

Compact Knapsack: a Semidefinite Approach

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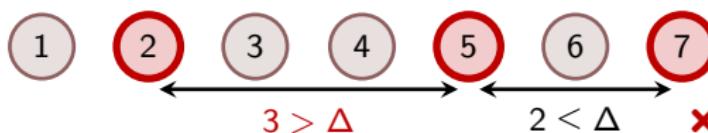
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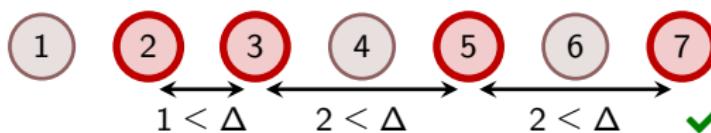
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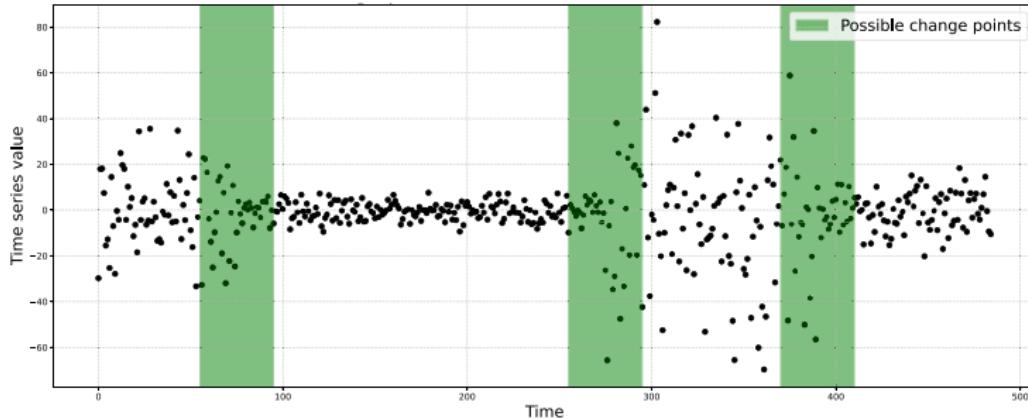
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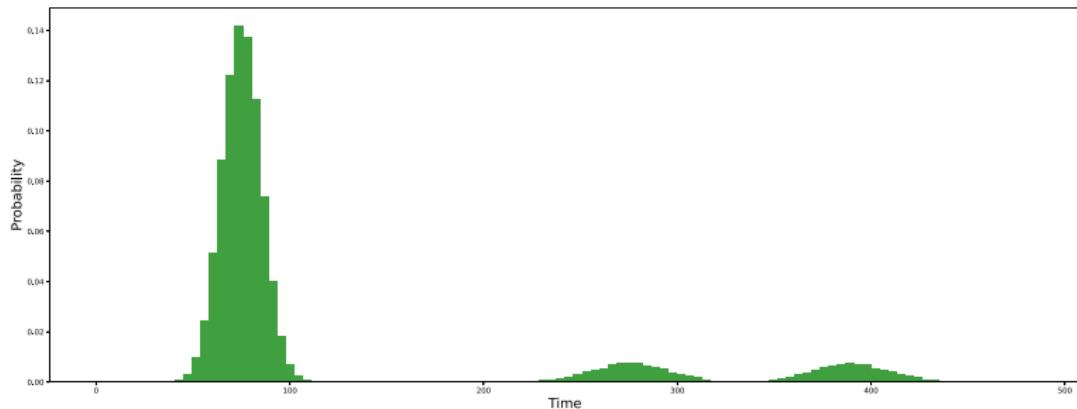
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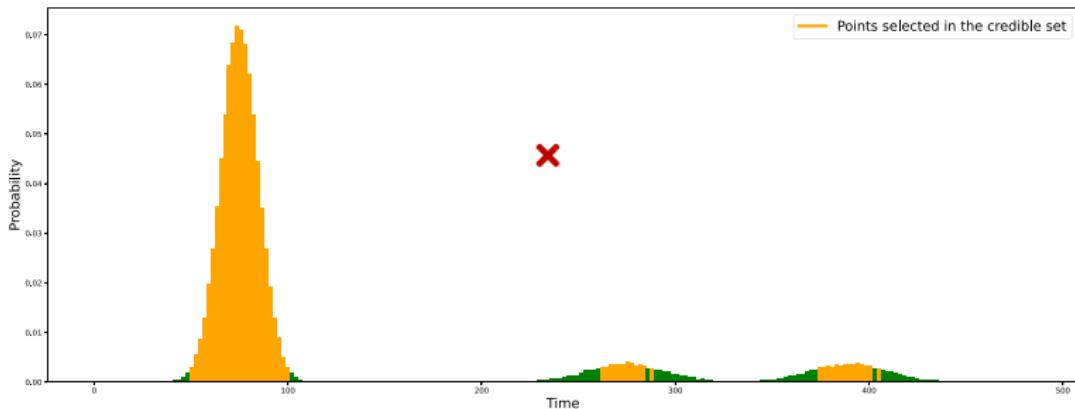
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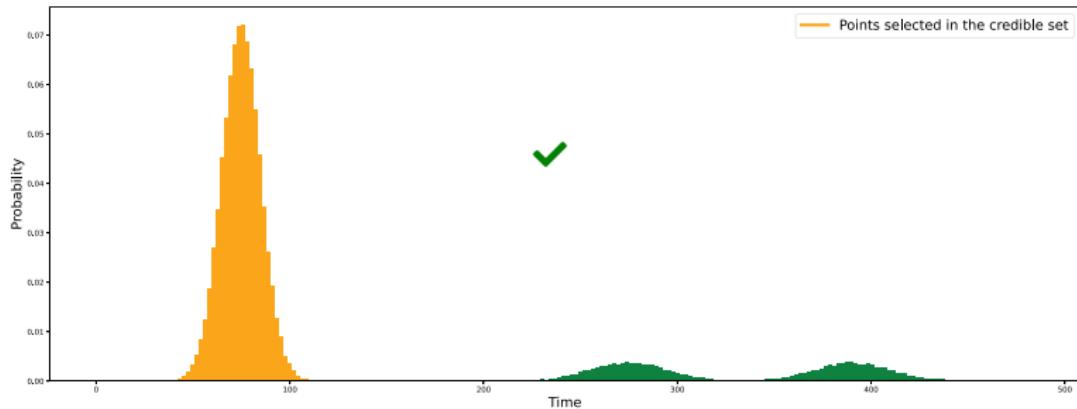
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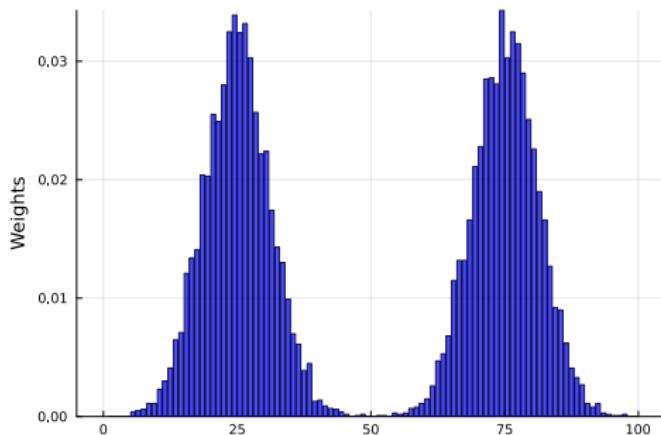
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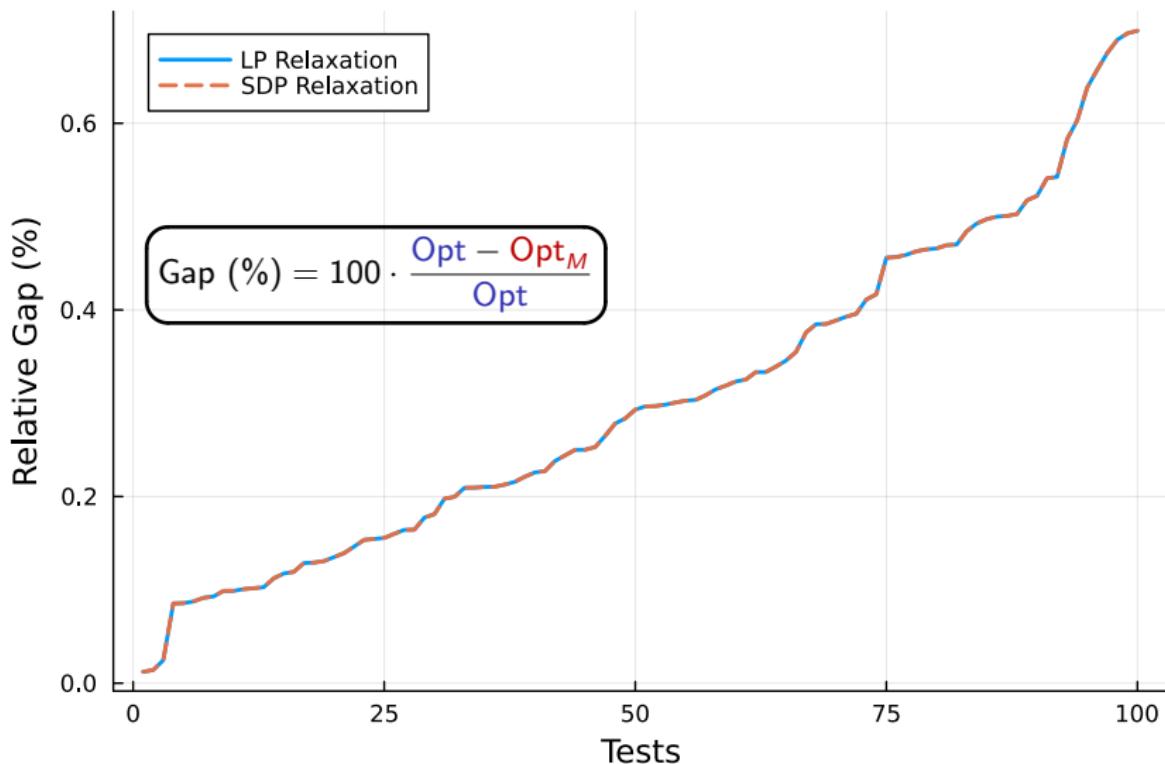
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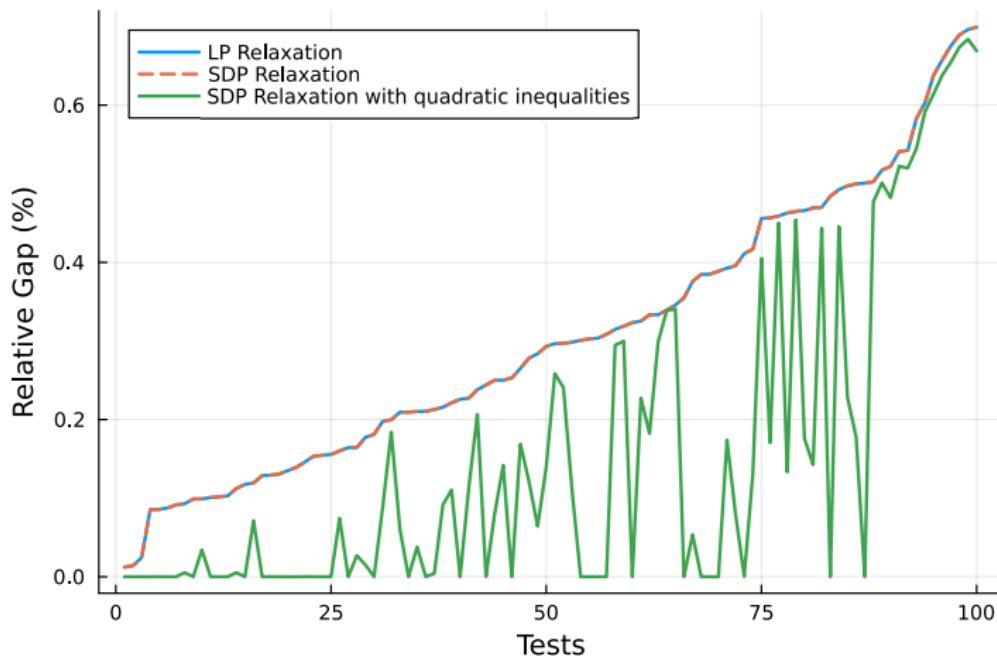
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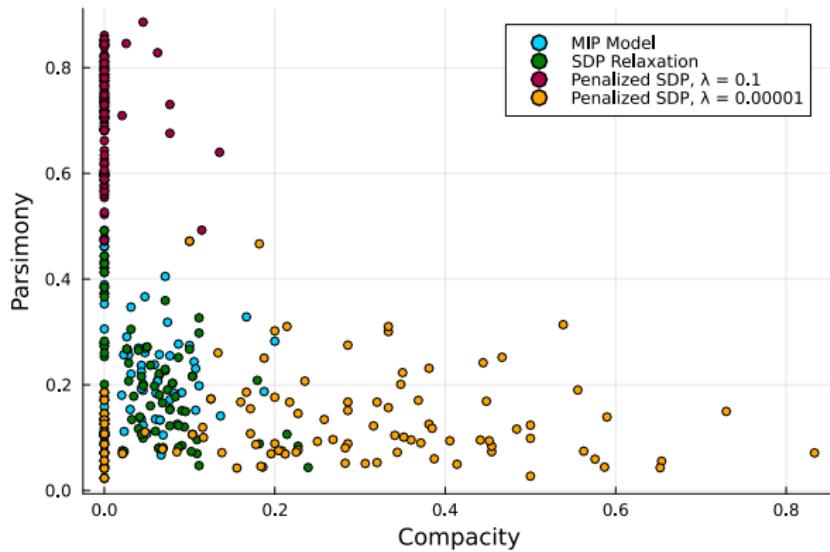
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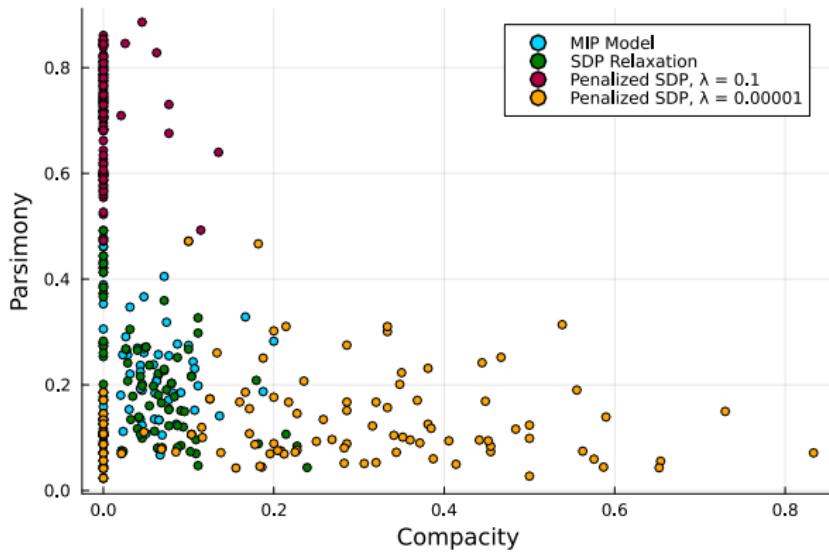
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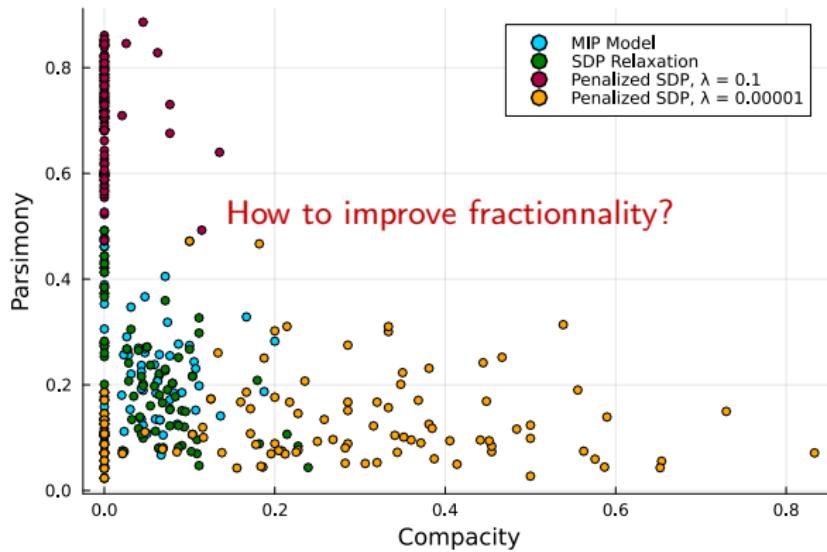
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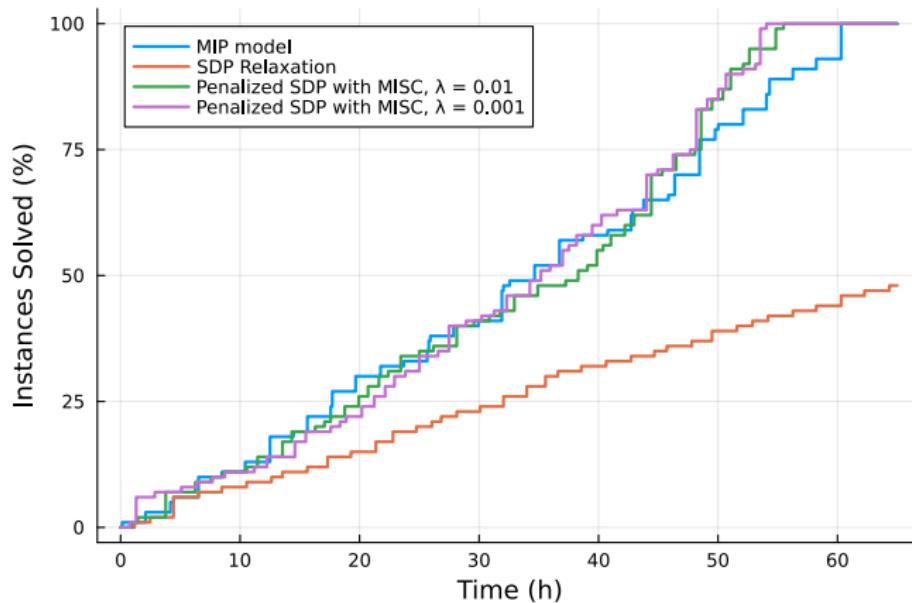
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Proposition (adapted from knapsack litterature)

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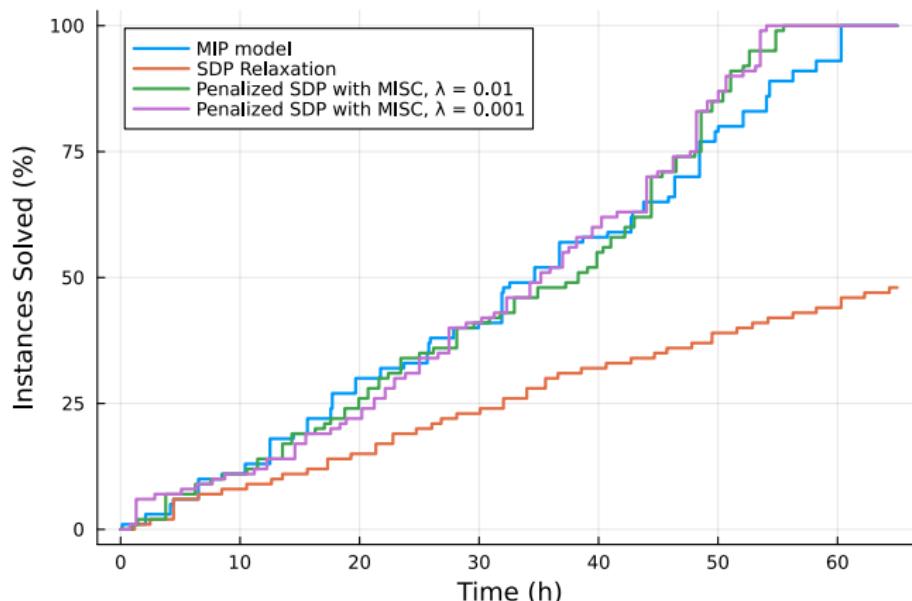
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Penalized SDP with $\lambda = 0.01$	1.3107e-5
Penalized SDP with $\lambda = 0.001$	6.7288e-6

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Definition (Positive semidefinite matrix)

A symmetric matrix $X \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is *positive semidefinite* if for all $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $v^\top X v \geq 0$. We write $X \succeq 0$.

Properties

- $X \succeq 0 \iff X = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i x_i x_i^\top$ with $\lambda_i \geq 0$ and $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
- $X \succeq 0 \iff$ all principal minors of X are nonnegative.

Proposition (Schur complement's lemma)

Let X be the symmetric matrix defined by

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} A & B^\top \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$$

with A invertible. Then $X \succeq 0$ if and only if $C - BA^{-1}B^\top \succeq 0$.

Appendix - Counterexample: SDP vs LP

With 10 items, costs $c_i = 1$ for all $i \in \llbracket 10 \rrbracket$, $w_1 = w_{10} = 11$, $w_j = 1$ for all $j \neq 1, 10$, $q = 22$ and $\Delta = 2$.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & x_1 + \cdots + x_{10} \\ \text{subject to} & 11x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_9 + 11x_{10} \geq 22 \\ & \forall i, j \in \llbracket 10 \rrbracket, j - i > 2, \quad \left\lfloor \frac{j-i-1}{2} \right\rfloor (x_i + x_j - 1) \leq \sum_{k=i+1}^{j-1} x_k \\ & x \in [0, 1]^{10} \end{array} \right]$$

Set $\mathbf{X} = (x_{\text{LP}}^*)^\top x_{\text{LP}}^*$. Then \mathbf{X} is not a solution of

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X does not verify the $(2, 9)$ -compacity constraint:

$$\left\lfloor \frac{9-2-1}{2} \right\rfloor X_{29} = \boxed{\frac{33}{20} > \frac{29}{20}} = \sum_{k=3}^8 X_{kk}$$

$$\text{Opt (SDP)} \approx 4.42 < 4.66 \approx \text{Opt (LP)}$$

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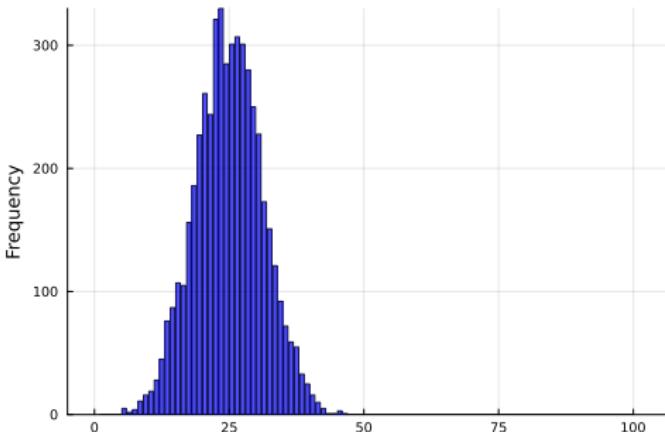
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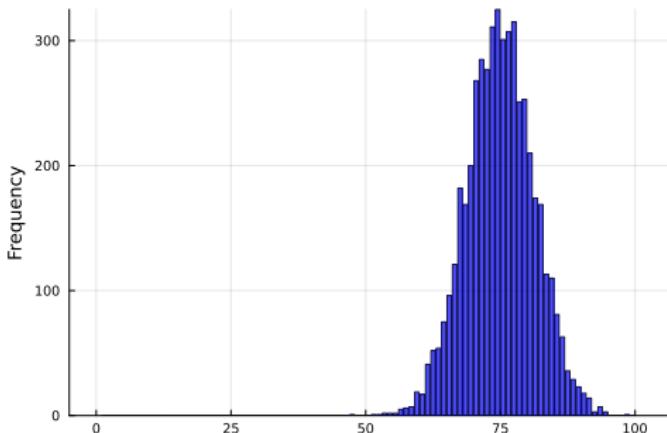
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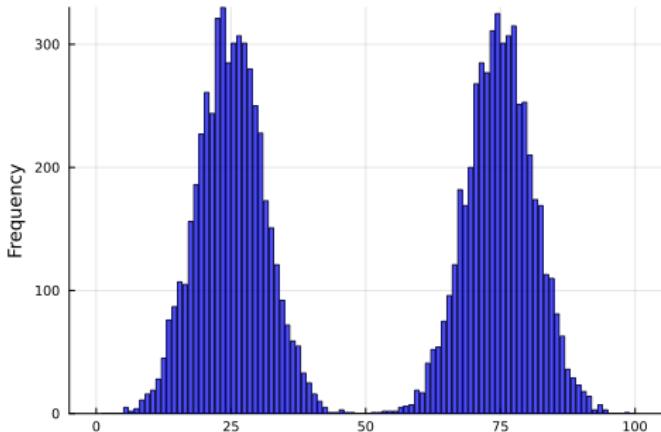
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$$\text{minimize} \quad c^\top \text{diag}(X) + \sum_{i < j} \lambda_{ij} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{j-i-1}{\Delta} \right\rfloor X_{ij} - \sum_{k=i+1}^{j-1} X_{kk} \right)$$

Appendix - Penalized versions

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MaxGap

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & c^\top \text{diag}(X) + \tau \\ \text{subject to} & \tau \geq \lambda_{ij} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{j-i-1}{\Delta} \right\rfloor X_{ij} - \sum_{k=i+1}^{j-1} X_{kk} \right)\end{array}$$

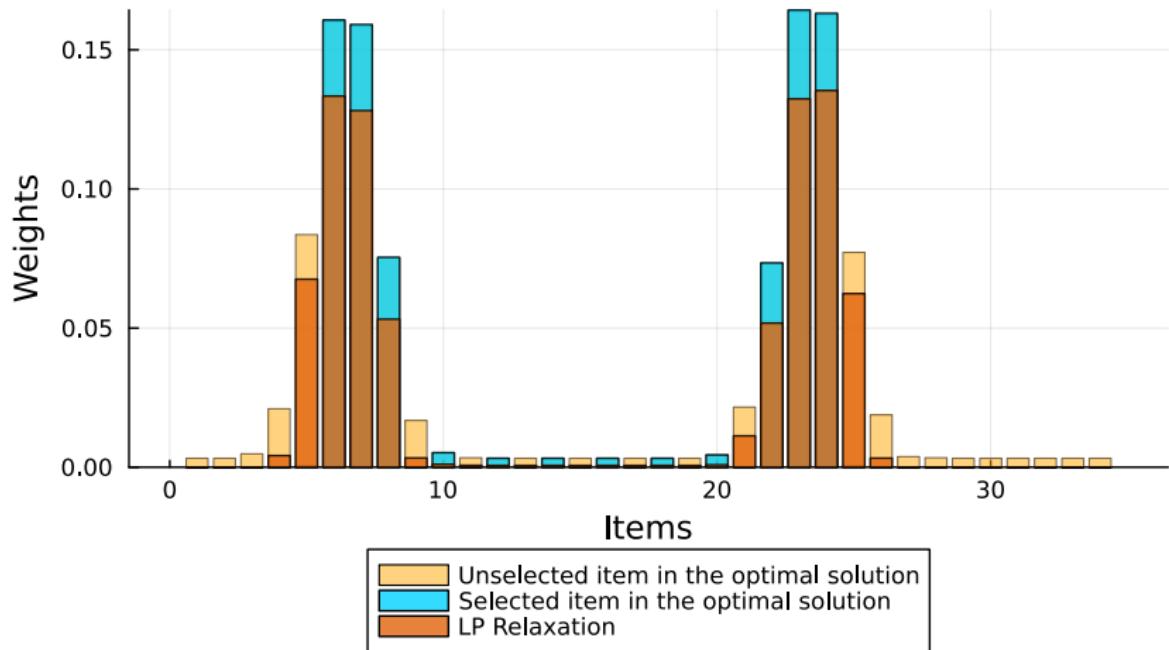
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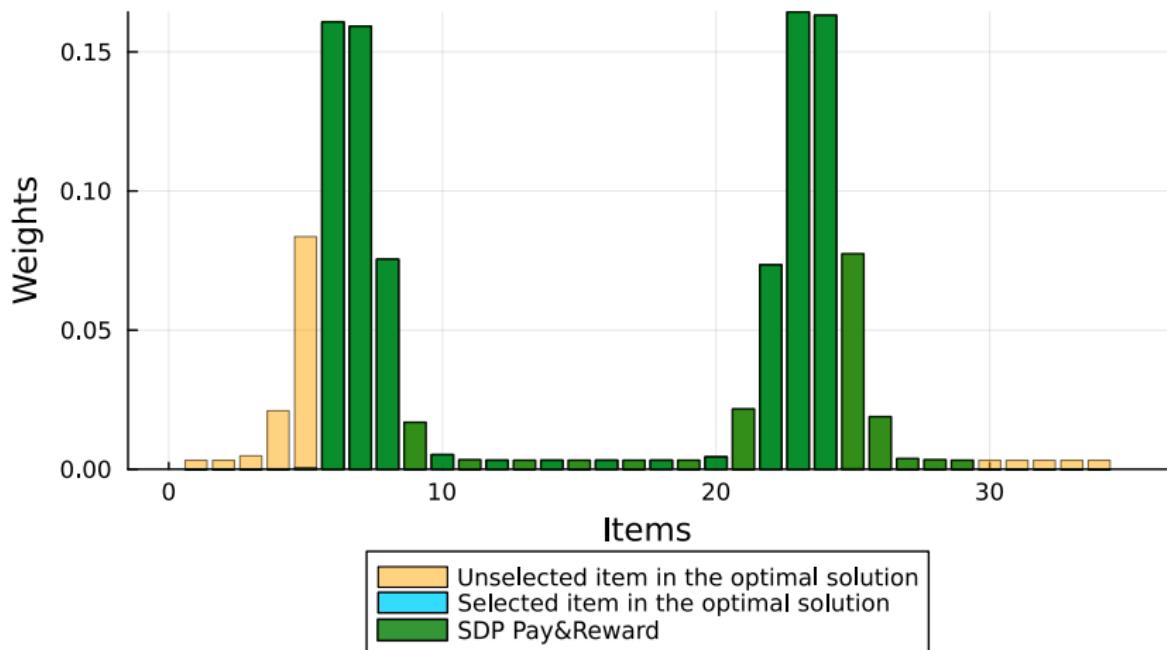
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Appendix - Effects of the different penalizations



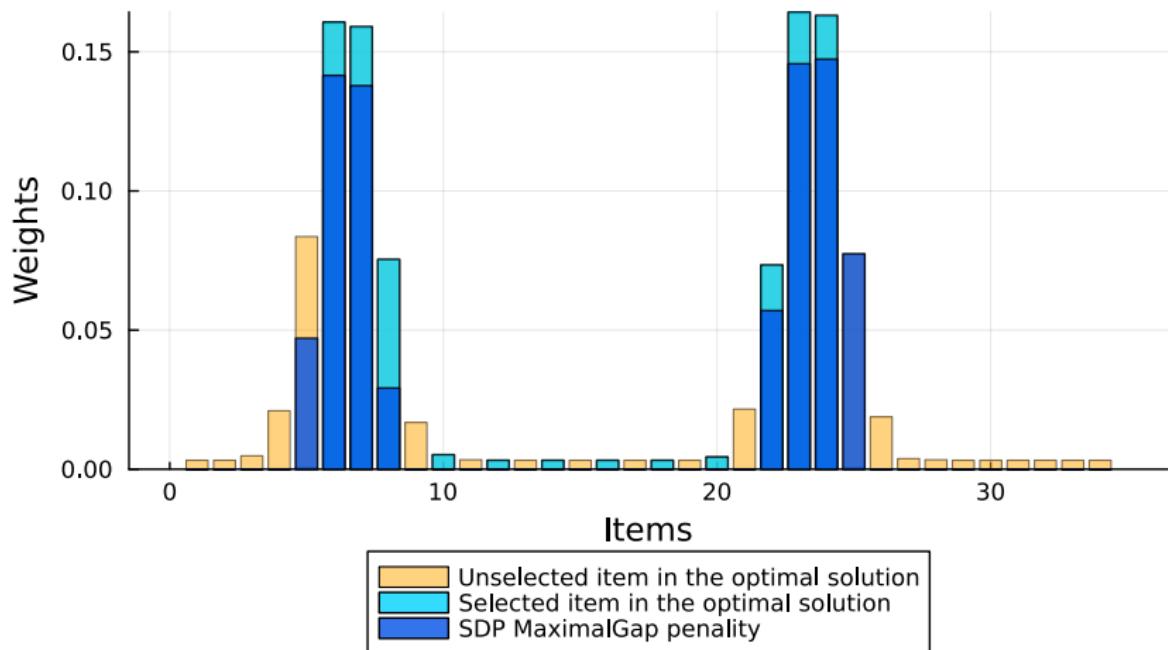
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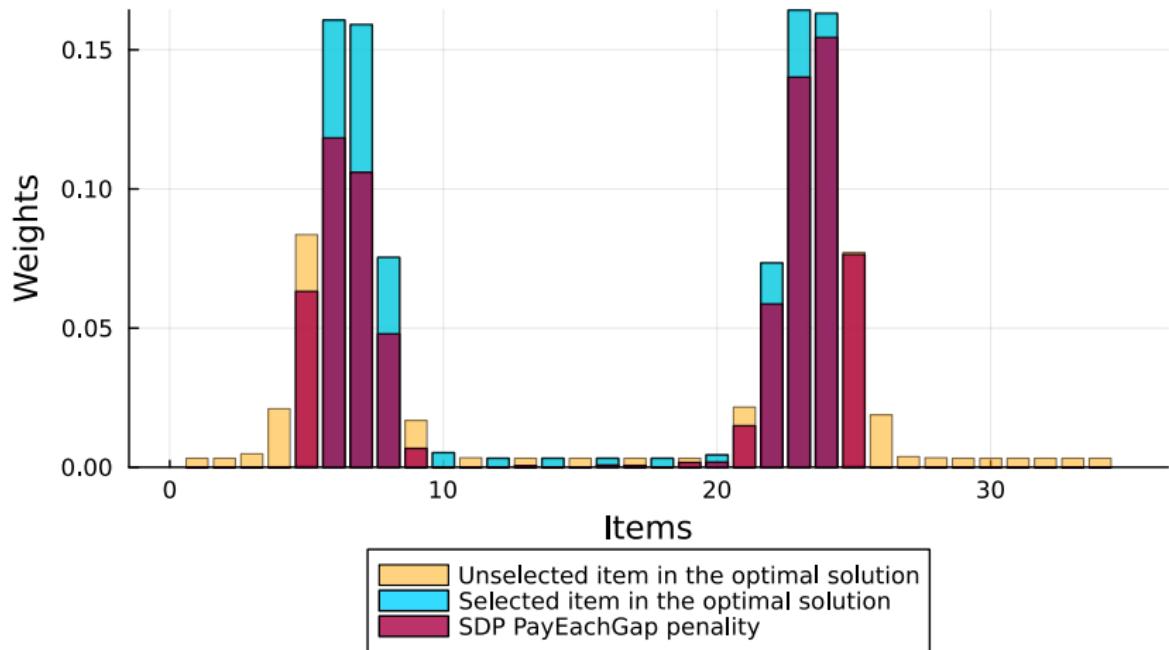
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