RINNAL+: a Riemannian ALM Solver for SDP-RLT Relaxations of Mixed-Binary QP

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3 Numerical experiments

Mixed-binary QP

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- **Applications:** Max-Cut, clutering, portfolio optimization ...
- Generalization: mixed-binary, QCQP.
- Global optimality: solve convex relaxations to obtain lower bound.
- Challenge: tradeoff between tightness and computational cost.

SDP Relaxation

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DNN Relaxation

$$\min_{x} x^{\top} Qx + 2c^{\top} x
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(MBQP)

$$\min_{X, x} \langle Q, X \rangle + 2c^{\top} x$$
s.t.
$$\begin{bmatrix}
-b & A & 0 \\
-d & B & I
\end{bmatrix} \widehat{X} = 0, \text{ diag}(X) = x,$$

$$\widehat{X} = \begin{bmatrix}
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 (BIQ)

Strengthen by adding redundant bound constraint:

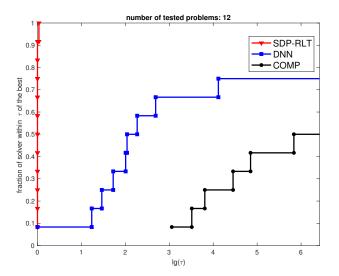
$$\min \left\{ x^{\top} Q x + 2c^{\top} x : x \le e, x \in \{0, 1\}^n \right\}$$
 (BIQ-S)

Data: bqp100.1	(BIQ)		(BIQ-S)	
UB: -7.97e3	lower bound	% gap	lower bound	% gap
(SDP)	-8.72e3	9.424	-8.72e3	9.424
(DNN)	-8.38e3	5.149	-8.04e3	0.836
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Time Comparison

Solving SDP-RLT is faster due to lower dimensionality.



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Contribution:

- RiNNAL+: a two-phase Riemannian ALM method.
- Exploits low-rank structure and handles many constraints efficiently.

SDP-RLT Relaxation

Compact form

(SDP-RLT)

Variables and data:

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c^{\top} \\ c & Q \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} z & x^{\top} \\ x & X \end{bmatrix}.$$

Feasible set:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(Equalities)} & \mathcal{E} := \left\{Y \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}: \ \mathcal{A}(X) = g\right\}, \\ \\ \text{(Inequalities)} & \mathcal{I} := \left\{Y \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}: \ \mathcal{B}(X) \geq h\right\}. \end{array}$$

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AI M Iteration

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}^{k+1} &= \arg\min\left\{\phi(\mathbf{Y}) := L_{\sigma_k}(\mathbf{Y}; \lambda^k) \mid \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{E} \cap \mathbb{S}_+^{n+1}\right\}, \\ \lambda^{k+1} &= \lambda^k - \sigma_k(\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{Y}^{k+1}) - \mathbf{g}). \end{aligned} \tag{ALM-sub}$$

Challenge: How to solve (ALM-sub) efficiently?

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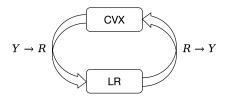


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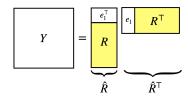


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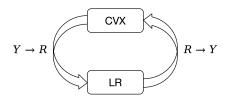


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CVX phase

Projected gradient descent on Y

$$\min_{Y} \quad \phi(Y) \\
\text{s.t.} \quad Y \in \mathcal{E} \cap \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_{+}.$$

- Ensures global convergence.
- Automatically adjusts the rank.

LR phase

Riemannian gradient descent on R

$$\min_{R} \quad \phi(\widehat{R}\,\widehat{R}^{\top})$$

s.t. $\widehat{R}\,\widehat{R}^{\top} \in \mathcal{E}$.

- Reduces dim and #constraints.
- Reduces the objective value.

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Acceleration: (10+ times faster)

- Preprocessing: transform diag(X) = x to diag(Y) = e.
- Warm-start: recover dual variables of (Proj-sub) from LR phase.

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PG Step:

- Automatically adjust the rank.
- parameter-free.
- monotonically decreasing.

BIQ experiment:

Data: bqp500.1.

• observation: PG identifies the correct rank rapidly in both scenarios.

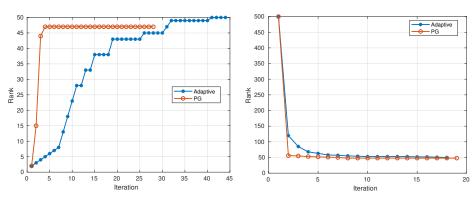


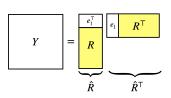
Figure: Initial rank: r = 2.

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LR Phase: RiNNAL Framework

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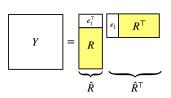
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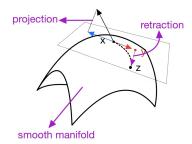
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Properties:

- Smoothness: Random perturbation.
- Projection: Schur-based reduction.
- Retraction: Convex reformulation (solved by Weiszfeld algorithm).
- Dual recovery:
 (LR) KKT ⇒ partial (CVX) KKT.



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Lemma (Tang and Toh, 2024b)

For a generic v, every point of $\mathcal{M}_{r,v}$ satisfies LICQ.

Implementation: switch to $\mathcal{M}_{r,v}$ if encounter nonsmooth point.

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where $T_R \mathcal{M}_r$ is the tangent space, $h_R : \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} \to \mathbb{R}^{m \times r} \times \mathbb{R}^{|B|}$ is the Fréchet differential mapping of the constraints defining \mathcal{M}_r at R:

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By leveraging the special structure of (Proj-sub) with Schur complement and SMW formula, we reduce the complexity for solving (Proj-sub) to

$$O\left(\min\left\{|B|^{3}+m^{2}r+mr|B|,(mr)^{2}|B|+(mr)^{3}\right\}\right),$$

which is smaller than vanilla $\mathcal{O}((|B|+mr)^3)$ when either |B| or mr is small.

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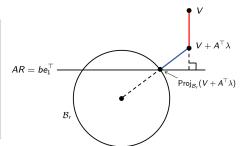
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Lemma 1. For any $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$, if there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ such that

$$A \operatorname{Proj}_{\mathcal{B}_r}(V + A^{\top}\lambda) = be_1^{\top},$$

then

$$\operatorname{Proj}_{\mathcal{M}_r}(V) = \operatorname{Proj}_{\mathcal{B}_r}(V + A^{\top}\lambda).$$



Retraction Subproblem

 λ is solution to the following unconstrained nonsmooth convex problem:

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Generalized Weiszfeld algorithm: assume every row of $(V' + A^T \lambda^k)_B$ is non-zero, we design the following algorithm with convergence guarantee:

$$\lambda^{k+1} = T(\lambda^k) := -(A\operatorname{diag}(\mu^k)A^\top)^{-1}A(b' + \operatorname{diag}(\mu^k)V'),$$

where $\mu^k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the vector such that $\mu_i^k = 1/\|(V' + A^\top \lambda^k)_i\|$ for any $i \in [B]$, and $\mu_i^k = 2$ otherwise.

We also use the Newton method to accelerate the convergence.

Numerical Experiments

Machine: All experiments were conducted using MATLAB R2023b on a workstation with an Intel Xeon E5-2680 v3 @ 2.50GHz CPU and 96GB RAM.

Tolerance for relative KKT residue: $= 10^{-6}$; Maxtime: = 3600s.

Solvers comparison:

Solver	LR Factorization	Handle Ineq
ManiSDP (J. Wang and Hu, 2025)	Yes	No
HALLaR (Monteiro, Sujanani, and Cifuentes, 2024)	Yes	No
LoRADS (Han et al., 2024)	Yes	No
SDPF (Tang and Toh, 2024a)	Yes	No
RiNNAL (Hou, Tang, and Toh, 2025)	Yes	No
SketchyCGAL (Yurtsever et al., 2021)	No	Yes
SDPNAL+ (Yang, Sun, and Toh, 2015)	No	Yes
SDPLR (Burer and Monteiro, 2003)	Yes	Yes
SDPDAL (Y. Wang et al., 2023)	Yes	Yes
RiNNAL+ (ours)	Yes	Yes

- Not comparing SDPDAL: code unavailable.
- Not Comparing SDPLR/SketchyCGAL: slower than SDPNAL+.

Binary Integer Nonconvex Quadratic Programming

$$\min\left\{\boldsymbol{x}^{\top}\boldsymbol{Q}\boldsymbol{x} + 2\boldsymbol{c}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}: \ \boldsymbol{x} \leq \boldsymbol{e}, \ \boldsymbol{x} \in \left\{0,1\right\}^{n}\right\}$$

Problem	Algorithm	Iteration	Rank	R_{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
n = 500	RiNNAL+	16, 850, 3	50	8.70e-07	-1.2259545e+05	8.0	0.9
	SDPNAL+	44, 97, 1535	76	9.98e-07	-1.2259531e+05	613.1	-
n = 1000	RiNNAL+	12, 650, 3	79	9.58e-07	-3.8983061e+05	19.3	2.3
	SDPNAL+	_	_	-	_	-	-
n = 2500	RiNNAL+	11, 600, 2	134	7.28e-07	-1.6096512e+06	133.3	15.9
	SDPNAL+	_	_	-	_	-	-
n = 5000	RiNNAL+	12, 650, 3	177	8.61e-07	-4.6838013e+06	1103.1	254.8
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• PG step is efficient due to preprocessing and warm-start.

Maximum Stable Set Problems

$$\max\left\{x^{\top}x:\ x_ix_j=0\ \forall (i,j)\in E,\ x\leq e,\ x\in\{0,1\}^n\right\}$$

Problem	Algorithm	Iteration	Rank	R_{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
G11	RiNNAL+	56, 2850, 11	8	6.41e-07	-4.0000014e+02	47.7	6.4
n = 800	SDPNAL+	482, 722, 9358	2	2.46e-07	-4.0000005e+02	3008.3	-
G18	RiNNAL+	34, 1750, 7	75	9.08e-07	-2.7900052e+02	34.0	5.5
n = 800	SDPNAL+	-	_	-	-	_	-
G54	RiNNAL+	46, 2350, 10	168	9.01e-07	-3.4100141e+02	68.4	11.3
n = 1000	SDPNAL+	-	_	-	-	_	-
G30	RiNNAL+	13, 700, 3	98	9.00e-07	-5.7703872e+02	87.7	10.4
n = 2000	SDPNAL+	-	_	-	-	_	-
G50	RiNNAL+	24, 1250, 5	134	9.39e-07	-1.4940617e+03	754.8	149.3
n = 3000	SDPNAL+	_	_	-	-	-	-
1tc.1024	RiNNAL+	116, 5850, 24	288	9.38e-07	-2.0420520e+02	192.4	28.1
n = 1024	SDPNAL+	_	_	-	-	-	-
1tc.2048	RiNNAL+	94, 4750, 26	520	9.85e-07	-3.7049061e+02	820.7	162.8
n = 2048	SDPNAL+	_	_	-	-	_	-

• Efficient even on problems with high-rank solutions.

Quadratic Knapsack Problems

$$\max\left\{x^{\top}Qx:\ a^{\top}x\leq\tau,\ x\leq e,\ x\in\left\{0,1\right\}^{n}\right\}$$

n	Iteration	Rank	R_{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
500	87, 4400, 18	26	9.91e-07	-1.1420448e+06	40.5	4.3
1000	27, 1400, 6	37	9.29e-07	-4.5986965e+06	53.1	5.5
2000	15, 800, 3	42	6.84e-07	-1.8316334e+07	123.7	22.7
5000	18, 950, 4	77	7.89e-07	-1.1399134e+08	1761.8	517.4

- SDPNAL+ fails to solve all instances.
- Projection and retraction nontrivial, but taking only 10–20% of total time.

Cardinality-Constrained Minimum SOS Clustering

$$\min \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{c_j} \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^m d_{st} \pi_j^{(s)} \pi_j^{(t)} : \ \pi \in \mathcal{S}, \ \pi \le e_{m \times k}, \ \pi \in \{0,1\}^{m \times k} \right\}$$

where
$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = [\pi^{(1)}, \dots, \pi^{(k)}]$$
 with $\pi^{(j)} \in \{0,1\}^m$, and

$$\mathcal{S} := \left\{ \pi \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes k} : \sum_{i=1}^k \pi_i^{(j)} = 1 \ orall i \in [m], \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \pi_i^{(j)} = c_j \ orall j \in [k]
ight\}$$

Problem	Algorithm	Iteration	Rank	R _{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
1	RiNNAL+	9, 500, 2	5	9.27e-07	7.3254609e+04	14.3	1.4
n = 720	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	RiNNAL+	3, 200, 1	7	8.78e-07	4.0536895e+09	12.6	1.1
n = 902	SDPNAL+	54, 246, 2312	1	7.91e-07	4.0536886e+09	2313.4	-
3	RiNNAL+	12, 511, 3	21	3.90e-07	8.5151301e+02	1500.3	193.9
n = 1662	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	RiNNAL+	2, 150, 1	28	5.87e-07	7.3610392e+08	42.2	13.7
n = 1800	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	RiNNAL+	51, 2600, 11	61	5.42e-07	1.0500893e+06	2215.9	170.8
n = 2250	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-

Efficient for many constraints (up to 3.7M eq/ineq and 5M nonneg).

$$\min\left\{\boldsymbol{x}^{\top}\boldsymbol{Q}\boldsymbol{x}:\ \boldsymbol{e}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}=1,\ \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{0}\leq\rho,\ \boldsymbol{x}\in\mathbb{R}_{+}^{\textit{m}}\right\},$$

Big-M reformulation:

$$\min\left\{\boldsymbol{x}^{\top}\boldsymbol{Q}\boldsymbol{x}:\ \boldsymbol{e}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}=1,\ \boldsymbol{e}^{\top}\boldsymbol{u}=\rho,\ \boldsymbol{x}\leq\boldsymbol{u}\leq\boldsymbol{e},\ \boldsymbol{x}\in\mathbb{R}_{+}^{m},\ \boldsymbol{u}\in\left\{0,1\right\}^{m}\right\}.$$

Problem	Algorithm	Iteration	Rank	R _{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
COP	RiNNAL+	125. 6300. 25	102	6.64e-07	-1.0190589e-01	30.7	2.1
		-,, -					2.1
n = 200	SDPNAL+	76, 112, 1170	102	8.59e-07	-1.0196083e-01	40.1	-
PSD	RiNNAL+	374, 18750, 75	5	8.59e-07	1.4174794e-02	80.7	14.5
n = 200	SDPNAL+	801, 1058, 17306	2	8.50e-07	1.4174999e-02	468.1	-
SPN	RiNNAL+	747, 37400, 150	107	9.31e-07	1.3592384e-02	204.0	20.8
n = 200	SDPNAL+	801, 1032, 29187	12	9.94e-07	1.4887842e-02	866.1	-
COP	RiNNAL+	300, 15050, 60	202	9.99e-07	-1.0402158e-01	230.5	15.8
n = 400	SDPNAL+	103, 145, 1511	202	9.24e-07	-1.0445084e-01	170.7	-
PSD	RiNNAL+	360, 18050, 72	108	9.50e-07	9.0349366e-03	231.0	19.4
n = 400	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPN	RiNNAL+	1812, 90650, 363	248	9.97e-07	-1.2530973e-02	1556.1	145.7
n = 400	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
PSD	RiNNAL+	507, 25400, 102	234	9.88e-07	2.9188026e-03	1838.0	152.6
n = 1000	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-

Quadratic Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

$$\min\left\{x^{\top}Qx:x\in\mathcal{T}'\right\}.$$

where

$$\mathcal{T}' \coloneqq \left\{ x \in \left\{0,1\right\}^m : x \leq e, \ \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} x_e = n-1, \ \sum_{e \in \partial S} x_e \geq 1, \ \forall S \subsetneq V, \ |S| = 1 \right\},$$

Problem	Algorithm	Iteration	Rank	R_{max}	Objective	Time	TPG
vsym	RiNNAL+	29, 1480, 6	5	4.86e-07	7.7804931e+04	12.9	1.7
m = 435	SDPNAL+	148, 230, 3713	1	2.91e-07	7.7804694e+04	299.7	
sym	RiNNAL+	103, 5190, 21	197	7.70e-07	5.3262719e+03	99.3	2.8
m = 435	SDPNAL+	96, 109, 1486	195	1.09e-06	5.3262716e + 03	130.5	-
esym	RiNNAL+	4912, 254289, 4912	49	9.85e-07	7.4273402e+03	3456.3	931.4
m = 435	SDPNAL+	529, 692, 10111	46	9.55e-07	7.4273883e+03	1083.3	-
vsym	RiNNAL+	96, 4850, 22	8	7.99e-07	1.6444786e+05	289.2	64.3
m = 1225	SDPNAL+	-	-	-	-	-	-
sym	RiNNAL+	84, 4275, 17	509	8.07e-07	1.4104759e+04	484.0	21.2
m = 1225	SDPNAL+	192, 199, 2628	507	1.22e-06	1.4104759e+04	1987.4	-

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