

Sensitivity analysis for mixed binary quadratic programming

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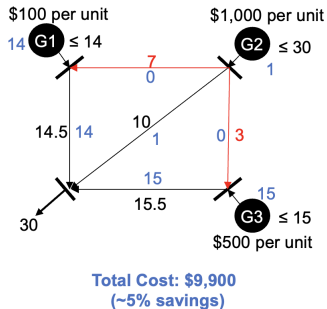
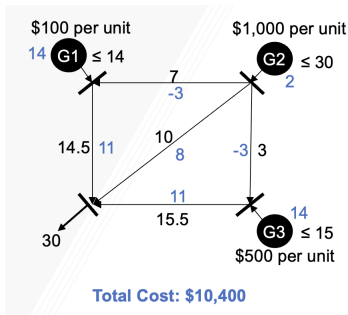
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Section 1

Introduction: Sensitivity analysis for operations related IPs

An example from power system: optimal transmission switching (OTS)

- Optimal transmission switching is an affordable way to mitigate congestion, allowing the dispatch of cheaper generators first and reducing the overall cost.



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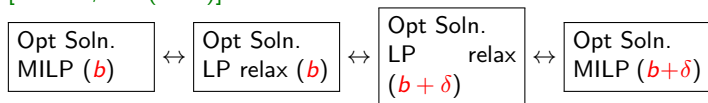
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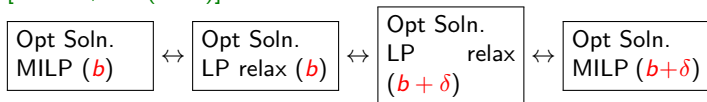
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bound ∞ – *norm* between opt. soln. of MILP(b) and MILP($b + \delta$)

- ▶ This bound is useful for general integer case. In the binary case, such results are less useful, since the bounds are on the infinity norm of the integer solutions.

This talk

- ▶ Complexity of sensitivity analysis.
- ▶ Sensitivity analysis via duality theorem.
- ▶ Some preliminary computational result.

Section 2

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Unlike classic approximation algorithm setting, two-sided bounds are required.

NP-hardness of sensitivity analysis with respect to rhs changes

Theorem (Cifuentes, D., Xu [2023])

It is NP-hard to achieve (α, β) -approximation for any $\beta \geq 1 \geq \alpha > 0$ for general MBQPs, even if exactly one entry of b is changed by one.

- ▶ The proof idea is to find some trivial IP, which becomes non-trivial after changing one entry of b .

Section 3

Sensitivity analysis via duality

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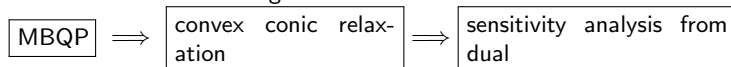
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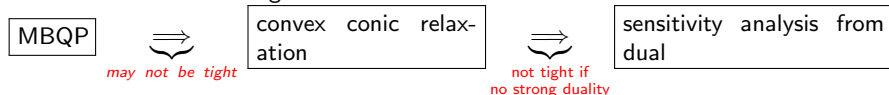
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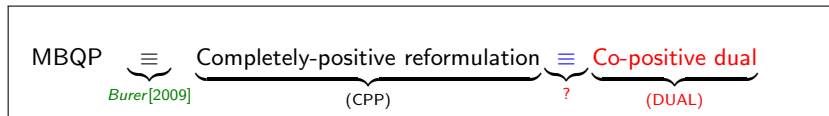
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Lets talk about the dual



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Co-positive dual
(DUAL)

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{DUAL}} &:= \sup \theta + \\ &\sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i \cdot 2b_i + \beta_i \cdot b_i^2) \\ \text{s.t. } &C - (\theta \cdot T + \\ &\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \cdot A_i + \\ &\sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i \cdot AA_i + \\ &\sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \eta_j \cdot N_j) \in \text{COP} \end{aligned}$$

As discussed, weak duality always holds.
What about strong duality?

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$M \in \text{COP}$.

Consider $y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 + \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\begin{aligned} y^\top M y &= 1 - (1 + \epsilon)^2 + \beta(1 + (1 + \epsilon)^2 - 2(1 + \epsilon)) \\ &= -\epsilon^2 - 2\epsilon + \beta\epsilon^2 < 0 \text{ (for sufficiently small } \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ We can construct copositive dual solutions "easily" and start obtaining dual bounds for perturbed instances.

Brief comments on proof techniques

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Lemma (Stability)

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$$y^T C y \approx 1$$

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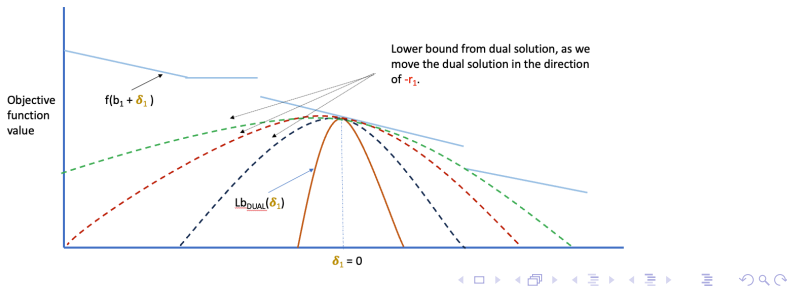
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- ▶ Actual problem solved in experiments involves solving a restriction of COP with some other ‘engineering’ tricks.

Section 4

Preliminary computational results

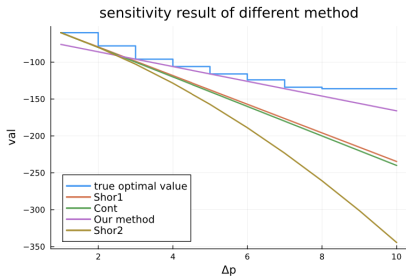
Stable set with side cardinality constraint

Given a bipartite graph $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$, we consider the following instances:

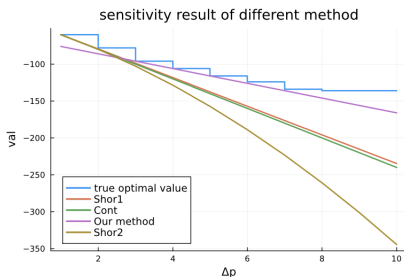
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & -2c^\top x \\ \text{s.t.} & e^\top x \leq k \quad (\text{Cardinality constraint, Changing } k) \\ & x_i + x_j \leq 1, \forall (i, j) \in E \quad (\text{Stable set}) \\ & x \in \{0, 1\}^{|V_1|+|V_2|} \end{array}$$

- ▶ G is random bipartite graph with $|V_1| = |V_2| = 10$ and each edge (i, j) is present in E with probability $\{0.3, 0.5, 0.7\}$ and each entries of c_i is uniformly sampled from $\{0, \dots, 10\}$;
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- ▶ For each setting, 20 instances are generated.

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Δk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	avg time(s)
Shor1 (SDP)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.30
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Our method	0.83	0.02	0.00	0.11	0.19	0.26	0.32	0.38	0.41	0.44	8.35
Cont (LP)	0.97	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.07	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.04	0.00

Fixed charge models

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- ▶ $n = 20, m = 5$
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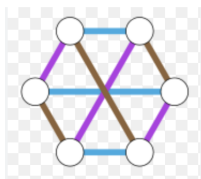
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Thank you!

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