

Representation of Distributionally Robust Chance-constraints

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Chance-constraints

- Decision $x \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- Uncertainty $\omega \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ with probability measure \mathbb{P}
- Constraint function $f : X \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Chance-constraints

$$\mathbb{P}[f(x, \tilde{\omega}) > 0] > 1 - \epsilon \quad (1)$$

- Distributionally robust chance-constraints

$$\mathbb{P}[f(x, \tilde{\omega}) > 0] > 1 - \epsilon, \quad \forall \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F} \quad (2)$$

An Example: Newsvendor Problem

- Decision: inventory level x
- Uncertain demand: $\tilde{d} \sim \mathbb{P}$
- Parameters: price p , unit inventory cost c , profit target t
- Objective: trying to achieve the profit target with high probability

$$\mathbb{P} \left[p \min\{x, \tilde{d}\} - cx > t \right] \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

- If \mathbb{P} is not known exactly but $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}$, we have a distributionally robust chance-constraint:

$$\inf_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{P} \left[p \min\{x, \tilde{d}\} - cx > t \right] \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

Research Objective

- Get a deterministic approximation of

$$\mathbf{X}_\epsilon^* \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X} : \mathbb{P}[f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\omega}) > 0] > 1 - \epsilon, \quad \forall \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}\} \quad (3)$$

- How general the problem can we expect to approximate? What assumptions can we make on \mathbf{X} , Ω , f and the ambiguity set \mathcal{F} ?
- How do we measure the quality of the approximation?
- How efficient can we solve the deterministic approximation?

Uncertainty structure: Mixed ambiguity set

- Parametric probability distributions: For any $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^t$,

$$\mu_{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$$

- Mixture of parametric probability distributions: Given $\{\mu_{\mathbf{a}}\}_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{A})$, define

$$\mu(B) \triangleq \int_{\mathbf{A}} \mu_{\mathbf{a}}(B) d\varphi(\mathbf{a}), \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$$

- Ambiguity set of mixture of parametric probability distributions:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{a}} \triangleq \left\{ \mu : \mu(B) \triangleq \int_{\mathbf{A}} \mu_{\mathbf{a}}(B) d\varphi(\mathbf{a}), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{A}) \right\} \quad (4)$$

Examples: Mixed ambiguity set

Example 1.2 (*Mixtures of Gaussians*) $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{a} = (a, \sigma) \in \mathbf{A} := [\underline{a}, \bar{a}] \times [\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, with $\underline{\sigma} > 0$, and

$$d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\omega - a)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) d\omega,$$

that is μ is a mixture of Gaussian probability measures with mean-deviation couple $(a, \sigma) \in \mathbf{A}$.

Example 1.7 With $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ one is given a finite family of probability measures $(\mu_i)_{i=1,\dots,p} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$. Then $\mathbf{a} = a \in \mathbf{A} := \{1, \dots, p\} \subset \mathbb{R}$, and

$$d\mu(\omega) = \sum_{a=1}^p \lambda_a d\mu_a(\omega); \quad \sum_{a \in \mathbf{A}} \lambda_a = 1; \quad \lambda_a \geq 0,$$

that is, μ is a finite convex combination of the probability measures $(\mu_{\mathbf{a}})$.

Assumptions on measurability, integrability, regularity

- (i) For every $B \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$, the function $\mathbf{a} \mapsto \mu_{\mathbf{a}}(B)$ is measurable.
- (ii) For every $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^p$:

$$\int_{\Omega} \omega^{\beta} d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = p_{\beta}(\mathbf{a}), \quad \forall \mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}, \quad (2.2)$$

for some polynomial $p_{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{a}]$.

- (iii) For every $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}$ and every polynomial $g \in \mathbb{R}[\omega]$, $\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\{\omega : g(\omega) = 0\}) = 0$.
- (iv) For every bounded measurable (resp. bounded continuous) function q on $\mathbf{X} \times \Omega$, the function

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) \mapsto Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) := \int_{\Omega} q(\mathbf{x}, \omega) d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega),$$

is bounded measurable (resp. bounded continuous) on $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{A}$.

(If $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ is unbounded):

There exists $c, \gamma > 0$ such that for every $i = 1, \dots, p$:

$$\sup_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}} \int_{\Omega} \exp(c |\omega_i|) d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) < \gamma. \quad (2.3)$$

Contributions

- If X, Ω, A are basic semi-algebraic sets, f is a polynomial, μ_a has polynomial moments, and some bounded, measurable, and integrable assumptions, a sequence of monotone inner approximations

$$X_\epsilon^d \triangleq \{x \in X : w_d(x) < \epsilon\} \quad (5)$$

can be obtained where w_d is a polynomial of degree at most d and $X_\epsilon^d \subset X_\epsilon^{d+1} \subset X_\epsilon^*$ for all d .

- Asymptotic guarantee: convergence in Lebesgue measure λ ,

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow +\infty} \lambda(X_\epsilon^* \setminus X_\epsilon^d) = 0$$

- w_d can be solved from a hierarchy of semidefinite relaxations
- Extension to joint chance-constraints approximations
- Acceleration of convergence via Stokes' theorem

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Preliminary

- Compact basic semi-algebraic sets:

$$\mathbf{X} \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_j(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, j = 1, \dots, m\}$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} \triangleq \{\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^q : s_l(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \geq 0, l = 1, \dots, \bar{s}\}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \triangleq \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^t : q_l(\mathbf{a}) \geq 0, l = 1, \dots, L\}$$

- Compactness of $\mathbf{\Omega}$ can be relaxed.
 - Lebesgue measure λ can be normalized to probability measure
- Violation sets:

$$\mathbf{K} \triangleq \{(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{\Omega} : f(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \leq 0\}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_x \triangleq \{\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbf{\Omega} : (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \in \mathbf{K}\}$$

Methodology: GMP model and Moment-SOS approach

Notations:

- $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]$: ring of polynomials; $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]_d$: polynomials of degree at most d with dimension $s(d) \triangleq \binom{n+d}{n}$
- $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{M}_+(\mathcal{X})$
- Given $\mathbf{y} = (y_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n}$, define
 - the functional $L_{\mathbf{y}} : f \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}] \rightarrow L_{\mathbf{y}}(f) \triangleq \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} y_{\alpha}$
 - Moment matrix $M_d(\mathbf{y})$ where $M_d(\mathbf{y})(\alpha, \beta) \triangleq L_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha+\beta}) = y_{\alpha+\beta}$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_d^n$ given d
 - Localizing moment matrix $M_d(g\mathbf{y})$ where $M_d(g\mathbf{y})(\alpha, \beta) \triangleq L_{\mathbf{y}}(g(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{x}^{\alpha+\beta}) = \sum_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} y_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_d^n$ given a polynomial g
- Given a measure ψ on $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{A}$, define ψ' on $\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{A} \times \Omega$ as $d\psi' = d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)d\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$ with marginal $\psi'_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}} = \psi$ and disintegration $\hat{\psi}'(\cdot \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) = \mu_{\mathbf{a}}$

Examples: Moment matrix

Example 2.1 For illustration, consider the case $n = 2, d = 2$. Then:

$$M_2(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} y_{00} & y_{10} & y_{01} & y_{20} & y_{11} & y_{02} \\ y_{10} & y_{20} & y_{11} & y_{30} & y_{21} & y_{12} \\ y_{01} & y_{11} & y_{02} & y_{21} & y_{12} & y_{03} \\ y_{20} & y_{30} & y_{21} & y_{40} & y_{31} & y_{22} \\ y_{11} & y_{21} & y_{12} & y_{31} & y_{22} & y_{13} \\ y_{02} & y_{12} & y_{03} & y_{22} & y_{13} & y_{04} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moment matrix associated with \mathbf{y}

Example 2.3 For illustration, consider the case $n = 2, d = 1$. Then the localization matrix associated with \mathbf{y} and $g = x_1 - x_2$, is:

$$M_1(g\mathbf{y}) = \begin{pmatrix} y_{10} - y_{01} & y_{20} - y_{11} & y_{11} - y_{02} \\ y_{20} - y_{11} & y_{30} - y_{21} & y_{21} - y_{12} \\ y_{11} - y_{02} & y_{21} - y_{12} & y_{12} - y_{03} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Localizing moment matrix associated with \mathbf{y} and g

Characterize worst-case distribution

Lemma

For each $x \in X$ there exists measurable mappings $x \rightarrow a(x) \in A$ and $x \rightarrow \kappa(x)$ such that:

$$\kappa(x) = \max \{ \mu(K_x) : \mu \in \mathcal{M}_a \} = \max \{ \mu_a(K_x) : a \in A \} = \mu_{a(x)}(K_x)$$

Hence

$$X_\epsilon^* = \{x \in X : \kappa(x) < \epsilon\} \quad (6)$$

- How to approximate $\kappa(x)$?
- Using duality! Consider a certain infinite dimension LP with the important property that any feasible solution of its dual provides the coefficients of some polynomial which is an upper bound of $\kappa(x)$.

GMP model

- Consider the infinite-dimensional LP:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{\phi, \psi} \quad \langle 1_K, \phi \rangle \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \phi \leq T^* \psi \\
 & \quad \psi_x = \lambda \\
 & \quad \phi \in \mathcal{M}_+(K), \psi \in \mathcal{P}(X \times A)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{Infdim-LP}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 T : g(x, \omega) &\rightarrow (Tg)(x, a) \triangleq \int_{\Omega} g(x, \omega) d\mu_a(\omega) \\
 \langle g, T^* \psi \rangle &= \langle Tg, \psi \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

The model Infdim-LP has optimal value $\rho^ = \int_K \kappa(x) dx$. And the feasible pair (ϕ^*, ψ^*) with*

$$d\phi^*(x, \omega) \triangleq 1_K(x, \omega) \mu_{a(x)}(d\omega) d\lambda(x), \quad d\psi^*(x, a) \triangleq \delta_{a(x)}(da) d\lambda(x)$$

is an optimal solution of model Infdim-LP.

GMP model

Dual:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \inf_{w,h} \quad & \langle \lambda, w \rangle \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & w \geq Th \quad \text{on } \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{A} \\
 & h \geq 1 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{K} \\
 & h \geq 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{\Omega} \\
 & h \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}], w \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{Infdim-LPdual}$$

Theorem

By weak duality, the optimal value of model Infdim-LPdual $\rho_D^ \geq \rho^*$. Also, for any feasible (w, h) in Infdim-LPdual, we have*

$$w(\mathbf{x}) \geq \kappa(\mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}$$

Hence $\mathbf{X}_w \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} : w(\mathbf{x}) < \epsilon\} \subset \mathbf{X}_\epsilon^$. Moreover, suppose no duality gap, i.e., $\rho^* = \rho_D^*$, and let (w_n, d_n) be a minimizing sequence of model Infdim-LPdual, then with $\|\cdot\|_1$ the norm of $L_1(\mathbf{X}, \lambda)$:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|w_n - \kappa\|_1 = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \lambda(\mathbf{X}_\epsilon^* \setminus \mathbf{X}_{w_n}) = 0$$

A Hierarchy of Semidefinite Relaxations

- Handle measure constraints through moments (truncated at degree $2d$):
 $(\phi, \varphi := T^*\psi - \phi, \psi \rightarrow \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sup_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \quad & y_{00} \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & L_{\mathbf{y}+\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}^\alpha, \omega^\beta) - L_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}^\alpha p_\beta(\mathbf{a})) = 0 \\
 & L_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}^\alpha) = \lambda_\alpha \\
 & M_d(\mathbf{y}), M_d(\mathbf{u}), M_d(\mathbf{v}) \succeq \mathbf{0} \\
 & M_{d-d_{m+1}}(g_{m+1}\mathbf{y}) \succeq \mathbf{0} \\
 & M_{d-d_j^g}(g_j\mathbf{y}), M_{d-d_j^g}(g_j\mathbf{u}), M_{d-d_j^g}(g_j\mathbf{v}) \succeq \mathbf{0} \forall j = 1, \dots, m \\
 & M_{d-d_l^s}(s_l\mathbf{y}), M_{d-d_l^s}(s_l\mathbf{u}) \succeq \mathbf{0} \forall l = 1, \dots, \bar{s} \\
 & M_{d-d_l^q}(q_l\mathbf{v}) \succeq \mathbf{0} \forall l = 1, \dots, L
 \end{aligned}$$

(SDP-relaxation)

where $g_{m+1} = -f$, $d_j^g = \lceil \deg(g_j)/2 \rceil$, $d_l^s = \lceil \deg(s_l)/2 \rceil$, $d_l^q = \lceil \deg(q_l)/2 \rceil$, and $\mathbf{y} = (y_{\alpha,\beta})$, $\mathbf{u} = (u_{\alpha,\beta})$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}^p$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_{\alpha,\eta})$, $(\alpha, \eta) \in \mathbb{N}^n \times \mathbb{N}^t$ and $p_\beta(\mathbf{a}) = \int_{\Omega} \omega^\beta d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)$

Dual of SDP relaxation

- Interpretation: replace the positivity constraints in (Infdim-LPdual) by SOS constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
 \inf_{h,w,\sigma_j^i} \quad & \int_{\mathbf{X}} w(\mathbf{x}) d\lambda(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) - 1 = \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \sigma_j^1 g_j + \sum_{l=1}^{\bar{s}} \sigma_l^1 s_l, \quad \forall(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \\
 & h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_j^2 g_j + \sum_{l=1}^{\bar{s}} \sigma_l^2 s_l, \quad \forall(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \\
 & w(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} h_{\alpha, \beta} \mathbf{x}^\alpha p_\beta(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_j^3 g_j + \sum_{l=1}^L \sigma_l^3 q_l \\
 & \quad \forall(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) \\
 & h(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{|\alpha+\beta| \leq 2d} h_{\alpha, \beta} \mathbf{x}^\alpha \boldsymbol{\omega}^\beta \\
 & w(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2d} w_\alpha \mathbf{x}^\alpha \\
 & \sigma_j^1 \in \Sigma[\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}]_{d-d_j^g}, j = 1, \dots, m+1 \\
 & \sigma_j^2, \sigma_j^3 \in \Sigma[\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}]_{d-d_j^g}, j = 1, \dots, m \\
 & \sigma_l^1, \sigma_l^2 \in \Sigma[\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}]_{d-d_l^s}, l = 1, \dots, \bar{s} \\
 & \sigma_l^3 \in \Sigma[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}]_{d-d_l^q}, l = 1, \dots, \bar{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

(SDP-dual)

where $\Sigma[\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}]$ is the space of SOS polynomials

Power of Moment-SOS approach

Theorem

Under mild bounded and measurable conditions, and assume $K, A, X \times \Omega, X \times \Omega \setminus K$ have nonempty interior. Then

- *Slater's condition holds for (SDP-relaxation) so strong duality holds. Namely, the optimal value of (SDP-relaxation) $\rho_d^* = \rho_{Dd}^*$, the optimal value of (SDP-dual).*
- *Let $X_\epsilon^d := \{x \in X : w_d(x) < \epsilon\}$, then $X_\epsilon^d \subset X^\epsilon$. In addition, $\lim_{d \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_d^* = \rho^*$, $\lim_{d \rightarrow +\infty} \|w_d(x) - \kappa(x)\|_{L^1} = 0$, $\lim_{d \rightarrow +\infty} \lambda(X_\epsilon^* \setminus X_\epsilon^d) = 0$,*

Acceleration via Stoke's Theorem

- Adding constraints satisfied at optimal solution to facilitate convergence
- For mixed Gaussian distribution $d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(\omega-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}} d\omega$, since $f(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0$ on the boundary of $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}}$, Stoke's Theorem yields:

$$\int_{\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{x}}} q_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, \omega, \mathbf{a}) d\mu_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}, \forall \beta = 0, 1, \dots$$

where $q_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, \omega, \mathbf{a}) = \frac{\sigma^2 \partial(\omega^{\beta} f(\mathbf{x}, \omega))}{\partial \omega} - \omega^{\beta} f(\mathbf{x}, \omega)(\omega - a)$ Then

$$\int_{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha} \mathbf{a}(x)^{\gamma} q_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, \omega, \mathbf{a}(x)) d\phi^{*}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = 0, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}^2, \beta = 0, 1, \dots$$

- Since $\mathbf{a}(x)$ is not a polynomial of (x, ω) , we need to lift to (x, ω, \mathbf{a}) by introducing φ on $\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{A}$ and constraints

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{x}, \omega} = \phi, \varphi_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}} \leq \psi, \int_{\mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha} \mathbf{a}^{\gamma} q_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, \omega, \mathbf{a}) d\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \omega, \mathbf{a}) = 0, \forall \alpha, \gamma, \beta$$

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Numerical Experiment I

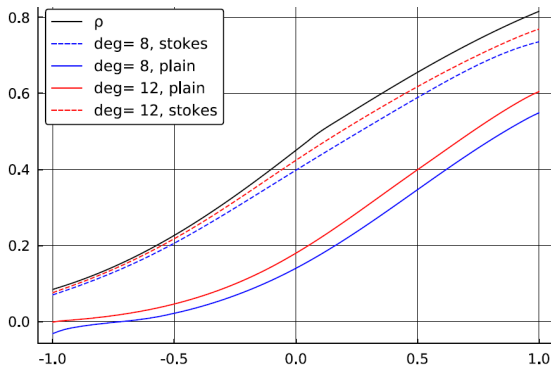


Fig. 1 Approximation of $\rho(\mathbf{x})$ (black) by polynomials $1 - w_4(\mathbf{x})$ (blue) and $1 - w_6(\mathbf{x})$ (red), dashed/solid lines correspond to with/without Stokes constraints (color figure online)

Figure 1: Comparison of approximation with and without acceleration:
 $\mathbf{X} = [-1, 1]$, $f(x, \omega) = x - \omega$, Gaussian distribution with parameters
 $\mathbf{A} = [-0.1, 0.1] \times [0.8, 1]$. $\rho(x) = 1 - \kappa(x) = \inf_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_a} \mathbb{P}[f(x, \omega) > 0]$

Numerical Experiment II

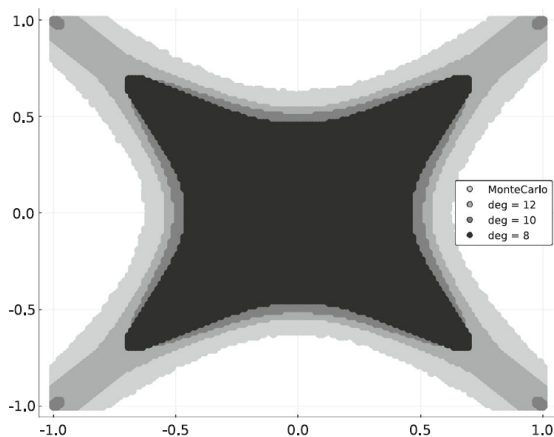


Fig.2 Monte Carlo simulation (light grey) of X_ϵ^* and inner approximations X_ϵ^d for $d = 4, 5, 6$, in decreasing intensity

Figure 2: Inner approximations from various relaxations

Numerical Experiment III

$(d, \text{time}) \backslash \varepsilon$	50%	25%	12.5%	6.25%	3.125%
4 (10 s)	97.0%	82.3%	68.5%	21.3%	0%
5 (107 s)	99.9%	86.0%	72.2%	43.19%	2.4%
6 (1042 s)	100.0%	89.4%	78.8%	60.3%	27.4%

Figure 3: Polynomial approximations versus Monte Carlo simulation with different violation levels. $\mathbf{X} = [-1, 1]^3$, $\mathbf{\Omega} = \mathbb{R}$, $f(x, \omega) = -2\omega x_1^2 + 2\omega x_2^2 - 2\omega x_3^2 - 1$. MC time: 2643s

Conclusion

- A systematic numerical scheme which provides a monotone sequence (a hierarchy) of inner approximations with strong asymptotic guarantees
- Pros: generality, no convexity assumptions
- Cons: computationally demanding, not scalable