

# Aggregation of quadratic inequalities and hidden hyperplane convexity

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May be equivalently written as:

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2. This is challenging to compute! So we can consider convexification of relaxations (similar to **integer programming**)

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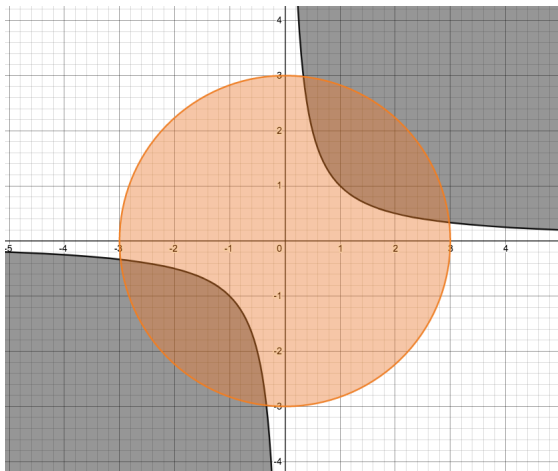
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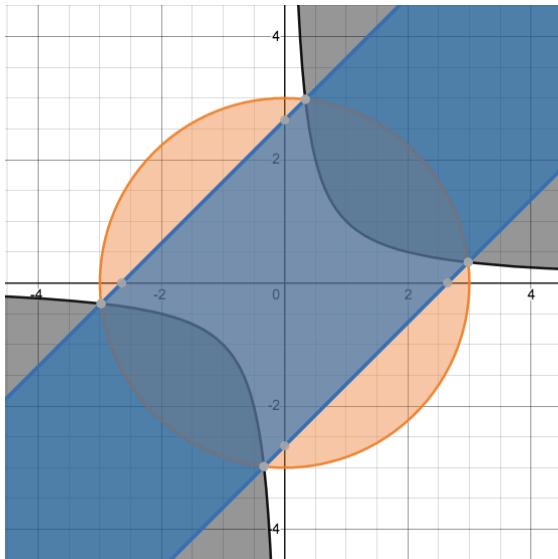
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- ▶ [Tawarmalani, Richard, Chung (2010)] (Covering bilinear knapsack)
- ▶ [Santana, D. (2020)] (polytope and one quadratic constraint)
- ▶ [Ye, Zhang (2003)], [Burer, Anstreicher (2013)], [Beinstock (2014)] [Burer (2015)], [Burer, Yang (2015)], [Anstreicher (2017)] (extended trust-region problem)
- ▶ [Burer, Ye (2019)], [Wang, Kılinc-Karzan (2020, 2021)], [Argue, Kılinc-Karzan, Wang (2020)] (general conditions for the SDP relaxation being tight)
- ▶ [Gu, D., Richard (2023)] [Bienstock, Chen, Muñoz (2020)], [Muñoz and Serrano (2020)] (Cut for QCQPs)
- ▶ ...

## Questions we consider...

The main goal of this study: **understand when  
aggregation produces convex hull.**

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- ▶ Any diagonal quadratic map  $\varphi$  is known to satisfy hidden convexity. [Polyak (1998)]
- ▶ Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by the three matrices:

$$Q_1 := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, Q_2 := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Q_3 := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $H := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0\}$ . Note that  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, 1, 0) \in H$ ,  $\varphi(1, 0, 1, 0) = (0, -2, 0)$  and  $\varphi(0, 1, 1, 0) = (-2, 0, 0)$ . Thus  $(-1, -1, 0) \in \text{conv}(\text{image}(\varphi|_H))$ . However, we observe that  $(-1, -1, 0) \notin \text{image}(\varphi|_H)$ .

# Operations preserving HHC

## Lemma

*Suppose that  $Q_1, \dots, Q_m$  satisfy HHC. Then the following matrices also satisfy HHC:*

1.  $P^\top Q_1 P, \dots, P^\top Q_m P$  where  $P$  is any invertible matrix.
2.  $Q'_1, \dots, Q'_k$  where  $\text{span}(Q'_1, \dots, Q'_k) \subseteq \text{span}(Q_1, \dots, Q_m)$ .  
(Equivalently, there exists a  $k \times m$  matrix  $\Lambda$  such that  $Q'_i = \sum_{j=1}^m \Lambda_{ij} Q_j$  for all  $i \in [k]$ .)



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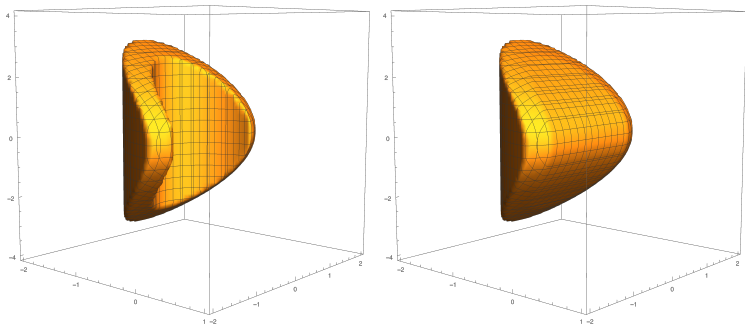


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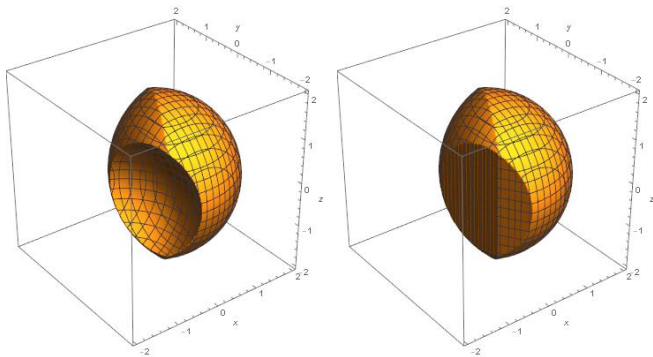


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## Second order cone representable

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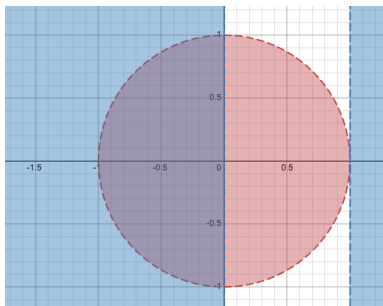
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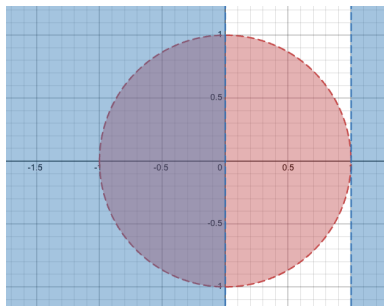
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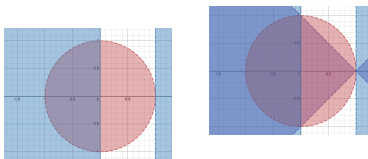


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