



# 262B-Lecture 24

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$$\begin{cases} \min_x f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } h_i(x) = 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ g_j(x) \leq 0 \quad j=1, \dots, l \end{cases}$$

approximate this  
arbitrarily precisely  
under smoothness

polynomial optimization

$$\begin{cases} \min_x p_0(x) \\ \text{s.t. } p_i(x) \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, k \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Canonical form}$$

This includes mixed-integer programming.

$$\text{Ex: } \min x^T Q x \quad \text{s.t. } x_i \in \{-1, 1\} \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\min x^T Q x \quad \text{s.t. } x_i^2 - 1 = 0 \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\text{Ex: } x_i \in \{a_i, a_{i+1}, a_{i+2}, \dots, b_i\}$$

base  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$x_i = y_{i0} + y_{i1}x^2 + y_{i2}x^2 + \dots \rightarrow \text{Linear in } \underline{y}$$

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$$y_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \rightarrow y_{ij}^2 - y_{ij} = 0, \quad a_i \leq x_i \leq b_i$$

polynomial:  $x_1^2 + 5x_1x_2x_3 + 4x_3^5$

degree:  $\downarrow 2$        $\downarrow 3$        $\downarrow 5$

monomial

high-order monomials can be broken down to monomials of degrees 1 and 2 by introducing new variables.

Ex:  $\min_{x_1, x_2} x_1^4 x_2 + x_1$

s.t.  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$

$$x_1^4 x_2 = \underbrace{x_1^2}_{x_3} \times \underbrace{x_1^2}_{x_3} \times x_2$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{x_4}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\min_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4} x_4 x_2 + x_1$

s.t.  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1 = 0$

$x_1^2 - x_3 = 0$

$x_3^2 - x_4 = 0$

Linear & Quadratic

$\Rightarrow$  Every polynomial optimization can be  
 equivalently converted to a non-convex  
 quadratically-constrained quadratic program

(QCQP) :

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} x^T P_0 x + 2 q_0^T x + r_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underbrace{x^T P_i x}_{\text{matrix}} + 2 \underbrace{q_i^T x}_{\text{vector}} + \underbrace{r_i}_{\text{scalar}} \leq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

-  $P_0, \dots, P_m$  may be sign-indefinite  $\Rightarrow$  NP-hard problem

- Compute the dual to get a Lower bound.

$$L(x, \mu) = (x^T P_0 x + 2 q_0^T x + r_0)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (x^T P_i x + 2 q_i^T x + r_i)$$

$$= x^T \left( \underbrace{P_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i P_i}_{P(\mu)} \right) x$$

$$+ 2 \underbrace{\left( q_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i q_i \right)^T}_{q(\mu)} x + \underbrace{\left( r_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i r_i \right)}_{r(\mu)}$$

$$\min_x L(x, \mu) = \min_x x^T P(\mu) x + 2 q(\mu)^T x + r(\mu)$$

$$\min x^T A x + 2 b^T x + C$$

↓ FOC

$$A x + b = 0$$

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$$x = - \underbrace{A^+}_{\text{pseudo-inverse of } A} b + \underbrace{N(A)}_{\text{null space of } A}$$

- If  $A \not\geq 0 \Rightarrow$  optimal obj value =  $-\infty$

- If  $A > 0 \Rightarrow x_* = -A^{-1}b$  (unique)

- If  $A \geq 0$  with zero eigenvalues:

Ex:  $\min x_1^2 + x_2 \rightarrow$  optimal obj =  $-\infty$

- If  $b \notin \text{range}(A) \Rightarrow$  optimal obj =  $-\infty$

(you can find  $x_0$  in  $N(A)$  s.t.  $A x_0 = 0$   
 $b^T x_0 \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  add  $x_0$  to solution

- If  $b \in \text{range}(A) \implies$  optimal obj = finite

optimal obj value =

$$(-A^+b + N(A))^T A (-A^+b + N(A))$$

$$+ 2b^T (-A^+b + N(A)) + C$$

$$= b^T A^+ b - 2b^T A^+ b + C = -b^T A^+ b + C$$

$$\min_x L(x, \mu) = \min_x x^T P(\mu) x + 2q(\mu)^T x + r(\mu)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -q(\mu)^T P(\mu)^+ q(\mu) + r(\mu) & \text{if } P(\mu) \succeq 0, \\ & q(\mu) \in \text{range of } P(\mu) \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \max_{\mu \in \mathbb{R}^m} -q(\mu)^T P(\mu)^+ q(\mu) + r(\mu)$$

s.t.

$$\mu \succeq 0$$

$$P(\mu) \succeq 0$$

$$q(\mu) \in \text{range of } P(\mu)$$

of :

$$\begin{aligned} \max & \quad \alpha \\ \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n & \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \mu \succeq 0$$

Schur  
Complement

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \alpha &\leq -q(\mu)^T P(\mu)^+ q(\mu) + r(\mu) \\ P(\mu) &\succeq 0 \\ q(\mu) &\in \text{range of } P(\mu) \end{aligned} \right.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \max & \quad \alpha \\ \mu, \alpha & \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad \mu \succeq 0 \\ & \quad \begin{bmatrix} P(\mu) & q(\mu) \\ q(\mu)^T & r(\mu) - \alpha \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

LMI

SDP

$P(\mu), q(\mu), r(\mu)$  are linear in  $\mu$

$$\text{LMI: } \sum_{i=1}^m \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix} \mu_i + \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

polynomial opt  $\xrightarrow{\text{Dual}}$  SDP  $\xrightarrow{\text{Dual}}$  SDP ?

$$\mu \succeq 0 \longrightarrow \lambda \succeq 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p(\mu) & q(\mu) \\ q(\mu)^T & r(\mu) - \alpha \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow Y \succeq 0 \xrightarrow{\text{IR}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}}$$

$$\max \alpha \longrightarrow \min -\alpha$$

$$L(\underbrace{\mu}_{\text{primal}}, \underbrace{\alpha, \lambda, Y}_{\text{dual}}) = -\alpha - \mu^T \lambda - \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} p(\mu) & q(\mu) \\ q(\mu)^T & r(\mu) - \alpha \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle$$

$$= \left( -1 + \underbrace{Y_{n+1, n+1}}_{\text{Last entry of } Y} \right) \alpha - \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle + \lambda_i \right) \mu_i$$



Dual of Dual:

$$\max_{\substack{Y \in \mathbb{H}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)} \\ \lambda}} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle + \lambda_i = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$Y \geq 0$$

$$1 - Y_{n+1, n+1} = 0$$



$$\min_Y$$

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle$$

s.t.

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle \leq 0$$

$$Y_{n+1, n+1} = 1$$

$$Y \geq 0$$

Dual of Dual  
of QCOPT,  
provides a lower  
bound

This is the same as SDP relaxation.

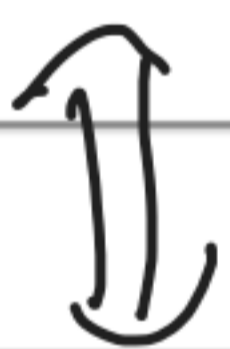
$$\min_x x^T P_0 x + 2q_0^T x + r_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } x^T P_i x + 2q_i^T x + r_i \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$



$$\min_x [x^T \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{s.t. } [x^T \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$



$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{s.t. } \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \leq 0$$

$i=1, \dots, m$



$$\min_{Y \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}} \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & q_0 \\ q_0^T & r_0 \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle$$

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} P_i & q_i \\ q_i^T & r_i \end{bmatrix}, Y \right\rangle \leq 0 \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

s.t.

$$Y \succeq 0$$

$$Y_{n+1, n+1} = 1$$

$$\text{rank}(Y) = 1$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

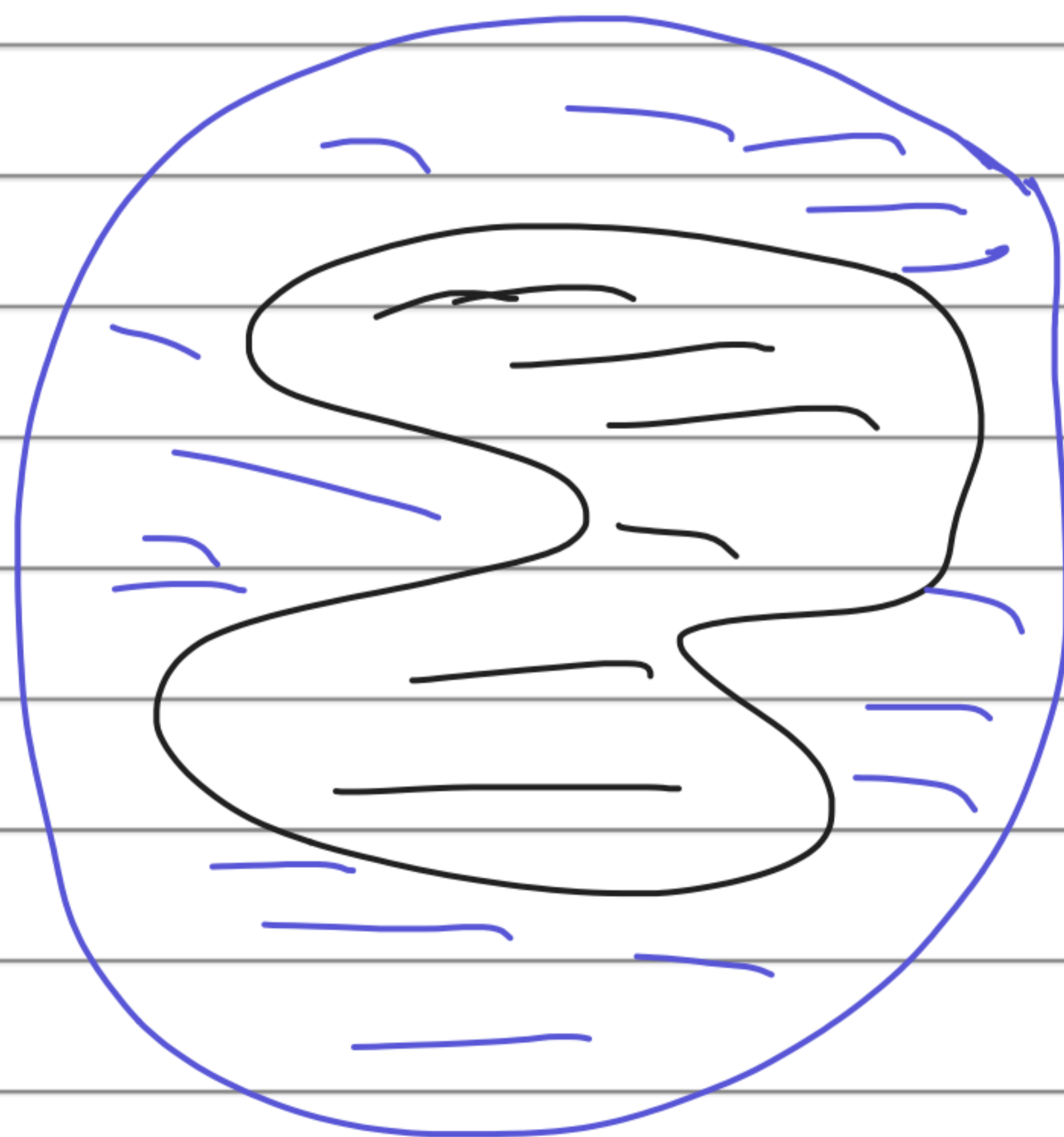
- This is SDP + non-convex rank-1 constraint.

- All non-convexity of polynomial optimization is pushed into a rank constrained.

$\Rightarrow$  Drop it  $\rightarrow$  SDP relaxation



$$\text{rank}(Y) = 1$$



Dual of Dual of non-convex

QCQP = SDP relaxation

S-Lemma: (nonlinear version of Farkas)

$$m=1: \min x^T p_0 x + 2q_0^T x + r_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } x^T p_1 x + 2q_1^T x + r_1 \leq 0$$

- Assume:  $\exists \bar{x}: \bar{x}^T p_1 \bar{x} + 2q_1^T \bar{x} + r_1 < 0$

or  $\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & q_1 \\ q_1^T & r_1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle < 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Slater holds for dual of dual.

$\Rightarrow$  can be shown that:

zero duality gap  $\rightarrow$  SDP relaxation

is exact  $\rightarrow \exists$  rank-1 solution  $Y_*$

(Proof: convexity of the set used to

analyse geometric multipliers)



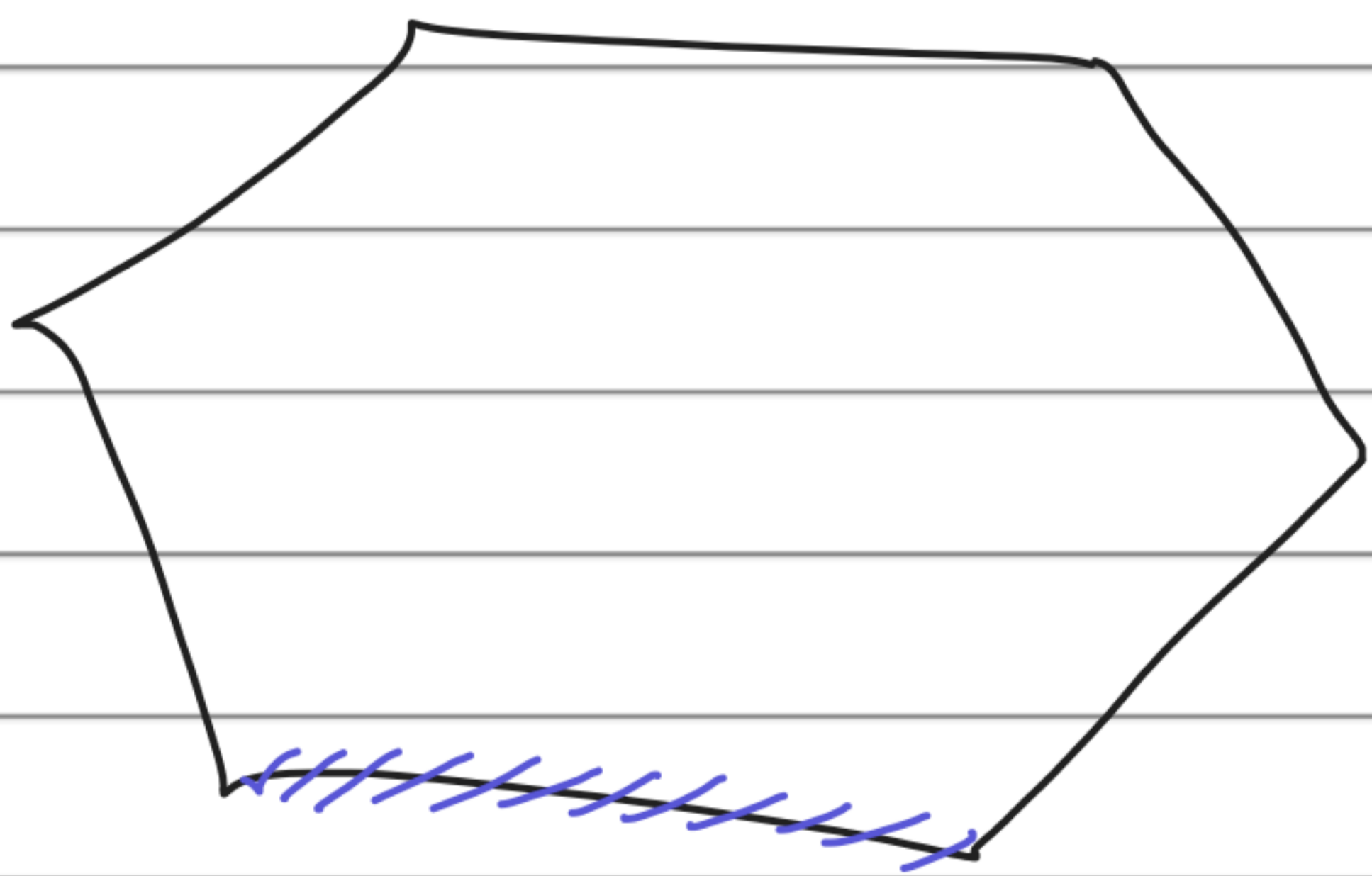
- Rank of SDP solution = 1  $\rightarrow$  find a global solution  $x_*$

- If the rank is not 1, is it close to 1?

General SDP:

$$\begin{cases} \min_x \langle D, X \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \langle A_i, X \rangle = b_i, \quad i=1, \dots, m \\ X \succeq 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $x_*$  denote a solution to SDP.



$\uparrow$   
infinitely many solutions

general: a face of solutions, interior of face = high-rank solutions,

boundary = low-rank solutions

- we may have infinitely many solutions
- Can we use  $X_*$  to design a lower-rank solution?

$$X_* = \text{rank } \underline{k} \longrightarrow X_+ = \underbrace{U}_{n \times k} \underbrace{U^T}_{k \times n}$$

Define  $X(\Delta) = U (I + \alpha \Delta) U^T$

$\alpha$ : scalar to be designed  
 $\Delta$ :  $k \times k$  matrix to be found.

ALSO,  $X(0) = X_*$

If  $\langle U^T D U, \Delta \rangle = 0$  (1)

$\langle U^T A_i U, \Delta \rangle = 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, m$  (2)

$I + \alpha \Delta \succeq 0$  (3)

$I + \alpha \Delta = \text{singular}$  (4)

1, 2, 3  $\implies X(\Delta)$  is another solution

since objective & constraint values won't change

$$4 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(X(\Delta)) < \text{rank}(X_*)$$

Always exists  $\alpha$  : 3, 4 are satisfied.

If  $\underline{z}$  is satisfied  $\Rightarrow \underline{1}$  is satisfied  
(KKT)

Instead 1, 2, 3, 4  $\rightarrow$  just need  $\underline{z}$ .

$\exists \Delta$  satisfying  $\underline{z}$  if there are more

variables than equations

$$\underbrace{\frac{k(k+1)}{2}}_{\text{variables}} > \underbrace{m}_{\text{equations}}$$

If  $\frac{k(k+1)}{2} > m \Rightarrow$  we reduce the rank.

Pataki theorem: SDP has a solution of

$$\text{rank } \underline{v} \text{ s.t. } \frac{r(r+1)}{2} \leq m$$

Special case:  $m=1 \Rightarrow r=1 \Rightarrow$  rank-1 solution

(S-Lemma)

$\Rightarrow$  worst-case rank =  $O(\sqrt{m})$

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Polynomial opt  $\rightarrow$  QCAP



non-rank-1 solution  $\leftarrow$  SDP relaxation



rounding: round it to rank 1

Find a sub-optimal solution (approximation ratio)

special case:  $\min x^T M x$

s.t.  $x_i^2 = 1 \quad i=1, \dots, n$

$\Leftrightarrow \max x^T (-M) x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_i^2 = 1 \quad i=1, \dots, n$

$\Leftrightarrow \max x^T (-M + \alpha I) x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_i^2 = 1 \quad i=1, \dots, n$

$\alpha$  over feasible set



Design  $\alpha$  s.t.  $\underbrace{-M + \alpha I}_{Q} \succeq 0$

$\Rightarrow \max_x x^T Q x \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_i^2 = 1 \quad i=1, \dots, n$

maximize a convex quadratic objective over a discrete set.

$$X = xx^T \Rightarrow$$

$$X \succeq 0, \text{rank}(X) = 1$$

SDP relaxation



$\max \langle Q, X \rangle$   
 $X \succeq 0$

s.t.  $X_{ii} = 1 \quad i=1, \dots, n$

SDP

Nesterov:

$\left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right) f_{SDP} \leq f_{\text{original}} \leq f_{SDP} \Rightarrow$  optimal obj of SDP

0.6366

SDP: suboptimal by at most  $(37\%)$  approximation ratio

and can find a suboptimal  $\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n \in \{-1, 1\}$