

# Perspective Reformulations Beyond the Separable Case

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# The Target Structure

- MINLP with **convex-cost semicontinuous** (vector) variables

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} \min & g(z) + \sum_{i \in N} f_i(x_i) + c_i y_i \\ & A_i x_i \leq b_i y_i \\ & y \in \{0, 1\}^n, x \in \mathbb{R}^m, (x, y, z) \in \mathcal{O} \end{cases} \quad i \in N$$

- $f_i$  closed convex,  $f_i(0) = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_i = \{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m_i} : A_i x_i \leq b_i\}$  compact
- $y_i = 0 \implies x_i = 0$ ,  $y_i = 1 \implies x_i \in \mathcal{P}_i$
- $z / \mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^{m+n+q}$  ( $m = \sum_{i \in N} m_i$ ) “other” variables / constraints
- Basic tool:  $y \in \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow y \in [0, 1]^n \equiv$  **continuous relaxation** ( $\underline{P}$ )
- If  $g, \mathcal{O}$  convex, ( $\underline{P}$ ) “easy”,  $\nu(\underline{P}) \leq \nu(P)$ , continuous solution useful for many things (heuristics, branching, ...)
- All hinges on  $\nu(\underline{P})$  being a “good bound”, but **it may not be**

# Exploiting the Structure

- To improve the bound we must **exploit the structure**
- **Single block** problem

$$(P) \quad \min \{ f(x) + cy : Ax \leq by, y \in \{0, 1\} \} \equiv$$
$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = 0 \text{ and } x = 0 \\ f(x) + cy & \text{if } y = 1 \text{ and } Ax \leq b \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $co f =$  **convex envelope** = “best” lower convex approximation (actually **closed** convex envelope ...)
- Computing convex envelopes is hard in general, but in this case

$$co f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = 0 \text{ and } x = 0 \\ yf(x/y) + cy & \text{if } y \in (0, 1] \text{ and } Ax \leq by \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# The Perspective Reformulation / Relaxation

- Fundamental facts:  $\text{co } f \leq f$ ,  $\text{co } f(x, y) = f(x, y)$  if  $y \in \{0, 1\}$
- This immediately leads to the **Perspective Reformulation** of  $(P)$

$$(PR) \quad \min \left\{ yf(x/y) + cy : Ax \leq by, y \in \{0, 1\} \right\}$$

- Why? Of course because then the **Perspective Relaxation** of  $(P)$

$$(\underline{PR}) \quad \min \left\{ yf(x/y) + cy : Ax \leq by, y \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

$\equiv$  continuous relaxation of  $(PR)$  has

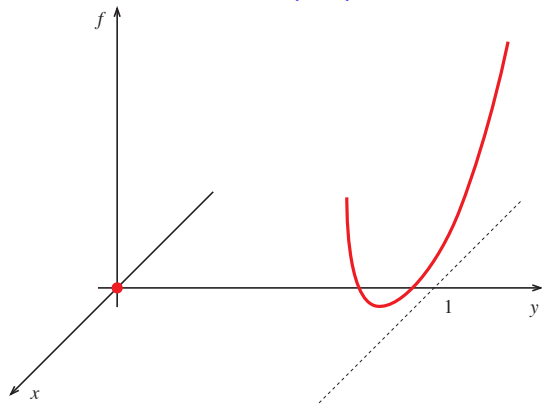
$$\nu(\underline{PR}) \leq \nu(\underline{PR}) \leq \nu(PR) = \nu(P)$$

$\equiv$  **better bound**

- How much better? **Plenty enough to matter**

# Where Does Such a Cool Name Comes From?

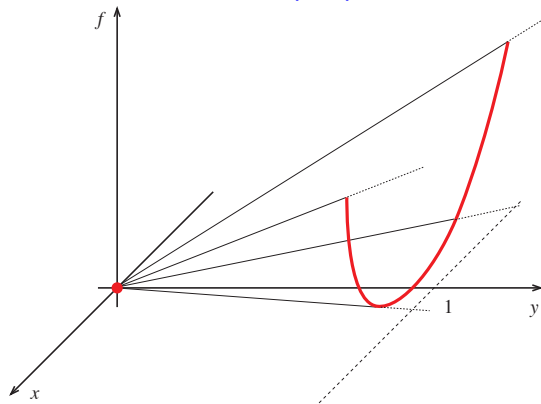
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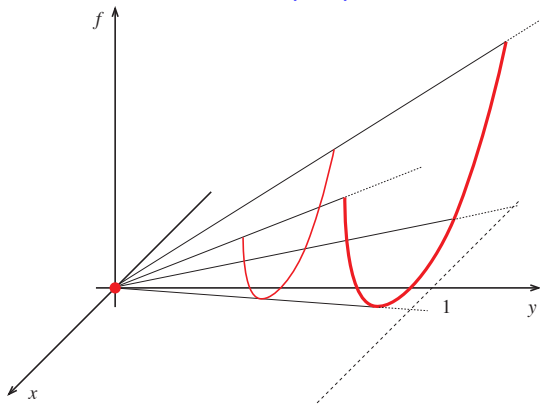


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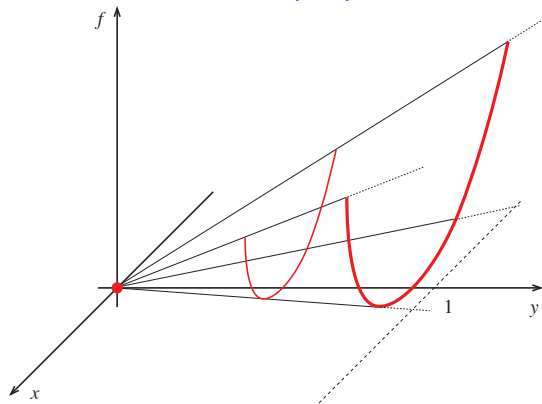
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$$ax^2 + bx + cy$$

- $\bullet$  Well-known tool in convex analysis, convex if  $f$  is and  $y \geq 0$
- $\bullet$  Apparently ill-defined for  $y = 0$ , but  $\text{co } f(0, 0) = 0$  by continuity
- $\bullet$  Yet, “**much more nonlinear**” than  $f(x) + cy$ :  
if  $(P)$  was a MIQP,  $(PR)$  no longer is so

- How do you solve (PR) (within a B&C)?
- Actually a few different ways:
  - Perspective Cuts<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
  - Second Order Cone Programming reformulation<sup>3,5,6,7</sup>  
 $v \geq x^2/y \mapsto vy \geq x^2$  (the perspective of a SOCP  $f$  is SOCP)
  - Projected Perspective Reformulation (P<sup>2</sup>R)<sup>8,9</sup>
  - Approximated Projected Perspective Reformulation (AP<sup>2</sup>R)<sup>9,10,11</sup>
- It **does matter**: orders-of magnitude differences

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<sup>1</sup>F., Gentile "Perspective Cuts for a Class of Convex 0-1 Mixed Integer Programs", *Math. Prog.*, 2006

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<sup>3</sup>F., Gentile "A Computational Comparison of [...]: SOCP vs. Cutting Planes" *ORL* 2009

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# Is it Useful? You Bet!

- Of course works in constraints as well
- Only to mention the applications we personally dabbled with:
  - Electrical Power Production Management (Unit Commitment)
  - Network Design with Nonlinear Delay function
  - Nonlinear (Uncapacited) Facility Location
  - Routing with Delay Constraints
  - Sensor Placement
  - Data Protection in Statistical Tables
  - Univariate Nonlinear Optimization
  - Portfolio Optimization
- Admittedly, the last one **we made up**,  
but nonetheless there was a lot of interest in it (this talk)

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# Why Nonseparable Functions?

- Motivation: ( $\approx$  fake) application in Portfolio Optimization
- Mean-Variance (MV) problem with **min buy-in thresholds**

$$\min \left\{ x^T Q x \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i \in N} x_i = 1, \quad \mu^T x \geq \rho, \\ l_i y_i \leq x_i \leq u_i y_i, \quad y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in N \end{array} \right\}$$

$\mu$  = expected returns,  $Q$  = covariance matrix,  $\rho$  = desired return

- (MV) with cardinality constraint: just add  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \leq K$
- But  $f(x) = x^T Q x$  **nonseparable** ( $Q$  **not** diagonal)  
 $\implies$  PR **not** (**directly**) applicable
- Yet, a Referee wanted another application, that the only one we had
- **If you have an hammer but not a nail, make one**

# Extension to the nonseparable functions

- **Exceedingly dirty trick:** choose  $D \succeq 0$  diagonal s.t.  $R = Q - D \succeq 0$

$$\min \left\{ x^T D x + x^T R x \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i \in N} x_i = 1, \quad \mu^T x \geq \rho \\ l_i y_i \leq x_i \leq u_i y_i, \quad y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in N \end{array} \right\}$$

split objective into “separable + nonseparable”, use separable part

- (Partial) Perspective Reformulation

$$\min \left\{ \sum_{i \in N} d_i \frac{x_i^2}{y_i} + x^T R x \mid \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i \in N} x_i = 1, \quad \mu^T x \geq \rho \\ l_i y_i \leq x_i \leq u_i y_i, \quad y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in N \end{array} \right\}$$

- **How to choose  $D$ ?**
- Simple choice  $D = \lambda_{\min}(Q)I$ , clearly not the best ( $\lambda_{\min}(Q) = 0$ ?)
- $D$  should be “as large as possible”  $\implies$  an optimization problem

# Choosing $D$ via SDP

- Assuming  $tr(D)$  the relevant metric, the “largest”  $D = diag(d)$  solves

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n d_i : Q - \sum_{i=1}^n [e_i e_i^T] d_i \succeq 0, d \geq 0 \right\}$$

$$\min \left\{ tr(QX) : diag(X) \geq e, X \succeq 0 \right\}$$

dual pair of SemiDefinite (= convex = easy) Problems

- Several efficient, open-source SDP codes
- Interesting relaxation: removing  $d \geq 0$  in the primal gives

$$\min \left\{ tr(QX) : diag(X) = e, X \succeq 0 \right\}$$

- $d^* > 0$  anyway in all our tests
- most often faster to solve in practice by all codes
- constant trace* = max eigenvalue problem, specialized approaches
- Is SDP solver fast enough? Does the bound improve enough?

# The instances

- 30 randomly-generated instances for each  $n \in \{200, 300, 400\}$
- $\mu_i \in [0.002, 0.01]$ ,  $l_i \in [0.075, 0.125]$ ,  $u_i \in [0.375, 0.425]$  (uniformly)
- $Q$  = well-known random generator [Pardalos, Rodgers '90]
- **Effectiveness** of Perspective Relaxation heavily impacted by **dominance index**

$$S = \text{average} \left\{ \frac{Q_{ii} - \sum_{j \neq i} |Q_{ij}|}{Q_{ii}} : i = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

- For each  $n$ , three classes of instances (10 each):
  - “+” instances,  $S \approx 0.6$  (diagonally dominant)
  - “0” instances,  $S \approx 0$  (diagonally quasi-dominant)
  - “-” instances,  $S \approx -0.5$  (not diagonally dominant)
- Available at <http://www.di.unipi.it/optimize/Data>



# Is it Worth?

	SDP			ME			no-PR		
	time	gap	r.gap	time	gap	r.gap	p.gap	gap	r.gap
200 <sup>+</sup>	164		1.14	904		6.48	0.14	45.33	85.63
200 <sup>0</sup>	161		2.14	320		6.10	0.38	51.27	84.47
200 <sup>-</sup>	1902		3.65	3306	0.02	6.69	0.24	42.09	78.88
300 <sup>+</sup>	818		4.54	2061		5.62	0.41	64.68	92.01
300 <sup>0</sup>	856		1.97	1715		6.28	0.43	59.91	87.87
300 <sup>-</sup>	1709		2.68	2797	0.05	7.04	0.53	45.11	78.77
400 <sup>+</sup>	2264		4.79	4756	0.10	6.15	1.03	61.47	89.06
400 <sup>0</sup>	4378	0.10	2.29	7421	0.16	6.53	1.18	68.68	90.03
400 <sup>-</sup>	6311	0.23	3.06	6901	0.36	6.49	1.60	65.88	88.47

- Root node gap divided by 10 with ME, by 2 more with SDP
- Effectiveness worsens as  $Q$  less dominant (not all the 400 instances solved), but much better than no-PR: none solved in 10000s
- Just a cutcallback and a single SDP to reformulate

# Extract a Better Diagonal

- Generic MIQP case

$$\begin{aligned} \min x^T Qx + qx + cy \\ Ax + By \leq b, \quad l_i y_i \leq x_i \leq u_i y_i, \quad y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in N \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Find the diagonal giving the best (root node) bound

$$\begin{aligned} \max_d \min_{x,y} qx + cy + \sum_{i \in N} d_i x_i^2 / y_i + x^T (Q - \text{diag}(d))x \\ (1), \quad d \geq 0, \quad Q - \text{diag}(d) \succeq 0, \quad y \in [0, 1]^n \end{aligned}$$

- Using SDP duality can be written as a **single (larger)** SDP<sup>12</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \min qx + cy + \sum_{i \in N} Q_{ii} w_i + \langle Q, F \rangle \\ (1), \quad y \in [0, 1]^n, \quad \text{diag}(F) \geq 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^T \\ x & F + \text{diag}(w) \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} w_i & x_i \\ x_i & y_i \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \quad i \in N \end{aligned}$$

<sup>12</sup>Zheng, Sun, Li "Improving the Performance of MIQP [...]: A Semidefinite Program Approach" *IJOC* 2014

# Is it Worth?

- “Large SDP” few seconds vs. split second, has to be worth it
- $D^l$  “best” at root node only, at times  $D^c = D^l/2 + D^s/2$  better (??)

	$D^s$ time	$D^c$ time	$D^l$ time
200 <sup>+</sup>	1.17	0.93	1.41
200 <sup>0</sup>	1256.99	47.54	4.46
200 <sup>-</sup>	21941.53	622.25	14.99
300 <sup>+</sup>	4.60	2.36	3.18
300 <sup>0</sup>	2299.75	71.40	8.81
300 <sup>-</sup>	68043.87	1649.26	26.86
400 <sup>+</sup>	4.98	3.17	5.33
400 <sup>0</sup>	37836.53	613.01	50.60
400 <sup>-</sup>	175843.65	8095.26	52.91

- Yet, exploiting “more of  $Q$ ” most definitely works

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# Take the Nonseparable (2×2) Bull by the Horns

- Obvious next step: **2×2** MIQP with semi-continuous variables

$$(P_2) \quad \begin{cases} \min & q_{11}x_1^2 + 2q_{12}x_1x_2 + q_{22}x_2^2 \\ & l_i y_i \leq x_i \leq u_i y_i, \quad y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad i = 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

$$Q \succeq 0 \equiv q_{11} > 0, q_{22} > 0, q_{11}q_{22} \geq (q_{12})^2$$

- Might **seem a very minor step**, but actually **not so**
- The convex envelope of this is **not** easy to write
- Culprit: the damn mixed term  $2q_{12}x_1x_2$
- It is was not there, we could use **The PR of Alternatives**

# The PR of Alternatives

- **Multi-piece** generalization of  $(P)$

- $x = [x^k]_{k \in K}$ ,  $f(x) = \sum_{k \in K} f^k(x^k)$
- each  $x^k$  either 0 or  $x^k \in \mathcal{P}^k = \{x^k : A^k x^k \leq b^k\}$
- **at most one of the  $x^k \neq 0$**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f^k(x^k) + c^k & \text{if } x^k \in \mathcal{P}^k \text{ and } x^h = 0 \forall h \in K \setminus \{k\} \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Obvious application of the convex hull of disjunctions:

$$\text{co } f(x) = \begin{cases} \min & \sum_{k \in K} \theta^k f^k(x^k / \theta^k) \\ & \sum_{k \in K} \theta^k \leq 1 \\ & A^k x^k \leq b^k \theta^k, \theta_k \geq 0 \quad k \in K \end{cases}$$

basically **the sum of individual convex envelopes**

- Little nice result useful in more than one way

# The PR of Alternatives to the Rescue

- Somewhat awkward reformulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & q_{11}(x_1^1)^2 + q_{22}(x_2^2)^2 + q_{11}(x_1^{12})^2 + 2q_{12}x_1^{12}x_2^{12} + q_{22}(x_2^{12})^2 \\ & x_i = x_i^i + x_i^{12} \quad , \quad y_i = y^i + y^{12} \quad \quad \quad i = 1, 2 \\ & l_i y^i \leq x_i^i \leq u_i y^i \quad , \quad l_i y^{12} \leq x_i^{12} \leq u_i y^{12} \quad \quad \quad i = 1, 2 \\ & y^1 + y^2 + y^{12} \leq 1 \quad , \quad y^1, y^2, y^{12} \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

“get rid by the mixed term” by creating its “private copy” of the  $x$

- Why? Because PR of alternatives then gives

$$(PR_2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min \quad q_{11}(x_1^1)^2/y^1 + q_{22}(x_2^2)^2/y^2 + \\ \quad [q_{11}(x_1^{12})^2 + 2q_{12}x_1^{12}x_2^{12} + q_{22}(x_2^{12})^2]/y^{12} \\ \quad \dots \end{array} \right.$$

and can project away half of the extra variables via equalities

- But projecting on the original variable space nontrivial<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Jeon, Linderoth, Miller “Quadratic cone cutting surfaces for quadratic programs with on–off constraints” *Disc. Opt.* 2017

## $2 \times 2 \mapsto n \times n$ in One Fell Swoop

- Nice idea: decompose  $Q$  as the sum of  $2 \times 2$  PSD matrices  
(could never work with  $k = 1$ , but can work as soon as  $k > 1$ )
- $P =$  set of all  $O(n^2)$  undirected pairs  $\{i, j\} \subset N \times N$  ( $i \neq j$ )  
 $n \times n$  matrices  $Q^{ij} \succeq 0$  with  $2 \times 2$  support such that

$$Q = \sum_{\{i,j\} \in P} Q^{ij}$$

### Example

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $Q^{ij}$  such that  $Q_{hk}^{ij} = 0$  if  $\{h, k\} \not\subset \{i, j\} \equiv$   
 $Q^{ij} = E^P \Pi^P (E^P)^T$  where  $E^P = [e_i, e_j] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2}$ ,  $\Pi^P \succeq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$   
(rank-two matrix with  $2 \times 2$  semidefinite core)



# When is $Q$ $2 \times 2$ -Decomposable?

- $Q$  **Weakly Diagonally Dominant** (WDD)  $\equiv |Q_{ii}| \geq \sum_{j \neq i} |Q_{ij}| \quad i \in N$

## Lemma

$Q$  is (WDD)  $\implies Q$  has  $2 \times 2D$

- $Q$  **Weakly Scaled Diagonally Dominant** (WSDD)  $\equiv$   
 $\exists d > 0$  s.t.  $\text{diag}(d) Q \text{diag}(d)$  is WDD

## Theorem

$Q$  has a  $2 \times 2D \iff Q$  is (WSDD)

- A  $2 \times 2D$  is available by **closed formula** by computing an eigenpair  $(\lambda, x)$  s.t.  $\lambda = \rho(|I - \text{diag}(Q)^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q \text{diag}(Q)^{-\frac{1}{2}}|) \leq 1$  and  $x > 0$

$$Q_{ii}^{jj} = \frac{\lambda |Q_{ij}| \sqrt{Q_{ii}}}{\lambda \sqrt{Q_{jj}}} x_i^{-1} x_j + \frac{Q_{ii}(1 - \lambda)}{n - 1}$$

- Actually a **more general parametric** formula, condition for unicity

# Not really a new result

- Turned out it was known already<sup>14</sup>
- Fundamental piece of the proof independently found in completely different application<sup>15</sup>
- Independently found a completely application in optimization<sup>16</sup>
- Our own result slightly more refined in some aspects:
  - explicit parametrized formulæ
  - characterization of unicity and existence low-rank decomposition
- **Open question:** algebraic characterization of  $k \times kD$  for  $k > 2$
- Only (weak) bounds are known<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup>Boman, Chen, Parekh, Toledo "On factor width and symmetric H -matrices" *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 2005

<sup>15</sup>Ruozzi, Tatikonda "Message-passing algorithms for quadratic minimization" *Journal of Machine Learning*, 2013

<sup>16</sup>Ahmadi, Majumdar "DSOS and SDSOS Optimization: More Tractable [...]" *SIAM J. Appl. Algebra Geometry*, 2019

# What if $Q$ is not $2 \times 2$ -Decomposable?

- Extract “as much as possible” by a “simple” SDP

$$\min \left\{ \|\Phi\| : Q = \Phi + \sum_{p \in P} E^p \Pi^p (E^p)^T, \Pi^p \succeq 0, p \in P, \Phi \succeq 0 \right\}$$

- **Approximate  $2 \times 2$  Perspective Reformulation** ( $2 \times 2$ PR)

$$\min x^T \Phi x + q^T x + c^T y +$$

$$\sum_{p \in P} \left[ \Pi_{11}^p (x_i^{p,i})^2 / y^{p,i} + \Pi_{22}^p (x_j^{p,j})^2 / y^{p,j} + (x^{p,p})^T \Pi^p x^{p,p} / y^{p,p} \right]$$

$$Ax + By \leq b$$

$$x_i = x_i^{p,i} + x_i^{p,p}, \quad y_i = y^{p,i} + y^{p,p} \quad p \in P, i \in p \quad (2)$$

$$l_i y^{p,i} \leq x_i^{p,i} \leq u_i y^{p,i} \quad p \in P, i \in p \quad (3)$$

$$l_i y^{p,p} \leq x_i^{p,p} \leq u_i y^{p,p} \quad p \in P, i \in p \quad (4)$$

$$y^{p,p} + y^{p,i} + y^{p,j} \leq 1 \quad p \in P \quad (5)$$

$$y^{p,i} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad y^{p,p} \in \{0, 1\} \quad p \in P, i \in p \quad (6)$$

- ( $2 \times 2$ PR) rather **more expensive to solve** (by **standard SOCP**)

# Extract a Better $2 \times 2D$

- Extract **the best possible**  $2 \times 2D$ : usual max / min
- SDP duality leads to a **large** SDP

$$\min q^T x + c^T y + \langle Q, F \rangle$$

$$Ax + By \leq b, \quad (2)-(5), \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^T \\ x & F \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$D^p F D^p \succeq E^p \left( \begin{bmatrix} w_i^p & 0 \\ 0 & w_j^p \end{bmatrix} + W^p \right) (E^p)^T \quad p \in P$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W^p & x^{p,p} \\ (x^{p,p})^T & y^{p,p} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \quad p \in P$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_i^p & x_i^{p,i} \\ x_i^{p,i} & y^{p,i} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \quad p \in P, \quad i \in p$$

(last ones actually SOCP constraints)

- **Positively huge!**  $1e+5$  seconds for  $n = 50$  (by **standard SDP**)

# Cheaper alternatives to find a “good” $2 \times 2D$

- We want to write  $Q = \Phi + X$ , where  $X$  is  $2 \times 2D$  and  $\Phi \succeq 0$  “small”
- We know how to quickly test if  $X$  has a  $2 \times 2D$
- We know (more than one)  $D$  s.t.  $Q - D \succeq 0$
- We assume  $\Phi(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon(Q - D) \equiv X(\varepsilon) = Q - \Phi(\varepsilon) = (1 - \varepsilon)Q + \varepsilon D$
- If  $Q = X(0)$  has a  $2 \times 2D$ , stop:  $\Phi(0) = 0$
- $X(1) = D$  surely has a  $2 \times 2D$
- Find the smallest  $\varepsilon$  s.t.  $X(\varepsilon)$  has a  $2 \times 2D$
- Binary search with eigenvalue computation inside, very quick
- Depends on the  $D$  one starts from

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# The instances

- $n \in \{25, 50\}$  because we could go no further
- Suddenly realised  $Q \geq 0$  in all our cases, but did not need to be
- “p” = “+”, “z” = “0”, “n” = “-” instances
- “o”, “y”, “m” instances produced starting “p”, “z”, “n”:  
changing sign of all the off-diagonals, correct diagonal if  $\neq 0$
- This makes  $Q$  look like/be a **M-matrix**<sup>17</sup>
- CXV + SeDuMi for SDPs, Cplex for MI-SOCPs
- $D_s, D_l$ :  $1 \times 1$  with  $D$  from “small SDP” and “large SDP”
- $2 \times 2_s, 2 \times 2_l$ :  $2 \times 2$  with  $2 \times 2D$  from “small SDP” and “large SDP”
- $2 \times 2_{h,s}, 2 \times 2_{h,l}$ :  $2 \times 2$  with  $2 \times 2D$  from heuristic starting by  $D_s, D_l$
- Report **root node gaps** of PR (forget about running times ...)

<sup>17</sup> Atamturk, Goomez “Strong Formulations for Quadratic Opt. with M-Matrices and Semi-Continuous Variables” RR 2018

# Some Results, $n = 25$

	$D_s$	$D_l$	$2 \times 2_s$	$2 \times 2_{h,s}$	$2 \times 2_{h,l}$	$2 \times 2_l$
25-p-a	2.28	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21
25-p-i	0.71	0.56	2.33	2.33	2.33	0.55
25-o-c	8.23	5.09	2.48	2.48	2.48	2.47
25-o-i	14.93	13.65	6.58	6.58	6.58	6.58
25-z-c	3.06	2.44	15.27	15.83	15.72	1.64
25-z-e	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.00
25-y-e	2.14	2.10	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.21
25-y-g	24.57	24.57	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.71
25-n-a	2.79	1.78	11.97	12.10	11.24	0.27
25-n-c	3.04	2.04	12.12	13.04	12.66	1.42
25-m-c	99.55	99.55	98.59	98.59	98.59	98.59
25-m-g	5.32	5.32	4.79	4.79	4.79	4.66
25-m-i	100	100	100	100	100	100



# Some Results, $n = 50$

	$D_s$	$D_l$	$2 \times 2_s$	$2 \times 2_{h,s}$	$2 \times 2_{h,l}$	$2 \times 2_l$
50-p-a	1.47	1.23	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
50-p-e	0.89	0.33	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.26
50-o-c	15.71	9.32	2.44	2.44	2.44	2.44
50-o-g	19.84	15.90	6.32	6.32	6.32	6.31
50-z-e	2.86	1.16	10.97	11.45	11.30	0.51
50-z-i	2.92	1.79	3.65	4.72	4.83	1.36
50-y-a	8.80	8.80	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14
50-y-i	94.62	94.62	73.27	73.27	73.27	73.26
50-n-e	3.12	1.54	9.23	11.90	10.85	0.36
50-n-i	3.92	1.98	6.75	10.10	9.07	0.57
50-m-a	59.97	59.97	15.47	15.47	15.47	15.38
50-m-c	100	100	100	100	100	100
50-m-i	98.51	98.51	90.22	90.22	90.22	90.22

# So, is it Worth?

- **Not** using standard means
- **A bad  $2 \times 2D$  is worse than a good  $D$ , even if obtained by it**
- Both SDPs and SOCP for  $2 \times 2D$  PR (extremely) more costly
- Cheap heuristics for  $2 \times 2D$  **sometimes good**, **sometimes horrible**
- Improvement w.r.t. diagonal (“standard” or “large”)  
**hugely dependent on  $Q$** : sometimes **huge** ( $Q_{ij} < 0$ ), sometimes **null**
- Surely something more to say theoretically
- Yet the approach looks interesting to us (**sparse** case . . .)

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# $k \times k$ Convex Envelope

- Example:  $3 \times 3$  case, three indices  $t = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- $2^3 - 1 = 7$  configurations in  $C(t) = 2^t \setminus \emptyset$   
 $= \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$
- For  $c \in C(t)$ ,  $Q^c = Q$  restricted to these indices,  $x^c = [x_i^c]_{i \in c}$

$$(PR_3) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \min & \sum_{c \in C(t)} [(x^c)^T Q^c x^c] / y^c \\ \text{s.t.} & x_i = \sum_{c \in C(t): i \in c} x_i^c & i \in t \\ & y_i = \sum_{c \in C(t): i \in c} y^c & i \in t \\ & l_i y^c \leq x_i^c \leq u_i y^c & c \in C(t), i \in c \\ & \sum_{c \in C(t)} y^c \leq 1 \\ & y^c \in \{0, 1\} & c \in C(t) \end{array} \right.$$

- Can clearly go to any  $k \times k$  at the **only cost of  $2^k$  configurations for each of the  $O(n^k)$  subsets of indices**
- Does it look promising? You tell me ...

# $k \times k$ PR Requires a $k \times kD$

- Set  $T = \{(i, j, k) \in N \times N \times N : i < j < k\}$  of all possible triples,  $E^t = [e_i, e_j, e_k]$ ,  $\Gamma^t \succeq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  for all  $t \in T$
- **Approximate**  $3 \times 3D$   $Q = \Phi + \sum_{t \in T} E^t \Gamma^t (E^t)^T$  gives the  $3 \times 3PR$

$$\min x^T \Phi x + q^T x + c^T y +$$

$$\sum_{t \in T} \sum_{c \in C(t)} (x^{t,c})^T (\Gamma^t)^c x^{t,c} / y^{t,c}$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax + By \leq b$$

$$x_i = \sum_{c \in C(t): i \in c} x_i^{t,c}, \quad y_i = \sum_{c \in C(t): i \in c} y^{t,c} \quad t \in T, \quad i \in N \quad (7)$$

$$l_i y^{t,c} \leq x_i^{t,c} \leq u_i y^{t,c} \quad t \in T, \quad c \in C(t), \quad i \in c \quad (8)$$

$$\sum_{c \in C(t)} y^{t,c} \leq 1 \quad t \in T \quad (9)$$

$$y^{t,c} \in \{0, 1\} \quad t \in T, \quad c \in C(t) \quad (10)$$

- **Algebraic characterization of  $k \times kD$ ? Heuristics??**

## Finding a $k \times k$ D of $Q$

- “Small” SDP:  $E^t = [e_i, e_j, e_k]$ ,  $\Gamma^t \succeq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  for all  $t \in T$

$$\min \left\{ \|\Phi\|^2 : Q = \Phi + \sum_{t \in T} E^t \Gamma^t (E^t)^T, \Gamma^t \succeq 0 \quad t \in T, \Phi \succeq 0 \right\}$$

- You can play the same “max / min + SDP duality” game to get

$$\min q^T x + c^T y + \sum_{p \in P} 2Q_p f_p + \sum_{i \in N} Q_{ii} f_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax + By \leq b, \quad (7)-(10), \quad y \in [0, 1]^n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^T \\ x & \sum_{(i,j) \in P} O^{ij} f_{ij} + \sum_{i \in N} D^i f_i \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\sum_{(i,j) \subset t} O^{t,ij} f_{ij} + \sum_{i \in t} D^{t,i} f_i \succeq \sum_{c \in C(t)} \bar{W}^{t,c} \quad t \in T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W^{t,c} & x^{t,c} \\ (x^{t,c})^T & y^{t,c} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \quad t \in T, c \in C(t)$$

( $\bar{W}^{t,c} = W^{t,c}$  extended in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , a few of the latter SOCP)

- Perhaps better say you **theoretically could** ...

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# Conclusions and Several Open Questions

- Perspective Reformulation is very **simple**, yet **surprisingly effective** in the separable case
- Extensions to the nonseparable case by diagonal extraction **reasonably simple** (one SDP) and **surprisingly effective** as well
- $2 \times 2$  PR **perhaps** still reasonable, but **not any  $k > 2$**
- **Nice general idea**: extraction of  $2 \times 2$  SDP matrices (has at least another application, may have others)
- Full theoretical characterization:
  - matrices with exact  $2 \times 2$  decomposition
  - SDP formulation for approximated  $2 \times 2$  decomposition
- Still a **lot of work** to be competitive w.r.t. diagonal case (will we ever get there?)
- More theory for  $k > 2$ ? Possible practical value?