

Primal and Dual Problem

Semidefinite Programming For Chance Constrained Optimization Over Semialgebraic Sets

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1 Chance Optimization Problem

Let $q \in \mathbb{R}$ be the uncertain parameter with a uniform distribution on $[-1,1]$. Then, consider the following chance optimization problem:

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ \text{Probability}_{\mu_q} (\{q \in \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{P}(x, q) \geq 0\}) \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}(x, q) = 0.5 q \left(q^2 + (x - 0.5)^2 \right) - \left(q^4 + q^2(x - 0.5)^2 + (x - 0.5)^4 \right) \quad (2)$$

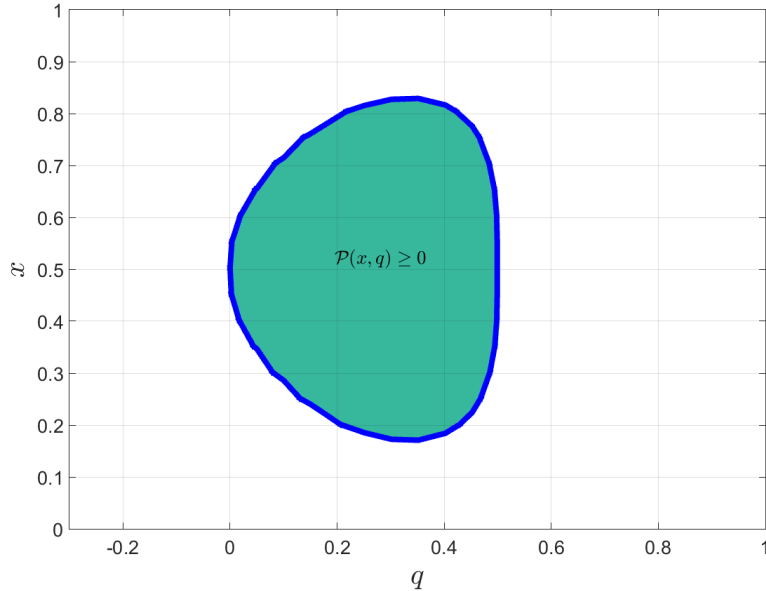


Figure 1: Semialgebraic set $\mathcal{K} = (\{(x, q) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{P}(x, q) \geq 0\})$

In problem 1 we aim at finding decision parameter x such that the probability of given semialgebraic set becomes maximum. In other words, decision parameter x should be chosen such that the probability of the random point (x, q) belonging to the set $\mathcal{K} = \{(x, q) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \mathcal{P}(x, q) \geq 0\}$ becomes maximum.

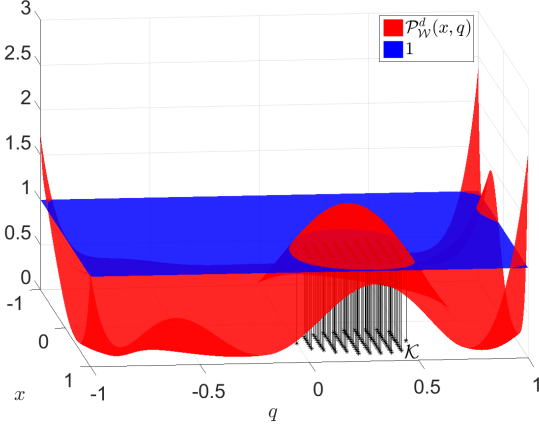


Figure 2: Obtained polynomial $\mathcal{P}_W^d(x, q)$

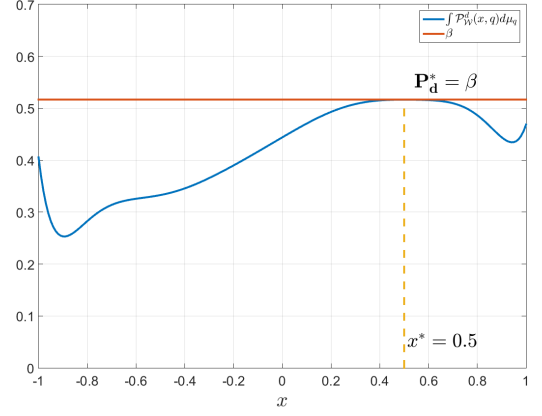


Figure 3: $\int \mathcal{P}_W^d(x, q) d\mu_q$

2 Semidefinite Programming

To obtain an approximate solution of chance optimization problem in 1, we solve the following SDP ([1], Theorem 3.3):

$$\mathbf{P}_d := \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{S_{2,2d}}, \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{S_{1,2d}}} (\mathbf{y})_{\mathbf{0}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{s.t. } M_d(\mathbf{y}) \succcurlyeq 0, M_{d-r_1}(\mathbf{y}; \mathcal{P}) \succcurlyeq 0, \quad (4)$$

$$M_d(\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}}) \succcurlyeq 0, \|\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}}\|_{\infty} \leq 1, (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}})_{\mathbf{0}} = 1, \quad (5)$$

$$M_d(A_d \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y}) \succcurlyeq 0, \quad (6)$$

where $(\mathbf{y})_{\mathbf{0}}$ and $(\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}})_{\mathbf{0}}$ are first elements of vectors \mathbf{y} , $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively. Given n and d in \mathbb{N} , we define $S_{n,d} := \binom{d+n}{n}$ and $\mathbb{N}_d^n := \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n : \|\alpha\|_1 \leq d\}$. $A_d : \mathbb{R}^{S_{1,2d}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{S_{2,2d}}$ is a linear map depending only on moments of given probability measure μ_q . Indeed, let $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{q}} := \{y_{q_{\beta}}\}_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_{2d}^1}$ be the truncated moment sequence of μ_q . Then for any given $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} = \{y_{x_{\alpha}}\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{2d}^1}$, $A_d \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{y}}$ such that $(\bar{\mathbf{y}})_{\theta} = (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{q}})_{\beta} (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}})_{\alpha}$ for all $\theta = (\beta, \alpha) \in \mathbb{N}_{2d}^2$. The k -th moment of uniform distribution $U[a, b]$ is $(\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{q}})_k = \frac{b^{k+1} - a^{k+1}}{(b-a)(k+1)}$. $M_d(\mathbf{y})$, $M_d(\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}})$, and $M_d(A_d \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y})$ are d -th order moment matrices constructed by vectors \mathbf{y} , $\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}}$, and $(A_d \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y})$. $M_{d-r}(\mathbf{y}; \mathcal{P})$ is localization matrix constructed by vector \mathbf{y} and polynomial \mathcal{P} , ([1], Section 2.1).

Problem in (3) is semidefinite program (SDP) where a linear function is minimized subject to linear matrix inequality (LMI) constraints and can be solved by Matlab-based optimization toolboxes like GloptiPoly, CVX, and Yalmip where use interior-point solvers like SeDuMi and Mosek. We solve SDP in (3) for $d=5$ (it needs information of moments up to order $2d$) using GloptiPoly and approximate the solution to the chance optimization in (1) with $y_x^* = 0.5$ and estimate the optimal probability with $y_{00}^* = 0.51$, ([1], See section 3.3 where we make a case for this approximation under some simplifying assumptions).

3 Dual on Polynomials

Consider following finite SDP on polynomials:

$$\mathbf{P}_d^* := \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{P}_W^d \in \mathbb{R}_d[x, q]} \beta, \quad (7)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{P}_W^d(x, q) - 1 \geq 0 \text{ on } \mathcal{K} = \{(x, q) : \mathcal{P}(x, q) \geq 0\} \quad (8)$$

$$\beta - \int_{\chi} \mathcal{P}_W^d(x, q) d\mu_q \geq 0 \text{ on } \chi = [-1, 1], \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_W^d(x, a) \geq 0, \beta \geq 0 \quad (10)$$

where, $\mathcal{P}_W^d(x, a)$ is finite order polynomial of order at most d . The following theorem establish the equivalence of problems on moments and polynomials.

Theorem 1 *There is no duality gap between the finite SDP on moments and finite SDP on polynomials in the sense that the optimal values are the same.*

We solve SDP in (7) for $d=10$ using Yalmip and approximate the optimal probability with $\beta = 0.51$ and optimal solution with $x^* = 0.5$ for which $\int \mathcal{P}_W^d(x, q) d\mu_q$ is maximized. The obtained polynomials are as Fig. 2 and 3.