

# Primal-dual IPM with Asymmetric Barrier

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## 2. Random scheduling: minimize in $x$ the objective

$$\langle T, x \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n d^{(i)} d^{(j)} \ln \left( e^{x^{(i)}/d^{(i)}} + e^{x^{(j)}/d^{(j)}} \right) - D \langle \bar{e}, x \rangle.$$



# Asymmetric barriers:

## 1. Power cone

$$K_\alpha = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R} : (x^{(1)})^\alpha (x^{(2)})^{1-\alpha} \geq |x^{(3)}| \right\}, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1),$$

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$$K_\alpha^* = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R} : \left( \frac{s^{(1)}}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{s^{(2)}}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha} \geq |s^{(3)}| \right\},$$

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with  $\nu_{F_{P,\alpha}} = \nu_{F_{D,\alpha}} = 4$ .  $K_\alpha^* = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} K_\alpha$ , but  $F_{D,\alpha} \neq F_{P,\alpha}^*$ .

## 2. Conic hull of the epigraph of exponent

$$K_{P,e} = \left\{ x \in R \times R_+^2 : x^{(1)} \geq x^{(2)} \ln \frac{x^{(2)}}{x^{(3)}} \right\},$$

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# Asymmetric barrier for primal-dual cone

Denote

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(z) &\equiv \Psi(x, s) = F_P(x) + F_D(s), \quad \nu_\Psi = \nu_{F_P} + \nu_{F_D}, \\ z &= (x, s) \in \text{int } K \times \text{int } K^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{int } \bar{K}.\end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\kappa(z_0) = \Psi(z_0) - \min_{x, s} \{ \Psi(z) : \langle s_0, x \rangle + \langle s, x_0 \rangle = 2 \langle s_0, x_0 \rangle \},$$

where  $z_0 = (x_0, s_0)$  is the point from A1. Note that  $\kappa(z_0) \geq 0$ .

**Lemma:** For any  $z \in \bar{K}$  we have

$$\Psi(z) \geq \Psi(z_0) - \kappa(z_0) - \nu_\Psi \ln \frac{\langle s_0, x \rangle + \langle s, x_0 \rangle}{2 \langle s_0, x_0 \rangle}.$$

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$$F(w) = F_P(x) + F_D(s) - \ln \tau, \quad \nu_F = \nu_P + \nu_D + 1,$$

$$\phi(w) = \nu_F \ln[\langle c, x \rangle - \langle b, y \rangle] + F(w), \quad w \in \text{int } \mathcal{F}.$$

Main identity: for  $w \in \mathcal{F}$  we have

$$\langle s_0, x \rangle + \langle s, x_0 \rangle = \langle c, x \rangle - \langle b, y \rangle + \tau \langle s_0, x_0 \rangle.$$

**Theorem:** Let  $w_0 \equiv (x_0, s_0, y_0, 1)$ . If we form  $w_k = (x_k, s_k, y_k, \tau_k)$  by minimizing  $\phi(w)$  by the Newton method, then for the point

$$\tilde{x}_k = \frac{x_k}{\tau_k}, \quad \tilde{s}_k = \frac{s_k}{\tau_k}, \quad \tilde{y}_k = \frac{y_k}{\tau_k}$$

we have

$$\frac{\langle s_0, x_0 \rangle}{\langle c, \tilde{x}_k \rangle - \langle b, \tilde{y}_k \rangle} \geq 2 \exp \left\{ \frac{\omega \cdot k - \kappa(z_0) - \ln 2}{\nu_F} \right\} - 1.$$

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# Full-dimensional potential reduction IPM

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By two positive-definite operators  $B_H : H \rightarrow H^*$ ,  $B_E : E \rightarrow E^*$ , define the convex quadratic function

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Qw, w \rangle &= \|Ax - \tau b\|_{B_H^{-1}}^2 + \|s + A^*y - \tau c\|_{B_E^{-1}}^2 \\ &\quad + [\langle c, x \rangle - \langle b, y \rangle]^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|w\|_Q^2,\end{aligned}$$

Optimal set:  $W^* = \{w \in \mathcal{C} : Qw = 0\}$ .

Main inequality:

For any  $w \in \mathcal{C}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle s_0, x \rangle + \langle s, x_0 \rangle &\leq \overbrace{[1 + \langle B_H y_0, y_0 \rangle + \langle B_E x_0, x_0 \rangle]^{1/2}}^{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Omega} \cdot \|w\|_Q \\ &\quad + \tau \cdot \langle s_0, x_0 \rangle,\end{aligned}$$

# Quadratic potential function

Denote  $F(w) = \Psi(z) - \ln \tau = F_P(x) + F_D(s) - \ln \tau$ ,

$$\Phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_Q^2 + F(w), \quad w \in \text{int } \mathcal{C}.$$

## Main properties

- $\Phi(w)$  is a s.-c. function with positive definite Hessians.
- It is unbounded from below. Hence, the local norms of the gradients are all  $\geq 1$ .
- For  $w \in \text{int } \mathcal{C}$ , define *homogeneous* quadratic potential:

$$\tilde{\Phi}(w) = \min_{\lambda > 0} \Phi(\lambda w) \leq \Phi(w).$$

The minimum is attained at  $\lambda = \lambda(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\nu_F^{1/2}}{\|w\|_Q}$ .

# Properties of homogeneous potential

- It admits a closed-form representation:

$$\tilde{\Phi}(w) = \nu_F \ln \|w\|_Q + F(w) + \frac{\nu_F}{2} [1 - \ln \nu_F].$$

- This is a quasi-convex function with zero degree of homogeneity.
- For any point  $w \in \text{int } \mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Phi}(w) \geq \Psi(z_0) - \kappa(z_0) + \nu_\Psi \ln 2 + \frac{\nu_F}{2} [1 - \ln \nu_F] \\ - \nu_F \ln \left( \frac{\Omega}{\langle s_0, x_0 \rangle} + \frac{\tau}{\|w\|_Q} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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# Central path for infeasible-start IPM

Denote  $v = (x, s, \tau) \in \hat{\mathcal{C}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K \times K^* \times R_+$ , and

$$\langle \hat{Q}v, v \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_y \{ \langle Qw, w \rangle : w = (x, s, y, \tau) \},$$

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$$\hat{\mathcal{C}} \text{ is normal} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla^2 \hat{F}(\cdot) \succ 0.$$

Central path: fix  $v_1 \in \text{int } \hat{\mathcal{C}}$  with  $\lambda(v_1) = 1$ .

Define the *central path*  $v(\mu)$  as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\nabla \hat{\Phi}(v(\mu)) \equiv \hat{Q}v(\mu) + \nabla \hat{F}(v(\mu)) = \mu [\hat{Q}v_1 + \nabla \hat{F}(v_1)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mu g_1.$$

Clearly,  $v(1) = v_1$ .

# Properties of the central path

- $\|v(\mu)\|_{\hat{Q}} \leq \nu_F^{1/2}$ ,  $\mu \in (0, 1]$ .
- Denote  $V^* = \{v \in \hat{C} : \hat{Q}v = 0\}$ . For any  $v^* \in V^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \cdot \langle -\nabla \hat{F}(v_1), v^* \rangle &= \langle -\nabla \hat{F}(v(\mu)), v^* \rangle \\ &\geq \langle \nabla^2 \hat{F}(v(\mu))v^*, v^* \rangle^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

- If  $v^* = (x^*, s^*, 1) \in V^*$ , then

$$\frac{\langle s_0, x_0 \rangle}{\mu \cdot \langle -\nabla \hat{F}(v_1), v^* \rangle} \leq \langle s_0, x(\mu) \rangle + \langle s(\mu), x_0 \rangle.$$

Since  $\langle s_0, x \rangle + \langle s, x_0 \rangle \leq \Omega \cdot \|v\|_{\hat{Q}} + \tau \cdot \langle s_0, x_0 \rangle$ , we get

Lemma: For any  $\mu \in (0, 1]$

$$\frac{\tau(\mu)}{\|v(\mu)\|_{\hat{Q}}} \geq \frac{1}{\nu_F^{1/2} \langle -\nabla \hat{F}(v_1), v^* \rangle \cdot \mu} - \frac{\Omega}{\langle s_0, x_0 \rangle}.$$

# Augmented self-concordant barriers (N. & Vial 2004)

Denote  $\psi_\mu(v) = \widehat{\Phi}(v) - \mu \langle g_1, w \rangle$ . For  $v \in \text{int } \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ , consider two local metrics:

$$\sigma_v^*(g) = \langle \nabla^2 \widehat{F}(v) [\nabla^2 \widehat{\Phi}(v)]^{-1} g, [\nabla^2 \widehat{\Phi}(v)]^{-1} g \rangle,$$

$$\theta_v^*(g) = \langle g, [\nabla^2 \widehat{F}(v)]^{-1} g \rangle^{1/2}. \quad (\text{Simple to compute!})$$

## Properties:

- $\sigma_v^*(g) \leq \theta_v^*(g)$ .
- For all  $v \in \text{int } \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ ,  $\sigma_v^*(\nabla \widehat{\Phi}(v)) \leq \nu_F^{1/2}$ .
- For the Newton iterate  $v_+ = v - [\nabla^2 \psi_\mu(v)]^{-1} \nabla \psi_\mu(v)$ , we have

$$\theta_{v_+}^*(\nabla \psi_\mu(v_+)) \leq \left( \frac{\sigma_v^*(\nabla \psi_\mu(v))}{1 - \sigma_v^*(\nabla \psi_\mu(v))} \right)^2.$$

# Predictor-corrector technique

Neighborhood of the Central Path:

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**Theorem:** for  $v \in \mathcal{N}_{\beta_0}(\mu)$ , and  $\alpha \geq 0$  satisfying

$$\beta_0 + \frac{\alpha}{\mu}(\beta_0 + \sigma_v^*(\nabla\widehat{\Phi}(v))) \leq \frac{\sqrt{\beta_1}}{1+\sqrt{\beta_1}},$$

we have  $T_v(\alpha) \in \mathcal{N}_{\beta_1}(\mu - \alpha).$

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**2 Real predictor-corrector.**

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_{T_{v_k}(\alpha_k)}^*(\nabla\psi_{\mu_k-\alpha_k}(T_{v_k}(\alpha_k))) \\ & \leq \frac{\beta_0^2}{(1-\beta_0)^2} + \frac{2\beta_0}{(1-\beta_0)^3} \cdot \left[ \beta_0 + \sigma_{v_k}^*(\nabla\widehat{\Phi}(v_k)) \right] \cdot \frac{\alpha_k}{\mu_k} + O\left(\frac{\alpha_k^2}{\mu_k^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is better to keep  $\beta_0$  small with respect to  $\beta_1$ .

## 1. Path-following scheme.

The measure

$$\theta_v^*(\nabla\psi_\mu(v)) = \langle \nabla\psi_\mu(v), [\nabla^2\hat{F}(v)]^{-1}\nabla\psi_\mu(v) \rangle^{1/2}$$

is easy to compute.

**Examples. a) LP.** For positive orthant

$$\theta_v^*(g) = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (g^{(i)} v^{(i)})^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

**b) Separable cones.** Direct product of many cones of small dimension.

**2. Potential-reduction scheme.** For homogeneous quadratic potential

$$\tilde{\Phi}(w) = \nu_F \ln \|w\|_Q + F(w) + \frac{\nu_F}{2} [1 - \ln \nu_F],$$

we have an upper bound

$$\tilde{\Phi}(w+h) - \tilde{\Phi}(w) \leq \nu_F \frac{2\langle Qw, h \rangle + \langle Qh, h \rangle}{2\langle Qw, w \rangle} + F(w+h) - F(w).$$

Hence, for the Newton step we need to minimize

$$\nu_F \frac{2\langle Qw, h \rangle + \langle Qh, h \rangle}{2\langle Qw, w \rangle} + \langle \nabla F(w), h \rangle + \langle \nabla^2 F(w)h, h \rangle.$$

**Note:** We need to achieve a constant drop (by CG?).

**Main competitors:** Fast gradient schemes for solving the problem

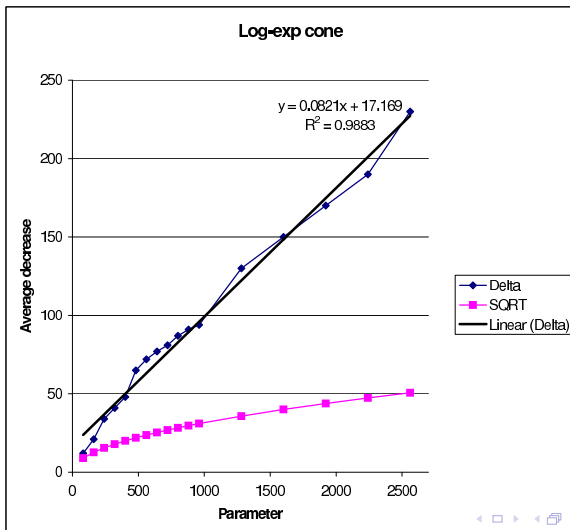
$$\min_w \{ \langle Qw, w \rangle : \tau = 1, w \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

**Note:**

- The memory requirements are the same.
- One iteration of CG for potential-reduction methods has the same complexity as one iteration of GM.

$n$	$m$	LP	Lorentz	$K_{\frac{1}{2}}$	$K_{\frac{1}{3}}$	$K_{exp}$
60	20	62	55	74	76	71
120	40	70	62	79	79	68
180	60	76	65	73	73	66
240	80	85	73	84	83	73
300	100	86	78	93	92	76
360	120	86	74	98	98	80
480	160	84	80	95	96	95
600	200	98	84	101	100	85
720	240	102	89	109	110	93
840	280	99	96	111	109	95
960	320	98	90	107	107	102

Table: Performance of long-step PF-method



# Potential-reduction scheme for LP

$n$	$m$	Iterations	Average $\Delta_{\tilde{\phi}}$
60	20	12	$7.2 \cdot 10^1$
120	40	13	$1.4 \cdot 10^2$
180	60	14	$2.1 \cdot 10^2$
240	80	15	$2.7 \cdot 10^2$
300	100	16	$3.1 \cdot 10^2$
360	120	16	$3.8 \cdot 10^2$
480	160	16	$5.0 \cdot 10^2$
600	200	17	$6.2 \cdot 10^2$
720	240	17	$7.6 \cdot 10^2$
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960	320	18	$9.6 \cdot 10^2$