



# **Projection and presolve in MOSEK: exponential and power cones**

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In MOSEK 9:

- $K_{\text{pow}(\alpha, 1-\alpha)} = \{x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha} \geq \|z\|_2, x_1, x_2 \geq 0\}$ , parametrized by a real number  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .
- $K_{\text{exp}} = \text{cl}\{t \geq s \exp(r/s), s > 0\}$ .
- The corresponding dual cones  $K_{\text{pow}(\alpha, 1-\alpha)}^*$  and  $K_{\text{exp}}^*$ .

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$$② \{t \leq \log(x)\} = \{(x, 1, t) \in K_{\exp}\}.$$

$$③ \{t \geq x \log(x/y)\} = \{(y, x, -t) \in K_{\exp}\}.$$

$$④ \{t \geq (\log x)^2, 0 < x \leq 1\} = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}, t, u\right) \in \mathcal{Q}_r^3, (x, 1, u) \in K_{\exp}, x \leq 1 \right\}.$$

$$⑤ \{t \leq \log \log x, x > 1\} = \{(u, 1, t) \in K_{\exp}, (x, 1, u) \in K_{\exp}\}.$$

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Geometric programming in conic form:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \inf & x + y^2 z \\ \text{s.t.} & 0.1\sqrt{x} + 2y^{-1} \leq 1, \\ & z^{-1} + yx^{-2} \leq 1, \end{array} \quad \leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \inf & t \\ \text{s.t.} & \log(e^u + e^{2v+w}) \leq t, \\ & \log(e^{0.5u+\log(0.1)} + e^{-v+\log(2)}) \leq 0, \\ & \log(e^{-w} + e^{v-2u}) \leq 0, \end{array}$$

where  $(x, y, z) = (e^u, e^v, e^w)$ .



# More information

## Usage

- MOSEK Modeling Cookbook.
- Fri, 15:15. Michał Adamaszek: *Exponential cone in MOSEK: overview and applications.*

## Implementation details

- Wed, 8:30. Joachim Dahl: *Extending MOSEK with exponential cones.*

## Details for all of MOSEK 9

- Wed, 15:15. Erling Andersen: *MOSEK version 9.*

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The power and exponential cones are also representation sensitive:

$$x_1^{0.3333}x_2^{0.6666} \geq \|z\|_2 \iff x_1^1x_2^2 \geq \|z\|_2^3$$

$$y \geq \exp(x) \iff x \leq \log(y)$$

This sensitivity is a well-known caveat of forward error.  
Projection is an example of backwards error.



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Variable domains are measured with backwards error:  
 $\| \text{dist}(x_1, \mathcal{K}_1), \text{dist}(x_2, \mathcal{K}_2), \dots \|_\infty$ .



# In need of projections!

$$\begin{aligned}\text{dist}(\tilde{x}, \mathcal{K}) &= \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \|x - \tilde{x}\| \\ [\tilde{x}]_{\mathcal{K}} &= \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \|x - \tilde{x}\|\end{aligned}$$

What is the hype about?

- Set membership conditions ( $x \in \mathcal{K}$ ).
- Representation-free error measures.
- Maximal separating hyperplanes.
- First-order methods for feasible point searches (e.g., looking for specific properties).

...basically a useful low cost operation (time+memory).



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**Trivial example:** All scalars are uniquely decomposable as

$$v_0 = [v_0]_+ + [v_0]_-,$$

where  $[\bullet]_+ = [\bullet]_{\mathbb{R}_+} = \max(0, \bullet)$ ,  
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### Dual cone projection:

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**Reflection (intrepid projection for obtuse cones):**

$$\text{Ref}_{\mathcal{K}}(v_0) = [v_0]_{\mathcal{K}} - [v_0]_{\mathcal{K}^\circ}.$$



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## Gradient separator

For positively homogeneous convex functions, the cone

$$\mathcal{K} = \{x \mid f(x) \leq 0\},$$

has separator  $a = \nabla f(\hat{x})$  for  $\hat{x} \notin \mathcal{K}$ .



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- Its dual problem is  $\min_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \|x - \hat{x}\|_2$ .
- Maximal separator is dual solution to projection problem.



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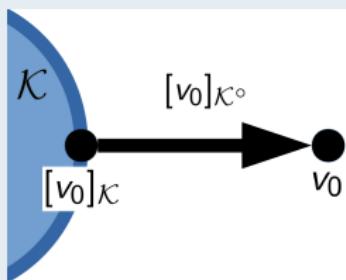
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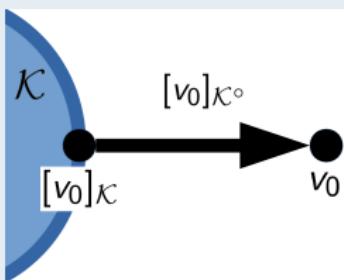
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Differs from gradient separator when  $\nabla f(v_0) \neq \nabla f([v_0]_{\mathcal{K}})$ .



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Short answer: Maximal separator via projection.



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### Symmetric cones

- $[v_0]_{\mathcal{K}}$  is well-known.
- $[v_0]_{\mathcal{K}^\circ} = v_0 - [v_0]_{\mathcal{K}}$  is simple, but not numerically optimal.



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That is, conic KKT conditions for  $\min_{v_p \in \mathcal{K}} \frac{1}{2} \|v_p - v_0\|_2^2$ .



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**Two strong results for normal cones:**

- ① Let  $S_1 \cap S_2$  be constraint qualified; e.g., Slater. Then

$$N_{S_1 \cap S_2}(x) = N_{S_1}(x) + N_{S_2}(x)$$

- ② Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g(x) \leq 0\}$  (proper convex function). Then

$$N_S(x) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}_+ \partial g(x) & \text{if } g(x) = 0, \\ \{0\} & \text{if } g(x) < 0, \\ \emptyset & \text{if } g(x) > 0. \end{cases}$$



# Exponential cone projection

## Primal cone

$$K_{\exp} = \text{cl}([K_{\exp}]_{++}) = [K_{\exp}]_{++} \cup [K_{\exp}]_0,$$

in terms of

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What if  $t_p t_d = s_p s_d = r_p r_d = 0$ ?

- Case  $t_d = 0$  (implies  $r_d = 0$ ) and  $s_p = 0$ . The Moreau system reduces to  $t_0 = t_p \geq 0$ ,  $s_0 = s_d \leq 0$  and  $r_0 = r_p \leq 0$ .
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## Literature



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## Case covered

- ①  $[v_0 \in K_{\text{exp}}]$  or  $[v_0 \in K_{\text{exp}}^\circ]$  or  $[r_0, s_0 \leq 0]$ .
- ②  $[v_p^T v_d = 0] \Rightarrow [t_p t_d = s_p s_d = r_p r_d = 0]$ .

Sufficient conditions:  $[t_p = 0]$  or  $[t_d = 0]$  or  $[s_p = 0]$  or  $[r_d = 0]$   
or  $[s_d \leq 0]$  and  $r_p \leq 0$ .



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- ①  $[v_0 \notin K_{\text{exp}}]$  and  $[v_0 \notin K_{\text{exp}}^\circ]$  and  $[r_0 > 0 \text{ or } s_0 > 0]$ .
- ②  $[v_p^T v_d = 0] \not\Rightarrow [t_p t_d = s_p s_d = r_p r_d = 0]$ .

Necessary:  $[t_p > 0]$  and  $[t_d < 0]$  and  $[s_p > 0]$  and  $[r_d > 0]$   
and  $[s_d > 0 \text{ or } r_p > 0]$ .



# Exponential cone projection

## Step 2. Simplify Moreau for remaining case

The Moreau conditions are equivalent to the system

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In need of heuristics

Change  $v_0$  such that the presolve rules apply.

- ① If  $s_0 > 0$ , try increasing  $t_0$  until the first rule applies:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}_p &= (s_0 \exp(r_0/s_0), s_0, r_0) \in K_{\text{exp}} \\ \tilde{v}_d &= 0 \in K_{\text{exp}}^{\circ}\end{aligned}$$

- ② If  $r_0 > 0$ , try decreasing  $t_0$  until the second rule applies:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}_d &= (-r_0 \exp(s_0/r_0 - 1), s_0, r_0) \in K_{\text{exp}}^{\circ} \\ \tilde{v}_p &= 0 \in K_{\text{exp}}\end{aligned}$$

- ③ One may always decrease  $s_0$  and  $r_0$  until the third rule applies:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}_p &= ([t_0]_+, 0, [r_0]_-) \in K_{\text{exp}} \\ \tilde{v}_d &= ([t_0]_-, [s_0]_-, 0) \in K_{\text{exp}}^{\circ}\end{aligned}$$

# Exponential cone projection



 Friberg, Henrik Alsing (2018). *Projection onto the exponential cone: a univariate root-finding problem.* To be published.

- These heuristics are all you need!

```
v0=[8,-8,0.01]
primal=[8,0,0]
polar =[-0,-8,0.01]
Moreau system errors: comp=1e-350. orth=1e-349 pexp=0. polar=0.
```

- Root can be lower and upper bounded (finite bracket).



# Exponential cone projection

## Prototype implementation (Julia language)

```
function proj_pexpcone(v0::Array{real,1})
    const t0,s0,r0 = v0

    vp,pdist      = projheu_pexpcone(v0)
    negvd,ddist   = projheu_negdexpcone(v0)

    if !( s0<=0 && r0<=0 ) || min(pdist,ddist)<=1e-12 )
        xl,xh = bracket(v0,pdist,ddist)
        rho    = rootsearch_ntinc(hfun,v0,xl,xh,0.5*(xl+xh))

        vpl,pdist1 = projsol_pexpcone(v0,rho)
        if (pdist1 <= pdist)
            vp,pdist=vpl,pdist1
        end

        negvd1,ddist1 = projsol_negdexpcone(v0,rho)
        if (ddist1 <= ddist)
            negvd,ddist = negvd1,ddist1
        end
    end
    return [vp,negvd]
end
```



# Power cone projection

$$K_{\text{pow}(\alpha)} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}_+^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \mid x^\alpha \geq \|z\|_2 \right\},$$

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for a parameter vector  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^k$  summing to  $e^T \alpha = 1$ .



Hien, Le Thi Khanh (2015). "Differential properties of Euclidean projection onto power cone". In: *Mathematical Methods of Operations Research* 82.3, pp. 265–284.



# Microbenchmark

POW(0.45, 0.55)				
AVGTIM	3.86704e-06	Viol	comp=2.85684e-08 pfeas=3.0247e-16	orth=8.0448e-12 dfeas=4.53284e-16
PPOW(0.1, 0.9)				
AVGTIM	3.69943e-06	Viol	comp=4.57066e-07 pfeas=3.4512e-16	orth=1.78308e-11 dfeas=4.19057e-16
PPOW(0.01, 0.99)				
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PEXP				
AVGTIM	9.92736e-07	Viol	comp=2.02018e-07 pfeas=3.8096e-15	orth=2.06617e-10 dfeas=1.4412e-14
QUAD				
AVGTIM	6.03383e-08	Viol	comp=2.61777e-16 pfeas=2.5593e-16	orth=3.05808e-12 dfeas=2.5593e-16

Translates into 270K, 1M and 1.7M projections per second.