

**Polyhedral Homotopy Methods vs Semidefinite Programming
Relaxations for Problems Involving Polynomials**

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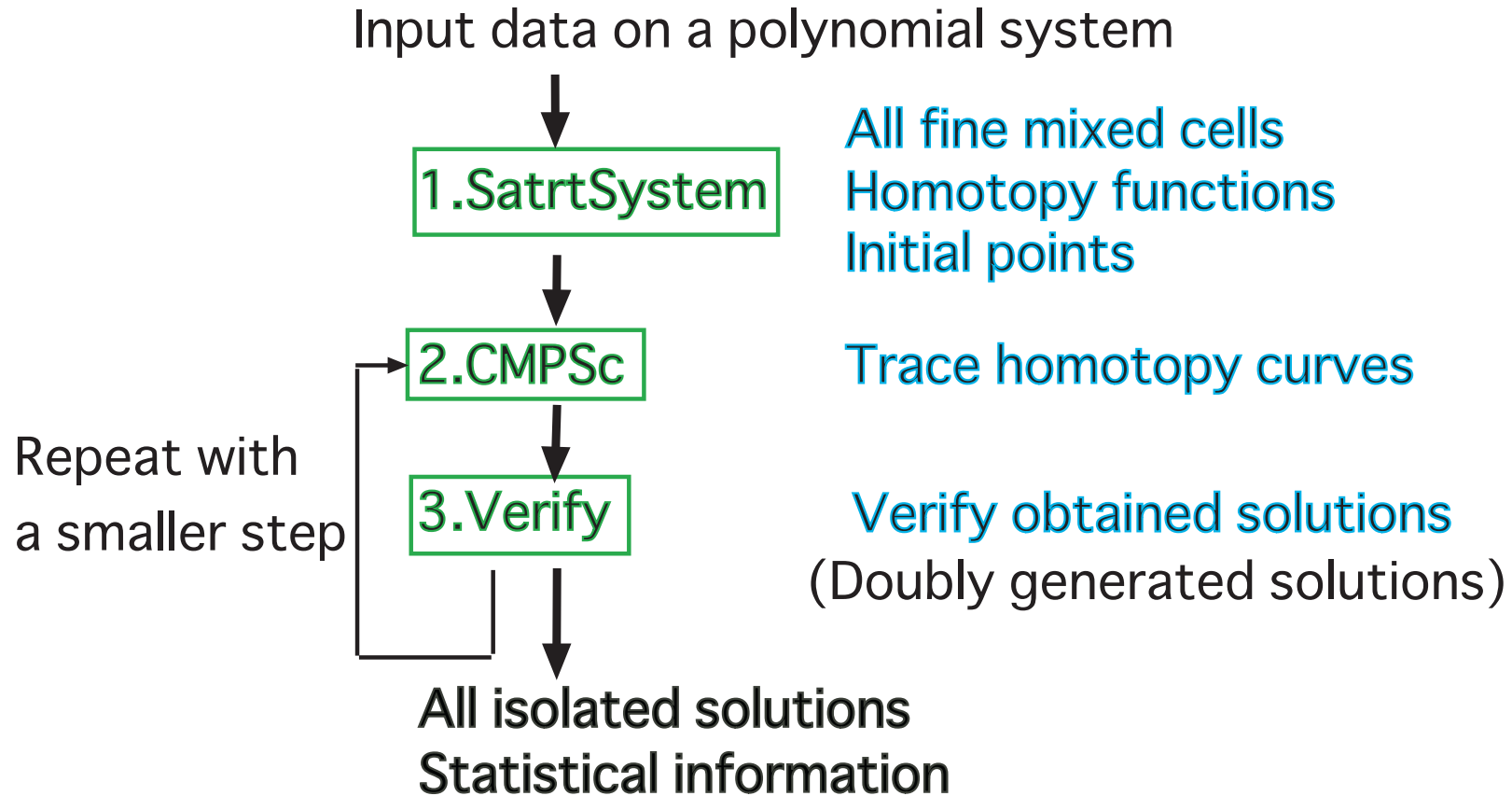
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The polyhedral homotopy method

- Implementation on a single CPU:
 - PHCpack [Verschelde]
 - HOM4PS [Li-Li-Gao]
 - PHoM [Gunji-Kim-Kojima-Takeda-Fujisawa-Mizutani]
- Suitable for parallel computation — all isolated solutions can be computed independently in parallel.
 - PHoMpara [Gunji, Kim, Fujisawa and Kojima] — Next
 - Leykin, Verschelde and Zhuang

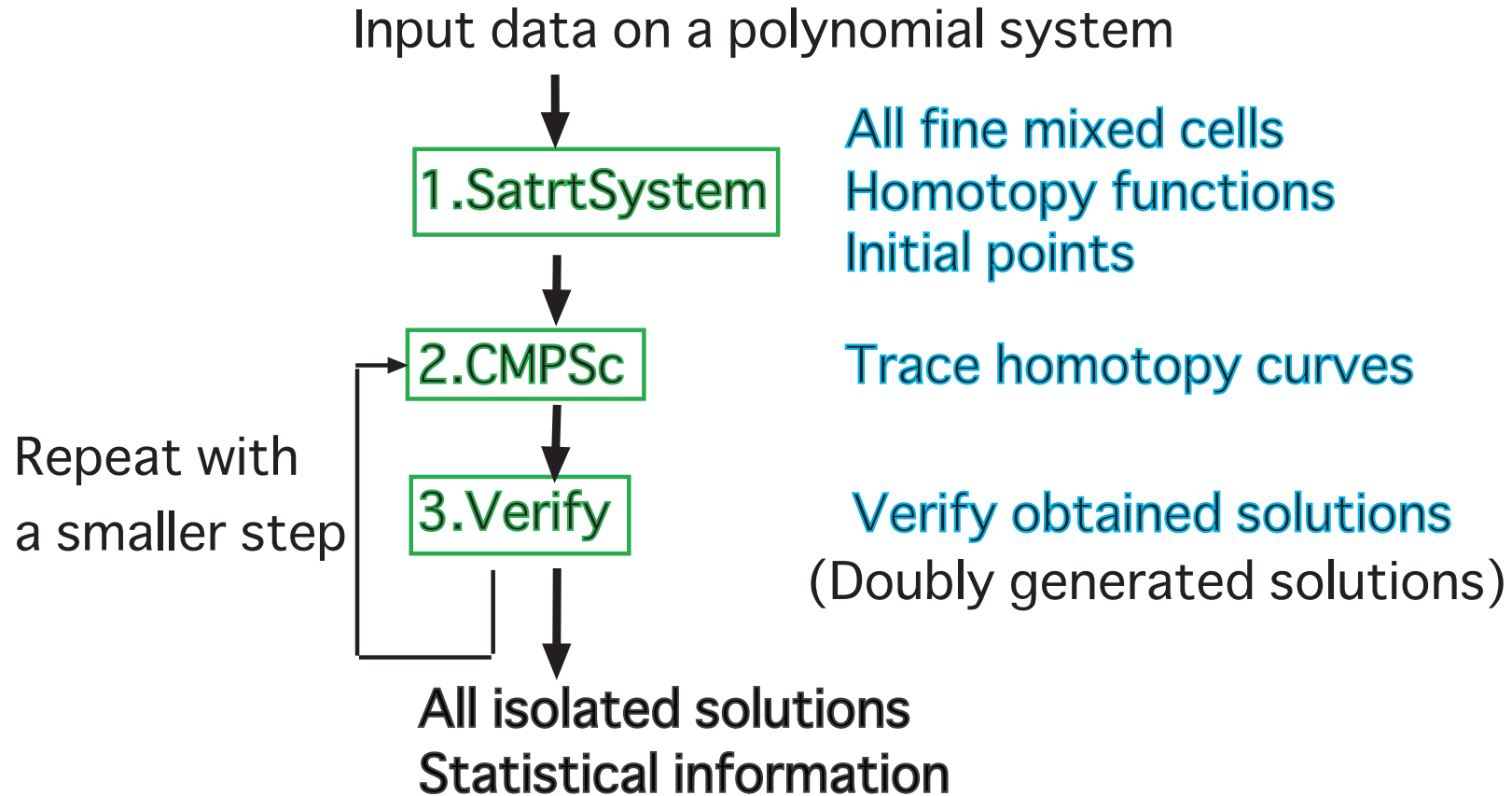
Structure of PHoMpara:



Parallel computation in 1. StartSystem

- Computation of all fine mixed cells
- Balancing powers of the homo. parameter (Li-Verschelde)
 - LP with small $\#$ variables & large $\#$ ineq. constraints
 - a cutting plane (a column generation simplex) method

Structure of PHoMpara:



Parallel computation in 2. CMPSc

- Each homotopy curve can be traced by pred.corr. meth. independently
 - easy to execute in parallel; divide the h.curves to be traced into $(10 \times \#workers)$ sets with **almost equal size**, and distribute each set to each worker.

Numerical results: Hardware — PC cluster (AMD Athlon 2.0GHz)

Problem (#sol)	#CPUs	cpu time in second			speedup ratio
		StartSy	CMPSc	Total	
eco-14 (4,096)	1 40	13,620 388	9,033 238	22,653 626	1.0 36.2
noon-10 (59,029)	1 40	66 27	62,606 1,770	62,672 1,797	1.0 34.9
eco-16 (16,384)	40	10,470	1,581	12,051	
noon-12 (531,417)	40	78	49,380	49,458	

StartSy — mixed vol., homotopy functions, init. points

CMPSc — tracing homotopy curves + Verify

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SparsePOP (Waki-Kim-Kojima-Muramatsu '06) = Lasserre's SDP relaxation '01 + “structured sparsity” — c-sparsity

POP min. $f_0(\mathbf{x})$ s.t. $f_j(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ or $= 0$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$).

Example: $f_0(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-x_k^2)$
 $f_j(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - x_j^2 - 2x_{j+1}^2 - x_n^2$ ($j = 1, \dots, n - 1$).

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\mathbf{R} : the csp matrix, the $n \times n$ sparsity pattern matrix of

$\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{H} f_0(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{J} \mathbf{f}_*(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{f}_*(\mathbf{x})$ (no cancellation in '+').

$[\mathbf{J} \mathbf{f}_*(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J} \mathbf{f}_*(\mathbf{x})]_{ij} \neq 0$ iff x_i and x_j are in a common constraint.

Example with $n = 6$:

the csp matrix $\mathbf{R} =$

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POP : **c-sparse (correlatively sparse)** \Leftrightarrow The $n \times n$ **csp matrix** $\mathbf{R} = (R_{ij})$ allows a symbolic sparse Cholesky factorization (under a row & col. ordering like a symmetric min. deg. ordering).

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Sparse (SDP) relaxation = Lasserre (2001) + c-sparsity

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A sequence of **c-sparse SDP** relaxation problems depending on **the relaxation order** $r = 1, 2, \dots$;

- (a) Under a moderate assumption, opt. sol. of **SDP** \rightarrow opt sol. of **POP** as $r \rightarrow \infty$.
- (b) $r = \lceil \text{“the max. deg. of poly. in POP”} / 2 \rceil + 0 \sim 3$ is usually large enough to attain opt sol. of **POP** in practice.
- (c) Such an r is **unknown** in theory except \exists special cases.
- (d) **Additional method** for all opt. sol. of **POP**, **but expensive**.
- (e) The size of **SDP increases rapidly** as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

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Two steps to derive a sparse **SDP** relaxation of **POP**

- (a) Convert **POP** to an equivalent **poly.SDP** with **the same c-sparsity**.
- (b) Linearize **poly.SDP** \Rightarrow **SDP** with **a similar c-sparsity** to **poly.SDP**.

Example of Sparse SDP Relaxation

$$\text{POP: } \min \sum_{i=1}^4 (-x_i^3) \text{ s.t. } -a_i \times x_i^2 - x_4^2 + 1 \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

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poly.SDP:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^4 (-x_i^3)$$

$$\text{s.t. } (-a_i \times x_i^2 - x_4^2 + 1)(1, x_i, x_4)^T (1, x_i, x_4) \succeq \mathbf{O} \quad i = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$(1, x_j, x_4, x_j^2, x_j x_4, x_4^2)^T (1, x_j, x_4, x_j^2, x_j x_4, x_4^2) \succeq \mathbf{O} \quad j = 1, 2, 3.$$

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Represent **poly.SDP** as

$$\min \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_0} g_0(\alpha) x^\alpha \text{ s.t. } \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_j} G_j(\alpha) x^\alpha \succeq \mathbf{O} \quad j = 1, \dots, 6,$$

where $\mathcal{A}_j \subset \mathbb{Z}_+^4$ and $x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} x_3^{\alpha_3} x_4^{\alpha_4}$; $x^{(1,2,1,0)} = x_1 x_2^2 x_3$.

⇓ Linearize by replacing each x^α by an indep. var. y_α ; x^0 by 1

$$\text{SDP } \min \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_0} g_0(\alpha) y_\alpha \text{ s.t. } \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_j} G_j(\alpha) y_\alpha \succeq \mathbf{O} \quad j = 1, \dots, 6,$$

which forms an **SDP** relaxation of **POP**.

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Unconstrained optimization

Unconstrained POP: min. $f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Broyden tridiagonal function with min.val.= 0

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n ((3 - 2x_i)x_i - x_{i-1} - 2x_{i+1} + 1)^2, \quad x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0.$$

Generalized Rosenbrock function with min.val.= 0

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=2}^n (100(x_i - x_{i-1}^2)^2 + (1 - x_i)^2).$$

	B. tridiagonal			G. Rosenbrock		
n	r	approx.opt.val	cpu	r	approx.opt.val	cpu
600	2	1.0e-7	9.3	2	3.9e-7	3.4
800	2	2.2e-7	12.6	2	2.1e-7	5.1
1000	2	2.6e-7	16.0	2	4.5e-7	5.9

A POP alkyl from globalib

$$\text{min} \quad -6.3x_5x_8 + 5.04x_2 + 0.35x_3 + x_4 + 3.36x_6$$

$$\text{sub.to} \quad -0.820x_2 + x_5 - 0.820x_6 = 0,$$

$$0.98x_4 - x_7(0.01x_5x_{10} + x_4) = 0, \quad -x_2x_9 + 10x_3 + x_6 = 0,$$

$$x_5x_{12} - x_2(1.12 + 0.132x_9 - 0.0067x_9^2) = 0,$$

$$x_8x_{13} - 0.01x_9(1.098 - 0.038x_9) - 0.325x_7 = 0.574,$$

$$x_{10}x_{14} + 22.2x_{11} = 35.82, \quad x_1x_{11} - 3x_8 = -1.33,$$

$$\text{lbd}_i \leq x_i \leq \text{ubd}_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 14).$$

- 14 variables, 7 poly. equality constraints with deg. 3.

	Sparse			Dense (Lasserre)		
r	ϵ_{obj}	ϵ_{feas}	cpu	ϵ_{obj}	ϵ_{feas}	cpu
2	1.0e-02	7.1e-01	1.8	7.2e-3	4.3e-2	14.4
3	5.6e-10	2.0e-08	23.0	out of	memory	

ϵ_{obj} = approx.opt.val. – lower bound for opt.val.

ϵ_{feas} = the maximum error in the equality constraints

Systems of polynomial equations

- Is the (sparse) SDP relaxation useful to solve systems of polynomial equations?
- The answer depends on:
 - how sparse the system of polynomial equations is.
 - the maximum degree of polynomials.
- 2 types of systems of polynomial equations
 - (a) Benchmark test problems from Verschelde's homepage; katsura and cyclic — not **c-sparse**
 - (b) System of polynomials arising from discretization of ODEs and DAEs (Differential Algebraic Equations) — **c-sparse**

katsura n system of polynomial equations; $n = 8$ case

$$0 = -x_1 + 2x_9^2 + 2x_8^2 + 2x_7^2 + \cdots + 2x_2^2 + x_1^2,$$

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.....

not c-sparse

$$0 = -x_8 + 2x_9x_2 + 2x_8x_1 + 2x_7x_2 + 2x_6x_3 + 2x_5x_4,$$

$$1 = 2x_9 + 2x_8 + 2x_7 + 2x_6 + 2x_5 + 2x_4 + 2x_3 + 2x_2 + x_1.$$

● Numerical results on SparsePOP (WKKM 2004)

n	obj.funct.	r	A in SeDuMi	#nz in A	cpu
8	$\sum x_i \uparrow$	1	[54, 217]	280	0.08
8	$\sum x_i^2 \downarrow$	2	[714, 6,730]	11,194	7.1
11	$\sum x_i \uparrow$	1	[90, 361]	473	0.14
11	$\sum x_i^2 \downarrow$	2	[1,819, 17,043]	29,431	101.3

● A formulation in terms of a POP

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \text{or} \quad \min \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$\text{sub.to} \quad \text{katsura } n \text{ system}, \quad -5 \leq x_i \leq 5 \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

● Different objective functions \Rightarrow different solutions.

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● Numerical results on HOM4PS (Li-Li-Gao 2002)

n	#solutions	cpu sec.
8	256	1.9
11	2048	209.1

cyclic n system of polynomial equations; $n = 5$ case

$$0 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5,$$

$$0 = x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + x_4x_5 + x_5x_1, \quad \text{not c-sparse}$$

$$0 = x_1x_2x_3 + x_2x_3x_4 + x_3x_4x_5 + x_4x_5x_1 + x_5x_1x_2,$$

$$0 = x_1x_2x_3x_4 + x_2x_3x_4x_5 + x_3x_4x_5x_1 + x_4x_5x_1x_2 + x_5x_1x_2x_3,$$

$$0 = -1 + x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5.$$

● Numerical results on SparsePOP

n	obj.funct.	r	A in SeDuMi	#nz in A	cpu
5	$\sum x_i \uparrow$	3	[431, 7,238]	12,403	1.83
6	$\sum x_i \uparrow$	4	[2,891, 122,007]	198,952	753.2

● Numerical results on HOM4PS

n	#solutions	cpu sec.
5	70	0.1
6	156	0.2

Discretization of Mimura's ODE with 2 unknowns $u, v : [0, 5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$u_{xx} = -(\delta_1/9)(35 + 16u - u^2)u + (\delta_1)(kuv),$$

$$v_{xx} = (\delta_2)((1 + (2/5)v)v - kuv),$$

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where $k = 1$, $\delta_1 = 20$ and $\delta_2 = 1/4$. Discretize:

$$x_i = i\Delta x \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots), \quad u_x(x_i) \approx (u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i-1})) / (2\Delta x).$$

Discretized system of polynomials with $\Delta x = 1$:

$$f_1(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 76.8u_1 + u_3 + 35.6u_1^2 - 20.0u_1v_1 - 2.22u_2^3,$$

$$f_2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = -1.25v_1 + v_2 + 0.25u_1v_1 - 0.1v_1^2,$$

$$f_3(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = u_1 + 75.8u_2 + u_3 + 35.6u_2^2 - 20.0u_2v_2 - 2.22u_2^3,$$

$$f_4(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = v_1 - 2.25v_2 + v_3 + 0.25u_2v_2 - 0.1v_2^2,$$

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$$f_6(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = v_2 - 2.25v_3 + v_4 + 0.25u_3v_3 - 0.1v_3^2,$$

$$f_7(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = u_3 + 76.8u_4 + 35.6u_4^2 - 20.0u_4v_4 - 2.22u_4^3,$$

$$f_8(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = v_3 - 1.25v_4 + 0.25u_4v_4 - 0.1v_4^2. \quad \Rightarrow \text{c-sparse}$$

Here $u_i = u(x_i)$, $v_i = v(x_i)$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$),

$$u_0 - u_1 = 0, \quad u_5 - u_4 = 0, \quad v_0 - v_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_5 - v_4 = 0.$$

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1.0	8	$\sum r_i u(x_i) \uparrow$	3	[1,084, 18,732]	11.3
0.5	18	$\sum r_i u(x_i) \uparrow$	3	[3,025, 48,285]	57.8

Here $r_i \in (0, 1)$: random numbers.

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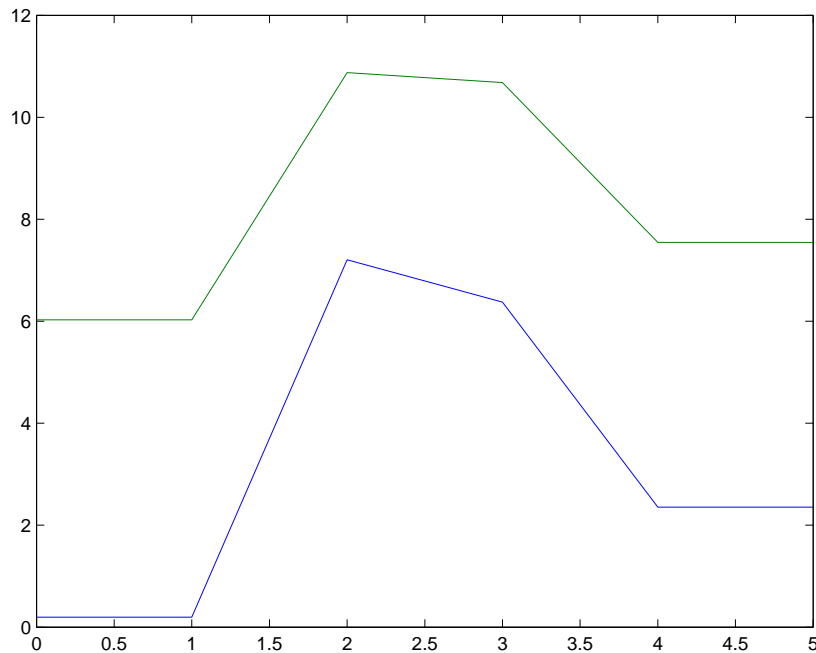
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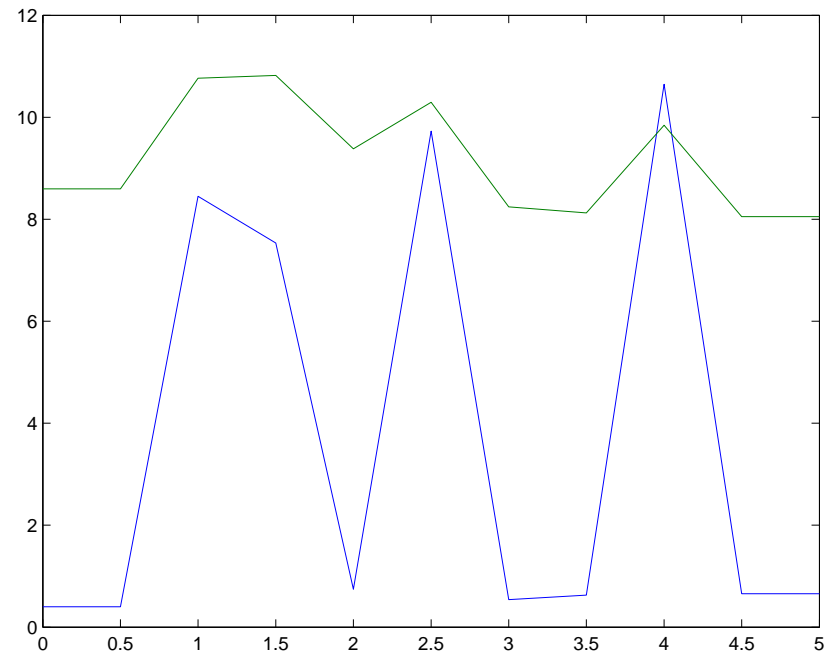
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where $k = 1$, $\delta_1 = 20$ and $\delta_2 = 1/4$. Discretize:

$$x_i = i\Delta x \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots), \quad u_x(x_i) \approx (u(x_{i+1}) - u(x_{i-1})) / (2\Delta x).$$

● Numerical results on SparsePOP

Δx	n	obj.funct.	r	A in SeDuMi	cpu
1.0	8	$\sum r_i u(x_i) \uparrow$	3	[1,084, 18,732]	11.3
0.5	18	$\sum r_i u(x_i) \uparrow$	3	[3,025, 48,285]	57.8

Here $r_i \in (0, 1)$: random numbers.

● Numerical results on HOM4PS

Δx	n	#solutions	#real solutions	cpu sec.
1.0	8	1296	222	2.2
0.5	18	10,077,696 (M.vol., 168 sec.)	not traced	

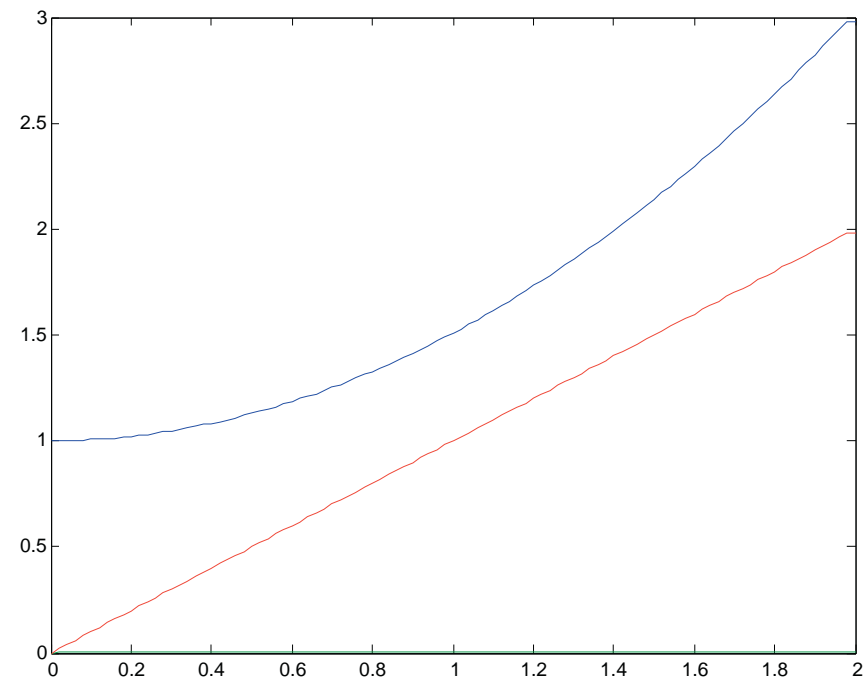
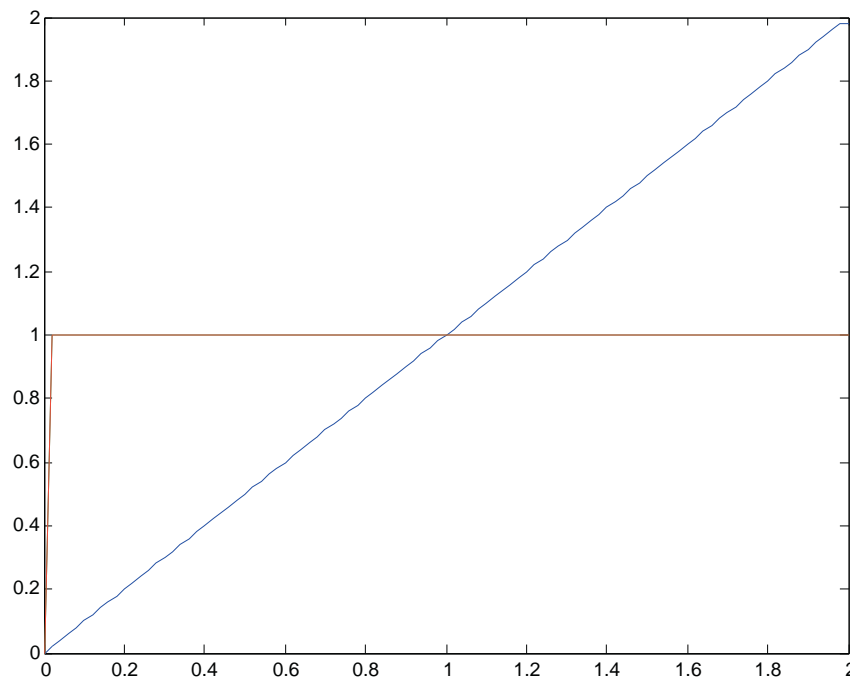
Discretization of DAE with 3 unknowns $y_1, y_2, y_3 : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$y_1' = y_3, \quad 0 = y_2(1 - y_2), \quad 0 = y_1 y_2 + y_3(1 - y_2) - t, \quad y_1(0) = y_1^0.$$

2 solutions : $y(t) = (t, 1, 1)$ and $y(t) = (y_1^0 + t^2, 0, t)$.

● Numerical results on SparsePOP — c-sparse

y_1^0	Δt	n	obj.funct.	r	A in SeDuMi	cpu
0	0.02	297	$\sum y_2(t_i) \uparrow$	2	[3,557, 25,413]	30.9
1	0.02	297	$\sum y_1(t_i) \uparrow$	2	[3,557, 25,413]	33.9



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4. Concluding remarks

SDP = Semidefinite Program or Programming

POP = Polynomial Optimization Problem

- Some essential differences between **Homotopy Continuation** and **(sparse) SDP Relaxation** — 1:
 - (a) **HC** works on \mathbb{C}^n while **SDPR** on \mathbb{R}^n .
 - (b) **HC** aims to compute all isolated solutions; in **SDPR**, computing all isolated solutions is possible but expensive.
 - (c) **SDPR** can process inequalities, and **SDPR** can have an objective function to pick up a specific solution.

- Some essential differences between **Homotopy Continuation** and **(sparse) SDP Relaxation** — 2:
 - (d) **SDPR** is sensitive to **degrees of polynomials** of a POP because the SDP relaxed problem becomes larger rapidly as **they** increase.
⇒ **SDPR** can be applied to POPs with lower degree polynomials such as degree ≤ 4 in practice.
 - (e) **HC** fits parallel computation more than **SDPR**.
 - (f) The effectiveness of **sparse SDPR** depends on the **c-sparsity**; for example, discretization of ODE, DAE, Optimal control problem and PDE.

Thank you!

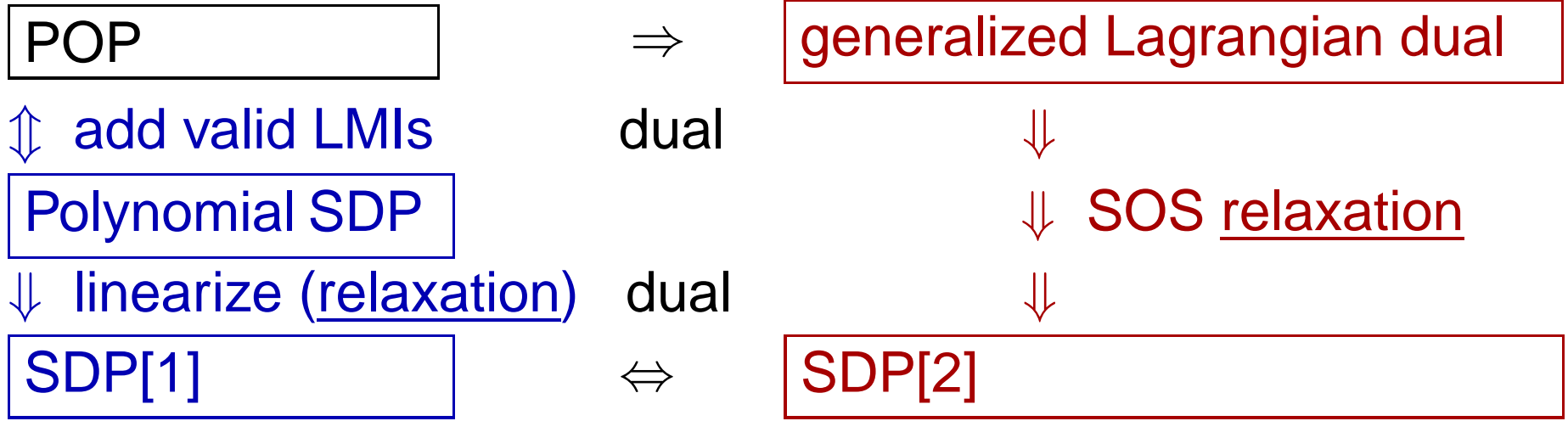
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Appendix.

SOS and SDP relaxations of POPs

$$\text{POP: } \min f_0(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{sub.to } f_i(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, m),$$



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- (a) Global optimal solutions
- (b) Large-scale SDPs require enormous computation
- (c) Sparse SDP relaxation (Waki-Kim-Kojima-Muramatsu '06)
= SDP[1] + “Exploiting structured sparsity” — c-sparsity