Computing cone-constrained singular values of matrices

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Class of Computational Complexity

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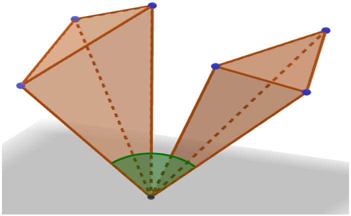

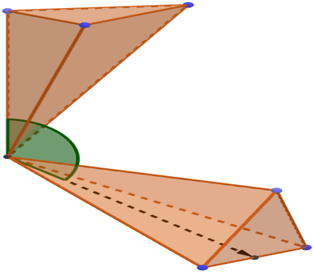

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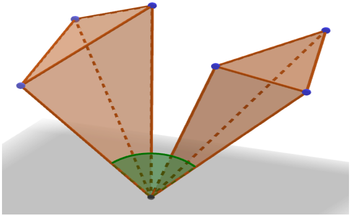

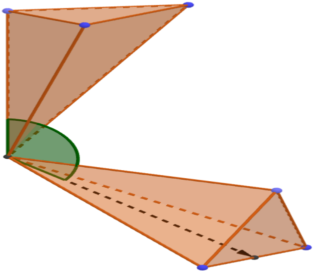

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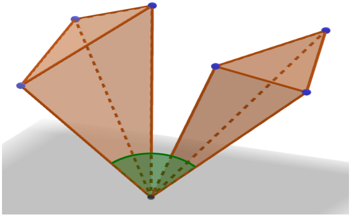
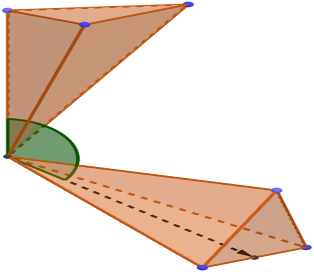
If one of u, v in the antipodal pair is a vertex then the problem is **Polynomial** in n and the number of generators of P, Q

$$\min_{v \in Q,\ \|v\|=1} u^\top v = -\max_{v \in -Q,\ \|v\|=1} u^\top v \implies v = -\frac{Proj(u, -Q)}{\|Proj(u, -Q)\|}$$

$$Proj(u, -Q) \equiv \min_{y \geq 0} \|u - (-H)y\| \qquad \langle H \rangle = Q, \text{ NNLS, convex}$$





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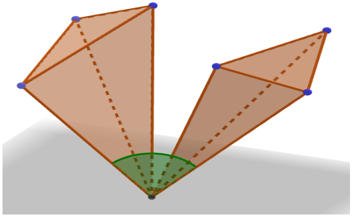
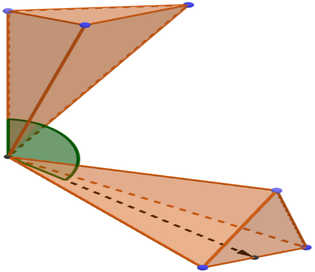
Corollary (B., G., S. 2024)

If (u, v) is a local minimum in dimension $n \leq 3$ with $u \neq -v$, then at least one among u, v is a vertex





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$\lambda = g_i^\top A h_j = \min_{k,\ell} (G^\top A H)_{k,\ell}$, $u = g_i$, $v = h_j$, $r = \mathrm{Null}(A^\top A - \|A\|^2 I_n)$

$\mathscr{I} := \{(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}) \,:\, 2 < |\mathcal{I}| + |\mathcal{J}| \leq m + n - r,\ \overline{G} := G_{:,\mathcal{I}}$ and $\overline{H} := H_{:,\mathcal{J}}$ full column rank$\}$

for $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}) \in \mathscr{I}$, **do**

    $A_x = \overline{G}^\dagger A^\top \overline{H}$, $A_y = \overline{H}^\dagger A \overline{G}$

    $A_\lambda = A_y A_x$, $\widetilde{A}_\lambda = A_x$ (or $A_\lambda = A_x A_y$, $\widetilde{A}_\lambda = A_y$ if $|\mathcal{I}| > |\mathcal{J}|$)

    if $\rho(A_\lambda) \leq \lambda^2$ **then** Skip to the next $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}) \in \mathscr{I}$

    U right eigenspace of $\rho(A_\lambda)$ in A_λ, $\mu = -\sqrt{\rho(A_\lambda)}$, $W = \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{A}_\lambda U/\mu \\ U \end{pmatrix}$

    Compute the reduced QR of $W = VR$

    if $(VV^\top - I)z = 0$, $z \geq 0$, $e^\top z = 1$ admits a solution **then**

        $\lambda = \mu$, $z = [y^\top\ x^\top]^\top$ (or $z = [x^\top\ y^\top]^\top$if $|\mathcal{I}| > |\mathcal{J}|$)

        $u = \overline{G}x / \|\overline{G}x\|$, $v = \overline{H}y / \|\overline{H}y\|$

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end for

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$u = 0,\ v = 0,\ v_e = v_0,\ k = 1.$

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  if $k \geq 2$ and $e_k > e_{k-1}$ **then**

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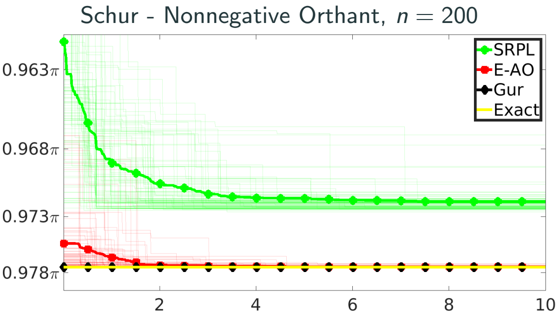

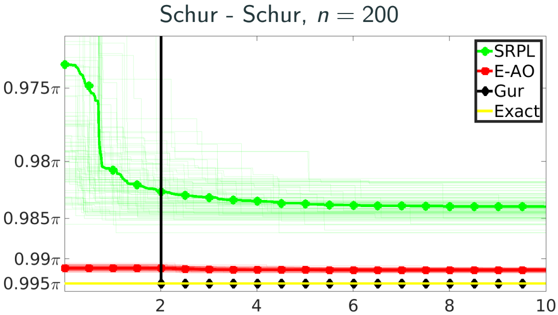

Maximum Edge Biclique Problem

Recall that solving the Pareto singular value problem is equivalent to solve the maximum edge biclique problem.

Here we thus test all four algorithms on four bipartite graphs taken from a benchmark dataset[1]. All graphs have been randomly generated with a fixed edge density, and then a biclique has been added to them. In particular,

- the first graph is a 100×100 graph with density 0.2 and planted biclique of size $50 \times 50 = 2500$,
- the second graph is a 300×300 graph with density 0.3 and planted biclique of size $2 \times 55 = 110$,
- the third graph is a 100×100 graph with density 0.71 and planted biclique of size $80 \times 80 = 6400$,
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Maximum Edge Biclique Problem

Table 1: Numerical comparison for Gurobi, BFAS, E-AO and SRPL for the problem of finding the maximum edge biclique in four different bipartite graphs. The table reports the maximum edgee biclique found in the timelimit (10 seconds) for Gurobi and BFAS. The reported number for E-AO and SRPL are instead the average value found at 10 seconds for 100 runs, and in parentheses the best value found throughout all 100 runs when it differs from the average one. Gurobi cannot be executed on the last graph due to its excessive size.

n	100×100	300×300	100×100	10000×300
Gur	2500	0	310	NA
BFAS	3	2	2	2
E-AO	66	114	87	12
SRPL	2500	114	6400	46(358)

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Left: Best known lower bounds on γ_n

Right: Gurobi solutions

- In **black** the exact angle $\mathcal{SC}^n \cap \mathcal{P}^n \angle \mathcal{SC}^n \cap \mathcal{N}^n$
- In blue if a previous angle was bigger then the exact solution
- In red if it is a lower bound

Table 2: Numerical comparison of Gur and BFAS for different dimensions for the problem of finding the maximum angle between the PSD cone and the nonnegative symmetric cone, both restricted to the subalgebra of circulant matrices. Timelimit: 60 seconds

n	13	15	17	19	21	23
exact	0.762950π	0.757765π	0.764971π	0.768062π	0.768769π	0.766370π
Gur	0.762950π	0.757765π	0.764971π	0.767876π	0.765409π	0.766370π
	0.854 s	25.061 s	60^* s	60^* s	60^* s	60^* s
BFAS	0.762950π	0.757765π	0.764971π	0.768062π	0.768768π	0.766370π
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Table 3: Numerical comparison of Gur, BFAS, E-AO and SRPL for the same problem. Timelimit: 10 seconds. When the exact value is not available, the best known lower bound is reported with an asterisk

n	17	19	21	23	25	27
exact	0.764971π	0.768062π	0.768769π	0.766370π	$0.767385\pi^*$	$0.768258\pi^*$
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