

# Primal-Dual interior-point method for sum-of-log and power cones

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# Introduction

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# Conic programming

A cone program (CP) in *standard* form:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\star} &= \min_x && c^T x \\ &\text{s.t.} && Ax = b \\ &&& x \in \mathbf{K} \end{aligned} \quad \text{(Primal)}$$

Dual conic program:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\star} &= \max_{y,s} && b^T y \\ &\text{s.t.} && A^T y + s = c \\ &&& s \in \mathbf{K}^* \end{aligned} \quad \text{(Dual)}$$

*Assumption:*  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{K}^*$  are *proper* cones and  $A$  is full row-rank.



# Homogenous self-dual embedding

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x,y,s,\tau,\kappa} \quad & 0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax - b\tau = 0 \\ & A^T y - c\tau + s = 0 \\ & b^T y - c^T x - \kappa = 0 \\ & x \in \mathbf{K}, \quad s \in \mathbf{K}^*, \tau \geq 0, \kappa \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where,  $z = (x, \tau, s, \kappa, y)$

- $\tau^* > 0 \implies (\frac{x^*}{\tau^*}, \frac{s^*}{\tau^*}, \frac{y^*}{\tau^*})$  is a primal-dual feasible solution.
- $\kappa^* > 0 \implies b^T y^* > 0$  (primal infeasible) and/or  $c^T x^* < 0$  (dual infeasible)



## The primal-dual central path

Given *strictly* feasible point  $z_0$ , points along the central path are defined for  $\mu \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}G(z_\mu) &= \mu G(z_0) \\s &= -\mu \nabla F(x) = \mu \tilde{s} \\x &= -\mu \nabla F_*(s) = \mu \tilde{x}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where,

$$F_*(s) = \sup_{x \in \text{int}(K)} \{-\langle x, s \rangle - F(x)\}\tag{2}$$

is the conjugate to the primal barrier.

*Gradient of the conjugate barrier:* computed as prescribed in Kapelevich et. al. [1]



## Scaling for primal-dual methods

$W \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}$  s.t.  $v = Wx = W^{-T}s$  and  $\tilde{v} = W\tilde{x} = W^{-T}\tilde{s}$ , the central path becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} G(z_\mu) &= \mu G(z_0) \\ v &= \mu \tilde{v} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

- Symmetric cones:  $W^T W = \nabla^2 F(w)$  for some  $w \in K$  [2].
- Non-symmetric cones: Tunçel [3] prescribes generalized scaling s.t.:

$$\frac{1}{\xi \delta_F(x, s)} [\nabla^2 F(x)] \preceq W^T W \preceq \xi \delta_F(x, s) [\nabla^2 F(\tilde{x})] \tag{4}$$

for  $\xi \geq 1$  and  $\delta_F(x, s) = \frac{\vartheta(\mu\tilde{\mu}-1)+1}{\mu} \geq 0$



# Scaling matrices for non-symmetric cones

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# Multi-secant generalization of Quasi-Newton update

Schnabel [4] provides a generalized BFGS update for *multiple* secant equations, i.e. the solution to:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{T^2} & \left\| T^2 - \mathbf{M}^{-1} \right\|_{W^T W} \\ & T^2 S = X \\ & T^2 \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^n \end{aligned}$$

where,  $S = [s, \mu \tilde{s}]$  and  $X = [x, \mu \tilde{x}]$  for  $x \in K$  and  $s \in K^*$ .

→ Dahl-Andersen algorithm chooses  $\mathbf{M} = \mu \nabla^2 F(x)$



## Generalized BFGS update [4]

Given  $(x, s)$  such that the following holds:

$$X^T S = \begin{bmatrix} \langle x, s \rangle & \mu \langle x, \tilde{s} \rangle \\ \mu \langle \tilde{x}, s \rangle & \mu^2 \langle \tilde{x}, \tilde{s} \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \mu \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \mu \tilde{\mu} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^2 \quad (5)$$

i.e.,  $\mu \tilde{\mu} > 1$  (the iterates aren't exactly on  $\mathcal{C}_\mu$ ) then the scaling is defined as:

$$(T^{-2} =) W^T W = \mathbf{M} + \underbrace{S (X^T S)^{-1} S^T}_{\text{rank-2 update}} - \underbrace{\mathbf{M} X (X^T \mathbf{M} X)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{M}}_{\text{rank-2 downdate}} \quad (6)$$



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$$X_\mu \mathbf{M} X_\mu^T = \begin{bmatrix} \langle x, \mathbf{M}x \rangle & \mu \langle x, \mathbf{M}\tilde{x} \rangle \\ \mu \langle \tilde{x}, \mathbf{M}x \rangle & \mu^2 \langle \tilde{x}, \mathbf{M}\tilde{x} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{S}_{++}^2 \quad (7)$$

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## A closer look at the update

Using the spectral decomposition of  $X^T S$ , we re-write the update term as:

$$\frac{1}{\mu\vartheta} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{s - \mu\tilde{s} + \mu\lambda_+\tilde{s}}{\alpha_1} & \frac{s - \mu\tilde{s} + \mu\lambda_-\tilde{s}}{\alpha_2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{S}} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s^T - \mu\tilde{s}^T + \mu\lambda_+\tilde{s}^T}{\alpha_1} \\ \frac{s^T - \mu\tilde{s}^T + \mu\lambda_-\tilde{s}^T}{\alpha_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{\mu\tilde{\mu} + 1 \pm \sqrt{(\mu\tilde{\mu} - 1)^2 + 4}}{2}$$

Note that on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mu}$ ,  $\lambda_+ = 2$  and  $\lambda_- = 0$ .

The normalizing constants are  $\alpha_{\pm}^2 = 1 + (\lambda_{\pm} - 1)^2$  and on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mu}$ ,  $\alpha_{\pm} = 2$



## A (slightly less) closer look at the downdate

Diagonalizing  $X^T \mathbf{M} X$ , we re-write the update term as:

$$\mathbf{M} X (X \mathbf{M} X^T)^{-1} X^T \mathbf{M} = V \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \Theta_- \end{bmatrix}^{-1} V^T$$

where,

$$\Theta_{\pm} = \frac{\|x\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2 + \mu^2 \|\tilde{x}\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2 \pm \sqrt{(\|x\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2 - \mu^2 \|\tilde{x}\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2)^2 + 4\mu^2 \langle x, \tilde{x} \rangle_{\mathbf{M}}^2}}{2}$$

Note that on central path,  $\Theta_+ = 2\|x\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2$  and  $\Theta_- = 0$ .



## The sum-of-logarithms cone

$$\mathbf{K}_{\log} = \text{cl} \left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}_{++}^m \times \mathbb{R}_{++} \times \mathbb{R} : y \sum_{i=1}^m \log(x_i/y) \geq z \right\} \quad (9)$$

An *LHSC* barrier, with  $\vartheta = m + 2$  is,

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = -\log \left( y \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \log(x_i/y) - z \right) - \log(y) - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(x_i) \quad (10)$$

$\implies$  decomposes into  $m$  exponential cones of dimension 3 each



# The general power cone

Given  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 1$ , the general power cone [5] is defined as:

$$\mathbf{K}_\alpha^{(m,n)} = \left\{ (x_{\mathcal{I}}, x_{\mathcal{J}}) \in \mathbf{R}_+^m \times \mathbf{R}^n : \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} x_i^{\alpha_i} \geq \|x_{\mathcal{J}}\|_2 \right\}$$

An *LHSC* barrier, with  $\vartheta = m + 1$ :

$$F(x) = -\log \left( \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} x_i^{2\alpha_i} - \|x_{\mathcal{J}}\|_2^2 \right) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (1 - \alpha_i) \log(x_i)$$

$\implies$  decomposes into  $m - 1$  power cones of dimension 3 each



## Computing the search directions

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The system to solve at each iteration:

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

$$W\Delta x + W^{-T}\Delta s = r_{xs}$$

$$\tau\Delta\kappa + \kappa\Delta\tau = r_{\tau\kappa}$$

which is reduced to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} W^T W & -A^T & c \\ A & 0 & -b \\ -c^T & b^T & \tau^{-1}\kappa \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_d + W^T r_{xs} \\ r_p \\ r_g + \tau^{-1} r_{\tau\kappa} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Exploiting the structure of the scaling matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{D} & A^T & U & V & -c \\ A & 0 & 0 & 0 & -b \\ U^T & 0 & \mathbf{R}^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ V^T & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{S}^{-1} & 0 \\ -c^T & b^T & 0 & 0 & \tau^{-1}\kappa \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta t_u \\ \Delta t_v \\ \Delta \tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_d - W^T r_{xs} \\ r_p \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ r_g + \tau^{-1} r_{\tau\kappa} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

and now, it is Schur complements all the way down...



## Dense Schur complement systems

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T & \mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{U} & \mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T & \mathbf{R}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U} & \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T & \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U} & -\mathbf{S}^{-1} + \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}^{-1} + \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U} - \bar{\mathbf{U}}^T\mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{U} & \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{V} - \bar{\mathbf{U}}^T\mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U} - \bar{\mathbf{V}}^T\mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{U} & -\mathbf{S}^{-1} + \mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{V} - \bar{\mathbf{V}}^T\mathbf{AD}^{-1}\mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve using dense Cholesky factorization
- Improve solution accuracy using pre-conditioned conjugate gradient
- Static regularization in the last Schur complement system (+ PCG/IR)



## The search directions of DA algorithm

$$\underbrace{W^{-T}\Delta s + W\Delta x}_{\text{Affine + Centering}} = \underbrace{-v + \gamma\mu\tilde{v}}_{\text{Affine}} - W^{-T}\eta \quad (12)$$

- Affine direction tries to reduce  $\mu$
- Centering direction improves centrality ( $\gamma$  is the centering parameter)
- $\eta$  is the higher-order correction

$$-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^3 F(x)[\Delta x_a, \nabla^2 F(x)^{-1}\Delta s_a] \quad (13)$$



## Algorithm outline

Key steps in the primal-dual algorithm for non-symmetric cones [6]

1. Starting point:  $x_0 = s_0 = -\nabla F(x_0)$
2. Scaling info: compute  $\mathbf{D}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ ,  $U$  and  $V$ .
3. Pure affine step + Corrector evaluation
4. Affine step-length to boundary ( $\alpha_a$ ) and centering parameter  $\gamma$
5. Combined step and largest step within  $N\beta$  neighbourhood.
6. Check termination and loop back to step 2



# Numerical results

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## A simple sum-of-logarithms cone program

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & z \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax = b \\ & \sum x = 1 \\ & (x, 1, z) \in \mathbf{K}_{\log} \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$



## A simple sum-of-logarithms cone program

<b>dim(K)</b>	<b>solver</b>	$\mu$	<b>Status</b>	<b>Iter</b>
5	N-D	5.2e-08	Optimal	9
	N-D N/C	1.3e-07	Optimal	12
	MSK	2.0e-10	Optimal	9
20	N-D	9.6e-08	Optimal	13
	N-D N/C	2.5e-07	NearOpt	14
	MSK	2.4e-11	Optimal	11
80	N-D	8.2e-08	Optimal	14
	N-D N/C	5.0e-06	Unknown	15
	MSK	1.2e-10	Optimal	11
200	N-D	7.9e-08	Optimal	38
	N-D N/C	4.1e-07	NearOpt	31
	MSK	9.1e-11	Optimal	12



## SONC decomposability of polynomials

- Non-negativity of a polynomial can be certified if it can be written as a sum of non-negative circuit polynomials (SONC)
- Papp [7] describe a two-phase approach to determine the SONC bound of a polynomial
- Following results are based on models generated in phase-1 from the SdW problem set
- Each non-negative circuit corresponds to a power cone in the conic program. All the power cones are of dimension  $n$  (number of variables in the polynomial)



## SONC-decomposability (phase-1) of SdW problem set

<b>dim(K)</b>	<b>num(K)</b>	<b>solver</b>	$\mu$	<b>Status</b>	<b>Iter</b>
5	413	N-D	2.6e-11	Optimal	28
		MSK	1.3e-12	Optimal	21
8	393	N-D	1.1e-08	NearOpt	50
		MSK	3.0e-09	Optimal	48
11	393	N-D	1.3e-11	Optimal	32
		MSK	3.4e-10	Optimal	20
21	383	N-D	7.6e-09	NearOpt	46
		MSK	5.4e-10	Optimal	55
30	375	N-D	1.4e-10	Optimal	29
		MSK	5.9e-12	Optimal	17
41	275	N-D	2.4e-10	Optimal	22
		MSK	1.1e-12	Optimal	19



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