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Dear Jorge,

This is in regard to your paper submitted to the special issue of Math. Progr. and co-authored with Wachter and Waltz. We have received two referee reports. Both reports have severe reservations with respect to paper and both seems to reached the conclusion that the paper is not significant enough to merit publication. Therefore, my recommendation is that the paper is not accepted for publication in Math. Prog.

I have attached the two referee reports for your review.

Sincerely yours,

Erling D. Andersen