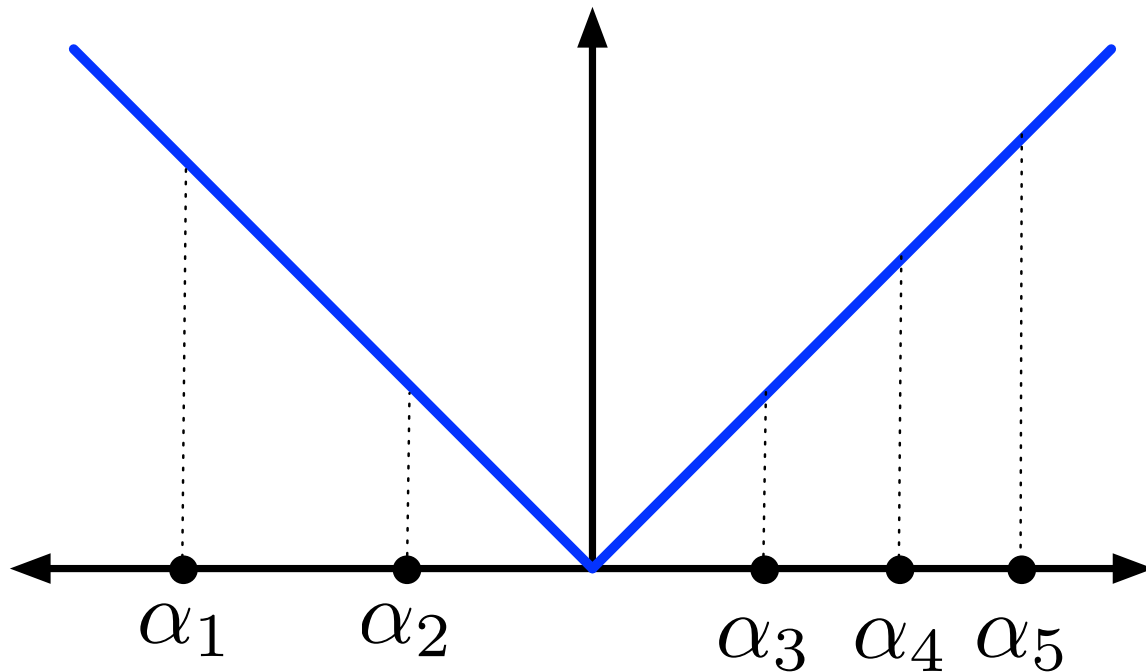


# Formulating Discrete Alternatives

$$\min |x|$$

*s.t.*

$$x \in \{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^n$$



$$\min |x|$$

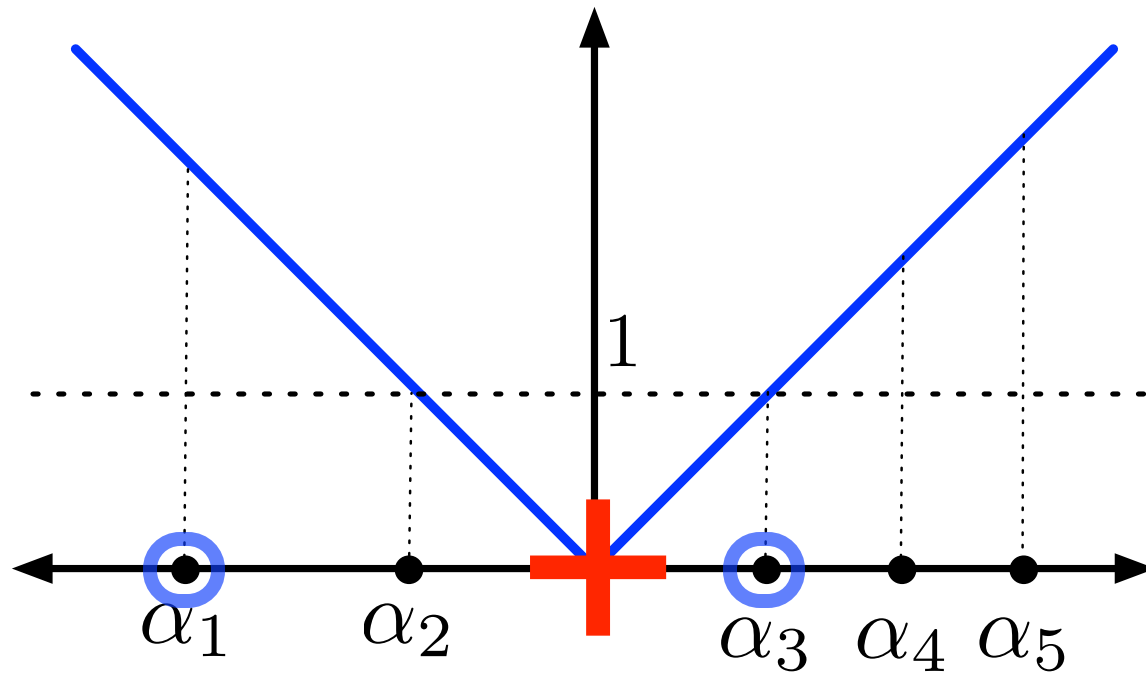
*s.t.*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$

$$\lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

# Formulating Discrete Alternatives



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\min && |x| \\
 &s.t. && \\
 &&& \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i = x \\
 &&& \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1 \\
 &&& \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

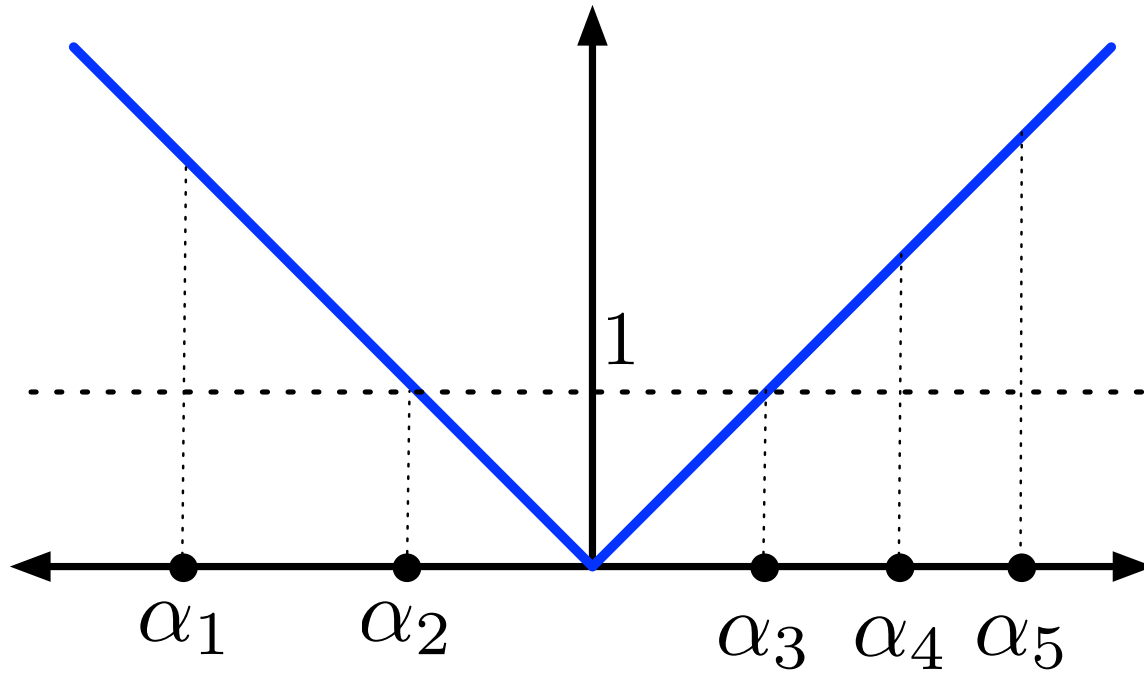
$$\text{IP}_{\text{opt}} = 1, \text{LP}_{\text{opt}} = 0$$

Solve by **binary** Branch-and-Bound:

Branch on  $\lambda_2$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow \text{Feasible with } |x| = 1 \\ \bullet \lambda_2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Best Bound} = 0 \end{array} \right.$

Branch on  $\lambda_2, \lambda_4, \lambda_5 \rightarrow \text{Best Bound} = 0$

# Formulating Discrete Alternatives



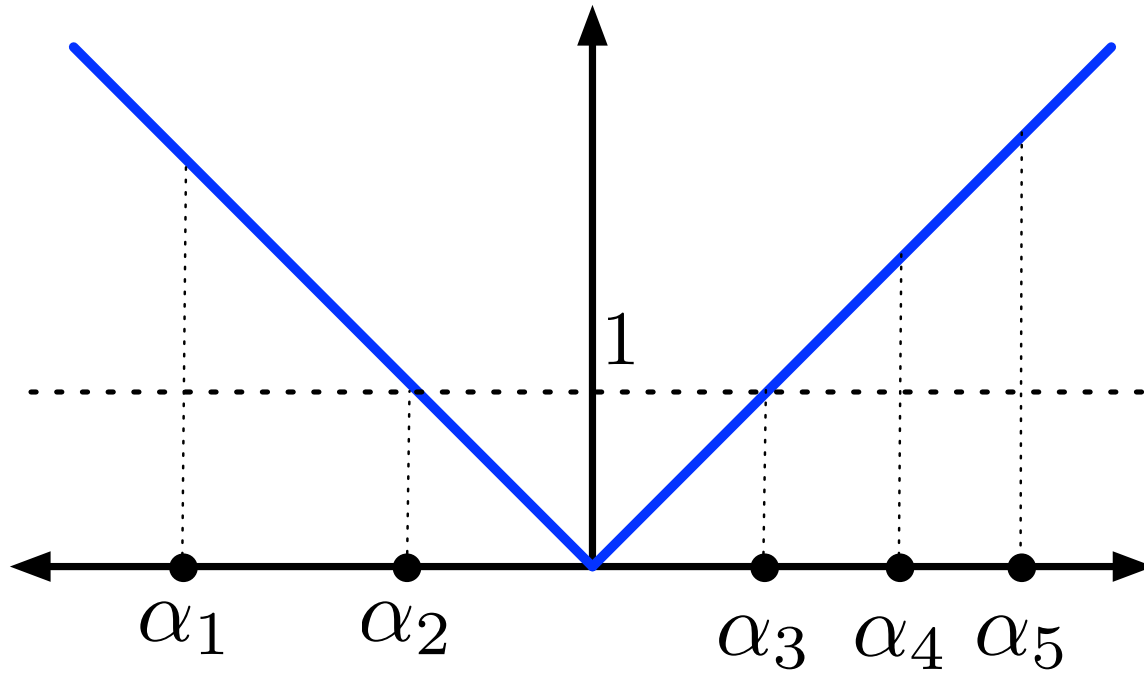
Solve by **binary** Branch-and-Bound:

Worst case:  $n/2$  branches to solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & |x| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i = x \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1 \\ & \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{IP}_{\text{opt}} = 1, \text{LP}_{\text{opt}} = 0$$

# Formulating Discrete Alternatives



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\min && |x| \\
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 &&& \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{IP}_{\text{opt}} = 1, \text{LP}_{\text{opt}} = 0$$

Solve by **constraint** B-and-B:

Branch on  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$   $\begin{cases} \bullet \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \rightarrow \text{Feasible with } |x| = 1 \\ \bullet \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{Feasible with } |x| = 1 \end{cases}$

Never more than one branch (2 nodes).

# Constraint Branching is the Solution?

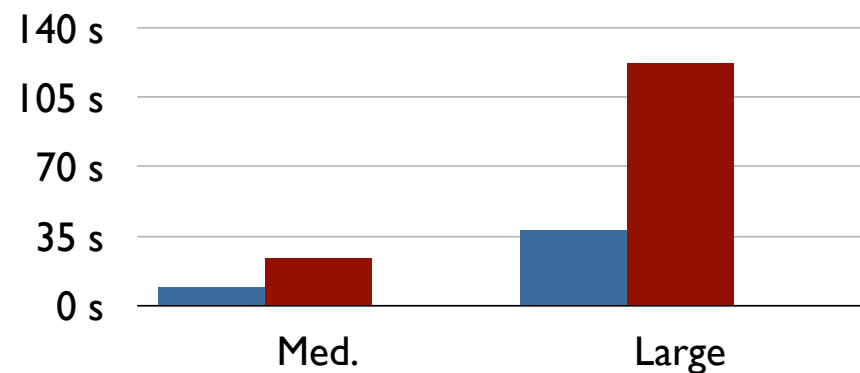
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- For  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1, \quad \{0, 1\}^n$   
$$\sum_{i=1}^t \lambda_i = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{i=1}^t \lambda_i = 0$$
$$\Updownarrow$$
$$\lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i > t \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_i = 0 \quad \forall i \leq t$$
- Similar branching for Special Ordered Sets (SOS)
  - SOS $\textcolor{red}{1}$ : at most  $\textcolor{red}{1}$  positive  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}_+$
  - SOS $\textcolor{blue}{2}$ : at most  $\textcolor{blue}{2}$  positive  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}_+$   
and  
if  $\lambda_i > 0$  and  $\lambda_j > 0$ , then  $|i - j| \leq 1$
- Implemented by Gurobi and CPLEX

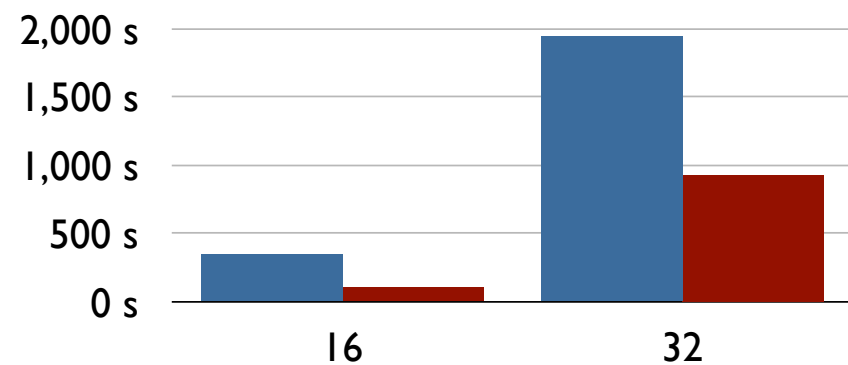
# Effectiveness of SOS Branching in Practice

- Very sensitive to implementation of advanced branching techniques

- CPLEX 9: Basic SOS2 branching implementation



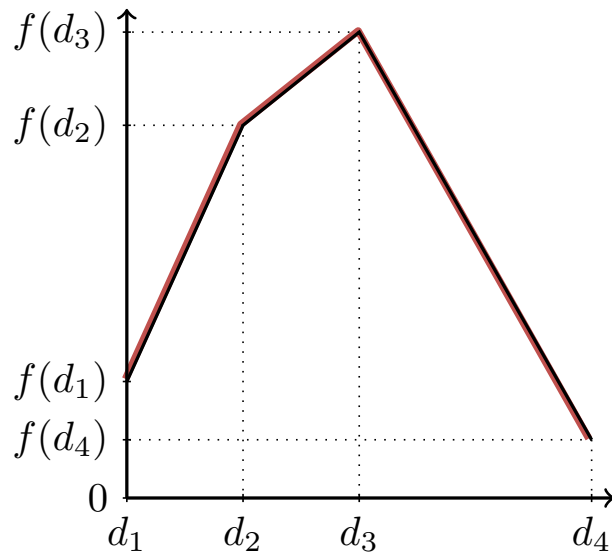
- CPLEX 11: Improved SOS2 branching implementation



■ MIP Formulation

■ SOS2 Branching

# Multiple Choice Plus SOS1 Constraints



MC Formulation:

$$d_i y_i \leq x^i \leq d_{i+1} y_i \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

$$m_i x^i + c_i y_i = z^i \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x^i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z^i = z$$

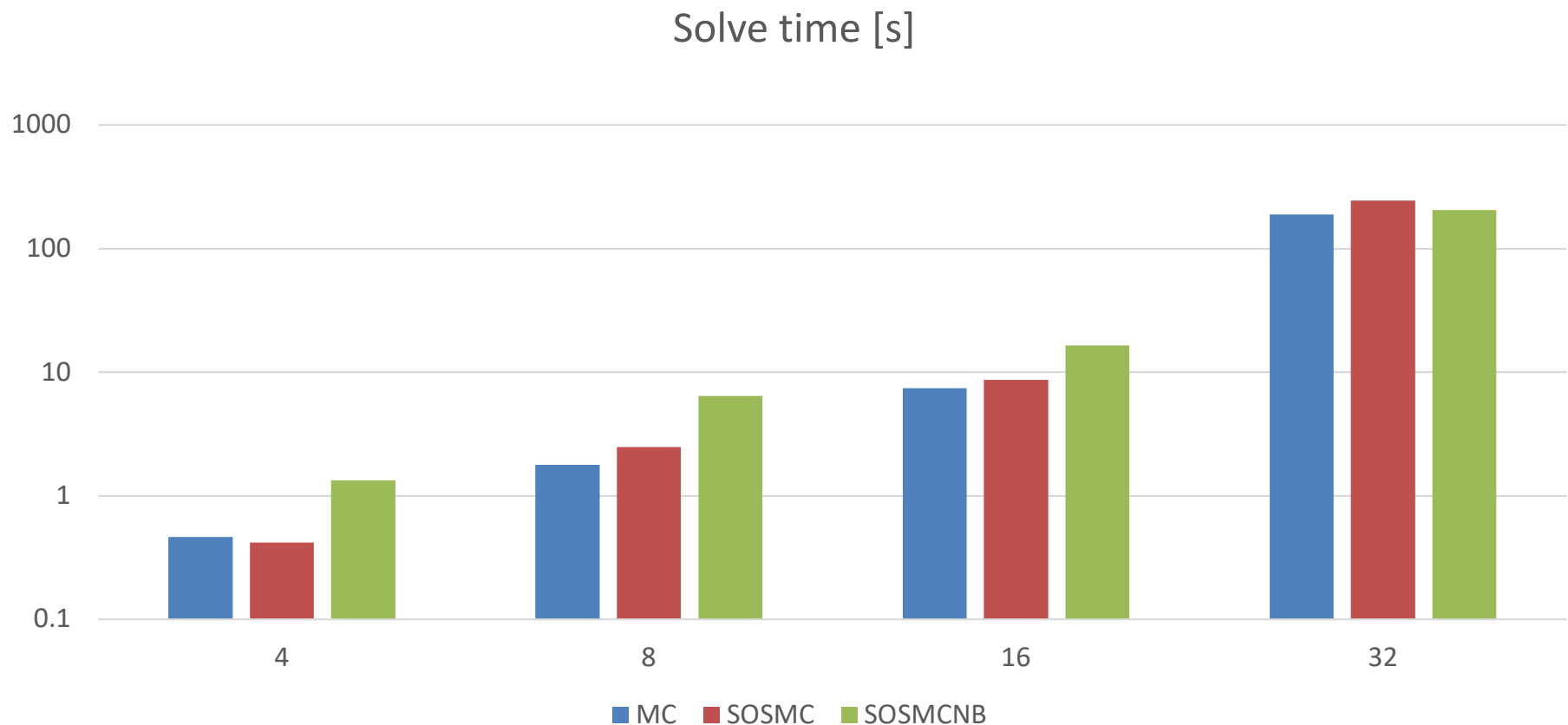
$$\sum_{i=1}^k y_i = 1$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^k$$

- Plus SOS1 over  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^k$ 
  - SOSMC: keep integrality of  $y$
  - SOSMCNB: relax integrality of  $y$

# Effect of SOS1 Constraints: Solve Time

- Gurobi 6.5 on Core i7-3770 (3.40GHz), 32 GB RAM.
  - Limit: 1000s (average over 5 instances)





# Formulation for Discrete Alternatives

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n b^i \lambda_i = y \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \\ y \in \{0, 1\}^m \end{array} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1 \\ \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^n \end{array}$$

$$\{b^i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \{0, 1\}^m, \quad b^i \neq b^j \quad \forall i \neq j$$

# Unary Encoding

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y, \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i = 1, \\ &\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^8, y \in \{0, 1\}^8 \end{aligned}$$



$$\lambda_i = y_i$$

# Binary Encoding

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y, \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i &= 1, \\ \lambda &\in \mathbb{R}^8, y \in \{0, 1\}^3 \end{aligned}$$

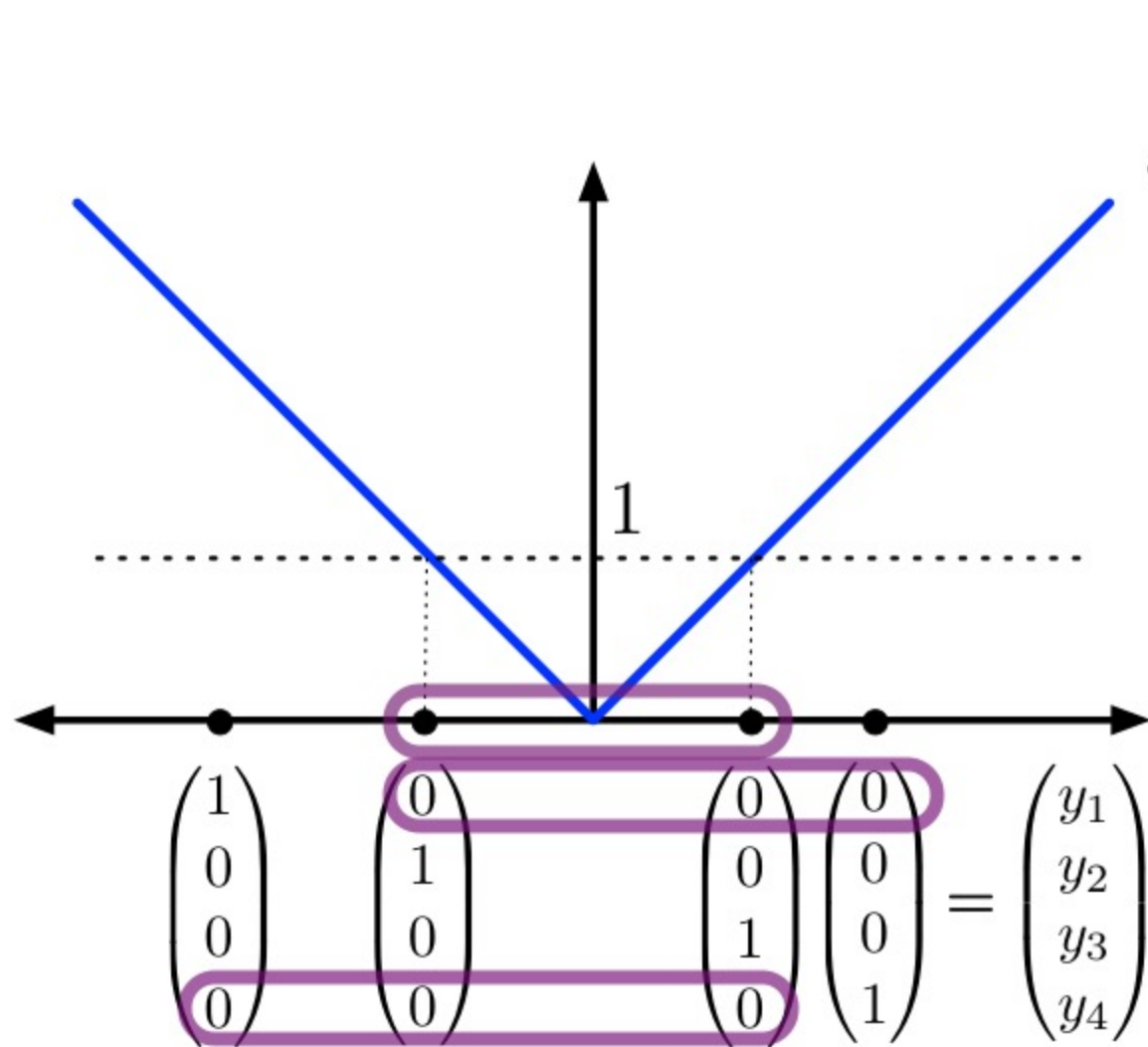
# Incremental Encoding

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y, \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i &= 1, \\ \lambda &\in \mathbb{R}^8, y \in \{0, 1\}^7 \end{aligned}$$



$$y_1 \geq y_2 \geq \dots \geq y_7$$

# Example: Unary Encoding



$$\min |x|$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$

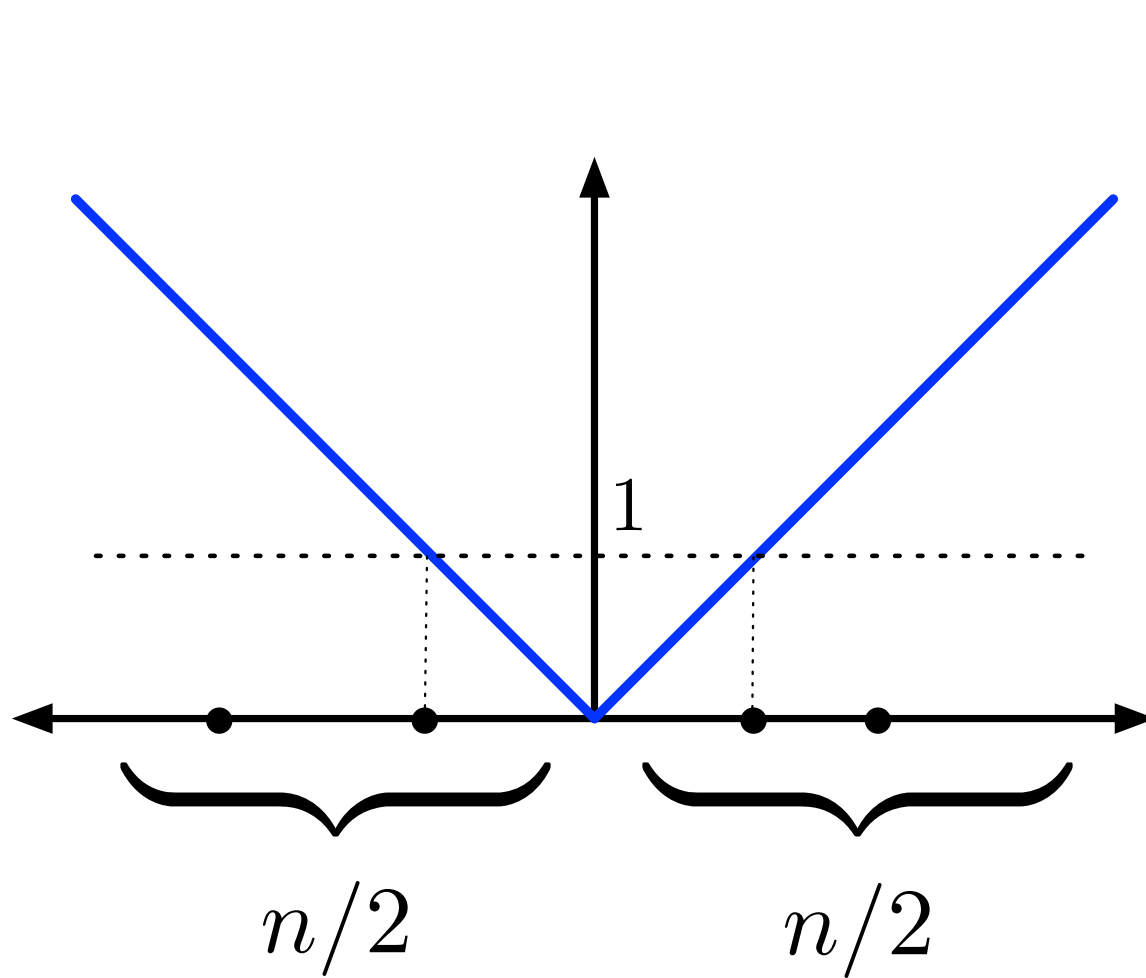
$$\sum_{i=1}^n b^i \lambda_i = y$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^m$$

$$y_1 = y_4 = 0$$

# Example: Unary Encoding



$$\min \quad |x|$$

*s.t.*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \alpha_i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$

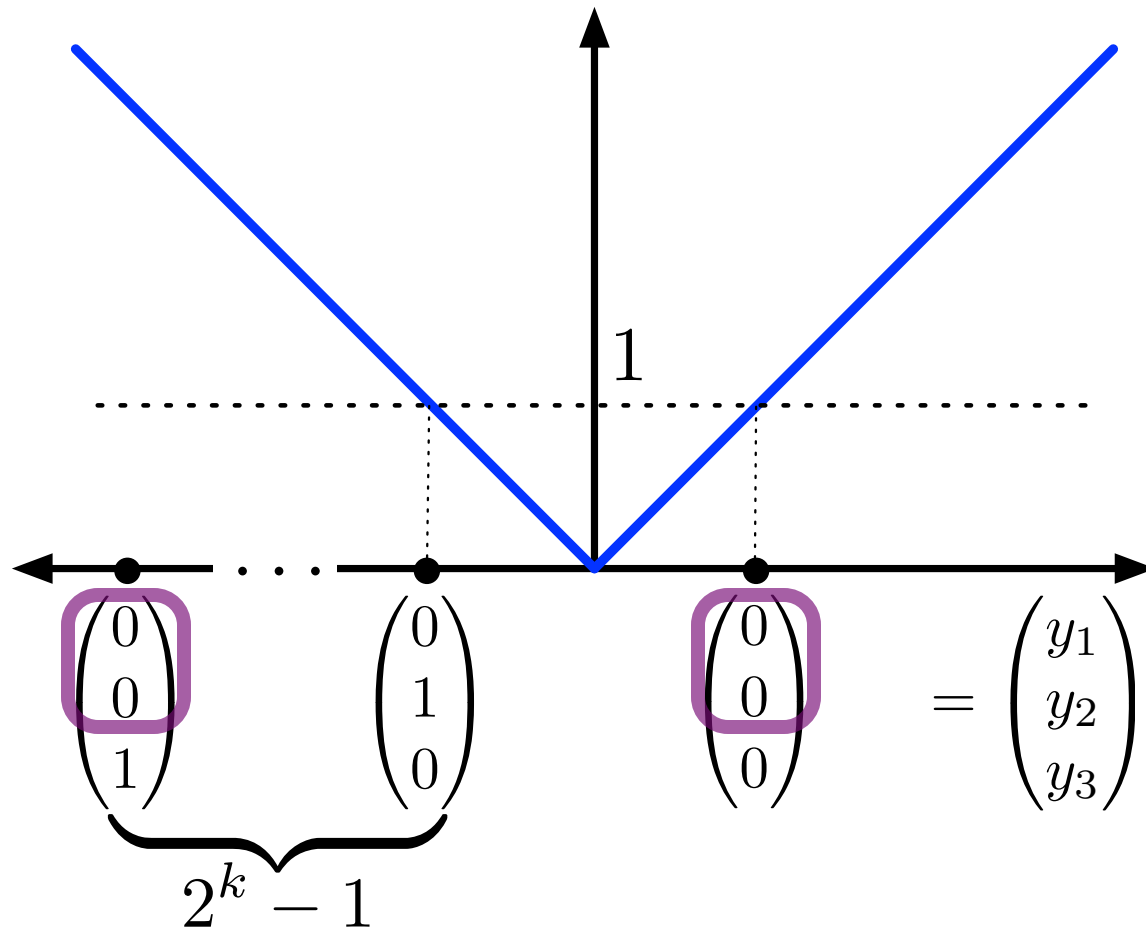
$$\sum_{i=1}^n b^i \lambda_i = y$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^m$$

Need  $n/2$   
branches  
to solve.

# Example: Binary Encoding



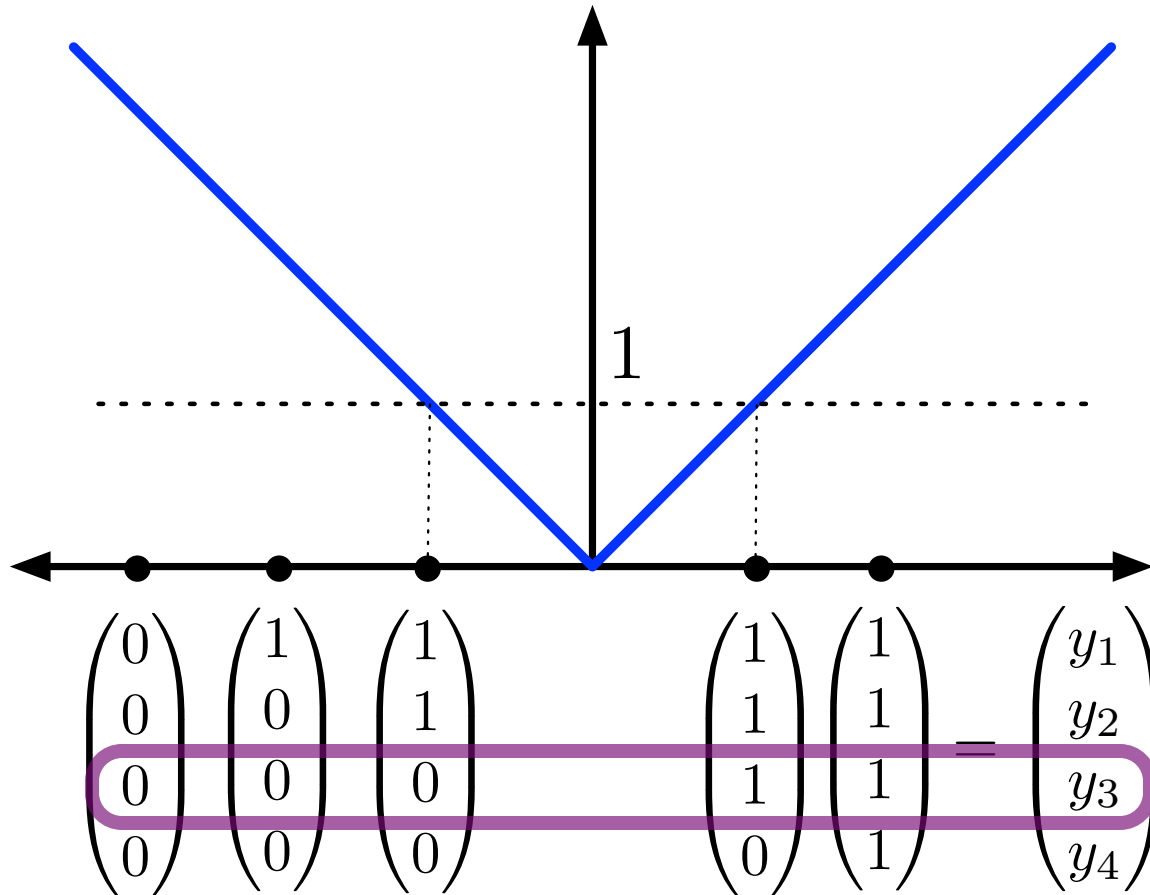
Best Bound = 0 unless:

$$y_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

Need  $k = \log_2 n$   
branches

$$y_1 = y_2 = 0$$

# Example: Incremental Encoding



Best Bound = 1 if:

$$y_{i^*} = 0 \vee y_{i^*} = 1$$

Only need  
1 branch!

$$y_3 = 1 \vee y_3 = 0$$



# Induced Constraint Branching

Incremental

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y \quad \longrightarrow$$

SOSI Branching

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$$

*or*

$$\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = 0$$

Binary

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda = y \quad \longrightarrow$$

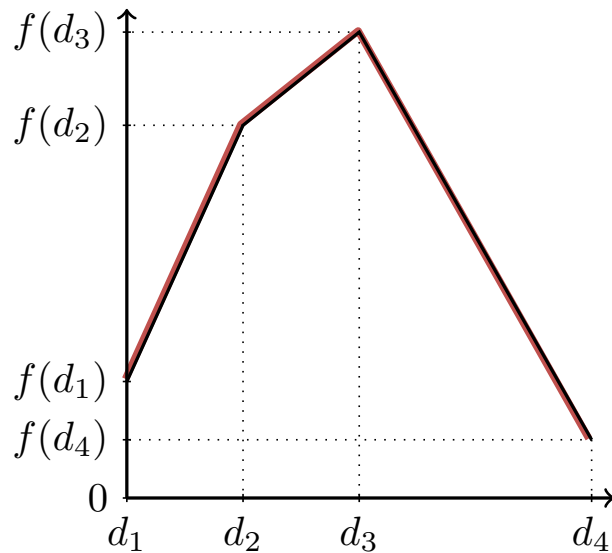
Odd/Even Branching

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_{\textcolor{red}{3}} = 0$$

*or*

$$\lambda_{\textcolor{red}{2}} = \lambda_4 = 0$$

# Multiple Choice Plus Encoding



## MC Formulation:

$$d_i y_i \leq x^i \leq d_{i+1} y_i \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

$$m_i x^i + c_i y_i = z^i \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x^i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z^i = z$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k y_i = 1$$

~~$$y \in \{0, 1\}^k$$~~

- $\{b^i\}_{i=1}^k \subseteq \{0, 1\}^m$

- Binary encoding (MCBin)

- Incremental encoding (MCInc)

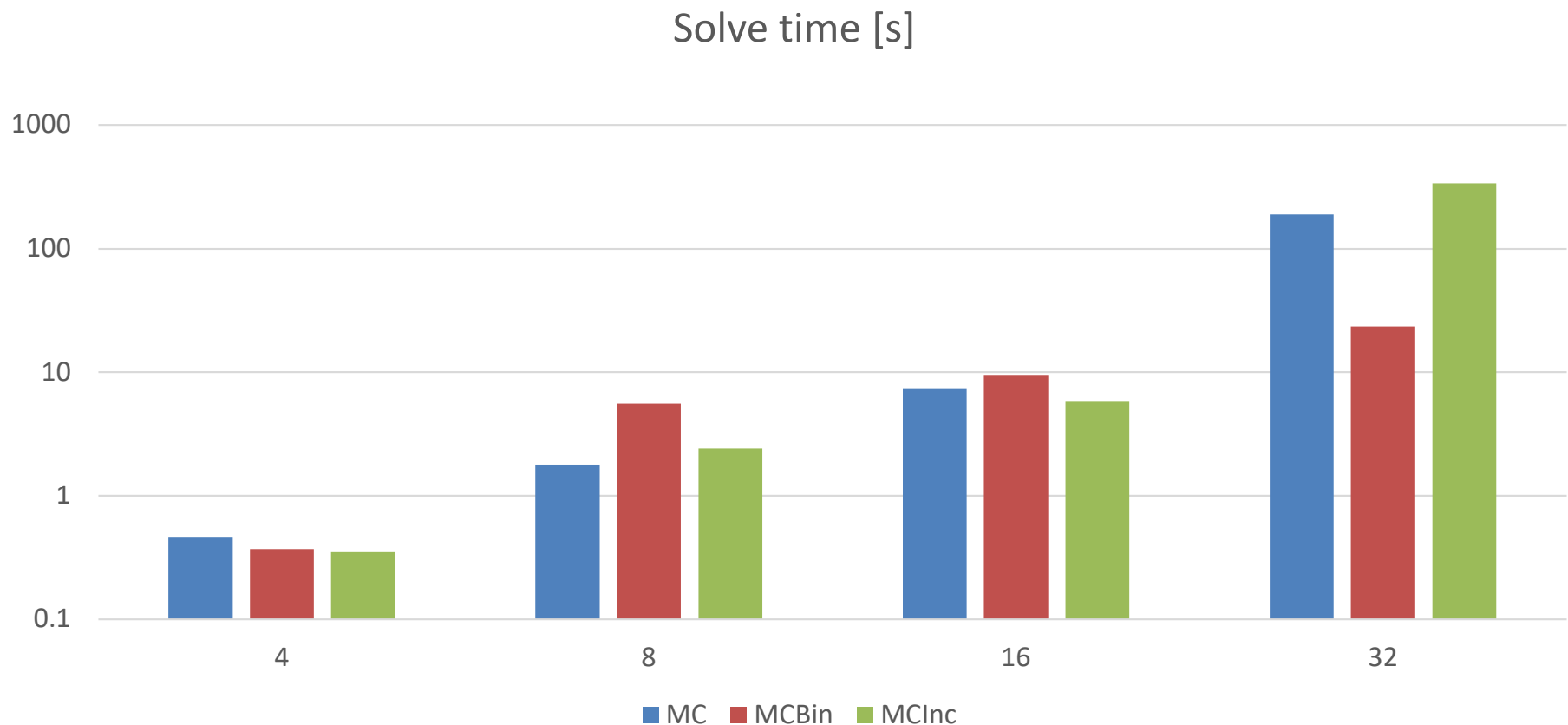
$$\sum_{i=1}^k b^i y_i = w$$

$$w \in \{0, 1\}^m$$

$$y_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

# Effect of Encoding Constraints: Solve Time

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  - Limit: 1000s (average over 5 instances)



# General Extreme Point Formulation

$\{P^i\}_{i=1}^n$  polytopes

$$x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n P^i \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} v \lambda_v^i = x$$

$$\sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} \lambda_v^i = y_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 1$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^n, \lambda_v^i \geq 0$$

Also for general polyhedra  
with common recession cones.

# Combining with Alternative Encoding

$\{P^i\}_{i=1}^n$  polytopes

$$x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n P^i \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} v \lambda_v^i = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} \lambda_v^i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{v \in \text{ext}(P^i)} b^i \lambda_v^i = y$$

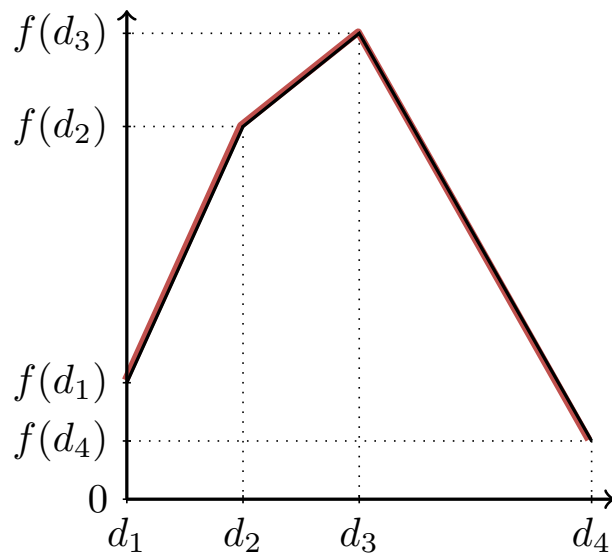
$$y \in \{0, 1\}^m, \lambda_v^i \geq 0$$

Also for general polyhedra  
with common recession cones.

# Extended $\mathcal{V}$ -formulation for PWL Functions

$$S = \text{gr}(f) = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \left\{ (x, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \begin{array}{l} d_i \leq x \leq d_{i+1} \\ m_i x + c_i = z \end{array} \right\}$$

DCC Formulation:



$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^i d_i + \lambda_{i+1}^i d_{i+1} = x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i^i f(d_i) + \lambda_{i+1}^i f(d_{i+1}) = z$$

$$\lambda_i^i + \lambda_{i+1}^i = y_i \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

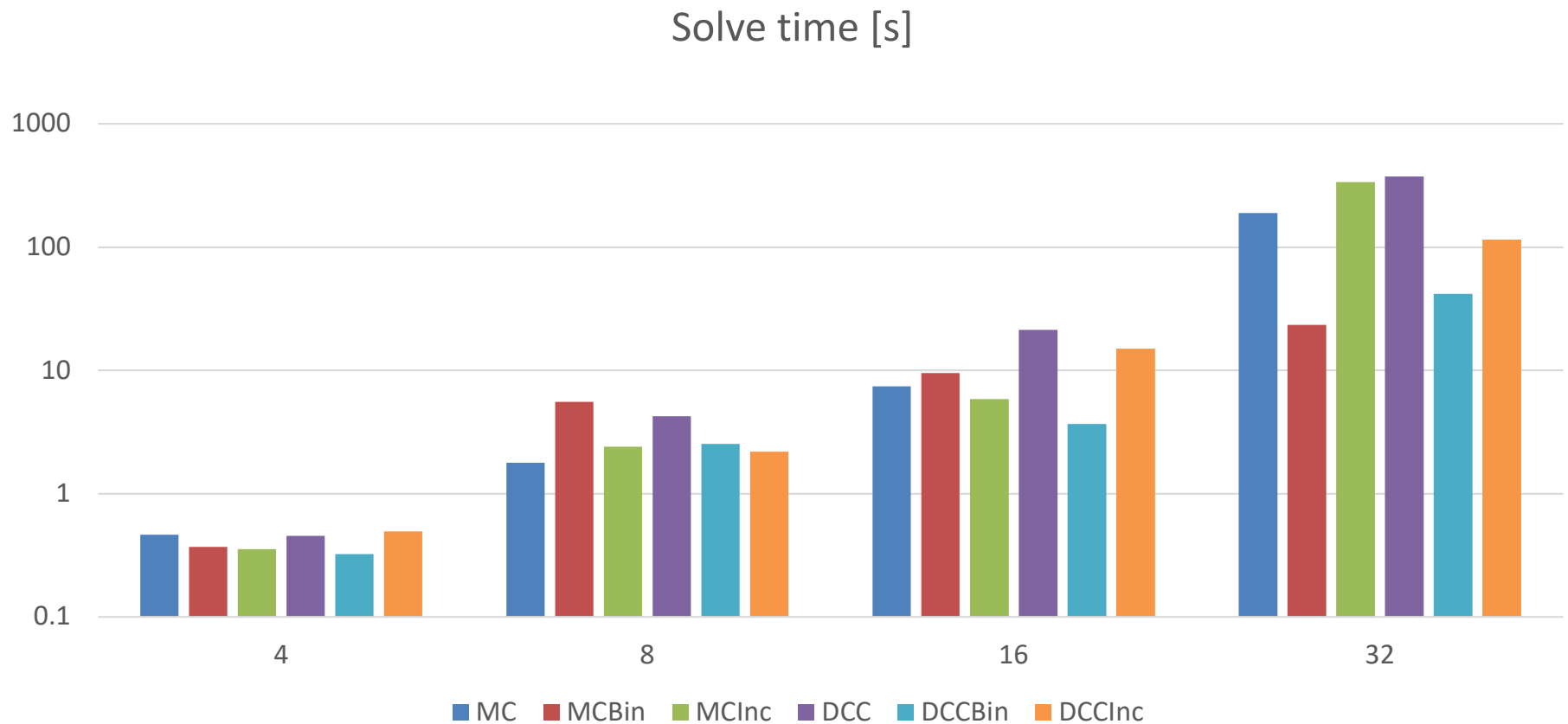
$$\sum_{i=1}^k y_i = 1$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^k$$

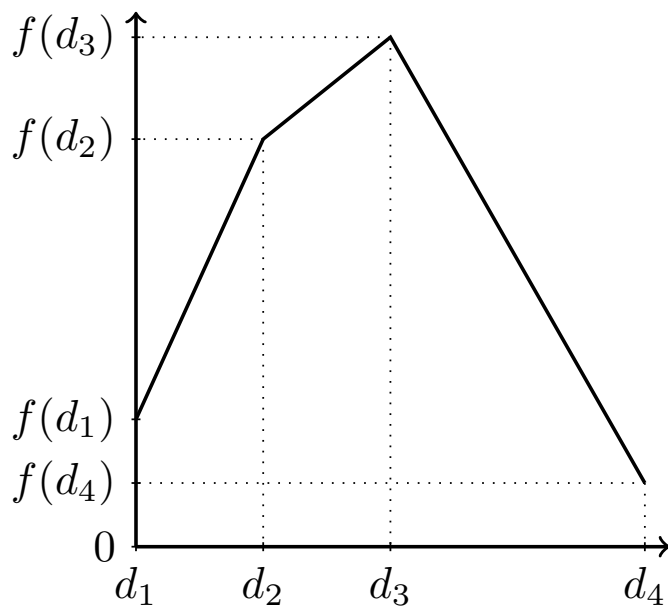
- DCC + Encoding
  - Binary encoding (DCCBin)
  - Incremental encoding (DCCInc)

# Effect of Encoding Constraints: Solve Time

- Gurobi 6.5 on Core i7-3770 (3.40GHz), 32 GB RAM.
  - Limit: 1000s (average over 5 instances)



# Integral Formulation



Formulation for  $f(x)=z$

$$d_1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 (d_{i+1} - d_i) \delta_i = x,$$

$$f(d_1) + \sum_{i=1}^3 (f(d_{i+1}) - f(d_i)) \delta_i = z$$

$$0 \leq \delta_3 \leq y_2 \leq \delta_2 \leq y_1 \leq \delta_1 \leq 1$$

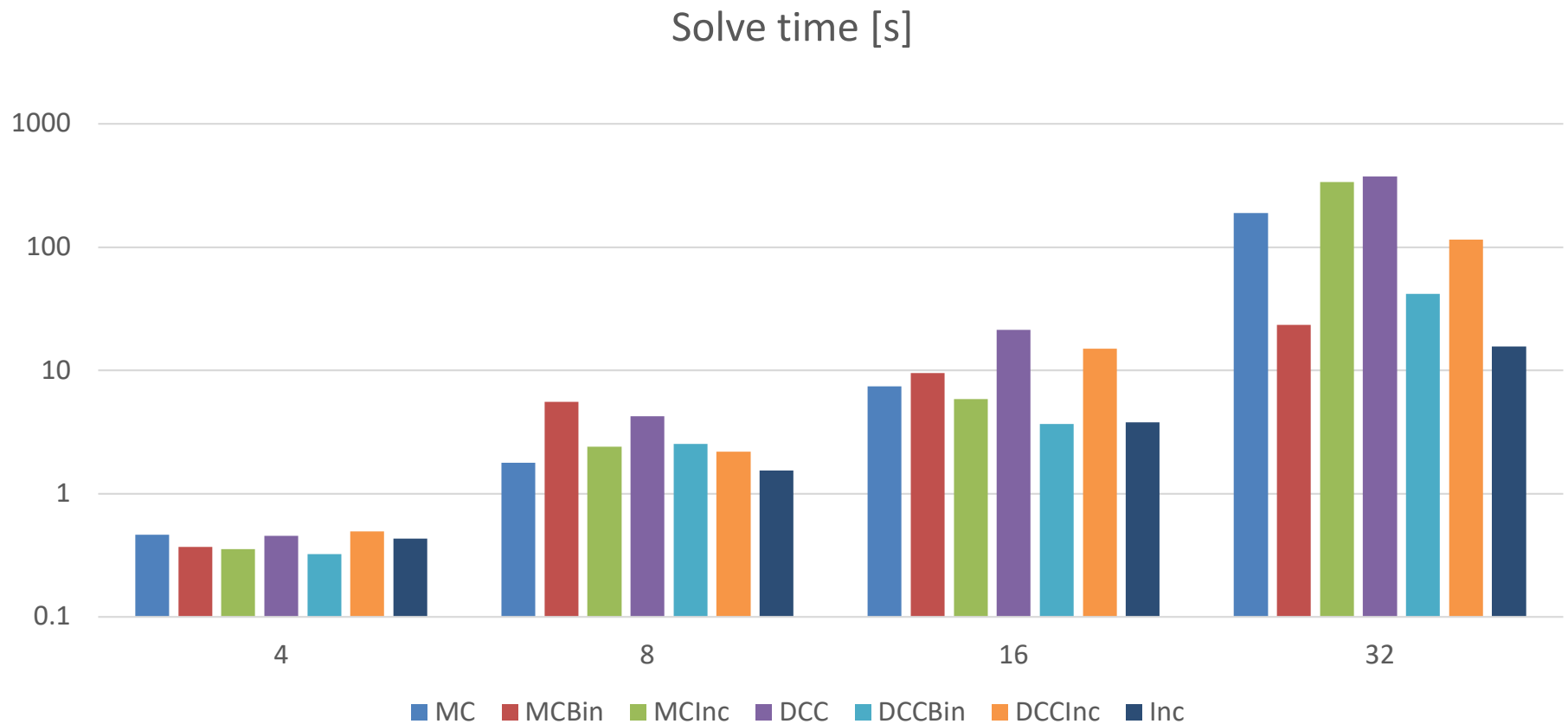
$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Incremental Formulation: Inc  
Affine transformation of DCCInc



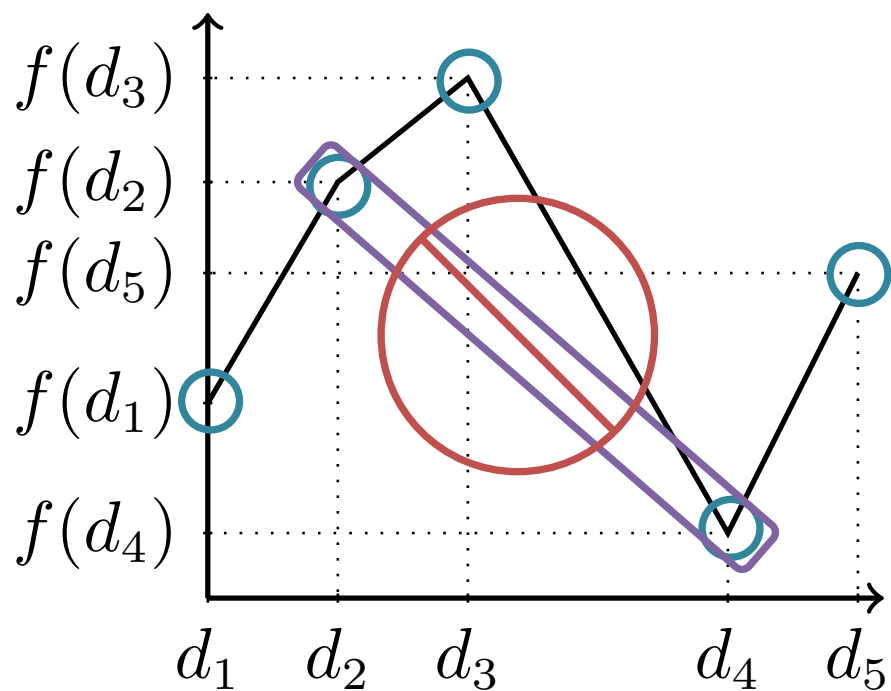
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# Simple Formulation for Univariate Functions

$$z = f(x)$$



Size =  $O(\# \text{ of segments})$

Non-Ideal: Fractional Extreme Points

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^5 \begin{pmatrix} d_j \\ f(d_j) \end{pmatrix} \lambda_j$$

$$1 = \sum_{j=1}^5 \lambda_j, \quad \lambda_j \geq 0$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^4, \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 y_i = 1$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq y_1$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_2 \leq y_1 + y_2$$

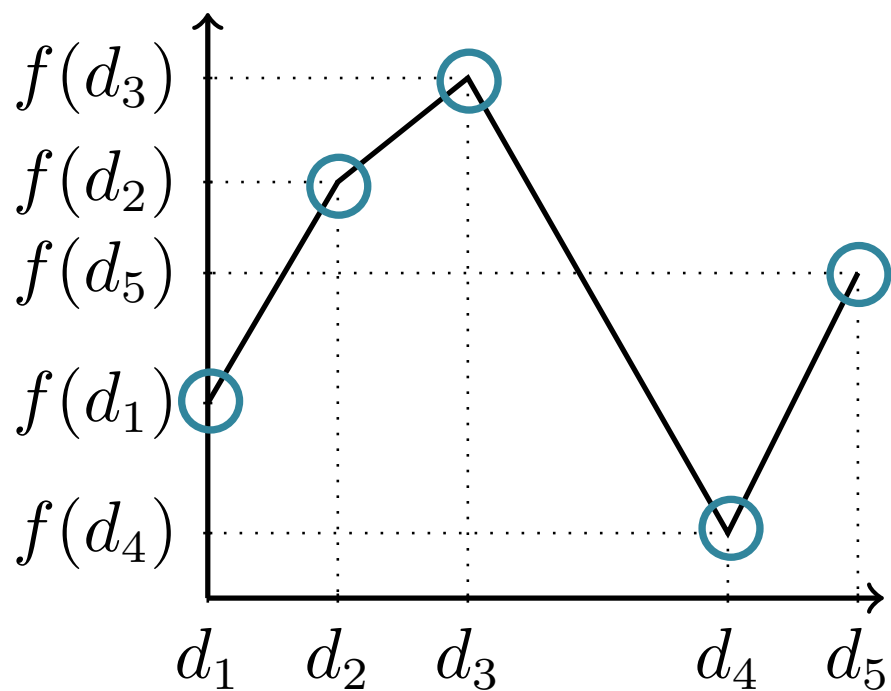
$$0 \leq \lambda_3 \leq y_2 + y_3$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_4 \leq y_3 + y_4$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_5 \leq y_4$$

# Advanced Formulation for Univariate Functions

$$z = f(x)$$



Size =  $O(\log_2 \# \text{ of segments})$

Ideal: Integral Extreme Points

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^5 \begin{pmatrix} d_j \\ f(d_j) \end{pmatrix} \lambda_j$$

$$1 = \sum_{j=1}^5 \lambda_j, \quad \lambda_j \geq 0$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^2$$

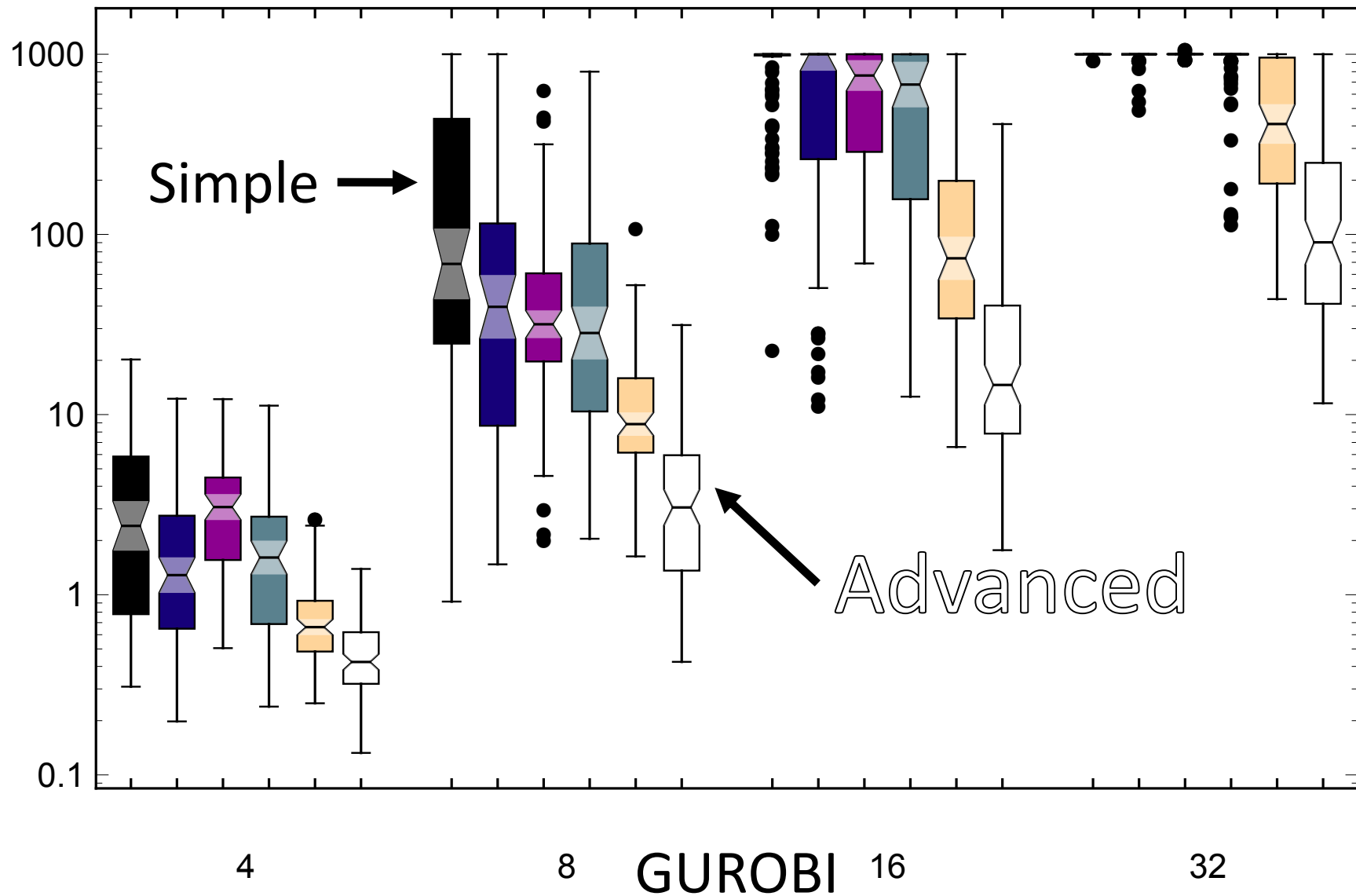
$$0 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_5 \leq 1 - y_1$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_3 \leq y_1$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 \leq 1 - y_2$$

$$0 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq y_2$$

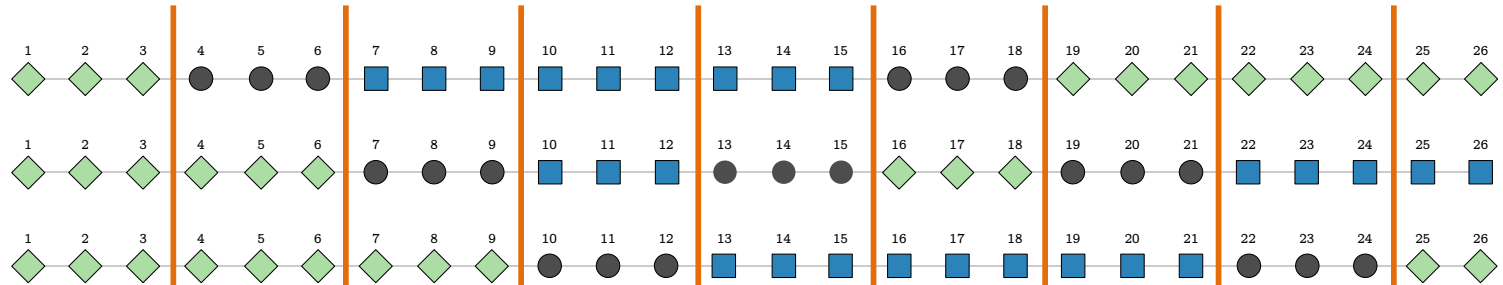
# Formulation Improvements can be Significant



**Can we do even better?**

Yes, by focusing on branching

## SOS2 on Blocks of 3



Cover arcs  
between  
adjacent  
blocks of 3

