

# Research Questions 4.5

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## 1 PREVIOUS PROGRESS

Given PSD matrices  $A, B$ , we can expand  $\text{per}(A + B)$  as:

$$\text{per}(A + B) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \langle \mathbb{1}, (A^{\otimes k} \otimes B^{\otimes n-k}) \mathbb{1} \rangle$$

We can further expand the bilinear term by:

$$\langle \mathbb{1}, (A^{\otimes k} \otimes B^{\otimes n-k}) \mathbb{1} \rangle = k!(n-k)! \sum_{S, T \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \text{per}(A[S; T]) \text{per}(B[\bar{S}; \bar{T}])$$

Therefore, if we can utilize the fact that  $\begin{pmatrix} A[S; T] & 0 \\ 0 & B[\bar{S}; \bar{T}] \end{pmatrix}$  is low rank and come up with an SDP relaxation to better approximate each bilinear term, we get a better approximation for  $\text{per}(A + B)$ .

Now let's consider the SDP relaxation for  $\sum_{S, T \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \text{per}(A[S; T]) \text{per}(B[\bar{S}; \bar{T}])$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \prod_{i=1}^k D_{S_i, S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} Q_{\bar{S}_j, \bar{T}_j} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & D \succeq A \\ & Q \succeq B \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

We have proven that this SDP relaxation is an upper bound of  $\sum_{S, T \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \text{per}(A[S; T]) \text{per}(B[\bar{S}; \bar{T}])$ . Now we are trying to find the connection between it and the maximum product of linear forms.

## 2 THIS WEEK'S WORK

First, we want to get an equivalence form of (1) as the same step in paper:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \lambda^k \mu^{n-k} \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j}} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & V^* \text{Diag}(a) V \preceq \lambda I_n \\ & U^* \text{Diag}(b) U \preceq \mu I_n \\ & a_i, b_i > 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Note that we have to add constraints  $\prod_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j} = 1$  for  $\forall S \in \binom{n}{k}$  to get the natural form:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min \sum_{S \in \binom{n}{k}} \lambda^k \mu^{n-k} \\
& s.t. \ V^* \text{Diag}(a) V \preceq \lambda I_n \\
& \quad U^* \text{Diag}(b) U \preceq \mu I_n \\
& \quad \prod_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j} = 1 \text{ for } \forall S \in \binom{n}{k} \\
& \quad a_i, b_i > 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

**But is this still an equivalent form as (1)? Are the additional constraints even satisfiable?**

Next, let's try to do a metaphor for dual as well, let  $A = V^*V$ ,  $B = U^*U$ , then a reasonable guess would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max \sum_{S \in \binom{n}{k}} \prod_{i=1}^k v_{S_i}^* P v_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} u_{\bar{S}_j}^* H u_{\bar{S}_j} \\
& s.t. \ tr(P) + tr(H) = n \\
& \quad P \succeq 0, Q \succeq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Now we can attempt to show weak duality, for any fixed  $S \in \binom{n}{k}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i=1}^k v_{S_i}^* P v_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} u_{\bar{S}_j}^* H u_{\bar{S}_j} &= \prod_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} v_{S_i}^* P v_{S_i} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j} u_{\bar{S}_j}^* H u_{\bar{S}_j} \quad (\text{by the additional constraints in (3)}) \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} v_{S_i}^* P v_{S_i} \right)^k \left( \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j} u_{\bar{S}_j}^* H u_{\bar{S}_j} \right)^{n-k} \quad (\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{k} \langle P, \sum_{i=1}^k a_{S_i} v_{S_i} v_{S_i}^* \rangle \right)^k \left( \frac{1}{n-k} \langle H, \sum_{j=1}^{n-k} b_{\bar{S}_j} u_{\bar{S}_j} u_{\bar{S}_j}^* \rangle \right)^{n-k} \\
&\leq \left( \frac{1}{k} \langle P, \lambda I_n \rangle \right)^k \left( \frac{1}{n-k} \langle H, \mu I_n \rangle \right)^{n-k} \\
&= \left( \frac{\lambda tr(P)}{k} \right)^k \left( \frac{\mu tr(H)}{n-k} \right)^{n-k} \\
&\leq? \quad (\text{How to proceed after here, or are above ineqs too loose?})
\end{aligned}$$

Also, if we take a step back, (4) is actually SDP relaxation of the following product of linear forms:

$$\max_{x=x_1 \oplus x_2 \in \mathbb{S}_{2n}} \sum_{S \in \binom{n}{k}} \prod_{i=1}^k |\langle v_{S_i}, x_1 \rangle|^2 \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} |\langle u_{\bar{S}_j}, x_2 \rangle|^2$$

But, note that  $A + B = (V; U)^*(V; U)$ , the natural metaphor of the product of linear forms should be:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x \in \mathbb{S}_{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^n |\langle v_i \oplus u_i, x \rangle|^2 &= \max_{x=x_1 \oplus x_2 \in \mathbb{S}_{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^n |\langle v_i, x_1 \rangle + \langle u_i, x_2 \rangle|^2 \\ &\geq \max_{x=x_1 \oplus x_2 \in \mathbb{S}_{2n}} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{S \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \prod_{i=1}^k |\langle v_{S_i}, x_1 \rangle|^2 \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} |\langle u_{\bar{S}_j}, x_2 \rangle|^2 \end{aligned}$$

**There are several  $|\langle v_i, x_1 \rangle \langle u_i, x_2 \rangle|$  missed counting**

**Which one is that we are seeking for to correspond to our SDP relaxation?**