

# Generating maximal feasible solutions for a chance-constrained knapsack inequality

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- In the *stochastic* version, the vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_j \mid j \in [n])$  is drawn from a *multivariate normal distribution* with mean  $\bar{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma \succeq 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{a} \sim N(\bar{\mathbf{a}}, \Sigma)$

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- Task: *Enumerate* all maximal feasible solutions for the inequality

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- Given a Boolean function  $f$  in CNF:

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- The objective is to write  $f$  in *irredundant* DNF:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \bigvee_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \bigwedge_{i \in G} x_i$$

- Well-known problem with many applications
- Can be solved in time  $\text{poly}(n) + m^{o(\log m)}$  time, where  $m = |\mathcal{F}| + |\mathcal{G}|$  [Fredman and Khachiyan (1996)]
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$$12 - (3 - x_1 - x_2 - x_4)(2 - x_2 - x_3)(2 - x_3 - x_4) \leq 11$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$x_1x_2x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 \leq 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$



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- *Supermodular functions*:

$$f(\mathbf{x} \vee \mathbf{y}) + f(\mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{y}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}$$

where

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- If the  $f_i$ 's are supermodular with *integer* range  $\{0, 1, \dots, R\}$ , then problem is quasi-polynomially equivalent to MBD provided that  $R = \text{quasi-poly}(\text{Input size})$ :
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- So we know how to "efficiently" enumerate maximal feasible solutions for a *multi-dimensional* knapsack problem:

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- For a single inequality ( $r = 1$ ), enumeration can be done in polynomial time [Peled and Simeone (1985), Crama (1987)]
- What about the chance-constrained version?

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- $\partial_f(\mathbf{x}, j) = \frac{d_{jj}^2}{\|D(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{1}^j)\| + \|D\mathbf{x}\|} + b_j$  is decreasing in  $\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow f$  is submodular

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### *Theorem*

*If  $d = O(1)$ , then all maximal feasible vectors for the second-order cone inequality can be enumerated in quasi-polynomial time*

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# Proof of dual-boundedness

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$$\sum_i a_{ij}x_j \leq t_i, \quad \text{for } i \in [r] := \{1, \dots, r\}$$
$$\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

- Each vector  $\mathbf{a}^i := (a_{ij} \mid j \in [n])$  defines (at least) one permutation  $\sigma_{\mathbf{a}^i}$  given by:  $a_{i,\sigma(1)} \geq a_{i,\sigma(2)} \geq \dots \geq a_{i,\sigma(n)}$
- It is known [Crama (1987), Boros et al. (2000)] that

$$|\mathcal{G}| \leq r' \cdot n |\mathcal{F}|$$

- $r' :=$  number of distinct permutations defined by the set of vectors  $\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^r$

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- Consider the SOC inequality:

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- Let us rewrite the SOC inequality as

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# Chance-constraint multi-dimensional knapsack

- Given vectors  $\mathbf{a}^i = (a_{ij} \mid j \in [n])$  drawn from a *multivariate normal distribution* with mean  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}^i \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma^i \succeq 0$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{a}^i \sim N(\bar{\mathbf{a}}^i, \Sigma^i)$ :

$$\Pr[(\mathbf{a}^i)^\top \mathbf{x} \leq t_i] \geq \alpha_i, \quad \text{for } i \in [r], \\ \mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

- We can show that  $|\mathcal{G}| = O(n)^{2d+1} r |\mathcal{F}|$ , where  $d := \max_i d_i$
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## Some open questions

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*Thank you*