

# Boolean LP

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[1]: import cvxpy as cp
import numpy

[2]: numpy.random.seed(0)  # set seeds
n = 100
m = 300
# generate random data for the relaxed LP
A = numpy.random.uniform(size=(m, n))
b = A @ numpy.ones(n) / 2
c = -numpy.random.uniform(size=n)
# solving the relaxed problem
x = cp.Variable(n)
objective = cp.Minimize(c @ x)
constraints = [A @ x <= b, x >= 0, x <= 1]
prob = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)
prob.solve()
print("status:", prob.status)
print("optimal value", prob.value)
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status: optimal
optimal value -34.41722425996274
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Now we shall find

$$\hat{x} = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i^{rlx} \geq t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that  $c^T \hat{x}$  is an upper bound on the  $c^T x^*$  of the Boolean LP, while  $c^T x^{rlx}$  is a lower bound on  $c^T x^*$ .

We take 100 values of  $t$  sampled uniformly from  $[0, 1]$ , and calculate the smallest difference  $c^T(\hat{x} - x^{rlx})$ . This gives an indication of how good our approximation was. [of course only for feasible  $\hat{x}$ , i.e.  $A\hat{x} \leq b$ ]

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[3]: tspan = numpy.linspace(0, 1, 100)
max_error = numpy.zeros(100)
est = numpy.zeros(100)

for i in range(100):
    x_hat = numpy.array([int(e >= tspan[i]) for e in x.value])
    max_error[i] = numpy.max(A @ x_hat - b)
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est[i] = c @ x_hat  
  
min(est[max_error <= 0]) - prob.value
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[3]: 0.8399729146557178
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