

# Triangles, Envelopes, and Nonconvex QP

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# Nonconvex Quadratic Program

$$(\text{QCQP}) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} & q_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & q_k(x) \geq b_k \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{I} \\ & q_k(x) = b_k \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{E} \\ & l \leq x \leq u \end{array} \right.$$

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

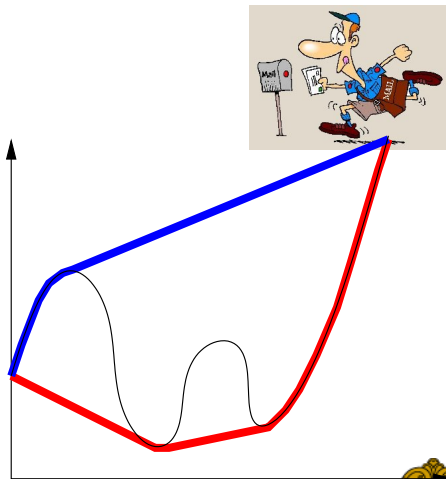
## Caution!

- Work is  $> 4$  years old at this point...
- I'm certainly not an expert in this area. (Go See Sam's Poster...)



# Envelopes

- Popular (best?) method to solve (QCQP) is to use convex and concave envelopes.  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- **Convex Envelope** ( $\text{vex}_{\Omega}(f)$ ): Pointwise supremum of convex underestimators of  $f$  over  $\Omega$ .
- **Concave Envelope** ( $\text{cav}_{\Omega}(f)$ ): Pointwise infimum of concave overestimators of  $f$  over  $\Omega$ .



# Solving QCQP

- Consider term  $x_i x_j$ , for  $(x_i, x_j) \in \mathbb{R} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [l_i, u_i] \times [l_j, u_j]$ .

$$x_i x_j \geq \max\{l_i x_j + l_j x_i - l_i l_j, u_i x_j + u_j x_i - u_i u_j\}$$

$$x_i x_j \leq \min\{l_i x_j + u_j x_i - l_i u_j, u_i x_j + l_j x_i - u_i l_j\}$$

- Thm:** (McCormick '76, Al-Khayyal and Falk, '83)

$$\text{vex}_{\mathbb{R}}(x_i x_j) = \max\{l_i x_j + l_j x_i - l_i l_j, u_i x_j + u_j x_i - u_i u_j\}$$

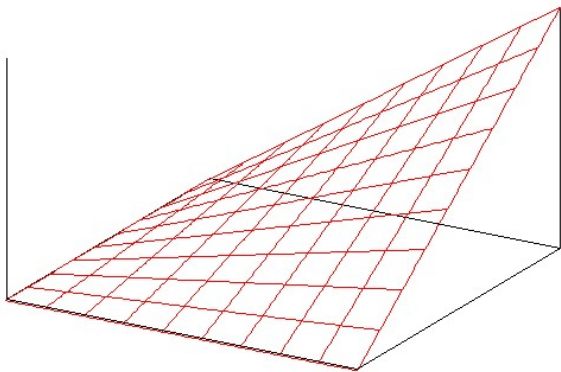
$$\text{cav}_{\mathbb{R}}(x_i x_j) = \min\{l_i x_j + u_j x_i - l_i u_j, u_i x_j + l_j x_i - u_i l_j\}$$

- Integer Programming Lingo:** These are “facets” of the “convex hull”

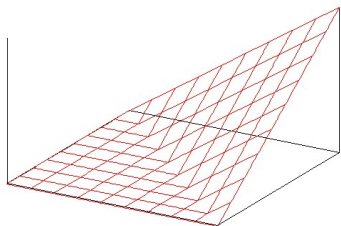
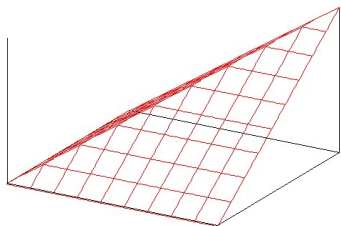


# Worth 1000 Words?

$$x_i x_j$$



# Convex and Concave Envelopes

 $\text{vex}_{\mathbb{R}}(x_i x_j)$  $\text{cav}_{\mathbb{R}}(x_i x_j)$ 

# (LP) Relaxation of QCQP

$$z_{LP} = \min \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^0 x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n Q_{ij}^0 z_{ij}$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n Q_{ij}^k z_{ij} \geq b_k \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{I}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^k x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n Q_{ij}^k z_{ij} = b_k \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{E}$$

$$z_{ij} - l_i x_j - l_j x_i + l_i l_j \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$z_{ij} - u_i x_j - u_j x_i + u_i u_j \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$z_{ij} - l_i x_j - u_j x_i + l_i u_j \leq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, n$$

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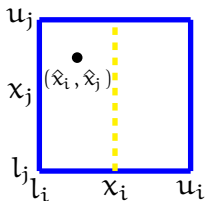
$$x_i \in [l_i, u_i] \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$



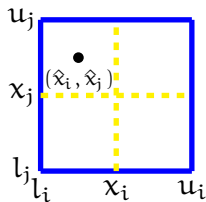
# Branching

- In LP relaxation,  $z_{ij} = x_i x_j \quad \forall x_i, x_j \in \partial\Omega$ .
- If  $z_{ij} \neq x_i x_j$ , we branch.
- Two suggested branching schemes

## Two Rectangles

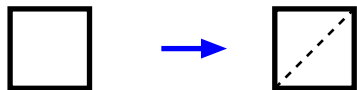


## Four Rectangles



## Why Rectangles?

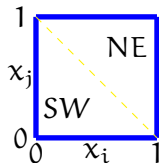
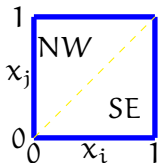
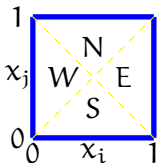
- Because rectangles “beget” rectangles in a branching scheme?
- Why not triangles?



# Envelopes

## One Problem

You need to know the formulae for convex and concave envelopes for bilinear functions over triangles



$$\text{vex}_{SE} = \frac{x_j^2}{1 + x_j - x_i}$$

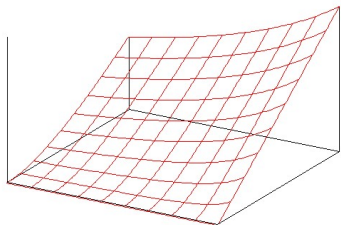
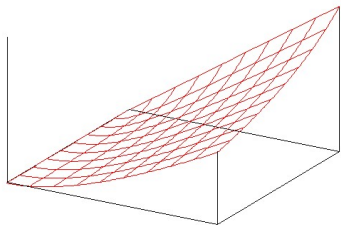
$$\text{cav}_{SW} = \frac{x_i x_j}{x_i + x_j}$$

$$\text{vex}_{NW} = \frac{x_i^2}{1 + x_i - x_j}$$

$$\text{cav}_{NE} = \frac{x_i^2 + x_i x_j + x_j^2 - 2x_i - 2x_j}{x_i + x_j - 2}$$

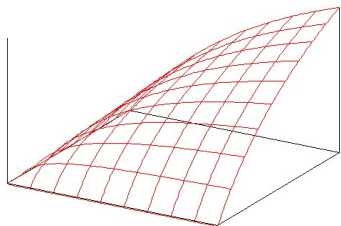


# Envelopes over Triangles

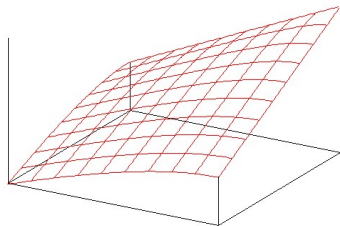
 $\text{vex}_{SE}(x_i x_j)$  $\text{vex}_{NW}(x_i x_j)$ 

# Envelopes Over Triangles

$\text{cav}_{\text{SW}}(x_i x_j)$



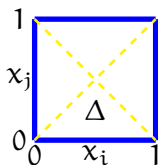
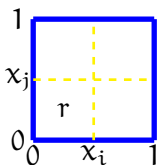
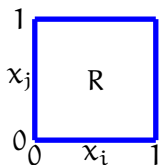
$\text{cav}_{\text{NE}}(x_i x_j)$



# Tight Relaxations

- **Total Error** over region  $\Gamma$ :  $\eta_\Gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_\Gamma (\text{cav}_\Gamma(x_i x_j) - \text{vex}_\Gamma(x_i x_j)) dx_i dx_j$ .
- **Max Error** over region  $\Gamma$ :

$$\phi(\Gamma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{(x_i, x_j) \in \Gamma} (\text{cav}_{xy_\Gamma}(x_i, x_j) - \text{vex}_{xy_\Gamma}(x_i, x_j))$$



$$\eta(R) = 1/6$$

$$\phi(R) = 1/2$$

$$\eta(r) = 1/24$$

$$\phi(r) = 1/8$$

$$\eta(\Delta) = 1/72$$

$$\phi(\Delta) = 3/2 - \sqrt{2}$$



# SOC Representation

- The nonlinear inequalities for  $\text{vex}_\Delta(x_i x_j)$  and  $\text{cav}_\Delta(x_i x_j)$  all have a second order cone representation
- Restrict  $(x_i, x_j) \in W \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x_i, x_j) | x_i \leq x_j, x_i + x_j \leq 1\}$ :

$$z_{ij} \geq \frac{x_i^2}{x_i - x_j + 1}, z_{ij} \leq \frac{x_i x_j}{x_i + x_j}$$

$$z_{ij} \geq \frac{x_i^2}{x_i - x_j + 1} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} z_{ij} + 1 - x_j + x_i \\ 2x_i \\ z_{ij} - 1 + x_j - x_i \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{K}_q^3$$

$$z_{ij} \leq \frac{x_i x_j}{x_i + x_j} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2x_i + x_j - z_{ij} \\ 2x_i \\ -x_j - z_{ij} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{K}_q^3$$



## Semi-Infinite approximation

- Didn't know how to embed SOC solver into branch and bound code
- Did a "linear relaxation"

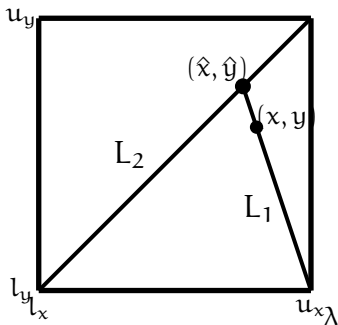
$$\text{vex}_{SE}(x, y) = \min_{\xi, \lambda} \sum_{(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i) \in L_2} \hat{x}_i \hat{y}_i \xi_i + u_x l_y \lambda$$

subject to

$$\sum_{(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i) \in L_2} \hat{x}_i \xi_i + u_x \lambda = x,$$

$$\sum_{(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i) \in L_2} \hat{y}_i \xi_i + l_y \lambda = y,$$

$$\sum_{(\hat{x}_i, \hat{y}_i) \in L_2} \xi_i + \lambda = 1$$



## Performance Profile: Number of nodes

