

Problem: find  $m^* = \arg \min m^T A m$  with  $\delta > 0$   
 $|A m - e_i| \leq \delta$

$$e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$A \in S_n^+$  (psd).

$m \in \mathbb{R}_n$  ( $U^T U = I_n$ ).

Note  $A = U D U^T$  the SVD of  $A$  with  $U$  orthogonal

$D$  diagonal:  $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$

Note  $r$  the rank of  $D$  (so that  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r > 0$   
 $\lambda_{r+1}, \dots, \lambda_n = 0$ ).

The problem is equivalent to finding

$$\tilde{m} = \arg \min \tilde{m}^T D \tilde{m} \quad \text{where } \tilde{B} \leq \tilde{e}_i$$

$$|\tilde{B} m - \tilde{e}_i| \leq \delta$$

$$B = U D$$

And the solutions are related by  $m^* = U \tilde{m}$

Initialization: start with a feasible  $m$ .

Update: - Loop over  $j \in \{1, n\}$  to update  $m_j$  as follows.

$$c = B_{-j} m_{-j} + B_j m_j$$

note  $b = B_j$ ,  $e = e_i$

feasibility set for  $m_j$  for constraint  $j'$  is  $|c_{j'} + m b_{j'} - e_{j'}| \leq \delta$

And hence constraint set is  $\mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{j'} \left[ \frac{e_{j'} - c_{j'} - \delta}{b_{j'}}, \frac{e_{j'} - c_{j'} + \delta}{b_{j'}} \right]$

$$= \left[ \max_{j'} \left( \frac{e_{j'} - c_{j'}}{b_{j'}} - \delta \right), \min_{j'} \left( \frac{e_{j'} - c_{j'}}{b_{j'}} + \delta \right) \right]$$

with the convention  $\frac{x}{0} = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \\ -\infty & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}_-^* \end{cases}$

the updated value of  $m_j$  is then  $P_{\mathcal{C}}(0)$  (projection of 0 on the set  $\mathcal{C}$ , as 0 is the unconstrained solution).

- Iterate until convergence.