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# License agreement

Before using the MOSEK software, please read the license agreement available in the distribution at mosek\6\license.pdf

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# Chapter 1

# Changes and new features in MOSEK

The section presents improvements and new features added to MOSEK in version 6.0.

### 1.1 Compilers used to build MOSEK

MOSEK has been build with the compiler shown in Table 1.1.

Platform	C compiler
linux32x86	Intel C 11.0 (gcc 4.3, glibc 2.3.4)
linux64x86	Intel C 11.0 (gcc 4.3, glibc 2.3.4)
osx32x86	Intel C 11.1 (gcc 4.0)
osx64x86	Intel C 11.1 (gcc 4.0)
solaris32x86	Sun Studio 12
solaris64x86	Sun Studio 12
win32x86	Intel C 11.0 (VS 2005)
win64x86	Intel C 11.0 (VS 2005)

Table 1.1: Compiler version used to build MOSEK

# 1.2 General changes

- A problem analyzer is now available. It generates an simple report with of statistics and information about the optimization problem and relevant warnings about the problem formulation are included.
- A solution analyzer is now available.

- All timing measures are now wall clock times
- MOSEK employs version 1.2.3 of the zlib library.
- MOSEK employs version 11.6.1 of the FLEXnet licensing tools.
- The convexity of quadratic and quadratic constrained optimization is checked explicitly.
- On Windows all DLLs and EXEs are now signed.
- On all platforms the Jar files are signed.
- MOSEK no longer deals with ctrl-c. The user is responsible for terminating MOSEK in the callback.

### 1.3 Optimizers

#### 1.3.1 Interior point optimizer

- The speed and stability of interior-point optimizer for linear problems has been improved.
- The speed and stability of the interior-point optimizer for conic problems has been improved. In particular, it is much better at dealing with primal or dual infeasible problems.

### 1.3.2 The simplex optimizers

Presolve is now much more effective for simplex optimizers hot-starts.

#### 1.3.3 Mixed-integer optimizer

• The stopping criteria for the mixed-integer optimizer have been changed to conform better with industry standards.

# 1.4 License system

- The license conditions have been relaxed, so that a license is shared among all tasks using a single environment. This means that running several optimizations in parallel will only consume one license, as long as the associated tasks share a single MOSEK environment. Please note this is NOT useful when using the MATLAB parallel toolbox.
- By default a license remains checked out for the lifetime of the environment. This behavior can be changed using the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_LICENSE.
- Flexlm has been upgraded to version 11.6 from version 11.4.

### 1.5 Other changes

• The documentation has been improved.

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### 1.6 Interfaces

• The AMPL interface has been augmented so it is possible to pass an initial (feasible) integer solution to mixed-integer optimizer.

• The AMPL interface is now capable of reading the constraint and variable names if they are avialable.

### 1.7 Platform changes

- MAC OSX on the PowerPC platform is no longer supported.
- Solaris on the SPARC platform is no longer supported.
- $\bullet$  MAC OSX is supported on Intel 64 bit X86 i.e. osx64x86.
- Add support for MATLAB R2009b.

# Chapter 2

# The MOSEK optimization tools

#### 2.1 What is MOSEK

MOSEK is a software package for solving mathematical optimization problems.

The core of MOSEK consists of a number of optimizers that can solve various optimization problems. The problem clases MOSEK is designed to solve are:

- Linear problems.
- Conic quadratic problems. (also known as second order optimization).
- General convex problems. In particular, MOSEK is wellsuited for:
  - Convex quadratic problems.
  - Convex quadratically constrained problems.
  - Geometric problems (posynomial case).
- Integer problems, i.e. problems where some of the variables are constrained to integer values.

These problem classes can be solved using an appropriate optimizer built into MOSEK:

- Interior-point optimizer for all continuous problems.
- Primal or dual simplex optimizer for linear problems.
- Conic interior-point optimizer for conic quadratic problems.
- Mixed-integer optimizer based on a branch and cut technology.

All the optimizers available in MOSEK are built for solving large-scale sparse problems and have been extensively tuned for stability and performance.

#### 2.1.1 Interfaces

There are several ways to interface with MOSEK:

- Files:
  - MPS format: MOSEK reads the industry standard MPS file format for specifying (mixed integer) linear optimization problems. Moreover an MPS file can also be used to specify quadratic, quadratically constrained, and conic optimization problems.
  - LP format: MOSEK can read and write the CPLEX LP format with some restrictions.
  - OPF format: MOSEK also has its own text based format called OPF. The format is closely related to the LP but is much more robust in its specification
- APIs: MOSEK can also invoked from various programming languages.
  - C/C++,
  - C# (plus other .NET languages),
  - Delphi,
  - Java and
  - Python.
- Thrid party programs:
  - AMPL: MOSEK can easily be used from the modeling language AMPL¹ which is a high-level modeling language that makes it possible to formulate optimization problems in a language close to the original "pen and paper" model formulation.
  - MATLAB: When using the MOSEK optimization toolbox for Matlab the functionality of MOSEK can easily be used within MATLAB.

#### 2.2 How to use this manual

This manual consists of two parts each consisting of several chapters.

The first part consists of the Chapters 4 to 14 and is a User's guide which provides a quick introduction to the usage of MOSEK. The last part consists of appendixes A - I is a reference manual for the MOSEK command line tool, file formats and parameters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See http://www.ampl.com for further information.

# Chapter 3

# Getting support and help

# 3.1 MOSEK documentation

For an overview of the available MOSEK documentation please see mosek\6\help\index.html in the distribution.

### 3.2 Additional reading

In this manual it is assumed that the reader is familiar with mathematics and in particular mathematical optimization. Some introduction to linear programming is found in books such as "Linear programming" by Chvátal [12] or "Computer Solution of Linear Programs" by Nazareth [18]. For more theoretical aspects see e.g. "Nonlinear programming: Theory and algorithms" by Bazaraa, Shetty, and Sherali [10]. Finally, the book "Model building in mathematical programming" by Williams [22] provides an excellent introduction to modeling issues in optimization.

Another useful resource is "Mathematical Programming Glossary" available at http://glossary.computing.society.informs.org

# Chapter 4

# Using the MOSEK command line tool

This chapter introduces the MOSEK command line tool which allows the user to solve optimization problems specified in a text file. The main reasons to use the command line tool are

- to solve small problems by hand, and
- as a debugging tool for large problems generated by other programs.

### 4.1 Getting started

The syntax for the mosek command line tool is

```
mosek [options] filename
```

[options] are some options which modify the behavior of MOSEK such as whether the optimization problem is minimized or maximized. filename is the name of the file which contains the problem data. E.g the

```
mosek -min afiro.mps
```

command line tells MOSEK to read data from the afiro.mps file and to minimize the objective function.

By default the solution to the optimization problem is stored in the files afiro.sol and afiro.bas. The .sol and .bas files contains the interior and basis solution respectively. For problems with integer variables the solution is written to a file with the extension .int.

For a complete list of command line parameters type

mosek -h

or see Appendix A.

### 4.2 Examples

Using several examples we will subsequently demonstrate how to use the MOSEK command line tool.

#### 4.2.1 Linear optimization

A linear optimization problem is a problem where a linear objective function is optimized subject to linear constraints. An example of a linear optimization problem is

minimize 
$$-10x_1$$
  $-9x_2$ ,  
subject to  $7/10x_1$  +  $1x_2$   $\leq 630$ ,  
 $1/2x_1$  +  $5/6x_2$   $\leq 600$ ,  
 $1x_1$  +  $2/3x_2$   $\leq 708$ ,  
 $1/10x_1$  +  $1/4x_2$   $\leq 135$ ,  
 $x_1$ ,  $x_2$   $\geq 0$ .  $(4.1)$ 

The solution of the example (4.1) using MOSEK consists of three steps:

- Creating an input file describing the problem.
- Optimizing the problem using MOSEK.
- Viewing the solution reports.

The input file for MOSEK is a plain text file containing a description of the problem and it must be in either the MPS, the LP, or the OPF format. Below we present the example encoded as an OPF file:

```
[comment]
 Example lo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]
[hints]
 # Give a hint about the size of the different elements in the problem.
 # These need only be estimates, but in this case they are exact.
  [hint NUMVAR] 2 [/hint]
  [hint NUMCON] 4 [/hint]
  [hint NUMANZ] 8 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables]
 # All variables that will appear in the problem
 x1 x2
[/variables]
[objective minimize 'obj']
  - 10 x1 - 9 x2
[/objective]
```

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#### [constraints]

```
[con 'c1'] 0.7 x1 + x2 <= 630 [/con]

[con 'c2'] 0.5 x1 + 0.8333333333 x2 <= 600 [/con]

[con 'c3'] x1 + 0.666666667 x2 <= 708 [/con]

[con 'c4'] 0.1 x1 + 0.25 x2 <= 135 [/con]

[/constraints]
```

#### [bounds]

```
# By default all variables are free. The following line will
# change this to all variables being nonnegative.
[b] 0 <= * [/b]
[/bounds]</pre>
```

For details on the syntax of the OPF format please consult Appendix D.

After the input file has been created, the problem can be optimized. Assuming that the input file has been given the name lol.opf, then the problem is optimized using the command line

```
mosek lo1.opf
```

Two solution report files lol.sol and lol.bas are generated where the first file contains the interior solution and the second file contains the basic solution. In this case the lol.bas file has the format:

NAME : EXAMPLE
PROBLEM STATUS : PRIMAL\_AND\_DUAL\_FEASIBLE
SOLUTION STATUS : OPTIMAL

OBJECTIVE NAME : obj

PRIMAL OBJECTIVE : -7.66799999e+003 DUAL OBJECTIVE : -7.66799999e+003

CONSTR	AINTS					
INDEX	NAME	AT ACTIVITY	LOWER LIMIT	UPPER LIMIT	DUAL LOWER	DUAL UPPER
1	c1	UL 6.3000000e+002	NONE	6.30000000e+002	0.00000000e+000	4.37499996e+000
2	c2	BS 4.80000000e+002	NONE	6.00000000e+002	0.00000000e+000	0.00000000e+000
3	c3	UL 7.08000000e+002	NONE	7.08000000e+002	0.00000000e+000	6.93750003e+000
4	c4	BS 1.17000000e+002	NONE	1.35000000e+002	0.00000000e+000	0.0000000e+000
VARIAB	LES					
INDEX	NAME	AT ACTIVITY	LOWER LIMIT	UPPER LIMIT	DUAL LOWER	DUAL UPPER
1	x1	BS 5.3999998e+002	0.00000000e+000	NONE	0.00000000e+000	0.00000000e+000
2	x2	BS 2.52000001e+002	0.00000000e+000	NONE	0.00000000e+000	0.00000000e+000

The interpretation of the solution file should be obvious. E.g the optimal values of x1 and x2 are 539.99 and 252.00 respectively. A detailed discussion of the solution file format is given in Appendix F.

#### 4.2.2 Quadratic optimization

An example of a quadratic optimization problem is

minimize 
$$x_1^2 + 0.1x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_1x_3 - x_2$$
 subject to  $1 \le x_1 + x_2 + x_3,$  
$$x \ge 0.$$
 (4.2)

The problem is a quadratic optimization problem because all the constraints are linear and the objective can be stated on the form

$$0.5x^TQx + c^Tx \\$$

where in this particular case we have that

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0.2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (4.3)

MOSEK assumes that Q is symmetric and positive semi-definite. If these assumptions are not satisfied, MOSEK will most likely not compute a valid solution. Recall a matrix is symmetric if it satisfies the condition

$$Q = Q^T$$

and it is positive semi-definite if

$$x^T Qx \ge 0$$
, for all  $x$ .

An OPF file specifying the example can have the format:

```
Example qo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]
[hints]
  [hint NUMVAR] 3 [/hint]
  [hint NUMCON] 1 [/hint]
  [hint NUMANZ] 3 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables]
 x1 x2 x3
[/variables]
[objective minimize 'obj']
  # The quadratic terms are often multiplied by 1/2,
  # but this is not required.
  - x2 + 0.5 ( 2 x1 ^ 2 - 2 x3 * x1 + 0.2 x2 ^ 2 + 2 x3 ^ 2 )
[/objective]
[constraints]
  [con 'c1'] 1 <= x1 + x2 + x3 [/con]
[/constraints]
[bounds]
  [b] 0 \le * [/b]
[/bounds]
```

Please note that the quadratic terms in objective are stated very naturally in the OPF format as follows

```
- x2 + 0.5 ( 2 x1 ^ 2 - 2 x3 * x1 + 0.2 x2 ^ 2 + 2 x3 ^ 2 )
```

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The example is solved using the

mosek qol.opf

command line. In this case only one solution file named qo1.sol is produced. A .bas file is only produced for linear problems.

#### 4.2.3 Conic optimization

Conic optimization is a generalization of linear optimization which allows the formulation of nonlinear convex optimization problems.

The main idea in conic optimization is to include constraints of the form

$$x^t \in \mathcal{C}$$

in the optimization problem where  $x^t$  consists of a subset of the variables and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex cone. Recall that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex cone if and only if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex set and

$$x \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \alpha x \in \mathcal{C}$$
 for all  $\alpha > 0$ .

MOSEK cannot handle arbitrary conic constraints, only the two types

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \ x_1 \ge \sqrt{\sum_{j=2}^{n+1} x_j^2} \right\}$$
 (4.4)

and

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+2} : \ 2x_1 x_2 \ge \sum_{j=2}^{n+2} x_j^2, \ x_1, x_2 \ge 0 \right\}.$$
 (4.5)

(4.4) is called a quadratic cone whereas (4.5) is called a rotated quadratic cone.

Consider the problem

minimize 
$$1x_1 + 2x_2$$
  
subject to  $\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{2}{x_2} \le 5$ ,  $x \ge 0$  (4.6)

which may not initially look like a conic optimization problem. It can however be reformulated to

minimize 
$$1x_1 + 2x_2$$
  
subject to  $2x_3 + 4x_4 = 5$ ,  
 $x_5^2 \le 2x_1x_3$ ,  
 $x_6^2 \le 2x_2x_4$ ,  
 $x_5 = 1$ ,  
 $x_6 = 1$ ,  
 $x > 0$ . (4.7)

Problem (4.6) and problem (4.7) are equivalent because the constraints of (4.7)

$$\frac{x_5^2}{x_1} = \frac{1}{x_1} \le 2x_3 \text{ and } \frac{x_6^2}{x_2} \le \frac{1}{x_2} \le 2x_4$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{2}{x_2} \le 2x_3 + 4x_4 = 5.$$

The problem (4.7) is a conic quadratic optimization problem.

Using the MOSEK OPF format the problem can be represented as follows:

```
[comment]
 Example cqo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]
[hints]
  [hint NUMVAR] 6 [/hint]
  [hint NUMCON] 1 [/hint]
  [hint NUMANZ] 2 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables]
 x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x6
[/variables]
[objective minimize 'obj']
  x1 + 2 x2
[/objective]
[constraints]
  [con 'c1'] 2 x3 + 4 x4 = 5 [/con]
[/constraints]
```

#### [bounds]

# We let all variables default to the positive orthant [b]  $0 \le * [/b]$ 

# ... and change those that differ from the default.

[b] x5, x6 = 1 [/b]

# We define two rotated quadratic cones

```
\# k1: 2 x1 * x3 >= x5^2
[cone rquad 'k1'] x1, x3, x5 [/cone]
\# k2: 2 x2 * x4 >= x6^2
[cone rquad 'k2'] x2, x4, x6 [/cone]
```

For details on the OPF format please consult Appendix D. Finally, the example can be solved using the

```
mosek cqo1.opf
```

command line call and the solution can be studied by inspecting the cqo1.sol file.

Format name	Standard	Read	Write	File type	File extension	Reference
OPF	No	Yes	Yes	ASCII/UTF8	opf	Appendix D
MPS	Yes	Yes	Yes	ASCII	mps	Appendix B
LP	Partially	Yes	Yes	ASCII	lp	Appendix C
OSiL XML	Yes	No	Yes	ASCII/UTF8	xml	Appendix E
Binary task format	No	Yes	Yes	Binary	$\operatorname{mbt}$	

Table 4.1: Supported file formats.

# 4.3 Passing options to the command line tool

It is possible to modify the behavior of MOSEK by setting appropriate parameters. E.g assume that a linear optimization problem should be solved with the primal simplex optimizer rather than the default interior-point optimizer. This is done by setting the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER to the value MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX. To accomplish this append

-d MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX.

to the command line. E.g the command

mosek -d MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX lo1.opf

solves the problem specified by lol.opf using the primal simplex optimizer. For further information on the parameters available in MOSEK please see Appendix H.

# 4.4 Reading and writing problem data files

MOSEK reads and writes problem data files in the formats presented in Table 4.1. The columns of Table 4.1 show:

- The name of the format.
- Whether the format is an industry standard format.
- If the format can be read by MOSEK.
- If the format can be written by MOSEK.
- The generic file type of the format, i.e. ASCII, UTF8, or binary.
- The file extension for the format
- The location of information about the format.

#### 4.4.1 Reading compressed data files

MOSEK can read and write data files compressed with gzip <sup>1</sup>

For mosek to recognize a file as a gzip compressed file it must have the extension .gz. E.g the command

```
mosek myfile.mps.gz
```

will automatically decompress the file while reading it.

#### 4.4.2 Converting from one format and to another

It is possible to use MOSEK to convert a problem file from one format to another. For instance assume the MPS file myprob.mps should be converted to an LP file named myprob.lp. This can be achieved with the command

```
mosek myprob.mps -out myprob.lp -x
```

Converting an MPS file to a LP file and back to an MPS file permutes the rows and columns of the original problem; this has no influence on the problem, but variables and constraints may appear in a different order.

#### 4.5 Hot-start

Often a sequence of closely related optimization problems has to be solved. In such a case it can be expected that a previous optimal solution can serve as a good starting point when the modified problem is optimized.

Currently, only the simplex optimizer and the mixed-integer optimizer in MOSEK can exploit a guess for the optimal solution. The simplex optimizer can exploit an arbitrary guess for the optimal solution whereas the mixed-integer optimizer requires a feasible integer solution. For both the simplex optimizer and the mixed-integer optimizer it holds that if the guess is good then the optimizer may be able to reduce the solution time significantly when exploiting the guess.

#### 4.5.1 An example

Assume that the example

minimize 
$$c_1x_1 -9x_2$$
,  
subject to  $7/10x_1 + 1x_2 \le 630$ ,  
 $1/2x_1 + 5/6x_2 \le 600$ ,  
 $1x_1 + 2/3x_2 \le 708$ ,  
 $1/10x_1 + 1/4x_2 \le 135$ ,  
 $x_1$ ,  $x_2 \ge 0$ .  $(4.8)$ 

should be solved for  $c_1$  identical to -5 and -10. Clearly, a solution for one  $c_1$  value will also be feasible for another value. Therefore, it might be worthwhile to exploit the previous optimal solution when reoptimizing the problem.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>gzip is a public domain compression format. For further details about gzip consult http://www.gzip.org

Assume that two MPS files have been created each corresponding to one of the  $c_1$  values then the commands<sup>2</sup>

```
mosek lo1.mps -baso .\lo1.bas
mosek lo1-b.mps -basi .\lo1.bas -baso .\lo1-b.bas
-d MSK_IPAR_OPTIMIZER MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX
```

demonstrates how to exploit the previous optimal solution in the second optimization.

In the first line MOSEK optimizes the first version of the optimization problem where  $c_1$  is identical to -10. The -baso .\lo1.bas command line option makes sure that the optimal basic solution is written to the file .\lo1.bas.

In the second line the second instance of the problem is optimized. The -basi .\lo1.bas command line option forces MOSEK to read the previous optimal solution which MOSEK will try to exploit automatically. The -baso .\lo1-b.bas command line option makes sure that the optimal basic solution is written to the .\lo1-b.bas file. Finally, the

```
-d MSK_IPAR_OPTIMIZER MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX
```

command line option makes sure that the primal simplex optimizer is used for the reoptimization. This is important because the interior-point optimizer used by default does not exploit a previous optimal solution.

#### 4.6 Further information

Additional information about the MOSEK command line tool is available in Appendix A.

### 4.7 Solution file filtering

The MOSEK solution files can be very space consuming for large problems. One way to cut down the solution file size is only to include variables which optimal value is in a certain interesting range i.e [0.01, 0.99]. This can be done by setting the MOSEK parameters

```
MSK_SPAR_SOL_FILTER_XX_LOW 0.01
MSK_SPAR_SOL_FILTER_XX_UPR 0.99
```

For further details consult the parameters MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_LOW and MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_UPR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The second line should not be broken into two separate lines.

# Chapter 5

# MOSEK and AMPL

AMPL is a modeling language for specifying linear and nonlinear optimization models in a natural way. AMPL also makes it easy to solve the problem and e.g. display the solution or part of it.

We will not discuss the specifics of the AMPL language here but instead refer the reader to [13] and the AMPL website <a href="http://www.ampl.com">http://www.ampl.com</a>.

AMPL cannot solve optimization problems by itself but requires a link to an appropriate optimizer such as MOSEK. The MOSEK distribution includes an AMPL link which makes it possible to use MOSEK as an optimizer within AMPL.

### 5.1 Invoking the AMPL shell

The MOSEK distribution by default comes with the AMPL shell installed. To invoke the AMPL shell type:

mampl

# 5.2 Applicability

It is possible to specify problems in AMPL that cannot be solved by MOSEK. The optimization problem must be a smooth convex optimization problem as discussed in Section 9.4.

# 5.3 An example

In many instances, you can successfully apply MOSEK simply by specifying the model and data, setting the solver option to MOSEK, and typing solve. First to invoke the AMPL shell type:

#### mampl

when the AMPL shell has started type the commands:

```
ampl: model diet.mod;
ampl: data diet.dat;
```

Value	Message
0	the solution is optimal.
100	suboptimal primal solution.
101	superoptimal (dual feasible) solution.
150	the solution is near optimal.
200	primal infeasible problem.
300	dual infeasible problem.
400	too many iterations.
500	solution status is unknown.
501	ill-posed problem, solution status is unknown.
$\geq 501$	The value - 501 is a MOSEK response code.
	See Appendix I.40 for all MOSEK response codes.

Table 5.1: Interpretation of solve\_result\_num.

```
ampl: option solver mosek;
ampl: solve;
The resulting output is:
MOSEK finished.
Problem status - PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE
Solution status - OPTIMAL
Primal objective - 14.8557377
Dual objective - 14.8557377
Objective = Total_Cost
```

# 5.4 Determining the outcome of an optimization

The AMPL parameter solve\_result\_num is used to indicate the outcome of the optimization process. It is used as follows

```
ampl: display solve_result_num
```

Please refer to table 5.1 for possible values of this parameter.

# 5.5 Optimizer options

#### 5.5.1 The MOSEK parameter database

The MOSEK optimizer has options and parameters controlling such things as the termination criterion and which optimizer is used. These parameters can be modified within AMPL as shown in the example below:

```
ampl: model diet.mod;
ampl: data diet.dat;
```

```
ampl: option solver mosek;
ampl: option mosek_options
ampl? 'msk_ipar_optimizer = msk_optimizer_primal_simplex \
ampl? msk_ipar_sim_max_iterations = 100000';
ampl: solve;
```

In the example above a string called mosek\_options is created which contains the parameter settings. Each parameter setting has the format

```
parameter name = value
```

where "parameter name" can be any valid MOSEK parameter name. See Appendix H for a description of all valid MOSEK parameters.

An alternative way of specifying the options is

```
ampl: option mosek_options
ampl? 'msk_ipar_optimizer = msk_optimizer_primal_simplex'
ampl? ' msk_ipar_sim_max_iterations = 100000';
```

New options can also be appended to an existing option string as shown below

```
ampl: option mosek_options $mosek_options
ampl? ' msk_ipar_sim_print_freq = 0 msk_ipar_sim_max_iterations = 1000';
```

The expression \$mosek\_options expands to the current value of the option. Line two in the example appends an additional value msk\_ipar\_sim\_max\_iterations to the option string.

#### 5.5.2 Options

#### 5.5.2.1 outlev

MOSEK also recognizes the outlev option which controls the amount of printed output. 0 means no printed output and a higher value means more printed output. An example of setting outlev is as follows:

```
ampl: option mosek_options 'outlev=2';
```

#### 5.5.2.2 wantsol

MOSEK recognize the option wantsol. We refer the reader to the AMPL manual [13] for details about this option.

#### 5.6 Constraint and variable names

AMPL assigns meaningfull names to all the constraints and variables. Since MOSEK uses item names in error and log messages, it may be useful to pass the AMPL names to MOSEK. Using the command

```
ampl: option mosek_auxfiles rc;
before the
```

solve;

command makes MOSEK obtain the constraint and variable names automatically.

#### 5.7 Which solution is returned to AMPL

The MOSEK optimizer can produce three types of solutions: basic, integer, and interior point solutions. For nonlinear problems only an interior solution is available. For linear optimization problems optimized by the interior-point optimizer with basis identification turned on both a basic and an interior point solution are calculated. The simplex algorithm produces only a basic solution. Whenever both an interior and a basic solution are available, the basic solution is returned. For problems containing integer variables, the integer solution is returned to AMPL.

#### 5.8 Hot-start

Frequently, a sequence of optimization problems is solved where each problem differs only slightly from the previous problem. In that case it may be advantageous to use the previous optimal solution to hot-start the optimizer. Such a facility is available in MOSEK only when the simplex optimizer is used.

The hot-start facility exploits the AMPL variable suffix sstatus to communicate the optimal basis back to AMPL, and AMPL uses this facility to communicate an initial basis to MOSEK. The following example demonstrates this feature.

```
ampl: model diet.mod;
ampl: data diet.dat;
ampl: option solver mosek;
ampl: option mosek_options
ampl? 'msk_ipar_optimizer = msk_optimizer_primal_simplex outlev=2';
ampl: solve;
ampl: display Buy.sstatus;
ampl: solve;
The resulting output is:
Accepted: msk_ipar_optimizer
                                             = MSK OPTIMIZER PRIMAL SIMPLEX
Accepted: outlev
Computer
           - Platform
                                   : Linux/64-X86
Computer
          - CPU type
                                   : Intel-P4
MOSEK
           - task name
MOSEK
           - objective sense
                                   : min
                                   : LO (linear optimization problem)
MOSEK
          - problem type
          - constraints
MOSEK
                                   : 7
                                                       variables
                                                                              : 9
           - integer variables
MOSEK
                                   : 0
Optimizer started.
Simplex optimizer started.
Presolve started.
Linear dependency checker started.
Linear dependency checker terminated.
Presolve - Stk. size (kb) : 0
Eliminator - tries
                                   : 0
                                                       time
                                                                              : 0.00
Eliminator - elim's
                                   : 0
Lin. dep. - tries
                                                                              : 0.00
                                   : 1
                                                       time
```

```
Lin. dep. - number
                                   : 0
Presolve terminated. Time: 0.00
Primal simplex optimizer started.
Primal simplex optimizer setup started.
Primal simplex optimizer setup terminated.
Optimizer - solved problem
                                : the primal
Optimizer - constraints
Optimizer - hotstart
                                   : 7
                                                       variables
                                                                              : 9
                                   : no
                                                                   DOBJ
ITER
         DEGITER(%) PFEAS
                                 DFEAS
                                             POBJ
                                                                                        TIME
                                                                                                  TOTTIME
                1.40e+03
         0.00
                                             1.2586666667e+01
                                                                   NA
                                                                                        0.00
                                                                                                  0.01
                                 NA
         0.00
                     0.00e+00
                                             1.4855737705e+01
                                                                                        0.00
                                                                                                  0.01
                                 NΑ
                                                                   NA
Primal simplex optimizer terminated.
Simplex optimizer terminated. Time: 0.00.
Optimizer terminated. Time: 0.01
Return code - 0 [MSK_RES_OK]
MOSEK finished.
Problem status : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE
Solution status : OPTIMAL
Primal objective : 14.8557377
Dual objective : 14.8557377
Objective = Total_Cost
Buy.sstatus [*] :=
'Quarter Pounder w/ Cheese' bas
  'McLean Deluxe w/ Cheese' low
                  'Big Mac' low
              Filet-O-Fish low
        'McGrilled Chicken' low
             'Fries, small' bas
         'Sausage McMuffin' low
           '1% Lowfat Milk' bas
             'Orange Juice' low
                                             = MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX
Accepted: msk_ipar_optimizer
Accepted: outlev
Basic solution
Problem status : UNKNOWN
Solution status : UNKNOWN
Primal - objective: 1.4855737705e+01
                                      eq. infeas.: 3.97e+03 max bound infeas.: 2.00e+03
Dual - objective: 0.0000000000e+00
                                      eq. infeas.: 7.14e-01 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00
Computer
                                 : Linux/64-X86
         - Platform
Computer - CPU type
                                  : Intel-P4
MOSEK
          - task name
          - objective sense
MOSEK
                                 : min
          - problem type
MOSEK
                                   : LO (linear optimization problem)
          - constraints
MOSEK
                                   : 7
                                                       variables
                                                                              : 9
MOSEK
          - integer variables
                                   : 0
Optimizer started.
```

Simplex optimizer started.

```
Presolve started.
Presolve - Stk. size (kb) : 0
Eliminator - tries
                                                                            : 0.00
                                                      time
Eliminator - elim's
                                  : 0
Lin. dep. - tries
                                  : 0
                                                      time
                                                                            : 0.00
Lin. dep. - number
                                  : 0
Presolve terminated. Time: 0.00
Primal simplex optimizer started.
Primal simplex optimizer setup started.
Primal simplex optimizer setup terminated.
Optimizer - solved problem : the primal
Optimizer - constraints
                                                                            : 9
                                                      variables
                                  : 7
Optimizer - hotstart
                                 : yes
Optimizer - Num. basic
                                                                           : 7
                                 : 7
                                                     Basis rank
Optimizer - Valid bas. fac.
                                 : no
ITER
         DEGITER(%) PFEAS
                               DFEAS
                                           POBJ
                                                                 DOBJ
                                                                                      TIME
                                                                                                TOTTIME
                                           1.4855737705e+01
                                                                                                0.01
         0.00
                   0.00e+00
                              NA
                                                                 NA
                                                                                      0.00
         0.00
                   0.00e+00 NA
                                           1.4855737705e+01
                                                                                      0.00
                                                                                                0.01
                                                                 NA
Primal simplex optimizer terminated.
Simplex optimizer terminated. Time: 0.00.
Optimizer terminated. Time: 0.01
Return code - 0 [MSK_RES_OK]
MOSEK finished.
Problem status
                 : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE
                : OPTIMAL
Solution status
Primal objective : 14.8557377
```

Please note that the second solve takes fewer iterations since the previous optimal basis is reused.

#### 5.9 Conic constraints

: 14.8557377

Dual objective

Objective = Total\_Cost

AMPL does not support conic constraints. It is of course possible to specify the conic quadratic constraint

$$x \ge ||z||$$

in AMPL but it will be treated as a general nonlinear constraint. MOSEK cannot analyze the nonlinear constraints and discover that such a constraint is actually quadratic cone constraint. Therefore, an explicit method for specifying a conic constraints are needed.

The AMPL example

The idea of the MOSEK specific extension is to use a variable suffix named **cone** to specify the index of the cone that variable is member of. If a variable is not a member of a cone, then **cone** suffix of the variable should not be specified. Alternatively the cone suffix can be set to 0. The **cone** suffix should be negative if the variable is on the left side of

$$x \geq ||z||$$
.

For each cone there should be at least one variable having a negative cone suffix and at most two variable can have negative cone suffix. If two variables have negative cone suffix, then a rotated quadratic cone is specified. Hence,

```
let y.cone := -1;
let x.cone := -1;
let z.cone := 1;
```

is the same as the rotated quadratic cone constraint

$$2xy \ge z^2$$
 and  $x, y \ge 0$ .

Finally, some observations about the MOSEK specific conic extension to AMPL are:

- A cone can contain as many variables as desired.
- A problem can contain any mixture of quadratic and rotated quadratic cones.
- The problem can contain any number cones.
- Currently, dual variables associated with constraints is not available in AMPL.
- Is is important that presolve is turned off when a problem has conic constraints because AMPL
  does not take such constraints into account. Hence, leaving the presolve on may lead to incorrect
  results.

## 5.10 Sensitivity analysis

MOSEK can calculate sensitivity information for the objective and constraints. To enable sensitivity information set the option:

```
sensitivity = 1
```

Results are returned in variable/constraint suffixes as follows:

- .down Smallest value of objective coefficient/right hand side before the optimal basis changes.
- .up Largest value of objective coefficient/right hand side before the optimal basis changes.
- .current Current value of objective coefficient/right hand side.

For ranged constraints sensitivity information is returned only for the lower bound.

The example below returns sensitivity information on the diet model.

```
ampl: model diet.mod;
ampl: data diet.dat;
ampl: option solver mosek;
ampl: option mosek_options 'sensitivity=1';
ampl: solve;
#display sensitivity information and current solution.
ampl: display _var.down,_var.current,_var.up,_var;
#display sensitivity information and optimal dual values.
ampl: display _con.down,_con.current,_con.up,_con;
  The resulting output is:
Return code - 0 [MSK_RES_OK]
MOSEK finished.
Problem status : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE
Solution status : OPTIMAL
Primal objective : 14.8557377
Dual objective : 14.8557377
suffix up OUT;
suffix down OUT;
suffix current OUT;
Objective = Total_Cost
                                            _var
                               _var.up
  _var.down _var.current
                                                      :=
   1.37385 1.84
                                  1.86075
                                             4.38525
1
2
  1.8677
                2.19
                          Infinity
                                             0
3
                                             0
  1.82085
                 1.84
                           Infinity
  1.35466 1.44
1.57633 2.29
4
                           Infinity
                                             0
5
                           Infinity
```

```
0.094
6
                   0.77
                                     0.794851
                                                 6.14754
                              Infinity
7
    1.22759
                   1.29
                                                 0
8
    0.57559
                                     0.910769
                                                 3.42213
                   0.6
9
    0.657279
                   0.72
                              Infinity
ampl: display _con.down,_con.current,_con.up,_con;
                                                  _con
      _con.down
                    _con.current
                                     _con.up
                                    3965.37
1
    -Infinity
                          2000
2
          297.6
                          350
                                     375
                                                0.0277049
3
                            55
                                     172.029
                                                0
    -Infinity
4
           63.0531
                           100
                                     195.388
                                                0.0267541
5
                           100
                                     132.213
    -Infinity
                                                0
6
    -Infinity
                           100
                                     234.221
7
            17.6923
                           100
                                     142.821
                                                0.0248361
```

## 5.11 Using the command line version of the AMPL interface

AMPL can generate a data file containing all the optimization problem and all relevant information which can then be read and solved by the MOSEK command line tool.

When the problem has been loaded into AMPL, the commands

```
ampl: option auxfiles rc;
ampl: write bprob;
will make AMPL write the appropriate data files, i.e.
prob.nl
prob.col
prob.row
```

Then the problem can be solved using the command line version of MOSEK as follows

```
mosek prob.nl outlev=10 -a
```

The -a command line option indicates that MOSEK is invoked in AMPL mode. When MOSEK is invoked in AMPL mode the normal MOSEK command line options should appear *after* the -a option except for the file name which should be the first argument. As the above example demonstrates MOSEK accepts command line options as specified by the AMPL "convention". Which command line arguments MOSEK accepts in AMPL mode can be viewed by executing

```
mosek -= -a
```

For linear, quadratic and quadratic constrained problems a text file representation of the problem can be obtained using one of the commands

```
mosek prob.nl -a -x -out prob.mps
mosek prob.nl -a -x -out prob.opf
mosek prob.nl -a -x -out prob.lp
```

# MOSEK and GAMS

It is possible to call MOSEK from the GAMS modeling language . In order to do so a special GAMS/MOSEK link must be obtained from the GAMS Corporation.

# MOSEK and MATLAB

The MOSEK optimization toolbox for MATLAB is an easy to use interface to MOSEK that makes it possible to use MOSEK from within MATLAB.

The optimization toolbox is included in the MOSEK optimization tools distribution. See the separate documentation for the MATLAB toolbox for details.

# Interfaces to MOSEK

## 8.1 The optimizer API

The MOSEK optimizer API is an efficient interface to the optimizers implemented in MOSEK. E.g the interface makes it possible to call the linear optimizer from a C++ or Java program. The optimizer API is available for the languages

- C/C++/Delphi.
- Java.
- .NET (Visual Basic, C#, Managed C++, etc).
- Python.

Further details about the optimizer APIs are available at

 $mosek\6\help\index.html$ 

or online at

http://www.mosek.com/documentation/

# Modelling

In this chapter we will discuss the following issues:

- The formal definitions of the problem types that MOSEK can solve.
- The solution information produced by MOSEK.
- The information produced by MOSEK if the problem is infeasible.
- A set of examples showing different ways of formulating commonly occurring problems so that they can be solved by MOSEK.
- Recommendations for formulating optimization problems.

## 9.1 Linear optimization

A linear optimization problem can be written as

where

- $\bullet$  *m* is the number of constraints.
- $\bullet$  *n* is the number of decision variables.
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of decision variables.
- $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the linear part of the objective function.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the constraint matrix.
- $l^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the lower limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $u^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the upper limit on the activity for the constraints.

- $l^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the lower limit on the activity for the variables.
- $u^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the upper limit on the activity for the variables.

A primal solution (x) is (primal) feasible if it satisfies all constraints in (9.1). If (9.1) has at least one primal feasible solution, then (9.1) is said to be (primal) feasible.

In case (9.1) does not have a feasible solution, the problem is said to be *(primal) infeasible*.

#### 9.1.1 Duality for linear optimization

Corresponding to the primal problem (9.1), there is a dual problem

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{maximize} & (l^c)^T s_l^c - (u^c)^T s_u^c \\ & + (l^x)^T s_l^x - (u^x)^T s_u^x + c^f \\ \text{subject to} & A^T y + s_l^x - s_u^x & = c, \\ & -y + s_l^c - s_u^c & = 0, \\ & s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x \geq 0. \end{array} \tag{9.2}$$

If a bound in the primal problem is plus or minus infinity, the corresponding dual variable is fixed at 0, and we use the convention that the product of the bound value and the corresponding dual variable is 0. E.g.

$$l_i^x = -\infty \implies (s_l^x)_i = 0$$
 and  $l_i^x \cdot (s_l^x)_i = 0$ .

This is equivalent to removing variable  $(s_l^x)_i$  from the dual problem.

A solution

$$(y, s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x)$$

to the dual problem is feasible if it satisfies all the constraints in (9.2). If (9.2) has at least one feasible solution, then (9.2) is (dual) feasible, otherwise the problem is (dual) infeasible.

We will denote a solution

$$(x, y, s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x)$$

so that x is a solution to the primal problem (9.1), and

$$(y, s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{x}, s_{u}^{x})$$

is a solution to the corresponding dual problem (9.2). A solution which is both primal and dual feasible is denoted a *primal-dual feasible solution*.

#### 9.1.1.1 A primal-dual feasible solution

Let

$$(x^*, y^*, (s_l^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*, (s_l^x)^*, (s_u^x)^*)$$

be a primal-dual feasible solution, and let

$$(x^c)^* := Ax^*.$$

For a primal-dual feasible solution we define the *optimality gap* as the difference between the primal and the dual objective value,

$$c^{T}x^{*} + c^{f} - ((l^{c})^{T}s_{l}^{c} - (u^{c})^{T}s_{u}^{c} + (l^{x})^{T}s_{l}^{x} - (u^{x})^{T}s_{u}^{x} + c^{f})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} ((s_{l}^{c})_{i}^{*}((x_{i}^{c})^{*} - l_{i}^{c}) + (s_{u}^{c})_{i}^{*}(u_{i}^{c} - (x_{i}^{c})^{*}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} ((s_{l}^{x})_{j}^{*}(x_{j} - l_{j}^{x}) + (s_{u}^{x})_{j}^{*}(u_{j}^{x} - x_{j}^{*}))$$

$$\geq 0$$

where the first relation can be obtained by multiplying the dual constraints (9.2) by x and  $x^c$  respectively, and the second relation comes from the fact that each term in each sum is nonnegative. It follows that the primal objective will always be greater than or equal to the dual objective.

We then define the *duality gap* as the difference between the primal objective value and the dual objective value, i.e.

$$c^{T}x^{*} + c^{f} - ((l^{c})^{T}s_{l}^{c} - (u^{c})^{T}s_{u}^{c} + (l^{x})^{T}s_{l}^{x} - (u^{x})^{T}s_{u}^{x} + c^{f})$$

Please note that the duality gap will always be nonnegative.

#### 9.1.1.2 An optimal solution

It is well-known that a linear optimization problem has an optimal solution if and only if there exist feasible primal and dual solutions so that the duality gap is zero, or, equivalently, that the *complementarity conditions* 

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} (s_l^c)_i^*((x_i^c)^*-l_i^c) & = & 0, & i=1,\ldots,m, \\ (s_u^c)_i^*(u_i^c-(x_i^c)^*) & = & 0, & i=1,\ldots,m, \\ (s_l^x)_j^*(x_j-l_j^x) & = & 0, & j=1,\ldots,n, \\ (s_u^x)_j^*(u_j^x-x_j^*) & = & 0, & j=1,\ldots,n \end{array}$$

are satisfied.

If (9.1) has an optimal solution and MOSEK solves the problem successfully, both the primal and dual solution are reported, including a status indicating the exact state of the solution.

#### 9.1.1.3 Primal infeasible problems

If the problem (9.1) is infeasible (has no feasible solution), MOSEK will report a certificate of primal infeasibility: The dual solution reported is a certificate of infeasibility, and the primal solution is undefined.

A certificate of primal infeasibility is a feasible solution to the modified dual problem

maximize 
$$(l^c)^T s_l^c - (u^c)^T s_u^c + (l^x)^T s_l^x - (u^x)^T s_u^x$$
  
subject to  $A^T y + s_l^x - s_u^x = 0,$   
 $-y + s_l^c - s_u^c = 0,$   
 $s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x \ge 0.$  (9.3)

so that the objective is strictly positive, i.e. a solution

$$(y^*, (s_l^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*, (s_l^x)^*, (s_u^x)^*)$$

to (9.3) so that

$$(l^c)^T (s_l^c)^* - (u^c)^T (s_u^c)^* + (l^x)^T (s_l^x)^* - (u^x)^T (s_u^x)^* > 0.$$

Such a solution implies that (9.3) is unbounded, and that its dual is infeasible.

We note that the dual of (9.3) is a problem which constraints are identical to the constraints of the original primal problem (9.1): If the dual of (9.3) is infeasible, so is the original primal problem.

#### 9.1.1.4 Dual infeasible problems

If the problem (9.2) is infeasible (has no feasible solution), MOSEK will report a certificate of dual infeasibility: The primal solution reported is a certificate of infeasibility, and the dual solution is undefined.

A certificate of dual infeasibility is a feasible solution to the problem

minimize 
$$c^T x$$
  
subject to  $Ax - x^c = 0$ ,  
 $\bar{l}^c \le x^c \le \bar{u}^c$ ,  
 $\bar{l}^x \le x \le \bar{u}^x$  (9.4)

where

$$\bar{l}_i^c = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & \text{if } l_i^c > -\infty, \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{u}_i^c := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & \text{if } u_i^c < \infty, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

and

$$\bar{l}_j^x = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } l_j^x > -\infty, \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{u}_j^x := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u_j^x < \infty, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

so that the objective value  $c^T x$  is negative. Such a solution implies that (9.4) is unbounded, and that the dual of (9.4) is infeasible.

We note that the dual of (9.4) is a problem which constraints are identical to the constraints of the original dual problem (9.2): If the dual of (9.4) is infeasible, so is the original dual problem.

#### 9.1.2 Primal and dual infeasible case

In case that both the primal problem (9.1) and the dual problem (9.2) are infeasible, MOSEK will report only one of the two possible certificates — which one is not defined (MOSEK returns the first certificate found).

## 9.2 Quadratic and quadratically constrained optimization

A convex quadratic optimization problem is an optimization problem of the form

minimize 
$$\frac{1}{2}x^{T}Q^{o}x + c^{T}x + c^{f}$$
subject to 
$$l_{k}^{c} \leq \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Q^{k}x + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1}a_{k,i}x_{j} \leq u_{k}^{c}, \quad k = 0, \dots, m-1,$$

$$l^{x} \leq x \leq u^{x}, \quad j = 0, \dots, n-1,$$

$$(9.5)$$

where the convexity requirement implies that

- $Q^o$  is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix.
- If  $l_k^c = -\infty$ , then  $Q^k$  is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix.

- If  $u_k^c = \infty$ , then  $Q^k$  is a symmetric negative semi-definite matrix.
- If  $l_k > -\infty$  and  $u_k^k < \infty$ , then  $Q^k$  is a zero matrix.

The convexity requirement is very important and it is strongly recommended that MOSEK is applied to convex problems only.

#### 9.2.1 A general recommendation

Any convex quadratic optimization problem can be reformulated as a conic optimization problem. It is our experience that for the majority of practical applications it is better to cast them as conic problems because

- the resulting problem is convex by construction, and
- the conic optimizer is more efficient than the optimizer for general quadratic problems.

See Section 9.3.3.1 for further details.

#### 9.2.2 Reformulating as a separable quadratic problem

The simplest quadratic optimization problem is

minimize 
$$1/2x^TQx + c^Tx$$
  
subject to  $Ax = b$ ,  $x \ge 0$ .  $(9.6)$ 

The problem (9.6) is said to be a separable problem if Q is a diagonal matrix or, in other words, if the quadratic terms in the objective all have this form

 $x_i^2$ 

instead of this form

$$x_j x_i$$
.

The separable form has the following advantages:

- It is very easy to check the convexity assumption, and
- the simpler structure in a separable problem usually makes it easier to solve.

It is well-known that a positive semi-definite matrix Q can always be factorized, i.e. a matrix F exists so that

$$Q = F^T F. (9.7)$$

In many practical applications of quadratic optimization F is known explicitly; e.g. if Q is a covariance matrix, F is the set of observations producing it.

Using (9.7), the problem (9.6) can be reformulated as

minimize 
$$1/2y^T I y + c^T x$$
  
subject to  $Ax = b$ ,  
 $Fx - y = 0$ ,  
 $x > 0$ . (9.8)

The problem (9.8) is also a quadratic optimization problem and has more constraints and variables than (9.6). However, the problem is separable. Normally, if F has fewer rows than columns, it is worthwhile to reformulate as a separable problem. Indeed consider the extreme case where F has one dense row and hence Q will be a dense matrix.

The idea presented above is applicable to quadratic constraints too. Now, consider the constraint

$$1/2x^T(F^TF)x \le b \tag{9.9}$$

where F is a matrix and b is a scalar. (9.9) can be reformulated as

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1/2y^TIy & \leq & b, \\ Fx - y & = & 0. \end{array}$$

It should be obvious how to generalize this idea to make any convex quadratic problem separable.

Next, consider the constraint

$$1/2x^T(D+F^TF)x \le b$$

where D is a positive semi-definite matrix, F is a matrix, and b is a scalar. We assume that D has a simple structure, e.g. that D is a diagonal or a block diagonal matrix. If this is the case, it may be worthwhile performing the reformulation

$$1/2((x^TDx) + y^TIy) \leq b,$$
  
$$Fx - y = 0.$$

Now, the question may arise: When should a quadratic problem be reformulated to make it separable or near separable? The simplest rule of thumb is that it should be reformulated if the number of non-zeros used to represent the problem decreases when reformulating the problem.

## 9.3 Conic optimization

Conic optimization can be seen as a generalization of linear optimization. Indeed a conic optimization problem is a linear optimization problem plus a constraint of the form

$$x \in \mathcal{C}$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a convex cone. A complete conic problem has the form

minimize 
$$c^T x + c^f$$
  
subject to  $l^c \le Ax \le u^c$ ,  
 $l^x \le x \le u^x$ , (9.10)

The cone C can be a Cartesian product of p convex cones, i.e.

$$C = C_1 \times \cdots \times C_p$$

in which case  $x \in \mathcal{C}$  can be written as

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), x_1 \in C_1, \dots, x_n \in C_n$$

where each  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^{n_t}$ . Please note that the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a cone itself, so simple linear variables are still allowed.

MOSEK supports only a limited number of cones, specifically

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \times \cdot \times \mathcal{C}_p$$

where each  $C_t$  has one of the following forms

• R set:

$$\mathcal{C}_t = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} \}.$$

• Quadratic cone:

$$C_t = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : x_1 \ge \sqrt{\sum_{j=2}^{n^t} x_j^2} \right\}.$$

• Rotated quadratic cone:

$$C_t = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : 2x_1 x_2 \ge \sum_{j=3}^{n^t} x_j^2, \ x_1, x_2 \ge 0 \right\}.$$

Although these cones may seem to provide only limited expressive power they can be used to model a large range of problems as demonstrated in Section 9.3.3.

#### 9.3.1 Duality for conic optimization

The dual problem corresponding to the conic optimization problem (9.10) is given by

maximize 
$$(l^{c})^{T} s_{l}^{c} - (u^{c})^{T} s_{u}^{c}$$

$$+ (l^{x})^{T} s_{l}^{x} - (u^{x})^{T} s_{u}^{x} + c^{f}$$
subject to 
$$A^{T} y + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} + s_{n}^{x} = c,$$

$$-y + s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c} = 0,$$

$$s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{x}, s_{u}^{x} \geq 0,$$

$$s_{n}^{x} \in \mathcal{C}^{*}$$

$$(9.11)$$

where the dual cone  $C^*$  is a product of the cones

$$\mathcal{C}^* = \mathcal{C}_1^* \times \cdots \mathcal{C}_n^*$$

where each  $C_t^*$  is the dual cone of  $C_t$ . For the cone types MOSEK can handle, the relation between the primal and dual cone is given as follows:

•  $\mathbb{R}$  set:

$$C_t = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} \right\} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad C_t^* := \left\{ s \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : \ s = 0 \right\}.$$

• Quadratic cone:

$$\mathcal{C}_t := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : x_1 \ge \sqrt{\sum_{j=2}^{n^t} x_j^2} \right\} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{C}_t^* = \mathcal{C}_t.$$

• Rotated quadratic cone:

$$\mathcal{C}_t := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : 2x_1 x_2 \ge \sum_{j=3}^{n^t} x_j^2, \ x_1, x_2 \ge 0 \right\}. \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{C}_t^* = \mathcal{C}_t.$$

Please note that the dual problem of the dual problem is identical to the original primal problem.

### 9.3.2 Infeasibility

In case MOSEK finds a problem to be infeasible it reports a certificate of the infeasibility. This works exactly as for linear problems (see Sections 9.1.1.3 and 9.1.1.4).

#### 9.3.3 Examples

This section contains several examples of inequalities and problems that can be cast as conic optimization problems.

#### 9.3.3.1 Quadratic objective and constraints

From Section 9.2.2 we know that any convex quadratic problem can be stated on the form

minimize 
$$0.5 ||Fx||^2 + c^T x$$
,  
subject to  $0.5 ||Gx||^2 + a^T x \le b$ , (9.12)

where F and G are matrices and c and a are vectors. For simplicity we assume that there is only one constraint, but it should be obvious how to generalize the methods to an arbitrary number of constraints.

Problem (9.12) can be reformulated as

minimize 
$$0.5 ||t||^2 + c^T x$$
,  
subject to  $0.5 ||z||^2 + a^T x \le b$ ,  
 $Fx - t = 0$ ,  
 $Gx - z = 0$  (9.13)

after the introduction of the new variables t and z. It is easy to convert this problem to a conic quadratic optimization problem, i.e.

minimize 
$$v + c^T x$$
,  
subject to  $p + a^T x = b$ ,  
 $Fx - t = 0$ ,  
 $Gx - z = 0$ ,  
 $w = 1$ ,  
 $q = 1$ ,  
 $||t||^2 \le 2vw$ ,  $v, w \ge 0$ ,  
 $||z||^2 \le 2pq$ ,  $p, q \ge 0$ . (9.14)

In this case we can model the last two inequalities using rotated quadratic cones.

If we assume that F is a non-singular matrix — e.g. a diagonal matrix — then

$$x = F^{-1}t$$

and hence we can eliminate x from the problem to obtain:

minimize 
$$v + c^T F^{-1}t$$
,  
subject to  $p + a^T F^{-1}t = b$ ,  
 $GF^{-1}t - z = 0$ ,  
 $w = 1$ ,  
 $q = 1$ ,  
 $||t||^2 \le 2vw, v, w \ge 0$ ,  
 $||z||^2 \le 2pq, p, q \ge 0$ . (9.15)

In most cases MOSEK performs this reduction automatically during the presolve phase before the optimization is performed.

#### 9.3.3.2 Minimizing a sum of norms

The next example is the problem of minimizing a sum of norms, i.e. the problem

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} ||x^{i}||$$
 subject to 
$$Ax = b,$$
 (9.16)

where

$$x := \left[ \begin{array}{c} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^k \end{array} \right].$$

This problem is equivalent to

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} z_{i}$$
subject to 
$$Ax = b,$$

$$\|x^{i}\| \leq z_{i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k,$$

$$(9.17)$$

which in turn is equivalent to

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} z_{i}$$
subject to 
$$Ax = b,$$

$$(z_{i}, x^{i}) \in C_{i}, \qquad i = 1, \dots, k$$

$$(9.18)$$

where all  $C_i$  are of the quadratic type, i.e.

$$C_i := \left\{ (z_i, x^i) : \ z_i \ge \left\| x^i \right\| \right\}.$$

The dual problem corresponding to (9.18) is

maximize 
$$b^T y$$
  
subject to  $A^T y + s = c$ ,  
 $t_i = 1, i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  
 $(t_i, s^i) \in \mathcal{C}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  
$$(9.19)$$

where

$$s := \left[ \begin{array}{c} s^1 \\ \vdots \\ s^k \end{array} \right].$$

This problem is equivalent to

maximize 
$$b^T y$$
  
subject to  $A^T y + s = c$ ,  $\|s^i\|_2^2 \le 1$ ,  $i = 1, ..., k$ . 
$$(9.20)$$

Please note that in this case the dual problem can be reduced to an "ordinary" convex quadratically constrained optimization problem due to the special structure of the primal problem. In some cases it turns out that it is much better to solve the dual problem (9.19) rather than the primal problem (9.18).

#### 9.3.3.3 Modelling polynomial terms using conic optimization

Generally an arbitrary polynomial term of the form

$$fx^g$$

cannot be represented with conic quadratic constraints, however in the following we will demonstrate some special cases where it is possible.

A particular simple polynomial term is the reciprocal, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{x}$$
.

Now, a constraint of the form

$$\frac{1}{x} \le y$$

where it is required that x > 0 is equivalent to

$$1 \le xy$$
 and  $x > 0$ 

which in turn is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
z & = & \sqrt{2}, \\
z^2 & < & 2xy.
\end{array}$$

The last formulation is a conic constraint plus a simple linear equality.

E.g., consider the problem

minimize 
$$c^T x$$
  
subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{f_j}{x_j} \leq b$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,

where it is assumed that  $f_j > 0$  and b > 0. This problem is equivalent to

minimize 
$$c^T x$$
  
subject to 
$$\sum_{j=1}^n f_j z_j = b,$$

$$v_j = \sqrt{2}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$v_j^2 \leq 2z_j x_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$x, z \geq 0,$$

$$(9.21)$$

because

$$v_j^2 = 2 \le 2z_j x_j$$

implies that

$$\frac{1}{x_j} \le z_j \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f_j}{x_j} \le \sum_{j=1}^n f_j z_j = b.$$

The problem (9.21) is a conic quadratic optimization problem having n 3-dimensional rotated quadratic cones.

The next example is the constraint

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sqrt{x} & \geq & |t|, \\ x & \geq & 0, \end{array}$$

where both t and x are variables. This set is identical to the set

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
t^2 & \leq & 2xz, \\
z & = & 0.5, \\
x, z, & > & 0.
\end{array} \tag{9.22}$$

Occasionally, when modeling the market impact term in portfolio optimization, the polynomial term  $x^{\frac{3}{2}}$  occurs. Therefore, consider the set defined by the inequalities

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
x^{1.5} & \leq & t, \\
0 & \leq & x.
\end{array} \tag{9.23}$$

We will exploit that  $x^{1.5} = x^2/\sqrt{x}$ . First define the set

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
x^2 & \leq & 2st, \\
s, t & \geq & 0.
\end{array}$$
(9.24)

Now, if we can make sure that

$$2s \leq \sqrt{x}$$

then we have the desired result since this implies that

$$x^{1.5} = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}} \le \frac{x^2}{2s} \le t.$$

Please note that s can be chosen freely and that  $\sqrt{x} = 2s$  is a valid choice.

Let

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
x^2 & \leq & 2st, \\
w^2 & \leq & 2vr, \\
x & = & v, \\
s & = & w, \\
r & = & \frac{1}{8}, \\
s, t, v, r & \geq & 0,
\end{array} \tag{9.25}$$

then

$$s^{2} = w^{2}$$

$$\leq 2vr$$

$$= \frac{v}{4}$$

$$= \frac{x}{4}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x^2 & \leq & 2st, \\ & \leq & 2\sqrt{\frac{x}{4}}t \end{array}$$

leading to the conclusion that

$$x^{1.5} \le t$$
.

(9.25) is a conic reformulation which is equivalent to (9.23). Please note that the  $x \ge 0$  constraint does not appear explicitly in (9.24) and (9.25), but implicitly since  $x = v \ge 0$ .

As we shall see next, any polynomial term of the form  $x^g$  where g is a positive rational number can be represented using conic quadratic constraints [2, pp. 12-13], [11].

#### 9.3.3.4 Optimization with rational polynomials

We next demonstrate how to model convex polynomial constraints of the form  $x^{p/q} \le t$  (where p and q are both positive integers) as a set of rotated quadratic cone constraints.

Following Ben-Tal et al. [11, p. 105] we use an intermediate result, namely that the set

$$\{s \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}^{2^l}_+ \mid s \le (2^{l2^{l-1}} y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{2^l})^{1/2^l}\}$$

is convex and can be represented as a set of rotated quadratic cone constraints. To see this, we rewrite the condition (exemplified for l = 3),

$$s \le \left(2^{12} \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 \cdot y_3 \cdot y_4 \cdot y_5 \cdot y_6 \cdot y_7 \cdot y_8\right)^{1/8} \tag{9.26}$$

as

$$s^{8} \leq \left(2^{12} \cdot y_{1} \cdot y_{2} \cdot y_{3} \cdot y_{4} \cdot y_{5} \cdot y_{6} \cdot y_{7} \cdot y_{8}\right) \tag{9.27}$$

since all  $y_i \geq 0$ . We next introduce l levels of auxiliary variables and (rotated cone) constraints

$$y_{11}^2 \le 2y_1 y_2, \quad y_{12}^2 \le 2y_3 y_4, \quad y_{13}^2 \le 2y_5 y_6, \quad y_{14}^2 \le 2y_7 y_8,$$
 (9.28)

$$y_{21}^2 \le 2y_{11}y_{12}, \quad y_{22}^2 \le 2y_{13}y_{14},$$
 (9.29)

and finally

$$s^2 \le 2y_{21}y_{22}.\tag{9.30}$$

By simple substitution we see that (9.30) and (9.27) are equivalent, and since (9.30) involves only a set of simple rotated conic constraints then the original constraint (9.26) can be represented using only rotated conic constraints.

#### 9.3.3.5 Convex increasing power functions

Using the intermediate result in section 9.3.3.4 we can include convex power functions with positive rational powers, i.e., constraints of the form

$$x^{p/q} \le t, \quad x \ge 0$$

where p and q are positive integers and  $p/q \ge 1$ . For example, consider the constraints

$$x^{5/3} < t, \quad x > 0.$$

We rewrite it as

$$x^8 < x^3 t^3, \quad x > 0$$

which in turn is equivalent to

$$x^8 \le 2^{12}y_1y_2\cdots y_8$$
,  $x = y_1 = y_2 = y_3$ ,  $y_4 = y_5 = y_6 = t$ ,  $y_6 = 1$ ,  $y_7 = 2^{-12}$ ,  $x, y_i \ge 0$ ,

i.e., it can be represented as a set of rotated conic and linear constraints using the reformulation above.

For general p and q we choose l as the smallest integer such that  $p \leq 2^l$  and we construct the problem as

$$x^{2^{l}} \le 2^{l2^{l-1}} y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{2^{l}}, \quad x, y_i \ge 0,$$

with the first  $2^l - p$  elements of y set to x, the next q elements set to t, and the product of the remaining elements as  $1/2^{l2^{l-1}}$ , i.e.,

$$x^{2^l} \le x^{2^l - p} t^q, \quad x \ge 0 \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad x^{p/q} \le t, \quad x \ge 0.$$

#### 9.3.3.6 Decreasing power functions

We can also include decreasing power functions with positive rational powers

$$x^{-p/q} < t, \quad x > 0$$

where p and q are positive integers. For example, consider

$$x^{-5/2} < t, \quad x > 0,$$

or equivalently

$$1 \le x^5 t^2, \quad x \ge 0,$$

which, in turn, can be rewritten as

$$s^8 \le 2^{12}y_1y_2\cdots y_8$$
,  $s = 2^{3/2}$ ,  $y_1 = \cdots = y_5 = x$ ,  $y_6 = y_7 = y_8 = t$ ,  $x, y_i \ge 0$ .

For general p and q we choose l as the smallest integer such that  $p + q \leq 2^l$  and we construct the problem as

$$s^{2^l} \le y_1 y_2 \cdots y_{2^l}, \quad y_i \ge 0,$$

with  $s = 2^{l/2}$  and the first p elements of y set to x, the next q elements set to t, and the remaining elements set to 1, i.e.,

$$1 \le x^p t^q, \quad x \ge 0 \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad x^{-p/q} \le t, \quad x \ge 0.$$

#### 9.3.3.7 Minimizing general polynomials

Using the formulations in section 9.3.3.5 and section 9.3.3.6 it is straightforward to minimize general polynomials. For example, we can minimize

$$f(x) = x^2 + x^{-2}$$

which is used in statistical matching. We first formulate the problem

minimize 
$$u + v$$
  
subject to  $x^2 \le u$   
 $x^{-2} \le v$ ,

which is equivalent to the quadratic conic optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & u+v\\ \text{subject to} & x^2 \leq 2uw\\ & s^2 \leq 2y_{21}y_{22}\\ & y_{21}^2 \leq 2y_{1}y_{2}\\ & y_{22}^2 \leq 2y_{3}y_{4}\\ & w=1\\ & s=2^{3/4}\\ & y_1=y_2=x\\ & y_3=v\\ & y_4=1 \end{array}$$

in the variables  $(x, u, v, w, s, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_{21}, y_{22})$ .

#### 9.3.3.8 Further reading

If you want to learn more about what can be modeled as a conic optimization problem we recommend the references [2, 11, 16].

#### 9.3.4 Potential pitfalls in conic optimization

While a linear optimization problem either has a bounded optimal solution or is infeasible, the conic case is not as simple as that.

#### 9.3.4.1 Non-attainment in the primal problem

Consider the example

minimize 
$$z$$
  
subject to  $2yz \ge x^2$ ,  
 $x = \sqrt{2}$ ,  
 $y,z \ge 0$ ,  $(9.31)$ 

which corresponds to the problem

minimize 
$$\frac{1}{y}$$
 subject to  $y \ge 0$ .  $(9.32)$ 

Clearly, the optimal objective value is zero but it is never attained because implicitly we assume that the optimal y is finite.

#### 9.3.4.2 Non-attainment in the dual problem

Next, consider the example

minimize 
$$x_4$$
  
subject to  $x_3 + x_4 = 1$ ,  
 $x_1 = 0$ ,  
 $x_2 = 1$ ,  
 $2x_1x_2 \ge x_3^2$ ,  
 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$ ,  $(9.33)$ 

which has the optimal solution

$$x_1^* = 0, \ x_2^* = 1, \ x_3^* = 0 \text{ and } x_4^* = 1$$

implying that the optimal primal objective value is 1.

Now, the dual problem corresponding to (9.33) is

maximize 
$$y_1 + y_3$$
  
subject to  $y_2 + s_1 = 0$ ,  
 $y_3 + s_2 = 0$ ,  
 $y_1 + s_3 = 0$ ,  
 $y_1 = 1$ ,  
 $2s_1s_2 \geq s_3^2$ ,  
 $s_1, s_2 \geq 0$ . (9.34)

Therefore,

$$y_1^* = 1$$

and

$$s_3^* = -1.$$

This implies that

$$2s_1^*s_2^* \ge (s_3^*)^2 = 1$$

and hence  $s_2^* > 0$ . Given this fact we can conclude that

$$y_1^* + y_3^* = 1 - s_2^* < 1$$

implying that the optimal dual objective value is 1, however, this is never attained. Hence, no primal-dual bounded optimal solution with zero duality gap exists. Of course it is possible to find a primal-dual feasible solution such that the duality gap is close to zero, but then  $s_1^*$  will be similarly large. This is likely to make the problem (9.33) hard to solve.

An inspection of the problem (9.33) reveals the constraint  $x_1 = 0$ , which implies that  $x_3 = 0$ . If we either add the redundant constraint

$$x_3 = 0$$

to the problem (9.33) or eliminate  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  from the problem it becomes easy to solve.

## 9.4 Nonlinear convex optimization

MOSEK is capable of solving smooth (twice differentiable) convex nonlinear optimization problems of the form

minimize 
$$f(x) + c^T x$$
subject to 
$$g(x) + Ax - x^c = 0,$$

$$l^c \leq x^c \leq u^c,$$

$$l^x \leq x \leq u^x,$$

$$(9.35)$$

where

- $\bullet$  m is the number of constraints.
- $\bullet$  *n* is the number of decision variables.
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of decision variables.
- $x^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is a vector of constraints or slack variables.
- $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the linear part objective function.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the constraint matrix.
- $l^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the lower limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $u^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the upper limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $l^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the lower limit on the activity for the variables.
- $u^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the upper limit on the activity for the variables.
- $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a nonlinear function.
- $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is a nonlinear vector function.

This means that the *i*th constraint has the form

$$l_i^c \le g_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i,j} x_j \le u_i^c$$

when the  $x_i^c$  variable has been eliminated.

The linear term Ax is not included in g(x) since it can be handled much more efficiently as a separate entity when optimizing.

The nonlinear functions f and g must be smooth in all  $x \in [l^x; u^x]$ . Moreover, f(x) must be a convex function and  $g_i(x)$  must satisfy

$$\begin{array}{ccc} l_i^c = -\infty & \Rightarrow & g_i(x) & \text{is convex,} \\ u_i^c = \infty & \Rightarrow & g_i(x) & \text{is concave,} \\ -\infty < l_i^c \leq u_i^c < \infty & \Rightarrow & g_i(x) = 0. \end{array}$$

#### 9.4.1 Duality

So far, we have not discussed what happens when MOSEK is used to solve a primal or dual infeasible problem. In the following section these issues are addressed.

Similar to the linear case, MOSEK reports dual information in the general nonlinear case. Indeed in this case the Lagrange function is defined by

$$\begin{array}{lcl} L(x^c,x,y,s^c_l,s^c_u,s^x_l,s^x_u) &:= & f(x)+c^Tx+c^f\\ & -y^T(Ax+g(x)-x^c)\\ & -(s^c_l)^T(x^c-l^c)-(s^c_u)^T(u^c-x^c)\\ & -(s^x_l)^T(x-l^x)-(s^x_u)^T(u^x-x). \end{array}$$

and the dual problem is given by

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & L(x^c, x, y, s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x) \\ \text{subject to} & \nabla_{(x^c, x)} L(x^c, x, y, s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x) & = & 0, \\ & s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x \geq 0. \end{array}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{maximize} & f(x) - y^T g(x) - x^T (\nabla f(x)^T - \nabla g(x)^T y) \\ & + ((l^c)^T s_l^c - (u^c)^T s_u^c + (l^x)^T s_l^x - (u^x)^T s_u^x + c^f \\ \text{subject to} & -\nabla f(x)^T + A^T y + \nabla g(x)^T y + s_l^x - s_u^x & = c, \\ & -y + s_l^c - s_u^c & = 0, \\ & s_l^c, s_u^c, s_l^x, s_u^x \geq 0. \end{array} \tag{9.36}$$

#### 9.5 Recommendations

Often an optimization problem can be formulated in several different ways, and the exact formulation used may have a significant impact on the solution time and the quality of the solution. In some cases the difference between a "good" and a "bad" formulation means the ability to solve the problem or not.

Below is a list of several issues that you should be aware of when developing a good formulation.

- 1. Sparsity is very important. The constraint matrix A is assumed to be a sparse matrix, where sparse means that it contains many zeros (typically less than 10% non-zeros). Normally, when A is sparser, less memory is required to store the problem and it can be solved faster.
- 2. Avoid large bounds as these can introduce all sorts of numerical problems. Assume that a variable  $x_i$  has the bounds

$$0.0 \le x_i \le 1.0e16.$$

The number 1.0e16 is large and it is very likely that the constraint  $x_j \leq 1.0e16$  is non-binding at optimum, and therefore that the bound 1.0e16 will not cause problems. Unfortunately, this is a naïve assumption because the bound 1.0e16 may actually affect the presolve, the scaling, the computation of the dual objective value, etc. In this case the constraint  $x_j \geq 0$  is likely to be sufficient, i.e. 1.0e16 is just a way of representing infinity.

3. Avoid large penalty terms in the objective, i.e. do not have large terms in the linear part of the objective function. They will most likely cause numerical problems.

4. On a computer all computations are performed in finite precision, which implies that

$$1 = 1 + \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is about  $10^{-16}$ . This means that the results of all computations are truncated and therefore causing rounding errors. The upshot is that very small numbers and very large numbers should be avoided, e.g. it is recommended that all elements in A either are zero or belong to the interval  $[10^{-6}, 10^6]$ . The same holds for the bounds and the linear objective.

- 5. Decreasing the number of variables or constraints does not *necessarily* make it easier to solve a problem. In certain cases, i.e. in nonlinear optimization, it may be a good idea to introduce more constraints and variables if it makes the model separable. Furthermore, a big but sparse problem may be advantageous compared to a smaller but denser problem.
- 6. Try to avoid linearly dependent rows among the linear constraints. Network flow problems and multi-commodity network flow problems, for example, often contain one or more linearly dependent rows.
- 7. Finally, it is recommended to consult some of the papers about preprocessing to get some ideas about efficient formulations. See e.g. [3, 4, 14, 15].

#### 9.5.1 Avoid near infeasible models

Consider the linear optimization problem

minimize subject to 
$$x + y \le 10^{-10} + \alpha$$
,  $1.0e4x + 2.0e4y \ge 10^{-6}$ ,  $(9.37)$ 

Clearly, the problem is feasible for  $\alpha = 0$ . However, for  $\alpha = -1.0e - 10$  the problem is infeasible. This implies that an insignificant change in the right side of the constraints makes the problem status switch from feasible to infeasible. Such a model should be avoided.

## 9.6 Examples continued

#### 9.6.1 The absolute value

Assume that we have a constraint for the form

$$|f^T x + g| \le b \tag{9.38}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector of variables, and  $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $g, b \in \mathbb{R}$  are constants.

It is easy to verify that the constraint (9.38) is equivalent to

$$-b \le f^T x + g \le b \tag{9.39}$$

which is a set of ordinary linear inequality constraints.

Please note that equalities involving an absolute value such as

$$|x| = 1$$

cannot be formulated as a linear or even a as convex nonlinear optimization problem. It requires integer constraints.

#### 9.6.2 The Markowitz portfolio model

In this section we will show how to model several versions of the Markowitz portfolio model using conic optimization.

The Markowitz portfolio model deals with the problem of selecting a portfolio of assets, i.e. stocks, bonds, etc. The goal is to find a portfolio such that for a given return the risk is minimized. The assumptions are:

- A portfolio can consist of n traded assets numbered  $1, 2, \ldots$  held over a period of time.
- $w_j^0$  is the initial holding of asset j where  $\sum_j w_j^0 > 0$ .
- $r_j$  is the return on asset j and is assumed to be a random variable. r has a known mean  $\bar{r}$  and covariance  $\Sigma$ .

The variable  $x_j$  denotes the amount of asset j traded in the given period of time and has the following meaning:

- If  $x_j > 0$ , then the amount of asset j is increased (by purchasing).
- If  $x_j < 0$ , then the amount of asset j is decreased (by selling).

The model deals with two central quantities:

• Expected return:

$$E[r^{T}(w^{0} + x)] = \bar{r}^{T}(w^{0} + x).$$

• Variance (Risk):

$$V[r^{T}(w^{0} + x)] = (w^{0} + x)^{T} \Sigma (w^{0} + x).$$

By definition  $\Sigma$  is positive semi-definite and

where L is **any** matrix such that

$$\Sigma = LL^T$$

A low rank of  $\Sigma$  is advantageous from a computational point of view. A valid L can always be computed as the Cholesky factorization of  $\Sigma$ .

#### 9.6.2.1 Minimizing variance for a given return

In our first model we want to minimize the variance while selecting a portfolio with a specified expected target return t. Additionally, the portfolio must satisfy the budget (self-financing) constraint asserting that the total amount of assets sold must equal the total amount of assets purchased. This is expressed in the model

minimize 
$$V[r^T(w^0 + x)]$$
  
subject to  $E[r^T(w^0 + x)] = t$ ,  $e^T x = 0$ , (9.40)

where  $e := (1, ..., 1)^T$ . Using the definitions above this may be formulated as a quadratic optimization problem:

minimize 
$$(w^0 + x)^T \Sigma (w^0 + x)$$
  
subject to  $\bar{r}^T (w^0 + x) = t,$   
 $e^T x = 0.$  (9.41)

#### 9.6.2.2 Conic quadratic reformulation

An equivalent conic quadratic reformulation is given by:

minimize 
$$f$$
  
subject to  $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}(w^0 + x) - g = 0,$   
 $\bar{r}^T(w^0 + x) = t,$   
 $e^T x = 0,$   
 $f \ge ||g||.$  (9.42)

Here we minimize the standard deviation instead of the variance. Please note that  $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}$  can be replaced by any matrix L where  $\Sigma = LL^T$ . A low rank L is computationally advantageous.

#### 9.6.2.3 Transaction costs with market impact term

We will now expand our model to include transaction costs as a fraction of the traded volume. [1, pp. 445-475] argues that transaction costs can be modeled as follows

commission + 
$$\frac{\text{bid}}{\text{ask}}$$
 - spread +  $\theta \sqrt{\frac{\text{trade volume}}{\text{daily volume}}}$ , (9.43)

and that it is important to incorporate these into the model.

In the following we deal with the last of these terms denoted the *market impact term*. If you sell (buy) a lot of assets the price is likely to go down (up). This can be captured in the market impact term

$$\theta \sqrt{\frac{\text{trade volume}}{\text{daily volume}}} \approx m_j \sqrt{|x_j|}.$$

The  $\theta$  and "daily volume" have to be estimated in some way, i.e.

$$m_j = \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{\text{daily volume}}}$$

has to be estimated. The market impact term gives the cost as a fraction of daily traded volume  $(|x_j|)$ . Therefore, the total cost when trading an amount  $x_j$  of asset j is given by

$$|x_i|(m_i|x_i|^{\frac{1}{2}}).$$

This leads us to the model:

minimize 
$$f$$
  
subject to  $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}(w^0 + x) - g = 0,$   
 $\bar{r}^T(w^0 + x) = t,$   
 $e^T x + e^T y = 0,$   
 $|x_j|(m_j|x_j|^{\frac{1}{2}}) \leq y_j,$   
 $f \geq ||g||.$  (9.44)

Now, defining the variable transformation

$$y_j = m_j \bar{y}_j$$

we obtain

minimize 
$$f$$
  
subject to  $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}(w^0 + x) - g = 0,$   
 $\bar{r}^T(w^0 + x) = t,$   
 $e^T x + m^T \bar{y} = 0,$   
 $|x_j|^{3/2} \leq \bar{y}_j,$   
 $f \geq ||g||.$  (9.45)

As shown in Section 9.3.3.3 the set

$$|x_j|^{3/2} \le \bar{y}_j$$

can be modeled by

#### 9.6.2.4 Further reading

For further reading please see [17] in particular, and [20] and [1], which also contain relevant material.

# The optimizers for continuous problems

The most essential part of MOSEK is the optimizers. Each optimizer is designed to solve a particular class of problems i.e. linear, conic, or general nonlinear problems. The purpose of the present chapter is to discuss which optimizers are available for the continuous problem classes and how the performance of an optimizer can be tuned, if needed.

This chapter deals with the optimizers for *continuous problems* with no integer variables.

## 10.1 How an optimizer works

When the optimizer is called, it roughly performs the following steps:

**Presolve:** Preprocessing to reduce the size of the problem.

**Dualizer:** Choosing whether to solve the primal or the dual form of the problem.

Scaling: Scaling the problem for better numerical stability.

**Optimize:** Solve the problem using selected method.

The first three preprocessing steps are transparent to the user, but useful to know about for tuning purposes. In general, the purpose of the preprocessing steps is to make the actual optimization more efficient and robust.

#### 10.1.1 Presolve

Before an optimizer actually performs the optimization the problem is preprocessed using the so-called presolve. The purpose of the presolve is to

- remove redundant constraints.
- eliminate fixed variables,
- remove linear dependencies,

- substitute out free variables, and
- reduce the size of the optimization problem in general.

After the presolved problem has been optimized the solution is automatically postsolved so that the returned solution is valid for the original problem. Hence, the presolve is completely transparent. For further details about the presolve phase, please see [3, 4].

It is possible to fine-tune the behavior of the presolve or to turn it off entirely. If presolve consumes too much time or memory compared to the reduction in problem size gained it may be disabled. This is done by setting the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_USE to MSK\_PRESOLVE\_MODE\_OFF.

The two most time-consuming steps of the presolve are

- the eliminator, and
- the linear dependency check.

Therefore, in some cases it is worthwhile to disable one or both of these.

#### 10.1.1.1 Eliminator

The purpose of the eliminator is to eliminate free and implied free variables from the problem using substitution. For instance, given the constraints

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y & = & \sum_j x_j, \\ y, x & \geq & 0, \end{array}$$

y is an implied free variable that can be substituted out of the problem, if deemed worthwhile.

If the eliminator consumes too much time or memory compared to the reduction in problem size gained it may be disabled. This can be done with the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIMINATOR\_USE to MSK\_OFF.

#### 10.1.1.2 Linear dependency checker

The purpose of the linear dependency check is to remove linear dependencies among the linear equalities. For instance, the three linear equalities

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1,$$
  
 $x_1 + 0.5x_2 = 0.5,$   
 $0.5x_2 + x_3 = 0.5$ 

contain exactly one linear dependency. This implies that one of the constraints can be dropped without changing the set of feasible solutions. Removing linear dependencies is in general a good idea since it reduces the size of the problem. Moreover, the linear dependencies are likely to introduce numerical problems in the optimization phase.

It is best practise to build models without linear dependencies. If the linear dependencies are removed at the modeling stage, the linear dependency check can safely be disabled by setting the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LINDEP\_USE to MSK\_OFF.

#### 10.1.2 Dualizer

All linear, conic, and convex optimization problems have an equivalent dual problem associated with them. MOSEK has built-in heuristics to determine if it is most efficient to solve the primal or dual problem. The form (primal or dual) solved is displayed in the MOSEK log. Should the internal heuristics not choose the most efficient form of the problem it may be worthwhile to set the dualizer manually by setting the parameters:

- MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_SOLVE\_FORM: In case of the interior-point optimizer.
- MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SOLVE\_FORM: In case of the simplex optimizer.

Note that currently only linear problems may be dualized.

#### 10.1.3 Scaling

Problems containing data with large and/or small coefficients, say 1.0e+9 or 1.0e-7, are often hard to solve. Significant digits may be truncated in calculations with finite precision, which can result in the optimizer relying on inaccurate calculations. Since computers work in finite precision, extreme coefficients should be avoided. In general, data around the same "order of magnitude" is preferred, and we will refer to a problem, satisfying this loose property, as being well-scaled. If the problem is not well scaled, MOSEK will try to scale (multiply) constraints and variables by suitable constants. MOSEK solves the scaled problem to improve the numerical properties.

The scaling process is transparent, i.e. the solution to the original problem is reported. It is important to be aware that the optimizer terminates when the termination criterion is met on the scaled problem, therefore significant primal or dual infeasibilities may occur after unscaling for badly scaled problems. The best solution to this problem is to reformulate it, making it better scaled.

By default MOSEK heuristically chooses a suitable scaling. The scaling for interior-point and simplex optimizers can be controlled with the parameters

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_SCALING and MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SCALING

respectively.

#### 10.1.4 Using multiple CPU's

The interior-point optimizers in MOSEK have been parallelized. This means that if you solve linear, quadratic, conic, or general convex optimization problem using the interior-point optimizer, you can take advantage of multiple CPU's.

By default MOSEK uses one thread to solve the problem, but the number of threads (and thereby CPUs) employed can be changed by setting the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_NUM\_THREADS This should never exceed the number of CPU's on the machine.

The speed-up obtained when using multiple CPUs is highly problem and hardware dependent, and consequently, it is advisable to compare single threaded and multi threaded performance for the given problem type to determine the optimal settings.

For small problems, using multiple threads will probably not be worthwhile.

# 10.2 Linear optimization

## 10.2.1 Optimizer selection

Two different types of optimizers are available for linear problems: The default is an interior-point method, and the alternatives are simplex methods. The optimizer can be selected using the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER.

## 10.2.2 The interior-point optimizer

The purpose of this section is to provide information about the algorithm employed in MOSEK interior-point optimizer.

In order to keep the discussion simple it is assumed that MOSEK solves linear optimization problems on standard form

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax & = & b, \\ & x \geq 0. & \end{array} \tag{10.1}$$

This is in fact what happens inside MOSEK; for efficiency reasons MOSEK converts the problem to standard form before solving, then convert it back to the input form when reporting the solution.

Since it is not known beforehand whether problem (10.1) has an optimal solution, is primal infeasible or is dual infeasible, the optimization algorithm must deal with all three situations. This is the reason that MOSEK solves the so-called homogeneous model

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
Ax - b\tau & = & 0, \\
A^{T}y + s - c\tau & = & 0, \\
-c^{T}x + b^{T}y - \kappa & = & 0, \\
x, s, \tau, \kappa & \geq & 0,
\end{array}$$
(10.2)

where y and s correspond to the dual variables in (10.1), and  $\tau$  and  $\kappa$  are two additional scalar variables. Note that the homogeneous model (10.2) always has solution since

$$(x, y, s, \tau, \kappa) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

is a solution, although not a very interesting one.

Any solution

$$(x^*, y^*, s^*, \tau^*, \kappa^*)$$

to the homogeneous model (10.2) satisfies

$$x_j^* s_j^* = 0 \text{ and } \tau^* \kappa^* = 0.$$

Moreover, there is always a solution that has the property

$$\tau^* + \kappa^* > 0.$$

First, assume that  $\tau^* > 0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
A \frac{x^*}{\tau^*} & = & b, \\
A^T \frac{y^*}{\tau^*} + \frac{s^*}{\tau^*} & = & c, \\
-c^T \frac{x^*}{\tau^*} + b^T \frac{y^*}{\tau^*} & = & 0, \\
x^*, s^*, \tau^*, \kappa^* & \geq & 0.
\end{array}$$
(10.3)

This shows that  $\frac{x^*}{\tau^*}$  is a primal optimal solution and  $(\frac{y^*}{\tau^*}, \frac{s^*}{\tau^*})$  is a dual optimal solution; this is reported as the optimal interior-point solution since

$$(x, y, s) = \left(\frac{x^*}{\tau^*}, \frac{y^*}{\tau^*}, \frac{s^*}{\tau^*}\right)$$

is a primal-dual optimal solution.

On other hand, if  $\kappa^* > 0$  then

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
Ax^* & = & 0, \\
A^T y^* + s^* & = & 0, \\
-c^T x^* + b^T y^* & = & \kappa^*, \\
x^*, s^*, \tau^*, \kappa^* & \ge & 0.
\end{array}$$
(10.4)

This implies that at least one of

$$-c^T x^* > 0 \tag{10.5}$$

or

$$b^T y^* > 0 \tag{10.6}$$

is satisfied. If (10.5) is satisfied then  $x^*$  is a certificate of dual infeasibility, whereas if (10.6) is satisfied then  $y^*$  is a certificate of dual infeasibility.

In summary, by computing an appropriate solution to the homogeneous model, all information required for a solution to the original problem is obtained. A solution to the homogeneous model can be computed using a primal-dual interior-point algorithm [9].

#### 10.2.2.1 Interior-point termination criterion

For efficiency reasons it is not practical to solve the homogeneous model exactly. Hence, an exact optimal solution or an exact infeasibility certificate cannot be computed and a reasonable termination criterion has to be employed.

In every iteration, k, of the interior-point algorithm a trial solution

$$(x^k, y^k, s^k, \tau^k, \kappa^k)$$

to homogeneous model is generated where

$$x^k, s^k, \tau^k, \kappa^k > 0.$$

Whenever the trial solution satisfies the criterion

$$\left\| A \frac{x^{k}}{\tau^{k}} - b \right\| \leq \varepsilon_{p} (1 + \|b\|), 
\left\| A^{T} \frac{y^{k}}{\tau^{k}} + \frac{s^{k}}{\tau^{k}} - c \right\| \leq \varepsilon_{d} (1 + \|c\|), \text{ and} 
\min \left( \frac{(x^{k})^{T} s^{k} + \tau^{k} \kappa^{k}}{(\tau^{k})^{2}}, \left| \frac{c^{T} x^{k}}{\tau^{k}} - \frac{b^{T} y^{k}}{\tau^{k}} \right| \right) \leq \varepsilon_{g} \max \left( 1, \left| \frac{c^{T} x^{k}}{\tau^{k}} \right| \right),$$
(10.7)

the interior-point optimizer is terminated and

$$\frac{(x^k, y^k, s^k)}{\tau^k}$$

is reported as the primal-dual optimal solution. The interpretation of (10.7) is that the optimizer is terminated if

Tolerance	Parameter name
$\overline{\varepsilon_p}$	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_PFEAS
$arepsilon_d$	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_DFEAS
$\varepsilon_q$	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_REL_GAP
$arepsilon_i$	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_INFEAS

Table 10.1: Parameters employed in termination criterion.

- $\frac{x^k}{\tau^k}$  is approximately primal feasible,
- $\bullet \ \left( \frac{y^k}{\tau^k}, \frac{s^k}{\tau^k} \right)$  is approximately dual feasible, and
- the duality gap is almost zero.

On the other hand, if the trial solution satisfies

$$-\varepsilon_i c^T x^k > \frac{\|c\|}{\max(\|b\|, 1)} \|Ax^k\|$$

$$(10.8)$$

then the problem is declared dual infeasible and  $x^k$  is reported as a certificate of dual infeasibility. The motivation for this stopping criterion is as follows: First assume that  $||Ax^k|| = 0$ ; then  $x^k$  is an exact certificate of dual infeasibility. Next assume that this is not the case, i.e.

$$||Ax^k|| > 0,$$

and define

$$\bar{x} := \varepsilon_i \frac{\max(1, ||b||) x^k}{||Ax^k|| \, ||c||}.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$||A\bar{x}|| = \varepsilon_i \text{ and } -c^T\bar{x} > 1,$$

which shows  $\bar{x}$  is an approximate certificate dual infeasibility where  $\varepsilon_i$  controls the quality of the approximation. A smaller value means a better approximation.

Finally, if

$$\varepsilon_i b^T y^k \ge \frac{\|b\|}{\max(1, \|c\|)} \|A^T y^k + s^k\|$$

$$(10.9)$$

then  $y^k$  is reported as a certificate of primal infeasibility.

It is possible to adjust the tolerances  $\varepsilon_p$ ,  $\varepsilon_d$ ,  $\varepsilon_g$  and  $\varepsilon_i$  using parameters; see table 10.1 for details.

The default values of the termination tolerances are chosen such that for a majority of problems appearing in practice it is not possible to achieve much better accuracy. Therefore, tightening the tolerances usually is not worthwhile. However, an inspection of (10.7) reveals that quality of the solution is dependent on ||b|| and ||c||; the smaller the norms are, the better the solution accuracy.

The interior-point method as implemented by MOSEK will converge toward optimality and primal and dual feasibility at the same rate [9]. This means that if the optimizer is stopped prematurely then it is very unlikely that either the primal or dual solution is feasible. Another consequence is that in most cases all the tolerances,  $\varepsilon_p$ ,  $\varepsilon_d$  and  $\varepsilon_g$ , has to be relaxed together to achieve an effect.

The basis identification discussed in section 10.2.2.2 requires an optimal solution to work well; hence basis identification should turned off if the termination criterion is relaxed.

To conclude the discussion in this section, relaxing the termination criterion is usually is not worthwhile.

#### 10.2.2.2 Basis identification

An interior-point optimizer does not return an optimal basic solution unless the problem has a unique primal and dual optimal solution. Therefore, the interior-point optimizer has an optimal post-processing step that computes an optimal basic solution starting from the optimal interior-point solution. More information about the basis identification procedure may be found in [6].

Please note that a basic solution is often more accurate than an interior-point solution.

By default MOSEK performs a basis identification. However, if a basic solution is not needed, the basis identification procedure can be turned off. The parameters

- MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS,
- MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_MAX\_ITER, and
- MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_NUM\_ERROR

controls when basis identification is performed.

#### 10.2.2.3 The interior-point log

Below is a typical log output from the interior-point optimizer presented:

```
Optimizer - threads
                                     : 1
Optimizer - solved problem
                                     : the dual
Optimizer - constraints
                                     : 2
                                                          variables
Factor
           - setup time
                                     : 0.04
                                                          order time
                                                                                  : 0.00
           - GP order used
                                     : no
                                                                                  : 0.00
Factor
                                                          GP order time
           - nonzeros before factor : 3
                                                          after factor
                                                                                  : 3
Factor
                                                                                  : 1.70e+001
Factor
           - offending columns
                                                          flops
ITE PFEAS
             DFEAS
                      KAP/TAU POBJ
                                                   DOBJ
                                                                               TIME
    2.0e+002 2.9e+001 2.0e+002 -0.000000000e+000 -1.204741644e+003 2.0e+002 0.44
1
    2.2e+001 3.1e+000 7.3e+002 -5.885951891e+003 -5.856764353e+003 2.2e+001 0.57
2
    3.8e+000 5.4e-001 9.7e+001 -7.405187479e+003 -7.413054916e+003 3.8e+000 0.58
    4.0e-002 5.7e-003 2.6e-001 -7.664507945e+003 -7.665313396e+003 4.0e-002 0.58
3
    4.2e-006 6.0e-007 2.7e-005 -7.667999629e+003 -7.667999714e+003 4.2e-006 0.59
4
    4.2 e-010 \ 6.0 e-011 \ 2.7 e-009 \ -7.667999994 e+003 \ -7.667999994 e+003 \ 4.2 e-010 \ 0.59
```

The first line displays the number of threads used by the optimizer and second line tells that the optimizer choose to solve the dual problem rather the primal problem. The next line displays the problem dimensions as seen by the optimizer, and the "Factor..." lines show various statistics. This is followed by the iteration log.

Using the same notation as in section 10.2.2 the columns of the iteration log has the following meaning:

• ITE: Iteration index.

- PFEAS:  $||Ax^k b\tau^k||$ . The numbers in this column should converge monotonically towards to zero.
- DFEAS:  $||A^Ty^k + s^k c\tau^k||$ . The numbers in this column should converge monotonically toward to zero.
- KAP/TAU:  $\kappa^k/\tau^k$ . If the numbers in this column converge toward zero then the problem has an optimal solution. Otherwise if the numbers converge towards infinity, the problem is primal or/and dual infeasible.
- POBJ:  $c^T x^k / \tau^k$ . An estimate for the primal objective value.
- DOBJ:  $b^T y^k / \tau^k$ . An estimate for the dual objective value.
- MU:  $\frac{(x^k)^T s^k + \tau^k \kappa^k}{n+1}$ . The numbers in this column should always converge monotonically to zero.
- TIME: Time spend since the optimization started.

# 10.2.3 The simplex based optimizer

An alternative to the interior-point optimizer is the simplex optimizer.

The simplex optimizer uses a different method that allows exploiting an initial guess for the optimal solution to reduce the solution time. Depending on the problem it may be faster or slower to use an initial guess; see section 10.2.4 for a discussion.

MOSEK provides both a primal and a dual variant of the simplex optimizer — we will return to this later.

#### 10.2.3.1 Simplex termination criterion

The simplex optimizer terminates when it finds an optimal basic solution or an infeasibility certificate. A basic solution is optimal when it is primal and dual feasible; see (9.1) and (9.2) for a definition of the primal and dual problem. Due the fact that to computations are performed in finite precision MOSEK allows violation of primal and dual feasibility within certain tolerances. The user can control the allowed primal and dual infeasibility with the parameters MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_X and MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_S.

#### 10.2.3.2 Starting from an existing solution

When using the simplex optimizer it may be possible to reuse an existing solution and thereby reduce the solution time significantly. When a simplex optimizer starts from an existing solution it is said to perform a *hot-start*. If the user is solving a sequence of optimization problems by solving the problem, making modifications, and solving again, MOSEK will hot-start automatically.

Setting the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER to MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX instructs MOSEK to select automatically between the primal and the dual simplex optimizers. Hence, MOSEK tries to choose the best optimizer for the given problem and the available solution.

By default MOSEK uses presolve when performing a hot-start. If the optimizer only needs very few iterations to find the optimal solution it may be better to turn off the presolve.

#### 10.2.3.3 Numerical difficulties in the simplex optimizers

Though MOSEK is designed to minimize numerical instability, completely avoiding it is impossible when working in finite precision. MOSEK counts a "numerical unexpected behavior" event inside the optimizer as a *set-back*. The user can define how many set-backs the optimizer accepts; if that number is exceeded, the optimization will be aborted. Set-backs are implemented to avoid long sequences where the optimizer tries to recover from an unstable situation.

Set-backs are, for example, repeated singularities when factorizing the basis matrix, repeated loss of feasibility, degeneracy problems (no progress in objective) and other events indicating numerical difficulties. If the simplex optimizer encounters a lot of set-backs the problem is usually badly scaled; in such a situation try to reformulate into a better scaled problem. Then, if a lot of set-backs still occur, trying one or more of the following suggestions may be worthwhile:

- Raise tolerances for allowed primal or dual feasibility: Hence, increase the value of
  - MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_X, and
  - MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_S.
- Raise or lower pivot tolerance: Change the MSK\_DPAR\_SIMPLEX\_ABS\_TOL\_PIV parameter.
- Switch optimizer: Try another optimizer.
- Switch off crash: Set both MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_CRASH and MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_CRASH to 0.
- Experiment with other pricing strategies: Try different values for the parameters
  - MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_SELECTION and
  - MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_SELECTION.
- If you are using hot-starts, in rare cases switching off this feature may improve stability. This is controlled by the MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_HOTSTART parameter.
- Increase maximum set-backs allowed controlled by MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_MAX\_NUM\_SETBACKS.
- If the problem repeatedly becomes infeasible try switching off the special degeneracy handling.
   See the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DEGEN for details.

# 10.2.4 The interior-point or the simplex optimizer?

Given a linear optimization problem, which optimizer is the best: The primal simplex, the dual simplex or the interior-point optimizer?

It is impossible to provide a general answer to this question, however, the interior-point optimizer behaves more predictably — it tends to use between 20 and 100 iterations, almost independently of problem size — but cannot perform hot-start, while simplex can take advantage of an initial solution, but is less predictable for cold-start. The interior-point optimizer is used by default.

# 10.2.5 The primal or the dual simplex variant?

MOSEK provides both a primal and a dual simplex optimizer. Predicting which simplex optimizer is faster is impossible, however, in recent years the dual optimizer has seen several algorithmic and computational improvements, which, in our experience, makes it faster on average than the primal simplex optimizer. Still, it depends much on the problem structure and size.

Setting the MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER parameter to MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX instructs MOSEK to choose which simplex optimizer to use automatically.

To summarize, if you want to know which optimizer is faster for a given problem type, you should try all the optimizers.

# 10.3 Linear network optimization

#### 10.3.1 Network flow problems

MOSEK includes a network simplex solver which, on avarage, solves network problems 10 to 100 times faster than the standard simplex optimizers.

To use the network simplex optimizer, do the following:

- Input the network flow problem as an ordinary linear optimization problem.
- Set the parameters
  - MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT to 0, and
  - MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER to MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX.

MOSEK will automatically detect the network structure and apply the specialized simplex optimizer.

#### 10.3.2 Embedded network problems

Often problems contains both large parts with network structure and some non-network constraints or variables — such problems are said to have *embedded network structure*.

If the procedure described in section 10.3.1 is applied, MOSEK will attemt to exploit this structure to speed up the optimization.

This is done heuristically by detecting the largest network embedded in the problem, solving this subproblem using the network simplex optimizer, and using the solution to hot-start a normal simplex optimizer.

The MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT parameter defines how large a percentage of the problem should be a network before the specialized solver is applied. In general, it is recommended to use the network optimizer only on problems containing a substantial embedded network.

If MOSEK only finds limited network structure in a problem, consider trying to switch off presolve MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_USE and scaling MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SCALING, since in rare cases it might disturb the network heuristic.

Parameter name	Purpose
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_PFEAS	Controls primal feasibility
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_DFEAS	Controls dual feasibility
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_REL_GAP	Controls relative gap
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_INFEAS	Controls when the problem is declared infeasible
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_MU_RED	Controls when the complementarity is reduced enough

Table 10.2: Parameters employed in termination criterion.

# 10.4 Conic optimization

#### 10.4.1 The interior-point optimizer

For conic optimization problems only an interior-point type optimizer is available. The interior-point optimizer is an implementation of the so-called homogeneous and self-dual algorithm. For a detailed description of the algorithm, please see [5].

#### 10.4.1.1 Interior-point termination criteria

The parameters controlling when the conic interior-point optimizer terminates are shown in Table 10.2.

# 10.5 Nonlinear convex optimization

## 10.5.1 The interior-point optimizer

For quadratic, quadratically constrained, and general convex optimization problems an interior-point type optimizer is available. The interior-point optimizer is an implementation of the homogeneous and self-dual algorithm. For a detailed description of the algorithm, please see [7, 8].

#### 10.5.1.1 The convexity requirement

Continuous nonlinear problems are required to be convex. For quadratic problems MOSEK test this requirement before optimizing. Specifying a non-convex problem results in an error message.

The following parameters are available to control the convexity check:

- MSK\_IPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY: Turn convexity check on/off.
- MSK\_DPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_REL\_TOL: Tolerance for convexity check.
- MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY: Turn on more log information for debugging.

#### 10.5.1.2 The differentiability requirement

The nonlinear optimizer in MOSEK requires both first order and second order derivatives. This of course implies care should be taken when solving problems involving non-differentiable functions.

For instance, the function

$$f(x) = x^2$$

Parameter name	Purpose
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_PFEAS	Controls primal feasibility
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_DFEAS	Controls dual feasibility
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_GAP	Controls relative gap
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_INFEAS	Controls when the problem is declared infeasible
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_MU_RED	Controls when the complementarity is reduced enough

Table 10.3: Parameters employed in termination criteria.

is differentiable everywhere whereas the function

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

is only diffrentiable for x > 0. In order to make sure that MOSEK evaluates the functions at points where they are differentiable, the function domains must be defined by setting appropriate variable bounds.

In general, if a variable is not ranged MOSEK will only evaluate that variable at points strictly within the bounds. Hence, imposing the bound

$$x \ge 0$$

in the case of  $\sqrt{x}$  is sufficient to guarantee that the function will only be evaluated in points where it is differentiable.

However, if a function is differentiable on closed a range, specifying the variable bounds is not sufficient. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1 - x}. (10.10)$$

In this case the bounds

$$0 \le x \le 1$$

will not guarantee that MOSEK only evalues the function for x between 0 and 1. To force MOSEK to strictly satisfy both bounds on ranged variables set the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_STARTING\_POINT to MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_SATISFY\_BOUNDS.

For efficiency reasons it may be better to reformulate the problem than to force MOSEK to observe ranged bounds strictly. For instance, (10.10) can be reformulated as follows

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$$

$$0 = 1 - x - y$$

$$0 \le x$$

$$0 \le y.$$

#### 10.5.1.3 Interior-point termination criteria

The parameters controlling when the general convex interior-point optimizer terminates are shown in Table 10.3.

# 10.6 Solving problems in parallel

If a computer has multiple CPUs, or has a CPU with multiple cores, it is possible for MOSEK to take advantage of this to speed up solution times.

#### 10.6.1 Thread safety

The MOSEK API is thread-safe provided that a task is only modified or accessed from one thread at any given time — accessing two separate tasks from two separate threads at the same time is safe. Sharing an environment between threads is safe.

# 10.6.2 The parallelized interior-point optimizer

The interior-point optimizer is capable of using multiple CPUs or cores. This implies that whenever the MOSEK interior-point optimizer solves an optimization problem, it will try to divide the work so that each CPU gets a share of the work. The user decides how many CPUs MOSEK should exploit.

It is not always possible to divide the work equally, and often parts of the computations and the coordination of the work is processed sequentially, even if several CPUs are present. Therefore, the speed-up obtained when using multiple CPUs is highly problem dependent. However, as a rule of thumb, if the problem solves very quickly, i.e. in less than 60 seconds, it is not advantageous to use the parallel option.

The MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_NUM\_THREADS parameter sets the number of threads (and therefore the number of CPUs) that the interior point optimizer will use.

## 10.6.3 The concurrent optimizer

An alternative to the parallel interior-point optimizer is the *concurrent optimizer*. The idea of the concurrent optimizer is to run multiple optimizers on the same problem concurrently, for instance, it allows you to apply the interior-point and the dual simplex optimizers to a linear optimization problem concurrently. The concurrent optimizer terminates when the first of the applied optimizers has terminated successfully, and it reports the solution of the fastest optimizer. In that way a new optimizer has been created which essentially performs as the fastest of the interior-point and the dual simplex optimizers. Hence, the concurrent optimizer is the best one to use if there are multiple optimizers available in MOSEK for the problem and you cannot say beforehand which one will be faster.

Note in particular that any solution present in the task will also be used for hot-starting the simplex algorithms. One possible scenario would therefore be running a hot-start dual simplex in parallel with interior point, taking advantage of both the stability of the interior-point method and the ability of the simplex method to use an initial solution.

By setting the

MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER

parameter to

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT

the concurrent optimizer chosen.

The number of optimizers used in parallel is determined by the

Optimizer	Associated	Default
	parameter	priority
MSK_OPTIMIZER_INTPNT	MSK_IPAR_CONCURRENT_PRIORITY_INTPNT	4
MSK_OPTIMIZER_FREE_SIMPLEX	MSK_IPAR_CONCURRENT_PRIORITY_FREE_SIMPLEX	3
MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX	MSK_IPAR_CONCURRENT_PRIORITY_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX	2
MSK_OPTIMIZER_DUAL_SIMPLEX	MSK_IPAR_CONCURRENT_PRIORITY_DUAL_SIMPLEX	1

Table 10.4: Default priorities for optimizer selection in concurrent optimization.

#### MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_NUM\_OPTIMIZERS.

parameter. Moreover, the optimizers are selected according to a preassigned priority with optimizers having the highest priority being selected first. The default priority for each optimizer is shown in Table 10.6.3. For example, setting the MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_NUM\_OPTIMIZERS parameter to 2 tells the concurrent optimizer to the apply the two optimizers with highest priorities: In the default case that means the interior-point optimizer and one of the simplex optimizers.

#### 10.6.3.1 Concurrent optimization from the command line

The command line

```
mosek afiro.mps -d MSK_IPAR_OPTIMIZER MSK_OPTIMIZER_CONCURRENT \
    -d MSK_IPAR_CONCURRENT_NUM_OPTIMIZERS 2

produces the following (edited) output:

...

Number of concurrent optimizers : 2
Optimizer selected for thread number 0 : interior-point (threads = 1)
Optimizer selected for thread number 1 : free simplex
Total number of threads required : 2

...

Thread number 1 (free simplex) terminated first.

...
```

Concurrent optimizer terminated. CPU Time: 0.03. Real Time: 0.00.

As indicated in the log information, the interior-point and the free simplex optimizers are employed concurrently. However, only the output from the optimizer having the highest priority is printed to the screen. In the example this is the interior-point optimizer.

The line

Total number of threads required : 2

indicates the number of threads used. If the concurrent optimizer should be effective, this should be lower than the number of CPUs.

In the above example the simplex optimizer finishes first as indicated in the log information.

# 10.7 Understanding solution quality

MOSEK will, in general, not produce an *exact* optimal solution; for efficiency reasons computations are performed in finite precision. This means that it is important to evaluate the quality of the reported solution. To evaluate the solution quality inspect the following properties:

- The solution status reported by MOSEK.
- Primal feasibility: How much the solution violates the original constraints of the problem.
- Dual feasibility: How much the dual solution violates the constraints of the dual problem.
- Duality gap: The difference between the primal and dual objective values.

Ideally, the primal and dual solutions should only violate the constraints of their respective problem *slightly* and the primal and dual objective values should be *close*. This should be evaluated in the context of the problem: How good is the data precision in the problem, and how exact a solution is required.

## 10.7.1 The solution summary

The solution summary is a small display generated by MOSEK that makes it easy to check the quality of the solution.

#### 10.7.1.1 The optimal case

The solution summary has the format

```
Problem status : PRIMAL_AND_DUAL_FEASIBLE
Solution status : OPTIMAL
Primal - objective: 5.5018458883e+03 eq. infeas.: 1.20e-12 max bound infeas.: 2.31e-14
Dual - objective: 5.5018458883e+03 eq. infeas.: 1.15e-14 max bound infeas.: 7.11e-15
```

i.e. it shows status information, objective values and quality measures for the primal and dual solutions. Assumeing that we are solving a linear optimization problem and referring to the problems (9.1) and (9.2), the interpretation of the solution summary is as follows:

- Problem status: The status of the problem.
- Solution status: The status of the solution.
- Primal objective: The primal objective value.
- Primal eq. infeas:  $||Ax^x x^c||_{\infty}$ .
- Primal max bound infeas.:  $\max(l^c x^c; x^c u^c; l^x x^x; x^x u^x; 0)$ .

- Dual objective: The dual objective value.
- Dual eq. infeas:  $\left\|-y+s_l^c-s_u^c; A^Ty+s_l^x-s_u^x-c\right\|_{\infty}$ .
- Dual max bound infeas.:  $\max(-s_l^c; -s_u^c; -s_l^x; -s_u^x; 0)$ .

In the solution summary above the solution is classified as OPTIMAL, meaning that the solution should be a good approximation to the true optimal solution. This seems very reasonable since the primal and dual solutions only violate their respective constraints slightly. Moreover, the duality gap is small, i.e. the primal and dual objective values are almost identical.

#### 10.7.1.2 The primal infeasible case

For an infeasible problem the solution summary might look like this:

```
Problem status : PRIMAL_INFEASIBLE

Solution status : PRIMAL_INFEASIBLE_CER

Primal - objective: 0.00000000000e+00 eq. infeas.: 0.00e+00 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00

Dual - objective: 1.0000000000e+02 eq. infeas.: 0.00e+00 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00
```

It is known that if the problem is primal infeasible then an infeasibility certificate exists, which is a solution to the problem (9.3) having a positive objective value. Note that the primal solution plays no role and only the dual solution is used to specify the certificate.

Therefore, in the primal infeasible case the solution summery should report how good the dual solution is to the problem (9.3). The interpretation of the solution summary is as follows:

- Problem status: The status of the problem.
- Solution status: The status of the solution.
- Primal objective: Should be ignored.
- Primal eq. infeas: Should be ignored.
- Primal max bound infeas.: Should be ignored.
- Dual objective:  $(l^c)^T s_l^c (u^c)^T s_u^c + (l^x)^T s_l^x (u^x)^T s_u^x$
- Dual eq. infeas:  $||-y+s_l^c-s_u^c; A^Ty+s_l^x-s_u^x-0||_{\infty}$
- Dual max bound infeas.:  $\max(-s_l^c; -s_u^c; -s_l^x; -s_u^x)$ .

Please note that

- any information about the primal solution should be ignored.
- the dual objective value should be strictly positive if primal problem is minimization problem. Otherwise it should be strictly negative.
- the bigger the ratio

$$\frac{(l^c)^T s_l^c - (u^c)^T s_u^c + (l^x)^T s_l^x - (u^x)^T s_u^x}{\max(\|-y + s_l^c - s_u^c; A^T y + s_l^x - s_u^x - 0\|_{\infty}, \max(-s_l^c; -s_u^c; -s_l^x; -s_u^x))}$$

is, the better the certificate is. The reason is that a certificate is a ray, and hence only the direction is important. Therefore, in principle, the certificate should be normalized before using it.

Please see Section 12.2 for more information about certificates of infeasibility.

# Chapter 11

# The optimizer for mixed integer problems

A problem is a mixed-integer optimization problem when one or more of the variables are constrained to be integers. The integer optimizer available in MOSEK can solve integer optimization problems involving

- linear,
- quadratic and
- conic

constraints. However, a problem is not allowed to have both conic constraints and quadratic objective or constraints.

Readers unfamiliar with integer optimization are strongly recommended to consult some relevant literature, e.g. the book [23] by Wolsey is a good introduction to integer optimization.

#### 11.1 Some notation

In general, an integer optimization problem has the form

$$z^* = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} \qquad c^T x$$

$$subject to \quad l^c \leq Ax \leq u^c,$$

$$l^x \leq x \leq u^x,$$

$$x_j \in \mathcal{Z}, \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J},$$

$$(11.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{J}$  is an index set specifying which variables are integer-constrained. Frequently we talk about the continuous relaxation of an integer optimization problem defined as

$$\underline{z} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} c^T x$$

$$subject to \quad l^c \leq Ax \leq u^c,$$

$$l^x \leq x \leq u^x$$

$$(11.2)$$

i.e. we ignore the constraint

$$x_i \in \mathcal{Z}, \ \forall j \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Moreover, let  $\hat{x}$  be any feasible solution to (11.1) and define

$$\overline{z} := c^T \hat{x}.$$

It should be obvious that

$$z < z^* < \overline{z}$$

holds. This is an important observation since if we assume that it is not possible to solve the mixed-integer optimization problem within a reasonable time frame, but that a feasible solution can be found, then the natural question is: How far is the *obtained* solution from the *optimal* solution? The answer is that no feasible solution can have an objective value smaller than  $\underline{z}$ , which implies that the obtained solution is no further away from the optimum than  $\overline{z} - \underline{z}$ .

# 11.2 An important fact about integer optimization problems

It is important to understand that in a worst-case scenario, the time required to solve integer optimization problems grows exponentially with the size of the problem. For instance, assume that a problem contains n binary variables, then the time required to solve the problem in the worst case may be proportional to  $2^n$ . It is a simple exercise to verify that  $2^n$  is huge even for moderate values of n.

In practice this implies that the focus should be on computing a near optimal solution quickly rather than at locating an optimal solution.

# 11.3 How the integer optimizer works

The process of solving an integer optimization problem can be split in three phases:

**Presolve:** In this phase the optimizer tries to reduce the size of the problem using preprocessing techniques. Moreover, it strengthens the continuous relaxation, if possible.

**Heuristic:** Using heuristics the optimizer tries to guess a good feasible solution.

**Optimization:** The optimal solution is located using a variant of the branch-and-cut method.

In some cases the integer optimizer may locate an optimal solution in the preprocessing stage or conclude that the problem is infeasible. Therefore, the heuristic and optimization stages may never be performed.

#### 11.3.1 Presolve

In the preprocessing stage redundant variables and constraints are removed. The presolve stage can be turned off using the MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_USE parameter.

#### 11.3.2 Heuristic

Initially, the integer optimizer tries to guess a good feasible solution using different heuristics:

- First a very simple rounding heuristic is employed.
- Next, if deemed worthwhile, the feasibility pump heuristic is used.
- Finally, if the two previous stages did not produce a good initial solution, more sophisticated heuristics are used.

The following parameters can be used to control the effort made by the integer optimizer to find an initial feasible solution.

- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_LEVEL: Controls how sophisticated and computationally expensive a
  heuristic to employ.
- MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_TIME: The minimum amount of time to spend in the heuristic search.
- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_FEASPUMP\_LEVEL: Controls how aggressively the feasibility pump heuristic is used.

#### 11.3.3 The optimization phase

This phase solves the problem using the branch and cut algorithm.

# 11.4 Termination criterion

In general, it is impossible to find an exact feasible and optimal solution to an integer optimization problem in a reasonable amount of time, though in many practical cases it may be possible. Therefore, the integer optimizer employs a relaxed feasibility and optimality criterion to determine when a satisfactory solution is located.

A candidate solution, i.e. a solution to (11.2), is said to be an integer feasible solution if the criterion

$$\min(|x_i| - |x_i|, \lceil x_i \rceil - |x_i|) \le \max(\delta_1, \delta_2 |x_i|) \ \forall j \in \mathcal{J}$$

is satisfied. Hence, such a solution is defined as a feasible solution to (11.1).

Whenever the integer optimizer locates an integer feasible solution it will check if the criterion

$$\overline{z} - z \leq \max(\delta_3, \delta_4 \max(1, |\overline{z}|))$$

is satisfied. If this is the case, the integer optimizer terminates and reports the integer feasible solution as an optimal solution. Please note that  $\underline{z}$  is a valid lower bound determined by the integer optimizer during the solution process, i.e.

$$z < z^*$$
.

The lower bound  $\underline{z}$  normally increases during the solution process.

The  $\delta$  tolerances can are specified using parameters — see Table 11.1. If an optimal solution cannot be located within a reasonable time, it may be advantageous to employ a relaxed termination criterion after some time. Whenever the integer optimizer locates an integer feasible solution and has spent at

Tolerance	Parameter name
$\delta_1$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_TOL_ABS_RELAX_INT
$\delta_2$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_TOL_REL_RELAX_INT
$\delta_3$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_TOL_ABS_GAP
$\delta_4$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_TOL_REL_GAP
$\delta_5$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_NEAR_TOL_ABS_GAP
$\delta_6$	MSK_DPAR_MIO_NEAR_TOL_REL_GAP

Table 11.1: Integer optimizer tolerances.

Parameter name	Delayed	Explanation
MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_BRANCHES	Yes	Maximum number of branches allowed.
MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_RELAXS	Yes	Maximum number of relaxations allowed.
MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_SOLUTIONS	Yes	Maximum number of feasible integer solutions allowed.

Table 11.2: Parameters affecting the termination of the integer optimizer.

least the number of seconds defined by the MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME parameter on solving the problem, it will check whether the criterion

$$\overline{z} - z \leq \max(\delta_5, \delta_6 \max(1, |\overline{z}|))$$

is satisfied. If it is satisfied, the optimizer will report that the candidate solution is **near optimal** and then terminate. All  $\delta$  tolerances can be adjusted using suitable parameters — see Table 11.1. In Table 11.2 some other parameters affecting the integer optimizer termination criterion are shown. Please note that if the effect of a parameter is delayed, the associated termination criterion is applied only after some time, specified by the MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME parameter.

# 11.5 How to speed up the solution process

As mentioned previously, in many cases it is not possible to find an optimal solution to an integer optimization problem in a reasonable amount of time. Some suggestions to reduce the solution time are:

- Relax the termination criterion: In case the run time is not acceptable, the first thing to do is to relax the termination criterion see Section 11.4 for details.
- Specify a good initial solution: In many cases a good feasible solution is either known or easily computed using problem specific knowledge. If a good feasible solution is known, it is usually worthwhile to use this as a starting point for the integer optimizer.
- Improve the formulation: A mixed-integer optimization problem may be impossible to solve in one form and quite easy in another form. However, it is beyond the scope of this manual to discuss good formulations for mixed-integer problems. For discussions on this topic see for example [23].

# 11.6 Understanding solution quality

To determine the quality of the solution one should check the following:

- The solution status key returned by MOSEK.
- The *optimality gap*: A messure for how much the located solution can deviate from the optimal solution to the problem.
- Feasibility. How much the solution violates the constraints of the problem.

The optimality gap is a measure for how close the solution is to the optimal solution. The optimality gap is given by

```
\epsilon = |(\text{objective value of feasible solution}) - (\text{objective bound})|.
```

The objective value of the solution is guarentted to be within  $\epsilon$  of the optimal solution.

The optimality gap can be retrived through the solution item MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_OBJ\_ABS\_GAP. Often it is more meaningful to look at the optimality gap normalized with the magnitude of the solution. The relative optimality gap is available in MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_OBJ\_REL\_GAP.

#### 11.6.1 Solutionsummary

After a call to the optimizer the solution summary might look like this:

```
Problem status : PRIMAL_FEASIBLE Solution status : INTEGER_OPTIMAL
```

Primal - objective: 1.2015000000e+06 eq. infeas.: 0.00e+00 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00

cone infeas.: 0.00e+00 integer infeas.: 0.00e+00

The second line contains the solution status key. This shows how MOSEK classified the solution. In this case it is INTEGER\_OPTIMAL, meaning that the solution is considered to be optimal within the selected tolerances.

The third line contains information relating to the solution. The first number is the primal objective function. The second and third number is the maximum infeasibility in the equality constraints and bounds respectfully. The fourth and fifth number is the maximum infeasibility in the conic and integral contraints. All the numbers relating to the feasibility of the solution should be small for the solution to be valid.

# Chapter 12

# The analyzers

# 12.1 The problem analyzer

The problem analyzer prints a detailed survey of the model's

- linear constraints and objective
- quadratic constraints
- conic constraints
- variables

In the initial stages of model formulation the problem analyzer may be used as a quick way of verifying that the model has been built or imported correctly. In later stages it can help revealing special structures within the model that may be used to tune the optimizer's performance or to identify the causes of numerical difficulties.

The problem analyzer is run from the command line using the -anapro argument and produces something similar to the following (this is the problemanalyzer's survey of the aflow30a problem from the MIPLIB 2003 collection, see Appendix J for more examples):

#### Analyzing the problem

Constraints upper bd:	421	Bounds ranged : all	Variables cont:	421
		ranged . arr		
fixed :	58		bin :	421
Objective, min	CX			
range: min	c : 0.00000	min  c >0: 11.0000	max  c : 500	0.000
distrib:	lcl	vars		
	0	421		
Г11	, 100)	150		
_	•			
L100	, 500]	271		

```
Constraint matrix A has
      479 rows (constraints)
      842 columns (variables)
     2091 (0.518449%) nonzero entries (coefficients)
Row nonzeros, A_i
  range: min A_i: 2 (0.23753%)
                               max A_i: 34 (4.038%)
distrib:
               A_i
                     rows
                                    rows%
                                                acc%
                2
                          421
                                    87.89
                                               87.89
            [8, 15]
                                               92.07
                          20
                                    4.18
                          30
           [16, 31]
                                    6.26
                                               98.33
           [32, 34]
                           8
                                     1.67
                                               100.00
Column nonzeros, A|j
  range: min A|j: 2 (0.417537%)
                                 max Alj: 3 (0.626305%)
 distrib:
               Alj
                       cols
                                    cols%
                                                acc%
                          435
                                    51.66
                                               51.66
                 3
                          407
                                    48.34
                                               100.00
A nonzeros, A(ij)
  range: min |A(ij)|: 1.00000
                                max |A(ij)|: 100.000
                    coeffs
distrib:
            A(ij)
            [1, 10)
                         1670
          [10, 100]
                           421
Constraint bounds, lb <= Ax <= ub
distrib: |b|
                                              ubs
                 Ω
                                              421
            [1, 10]
                               58
                                               58
Variable bounds, lb <= x <= ub
distrib:
            |b|
                              lbs
                                              ubs
                 0
                               842
            [1, 10)
                                              421
          [10, 100]
                                              421
```

The survey is divided into six different sections, each described below. To keep the presentation short with focus on key elements the analyzer generally attempts to display information on issues relevant for the current model only: E.g., if the model does not have any conic constraints (this is the case in the example above) or any integer variables, those parts of the analysis will not appear.

#### 12.1.1 General characteristics

The first part of the survey consists of a brief summary of the model's linear and quadratic constraints (indexed by i) and variables (indexed by j). The summary is divided into three subsections:

#### Constraints

upper bd: The number of upper bounded constraints, 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{ij}x_j \leq u_i^c$$

lower bd: The number of lower bounded constraints,  $l_i^c \leq \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} x_j$ 

ranged : The number of ranged constraints,  $l_i^c \leq \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} x_j \leq u_i^c$ 

fixed  $\,\,$  : The number of fixed constraints,  $l_i^c = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} x_j = u_i^c$ 

free : The number of free constraints

#### Bounds

upper bd: The number of upper bounded variables,  $x_j \leq u_j^x$  lower bd: The number of lower bounded variables,  $l_k^x \leq x_j$  ranged : The number of ranged variables,  $l_k^x \leq x_j \leq u_j^x$  fixed : The number of fixed variables,  $l_k^x = x_j = u_j^x$  free : The number of free variables

Variables

cont: The number of continuous variables,  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$ bin: The number of binary variables,  $x_j \in \{0,1\}$ int: The number of general integer variables,  $x_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

Only constraints, bounds and domains actually in the model will be reported on, cf. appendix J; if all entities in a section turn out to be of the same kind, the number will be replaced by all for brevity.

#### 12.1.2 Objective

The second part of the survey focuses on (the linear part of) the objective, summarizing the optimization sense and the coefficients' absolute value range and distribution. The number of 0 (zero) coefficients is singled out (if any such variables are in the problem).

The range is displayed using three terms:

min |c|: The minimum absolute value among all coeffecients

min |c|>0: The minimum absolute value among the nonzero coefficients

max |c|: The maximum absolute value among the coefficients

If some of these extrema turn out to be equal, the display is shortened accordingly:

- If min |c| is greater than zero, the min |c|>0 term is obsolete and will not be displayed
- If only one or two different coefficients occur this will be displayed using all and an explicit listing of the coefficients

The absolute value distribution is displayed as a table summarizing the numbers by orders of magnitude (with a ratio of 10). Again, the number of variables with a coefficient of 0 (if any) is singled out. Each line of the table is headed by an interval (half-open intervals including their lower bounds), and is followed by the number of variables with their objective coefficient in this interval. Intervals with no elements are skipped.

#### 12.1.3 Linear constraints

The third part of the survey displays information on the nonzero coefficients of the linear constraint matrix.

Following a brief summary of the matrix dimensions and the number of nonzero coefficients in total, three sections provide further details on how the nonzero coefficients are distributed by row-wise count (A\_i), by column-wise count (A|j), and by absolute value (|A(ij)|). Each section is headed by a brief display of the distribution's range (min and max), and for the row/column-wise counts the corresponding densities are displayed too (in parentheses).

The distribution tables single out three particularly interesting counts: zero, one, and two nonzeros per row/column; the remaining row/column nonzeros are displayed by orders of magnitude (ratio 2). For each interval the relative and accumulated relative counts are also displayed.

Note that constraints may have both linear and quadratic terms, but the empty rows and columns reported in this part of the survey relate to the linear terms only. If empty rows and/or columns are found in the linear constraint matrix, the problem is analyzed further in order to determine if the corresponding constraints have any quadratic terms or the corresponding variables are used in conic or quadratic constraints; cf. the last two examples of appendix J.

The distribution of the absolute values, |A(ij)|, is displayed just as for the objective coefficients described above.

#### 12.1.4 Constraint and variable bounds

The fourth part of the survey displays distributions for the absolute values of the finite lower and upper bounds for both constraints and variables. The number of bounds at 0 is singled out and, otherwise, displayed by orders of magnitude (with a ratio of 10).

#### 12.1.5 Quadratic constraints

The fifth part of the survey displays distributions for the nonzero elements in the gradient of the quadratic constraints, i.e. the nonzero row counts for the column vectors Qx. The table is similar to the tables for the linear constraints' nonzero row and column counts described in the survey's third part.

Note: Quadratic constraints may also have a linear part, but that will be included in the linear constraints survey; this means that if a problem has one or more pure quadratic constraints, part three of the survey will report an equal number of linear constraint rows with 0 (zero) nonzeros, cf. the last example in appendix J. Likewise, variables that appear in quadratic terms only will be reported as empty columns (0 nonzeros) in the linear constraint report.

#### 12.1.6 Conic constraints

The last part of the survey summarizes the model's conic constraints. For each of the two types of cones, quadratic and rotated quadratic, the total number of cones are reported, and the distribution of the cones' dimensions are displayed using intervals. Cone dimensions of 2, 3, and 4 are singled out.

# 12.2 Analyzing infeasible problems

When developing and implementing a new optimization model, the first attempts will often be either infeasible, due to specification of inconsistent constraints, or unbounded, if important constraints have been left out.

In this chapter we will

- go over an example demonstrating how to locate infeasible constraints using the MOSEK infeasibility report tool,
- discuss in more general terms which properties that may cause infeasibilities, and
- present the more formal theory of infeasible and unbounded problems.

## 12.2.1 Example: Primal infeasibility

A problem is said to be *primal infeasible* if no solution exists that satisfy all the constraints of the problem.

As an example of a primal infeasible problem consider the problem of minimizing the cost of transportation between a number of production plants and stores: Each plant produces a fixed number of goods, and each store has a fixed demand that must be met. Supply, demand and cost of transportation per unit are given in figure 12.1.

The problem represented in figure 12.1 is infeasible, since the total demand

$$2300 = 1100 + 200 + 500 + 500 \tag{12.1}$$

exceeds the total supply

$$2200 = 200 + 1000 + 1000 \tag{12.2}$$

If we denote the number of transported goods from plant i to store j by  $x_{ij}$ , the problem can be formulated as the LP:

Solving the problem (12.3) using MOSEK will result in a solution, a solution status and a problem status. Among the log output from the execution of MOSEK on the above problem are the lines:

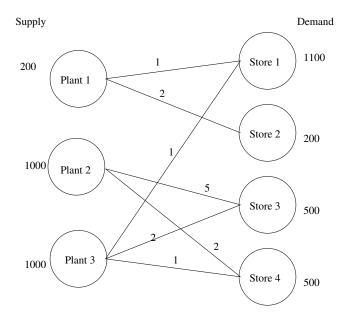


Figure 12.1: Supply, demand and cost of transportation.

Basic solution

Problem status : PRIMAL\_INFEASIBLE
Solution status : PRIMAL\_INFEASIBLE\_CER

The first line indicates that the problem status is primal infeasible. The second line says that a certificate of the infeasibility was found. The certificate is returned in place of the solution to the problem.

#### 12.2.2 Locating the cause of primal infeasibility

Usually a primal infeasible problem status is caused by a mistake in formulating the problem and therefore the question arises: "What is the cause of the infeasible status?" When trying to answer this question, it is often advantageous to follow these steps:

- Remove the objective function. This does not change the infeasible status but simplifies the problem, eliminating any possibility of problems related to the objective function.
- Consider whether your problem has some necessary conditions for feasibility and examine if these are satisfied, e.g. total supply should be greater than or equal to total demand.
- Verify that coefficients and bounds are reasonably sized in your problem.

If the problem is still primal infeasible, some of the constraints must be relaxed or removed completely. The MOSEK infeasibility report (Section 12.2.4) may assist you in finding the constraints causing the infeasibility.

Possible ways of relaxing your problem include:

- Increasing (decreasing) upper (lower) bounds on variables and constraints.
- Removing suspected constraints from the problem.

Returning to the transportation example, we discover that removing the fifth constraint

$$x_{12} = 200 (12.4)$$

makes the problem feasible.

#### 12.2.3 Locating the cause of dual infeasibility

A problem may also be *dual infeasible*. In this case the primal problem is often unbounded, mening that feasible solutions exists such that the objective tends towards infinity. An example of a dual infeasible and primal unbounded problem is:

minimize 
$$x_1$$
  
subject to  $x_1 \le 5$ . (12.5)

To resolve a dual infeasibility the primal problem must be made more restricted by

- Adding upper or lower bounds on variables or constraints.
- Removing variables.
- Changing the objective.

#### 12.2.3.1 A cautious note

The problem

minimize 0  
subject to 
$$0 \le x_1$$
,  
 $x_j \le x_{j+1}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n-1$ ,  
 $x_n \le -1$  (12.6)

is clearly infeasible. Moreover, if any one of the constraints are dropped, then the problem becomes feasible.

This illustrates the worst case scenario that all, or at least a significant portion, of the constraints are involved in the infeasibility. Hence, it may not always be easy or possible to pinpoint a few constraints which are causing the infeasibility.

#### 12.2.4 The infeasibility report

MOSEK includes functionality for diagnosing the cause of a primal or a dual infeasibility. It can be turned on by setting the MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_AUTO to MSK\_ON. This causes MOSEK to print a report on variables and constraints involved in the infeasibility.

The MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_LEVEL parameter controls the amount of information presented in the infeasibility report. The default value is 1.

end

#### 12.2.4.1 Example: Primal infeasibility

```
We will reuse the example (12.3) located in infeas.lp:
\ An example of an infeasible linear problem.
minimize
 obj: + 1 \times 11 + 2 \times 12 + 1 \times 13
       + 4 \times 21 + 2 \times 22 + 5 \times 23
       + 4 x31 + 1 x32 + 2 x33
st
  s0: + x11 + x12
                          <= 200
                       <= 1000
  s1: + x23 + x24
  s2: + x31 + x33 + x34 \le 1000
  d1: + x11 + x31 = 1100
  d2: + x12
                         = 200
  d3: + x23 + x33 = 500

d4: + x24 + x34 = 500
bounds
```

Using the command line

mosek -d MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_AUTO MSK\_ON infeas.lp

MOSEK produces the following infeasibility report

MOSEK PRIMAL INFEASIBILITY REPORT.

Problem status: The problem is primal infeasible

The following constraints are involved in the primal infeasibility.

Index	Name	Lower bound	Upper bound	Dual lower	Dual upper
0	s0	NONE	2.000000e+002	0.000000e+000	1.000000e+000
2	s2	NONE	1.000000e+003	0.000000e+000	1.000000e+000
3	d1	1.100000e+003	1.100000e+003	1.000000e+000	0.000000e+000
4	d2	2.000000e+002	2.000000e+002	1.000000e+000	0.000000e+000

The following bound constraints are involved in the infeasibility.

Index	Name	Lower bound	Upper bound	Dual lower	Dual upper
8	x33	0.000000e+000	NONE	1.000000e+000	0.000000e+000
10	x34	0.000000e+000	NONE	1.000000e+000	0.000000e+000

The infeasibility report is divided into two sections where the first section shows which constraints that are important for the infeasibility. In this case the important constraints are the ones named s0, s2, d1,

and d2. The values in the columns "Dual lower" and "Dual upper" are also useful, since a non-zero dual lower value for a constraint implies that the lower bound on the constraint is important for the infeasibility. Similarly, a non-zero dual upper value implies that the upper bound on the constraint is important for the infeasibility.

It is also possible to obtain the infeasible subproblem. The command line

```
mosek -d MSK_IPAR_INFEAS_REPORT_AUTO MSK_ON infeas.lp -info rinfeas.lp
```

produces the files rinfeas.bas.inf.lp. In this case the content of the file rinfeas.bas.inf.lp is

```
minimize
 Obj: + CFIXVAR
 s0: + x11 + x12 \le 200
 s2: + x31 + x33 + x34 \le 1e+003
 d1: + x11 + x31 = 1.1e+003
 d2: + x12 = 200
bounds
 x11 free
 x12 free
 x13 free
 x21 free
 x22 free
 x23 free
 x31 free
 x32 free
 x24 free
 CFIXVAR = 0e+000
end
```

which is an optimization problem. This problem is identical to (12.3), except that the objective and some of the constraints and bounds have been removed. Executing the command

```
mosek -d MSK_IPAR_INFEAS_REPORT_AUTO MSK_ON rinfeas.bas.inf.lp
```

demonstrates that the reduced problem is **primal infeasible**. Since the reduced problem is usually smaller than original problem, it should be easier to locate the cause of the infeasibility in this rather than in the original (12.3).

#### 12.2.4.2 Example: Dual infeasibility

The example problem

```
maximize - 200 y1 - 1000 y2 - 1000 y3

- 1100 y4 - 200 y5 - 500 y6

- 500 y7

subject to

x11: y1+y4 < 1

x12: y1+y5 < 2
```

```
x23: y2+y6 < 5

x24: y2+y7 < 2

x31: y3+y4 < 1

x33: y3+y6 < 2

x44: y3+y7 < 1

bounds

y1 < 0

y2 < 0

y3 < 0

y4 free

y5 free

y6 free

y7 free

end
```

is dual infeasible. This can be verified by proving that

```
y1=-1, y2=-1, y3=0, y4=1, y5=1
```

is a certificate of dual infeasibility. In this example the following infeasibility report is produced (slightly edited):

The following constraints are involved in the infeasibility.

Index	Name	Activity	Objective	Lower bound	Upper bound
0	x11	-1.000000e+00		NONE	1.000000e+00
4	x31	-1.000000e+00		NONE	1.000000e+00

The following variables are involved in the infeasibility.

```
Index
         Name
                          Activity
                                           Objective
                                                            Lower bound
                                                                             Upper bound
         у4
                          -1.000000e+00
                                           -1.100000e+03
                                                                             NONE
Interior-point solution
Problem status : DUAL_INFEASIBLE
Solution status : DUAL_INFEASIBLE_CER
                                       eq. infeas.: 0.00e+00 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00 cone infeas.: 0.00e+00
Primal - objective: 1.1000000000e+03
Dual - objective: 0.0000000000e+00
                                       eq. infeas.: 0.00e+00 max bound infeas.: 0.00e+00 cone infeas.: 0.00e+00
```

Let  $x^*$  denote the reported primal solution. MOSEK states

- that the problem is dual infeasible,
- that the reported solution is a certificate of dual infeasibility, and
- that the infeasibility measure for  $x^*$  is approximately zero.

Since it was an maximization problem, this implies that

$$c^t x^* > 0. (12.7)$$

For a minimization problem this inequality would have been reversed — see (12.19).

From the infeasibility report we see that the variable y4, and the constraints x11 and x33 are involved in the infeasibility since these appear with non-zero values in the "Activity" column.

One possible strategy to "fix" the infeasibility is to modify the problem so that the certificate of infeasibility becomes invalid. In this case we may do one the following things:

- Put a lower bound in y3. This will directly invalidate the certificate of dual infeasibility.
- Increase the object coefficient of y3. Changing the coefficients sufficiently will invalidate the inequality (12.7) and thus the certificate.
- Put lower bounds on x11 or x31. This will directly invalidate the certificate of infeasibility.

Please note that modifying the problem to invalidate the reported certificate does *not* imply that the problem becomes dual feasible — the infeasibility may simply "move", resulting in a new infeasibility.

More often, the reported certificate can be used to give a hint about errors or inconsistencies in the model that produced the problem.

#### 12.2.5 Theory concerning infeasible problems

This section discusses the theory of infeasibility certificates and how MOSEK uses a certificate to produce an infeasibility report. In general, MOSEK solves the problem

minimize 
$$c^T x + c^f$$
  
subject to  $l^c \le Ax \le u^c$ ,  $l^x \le x \le u^x$  (12.8)

where the corresponding dual problem is

maximize 
$$(l^{c})^{T} s_{l}^{c} - (u^{c})^{T} s_{u}^{c}$$

$$+ (l^{x})^{T} s_{l}^{x} - (u^{x})^{T} s_{u}^{x} + c^{f}$$
subject to 
$$A^{T} y + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = c,$$

$$-y + s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c} = 0,$$

$$s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{x}^{c}, s_{x}^{x}, s_{x}^{x} \ge 0.$$

$$(12.9)$$

We use the convension that for any bound that is not finite, the corresponding dual variable is fixed at zero (and thus will have no influence on the dual problem). For example

$$l_j^x = -\infty \Rightarrow (s_l^x)_j = 0 (12.10)$$

#### 12.2.6 The certificate of primal infeasibility

A certificate of primal infeasibility is any solution to the homogenized dual problem

maximize 
$$(l^{c})^{T} s_{l}^{c} - (u^{c})^{T} s_{u}^{c}$$

$$+ (l^{x})^{T} s_{l}^{x} - (u^{x})^{T} s_{u}^{x}$$
subject to 
$$A^{T} y + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = 0,$$

$$-y + s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c} = 0,$$

$$s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{u}^{x}, s_{u}^{x} \ge 0.$$

$$(12.11)$$

with a positive objective value. That is,  $(s_l^{c*}, s_u^{c*}, s_l^{x*}, s_u^{x*})$  is a certificate of primal infeasibility if

$$(l^c)^T s_l^{c*} - (u^c)^T s_u^{c*} + (l^x)^T s_l^{x*} - (u^x)^T s_u^{x*} > 0$$
(12.12)

and

$$\begin{array}{lcl} A^T y + s_l^{x*} - s_u^{x*} & = & 0, \\ -y + s_l^{c*} - s_u^{c*} & = & 0, \\ s_l^{c*}, s_u^{c*}, s_l^{x*}, s_u^{x*} \geq 0. \end{array} \tag{12.13}$$

The well-known Farkas Lemma tells us that (12.8) is infeasible if and only if a certificate of primal infeasibility exists.

Let  $(s_l^{c*}, s_u^{c*}, s_l^{c*}, s_u^{x*}, s_u^{x*})$  be a certificate of primal infeasibility then

$$(s_l^{c*})_i > 0 \quad ((s_u^{c*})_i > 0)$$
 (12.14)

implies that the lower (upper) bound on the ith constraint is important for the infeasibility. Furthermore,

$$(s_l^{x*})_j > 0 \quad ((s_u^{x*})_i > 0)$$
 (12.15)

implies that the lower (upper) bound on the jth variable is important for the infeasibility.

#### 12.2.7 The certificate of dual infeasibility

A certificate of dual infeasibility is any solution to the problem

minimize 
$$c^T x$$
  
subject to  $\bar{l}^c \leq Ax \leq \bar{u}^c$ ,  $\bar{l}^x \leq x \leq \bar{u}^x$  (12.16)

with negative objective value, where we use the definitions

$$\bar{l}_i^c := \begin{cases} 0, & l_i^c > -\infty, \\ -\infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \bar{u}_i^c := \begin{cases} 0, & u_i^c < \infty, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
 (12.17)

and

$$\bar{l}_i^x := \begin{cases} 0, & l_i^x > -\infty, \\ -\infty, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \text{ and } \bar{u}_i^x := \begin{cases} 0, & u_i^x < \infty, \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 (12.18)

Stated differently, a certificate of dual infeasibility is any  $x^*$  such that

$$c^{T}x^{*} < 0,$$

$$\bar{l}^{c} \leq Ax^{*} \leq \bar{u}^{c},$$

$$\bar{l}^{x} \leq x^{*} \leq \bar{u}^{x}$$

$$(12.19)$$

The well-known Farkas Lemma tells us that (12.9) is infeasible if and only if a certificate of dual infeasibility exists.

Note that if  $x^*$  is a certificate of dual infeasibility then for any j such that

$$x_i^* \neq 0, \tag{12.20}$$

variable j is involved in the dual infeasibility.

# Chapter 13

# Feasibility repair

Section 12.2.2 discusses how MOSEK treats infeasible problems. In particular, it is discussed which information MOSEK returns when a problem is infeasible and how this information can be used to pinpoint the elements causing the infeasibility.

In this section we will discuss a method for repairing a primal infeasible problem by relaxing the constraints in a controlled way. For the sake of simplicity we discuss the method in the context of linear optimization. MOSEK can also repair infeasibilities in quadratic and conic optimization problems possibly having integer constrained variables. Please note that infeasibilities in nonlinear optimization problems can't be repaired using the method described below.

# 13.1 The main idea

Consider the linear optimization problem with m constraints and n variables

minimize 
$$c^T x + c^f$$
  
subject to  $l^c \le Ax \le u^c$ ,  $l^x \le x \le u^x$ , (13.1)

which we assume is infeasible. Moreover, we assume that

$$(l^c)_i \le (u^c)_i, \ \forall i \tag{13.2}$$

and

$$(l^x)_i \le (u^x)_i, \ \forall j \tag{13.3}$$

because otherwise the problem (13.1) is trivially infeasible.

One way of making the problem feasible is to reduce the lower bounds and increase the upper bounds. If the change is sufficiently large the problem becomes feasible.

One obvious question is: What is the smallest change to the bounds that will make the problem feasible?

We associate a weight with each bound:

•  $w_l^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (associated with  $l^c$ ),

- $w_u^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (associated with  $u^c$ ),
- $w_l^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (associated with  $l^x$ ),
- $w_u^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (associated with  $u^x$ ),

Now, the problem

minimize 
$$p$$
subject to  $l^c \le Ax + v_l^c - v_u^c \le u^c,$ 

$$l^x \le x + v_l^x - v_u^x \le u^x,$$

$$(w_l^c)^T v_l^c + (w_u^c)^T v_u^c + (w_l^r)^T v_l^x + (w_u^x)^T v_u^x - p \le 0,$$

$$v_l^c, v_u^c, v_l^x, v_u^x, v_l^x, v_u^x \ge 0$$

$$(13.4)$$

minimizes the weighted sum of changes to the bounds that makes the problem feasible. The variables  $(v_l^c)_i$ ,  $(v_u^c)_i$ ,  $(v_u^c)_i$ ,  $(v_u^c)_i$  and  $(v_u^c)_i$  are elasticity variables because they allow a constraint to be violated and hence add some elasticity to the problem. For instance, the elasticity variable  $(v_l^c)_i$  shows how much the lower bound  $(l^c)_i$  should be relaxed to make the problem feasible. Since p is minimized and

$$(w_l^c)^T v_l^c + (w_u^c)^T v_u^c + (w_l^x)^T v_l^x + (w_u^x)^T v_u^x - p \le 0, (13.5)$$

a large  $(w_l^c)_i$  tends to imply that the elasticity variable  $(v_l^c)_i$  will be small in an optimal solution.

The reader may want to verify that the problem (13.4) is always feasible given the assumptions (13.2) and (13.3).

Please note that if a weight is negative then the resulting problem (13.4) is unbounded.

The weights  $w_l^c$ ,  $w_u^c$ ,  $w_u^c$ , and  $w_u^x$  can be regarded as a costs (penalties) for violating the associated constraints. Thus a higher weight implies that higher priority is given to the satisfaction of the associated constraint.

The main idea can now be presented as follows. If you have an infeasible problem, then form the problem (13.4) and optimize it. Next inspect the optimal solution  $(v_l^c)^*, (v_u^c)^*, (v_u^c)^*, (v_l^x)^*$ , and  $(v_u^x)^*$  to problem (13.4). This solution provides a suggested relaxation of the bounds that will make the problem feasible.

Assume that  $p^*$  is an optimal objective value to (13.4). An extension of the idea presented above is to solve the problem

minimize 
$$c^{T}x$$
subject to 
$$l^{c} \leq Ax + v_{l}^{c} - v_{u}^{c} \leq u^{c},$$

$$l^{x} \leq x + v_{l}^{x} - v_{u}^{x} \leq u^{x},$$

$$(w_{l}^{c})^{T}v_{l}^{c} + (w_{u}^{c})^{T}v_{u}^{c} + (w_{l}^{x})^{T}v_{u}^{x} + (w_{u}^{x})^{T}v_{u}^{x} - p \leq 0,$$

$$p = p^{*},$$

$$v_{l}^{c}, v_{u}^{c}, v_{l}^{x}, v_{u}^{x} \geq 0$$

$$(13.6)$$

which minimizes the true objective while making sure that total weighted violations of the bounds is minimal, i.e. equals to  $p^*$ .

# 13.2 Feasibility repair in MOSEK

MOSEK includes functionality that help you construct the problem (13.4) simply by passing a set of weights to MOSEK. This can be used for linear, quadratic, and conic optimization problems, possibly having integer constrained variables.

#### 13.2.1 Usage of negative weights

As the problem (13.4) is presented it does not make sense to use negative weights since that makes the problem unbounded. Therefore, if the value of a weight is negative MOSEK fixes the associated elasticity variable to zero, e.g. if

$$(w_{l}^{c})_{i} < 0$$

then MOSEK imposes the bound

$$(v_l^c)_i \leq 0.$$

This implies that the lower bound on the *i*th constraint will not be violated. (Clearly, this could also imply that the problem is infeasible so negative weight should be used with care). Associating a negative weights with a constraint tells MOSEK that the constraint should not be relaxed.

## 13.2.2 Automatical naming

MOSEK can automatically create a new problem of the form (13.4) starting from an existing problem by adding the elasticity variables and the extra constraints. Specificly, the variables  $v_l^c$ ,  $v_u^c$ ,  $v_u^x$ ,  $v_u^x$ , and p are appended to existing variable vector x in their natural order. Moreover, the constraint (13.5) is appended to the constraints.

The new variables and constraints are automatically given names as follows:

• The names of the variables  $(v_l^c)_i$  and  $(v_u^c)_i$  are constructed from the name of the ith constraint. For instance, if the 9th original constraint is named c9, then by default  $(v_l^c)_9$  and  $(v_u^c)_9$  are given the names L0\*c9 and UP\*c9 respectively. If necessary, the character "\*" can be replaced by a different string by changing the

MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_SEPARATOR parameter.

• The additional constraints

$$l^x \leq x + v_l^x - v_u^x \leq u^x$$

are given names as follows. There is exactly one constraint per variable in the original problem, and thus the ith of these constraints is named after the ith variable in the original problem. For instance, if the first original variable is named "x0", then the first of the above constraints is named "MSK-x1". If necessary, the prefix "MSK-" can be replaced by a different string by changing the

MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_PREFIX parameter.

• The variable p is by default given the name WSUMVIOLVAR, and the constraint (13.5) is given the name WSUMVIOLCON.

The substring "WSUMVIOL" can be replaced by a different string by changing the MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_WSUMVIOL parameter.

## 13.2.3 An example

Consider the example linear optimization

minimize 
$$-10x_1$$
  $-9x_2$ ,  
subject to  $7/10x_1$  +  $1x_2 \le 630$ ,  
 $1/2x_1$  +  $5/6x_2 \le 600$ ,  
 $1x_1$  +  $2/3x_2 \le 708$ ,  
 $1/10x_1$  +  $1/4x_2 \le 135$ ,  
 $x_1$ ,  $x_2 \ge 0$ . (13.7)

This is an infeasible problem. Now suppose we wish to use MOSEK to suggest a modification to the bounds that makes the problem feasible.

The command

```
mosek -d MSK_IPAR_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE
MSK_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE_PENALTY -d
MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOLUTIONS MSK_ON feasrepair.lp
-infrepo minv.opf
```

writes the problem (13.4) and it's solution to an OPF formatted file. In this case the file minv.opf.

The parameter

MSK\_IPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE

controls whether the function returns the problem (13.4) or the problem (13.6). In the case

MSK\_IPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE

is equal to

MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_NONE

then (13.4) is returned, but the problem is not solved. For MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_PENALTY the problem (13.4) is returned and solved. Finally for MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_COMBINED (13.6) is returned and solved.

# Chapter 14

# Sensitivity analysis

# 14.1 Introduction

Given an optimization problem it is often useful to obtain information about how the optimal objective value change when the problem parameters are perturbed. For instance assume that a bound represents a capacity of a machine. Now, it may be possible to expand the capacity for a certain cost and hence it worthwhile to know what the value of additional capacity is. This is precisely the type of questions sensitivity analysis deals with.

Analyzing how the optimal objective value changes when the problem data is changed is called sensitivity analysis.

# 14.2 Restrictions

Currently, sensitivity analysis is only available for continuous linear optimization problems. Moreover, MOSEK can only deal with perturbations in bounds or objective coefficients.

# 14.3 References

The book [12] discusses the classical sensitivity analysis in Chapter 10 whereas the book [19, Chapter 19] presents a modern introduction to sensitivity analysis. Finally, it is recommended to read the short paper [21] to avoid some of the pitfalls associated with sensitivity analysis.

# 14.4 Sensitivity analysis for linear problems

## 14.4.1 The optimal objective value function

Assume that we are given the problem

$$z(l^{c}, u^{c}, l^{x}, u^{x}, c) = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} c^{T}x$$

$$subject to \quad l^{c} \leq \underset{l^{x} \leq x \leq u^{x}}{Ax} \leq u^{c}, \qquad (14.1)$$

and we want to know how the optimal objective value changes as  $l_i^c$  is perturbed. In order to answer this question then define the perturbed problem for  $l_i^c$  as follows

$$f_{l_i^c}(\beta) = \text{minimize}$$
  $c^T x$   
subject to  $l^c + \beta e_i \leq Ax \leq u^c$ , (14.2)

where  $e_i$  is the *i*th column of the identity matrix. The function

$$f_{l_c^c}(\beta) \tag{14.3}$$

shows the optimal objective value as a function of  $\beta$ . Note that a change in  $\beta$  corresponds to a perturbation in  $l_i^c$  and hence (14.3) shows the optimal objective value as a function of  $l_i^c$ .

It is possible to prove that the function (14.3) is a piecewise linear and convex function i.e. the function may look like the illustration in Figure 14.1.

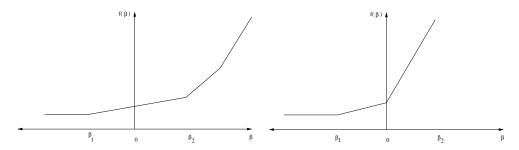


Figure 14.1: The optimal value function  $f_{l_i^c}(\beta)$ . Left:  $\beta = 0$  is in the interior of linearity interval. Right:  $\beta = 0$  is a breakpoint.

Clearly, if the function  $f_{l_i^c}(\beta)$  does not change much when  $\beta$  is changed, then we can conclude that the optimal objective value is insensitive to changes in  $l_i^c$ . Therefore, we are interested in how  $f_{l_i^c}(\beta)$  changes for small changes in  $\beta$ . Now define

$$f_{l_s^{\prime}}^{\prime}(0)$$
 (14.4)

to be the so called *shadow price* related to  $l_i^c$ . The shadow price specifies how the objective value changes for small changes in  $\beta$  around zero. Moreover, we are interested in the so called *linearity interval* 

$$\beta \in [\beta_1, \beta_2] \tag{14.5}$$

for which

$$f'_{l_i^c}(\beta) = f'_{l_i^c}(0). \tag{14.6}$$

To summarize the sensitivity analysis provides a shadow price and the linearity interval in which the shadow price is constant.

The reader may have noticed that we are sloppy in the definition of the shadow price. The reason is that the shadow price is not defined in the right example in Figure 14.1 because the function  $f_{l_i^c}(\beta)$  is not differentiable for  $\beta = 0$ . However, in that case we can define a left and a right shadow price and a left and a right linearity interval.

In the above discussion we only discussed changes in  $l_i^c$ . We define the other optimal objective value functions as follows

$$f_{u_i^c}(\beta) = z(l^c, u^c + \beta e_i, l^x, u^x, c), \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

$$f_{l_j^x}(\beta) = z(l^c, u^c, l^x + \beta e_j, u^x, c), \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$f_{u_j^x}(\beta) = z(l^c, u^c, l^x, u^x + \beta e_j, c), \quad j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$f_{c_j}(\beta) = z(l^c, u^c, l^x, u^x, c + \beta e_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$(14.7)$$

Given these definitions it should be clear how linearity intervals and shadow prices are defined for the parameters  $u_i^c$  etc.

#### 14.4.1.1 Equality constraints

In MOSEK a constraint can be specified as either an equality constraints or a ranged constraints. Suppose constraint i is an equality constraint. We then define the optimal value function for constraint i by

$$f_{e_i^c}(\beta) = z(l^c + \beta e_i, u^c + \beta e_i, l^x, u^x, c)$$
(14.8)

Thus for a equality constraint the upper and lower bound (which are equal) are perturbed simultaneously. From the point of view of MOSEK sensitivity analysis a ranged constrain with  $l_i^c = u_i^c$  therefore differs from an equality constraint.

#### 14.4.2 The basis type sensitivity analysis

The classical sensitivity analysis discussed in most textbooks about linear optimization, e.g. [12, Chapter 10], is based on an optimal basic solution or equivalently on an optimal basis. This method may produce misleading results [19, Chapter 19] but is **computationally cheap**. Therefore, and for historical reasons this method is available in MOSEK.

We will now briefly discuss the basis type sensitivity analysis. Given an optimal basic solution which provides a partition of variables into basic and non-basic variables then the basis type sensitivity analysis computes the linearity interval  $[\beta_1, \beta_2]$  such that the basis remains optimal for the perturbed problem. A shadow price associated with the linearity interval is also computed. However, it is well-known that an optimal basic solution may not be unique and therefore the result depends on the optimal basic solution employed in the sensitivity analysis. This implies that the computed interval is only a subset of the largest interval for which the shadow price is constant. Furthermore, the optimal objective value function might have a breakpoint for  $\beta = 0$ . In this case the basis type sensitivity method will only provide a subset of either the left or the right linearity interval.

In summary the basis type sensitivity analysis is computationally cheap but does not provide complete information. Hence, the results of the basis type sensitivity analysis should be used with care.

#### 14.4.3 The optimal partition type sensitivity analysis

Another method for computing the complete linearity interval is called the *optimal partition type sensitivity analysis*. The main drawback to the optimal partition type sensitivity analysis is it is computationally expensive. This type of sensitivity analysis is currently provided as an experimental feature in MOSEK.

Given optimal primal and dual solutions to (14.1) i.e.  $x^*$  and  $((s_l^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*)$  then the optimal objective value is given by

$$z^* := c^T x^*. \tag{14.9}$$

The left and right shadow prices  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  for  $l_i^c$  is given by the pair of optimization problems

$$\sigma_{1} = \text{minimize} \qquad e_{i}^{T} s_{l}^{c} 
\text{subject to} \qquad A^{T} (s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c}) + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = c, 
(l_{c})^{T} (s_{l}^{c}) - (u_{c})^{T} (s_{u}^{c}) + (l_{x})^{T} (s_{l}^{x}) - (u_{x})^{T} (s_{u}^{x}) = z^{*}, 
s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c} \ge 0$$
(14.10)

and

$$\sigma_{2} = \text{maximize} \qquad e_{i}^{T} s_{l}^{c}$$
subject to 
$$A^{T} (s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c}) + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = c,$$

$$(l_{c})^{T} (s_{l}^{c}) - (u_{c})^{T} (s_{u}^{c}) + (l_{x})^{T} (s_{l}^{x}) - (u_{x})^{T} (s_{u}^{x}) = z^{*},$$

$$s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{x} \geq 0.$$

$$(14.11)$$

The above two optimization problems makes it easy to interpret-ate the shadow price. Indeed assume that  $((s_l^c)^*, (s_u^c)^*, (s_u^r)^*, (s_u^r)^*)$  is an arbitrary optimal solution then it must hold

$$(s_l^c)_i^* \in [\sigma_1, \sigma_2].$$
 (14.12)

Next the linearity interval  $[\beta_1, \beta_2]$  for  $l_i^c$  is computed by solving the two optimization problems

$$\beta_{1} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} \qquad \beta \\ \text{subject to} \quad l^{c} + \beta e_{i} \leq \underset{c}{Ax} \leq u^{c}, \\ c^{T}x - \sigma_{1}\beta = z^{*}, \\ l^{x} < x < u^{x}.$$

$$(14.13)$$

and

$$\beta_{2} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{maximize}} \qquad \beta \\ \text{subject to} \quad l^{c} + \beta e_{i} \leq Ax \leq u^{c}, \\ c^{T}x - \sigma_{2}\beta = z^{*}, \\ l^{x} < x < u^{x}.$$

$$(14.14)$$

The linearity intervals and shadow prices for  $u_i^c$ ,  $l_i^x$ , and  $u_i^x$  can be computed in a similar way to how it is computed for  $l_i^c$ .

The left and right shadow price for  $c_i$  denoted  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  respectively is given by the pair optimization problems

$$\sigma_{1} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} \qquad e_{j}^{T} x$$

$$\underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{subject to}} \quad l^{c} + \beta e_{i} \leq \underset{c}{Ax} \leq \underset{c}{u^{c}},$$

$$c^{T} x = z^{*},$$

$$l^{x} \leq x \leq u^{x}$$

$$(14.15)$$

and

$$\sigma_{2} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{maximize}} \qquad e_{j}^{T} x \\ \text{subject to} \quad l^{c} + \beta e_{i} \leq \underset{c}{Ax} \leq \underset{c}{u^{c}}, \\ c^{T} x = z^{*}, \\ l^{x} \leq x \leq u^{x}.$$

$$(14.16)$$

Once again the above two optimization problems makes it easy to interpret-ate the shadow prices. Indeed assume that  $x^*$  is an arbitrary primal optimal solution then it must hold

$$x_i^* \in [\sigma_1, \sigma_2]. \tag{14.17}$$

The linearity interval  $[\beta_1, \beta_2]$  for a  $c_j$  is computed as follows

$$\beta_{1} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{minimize}} \qquad \beta \\ \text{subject to} \qquad A^{T}(s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c}) + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = c + \beta e_{j}, \\ (l_{c})^{T}(s_{l}^{c}) - (u_{c})^{T}(s_{u}^{c}) + (l_{x})^{T}(s_{l}^{x}) - (u_{x})^{T}(s_{u}^{x}) - \sigma_{1}\beta \leq z^{*}, \\ s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{x} \geq 0$$

$$(14.18)$$

and

$$\beta_{2} = \underset{\text{subject to}}{\text{maximize}} \qquad \beta \\ \text{subject to} \qquad A^{T}(s_{l}^{c} - s_{u}^{c}) + s_{l}^{x} - s_{u}^{x} = c + \beta e_{j}, \\ (l_{c})^{T}(s_{l}^{c}) - (u_{c})^{T}(s_{u}^{c}) + (l_{x})^{T}(s_{l}^{x}) - (u_{x})^{T}(s_{u}^{x}) - \sigma_{2}\beta \leq z^{*}, \\ s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{c}, s_{l}^{c}, s_{u}^{x} \geq 0.$$
 (14.19)

## 14.4.4 An example

As an example we will use the following transportation problem. Consider the problem of minimizing the transportation cost between a number of production plants and stores. Each plant supplies a number of goods and each store has a given demand that must be met. Supply, demand and cost of transportation per unit are shown in Figure 14.2.

If we denote the number of transported goods from location i to location j by  $x_{ij}$ , the problem can be formulated as the linear optimization problem minimize

$$1x_{11} + 2x_{12} + 5x_{23} + 2x_{24} + 1x_{31} + 2x_{33} + 1x_{34}$$
 (14.20)

subject to

The basis type and the optimal partition type sensitivity results for the transportation problem is shown in Table 14.1 and 14.2 respectively.

Looking at the results from the optimal partition type sensitivity analysis we see that for the constraint number 1 we have  $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$  and  $\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$ . Therefore, we have a left linearity interval of [-300, 0] and a right interval of [0, 500]. The corresponding left and right shadow price is 3 and 1 respectively. This implies that if the upper bound on constraint 1 increases by

$$\beta \in [0, \beta_1] = [0, 500] \tag{14.22}$$

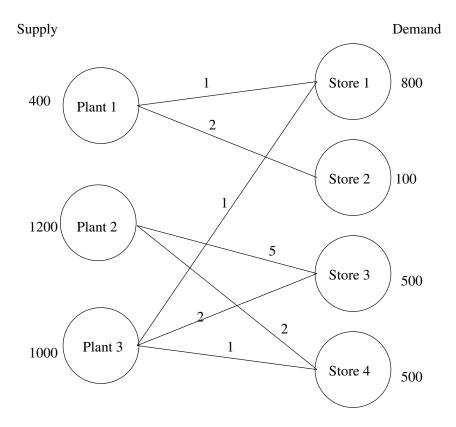


Figure 14.2: Supply, demand and cost of transportation.

SIS	LVDE

Con.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$
1	-300.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
2	-700.00	$+\infty$	0.00	0.00
3	-500.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
4	-0.00	500.00	4.00	4.00
5	-0.00	300.00	5.00	5.00
6	-0.00	700.00	5.00	5.00
7	-500.00	700.00	2.00	2.00
Var.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$
$x_{11}$	$-\infty$	300.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{12}$	$-\infty$	100.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{23}$	$-\infty$	0.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{24}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{31}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{33}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{34}$	-0.000000	500.00	2.00	2.00

#### Optimal partition type

	- I	Percent	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Con.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$
1	-300.00	500.00	3.00	1.00
2	-700.00	$+\infty$	-0.00	-0.00
3	-500.00	500.00	3.00	1.00
4	-500.00	500.00	2.00	4.00
5	-100.00	300.00	3.00	5.00
6	-500.00	700.00	3.00	5.00
7	-500.00	700.00	2.00	2.00
Var.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$
$x_{11}$	$-\infty$	300.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{12}$	$-\infty$	100.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{23}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	2.00
$x_{24}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{31}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{33}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	0.00
$x_{34}$	$-\infty$	500.00	0.00	2.00

Table 14.1: Ranges and shadow prices related to bounds on constraints and variables. Left: Results for basis type sensitivity analysis. Right: Results for the optimal partition type sensitivity analysis.

Basis type

Var.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$
$c_1$	$-\infty$	3.00	300.00	300.00
$c_2$	$-\infty$	$\infty$	100.00	100.00
$c_3$	-2.00	$\infty$	0.00	0.00
$c_4$	$-\infty$	2.00	500.00	500.00
$c_5$	-3.00	$\infty$	500.00	500.00
$c_6$	$-\infty$	2.00	500.00	500.00
$c_7$	-2.00	$\infty$	0.00	0.00

Optimal partition type

optimar partition type						
Var.	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$		
$c_1$	$-\infty$	3.00	300.00	300.00		
$c_2$	$-\infty$	$\infty$	100.00	100.00		
$c_3$	-2.00	$\infty$	0.00	0.00		
$c_4$	$-\infty$	2.00	500.00	500.00		
$c_5$	-3.00	$\infty$	500.00	500.00		
$c_6$	$-\infty$	2.00	500.00	500.00		
$c_7$	-2.00	$\infty$	0.00	0.00		

Table 14.2: Ranges and shadow prices related to the objective coefficients. Left: Results for basis type sensitivity analysis. Right: Results for the optimal partition type sensitivity analysis.

then the optimal objective value will decrease by the value

$$\sigma_2 \beta = 1\beta. \tag{14.23}$$

Correspondingly, if the upper bound on constraint 1 is decreased by

$$\beta \in [0, 300] \tag{14.24}$$

then the optimal objective value will increased by the value

$$\sigma_1 \beta = 3\beta. \tag{14.25}$$

# 14.5 Sensitivity analysis with the command line tool

A sensitivity analysis can be performed with the MOSEK command line tool using the command

mosek myproblem.mps -sen sensitivity.ssp

where sensitivity.ssp is a file in the format described in the next section. The ssp file describes which parts of the problem the sensitivity analysis should be performed on.

By default results are written to a file named myproblem.sen. If necessary, this filename can be changed by setting the

#### MSK\_SPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_RES\_FILE\_NAME

parameter By default a basis type sensitivity analysis is performed. However, the type of sensitivity analysis (basis or optimal partition) can be changed by setting the parameter

#### MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE

appropriately. Following values are accepted for this parameter:

- MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_BASIS
- MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_OPTIMAL\_PARTITION

It is also possible to use the command line

mosek myproblem.mps -d MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_ALL MSK\_ON

in which case a sensitivity analysis on all the parameters is performed.

#### 14.5.1 Sensitivity analysis specification file

MOSEK employs an MPS like file format to specify on which model parameters the sensitivity analysis should be performed. As the optimal partition type sensitivity analysis can be computationally expensive it is important to limit the sensitivity analysis.

The format of the sensitivity specification file is shown in figure 14.3, where capitalized names are keywords, and names in brackets are names of the constraints and variables to be included in the analysis.

The sensitivity specification file has three sections, i.e.

• BOUNDS CONSTRAINTS: Specifies on which bounds on constraints the sensitivity analysis should be performed.

```
* A comment
BOUNDS CONSTRAINTS
U|L|LU [cname1]
U|L|LU [cname2]-[cname3]
BOUNDS VARIABLES
U|L|LU [vname1]
U|L|LU [vname2]-[vname3]
OBJECTIVE VARIABLES
[vname1]
[vname2]-[vname3]
```

Figure 14.3: The sensitivity analysis file format.

- BOUNDS VARIABLES: Specifies on which bounds on variables the sensitivity analysis should be performed.
- OBJECTIVE VARIABLES: Specifies on which objective coefficients the sensitivity analysis should be performed.

A line in the body of a section must begin with a whitespace. In the BOUNDS sections one of the keys L, U, and LU must appear next. These keys specify whether the sensitivity analysis is performed on the lower bound, on the upper bound, or on both the lower and the upper bound respectively. Next, a single constraint (variable) or range of constraints (variables) is specified.

Recall from Section 14.4.1.1 that equality constraints are handled in a special way. Sensitivity analysis of an equality constraint can be specified with either L, U, or LU, all indicating the same, namely that upper and lower bounds (which are equal) are perturbed simultaneously.

As an example consider

```
BOUNDS CONSTRAINTS
L "cons1"
U "cons2"
LU "cons3"-"cons6"
```

which requests that sensitivity analysis is performed on the lower bound of the constraint named cons1, on the upper bound of the constraint named cons2, and on both lower and upper bound on the constraints named cons3 to cons6.

It is allowed to use indexes instead of names, for instance

```
BOUNDS CONSTRAINTS
L "cons1"
U 2
LU 3 - 6
```

The character "\*" indicates that the line contains a comment and is ignored.

#### 14.5.2 Example: Sensitivity analysis from command line

As an example consider the sensitivity.ssp file shown in Figure 14.4.

The command

Figure 14.4: Example of the sensitivity file format.

mosek transport.lp -sen sensitivity.ssp -d MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_BASIS produces the transport.sen file shown below.

BOUNDS	CONSTRAINTS					
INDEX	NAME	BOUND	LEFTRANGE	RIGHTRANGE	LEFTPRICE	RIGHTPRICE
0	c1	UP	-6.574875e-18	5.000000e+02	1.000000e+00	1.000000e+00
2	c3	UP	-6.574875e-18	5.000000e+02	1.000000e+00	1.000000e+00
3	c4	FIX	-5.000000e+02	6.574875e-18	2.000000e+00	2.000000e+00
4	c5	FIX	-1.000000e+02	6.574875e-18	3.000000e+00	3.000000e+00
5	c6	FIX	-5.000000e+02	6.574875e-18	3.000000e+00	3.000000e+00
BOUNDS	VARIABLES					
INDEX	NAME	BOUND	LEFTRANGE	RIGHTRANGE	LEFTPRICE	RIGHTPRICE
2	x23	LO	-6.574875e-18	5.000000e+02	2.000000e+00	2.000000e+00
3	x24	LO	-inf	5.000000e+02	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00
4	x31	LO	-inf	5.000000e+02	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00
0	x11	LO	-inf	3.000000e+02	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00
OBJECTI	VE VARIABLES					
INDEX	NAME		LEFTRANGE	RIGHTRANGE	LEFTPRICE	RIGHTPRICE
0	x11		-inf	1.000000e+00	3.000000e+02	3.000000e+02
2	x23		-2.000000e+00	+inf	0.000000e+00	0.000000e+00

# 14.5.3 Controlling log output

Setting the parameter

#### MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SENSITIVITY

to 1 or 0 (default) controls whether or not the results from sensitivity calculations are printed to the message stream.

The parameter

#### MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SENSITIVITY\_OPT

controls the amount of debug information on internal calculations from the sensitivity analysis.

# Appendix A

# MOSEK command line tool reference

# A.1 Introduction

The MOSEK command line tool is used to solve optimization problems from the operating system command line. It is invoked as follows

mosek [options] [filename]

where both [options] and [filename] are optional arguments. [filename] is a file describing the optimization problems and is either a MPS file or AMPL nl file. [options] consists of command line arguments that modifies the behavior of MOSEK.

# A.2 Command line arguments

The following list shows the possible command-line arguments for MOSEK:

- -a MOSEK runs in AMPL mode.
- -AMPL The input file is an AMPL nl file.
- -basi name Input basis solution file name.
- -baso name Output basis solution file name.
- -brni name name is the filename of a variable branch order file to be read.
- -brno name name is the filename of a variable branch order file to be written.
- -d name val Assigns the value val to the parameter named name.
- -dbgmem name Name of memory debug file. Write memory debug information to file name.
- -f Complete license information is printed.

- -h Prints out help information for MOSEK.
- -inti name Input integer solution file name.
- -into name Output integer solution file name.
- -itri name Input interior point solution file name.
- -itro name Output interior point solution file name.
- -info name Infeasible subproblem output file name.
- -infrepo name Feasibility reparation output file
- -pari name Input parameter file name. Equivalent to -p.
- -paro name Output parameter file name.
- -L name name of the license file.
- -1 name name of the license file.
- -max Forces MOSEK to maximize the objective.
- -min Forces MOSEK to minimize the objective.
- -n Ignore errors in subsequent paramter settings.
- -p name New parameter settings are read from a file named name.
- -q name Name of a optional log file.
- -r If the option is present, the program returns -1 if an error occurred otherwise 0.
- -rout name If the option is present, the program writes the return code to file 'name'.
- -sen file Perform sensitivity analysis based on file.
- -silent As little information as possible is send to the terminal.
- -v The MOSEK version number is printed and no optimization is performed.
- -w If this options is included, then MOSEK will wait for a license.
- -= Lists the parameter database.
- -? Same as the -h option.

# A.3 The parameter file

Occasionally system or algorithmic parameters in MOSEK should be changed be the user. One way of the changing parameters is to use a so-called parameter file which is a plain text file. It can for example can have the format

BEGIN MOSEK
% This is a comment.
% The subsequent line tells MOSEK that an optimal
% basis should be computed by the interior-point optimizer.
MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS MSK\_BI\_ALWAYS
MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PFEAS 1.0e-9
END MOSEK

Note that the file begins with an BEGIN MOSEK and is terminated with an END MOSEK, this is required. Moreover, everything that appears after an % is considered to be a comment and is ignored. Similarly, empty lines are ignored. The important lines are those which begins with a valid MOSEK parameter name such as MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS. Immediately after parameter name follows the new value for the parameter. All the MOSEK parameter names are listed in Appendix H.

#### A.3.1 Using the parameter file

The parameter file can be given any name, but let us assume it has the name mosek.par. If MOSEK should use the parameter settings in that file, then -p mosek.par should be on the command line when MOSEK is invoked. An example of such a command line is

mosek -p mosek.par afiro.mps

# Appendix B

# The MPS file format

MOSEK supports the standard MPS format with some extensions. For a detailed description of the MPS format the book by Nazareth [18] is a good reference.

## B.1 The MPS file format

The version of the MPS format supported by MOSEK allows specification of an optimization problem on the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
l^c & \leq & Ax + q(x) & \leq & u^c, \\
l^x & \leq & x & \leq & u^x, \\
& & x \in \mathcal{C}, \\
& & x_{\mathcal{J}} & \text{integer},
\end{array} \tag{B.1}$$

where

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector of decision variables.
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the constraint matrix.
- $l^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the lower limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $u^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the upper limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $l^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the lower limit on the activity for the variables.
- $u^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the upper limit on the activity for the variables.
- $q: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a vector of quadratic functions. Hence,

$$q_i(x) = 1/2x^T Q^i x$$

where it is assumed that

$$Q^i = (Q^i)^T. (B.2)$$

Please note the explicit 1/2 in the quadratic term and that  $Q^i$  is required to be symmetric.

• C is a convex cone.

•  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an index set of the integer-constrained variables.

An MPS file with one row and one column can be illustrated like this:

```
*2345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890
NAME
               [name]
OBJSENSE
    [objsense]
OBJNAME
    [objname]
ROWS
    [cname1]
COLUMNS
    [vname1]
               [cname1]
                            [value1]
                                          [vname3]
                                                    [value2]
RHS
                            [value1]
    [name]
               [cname1]
                                          [cname2]
                                                    [value2]
RANGES
    [name]
               [cname1]
                            [value1]
                                          [cname2]
                                                    [value2]
QSECTION
               [cname1]
    [vname1]
               [vname2]
                            [value1]
                                          [vname3]
                                                    [value2]
BOUNDS
                            [value1]
 ?? [name]
               [vname1]
CSECTION
               [kname1]
                            [value1]
                                          [ktype]
    [vname1]
ENDATA
```

Here the names in capitals are keywords of the MPS format and names in brackets are custom defined names or values. A couple of notes on the structure:

**Fields:** All items surrounded by brackets appear in *fields*. The fields named "valueN" are numerical values. Hence, they must have the format

$$[+|-]XXXXXXX.XXXXX[[e|E][+|-]XXX]$$

where

X = [0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7|8|9].

**Sections:** The MPS file consists of several sections where the names in capitals indicate the beginning of a new section. For example, COLUMNS denotes the beginning of the columns section.

Comments: Lines starting with an "\*" are comment lines and are ignored by MOSEK.

**Keys:** The question marks represent keys to be specified later.

Extensions: The sections QSECTION and CSECTION are MOSEK specific extensions of the MPS format.

The standard MPS format is a fixed format, i.e. everything in the MPS file must be within certain fixed positions. MOSEK also supports a *free format*. See Section B.5 for details.

## B.1.1 An example

A concrete example of a MPS file is presented below:

NAM	Ε	EXAMPLE			
OBJ	SENSE				
	MIN				
ROW	S				
N	obj				
L	c1				
L	c2				
L	c3				
L	c4				
COL	UMNS				
	x1	obj	-10.0	c1	0.7
	x1	c2	0.5	c3	1.0
	x1	c4	0.1		
	x2	obj	-9.0	c1	1.0
	x2	c2	0.833333333	c3	0.6666667
	x2	c4	0.25		
RHS					
	rhs	c1	630.0	c2	600.0
	rhs	c3	708.0	c4	135.0
END	ATA				

Subsequently each individual section in the MPS format is discussed.

## **B.1.2** NAME

In this section a name ([name]) is assigned to the problem.

# B.1.3 OBJSENSE (optional)

This is an optional section that can be used to specify the sense of the objective function. The <code>OBJSENSE</code> section contains one line at most which can be one of the following

MIN MINIMIZE MAX MAXIMIZE

It should be obvious what the implication is of each of these four lines.

# B.1.4 OBJNAME (optional)

This is an optional section that can be used to specify the name of the row that is used as objective function. The OBJNAME section contains one line at most which has the form

objname

objname should be a valid row name.

#### B.1.5 ROWS

A record in the ROWS section has the form

#### ? [cname1]

where the requirements for the fields are as follows:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
?	2	1	Yes	Constraint key
[cname1]	5	8	Yes	Constraint name

Hence, in this section each constraint is assigned an unique name denoted by [cname1]. Please note that [cname1] starts in position 5 and the field can be at most 8 characters wide. An initial key (?) must be present to specify the type of the constraint. The key can have the values E, G, L, or N whith ther following interpretation:

Constraint	$l_i^c$	$u_i^c$
type		
E	finite	$l_i^c$
G	finite	$\infty$
L	$-\infty$	finite
N	$-\infty$	$\infty$

In the MPS format an objective vector is not specified explicitly, but one of the constraints having the key  $\mathbb N$  will be used as the objective vector c. In general, if multiple  $\mathbb N$  type constraints are specified, then the first will be used as the objective vector c.

# B.1.6 COLUMNS

In this section the elements of A are specified using one or more records having the form

[vname1] [cname1] [value1] [cname2] [value2]

where the requirements for each field are as follows:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[vname1]	5	8	Yes	Variable name
[cname1]	15	8	Yes	Constraint name
[value1]	25	12	Yes	Numerical value
[cname2]	40	8	No	Constraint name
[value2]	50	12	No	Numerical value

Hence, a record specifies one or two elements  $a_{ij}$  of A using the principle that [vname1] and [cname1] determines j and i respectively. Please note that [cname1] must be a constraint name specified in the ROWS section. Finally, [value1] denotes the numerical value of  $a_{ij}$ . Another optional element is specified by [cname2], and [value2] for the variable specified by [vname1]. Some important comments are:

- All elements belonging to one variable must be grouped together.
- Zero elements of A should not be specified.
- At least one element for each variable should be specified.

#### B.1.7 RHS (optional)

A record in this section has the format

[name] [cname1] [value1] [cname2] [value2]

where the requirements for each field are as follows:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[name]	5	8	Yes	Name of the RHS vector
[cname1]	15	8	Yes	Constraint name
[value1]	25	12	Yes	Numerical value
[cname2]	40	8	No	Constraint name
[value2]	50	12	No	Numerical value

The interpretation of a record is that [name] is the name of the RHS vector to be specified. In general, several vectors can be specified. [cname1] denotes a constraint name previously specified in the ROWS section. Now, assume that this name has been assigned to the ith constraint and  $v_1$  denotes the value specified by [value1], then the interpretation of  $v_1$  is:

Constraint	$l_i^c$	$u_i^c$
$_{\mathrm{type}}$		
Е	$v_1$	$v_1$
G	$v_1$	
L		$v_1$
N		

An optional second element is specified by [cname2] and [value2] and is interpreted in the same way. Please note that it is not necessary to specify zero elements, because elements are assumed to be zero.

# B.1.8 RANGES (optional)

A record in this section has the form

[name] [cname1] [value1] [cname2] [value2]

where the requirements for each fields are as follows:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[name]	5	8	Yes	Name of the RANGE vector
[cname1]	15	8	Yes	Constraint name
[value1]	25	12	Yes	Numerical value
[cname2]	40	8	No	Constraint name
[value2]	50	12	No	Numerical value

The records in this section are used to modify the bound vectors for the constraints, i.e. the values in  $l^c$  and  $u^c$ . A record has the following interpretation: [name] is the name of the RANGE vector and [cname1] is a valid constraint name. Assume that [cname1] is assigned to the *i*th constraint and let  $v_1$  be the value specified by [value1], then a record has the interpretation:

Constraint	Sign of $v_1$	$l_i^c$	$u_i^c$
type			
E	-	$u_i^c + v_1$	
E	+		$l_i^c + v_1$
G	- or +		$l_i^c +  v_1 $
L	- or +	$u_i^c -  v_1 $	
N			

# B.1.9 QSECTION (optional)

Within the QSECTION the label [cname1] must be a constraint name previously specified in the ROWS section. The label [cname1] denotes the constraint to which the quadratic term belongs. A record in the QSECTION has the form

[vname1] [vname2] [value1] [vname3] [value2]

where the requirements for each field are:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[vname1]	5	8	Yes	Variable name
[vname2]	15	8	Yes	Variable name
[value1]	25	12	Yes	Numerical value
[vname3]	40	8	No	Variable name
[value2]	50	12	No	Numerical value

A record specifies one or two elements in the lower triangular part of the  $Q^i$  matrix where [cname1] specifies the i. Hence, if the names [vname1] and [vname2] have been assigned to the kth and jth variable, then  $Q^i_{kj}$  is assigned the value given by [value1] An optional second element is specified in the same way by the fields [vname1], [vname3], and [value2].

The example

minimize 
$$-x_2 + 0.5(2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_3 + 0.2x_2^2 + 2x_3^2)$$
  
subject to  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \ge 1$ ,  $x \ge 0$ 

has the following MPS file representation

NAM	E	qoexp	
ROW	S		
N	obj		
G	c1		
COL	UMNS		
	x1	c1	1
	x2	obj	-1
	x2	c1	1
	x3	c1	1
RHS			
	rhs	c1	1
QSE	CTION	obj	
	x1	x1	2
	x1	x3	-1
	x2	x2	0.2
	x3	x3	2
END	ATA		

Regarding the QSECTIONs please note that:

- Only one QSECTION is allowed for each constraint.
- The QSECTIONs can appear in an arbitrary order after the COLUMNS section.
- All variable names occurring in the QSECTION must already be specified in the COLUMNS section.
- ullet All entries specified in a QSECTION are assumed to belong to the lower triangular part of the quadratic term of Q.

#### B.1.10 BOUNDS (optional)

In the BOUNDS section changes to the default bounds vectors  $l^x$  and  $u^x$  are specified. The default bounds vectors are  $l^x = 0$  and  $u^x = \infty$ . Moreover, it is possible to specify several sets of bound vectors. A record in this section has the form

?? [name] [vname1] [value1]

where the requirements for each field are:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
??	2	2	Yes	Bound key
[name]	5	8	Yes	Name of the BOUNDS vector
[vname1]	15	8	Yes	Variable name
[value1]	25	12	No	Variable name

Hence, a record in the BOUNDS section has the following interpretation: [name] is the name of the bound vector and [vname1] is the name of the variable which bounds are modified by the record. ?? and [value1] are used to modify the bound vectors according to the following table:

??	$l_j^x$	$u_j^x$	Made integer (added to $\mathcal{J}$ )
FR	$-\infty$	$\infty$	No
FX	$v_1$	$v_1$	No
LO	$v_1$	unchanged	No
MI	$-\infty$	unchanged	No
PL	unchanged	$\infty$	No
UP	unchanged	$v_1$	No
BV	0	1	Yes
LI	$\lceil v_1 \rceil$	$\infty$	Yes
UI	unchanged	$\lfloor v_1 \rfloor$	Yes

 $v_1$  is the value specified by [value1].

## B.1.11 CSECTION (optional)

The purpose of the CSECTION is to specify the constraint

$$x \in \mathcal{C}$$
.

in (B.1).

It is assumed that  $\mathcal C$  satisfies the following requirements. Let

$$x^t \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t}, \ t = 1, \dots, k$$

be vectors comprised of parts of the decision variables x so that each decision variable is a member of exactly **one** vector  $x^t$ , for example

$$x^1 = \left[ egin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_4 \\ x_7 \end{array} 
ight] ext{ and } x^2 = \left[ egin{array}{c} x_6 \\ x_5 \\ x_3 \\ x_2 \end{array} 
ight].$$

Next define

$$\mathcal{C} := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \ x^t \in \mathcal{C}_t, \ t = 1, \dots, k \right\}$$

where  $C_t$  must have one of the following forms

•  $\mathbb{R}$  set:

$$\mathcal{C}_t = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t}\}.$$

• Quadratic cone:

$$C_t = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : x_1 \ge \sqrt{\sum_{j=2}^{n^t} x_j^2} \right\}.$$
 (B.3)

• Rotated quadratic cone:

$$C_t = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^t} : 2x_1 x_2 \ge \sum_{j=3}^{n^t} x_j^2, \ x_1, x_2 \ge 0 \right\}.$$
 (B.4)

In general, only quadratic and rotated quadratic cones are specified in the MPS file whereas membership of the  $\mathbb{R}$  set is not. If a variable is not a member of any other cone then it is assumed to be a member of an  $\mathbb{R}$  cone.

Next, let us study an example. Assume that the quadratic cone

$$x_4 \ge \sqrt{x_5^2 + x_0^2} \tag{B.5}$$

and the rotated quadratic cone

$$2x_3x_7 \ge x_1^2 + x_8^2, \ x_3, x_7 \ge 0, \tag{B.6}$$

should be specified in the MPS file. One CSECTION is required for each cone and they are specified as follows:

*	1 :	2 3	4	5	6
*23456789	01234567890	1234567890	12345678901	.2345678901	234567890
${\tt CSECTION}$	konea	0.0	QU	JAD	
x4					
x5					
x8					
CSECTION	koneb	0.0	RC	[UAD	
x7					
x3					
x1					
x0					

This first CSECTION specifies the cone (B.5) which is given the name konea. This is a quadratic cone which is specified by the keyword QUAD in the CSECTION header. The 0.0 value in the CSECTION header is not used by the QUAD cone.

The second CSECTION specifies the rotated quadratic cone (B.6). Please note the keyword RQUAD in the CSECTION which is used to specify that the cone is a rotated quadratic cone instead of a quadratic cone. The 0.0 value in the CSECTION header is not used by the RQUAD cone.

In general, a CSECTION header has the format

CSECTION [kname1] [value1] [ktype]

where the requirement for each field are as follows:

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[kname1]	5	8	Yes	Name of the cone
[value1]	15	12	No	Cone parameter
[ktype]	25		Yes	Type of the cone.

The possible cone type keys are:

Cone type key	Members	Interpretation.
QUAD	$\geq 1$	Quadratic cone i.e. (B.3).
RQUAD	$\geq 2$	Rotated quadratic cone i.e. (B.4).

Please note that a quadratic cone must have at least one member whereas a rotated quadratic cone must have at least two members. A record in the CSECTION has the format

[vname1] where the requirements for each field are

Field	Starting	Maximum	Re-	Description
	position	width	quired	
[vname1]	2	8	Yes	A valid variable name

The most important restriction with respect to the CSECTION is that a variable must occur in only one CSECTION.

#### B.1.12 ENDATA

xЗ

MARKO01

This keyword denotes the end of the MPS file.

# B.2 Integer variables

Using special bound keys in the BOUNDS section it is possible to specify that some or all of the variables should be integer-constrained i.e. be members of  $\mathcal{J}$ . However, an alternative method is available.

This method is available only for backward compability and we recommend that it is not used. This method requires that markers are placed in the COLUMNS section as in the example:

COLUMNS				
x1	obj	-10.0	c1	0.7
x1	c2	0.5	c3	1.0
x1	c4	0.1		
* Start of	integer-cons	trained variabl	es.	
MARK000	'MARKER'		'INTORG'	
x2	obj	-9.0	c1	1.0
x2	c2	0.833333333	c3	0.66666667
x2	c4	0.25		

1.0

\* End of integer-constrained variables.

'MARKER'

obi

Please note that special marker lines are used to indicate the start and the end of the integer variables. Furthermore be aware of the following

'INTEND'

с6

• IMPORTANT: All variables between the markers are assigned a default lower bound of 0 and a default upper bound of 1. **This may not be what is intended.** If it is not intended, the correct bounds should be defined in the BOUNDS section of the MPS formatted file.

2.0

- MOSEK ignores field 1, i.e. MARKO001 and MARKO01, however, other optimization systems require them.
- Field 2, i.e. 'MARKER', must be specified including the single quotes. This implies that no row can be assigned the name 'MARKER'.

- Field 3 is ignored and should be left blank.
- Field 4, i.e. 'INTORG' and 'INTEND', must be specified.
- It is possible to specify several such integer marker sections within the COLUMNS section.

# **B.3** General limitations

• An MPS file should be an ASCII file.

# B.4 Interpretation of the MPS format

Several issues related to the MPS format are not well-defined by the industry standard. However, MOSEK uses the following interpretation:

- If a matrix element in the COLUMNS section is specified multiple times, then the multiple entries are added together.
- If a matrix element in a QSECTION section is specified multiple times, then the multiple entries are added together.

# B.5 The free MPS format

MOSEK supports a free format variation of the MPS format. The free format is similar to the MPS file format but less restrictive, e.g. it allows longer names. However, it also presents two main limitations:

- By default a line in the MPS file must not contain more than 1024 characters. However, by modifying the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_WIDTH an arbitrary large line width will be accepted.
- A name must not contain any blanks.

To use the free MPS format instead of the default MPS format the MOSEK parameter MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_FORMAT should be changed.

# Appendix C

# The LP file format

MOSEK supports the LP file format with some extensions i.e. MOSEK can read and write LP formatted files.

# C.1 A warning

The LP format is not a well-defined standard and hence different optimization packages may interpretate a specific LP formatted file differently.

# C.2 The LP file format

The LP file format can specify problems on the form

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{minimize/maximize} & & c^Tx + \frac{1}{2}q^o(x) \\ \text{subject to} & & l^c & \leq & Ax + \frac{1}{2}q(x) & \leq & u^c, \\ & l^x & \leq & x & \leq & u^x, \\ & & & x_{\mathcal{J}} \text{ integer,} \end{array}$$

where

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector of decision variables.
- $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the linear term in the objective.
- $q^o :\in \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is the quadratic term in the objective where

$$q^o(x) = x^T Q^o x$$

and it is assumed that

$$Q^o = (Q^o)^T. (C.1)$$

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is the constraint matrix.
- $l^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the lower limit on the activity for the constraints.

- $u^c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the upper limit on the activity for the constraints.
- $l^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the lower limit on the activity for the variables.
- $u^x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the upper limit on the activity for the variables.
- $q: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a vector of quadratic functions. Hence,

$$q_i(x) = x^T Q^i x$$

where it is assumed that

$$Q^i = (Q^i)^T. (C.2)$$

•  $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an index set of the integer constrained variables.

#### C.2.1 The sections

An LP formatted file contains a number of sections specifying the objective, constraints, variable bounds, and variable types. The section keywords may be any mix of upper and lower case letters.

#### C.2.1.1 The objective

The first section beginning with one of the keywords

max

 ${\tt maximum}$ 

maximize

min

minimum

minimize

defines the objective sense and the objective function, i.e.

$$c^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T Q^o x.$$

The objective may be given a name by writing

## myname:

before the expressions. If no name is given, then the objective is named obj.

The objective function contains linear and quadratic terms. The linear terms are written as in the example

$$4 x1 + x2 - 0.1 x3$$

and so forth. The quadratic terms are written in square brackets ([]) and are either squared or multiplied as in the examples

and

x1 \* x2

There may be zero or more pairs of brackets containing quadratic expressions.

An example of an objective section is:

minimize

myobj: 
$$4 \times 1 + \times 2 - 0.1 \times 3 + [\times 1^2 + 2.1 \times 1 * \times 2]/2$$

Please note that the quadratic expressions are multiplied with  $\frac{1}{2}$ , so that the above expression means

minimize 
$$4x_1 + x_2 - 0.1 \cdot x_3 + \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + 2.1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2)$$

If the same variable occurs more than once in the linear part, the coefficients are added, so that  $4 \times 1 + 2 \times 1$  is equivalent to  $6 \times 1$ . In the quadratic expressions  $\times 1 \times 2$  is equivalent to  $\times 2 \times 1$  and as in the linear part, if the same variables multiplied or squared occur several times their coefficients are added.

#### C.2.1.2 The constraints

The second section beginning with one of the keywords

```
subj to
subject to
s.t.
st
```

defines the linear constraint matrix (A) and the quadratic matrices  $(Q^i)$ .

A constraint contains a name (optional), expressions adhering to the same rules as in the objective and a bound:

```
subject to con1: x1 + x2 + [x3^2]/2 \le 5.1
```

The bound type (here <=) may be any of <, <=, =, >, >= (< and <= mean the same), and the bound may be any number.

In the standard LP format it is not possible to define more than one bound, but MOSEK supports defining ranged constraints by using double-colon ('::') instead of a single-colon (":") after the constraint name, i.e.

$$-5 \le x_1 + x_2 \le 5 \tag{C.3}$$

may be written as

```
con:: -5 < x_1 + x_2 < 5
```

By default MOSEK writes ranged constraints this way.

If the files must adhere to the LP standard, ranged constraints must either be split into upper bounded and lower bounded constraints or be written as en equality with a slack variable. For example the expression (C.3) may be written as

$$x_1 + x_2 - sl_1 = 0, -5 \le sl_1 \le 5.$$

#### **C.2.1.3** Bounds

Bounds on the variables can be specified in the bound section beginning with one of the keywords

bound

bounds

The bounds section is optional but should, if present, follow the **subject to** section. All variables listed in the bounds section must occur in either the objective or a constraint.

The default lower and upper bounds are 0 and  $+\infty$ . A variable may be declared free with the keyword free, which means that the lower bound is  $-\infty$  and the upper bound is  $+\infty$ . Furthermore it may be assigned a finite lower and upper bound. The bound definitions for a given variable may be written in one or two lines, and bounds can be any number or  $\pm\infty$  (written as  $+\inf/-\inf/+\inf\inf$ ) as in the example

```
bounds

x1 free

x2 <= 5

0.1 <= x2

x3 = 42

2 <= x4 < +inf
```

#### C.2.1.4 Variable types

The final two sections are optional and must begin with one of the keywords

```
bin
binaries
binary
and
gen
general
```

Under general all integer variables are listed, and under binary all binary (integer variables with bounds 0 and 1) are listed:

```
general
x1 x2
binary
x3 x4
```

Again, all variables listed in the binary or general sections must occur in either the objective or a constraint.

#### C.2.1.5 Terminating section

Finally, an LP formatted file must be terminated with the keyword

end

#### C.2.1.6 An example

A simple example of an LP file with two variables, four constraints and one integer variable is:

# C.2.2 LP format peculiarities

#### C.2.2.1 Comments

Anything on a line after a "\" is ignored and is treated as a comment.

#### C.2.2.2 Names

A name for an objective, a constraint or a variable may contain the letters a-z, A-Z, the digits 0-9 and the characters

```
!"#$%&()/,.;?@_','{}|~
```

The first character in a name must not be a number, a period or the letter 'e' or 'E'. Keywords must not be used as names.

It is strongly recommended not to use double quotes (") in names.

#### C.2.2.3 Variable bounds

Specifying several upper or lower bounds on one variable is possible but MOSEK uses only the tightest bounds. If a variable is fixed (with =), then it is considered the tightest bound.

#### C.2.2.4 MOSEK specific extensions to the LP format

Some optimization software packages employ a more strict definition of the LP format that the one used by MOSEK. The limitations imposed by the strict LP format are the following:

- Quadratic terms in the constraints are not allowed.
- Names can be only 16 characters long.
- Lines must not exceed 255 characters in length.

If an LP formatted file created by MOSEK should satisfies the strict definition, then the parameter

#### MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_STRICT\_FORMAT

should be set; note, however, that some problems cannot be written correctly as a strict LP formatted file. For instance, all names are truncated to 16 characters and hence they may loose their uniqueness and change the problem.

To get around some of the inconveniences converting from other problem formats, MOSEK allows lines to contain 1024 characters and names may have any length (shorter than the 1024 characters).

Internally in MOSEK names may contain any (printable) character, many of which cannot be used in LP names. Setting the parameters

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_LP\_QUOTED\_NAMES

and

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_QUOTED\_NAMES

allows MOSEK to use quoted names. The first parameter tells MOSEK to remove quotes from quoted names e.g, "x1", when reading LP formatted files. The second parameter tells MOSEK to put quotes around any semi-illegal name (names beginning with a number or a period) and fully illegal name (containing illegal characters). As double quote is a legal character in the LP format, quoting semi-illegal names makes them legal in the pure LP format as long as they are still shorter than 16 characters. Fully illegal names are still illegal in a pure LP file.

#### C.2.3 The strict LP format

The LP format is not a formal standard and different vendors have slightly different interpretations of the LP format. To make MOSEK's definition of the LP format more compatible whith the definitions of other vendors use the paramter setting

```
MSK_IPAR_WRITE_LP_STRICT_FORMAT MSK_ON
```

This setting may lead to truncation of some names and hence to an invalid LP file. The simple solution to this problem is to use the paramter setting

```
MSK IPAR WRITE GENERIC NAMES MSK ON
```

which will cause all names to be renamed systematically in the output file.

#### C.2.4 Formatting of an LP file

A few parameters control the visual formatting of LP files written by MOSEK in order to make it easier to read the files. These parameters are

```
MSK_IPAR_WRITE_LP_LINE_WIDTH
MSK_IPAR_WRITE_LP_TERMS_PER_LINE
```

The first parameter sets the maximum number of characters on a single line. The default value is 80 corresponding roughly to the width of a standard text document.

The second parameter sets the maximum number of terms per line; a term means a sign, a coefficient, and a name (for example "+ 42 elephants"). The default value is 0, meaning that there is no maximum.

#### C.2.4.1 Speeding up file reading

If the input file should be read as fast as possible using the least amount of memory, then it is important to tell MOSEK how many non-zeros, variables and constraints the problem contains. These values can be set using the parameters

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_CON MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_VAR MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ANZ MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_QNZ

#### C.2.4.2 Unnamed constraints

Reading and writing an LP file with MOSEK may change it superficially. If an LP file contains unnamed constraints or objective these are given their generic names when the file is read (however unnamed constraints in MOSEK are written without names).

# Appendix D

# The OPF format

The Optimization Problem Format (OPF) is an alternative to LP and MPS files for specifying optimization problems. It is row-oriented, inspired by the CPLEX LP format.

Apart from containing objective, constraints, bounds etc. it may contain complete or partial solutions, comments and extra information relevant for solving the problem. It is designed to be easily read and modified by hand and to be forward compatible with possible future extensions.

### D.1 Intended use

The OPF file format is meant to replace several other files:

- The LP file format. Any problem that can be written as an LP file can be written as an OPF file to; furthermore it naturally accommodates ranged constraints and variables as well as arbitrary characters in names, fixed expressions in the objective, empty constraints, and conic constraints.
- Parameter files. It is possible to specify integer, double and string parameters along with the problem (or in a separate OPF file).
- Solution files. It is possible to store a full or a partial solution in an OPF file and later reload it.

#### D.2 The file format

The format uses tags to structure data. A simple example with the basic sections may look like this:

```
[comment]
  This is a comment. You may write almost anything here...
[/comment]
# This is a single-line comment.

[objective min 'myobj']
  x + 3 y + x^2 + 3 y^2 + z + 1
[/objective]
```

```
[constraints]
  [con 'con01'] 4 <= x + y [/con]
[/constraints]

[bounds]
  [b] -10 <= x,y <= 10 [/b]

  [cone quad] x,y,z [/cone]
[/bounds]</pre>
```

A scope is opened by a tag of the form [tag] and closed by a tag of the form [/tag]. An opening tag may accept a list of unnamed and named arguments, for examples

```
[tag value] tag with one unnamed argument [/tag]
[tag arg=value] tag with one named argument in quotes [/tag]
```

Unnamed arguments are identified by their order, while named arguments may appear in any order, but never before an unnamed argument. The value can be a quoted, single-quoted or double-quoted text string, i.e.

```
[tag 'value'] single-quoted value [/tag]
[tag arg='value'] single-quoted value [/tag]
[tag "value"] double-quoted value [/tag]
[tag arg="value"] double-quoted value [/tag]
```

#### D.2.1 Sections

The recognized tags are

- [comment] A comment section. This can contain *almost* any text: Between single quotes (') or double quotes (") any text may appear. Outside quotes the markup characters ([ and ]) must be prefixed by backslashes. Both single and double quotes may appear alone or inside a pair of quotes if it is prefixed by a backslash.
- [objective] The objective function: This accepts one or two parameters, where the first one (in the above example 'min') is either min or max (regardless of case) and defines the objective sense, and the second one (above 'myobj'), if present, is the objective name. The section may contain linear and quadratic expressions.

If several objectives are specified, all but the last are ignored.

• [constraints] This does not directly contain any data, but may contain the subsection 'con' defining a linear constraint.

[con] defines a single constraint; if an argument is present ([con NAME]) this is used as the name of the constraint, otherwise it is given a null-name. The section contains a constraint definition written as linear and quadratic expressions with a lower bound, an upper bound, with both or with an equality. Examples:

Constraint names are unique. If a constraint is apecified which has the same name as a previously defined constraint, the new constraint replaces the existing one.

- [bounds] This does not directly contain any data, but may contain the subsections 'b' (linear bounds on variables) and 'cone' (quadratic cone).
  - [b]. Bound definition on one or several variables separated by comma (','). An upper or lower bound on a variable replaces any earlier defined bound on that variable. If only one bound (upper or lower) is given only this bound is replaced. This means that upper and lower bounds can be specified separately. So the OPF bound definition:

[b] 
$$x,y \ge -10$$
 [/b]  
[b]  $x,y \le 10$  [/b]

results in the bound

$$-10 < x, y < 10.$$
 (D.1)

 [cone]. Currently, the supported cones are the quadratic cone and the rotated quadratic cone A conic constraint is defined as a set of variables which belongs to a single unique cone.

A quadratic cone of n variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  defines a constraint of the form

$$x_1^2 > \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2$$
.

A rotated quadratic cone of n variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  defines a constraint of the form

$$x_1 x_2 > \sum_{i=3}^{n} x_i^2.$$

A [bounds]-section example:

```
[bounds]
```

```
[b] 0 <= x,y <= 10 [/b] # ranged bound
[b] 10 >= x,y >= 0 [/b] # ranged bound
[b] 0 <= x,y <= inf [/b] # using inf
[b] x,y free [/b] # free variables
# Let (x,y,z,w) belong to the cone K
[cone quad] x,y,z,w [/cone] # quadratic cone
[cone rquad] x,y,z,w [/cone] # rotated quadratic cone
[/bounds]</pre>
```

By default all variables are free.

- [variables] This defines an ordering of variables as they should appear in the problem. This is simply a space-separated list of variable names.
- [integer] This contains a space-separated list of variables and defines the constraint that the listed variables must be integer values.
- [hints] This may contain only non-essential data; for example estimates of the number of variables, constraints and non-zeros. Placed before all other sections containing data this may reduce the time spent reading the file.

In the hints section, any subsection which is not recognized by MOSEK is simply ignored. In this section a hint in a subsection is defined as follows:

```
[hint ITEM] value [/hint]
```

where ITEM may be replaced by number (number of variables), numcon (number of linear/quadratic constraints), numanz (number if linear non-zeros in constraints) and numqnz (number of quadratic non-zeros in constraints).

• [solutions] This section can contain a number of full or partial solutions to a problem, each inside a [solution]-section. The syntax is

```
[solution SOLTYPE status=STATUS]...[/solution]
where SOLTYPE is one of the strings
  - 'interior', a non-basic solution,
  - 'basic', a basic solution,
  - 'integer', an integer solution,
and STATUS is one of the strings
  - 'UNKNOWN',
  - 'OPTIMAL',
  - 'INTEGER_OPTIMAL',
  - 'PRIM_FEAS',
  - 'DUAL_FEAS',
  - 'PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS',
  - 'NEAR_OPTIMAL',
  'NEAR_PRIM_FEAS',
  'NEAR_DUAL_FEAS',
  - 'NEAR_PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS',
```

'PRIM\_INFEAS\_CER','DUAL\_INFEAS\_CER',

- 'NEAR\_PRIM\_INFEAS\_CER',
- 'NEAR\_DUAL\_INFEAS\_CER',
- 'NEAR\_INTEGER\_OPTIMAL'.

Most of these values are irrelevant for input solutions; when constructing a solution for simplex hot-start or an initial solution for a mixed integer problem the safe setting is UNKNOWN.

A [solution]-section contains [con] and [var] sections. Each [con] and [var] section defines solution values for a single variable or constraint, each value written as

#### KEYWORD=value

where KEYWORD defines a solution item and value defines its value. Allowed keywords are as follows:

- sk. The status of the item, where the value is one of the following strings:
  - \* LOW, the item is on its lower bound.
  - \* UPR, the item is on its upper bound.
  - \* FIX, it is a fixed item.
  - \* BAS, the item is in the basis.
  - \* SUPBAS, the item is super basic.
  - \* UNK, the status is unknown.
  - \* INF, the item is outside its bounds (infeasible).
- lvl Defines the level of the item.
- sl Defines the level of the variable associated with its lower bound.
- su Defines the level of the variable associated with its upper bound.
- sn Defines the level of the variable associated with its cone.
- y Defines the level of the corresponding dual variable (for constraints only).

A [var] section should always contain the items sk and lvl, and optionally sl, su and sn.

A [con] section should always contain sk and lvl, and optionally sl, su and y.

An example of a solution section

• [vendor] This contains solver/vendor specific data. It accepts one argument, which is a vendor ID – for MOSEK the ID is simply mosek – and the section contains the subsection parameters defining solver parameters. When reading a vendor section, any unknown vendor can be safely ignored. This is described later.

Comments using the '#' may appear anywhere in the file. Between the '#' and the following line-break any text may be written, including markup characters.

#### D.2.2 Numbers

Numbers, when used for parameter values or coefficients, are written in the usual way by the printf function. That is, they may be prefixed by a sign (+ or -) and may contain an integer part, decimal part and an exponent. The decimal point is always '.' (a dot). Some examples are

```
1
1.0
.0
1.
1e10
1e+10
1e-10
```

Some invalid examples are

```
e10  # invalid, must contain either integer or decimal part
.  # invalid
.e10  # invalid
```

More formally, the following standard regular expression describes numbers as used:

```
[+|-]?([0-9]+[.][0-9]*|[.][0-9]+)([eE][+|-]?[0-9]+)?
```

#### D.2.3 Names

Variable names, constraint names and objective name may contain arbitrary characters, which in some cases must be enclosed by quotes (single or double) that in turn must be preceded by a backslash. Unquoted names must begin with a letter (a-z or A-Z) and contain only the following characters: the letters a-z and A-Z, the digits 0-9, braces ({ and }) and underscore (\_).

Some examples of legal names:

```
an_unqouted_name
another_name{123}
'single qouted name'
"double qouted name"
"name with \"qoute\" in it"
"name with []s in it"
```

### D.3 Parameters section

In the vendor section solver parameters are defined inside the parameters subsection. Each parameter is written as

```
[p PARAMETER_NAME] value [/p]
```

where PARAMETER\_NAME is replaced by a MOSEK parameter name, usually of the form MSK\_IPAR\_..., MSK\_DPAR\_..., and the value is replaced by the value of that parameter; both integer values and named values may be used. Some simple examples are:

### D.4 Writing OPF files from MOSEK

To write an OPF file set the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_DATA\_FORMAT to MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_OP as this ensures that OPF format is used. Then modify the following parameters to define what the file should contain:

- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_HEADER, include a small header with comments.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_HINTS, include hints about the size of the problem.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_PROBLEM, include the problem itself objective, constraints and bounds.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS, include solutions if they are defined. If this is off, no solutions are included.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_BAS, include basic solution, if defined.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_ITG, include integer solution, if defined.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_ITR, include interior solution, if defined.
- MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_PARAMETERS, include all parameter settings.

### D.5 Examples

This section contains a set of small examples written in OPF and describing how to formulate linear, quadratic and conic problems.

#### D.5.1 Linear example lo1.opf

Consider the example:

minimize 
$$-10x_1 -9x_2$$
,  
subject to  $7/10x_1 + 1x_2 \le 630$ ,  
 $1/2x_1 + 5/6x_2 \le 600$ ,  
 $1x_1 + 2/3x_2 \le 708$ ,  
 $1/10x_1 + 1/4x_2 \le 135$ ,  
 $x_1$ ,  $x_2 \ge 0$ . (D.2)

In the OPF format the example is displayed as shown below:

```
[comment]
 Example lo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]
[hints]
 # Give a hint about the size of the different elements in the problem.
  # These need only be estimates, but in this case they are exact.
  [hint NUMVAR] 2 [/hint]
  [hint NUMCON] 4 [/hint]
  [hint NUMANZ] 8 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables]
 # All variables that will appear in the problem
 x1 x2
[/variables]
[objective minimize 'obj']
   - 10 x1 - 9 x2
[/objective]
[constraints]
 [con 'c1'] 0.7 x1 + x2 <= 630 [/con] [con 'c2'] 0.5 x1 + 0.8333333333 x2 <= 600 [/con] [con 'c3'] x1 + 0.666666667 x2 <= 708 [/con] [con 'c4'] 0.1 x1 + 0.25 x2 <= 135 [/con]
[/constraints]
[bounds]
  # By default all variables are free. The following line will
  # change this to all variables being nonnegative.
  [b] 0 <= * [/b]
[/bounds]
```

#### D.5.2 Quadratic example qo1.opf

An example of a quadratic optimization problem is

minimize 
$$x_1^2 + 0.1x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_1x_3 - x_2$$
 subject to  $1 \le x_1 + x_2 + x_3,$  (D.3) 
$$x \ge 0.$$

This can be formulated in opf as shown below.

```
[comment]
  Example qo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]

[hints]
  [hint NUMVAR] 3 [/hint]
  [hint NUMCON] 1 [/hint]
  [hint NUMANZ] 3 [/hint]
[/hints]
```

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```
[variables]
    x1 x2 x3
[/variables]

[objective minimize 'obj']
    # The quadratic terms are often multiplied by 1/2,
    # but this is not required.

- x2 + 0.5 ( 2 x1 ^ 2 - 2 x3 * x1 + 0.2 x2 ^ 2 + 2 x3 ^ 2 )
[/objective]

[constraints]
    [con 'c1'] 1 <= x1 + x2 + x3 [/con]
[/constraints]

[bounds]
    [b] 0 <= * [/b]
[/bounds]</pre>
```

#### D.5.3 Conic quadratic example cqo1.opf

Consider the example:

minimize 
$$1x_1 + 2x_2$$
  
subject to  $2x_3 + 4x_4 = 5$ ,  
 $x_5^2 \leq 2x_1x_3$ ,  
 $x_6^2 \leq 2x_2x_4$ ,  
 $x_5 = 1$ ,  
 $x_6 = 1$ ,  
 $x \geq 0$ . (D.4)

Please note that the type of the cones is defined by the parameter to [cone ...]; the content of the cone-section is the names of variables that belong to the cone.

```
[comment]
 Example cqo1.mps converted to OPF.
[/comment]
[hints]
 [hint NUMVAR] 6 [/hint]
 [hint NUMCON] 1 [/hint]
 [hint NUMANZ] 2 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables]
 x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x6
[/variables]
[objective minimize 'obj']
  x1 + 2 x2
[/objective]
[constraints]
 [con 'c1'] 2 x3 + 4 x4 = 5 [/con]
[/constraints]
```

```
[bounds]
# We let all variables default to the positive orthant
[b] 0 <= * [/b]
# ... and change those that differ from the default.
[b] x5,x6 = 1 [/b]

# We define two rotated quadratic cones

# k1: 2 x1 * x3 >= x5^2
[cone rquad 'k1'] x1, x3, x5 [/cone]

# k2: 2 x2 * x4 >= x6^2
[cone rquad 'k2'] x2, x4, x6 [/cone]
[/bounds]
```

#### D.5.4 Mixed integer example milo1.opf

Consider the mixed integer problem:

maximize 
$$x_0 + 0.64x_1$$
  
subject to  $50x_0 + 31x_1 \le 250$ ,  
 $3x_0 - 2x_1 \ge -4$ ,  
 $x_0, x_1 \ge 0$  and integer (D.5)

This can be implemented in OPF with:

```
Written by MOSEK version 5.0.0.7
   Date 20-11-06
   Time 14:42:24
[/comment]
[hints]
 [hint NUMVAR] 2 [/hint] [hint NUMCON] 2 [/hint]
 [hint NUMANZ] 4 [/hint]
[/hints]
[variables disallow_new_variables]
 x1 x2
[/variables]
[objective maximize 'obj']
  x1 + 6.4e-1 x2
[/objective]
[constraints]
 [con 'c1']
                        5e+1 x1 + 3.1e+1 x2 <= 2.5e+2 [/con]
  [con 'c2'] -4 <= 3 x1 - 2 x2 [/con]
[/constraints]
[bounds]
 [b] 0 <= * [/b]
[/bounds]
[integer]
```

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x1 x2 [/integer]

# Appendix E

# The XML (OSiL) format

MOSEK can write data in the standard OSiL xml format. For a definition of the OSiL format please see <a href="http://www.optimizationservices.org/">http://www.optimizationservices.org/</a>. Only linear constraints (possibly with integer variables) are supported. By default output files with the extension .xml are written in the OSiL format.

The parameter  ${\tt MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE}$  controls if the linear coefficients in the A matrix are written in row or column order.

# Appendix F

### The solution file format

MOSEK provides one or two solution files depending on the problem type and the optimizer used. If a problem is optimized using the interior-point optimizer and no basis identification is required, then a file named probname.sol is provided. probname is the name of the problem and .sol is the file extension. If the problem is optimized using the simplex optimizer or basis identification is performed, then a file named probname.bas is created presenting the optimal basis solution. Finally, if the problem contains integer constrained variables then a file named probname.int is created. It contains the integer solution.

### F.1 The basic and interior solution files

In general both the interior-point and the basis solution files have the format:

```
cproblem name>
PROBLEM STATUS
                                c**
<atatus of the problem>
<atatus of the solution>
<atatus of the solution>
<ame of the objective function>
cprimal objective value corresponding to the solution>
SOLUTION STATUS
OBJECTIVE NAME
PRIMAL OBJECTIVE
DUAL OBJECTIVE
                              : <dual objective value corresponding to the solution>
CONSTRAINTS
                                   AT ACTIVITY
                                                                    LOWER LIMIT
          <name>
                                   ?? <a value>
                                                                    <a value>
                                                                                                <a value>
                                                                                                                            <a value>
                                                                                                                                                        <a value>
VARIABLES
INDEX NAME
? <name>
                                  AT ACTIVITY
?? <a value>
                                                                    LOWER LIMIT
                                                                                               UPPER LIMIT
                                                                                                                            DUAL LOWER
                                                                                                                                                        DUAL UPPER
                                                                                                                                                                                      CONIC DUAL
```

In the example the fields? and <> will be filled with problem and solution specific information. As can be observed a solution report consists of three sections, i.e.

HEADER In this section, first the name of the problem is listed and afterwards the problem and solution statuses are shown. In this case the information shows that the problem is primal and dual feasible and the solution is optimal. Next the primal and dual objective values are displayed.

CONSTRAINTS Subsequently in the constraint section the following information is listed for each constraint:

INDEX A sequential index assigned to the constraint by MOSEK.

NAME The name of the constraint assigned by the user.

AT The status of the constraint. In Table F.1 the possible values of the status keys and their interpretation are shown.

Status key	Interpretation
UN	Unknown status
BS	Is basic
SB	Is superbasic
LL	Is at the lower limit (bound)
UL	Is at the upper limit (bound)
EQ	Lower limit is identical to upper limit
**	Is infeasible i.e. the lower limit is
	greater than the upper limit.

Table F.1: Status keys.

ACTIVITY Given the ith constraint on the form

$$l_i^c \le \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \le u_i^c, \tag{F.1}$$

then activity denote the quantity  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} x_{j}^{*}$ , where  $x^{*}$  is the value for the x solution.

LOWER LIMIT Is the quantity  $l_i^c$  (see (F.1)).

UPPER LIMIT Is the quantity  $u_i^c$  (see (F.1)).

DUAL LOWER Is the dual multiplier corresponding to the lower limit on the constraint.

DUAL UPPER Is the dual multiplier corresponding to the upper limit on the constraint.

VARIABLES The last section of the solution report lists information for the variables. This information has a similar interpretation as for the constraints. However, the column with the header [CONIC DUAL] is only included for problems having one or more conic constraints. This column shows the dual variables corresponding to the conic constraints.

### F.2 The integer solution file

The integer solution is equivalent to the basic and interior solution files except that no dual information is included.

# Appendix G

# The ORD file format

An ORD formatted file specifies in which order the mixed integer optimizer branches on variables. The format of an ORD file is shown in Figure G.1. In the figure names in capitals are keywords of the ORD format, whereas names in brackets are custom names or values. The ?? is an optional key specifying the preferred branching direction. The possible keys are DN and UP which indicate that down or up is the preferred branching direction respectively. The branching direction key is optional and is left blank the mixed integer optimizer will decide whether to branch up or down.

```
* 1 2 3 4 5 6

*2345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890
NAME [name]
?? [vname1] [value1]
ENDATA
```

Figure G.1: The standard ORD format.

### G.1 An example

A concrete example of a ORD file is presented below:

NAME	EXAMPLE
DN x1	2
UP x2	1
x3	10
ENDATA	

This implies that the priorities 2, 1, and 10 are assigned to variable x1, x2, and x3 respectively. The higher the priority value assigned to a variable the earlier the mixed integer optimizer will branch on that variable. The key DN implies that the mixed integer optimizer first will branch down on variable whereas the key UP implies that the mixed integer optimizer will first branch up on a variable.

If no branch direction is specified for a variable then the mixed integer optimizer will automatically choose the branching direction for that variable. Similarly, if no priority is assigned to a variable then it is automatically assigned the priority of 0.

# Appendix H

# Parameters reference

Subsequently all parameters that are in MOSEK parameter database is presented. For each parameter their name, purpose, type, default value etc. are presented.

### H.1 Parameter groups

Parameters grouped by meaning and functionality.

### H.1.1 Logging parameters.

• MSK_IPAR_LOG.	228
Controls the amount of log information.	
<ul> <li>MSK_IPAR_LOG_BI</li> <li>Controls the amount of output printed by the basis identification procedure. A higher implies that more information is logged.</li> </ul>	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_BI_FREQ  Controls the logging frequency.	228
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_CONCURRENT	229
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_CUT_SECOND_OPT.  Controls the reduction in the log levels for the second and any subsequent optimizations	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_FACTOR  If turned on, then the factor log lines are added to the log.	229
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_FEASREPAIR  Controls the amount of output printed when performing feasibility repair.	230
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_FILE	

• MSK_IPAR_LOG_HEAD	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_INFEAS_ANA	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_INTPNT  Controls the amount of log information f	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_MIO	From the mixed-integer optimizers.
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_MIO_FREQ  The mixed-integer solver logging frequen	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_NONCONVEX	e nonconvex optimizer.
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_OPTIMIZER  Controls the amount of general optimize.	r information that is logged.
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_ORDER  If turned on, then factor lines are added	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_PARAM Controls the amount of information prin	
	response codes are reported. A higher level implies that
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SENSITIVITYControl logging in sensitivity analyzer.	233
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SENSITIVITY_OPT	233
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIMControls the amount of log information f	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_FREQ Controls simplex logging frequency.	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_NETWORK_FREQ Controls the network simplex logging fre	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_STORAGE	

H.1.2 Basis identification parameters.
• MSK_IPAR_BI_CLEAN_OPTIMIZER
• MSK_IPAR_BI_IGNORE_MAX_ITER
Turns on basis identification in case the interior-point optimizer is terminated due to maximum number of iterations.
• MSK_IPAR_BI_IGNORE_NUM_ERROR
• MSK_IPAR_BI_MAX_ITERATIONS
• MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_BASIS
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_BI
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_BI_FREQ. 2 Controls the logging frequency.
• MSK_DPAR_SIM_LU_TOL_REL_PIV
H.1.3 The Interior-point method parameters.
Parameters defining the behavior of the interior-point method for linear, conic and convex problem
• MSK_IPAR_BI_IGNORE_MAX_ITER
• MSK_IPAR_BI_IGNORE_NUM_ERROR
• MSK_DPAR_CHECK_CONVEXITY_REL_TOL
• MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_BASIS
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_DFEAS
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_INFEAS

•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_MU_RED
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_NEAR_REL
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_PFEAS
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_REL_GAP
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_DIFF_STEP222 Controls whether different step sizes are allowed in the primal and dual space.
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_MAX_ITERATIONS
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_MAX_NUM_COR
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_MAX_NUM_REFINEMENT_STEPS
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_MERIT_BAL
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_DFEAS
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_MU_RED. 189 Relative complementarity gap tolerance.
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_NEAR_REL. 189 Nonlinear solver optimality tolerance parameter.
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_PFEAS
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_GAP
•	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_STEP
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_OFF_COL_TRH. 223 Controls the aggressiveness of the offending column detection.
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_ORDER_METHOD
•	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_REGULARIZATION_USE

• MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_SCALING  Controls how the problem is scaled before the interior-point optimizer is used.	224
• MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_SOLVE_FORM Controls whether the primal or the dual problem is solved.	225
• MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_STARTING_POINT	225
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_DFEAS  Dual feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization problems.	190
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_DSAFE.  Controls the interior-point dual starting point.	190
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_INFEAS.  Nonlinear solver infeasibility tolerance parameter.	190
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_MU_RED.     Relative complementarity gap tolerance.	191
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_PATH interior-point centering aggressiveness.	191
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_PFEAS.  Primal feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization problems.	191
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_PSAFE.  Controls the interior-point primal starting point.	191
MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_REL_GAP Relative gap termination tolerance.	192
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_REL_STEP Relative step size to the boundary for linear and quadratic optimization problems.	192
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_STEP_SIZE	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_CONCURRENT	229
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_INTPNT.  Controls the amount of log information from the interior-point optimizers.	231
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_PRESOLVE	
• MSK_DPAR_QCQO_REFORMULATE_REL_DROP_TOL	

• MSK_IPAR_QO_SEPARABLE_REFORMULATION	.9
H.1.4 Simplex optimizer parameters.	
Parameters defining the behavior of the simplex optimizer for linear problems.	
• MSK_DPAR_BASIS_REL_TOL_S	32
• MSK_IPAR_BASIS_SOLVE_USE_PLUS_ONE	.4
• MSK_DPAR_BASIS_TOL_S	3
• MSK_DPAR_BASIS_TOL_X	3
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM	3
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_FREQ	<b>3</b> 4
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_MINOR	<b>3</b> 4
• MSK_IPAR_SENSITIVITY_OPTIMIZER	66
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_BASIS_FACTOR_USE	r-
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_DEGEN	57
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_DUAL_PHASEONE_METHOD	í8
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_EXPLOIT_DUPVEC	59
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_HOTSTART25  Controls the type of hot-start that the simplex optimizer perform.	9
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_INTEGER	60

• MSK_DPAR_SIM_LU_TOL_REL_PIV	.99
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_MAX_ITERATIONS	260
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_MAX_NUM_SETBACKS	261
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT_METHOD	262
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_NON_SINGULAR. 2 Controls if the simplex optimizer ensures a non-singular basis, if possible.	.62
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_PHASEONE_METHOD	.62
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_REFORMULATION	264
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_SAVE_LU	
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_SCALING	?65
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_SCALING_METHOD	?65
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_SOLVE_FORM	
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_STABILITY_PRIORITY	265
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_SWITCH_OPTIMIZER 2 Controls the simplex behavior.	266
• MSK_DPAR_SIMPLEX_ABS_TOL_PIV	200
H.1.5 Primal simplex optimizer parameters.	
Parameters defining the behavior of the primal simplex optimizer for linear problems.	
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_CRASH	262
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_RESTRICT_SELECTION	263

MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_SELECTION	63
H.1.6 Dual simplex optimizer parameters.	
Parameters defining the behavior of the dual simplex optimizer for linear problems.	
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_DUAL_CRASH	58
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_DUAL_RESTRICT_SELECTION	58
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_DUAL_SELECTION	59
H.1.7 Network simplex optimizer parameters.	
Parameters defining the behavior of the network simplex optimizer for linear problems.	
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_NETWORK_FREQ	34
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT	61
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT_HOTSTART	61
• MSK_IPAR_SIM_REFACTOR_FREQ	64
H.1.8 Nonlinear convex method parameters.	
Parameters defining the behavior of the interior-point method for nonlinear convex problems.	
• MSK_IPAR_CHECK_CONVEXITY	17
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_MERIT_BAL	88
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_DFEAS	88
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_MU_RED	89
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_NEAR_REL	89

• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_PFEAS
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_GAP
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_STEP
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_INFEAS. 190 Nonlinear solver infeasibility tolerance parameter.
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_CHECK_CONVEXITY
If a quadratic coefficient matrix is found to violate the requirement of PSD (NSD) then a list of negative (positive) pivot elements is printed. The absolute value of the pivot elements is also shown.
H.1.9 The conic interior-point method parameters.
Parameters defining the behavior of the interior-point method for conic problems.
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_DFEAS
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_INFEAS
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_MU_RED
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_NEAR_REL. 187 Optimality tolerance for the conic solver.
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_PFEAS
• MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_REL_GAP
H.1.10 The mixed-integer optimization parameters.
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_MIO
• MSK_IPAR_LOG_MIO_FREQ
• MSK_IPAR_MIO_BRANCH_DIR

•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_BRANCH_PRIORITIES_USE
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CONSTRUCT_SOL
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CONT_SOL
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CUT_LEVEL_ROOT
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CUT_LEVEL_TREE
•	MSK_DPAR_MIO_DISABLE_TERM_TIME
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_FEASPUMP_LEVEL
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_HEURISTIC_LEVEL
•	MSK_DPAR_MIO_HEURISTIC_TIME
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_HOTSTART
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_KEEP_BASIS
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_BRANCHES
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_RELAXS
•	MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_SOLUTIONS
•	MSK_DPAR_MIO_MAX_TIME
	MSK_DPAR_MIO_MAX_TIME_APRX_OPT

• MSK_DPAR_MIO_NEAR_TOL_ABS_GAP
• MSK_DPAR_MIO_NEAR_TOL_REL_GAP. 195 The mixed-integer optimizer is terminated when this tolerance is satisfied.
• MSK_IPAR_MIO_NODE_OPTIMIZER
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MSK\_DPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_INFEAS\_TOL

## Description:

If a constraint violates its bound with an amount larger than this value, the constraint name, index and violation will be printed by the solution analyzer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

+1e-8

• basis\_rel\_tol\_s

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_REL\_TOL\_S

## Description:

Maximum relative dual bound violation allowed in an optimal basic solution.

Any number between 0.0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

1.0e-12

• basis\_tol\_s

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_S

#### Description:

Maximum absolute dual bound violation in an optimal basic solution.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-9 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1.0e-6

• basis\_tol\_x

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_X

## Description:

Maximum absolute primal bound violation allowed in an optimal basic solution.

#### Possible Values

Any number between 1.0e-9 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

1.0e-6

• callback\_freq

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_CALLBACK\_FREQ

## Description:

Controls the time between calls to the progress call-back function. Hence, if the value of this parameter is for example 10, then the call-back is called approximately each 10 seconds. A negative value is equivalent to infinity.

In general frequent call-backs may hurt the performance.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1.0

• check\_convexity\_rel\_tol

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_REL\_TOL

## Description:

This parameter controls when the full convexity check declares a problem to be non-convex. Increasing this tolerance relaxes the criteria for declaring the problem non-convex.

A problem is declared non-convex if negative (positive) pivot elements are detected in the cholesky factor of a matrix which is required to be PSD (NSD). This parameter controles how much this non-negativity requirement may be violated.

If  $d_i$  is the pivot element for column i, then the matrix Q is considered to not be PSD if:

$$d_i \leq -|Q_{ii}| * \texttt{check\_convexity\_rel\_tol}$$

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1e-10

• data\_tol\_aij

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ

### Description:

Absolute zero tolerance for elements in A. If any value  $A_{ij}$  is smaller than this parameter in absolute terms MOSEK will treat the values as zero and generate a warning.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-16 and 1.0e-6.

#### Default value:

1.0e-12

• data\_tol\_aij\_huge

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ\_HUGE

## Description:

An element in A which is larger than this value in absolute size causes an error.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e20

• data\_tol\_aij\_large

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ\_LARGE

## Description:

An element in A which is larger than this value in absolute size causes a warning message to be printed.

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e10

• data\_tol\_bound\_inf

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_BOUND\_INF

#### Description:

Any bound which in absolute value is greater than this parameter is considered infinite.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e16

• data\_tol\_bound\_wrn

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_BOUND\_WRN

## Description:

If a bound value is larger than this value in absolute size, then a warning message is issued.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

### Default value:

1.0e8

• data\_tol\_c\_huge

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_C\_HUGE

## Description:

An element in c which is larger than the value of this parameter in absolute terms is considered to be huge and generates an error.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e16

• data\_tol\_cj\_large

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_CJ\_LARGE

## Description:

An element in c which is larger than this value in absolute terms causes a warning message to be printed.

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e8

• data\_tol\_qij

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_QIJ

## Description:

Absolute zero tolerance for elements in Q matrices.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-16

• data\_tol\_x

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_X

## Description:

Zero tolerance for constraints and variables i.e. if the distance between the lower and upper bound is less than this value, then the lower and lower bound is considered identical.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e-8

• feasrepair\_tol

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_TOL

## Description:

Tolerance for constraint enforcing upper bound on sum of weighted violations in feasibility repair.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-16 and 1.0e+16.

## Default value:

1.0e-10

• intpnt\_co\_tol\_dfeas

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_DFEAS

## Description:

Dual feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

#### Default value:

1.0e-8

#### See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL Optimality tolerance for the conic solver.

• intpnt\_co\_tol\_infeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_INFEAS

## Description:

Controls when the conic interior-point optimizer declares the model primal or dual infeasible. A small number means the optimizer gets more conservative about declaring the model infeasible.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

#### Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_co\_tol\_mu\_red

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_MU\_RED

## Description:

Relative complementarity gap tolerance feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_co\_tol\_near\_rel

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL

#### Description:

If MOSEK cannot compute a solution that has the prescribed accuracy, then it will multiply the termination tolerances with value of this parameter. If the solution then satisfies the termination criteria, then the solution is denoted near optimal, near feasible and so forth.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

100

• intpnt\_co\_tol\_pfeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_PFEAS

## Description:

Primal feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

### Default value:

1.0e-8

## See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL Optimality tolerance for the conic solver.

intpnt\_co\_tol\_rel\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

## Description:

Relative gap termination tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

#### See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL Optimality tolerance for the conic solver.

• intpnt\_nl\_merit\_bal

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_MERIT\_BAL

## Description:

Controls if the complementarity and infeasibility is converging to zero at about equal rates.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 0.99.

### Default value:

1.0e-4

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_dfeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_DFEAS

## Description:

Dual feasibility tolerance used when a nonlinear model is solved.

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

#### Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_mu\_red

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_MU\_RED

## Description:

Relative complementarity gap tolerance.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-12

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_near\_rel

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL

#### Description:

If the MOSEK nonlinear interior-point optimizer cannot compute a solution that has the prescribed accuracy, then it will multiply the termination tolerances with value of this parameter. If the solution then satisfies the termination criteria, then the solution is denoted near optimal, near feasible and so forth.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0 and +inf.

### Default value:

1000.0

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_pfeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_PFEAS

### Description:

Primal feasibility tolerance used when a nonlinear model is solved.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_rel\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

## Description:

Relative gap termination tolerance for nonlinear problems.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-14 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e-6

• intpnt\_nl\_tol\_rel\_step

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_REL\_STEP

### Description:

Relative step size to the boundary for general nonlinear optimization problems.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-4 and 0.9999999.

#### Default value:

0.995

• intpnt\_tol\_dfeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_DFEAS

#### Description:

Dual feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization problems.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_tol\_dsafe

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_DSAFE

## Description:

Controls the initial dual starting point used by the interior-point optimizer. If the interior-point optimizer converges slowly.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-4 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1.0

• intpnt\_tol\_infeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_INFEAS

## Description:

Controls when the optimizer declares the model primal or dual infeasible. A small number means the optimizer gets more conservative about declaring the model infeasible.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_tol\_mu\_red

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_MU\_RED

## Description:

Relative complementarity gap tolerance.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-16

• intpnt\_tol\_path

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PATH

### Description:

Controls how close the interior-point optimizer follows the central path. A large value of this parameter means the central is followed very closely. On numerical unstable problems it may be worthwhile to increase this parameter.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 0.9999.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_tol\_pfeas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PFEAS

## Description:

Primal feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization problems.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

### Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_tol\_psafe

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PSAFE

## Description:

Controls the initial primal starting point used by the interior-point optimizer. If the interior-point optimizer converges slowly and/or the constraint or variable bounds are very large, then it may be worthwhile to increase this value.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-4 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1.0

• intpnt\_tol\_rel\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

## Description:

Relative gap termination tolerance.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-14 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• intpnt\_tol\_rel\_step

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_REL\_STEP

## Description:

Relative step size to the boundary for linear and quadratic optimization problems.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-4 and 0.999999.

## Default value:

0.9999

intpnt\_tol\_step\_size

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_STEP\_SIZE

## Description:

If the step size falls below the value of this parameter, then the interior-point optimizer assumes that it is stalled. It it does not not make any progress.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 1.0.

## Default value:

1.0e-10

• lower\_obj\_cut

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT

## Description:

If either a primal or dual feasible solution is found proving that the optimal objective value is outside, the interval [MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT, MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT], then MOSEK is terminated.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

#### Default value:

-1.0e30

## See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT\_FINITE\_TRH Objective bound.

• lower\_obj\_cut\_finite\_trh

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT\_FINITE\_TRH

#### Description:

If the lower objective cut is less than the value of this parameter value, then the lower objective cut i.e. MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT is treated as  $-\infty$ .

#### Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-0.5e30

mio\_disable\_term\_time

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME

## Description:

The termination criteria governed by

- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_RELAXS
- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_BRANCHES
- MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP
- MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

is disabled the first n seconds. This parameter specifies the number n. A negative value is identical to infinity i.e. the termination criteria are never checked.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1.0

#### See also:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_RELAXS Maximum number of relaxations in branch and bound search.

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_BRANCHES Maximum number of branches allowed during the branch and bound search.

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP Relaxed absolute optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_REL\_GAP The mixed-integer optimizer is terminated when this tolerance is satisfied.

#### • mio\_heuristic\_time

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_TIME

### Description:

Minimum amount of time to be used in the heuristic search for a good feasible integer solution. A negative values implies that the optimizer decides the amount of time to be spent in the heuristic.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1.0

• mio\_max\_time

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_TIME

### Description:

This parameter limits the maximum time spent by the mixed-integer optimizer. A negative number means infinity.

## Possible Values:

Any number between  $-\inf$  and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

-1.0

• mio\_max\_time\_aprx\_opt

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_TIME\_APRX\_OPT

#### Description:

Number of seconds spent by the mixed-integer optimizer before the MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_REL\_RELAX\_INT is applied.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

60

• mio\_near\_tol\_abs\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP

## Description:

Relaxed absolute optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer optimizer. This termination criteria is delayed. See MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME for details.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

0.0

#### See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME Certain termination criteria is disabled within the mixed-integer optimizer for period time specified by the parameter.

• mio\_near\_tol\_rel\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

## Description:

The mixed-integer optimizer is terminated when this tolerance is satisfied. This termination criteria is delayed. See MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME for details.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e-3

## See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME Certain termination criteria is disabled within the mixed-integer optimizer for period time specified by the parameter.

• mio\_rel\_add\_cut\_limited

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_REL\_ADD\_CUT\_LIMITED

## Description:

Controls how many cuts the mixed-integer optimizer is allowed to add to the problem. Let  $\alpha$  be the value of this parameter and m the number constraints, then mixed-integer optimizer is allowed to  $\alpha m$  cuts.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and 2.0.

## Default value:

0.75

• mio\_rel\_gap\_const

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_REL\_GAP\_CONST

## Description:

This value is used to compute the relative gap for the solution to an integer optimization problem.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-15 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

1.0e-10

• mio\_tol\_abs\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP

## Description:

Absolute optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

0.0

• mio\_tol\_abs\_relax\_int

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_ABS\_RELAX\_INT

## Description:

Absolute relaxation tolerance of the integer constraints. I.e.  $\min(|x| - \lfloor x \rfloor, \lceil x \rceil - |x|)$  is less than the tolerance then the integer restrictions assumed to be satisfied.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-5

mio\_tol\_feas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_FEAS

## Description:

Feasibility tolerance for mixed integer solver. Any solution with maximum infeasibility below this value will be considered feasible.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-7

• mio\_tol\_rel\_gap

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

## Description:

Relative optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-4

• mio\_tol\_rel\_relax\_int

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_REL\_RELAX\_INT

### Description:

Relative relaxation tolerance of the integer constraints. I.e  $(\min(|x| - \lfloor x \rfloor, \lceil x \rceil - |x|))$  is less than the tolerance times |x| then the integer restrictions assumed to be satisfied.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e-6

• mio\_tol\_x

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_X

#### Description:

Absolute solution tolerance used in mixed-integer optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-6

• nonconvex\_tol\_feas

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_NONCONVEX\_TOL\_FEAS

## Description:

Feasibility tolerance used by the nonconvex optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-6

• nonconvex\_tol\_opt

MSK\_DPAR\_NONCONVEX\_TOL\_OPT

## Description:

Optimality tolerance used by the nonconvex optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-7

• optimizer\_max\_time

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_OPTIMIZER\_MAX\_TIME

#### Description:

Maximum amount of time the optimizer is allowed to spent on the optimization. A negative number means infinity.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1.0

• presolve\_tol\_aij

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_AIJ

## Description:

Absolute zero tolerance employed for  $a_{ij}$  in the presolve.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-15 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1.0e-12

• presolve\_tol\_lin\_dep

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_LIN\_DEP

#### Description:

Controls when a constraint is determined to be linearly dependent.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-6

• presolve\_tol\_s

MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_S

## Description:

Absolute zero tolerance employed for  $s_i$  in the presolve.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and  $+\inf$ .

### Default value:

1.0e-8

• presolve\_tol\_x

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_X

## Description:

Absolute zero tolerance employed for  $x_j$  in the presolve.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0.0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1.0e-8

• qcqo\_reformulate\_rel\_drop\_tol

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_QCQO\_REFORMULATE\_REL\_DROP\_TOL

## Description:

This parameter determines when columns are dropped in incomplete cholesky factorization doing reformulation of quadratic problems.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1e-15

• sim\_lu\_tol\_rel\_piv

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_SIM\_LU\_TOL\_REL\_PIV

## Description:

Relative pivot tolerance employed when computing the LU factorization of the basis in the simplex optimizers and in the basis identification procedure.

A value closer to 1.0 generally improves numerical stability but typically also implies an increase in the computational work.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-6 and 0.999999.

## Default value:

0.01

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MSK\_DPAR\_SIMPLEX\_ABS\_TOL\_PIV

### Description:

Absolute pivot tolerance employed by the simplex optimizers.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 1.0e-12 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1.0e-7

• upper\_obj\_cut

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT

## Description:

If either a primal or dual feasible solution is found proving that the optimal objective value is outside, [MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT, MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT], then MOSEK is terminated.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

### Default value:

1.0e30

#### See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT\_FINITE\_TRH Objective bound.

Controls whether the basis matrix is analyzed in solaution analyzer.

• upper\_obj\_cut\_finite\_trh

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT\_FINITE\_TRH

## Description:

If the upper objective cut is greater than the value of this value parameter, then the the upper objective cut  $\texttt{MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT}$  is treated as  $\infty$ .

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

0.5e30

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• alloc\_add\_qnz

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_ALLOC\_ADD\_QNZ

# Description:

Additional number of Q non-zeros that are allocated space for when  $\mathtt{numanz}$  exceeds  $\mathtt{maxnumqnz}$  during addition of new Q entries.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

5000

• ana\_sol\_basis

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_BASIS

# Description:

Controls whether the basis matrix is analyzed in solaution analyzer.

# Possible values:

 $MSK\_ON$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

• ana\_sol\_print\_violated

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_PRINT\_VIOLATED

## Description:

Controls whether a list of violated constraints is printed.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• auto\_sort\_a\_before\_opt

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_AUTO\_SORT\_A\_BEFORE\_OPT

## Description:

Controls whether the elements in each column of A are sorted before an optimization is performed. This is not required but makes the optimization more deterministic.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

auto\_update\_sol\_info

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_AUTO\_UPDATE\_SOL\_INFO

## Description:

Controls whether the solution information items are automatically updated after an optimization is performed.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• basis\_solve\_use\_plus\_one

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_BASIS\_SOLVE\_USE\_PLUS\_ONE

# Description:

If a slack variable is in the basis, then the corresponding column in the basis is a unit vector with -1 in the right position. However, if this parameter is set to MSK\_ON, -1 is replaced by 1.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• bi\_clean\_optimizer

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_CLEAN\_OPTIMIZER

#### Description:

Controls which simplex optimizer is used in the clean-up phase.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_INTPNT The interior-point optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_MIXED\_INT The mixed-integer optimizer.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE The optimizer is chosen automatically.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_QCONE For internal use only.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE

• bi\_ignore\_max\_iter

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_MAX\_ITER

# Description:

If the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS has the value MSK\_BI\_NO\_ERROR and the interior-point optimizer has terminated due to maximum number of iterations, then basis identification is performed if this parameter has the value MSK\_ON.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• bi\_ignore\_num\_error

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_NUM\_ERROR

If the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS has the value MSK\_BI\_NO\_ERROR and the interior-point optimizer has terminated due to a numerical problem, then basis identification is performed if this parameter has the value MSK\_ON.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• bi\_max\_iterations

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

## Description:

Controls the maximum number of simplex iterations allowed to optimize a basis after the basis identification.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1000000

• cache\_license

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_LICENSE

#### Description:

Specifies if the license is kept checked out for the lifetime of the mosek environment (on) or returned to the server immediately after the optimization (off).

Check-in and check-out of licenses have an overhead. Frequent communication with the license server should be avoided.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• cache\_size\_l1

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_SIZE\_L1

#### **Description:**

Specifies the size of the cache of the computer. This parameter is potentially very important for the efficiency on computers if MOSEK cannot determine the cache size automatically. If the cache size is negative, then MOSEK tries to determine the value automatically.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

#### Default value:

-1

• cache\_size\_12

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_SIZE\_L2

#### Description:

Specifies the size of the cache of the computer. This parameter is potentially very important for the efficiency on computers where MOSEK cannot determine the cache size automatically. If the cache size is negative, then MOSEK tries to determine the value automatically.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1

• check\_convexity

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY

## Description:

Specify the level of convexity check on quadratic problems

## Possible values:

MSK\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_SIMPLE Perform simple and fast convexity check.

MSK\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_NONE No convexity check.

MSK\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_FULL Perform a full convexity check.

# Default value:

MSK\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_FULL

check\_task\_data

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CHECK\_TASK\_DATA

## Description:

If this feature is turned on, then the task data is checked for bad values i.e. NaNs. before an optimization is performed.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

• concurrent\_num\_optimizers

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_NUM\_OPTIMIZERS

## Description:

The maximum number of simultaneous optimizations that will be started by the concurrent optimizer.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

# Default value:

2

• concurrent\_priority\_dual\_simplex

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

#### Description:

Priority of the dual simplex algorithm when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

2

• concurrent\_priority\_free\_simplex

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_FREE\_SIMPLEX

#### Description:

Priority of the free simplex optimizer when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

3

• concurrent\_priority\_intpnt

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_INTPNT

## Description:

Priority of the interior-point algorithm when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

4

• concurrent\_priority\_primal\_simplex

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

#### Description:

Priority of the primal simplex algorithm when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1

## • cpu\_type

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_CPU\_TYPE

#### Description:

Specifies the CPU type. By default MOSEK tries to auto detect the CPU type. Therefore, we recommend to change this parameter only if the auto detection does not work properly.

#### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_CPU\_POWERPC\_G5} \ \ A \ \ G5 \ \ PowerPC \ \ CPU.$ 

MSK\_CPU\_INTEL\_PM An Intel PM cpu.

MSK\_CPU\_GENERIC An generic CPU type for the platform

MSK\_CPU\_UNKNOWN An unknown CPU.

MSK\_CPU\_AMD\_OPTERON An AMD Opteron (64 bit).

MSK\_CPU\_INTEL\_ITANIUM2 An Intel Itanium2.

MSK\_CPU\_AMD\_ATHLON An AMD Athlon.

MSK\_CPU\_HP\_PARISC20 An HP PA RISC version 2.0 CPU.

MSK\_CPU\_INTEL\_P4 An Intel Pentium P4 or Intel Xeon.

MSK\_CPU\_INTEL\_P3 An Intel Pentium P3.

MSK\_CPU\_INTEL\_CORE2 An Intel CORE2 cpu.

#### Default value:

MSK\_CPU\_UNKNOWN

#### • data\_check

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_DATA\_CHECK

# Description:

If this option is turned on, then extensive data checking is enabled. It will slow down MOSEK but on the other hand help locating bugs.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

## • feasrepair\_optimize

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE

#### Description:

Controls which type of feasibility analysis is to be performed.

## Possible values:

MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_NONE Do not optimize the feasibility repair problem.

MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_COMBINED Minimize with original objective subject to minimal weighted violation of bounds.

MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_PENALTY Minimize weighted sum of violations.

#### Default value:

MSK\_FEASREPAIR\_OPTIMIZE\_NONE

• infeas\_generic\_names

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_GENERIC\_NAMES

## Description:

Controls whether generic names are used when an infeasible subproblem is created.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• infeas\_prefer\_primal

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_PREFER\_PRIMAL

#### Description:

If both certificates of primal and dual infeasibility are supplied then only the primal is used when this option is turned on.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

ullet infeas\_report\_auto

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_AUTO

Controls whether an infeasibility report is automatically produced after the optimization if the problem is primal or dual infeasible.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• infeas\_report\_level

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_LEVEL

#### Description:

Controls the amount of information presented in an infeasibility report. Higher values imply more information.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

1

• intpnt\_basis

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS

# Description:

Controls whether the interior-point optimizer also computes an optimal basis.

## Possible values:

MSK\_BI\_ALWAYS Basis identification is always performed even if the interior-point optimizer terminates abnormally.

MSK\_BI\_NO\_ERROR Basis identification is performed if the interior-point optimizer terminates without an error.

MSK\_BI\_NEVER Never do basis identification.

MSK\_BI\_IF\_FEASIBLE Basis identification is not performed if the interior-point optimizer terminates with a problem status saying that the problem is primal or dual infeasible.

MSK\_BI\_OTHER Try another BI method.

## Default value:

MSK\_BI\_ALWAYS

#### See also:

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_MAX\_ITER Turns on basis identification in case the interior-point optimizer is terminated due to maximum number of iterations.

MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_NUM\_ERROR Turns on basis identification in case the interior-point optimizer is terminated due to a numerical problem.

• intpnt\_diff\_step

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_DIFF\_STEP

# Description:

Controls whether different step sizes are allowed in the primal and dual space.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

• intpnt\_factor\_debug\_lvl

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_FACTOR\_DEBUG\_LVL

#### Description:

Controls factorization debug level.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

0

• intpnt\_factor\_method

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_FACTOR\_METHOD

#### Description:

Controls the method used to factor the Newton equation system.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

0

• intpnt\_max\_iterations

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

## Description:

Controls the maximum number of iterations allowed in the interior-point optimizer.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

400

# • intpnt\_max\_num\_cor

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_MAX\_NUM\_COR

# Description:

Controls the maximum number of correctors allowed by the multiple corrector procedure. A negative value means that MOSEK is making the choice.

# Possible Values:

Any number between -1 and +inf.

# Default value:

\_1

• intpnt\_max\_num\_refinement\_steps

## Corresponding constant:

MSK TPAR INTPNT MAX NUM REFINEMENT STEPS

## Description:

Maximum number of steps to be used by the iterative refinement of the search direction. A negative value implies that the optimizer Chooses the maximum number of iterative refinement steps.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1

• intpnt\_num\_threads

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_NUM\_THREADS

# Description:

Controls the number of threads employed by the interior-point optimizer. If set to a positive number MOSEK will use this number of threads. If zero the number of threads used will equal the number of cores detected on the machine.

## Possible Values:

Any integer greater or equal to 0.

# Default value:

1

• intpnt\_off\_col\_trh

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_OFF\_COL\_TRH

#### Description:

Controls how many offending columns are detected in the Jacobian of the constraint matrix.

1 means aggressive detection, higher values mean less aggressive detection.

0 means no detection.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

40

• intpnt\_order\_method

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_ORDER\_METHOD

#### Description:

Controls the ordering strategy used by the interior-point optimizer when factorizing the Newton equation system.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_NONE No ordering is used.

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_APPMINLOC2 A variant of the approximate minimum local-fill-in ordering is used.

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_APPMINLOC1 Approximate minimum local-fill-in ordering is used.

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_GRAPHPAR2 An alternative graph partitioning based ordering.

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_FREE The ordering method is chosen automatically.

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_GRAPHPAR1 Graph partitioning based ordering.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ORDER\_METHOD\_FREE

• intpnt\_regularization\_use

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_REGULARIZATION\_USE

# Description:

Controls whether regularization is allowed.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_ON

• intpnt\_scaling

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_SCALING

#### Description:

Controls how the problem is scaled before the interior-point optimizer is used.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SCALING\_NONE No scaling is performed.

MSK\_SCALING\_MODERATE A conservative scaling is performed.

MSK\_SCALING\_AGGRESSIVE A very aggressive scaling is performed.

MSK\_SCALING\_FREE The optimizer chooses the scaling heuristic.

#### Default value:

MSK\_SCALING\_FREE

• intpnt\_solve\_form

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_SOLVE\_FORM

#### Description:

Controls whether the primal or the dual problem is solved.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SOLVE\_PRIMAL The optimizer should solve the primal problem.

MSK\_SOLVE\_DUAL The optimizer should solve the dual problem.

MSK\_SOLVE\_FREE The optimizer is free to solve either the primal or the dual problem.

#### Default value:

MSK\_SOLVE\_FREE

• intpnt\_starting\_point

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_STARTING\_POINT

#### Description:

Starting point used by the interior-point optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_GUESS The optimizer guesses a starting point.

MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_SATISFY\_BOUNDS The starting point is choosen to satisfy all the simple bounds on nonlinear variables. If this starting point is employed, then more care than usual should employed when choosing the bounds on the nonlinear variables. In particular very tight bounds should be avoided.

MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_CONSTANT The optimizer constructs a starting point by assigning a constant value to all primal and dual variables. This starting point is normally robust.

MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_FREE The starting point is chosen automatically.

#### Default value:

MSK\_STARTING\_POINT\_FREE

• lic\_trh\_expiry\_wrn

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LIC\_TRH\_EXPIRY\_WRN

#### Description:

If a license feature expires in a numbers days less than the value of this parameter then a warning will be issued.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

7

• license\_allow\_overuse

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_ALLOW\_OVERUSE

#### Description:

Controls if license overuse is allowed when caching licenses

#### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_ON}$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• license\_cache\_time

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_CACHE\_TIME

## Description:

Setting this parameter no longer has any effect. Please see MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_LICENSE for an alternative.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 65555.

# Default value:

5

• license\_check\_time

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_CHECK\_TIME

## Description:

The parameter specifies the number of seconds between the checks of all the active licenses in the MOSEK environment license cache. These checks are performed to determine if the licenses should be returned to the server.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 1 and 120.

## Default value:

1

• license\_debug

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_DEBUG

This option is used to turn on debugging of the incense manager.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• license\_pause\_time

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_PAUSE\_TIME

## Description:

If MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_WAIT=MSK\_ON and no license is available, then MOSEK sleeps a number of milliseconds between each check of whether a license has become free.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 1000000.

#### Default value:

100

• license\_suppress\_expire\_wrns

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_SUPPRESS\_EXPIRE\_WRNS

#### Description:

Controls whether license features expire warnings are suppressed.

## Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_ON}$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• license\_wait

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_WAIT

# Description:

If all licenses are in use MOSEK returns with an error code. However, by turning on this parameter MOSEK will wait for an available license.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

#### • log

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG

# Description:

Controls the amount of log information. The value 0 implies that all log information is suppressed. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

Please note that if a task is employed to solve a sequence of optimization problems the value of this parameter is reduced by the value of MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CUT\_SECOND\_OPT for the second and any subsequent optimizations.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

10

#### See also:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CUT\_SECOND\_OPT Controls the reduction in the log levels for the second and any subsequent optimizations.

#### • log\_bi

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_BI

## Description:

Controls the amount of output printed by the basis identification procedure. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

4

• log\_bi\_freq

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_BI\_FREQ

#### Description:

Controls how frequent the optimizer outputs information about the basis identification and how frequent the user-defined call-back function is called.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

2500

• log\_check\_convexity

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY

Controls logging in convexity check on quadratic problems. Set to a positive value to turn logging on.

If a quadratic coefficient matrix is found to violate the requirement of PSD (NSD) then a list of negative (positive) pivot elements is printed. The absolute value of the pivot elements is also shown.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

0

## • log\_concurrent

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CONCURRENT

## Description:

Controls amount of output printed by the concurrent optimizer.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

1

• log\_cut\_second\_opt

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CUT\_SECOND\_OPT

# Description:

If a task is employed to solve a sequence of optimization problems, then the value of the log levels is reduced by the value of this parameter. E.g MSK\_IPAR\_LOG and MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM are reduced by the value of this parameter for the second and any subsequent optimizations.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

1

#### See also:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG Controls the amount of log information.

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_INTPNT Controls the amount of log information from the interior-point optimizers.

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO Controls the amount of log information from the mixed-integer optimizers.

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM Controls the amount of log information from the simplex optimizers.

#### • log\_factor

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_FACTOR

## Description:

If turned on, then the factor log lines are added to the log.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_feasrepair

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_FEASREPAIR

## Description:

Controls the amount of output printed when performing feasibility repair.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

0

• log\_file

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_FILE

# Description:

If turned on, then some log info is printed when a file is written or read.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_head

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_HEAD

# Description:

If turned on, then a header line is added to the log.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_infeas\_ana

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_INFEAS\_ANA

Controls amount of output printed by the infeasibility analyzer procedures. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

# Default value:

1

## • log\_intpnt

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_INTPNT

#### Description:

Controls amount of output printed printed by the interior-point optimizer. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

4

## • log\_mio

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO

## Description:

Controls the log level for the mixed-integer optimizer. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

# Default value:

4

## • log\_mio\_freq

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO\_FREQ

# Description:

Controls how frequent the mixed-integer optimizer prints the log line. It will print line every time MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO\_FREQ relaxations have been solved.

## Possible Values:

A integer value.

## Default value:

1000

#### • log\_nonconvex

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_NONCONVEX

## Description:

Controls amount of output printed by the nonconvex optimizer.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_optimizer

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_OPTIMIZER

## Description:

Controls the amount of general optimizer information that is logged.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_order

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_ORDER

# Description:

If turned on, then factor lines are added to the log.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_param

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_PARAM

# Description:

Controls the amount of information printed out about parameter changes.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

0

• log\_presolve

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_PRESOLVE

Controls amount of output printed by the presolve procedure. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

1

## • log\_response

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_RESPONSE

#### Description:

Controls amount of output printed when response codes are reported. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

0

## • log\_sensitivity

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SENSITIVITY

## Description:

Controls the amount of logging during the sensitivity analysis. 0: Means no logging information is produced. 1: Timing information is printed. 2: Sensitivity results are printed.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

# Default value:

1

## • log\_sensitivity\_opt

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SENSITIVITY\_OPT

#### Description:

Controls the amount of logging from the optimizers employed during the sensitivity analysis. 0 means no logging information is produced.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

0

# • log\_sim

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM

## Description:

Controls amount of output printed by the simplex optimizer. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

4

• log\_sim\_freq

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ

# Description:

Controls how frequent the simplex optimizer outputs information about the optimization and how frequent the user-defined call-back function is called.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

500

• log\_sim\_minor

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_MINOR

## Description:

Currently not in use.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

## Default value:

1

• log\_sim\_network\_freq

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_NETWORK\_FREQ

# Description:

Controls how frequent the network simplex optimizer outputs information about the optimization and how frequent the user-defined call-back function is called. The network optimizer will use a logging frequency equal to MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ times MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_NETWORK\_FREQ.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

50

## • log\_storage

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_STORAGE

# Description:

When turned on, MOSEK prints messages regarding the storage usage and allocation.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

## Default value:

0

• lp\_write\_ignore\_incompatible\_items

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_LP\_WRITE\_IGNORE\_INCOMPATIBLE\_ITEMS

#### Description:

Controls the result of writing a problem containing incompatible items to an LP file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

## Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• max\_num\_warnings

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MAX\_NUM\_WARNINGS

## Description:

Waning level. A higher value results in more warnings.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

10

• mio\_branch\_dir

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_BRANCH\_DIR

## Description:

Controls whether the mixed-integer optimizer is branching up or down by default.

# Possible values:

MSK\_BRANCH\_DIR\_DOWN The mixed-integer optimizer always chooses the down branch first. MSK\_BRANCH\_DIR\_UP The mixed-integer optimizer always chooses the up branch first. MSK\_BRANCH\_DIR\_FREE The mixed-integer optimizer decides which branch to choose.

#### Default value:

MSK\_BRANCH\_DIR\_FREE

• mio\_branch\_priorities\_use

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_BRANCH\_PRIORITIES\_USE

#### Description:

Controls whether branching priorities are used by the mixed-integer optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• mio\_construct\_sol

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CONSTRUCT\_SOL

## Description:

If set to MSK\_ON and all integer variables have been given a value for which a feasible mixed integer solution exists, then MOSEK generates an initial solution to the mixed integer problem by fixing all integer values and solving the remaining problem.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• mio\_cont\_sol

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL

#### Description:

Controls the meaning of the interior-point and basic solutions in mixed integer problems.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL\_ITG The reported interior-point and basic solutions are a solution to the problem with all integer variables fixed at the value they have in the integer solution. A solution is only reported in case the problem has a primal feasible solution.

MSK\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL\_NONE No interior-point or basic solution are reported when the mixed-integer optimizer is used.

MSK\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL\_ROOT The reported interior-point and basic solutions are a solution to the root node problem when mixed-integer optimizer is used.

MSK\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL\_ITG\_REL In case the problem is primal feasible then the reported interior-point and basic solutions are a solution to the problem with all integer variables fixed at the value they have in the integer solution. If the problem is primal infeasible, then the solution to the root node problem is reported.

## Default value:

MSK\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL\_NONE

• mio\_cut\_level\_root

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CUT\_LEVEL\_ROOT

## Description:

Controls the cut level employed by the mixed-integer optimizer at the root node. A negative value means a default value determined by the mixed-integer optimizer is used. By adding the appropriate values from the following table the employed cut types can be controlled.

GUB cover	+2
Flow cover	+4
Lifting	+8
Plant location	+16
Disaggregation	+32
Knapsack cover	+64
Lattice	+128
Gomory	+256
Coefficient reduction	+512
GCD	+1024
Obj. integrality	+2048

# Possible Values:

Any value.

## Default value:

-1

• mio\_cut\_level\_tree

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CUT\_LEVEL\_TREE

# Description:

Controls the cut level employed by the mixed-integer optimizer at the tree. See MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CUT\_LEVEL\_ROOT for an explanation of the parameter values.

#### Possible Values:

Any value.

# Default value:

-1

• mio\_feaspump\_level

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_FEASPUMP\_LEVEL

Feasibility pump is a heuristic designed to compute an initial feasible solution. A value of 0 implies that the feasibility pump heuristic is not used. A value of -1 implies that the mixed-integer optimizer decides how the feasibility pump heuristic is used. A larger value than 1 implies that the feasibility pump is employed more aggressively. Normally a value beyond 3 is not worthwhile.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and 3.

#### Default value:

-1

• mio\_heuristic\_level

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_LEVEL

#### Description:

Controls the heuristic employed by the mixed-integer optimizer to locate an initial good integer feasible solution. A value of zero means the heuristic is not used at all. A larger value than 0 means that a gradually more sophisticated heuristic is used which is computationally more expensive. A negative value implies that the optimizer chooses the heuristic. Normally a value around 3 to 5 should be optimal.

## Possible Values:

Any value.

#### Default value:

-1

• mio\_hotstart

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_HOTSTART

## Description:

Controls whether the integer optimizer is hot-started.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• mio\_keep\_basis

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_KEEP\_BASIS

## Description:

Controls whether the integer presolve keeps bases in memory. This speeds on the solution process at cost of bigger memory consumption.

## Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• mio\_local\_branch\_number

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_LOCAL\_BRANCH\_NUMBER

## Description:

Controls the size of the local search space when doing local branching.

## Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

#### Default value:

-1

• mio\_max\_num\_branches

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_BRANCHES

# Description:

Maximum number of branches allowed during the branch and bound search. A negative value means infinite.

# Possible Values:

Any number between  $-\inf$  and  $+\inf$ .

# Default value:

-1

# See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME Certain termination criteria is disabled within the mixed-integer optimizer for period time specified by the parameter.

• mio\_max\_num\_relaxs

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_RELAXS

## Description:

Maximum number of relaxations allowed during the branch and bound search. A negative value means infinite.

# Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

## Default value:

-1

## See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME Certain termination criteria is disabled within the mixed-integer optimizer for period time specified by the parameter.

• mio\_max\_num\_solutions

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_SOLUTIONS

## Description:

The mixed-integer optimizer can be terminated after a certain number of different feasible solutions has been located. If this parameter has the value n and n is strictly positive, then the mixed-integer optimizer will be terminated when n feasible solutions have been located.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

#### Default value:

-1

#### See also:

MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME Certain termination criteria is disabled within the mixed-integer optimizer for period time specified by the parameter.

• mio\_mode

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MODE

## Description:

Controls whether the optimizer includes the integer restrictions when solving a (mixed) integer optimization problem.

## Possible values:

MSK\_MIO\_MODE\_IGNORED The integer constraints are ignored and the problem is solved as a continuous problem.

 ${\tt MSK\_MI0\_MODE\_LAZY}$  Integer restrictions should be satisfied if an optimizer is available for the problem.

MSK\_MIO\_MODE\_SATISFIED Integer restrictions should be satisfied.

#### Default value:

MSK\_MIO\_MODE\_SATISFIED

• mio\_node\_optimizer

## Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_NODE\_OPTIMIZER

# Description:

Controls which optimizer is employed at the non-root nodes in the mixed-integer optimizer.

## Possible values:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_INTPNT The interior-point optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_MIXED\_INT The mixed-integer optimizer.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE The optimizer is chosen automatically.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_QCONE For internal use only.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE

• mio\_node\_selection

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION

#### Description:

Controls the node selection strategy employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_PSEUDO The optimizer employs selects the node based on a pseudo cost estimate.

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_HYBRID The optimizer employs a hybrid strategy.

 ${\tt MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_FREE} \ \ {\tt The} \ \ {\tt optimizer} \ \ {\tt decides} \ \ {\tt the} \ \ {\tt node} \ \ {\tt selection} \ \ {\tt strategy}.$ 

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_WORST The optimizer employs a worst bound node selection strategy.

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_BEST The optimizer employs a best bound node selection strategy.

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_FIRST The optimizer employs a depth first node selection strategy.

### Default value:

MSK\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION\_FREE

mio\_optimizer\_mode

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_OPTIMIZER\_MODE

# Description:

An exprimental feature.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 1.

### Default value:

0

# • mio\_presolve\_aggregate

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_AGGREGATE

### Description:

Controls whether the presolve used by the mixed-integer optimizer tries to aggregate the constraints.

### Possible values:

```
MSK_ON Switch the option on. MSK_OFF Switch the option off.
```

### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• mio\_presolve\_probing

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_PROBING

# Description:

Controls whether the mixed-integer presolve performs probing. Probing can be very time consuming.

#### Possible values:

```
MSK_ON Switch the option on.
MSK_OFF Switch the option off.
```

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• mio\_presolve\_use

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_USE

### Description:

Controls whether presolve is performed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

#### Possible values:

```
MSK_ON Switch the option on.
MSK_OFF Switch the option off.
```

# Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• mio\_root\_optimizer

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_ROOT\_OPTIMIZER

### Description:

Controls which optimizer is employed at the root node in the mixed-integer optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_INTPNT The interior-point optimizer is used.

 ${\tt MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT} \ \ {\tt The} \ \ {\tt optimizer} \ \ {\tt for} \ \ {\tt nonconvex} \ \ {\tt nonlinear} \ \ {\tt problems}.$ 

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_MIXED\_INT The mixed-integer optimizer.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE The optimizer is chosen automatically.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_QCONE For internal use only.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE

• mio\_strong\_branch

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_STRONG\_BRANCH

### Description:

The value specifies the depth from the root in which strong branching is used. A negative value means that the optimizer chooses a default value automatically.

### Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

### Default value:

-1

• nonconvex\_max\_iterations

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_NONCONVEX\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

# Description:

Maximum number of iterations that can be used by the nonconvex optimizer.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

### Default value:

100000

• objective\_sense

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE

#### Description:

If the objective sense for the task is undefined, then the value of this parameter is used as the default objective sense.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE\_MINIMIZE The problem should be minimized. MSK\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE\_UNDEFINED The objective sense is undefined.

MSK\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE\_MAXIMIZE The problem should be maximized.

### Default value:

MSK\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE\_MINIMIZE

• opf\_max\_terms\_per\_line

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_MAX\_TERMS\_PER\_LINE

### Description:

The maximum number of terms (linear and quadratic) per line when an OPF file is written.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

5

• opf\_write\_header

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_HEADER

### Description:

Write a text header with date and MOSEK version in an OPF file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• opf\_write\_hints

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_HINTS

### Description:

Write a hint section with problem dimensions in the beginning of an OPF file.

# Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_ON}$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• opf\_write\_parameters

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_PARAMETERS

### Description:

Write a parameter section in an OPF file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK OFF

• opf\_write\_problem

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_PROBLEM

### Description:

Write objective, constraints, bounds etc. to an OPF file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• opf\_write\_sol\_bas

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_BAS

### Description:

If MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS is MSK\_ON and a basic solution is defined, include the basic solution in OPF files.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• opf\_write\_sol\_itg

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_ITG

#### Description:

If MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS is MSK\_ON and an integer solution is defined, write the integer solution in OPF files.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• opf\_write\_sol\_itr

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_ITR

# Description:

If MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS is MSK\_ON and an interior solution is defined, write the interior solution in OPF files.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• opf\_write\_solutions

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS

### Description:

Enable inclusion of solutions in the OPF files.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• optimizer

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER

### Description:

The paramter controls which optimizer is used to optimize the task.

### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_INTPNT} \ \ {\tt The\ interior-point\ optimizer\ is\ used}.$ 

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

 ${\tt MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_MIXED\_INT} \ \ {\tt The \ mixed-integer \ optimizer}.$ 

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.

 ${\tt MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE} \ \ {\tt The} \ \ {\tt optimizer} \ \ {\tt is} \ \ {\tt chosen} \ \ {\tt automatically}.$ 

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_QCONE For internal use only.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE

• param\_read\_case\_name

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PARAM\_READ\_CASE\_NAME

### Description:

If turned on, then names in the parameter file are case sensitive.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• param\_read\_ign\_error

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PARAM\_READ\_IGN\_ERROR

# Description:

If turned on, then errors in paramter settings is ignored.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

presolve\_elim\_fill

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIM\_FILL

### Description:

Controls the maximum amount of fill-in that can be created during the elimination phase of the presolve. This parameter times (numcon+numvar) denotes the amount of fill-in.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

1

• presolve\_eliminator\_max\_num\_tries

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIMINATOR\_MAX\_NUM\_TRIES

### Description:

Control the maximum number of times the eliminator is tried.

#### Possible Values:

A negative value implies MOSEK decides maximum number of times.

### Default value:

-1

• presolve\_eliminator\_use

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIMINATOR\_USE

### Description:

Controls whether free or implied free variables are eliminated from the problem.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• presolve\_level

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LEVEL

# Description:

Currently not used.

### Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

### Default value:

-1

• presolve\_lindep\_use

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LINDEP\_USE

### Description:

Controls whether the linear constraints are checked for linear dependencies.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• presolve\_lindep\_work\_lim

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LINDEP\_WORK\_LIM

# Description:

Is used to limit the amount of work that can done to locate linear dependencies. In general the higher value this parameter is given the less work can be used. However, a value of 0 means no limit on the amount work that can be used.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

1

• presolve\_use

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_USE

#### Description:

Controls whether the presolve is applied to a problem before it is optimized.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_PRESOLVE\_MODE\_ON The problem is presolved before it is optimized.

MSK\_PRESOLVE\_MODE\_OFF The problem is not presolved before it is optimized.

MSK\_PRESOLVE\_MODE\_FREE It is decided automatically whether to presolve before the problem is optimized.

### Default value:

MSK\_PRESOLVE\_MODE\_FREE

• qo\_separable\_reformulation

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_QO\_SEPARABLE\_REFORMULATION

#### Description:

Determine if Quadratic programing problems should be reformulated to separable form.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• read\_add\_anz

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_ANZ

### Description:

Additional number of non-zeros in A that is made room for in the problem.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

0

• read\_add\_con

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_CON

# Description:

Additional number of constraints that is made room for in the problem.

## Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

0

• read\_add\_cone

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_CONE

# Description:

Additional number of conic constraints that is made room for in the problem.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

0

• read\_add\_qnz

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_QNZ

# Description:

Additional number of non-zeros in the Q matrices that is made room for in the problem.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

0

• read\_add\_var

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_VAR

### Description:

Additional number of variables that is made room for in the problem.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

0

#### • read\_anz

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ANZ

# Description:

Expected maximum number of A non-zeros to be read. The option is used only by fast MPS and LP file readers.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

100000

#### • read\_con

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_CON

### Description:

Expected maximum number of constraints to be read. The option is only used by fast MPS and LP file readers.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

10000

### • read\_cone

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_CONE

# Description:

Expected maximum number of conic constraints to be read. The option is used only by fast MPS and LP file readers.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

2500

#### • read\_data\_compressed

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_DATA\_COMPRESSED

#### Description:

If this option is turned on, it is assumed that the data file is compressed.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• read\_data\_format

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_DATA\_FORMAT

### Description:

Format of the data file to be read.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_XML The data file is an XML formatted file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_FREE\_MPS The data data a free MPS formatted file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_EXTENSION The file extension is used to determine the data file format.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_MPS The data file is MPS formatted.

 ${\tt MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_LP}$  The data file is LP formatted.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_MBT The data file is a MOSEK binary task file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_OP The data file is an optimization problem formatted file.

### Default value:

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_EXTENSION

• read\_keep\_free\_con

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_KEEP\_FREE\_CON

#### Description:

Controls whether the free constraints are included in the problem.

### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_ON}$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

 $MSK_OFF$ 

• read\_lp\_drop\_new\_vars\_in\_bou

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_LP\_DROP\_NEW\_VARS\_IN\_BOU

# Description:

If this option is turned on, MOSEK will drop variables that are defined for the first time in the bounds section.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• read\_lp\_quoted\_names

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_LP\_QUOTED\_NAMES

### Description:

If a name is in quotes when reading an LP file, the quotes will be removed.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• read\_mps\_format

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_FORMAT

### Description:

Controls how strictly the MPS file reader interprets the MPS format.

### Possible values:

MSK\_MPS\_FORMAT\_STRICT It is assumed that the input file satisfies the MPS format strictly. MSK\_MPS\_FORMAT\_RELAXED It is assumed that the input file satisfies a slightly relaxed version of the MPS format.

MSK\_MPS\_FORMAT\_FREE It is assumed that the input file satisfies the free MPS format. This implies that spaces are not allowed in names. Otherwise the format is free.

#### Default value:

MSK\_MPS\_FORMAT\_RELAXED

• read\_mps\_keep\_int

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_KEEP\_INT

### **Description:**

Controls whether MOSEK should keep the integer restrictions on the variables while reading the MPS file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• read\_mps\_obj\_sense

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_OBJ\_SENSE

### Description:

If turned on, the MPS reader uses the objective sense section. Otherwise the MPS reader ignores it.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• read\_mps\_quoted\_names

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_QUOTED\_NAMES

#### Description:

If a name is in quotes when reading an MPS file, then the quotes will be removed.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• read\_mps\_relax

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_RELAX

#### Description:

If this option is turned on, then mixed integer constraints are ignored when a problem is read.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

#### • read\_mps\_width

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_WIDTH

### Description:

Controls the maximal number of characters allowed in one line of the MPS file.

#### Possible Values:

Any positive number greater than 80.

### Default value:

1024

#### • read\_q\_mode

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_Q\_MODE

### Description:

Controls how the Q matrices are read from the MPS file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_Q\_READ\_ADD All elements in a Q matrix are assumed to belong to the lower triangular part. Duplicate elements in a Q matrix are added together.

MSK\_Q\_READ\_DROP\_LOWER All elements in the strict lower triangular part of the Q matrices are dropped.

MSK\_Q\_READ\_DROP\_UPPER All elements in the strict upper triangular part of the Q matrices are dropped.

# Default value:

MSK\_Q\_READ\_ADD

• read\_qnz

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_QNZ

# Description:

Expected maximum number of Q non-zeros to be read. The option is used only by MPS and LP file readers.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

20000

• read\_task\_ignore\_param

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_TASK\_IGNORE\_PARAM

### Description:

Controls whether MOSEK should ignore the parameter setting defined in the task file and use the default parameter setting instead.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• read\_var

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_VAR

#### Description:

Expected maximum number of variable to be read. The option is used only by MPS and LP file readers.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

10000

• sensitivity\_all

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_ALL

### Description:

Not applicable.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• sensitivity\_optimizer

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_OPTIMIZER

### Description:

Controls which optimizer is used for optimal partition sensitivity analysis.

### Possible values:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_INTPNT The interior-point optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONCURRENT The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_MIXED\_INT The mixed-integer optimizer.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE The optimizer is chosen automatically.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_QCONE For internal use only.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OPTIMIZER\_FREE\_SIMPLEX

sensitivity\_type

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE

### Description:

Controls which type of sensitivity analysis is to be performed.

### Possible values:

MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_OPTIMAL\_PARTITION Optimal partition sensitivity analysis is performed.

MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_BASIS Basis sensitivity analysis is performed.

### Default value:

MSK\_SENSITIVITY\_TYPE\_BASIS

• sim\_basis\_factor\_use

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_BASIS\_FACTOR\_USE

### Description:

Controls whether a (LU) factorization of the basis is used in a hot-start. Forcing a refactorization sometimes improves the stability of the simplex optimizers, but in most cases there is a performance penantly.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• sim\_degen

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DEGEN

# Description:

Controls how aggressively degeneration is handled.

# Possible values:

MSK\_SIM\_DEGEN\_NONE The simplex optimizer should use no degeneration strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_DEGEN\_MODERATE The simplex optimizer should use a moderate degeneration strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_DEGEN\_MINIMUM The simplex optimizer should use a minimum degeneration strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_DEGEN\_AGGRESSIVE The simplex optimizer should use an aggressive degeneration strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_DEGEN\_FREE The simplex optimizer chooses the degeneration strategy.

### Default value:

MSK SIM DEGEN FREE

• sim\_dual\_crash

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_CRASH

### Description:

Controls whether crashing is performed in the dual simplex optimizer.

In general if a basis consists of more than (100-this parameter value)% fixed variables, then a crash will be performed.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and  $+\inf$ .

#### Default value:

90

• sim\_dual\_phaseone\_method

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_PHASEONE\_METHOD

### Description:

An exprimental feature.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 10.

# Default value:

0

• sim\_dual\_restrict\_selection

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_RESTRICT\_SELECTION

### Description:

The dual simplex optimizer can use a so-called restricted selection/pricing strategy to chooses the outgoing variable. Hence, if restricted selection is applied, then the dual simplex optimizer first choose a subset of all the potential outgoing variables. Next, for some time it will choose the outgoing variable only among the subset. From time to time the subset is redefined.

A larger value of this parameter implies that the optimizer will be more aggressive in its restriction strategy, i.e. a value of 0 implies that the restriction strategy is not applied at all.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 100.

### Default value:

50

• sim\_dual\_selection

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_SELECTION

#### Description:

Controls the choice of the incoming variable, known as the selection strategy, in the dual simplex optimizer.

### Possible values:

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FULL The optimizer uses full pricing.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_PARTIAL The optimizer uses a partial selection approach. The approach is usually beneficial if the number of variables is much larger than the number of constraints.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FREE The optimizer chooses the pricing strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_ASE The optimizer uses approximate steepest-edge pricing.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_DEVEX The optimizer uses devex steepest-edge pricing (or if it is not available an approximate steep-edge selection).

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_SE The optimizer uses steepest-edge selection (or if it is not available an approximate steep-edge selection).

#### Default value:

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FREE

sim\_exploit\_dupvec

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_EXPLOIT\_DUPVEC

### Description:

Controls if the simplex optimizers are allowed to exploit duplicated columns.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SIM\_EXPLOIT\_DUPVEC\_ON Allow the simplex optimizer to exploit duplicated columns. MSK\_SIM\_EXPLOIT\_DUPVEC\_OFF Disallow the simplex optimizer to exploit duplicated columns. MSK\_SIM\_EXPLOIT\_DUPVEC\_FREE The simplex optimizer can choose freely.

# Default value:

MSK\_SIM\_EXPLOIT\_DUPVEC\_OFF

• sim\_hotstart

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_HOTSTART

### Description:

Controls the type of hot-start that the simplex optimizer perform.

#### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_SIM\_HOTSTART\_NONE} \ \ {\tt The \ simplex \ optimizer \ performs \ a \ coldstart}.$ 

 ${\tt MSK\_SIM\_HOTSTART\_STATUS\_KEYS}$  Only the status keys of the constraints and variables are used to choose the type of hot-start.

MSK\_SIM\_HOTSTART\_FREE The simplex optimize chooses the hot-start type.

### Default value:

MSK\_SIM\_HOTSTART\_FREE

• sim\_hotstart\_lu

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_HOTSTART\_LU

# Description:

Determines if the simplex optimizer should exploit the initial factorization.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

 $MSK_ON$ 

• sim\_integer

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_INTEGER

# Description:

An exprimental feature.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 10.

# Default value:

0

• sim\_max\_iterations

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

### Description:

Maximum number of iterations that can be used by a simplex optimizer.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

10000000

• sim\_max\_num\_setbacks

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_MAX\_NUM\_SETBACKS

### Description:

Controls how many set-backs are allowed within a simplex optimizer. A set-back is an event where the optimizer moves in the wrong direction. This is impossible in theory but may happen due to numerical problems.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

250

sim\_network\_detect

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT

### Description:

The simplex optimizer is capable of exploiting a network flow component in a problem. However it is only worthwhile to exploit the network flow component if it is sufficiently large. This parameter controls how large the network component has to be in "relative" terms before it is exploited. For instance a value of 20 means at least 20% of the model should be a network before it is exploited. If this value is larger than 100 the network flow component is never detected or exploited.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

101

• sim\_network\_detect\_hotstart

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_HOTSTART

#### Description:

This parameter controls has large the network component in "relative" terms has to be before it is exploited in a simplex hot-start. The network component should be equal or larger than

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max(MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT, MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT_HOTSTART)
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before it is exploited. If this value is larger than 100 the network flow component is never detected or exploited.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

100

• sim\_network\_detect\_method

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_METHOD

### Description:

Controls which type of detection method the network extraction should use.

### Possible values:

MSK\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_SIMPLE The network detection should use a very simple heuristic.

MSK\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_ADVANCED The network detection should use a more advanced heuristic.

MSK\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_FREE The network detection is free.

#### Default value:

MSK\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_FREE

• sim\_non\_singular

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NON\_SINGULAR

### Description:

Controls if the simplex optimizer ensures a non-singular basis, if possible.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• sim\_primal\_crash

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_CRASH

# Description:

Controls whether crashing is performed in the primal simplex optimizer.

In general, if a basis consists of more than (100-this parameter value)% fixed variables, then a crash will be performed.

### Possible Values:

Any nonnegative integer value.

#### Default value:

90

• sim\_primal\_phaseone\_method

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_PHASEONE\_METHOD

### Description:

An exprimental feature.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 10.

#### Default value:

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• sim\_primal\_restrict\_selection

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_RESTRICT\_SELECTION

#### Description:

The primal simplex optimizer can use a so-called restricted selection/pricing strategy to chooses the outgoing variable. Hence, if restricted selection is applied, then the primal simplex optimizer first choose a subset of all the potential incoming variables. Next, for some time it will choose the incoming variable only among the subset. From time to time the subset is redefined.

A larger value of this parameter implies that the optimizer will be more aggressive in its restriction strategy, i.e. a value of 0 implies that the restriction strategy is not applied at all.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 100.

### Default value:

50

• sim\_primal\_selection

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_SELECTION

#### Description:

Controls the choice of the incoming variable, known as the selection strategy, in the primal simplex optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FULL The optimizer uses full pricing.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_PARTIAL The optimizer uses a partial selection approach. The approach is usually beneficial if the number of variables is much larger than the number of constraints.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FREE The optimizer chooses the pricing strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_ASE The optimizer uses approximate steepest-edge pricing.

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_DEVEX The optimizer uses devex steepest-edge pricing (or if it is not available an approximate steep-edge selection).

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_SE The optimizer uses steepest-edge selection (or if it is not available an approximate steep-edge selection).

### Default value:

MSK\_SIM\_SELECTION\_FREE

• sim\_refactor\_freq

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_REFACTOR\_FREQ

### Description:

Controls how frequent the basis is refactorized. The value 0 means that the optimizer determines the best point of refactorization.

It is strongly recommended NOT to change this parameter.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

#### Default value:

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# • sim\_reformulation

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_REFORMULATION

#### Description:

Controls if the simplex optimizers are allowed to reformulate the problem.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SIM\_REFORMULATION\_ON Allow the simplex optimizer to reformulate the problem.

MSK\_SIM\_REFORMULATION\_AGGRESSIVE The simplex optimizer should use an aggressive reformulation strategy.

MSK\_SIM\_REFORMULATION\_OFF Disallow the simplex optimizer to reformulate the problem.

MSK\_SIM\_REFORMULATION\_FREE The simplex optimizer can choose freely.

# Default value:

MSK\_SIM\_REFORMULATION\_OFF

• sim\_save\_lu

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SAVE\_LU

### Description:

Controls if the LU factorization stored should be replaced with the LU factorization corresponding to the initial basis.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• sim\_scaling

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SCALING

# Description:

Controls how much effort is used in scaling the problem before a simplex optimizer is used.

### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_SCALING\_NONE}\ \ {\rm No\ scaling\ is\ performed}.$ 

MSK\_SCALING\_MODERATE A conservative scaling is performed.

MSK\_SCALING\_AGGRESSIVE A very aggressive scaling is performed.

MSK\_SCALING\_FREE The optimizer chooses the scaling heuristic.

#### Default value:

MSK\_SCALING\_FREE

• sim\_scaling\_method

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SCALING\_METHOD

### Description:

Controls how the problem is scaled before a simplex optimizer is used.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SCALING\_METHOD\_POW2 Scales only with power of 2 leaving the mantissa untouched. MSK\_SCALING\_METHOD\_FREE The optimizer chooses the scaling heuristic.

# Default value:

MSK\_SCALING\_METHOD\_POW2

• sim\_solve\_form

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SOLVE\_FORM

#### Description:

Controls whether the primal or the dual problem is solved by the primal-/dual- simplex optimizer.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_SOLVE\_PRIMAL The optimizer should solve the primal problem.

MSK\_SOLVE\_DUAL The optimizer should solve the dual problem.

MSK\_SOLVE\_FREE The optimizer is free to solve either the primal or the dual problem.

# Default value:

MSK\_SOLVE\_FREE

• sim\_stability\_priority

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_STABILITY\_PRIORITY

### Description:

Controls how high priority the numerical stability should be given.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and 100.

### Default value:

50

• sim\_switch\_optimizer

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SWITCH\_OPTIMIZER

### Description:

The simplex optimizer sometimes chooses to solve the dual problem instead of the primal problem. This implies that if you have chosen to use the dual simplex optimizer and the problem is dualized, then it actually makes sense to use the primal simplex optimizer instead. If this parameter is on and the problem is dualized and furthermore the simplex optimizer is chosen to be the primal (dual) one, then it is switched to the dual (primal).

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK OFF

• sol\_filter\_keep\_basic

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_KEEP\_BASIC

# Description:

If turned on, then basic and super basic constraints and variables are written to the solution file independent of the filter setting.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• sol\_filter\_keep\_ranged

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_KEEP\_RANGED

### Description:

If turned on, then ranged constraints and variables are written to the solution file independent of the filter setting.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• sol\_quoted\_names

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_QUOTED\_NAMES

# Description:

If this options is turned on, then MOSEK will quote names that contains blanks while writing the solution file. Moreover when reading leading and trailing quotes will be stripped of.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• sol\_read\_name\_width

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_READ\_NAME\_WIDTH

#### Description:

When a solution is read by MOSEK and some constraint, variable or cone names contain blanks, then a maximum name width much be specified. A negative value implies that no name contain blanks.

### Possible Values:

Any number between -inf and +inf.

#### Default value:

-1

• sol\_read\_width

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_READ\_WIDTH

### Description:

Controls the maximal acceptable width of line in the solutions when read by MOSEK.

# Possible Values:

Any positive number greater than 80.

# Default value:

1024

• solution\_callback

MSK\_IPAR\_SOLUTION\_CALLBACK

# Description:

Indicates whether solution call-backs will be performed during the optimization.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• timing\_level

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_TIMING\_LEVEL

# Description:

Controls the a amount of timing performed inside MOSEK.

### Possible Values:

Any integer greater or equal to 0.

# Default value:

1

• warning\_level

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WARNING\_LEVEL

# Description:

Warning level.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

1

• write\_bas\_constraints

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_BAS\_CONSTRAINTS

### Description:

Controls whether the constraint section is written to the basic solution file.

#### Possible values:

 $MSK_ON$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

#### • write\_bas\_head

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_BAS\_HEAD

### Description:

Controls whether the header section is written to the basic solution file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_bas\_variables

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_BAS\_VARIABLES

# Description:

Controls whether the variables section is written to the basic solution file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_data\_compressed

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_DATA\_COMPRESSED

#### Description:

Controls whether the data file is compressed while it is written. 0 means no compression while higher values mean more compression.

# Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

0

write\_data\_format

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_DATA\_FORMAT

# Description:

Controls the file format when writing task data to a file.

# Possible values:

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_XML The data file is an XML formatted file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_FREE\_MPS The data data a free MPS formatted file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_EXTENSION The file extension is used to determine the data file format.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_MPS The data file is MPS formatted.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_LP The data file is LP formatted.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_MBT The data file is a MOSEK binary task file.

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_OP The data file is an optimization problem formatted file.

#### Default value:

MSK\_DATA\_FORMAT\_EXTENSION

• write\_data\_param

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_DATA\_PARAM

### Description:

If this option is turned on the parameter settings are written to the data file as parameters.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• write\_free\_con

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_FREE\_CON

#### Description:

Controls whether the free constraints are written to the data file.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

write\_generic\_names

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_GENERIC\_NAMES

### Description:

Controls whether the generic names or user-defined names are used in the data file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• write\_generic\_names\_io

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_GENERIC\_NAMES\_IO

# Description:

Index origin used in generic names.

#### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

# Default value:

1

• write\_int\_constraints

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_INT\_CONSTRAINTS

### Description:

Controls whether the constraint section is written to the integer solution file.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_int\_head

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_INT\_HEAD

#### Description:

Controls whether the header section is written to the integer solution file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_int\_variables

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_INT\_VARIABLES

# Description:

Controls whether the variables section is written to the integer solution file.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_lp\_line\_width

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_LINE\_WIDTH

### Description:

Maximum width of line in an LP file written by MOSEK.

### Possible Values:

Any positive number.

### Default value:

80

• write\_lp\_quoted\_names

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_QUOTED\_NAMES

# Description:

If this option is turned on, then MOSEK will quote invalid LP names when writing an LP file.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

write\_lp\_strict\_format

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_STRICT\_FORMAT

# Description:

Controls whether LP output files satisfy the LP format strictly.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• write\_lp\_terms\_per\_line

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_TERMS\_PER\_LINE

### Description:

Maximum number of terms on a single line in an LP file written by MOSEK. 0 means unlimited.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

10

• write\_mps\_int

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_MPS\_INT

### Description:

Controls if marker records are written to the MPS file to indicate whether variables are integer restricted.

### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_mps\_obj\_sense

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_MPS\_OBJ\_SENSE

### Description:

If turned off, the objective sense section is not written to the MPS file.

#### Possible values:

 ${\tt MSK\_ON}$  Switch the option on.

MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_mps\_quoted\_names

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_MPS\_QUOTED\_NAMES

### Description:

If a name contains spaces (blanks) when writing an MPS file, then the quotes will be removed.

# Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_mps\_strict

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_MPS\_STRICT

# Description:

Controls whether the written MPS file satisfies the MPS format strictly or not.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_OFF

• write\_precision

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_PRECISION

# Description:

Controls the precision with which double numbers are printed in the MPS data file. In general it is not worthwhile to use a value higher than 15.

### Possible Values:

Any number between 0 and +inf.

### Default value:

8

• write\_sol\_constraints

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_SOL\_CONSTRAINTS

# Description:

Controls whether the constraint section is written to the solution file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

write\_sol\_head

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_SOL\_HEAD

# Description:

Controls whether the header section is written to the solution file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

#### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_sol\_variables

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_SOL\_VARIABLES

### Description:

Controls whether the variables section is written to the solution file.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on. MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

### Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_task\_inc\_sol

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_TASK\_INC\_SOL

# Description:

Controls whether the solutions are stored in the task file too.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_ON Switch the option on.
MSK\_OFF Switch the option off.

# Default value:

MSK\_ON

• write\_xml\_mode

# Corresponding constant:

MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE

# Description:

Controls if linear coefficients should be written by row or column when writing in the XML file format.

#### Possible values:

MSK\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE\_COL Write in column order.
MSK\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE\_ROW Write in row order.

### Default value:

MSK\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE\_ROW

# H.4 String parameter types

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•	bas_sol_file_name	
	Corresponding constant:  MSK_SPAR_BAS_SOL_FILE_NAME	
	<b>Description:</b> Name of the bas solution file.	
	Possible Values: Any valid file name.	
	Default value:	
•	data_file_name	
	Corresponding constant:  MSK_SPAR_DATA_FILE_NAME	
	Description:  Data are read and written to this file.	
	Possible Values: Any valid file name.	
	Default value:	

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• debug\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_DEBUG\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

MOSEK debug file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11 1

• feasrepair\_name\_prefix

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_PREFIX

#### Description:

Not applicable.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

"MSK-"

• feasrepair\_name\_separator

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_SEPARATOR

#### Description:

Not applicable.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

"-"

• feasrepair\_name\_wsumviol

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_WSUMVIOL

#### Description:

The constraint and variable associated with the total weighted sum of violations are each given the name of this parameter postfixed with CON and VAR respectively.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

"WSUMVIOL"

• int\_sol\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_INT\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the int solution file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11.11

• itr\_sol\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_ITR\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the itr solution file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• param\_comment\_sign

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_PARAM\_COMMENT\_SIGN

#### Description:

Only the first character in this string is used. It is considered as a start of comment sign in the MOSEK parameter file. Spaces are ignored in the string.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

"%%"

• param\_read\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_PARAM\_READ\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Modifications to the parameter database is read from this file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• param\_write\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_PARAM\_WRITE\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

The parameter database is written to this file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• read\_mps\_bou\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_BOU\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the BOUNDS vector used. An empty name means that the first BOUNDS vector is used.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid MPS name.

#### Default value:

" "

• read\_mps\_obj\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_OBJ\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the free constraint used as objective function. An empty name means that the first constraint is used as objective function.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid MPS name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• read\_mps\_ran\_name

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_RAN\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the RANGE vector used. An empty name means that the first RANGE vector is used.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid MPS name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• read\_mps\_rhs\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_RHS\_NAME

#### Description:

Name of the RHS used. An empty name means that the first RHS vector is used.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid MPS name.

#### Default value:

11 1

• sensitivity\_file\_name

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Not applicable.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

11 1

• sensitivity\_res\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_RES\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Not applicable.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid string.

#### Default value:

11 11

• sol\_filter\_xc\_low

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_LOW

#### Description:

A filter used to determine which constraints should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]>0.5 should be listed, whereas "+0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]>=blc[i]+0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means that no filter is applied.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid filter.

#### Default value:

11 11

• sol\_filter\_xc\_upr

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_UPR

#### Description:

A filter used to determine which constraints should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]<0.5 should be listed, whereas "-0.5" means all constraints having xc[i]<-buc[i]-0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means that no filter is applied.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid filter.

#### Default value:

11.11

• sol\_filter\_xx\_low

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XX\_LOW

#### Description:

A filter used to determine which variables should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j] >= 0.5 should be listed, whereas "+0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j] >= blx[j] + 0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means no filter is applied.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid filter..

#### Default value:

11 11

• sol\_filter\_xx\_upr

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XX\_UPR

#### Description:

A filter used to determine which variables should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j]<0.5 should be printed, whereas "-0.5" means all constraints having xx[j]<=bux[j]-0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means no filter is applied.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11 11

• stat\_file\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_FILE\_NAME

#### Description:

Statistics file name.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid file name.

#### Default value:

11.11

• stat\_key

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_KEY

#### Description:

Key used when writing the summary file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid XML string.

#### Default value:

11 11

• stat\_name

#### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_NAME

#### Description:

Name used when writing the statistics file.

#### Possible Values:

Any valid XML string.

#### Default value:

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• write\_lp\_gen\_var\_name

### Corresponding constant:

MSK\_SPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_GEN\_VAR\_NAME

#### **Description:**

Sometimes when an LP file is written additional variables must be inserted. They will have the prefix denoted by this parameter.

Possible Values:
Any valid string.
Default value:

"xmskgen"

# Appendix I

# Symbolic constants reference

### I.1 Constraint or variable access modes

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_ACC_VAR
	Access data by columns (variable orinted)
1	MSK_ACC_CON
	Access data by rows (constraint oriented)

### I.2 Function opcode

Value	Name
varac	Description
1	MSK_ADOP_SUB
	Subtract two operands.
4	MSK_ADOP_POW
	First operand to the power the second operand.
7	MSK_ADOP_RET
	Return one operand.
0	MSK_ADOP_ADD
	Add two operands.
5	MSK_ADOP_EXP
	Exponential function of one oparand.
2	MSK_ADOP_MUL
	Multiply two operands.
3	MSK_ADOP_DIV
	Divide two operands.
6	MSK_ADOP_LOG
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Logarithm function of one operand.	

# I.3 Function operand type

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_ADOPTYPE_VARIABLE
	Operand refers to a variable.
0	MSK_ADOPTYPE_NONE
	Operand not used.
1	MSK_ADOPTYPE_CONSTANT
	Operand refers to a constant.
3	MSK_ADOPTYPE_REFERENCE
	Operand refers to the result of another operation.

### I.4 Basis identification

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_BI_ALWAYS
	Basis identification is always performed even if the interior-point op-
	timizer terminates abnormally.
2	MSK_BI_NO_ERROR
	Basis identification is performed if the interior-point optimizer termi-
	nates without an error.
0	MSK_BI_NEVER
	Never do basis identification.
3	MSK_BI_IF_FEASIBLE
	Basis identification is not performed if the interior-point optimizer
	terminates with a problem status saying that the problem is primal
	or dual infeasible.
4	MSK_BI_OTHER
	Try another BI method.

# I.5 Bound keys

Value	Name	
	Description	
2	MSK_BK_FX	
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	The constraint or variable is fixed.
0	MSK_BK_LO
	The constraint or variable has a finite lower bound and an infinite upper bound.
3	MSK_BK_FR
	The constraint or variable is free.
1	MSK_BK_UP
	The constraint or variable has an infinite lower bound and an finite
	upper bound.
4	MSK_BK_RA
	The constraint or variable is ranged.

# I.6 Specifies the branching direction.

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_BRANCH_DIR_DOWN
	The mixed-integer optimizer always chooses the down branch first.
1	MSK_BRANCH_DIR_UP
	The mixed-integer optimizer always chooses the up branch first.
0	MSK_BRANCH_DIR_FREE
	The mixed-integer optimizer decides which branch to choose.

# I.7 Progress call-back codes

Value	Name
	Description
44	MSK_CALLBACK_END_INTPNT
	The call-back function is called when the interior-point optimizer is
	terminated.
21	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the primal-dual simplex clean-up phase is started.
48	MSK_CALLBACK_END_NETWORK_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX
	The call-back function is called when the primal network simplex
	optimizer is terminated.
99	MSK_CALLBACK_READ_ADD_CONS
	A chunk of constraints has been read from a problem file.
115	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX_BI
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The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure at an intermediate point in the primal simplex clean-up phase. The frequency of the call-backs is controlled by the MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ parameter.

#### 46 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_MIO

The call-back function is called when the mixed-integer optimizer is terminated.

#### 13 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_NETWORK\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called when the dual network simplex optimizer is started.

#### 35 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_CONCURRENT

Concurrent optimizer is terminated.

#### 93 MSK\_CALLBACK\_NEW\_INT\_MIO

The call-back function is called after a new integer solution has been located by the mixed-integer optimizer.

#### 88 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the primal simplex optimizer.

#### 64 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_SIMPLEX\_NETWORK\_DETECT

The call-back function is called when the network detection procedure is terminated.

#### 47 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_NETWORK\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called when the dual network simplex optimizer is terminated.

#### 72 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_INTPNT

The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage within the interior-point optimizer where the information database has not been updated.

#### 68 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_DUAL\_BI

The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure at an intermediate point in the dual phase.

#### 8 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_FULL\_CONVEXITY\_CHECK

Begin full convexity check.

#### 3 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_DUAL\_BI

The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure when the dual phase is started.

#### 4 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_DUAL\_SENSITIVITY

Dual sensitivity analysis is started.

#### 79 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_MIO\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the mixedinteger optimizer while running the primal simplex optimizer.

#### 19 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_PRIMAL\_BI

The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure when the primal phase is started.

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100	MSK_CALLBACK_READ_ADD_QNZ	
1	A chunk of $Q$ non-zeos has been read from a problem file.	
1	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_CONCURRENT	
104	Concurrent optimizer is started.	
104	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_DUAL_BI	
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification	
	procedure at an intermediate point in the dual phase.	
70	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_DUAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the dual	
	simplex optimizer.	
11	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_LICENSE_WAIT	
0.4	Begin waiting for license.	
81	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the primal	
40	network simplex optimizer.	
49	MSK_CALLBACK_END_NETWORK_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called when the simplex network optimizer	
22	is terminated.	
32	MSK_CALLBACK_CONIC	
	The call-back function is called from within the conic optimizer after	
0.0	the information database has been updated.	
89	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_QO_REFORMULATE	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage of the QP to	
0	SOCP reformulation.	
2	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_CONIC	
106	The call-back function is called when the conic optimizer is started.  MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_DUAL_SIMPLEX_BI	
100	The call-back function is called from within the basis identifica-	
	tion procedure at an intermediate point in the dual simplex clean-	
	up phase. The frequency of the call-backs is controlled by the	
	MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_FREQ parameter.	
51	MSK_CALLBACK_END_OPTIMIZER	
	The call-back function is called when the optimizer is terminated.	
110	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_PRESOLVE	
	The call-back function is called from within the presolve procedure.	
90	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called from within the simplex optimizer at	
	an intermediate point.	
102	MSK_CALLBACK_READ_OPF	
	The call-back function is called from the OPF reader.	
73	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_LICENSE_WAIT	
-	MOSEK is waiting for a license.	
15	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_NETWORK_SIMPLEX	
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	The call-back function is called when the simplex network optimizer
	is started.
36	MSK_CALLBACK_END_CONIC
	The call-back function is called when the conic optimizer is termi-
	nated.
107	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_NETWORK_DUAL_SIMPLEX
	The call-back function is called in the dual network simplex optimizer.
26	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_QCQO_REFORMULATE
	Begin QCQO reformulation.
38	MSK_CALLBACK_END_DUAL_SENSITIVITY
	Dual sensitivity analysis is terminated.
59	MSK_CALLBACK_END_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the primal clean-up phase is terminated.
101	MSK_CALLBACK_READ_ADD_VARS
	A chunk of variables has been read from a problem file.
103	MSK_CALLBACK_READ_OPF_SECTION
	A chunk of $Q$ non-zeos has been read from a problem file.
74	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_LU
	The call-back function is called from within the LU factorization pro-
	cedure at an intermediate point.
41	MSK_CALLBACK_END_DUAL_SIMPLEX_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the dual clean-up phase is terminated.
45	MSK_CALLBACK_END_LICENSE_WAIT
	End waiting for license.
84	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_PRESOLVE
	The call-back function is called from within the presolve procedure
	at an intermediate stage.
5	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_DUAL_SETUP_BI
	The call-back function is called when the dual BI phase is started.
43	MSK_CALLBACK_END_INFEAS_ANA
	The call-back function is called when the infeasibility analyzer is ter-
0.0	minated.
92	MSK_CALLBACK_INTPNT
	The call-back function is called from within the interior-point opti-
111	mizer after the information database has been updated.
111	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_PRIMAL_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
0.4	procedure at an intermediate point in the primal phase.
94	MSK_CALLBACK_NONCOVEX The call heads function is called from within the nemerous antimizer
	The call-back function is called from within the nonconvex optimizer
119	after the information database has been updated.
113	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX_BI
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The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure at an intermediate point in the primal-dual simplex clean-up phase. The frequency of the call-backs is controlled by the MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ parameter.

#### 109 MSK\_CALLBACK\_UPDATE\_NONCONVEX

The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage within the nonconvex optimizer where the information database has been updated.

#### 37 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_DUAL\_BI

The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure when the dual phase is terminated.

- 61 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_READ
  - MOSEK has finished reading a problem file.
- 98 MSK\_CALLBACK\_READ\_ADD\_CONES

A chunk of cones has been read from a problem file.

25 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX\_BI

The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure when the primal simplex clean-up phase is started.

30 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_SIMPLEX\_NETWORK\_DETECT

The call-back function is called when the network detection procedure is started.

97 MSK\_CALLBACK\_READ\_ADD\_ANZ

A chunk of A non-zeos has been read from a problem file.

86 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the primaldual simplex optimizer.

114 MSK\_CALLBACK\_UPDATE\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called in the primal simplex optimizer.

33 MSK\_CALLBACK\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called from within the dual simplex optimizer.

71 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_FULL\_CONVEXITY\_CHECK

The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage of the full convexity check.

95 MSK\_CALLBACK\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

The call-back function is called from within the primal simplex optimizer

16 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_NONCONVEX

The call-back function is called when the nonconvex optimizer is started.

91 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_SIMPLEX\_BI

#### continued from previous page The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure at an intermediate point in the simplex cleanup phase. The frequency of the call-backs is controlled by the MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ parameter. 6 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The call-back function is called when the dual simplex optimizer started. 24 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The call-back function is called when the primal simplex optimizer is started. 50 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_NONCONVEX The call-back function is called when the nonconvex optimizer is ter-23 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_PRIMAL\_SETUP\_BI The call-back function is called when the primal BI setup is started. 17 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_OPTIMIZER The call-back function is called when the optimizer is started. 27 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_READ MOSEK has started reading a problem file. 82 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_NONCONVEX The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage within the nonconvex optimizer where the information database has not been updated. 58 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX The call-back function is called when the primal simplex optimizer is terminated. MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX\_BI 55 The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure when the primal-dual clean-up phase is terminated. 66 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_BI The call-back function is called from within the basis identification procedure at an intermediate point. 80 MSK\_CALLBACK\_IM\_NETWORK\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the dual network simplex optimizer. 39 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_DUAL\_SETUP\_BI The call-back function is called when the dual BI phase is terminated. 34 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_BI The call-back function is called when the basis identification procedure is terminated.

57 MSK\_CALLBACK\_END\_PRIMAL\_SETUP\_BI
The call-back function is called when the primal BI setup is terminated.

31 MSK\_CALLBACK\_BEGIN\_WRITE

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COMUIII	MOSEK has started writing a problem file.
63	MSK_CALLBACK_END_SIMPLEX_BI
03	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the simplex clean-up phase is terminated.
56	MSK_CALLBACK_END_PRIMAL_SENSITIVITY
90	
00	Primal sensitivity analysis is terminated.
28	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_SIMPLEX
<b>F</b> 0	The call-back function is called when the simplex optimizer is started.
52	MSK_CALLBACK_END_PRESOLVE
0.0	The call-back function is called when the presolve is completed.
96	MSK_CALLBACK_QCONE
	The call-back function is called from within the Qcone optimizer.
9	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_INFEAS_ANA
	The call-back function is called when the infeasibility analyzer is
	started.
20	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX
	The call-back function is called when the primal-dual simplex opti-
	mizer is started.
22	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_PRIMAL_SENSITIVITY
	Primal sensitivity analysis is started.
7	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_DUAL_SIMPLEX_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the dual simplex clean-up phase is started.
60	MSK_CALLBACK_END_QCQO_REFORMULATE
	End QCQO reformulation.
87	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_PRIMAL_SENSIVITY
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage of the primal
	sensitivity analysis.
65	MSK_CALLBACK_END_WRITE
	MOSEK has finished writing a problem file.
40	MSK_CALLBACK_END_DUAL_SIMPLEX
	The call-back function is called when the dual simplex optimizer is
	terminated.
112	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX
	The call-back function is called in the primal-dual simplex optimizer.
29	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_SIMPLEX_BI
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification
	procedure when the simplex clean-up phase is started.
10	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_INTPNT
	The call-back function is called when the interior-point optimizer is
	started.
69	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_DUAL_SENSIVITY
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage of the dual
	sensitivity analysis.
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	MSK_CALLBACK_END_SIMPLEX	
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	The call-back function is called when the simplex optimizer is termi-	
F0.	nated.	
53	MSK_CALLBACK_END_PRIMAL_BI	
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification	
	procedure when the primal phase is terminated.	
75	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_MIO	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the mixed-	
	integer optimizer.	
105	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_DUAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called in the dual simplex optimizer.	
77	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_MIO_INTPNT	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the mixed-	
	integer optimizer while running the interior-point optimizer.	
54	MSK_CALLBACK_END_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called when the primal-dual simplex opti-	
	mizer is terminated.	
67	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_CONIC	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate stage within the	
	conic optimizer where the information database has not been updated.	
78	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_MIO_PRESOLVE	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the mixed-	
	integer optimizer while running the presolve.	
0	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_BI	
	The basis identification procedure has been started.	
76	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_MIO_DUAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called at an intermediate point in the mixed-	
	integer optimizer while running the dual simplex optimizer.	
116	MSK_CALLBACK_WRITE_OPF	
	The call-back function is called from the OPF writer.	
108	MSK_CALLBACK_UPDATE_NETWORK_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called in the primal network simplex opti-	
	mizer.	
42	MSK_CALLBACK_END_FULL_CONVEXITY_CHECK	
	End full convexity check.	
83	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_ORDER	
	The call-back function is called from within the matrix ordering pro-	
	cedure at an intermediate point.	
85	MSK_CALLBACK_IM_PRIMAL_BI	
	The call-back function is called from within the basis identification	
	procedure at an intermediate point in the primal phase.	
18	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_PRESOLVE	
	The call-back function is called when the presolve is started.	
12	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_MIO	
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	The call-back function is called when the mixed-integer optimizer is	
	started.	
14	MSK_CALLBACK_BEGIN_NETWORK_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX	
	The call-back function is called when the primal network simplex	
	optimizer is started.	

### I.8 Types of convexity checks.

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_CHECK_CONVEXITY_SIMPLE
	Perform simple and fast convexity check.
0	MSK_CHECK_CONVEXITY_NONE
	No convexity check.
2	MSK_CHECK_CONVEXITY_FULL
	Perform a full convexity check.

# I.9 Compression types

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_COMPRESS_GZIP
	The type of compression used is gzip compatible.
0	MSK_COMPRESS_NONE
	No compression is used.
1	MSK_COMPRESS_FREE
	The type of compression used is chosen automatically.

# I.10 Cone types

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_CT_QUAD
	The cone is a quadratic cone.
1	MSK_CT_RQUAD
	The cone is a rotated quadratic cone.

# I.11 CPU type

Value	Name
	Description
8	MSK_CPU_POWERPC_G5
	A G5 PowerPC CPU.
9	MSK_CPU_INTEL_PM
	An Intel PM cpu.
1	MSK_CPU_GENERIC
	An generic CPU type for the platform
0	MSK_CPU_UNKNOWN
	An unknown CPU.
7	MSK_CPU_AMD_OPTERON
	An AMD Opteron (64 bit).
6	MSK_CPU_INTEL_ITANIUM2
	An Intel Itanium2.
4	MSK_CPU_AMD_ATHLON
	An AMD Athlon.
5	MSK_CPU_HP_PARISC20
	An HP PA RISC version 2.0 CPU.
3	MSK_CPU_INTEL_P4
	An Intel Pentium P4 or Intel Xeon.
2	MSK_CPU_INTEL_P3
	An Intel Pentium P3.
10	MSK_CPU_INTEL_CORE2
	An Intel CORE2 cpu.

# I.12 Data format types

Value	Name
	Description
5	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_XML
	The data file is an XML formatted file.
6	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_FREE_MPS
	The data data a free MPS formatted file.
0	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_EXTENSION
	The file extension is used to determine the data file format.
1	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_MPS
	The data file is MPS formatted.
2	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_LP
	The data file is LP formatted.
3	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_MBT
	The data file is a MOSEK binary task file.
4	MSK_DATA_FORMAT_OP
	The data file is an optimization problem formatted file.

### I.13 Double information items

Value	Name
varue	Description
13	MSK_DINF_INTPNT_PRIMAL_FEAS
10	Primal feasibility measure reported by the interior-point or Qcone
	optimizers. (For the interior-point optimizer this measure does not
	directly related to the original problem because a homogeneous model
	is employed).
58	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_MAX_PCNI
90	Maximal primal cone infeasibility in the interior-point solution. Up-
	dated at the end of the optimization.
32	MSK_DINF_RD_TIME
52	Time spent reading the data file.
28	MSK DINF PRESOLVE ELI TIME
20	Total time spent in the eliminator since the presolve was invoked.
22	MSK DINF MIO OPTIMIZER TIME
22	Time spent in the optimizer while solving the relaxtions.
10	MSK_DINF_INTPNT_FACTOR_NUM_FLOPS
10	An estimate of the number of flops used in the factorization.
25	MSK_DINF_MIO_TIME
20	Time spent in the mixed-integer optimizer.
4	MSK_DINF_BI_DUAL_TIME
	Time spent within the dual phase basis identification procedure since
	its invocation.
37	MSK_DINF_SIM_NETWORK_TIME
•	Time spent in the network simplex optimizer since invoking it.
30	MSK_DINF_PRESOLVE_TIME
	Total time (in seconds) spent in the presolve since it was invoked.
29	MSK_DINF_PRESOLVE_LINDEP_TIME
	Total time spent in the linear dependency checker since the presolve
	was invoked.
33	MSK_DINF_SIM_DUAL_TIME
	Time spent in the dual simplex optimizer since invoking it.
60	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_MAX_PINTI
	Maximal primal integer infeasibility in the interior-point solution.
	Updated at the end of the optimization.
38	MSK_DINF_SIM_OBJ
	Objective value reported by the simplex optimizer.
21	MSK_DINF_MIO_OBJ_REL_GAP
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Given that the mixed-integer optimizer has computed a feasible solution and a bound on the optimal objective value, then this item contains the relative gap defined by

 $\frac{|(\text{objective value of feasible solution}) - (\text{objective bound})|}{\max(\delta, |(\text{objective value of feasible solution})|)}.$ 

where  $\delta$  is given by the paramater MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_REL\_GAP\_CONST. Otherwise it has the value -1.0.

- 48 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_BAS\_PRIMAL\_OBJ
  - Primal objective value of the basic solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 17 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_TIME
  - Time spent in the optimizer while solving the relaxtions.
- 57 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_ITR\_MAX\_PBI
  - Maximal primal bound infeasibility in the interior-point solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 45 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_BAS\_MAX\_PBI
  - Maximal primal bound infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 27 MSK\_DINF\_OPTIMIZER\_TIME
  - Total time spent in the optimizer since it was invoked.
- 55 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_ITR\_MAX\_DCNI
  - Maximal dual cone infeasibility in the interior-point solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 24 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_ROOT\_PRESOLVE\_TIME
  - Time spent in while presolveing the root relaxation.
- 9 MSK\_DINF\_INTPNT\_DUAL\_OBJ
  - Dual objective value reported by the interior-point or Qcone optimizer.
- 15 MSK\_DINF\_INTPNT\_TIME
  - Time spent within the interior-point optimizer since its invocation.
- 16 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_CONSTRUCT\_SOLUTION\_OBJ
  - If MOSEK has successfully constructed an integer feasible solution, then this item contains the optimal objective value corresponding to the feasible solution.
- 34 MSK\_DINF\_SIM\_FEAS
  - Feasibility measure reported by the simplex optimizer.
- 56 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_ITR\_MAX\_DEQI
  - Maximal dual equality infeasibility in the interior-point solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 40 MSK\_DINF\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_TIME
  - Time spent in the primal simplex optimizer since invoking it.
- 41 MSK\_DINF\_SIM\_TIME

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	Time spent in the simplex optimizer since invoking it.
36	MSK_DINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_TIME
	Time spent in the primal network simplex optimizer since invoking
	${ m it.}$
47	MSK_DINF_SOL_BAS_MAX_PINTI
	Maximal primal integer infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated
	at the end of the optimization.
51	MSK_DINF_SOL_INT_MAX_PINTI
	Maximal primal integer infeasibility in the integer solution. Updated
	at the end of the optimization.
3	MSK_DINF_BI_CLEAN_TIME
	Time spent within the clean-up phase of the basis identification pro-
	cedure since its invocation.
31	MSK_DINF_QCQO_REFORMULATE_TIME
	Time spent with QP reformulation.
53	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_DUAL_OBJ
	Dual objective value of the interior-point solution. Updated at the
	end of the optimization.
49	MSK_DINF_SOL_INT_MAX_PBI
	Maximal primal bound infeasibility in the integer solution. Updated
0	at the end of the optimization.
8	MSK_DINF_INTPNT_DUAL_FEAS
	Dual feasibility measure reported by the interior-point and Qcone
	optimizer. (For the interior-point optimizer this measure does not
	directly related to the original problem because a homogeneous model
7	is employed.) MSK_DINF_CONCURRENT_TIME
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11	Time spent within the concurrent optimizer since its invocation.  MSK_DINF_INTPNT_KAP_DIV_TAU
11	This measure should converge to zero if the problem has a primal-
	dual optimal solution or to infinity if problem is (strictly) primal or
	dual infeasible. In case the measure is converging towards a positive
	but bounded constant the problem is usually ill-posed.
50	MSK_DINF_SOL_INT_MAX_PEQI
30	Maximal primal equality infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated
	at the end of the optimization.
61	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_PRIMAL_OBJ
01	Primal objective value of the interior-point solution. Updated at the
	end of the optimization.
35	MSK_DINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_TIME
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Time spent in the dual network simplex optimizer since invoking it.

The primal objective value corresponding to the best integer feasible solution. Please note that at least one integer feasible solution must have located i.e. check MSK\_IINF\_MIO\_NUM\_INT\_SOLUTIONS.

- 26 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_USER\_OBJ\_CUT
  - If the objective cut is used, then this information item has the value of the cut.
- 43 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_BAS\_MAX\_DBI
  - Maximal dual bound infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 46 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_BAS\_MAX\_PEQI
  - Maximal primal equality infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 19 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_OBJ\_BOUND
  - The best known bound on the objective function. This value is undefined until at least one relaxation has been solved: To see if this is the case check that MSK\_IINF\_MIO\_NUM\_RELAX is stricly positive.
- 0 MSK\_DINF\_BI\_CLEAN\_DUAL\_TIME
  - Time spent within the dual clean-up optimizer of the basis identification procedure since its invocation.
- 6 MSK\_DINF\_BI\_TIME
  - Time spent within the basis identification procedure since its invocation.
- 42 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_BAS\_DUAL\_OBJ
  - Dual objective value of the basic solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 1 MSK\_DINF\_BI\_CLEAN\_PRIMAL\_DUAL\_TIME
  - Time spent within the primal-dual clean-up optimizer of the basis identification procedure since its invocation.
- 14 MSK\_DINF\_INTPNT\_PRIMAL\_OBJ
  - Primal objective value reported by the interior-point or Qcone optimizer.
- 12 MSK\_DINF\_INTPNT\_ORDER\_TIME
  - Order time (in seconds).
- 52 MSK\_DINF\_SOL\_INT\_PRIMAL\_OBJ
  - Primal objective value of the integer solution. Updated at the end of the optimization.
- 5 MSK\_DINF\_BI\_PRIMAL\_TIME
  - Time spent within the primal phase of the basis identification procedure since its invocation.
- 18 MSK\_DINF\_MIO\_OBJ\_ABS\_GAP

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	Given the mixed-integer optimizer has computed a feasible solution
	and a bound on the optimal objective value, then this item contains
	the absolute gap defined by
	$ ({\rm objective\ value\ of\ feasible\ solution})-({\rm objective\ bound}) .$
	Otherwise it has the value -1.0.
44	MSK_DINF_SOL_BAS_MAX_DEQI
	Maximal dual equality infeasibility in the basic solution. Updated at
	the end of the optimization.
59	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_MAX_PEQI
	Maximal primal equality infeasibility in the interior-point solution.
	Updated at the end of the optimization.
39	MSK_DINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_TIME
	Time spent in the primal-dual simplex optimizer optimizer since in-
	voking it.
2	MSK_DINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_TIME
	Time spent within the primal clean-up optimizer of the basis identi-
	fication procedure since its invocation.
54	MSK_DINF_SOL_ITR_MAX_DBI
	Maximal dual bound infeasibility in the interior-point solution. Up-
	dated at the end of the optimization.
23	MSK_DINF_MIO_ROOT_OPTIMIZER_TIME
	Time spent in the optimizer while solving the root relaxation.

# I.14 Double parameters

Value	Name
	Description
40	MSK_DPAR_LOWER_OBJ_CUT_FINITE_TRH
	If the lower objective cut is less than the value of this parameter value.
	then the lower objective cut i.e. MSK_DPAR_LOWER_OBJ_CUT is treated
	as $-\infty$ .
43	MSK_DPAR_MIO_MAX_TIME
	This parameter limits the maximum time spent by the mixed-integer
	optimizer. A negative number means infinity.
2	MSK_DPAR_BASIS_TOL_S
	Maximum absolute dual bound violation in an optimal basic solution.
60	MSK_DPAR_PRESOLVE_TOL_S
	Absolute zero tolerance employed for $s_i$ in the presolve.
65	MSK_DPAR_UPPER_OBJ_CUT
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If either a primal or dual feasible solution is found proving that the optimal objective value is outside, [MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT, MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT], then MOSEK is terminated.

- 16 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_DFEAS
  - Dual feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.
- 8 MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ\_LARGE
  - An element in A which is larger than this value in absolute size causes a warning message to be printed.
- 49 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP
  - Absolute optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.
- 66 MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT\_FINITE\_TRH
  - If the upper objective cut is greater than the value of this value parameter, then the upper objective cut MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT is treated as  $\infty$ .
- 50 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_ABS\_RELAX\_INT
  - Absolute relaxation tolerance of the integer constraints. I.e.  $\min(|x| \lfloor x \rfloor, \lceil x \rceil |x|)$  is less than the tolerance then the integer restrictions assumed to be satisfied.
- 56 MSK\_DPAR\_NONCONVEX\_TOL\_OPT
  - Optimality tolerance used by the nonconvex optimizer.
- 55 MSK\_DPAR\_NONCONVEX\_TOL\_FEAS
  - Feasibility tolerance used by the nonconvex optimizer.
- 64 MSK\_DPAR\_SIMPLEX\_ABS\_TOL\_PIV
  - Absolute pivot tolerance employed by the simplex optimizers.
- 42 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_TIME
  - Minimum amount of time to be used in the heuristic search for a good feasible integer solution. A negative values implies that the optimizer decides the amount of time to be spent in the heuristic.
- 5 MSK\_DPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY\_REL\_TOL
  - This parameter controls when the full convexity check declares a problem to be non-convex. Increasing this tolerance relaxes the criteria for declaring the problem non-convex.

A problem is declared non-convex if negative (positive) pivot elements are detected in the cholesky factor of a matrix which is required to be PSD (NSD). This parameter controles how much this non-negativity requirement may be violated.

If  $d_i$  is the pivot element for column i, then the matrix Q is considered to not be PSD if:

$$d_i \leq -|Q_{ii}| * \texttt{check\_convexity\_rel\_tol}$$

#### 61 MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_X

Absolute zero tolerance employed for  $x_j$  in the presolve.

24 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_MU\_RED

Relative complementarity gap tolerance.

46 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

The mixed-integer optimizer is terminated when this tolerance is satisfied. This termination criteria is delayed. See MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME for details.

6 MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ

Absolute zero tolerance for elements in A. If any value  $A_{ij}$  is smaller than this parameter in absolute terms MOSEK will treat the values as zero and generate a warning.

15 MSK\_DPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_TOL

Tolerance for constraint enforcing upper bound on sum of weighted violations in feasibility repair.

30 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_DSAFE

Controls the initial dual starting point used by the interior-point optimizer. If the interior-point optimizer converges slowly.

51 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_FEAS

Feasibility tolerance for mixed integer solver. Any solution with maximum infeasibility below this value will be considered feasible.

31 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_INFEAS

Controls when the optimizer declares the model primal or dual infeasible. A small number means the optimizer gets more conservative about declaring the model infeasible.

25 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_NEAR\_REL

If the MOSEK nonlinear interior-point optimizer cannot compute a solution that has the prescribed accuracy, then it will multiply the termination tolerances with value of this parameter. If the solution then satisfies the termination criteria, then the solution is denoted near optimal, near feasible and so forth.

57 MSK\_DPAR\_OPTIMIZER\_MAX\_TIME

Maximum amount of time the optimizer is allowed to spent on the optimization. A negative number means infinity.

14 MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_X

Zero tolerance for constraints and variables i.e. if the distance between the lower and upper bound is less than this value, then the lower and lower bound is considered identical.

0 MSK\_DPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_INFEAS\_TOL

If a constraint violates its bound with an amount larger than this value, the constraint name, index and violation will be printed by the solution analyzer.

47 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_REL\_ADD\_CUT\_LIMITED

Controls how many cuts the mixed-integer optimizer is allowed to add to the problem. Let  $\alpha$  be the value of this parameter and m the number constraints, then mixed-integer optimizer is allowed to  $\alpha m$  cuts.

- 32 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_MU\_RED
  - Relative complementarity gap tolerance.
- 18 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_MU\_RED

Relative complementarity gap tolerance feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

- 21 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_REL\_GAP
  - Relative gap termination tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.
- 39 MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT

If either a primal or dual feasible solution is found proving that the optimal objective value is outside, the interval [MSK\_DPAR\_LOWER\_OBJ\_CUT, MSK\_DPAR\_UPPER\_OBJ\_CUT], then MOSEK is terminated.

41 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_DISABLE\_TERM\_TIME

The termination criteria governed by

- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_RELAXS
- MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_BRANCHES
- MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_ABS\_GAP
- MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_NEAR\_TOL\_REL\_GAP

is disabled the first n seconds. This parameter specifies the number n. A negative value is identical to infinity i.e. the termination criteria are never checked.

- 37 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_REL\_STEP
  - Relative step size to the boundary for linear and quadratic optimization problems.
- 54 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_X
  - Absolute solution tolerance used in mixed-integer optimizer.
- 11 MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_C\_HUGE
  - An element in c which is larger than the value of this parameter in absolute terms is considered to be huge and generates an error.
- 59 MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_LIN\_DEP
  - Controls when a constraint is determined to be linearly dependent.
- 63 MSK\_DPAR\_SIM\_LU\_TOL\_REL\_PIV

Relative pivot tolerance employed when computing the LU factorization of the basis in the simplex optimizers and in the basis identification procedure.

A value closer to 1.0 generally improves numerical stability but typically also implies an increase in the computational work.

#### 12 MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_CJ\_LARGE

An element in c which is larger than this value in absolute terms causes a warning message to be printed.

#### 28 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_TOL\_REL\_STEP

Relative step size to the boundary for general nonlinear optimization problems.

#### 38 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_STEP\_SIZE

If the step size falls below the value of this parameter, then the interior-point optimizer assumes that it is stalled. It it does not not make any progress.

#### 34 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PFEAS

Primal feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization problems.

#### 1 MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_REL\_TOL\_S

Maximum relative dual bound violation allowed in an optimal basic solution.

#### 17 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_CO\_TOL\_INFEAS

Controls when the conic interior-point optimizer declares the model primal or dual infeasible. A small number means the optimizer gets more conservative about declaring the model infeasible.

#### 48 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_REL\_GAP\_CONST

This value is used to compute the relative gap for the solution to an integer optimization problem.

#### 58 MSK\_DPAR\_PRESOLVE\_TOL\_AIJ

Absolute zero tolerance employed for  $a_{ij}$  in the presolve.

#### 44 MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_TIME\_APRX\_OPT

Number of seconds spent by the mixed-integer optimizer before the MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_REL\_RELAX\_INT is applied.

#### 33 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_TOL\_PATH

Controls how close the interior-point optimizer follows the central path. A large value of this parameter means the central is followed very closely. On numerical unstable problems it may be worthwhile to increase this parameter.

#### 22 MSK\_DPAR\_INTPNT\_NL\_MERIT\_BAL

Controls if the complementarity and infeasibility is converging to zero at about equal rates.

#### 3 MSK\_DPAR\_BASIS\_TOL\_X

Maximum absolute primal bound violation allowed in an optimal basic solution.

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MSK\_DPAR\_MIO\_TOL\_REL\_RELAX\_INT

36	nued from previous page  MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_REL_GAP
	Relative gap termination tolerance.
7	MSK_DPAR_DATA_TOL_AIJ_HUGE
•	An element in $A$ which is larger than this value in absolute size causes
	an error.
10	MSK_DPAR_DATA_TOL_BOUND_WRN
	If a bound value is larger than this value in absolute size, then a
	warning message is issued.
)	MSK_DPAR_DATA_TOL_BOUND_INF
	Any bound which in absolute value is greater than this parameter is
	considered infinite.
35	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_PSAFE
	Controls the initial primal starting point used by the interior-point
	optimizer. If the interior-point optimizer converges slowly and/or the
	constraint or variable bounds are very large, then it may be worth-
	while to increase this value.
19	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_NEAR_REL
	If MOSEK cannot compute a solution that has the prescribed accu-
	racy, then it will multiply the termination tolerances with value of
	this parameter. If the solution then satisfies the termination criteria,
1	then the solution is denoted near optimal, near feasible and so forth.
:	MSK_DPAR_CALLBACK_FREQ
	Controls the time between calls to the progress call-back function. Hence, if the value of this parameter is for example 10, then the call-
	back is called approximately each 10 seconds. A negative value is
	equivalent to infinity.
	In general frequent call-backs may hurt the performance.
26	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_PFEAS
20	Primal feasibility tolerance used when a nonlinear model is solved.
23	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_DFEAS
	Dual feasibility tolerance used when a nonlinear model is solved.
52	MSK_DPAR_MIO_TOL_REL_GAP
-	Relative optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-integer opti-
	mizer.
29	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_TOL_DFEAS
20	Dual feasibility tolerance used for linear and quadratic optimization
	problems.
45	MSK_DPAR_MIO_NEAR_TOL_ABS_GAP
	Relaxed absolute optimality tolerance employed by the mixed-
	integer optimizer. This termination criteria is delayed. See
	MSK_DPAR_MIO_DISABLE_TERM_TIME for details.
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	Relative relaxation tolerance of the integer constraints. I.e $(\min( x  -$
	$\lfloor x \rfloor, \lceil x \rceil -  x )$ is less than the tolerance times $ x $ then the integer
	restrictions assumed to be satisfied.
62	MSK_DPAR_QCQO_REFORMULATE_REL_DROP_TOL
	This parameter determines when columns are dropped in incomplete
	cholesky factorization doing reformulation of quadratic problems.
13	MSK_DPAR_DATA_TOL_QIJ
	Absolute zero tolerance for elements in $Q$ matrices.
27	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_NL_TOL_REL_GAP
	Relative gap termination tolerance for nonlinear problems.
20	MSK_DPAR_INTPNT_CO_TOL_PFEAS
	Primal feasibility tolerance used by the conic interior-point optimizer.

### I.15 Feasibility repair types

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE_NONE
	Do not optimize the feasibility repair problem.
2	MSK_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE_COMBINED
	Minimize with original objective subject to minimal weighted viola-
	tion of bounds.
1	MSK_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE_PENALTY
	Minimize weighted sum of violations.

### I.16 License feature

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_FEATURE_PTOM
	Mixed-integer extension.
1	MSK_FEATURE_PTON
	Nonlinear extension.
0	MSK_FEATURE_PTS
	Base system.
3	MSK_FEATURE_PTOX
	Non-convex extension.

# ${\bf I.17}\quad {\bf Integer\ information\ items.}$

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Value	Name
	Description
57	MSK_IINF_RD_NUMINTVAR
	Number of integer-constrained variables read.
90	MSK_IINF_SOL_BAS_SOLSTA
	Solution status of the basic solution. Updated after each optimiza-
	tion.
97	MSK_IINF_STO_NUM_A_TRANSPOSES
	Number of times the $A$ matrix is transposed. A large number implies
	that maxnumanz is too small or an inefficient usage of MOSEK. This
	will occur in particular if the code alternate between accessing rows
	and columns of $A$ .
48	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_OBJ_CUTS
	Number of obj cuts.
88	MSK_IINF_SIM_SOLVE_DUAL
	Is non-zero if dual problem is solved.
30	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUMCON
	Number of constraints in the problem solved be the mixed-integer
	optimizer.
53	MSK_IINF_OPT_NUMVAR
	Number of variables in the problem solved when the optimizer is
	called
77	MSK_IINF_SIM_NUMVAR
	Number of variables in the problem solved by the simplex optimizer.
46	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_LATTICE_CUTS
	Number of lattice cuts.
71	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_DEG_ITER
	The number of primal network degenerate iterations.
58	MSK_IINF_RD_NUMQ
	Number of nonempty Q matrices read.
0	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON
	Number of constraints in the problem.
19	MSK_IINF_INTPNT_FACTOR_NUM_OFFCOL
	Number of columns in the constraint matrix (or Jacobian) that has
	an offending structure.
11	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_INT
	Number of general integer variables.
69	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_INF_ITER
	The number of iterations taken with dual infeasibility in the network
	optimizer.
8	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_CONT
~	Number of continuous variables.
65	MSK_IINF_SIM_DUAL_ITER
30	Number of dual simplex iterations during the last optimization.
61	MSK_IINF_SIM_DUAL_DEG_ITER
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	The number of dual degenerate iterations.
20	MSK_IINF_INTPNT_ITER
	Number of interior-point iterations since invoking the interior-point
	optimizer.
45	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_KNAPSUR_COVER_CUTS
	Number of knapsack cover cuts.
33	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_BASIS_CUTS
	Number of basis cuts.
76	MSK_IINF_SIM_NUMCON
	Number of constraints in the problem solved by the simplex optimizer.
83	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_ITER
	Number of primal dual simplex iterations during the last optimiza-
	tion.
5	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON_UP
	Number of constraints with an upper bound and an infinite lower
	bound.
36	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_CLIQUE_CUTS
	Number of clique cuts.
80	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_HOTSTART
	If 1 then the primal dual simplex algorithm is solving from an ad-
	vanced basis.
22	MSK_IINF_INTPNT_SOLVE_DUAL
0=	Non-zero if the interior-point optimizer is solving the dual problem.
67	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_HOTSTART
	If 1 then the dual network simplex algorithm is solving from an ad-
54	vanced basis. MSK_IINF_OPTIMIZE_RESPONSE
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93	The reponse code returned by optimize.  MSK_IINF_SOL_ITR_PROSTA
93	Problem status of the interior-point solution. Updated after each
	optimization.
60	MSK_IINF_RD_PROTYPE
00	Problem type.
94	MSK_IINF_SOL_ITR_SOLSTA
-	Solution status of the interior-point solution. Updated after each
	optimization.
2	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON_FR
	Number of unbounded constraints.
81	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_HOTSTART_LU
	If 1 then a valid basis factorization of full rank was located and used
	by the primal dual simplex algorithm.
31	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUMINT
	Number of integer variables in the problem solved be the mixed-
	integer optimizer.
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35	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_CARDGUB_CUTS
20	Number of cardgub cuts.
38	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_CONTRA_CUTS
	Number of contra cuts.
49	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_PLAN_LOC_CUTS
	Number of loc cuts.
64	MSK_IINF_SIM_DUAL_INF_ITER
	The number of iterations taken with dual infeasibility.
32	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUMVAR
	Number of variables in the problem solved be the mixed-integer op-
	timizer.
27	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUM_CUTS
	Number of cuts generated by the mixed-integer optimizer.
23	MSK_IINF_MIO_CONSTRUCT_SOLUTION
	If this item has the value 0, then MOSEK did not try to construct an
	initial integer feasible solution. If the item has a positive value, then
	MOSEK successfully constructed an initial integer feasible solution.
6	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR
U	Number of variables in the problem.
95	MSK_IINF_STO_NUM_A_CACHE_FLUSHES
90	Number of times the cache of $A$ elements is flushed. A large number
	implies that maxnumanz is too small as well as an inefficient usage of
	MOSEK.
91	MOSER. MSK_IINF_SOL_INT_PROSTA
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	Problem status of the integer solution. Updated after each optimiza-
66	tion.
00	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_DEG_ITER
00	The number of dual network degenerate iterations.
92	MSK_IINF_SOL_INT_SOLSTA
	Solution status of the integer solution. Updated after each optimiza-
4 5	tion.
15	MSK_IINF_CACHE_SIZE_L1
	L1 cache size used.
16	MSK_IINF_CACHE_SIZE_L2
	L2 cache size used.
59	MSK_IINF_RD_NUMVAR
	Number of variables read.
79	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_DEG_ITER
	The number of degenerate major iterations taken by the primal dual
	simplex algorithm.
12	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_LO
	Number of variables with a lower bound and an infinite upper bound.
47	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_LIFT_CUTS
	Number of lift cuts.
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89	MSK_IINF_SOL_BAS_PROSTA
0.0	Problem status of the basic solution. Updated after each optimiza-
	tion.
75	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_ITER
10	Number of primal network simplex iterations during the last opti-
	mization.
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3	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON_LO
	Number of constraints with a lower bound and an infinite upper
	bound.
44	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_GUB_COVER_CUTS
	Number of GUB cover cuts.
68	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_HOTSTART_LU
	If 1 then a valid basis factorization of full rank was located and used
	by the dual network simplex algorithm.
74	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_INF_ITER
	The number of iterations taken with primal infeasibility in the net-
	work optimizer.
84	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_HOTSTART
	If 1 then the primal simplex algorithm is solving from an advanced
	basis.
26	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUM_BRANCH
	Number of branches performed during the optimization.
96	MSK_IINF_STO_NUM_A_REALLOC
	Number of times the storage for storing $A$ has been changed. A large
	value may indicates that memory fragmentation may occur.
29	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUM_RELAX
	Number of relaxations solved during the optimization.
34	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_BRANCH
	Number of branches performed during the optimization.
42	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_GCD_CUTS
	Number of gcd cuts.
41	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_FLOW_COVER_CUTS
	Number of flow cover cuts.
28	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUM_INT_SOLUTIONS
	Number of integer feasible solutions that has been found.
85	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_HOTSTART_LU
	If 1 then a valid basis factorization of full rank was located and used
	by the primal simplex algorithm.
18	MSK_IINF_CPU_TYPE
-	The type of cpu detected.
1	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON_EQ
-	Number of equality constraints.
13	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_RA
10	Number of variables with finite lower and upper bounds.
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86	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_INF_ITER	
	The number of iterations taken with primal infeasibility.	
55	MSK_IINF_RD_NUMCON	
	Number of constraints read.	
56	MSK_IINF_RD_NUMCONE	
	Number of conic constraints read.	
10	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_FR	
	Number of free variables.	
25	MSK_IINF_MIO_NUM_ACTIVE_NODES	
	Number of active nodes in the branch and bound tree.	
50	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_RELAX	
	Number of relaxations solved during the optimization.	
7	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_BIN	
	Number of binary (0-1) variables.	
73	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_HOTSTART_LU	
	If 1 then a valid basis factorization of full rank was located and used	
	by the primal network simplex algorithm.	
87	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_ITER	
	Number of primal simplex iterations during the last optimization.	
62	MSK_IINF_SIM_DUAL_HOTSTART	
	If 1 then the dual simplex algorithm is solving from an advanced basis.	
24	MSK_IINF_MIO_INITIAL_SOLUTION	
	Is non-zero if an initial integer solution is specified.	
21	MSK_IINF_INTPNT_NUM_THREADS	
	Number of threads that the interior-point optimizer is using.	
63	MSK_IINF_SIM_DUAL_HOTSTART_LU	
	If 1 then a valid basis factorization of full rank was located and used	
	by the dual simplex algorithm.	
14	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_UP	
	Number of variables with an upper bound and an infinite lower bound.	
	This value is set by	
70	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_DUAL_ITER	
	Number of dual network simplex iterations during the last optimiza-	
	tion.	
9	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_VAR_EQ	
~	Number of fixed variables.	
17	MSK_IINF_CONCURRENT_FASTEST_OPTIMIZER	
11	The type of the optimizer that finished first in a concurrent optimiza-	
	tion.	
51	MSK_IINF_MIO_USER_OBJ_CUT	
OI	If it is non-zero, then the objective cut is used.	
43	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_GOMORY_CUTS	
40	Number of Gomory cuts.	
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72	MSK_IINF_SIM_NETWORK_PRIMAL_HOTSTART	
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	If 1 then the primal network simplex algorithm is solving from an	
	advanced basis.	
40	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_DISAGG_CUTS	
	Number of diasagg cuts.	
37	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_COEF_REDC_CUTS	
	Number of coef. redc. cuts.	
82	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DUAL_INF_ITER	
	The number of master iterations with dual infeasibility taken by the	
	primal dual simplex algorithm.	
4	MSK_IINF_ANA_PRO_NUM_CON_RA	
	Number of constraints with finite lower and upper bounds.	
39	MSK_IINF_MIO_TOTAL_NUM_CUTS	
	Total number of cuts generated by the mixed-integer optimizer.	
52	MSK_IINF_OPT_NUMCON	
	Number of constraints in the problem solved when the optimizer is	
	called.	
78	MSK_IINF_SIM_PRIMAL_DEG_ITER	
	The number of primal degenerate iterations.	

# I.18 Information item types

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_INF_DOU_TYPE
	Is a double information type.
2	MSK_INF_LINT_TYPE
	Is a long integer.
1	MSK_INF_INT_TYPE
	Is an integer.

# I.19 Input/output modes

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_IOMODE_READ
	The file is read-only.
1	MSK_IOMODE_WRITE
	The file is write-only. If the file exists then it is truncated when it is
	opened. Otherwise it is created when it is opened.
2	MSK_IOMODE_READWRITE
	The file is to read and written.

## ${\bf I.20}\quad {\bf Integer\ parameters}$

Value	Name
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175	MSK_IPAR_SIM_STABILITY_PRIORITY
1.0	Controls how high priority the numerical stability should be given.
125	MSK_IPAR_READ_ADD_CONE
1-0	Additional number of conic constraints that is made room for in the
	problem.
166	MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_PHASEONE_METHOD
	An exprimental feature.
204	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_MPS_STRICT
	Controls whether the written MPS file satisfies the MPS format
	strictly or not.
25	MSK_IPAR_INFEAS_REPORT_AUTO
	Controls whether an infeasibility report is automatically produced
	after the optimization if the problem is primal or dual infeasible.
93	MSK_IPAR_MIO_NODE_OPTIMIZER
	Controls which optimizer is employed at the non-root nodes in the
	mixed-integer optimizer.
118	MSK_IPAR_PRESOLVE_LEVEL
	Currently not used.
127	MSK_IPAR_READ_ADD_VAR
	Additional number of variables that is made room for in the problem.
121	MSK_IPAR_PRESOLVE_USE
	Controls whether the presolve is applied to a problem before it is
	optimized.
70	MSK_IPAR_LOG_SENSITIVITY_OPT
	Controls the amount of logging from the optimizers employed during
	the sensitivity analysis. 0 means no logging information is produced.
109	MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOL_ITG
	If MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOLUTIONS is MSK_ON and an integer solution
100	is defined, write the integer solution in OPF files.
186	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_BAS_HEAD
	Controls whether the header section is written to the basic solution
70	file.
79	MSK_IPAR_MIO_BRANCH_PRIORITIES_USE
	Controls whether branching priorities are used by the mixed-integer
0.9	optimizer.
83	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CUT_LEVEL_TREE  Controls the out level employed by the mixed integer entimizer at
	Controls the cut level employed by the mixed-integer optimizer at the tree. See MSK_IPAR_MIO_CUT_LEVEL_ROOT for an explanation of
	the parameter values.
188	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_DATA_COMPRESSED
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COITUIN	Controls whether the data file is compressed while it is written. 0
	means no compression while higher values mean more compression.
140	MSK_IPAR_READ_MPS_RELAX
110	If this option is turned on, then mixed integer constraints are ignored
	when a problem is read.
106	MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_PARAMETERS
100	Write a parameter section in an OPF file.
129	MSK_IPAR_READ_CON
120	Expected maximum number of constraints to be read. The option is
	only used by fast MPS and LP file readers.
196	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_INT_VARIABLES
100	Controls whether the variables section is written to the integer solu-
	tion file.
123	MSK_IPAR_READ_ADD_ANZ
	Additional number of non-zeros in $A$ that is made room for in the
	problem.
36	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_ORDER_METHOD
	Controls the ordering strategy used by the interior-point optimizer
	when factorizing the Newton equation system.
110	MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOL_ITR
	If MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOLUTIONS is MSK_ON and an interior solution
	is defined, write the interior solution in OPF files.
69	MSK_IPAR_LOG_SENSITIVITY
	Controls the amount of logging during the sensitivity analysis. 0:
	Means no logging information is produced. 1: Timing information is
	printed. 2: Sensitivity results are printed.
143	MSK_IPAR_READ_QNZ
	Expected maximum number of $Q$ non-zeros to be read. The option
	is used only by MPS and LP file readers.
59	MSK_IPAR_LOG_INFEAS_ANA
	Controls amount of output printed by the infeasibility analyzer pro-
	cedures. A higher level implies that more information is logged.
168	MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_SELECTION
	Controls the choice of the incoming variable, known as the selection
	strategy, in the primal simplex optimizer.
194	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_INT_CONSTRAINTS
	Controls whether the constraint section is written to the integer so-
100	lution file.
199	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_LP_STRICT_FORMAT
1.40	Controls whether LP output files satisfy the LP format strictly.
148	MSK_IPAR_SENSITIVITY_TYPE
150	Controls which type of sensitivity analysis is to be performed.
153	MSK_IPAR_SIM_DUAL_RESTRICT_SELECTION
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The dual simplex optimizer can use a so-called restricted selection/pricing strategy to chooses the outgoing variable. Hence, if restricted selection is applied, then the dual simplex optimizer first choose a subset of all the potential outgoing variables. Next, for some time it will choose the outgoing variable only among the subset. From time to time the subset is redefined.

A larger value of this parameter implies that the optimizer will be more aggressive in its restriction strategy, i.e. a value of 0 implies that the restriction strategy is not applied at all.

## 62 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO\_FREQ

Controls how frequent the mixed-integer optimizer prints the log line. It will print line every time MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_MIO\_FREQ relaxations have been solved.

108 MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOL\_BAS

If MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_SOLUTIONS is MSK\_ON and a basic solution is defined, include the basic solution in OPF files.

14 MSK\_IPAR\_CHECK\_TASK\_DATA

If this feature is turned on, then the task data is checked for bad values i.e. NaNs. before an optimization is performed.

99 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_ROOT\_OPTIMIZER

Controls which optimizer is employed at the root node in the mixedinteger optimizer.

191 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_FREE\_CON

Controls whether the free constraints are written to the data file.

115 MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIM\_FILL

Controls the maximum amount of fill-in that can be created during the elimination phase of the presolve. This parameter times (numcon+numvar) denotes the amount of fill-in.

101 MSK\_IPAR\_NONCONVEX\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

Maximum number of iterations that can be used by the nonconvex optimizer.

88 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_LOCAL\_BRANCH\_NUMBER

Controls the size of the local search space when doing local branching.

192 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_GENERIC\_NAMES

Controls whether the generic names or user-defined names are used in the data file.

184 MSK\_IPAR\_WARNING\_LEVEL

Warning level.

51 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_BI\_FREQ

Controls how frequent the optimizer outputs information about the basis identification and how frequent the user-defined call-back function is called.

16 MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_DUAL\_SIMPLEX

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	Priority of the dual simplex algorithm when selecting solvers for con-
	current optimization.
67	MSK_IPAR_LOG_PRESOLVE
	Controls amount of output printed by the presolve procedure. A
	higher level implies that more information is logged.
126	MSK_IPAR_READ_ADD_QNZ
1-0	Additional number of non-zeros in the $Q$ matrices that is made room
	for in the problem.
206	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_SOL_CONSTRAINTS
200	Controls whether the constraint section is written to the solution file.
35	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_OFF_COL_TRH
39	
	Controls how many offending columns are detected in the Jacobian
	of the constraint matrix.
	1 means aggressive detection, higher values mean less aggressive de-
	tection.
	0 means no detection.
128	MSK_IPAR_READ_ANZ
	Expected maximum number of $A$ non-zeros to be read. The option
	is used only by fast MPS and LP file readers.
92	MSK_IPAR_MIO_MODE
	Controls whether the optimizer includes the integer restrictions when
	solving a (mixed) integer optimization problem.
134	MSK_IPAR_READ_LP_DROP_NEW_VARS_IN_BOU
	If this option is turned on, MOSEK will drop variables that are de-
	fined for the first time in the bounds section.
71	MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM
	Controls amount of output printed by the simplex optimizer. A higher
	level implies that more information is logged.
41	MSK_IPAR_LIC_TRH_EXPIRY_WRN
	If a license feature expires in a numbers days less than the value of
	this parameter then a warning will be issued.
182	MSK_IPAR_SOLUTION_CALLBACK
	Indicates whether solution call-backs will be performed during the
	optimization.
173	MSK_IPAR_SIM_SCALING_METHOD
110	Controls how the problem is scaled before a simplex optimizer is used.
72	MSK_IPAR_LOG_SIM_FREQ
12	Controls how frequent the simplex optimizer outputs information
	about the optimization and how frequent the user-defined call-back
	function is called.
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63	MSK_IPAR_LOG_NONCONVEX
00	Controls amount of output printed by the nonconvex optimizer.
22	MSK_IPAR_FEASREPAIR_OPTIMIZE
	Controls which type of feasibility analysis is to be performed.

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MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_NODE\_SELECTION

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198	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_LP_QUOTED_NAMES
	If this option is turned on, then MOSEK will quote invalid LP names
	when writing an LP file.
55	MSK_IPAR_LOG_FACTOR
	If turned on, then the factor log lines are added to the log.
4	MSK_IPAR_AUTO_UPDATE_SOL_INFO
	Controls whether the solution information items are automatically
	updated after an optimization is performed.
203	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_MPS_QUOTED_NAMES
	If a name contains spaces (blanks) when writing an MPS file, then
	the quotes will be removed.
141	MSK_IPAR_READ_MPS_WIDTH
	Controls the maximal number of characters allowed in one line of the
	MPS file.
183	MSK_IPAR_TIMING_LEVEL
	Controls the a amount of timing performed inside MOSEK.
65	MSK_IPAR_LOG_ORDER
	If turned on, then factor lines are added to the log.
82	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CUT_LEVEL_ROOT
	Controls the cut level employed by the mixed-integer optimizer at the
	root node. A negative value means a default value determined by the
	mixed-integer optimizer is used. By adding the appropriate values
	from the following table the employed cut types can be controlled.
	GUB cover $+2$
	Flow cover $+4$
	Lifting +8
	Plant location +16
	Disaggregation $+32$
	Knapsack cover $+64$
	Lattice $+128$
	Gomory $+256$
	Coefficient reduction +512
	GCD +1024
	Obj. integrality $+2048$
5	MSK_IPAR_BASIS_SOLVE_USE_PLUS_ONE
	If a slack variable is in the basis, then the corresponding column in
	the basis is a unit vector with -1 in the right position. However, if
	this parameter is set to MSK_ON, -1 is replaced by 1.
8	MSK_IPAR_BI_IGNORE_NUM_ERROR
	If the parameter MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_BASIS has the value
	MSK_BI_NO_ERROR and the interior-point optimizer has termi-
	nated due to a numerical problem, then basis identification is
	performed if this parameter has the value MSK_ON.
9.4	MCK TDAR MIO NODE CELECTION

Controls the node selection strategy employed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

## 2 MSK\_IPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_PRINT\_VIOLATED

Controls whether a list of violated constraints is printed.

## 181 MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_READ\_WIDTH

Controls the maximal acceptable width of line in the solutions when read by MOSEK.

## 120 MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LINDEP\_WORK\_LIM

Is used to limit the amount of work that can done to locate linear dependencies. In general the higher value this parameter is given the less work can be used. However, a value of 0 means no limit on the amount work that can be used.

#### 33 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_MAX\_NUM\_REFINEMENT\_STEPS

Maximum number of steps to be used by the iterative refinement of the search direction. A negative value implies that the optimizer Chooses the maximum number of iterative refinement steps.

#### 124 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_ADD\_CON

Additional number of constraints that is made room for in the problem.

#### 53 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CONCURRENT

Controls amount of output printed by the concurrent optimizer.

## 73 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_MINOR

Currently not in use.

#### 159 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

Maximum number of iterations that can be used by a simplex optimizer.

## 31 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_MAX\_ITERATIONS

Controls the maximum number of iterations allowed in the interiorpoint optimizer.

## 20 MSK\_IPAR\_CPU\_TYPE

Specifies the CPU type. By default MOSEK tries to auto detect the CPU type. Therefore, we recommend to change this parameter only if the auto detection does not work properly.

## 50 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_BI

Controls the amount of output printed by the basis identification procedure. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

### 32 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_MAX\_NUM\_COR

Controls the maximum number of correctors allowed by the multiple corrector procedure. A negative value means that MOSEK is making the choice.

#### 197 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_LINE\_WIDTH

Maximum width of line in an LP file written by MOSEK.

180 MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_READ\_NAME\_WIDTH

continued from previous page When a solution is read by MOSEK and some constraint, variable or cone names contain blanks, then a maximum name width much be specified. A negative value implies that no name contain blanks. 45 MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_DEBUG This option is used to turn on debugging of the incense manager. 48 MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_WAIT If all licenses are in use MOSEK returns with an error code. However, by turning on this parameter MOSEK will wait for an available license. 1 MSK\_IPAR\_ANA\_SOL\_BASIS Controls whether the basis matrix is analyzed in solaution analyzer. 116 MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_ELIMINATOR\_MAX\_NUM\_TRIES Control the maximum number of times the eliminator is tried. 193 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_GENERIC\_NAMES\_IO Index origin used in generic names. 15 MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_NUM\_OPTIMIZERS The maximum number of simultaneous optimizations that will be started by the concurrent optimizer. MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_REFACTOR\_FREQ 169 Controls how frequent the basis is refactorized. The value 0 means that the optimizer determines the best point of refactorization. It is strongly recommended NOT to change this parameter. 154 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_SELECTION Controls the choice of the incoming variable, known as the selection strategy, in the dual simplex optimizer. 174 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SOLVE\_FORM Controls whether the primal or the dual problem is solved by the primal-/dual- simplex optimizer. 13 MSK\_IPAR\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY Specify the level of convexity check on quadratic problems MSK\_IPAR\_QO\_SEPARABLE\_REFORMULATION 122 Determine if Quadratic programing problems should be reformulated to separable form. 76 MSK\_IPAR\_LP\_WRITE\_IGNORE\_INCOMPATIBLE\_ITEMS Controls the result of writing a problem containing incompatible items to an LP file. 144 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_TASK\_IGNORE\_PARAM Controls whether MOSEK should ignore the parameter setting defined in the task file and use the default parameter setting instead. 95 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_OPTIMIZER\_MODE An exprimental feature.

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60 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_INTPNT

Controls amount of output printed printed by the interior-point optimizer. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

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61	MSK_IPAR_LOG_MIO
	Controls the log level for the mixed-integer optimizer. A higher level
	implies that more information is logged.
156	MSK_IPAR_SIM_HOTSTART
	Controls the type of hot-start that the simplex optimizer perform.
66	MSK_IPAR_LOG_PARAM
	Controls the amount of information printed out about parameter
	changes.
189	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_DATA_FORMAT
	Controls the file format when writing task data to a file.
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155	MSK_IPAR_SIM_EXPLOIT_DUPVEC
	Controls if the simplex optimizers are allowed to exploit duplicated
	columns.
78	MSK_IPAR_MIO_BRANCH_DIR
	Controls whether the mixed-integer optimizer is branching up or down
	by default.
29	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_FACTOR_DEBUG_LVL
	Controls factorization debug level.
179	MSK_IPAR_SOL_QUOTED_NAMES
	If this options is turned on, then MOSEK will quote names that
	contains blanks while writing the solution file. Moreover when reading
	leading and trailing quotes will be stripped of.
46	MSK_IPAR_LICENSE_PAUSE_TIME
	If MSK_IPAR_LICENSE_WAIT=MSK_ON and no license is available, then
	MOSEK sleeps a number of milliseconds between each check of
	whether a license has become free.
96	MSK_IPAR_MIO_PRESOLVE_AGGREGATE
	Controls whether the presolve used by the mixed-integer optimizer
	tries to aggregate the constraints.
209	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_TASK_INC_SOL
	Controls whether the solutions are stored in the task file too.
43	MSK_IPAR_LICENSE_CACHE_TIME
	Setting this parameter no longer has any effect. Please see
	MSK_IPAR_CACHE_LICENSE for an alternative.
9	MSK_IPAR_BI_MAX_ITERATIONS
	Controls the maximum number of simplex iterations allowed to opti-
	mize a basis after the basis identification.
157	MSK_IPAR_SIM_HOTSTART_LU
	Determines if the simplex optimizer should exploit the initial factor-
	ization.
111	MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_SOLUTIONS
	Enable inclusion of solutions in the OPF files.
162	MSK_IPAR_SIM_NETWORK_DETECT_HOTSTART
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This parameter controls has large the network component in "relative" terms has to be before it is exploited in a simplex hot-start. The network component should be equal or larger than

## max(MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT, MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_HOTSTART)

before it is exploited. If this value is larger than 100 the network flow component is never detected or exploited.

#### 119 MSK\_IPAR\_PRESOLVE\_LINDEP\_USE

Controls whether the linear constraints are checked for linear dependencies.

## 114 MSK\_IPAR\_PARAM\_READ\_IGN\_ERROR

If turned on, then errors in paramter settings is ignored.

104 MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_HEADER

Write a text header with date and MOSEK version in an OPF file.

81 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_CONT\_SOL

Controls the meaning of the interior-point and basic solutions in mixed integer problems.

102 MSK\_IPAR\_OBJECTIVE\_SENSE

If the objective sense for the task is undefined, then the value of this parameter is used as the default objective sense.

195 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_INT\_HEAD

Controls whether the header section is written to the integer solution file

40 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_STARTING\_POINT

Starting point used by the interior-point optimizer.

49 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG

Controls the amount of log information. The value 0 implies that all log information is suppressed. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

Please note that if a task is employed to solve a sequence of optimization problems the value of this parameter is reduced by the value of MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CUT\_SECOND\_OPT for the second and any subsequent optimizations.

19 MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_PRIMAL\_SIMPLEX

Priority of the primal simplex algorithm when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

138 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_OBJ\_SENSE

If turned on, the MPS reader uses the objective sense section. Otherwise the MPS reader ignores it.

10 MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_LICENSE

Specifies if the license is kept checked out for the lifetime of the mosek environment (on) or returned to the server immediately after the optimization (off).

Check-in and check-out of licenses have an overhead. Frequent communication with the license server should be avoided.

#### 74 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_NETWORK\_FREQ

Controls how frequent the network simplex optimizer outputs information about the optimization and how frequent the user-defined call-back function is called. The network optimizer will use a logging frequency equal to MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_FREQ times MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM\_NETWORK\_FREQ.

28 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_DIFF\_STEP

Controls whether different step sizes are allowed in the primal and dual space.

172 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SCALING

Controls how much effort is used in scaling the problem before a simplex optimizer is used.

200 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_TERMS\_PER\_LINE

Maximum number of terms on a single line in an LP file written by MOSEK. 0 means unlimited.

146 MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_ALL Not applicable.

#### 178 MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_KEEP\_RANGED

If turned on, then ranged constraints and variables are written to the solution file independent of the filter setting.

7 MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_IGNORE\_MAX\_ITER

If the parameter MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS has the value MSK\_BI\_NO\_ERROR and the interior-point optimizer has terminated due to maximum number of iterations, then basis identification is performed if this parameter has the value MSK\_ON.

56 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_FEASREPAIR

Controls the amount of output printed when performing feasibility repair.

39 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_SOLVE\_FORM

Controls whether the primal or the dual problem is solved.

103 MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_MAX\_TERMS\_PER\_LINE

The maximum number of terms (linear and quadratic) per line when an OPF file is written.

205 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_PRECISION

Controls the precision with which double numbers are printed in the MPS data file. In general it is not worthwhile to use a value higher than 15.

149 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_BASIS\_FACTOR\_USE

Controls whether a (LU) factorization of the basis is used in a hotstart. Forcing a refactorization sometimes improves the stability of the simplex optimizers, but in most cases there is a performance penanlty.

## 210 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_XML\_MODE

Controls if linear coefficients should be written by row or column when writing in the XML file format.

## 37 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_REGULARIZATION\_USE

Controls whether regularization is allowed.

## 6 MSK\_IPAR\_BI\_CLEAN\_OPTIMIZER

Controls which simplex optimizer is used in the clean-up phase.

## 97 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_PROBING

Controls whether the mixed-integer presolve performs probing. Probing can be very time consuming.

## 42 MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_ALLOW\_OVERUSE

Controls if license overuse is allowed when caching licenses

#### 24 MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_PREFER\_PRIMAL

If both certificates of primal and dual infeasibility are supplied then only the primal is used when this option is turned on.

## 187 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_BAS\_VARIABLES

Controls whether the variables section is written to the basic solution file.

#### 75 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_STORAGE

When turned on, MOSEK prints messages regarding the storage usage and allocation.

#### 98 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_PRESOLVE\_USE

Controls whether presolve is performed by the mixed-integer optimizer.

## 135 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_LP\_QUOTED\_NAMES

If a name is in quotes when reading an LP file, the quotes will be removed.

#### 27 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_BASIS

Controls whether the interior-point optimizer also computes an optimal basis.

### 54 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CUT\_SECOND\_OPT

If a task is employed to solve a sequence of optimization problems, then the value of the log levels is reduced by the value of this parameter. E.g MSK\_IPAR\_LOG and MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_SIM are reduced by the value of this parameter for the second and any subsequent optimizations.

#### 137 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_MPS\_KEEP\_INT

Controls whether MOSEK should keep the integer restrictions on the variables while reading the MPS file.

## 91 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_SOLUTIONS

The mixed-integer optimizer can be terminated after a certain number of different feasible solutions has been located. If this parameter has the value n and n is strictly positive, then the mixed-integer optimizer will be terminated when n feasible solutions have been located.

## 44 MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_CHECK\_TIME

The parameter specifies the number of seconds between the checks of all the active licenses in the MOSEK environment license cache. These checks are performed to determine if the licenses should be returned to the server.

## 208 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_SOL\_VARIABLES

Controls whether the variables section is written to the solution file.

## 147 MSK\_IPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_OPTIMIZER

Controls which optimizer is used for optimal partition sensitivity analysis.

## 201 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_MPS\_INT

Controls if marker records are written to the MPS file to indicate whether variables are integer restricted.

#### 160 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_MAX\_NUM\_SETBACKS

Controls how many set-backs are allowed within a simplex optimizer. A set-back is an event where the optimizer moves in the wrong direction. This is impossible in theory but may happen due to numerical problems.

## 21 MSK\_IPAR\_DATA\_CHECK

If this option is turned on, then extensive data checking is enabled. It will slow down MOSEK but on the other hand help locating bugs.

#### 17 MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_FREE\_SIMPLEX

Priority of the free simplex optimizer when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

## 133 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_KEEP\_FREE\_CON

Controls whether the free constraints are included in the problem.

### 57 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_FILE

If turned on, then some log info is printed when a file is written or read.

## 18 MSK\_IPAR\_CONCURRENT\_PRIORITY\_INTPNT

Priority of the interior-point algorithm when selecting solvers for concurrent optimization.

## 164 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NON\_SINGULAR

Controls if the simplex optimizer ensures a non-singular basis, if possible.

#### 190 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_DATA\_PARAM

If this option is turned on the parameter settings are written to the data file as parameters.

## 150 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DEGEN

Controls how aggressively degeneration is handled.

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105	MSK_IPAR_OPF_WRITE_HINTS
	Write a hint section with problem dimensions in the beginning of an
	OPF file.
117	MSK_IPAR_PRESOLVE_ELIMINATOR_USE
	Controls whether free or implied free variables are eliminated from
	the problem.
0	MSK_IPAR_ALLOC_ADD_QNZ
	Additional number of $Q$ non-zeros that are allocated space for when
	numanz exceeds $maxnumqnz$ during addition of new $Q$ entries.
86	MSK_IPAR_MIO_HOTSTART
	Controls whether the integer optimizer is hot-started.
136	MSK_IPAR_READ_MPS_FORMAT
	Controls how strictly the MPS file reader interprets the MPS format.
113	MSK_IPAR_PARAM_READ_CASE_NAME
	If turned on, then names in the parameter file are case sensitive.
139	MSK_IPAR_READ_MPS_QUOTED_NAMES
	If a name is in quotes when reading an MPS file, then the quotes will
	be removed.
64	MSK_IPAR_LOG_OPTIMIZER
	Controls the amount of general optimizer information that is logged.
202	MSK_IPAR_WRITE_MPS_OBJ_SENSE
	If turned off, the objective sense section is not written to the MPS
	file.
34	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_NUM_THREADS
	Controls the number of threads employed by the interior-point opti-
	mizer. If set to a positive number MOSEK will use this number of
	threads. If zero the number of threads used will equal the number of
	cores detected on the machine.
89	MSK_IPAR_MIO_MAX_NUM_BRANCHES
	Maximum number of branches allowed during the branch and bound
	search. A negative value means infinite.
165	MSK_IPAR_SIM_PRIMAL_CRASH
	Controls whether crashing is performed in the primal simplex opti-
	mizer.
	In general, if a basis consists of more than (100-this parameter
0.0	value)% fixed variables, then a crash will be performed.
80	MSK_IPAR_MIO_CONSTRUCT_SOL
	If set to MSK_ON and all integer variables have been given a value for
	which a feasible mixed integer solution exists, then MOSEK generates
	an initial solution to the mixed integer problem by fixing all integer
0	values and solving the remaining problem.
3	MSK_IPAR_AUTO_SORT_A_BEFORE_OPT

Controls whether the elements in each column of A are sorted before an optimization is performed. This is not required but makes the optimization more deterministic.

## 100 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_STRONG\_BRANCH

The value specifies the depth from the root in which strong branching is used. A negative value means that the optimizer chooses a default value automatically.

## 152 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_PHASEONE\_METHOD

An exprimental feature.

## 158 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_INTEGER

An exprimental feature.

## 167 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_PRIMAL\_RESTRICT\_SELECTION

The primal simplex optimizer can use a so-called restricted selection/pricing strategy to chooses the outgoing variable. Hence, if restricted selection is applied, then the primal simplex optimizer first choose a subset of all the potential incoming variables. Next, for some time it will choose the incoming variable only among the subset. From time to time the subset is redefined.

A larger value of this parameter implies that the optimizer will be more aggressive in its restriction strategy, i.e. a value of 0 implies that the restriction strategy is not applied at all.

## 130 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_CONE

Expected maximum number of conic constraints to be read. The option is used only by fast MPS and LP file readers.

#### 112 MSK\_IPAR\_OPTIMIZER

The paramter controls which optimizer is used to optimize the task.

## 77 MSK\_IPAR\_MAX\_NUM\_WARNINGS

Waning level. A higher value results in more warnings.

## 47 MSK\_IPAR\_LICENSE\_SUPPRESS\_EXPIRE\_WRNS

Controls whether license features expire warnings are suppressed.

### 207 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_SOL\_HEAD

Controls whether the header section is written to the solution file.

#### 185 MSK\_IPAR\_WRITE\_BAS\_CONSTRAINTS

Controls whether the constraint section is written to the basic solution file.

## 84 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_FEASPUMP\_LEVEL

Feasibility pump is a heuristic designed to compute an initial feasible solution. A value of 0 implies that the feasibility pump heuristic is not used. A value of -1 implies that the mixed-integer optimizer decides how the feasibility pump heuristic is used. A larger value than 1 implies that the feasibility pump is employed more aggressively. Normally a value beyond 3 is not worthwhile.

## 23 MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_GENERIC\_NAMES

Controls whether generic names are used when an infeasible subproblem is created.

## 161 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT

The simplex optimizer is capable of exploiting a network flow component in a problem. However it is only worthwhile to exploit the network flow component if it is sufficiently large. This parameter controls how large the network component has to be in "relative" terms before it is exploited. For instance a value of 20 means at least 20% of the model should be a network before it is exploited. If this value is larger than 100 the network flow component is never detected or exploited.

## 68 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_RESPONSE

Controls amount of output printed when response codes are reported. A higher level implies that more information is logged.

## 26 MSK\_IPAR\_INFEAS\_REPORT\_LEVEL

Controls the amount of information presented in an infeasibility report. Higher values imply more information.

#### 11 MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_SIZE\_L1

Specifies the size of the cache of the computer. This parameter is potentially very important for the efficiency on computers if MOSEK cannot determine the cache size automatically. If the cache size is negative, then MOSEK tries to determine the value automatically.

#### 12 MSK\_IPAR\_CACHE\_SIZE\_L2

Specifies the size of the cache of the computer. This parameter is potentially very important for the efficiency on computers where MO-SEK cannot determine the cache size automatically. If the cache size is negative, then MOSEK tries to determine the value automatically.

## 176 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SWITCH\_OPTIMIZER

The simplex optimizer sometimes chooses to solve the dual problem instead of the primal problem. This implies that if you have chosen to use the dual simplex optimizer and the problem is dualized, then it actually makes sense to use the primal simplex optimizer instead. If this parameter is on and the problem is dualized and furthermore the simplex optimizer is chosen to be the primal (dual) one, then it is switched to the dual (primal).

## 131 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_DATA\_COMPRESSED

If this option is turned on, it is assumed that the data file is compressed.

### 142 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_Q\_MODE

Controls how the Q matrices are read from the MPS file.

#### 107 MSK\_IPAR\_OPF\_WRITE\_PROBLEM

Write objective, constraints, bounds etc. to an OPF file.

## 52 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_CHECK\_CONVEXITY

Controls logging in convexity check on quadratic problems. Set to a positive value to turn logging on.

If a quadratic coefficient matrix is found to violate the requirement of PSD (NSD) then a list of negative (positive) pivot elements is printed. The absolute value of the pivot elements is also shown.

#### 132 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_DATA\_FORMAT

Format of the data file to be read.

#### 151 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_DUAL\_CRASH

Controls whether crashing is performed in the dual simplex optimizer. In general if a basis consists of more than (100-this parameter value)% fixed variables, then a crash will be performed.

## 163 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_NETWORK\_DETECT\_METHOD

Controls which type of detection method the network extraction should use.

#### 145 MSK\_IPAR\_READ\_VAR

Expected maximum number of variable to be read. The option is used only by MPS and LP file readers.

#### 58 MSK\_IPAR\_LOG\_HEAD

If turned on, then a header line is added to the log.

## 170 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_REFORMULATION

Controls if the simplex optimizers are allowed to reformulate the problem.

## 171 MSK\_IPAR\_SIM\_SAVE\_LU

Controls if the LU factorization stored should be replaced with the LU factorization corresponding to the initial basis.

#### 30 MSK\_IPAR\_INTPNT\_FACTOR\_METHOD

Controls the method used to factor the Newton equation system.

## 90 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_MAX\_NUM\_RELAXS

Maximum number of relaxations allowed during the branch and bound search. A negative value means infinite.

### 177 MSK\_IPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_KEEP\_BASIC

If turned on, then basic and super basic constraints and variables are written to the solution file independent of the filter setting.

## 85 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_HEURISTIC\_LEVEL

Controls the heuristic employed by the mixed-integer optimizer to locate an initial good integer feasible solution. A value of zero means the heuristic is not used at all. A larger value than 0 means that a gradually more sophisticated heuristic is used which is computationally more expensive. A negative value implies that the optimizer chooses the heuristic. Normally a value around 3 to 5 should be optimal.

## 87 MSK\_IPAR\_MIO\_KEEP\_BASIS

Controls whether the integer presolve keeps bases in memory. This speeds on the solution process at cost of bigger memory consumption.

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38	MSK_IPAR_INTPNT_SCALING
	Controls how the problem is scaled before the interior-point optimizer
	is used.

## I.21 Language selection constants

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_LANG_DAN
	Danish language selection
0	MSK_LANG_ENG
	English language selection

## I.22 Long integer information items.

Value	Name
	Description
6	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_ITER
	Number of primal clean iterations performed in the basis identifica-
	tion.
9	MSK_LIINF_INTPNT_FACTOR_NUM_NZ
	Number of non-zeros in factorization.
10	MSK_LIINF_MIO_INTPNT_ITER
	Number of interior-point iterations performed by the mixed-integer
	optimizer.
4	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_DUAL_ITER
	Number of primal-dual clean iterations performed in the basis iden-
	tification.
3	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_DUAL_DEG_ITER
	Number of primal-dual degenerate clean iterations performed in the
	basis identification.
2	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_DEG_ITER
	Number of primal degenerate clean iterations performed in the basis
	identification.
1	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_DUAL_ITER
	Number of dual clean iterations performed in the basis identification.
13	MSK_LIINF_RD_NUMQNZ
	Number of Q non-zeros.
12	MSK_LIINF_RD_NUMANZ
	Number of non-zeros in A that is read.
8	MSK_LIINF_BI_PRIMAL_ITER
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	Number of primal pivots performed in the basis identification.	
7	MSK_LIINF_BI_DUAL_ITER	
	Number of dual pivots performed in the basis identification.	
0	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_DUAL_DEG_ITER	
	Number of dual degenerate clean iterations performed in the basis	
	identification.	
11	MSK_LIINF_MIO_SIMPLEX_ITER	
	Number of simplex iterations performed by the mixed-integer opti-	
	mizer.	
5	MSK_LIINF_BI_CLEAN_PRIMAL_DUAL_SUB_ITER	
	Number of primal-dual subproblem clean iterations performed in the	
	basis identification.	

## I.23 Mark

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_MARK_LO
	The lower bound is selected for sensitivity analysis.
1	MSK_MARK_UP
	The upper bound is selected for sensitivity analysis.

## I.24 Continuous mixed-integer solution type

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_MIO_CONT_SOL_ITG
	The reported interior-point and basic solutions are a solution to the
	problem with all integer variables fixed at the value they have in the
	integer solution. A solution is only reported in case the problem has
	a primal feasible solution.
0	MSK_MIO_CONT_SOL_NONE
	No interior-point or basic solution are reported when the mixed-
	integer optimizer is used.
1	MSK_MIO_CONT_SOL_ROOT
	The reported interior-point and basic solutions are a solution to the
	root node problem when mixed-integer optimizer is used.
3	MSK_MIO_CONT_SOL_ITG_REL
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In case the problem is primal feasible then the reported interior-point
and basic solutions are a solution to the problem with all integer
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variables fixed at the value they have in the integer solution. If the
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problem is primal infeasible, then the solution to the root node prob-
lem is reported.

## I.25 Integer restrictions

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_MIO_MODE_IGNORED
	The integer constraints are ignored and the problem is solved as a
	continuous problem.
2	MSK_MIO_MODE_LAZY
	Integer restrictions should be satisfied if an optimizer is available for
	the problem.
1	MSK_MIO_MODE_SATISFIED
	Integer restrictions should be satisfied.

## I.26 Mixed-integer node selection types

Value	Name	
	Description	
5	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_PSEUDO	
	The optimizer employs selects the node based on a pseudo cost esti-	
	mate.	
4	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_HYBRID	
	The optimizer employs a hybrid strategy.	
0	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_FREE	
	The optimizer decides the node selection strategy.	
3	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_WORST	
	The optimizer employs a worst bound node selection strategy.	
2	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_BEST	
	The optimizer employs a best bound node selection strategy.	
1	MSK_MIO_NODE_SELECTION_FIRST	
	The optimizer employs a depth first node selection strategy.	

## I.27 MPS file format type

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_MPS_FORMAT_STRICT
	It is assumed that the input file satisfies the MPS format strictly.
1	MSK_MPS_FORMAT_RELAXED
	It is assumed that the input file satisfies a slightly relaxed version of
	the MPS format.
2	MSK_MPS_FORMAT_FREE
	It is assumed that the input file satisfies the free MPS format. This
	implies that spaces are not allowed in names. Otherwise the format
	is free.

## I.28 Message keys

Value	Name
	Description
1000	MSK_MSG_READING_FILE
	None
1001	MSK_MSG_WRITING_FILE
	None
1100	MSK_MSG_MPS_SELECTED
	None

## I.29 Network detection method

Value	Name	
	Description	
1	MSK_NETWORK_DETECT_SIMPLE	
	The network detection should use a very simple heuristic.	
2	MSK_NETWORK_DETECT_ADVANCED	
	The network detection should use a more advanced heuristic.	
0	MSK_NETWORK_DETECT_FREE	
	The network detection is free.	

## I.30 Objective sense types

Value	Name	
	Description	
1	MSK_OBJECTIVE_SENSE_MINIMIZE	
	The problem should be minimized.	
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0	MSK_OBJECTIVE_SENSE_UNDEFINED	
	The objective sense is undefined.	
2	MSK_OBJECTIVE_SENSE_MAXIMIZE	
	The problem should be maximized.	

# I.31 On/off

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_ON
	Switch the option on.
0	MSK_OFF
	Switch the option off.

# I.32 Optimizer types

Description  MSK_OPTIMIZER_INTPNT The interior-point optimizer is used.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_CONCURRENT The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_MIXED_INT The mixed-integer optimizer.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_DUAL_SIMPLEX The dual simplex optimizer is used.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_FREE The optimizer is chosen automatically.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_DUAL_SIMPLEX The primal dual simplex optimizer is used.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_CONIC The optimizer for problems having conic constraints.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_NONCONVEX The optimizer for nonconvex nonlinear problems.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_QCONE For internal use only.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_PRIMAL_SIMPLEX The primal simplex optimizer is used.  MSK_OPTIMIZER_FREE_SIMPLEX One of the simplex optimizers is used.	Value	Name
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One of the simplex optimizers is used.	7	MSK_OPTIMIZER_FREE_SIMPLEX
		One of the simplex optimizers is used.

## I.33 Ordering strategies

Value	Name
	Description
5	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_NONE
	No ordering is used.
2	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_APPMINLOC2
	A variant of the approximate minimum local-fill-in ordering is used.
1	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_APPMINLOC1
	Approximate minimum local-fill-in ordering is used.
4	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_GRAPHPAR2
	An alternative graph partitioning based ordering.
0	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_FREE
	The ordering method is chosen automatically.
3	MSK_ORDER_METHOD_GRAPHPAR1
	Graph partitioning based ordering.

## I.34 Parameter type

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_PAR_INVALID_TYPE
	Not a valid parameter.
3	MSK_PAR_STR_TYPE
	Is a string parameter.
1	MSK_PAR_DOU_TYPE
	Is a double parameter.
2	MSK_PAR_INT_TYPE
	Is an integer parameter.

## I.35 Presolve method.

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_PRESOLVE_MODE_ON
	The problem is presolved before it is optimized.
0	MSK_PRESOLVE_MODE_OFF
	The problem is not presolved before it is optimized.
2	MSK_PRESOLVE_MODE_FREE
	It is decided automatically whether to presolve before the problem is
	optimized.

## I.36 Problem data items

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_PI_VAR
	Item is a variable.
2	MSK_PI_CONE
	Item is a cone.
1	MSK_PI_CON
	Item is a constraint.

## I.37 Problem types

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_PROBTYPE_QCQO
	The problem is a quadratically constrained optimization problem.
0	MSK_PROBTYPE_LO
	The problem is a linear optimization problem.
4	MSK_PROBTYPE_CONIC
	A conic optimization.
3	MSK_PROBTYPE_GECO
	General convex optimization.
5	MSK_PROBTYPE_MIXED
	General nonlinear constraints and conic constraints. This combina-
	tion can not be solved by MOSEK.
1	MSK_PROBTYPE_QO
	The problem is a quadratic optimization problem.

## I.38 Problem status keys

Description
MSK_PRO_STA_PRIM_AND_DUAL_INFEAS
The problem is primal and dual infeasible.
MSK_PRO_STA_PRIM_INFEAS
The problem is primal infeasible.
MSK_PRO_STA_ILL_POSED
The problem is ill-posed. For example, it may be primal and dual
feasible but have a positive duality gap.
MSK_PRO_STA_UNKNOWN
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	Unknown problem status.
2	MSK_PRO_STA_PRIM_FEAS
	The problem is primal feasible.
8	MSK_PRO_STA_NEAR_PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS
	The problem is at least nearly primal and dual feasible.
10	MSK_PRO_STA_NEAR_DUAL_FEAS
	The problem is at least nearly dual feasible.
11	MSK_PRO_STA_PRIM_INFEAS_OR_UNBOUNDED
	The problem is either primal infeasible or unbounded. This may occur
	for mixed-integer problems.
1	MSK_PRO_STA_PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS
	The problem is primal and dual feasible.
5	MSK_PRO_STA_DUAL_INFEAS
	The problem is dual infeasible.
9	MSK_PRO_STA_NEAR_PRIM_FEAS
	The problem is at least nearly primal feasible.
3	MSK_PRO_STA_DUAL_FEAS
	The problem is dual feasible.

# I.39 Interpretation of quadratic terms in MPS files

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_Q_READ_ADD
	All elements in a Q matrix are assumed to belong to the lower trian-
	gular part. Duplicate elements in a Q matrix are added together.
1	MSK_Q_READ_DROP_LOWER
	All elements in the strict lower triangular part of the Q matrices are
	dropped.
2	MSK_Q_READ_DROP_UPPER
	All elements in the strict upper triangular part of the Q matrices are
	dropped.

## I.40 Response codes

Value	Name
	Description
352	MSK_RES_WRN_SOL_FILE_IGNORED_VAR
	One or more lines in the variable section were ignored when reading
	a solution file.
1218	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_TYPE
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	The parameter type is invalid.
1203	MSK_RES_ERR_INDEX_IS_TOO_SMALL
	An index in an argument is too small.
2501	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_MARKI
	Invalid value in marki.
803	MSK_RES_WRN_PRESOLVE_BAD_PRECISION
	The presolve estimates that the model is specified with insufficient
	precision.
1500	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_PROBLEM
	Invalid problem type. Probably a nonconvex problem has been spec-
	ified.
1268	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_SKX
	Invalid value in skx.
1551	MSK_RES_ERR_MIO_NO_OPTIMIZER
	No optimizer is available for the current class of integer optimization
	problems.
4009	MSK_RES_TRM_MIO_NUM_BRANCHES
	The mixed-integer optimizer terminated as to the maximum number
	of branches was reached.
4004	MSK_RES_TRM_MIO_NEAR_ABS_GAP
	The mixed-integer optimizer terminated because the near optimal
	absolute gap tolerance was satisfied.
2001	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_DUAL_INFEAS_CER
	A certificate of infeasibility is not available.
1254	MSK_RES_ERR_MUL_A_ELEMENT
	An element in $A$ is defined multiple times.
1170	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_NAME_IN_SOL_FILE
	An invalid name occurred in a solution file.
1114	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_MUL_QOBJ
	The Q term in the objective is specified multiple times in the MPS
	data file.
1063	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_INIT_ENV
	env is not initialized.
1265	MSK_RES_ERR_UNDEF_SOLUTION
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MOSEK has the following solution types:

- an interior-point solution,
- an basic solution,
- and an integer solution.

Each optimizer may set one or more of these solutions; e.g by default a successful optimization with the interior-point optimizer defines the interior-point solution, and, for linear problems, also the basic solution. This error occurs when asking for a solution or for information about a solution that is not defined.

1288 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_LASTJ

Invalid lastj.

1001 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_LICENSE\_EXPIRED

The license has expired.

3055 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_SEN\_INDEX\_INVALID

Invalid range given in the sensitivity file.

1274 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INV\_SKN

Invalid value in skn.

1295 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_OBJ\_Q\_NOT\_PSD

The quadratic coefficient matrix in the objective is not positive semidefinite as expected for a minimization problem.

1234 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INF\_LINT\_NAME

A long integer information name is invalid.

903 MSK\_RES\_WRN\_ANA\_CLOSE\_BOUNDS

This warning is issued by problem analyzer, if ranged constraints or variables with very close upper and lower bounds are detected. One should consider treating such constraints as equalities and such variables as constants.

1008 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_MISSING\_LICENSE\_FILE

MOSEK cannot find the license file or license server. Usually this happens if the operating system variable MOSEKLM\_LICENSE\_FILE is not set up appropriately. Please see the MOSEK installation manual for details.

1235 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INDEX

An index is out of range.

1350 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_SOL\_FILE\_INVALID\_NUMBER

An invalid number is specified in a solution file.

2800 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_LU\_MAX\_NUM\_TRIES

Could not compute the LU factors of the matrix within the maximum number of allowed tries.

1267 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INV\_SKC

Invalid value in skc.

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201	MSK_RES_WRN_DROPPED_NZ_QOBJ	
	One or more non-zero elements were dropped in the Q matrix in the	
	objective.	
3000	MSK_RES_ERR_INTERNAL	
	An internal error occurred. Please report this problem.	
1610	MSK_RES_ERR_BASIS_FACTOR	
	The factorization of the basis is invalid.	
1204	MSK_RES_ERR_INDEX_IS_TOO_LARGE	
	An index in an argument is too large.	
1154	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_INVALID_VAR_NAME	
1101	A variable name is invalid when used in an LP formatted file.	
2950	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_DUAL_FOR_ITG_SOL	
2000	No dual information is available for the integer solution.	
1590	MSK_RES_ERR_OVERFLOW	
1000	A computation produced an overflow i.e. a very large number.	
1150	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_INCOMPATIBLE	
1100	The problem cannot be written to an LP formatted file.	
1501	MSK_RES_ERR_MIXED_PROBLEM	
1001	The problem contains both conic and nonlinear constraints.	
1700	MSK_RES_ERR_FEASREPAIR_CANNOT_RELAX	
1700	An optimization problem cannot be relaxed. This is the case e.g. for	
1907	general nonlinear optimization problems.	
1207	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_NAME_INT	
2057	The parameter name is not correct for an integer parameter.	
3057	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_SOLUTION_STATUS	
	No optimal solution found to the original problem given for sensitivity	
1005	analysis.	
1225	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_LINT_INDEX	
1000	A long integer information index is out of range for the specified type.	
4008	MSK_RES_TRM_MIO_NUM_RELAXS	
	The mixed-integer optimizer terminated as the maximum number of	
	relaxations was reached.	
405	MSK_RES_WRN_TOO_MANY_BASIS_VARS	
	A basis with too many variables has been specified.	
1081	MSK_RES_ERR_SPACE_NO_INFO	
	No available information about the space usage.	
1205	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_NAME	
	The parameter name is not correct.	
1106	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_UNDEF_VAR_NAME	
	An undefined variable name occurred in an MPS file.	
200	MSK_RES_WRN_NZ_IN_UPR_TRI	
	Non-zero elements specified in the upper triangle of a matrix were	
	ignored.	
505	MSK_RES_WRN_LICENSE_FEATURE_EXPIRE	
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	The license expires.
1263	MSK_RES_ERR_NEGATIVE_SURPLUS
	Negative surplus.
1404	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QCON_SUBK
1101	Invalid value in qcsubk.
1406	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QCON_SUBJ
1400	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
705	Invalid value in qcsubj. MSK_RES_WRN_ZEROS_IN_SPARSE_ROW
705	
	One or more (near) zero elements are specified in a sparse row of
	a matrix. It is redundant to specify zero elements. Hence it may
	indicate an error.
1198	MSK_RES_ERR_ARGUMENT_TYPE
	Incorrect argument type.
1017	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_MOSEKLM_DAEMON
	The MOSEKLM license manager daemon is not up and running.
2901	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_WCHAR
	An invalid wchar string is encountered.
1059	MSK_RES_ERR_END_OF_FILE
	End of file reached.
3102	MSK RES ERR AD INVALID CODELIST
0102	The code list data was invalid.
1462	MSK RES ERR NAN IN BUC
1402	$u^c$ contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.
1200	~ - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1290	MSK_RES_ERR_NONLINEAR_EQUALITY
	The model contains a nonlinear equality which defines a nonconvex
1055	set.
1055	MSK_RES_ERR_DATA_FILE_EXT
	The data file format cannot be determined from the file name.
1210	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_INDEX
	Parameter index is out of range.
1285	MSK_RES_ERR_FIRSTI
	Invalid firsti.
1000	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE
	Invalid license.
1299	MSK_RES_ERR_ARGUMENT_PERM_ARRAY
	An invalid permutation array is specified.
85	MSK_RES_WRN_LP_DROP_VARIABLE
	Ignored a variable because the variable was not previously defined.
	Usually this implies that a variable appears in the bound section but
	not in the objective or the constraints.
1287	MSK_RES_ERR_FIRSTJ
1201	Invalid firstj.
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1432	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_NLO_FUNC The user defined per linear function per ented an error
	The user-defined nonlinear function reported an error.
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1219	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_DOU_INDEX	
	A double information index is out of range for the specified type.	
1286	MSK_RES_ERR_LASTI	
	Invalid lasti.	
1431	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_FUNC_RET_DATA	
	An user function returned invalid data.	
3900	MSK_RES_ERR_SIZE_LICENSE_NUMCORES	
	The computer contains more cpu cores than the license allows for.	
1199	MSK_RES_ERR_NR_ARGUMENTS	
	Incorrect number of function arguments.	
1293	MSK_RES_ERR_CON_Q_NOT_PSD	
	The quadratic constraint matrix is not positive semi-definite as ex-	
	pected for a constraint with finite upper bound. This results in a	
	nonconvex problem.	
63	MSK_RES_WRN_ZERO_AIJ	
	One or more zero elements are specified in A.	
2504	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_NUMJ	
	Invalid numj.	
1650	MSK_RES_ERR_FACTOR	
	An error occurred while factorizing a matrix.	
3201	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_BRANCH_PRIORITY	
	An invalid branching priority is specified. It should be nonnegative.	
1216	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_IS_TOO_SMALL	
1100	The parameter value is too small.	
1163	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_WRITE_CONIC_PROBLEM	
	The problem contains cones that cannot be written to an LP format-	
1000	ted file.	
1002	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_VERSION	
1940	The license is valid for another version of MOSEK.	
1240	MSK_RES_ERR_MAXNUMCON	
	The maximum number of constraints specified is smaller than the number of constraints in the task.	
1050		
1030	MSK_RES_ERR_UNKNOWN	
1162	Unknown error.  MSK_RES_ERR_READ_LP_NONEXISTING_NAME	
1102		
2503	A variable never occurred in objective or constraints.  MSK_RES_ERR_INV_NUMI	
2000	Invalid numi.	
1292	MSK_RES_ERR_NONLINEAR_RANGED	
1434	The model contains a nonlinear ranged constraint which by definition	
	defines a nonconvex set.	
1047	MSK_RES_ERR_THREAD_MUTEX_UNLOCK	
1041	Could not unlock a mutex.	
1100	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_FILE	
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	An error occurred while reading an MPS file.
1156	MSK_RES_ERR_WRITE_OPF_INVALID_VAR_NAME
	Empty variable names cannot be written to OPF files.
1152	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_DUP_SLACK_NAME
	The name of the slack variable added to a ranged constraint already
	exists.
2000	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_PRIMAL_INFEAS_CER
	A certificate of primal infeasibility is not available.
1158	MSK_RES_ERR_WRITE_LP_FORMAT
	Problem cannot be written as an LP file.
1461	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_BLC
	$l^c$ contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.
3058	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_NUMERICAL
	Numerical difficulties encountered performing the sensitivity analysis.
3052	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_INDEX_RANGE
	Index out of range in the sensitivity analysis file.
1027	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_NO_SERVER_SUPPORT
	The license server does not support the requested feature. Possible
	reasons for this error include:
	• The feature has expired.
	• The feature's start date is later than today's date.
	• The version requested is higher than feature's the highest sup-
	ported version.
	• A corrupted license file.
	Try restarting the license and inspect the license server debug file,
	usually called lmgrd.log.
66	MSK_RES_WRN_SPAR_MAX_LEN
	A value for a string parameter is longer than the buffer that is sup-
	posed to hold it.
3050	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_FORMAT
	Syntax error in sensitivity analysis file.
1407	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QCON_VAL
	Invalid value in qcval.
1206	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_NAME_DOU
	The parameter name is not correct for a double parameter.
1172	MSK_RES_ERR_OPF_PREMATURE_EOF
	Premature end of file in an OPF file.
1300	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_INDEX
	An index of a non-existing cone has been specified.
1470	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_C
	c contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.

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1066	MSK_RES_ERR_LIVING_TASKS	
	All tasks associated with an environment must be deleted before the	
	environment is deleted. There are still some undeleted tasks.	
1304	MSK_RES_ERR_MAXNUMCONE	
	The value specified for maxnumcone is too small.	
1103	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_NULL_CON_NAME	
	An empty constraint name is used in an MPS file.	
1417	MSK_RES_ERR_QCON_UPPER_TRIANGLE	
1111	An element in the upper triangle of a $Q^k$ is specified. Only elements	
	in the lower triangle should be specified.	
1171	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_INVALID_CON_NAME	
1111	A constraint name is invalid when used in an LP formatted file.	
1125	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_TAB_IN_FIELD2	
1120	A tab char occurred in field 2.	
270	MSK_RES_WRN_MIO_INFEASIBLE_FINAL	
210	The final mixed-integer problem with all the integer variables fixed	
710	at their optimal values is infeasible.	
710	MSK_RES_WRN_ZEROS_IN_SPARSE_COL	
	One or more (near) zero elements are specified in a sparse column of	
	a matrix. It is redundant to specify zero elements. Hence, it may	
1 400	indicate an error.	
1433	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_NLO_EVAL	
	The user-defined nonlinear function reported an error.	
1232	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_TYPE	
	The information type is invalid.	
800	MSK_RES_WRN_INCOMPLETE_LINEAR_DEPENDENCY_CHECK	
	The linear dependency check(s) was not completed and therefore the	
	A matrix may contain linear dependencies.	
503	MSK_RES_WRN_USING_GENERIC_NAMES	
	The file writer reverts to generic names because a name is blank.	
1127	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_TAB_IN_FIELD5	
	A tab char occurred in field 5.	
1056	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_FILE_NAME	
	An invalid file name has been specified.	
804	MSK_RES_WRN_WRITE_DISCARDED_CFIX	
	The fixed objective term could not be converted to a variable and was	
	discarded in the output file.	
1415	MSK_RES_ERR_QOBJ_UPPER_TRIANGLE	
	An element in the upper triangle of $Q^o$ is specified. Only elements in	
	the lower triangle should be specified.	
1054	MSK_RES_ERR_FILE_WRITE	
	File write error.	
1048	MSK_RES_ERR_THREAD_CREATE	
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	Could not create a thread. This error may occur if a large number of
	environments are created and not deleted again. In any case it is a
	good practice to minimize the number of environments created.
1243	MSK_RES_ERR_MAXNUMQNZ
	The maximum number of non-zeros specified for the $Q$ matrices is
	smaller than the number of non-zeros in the current $Q$ matrices.
2506	MSK_RES_ERR_CANNOT_HANDLE_NL
	A function cannot handle a task with nonlinear function call-backs.
1600	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_BASIS_SOL
	No basic solution is defined.
1131	MSK_RES_ERR_ORD_INVALID
	Invalid content in branch ordering file.
1303	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_REP_VAR
	A variable is included multiple times in the cone.
1075	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_OBJ_NAME
	An invalid objective name is specified.
1052	MSK_RES_ERR_FILE_OPEN
	Error while opening a file.
250	MSK_RES_WRN_IGNORE_INTEGER
	Ignored integer constraints.
1296	MSK_RES_ERR_OBJ_Q_NOT_NSD
	The quadratic coefficient matrix in the objective is not negative semi-
	definite as expected for a maximization problem.
1064	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_TASK
	The task is invalid.
1065	MSK_RES_ERR_NULL_POINTER
	An argument to a function is unexpectedly a NULL pointer.
3059	MSK_RES_ERR_CONCURRENT_OPTIMIZER
	An unsupported optimizer was chosen for use with the concurrent
	optimizer.
3005	MSK_RES_ERR_API_FATAL_ERROR
	An internal error occurred in the API. Please report this problem.
1550	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_OPTIMIZER
	An invalid optimizer has been chosen for the problem. This means
	that the simplex or the conic optimizer is chosen to optimize a non-
	linear problem.
1310	MSK_RES_ERR_REMOVE_CONE_VARIABLE
	A variable cannot be removed because it will make a cone invalid.
62	MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_AIJ
	A numerically large value is specified for an $a_{i,j}$ element in A. The pa-
	rameter MSK_DPAR_DATA_TOL_AIJ_LARGE controls when an $a_{i,j}$ is con-
1000	sidered large.
1208	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_NAME_STR
	The parameter name is not correct for a string parameter.
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1018	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_FEATURE
	A requested feature is not available in the license file(s). Most likely
	due to an incorrect license system setup.
251	MSK_RES_WRN_NO_GLOBAL_OPTIMIZER
	No global optimizer is available.
1040	MSK_RES_ERR_LINK_FILE_DLL
	A file cannot be linked to a stream in the DLL version.
1701	MSK_RES_ERR_FEASREPAIR_SOLVING_RELAXED
	The relaxed problem could not be solved to optimality. Please consult
	the log file for further details.
1221	MSK_RES_ERR_INDEX_ARR_IS_TOO_SMALL
	An index in an array argument is too small.
1259	MSK_RES_ERR_SOLVER_PROBTYPE
	Problem type does not match the chosen optimizer.
1220	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_INT_INDEX
	An integer information index is out of range for the specified type.
1053	MSK_RES_ERR_FILE_READ
	File read error.
1440	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_NLO_EVAL_HESSUBI
	The user-defined nonlinear function reported an invalid subscript in
	the Hessian.
1441	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_NLO_EVAL_HESSUBJ
	The user-defined nonlinear function reported an invalid subscript in
	the Hessian.
300	MSK_RES_WRN_SOL_FILTER
	Invalid solution filter is specified.
4030	MSK_RES_TRM_INTERNAL
	The optimizer terminated due to some internal reason. Please contact
	MOSEK support.
1110	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_NO_OBJECTIVE
	No objective is defined in an MPS file.
1403	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QOBJ_VAL
	Invalid value in qoval.
1400	MSK_RES_ERR_INFINITE_BOUND
	A numerically huge bound value is specified.
1030	MSK_RES_ERR_OPEN_DL
	A dynamic link library could not be opened.
3001	MSK_RES_ERR_API_ARRAY_TOO_SMALL
	An input array was too short.
1046	MSK_RES_ERR_THREAD_MUTEX_LOCK
-	Could not lock a mutex.
1262	MSK_RES_ERR_LAST
	Invalid index last. A given index was out of expected range.
1151	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_EMPTY
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	The problem cannot be written to an LP formatted file.
1011	MSK_RES_ERR_SIZE_LICENSE_VAR
	The problem has too many variables to be solved with the available
	license.
1062	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_STREAM
	An invalid stream is referenced.
2505	MSK_RES_ERR_CANNOT_CLONE_NL
	A task with a nonlinear function call-back cannot be cloned.
2520	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_ACCMODE
	An invalid access mode is specified.
1250	MSK RES ERR NUMCONLIM
	Maximum number of constraints limit is exceeded.
2550	MSK_RES_ERR_MBT_INCOMPATIBLE
	The MBT file is incompatible with this platform. This results from
	reading a file on a 32 bit platform generated on a 64 bit platform.
1104	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_NULL_VAR_NAME
	An empty variable name is used in an MPS file.
72	MSK_RES_WRN_MPS_SPLIT_BOU_VECTOR
	A BOUNDS vector is split into several nonadjacent parts in an MPS
	file.
1026	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_SERVER_VERSION
	The version specified in the checkout request is greater than the high-
	est version number the daemon supports.
1025	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_INVALID_HOSTID
	The host ID specified in the license file does not match the host ID
	of the computer.
1045	MSK_RES_ERR_THREAD_MUTEX_INIT
	Could not initialize a mutex.
54	MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_CON_FX
	An equality constraint is fixed to a numerically large value. This can
	cause numerical problems.
1280	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_NAME_ITEM
	An invalid name item code is used.
3106	MSK_RES_ERR_AD_MISSING_RETURN
	The code list data was invalid. Missing return operation in function.
53	MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_UP_BOUND
	A numerically large upper bound value is specified.
3910	MSK_RES_ERR_INFEAS_UNDEFINED
	The requested value is not defined for this solution type.
901	MSK_RES_WRN_ANA_C_ZERO
	This warning is issued by the problem analyzer, if the coefficients in
	the linear part of the objective are all zero.
1112	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_MUL_CON_NAME
	A constraint name was specified multiple times in the ROWS section.
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1801	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_IOMODE
	Invalid io mode.
1115	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_SEC_ORDER
	The sections in the MPS data file are not in the correct order.
1016	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_MAX
	Maximum number of licenses is reached.
4007	MSK_RES_TRM_USER_CALLBACK
	The optimizer terminated due to the return of the user-defined call-
	back function.
805	MSK_RES_WRN_CONSTRUCT_SOLUTION_INFEAS
	After fixing the integer variables at the suggested values then the
	problem is infeasible.
1058	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_MBT_FILE
1000	A MOSEK binary task file is invalid.
1294	MSK_RES_ERR_CON_Q_NOT_NSD
1234	The quadratic constraint matrix is not negative semi-definite as ex-
	pected for a constraint with finite lower bound. This results in a
	nonconvex problem.
3600	MSK_RES_ERR_XML_INVALID_PROBLEM_TYPE
3000	The problem type is not supported by the XML format.
1231	
1231	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_INT_NAME An integer information name is invalid.
1107	S .
1107	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_CON_KEY
1.405	An invalid constraint key occurred in an MPS file.
1425	MSK_RES_ERR_FIXED_BOUND_VALUES
	A fixed constraint/variable has been specified using the bound keys
	but the numerical value of the lower and upper bound is different.
4025	MSK_RES_TRM_NUMERICAL_PROBLEM
	The optimizer terminated due to numerical problems.
3056	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_INVALID_REGEXP
	Syntax error in regexp or regexp longer than 1024.
52	MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_LO_BOUND
	A numerically large lower bound value is specified.
3999	MSK_RES_ERR_API_INTERNAL
	An internal fatal error occurred in an interface function.
70	MSK_RES_WRN_MPS_SPLIT_RHS_VECTOR
	An RHS vector is split into several nonadjacent parts in an MPS file.
3053	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_BOUND_INVALID_UP
	Analysis of upper bound requested for an index, where no upper
	bound exists.
1702	MSK_RES_ERR_FEASREPAIR_INCONSISTENT_BOUND
	The upper bound is less than the lower bound for a variable or a
	constraint. Please correct this before running the feasibility repair.
1449	MSK_RES_ERR_Y_IS_UNDEFINED
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	The solution item $y$ is undefined.
3200	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_BRANCH_DIRECTION
	An invalid branching direction is specified.
1430	MSK_RES_ERR_USER_FUNC_RET
	An user function reported an error.
1750	MSK_RES_ERR_NAME_MAX_LEN
1.00	A name is longer than the buffer that is supposed to hold it.
1305	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_TYPE
1000	Invalid cone type specified.
4005	MSK_RES_TRM_USER_BREAK
4000	Not in use.
1256	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_BKC
1250	
4020	Invalid bound key is specified for a constraint.
4020	MSK_RES_TRM_MAX_NUM_SETBACKS
	The optimizer terminated as the maximum number of set-backs was
	reached. This indicates numerical problems and a possibly badly
4015	formulated problem.
4015	MSK_RES_TRM_NUM_MAX_NUM_INT_SOLUTIONS
	The mixed-integer optimizer terminated as the maximum number of
	feasible solutions was reached.
3101	MSK_RES_ERR_IDENTICAL_TASKS
	Some tasks related to this function call were identical. Unique tasks
	were expected.
1020	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_CANNOT_ALLOCATE
	The license system cannot allocate the memory required.
904	MSK_RES_WRN_ANA_ALMOST_INT_BOUNDS
	This warning is issued by the problem analyzer if a constraint is bound
	nearly integral.
1402	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QOBJ_SUBJ
	Invalid value in qosubj.
1302	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_OVERLAP
	A new cone which variables overlap with an existing cone has been
	specified.
807	MSK_RES_WRN_CONSTRUCT_INVALID_SOL_ITG
	The intial value for one or more of the integer variables is not feasible.
1401	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QOBJ_SUBI
	Invalid value in qosubi.
1153	MSK_RES_ERR_WRITE_MPS_INVALID_NAME
1100	An invalid name is created while writing an MPS file. Usually this
	will make the MPS file unreadable.
1553	MSK_RES_ERR_MIO_NOT_LOADED
1000	The mixed-integer optimizer is not loaded.
1061	MSK_RES_ERR_NULL_TASK
1001	task is a NULL pointer.
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An all blank name has been specified.  1252 MSK_RES_ERR_TOO_SMALL_MAXNUMANZ	n
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The maximum number of non-zeros specified for A is smaller that	n
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the number of non-zeros in the current $A$ .	
1197 MSK_RES_ERR_ARGUMENT_LENNEQ	
Incorrect length of arguments.	
500 MSK_RES_WRN_LICENSE_EXPIRE	
The license expires.	
1200 MSK_RES_ERR_IN_ARGUMENT	
A function argument is incorrect.	
1051 MSK_RES_ERR_SPACE	
Out of space.	
1241 MSK_RES_ERR_MAXNUMVAR	
The maximum number of variables specified is smaller than the num	1-
ber of variables in the task.	
1800 MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_COMPRESSION	
Invalid compression type.	
1101 MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_FIELD	
A field in the MPS file is invalid. Probably it is too wide.	
1060 MSK_RES_ERR_NULL_ENV	
env is a NULL pointer.	
3500 MSK_RES_ERR_INTERNAL_TEST_FAILED	
An internal unit test function failed.	
501 MSK_RES_WRN_LICENSE_SERVER	
The license server is not responding.	
1122 MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INVALID_OBJSENSE	
An invalid objective sense is specified.	
1168 MSK_RES_ERR_OPF_FORMAT	
Syntax error in an OPF file	
900 MSK_RES_WRN_ANA_LARGE_BOUNDS	
This warning is issued by the problem analyzer, if one or more con-	
straint or variable bounds are very large. One should consider omi	5-
ting these bounds entirely by setting them to +inf or -inf.  1071 MSK RES ERR DUP NAME	
The same name was used multiple times for the same problem iter	n
type. 1116 MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_MUL_CSEC	
Multiple CSECTIONs are given the same name.  51 MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_BOUND	
51 MSK_RES_WRN_LARGE_BOUND A numerically large bound value is specified.	
50 MSK_RES_WRN_OPEN_PARAM_FILE	
The parameter file could not be opened.	
1291 MSK_RES_ERR_NONCONVEX	
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	The optimization problem is nonconvex.
3100	MSK_RES_ERR_UNB_STEP_SIZE
	A step size in an optimizer was unexpectedly unbounded. For in-
	stance, if the step-size becomes unbounded in phase 1 of the simplex
	algorithm then an error occurs. Normally this will happen only if the
	problem is badly formulated. Please contact MOSEK support if this
	error occurs.
1615	MSK_RES_ERR_BASIS_SINGULAR
	The basis is singular and hence cannot be factored.
1155	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_FREE_CONSTRAINT
	Free constraints cannot be written in LP file format.
1445	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_OBJECTIVE_SENSE
	An invalid objective sense is specified.
0	MSK_RES_OK
	No error occurred.
3002	MSK_RES_ERR_API_CB_CONNECT
	Failed to connect a callback object.
1253	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_APTRE
	<pre>aptre[j] is strictly smaller than aptrb[j] for some j.</pre>
1013	MSK_RES_ERR_OPTIMIZER_LICENSE
	The optimizer required is not licensed.
1007	MSK_RES_ERR_FILE_LICENSE
	Invalid license file.
1160	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_FORMAT
	Syntax error in an LP file.
1237	MSK_RES_ERR_SOLITEM
	The solution item number solitem is invalid. Please note that
	MSK_SOL_ITEM_SNX is invalid for the basic solution.
1010	MSK RES ERR SIZE LICENSE CON
	The problem has too many constraints to be solved with the available
	license.
1118	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_CONE_OVERLAP
1110	A variable is specified to be a member of several cones.
1090	MSK_RES_ERR_READ_FORMAT
1030	The specified format cannot be read.
1408	MSK_RES_ERR_QCON_SUBI_TOO_SMALL
1400	Invalid value in qcsubi.
4006	MSK_RES_TRM_STALL
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The optimizer terminated due to slow progress. The most likely reason causing slow progress is that the problem is badly formulated e.g. badly scaly scaled of near infeasible. Sometimes a few dense columns in the constraint matrix can also lead to numerical problems that causes a stall.

The solution returned may or may not be of acceptable quality. Therefore, the solution status should be examined to determine the status of the solution. If the solution is near optimal, then for most practical purposes the solution will be good enough.

In particular, if a linear optimization problem is solved with the interior-point optimizer with basis identification turned on, the returned solution may be of acceptable quality, even in the optimizer stalled.

1580 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_POSTSOLVE

An error occurred during the postsolve. Please contact MOSEK support.

- 1215 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_PARAM\_IS\_TOO\_LARGE
  - The parameter value is too large.
- 1164 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_LP\_WRITE\_GECO\_PROBLEM

  The problem contains general convex terms that cannot be written to an LP formatted file.
- 1281 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_PRO\_ITEM

An invalid problem is used.

- 1057 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INVALID\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME
  An invalid file name has been specified.
- 1271 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INV\_CONE\_TYPE\_STR Invalid cone type string encountered.
- 1283 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_INVALID\_FORMAT\_TYPE Invalid format type.
- 57 MSK\_RES\_WRN\_LARGE\_CJ

A numerically large value is specified for one  $c_j$ .

1035 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_OLDER\_DLL

The dynamic link library is older than the specified version.

- 1019 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_PLATFORM\_NOT\_LICENSED
  - A requested license feature is not available for the required platform.
- 1119 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_MPS\_CONE\_REPEAT

A variable is repeated within the CSECTION.

- 3051 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_SEN\_UNDEF\_NAME
  - An undefined name was encountered in the sensitivity analysis file.
- 1380 MSK\_RES\_ERR\_HUGE\_AIJ

A numerically huge value is specified for an  $a_{i,j}$  element in A. The parameter MSK\_DPAR\_DATA\_TOL\_AIJ\_HUGE controls when an  $a_{i,j}$  is considered huge.

71 MSK\_RES\_WRN\_MPS\_SPLIT\_RAN\_VECTOR

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	A RANGE vector is split into several nonadjacent parts in an MPS
	file.
3054	MSK_RES_ERR_SEN_BOUND_INVALID_LO
	Analysis of lower bound requested for an index, where no lower bound
	exists.
3105	MSK_RES_ERR_AD_MISSING_OPERAND
	The code list data was invalid. Missing operand for operator.
1111	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_SPLITTED_VAR
	All elements in a column of the A matrix must be specified consecu-
	tively. Hence, it is illegal to specify non-zero elements in A for variable
	1, then for variable 2 and then variable 1 again.
1080	MSK RES ERR SPACE LEAKING
	MOSEK is leaking memory. This can be due to either an incorrect
	use of MOSEK or a bug.
1201	MSK_RES_ERR_ARGUMENT_DIMENSION
1201	A function argument is of incorrect dimension.
1159	MSK_RES_ERR_READ_LP_MISSING_END_TAG
1100	Missing End tag in LP file.
4001	MSK_RES_TRM_MAX_TIME
4001	The optimizer terminated at the maximum amount of time.
810	MSK_RES_WRN_CONSTRUCT_NO_SOL_ITG
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0700	The construct solution requires an integer solution.
3700	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_AMPL_STUB
1000	Invalid AMPL stub.
1260	MSK_RES_ERR_OBJECTIVE_RANGE
	Empty objective range.
1238	MSK_RES_ERR_WHICHITEM_NOT_ALLOWED
	whichitem is unacceptable.
1471	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_BLX
	$l^x$ contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.
1236	MSK_RES_ERR_WHICHSOL
	The solution defined by compwhich does not exists.
801	MSK_RES_WRN_ELIMINATOR_SPACE
	The eliminator is skipped at least once due to lack of space.
1049	MSK_RES_ERR_THREAD_COND_INIT
	Could not initialize a condition.
1269	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_SK_STR
	Invalid status key string encountered.
1036	MSK_RES_ERR_NEWER_DLL
	The dynamic link library is newer than the specified version.
1251	MSK_RES_ERR_NUMVARLIM
	Maximum number of variables limit is exceeded.
1113	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_MUL_QSEC
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	Multiple QSECTIONs are specified for a constraint in the MPS data
	file.
502	MSK_RES_WRN_EMPTY_NAME
	A variable or constraint name is empty. The output file may be
	invalid.
4003	MSK_RES_TRM_MIO_NEAR_REL_GAP
	The mixed-integer optimizer terminated because the near optimal
	relative gap tolerance was satisfied.
80	MSK_RES_WRN_LP_OLD_QUAD_FORMAT
	Missing '/2' after quadratic expressions in bound or objective.
1272	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_CONE_TYPE
	Invalid cone type code is encountered.
1102	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_MARKER
1000	An invalid marker has been specified in the MPS file.
1230	MSK_RES_ERR_INF_DOU_NAME
1004	A double information name is invalid.
1264	MSK_RES_ERR_NEGATIVE_APPEND
1270	Cannot append a negative number.  MSK_RES_ERR_INV_SK
1270	Invalid status key code.
1006	MSK_RES_ERR_PROB_LICENSE
1000	The software is not licensed to solve the problem.
3104	MSK_RES_ERR_AD_INVALID_OPERAND
0101	The code list data was invalid. An unknown operand was used.
1015	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_SERVER
	The license server is not responding.
400	MSK_RES_WRN_TOO_FEW_BASIS_VARS
	An incomplete basis has been specified. Too few basis variables are
	specified.
1161	MSK_RES_ERR_WRITE_LP_NON_UNIQUE_NAME
	An auto-generated name is not unique.
1108	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_BOUND_KEY
	An invalid bound key occurred in an MPS file.
1472	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_BUX
	$u^x$ contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.
1450	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_DOUBLE_DATA
	An invalid floating point value was used in some double data.
1109	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INV_SEC_NAME
1000	An invalid section name occurred in an MPS file.
1266	MSK_RES_ERR_BASIS
	An invalid basis is specified. Either too many or too few basis vari-
1057	ables are specified.
1257	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_BKX
	An invalid bound key is specified for a variable.
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351	MSK_RES_WRN_SOL_FILE_IGNORED_CON
	One or more lines in the constraint section were ignored when reading
	a solution file.
902	MSK_RES_WRN_ANA_EMPTY_COLS
	This warning is issued by the problem analyzer, if columns, in which
	all coefficients are zero, are found.
1128	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_INVALID_OBJ_NAME
	An invalid objective name is specified.
1217	MSK_RES_ERR_PARAM_VALUE_STR
	The parameter value string is incorrect.
1222	MSK_RES_ERR_INDEX_ARR_IS_TOO_LARGE
	An index in an array argument is too large.
1306	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_TYPE_STR
	Invalid cone type specified.
1405	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_QCON_SUBI
	Invalid value in qcsubi.
1760	MSK_RES_ERR_NAME_IS_NULL
	The name buffer is a NULL pointer.
1258	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_VAR_TYPE
	An invalid variable type is specified for a variable.
1157	MSK_RES_ERR_LP_FILE_FORMAT
	Syntax error in an LP file.
1021	MSK_RES_ERR_LICENSE_CANNOT_CONNECT
	MOSEK cannot connect to the license server. Most likely the license
	server is not up and running.
4002	MSK_RES_TRM_OBJECTIVE_RANGE
	The optimizer terminated on the bound of the objective range.
1126	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_TAB_IN_FIELD3
	A tab char occurred in field 3.
350	MSK_RES_WRN_UNDEF_SOL_FILE_NAME
	Undefined name occurred in a solution.
1255	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_BK
	Invalid bound key.
1169	MSK_RES_ERR_OPF_NEW_VARIABLE
	Introducing new variables is now allowed. When a [variables] sec-
	tion is present, it is not allowed to introduce new variables later in
	the problem.
1014	MSK_RES_ERR_FLEXLM
	The FLEXIm license manager reported an error.
1275	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_SURPLUS
	Invalid surplus.
65	MSK_RES_WRN_NAME_MAX_LEN
	A name is longer than the buffer that is supposed to hold it.
1301	MSK_RES_ERR_CONE_SIZE
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	A cone with too few members is specified.
1261	MSK_RES_ERR_FIRST
	Invalid first.
1473	MSK_RES_ERR_NAN_IN_AIJ
	$a_{i,j}$ contains an invalid floating point value, i.e. a NaN.
4031	MSK_RES_TRM_INTERNAL_STOP
	The optimizer terminated for internal reasons. Please contact MO-
	SEK support.
1117	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_CONE_TYPE
	Invalid cone type specified in a CSECTION.
1005	MSK_RES_ERR_SIZE_LICENSE
	The problem is bigger than the license.
1409	MSK_RES_ERR_QCON_SUBI_TOO_LARGE
	Invalid value in qcsubi.
1375	MSK_RES_ERR_HUGE_C
	A huge value in absolute size is specified for one $c_j$ .
1446	MSK_RES_ERR_UNDEFINED_OBJECTIVE_SENSE
	The objective sense has not been specified before the optimization.
4000	MSK_RES_TRM_MAX_ITERATIONS
	The optimizer terminated at the maximum number of iterations.
802	MSK_RES_WRN_PRESOLVE_OUTOFSPACE
	The presolve is incomplete due to lack of space.
1130	MSK_RES_ERR_ORD_INVALID_BRANCH_DIR
	An invalid branch direction key is specified.
3103	MSK_RES_ERR_AD_INVALID_OPERATOR
	The code list data was invalid. An unknown operator was used.
1166	MSK_RES_ERR_WRITING_FILE
	An error occurred while writing file
2502	MSK_RES_ERR_INV_MARKJ
	Invalid value in markj.
2500	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_SOLUTION_IN_CALLBACK
	The required solution is not available.
2900	MSK_RES_ERR_INVALID_UTF8
	An invalid UTF8 string is encountered.
1105	MSK_RES_ERR_MPS_UNDEF_CON_NAME
	An undefined constraint name occurred in an MPS file.
1012	MSK_RES_ERR_SIZE_LICENSE_INTVAR
	The problem contains too many integer variables to be solved with
	the available license.
3800	MSK_RES_ERR_INT64_TO_INT32_CAST
	An 32 bit integer could not cast to a 64 bit integer.
1552	MSK_RES_ERR_NO_OPTIMIZER_VAR_TYPE
	No optimizer is available for this class of optimization problems.

### I.41 Response code type

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_RESPONSE_WRN
	The response code is a warning.
2	MSK_RESPONSE_TRM
	The response code is an optimizer termination status.
4	MSK_RESPONSE_UNK
	The response code does not belong to any class.
0	MSK_RESPONSE_OK
	The response code is OK.
3	MSK_RESPONSE_ERR
	The response code is an error.

### I.42 Scaling type

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_SCALING_METHOD_POW2
	Scales only with power of 2 leaving the mantissa untouched.
1	MSK_SCALING_METHOD_FREE
	The optimizer chooses the scaling heuristic.

## I.43 Scaling type

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SCALING_NONE
	No scaling is performed.
2	MSK_SCALING_MODERATE
	A conservative scaling is performed.
3	MSK_SCALING_AGGRESSIVE
	A very aggressive scaling is performed.
0	MSK_SCALING_FREE
	The optimizer chooses the scaling heuristic.

# I.44 Sensitivity types

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SENSITIVITY_TYPE_OPTIMAL_PARTITION
	Optimal partition sensitivity analysis is performed.
0	MSK_SENSITIVITY_TYPE_BASIS
	Basis sensitivity analysis is performed.

### I.45 Degeneracy strategies

Value	Name
	Description
0	MSK_SIM_DEGEN_NONE
	The simplex optimizer should use no degeneration strategy.
3	MSK_SIM_DEGEN_MODERATE
	The simplex optimizer should use a moderate degeneration strategy.
4	MSK_SIM_DEGEN_MINIMUM
	The simplex optimizer should use a minimum degeneration strategy.
2	MSK_SIM_DEGEN_AGGRESSIVE
	The simplex optimizer should use an aggressive degeneration strategy.
1	MSK_SIM_DEGEN_FREE
	The simplex optimizer chooses the degeneration strategy.

### I.46 Exploit duplicate columns.

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SIM_EXPLOIT_DUPVEC_ON
	Allow the simplex optimizer to exploit duplicated columns.
0	MSK_SIM_EXPLOIT_DUPVEC_OFF
	Disallow the simplex optimizer to exploit duplicated columns.
2	MSK_SIM_EXPLOIT_DUPVEC_FREE
	The simplex optimizer can choose freely.

### I.47 Hot-start type employed by the simplex optimizer

Value	Name	
	Description	
0	MSK_SIM_HOTSTART_NONE	
	The simplex optimizer performs a coldstart.	
2	MSK_SIM_HOTSTART_STATUS_KEYS	
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	Only the status keys of the constraints and variables are used to	
	choose the type of hot-start.	
1	MSK_SIM_HOTSTART_FREE	
	The simplex optimize chooses the hot-start type.	

### I.48 Problem reformulation.

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SIM_REFORMULATION_ON
	Allow the simplex optimizer to reformulate the problem.
3	MSK_SIM_REFORMULATION_AGGRESSIVE
	The simplex optimizer should use an aggressive reformulation strat-
	egy.
0	MSK_SIM_REFORMULATION_OFF
	Disallow the simplex optimizer to reformulate the problem.
2	MSK_SIM_REFORMULATION_FREE
	The simplex optimizer can choose freely.

## I.49 Simplex selection strategy

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_FULL
	The optimizer uses full pricing.
5	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_PARTIAL
	The optimizer uses a partial selection approach. The approach is
	usually beneficial if the number of variables is much larger than the
	number of constraints.
0	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_FREE
	The optimizer chooses the pricing strategy.
2	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_ASE
	The optimizer uses approximate steepest-edge pricing.
3	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_DEVEX
	The optimizer uses devex steepest-edge pricing (or if it is not available
	an approximate steep-edge selection).
4	MSK_SIM_SELECTION_SE
	The optimizer uses steepest-edge selection (or if it is not available an
	approximate steep-edge selection).

### I.50 Solution items

Value	Name
	Description
4	MSK_SOL_ITEM_SUC
	Lagrange multipliers for upper bounds on the constraints.
0	MSK_SOL_ITEM_XC
	Solution for the constraints.
1	MSK_SOL_ITEM_XX
	Variable solution.
2	MSK_SOL_ITEM_Y
	Lagrange multipliers for equations.
5	MSK_SOL_ITEM_SLX
	Lagrange multipliers for lower bounds on the variables.
6 MSK_SOL_ITEM_SUX	
	Lagrange multipliers for upper bounds on the variables.
7	MSK_SOL_ITEM_SNX
	Lagrange multipliers corresponding to the conic constraints on the
	variables.
3	MSK_SOL_ITEM_SLC
	Lagrange multipliers for lower bounds on the constraints.

## I.51 Solution status keys

Value	Name
	Description
6	MSK_SOL_STA_DUAL_INFEAS_CER
	The solution is a certificate of dual infeasibility.
5	MSK_SOL_STA_PRIM_INFEAS_CER
	The solution is a certificate of primal infeasibility.
0	MSK_SOL_STA_UNKNOWN
	Status of the solution is unknown.
8	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_OPTIMAL
	The solution is nearly optimal.
12	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_PRIM_INFEAS_CER
	The solution is almost a certificate of primal infeasibility.
2	MSK_SOL_STA_PRIM_FEAS
	The solution is primal feasible.
15	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_INTEGER_OPTIMAL
	The primal solution is near integer optimal.
10	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_DUAL_FEAS
	The solution is nearly dual feasible.
14	MSK_SOL_STA_INTEGER_OPTIMAL
	The primal solution is integer optimal.
13	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_DUAL_INFEAS_CER
	The solution is almost a certificate of dual infeasibility.
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11	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS		
	The solution is nearly both primal and dual feasible.		
1	MSK_SOL_STA_OPTIMAL		
	The solution is optimal.		
4	MSK_SOL_STA_PRIM_AND_DUAL_FEAS		
	The solution is both primal and dual feasible.		
9	MSK_SOL_STA_NEAR_PRIM_FEAS		
	The solution is nearly primal feasible.		
3	MSK_SOL_STA_DUAL_FEAS		
	The solution is dual feasible.		

### I.52 Solution types

Value	Name
	Description
2	MSK_SOL_ITG
	The integer solution.
0	MSK_SOL_ITR
	The interior solution.
1	MSK_SOL_BAS
	The basic solution.

# I.53 Solve primal or dual form

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_SOLVE_PRIMAL
	The optimizer should solve the primal problem.
2	MSK_SOLVE_DUAL
	The optimizer should solve the dual problem.
0	MSK_SOLVE_FREE
	The optimizer is free to solve either the primal or the dual problem.

### I.54 String parameter types

Value	Name	
	Description	
8	MSK_SPAR_PARAM_COMMENT_SIGN	
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Only the first character in this string is used. It is considered as a start of comment sign in the MOSEK parameter file. Spaces are ignored in the string.

3 MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_PREFIX Not applicable.

#### 0 MSK\_SPAR\_BAS\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME

Name of the bas solution file.

#### 12 MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_OBJ\_NAME

Name of the free constraint used as objective function. An empty name means that the first constraint is used as objective function.

#### 5 MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_WSUMVIOL

The constraint and variable associated with the total weighted sum of violations are each given the name of this parameter postfixed with CON and VAR respectively.

4 MSK\_SPAR\_FEASREPAIR\_NAME\_SEPARATOR

Not applicable.

#### 10 MSK\_SPAR\_PARAM\_WRITE\_FILE\_NAME

The parameter database is written to this file.

6 MSK\_SPAR\_INT\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME

Name of the int solution file.

#### 14 MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_RHS\_NAME

Name of the RHS used. An empty name means that the first RHS vector is used.

#### 21 MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_FILE\_NAME

Statistics file name.

#### 24 MSK\_SPAR\_WRITE\_LP\_GEN\_VAR\_NAME

Sometimes when an LP file is written additional variables must be inserted. They will have the prefix denoted by this parameter.

#### 1 MSK\_SPAR\_DATA\_FILE\_NAME

Data are read and written to this file.

#### 13 MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_RAN\_NAME

Name of the RANGE vector used. An empty name means that the first RANGE vector is used.

#### 17 MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_LOW

A filter used to determine which constraints should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]>0.5 should be listed, whereas "+0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]>=blc[i]+0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means that no filter is applied.

18 MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XC\_UPR

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A filter used to determine which constraints should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xc[i]<0.5 should be listed, whereas "-0.5" means all constraints having xc[i]<=buc[i]-0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means that no filter is applied.

11 MSK\_SPAR\_READ\_MPS\_BOU\_NAME

Name of the BOUNDS vector used. An empty name means that the first BOUNDS vector is used.

20 MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XX\_UPR

A filter used to determine which variables should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j]<0.5 should be printed, whereas "-0.5" means all constraints having xx[j]<-bux[j]-0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means no filter is applied.

23 MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_NAME

Name used when writing the statistics file.

9 MSK\_SPAR\_PARAM\_READ\_FILE\_NAME

Modifications to the parameter database is read from this file.

7 MSK\_SPAR\_ITR\_SOL\_FILE\_NAME

Name of the itr solution file.

15 MSK\_SPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_FILE\_NAME Not applicable.

2 MSK\_SPAR\_DEBUG\_FILE\_NAME

MOSEK debug file.

22 MSK\_SPAR\_STAT\_KEY

Key used when writing the summary file.

16 MSK\_SPAR\_SENSITIVITY\_RES\_FILE\_NAME

Not applicable.

#### 19 MSK\_SPAR\_SOL\_FILTER\_XX\_LOW

A filter used to determine which variables should be listed in the solution file. A value of "0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j] >= 0.5 should be listed, whereas "+0.5" means that all constraints having xx[j] >= blx[j] +0.5 should be listed. An empty filter means no filter is applied.

### I.55 Status keys

Value	Name	
	Description	
2	MSK_SK_SUPBAS	
	The constraint or variable is super basic.	
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1	MSK_SK_BAS
	The constraint or variable is in the basis.
5	MSK_SK_FIX
	The constraint or variable is fixed.
3	MSK_SK_LOW
	The constraint or variable is at its lower bound.
6	MSK_SK_INF
	The constraint or variable is infeasible in the bounds.
0	MSK_SK_UNK
	The status for the constraint or variable is unknown.
4	MSK_SK_UPR
	The constraint or variable is at its upper bound.

# I.56 Starting point types

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_STARTING_POINT_GUESS
	The optimizer guesses a starting point.
3	MSK_STARTING_POINT_SATISFY_BOUNDS
	The starting point is choosen to satisfy all the simple bounds on non-
	linear variables. If this starting point is employed, then more care
	than usual should employed when choosing the bounds on the non-
	linear variables. In particular very tight bounds should be avoided.
2	MSK_STARTING_POINT_CONSTANT
	The optimizer constructs a starting point by assigning a constant
	value to all primal and dual variables. This starting point is normally
	robust.
0	MSK_STARTING_POINT_FREE
	The starting point is chosen automatically.

### I.57 Stream types

Value	Name
	Description
1	MSK_STREAM_MSG
	Message stream. Log information relating to performance and progress of the optimization is written to this stream.
3	MSK_STREAM_WRN Warning stream. Warning messages are written to this stream.
0	MSK_STREAM_LOG
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	Log stream. Contains the aggregated contents of all other streams.
	This means that a message written to any other stream will also be
	written to this stream.
2	MSK_STREAM_ERR
	Error stream. Error messages are written to this stream.

### I.58 Integer values

Value	Name
	Description
1024	MSK_MAX_STR_LEN
	Maximum string length allowed in MOSEK.
20	MSK_LICENSE_BUFFER_LENGTH
	The length of a license key buffer.

## I.59 Variable types

Value	Name	
	Description	
1	MSK_VAR_TYPE_INT	
	Is an integer variable.	
0	MSK_VAR_TYPE_CONT	
	Is a continuous variable.	

## I.60 XML writer output mode

Value	Name	
	Description	
1	MSK_WRITE_XML_MODE_COL	
	Write in column order.	
0	MSK_WRITE_XML_MODE_ROW	
	Write in row order.	

# Appendix J

# Problem analyzer examples

This appendix presents a few examples of the output produced by the problem analyzer described in Section 12.1. The first two problems are taken from the MIPLIB 2003 collection, http://miplib.zib.de/.

#### J.1 air04

```
Analyzing the problem
                                                                        Variables
Constraints
                                  Bounds
 fixed : all
                                     ranged : all
                                                                           bin : all
Objective, min cx
    range: min |c|: 31.0000 max |c|: 2258.00
 distrib: |c| vars

[31, 100) 176

[100, 1e+03) 8084

[1e+03, 2.26e+03] 644
Constraint matrix A has
         823 rows (constraints)
        8904 columns (variables)
       72965 (0.995703%) nonzero entries (coefficients)
Row nonzeros, A_i
   range: min A_i: 2 (0.0224618%) max A_i: 368 (4.13297%)
range: min A_i: 2 (0.0224618%) max A_i: 368 (4.1328)
distrib: A_i rows rows% acc%
2 2 0.24 0.24
[3, 7] 4 0.49 0.73
[8, 15] 19 2.31 3.04
[16, 31] 80 9.72 12.76
[32, 63] 236 28.68 41.43
[64, 127] 289 35.12 76.55
[128, 255] 186 22.60 99.15
```

```
[256, 368] 7 0.85 100.00
Column nonzeros, A|j
  range: min A|j: 2 (0.243013%) max A|j: 15 (1.8226%)
distrib: A|j cols cols% acc%
2 118 1.33 1.33
[3, 7] 2853 32.04 33.37
[8, 15] 5933 66.63 100.00
A nonzeros, A(ij)
  range: all |A(ij)| = 1.00000
Constraint bounds, 1b <= Ax <= ub
distrib: |b| lbs
                                            ubs
           [1, 10]
                            823
                                            823
Variable bounds, lb <= x <= ub
distrib: |b| lbs
               0
                           8904
           [1, 10]
                                           8904
```

### J.2 arki001

Analyzing the problem

Constraints		Bounds		Variables	
lower bd:	82	lower bd:	38	cont:	850
upper bd:	946	fixed :	353	bin :	415
fixed :	20	free :	1	<pre>int :</pre>	123
		ranged :	996		

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```
Objective, min cx
range: all |c| in {0.00000, 1.00000}
distrib: |c| vars
0 1387
1 1
```

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```
Constraint matrix A has
1048 rows (constraints)
1388 columns (variables)
20439 (1.40511%) nonzero entries (coefficients)
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Row nonzeros, A\_i

range:	min A_i: 1	(0.0720461%)	max A_i:	1046 (75.3602%)
distrib:	A_i	rows	rows%	acc%
	1	29	2.77	2.77
	2	476	45.42	48.19
	[3, 7]	49	4.68	52.86
	[8, 15]	56	5.34	58.21

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[16, 31]
                        64
                                6.11
                                          64.31
          [32, 63]
                        373
                                35.59
                                          99.90
      [1024, 1046]
                       1
                                0.10
                                          100.00
Column nonzeros, Ali
  range: min A|j: 1 (0.0954198%) max A|j: 29 (2.76718%)
                            cols acc%
distrib: A|j cols
                      381
                               27.45
1.37
              1
                                          27.45
                      19
38
                                         28.82
               2
          [3, 7] 38 2.74
[8, 15] 233 16.79
[16, 29] 717 51.66
                                         31.56
                                         48.34
          [16, 29]
                               51.66
                                        100.00
A nonzeros, A(ij)
  range: min |A(ij)|: 0.000200000 max |A(ij)|: 2.33067e+07
distrib: A(ij) coeffs
    [0.0002, 0.001)
                     167
     [0.001, 0.01)
                       1049
       [0.01, 0.1)
                     4553
          [0.1, 1)
          [1, 10)
                      3822
         [10, 100)
                       630
      [100, 1e+03)
                       267
     [1e+03, 1e+04)
     [1e+04, 1e+05)
                       291
                       83
     [1e+05, 1e+06)
     [1e+06, 1e+07)
                        19
  [1e+07, 2.33e+07]
                        19
______
Constraint bounds, lb <= Ax <= ub
distrib: |b|
                                         ubs
          [0.1, 1)
                                         386
          [1, 10)
                                         74
         [10, 100)
                          101
                                         456
       [100, 1000)
                                          34
     [1000, 10000)
                                         15
    [100000, 1e+06]
Variable bounds, lb <= x <= ub
distrib: |b|
                                         ubs
                                         323
                           974
      [0.001, 0.01)
         [0.1, 1)
                           370
                                         57
          [1, 10)
                           41
                                         704
         [10, 100]
                                         246
```

### J.3 Problem with both linear and quadratic constraints

#### Analyzing the problem

Constraints		Bounds		Variables
lower bd:	40	upper bd:	1	cont: all
upper bd:	121	fixed :	204	

```
5600
fixed :
             5480
                        free :
              161
                                        40
ranged :
                        ranged :
Objective, maximize cx
  range: all |c| in {0.00000, 15.4737}
distrib: |c| vars
                0
                          5844
            15.4737
                          1
Constraint matrix A has
     5802 rows (constraints)
     5845 columns (variables)
     6480 (0.0191079%) nonzero entries (coefficients)
Row nonzeros, A_i
  range: min A_i: 0 (0%) max A_i: 3 (0.0513259%)
distrib: A_i rows rows% acc% 0 80 1.38 1.38
                 0 00 21 1 5003 86.23 87.61 2 680 11.72 99.33 3 39 0.67 100.00
0/80 empty rows have quadratic terms
Column nonzeros, A|j
  range: min A|j: 0 (0%) max A|j: 15 (0.258532%)
distrib: A|j cols cols% acc% 0 204 3.49 3.49
            0 204 3.49 3.49
1 5521 94.46 97.95
2 40 0.68 98.63
[3, 7] 40 0.68 99.32
[8, 15] 40 0.68 100.00
0/204 empty columns correspond to variables used in conic
and/or quadratic expressions only
A nonzeros, A(ij)
  range: min |A(ij)|: 2.02410e-05 max |A(ij)|: 35.8400
distrib: A(ij) coeffs
                       40
118
  [2.02e-05, 0.0001)
     [0.0001, 0.001)
      [0.001, 0.01)
                          176
        [0.01, 0.1)
           [0.1, 1)
                            40
                         5721
            [1, 10)
         [10, 35.8]
                           80
Constraint bounds, lb <= Ax <= ub
distrib: |b| lbs
                                              ubs
      0 5481

[1000, 10000)

10000, 100000) 2

[1e+06, 1e+07) 78

[1e+08, 1e+09] 120
                                            5600
                                              1
1
     [10000, 100000)
```

40

120

[1e+06, 1e+07) [1e+08, 1e+09]

Variable bounds, lb <= x <= ub
distrib: |b| lbs ubs
0 243 203
[0.1, 1) 1 1
[1e+06, 1e+07) 40
[1e+11, 1e+12] 1

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Quadratic constraints: 121

Gradient nonzeros, Qx

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### J.4 Problem with both linear and conic constraints

Analyzing the problem

Constraints Bounds Variables upper bd: 3600 fixed : 3601 cont: all

 ${\tt fixed} \quad : \qquad {\tt 21760} \qquad \qquad {\tt free} \qquad : \qquad {\tt 28802}$ 

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Objective, minimize cx

range: all |c| in {0.00000, 1.00000} distrib: |c| vars 0 32402 1 1

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Constraint matrix A has

25360 rows (constraints) 32403 columns (variables)

93339 (0.0113587%) nonzero entries (coefficients)

Row nonzeros, A\_i

range: min A\_i: 1 (0.00308613%) max A\_i: 8 (0.0246891%)
distrib: A\_i rows rows% acc%
1 3600 14.20 14.20
2 10803 42.60 56.79
[3, 7] 3995 15.75 72.55
8 6962 27.45 100.00

Column nonzeros, A|j

range: min A|j: 0 (0%) max A|j: 61 (0.240536%)
distrib: A|j cols cols% acc%
0 3602 11.12 11.12

1	10800	33.33	44.45
2	7200	22.22	66.67
[3, 7]	7279	22.46	89.13
[8, 15]	3521	10.87	100.00
[32, 61]	1	0.00	100.00

3600/3602 empty columns correspond to variables used in conic and/or quadratic constraints only

A nonzeros, A(ij)

range: min |A(ij)|: 0.00833333 max |A(ij)|: 1.00000 distrib: A(ij) coeffs
[0.00833, 0.01) 57280
[0.01, 0.1) 59
[0.1, 1] 36000

Constraint bounds, lb <= Ax <= ub

Constraint bounds, lb <= Ax <= ub
distrib: |b| lbs ubs
0 21760 21760
70 4 41 3600

Variable bounds, 1b <= x <= ub
distrib: |b| 1bs ubs
[1, 10] 3601 3601

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Rotated quadratic cones: 3600

dim RQCs 4 3600

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