

# Quantum Interior Point Methods (QIPMs) with Iterative Refinement for Linear and Semidefinite Optimization

## Exponentially Improved Complexity

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# Semidefinite Optimization

Let

- $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_m, C \in \mathcal{S}^n$

Then, the primal-dual Semidefinite Optimization (SDO) pair is given by:

$$z_P = \inf_X \{ \text{tr}(CX) : \text{tr}(A_i X) = b_i, \forall i \in [m], X \succeq 0 \}$$

$$z_D = \sup_{y, S} \left\{ b^\top y : \sum_{i=1}^m y_i A_i + S = C, S \succeq 0, y \in \mathbb{R}^m \right\}$$

where

- $[m] = \{1, \dots, m\}$
- $S = C - \sum_{i \in [m]} y_i A_i \succeq 0$  is the slack matrix of the dual problem
- $\mathcal{S}^n$  is the cone of  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices
- We assume that the matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  are linearly independent



# Semidefinite Optimization

- SDOs can be used to study the properties of convex optimization problems
- SDOs cover a wide range of continuous and combinatorial optimization applications
  - Maximum eigenvalue problem
  - Matrix norm minimization
  - Structural optimization
- Approximations to NP-hard problems
  - Goemans and Williamson SDO formulation for MAXCUT
  - Lovász  $\vartheta$ -number
  - AC-OPF SDO relaxations

Prevailing classical solution methodology: *Interior Point Methods*



# Quantum algorithms for SDO

Generally, classical algorithms for SDO are categorized into two classes

- 1 Algorithms with **polylogarithmic** dependence on:
  - The inverse of the precision to which we solve the SDO problem
  - The size of the inscribed ellipsoid
- 2 Those that depend **polynomially** on these quantities, but exhibit an advantage with respect to  $n$  and  $m$  **Not Polynomial time!**

More natural to categorize *quantum* algorithms for SDO according to how they attempt to achieve speedups



# Classical Interior Point Method: Overview

- Iteration complexity  $O(\sqrt{n} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$ .
- In each iteration: solve a linearization of the perturbed optimality conditions known as the *Newton linear system*
- Solving this system is expensive, it requires  $\mathcal{O}(n^6)$  arithmetic operations in the worst case

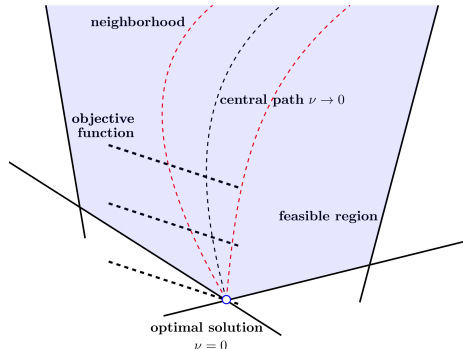


Figure: Interior Point Method

Could SDO problems be solved more efficiently in a Quantum setting?



# Quantum Matrix Multiplicative Weights Methods

QMMUs quantize an algorithm from Arora and Kale using a clever interpretation of the primal variables

Trace normalized PSD matrices can be represented using *Gibbs states*:

$$\rho \leftarrow \frac{\exp(-H)}{\text{tr}(\exp(-H))}$$

where  $H$  is the *Hamiltonian*, and

$$\exp(A) = I + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}A^3 + \dots,$$

Current state of the art (van Apeldoorn and Gilyén (2018)):

$$\tilde{O}_{n,R,r,\frac{1}{\epsilon}} \left( \left( \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n} \frac{Rr}{\epsilon} \right) s \left( \frac{Rr}{\epsilon} \right)^4 \right)$$

where  $\text{tr}(X) \leq R$ ,  $\|y\|_1 \leq r$ .

*Our HU variant with Iterative Refinement -> Exponentially Improved Complexity*



# Quantum linear algebra

For continuous optimization

For solving real world optimization problems

— A princetoni egyetem magyar származású professzora, Neumann János közreműködésével rádiócsöves számológépeket konstruáltak, melyek ma már Amerikában nagyon elterjedtek. Tizenöt ismeretlenes lineár-egyenleteket tud ez a gép megoldani egy másodperc alatt, de lőkéletesítésén Neumann professzor tovább dolgozik, egész addig, amíg egy millió számolási műveletet tud majd a készülék másodpercenként elvégezni.

Szivárvány, 1947 (2. évfolyam, 2-26. szám) Bay Zoltán

Efficient, reliable  
Quantum Linear Algebra  
is needed!

Data flow in hybrid classic-quantum algorithms:

Classic → QRAM → Qsolve → QTomography → Classic solution

# Notes on Quantum Linear Algebra

Need to solve Newton systems – “accurately, fast”

$$Mz = \sigma, M|z\rangle = |\sigma\rangle$$

Algorithm	Complexity
Factorization (e.g. Cholesky)	$\mathcal{O}(p^3)$
Conjugate Gradient	$\mathcal{O}(pd\sqrt{\kappa}\log(\frac{1}{\epsilon}))$
HHL + QTA	$\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(p) \frac{d^2 \kappa^2 \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon}) \times \mathcal{O}(\frac{p \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon})$
VTAA-HHL + QTA	$\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(p) \frac{d^2 \kappa \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon}) \times \mathcal{O}(\frac{p \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon})$
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QLSA (Carrera, et al. 2020) + QTA	$\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(\frac{p \kappa \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon}) \kappa) \times \mathcal{O}(\frac{p \ \sigma\ }{\ M\  \epsilon})$
QLSA (Chakraborty, et al. 2018) + QTA	$\mathcal{O}(\text{polylog}(\frac{p \ \sigma\ }{\epsilon}) \kappa \ M\ _F) \times \mathcal{O}(\frac{p \ \sigma\ }{\epsilon})$

\* $\kappa$  is the condition number of  $M$ ,

$d$  is maximum number of non-zero elements in each row and column in  $M$ ,

$p$  is the number of rows/columns of  $M$ , and

$\epsilon$  is the error of Linear Equation Solver.

with tomography



# Quantum Interior Point Methods

- Kerenidis and Prakash (2018) made the first effort at a quantum interior point method
- Use quantum random access memory (QRAM) and block encodings to solve the Newton linear system
- Small neighborhood IPM:

$$\mathcal{N}_F(\gamma) = \left\{ (X, y, S) \in \mathcal{P}^0 \times \mathcal{D}^0 : \left\| X^{1/2} S X^{1/2} - \nu I \right\|_F \leq \gamma \nu \right\}$$

- They posit a worst case running time of

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa, \frac{1}{\xi}, \frac{1}{\epsilon}} \left( \frac{n^{2.5}}{\xi^2} \mu \kappa^3 \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)$$

for SDPs

- The term  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa, \frac{1}{\xi}, \frac{1}{\epsilon}} \left( \frac{n^2 \kappa^2}{\xi^2} \right)$  comes from a tomography subroutine
- $\mu \leq n$  and  $\kappa$  are factors corresponding to the QLSA
- For solving LPs, the running time is

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# Quantum Interior Point Methods

Critical issues:

- 1 Overlook the crucial issue of symmetrizing the Newton linear system
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- 2 Convergence analysis implicitly assumes primal and dual feasibility satisfied *exactly*
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Specifically: need

$$\text{tr}(\Delta X \Delta S) = 0$$

will not hold! Not guaranteed to converge.



# The Newton Linear System

For  $\nu > 0$ , assuming *interior point condition*, and linear independence of the matrices  $A^{(i)}$ , the central path is the solution set of equation system

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{tr}(A_i X) &= b_i \quad \forall i \in [m], \quad X \succ 0 \\ \sum_{i \in [m]} y_i A_i - S &= C, \quad S \succ 0 \\ XS &= \nu I, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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This system has no symmetric solution!



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Clear upon re-writing in terms of  $\Delta X$ :

$$\Delta X = \underbrace{\sigma\nu S^{-1} - X}_{\text{symmetric}} - \underbrace{X\Delta S S^{-1}}_{\text{not symmetric}}$$

After symmetrizing, we can use QLSA to solve the linear system:

$$\Delta X \in L^\perp$$

$$\Delta S \in L$$

$$H_P(\Delta X S + \Delta S X) = \sigma\nu I - H_P(XS)$$



# Symmetrizing the Newton System

- Symmetrization is a linear transformation:

$$H_P(M) = \frac{1}{2} [PMP^{-1} + P^{-T}M^TP^T].$$

for a given invertible matrix  $P$

- The Alizadeh-Haeberly-Overton (AHO) direction is given by

$$P = I$$

- The Nesterov-Todd (NT) direction is given by

$$P = W^{-1/2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W &= S^{-1/2}(S^{1/2}XS^{1/2})^{1/2}S^{-1/2} \\ &= X^{-1/2}(X^{1/2}SX^{1/2})^{1/2}X^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

- Additionally there is the so called HKM direction for which

$$P = S^{1/2}$$





# The Newton Linear System

Due to the nonnegligible errors introduced by QLSA & Tomography,  $(\Delta y, \Delta X, \Delta S)$  can only satisfy

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{A} & 0 \\ \mathcal{A}^\top & 0 & \mathcal{I} \\ 0 & \mathcal{E} & \mathcal{F} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y \\ \Delta X \\ \Delta S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_p \\ \xi_d \\ \sigma\nu I - H_p(XS) + \xi_c \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $(\xi_p, \xi_d, \xi_c)$  are errors introduced from state tomography

- No guarantee  $\Delta X$  and  $\Delta S$  coming from orthogonal subspaces

**Consequence:** Feasible IPMs convergence analysis cannot be applied

- Note: regardless if problem is linear, conic, semidefinite, etc.

**New Approach:** Development of an Inexact, but *Feasible* IPM for SDO



# Inexact-Feasible QIPMs for SDO

- We cannot avoid using tomography in each iteration;
- Instead, we seek to recover a feasible-QIPM framework
- From primal and dual feasibility:  $\Delta X \in \text{Null}(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\Delta S \in \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A})$ 
  - $\text{Null}(\mathcal{A}) \equiv$  nullspace of  $\mathcal{A}_s$
  - $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A}) \equiv$  rowspace of  $\mathcal{A}_s$
- Then we can set:

$$\text{svec}(\Delta X) = \text{svec}(Q_2 \Delta z)$$

$$\text{svec}(\Delta S) = \text{svec}(-\mathcal{A}_s^\top \Delta y)$$



# A new approach: Inexact-Feasible QIPMs

- Hence, we can solve the quantum Newton system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}Q_2 & \mathcal{F}(-\mathcal{A}_s^\top) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta z \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{svec}(\sigma\nu I - H_p(XS)) \quad (\text{OSS})$$

- We allow for some error in satisfying the complementarity equation
- Error need to be proportional to a  $0 < \beta < 1$  fraction of  $\nu$ .
- Regardless of QLSA errors  $(\Delta y, \Delta X, \Delta S)$  always primal-dual feasible

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_s \mathbf{svec}(\Delta X) &= \mathcal{A}_s Q_2 \Delta z = (\mathcal{A}_s Q_2) \Delta z = 0, \\ \mathcal{A}_s^\top \Delta y + \mathcal{I} \mathbf{svec}(\Delta S) &= \mathcal{A}_s^\top \Delta y + (-\mathcal{A}_s^\top \Delta y) = \mathcal{A}_s^\top (\Delta y - \Delta y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Feasible IPM analysis can be recovered!



# Inexact-Feasible Quantum Interior Point Method

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**Algorithm** Inexact-Feasible Quantum Interior Point Method
 

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**Input:**  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ ;  $\sigma = 1 - \delta/\sqrt{n}$ ;  $\beta, \gamma \in (0, 1)$

**Output:** An  $\epsilon$ -optimal primal dual pair  $(X, y, S)$

Choose  $(X^{(0)}, y^{(0)}, S^{(0)}) \in \mathcal{N}_F(\gamma)$

Set  $\nu^{(0)} = \frac{X^{(0)} \bullet S^{(0)}}{n}$

Compute bases for  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A}_s) = \mathcal{A}_s^\top$  and  $\text{Null}(\mathcal{A}_s) = Q_2$

**while**  $\nu > \epsilon$  **do**

- 1  $\nu^{(k)} \leftarrow \frac{\text{tr}(X^{(k)} S^{(k)})}{n}$
- 2 Compute matrices  $(X^{(k)})^{-1}$  and  $(S^{(k)})^{-1}$ ,  $P^{(k)}$  classically.
- 3 Using block-encodings, solve Newton system to construct inexact search direction  $|\Delta z^{(k)} \circ \Delta y^{(k)}\rangle$ .
- 4 Obtain classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta z^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta y^{(k)}}$  of  $\Delta z^{(k)}, \Delta y^{(k)}$  using vector state tomography.
- 5 Use classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta z^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta y^{(k)}}$  to obtain classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta X^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta S^{(k)}}$  of  $\Delta X^{(k)}, \Delta S^{(k)}$
- 6 Update current solution

$$X^{(k+1)} \leftarrow X^{(k)} + \overline{\Delta X^{(k)}}, S^{(k+1)} \leftarrow S^{(k)} + \overline{\Delta S^{(k)}} \text{ and } y^{(k+1)} \leftarrow y^{(k)} + \overline{\Delta y^{(k)}}$$

$$k \leftarrow k + 1$$

**end**

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# Inexact-Feasible QIPMs for SDO: Running Time

Theorem (Augustino et al. (2021))

*Let the problem data be stored in a quantum RAM (QRAM). When applied to SDO problems involving  $n \times n$  matrices and  $m = \mathcal{O}(n^2)$  constraints, the IF-QIPM requires at most*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n,\kappa,\frac{1}{\epsilon}} \left( n^{3.5} \frac{\kappa^2}{\epsilon} \right)$$

*QRAM accesses and  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n,\kappa,\frac{1}{\epsilon}} (n^{4.5})$  arithmetic operations, where  $\kappa$  is an upper bound on the condition number*

- Quadratic speedup in terms of  $n$  compared to classical IPMs
- This work:
  - Available on arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2112.06025.pdf>
  - Published in *Quantum*
- However, dependence on  $\kappa$ ,  $\epsilon^{-1}$  suggests no speedup overall
  - Dependence on  $\kappa$  is particularly problematic for IPMs
  - $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$  as we approach optimality (more on this later)



# Iterative Refinement

Iterative Refinement is a classical computing technique that uses low-precision arithmetic to construct high-accuracy solutions to

- Linear systems of equations
- Linear Optimization (LO) problems
- Mixed-Integer Optimization problems

Seemingly, high-adaptability to quantum computing

- Particularly for quantum SDO solvers, which offer potential for speedups in low-precision regime



# Iterative Refinement for linear systems

Let  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{R}^d$

- We want to solve  $Mv = w$
- Define  $r^{(k)} = w - Mv^{(k)}$  is the residual w.r.t. current solution
- In each iteration, we call an oracle  $O_{LS}$  solve the refining system

$$Mu^{(k)} = \eta^{(k)} r^{(k)},$$

where  $\eta^{(k)} = \|r^{(k)}\|^{-1}$

- $u^{(k)}$  can be used to reduce the residual at iteration  $k$
- Use  $u^{(k)}$  to update our solution to the linear system  $Mv = w$  as:

$$v^{(k+1)} \leftarrow v^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\eta^{(k)}} u^{(k)}$$

Iteration complexity to reach  $\|r\| \leq \zeta$ :  $\mathcal{O}\left(\log\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right)\right)$

If  $O_{LS}$  is a *quantum* oracle, then we need to account for normalization



# Iterative Refinement for linear systems

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**Algorithm** Iterative Refinement for LSPs

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**Input:** Error tolerances  $0 < \zeta \ll \xi < 1$ , bound on norm of solution  $\theta$

**Output:** A  $\zeta$ -precise solution  $v$  to  $\frac{M}{\theta}v = \frac{w}{\theta}$

Normalize the data  $(\widetilde{M}, \widetilde{w}) \leftarrow \theta^{-1}(M, w)$

**Initialize:**  $x^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ ,  $r^{(0)} \leftarrow \widetilde{w}$ ,  $\eta^{(0)} \leftarrow 1$ ,  $k \leftarrow 0$

**while**  $\|r\| > \zeta$  **do**

1  $\widetilde{u}^{(k)} \leftarrow \text{solve } (\widetilde{M}, \eta^{(k)} r^{(k)}) \text{ using } O_{LS}(\xi)$

2  $\widetilde{u}^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\|\eta^{(k)} r^{(k)}\|}{\|\widetilde{M} \widetilde{u}^{(k)}\|} \widetilde{u}^{(k)}$

3 Update solution:  $v^{(k+1)} \leftarrow v^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\eta^{(k)}} \widetilde{u}^{(k)}$

4 Update residual  $r^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \widetilde{w} - \widetilde{M}x^{(k+1)}$

5 Update scaling factor  $\eta^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \|r^{(k+1)}\|^{-1}$

6  $k \leftarrow k + 1$

**end**

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Here, we define  $O_{LS}$  as the combined use of QLSA + State Tomography





# Iterative Refinement for linear systems: Main results

## Theorem (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2022))

*Let  $v^{(k)}$  and  $\eta^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  be the sequence of solutions and scaling factors produced by Algorithm 2. Then for all  $k \geq 0$ ,*

(a)  $\eta^{(k)} \geq \frac{1}{\xi^k},$

(b)  $\left\| \tilde{w} - \widetilde{M}v^{(k)} \right\| \leq \xi^k.$

## Corollary (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2022))

*Let  $0 < \zeta \ll \xi$ , and  $\eta^{(0)} = 1$ . Then, Algorithm 2 terminates in at most  $\mathcal{O}\left(\log\left(\frac{1}{\zeta}\right)\right)$  iterations.*



# Iterative Refinement for linear systems: Complexity

## Theorem (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2022))

*Let the problem data be stored in a quantum RAM (QRAM), and  $\xi$  be the precision used for the oracle  $O_{LS}$  in every iteration. Then, each Algorithm 2 requires at most*

$$\mathcal{O}(d\kappa_M \cdot \text{polylog}(d, \kappa_M)),$$

*QRAM accesses and  $\mathcal{O}(ds)$  classical arithmetic operations.*

## Corollary (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2022))

*Let the problem data be stored in a QRAM, and fix  $\xi \in (0, 1)$ . Then, setting  $\zeta = \frac{\epsilon}{\theta}$ , Algorithm 2 obtains an  $\epsilon$ -precise solution of a linear system  $Mv = w$  with at most*

$$\mathcal{O}(d\kappa_M \cdot \text{polylog}(d, \kappa_M, \theta, \epsilon^{-1}))$$

*QRAM accesses and  $\mathcal{O}(ds \cdot \text{polylog}(d, \kappa_M, \theta, \epsilon^{-1}))$  arithmetic operations.*



# Inexact-Feasible QIPM with Iterative Refinement

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**Algorithm** Inexact-Feasible Quantum Interior Point Method
 

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**Input:**  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ ;  $\sigma = 1 - \delta/\sqrt{n}$ ;  $\beta, \gamma \in (0, 1)$

**Output:** An  $\epsilon$ -optimal primal dual pair  $(X, y, S)$

Choose  $(X^{(0)}, y^{(0)}, S^{(0)}) \in \mathcal{N}_F(\gamma)$

Set  $\nu^{(0)} = \frac{X^{(0)} \bullet S^{(0)}}{n}$

Compute bases for  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{A}_s) = \mathcal{A}_s^\top$  and  $\text{Null}(\mathcal{A}_s) = Q_2$

**while**  $\nu > \epsilon$  **do**

1  $\nu^{(k)} \leftarrow \frac{X^{(k)} \bullet S^{(k)}}{n}$

2 Compute matrices  $(X^{(k)})^{-1}$  and  $(S^{(k)})^{-1}$ ,  $P^{(k)}$  classically.

3 Obtain classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta z^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta y^{(k)}}$  of  $\Delta z^{(k)}, \Delta y^{(k)}$  using IR for the LSP

4 Use classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta z^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta y^{(k)}}$  to obtain classical estimate  $\overline{\Delta X^{(k)}}, \overline{\Delta S^{(k)}}$  of  $\Delta X^{(k)}, \Delta S^{(k)}$

5 Update current solution

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$$k \leftarrow k + 1$$

**end**

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# An IF-QIPM with “inner” Iterative Refinement

If we treat this algorithm as a Newton system subroutine, the complexity of the IF-QIPM for SDO improves to:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n,\kappa,\frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{2.5}\kappa)$$

QRAM accesses and  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n,\kappa,\frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{4.5})$  arithmetic operations

- $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{n\kappa}{\epsilon}\right)$  fewer QRAM accesses than the algorithm from earlier
- *Exponential* speedup

We will adapt IR techniques to SDO to further mitigate dependence on  $\kappa$



# The relationship between $\kappa$ and optimality

Consider the LO setting

- Newton system coefficient matrix can be written as

$$A(XS^{-1})A^\top$$

where  $X = \text{diag}(x)$  and  $S = \text{diag}(s)$

- In particular,

$$XS^{-1} = \text{diag}\left(\frac{x_1}{s_1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{s_n}\right)$$

- By complementary slackness, some  $x_i$  growing large, while  $s_i \rightarrow 0$  (and vise-versa)
- We have

$$\kappa = \mathcal{O}\left(\kappa_A \frac{1}{\nu^2}\right)$$



# The relationship between $\kappa$ and optimality

- For IPMs, we always have  $\nu > \epsilon$  (due to the stopping criteria)
- This implies

$$\kappa = \mathcal{O}\left(\kappa_A \frac{1}{\nu^2}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\kappa_A \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

Hence, if  $\epsilon$  were simply a fixed constant (e.g.,  $\epsilon = 10^{-2}$ ), we would have

$$\kappa = \mathcal{O}(\kappa_A)$$



# Iterative Refinement for SDO

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**Algorithm** Iterative Refinement for SDO using QIPMs
 

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**Input:** Problem data  $A_1, \dots, A_m, C \in \mathcal{S}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , Error tolerances  
 $0 < \zeta \ll \epsilon < 1$

**Output:** A  $\zeta$ -optimal primal-dual solution  $(X, y, S)$  to the SDO problem  
 $(A_1, \dots, A_m, b, C)$

**Initialize:**  $X^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ ,  $y^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\eta^{(0)} \leftarrow 1$ ,  $\varepsilon^{(0)} \leftarrow n$ ,  $k \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{b} \leftarrow b$ ,  $\bar{C} \leftarrow C$   
**while**  $\varepsilon > \zeta$  **do**

1  $(\bar{X}, \bar{y}) \leftarrow \text{solve}(A_1, \dots, A_m, \eta^{(k)} \bar{b}, \eta^{(k)} \bar{C})$  using  $O_{\text{SDO}}(\epsilon)$

2 Update solution

$$X^{(k+1)} \leftarrow X^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\eta^{(k)}} \bar{X}, \quad y^{(k+1)} \leftarrow y^{(k)} + \frac{1}{\eta^{(k)}} \bar{y}$$

3 Update refining problem data

$$\bar{b}_i^{(k+1)} \leftarrow b_i - \text{tr}(A_i X^{(k+1)}), \quad \bar{C} \leftarrow C - \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^{(k+1)} A_i$$

4 Compute residual  $\varepsilon^{(k+1)} = \frac{\text{tr}(X^{(k+1)} \bar{C})}{n}$

5 Update scaling factor  $\eta^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(k+1)}}$

6  $k \leftarrow k + 1$

**end**

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# Putting everything together

Treat the IF-QIPM that uses IR for LSPs as an SDO subroutine that is called in fixed precision

- One can show that for any strictly feasible  $(X, y, S)$ , the system (OSS) has a condition number bound

$$\kappa = \mathcal{O}\left(\kappa_T \frac{1}{\nu}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\kappa_T \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$$

- In the context of the IR scheme (using fixed precision  $\xi$ )
- Here,

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{B}_{\text{Null}} \end{pmatrix}$$

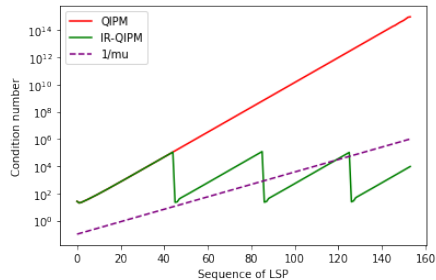
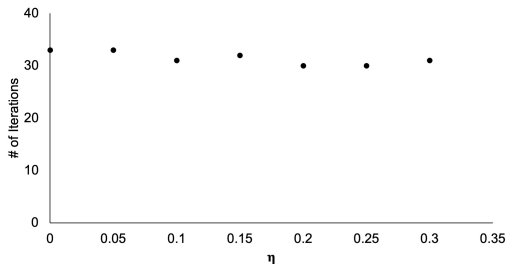
where  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{Null}}$  is a basis for  $\text{Null}(\mathcal{A})$





# Numerical Experiments

- Developed a Python package for LO solver: <https://github.com/QCOL-LU/QIPM>.



# Main result

## Theorem

*When applied to SDO problems involving  $n \times n$  matrices and  $m = \mathcal{O}(n^2)$  constraints, the IF-QIPM using “inner” and “outer” iterative refinement has an overall running time of*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa_T, \frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{2.5} \kappa_T)$$

*QRAM accesses and  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa_T, \frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{4.5})$  arithmetic operations, where  $\kappa_T$  is an upper bound on the condition number of a matrix that is dependent only on input data.*

*When applied to LO problems, the QIPM requires at most*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa_T, \frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{1.5} \kappa_T)$$

*QRAM accesses and  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{n, \kappa_T, \frac{1}{\epsilon}}(n^{2.5})$  arithmetic operations.*

Classically new too! Same complexity using CG as linear system solver.



# Complexity Result for IR

Theorem (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2023))

*IR has quadratic convergence toward the optimal solution set of the SDO problem.*

$$X^{(k+1)} \bullet S^{(k+1)} \leq \epsilon (X^{(k)} \bullet S^{(k)})^2$$

Corollary (Mohammadisiahroudi et al. (2023))

*IR obtains an  $\tilde{\epsilon}$ -optimal solution to the primal-dual SDO in at most*

$$\mathcal{O} \left( \log \log \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{\epsilon}} \right) \right)$$

■ Challenge:

- At each IR step we need an interior solution for the refining problem
- One choice is  $(\eta^{(k)} X^{(k)}, 0, \eta^{(k)} S^{(k)})$
- As  $\eta^{(k)}$  grows, the initial complementarity increases
- Cost may increase at each IR iteration



# Conclusion

By combining IR techniques, we obtain:

- An exponential speedup over QIPMs for SDO currently in the literature
- Truly polynomial time QIPMs for SDO and LO
- Improve best classic complexity bound

Next steps (ongoing):

- Generalize techniques to other cones of interest
- Apply to other quantum SDO solving frameworks

