



Extending MOSEK with exponential cones

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Linear cone problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && c^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && Ax = b \\ & && x \in K, \end{aligned}$$

with $K = K_1 \times K_2 \times \cdots \times K_p$ a product of proper cones.

Dual:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && b^T y \\ & \text{subject to} && c - A^T y = s \\ & && s \in K^*, \end{aligned}$$

with $K^* = K_1^* \times K_2^* \times \cdots \times K_p^*$.



Symmetric cones (supported by MOSEK 8)

- *the nonnegative orthant*

$$K_I^n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_j \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, n\},$$

- *the quadratic cone*

$$K_q^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1 \geq (x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}\},$$

- *the rotated quadratic cone*

$$K_r^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 2x_1x_2 \geq x_3^2 + \dots + x_n^2, x_1, x_2 \geq 0\}.$$

- *the semidefinite matrix cone*

$$K_s^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n(n+1)/2} \mid z^T \mathbf{mat}(x)z \geq 0, \forall z\}.$$



Nonsymmetric cones (supported by MOSEK 9)

- *the three-dimensional power cone*

$$K_{\text{pow}}^\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1^\alpha x_2^{(1-\alpha)} \geq |x_3|, x_1, x_2 > 0\},$$

for $0 < \alpha < 1$.

- *the exponential cone*

$$K_{\text{exp}} = \text{cl}\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 \geq x_2 \exp(x_3/x_2), x_2 > 0\}.$$



Central path for conic problem

Central path for homogenous model parametrized by μ :

$$Ax_\mu - b\tau_\mu = \mu(Ax - b\tau)$$

$$s_\mu + A^T y_\mu - c\tau_\mu = \mu(s + A^T y - c\tau)$$

$$c^T x_\mu - b^T y_\mu + \kappa_\mu = \mu(c^T x - b^T y + \kappa)$$

$$s_\mu = -\mu F'(x_\mu), \quad x_\mu = -\mu F'_*(s_\mu), \quad \kappa_\mu \tau_\mu = \mu,$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A & -b \\ -A^T & 0 & c \\ b^T & -c^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_\mu \\ x_\mu \\ \tau_\mu \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s_\mu \\ \kappa_\mu \end{bmatrix} = \mu \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ r_d \\ r_g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s_\mu = -\mu F'(x_\mu), \quad x_\mu = -\mu F'_*(s_\mu), \quad \kappa_\mu \tau_\mu = \mu,$$

$$r_p := Ax - b\tau, \quad r_d := c\tau - A^T y - s, \quad r_g := \kappa - c^T x + b^T y, \quad r_c := x^T s + \tau\kappa.$$



Scaling for nonsymmetric cones

Following Tunçel [3] we consider a scaling $W^T W \succ 0$,

$$v = Wx = W^{-T}s, \quad \tilde{v} = W\tilde{x} = W^{-T}\tilde{s}$$

where $\tilde{x} := -F'_*(s)$ and $\tilde{s} := -F'(x)$. The centrality conditions

$$x = \mu\tilde{x}, \quad s = \mu\tilde{s}$$

can then be written symmetrically as

$$v = \mu\tilde{v},$$

and we linearize the centrality condition $v = \mu\tilde{v}$ as

$$W\Delta x + W^{-T}\Delta s = -v + \mu\tilde{v}.$$



A centering search-direction

Let $\mu := \frac{x^T s + \tau \kappa}{\nu + 1}$ with barrier parameter ν and centering γ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A & -b \\ -A^T & 0 & c \\ b^T & -c^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_c \\ \Delta x_c \\ \Delta \tau_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s_c \\ \Delta \kappa_c \end{bmatrix} = (\gamma - 1) \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ r_d \\ r_g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W\Delta x_c + W^{-T}\Delta s_c = \gamma\mu\tilde{v} - v, \quad \tau\Delta\kappa_c + \kappa\Delta\tau_c = \gamma\mu - \kappa\tau,$$

Constant decrease of residuals and complementarity:

$$Ax^+ - b\tau^+ = \eta \cdot r_p,$$

$$c\tau^+ - A^T y^+ - s^+ = \eta \cdot r_d,$$

$$b^T y^+ - c^T x^+ - \kappa^+ = \eta \cdot r_g,$$

$$(x^+)^T s^+ + \tau^+ \kappa^+ = \eta \cdot r_c,$$

where $z^+ := (z + \alpha\Delta z_c)$ and $\eta = (1 - \alpha(1 - \gamma))$.



A higher-order corrector term

Derivatives of $s_\mu = -\mu F'(x_\mu)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{s}_\mu + \mu F''(x_\mu) \dot{x}_\mu &= -F'(x_\mu), \\ \ddot{s}_\mu + \mu F''(x_\mu) \ddot{x}_\mu &= -2F''(x_\mu) \dot{x}_\mu - \mu F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, \dot{x}_\mu].\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\mu \dot{x}_\mu = -[F''(x_\mu)]^{-1} (F'(x_\mu) + \dot{s}_\mu) = x_\mu - [F''(x_\mu)]^{-1} \dot{s}_\mu,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, \dot{x}_\mu] &= \underbrace{F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, x_\mu]}_{-2F''(x_\mu) \dot{x}_\mu} - F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, (F''(x_\mu))^{-1} \dot{s}_\mu]\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\ddot{s}_\mu + \mu F''(x_\mu) \ddot{x}_\mu = F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, (F''(x_\mu))^{-1} \dot{s}_\mu].$$



An affine search-direction

Affine search-direction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A & -b \\ -A^T & 0 & c \\ b^T & -c^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_a \\ \Delta x_a \\ \Delta \tau_a \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s_a \\ \Delta \kappa_a \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ r_d \\ r_g \end{bmatrix}$$
$$W\Delta x_a + W^{-T}\Delta s_a = -v, \quad \tau\Delta \kappa_a + \kappa\Delta \tau_a = -\kappa\tau,$$

satisfies

$$(\Delta x_a)^T \Delta s_a + \Delta \tau_a \Delta \kappa_a = 0.$$

Since

$$\dot{s}_\mu + \mu F''(x_\mu) \dot{x}_\mu = -F'(x_\mu) = s_\mu,$$

we interpret $\Delta s_a = -\dot{s}_\mu$ and $\Delta x_a = -\dot{x}_\mu$.



A higher-order corrector term

From

$$\ddot{s}_\mu + \mu F''(x_\mu) \ddot{x}_\mu = F'''(x_\mu) [\dot{x}_\mu, (F''(x_\mu))^{-1} \dot{s}_\mu]$$

we define a corrector direction as

$$W \Delta x_{\text{cor}} + W^{-T} \Delta s_{\text{cor}} = \frac{1}{2} W^{-T} F'''(x) [\Delta x_a, (F''(x))^{-1} \Delta s_a].$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} s^T \Delta x_{\text{cor}} + x^T \Delta s_{\text{cor}} &= \frac{1}{2} x^T F'''(x) [\Delta x_a, (F''(x))^{-1} \Delta s_a] \\ &= -(\Delta x_a)^T \Delta s_a, \end{aligned}$$

condition for constant decrease of complementarity.



A higher-order corrector term

- Linear case,

$$\frac{1}{2} F'''(x)[\Delta x_a, (F''(x))^{-1} \Delta s_a] = -\mathbf{diag}(x)^{-1} \mathbf{diag}(\Delta x_a) \Delta s_a,$$

- Semidefinite case,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} F'''(x)[\Delta x_a, (F''(x))^{-1} \Delta s_a] &= -\frac{1}{2} x^{-1} \Delta x_a \Delta s_a - \frac{1}{2} \Delta s_a \Delta x_a x^{-1} \\ &= -(x^{-1}) \circ (\Delta x_a \Delta s_a),\end{aligned}$$

- Second-order cone case,

$$F'''(x)[(F''(x))^{-1} u] = -\frac{2}{x^T Q x} (u x^T Q + Q x u^T - (x^T u) Q)$$

for $Q = \mathbf{diag}(1, -1, \dots, -1)$. Then

$$F'''(x)[(F''(x))^{-1} u] e = -2(x^{-1} \circ u).$$



Combined centering-corrector direction

A combined centering-corrector direction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A & -b \\ -A^T & 0 & c \\ b^T & -c^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y \\ \Delta x \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta s \\ \Delta \kappa \end{bmatrix} = (\gamma - 1) \begin{bmatrix} r_p \\ r_d \\ r_g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W\Delta x + W^{-1}\Delta s = \gamma\mu\tilde{v} - v + \frac{1}{2}W^{-T}F'''(x)[\Delta x_a, (F''(x))^{-1}\Delta s_a],$$

$$\tau\Delta\kappa + \kappa\Delta\tau = \gamma\mu - \tau\kappa - \Delta\tau_a\Delta\kappa_a.$$

All residuals and complementarity decrease by η .



Computing the scaling matrix

Theorem (Schnabel [2])

Let $S, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ have full rank p . Then there exists $H \succ 0$ such that $HS = Y$ if and only if $Y^T S \succ 0$.

As a consequence

$$H = Y(Y^T S)^{-1} Y^T + ZZ^T$$

where $S^T Z = 0$, $\text{rank}(Z) = n - p$. We have $n = 3$, $p = 2$ and

$$S := \begin{pmatrix} x & \tilde{x} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y := \begin{pmatrix} s & \tilde{s} \end{pmatrix},$$

with

$$\det(Y^T S) = \nu^2(\mu\tilde{\mu} - 1) \geq 0$$

vanishing only on the central path.



Computing the scaling matrix

Any scaling with $n = 3$ satisfies

$$W^T W = Y(Y^T S)^{-1}Y^T + zz^T$$

where $(x \ \tilde{x})^T z = 0$, $z \neq 0$. Expanding the BFGS update [2]

$$H^+ = H + Y(Y^T S)^{-1}Y^T - HS(S^T HS)^{-1}S^T H,$$

for $H \succ 0$ gives the scaling by Tunçel [3] and Myklebust [1], i.e.,

$$zz^T = H - HS(S^T HS)^{-1}S^T H,$$

with $H = \mu F''(x)$.



A negative result on complexity

Nesterov's long-step Hessian estimation property holds if

$$F'''(x)[u] \preceq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{int}(K), \forall u \in K.$$

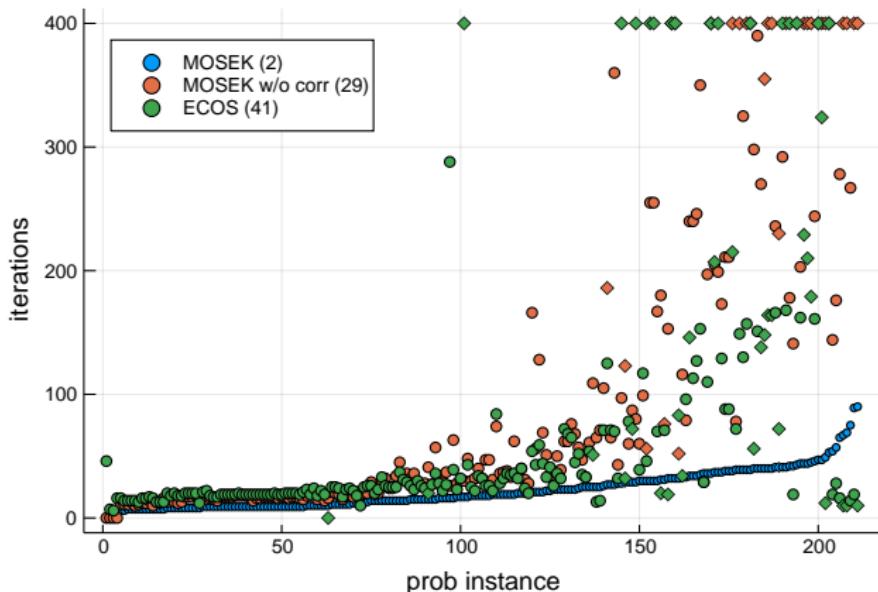
We have

$$F'''([1; 1; -1])[u] =$$

$$u_1 \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 6 & 3 \\ 6 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + u_2 \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & -3 \\ -5 & 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + u_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & -2 \\ -3 & -3 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

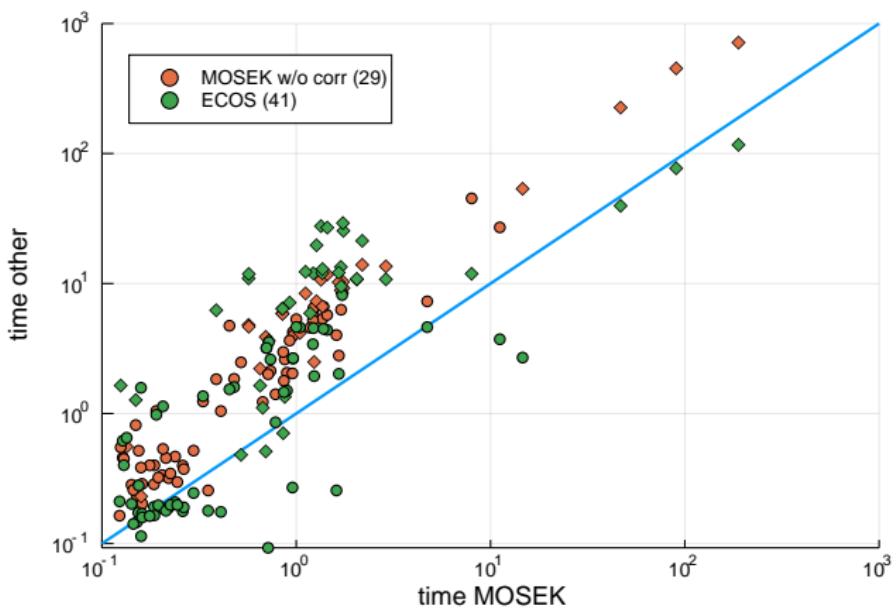
Not negative semidefinite for all $u \in K$.

Comparing MOSEK and ECOS conic solvers



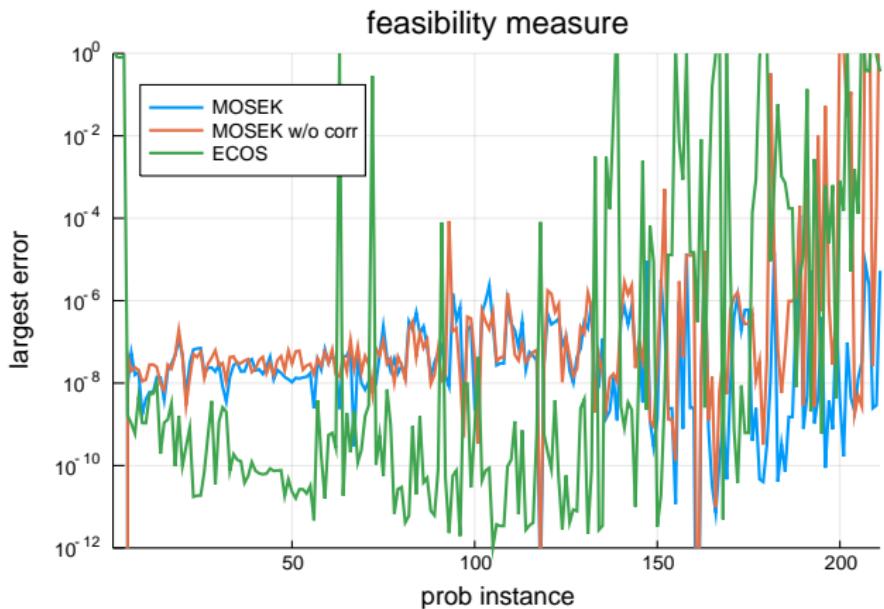
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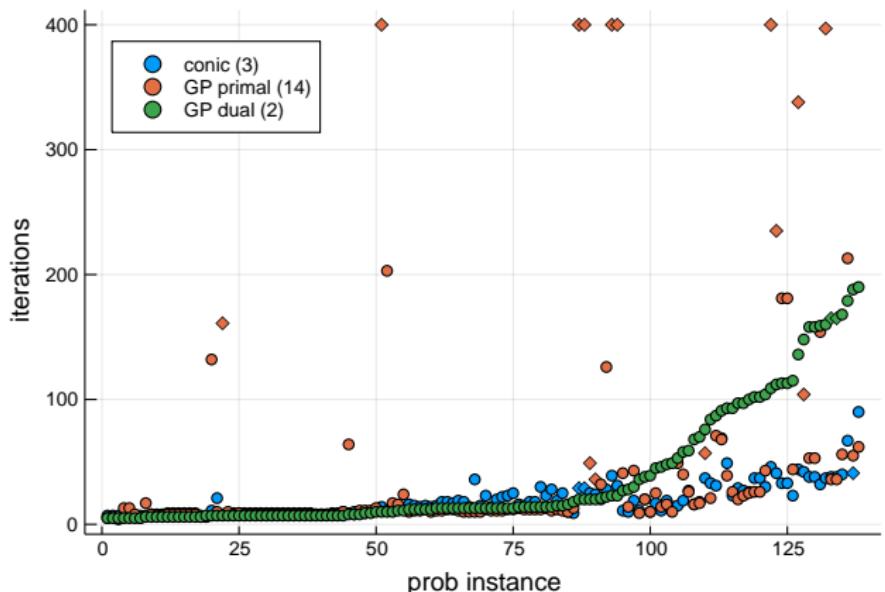
Solution time for different exponential cone problems. Failures marked with \diamond .

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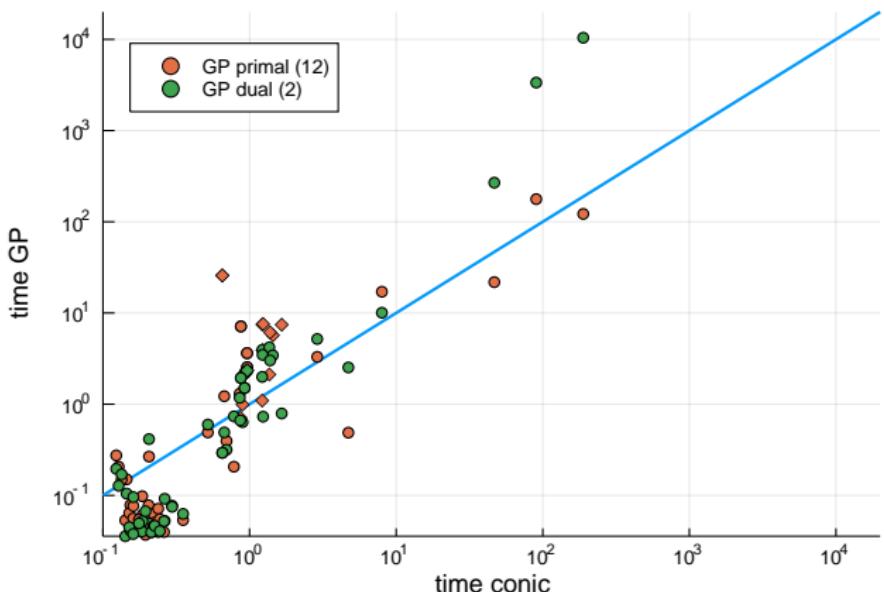
Feasibility measures for different exponential cone problems.

Comparing MOSEK conic and MOSEK GP solvers

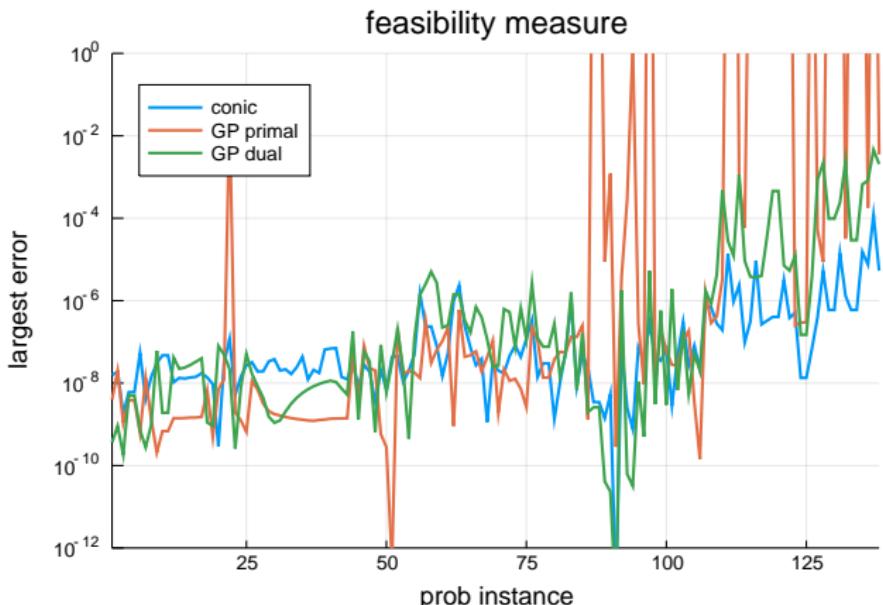


Iteration counts for different GPs. Failures marked with \diamond .

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Feasibility measures for different GPs.



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