LP, SDP, SOCP: revisit

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Linear Programming (LP)

(P)
$$\min_{x} c^{\top} x$$
, s.t. $\underline{Ax} = b, x \ge 0$ % \overline{b}

$$(\mathbf{D}) \quad \max_{y,s} \ b^{\top} y, \text{ s.t. } A^{\top} y + s = c, s \ge 0$$

• Strong duality: (if both primal and dual are feasible) then

$$c^{\top}x = b^{\top} \Leftrightarrow x^{\top}s = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_i s_i = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n.$$

This is because

$$0 \le x^{\top} s = x^{\top} (c - A^{\top} y) = c^{\top} x - (Ax)^{\top} y = c^{\top} x - b^{\top} y$$

The KKT system in LP

• Primal feasibility:

$$Ax = b$$
 and $x \ge 0$

• Dual feasibility:

$$A^{\top}y + s = c \quad \text{and} \quad s \ge 0$$

• Complementarity:

$$x_i s_i = 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The condition $\nabla_x L(x,y,s)=0$ holds from dual feasibility. In principle, this system determines the primal and dual optimal values.

Algebraic characterization

 \bullet Define $x \circ s = (x_1 s_1, \dots, x_n s_n)^\top$ and

$$L_x: y \mapsto (x_1y_1, \dots, x_ny_n)^{ op}, \text{i.e.} L_x = \mathrm{Diag}(x)$$

• The complementary slackness condition is

$$x \circ s = L_x s = L_x L_s \mathbf{1} = 0$$

where 1 denotes the vector of all ones and $x \circ 1 = x$.

Semidefinite programming (SDP)

ullet Define the inner product over the \mathbb{S}^n as $\langle X,Y \rangle = \operatorname{tr}(XY)$.

General formulation

$$(\mathbf{P}) \quad \begin{cases} \min & \langle C_1, X_1 \rangle + \ldots + \langle C_n X_n \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} & \langle A_{i1}, X_1 \rangle + \ldots + \langle A_{in}, X_n \rangle = b_i, i = 1, \ldots, m \\ X_i \succeq 0, i = 1, \ldots, m \end{cases}$$

$$(\mathbf{D}) \quad \max \quad b^\top y$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad A_{1i}b_1 + \ldots A_{ni}b_n + S_i = C_i, i = 1, \ldots, n$$

$$S_i \succeq 0, i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

The simplified version: single variable.

(P)
$$\min\langle C, X \rangle$$
, s.t. $\langle A_i, X \rangle = b_i, i = 1, \dots, m, X \succeq 0$

(D)
$$\max b^{\top} y$$
, s.t. $\sum_{i} y_{i} A_{i} + S = C, S \succeq 0$.

Weak duality and complementarity

• Just as in LP:

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$$^{0\zeta}\langle X,S \rangle = \langle C,X \rangle - b^{\top}y$$

• Since $X \succeq 0$ and $S \succeq 0$, we know

$$\langle X, S \rangle = \langle X, S^{1/2} S^{1/2} \rangle = \langle S^{1/2} X, S^{1/2} \rangle \ge 0.$$

- Strong duality $\Leftrightarrow \langle X, S \rangle = 0$.
- If $X\succeq 0$, $S\succeq 0$ and $\langle X,S\rangle=0$, then XS=0. proof: as $0=\langle X,S\rangle=\langle S^{1/2}X^{1/2},X^{1/2}S^{1/2}\rangle$, we have $X^{1/2}S^{1/2}=0$ and thus XS=0.
- For better reasons later, we rewrite the complementarity condition: if $X \succ 0$ and $S \succ 0$

Algebraic properties of SDP

- Definition: $X \circ S = \frac{XS + SX}{2}$
- The binary operation \circ is commutative $X \circ S = S \circ X$
- ullet \circ is not associative $X\circ (Y\circ Z)
 eq (X\circ Y)\circ Z$ in general
- But $X \circ (X \circ X) = (X \circ X) \circ X$
- $\bullet \ \ \text{In general} \ X \circ (X^2 \circ Y) = X^2 \circ (X \circ Y)$
- The identity matrix I is identity w.r.t. ○
- Define the operator

$$L_X: Y \to X \circ Y$$
, thus $X \circ S = L_X(S) = L_X(L_S(I))$

The KKT system of SDP

• Just as like the system of equations

$$\langle A_i, X \rangle = b_i, i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\sum_i y_i A_i + S = C$$

$$X \circ S = 0$$

Given us a square system.

Second order cone programming (SOCP)

• For simplicity we deal with single variable SOCP:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{P}) & & \min & c^\top x & & (\mathbf{D}) & \max & b^\top y \\ & & \text{s.t.} & & Ax = b & & \text{s.t.} & & A^\top y + s = c \\ & & & & x \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0 & & & s \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0 \end{aligned}$$

- the vectors x, s, c are indexed from zero
- If $z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n)^{\top}$ and $\bar{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)^{\top}$

$$z \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0 \Leftrightarrow z_0 \ge ||\bar{z}||$$

Weak duality in SOCP

- The single blck SOCP is not as trivial as LP but it still can be solved analytically
- weak duality: again as in LP and SDP

$$x^\top s = c^\top x - b^\top y = \text{duality gap}$$

If $x, s \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0$, then

$$\begin{split} x^\top s &= x_0 s_0 + \bar{x}^\top \bar{s} \\ &\geq \|\bar{x}\| \|\bar{s}\| + \bar{x}^\top \bar{s} \quad \text{Since } x, s \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0 \\ &\geq |\bar{x}^\top \bar{s}| + \bar{x}^\top \bar{s} \quad \text{Cauchy-Schwartz inequality} \\ &> 0 \end{split}$$

Complementary slack for SOCP

- Given $x \succeq_{\mathcal{O}} 0$ and $s \succeq_{\mathcal{O}} 0$ and $x^{\top} s = 0$. Assume $x_0 > 0$ and $s_0 > 0$.
- we have

(1)
$$x_0^2 \ge \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

(2)
$$s_0^2 \ge \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 \Leftrightarrow x_0^2 \ge \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i^2 x_0^2}{s_0^2}$$

(3)
$$x^{\top}s = 0 \Leftrightarrow -x_0s_0 = \sum_i x_is_i \Leftrightarrow -2x_0^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2x_is_ix_0}{s_0}$$

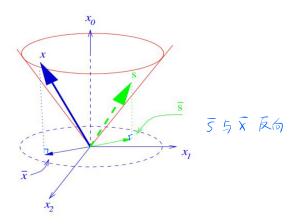
- Adding (1), (2), (3), we get $0 \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(x_i + \frac{s_i x_0}{s_0} \right)^2$
- This implies





The first
$$(x_is_0+x_0s_i=0, i=1,\ldots,n.)$$

Illustration of SOC



When $x \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0$, $s \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0$ are orthogonal both must be on the boundary in such a way that their projection on the x_1, \ldots, x_n plane is collinear

The KKT system of SOCP

Thus again we have a square system

$$Ax = b$$

$$A^{\top}y + s = c$$

$$x^{\top}s = 0$$
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$$x_0s_i + s_0x_i = 0$$

 define a binary operation for vectors x and s both indexed from zero

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^\top s \\ x_0 s_1 + s_0 x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_0 s_n + s_0 x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Algebraic properties of SOCP

- The binary operation \circ is commutative $x \circ s = s \circ x$
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 eq (x\circ y)\circ z$ in general
- But $x \circ (x \circ x) = (x \circ x) \circ x$
- In general $x \circ (x^2 \circ y) = x^2 \circ (x \circ y)$
- $e = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^{\top}$ is identity: $x \circ e = x$
- Define the operator $L_x: y \to x \circ y$ with

$$L_x = \operatorname{Arw}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & \bar{x}^\top \\ \bar{x} & x_0 I \end{pmatrix}$$

• $x \circ s = \text{Arw}(x)s = \text{Arw}(x)\text{Arw}(s)e$

Summary

Properties

	LP	SDP	SOCP
binary operator	$x \circ s = (x_i s_i)$	$X \circ S = \frac{XS + SX}{2}$	$x \circ s = \begin{pmatrix} x^{\top} s \\ x_0 \overline{s} + s_0 \overline{x} \end{pmatrix}$
identity	1		$e = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^{\top}$
associative	yes	no	no
L_X	$y \to \text{Diag}(x)y$	$Y \to \frac{XY+YX}{2}$	$y \to Arw(x)y$
Primal feasibility	Ax = b	$\langle A_i, X \rangle = b_i$	Ax = b
dual feasility	$A^{\top}y + s = c$	$\sum_{i} y_i A_i + S = C$	$A^{\top}y + s = c$
complementarity	$L_x L_s 1 = 0$	$L_X(L_S(I)) = 0$	$L_x L_s e = 0$

Problems with absolute values

$$\label{eq:continuous} \begin{aligned} & \min & & \sum_i c_i |x_i|, & & \text{assume } c \geq 0 \\ & \text{s.t.} & & Ax \geq b \end{aligned}$$

Reformulation 1:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \min & \sum_{i} c_{i}z_{i} & \min & \sum_{i} c_{i}z_{i} \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax \geq b & \Longleftrightarrow & \text{s.t.} & Ax \geq b \\ & |x_{i}| \leq z_{i} & -z_{i} \leq x_{i} \leq z_{i} \end{array}$$

• Reformulation 2: $x_i = x_i^+ - x_i^-, x_i^+, x_i^- \ge 0$. Then $|x_i| = x_i^+ + x_i^ \min \sum_i c_i(x_i^+ + x_i^-)$

s.t.
$$Ax^+ - Ax^- \ge b, x^+, x^- \ge 0$$



Problems with absolute values

data fitting:

$$\min_{x} \quad ||Ax - b||_{\infty}$$

$$\min_{x} \quad ||Ax - b||_{1}$$

Compressive sensing

$$\begin{aligned} & \min & & \|x\|_1, \text{ s.t.} & Ax = b & (LP) \\ & \min & & \mu \|x\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|Ax + b\|^2 & (QP, SOCP) \\ & \min & & \|Ax - b\|, \text{ s.t.} & \|x\|_1 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic Programming (QP)

$$\begin{aligned} &\min \quad q(x) = x^\top Q x + a^\top x + \beta & \quad \text{assume} \quad Q \succ 0, Q = Q^\top \\ &\text{s.t.} \quad Ax = b & \\ &\quad x \geq 0 & \end{aligned}$$

- $q(x) = \|\bar{u}\|^2 + \beta \frac{1}{4}a^{\mathsf{T}}Q^{-1}a$, where $\bar{u} = Q^{1/2}x + \frac{1}{2}Q^{-1/2}a$.
- equivalent SOCP

min
$$u_0$$

s.t. $\bar{u} = Q^{1/2}x + \frac{1}{2}Q^{-1/2}a$
 $Ax = b$
 $x \ge 0$, $(u_0, \bar{u}) \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0$

Quadratic constraints

$$q(x) = x^{\top} B^{\top} B x + a^{\top} x + \beta \le 0$$

is equivalent to

$$(u_0, \bar{u}) \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0,$$

where

$$\bar{u} = \begin{pmatrix} Bx \\ \frac{a^{\top}x + \beta + 1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $u_0 = \frac{1 - a^{\top}x - \beta}{2}$

Norm minimization problems

Let
$$\bar{v}_i = A_i x + b_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$$
.

• $\min_{x} \quad \sum_{i} \|\bar{v}_{i}\|$ is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \min & & \sum_{i} v_{i0} \\ & \text{s.t.} & & \bar{v}_{i} = A_{i}x + b_{i} \\ & & & (v_{i0}, \bar{v}_{i}) \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0 \end{aligned}$$

• $\min_{x} \max_{1 \leq i \leq r} \|\bar{v}_i\|$ is equivalent to

min
$$t$$

s.t. $\bar{v}_i = A_i x + b_i$
 $(t, \bar{v}_i) \succeq_{\mathcal{Q}} 0$

Norm minimization problems

Let
$$\bar{v}_i = A_i x + b_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$$
.

- $\|\bar{v}_{[1]}\|,\ldots,\|\bar{v}_{[r]}\|$ are the norms $\|\bar{v}_1\|,\ldots,\|\bar{v}_r\|$ sorted in nonincreasing order
- $\min_{x} \quad \sum_{i} \|\bar{v}_{[i]}\|$ is equivalent to

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Rotated Quadratic Cone

• rotated cone $w^{\top}w \leq xy$, where $x, y \geq 0$, is equivalent to

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2w \\ x - y \end{pmatrix} \right\| \le x + y$$

Minimize the harmonic mean of positive affine functions

$$\min \quad \sum_{i} 1/(a_i^\top x + \beta_i), \text{ s.t.} \quad a_i^\top x + \beta_i > 0$$

is equivalent to

min
$$\sum_{i} u_{i}$$

s.t. $\bar{v}_{i} = a_{i}^{\top} x + \beta_{i}$
 $1 \le u_{i} v_{i}$
 $u_{i} > 0$

Logarithmic Tchebychev approximation

$$\min_{x} \quad \max_{1 \le i \le r} \quad |\ln(a_i^\top x) - \ln b_i|$$

Since $|\ln(a_i^\top x) - \ln b_i| = \ln \max(a_i^\top x/b_i, b_i/a_i^\top x)$, the problem is equivalent to

min
$$t$$

s.t. $1 \le (a_i^\top x/b_i)t$
 $a_i^\top x/b_i \le t$
 $t > 0$

Inequalities involving geometric means

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} (a_i^{\top} x + b_i)\right)^{1/n} \ge t$$

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n=4

$$\max \quad w_{3}$$
s.t. $a_{i}^{\top}x - b_{i} \ge 0$

$$(a_{1}^{\top}x - b_{1})(a_{2}^{\top}x - b_{2}) \ge w_{1}^{2}$$

$$(a_{3}^{\top}x - b_{3})(a_{4}^{\top}x - b_{4}) \ge w_{2}^{2}$$

$$w_{1}w_{2} \ge w_{3}^{2}$$

$$w_{i} \ge 0$$

 This can be extended to products of rational powers of affine functions

Quadratically Constrained Quadratic Programming

Consider QCQP

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \quad x^\top A_0 x + 2b_0^\top x + c_0 & \text{assume } A_i \in \mathcal{S}^n \\ & \text{s.t.} & \quad x^\top A_i x + 2b_i^\top x + c_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

- If $A_0 \succ 0$ and $A_i = B_i^{\top} B_i$, i = 1, ..., m, then it is a SOCP
- If $A_i \in \mathcal{S}^n$ but may be indefinite

$$x^{\mathsf{T}}A_{i}x + 2b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}x + c_{i} = \left\langle A_{i}, xx^{\mathsf{T}} \right\rangle + 2b_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}x + c_{i}$$

The original problem is equivalent to

min
$$\operatorname{Tr} A_0 X + 2b_0^{\top} x + c_0$$

s.t. $\operatorname{Tr} A_i X + 2b_i^{\top} x + c_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$
 $X = xx^{\top}$

QCQP

• If $A_i \in \mathcal{S}^n$ but may be indefinite

$$x^{\top}A_{i}x + 2b_{i}^{\top}x + c_{i} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} A_{i} & b_{i} \\ b_{i}^{\top} & c_{i} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} X & x \\ x^{\top} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle := \left\langle \bar{A}_{i}, \bar{X} \right\rangle$$

 $(\bar{X} \succeq 0 \text{ is equivalent to } X \succeq xx^{\top})$

• The SDP relaxation is

min
$$\operatorname{Tr} A_0 X + 2b_0^{\top} x + c_0$$

s.t. $\operatorname{Tr} A_i X + 2b_i^{\top} x + c_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$
 $X \succeq x x^{\top}$

- Maxcut: $\max x^{\top} Wx$, s.t. $x_i^2 = 1$
- Phase retrieval: $|a_i^\top x| = b_i$, the value of $a_i^\top x$ is complex

Max cut

• For graph (V, E) and weights $w_{ij} = w_{ji} \ge 0$, the maxcut problem is

(Q)
$$\max_{x} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (1 - x_i x_j), \text{ s.t. } x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

Relaxation:

$$(P) \quad \max_{v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (1 - v_i^\top v_j), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|v_i\|_2 = 1$$

• Equivalent SDP of (P):

$$(SDP) \quad \max_{X \in S^n} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (1 - X_{ij}), \text{ s.t. } X_{ii} = 1, X \succeq 0$$

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Max cut: rounding procedure

Goemans and Williamson's randomized approach

• Solve (SDP) to obtain an optimal solution X. Compute the decomposition $X = V^{\top}V$, where

$$V = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$$

- Generate a vector r uniformly distributed on the unit sphere, i.e., $||r||_2 = 1$
- Set

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & v_i^\top r \ge 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Max cut: theoretical results

• Let W be the objective function value of x and E(W) be the expected value. Then

$$E(W) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} \arccos(v_i^{\top} v_j)$$

Goemans and Williamson showed:

$$E(W) \ge \alpha \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \le j} w_{ij} (1 - v_i^\top v_j)$$

where

$$\alpha = \min_{0 \le \theta \pi} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\theta}{1 - \cos \theta} > 0.878$$

• Let $Z_{(SDP)}^*$ and $Z_{(O)}^*$ be the optimal values of (SDP) and (Q)

$$E(W) \ge \alpha Z_{(SDP)}^* \ge \alpha Z_{(Q)}^*$$

SDP-Representablity

What kind of problems can be expressed by SDP and SOCP?

• Definition: A set $X \subseteq R^n$ is SDP-representable (or SDP-Rep for short) if it can be expressed linearly as the feasible region of an SDP



$$X = \{x \mid \text{there exist } u \in \mathbb{R}^k \text{ such that for some } \}$$

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 $A_i, B_j, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes m} : \sum_i x_i A_i + \sum_j u_j B_j + C \succeq 0
ight\}$

SDP-Representablity

• Definition: A function f(x) is SDP-Rep if its epigraph

$$epi(f) = \{(x_0, x) \mid f(x) \le x_0\}$$

is SDP-representable

- If X is SDP-Rep, then $\min_{x \in X} c^{\top}x$ is an SDP
- If f(x) is SDP-Rep, then $\min_x f(x)$ is an SDP

A "calculus" of SDP-Rep sets and functions

SDP-Rep sets and functions remain so under finitely many applications of most convex-preserving operations. If X and Y are SDP-Rep then so are

- Minkowski sum X + Y
- intersection $X \cap Y$
- Affine pre-image $A^{-1}(X)$ if A is affine
- Affine map A(X) if A is affine
- Cartesian Product: $X \times Y = \{(x, y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$

SDP-Rep Functions

If functions f_i , $i=1,\ldots,m$ and g are SDP-Rep. Then the following are SDP-Rep

- nonnegative sum $\sum_i \alpha_i f_i$ for $\alpha_i \geq 0$
- maximum $\max_i f_i$
- composition: $g(f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x))$ if $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \to R$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$
- Legendre transform

$$f^*(y) = \max_{x} \quad y^{\top} x - f(x)$$



Positive Polynomials

 The set of nonnegative polynomials of a given degree forms a proper cone

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \{(p_0, \dots, p_n) \mid p_0 + p_1 t + \dots + p_n t^t > 0 \text{ for all } t \in I\}$$
where I is any of $[a, b]$, $[a, \infty)$ or $(-\infty, \infty)$

- Important fact: The cone of positive polynomials is SDP-Rep
- To see this we need to introduce another problem

The Moment cone

The Moment space and Moment cone

• Let $(c_0,c_1,\ldots,c_n)^{\top}$ be such that there is a probability measure F where $t_i = \int_{\mathcal{C}} t^i dF$, for $i=0,\ldots,n$.

The Moment cone

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \{ac \mid \text{There is a distribution } F : c_i = \int_I t^i dF \text{ and } a \geq 0\}$$



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The Moment cone

The moment cone is also SDP-Rep:

• The discrete Hamburger moment problem:

$$I = \mathbb{R}, \quad c \in \mathcal{M}_{2n+1} \iff$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & \dots & c_n \\ c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_n & c_{n+1} & \dots & c_{2n} \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$$

This is the Hankel matrix

The Moment cone

The discrete Stielties moment problem

$$I=[0,\infty),\quad c\in\mathcal{M}_m \Longleftrightarrow \ egin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & \dots & c_n \ c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_{n+1} \ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ c_n & c_{n+1} & \dots & c_{2n} \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0, ext{ and } egin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_{n-1} \ c_2 & c_3 & \dots & c_n \ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ c_{n-1} & c_n & \dots & c_{2n-1} \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$$
 where $m=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

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• The Hausdorff moment problem where I = [0, 1] is similarly SDP-Rep



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Moment and positive polynomial cones

- $\mathcal{P}_n^* = \mathcal{M}_n$, i.e., i.e. moment cones and nonnegative polynomials are dual of each other
- If $\{u_0(x), \ldots, u_n(x)\}$, $x \in I$ are linearly independent functions (possibly of several variables)
- The cone of polynomials that can be expressed as sum of squares is SDP-Rep.
- if I is a one dimensional set then positive polynomials and sum of square polynomials coincide
- In general except for I one-dimensional positive polynomials properly include sum of square polynomials