

Moments and Positive Polynomials for Optimization II: LP- VERSUS SDP-relaxations

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Recall the Global Optimization problem **P**:

$$f^* := \min\{ f(x) \mid g_j(x) \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, m\},$$

where f and g_j are all **POLYNOMIALS**, and let

$$\mathbf{K} := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g_j(x) \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, m\}$$

be the feasible set (a compact basic semi-algebraic set)

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DUAL side: The K-moment problem

Let $\{X^\alpha\}$ be a canonical **basis** for $\mathbb{R}[X]$, and let $y := \{y_\alpha\}$ be a given sequence indexed in that basis.

Recall the K-moment problem

Given $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, **does there exist a measure** μ on K , such that

$$y_\alpha = \int_K X^\alpha d\mu, \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n \quad ?$$

(where $X^\alpha = X_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots X_n^{\alpha_n}$).

Given $y = \{y_\alpha\}$, let $L_y : \mathbb{R}[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, be the linear functional

$$f (= \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} X^{\alpha}) \quad \mapsto \quad L_y(f) := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} f_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}.$$

Moment matrix $M_d(y)$

with rows and columns also indexed in the basis $\{X^{\alpha}\}$.

$$M_d(y)(\alpha, \beta) := L_y(X^{\alpha+\beta}) = y_{\alpha+\beta}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n, \quad |\alpha|, |\beta| \leq d.$$

For instance in \mathbb{R}^2 : $M_1(\mathbf{y}) = \left[\begin{array}{c|cc} \underbrace{1}_{y_{00}} & \underbrace{x_1}_{y_{10}} & \underbrace{x_2}_{y_{01}} \\ \hline - & - & - \\ y_{10} & y_{20} & y_{11} \\ y_{01} & y_{11} & y_{02} \end{array} \right]$

Importantly ...

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Localizing matrix

The “Localizing matrix” $M_d(\theta y)$ w.r.t. a polynomial $\theta \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ with $X \mapsto \theta(X) = \sum_{\gamma} \theta_{\gamma} X^{\gamma}$, has its rows and columns also indexed in the basis $\{X^{\alpha}\}$ of $\mathbb{R}[X]_d$, and with entries:

$$\begin{aligned} M_d(\theta y)(\alpha, \beta) &= L_y(\theta X^{\alpha+\beta}) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \in \mathbb{N}^n} \theta_{\gamma} y_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}, \quad \begin{cases} \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n \\ |\alpha|, |\beta| \leq d. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For instance, in \mathbb{R}^2 , and with $X \mapsto \theta(X) := 1 - X_1^2 - X_2^2$,

$$M_1(\theta y) = \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{y_{00} - y_{20} - y_{02}}^1, & \overbrace{y_{10} - y_{30} - y_{12}}^{X_1}, & \overbrace{y_{01} - y_{21} - y_{03}}^{X_2} \\ y_{10} - y_{30} - y_{12}, & y_{20} - y_{40} - y_{22}, & y_{11} - y_{21} - y_{12} \\ y_{01} - y_{21} - y_{03}, & y_{11} - y_{21} - y_{12}, & y_{02} - y_{22} - y_{04} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Checking whether $(**)$ holds for all $f \in \mathbb{R}[X]$ with degree $\leq d$ reduces to checking whether $M_d(y) \succeq 0$ and $M_d(g_j y) \succeq 0$, for all $j = 1, \dots, m$!

$\rightarrow m + 1$ LMI conditions to verify!

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LP-relaxations

With $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, consider the **hierarchy** of **LP-relaxations**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_d^* = \max_{\lambda, \mathbf{c}_{\alpha\beta}} \lambda \\ f - \lambda = \sum_{\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}^m} \mathbf{c}_{\alpha\beta} g^\alpha (1 - g)^\beta \\ \mathbf{c}_{\alpha\beta} \geq 0, \quad \forall |\alpha + \beta| \leq 2d \end{array} \right.$$

and of course $\rho_d = \rho_d^*$ for all d .

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