

Structure in Mixed Integer Conic Optimization: From Minimal Inequalities to Conic Disjunctive Cuts

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- Disjunctive cuts for Lorentz cone (joint work with Sercan Yıldız (CMU))
 - Structure of valid linear inequalities
 - A class of valid convex inequalities
 - Nice case and nasty case (with examples)

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$$x = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = [W, -\text{Id}], \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B} = b - H\mathbb{Z}^q,$$

where Id is the identity map in E . Then we arrive at

$$S(A, \mathcal{K}', \mathcal{B}) = \{x \in (\mathbb{R}^k \times E) : Ax \in \mathcal{B}, x \in \underbrace{(\mathbb{R}_+^k \times \mathcal{K})}_{:=\mathcal{K}'}\}$$

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- Models traditional disjunctive formulations
- Captures the essential non-convex structure of MICPs
- Precisely contains famous Gomory's Corner Polyhedron (1969)
- Arises in modeling complementarity relations
- Can be used as a natural relaxation for sequential convexification
- etc., etc...

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- Let's first see what we can find out about the **structure of linear valid inequalities**...

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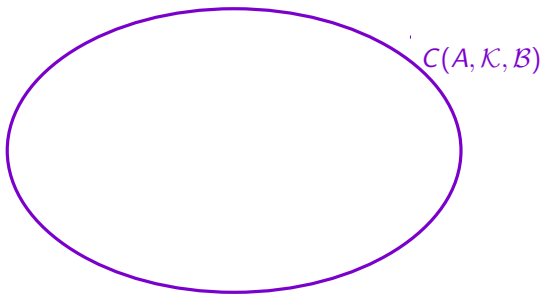
$$\begin{aligned} C(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B}) &= \text{convex cone of all linear valid inequalities for } \mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B}) \\ &= \left\{ (\mu; \eta_0) : \mu \in E, \mu \neq 0, -\infty < \eta_0 \leq \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B})} \langle \mu, x \rangle \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Goal: Study $C(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B})$ in order to characterize the properties of the linear v.i., and identify the necessary and/or sufficient ones defining $\overline{\text{conv}}(\mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B}))$

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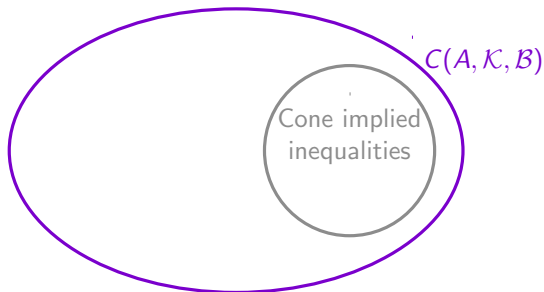


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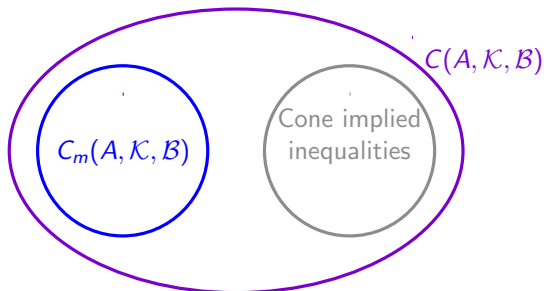
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Theorem: [Sufficiency of \mathcal{K} -minimal Inequalities]

Whenever $C_m(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B}) \neq \emptyset$, \mathcal{K} -minimal v.i. together with $x \in \mathcal{K}$ constraint are sufficient to describe $\overline{\text{conv}}(\mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B}))$.

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Remark

For any $\mu \in \text{Im}(A^*) + \mathcal{K}^*$,

$\Rightarrow D_\mu := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m : \mu - A^*\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*\} \neq \emptyset$; and

\Rightarrow for any $\eta_0 \leq \inf_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \sigma_{D_\mu}(b)$, where $\sigma_{D_\mu} :=$ support function of D_μ ,

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- $\mathbf{(A.1)} \quad 0 \leq \langle \mu, u \rangle$ for all u s.t. $Au = 0$ and
 $\langle \alpha, v \rangle u + v \in \mathcal{K} \quad \forall v \in \text{Ext}(\mathcal{K})$ holds for some $\alpha \in \text{Ext}(\mathcal{K}^*)$,
- $\mathbf{(A.2)} \quad \eta_0 \leq \langle \mu, x \rangle$ for all $x \in \mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B})$.

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- For **general regular cones** \mathcal{K} other than \mathbb{R}_+^n , unfortunately there is a gap between our current necessary condition and our sufficient condition for \mathcal{K} -minimality.
- Moreover, there is a simple example $\mathcal{S}(A, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{B})$ with $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{L}^3$, where a necessary (in terms of convex hull description) family of \mathcal{K} -minimal inequalities cannot be generated by any class of cut generating functions.

This is in sharp contrast

- to MILP case, i.e., $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{R}_+^n$, and,
- to the strong dual for MICP result of **Moran et al.'12**, which studied a more restrictive conic setup.

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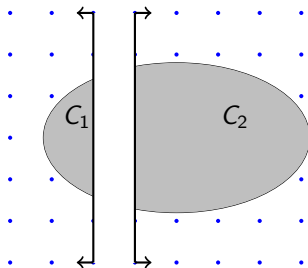
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- General case is too general for us to answer these questions...
- In the rest of this talk, we will study a simple (?) yet interesting case
- Joint work with S. Yıldız

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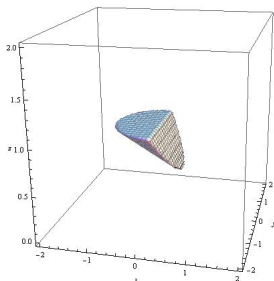
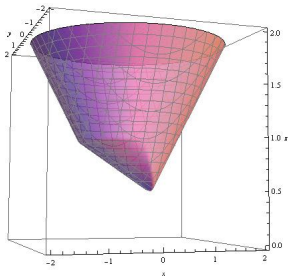
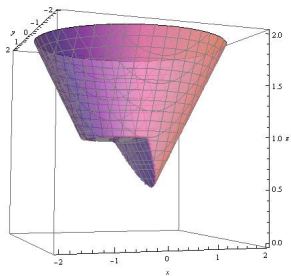
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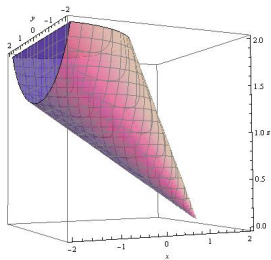
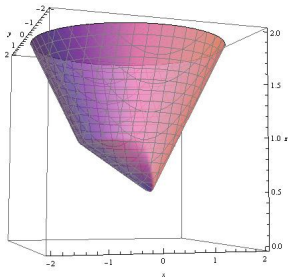
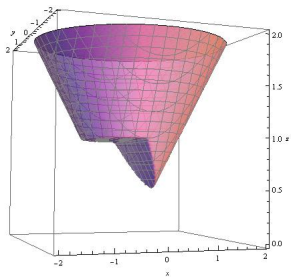
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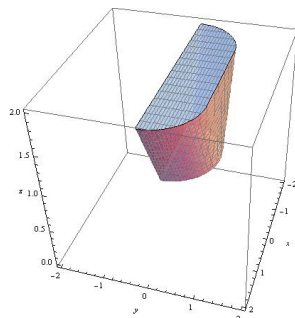
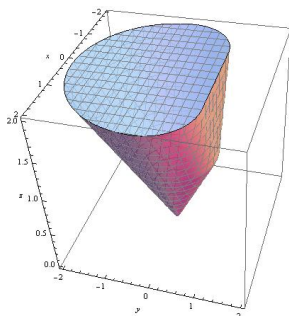
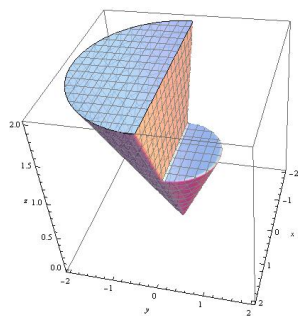
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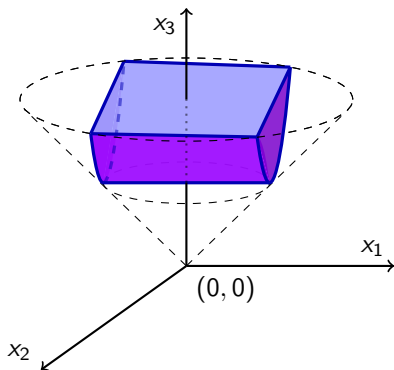
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[Sharp contrast to the strong conic IP dual result of Moran, Dey, & Vielma '12.]