

Exploiting Degeneracy in Cone Optimization with Applications to Sensor Network Localization

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Part I: Degeneracy in Cone Optimization

minimal representations and strong duality
(strict) complementarity and duality gaps

} Numerical difficulties

(With: Y-L Cheung, L. Tuncel, S. Schurr, H. Wei)

Part II: Sensor Network Localization, SNL

- exploiting implicit degeneracy
- solving huge problems
- high accuracy solutions

(With: N. Krislock, F. Rendl)

Primal-Dual Pair of Optimization Problems in Conic Form

$$\text{(assumed finite)} \quad v_P = \sup_y \{ \langle b, y \rangle : \mathcal{A}^* y \preceq_K c \}, \quad (\mathbb{P})$$

$$(v_P \leq) \quad v_D = \inf_x \{ \langle c, x \rangle : \mathcal{A} x = b, x \succeq_{K^*} 0 \}. \quad (\mathbb{D})$$

where

- \mathcal{A} - an onto linear transformation; adjoint is \mathcal{A}^*
- K - a proper convex cone with dual/polar cone $K^* = \{x : \langle s, x \rangle \geq 0, \forall s \in K\}$.
- $s' \preceq_K s'' (s' \prec_K s'')$ - partial order, $s'' - s' \in K (\in \text{int} K)$

Strong Duality and/or Strict Complementarity can Fail

- Instances: SDP relaxations for hard combinatorial problems (e.g. QAP, GP, strengthened MC, SNL)
- Fresh look at known
Characterizations of Optimality without a CQ using
Subspace Formulation
- theme: use MINIMAL REPRESENTATIONS for regularization, efficient solutions
- Surprising Connections Complementarity of Homog. Probl. and duality/Numerical implications

Face

A convex cone F is a **face** of K , denoted $F \trianglelefteq K$, if

$$x, y \in K \text{ and } x + y \in F \implies x, y \in F.$$

If $F \trianglelefteq K$ and $F \neq K$, write $F \triangleleft K$.

Conjugate Face

If $F \trianglelefteq K$, the **conjugate face** (or complementary face) of F is

$$F^c := F^\perp \cap K^* \trianglelefteq K^*.$$

If $x \in \text{ri}(F)$, then $F^c = \{x\}^\perp \cap K^*$.

Minimal Face (Minimal Cone)

Feasible sets

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{F}_P^y & := & \{y : c - \mathcal{A}^*y \succeq_K 0\} & \text{primal} \\ \mathcal{F}_P^s & := & \{s : s = c - \mathcal{A}^*y \succeq_K 0, \text{ for some } y\} & \text{primal slacks} \\ \mathcal{F}_D^x & := & \{x : \mathcal{A}x = b, x \succeq_{K^*} 0\} & \text{dual} \end{array}$$

Minimal Faces

$$f_P := \text{face } \mathcal{F}_P^s \trianglelefteq K \qquad f_D := \text{face } \mathcal{F}_D^x \trianglelefteq K^*$$

(Modified) SDP Example from Ramana, 1995

Primal SDP

$$0 = v_P = \sup_y \left\{ y_2 : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y_2 \\ 0 & y_2 & 0 \\ y_2 & 0 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} \preceq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$y^* = (y_1^* \ 0)^T, \quad y_1^* \leq 0, \quad s^* = c - \mathcal{A}^* y^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -y_1^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Slater's CQ fails for primal and dual; $v_D = 1 > v_P = 0$

Dual of SDP Example

Dual Program

$$1 = v_D = \inf_x \{x_{22} : x_{22} + 2x_{13} = 1, x_{33} = 0, x \succeq 0\}$$

$$x^* = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & 0 \\ x_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_{11} \geq (x_{12}^2)$$

Slater's CQ for (primal) dual & complementarity **fails**

duality gap $v_D - v_P = 1 - 0 = 1$,

$$\text{trace } x^* s^* = \text{trace} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & 0 \\ x_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -y_1^* \end{pmatrix} = 1 > 0$$

Minimal Face for Ramana Example

Feasible Set/Minimal Face

$$\mathcal{F}_P^y = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y_1 \leq 0, y_2 = 0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_P &= \bigcap \{F \trianglelefteq K : \mathcal{F}_P^S = c - \mathcal{A}^*(\mathcal{F}_P^y) \subset F\} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{S}_+^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\triangleleft \mathbb{S}_+^3 \end{aligned}$$

Slater CQ and Minimal Face

If (\mathbb{P}) is feasible, then

$$c - \mathcal{A}^*y \not\prec_K 0 \quad \forall y \quad (\text{Slater's CQ fails for } (\mathbb{P})) \iff f_P \triangleleft K$$

Regularization of (\mathbb{P}) Using Minimal Face

Borwein-W (1981), $f_P = \text{face } \mathcal{F}_P^S$

(\mathbb{P}) is equivalent to **regularized** (\mathbb{P})

$$v_{RP} := \sup_y \{ \langle b, y \rangle : \mathcal{A}^* y \preceq_{f_P} c \}. \quad (\text{RP})$$

Lagrangian Dual DRP Satisfies Strong Duality:

$$v_P = v_{RP} = v_{DRP} := \inf_x \{ \langle c, x \rangle : \mathcal{A} x = b, x \succeq_{f_P^*} 0 \} \quad (\text{DRP})$$

and v_{DRP} is attained

(SYMMETRIC) Subspace Form for (\mathbb{P}) and (\mathbb{D})

Assume Linear Feasibility for $\tilde{s}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{x}$; with data A, b, c, K

$$\mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y} + \tilde{s} = c \quad \mathcal{A} \tilde{x} = b$$

$$\mathcal{L}^\perp = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A}^*) \text{ (range)} \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{A}) \text{ (nullspace)}$$

Equivalent Primal-Dual Pair in Subspace Form, (e.g. N&N '94)

Particular solution + solution of homogeneous equation

$$v_P = c\tilde{x} - \inf_s \left\{ s\tilde{x} : s \in (\tilde{s} + \mathcal{L}^\perp) \cap K \right\}. \quad (\mathbb{P})$$

$$v_D = \tilde{y}b + \inf_x \left\{ \tilde{s}x : x \in (\tilde{x} + \mathcal{L}) \cap K^* \right\}. \quad (\mathbb{D})$$

Faces of Recession Directions (feasible case)

$$f_P^0 := \text{face } (\mathcal{L}^\perp \cap K) (\subset f_P), \quad f_D^0 := \text{face } (\mathcal{L} \cap K^*) (\subset f_D)$$

Recall

$$\text{minimal faces: } f_P = \text{face } \mathcal{F}_P^S, \quad f_D = \text{face } \mathcal{F}_D^X$$

Minimal Subspaces/Linear Transformations

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{min. subsp.:} & \mathcal{L}_{PM}^\perp := \mathcal{L}^\perp \cap (f_P - f_P), \quad \mathcal{L}_{DM} := \mathcal{L} \cap (f_D - f_D) \\ \text{min. Lin. Tr.:} & \mathcal{A}_{PM}^*, \quad \mathcal{A}_{DM} \end{array}$$

Regularization of (\mathbb{P}) Using Minimal Subspace

Assume K Facially Dual Complete, FDC (Pataki/07, 'nice')

i.e. $F \triangleleft K \implies K^* + F^\perp$ is closed. (e.g. $\mathcal{S}_+^n, \mathbb{R}_+^n, \text{SOC}$).

$$\mathcal{L}_{PM}^\perp = \mathcal{L}^\perp \cap (f_P - f_P)$$

$$v_{RP} = c\tilde{x} - \inf_s \left\{ s\tilde{x} : s \in (\tilde{s} + \mathcal{L}_{MP}^\perp) \cap K \right\} \quad (\text{RP})$$

Lagrangian Dual DRP Satisfies Strong Duality:

$$v_P = v_{RP} = v_{DRP} = \tilde{y}b + \inf_x \{ \tilde{s}x : x \in (\tilde{x} + \mathcal{L}_{MP}) \cap K^* \} \quad (\text{DRP})$$

and v_{DRP} is attained

Nice and Devious Cones

Lemma for SDP Case (Ramana,Tuncel,W./97)

Let $0 \neq F \triangleleft S_+^n$. Then

$S_+^n + F^\perp$ is closed (nice)

$S_+^n + \text{span} F^c$ is not closed (devious)

$$S_+^n + F^\perp = \overline{S_+^n + \text{span} F^c}$$

Infinite Duality Gap for Devious cones

Let $\mathcal{L} = \text{span} F^c$; choose $c = \tilde{s} = 0$ and

$\tilde{x} \in (S_+^n + F^\perp) \setminus (S_+^n + \text{span} F^c)$; (subspace repr. (P),(D): (11)).

then $0 = v_P < v_D = \infty$.

Strong Duality for (P) ($v_P = v_D$ and v_D is attained)

Minimal Face and Minimal Subspace CQs for (P)

- 1 $f_P = K$ is a CQ
(from BW: $f_P^* = K^*$)
- 2 $\mathcal{L}^\perp \cap (f_P - f_P) = \mathcal{L}_{PM}^\perp = \mathcal{L}^\perp$ is a CQ (if K is FDC (nice))
($\tilde{s} \in f_P - f_P : x^* = x_K^* + x_f^* \in f_P^* = K^* + f_P^\perp \implies$
 $x^*(\tilde{s} + \mathcal{L}^\perp) = x_K^*(\tilde{s} + \mathcal{L}^\perp)$)

Universal CQ, UCQ for (P) (i.e. independent of feasible data c, b)

$\mathcal{L}^\perp \subset f_P^0 - f_P^0$ is a UCQ (if K is FDC)
(wlog choose $\tilde{s} \in K, \tilde{x} \in K^*$; shows that $f_P^0 \subset f_P, f_D^0 \subset f_D$)

Backward Stable Regularization

Goals: Derive an Algorithm that Satisfies

- 1 recognizes if Slater's CQ holds and if $(\mathbb{P})-(\mathbb{D})$ has a zero duality gap (improves on stability/efficiency of B-W algorithm)
- 2 size of any intermediate cone program solved does not exceed that of (\mathbb{P}) or (\mathbb{D}) (improves on size/efficiency of Ramana's dual)
- 3 intermediate cone programs to be solved are well behaved (in the Slater CQ sense)

Theorem of the Alternative for Slater's CQ

THEOREM

Suppose that (\mathbb{P}) is feasible. Then exactly one of the following two systems is consistent:

- (1) $\mathcal{A}x = 0$, $\langle c, x \rangle = 0$, and $0 \neq x \succeq_{K^*} 0$
- (2) $\mathcal{A}^*y \prec_K c$ (Slater's CQ holds for (\mathbb{P}))

Difficult?

In theory, we can solve

$$(*) \quad \min\{0 : x \text{ satisfies (1)}\}$$

to determine if Slater's CQ fails for (\mathbb{P}) .

But this problem $(*)$ need not satisfy the generalized Slater CQ!

Stable Theorem of the Alternative

Stable Auxiliary Problem

Let $\mathbf{e} \in \text{int}(K) \cap \text{int}(K^*)$; define $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{c}}\mathbf{x} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} \\ \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \end{pmatrix}$

$$\alpha^* := \left\{ \inf_{\mathbf{x}, \alpha} \alpha : \|\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{c}}\mathbf{x}\| \leq \alpha, \mathbf{x} + \alpha\mathbf{e} \succeq_{K^*} \mathbf{0}, \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \leq 1 \right\} \quad (1)$$

Properties/Advantages

- size of (1) essentially that of (ID)
- A **strictly feasible** primal-dual point is easily found.
- Apply primal-dual IPM; assume a barrier for K^* such that the central path defined by it converges to a point in the relative interior of the optimal face; **follow central path closely at end** of algorithm.

Algorithm Alternates to Obtain Minimal Representations

For Minimal Face

From auxiliary problem, find:

$$0 \neq x \in K^*, \{x\}^\perp = H, \{x\}^\perp \cap K \supset f_P$$

For Minimal Subspace

Find \mathcal{A}_H so that $\mathcal{R}(A_H^*) = \mathcal{R}(A^*) \cap H$
to get **reduced problem in H**

Previous SDP with $K = \mathbb{S}_+^3$ and a Duality Gap of 1

SeDuMi 1.1 Results

$$y^* = \begin{pmatrix} -0.321 \times 10^6 & 0.372 \end{pmatrix}^T$$
$$s^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -0.372 \\ - & 0.628 \times 10^5 & 0 \\ - & - & -0.321 \times 10^6 \end{pmatrix};$$

desired accuracy (10^{-6}) achieved but!!

$\langle c, x^* \rangle - \langle b, y^* \rangle \approx -0.12!$ and s^* is **not** pos. semidef.

After One Step of the Reduction

Our code yields correct primal solution:

$$y^* = \begin{pmatrix} -1.50 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ - & 1.00 & 0 \\ - & - & 1.50 \end{pmatrix}$$

Higher Dimensional Numerical Experiments

SDP with $m = n \geq 3$, $b = e_2$, $c = 0$

$$\mathcal{A}^* y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_{n-1} & y_n \\ y_2 & y_3 & & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \\ y_{n-1} & & & y_n & & \\ y_n & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

SeDuMi/Our Algorithm

SeDuMi gives incorrect primal/dual solution; **duality gap of -1** ;
our algorithm gives correct solution

$$F_P = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : y_1 \leq 0, y_2 = \cdots = y_n = 0\}$$

$$\text{min. face } f_P = \{s \in \mathcal{S}^n_+ : s_{11} \geq 0, s_{ij} = 0 \forall (i,j) \neq (1,1)\},$$

and (\mathbb{D}) is infeasible.

Theoretical/Numerical Difficulties

- Primal Slater condition implies **strong duality**, i.e. **zero duality gap AND** dual attainment.
- (Near) loss of strict feasibility is used as a measure in complexity theory. (e.g. Renegar/95, Freund/01, Lara and Tuncel/02)
- (Near) loss of strict feasibility correlates with number of iterations and loss of accuracy in interior-point methods (e.g. Freund/Ordenez/Toh 2006)

Loss of Strict Complementarity, (SC)

Strict Complementary Optimal Primal-Dual Pair

- There exists an optimal primal-dual pair x, s such that

$$x + s \succ 0 \quad (\in \text{int}(K + K^*))$$

Theoretical Difficulties/Convergence

- Convergence proofs for asymptotic quadratic superlinear convergence require SC.
- Proofs of convergence to the analytic center require SC

Numerical Difficulties/Relation to Duality Gaps???

increased number of iterations? loss of accuracy?

Maximal Complementary Solution Pair:

- A p-d pair of optimal solutions (\bar{s}, \bar{x}) is a maximal complementary solution pair if the pair maximizes the sum $\text{rank}(s) + \text{rank}(x)$ over all p-d optimal (s, x) .

Strict Complementarity Nullity, g :

- $g = n - \text{rank}(\bar{s}) - \text{rank}(\bar{x})$, where (\bar{s}, \bar{x}) is a maximal complementary solution pair

Hard SDP Instances:

- problems where nullity is nonzero

Numerical Difficulties Correlate with Large Nullity

- There is a **strong correlation** between the **iteration number** to achieve the desired stopping tolerance and the **size of the complementarity nullity**, when the accuracy requirement is high.
- Large nullity instances cause problems for SDPT3 solver.
- Local asymptotic convergence rate is slower when nullity is larger.

Theoretical Connections Complementarity/Duality?

Numerical Difficulties

(Both) **loss of Slater CQ (strict feasibility)** and **loss of strict complementarity** independently result in numerical difficulties for interior-point methods.

Theoretical Connection?

Is there a theoretical connection between **loss of duality** (from loss of a CQ) and **loss of strict complementarity**?

Complementarity Partition

Recall Faces of Recession Directions

$$f_P^0 := \text{face} \left(\mathcal{L}^\perp \cap K \right), \quad f_D^0 := \text{face} \left(\mathcal{L} \cap K^* \right)$$

The pair f_P^0, f_D^0 define a Complementarity Partition

$\text{face}(f_P^0) \subset \text{face}(f_D^0)^c$ and $\text{face}(f_D^0) \subset \text{face}(f_P^0)^c$.

it is a **strict complementarity partition** if both

$[\text{face}(f_P^0)]^c = \text{face}(f_D^0)$ and $[\text{face}(f_D^0)]^c = \text{face}(f_P^0)$;

it is **proper** if f_P^0 and f_D^0 are both nonempty.

For SDP (after a rotation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_D^0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f_P^0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Form Primal-Dual Pair

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \tilde{\mathbf{s}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \langle \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq \|\mathbf{v}\|_F^2,$$

for all feasible pairs \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x} . (gap is dimension of \mathbf{v})

Strict Complementarity and Nonzero Gaps

Theorem: K is a proper cone

(1) If f_P^0, f_D^0 define a proper complementarity partition with a gap of dimension 1, so, the partition is not a strict complementarity partition, then there exists \bar{s} and \bar{x} such that $(\mathbb{P})-(\mathbb{D})$ with data $(\mathcal{L}, K, \bar{s}, \bar{x})$ has a finite nonzero duality gap.

(Partial Converse)

(2) If (a) $(\mathbb{P})-(\mathbb{D})$ with data $(\mathcal{L}, K, \bar{s}, \bar{x})$ has a finite nonzero duality gap with both optimal values attained, and (b) the objective functions are constant along all recession directions of (\mathbb{P}) and (\mathbb{D}) , then f_P^0, f_D^0 has a proper complementarity partition but not a strict complementarity partition.

- Minimal Representations of the data regularize (P)
min. face f_P and/or the min. L.T. \mathcal{A}_{PM} or \mathcal{L}_{PM}^*
- presented a stable algorithm to solve (feasible) conic problems for which Slater's CQ fails
- Failure of strict complementarity for the associated recession problems is closely related to the existence of instances having a finite nonzero duality gap; provides a means of generating instances for testing.

SNL - a Fundamental Problem of Distance Geometry; easy to describe - dates back to Grassmann 1886

- n ad hoc wireless sensors (nodes) to locate in \mathbb{R}^r ,
(r is embedding dimension;
sensors $p_i \in \mathbb{R}^r, i \in V := 1, \dots, n$)
- m of the sensors are anchors, $p_i, i = n - m + 1, \dots, n$)
(positions known, using e.g. GPS)
- pairwise distances $D_{ij} = \|p_i - p_j\|^2, ij \in E$, are known
within radio range $R > 0$



$$P^T = [p_1 \ \dots \ p_n] = [X^T \ A^T] \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$$

Horst Stormer (Nobel Prize, Physics, 1949), “21 Ideas for the 21st Century”, Business Week. 8/23-30, 1999

Untethered micro sensors will go anywhere and measure anything - traffic flow, water level, number of people walking by, temperature. This is developing into something like a nervous system for the earth, **a skin for the earth**. The world will evolve this way.

Tracking Humans/Animals/Equipment/Weather **(smart dust)**

- geographic routing; data aggregation; topological control; soil humidity; earthquakes and volcanos; weather and ocean currents.
- military; tracking of goods; vehicle positions; surveillance; random deployment in inaccessible terrains.

Conferences/Journals/Research Groups/Books/Theses/Codes

- Conference, MELT 2008
- International Journal of Sensor Networks
- Research groups include: CENS at UCLA, Berkeley WEBS,
- recent related theses and books include:
[10, 16, 8, 7, 11, 12, 6, 14, 17]
- recent algorithms specific for SNL:
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 18, 13]

Graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \omega)$

- node set $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, n\}$
- edge set $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$; $\omega_{ij} = \|p_i - p_j\|^2$ known approximately
- The anchors form a clique (complete subgraph)
- **Realization of \mathcal{G} in \mathbb{R}^r** : a mapping of node $v_i \rightarrow p_i \in \mathbb{R}^r$ with squared distances given by ω .

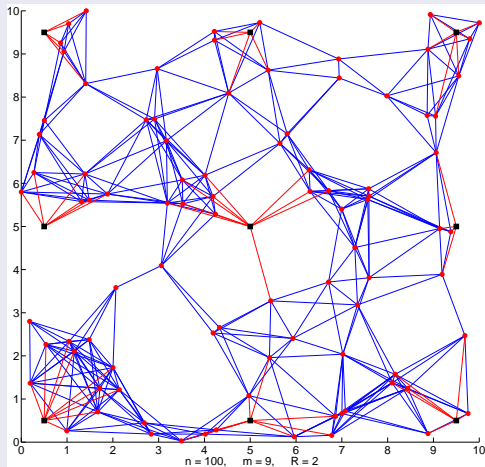
Corresponding Partial Euclidean Distance Matrix, EDM

$$D_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_{ij}^2 & \text{if } (i, j) \in \mathcal{E} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise (unknown distance),} \end{cases}$$

$d_{ij}^2 = \omega_{ij}$ are known squared Euclidean distances between sensors p_i, p_j ; anchors correspond to a **clique**.

Sensor Localization Problem/Partial EDM

Sensors \circ and Anchors \blacksquare



Connections to Semidefinite Programming (SDP)

\mathcal{S}_+^n , Cone of (symmetric) SDP matrices in \mathcal{S}^n ; $x^T A x \geq 0$

inner product $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{trace } AB$

Löwner (psd) partial order $A \succeq B, A \succ B$

$D = \mathcal{K}(B) \in \mathcal{E}^n, B = \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D) \in \mathcal{S}^n \cap \mathcal{S}_C$ (centered $Be = 0$)

$P^T = [p_1 \ p_2 \ \dots \ p_n] \in \mathcal{M}^{r \times n}; B := PP^T \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$;
rank $B = r$; $D \in \mathcal{E}^n$ be corresponding EDM.

(to $D \in \mathcal{E}^n$) $D = (\|p_i - p_j\|_2^2)_{i,j=1}^n$

$$= \left(p_i^T p_i + p_j^T p_j - 2p_i^T p_j \right)_{i,j=1}^n$$

$$= \boxed{\text{diag}(B) e^T + e \text{diag}(B)^T - 2B}$$

$$=: \mathcal{D}_e(B) - 2B$$

$$=: \mathcal{K}(B) \quad (\text{from } B \in \mathcal{S}_+^n).$$

Nearest, Weighted, SDP Approx. (relax rank B)

- $\min_{B \succeq 0, B \in \Omega} \|H \circ (\mathcal{K}(B) - D)\|$; rank $B = r$;
typical weights: $H_{ij} = 1/\sqrt{D_{ij}}$, if $ij \in E$.
- with rank constraint: a non-convex, NP-hard program
- SDP relaxation is convex, BUT: expensive/low accuracy/implicitly highly degenerate (cliques restrict ranks of feasible B s)

Instead: (Shall) Take Advantage of Degeneracy!

clique $\alpha, |\alpha| = k$ (corresp. $D[\alpha]$) with embed. dim. $= t \leq r < k$
 $\implies \text{rank } \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D[\alpha]) = t \leq r \implies \text{rank } B[\alpha] \leq \text{rank } \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D[\alpha]) + 1$
 $\implies \text{rank } B = \text{rank } \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D) \leq n - \boxed{(k - t - 1)} \implies$
Slater's CQ (strict feasibility) fails

$$(\mathcal{S}^n:) \quad \mathcal{K} : \mathcal{S}_+^n \cap \mathcal{S}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^n \subset \mathcal{S}^n \cap \mathcal{S}_H \quad \leftarrow: \mathcal{T} \quad (:\mathcal{E}^n)$$

Linear Transformations: $\mathcal{D}_v(B), \mathcal{K}(B), \mathcal{T}(D)$

- allow: $\mathcal{D}_v(B) := \text{diag}(B) v^T + v \text{diag}(B)^T$;
 $\mathcal{D}_v(y) := yv^T + vy^T$
- adjoint $\mathcal{K}^*(D) = 2(\text{Diag}(De) - D)$.
- \mathcal{K} is **1-1**, onto between **centered** & **hollow** subspaces :
 $\mathcal{S}_C := \{B \in \mathcal{S}^n : Be = 0\}$;
 $\mathcal{S}_H := \{D \in \mathcal{S}^n : \text{diag}(D) = 0\} = \mathcal{R}(\text{offDiag})$
- $J := I - \frac{1}{n}ee^T$ (orthogonal projection onto $M := \{e\}^\perp$);
- $\mathcal{T}(D) := -\frac{1}{2}J\text{offDiag}(D)J \quad (= \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D))$

Properties of Linear Transformations

$\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{T}, \text{Diag}, \mathcal{D}_e$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{S}_H; \quad \underline{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_e);}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{K}^*) = \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{S}_C; \quad \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K}^*) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{T}) = \mathcal{R}(\text{Diag});$$

$$\mathcal{S}^n = \mathcal{S}_H \oplus \mathcal{R}(\text{Diag}) = \mathcal{S}_C \oplus \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{D}_e).$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{E}^n) = \mathcal{S}_+^n \cap \mathcal{S}_C \quad \underline{\text{and}} \quad \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{S}_+^n \cap \mathcal{S}_C) = \mathcal{E}^n.$$

Semidefinite Cone, Faces

Faces of cone K

- $F \subseteq K$ is a **face of K** , denoted $F \trianglelefteq K$, if $(x, y \in K, \frac{1}{2}(x + y) \in F) \implies (\text{cone}\{x, y\} \subseteq F)$.
- $F \triangleleft K$, if $F \trianglelefteq K, F \neq K$; F is **proper face** if $\{0\} \neq F \triangleleft K$.
- $F \trianglelefteq K$ is **exposed** if: intersection of K with a hyperplane.
- $\text{face}(S)$ denotes smallest face of K that contains set S .

S_+^n is a **Facially Exposed Cone**

All faces are exposed.

Facial Structure of SDP Cone; Equivalent SUBSPACES

Face $F \trianglelefteq \mathcal{S}_+^n$ Equivalence to $\mathcal{R}(U)$ **Subspace** of \mathbb{R}^n

$F \trianglelefteq \mathcal{S}_+^n$ determined by **range of any** $S \in \text{relint } F$,

i.e. let $S = U\Gamma U^T$ be compact spectral decomposition; $\Gamma \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^t$

is diagonal matrix of pos. eigenvalues; $F = US_+^t U^T$

(F associated with $\mathcal{R}(U)$)

$$\dim F = t(t+1)/2.$$

face F representation by subspace \mathcal{L}

(subspace) $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R}(T)$, T is $n \times t$ full column, then:

$$F := TS_+^t T^T \trianglelefteq \mathcal{S}_+^n$$

Matrix with Fixed Principal Submatrix

For $Y \in \mathcal{S}^n$, $\alpha \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$: $Y[\alpha]$ denotes principal submatrix formed from rows & cols with indices α .

Sets with Fixed Principal Submatrices

If $|\alpha| = k$ and $\bar{Y} \in \mathcal{S}^k$, then:

- $\mathcal{S}^n(\alpha, \bar{Y}) := \{Y \in \mathcal{S}^n : Y[\alpha] = \bar{Y}\}$,
- $\mathcal{S}_+^n(\alpha, \bar{Y}) := \{Y \in \mathcal{S}_+^n : Y[\alpha] = \bar{Y}\}$
i.e. the subset of matrices $Y \in \mathcal{S}^n$ ($Y \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$) with principal submatrix $Y[\alpha]$ fixed to \bar{Y} .

Basic Single Clique/Facial Reduction

$$\bar{D} \in \mathcal{E}^k, \alpha \subseteq 1:n, |\alpha| = k$$

Define $\mathcal{E}^n(\alpha, \bar{D}) := \{D \in \mathcal{E}^n : D[\alpha] = \bar{D}\}$.

Given \bar{D} ; find a corresponding $B \succeq 0$; find the corresponding face; find the corresponding subspace.

if $\alpha = 1:k$; embed. dim of \bar{D} is $t \leq r$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{D} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix},$$

BASIC THEOREM for Single Clique/Facial Reduction

THEOREM 1: Single Clique/Facial Reduction

Let: $\bar{D} := D[1:k] \in \mathcal{E}^k$, $k < n$, with embedding dimension $t \leq r$;
 $B := \mathcal{K}^\dagger(\bar{D}) = \bar{U}_B S \bar{U}_B^T$, $\bar{U}_B \in \mathcal{M}^{k \times t}$, $\bar{U}_B^T \bar{U}_B = I_t$, $S \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^t$.

Furthermore, let $U_B := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{U}_B & \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \mathbf{e} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{k \times (t+1)}$,

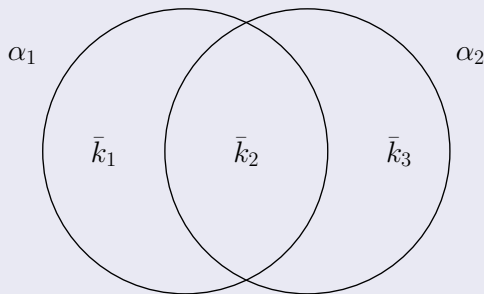
$U := \begin{bmatrix} U_B & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix}$, and let $\begin{bmatrix} V & \frac{U^T \mathbf{e}}{\|U^T \mathbf{e}\|} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{n-k+t+1}$ be orthogonal. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{face } \mathcal{K}^\dagger(\mathcal{E}^n(1:k, \bar{D})) &= (U S_+^{n-k+t+1} U^T) \cap \mathcal{S}_C \\ &= (UV) S_+^{n-k+t} (UV)^T \end{aligned}$$

Note that we add $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \mathbf{e}$ to represent $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K})$; then we use V to eliminate \mathbf{e} to recover a centered face.

Sets for Intersecting Cliques/Faces

$$\alpha_1 := 1 : (\bar{k}_1 + \bar{k}_2); \quad \alpha_2 := (\bar{k}_1 + 1) : (\bar{k}_1 + \bar{k}_2 + \bar{k}_3)$$



For each clique $|\alpha| = k$, we get a corresponding face/subspace ($k \times r$ matrix) representation. We now see how to handle two cliques, α_1, α_2 , that intersect.

Two (Intersecting) Clique Reduction/Subsp. Repres.

THEOREM 2: Clique/Facial Intersection Using Subspace Intersection

$$\{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \subseteq 1:n; \quad k := |\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2|$$

For $i = 1, 2$: $\bar{D}_i := D[\alpha_i] \in \mathcal{E}^{k_i}$, embedding dimension t_i ;

$$B_i := \mathcal{K}^\dagger(\bar{D}_i) = \bar{U}_i S_i \bar{U}_i^T, \quad \bar{U}_i \in \mathcal{M}^{k_i \times t_i}, \quad \bar{U}_i^T \bar{U}_i = I_{t_i}, \quad S_i \in \mathcal{S}_{++}^{t_i};$$

$$U_i := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{U}_i & \frac{1}{\sqrt{k_i}} \mathbf{e} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{k_i \times (t_i+1)}; \text{ and } \bar{U} \in \mathcal{M}^{k \times (t+1)} \text{ satisfies}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\bar{U}) = \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\bar{k}_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} I_{\bar{k}_1} & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \right), \text{ with } \bar{U}^T \bar{U} = I_{t+1}$$

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Two (Intersecting) Clique Reduction, cont. . .

THEOREM 2 Nonsing. Clique/Facial Inters. cont. . .

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$$\mathcal{R}(\bar{U}) = \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} U_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\bar{k}_3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \cap \mathcal{R} \left(\begin{bmatrix} I_{\bar{k}_1} & 0 \\ 0 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \right), \text{ with } \bar{U}^T \bar{U} = I_{t+1};$$

let: $U := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{U} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{n \times (n-k+t+1)}$ and

$\begin{bmatrix} V & \frac{U^T e}{\|U^T e\|} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{n-k+t+1}$ be orthogonal. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\bigcap_{i=1}^2 \text{face } \mathcal{K}^\dagger(\mathcal{E}^n(\alpha_i, \bar{D}_i))}} &= (US_+^{n-k+t+1}U^T) \cap \mathcal{S}_C \\ &= (UV)\mathcal{S}_+^{n-k+t}(UV)^T \end{aligned}$$

Expense/Work of (Two) Clique/Facial Reductions

Subspace Intersection for Two Intersecting Cliques/Faces

Suppose:

$$U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} U'_1 & 0 \\ U''_1 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U''_2 \\ 0 & U'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

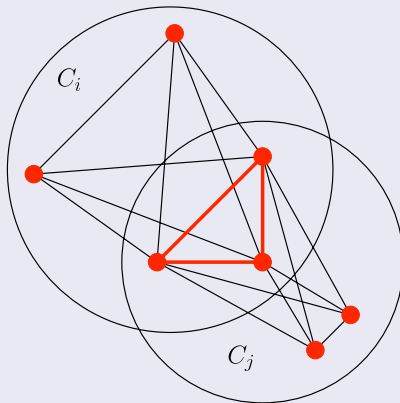
Then:

$$U := \begin{bmatrix} U'_1 \\ U''_1 \\ U'_2 (U''_2)^\dagger U''_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad U := \begin{bmatrix} U'_1 (U''_1)^\dagger U''_2 \\ U''_2 \\ U'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Efficiently) satisfies:

$$\mathcal{R}(U) = \mathcal{R}(U_1) \cap \mathcal{R}(U_2)$$

Two (Intersecting) Clique Reduction Figure



Completion: missing distances can be recovered if desired.

Two (Intersecting) Clique Explicit **Delayed** Completion

COR. Intersection with Embedding Dim. r /Completion

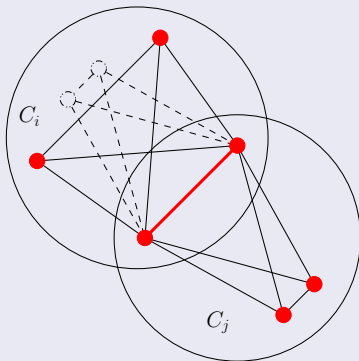
Hypotheses of Theorem 2 holds. Let $\bar{D}_i := D[\alpha_i] \in \mathcal{E}^{k_i}$, for $i = 1, 2$, $\beta \subseteq \alpha_1 \cap \alpha_2$, $\gamma := \alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2$, $\bar{D} := D[\beta]$, $B := \mathcal{K}^\dagger(\bar{D})$, $\bar{U}_\beta := \bar{U}(\beta, :)$, where $\bar{U} \in \mathcal{M}^{k \times (t+1)}$ satisfies intersection equation of Theorem 2. Let $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{V} & \frac{\bar{U}^T \mathbf{e}}{\|\bar{U}^T \mathbf{e}\|} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{t+1}$

be orthogonal. Let $Z := (J\bar{U}_\beta \bar{V})^\dagger B (J\bar{U}_\beta \bar{V})^T$. If the embedding dimension for \bar{D} is r , THEN $t = r$ in Theorem 2, and $Z \in \mathcal{S}_+^r$ is the unique solution of the equation $(J\bar{U}_\beta \bar{V})Z(J\bar{U}_\beta \bar{V})^T = B$, and the **exact completion** is

$$D[\gamma] = \mathcal{K}(PP^T) \quad \text{where} \quad P := UVZ^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\gamma| \times r}$$

2 (Intersecting) Clique Red. **Figure**/Singular Case

Two (Intersecting) Clique Reduction Figure/Singular Case



Use **R** as lower bound in singular/nonrigid case.

Two (Inters.) Clique Explicit Compl.; Sing. Case

COR. Clique-Sing.; Intersect. Embedding Dim. $r - 1$

Hypotheses of previous COR holds. For $i = 1, 2$, let $\beta \subset \delta_i \subseteq \alpha_i$, $A_i := J\bar{U}_{\delta_i}\bar{V}$, where $\bar{U}_{\delta_i} := \bar{U}(\delta_i, :)$, and $B_i := \mathcal{K}^\dagger(D[\delta_i])$. Let $\bar{Z} \in \mathcal{S}^t$ be a particular solution of the linear systems

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 Z A_1^T &= B_1 \\ A_2 Z A_2^T &= B_2. \end{aligned}$$

If the embedding dimension of $D[\delta_i]$ is r , for $i = 1, 2$, but the embedding dimension of $\bar{D} := D[\beta]$ is $r - 1$, then the following holds. cont. . .

COR. Clique-Degen. cont. . .

The following holds:

- 1 $\dim \mathcal{N}(A_i) = 1$, for $i = 1, 2$.
- 2 For $i = 1, 2$, let $n_i \in \mathcal{N}(A_i)$, $\|n_i\|_2 = 1$, and $\Delta Z := n_1 n_2^T + n_2 n_1^T$. Then, Z is a solution of the linear systems if and only if $Z = \bar{Z} + \tau \Delta Z$, for some $\tau \in \mathcal{R}$
- 3 There are at most two nonzero solutions, τ_1 and τ_2 , for the generalized eigenvalue problem $-\Delta Z v = \tau \bar{Z} v$, $v \neq 0$. Set $Z_i := \bar{Z} + \frac{1}{\tau_i} \Delta Z$, for $i = 1, 2$. Then the exact completion is one of $D[\gamma] \in \{\mathcal{K}(\bar{U} \bar{V} Z_i \bar{V}^T \bar{U}^T) : i = 1, 2\}$

Completing SNL (Delayed use of Anchor Locations)

Rotate to Align the Anchor Positions

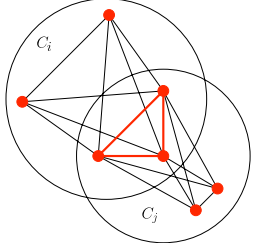
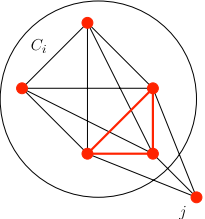
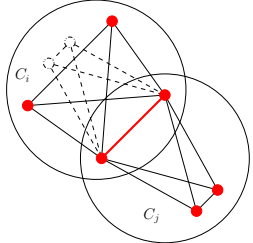
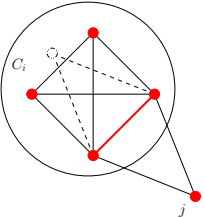
- Given $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ such that $D = \mathcal{K}(PP^T)$
- Solve the orthogonal Procrustes problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \|A - P_2 Q\| \\ \text{s.t.} & Q^T Q = I \end{array}$$

$P_2^T A = U \Sigma V^T$ SVD decomposition; set $Q = UV^T$;
(Golub/Van Loan, Algorithm 12.4.1)

- Set $X := P_1 Q$

Algorithm: Four Cases

	Clique Union	Node Absorption
Rigid	 <p>A diagram showing two overlapping circles, C_i and C_j. Inside C_i is a complete graph K_4 with 4 red nodes. Inside C_j is a complete graph K_3 with 3 red nodes. The two graphs share a single edge. All edges are solid black lines. A path of 4 red nodes is highlighted in red.</p>	 <p>A diagram showing a single circle C_i containing a complete graph K_4 with 4 red nodes. A node j is located outside the circle. Node j is connected to the 3 nodes of the K_3 subgraph that is disjoint from C_i. All edges are solid black lines. A path of 4 red nodes is highlighted in red.</p>
Non-rigid	 <p>A diagram showing two overlapping circles, C_i and C_j. Inside C_i is a complete graph K_4 with 4 red nodes. Inside C_j is a complete graph K_3 with 3 red nodes. The two graphs share a single edge. Dashed lines represent potential edges between the two sets of nodes. A path of 4 red nodes is highlighted in red.</p>	 <p>A diagram showing a single circle C_i containing a complete graph K_4 with 4 red nodes. A node j is located outside the circle. Node j is connected to the 3 nodes of the K_3 subgraph that is disjoint from C_i. Dashed lines represent potential edges between the nodes of C_i and node j. A path of 4 red nodes is highlighted in red.</p>

Initialize: Find initial set of cliques.

$$C_i := \{j : (D_p)_{ij} < (R/2)^2\}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

Iterate

- For $|C_i \cap C_j| \geq r + 1$, do **Rigid Clique Union**
- For $|C_i \cap \mathcal{N}(j)| \geq r + 1$, do **Rigid Node Absorption**
- For $|C_i \cap C_j| = r$, do **Non-Rigid Clique Union** (lower bnds)
- For $|C_i \cap \mathcal{N}(j)| = r$, do **Non-Rigid Node Absorp.** (lower bnds)

Finalize

When \exists a clique containing all **anchors**, use computed **facial representation** and **positions of anchors** to solve for **X**

Results - Data for Random Noisless Problems

- 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo, 2 GB of RAM
- Dimension $r = 2$
- Square region: $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$
- $m = 9$ anchors
- Using only Rigid Clique Union and Rigid Node Absorption
- Error measure: Root Mean Square Deviation

$$\text{RMSE} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|p_i - p_i^{\text{true}}\|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Results - Large n (SDP size $O(n^2)$)

n # of Sensors Located

n # sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	2000	2000	1956	1374
6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
10000	10000	10000	10000	10000

CPU Seconds

# sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	1	1	1	3
6000	5	5	4	4
10000	10	10	9	8

RMSD (over located sensors)

n # sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	$4e-16$	$5e-16$	$6e-16$	$3e-16$
6000	$4e-16$	$4e-16$	$3e-16$	$3e-16$
10000	$3e-16$	$5e-16$	$4e-16$	$4e-16$

Results - N Huge SDPs Solved

Large-Scale Problems

# sensors	# anchors	radio range	RMSD	Time
20000	9	.025	$5e-16$	25s
40000	9	.02	$8e-16$	1m 23s
60000	9	.015	$5e-16$	3m 13s
100000	9	.01	$6e-16$	9m 8s

Size of SDPs Solved: $N = \binom{n}{2}$ (# vrbls)

$\mathcal{E}_n(\text{density of } \mathcal{G}) = \pi R^2$; $M = \mathcal{E}_n(|E|) = \pi R^2 N$ (# constraints)

Size of SDP Problems:

$M = [3,078,915 \quad 12,315,351 \quad 27,709,309 \quad 76,969,790]$

$N = 10^9 [0.2000 \quad 0.8000 \quad 1.8000 \quad 5.0000]$

Nearest EDM

- Given clique α ; corresp. EDM $D_\epsilon = D + N_\epsilon$, N_ϵ noise
- we need to find the smallest face containing $\mathcal{E}^n(\alpha, D)$.
- $$\begin{cases} \min & \|\mathcal{K}(X) - D_\epsilon\| \\ \text{s.t.} & \text{rank}(X) = r, Xe = 0, X \succeq 0 \\ & X \succeq 0. \end{cases}$$
- Eliminate the constraints: $Ve = 0, V^T V = I$,
 $\mathcal{K}_V(X) := \mathcal{K}(VXV^T)$:

$$\begin{aligned} U_r^* \in & \operatorname{argmin} && \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{K}_V(UU^T) - D_\epsilon\|_F^2 \\ & \text{s.t.} && U \in M^{(n-1)r}. \end{aligned}$$

The nearest EDM is $D^* = \mathcal{K}_V(U_r^*(U_r^*)^T)$.

Solve Overdetermined Nonlin. Least Squares Prob.

Newton (expensive) or Gauss-Newton (less accurate)

$$F(U) := \text{us2vec} \left(\mathcal{K}_V(UU^T) - D_\epsilon \right), \quad \min_U f(U) := \frac{1}{2} \|F(U)\|^2$$

Derivatives: gradient and Hessian

$$\nabla f(U)(\Delta U) = \langle 2 \left(\mathcal{K}_V^* \left[\mathcal{K}_V(UU^T) - D_\epsilon \right] \right) U, \Delta U \rangle$$

$$\nabla^2 f(U) = 2 \text{vec} \left(\mathcal{L}_U^* \mathcal{K}_V^* \mathcal{K}_V \mathcal{S}_\Sigma \mathcal{L}_U + \mathcal{K}_V^* \left(\mathcal{K}_V(UU^T) - D_\epsilon \right) \right) \text{Mat}$$

where $\mathcal{L}_U(\cdot) = \cdot U^T$; $\mathcal{S}_\Sigma(U) = \frac{1}{2}(U + U^T)$

random noisy probs; $r = 2, m = 9, nf = 1e - 6$





- Using only Rigid Clique Union, preliminary results:

remaining cliques	n/R	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
	1000	1.00	5.00	11.00	40.00	124.00
	2000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	7.00
	3000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	4000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	5000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00







cpu seconds	n/R	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
	1000	9.43	6.98	5.57	5.04	4.05
	2000	12.46	12.18	12.43	11.18	9.89
	3000	18.08	18.50	19.07	18.33	16.33
	4000	25.18	24.01	24.02	23.80	22.12
	5000	38.13	31.66	30.26	30.32	29.88

max-log-error	n/R	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
	1000	-3.28	-4.19	-2.92	<i>Inf</i>	<i>Inf</i>
	2000	-3.63	-3.81	-3.82	-2.39	-3.73
	3000	-3.51	-3.98	-3.25	-3.90	-3.28
	4000	-4.15	-4.05	-3.52	-3.04	-3.33
	5000	-4.80	-4.38	-3.89	-4.13	-3.40

- SDP relaxation of SNL is highly (implicitly) degenerate:
The feasible set of this SDP is restricted to a low dim. face of the SDP cone, causing the Slater constraint qualification (strict feasibility) to fail
- We take advantage of this degeneracy by finding explicit representations of intersections of faces of the SDP cone corresponding to unions of intersecting cliques
- Without using an SDP-solver (eg. SeDuMi or SDPT3), we quickly compute the exact solution to the SDP relaxation

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