Differentially Private Algorithms for Synthetic Power System Datasets (Online Appendix: Reformulation of Problem (7))

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The full formulation of the bilevel post-processing optimization of the TCO algorithm takes the form:

$$\underset{\overline{\omega}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{\tau=1}^{t} \left\| \overline{\mathcal{C}}_{\tau} - \mathcal{C}_{k^{\tau}}(\overline{\varphi}) \right\| + \left\| \overline{\varphi} - \overline{\varphi}^{t-1} \right\| \tag{1a}$$

subject to
$$C_{k^{\tau}}(\overline{\varphi}) = \underset{p_{k^{\tau}} \in \mathcal{P}_{k^{\tau}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad c_{k^{\tau}}^{\top} p_{k^{\tau}}$$
 (1b)

subject to
$$\mathbb{1}^{\top}(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}}) = 0,$$
 (1c)

$$||F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}})||_{1} \leqslant \overline{\varphi},$$

$$\forall \tau = 1, \dots t.$$
(1d)

where the upper-level problem (1a) optimizes dataset $\overline{\varphi}$ in response to the OPF costs $\mathcal{C}_{k^{\tau}}(\overline{\varphi})$ provided by t worst-case DC-OPF problems (1b)–(1d) in the lower level. This problem falls within the class of bilevel optimization problems, with a limited computational tractability. To obtain its tractable reformulation, we replace each lower-level problem with its Karush–Kuhn–Tucker conditions (KKTs). Let $\underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be the dual variables associated with generation limit constraints in set $\mathcal{P}_{k^{\tau}}$, and let $\lambda_{k^{\tau}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} \in \mathbb{R}^e$ be the dual variables associated with power balance and flow limit constraints (1c) and (1d), respectively. The KKTs of the k^{τ} -th problem include primal feasibility $p_{k^{\tau}} \in \mathcal{P}_{k^{\tau}}$, (1c) and (1d), dual feasibility

$$\underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} \geqslant 0, \quad \underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} \geqslant 0,$$
 (2a)

stationarity conditions

$$1 \cdot \lambda_{k^{\tau}} - F^{\top} \overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} + F^{\top} \underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} - \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} + \underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} - c_{k^{\tau}} = 0,$$

$$(2b)$$

and complementarity slackness

$$\begin{split} \overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} \circ (\overline{\varphi}_{k^{\tau}} - F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}})) &= \mathbb{0}, \quad \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} \circ (\overline{p}_{k^{\tau}} - p_{k^{\tau}}) = \mathbb{0}, \\ \underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} \circ (F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}}) + \overline{\varphi}_{k^{\tau}}) &= \mathbb{0}, \quad \underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} \circ (p_{k^{\tau}} - \underline{p}_{k^{\tau}}) = \mathbb{0}. \end{split} \tag{2c}$$

Although the latter conditions are non-convex, they can be replaced with equivalent mixed-integer constraints using the Special Ordered Set of Type 1 (SOS1) variables. For example, for the 1st condition in (2c) we have:

$$\{\overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\varphi}_{k^{\tau}} - F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}})\} \in SOS1, \tag{3}$$

where the dual variable and the slack of the power flow limit constraint are enforced to be a pair of SOS1 variables (element-wise), i.e., only one of them can take a non-zero value, and the other one being zero.

We now arrive at the single-level tractable reformulation of bilevel problem (1) of the form:

minimize
$$\overline{\varphi}, \underline{p}, \underline{\mu}, \overline{\mu}, \underline{\gamma}, \overline{\gamma}$$

$$\sum_{\tau=1}^{t} \|\overline{C}_{\tau} - c_{k\tau}^{\top} p_{k\tau}\| + \|\overline{\varphi} - \overline{\varphi}^{t-1}\|$$
 (4a)

subject to
$$p_{k\tau} \leqslant p_{k\tau} \leqslant \overline{p}_{k\tau}$$
, (4b)

$$\mathbb{1}^{\top}(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}}) = 0, \tag{4c}$$

$$||F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}})||_{1} \leqslant \overline{\varphi},\tag{4d}$$

$$\underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}}, \underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} \geqslant 0, \tag{4e}$$

$$\mathbb{1} \cdot \lambda_{k^{\tau}} - F^{\top}(\overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}} - \underline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}) - \overline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} + \underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}} - c_{k^{\tau}} = \mathbb{0}, \tag{4f}$$

$$\{\overline{\mu}_{k^{\tau}}, \overline{\varphi}_{k^{\tau}} - F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}})\} \in SOS1, \tag{4g}$$

$$\{\mu_{\iota\tau}, F(p_{k^{\tau}} - d_{k^{\tau}}) + \overline{\varphi}_{k^{\tau}}\} \in SOS1, \tag{4h}$$

$$\{\overline{\gamma}_{k\tau}, \overline{p}_{k\tau} - p_{k\tau}\} \in SOS1, \tag{4i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\underline{\gamma}_{k^{\tau}}, p_{k^{\tau}} - \underline{p}_{k^{\tau}}\} \in \text{SOS1}, \\ &\forall \tau = 1, \dots t. \end{aligned} \tag{4j}$$

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