

Optimization over trace polynomials

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 $S \subset \text{Sym } \mathbb{T}$ X_j operators from finite von Neumann algebra


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- Univ case [Klep-Pascoe-Volcic]: $a \succcurlyeq 0 \Rightarrow a = \text{SOHS/SOHS}$
- Multilinear case [Huber]

Motivation: quantum information

Entanglement in quantum mechanics

→ **upper bounds** for violation levels of Bell inequalities

[Fukuda-Nechita 14] limit output states with input having specific parameters → bounds for generalized tensor traces

[Pozas et al 19] “scalar extension” of NPA hierarchy → identify correlations not attainable in entanglement-swapping scenario

NC operators A_i, C_k satisfy causal constraints:

$$\mathrm{tr}(A_{i_1} \cdots A_{i_m} C_{k_1} \cdots C_{k_m}) - \mathrm{tr}(A_{i_1} \cdots A_{i_m}) \mathrm{tr}(C_{k_1} \cdots C_{k_m}) = 0.$$

💡 Additional variables for each $\mathrm{tr}(w)$ but no convergence proof

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Theorem: cyclic Positivstellensatz for \mathbb{T}

Let \mathcal{M}^{cyc} be an archimedean cyclic quadratic module & $a \in \text{Sym } \mathbb{T}$. The following are equivalent

- (i) $a \succcurlyeq 0$ on $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{cyc}}}$
- (ii) $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there exist SOS $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}[t]$, $q \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{cyc}}$ such that

$$\text{tr}(ay) + \varepsilon = \text{tr}(s_1(a)y + s_2(a)(1 - y)) + q$$

where y is an auxiliary symmetric free variable.

💡 $\text{tr}(ay) + \varepsilon$ is in the module generated by $\mathcal{M}^{\text{cyc}}, y, 1 - y$

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NP-hard NON CONVEX Problem $f^* = \inf f(x)$

Theory

(Primal)		(Dual)
$\inf \int f d\mu$		$\sup \lambda$
with μ proba \Rightarrow	INFINITE LP	\Leftarrow with $f - \lambda \geq 0$

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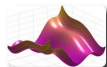
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Practice

(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'S HIERARCHY of **CONVEX PROBLEMS** $\uparrow f^*$

[Lasserre/Parrilo 01]

degree r & n vars $\Rightarrow \binom{n+2r}{n}$ **SDP** VARIABLES

Numeric solvers \Rightarrow **Approx Certificate**

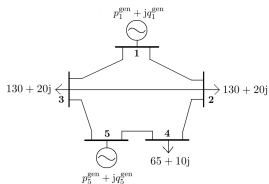


Success stories: Lasserre's hierarchy

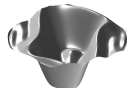
MODELING POWER: Cast as ∞ -dimensional LP over measures

💡 **STATIC Polynomial Optimization**

Optimal Powerflow $n \simeq 10^3$ [Josz et al 16]



💡 **DYNAMICAL Polynomial Optimization**
Regions of attraction [Henrion-Korda 14]



Reachable sets [Magron et al 19]

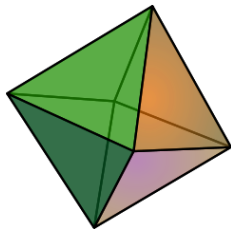


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Prove **polynomial inequalities** with SDP:

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Find \mathbf{z} s.t. $f = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \\ z_2 & z_3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\succeq 0} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

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$$\text{Solution } \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & z_2 \\ z_2 & z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \succcurlyeq 0 \quad (\text{eigenvalues } 0 \text{ and } 2)$$

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Solving **SDP** \implies Finding **SUMS OF SQUARES** certificates

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

“No Free Lunch” Rule: $\binom{n+2r}{n}$ SDP variables

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Converging hierarchy with cyclic quadratic modules:

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$\mathcal{M}^{\text{cyc}}(S)_r$ = polynomials with same trace as some from $\mathcal{M}(S)_r$

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Theorem: Kadison-Dubois [Marshall 08]

Given an Archimedean quadratic module $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ & $a \in \mathbb{T}$:

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