

# Survey 3 types of special structure in SDP

1. a common "chordal" sparsity pattern of the data matrices

$$A_i, i=1, \dots, m, C$$

2. Low rank for all data matrices

3. Data matrices are invariant under the action of a permutation group; or where they belong to a low dim. matrix algebra.

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many applications for "symmetry reduction"

Notation  $\mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$  ( $\mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$ ) matrix spaces  
 $S^{k \times k}$  symmetric matrices

$I_n$  identity  $J_n$  all ones

$e_i$  unit vectors  $e$  all ones

$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$A = \text{Re}(A) + \sqrt{-1} \text{Im}(A)$$

$$A^* = \dots \dots \dots^T \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Complex} \\ \text{conjugate} \\ \text{transp.} \end{array} \right)$$

$$A = A^* \quad \text{Hermitian}$$

$$Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, Q^* Q = I \quad \text{unitary}$$

real unitary is orthogonal

$\text{vec}(\cdot)$ ,  $\text{diag}(\cdot)$

Kronecker product  $A \otimes B$

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Structured instances

$$(1) \quad \min \{ A_0 \cdot X : A_k \cdot X = b_k, k=1, \dots, m, X \succeq 0 \}$$

$$A(X) = (A_k \cdot X) \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (\mathbb{C}^m)$$

$$A_k \cdot X = \text{trace } A_k^* X = \underbrace{\text{trace } A_k X}_{\text{in real case}}$$

most applications  $A_k \in S^{n \times n}$ .  
(real)

$$(2) \quad \text{dual} \quad \max \{ b^T y : \sum_{i=1}^m y_i A_i + S = A_0, S \succeq 0 \}$$

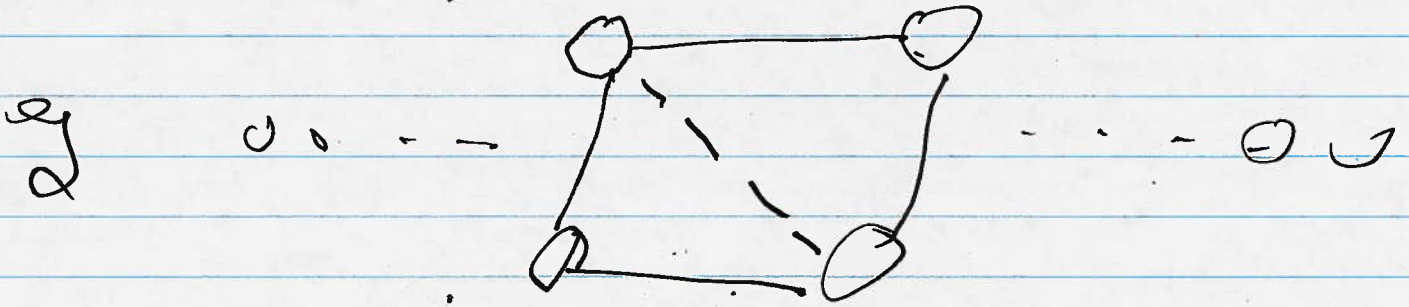
$$A^*(y) = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i A_i$$

# Chordal Structure

$$A_i, i=0, 1, \dots, m$$

have a common sparsity pattern of the adjacency matrix of some chordal graph  $G=(V, E)$

i.e.  $G$  does not contain a cycle of length 4 or more



A adjacency matrix  $A_{ij} = 1$  if edge  $ij \in E$ .

$$A_{ij} = 0 \Rightarrow (A_k)_{ij} = 0, \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, m$$

# Low Rank

$A_i, i=1, \dots, m$  are low rank

e.g. for max-cut  $A_i = E_{ii} = e_i e_i^T$

is rank 1,  $i=1, \dots, m$  (here  $m=n$ )

( $A_0$  can have high rank)

# Algebraic Symmetry

$A_i, i=0, 1, \dots, m$  belong to a

matrix  $*$ -algebra of low dimension

i.e. over a field  $F \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ , it

is a subspace of  $F^{n \times n}$  that is

also closed under matrix multiplication

and taking (conjugate) transposes.

(mostly when data matrices are

invariant under a permutation group)

## 2 Data Matrices of Low Rank (c.f. facial reduction)

(\*) eg  $A_i = a_i a_i^T, a_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Recall simplicity of forming

Schur complement  $M$  for Max-Cut

Problem. In general,

$$M = (m_{ij})$$

$$m_{ij} = \text{trace } A_i Z_1 A_j Z_2, i, j = 1, \dots, m$$

depend on choice of search direction

eg. (\*) gives for

$$\begin{aligned}
m_{ij} &= \text{trace } A_i Z_1 A_j Z_2 \\
&= \text{trace}(a_i^T Z_1 a_j)(a_i^T Z_2 a_j) \\
&= (a_i^T S^{-1} a_j) \text{ for } Z_1 = Z_2 = S^{-1} \\
&= (S^{-1})_{ij}^2 \text{ for max-cut} \\
&\text{can exploit sparsity of } S = -\sum_i y_i A_i + A_0
\end{aligned}$$