \Rightarrow **degree = d** : $\min \|f(x)\| \Leftrightarrow$
 $\min t \text{ sub.to } (t, f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)) \in \mathbb{Q}(m)$.

(c) A polynomial SDP \Rightarrow **degree = d** : $\min \|f(x)\|^2 \Leftrightarrow$
 $\min t \text{ sub.to } \begin{pmatrix} I & f(x) \\ f(x)^T & t \end{pmatrix} \succeq O$.

- (b) and (c) are better than (a) because of the difference in **degrees**.
- (b) is better than (c)?
 - Given the max degree of SOS multiplier polynomials, the size of SOS relaxations of (b) is smaller than that of (c).
 - effectiveness of SOS relaxation.
- SOS and SDP relaxations of (b) and (c) have structured sparsity.

Concluding remarks — continued

- (ii) POPs over symmetric cone covers wide range of nonconvex optimization problems
- (iii) SOS relaxations proposed for POPs over symmetric cones covers are very powerful in theory — global convergence
- (iv) Computationally very expensive — large scale SDPs
- (v) **Exploiting sparsity is necessary!**