

# An Introduction to a Class of Matrix Cone Programming

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## A Motivating Example

The Fastest Mixing Markov Chain (FMMC)<sup>1</sup>:

- ▶  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  is a given connected graph with vertex set  $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and edge set  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$ .
- ▶ Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the **transition probability matrix**. This matrix must satisfy

$$P \geq 0, \quad Pe = e \quad \text{and} \quad P = P^T.$$

- ▶ Let  $\pi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the probability distribution of the state at time  $t$ . By the recursion property, we know that

$$\pi(t)^T = \pi(0)^T P^t.$$

If the chain is **irreducible** and **aperiodic**, the the distribution  $\pi(t)$  converges to the uniform distribution  $(1/n)e$  – the **unique** equilibrium distribution as  $t$  increases.

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<sup>1</sup> S. BOYD, P. DIACONIS, AND L. XIAO, *Fastest mixing Markov chain on a graph*, SIAM Review, 46 (2004), pp. 667–689.

- ▶ The rate of convergence to this distribution is determined by the **second largest eigenvalue modulus** (SLEM):

$$\text{SLEM}(P) = \max_{i=2, \dots, n} |\lambda_i(P)|.$$

Find the edge transition probabilities that give the fastest mixing Markov chain, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \text{SLEM}(P) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & P \geq 0, \quad Pe = e, \quad P = P^T, \\ & P_{ij} = 0, \quad (i, j) \notin \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

## The SDP approach

It is well-known that FMMC (1) can be written as an SDP,

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & s \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -sI \preceq P - (1/n)ee^T \preceq sI, \\ & P \succeq 0, Pe = e, P = P^T, \\ & P_{ij} = 0, (i, j) \notin \mathcal{E}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The inequalities in (2) can be expressed as a single linear matrix inequality (LMI),

$$\text{diag} \left( P - (1/n)ee^T + sI, sI - P + (1/n)ee^T, \text{vec}(P) \right) \succeq 0.$$

As mentioned by Boyd et al. (2004), standard primal-dual interior-point algorithms for solving SDPs work well for problems with up to **a thousand or so edges**. But problems with **10,000 or more edges** are probably **beyond the capabilities** of standard interior-point SDP solvers (without using the particular structures).

# Large-scale FMMC

- ▶ As suggested in Boyd et al. (2009)<sup>2</sup>, by using the graph symmetric property, one can reduce the number of variables and the size of matrices.
- ▶ Such SDP reformulations need be **avoided** for large-scale problems, which is also suggested in Boyd et al. (2004).

Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}^m$  denote the vector of transition probabilities on the **non-self-loop edges**. Since  $Pe = e$ , we know that

$$P = \mathcal{P}(p) = I + \sum_{l=1}^m p_l E^{(l)},$$

where  $E_{ij}^{(l)} = E_{ji}^{(l)} = +1$ ,  $E_{ii}^{(l)} = E_{jj}^{(l)} = -1$  and all other entries of  $E^{(l)}$  are zero.

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<sup>2</sup>S. BOYD, P. DIACONIS, P. A. PARRILO, AND L. XIAO, *Fastest mixing Markov chain on graphs with Symmetries*, SIAM Journal on Optimization, 20 (2009), pp. 792–819.

Consider the following equivalent formulation of FMMC:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \text{SLEM}(\mathcal{P}(p)) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & p \geq 0, \quad Bp \leq e, \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is the vertex-edge incidence matrix. Since  $P$  is symmetric, we know that

$$\text{SLEM}(P) = \max_{i=2, \dots, n} |\lambda_i(P)| = \sigma_2(P).$$

By noting that  $\sigma_1(P) \equiv 1$ , we know that (3) is equivalent with

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sigma_1(\mathcal{P}(p)) + \sigma_2(\mathcal{P}(p)) = \|\mathcal{P}(p)\|_{(2)} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & p \geq 0, \quad Bp \leq e, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{(k)}$  is **Ky Fan  $k$ -norm** of matrices, i.e., the sum of the  $k$  largest singular values of a matrix.

It is obvious that the problem (4) is equivalent with the following conic programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & t \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & p \geq 0, \quad Bp \leq e, \quad \mathcal{P}(p) = Z, \\ & (t, Z) \in \mathcal{K}, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where the close convex cone  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{K} = \text{epi} \|\cdot\|_{(2)} = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \|X\|_{(2)} \leq t\}.$$

We call the problem like (5) **the matrix cone programming (MCP)**.



# The Matrix Cone Programming

The primal and dual forms:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^p} & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathcal{A}x \in b + \mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{K} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} \max_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} & \langle b, Y \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathcal{A}^* Y = c, \\ & Y \in \mathcal{Q}^* \times \mathcal{K}^* \end{array}$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{Y} := \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{X}$  with  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^q$  or  $\mathcal{S}^q$  and  $\mathcal{X} := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{H}$  is the cross product of the **origin**  $\{0\}$  and a **symmetric cone** ( $\mathbb{R}_+^q$ , the SOC cone in  $\mathbb{R}^q$  and the SDP cone  $\mathcal{S}_+^q$ ).  $\mathcal{Q}^*$  is the dual cone of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{K} := \text{epi } f \in \mathcal{X}$  is the **epigraph cone** of some matrix norm  $f \equiv \|\cdot\|$ .  $\mathcal{K}^*$  is the dual cone of  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a **linear operator**.  $\mathcal{A}^* : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is the **adjoint** of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Other Applications

### ▶ Matrix Norm Approximation

$$\min \left\{ \|B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^p y_k B_k\|_2 \mid y \in \mathbb{R}^p \right\}.$$

### ▶ Matrix Completion

$$\min \left\{ \|P_\Omega(X) - P_\Omega(M)\|_F^2 + \lambda \|X\|_* \mid X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \right\}.$$

### ▶ Robust Matrix Completion/Robust PCA

$$\min \left\{ \|X\|_* + \lambda \|Y\|_1 \mid P_\Omega(X) + P_\Omega(Y) = P_\Omega(M) \right\}$$

and

$$\min \left\{ \|P_\Omega(X) + P_\Omega(Y) - P_\Omega(M)\|_F^2 + \rho (\|X\|_* + \lambda \|Y\|_1) \mid X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \right\}.$$

### ▶ Structured Low Rank Matrix Approximation

$$\min \left\{ \|X - M\|_F + \rho \sum_{k=r+1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_k(X) \mid \mathcal{A}(X) \in b + \mathcal{Q} \right\}.$$

# Matrix Cones

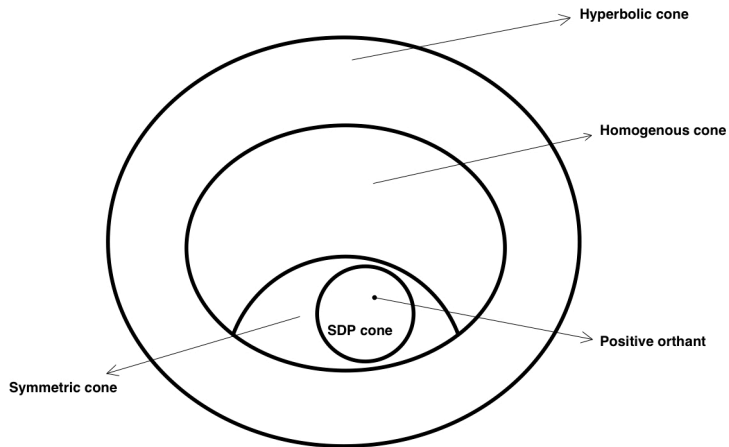
$$\mathcal{K} = \text{epi } f = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid f(X) \leq t\}.$$

- (1)  $f = \|\cdot\|_F$ , the **Frobenius norm**;
- (2)  $f = \|\cdot\|_\infty$ , the  **$l_\infty$  norm**, i.e.,  $\|X\|_\infty = \max\{|x_{ij}|\}$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ;
- (3)  $f = \|\cdot\|_1$ , the  **$l_1$  norm**,  $\|X\|_1 = \sum_i \sum_j |x_{ij}|$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ;
- (4)  $f = \|\cdot\|_2$ , the **spectral or operator norm**, i.e., the largest singular value of  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ;
- (5)  $f = \|\cdot\|_*$ , the **nuclear norm**, i.e., the sum of the singular values of  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ;
- (6)  $f = \|\cdot\|_{(k)}$ , the **Ky Fan  $k$ -norm**;
- (7)  $f = \|\cdot\|_{(k)^*}$ , the **dual norm of Ky Fan  $k$ -norm**  $\|\cdot\|_{(k)}$ , i.e.,  
$$\|X\|_{(k)^*} = \max\{\|X\|_2, \frac{1}{k}\|X\|_*\}.$$

$$\mathcal{K}_2 \xleftrightarrow{\text{dual}} \mathcal{K}_3 \quad \mathcal{K}_4 \xleftrightarrow{\text{dual}} \mathcal{K}_5 \quad \mathcal{K}_6 \xleftrightarrow{\text{dual}} \mathcal{K}_7$$

Except for the case when  $f = \|\cdot\|_F$ , the cone  $\mathcal{K}$  is **not self-dual**. It is easy to prove that  $\mathcal{K}_4$  is a proper hyperbolic cone.

# The Cones Relationship



# The Matrix Optimization Problem (MOP)

The primal and dual forms:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & c^T x + f(Z) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathcal{A}x - B = Z \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max & \langle B, Y \rangle - f^*(Y) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathcal{A}^*Y = c, \end{array}$$

where  $f : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a **closed proper convex** function, and  $f^*$  is the **Fenchel conjugate** of  $f$ , i.e.,

$$f^*(Y) := \sup_{Z \in \mathcal{Y}} \{\langle Z, Y \rangle - f(Z)\}, \quad Y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

The MOP is more general (including both **MCPs** and **“original” problems** as (4) in FMMC)

- ▶ For **MCPs**,  $f = \delta_{\mathcal{Q} \times \mathcal{K}}(\cdot)$  and  $f^* = \delta_{\mathcal{Q}^\circ \times \mathcal{K}^\circ}(\cdot)$ .
- ▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_{\#}$  be **any norm function** defined on  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_*$  be the dual norm of  $\|\cdot\|_{\#}$ . Since  $f$  is a positively homogeneous close convex function,  $f^* = \delta_{\partial f(0)}(\cdot)$ , where

$$\partial f(0) = B_*^1 := \{Y \in \mathcal{Y} \mid \|Y\|_* \leq 1\}.$$

For (4) in FMMC:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(Z) = \|Z\|_{(2)} \\ \text{s.t.} & p \geq 0, Bp - e \leq 0, \\ & \mathcal{P}(p) = Z \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} & \langle e, v \rangle - \delta_{\partial f(0)}(Y) \\ \text{s.t.} & -u + B^T v + \mathcal{P}^*(Y) = 0, \\ & u \geq 0, v \geq 0, \end{array}$$

where  $\partial f(0) = \{Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|Y\|_{(2)^*} \leq 1\}$ .

## The PPA and the Moreau-Yosida regularization

The dual problem of the MOP:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \langle B, Y \rangle + f^*(Y) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{A}^*Y = c. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Given a sequence of parameters  $\lambda_k$  such that

$$0 < \lambda_k \uparrow \lambda_\infty \leq +\infty$$

and an initial point  $Y_0 \in \mathcal{Y}$ , the (primal) Proximal Point Algorithm (PPA) for solving (6) generates a sequence  $Y^k$  by the following scheme:

$$Y^{k+1} \approx \arg \min_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left\{ \phi(Y) + \frac{1}{2\lambda_k} \|Y - Y^k\|^2 \right\},$$

where  $\phi(Y) := \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^p} \{ \langle B, Y \rangle + f^*(Y) + \langle y, c - \mathcal{A}^*Y \rangle \}$ .

Therefore, we have

$$Y^{k+1} \approx \arg \max_{y \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \langle y, c \rangle + \frac{1}{2\lambda_k} (\|Y^k\|^2 - \|Z\|^2) + \min_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \{f^*(Y) + \frac{1}{2}\|Y - Z\|^*\} \right\},$$

where  $Z := \lambda_k(\mathcal{A}y - B) + Y^k$ .

**The key:** the Moreau-Yosida regularization of  $f^*$

$$\psi_{f^*}(Z) := \min_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left\{ f^*(Y) + \frac{1}{2}\|Y - Z\|^* \right\}.$$



# The Moreau-Yosida regularization

In order to make MOPs tractable, the function  $f$  and  $f^*$  should be “simple” and “computable”.

- ▶ The Moreau-Yosida regularization of  $f$

$$\psi_f(Z) := \min_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left\{ f(Y) + \frac{1}{2} \|Y - Z\|^2 \right\}$$

has a closed form solution, denoted by  $P_f(Z)$  (non-expansive operator), or at least admits an effective algorithm.

- ▶ We can easily compute the directional derivative of

$$\nabla \psi_f(Z) = Z - P_f(Z).$$

- ▶ The function  $\nabla \psi_f$  is (strongly) semismooth.

## Moreau's decomposition

$$P_f(Z) + P_{f^*}(Z) = Z \quad \forall Z \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

- ▶  $f = \delta_{\mathcal{K}}(\cdot)$ :

$$P_f(Z) = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(Z) \quad \text{and} \quad P_{f^*}(Z) = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^\circ}(Z),$$

where  $\Pi_D(\cdot)$  is the **metric projection** over a closed convex set  $D$  and  $\mathcal{K}^\circ$  is the **polar** of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

- ▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_{\#}$ :

$$P_{f^*}(Z) = \Pi_{\partial f(0)}(Z) = \Pi_{B_*^1}(Z) \quad \text{and} \quad P_f(Z) = Z - P_{f^*}(Z).$$

In both cases,  $f$  is **absolutely symmetric** with respect  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .  
One useful inequality – **von Neumann's trace inequality**:

$$\|\sigma(Y) - \sigma(Z)\| \leq \|Y - Z\| \quad \forall Y, Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}.$$

More specifically,

- ▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_*$ .  $P_f(Z)$  is just the **soft thresholding operator** and  $P_{f^*}(Z)$  is the metric projection over the unit  $\|\cdot\|_2$ -ball, i.e.,

$$P_f(Z) = U[(\Sigma - I)_+ \ 0]V^T \quad \text{and} \quad P_{f^*}(Z) = U[\min(\Sigma, I) \ 0]V^T,$$

where  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  admits the **singular value decomposition (SVD)**  $Z = U[\Sigma \ 0]V^T$  with  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma(Z))$ .

- ▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_2$ .

$$P_{f^*}(Z) = U[g(\sigma(Z)) \ 0]V^T \quad \text{and} \quad P_f(Z) = Z - P_{f^*}(Z),$$

where  $g(z) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \{\frac{1}{2}\|x - z\|^T \mid \|x\|_1 \leq 1\}$ . The **breakpoint searching (BPS) algorithms**<sup>3</sup> can be used, and the computational cost for computing  $g(\sigma(Z))$  can be achieved within  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  arithmetic operations.

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<sup>3</sup>M. HELD, P. WOLFE, AND H. P. CROWDER, *Validation of subgradient optimization*, *Mathematical Programming*, 6 (1974), pp. 62–88.

▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_{(k)}$ .

$$P_{f^*}(Z) = U[g(\sigma(Z)) \ 0]V^T \quad \text{and} \quad P_f(Z) = Z - P_{f^*}(Z),$$

where  $g(z) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \{\frac{1}{2}\|x - z\|^T \mid \|x\|_\infty \leq 1, \|x\|_1 \leq k\}$ . By using the **BPS algorithms**, we can compute  $g(\sigma(Z))$  within  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  arithmetic operations.

▶  $f = \|\cdot\|_{(k)^*}$ .

$$P_{f^*}(Z) = U[g(\sigma(Z)) \ 0]V^T \quad \text{and} \quad P_f(Z) = Z - P_{f^*}(Z),$$

where  $g(z) = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^m} \{\frac{1}{2}\|x - z\|^T \mid \|x\|_{(k)} \leq 1\}$ .  $g(z)$  can be computed at a cost of  $\mathcal{O}(k(m - k + 1))$  operations<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup>B. WU, C. DING, D. F. SUN, AND K. C. TOH, *On the Moreau-Yosida regularization of the vector  $k$ -norm related functions*, Preprint available at [http://www.optimization-online.org/DB\\_FILE/2011/03/2978.pdf](http://www.optimization-online.org/DB_FILE/2011/03/2978.pdf).

- $f = \delta_{\mathcal{K}_4}(\cdot)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}_4 = \text{epi } \|\cdot\|_2 = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|X\|_2 \leq t\}$ .  
 $P_f(t, X) = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}_4}(t, X)$  and  $P_{f^*}(t, X) = (t, X) - P_f(t, X) = \Pi_{-\mathcal{K}_5}(t, X)$ ,  
 where  $\mathcal{K}_5 = \text{epi } \|\cdot\|_* = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|X\|_* \leq t\}$ .

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{K}_4}(t, X) = (\bar{t}, U[\text{diag}(\bar{y}) \ 0]V^T),$$

where  $(\bar{t}, \bar{y}) = g(t, \sigma(X))$  is the unique solution of the following simple quadratic convex optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2}((\tau - t)^2 + \|y - \sigma(X)\|^2) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|y\|_\infty \leq \tau. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

We can solve (8) at a cost of  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  operations.

- $f = \delta_{\mathcal{K}_6}(\cdot)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}_6 = \text{epi} \|\cdot\|_{(k)} = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|X\|_{(k)} \leq t\}$ .
- $P_f(t, X) = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}_6}(t, X)$  and  $P_{f^*}(t, X) = (t, X) - P_f(t, X) = \Pi_{-\mathcal{K}_7}(t, X)$ ,
- where  $\mathcal{K}_7 = \text{epi} \|\cdot\|_{(k)^*} = \{(t, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|X\|_{(k)^*} \leq t\}$ .

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{K}_6}(t, X) = (\bar{t}, U[\text{diag}(\bar{y}) \ 0]V^T),$$

where  $(\bar{t}, \bar{y}) = g(t, \sigma(X))$  is the unique solution of the following simple quadratic convex optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2}((\tau - t)^2 + \|y - \sigma(X)\|^2) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|y\|_{(k)} \leq \tau \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

We can solve (8) at a cost of  $\mathcal{O}(k(m - k + 1))$  operations. For more details, see Wu et al. (2011).

## The Properties of $g$ — (I)

$g$  is the **solution** of the corresponding “**vector version**” M-Y regularization problem.

- ▶  $g$  is globally Lipschitz continuous with module 1.
- ▶  $g$  is directional differentiable everywhere.
- ▶ The sufficient and necessary conditions for the Fréchet differentiability of  $g$  are available.
- ▶  $g$  is strongly (1-order) G-semismooth everywhere.

Note that a locally Lipschitz function  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  is said to be  $\rho$ -order G-semismooth ( $\rho > 0$ ) at  $x$  if for any  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\Phi(x + h) - \Phi(x) - \partial\Phi(x + h)h = O(\|h\|^{1+\rho}).$$

## The Properties of $g$ — (II)

A matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is said to be a **signed permutation matrix** if each element of  $Q$  has exactly one nonzero entry in each row and each column, that entry being  $\pm 1$ . Let  $|\mathbb{P}|^m$  be the set of all signed permutation matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ .

$$g(z) = Q^T g(Qz) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ and } \forall Q \in |\mathbb{P}|^m.$$

or

$$g(t, z) = (g_1(t, z), g_2(t, z)) = (g_1(t, Qz), Q^T g_2(t, Qz)) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ and } \forall Q \in |\mathbb{P}|^m.$$

Then, we say the function  $g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m$  is (mixed) symmetric with respect to  $\mathcal{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . The function  $G : \mathcal{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  defined by

$$G(t, X) := (g_1(t, \sigma(X)), U[\text{diag}(g_2(t, \sigma(X))) \ 0]V^T)$$

is said to be the corresponding **spectral operator**.



# The Spectral Operator

Suppose that the function  $g : \mathbb{R}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^m$  is (mixed) symmetric with respect to  $\mathcal{S}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}) = (g_1(\mathbf{z}), g_2(\mathbf{z})) = \left( Q_1^T g_1(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}), Q_2^T g_2(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z}) \right) \quad \forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^m, \forall \mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{P}^{m_0} \times |\mathbb{P}|^m,$$

where  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q_1, Q_2) \in \mathbb{P}^{m_0} \times |\mathbb{P}|^m$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{z} = (Q_1 z_1, Q_2 z_2)$ , and  $\mathbb{P}^{m_0}$  is the set of all permutation matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{m_0 \times m_0}$ . The function  $G : \mathcal{S}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^{m_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  defined by

$$G(Y, Z) := (P \text{diag}(g_1(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))) P^T, U[\text{diag}(g_2(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))) \ 0] V^T)$$

is said to be the corresponding **spectral operator**<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup>C. DING, D. F. SUN, J. SUN AND K. C. TOH, *Spectral operator of matrices*, manuscript in preparation, 2011.

# The Properties of the Spectral Operator

- ▶  $G$  is **Hadamard directionally differentiable** at  $(Y, Z)$  if and only if  $g$  is **Hadamard directionally differentiable** at  $(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))$ .
- ▶  $G$  is **(continuously) differentiable** at  $(Y, Z)$  if and only if  $g$  is **(continuously) differentiable** at  $(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))$ .
- ▶  $G$  is **locally Lipschitz continuous** near  $(Y, Z)$  if and only if  $g$  is **locally Lipschitz continuous** near  $(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))$ .
- ▶ Let  $0 < \rho \leq 1$  be given.  $G$  is locally Lipschitz continuous near  $(Y, Z)$  and  **$\rho$ -order  $G$ -semismooth** at  $(Y, Z)$  if and only if  $g$  is locally Lipschitz continuous near  $(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))$  and  **$\rho$ -order  $G$ -semismooth** at  $(\lambda(Y), \sigma(Z))$ .
- ▶ The characterization of **B-subdifferential**  $\partial_B G$  and **Clarke's generalized Jacobian**  $\partial G$ .

## Future work

- ▶ The numerical implementation.
- ▶ The second order variational analysis for MCPs / MOPs.
- ▶ Other approaches for MOPs.

Thank You.