

Semidefinite programming: Max-Cut & Max-2SAT

Quadratic programs: problem of optimizing a quadratic func. of var's subj to a set of quad. constraints.

Strict Q.P.: if each of the const's & the obj. func. consists only of degree zero or degree 2 monomials

Def.: let $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be a non-neg real matrix we say x is PSD ($x \succeq 0$) iff $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^n : a^T x a \geq 0$ (positive semidefinite)

Theorem: If $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ then the following are equivalent:

1) $x \succeq 0$ (is PSD)

2) x has only non-neg eigen values

3) $\exists V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, m \leq n$ s.t. $x = V \cdot V^T$

4) $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i w_i \cdot w_i^T$ for $\lambda_i \geq 0, w_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $w_i^T \cdot w_i = 1$ & $w_i^T \cdot w_j = 0$ ($i \neq j$)

Trace of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\text{Tr}(A)$, is the sum of diagonal entries.

Def.: Frobenius inner prod. of A, B , $A \bullet B$ is

$$A \bullet B = \text{tr}(A^T \cdot B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} b_{ij}$$

let M_n be the cone of symmetric $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ matrices.

$X \succeq 0$ denotes X is PSD.

let $C, D_1, \dots, D_k \in M_n$ and $d_1, \dots, d_k \in \mathbb{R}$

SDP formulation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min/\max & \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} \cdot x_{ij} & \min/\max & C \bullet X \\ \forall 1 \leq \ell \leq k & \sum_{i,j} d_{\ell ij} \cdot x_{ij} = d_{\ell} & & D_{\ell} \bullet X = d_{\ell} \\ & X \succeq 0 & & X \succeq 0 \\ & X \in M_n & & \end{array}$$

if C, D_1, \dots, D_k are diagonal then this turns into an LP.

-SDP is a convex program. They can be solved in polytime with additive error ϵ (for any $\epsilon > 0$). Poly in n & $\log(1/\epsilon)$

-SDP is equivalent to vector program.

-let v_1, \dots, v_n be n -dim vectors $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\min/\max \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} (\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j)$$

$$\forall 1 \leq l \leq k \quad \sum_{i,j} a_{ijl} (\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j) = b_l$$

$\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Corresponding SDP is defined as follows; it has n^2 vars y_{ij} replace $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j$ by y_{ij} . Additionally require Y be PSD.

lemma: The Vector Prog & the corresponding SDP are equiv.

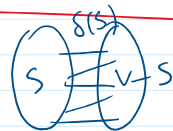
proof: We show any feasible sol of V corresponds to a feasible sol of SDP with the same value.

let $W = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 & \dots & \vec{x}_n \end{bmatrix}$ where x_1, \dots, x_n is a sol

to V . then $X = W^T W$ is feasible to SDP with the same value. (other dir. is similar)

Max-Cut

input: undirected $G(V, E)$, $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$



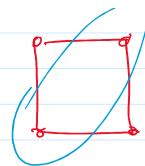
Goal: find a subset $S \subseteq V$ that maximizes $W(\delta(S)) = \sum_{e \in \delta(S)} w(e)$

The integrality gap for all known LP's is 2.

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$$y_i = \pm 1 \quad \max \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} (1 - y_i \cdot y_j)$$

$$y_i^2 = 1$$

$$y_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(IP)

This formulates max-cut exactly. We relax this to a vector program

$$v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \max \frac{1}{2} \sum w_{ij} (1 - \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j) \quad \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = \|\vec{v}_i\| \cdot \|\vec{v}_j\| \cdot \cos \theta_{ij}$$

$$\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1 \quad (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

$$\vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(VP)

Given a sol γ to the IP. Set $\vec{v}_i = (y_i, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ for each i gives a feasible sol of the same obj value for the vector program.

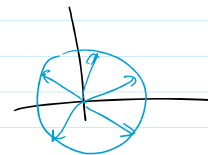
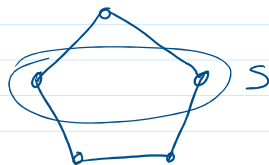
$$Z_{VP} \geq \text{OPT}_{MC}$$

value of opt

Suppose we have an opt sol to the SDP/VP.

- Since $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1$ all vectors lie on the n -dim sphere S_n
- We want to round the sol to an int one.

Example: consider C_5 with $w(e) = 1 \quad \forall e$

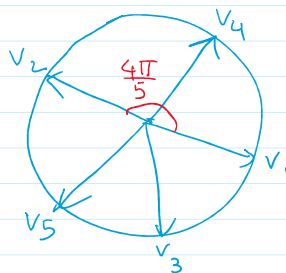


S is opt with value $\text{opt} = 4$

The opt VP sol for this graph lies in \mathbb{R}^2 in fact

$$\text{and } \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_{i+1} = \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

$$Z_{VP} = 5 \left(\frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}\right)}{2} \right) = \frac{25 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} = 4.52$$



$$\text{So } \frac{\text{OPT}}{Z_{VP}} \approx 0.884$$

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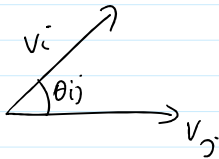
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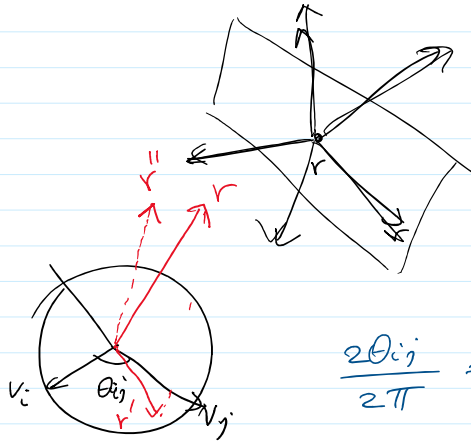
- Solve the VP and get vectors \vec{v}
- Choose a random vector r on unit sphere S_n
- let $S = \{i \mid v_i \cdot r \geq 0\}$
- return S

Vector r is normal to a hyperplane.
All vectors on the same side as r will be selected (to S)



$$\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = \cos(\theta_{ij}) \|\vec{v}_i\| \|\vec{v}_j\|$$

$\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{s}$ and $\vec{v}_j \cdot \vec{s}$ have
diff. signs.



$$\frac{2\theta_{ij}}{2\pi} = \frac{\theta_{ij}}{\pi}$$

lemma: $\Pr[v_i \text{ \& } v_j \text{ are separated by } r] = \frac{\theta_{ij}}{\pi}$

Consider the plane defined by v_i, v_j and project r onto this plane. v_i & v_j are sep iff r' lies between the

arcs of θ_{ij} : $r = r' + r''$ $\vec{v}_i \cdot r = \vec{v}_i \cdot (r' + r'')$

$$= \vec{v}_i \cdot r'$$

Since r'' is orthogonal.

$$\vec{v}_j \cdot r = \vec{v}_j \cdot r'$$

let $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_{ij} \text{ is across the cut} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ ▣

$$W = \sum w_{ij} \cdot x_{ij}$$

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$$E[W] = \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \cdot \Pr[v_i \& v_j \text{ are sep}] = \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \cdot \frac{\theta_{ij}}{\pi}$$

$$\text{let } \alpha_{GW} = \frac{2}{\pi} \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq \pi} \frac{\theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \rightarrow \text{for any } \theta : \frac{\theta}{\pi} \geq \alpha \left(\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow E[W] \geq \alpha \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} w_{ij} (1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) = \alpha \cdot Z_{SDP} \quad G$$

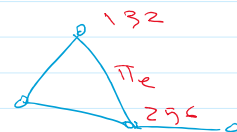
lemma: $\alpha_{GW} \geq 0.8785$

labels: $\{1, \dots, k\}$

$\pi_{\epsilon}: [k] \leftrightarrow [k]$

Yes: $1 - \epsilon$

No: $\delta(\epsilon)$



Theorem (Khot et al.): Assuming UGC, there is no $(\alpha_{GW} - \epsilon)$ -approx for Max Cut for any $\epsilon > 0$.

Max-2SAT using SDP

We saw that LP gives a $\frac{3}{4}$ -approx for Max-2SAT and the gap was $\frac{3}{4}$ (tight).

We show how we can do better using SDP.

$$y_i = \pm 1 \quad \text{for } x_i$$

$$y_0 = y_i \quad \text{iff } x_i \text{ is True}$$

Value of a clause C : $v(C) = 1$ iff C is Sat.

$$v(x_i) = \frac{1 + y_i y_0}{2} \quad v(\bar{x}_i) = \frac{1 - y_i y_0}{2}$$

$$v(x_i \vee x_j) = 1 - v(\bar{x}_i) v(\bar{x}_j) = 1 - \frac{1 - y_i y_0}{2} \cdot \frac{1 - y_j y_0}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (3 + y_i y_0 + y_j y_0 - y_i y_j y_0^2)$$

$$= \frac{1 + y_i y_0}{4} + \frac{1 + y_j y_0}{4} - \frac{1 - y_i y_j}{4}$$

So each clause is a linear comb. of $1 + y_i y_j$ and $1 - y_i y_j$

$$\max \sum_{\substack{y_i^2 = 1 \\ y_i = \pm 1}} [a_{ij} (1 + y_i y_j) + b_{ij} (1 - y_i y_j)]$$

$$\max \sum_{\substack{v_i \cdot v_i = 1 \\ v_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}}} a_{ij} (1 + v_i \cdot v_j) + b_{ij} (1 - v_i \cdot v_j)$$

like Max-Cut: take a random $r \in S_{n+1}$ round each y_i to ± 1 iff $r \cdot v_i \geq 0$

lemma: $E[W] \geq \alpha \cdot Z_{SDP}$

$$E[W] = \sum a_{ij} \cdot \Pr[y_i = y_j] + b_{ij} \cdot \Pr[y_i \neq y_j]$$

$$\hat{v}_i \cdot \hat{v}_j = \theta_{ij}$$

$$\Pr[y_i \neq y_j] = \frac{\theta_{ij}}{\pi} \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

$$\Pr[y_i = y_j] = 1 - \frac{\theta_{ij}}{\pi} \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} (1 + \cos \theta_{ij})$$

$$\rightarrow E[W] \geq \alpha \sum a_{ij} (1 + \cos \theta_{ij}) + b_{ij} (1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) = \alpha \cdot Z_{SDP}$$

Theorem (LLL / JN2):

Max-2SAT has an SDP rounding alg with ratio 0.94016 and this is best possible under UGC.

General CSP: range of values $\{1..K\}$

$$(x_1, x_5, x_6) \in \begin{cases} 2, 1, 6 \\ 5, 5, 3 \\ 4, 8, 11 \end{cases}$$