



On Facial Reduction in the MOSEK Conic Optimizer

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for a non-empty, closed, convex cone \mathcal{K} .



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H(\mathcal{K}):

$$\begin{array}{rcl}Ax - b\tau & = & 0, \\ -A^T y - s + c\tau & = & 0, \\ b^T y - c^T x - \kappa & = & 0,\end{array}$$

$$(x, s, y, \tau, \kappa) \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}^* \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Observations

- Complementarity in $\mathbf{H}(\mathcal{K})$ by definition: $x^T s = \tau \kappa = 0$.
- $\tau > 0 \Rightarrow$ Complementary solution for $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{K})$ and $\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{K})$.
- $\kappa > 0 \Rightarrow$ Improving ray for $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{K})$ or $\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{K})$.



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Points like $(x, s, y, \tau, \kappa) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ will never be meaningful!



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Key note from Theorem 1

Considering $\text{relint } \mathbf{H}(\mathcal{K})$, then $\tau = \kappa = 0$ is exceptional.

- If $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{K})$ is troublesome: $\mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \cap s^\perp$ (facial reduction).
- If $\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{K})$ is troublesome: $\mathcal{K}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^* \cap x^\perp$ (facial reduction).



The self-dual embedding method
can solve all instances!

Assuming oracle for relint $\mathbf{H}(\mathcal{K})$ points.



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Issues in exceptional $\tau = \kappa = 0$ case:

- Lack of strict complementarity
⇒ **slower and less accurate convergence.**
- Ill-posedness (i.e., instability to infinitesimal perturbations)
⇒ **overlapping termination criteria.**
- Interior-point method
⇒ **when are τ and κ small enough?**
⇒ **have to be careful about orthogonal complements,**
e.g., when computing $\mathcal{K} \cap s^\perp$.



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- Need negligible $|c^T x|$ and $\|Ax\|$.
- Need significant $\text{dist}(x, (\mathcal{K}^*)^\perp)$.
 $(= \|x\| \text{ for proper cones})$



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In theory:

$$b^T y = 0, \quad A^T y + s = 0, \quad s \in \mathcal{K}^* \setminus \mathcal{K}^\perp$$

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Linear row dependency certificate of $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{K})$

$$y^T A = 0, \quad y^T b = 0, \quad y \neq 0$$



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Our proposal

In principle:

- ① Negligible: $\|Ax\| \text{ and } |c^T x|$.
- ② Negligible: $\|A^T y + s\| \text{ and } |b^T y|$.
- ③ Significant: $\|x\| \text{ or } \|y\|$.

In implementation:

- ① $\max \left(\|Ax\|, |c^T x| \right) \leq \epsilon \max(1, \|x\|)$.
- ② $\max \left(\|A^T y + s\|, |b^T y| \right) \leq \epsilon \max(1, \|y\|)$.
- ③ $\max \left(\|Ax\|, |c^T x| \right) < \epsilon \|x\| \text{ or }$
 $\max \left(\|A^T y + s\|, |b^T y| \right) < \epsilon \|y\|$.



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1	Complementary solution of value 0.0
2	Near to complementary solution of value 0.0
3-4	Ill-posed certificate
5-10	Complementary solution of value 1.0



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unboundDim1R[1]

ITE	PFEAS	DFEAS	GFEAS	MU
0	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	2.0e+00	1.0e+00
1	3.1e-02	3.1e-02	1.1e+00	3.1e-02
2	4.8e-05	4.8e-05	2.4e-02	4.8e-05
3	1.1e-09	1.1e-09	2.2e-09	1.1e-09

Interior-point optimizer terminated. Time: 0.00.

Problem status : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE

Solution status : OPTIMAL

Primal. obj: -1.3336443272e-09 nrm: 1e+00 con: 1e-09 var: 0e+00
barvar: 2e-20

Dual. obj: 7.0491750159e-10 nrm: 2e+00 con: 0e+00 var: 1e-09
barvar: 1e-09



The MOSEK Conic Optimizer

unboundDim1R2

ITE	PFEAS	DFEAS	GFEAS	MU
0	2.0e+00	2.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.0e+00
1	2.9e-01	2.9e-01	1.7e-01	1.5e-01
2	5.2e-02	5.2e-02	7.2e-02	2.6e-02
...				
37	4.1e-21	5.4e-20	4.7e-19	2.0e-21
38	4.1e-21	5.4e-20	4.7e-19	2.0e-21
39	4.1e-21	5.4e-20	4.7e-19	2.0e-21

Interior-point optimizer terminated. Time: 0.01.

Problem status : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE

Solution status : NEAR_OPTIMAL

Primal. obj: 2.1214425554e-04 nrm: 1e+00 con: 3e-13 barvar: 0e+00

Dual. obj: 1.9285790417e-04 **nrm: 3e+08** con: 0e+00 barvar: 3e-01



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unboundDim1R² (note: overlapping termination criteria)

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0	2.0e+00	2.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.0e+00
1	2.9e-01	2.9e-01	1.7e-01	1.5e-01
2	5.2e-02	5.2e-02	7.2e-02	2.6e-02
...				
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unboundDim1R 3

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0	2.0e+00	2.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.0e+00
1	3.3e-01	3.3e-01	1.5e-01	1.7e-01
2	5.5e-02	5.5e-02	6.7e-02	2.8e-02
...				
30	7.9e-17	2.7e-15	6.6e-16	4.0e-17
31	7.9e-17	2.7e-15	6.6e-16	4.0e-17
32	7.9e-17	2.7e-15	6.6e-16	4.0e-17

Interior-point optimizer terminated. Time: 0.01.

Interior-point solution summary

Problem status : ILL_POSED

Solution status : PRIMAL_ILLPOSED_CER

Dual. obj: 1.3716138286e-08 nrm: 5e+00 con: 0e+00 barvar: 1e-07



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More examples

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1	Primal infeasibility certificate
2	Ill-posed certificate
3-10	Complementary solution of value -1.5



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...				
23	1.2e-13	8.0e-14	4.9e-15	6.2e-14
24	2.6e-14	1.6e-14	3.1e-16	1.3e-14
25	3.5e-15	3.1e-15	5.3e-17	1.8e-15

Interior-point optimizer terminated. Time: 0.00.

Problem status : PRIMAL_INFEASIBLE

Solution status : PRIMAL_INFEASIBLE_CER

Dual. obj: -4.2224567689e-05 nrm: 3e+00 con: 0e+00 var: 2e-10
barvar: 3e-10



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CompactDim2R[2]

ITE	PFEAS	DFEAS	GFEAS	MU
0	2.0e+00	1.5e+00	1.5e+00	1.0e+00
1	4.4e-01	3.3e-01	3.8e-01	2.2e-01
2	9.2e-02	6.9e-02	2.3e-01	4.6e-02
...				
25	1.8e-15	3.6e-15	5.0e-16	9.0e-16
26	1.8e-15	3.6e-15	5.0e-16	9.0e-16
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Interior-point optimizer terminated. Time: 0.01.

Problem status : ILL_POSED

Solution status : PRIMAL_ILLPOSED_CER

Dual. obj: -1.7098776698e-06 nrm: 7e+00 con: 0e+00 barvar: 1e-08



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CompactDim2R[1]: Facial reduction in action

$$\text{maximize} \quad \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{X} \right\rangle - 0.5x_0 + 0.5x_1 + 0.5x_2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{X} \right\rangle - x_1 = 1.0$$

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$$x \in \mathbb{R}_+^3$$



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Examples

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n=10, m=10	Strongly/weakly infeasible mix		Weakly infeasible	
	Clean	Messy	Clean	Messy
SEDUMI	87	27	0	0
SDPT3	10	5	0	0
MOSEK 7-series	63	17	0	0
MOSEK 8.0.0.33(BETA)	98w89	65w64	100w100	0
PP+SEDUMI	100	27	100	0



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	Clean	Messy	Clean	Messy
SEDUMI	100	100	1	0
SDPT3	100	96	0	0
MOSEK 7-series	100	100	11	0
MOSEK 8.0.0.33(BETA)	100w1	69w8	98w98	0
PP+SEDUMI	0	100	0	0