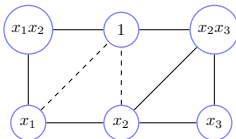
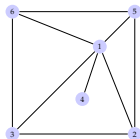


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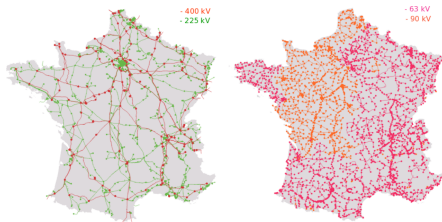
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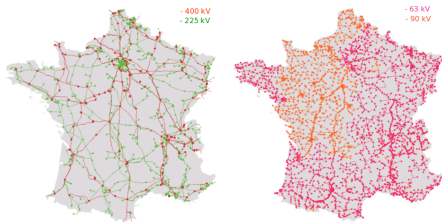
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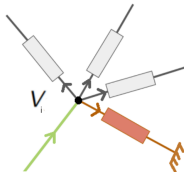
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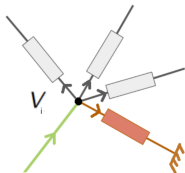
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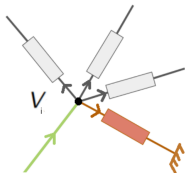
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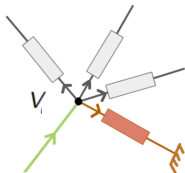
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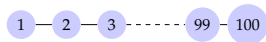
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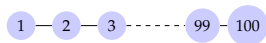
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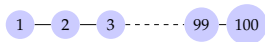
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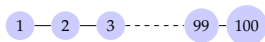
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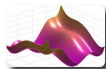
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with  $\mu$  proba  $\Rightarrow$



**INFINITE LP**

(Dual)

$$\sup \lambda$$

$\Leftarrow$  with  $f - \lambda \geq 0$

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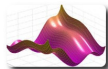
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## Practice

(Primal **Relaxation**)

$$\text{moments } \int x^\alpha d\mu$$

finite number  $\Rightarrow$



**SDP**

(Dual **Strengthening**)

$$f - \lambda = \text{sum of squares}$$

$\Leftarrow$  **fixed** degree

[Lasserre '01] HIERARCHY of **CONVEX PROBLEMS**  $\uparrow f_{\min}$

Based on representation of positive polynomials [Putinar '93]

**X** Numerical Solvers  $\Rightarrow$  **Approx Certificate**

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Can be computed with SDP solvers (CSDP, SDPA, MOSEK)

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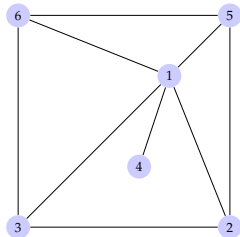
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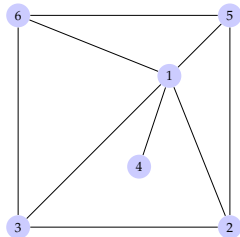


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maximal cliques  $I_k$

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$$I_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$$

$$I_3 = \{1, 3, 5, 6\}$$

Dense SDP: 210 vars

Sparse SDP: 115 vars

Average size  $\kappa \rightsquigarrow \kappa^{2d}$  vars

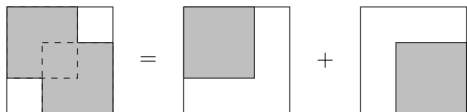
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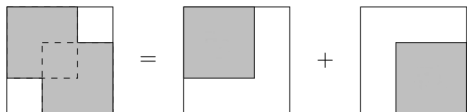
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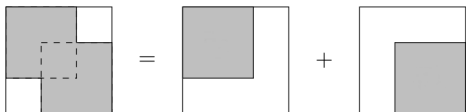
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## Theorem: Sparse Putinar's representation [Lasserre '06]

$f > 0$  on  $\{x : g_j(x) \geq 0\}$

chordal graph  $G$  with cliques  $I_k \implies$

ball constraints for each  $x(I_k)$

$$f = \sigma_0 + \sum_j \sigma_j g_j$$

SOS  $\sigma_0$  "sees" vars in  $I_k$

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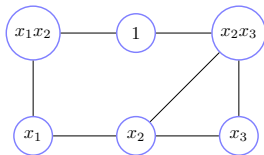
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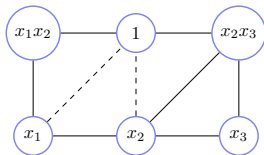
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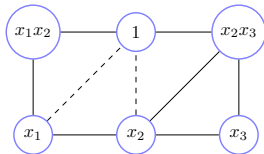
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💡 **Term sparsity pattern graph  $G$**   
+ chordal extension  $G'$



Replace  $Q$  by  $Q_{G'}$  with nonzero entries at edges of  $G'$

$\rightsquigarrow 6 + 9 = 15$  "unknown" entries in  $Q_{G'}$

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By iteratively performing **support extension** & **chordal extension**

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# A few benchmarks on AC-OPF instances

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mb: max block size

gap: the optimality gap w.r.t. local optimal solution

$n$	$m$	CS ( $d = 2$ )				CS+TS ( $d = 2, \ell = 1$ )			
		mb	opt	time	gap	mb	opt	time	gap
20	55	28	1.754e4	0.56	0.05%	22	1.754e4	0.30	0.05%
114	315	66	1.344e5	5.59	0.39%	31	1.339e5	2.01	0.73%
344	971	153	4.224e5	758	0.06%	44	4.207e5	96.0	0.48%
	1325	253	—	—	—	73	1.047e5	169	0.50%
1112	4613	231	4.241e4	3114	0.85%	39	4.240e4	46.6	0.86%
		496	—	—	—	31	7.239e4	410	0.25%
4356	18257	378	—	—	—	27	1.395e6	934	0.51%
6698	29283	1326	—	—	—	76	5.985e5	1886	0.47%

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SPARSITY EXPLOITING CONVERGING HIERARCHIES to minimize large-scale polynomials

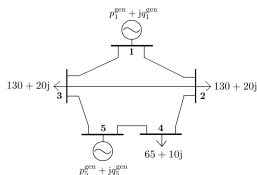
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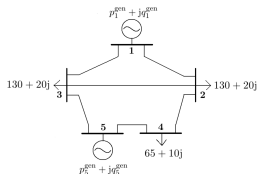
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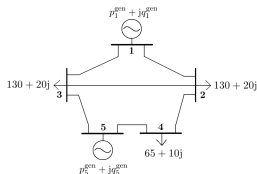
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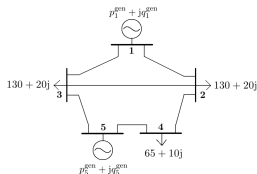
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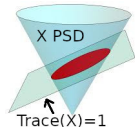
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