

MINLP WARS

Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming

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Overview

- Applications/Models
- Basic algorithms: NLP-Based Branch-and-Bound, Linearization-Based methods, Spatial branch and bound for global optimization
- An **important** modeling trick

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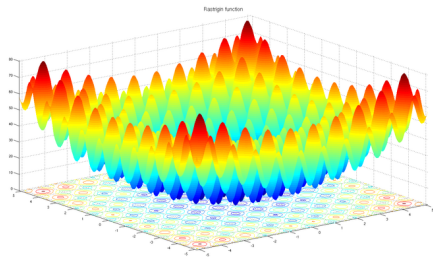
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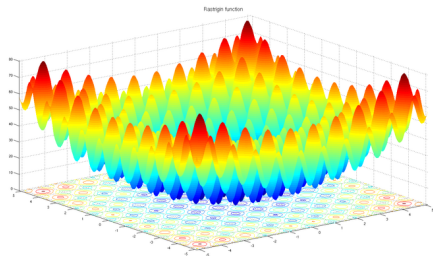
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- If f, g_j **quadratic**, e.g. $f(x) = x^T Q x + b^T x + c$, the problem is called a **mixed integer quadratic program (MIQP)**
 - Convex MIQP ($Q \succeq 0$)
 - Nonconvex MIQP ($Q \not\succeq 0$)

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 - We will (attempt) to explain why later

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Try 'em on NEOS

- <http://www.neos-server.org/neos/solvers/index.html>

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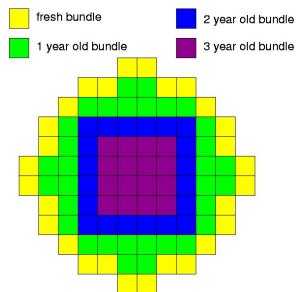
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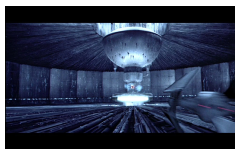
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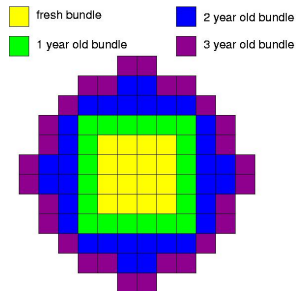
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 - **Nonlinear:** Nonlinear transportation costs

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- “Markowitz”: $u(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x^T Q x$
 - $u(x)$: Variance of return if hold portfolio x
 - Q : Variance-covariance matrix of expected returns

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Min Holdings: $(x_i = 0) \vee (x_i \geq m)$

- Model implication: $x_i > 0 \Rightarrow x_i \geq m$
- $x_i > 0 \Rightarrow y_i = 1 \Rightarrow x_i \geq m$
- $x_i \leq By_i, x_i \geq my_i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$

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- M : Death Stars
- N : Rebel Bases
- x_{ij} : percentage of rebel base $j \in N$ blown up by death star $i \in M$
- $z_i = 1 \Leftrightarrow$ death star $i \in M$ is built
- Fixed cost for opening death star $i \in M$
- **Quadratic** cost for blowing up base $j \in N$ from death star $i \in M$

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Remember this!

- We'll show a better formulation at the end

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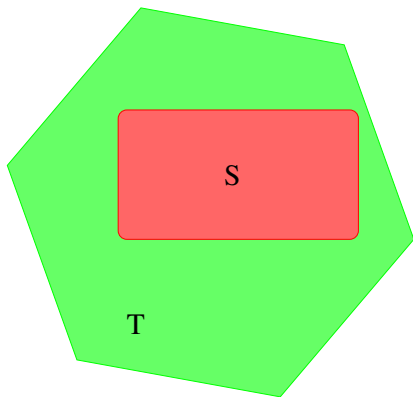
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Relaxations

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The Upshot

- We get **lower bounds** on z_{MINLP} in MINLP algorithms by solving a **relaxation** of the problem

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Linearization-based methods

- Outer-Approximation, Extended Cutting Plane, LP/NLP-Branch-and-Bound
- Assume objective function is linear
- Create **polyhedral** relaxation P such that $S \subseteq P$

Nonconvex Instances

- Must create a **tractable** (convex) relaxation **both** the integrality, and the functional non-convexities

Two Steps

- Break the (factorable) non-convexities into “simple pieces”
- Individually convexify simple pieces using **convex/concave** envelopes

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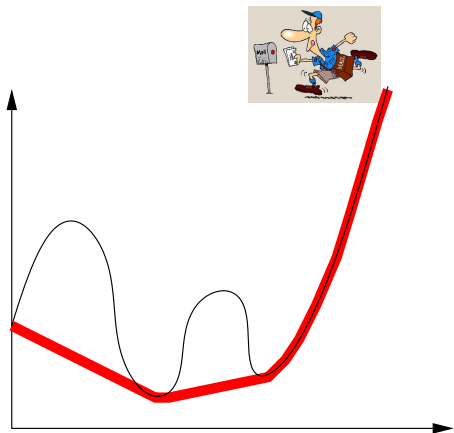
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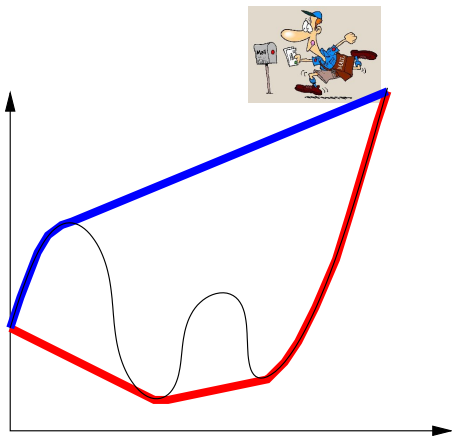
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- They have handlers that enforce equality of the univariate functions via relaxations and branching.
- I will show an example later on

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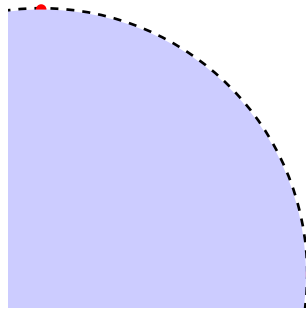
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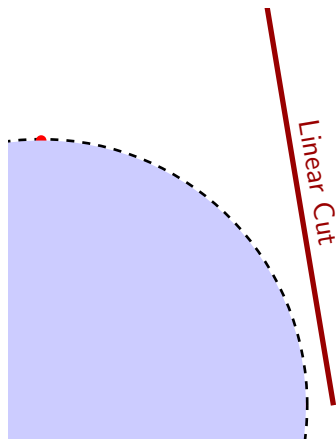
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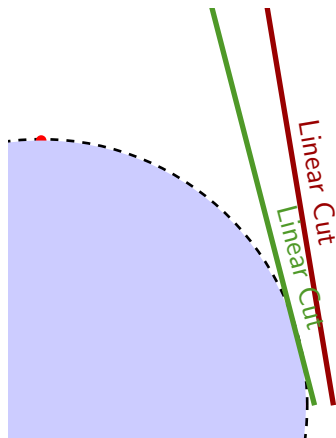


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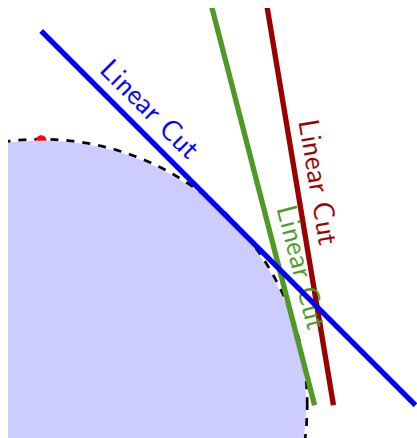


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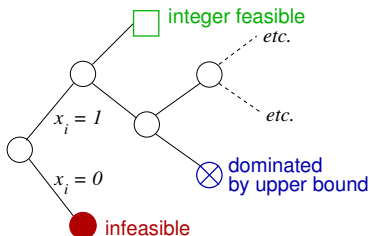
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Solve relaxed NLP ($0 \leq x_i \leq 1$ continuous relaxation)

... solution value provides lower bound

- Branch on $x_i, i \in I$
non-integral
- Solve NLPs & branch until
 - 1 Node infeasible ... ●
 - 2 Node integer feasible ... □
⇒ get upper bound (\mathcal{U})
 - 3 Lower bound $\geq \mathcal{U}$... ⊗



Search until no unexplored nodes on tree

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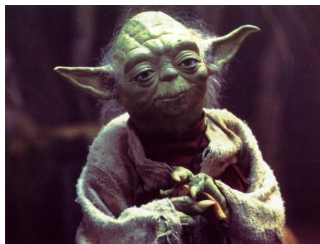
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“I suggest the LP/NLP Algorithm by Quesada and Grossmann”

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- Good implementation **exists it does not**

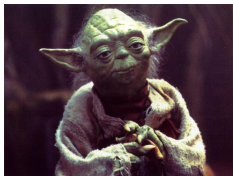


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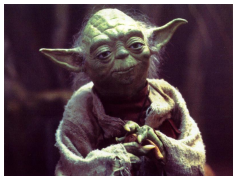


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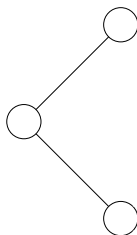
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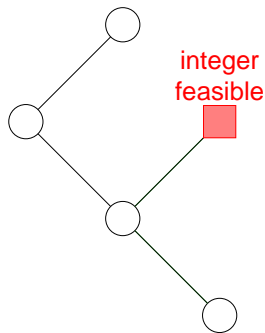
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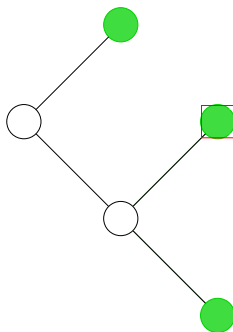
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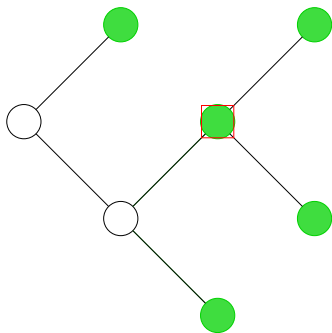
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- 2 Really the only LP/NLP-BB algorithm available

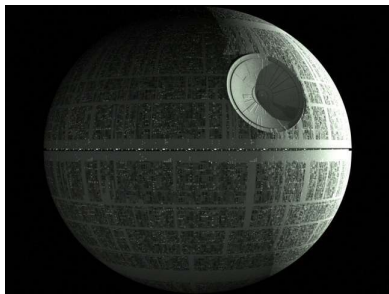
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Battling the Empire

- This enormously talented team built open-source [Bonmin](#), which (among other things), has an LP/NLP-BB implementation



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Outer-Approximation Solvers

- **AIMMS**, Bonmin, DICOPT
- Just “MIP” it—Use **MILP Solver as black box**

MINLP Instances

- Multi-product batch plant design problems (Batch)
- Layout design problems (CLay,FLay,SLay,safetyLay,fo-m-o)
- Synthesis design problems (Syn)
- Retrofit planning (RSyn)
- Stochastic service system design problems (sssd)
- Cutting stock problems (trimloss)
- Quadratic uncapacitated facility location problems (uflquad)
- Network design problems (nd)

Instance Families

Instance Family	NL Ob?	# of ins	Average			
			Var	Bin	LC	NLC
Batch	✓	10	334.6	123	1089.1	1
CLay		12	116.7	35.3	138.3	40
FLay		10	158.0	28	183	4
fo-m-o		9	112.2	41.6	194.3	13.6
nd		5	574.0	37.6	283.8	37.6
RSyn		48	922.3	251	1716.3	34.2
safetyLay		3	120.7	38	111	34.7
SLay	✓	14	336.0	92	437	0
sssd		14	162.4	135.5	50	20.1
Syn		48	366.3	95	660	34.2
trimloss		12	279.2	227.5	133.3	6
uflquad	✓	10	1571.0	23.5	1613	0
others	✓	12	205.4	86.4	206	3.3
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Performance Profile

- An empirical CDF of relative solver performance
- The “probability” that a solver will be at most x times worse (slower) than the best solver for an instance
- “High” lines denote more effective solvers

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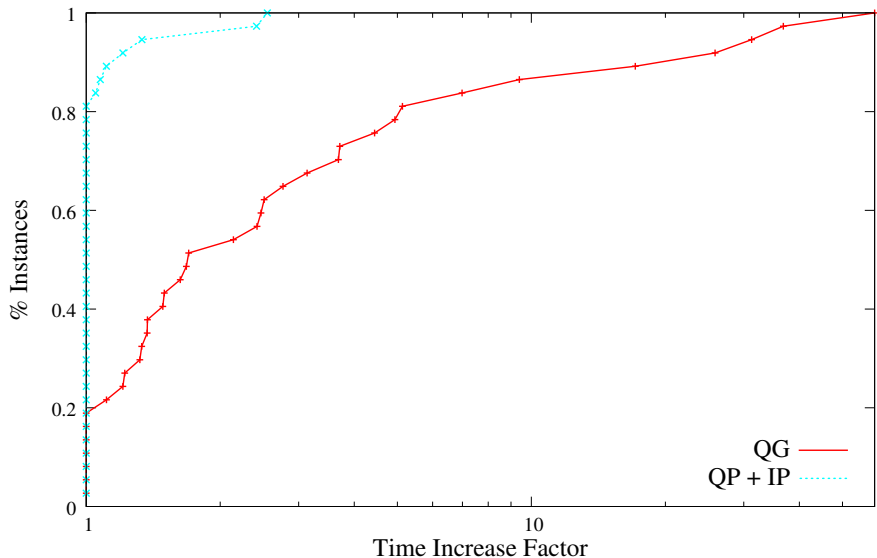
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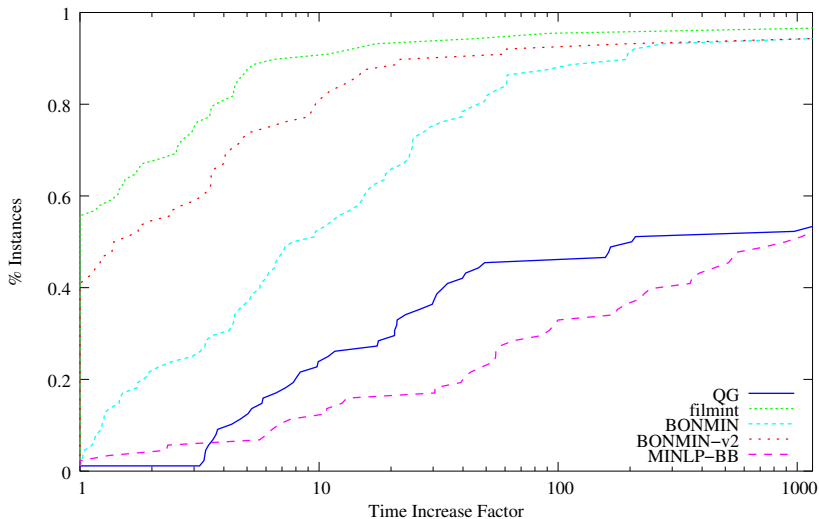
The MILP Force

- Do fancy-pants MILP techniques make a difference for the LP/NLP-BB (QG) Algorithm?

YES! Performance Profile: Moderate Instances



(Old) Comparison of Solvers



Nonconvex Instances

- I will explain the basic ideas using the **nonconvex quadratic program (QCQP)** as a specific example:

$$\text{QCQP} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & q_0(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & q_k(x) \leq b_k \quad \forall i = k \in \mathcal{M} \\ & l \leq x \leq u \end{array} \right.$$

- $q_k(x) = (c^k)^T x + x^T Q^k x \quad \forall k \in \{0 \cup \mathcal{M}\}$
- $q_k(x)$ could be convex, concave, or nonconvex
- l and u are finite

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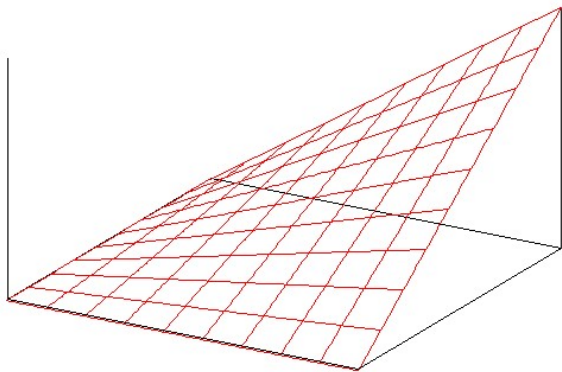
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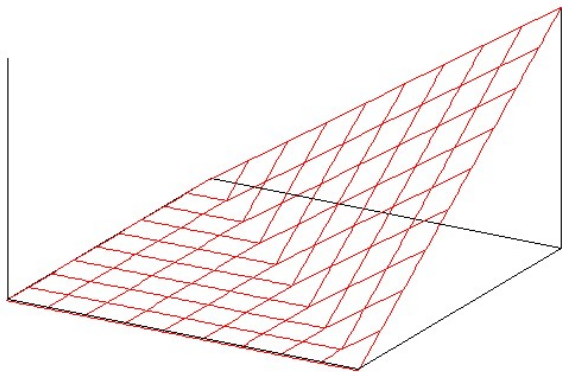
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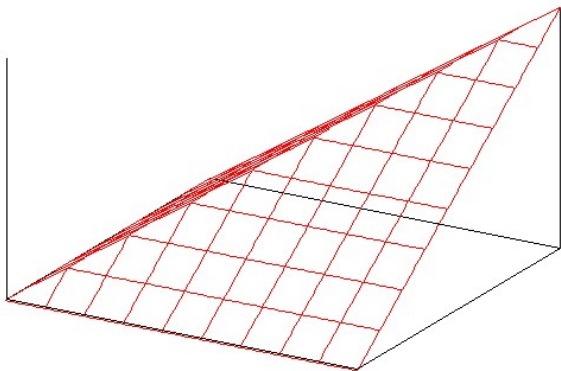
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(LP) Relaxation of QCQP

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subject to

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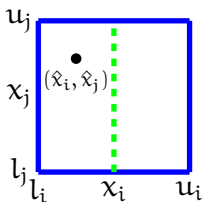
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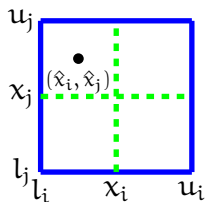
Branching

- In LP relaxation, $z_{ij} = x_i x_j \quad \forall x_i, x_j$ on the boundary of the rectangular region R_{ij}
- If $z_{ij} \neq x_i x_j$, we branch. Two suggested branching schemes

Two Rectangles



Four Rectangles



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Hock and Schittkowski

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subject to

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50	19360
100	> 70000

PREPROCESSING

Oktay "R2D2"
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Preprocessing for MINLP

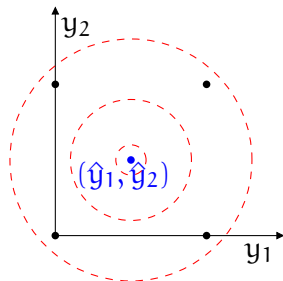
MILP Force: Exploit The Structure!

- Mixed Integer **Linear** Programmers carefully study simple problem structures to come up with “good” formulations for problems
 - Good formulations closely approximate convex hull of feasible solutions
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- We study carefully the structure of a special MINLP with **indicator variables**

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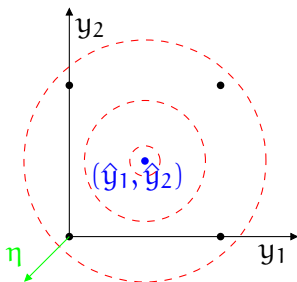


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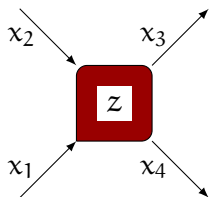
- Without linear objective, optimal solution may be **interior** to the convex hull \Rightarrow convexifying may do you no good!

Indicator MINLPs

- Binary variables z are used as indicator variables.
- If $z_i = 0$, components of x controlled by z_i collapse to a point
- If $z_i = 1$, components of x controlled by z_i belong to a convex set

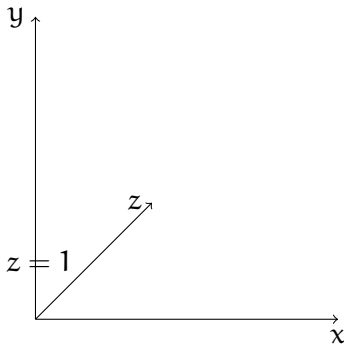
Process Flow Applications

- $z = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 0$
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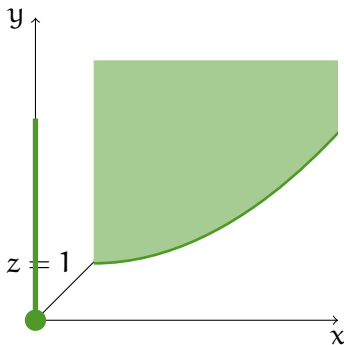
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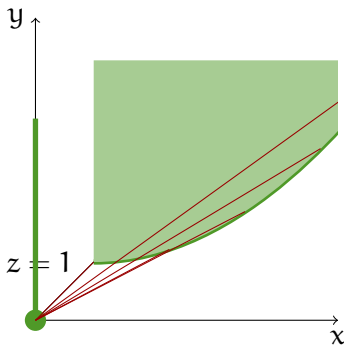
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Deep Insights

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Second Order Cone Programming

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Exploiting Your Perspective

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$$z_i f(x/z_i) \leq 0$$

- The resulting (convex) inequality is a **much** tighter relaxation of the feasible region.

Death Star Location Problem

- Problem studied by Günlük, Lee, and Weismantel ('07) and classes of strong cutting planes derived
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Death Star Location Problem

- Problem studied by Günlük, Lee, and Weismantel ('07) and classes of strong cutting planes derived
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- M : Death Stars
 - N : Rebel Bases
 - x_{ij} : percentage of rebel base $j \in N$ blown up by death star $i \in M$
 - $z_i = 1 \Leftrightarrow$ death star $i \in M$ is built
 - Fixed cost for opening death star $i \in M$
 - **Quadratic** cost for blowing up base $j \in N$ from death star $i \in M$

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Woo Hoo!



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40	100	76.4	54
40	200	101.3	45
50	100	61.6	49
50	200	140.4	47

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Final Frontiers

- **Keep** using the MILP force on MINLP
 - Strong formulations
 - Cutting planes
 - Branching rules
 - Heuristics



MINLP: A New Hope?!

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- http://wiki.mcs.anl.gov/minotaur/index.php/Main_Page
- Framework & toolbox for solving MINLPs
- Implemented algorithms in MINOTAUR:
 - branch-and-{bound|cut} for convex MINLPs
 - branch-and-bound for mixed polynomial programs
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Bunch of refs

- I am including a number of classical and recent reference on MINLP
- The list is by no means comprehensive
- Don't yell at me if your favorite reference is not there!



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