

ROBUST PORTFOLIO DECISIONS WITH HIGHER ORDER MOMENTS

DECOMPOSITION SCHEME FOR SPARSE POLYNOMIAL OPTIMISATION PROBLEMS

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TWO DECOMPOSITION ALGORITHMS

- Partitioning Procedure for (dense) POPs
- Decomposition-based method for sparse POPs

MOTIVATION

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- Asset returns are assumed normally distributed
- Incorporation of (central) moments higher than variance
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- Recent advances in Global Optimisation of POPs (Lasserre, Parrilo, Waki et al.)
- Ongoing research on decomposition-based methods for POPs

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MEAN & VARIANCE

- R_{it} denotes the return on asset i at time t
- N the total number of returns on asset i
- R_i **random** variable representing the average return on asset i

MEAN

- First order moment:

$$\mu_i = E[R_i] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N R_{it}$$

- Expected or average value

VARIANCE

- Second order central moment:

$$\sigma_{ii} = E[(R_i - \mu_i)^2] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (R_{it} - \mu_i)^2$$

- Measure of dispersion around the mean

SKEWNESS

- Third order central moment:

$$s_{iii} = E[(R_i - \mu_i)^3] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (R_{it} - \mu_i)^3$$

- Measure of asymmetry of the distribution
- Mean farther out in the long tail
- Long tail either to the right or to the left:
 - *Positive* skewness
 - *Right-skewed* distribution
 - Few extreme gains
 - *Negative* skewness
 - *Left-skewed* distribution
 - Few extreme losses

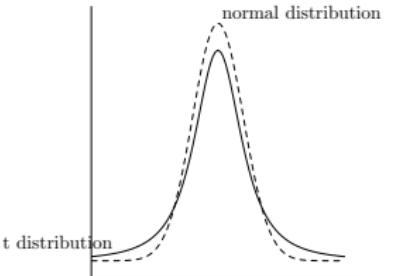


KURTOSIS

- Fourth order central moment:

$$k_{iiii} = E[(R_i - \mu_i)^4] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (R_{it} - \mu_i)^4$$

- Measure of peakedness of the distribution
- A distribution with *high* kurtosis is characterised by:
 - Symmetry
 - *Sharp* peak
 - *Fat / long* tails



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- Incorporation of Higher Moments dates back in early 60s (!)
- **Substantial** number of old-dated works investigated the persistence of asymmetries and/or fat tails in asset returns:
 - Mandelbrot (1963) and Fama (1965)
 - Simkowitz et al. (1978)
 - Singleton et al. (1986)
 - ...
- More recent works included skewness and/or kurtosis in portfolio selection:
 - Lai (1991) and Chunhachinda et al. (1997)
 - Athayde et al. (2004) and Harvey (2004)
 - Jondeau et al. (2006)
 - Mencia et al. (2009)
- Investor's preferences:
 - Scott et al. (1980) showed that investors generally like odd moments and dislike the even ones

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- Formulate the Mean - Variance - Skewness - Kurtosis portfolio optimisation problem (MVSKO)
- Handle the MVSKO in a (general) global optimisation framework
- Introduce, for the first time, the **robust** counterpart of MVSKO
- For **discrete** uncertainty sets, tackle the robust MVSKO in a global optimisation framework

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ASSET STATISTICS (MOMENTS/Co-MOMENTS)

- Consider a portfolio of holdings in n assets
- Marginal moments are not enough to describe the multivariate distribution
- Need to consider the co-moments as well
- Moments and co-moments constitute the *asset statistics*

| <i>Asset Statistics</i> | <i>Symbols</i> | <i>Expressions</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| <i>Mean i</i> | μ_i | $E[R_i]$ |
| <i>Co-Var i, j</i> | σ_{ij} | $E[(R_i - \mu_i)(R_j - \mu_j)]$ |
| <i>Co-Skew i, j, k</i> | s_{ijk} | $E[(R_i - \mu_i)(R_j - \mu_j)(R_k - \mu_k)]$ |
| <i>Co-Kurt i, j, k, l</i> | k_{ijkl} | $E[(R_i - \mu_i)(R_j - \mu_j)(R_k - \mu_k)(R_l - \mu_l)]$ |

| | <i>Asset Statistics</i> | <i>Portfolio Moments</i> | <i>Concise Notation</i> |
|-----|--|---|---------------------------------|
| M | $\mu = [\mu_i] \in \mathbb{R}^n$ | $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i$ | $\mu^T x$ |
| V | $\Sigma = [\sigma_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ | $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \sigma_{ij} x_i x_j$ | $x^T \Sigma x$ |
| S | $S = [s_{ijk}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n^2}$ | $\sum_{i,j,k=1}^n s_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k$ | $x^T S (x \otimes x)$ |
| K | $K = [k_{ijkl}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n^3}$ | $\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n k_{ijkl} x_i x_j x_k x_l$ | $x^T K (x \otimes x \otimes x)$ |

- Budget & no short selling constraints:

$$X = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1, x_i \geq 0\}$$

- Kronecker product for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$:

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & \dots & a_{1n}B \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m1}B & \dots & a_{mn}B \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{mp \times nq}$$

MVSKO (CONT.)

CLASSICAL MVO

- For input parameters $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$:

$$\max_{x \in X} \lambda_1 \mu^T x - \lambda_2 x^T \Sigma x$$

MVSKO

- For input parameters $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 1, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4 \geq 0$:

$$\max_{x \in X} \lambda_1 \mu^T x - \lambda_2 x^T \Sigma x + \lambda_3 x^T S(x \otimes x) - \lambda_4 x^T K(x \otimes x \otimes x)$$

- The MVSKO is POP of total degree 4

| | <i>Asset Statistics</i> | <i>Portfolio Moments</i> |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|
| M | $\mu \in \mathcal{U}_\mu$ | $\min_{\mu \in \mathcal{U}_\mu} \mu^T x$ |
| V | $\Sigma \in \mathcal{U}_\Sigma$ | $\max_{\Sigma \in \mathcal{U}_\Sigma} x^T \Sigma x$ |
| S | $S \in \mathcal{U}_S$ | $\min_{S \in \mathcal{U}_S} x^T S(x \otimes x)$ |
| K | $K \in \mathcal{U}_K$ | $\max_{K \in \mathcal{U}_K} x^T K(x \otimes x \otimes x)$ |

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ROBUST MVSKO (CONT.)

- Our model for discrete uncertainty sets is:

$$\max_{x \in X} \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{U}_\mu, \Sigma \in \mathcal{U}_\Sigma, S \in \mathcal{U}_S, K \in \mathcal{U}_K} \lambda_1 \mu^T x - \lambda_2 x^T \Sigma x + \lambda_3 x^T S(x \otimes x) - \lambda_4 x^T K(x \otimes x \otimes x)$$

- or:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x \in X} \quad & \lambda_1 z_1 + \lambda_2 z_2 + \lambda_3 z_3 + \lambda_4 z_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{aligned} \mu^{(k_1)^T} x &\geq z_1 & k_1 = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{U}_\mu| \\ -x^T \Sigma^{(k_2)} x &\geq z_2 & k_2 = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{U}_\Sigma| \\ x^T S^{(k_3)} (x \otimes x) &\geq z_3 & k_3 = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{U}_S| \\ -x^T K^{(k_4)} (x \otimes x \otimes x) &\geq z_4 & k_4 = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{U}_K| \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

- The robust MVSKO is (sparse) POP of total degree 4

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UNDERLYING THEORY

- Benders Decomposition (BD) (Benders62)
- **Sparse** POPs (Lasserre06, Waki06)
- SDP (Alizadeh95)
 - Duality Theory (DT)
 - Extended Farkas Lemma (EFL)

BASIC IDEA

- Extension of BD to SDP using DT and EFL
- Handle sparse POPs via their sparse SDP relaxations

SEMIDEFINITE PROGRAMMING (SDP)

PRIMAL SDP

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 = \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{A}x = b \\ & x \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0 \end{aligned}$$

DUAL SDP

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 = \max \quad & b^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & c - \mathcal{A}^T y \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $c, x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}, \mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n^2}, b, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- $\mathcal{K}^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2} \mid x = \text{vec}(X); X \succeq 0\}$
- SDT, i.e. $z_1 = z_2$
- EFL, i.e. one of the two systems is consistent:

$$c - \mathcal{A}^T y \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0 \tag{1}$$

$$u^T c = -1, u^T \mathcal{A} = 0, u \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^n} 0 \tag{2}$$

- Solution of (2) is called the *Farkas dual solution*
- Well-known SDP solvers:
 - SeDuMi (*Matlab*)
 - CSDP & DSDP (*C*)
 - SDPA (*C++*)

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CONVERGENT SPARSE SDP RELAXATIONS

- Consider the sparse POP:

$$\begin{aligned} p^* = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \quad & \sum_{k=1}^p p_k(x_k) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_{j \in \mathcal{J}_k}(x_k) \geq 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, p \end{aligned}$$

- p disjoint sets $\mathcal{J}_k: \mathcal{J}_k \subset \{1, \dots, m\}$ & p sets $\mathcal{J}_k: \mathcal{J}_k \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$
- cliques*: $\mathcal{J}_1, \dots, \mathcal{J}_p$ & *coupling variables*: $\mathcal{J}'_0 = \bigcap_{k=1}^p \mathcal{J}_k$

- Sparse SDP relaxation of order ω :

$$\begin{aligned} p_\omega^* = \min_y \quad & \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{\alpha_k \in N^n} p_{\alpha_k} y_{\alpha_k} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & M_\omega(y, \mathcal{J}_k) \succeq 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, p \\ & M_{\omega-d_j}(g_j y, \mathcal{J}_k) \succeq 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, p \\ & y_0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- $2\omega \geq \max\{\deg f, \max_j \deg g_j\}$ & $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} p_\omega^* = p^*$ (Lasserre06)
- State of the art solver is **sparsePOP**:
 - Matlab solver (some C++ functions), SeDuMi for SDP problems

PRE-PROCESS PHASE (PARTITIONING OF VARIABLES)

- Sparsity pattern of POP is expressed by $\mathcal{J}'_0, \mathcal{J}_1, \dots, \mathcal{J}_p$
- SDP relaxation **inherits** sparsity pattern from POP (!)
- Partition **moment** variables according to SDP sparsity
- Moment variables correspond to *monomials*, i.e. products of powers of polynomial variables up to a certain degree

RULE 1

The set of coupling *moment* variables derives from \mathcal{J}'_0

RULE 2

The i -th set of independent *moment* variables derives from \mathcal{J}_i

MASTER PROBLEM DERIVATION

- Consider the sparse SDP problem:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\omega}^* = \min_{y, y^1, \dots, y^p} \quad & b^T y + \sum_{i=1}^p d^i{}^T y^i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & T^i y + W^i y^i + h^i \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0 \quad i = 1, \dots, p \\ & A y + c \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^v} 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Fix coupling moment variables y
- Obtain $p > 1$ subproblems:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i(y) = \min_{y^i} \quad & d^i{}^T y^i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & W^i y^i + (h^i + T^i y) \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $b^T y + \sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i(y)$ is an **upper** bound on p_{ω}^*

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PROJECTION

- The **projected** problem is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{\omega}^* = \min_y \quad & b^T y + \sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i(y) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Ay + c \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0 \\
 \rho_i(y) = \inf_{y^i} \quad & d^{iT} y^i \mid W^i y^i + (h^i + T^i y) \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0 \quad \forall i \\
 y \in V
 \end{aligned}$$

- where

$$V = \{y \mid W^i y^i + (h^i + T^i y) \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0 \text{ for some } y^i \quad \forall i\}$$

EMPLOYING DT:

$$\rho_i(y) = \sup_{\lambda \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0} (-h^i - T^i y)^T \lambda^i \mid W^i \lambda^i = d^i \}$$

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- Let:

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- $U^i = \{W^i u^i = 0, u^i \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^m} 0\}$

EMPLOYING EFL:

$$y \in V \Leftrightarrow (h^i + T^i y)^T u^i \geq 0, \forall u^i \in U^i, i = 1, \dots, p$$

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 & 0 \geq (-h^i - T^i y)^T u^i, \forall u^i \in U^i, i = 1, \dots, p
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EMPLOYING EFL:

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MASTER PROBLEM

- The projected problem is equivalent to:

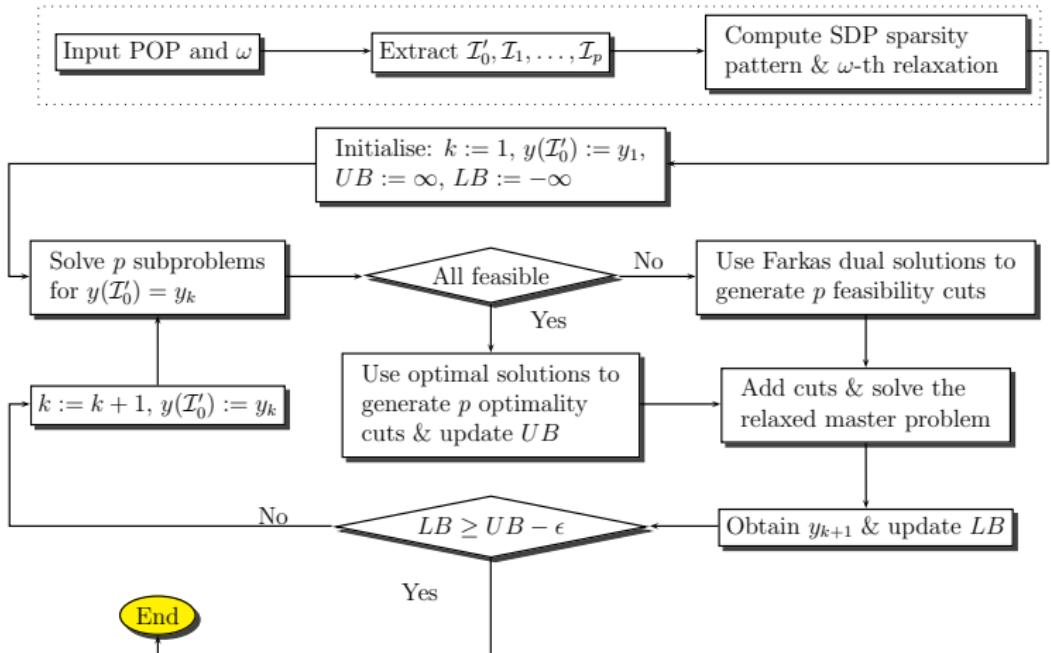
$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{\omega}^* = \min_{y, z_1, \dots, z_p} \quad & b^T y + \sum_{i=1}^p z_i \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Ay + c \succeq_{\mathcal{K}^v} 0 \\
 & z_i \geq (-h^i - T^i y)^T \lambda^i, \forall \lambda^i \in \Lambda^i, i = 1, \dots, p \\
 & 0 \geq (-h^i - T^i y)^T u^i, \forall u^i \in U^i, i = 1, \dots, p
 \end{aligned}$$

- Linear** optimality/feasibility constraints
- Solve **relaxed** versions of the master problem

- Then, $b^T y + \sum_{i=1}^p z_i$ is a **lower** bound on p_{ω}^*
- Obtain sequence of lower bounds
- Finite ϵ -convergence

DECOMPOSITION SCHEME FOR SPARSE POPTS

Pre-process phase



IMPLEMENTATION

- Implementation in C++
- Input files in *GAMS scalar* format
- Off the shelf functions for *Pre-Process Phase*:
 - CHOLMOD
 - SparsePOP
- Off the shelf functions for *Decomposition-based Method*:
 - CSDP
- C++ version of SparsePOP implemented, called *SparsePOP/CSDP*
- Compared results using metrics:

$$\epsilon_{p^*} = \frac{p_{\omega,bmrk}^* - p_\omega^*}{\max\{1, p_\omega^*\}}, \quad \epsilon_{x^*} = \max \left\{ \frac{x_{i,bmrk}^* - x_i^*}{\max\{1, x_i^*\}} \right\},$$

- x^* , p_ω^* computed by our method
- x_{bmrk}^* , $p_{\omega,bmrk}^*$ computed by SparsePOP/CSDP
- x_i^* ($x_{i,bmrk}^*$): i-th element of x^* (x_{bmrk}^*)

BENCHMARK PROBLEMS (GLOBALLIB)

- $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$, $d = 2$
- $0.01 \leq t \leq 2.75$ secs/iter & 0.37 secs/iter on average

| <i>Problem</i> | <i>n</i> | p^* | ω | <i>SpPOP/CSDP</i> | <i>Decomposition-based Method</i> | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | $p_{\omega,bmrk}^*$ | p_{ω}^* | <i>iters</i> | ϵ_{p^*} | ϵ_x^* |
| Bex2_1_2 | 6 | -213 | 1 | -214 | -214 | 3 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex2_1_2 | 6 | -213 | 2 | -213 | -213 | 49 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex9_1_1 | 13 | -13 | 1 | -13 | -13 | 10 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.01 |
| Bex9_1_1 | 13 | -13 | 2 | -13 | -13 | 117 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.01 |
| Bex9_1_5 | 13 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 2 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.4 |
| Bex9_1_5 | 13 | -1 | 2 | -1 | -1 | 67 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.4 |
| Bex9_2_8 | 6 | 1.5 | 1 | -78.5 | -78.5 | 1 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex9_2_8 | 6 | 1.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 7 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| st_e21 | 6 | - | 1 | -14.1 | -14.1 | 4 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| st_e21 | 6 | - | 2 | -14.1 | -14.1 | 68 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| st_glmp_kk90 | 5 | - | 1 | -1758.51 | \boxtimes | | | |
| st_glmp_kk90 | 5 | - | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |

- \boxtimes denotes unbounded problem

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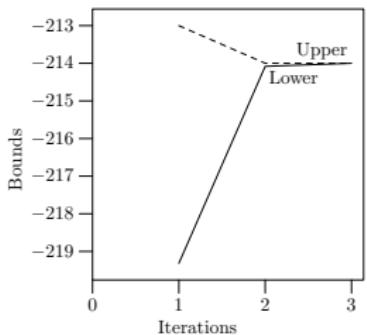
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- $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$, $d = 2$
- $0.01 \leq t \leq 2.75$ secs/iter & 0.37 secs/iter on average

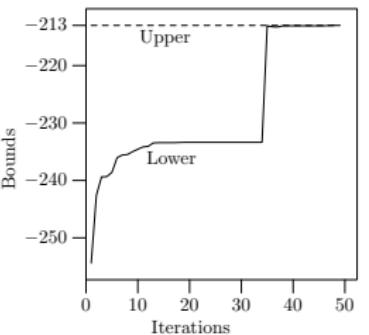
| <i>Problem</i> | <i>n</i> | p^* | ω | <i>SpPOP/CSDP</i> | <i>Decomposition-based Method</i> | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | $p_{\omega, bmrk}^*$ | p_{ω}^* | <i>iters</i> | ϵ_{p^*} | ϵ_{x^*} |
| Bex5_2_2.case1 | 9 | -400 | 1 | -574 | -574 | 16 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex5_2_2.case2 | 9 | -600 | 1 | -1200 | -1200 | 15 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.02 |
| Bex5_2_2.case3 | 9 | -750 | 1 | -825 | -825 | 19 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.1 |
| Bex9_2_1 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex9_2_1 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 11.53 | 11.53 | 354 | 0.0002 | 0.002 |
| Bex9_2_2 | 10 | 99.9 | 1 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 4 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.001 |
| Bex9_2_5 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex9_2_6 | 16 | -1 | 1 | -1.5 | -1.5 | 23 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.001 |
| Bex9_2_7 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 2 | $\leq \epsilon$ | $\leq \epsilon$ |
| Bex9_2_7 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 12.45 | 12.44 | 298 | 0.0005 | 0.007 |
| Bhaverly | 12 | 900 | 1 | -600 | -600.1 | 8 | 0.0002 | 0.0004 |

CONVERGENT BOUNDS FOR BENCHMARK PROBLEMS BEX2_1_2, ST_E21

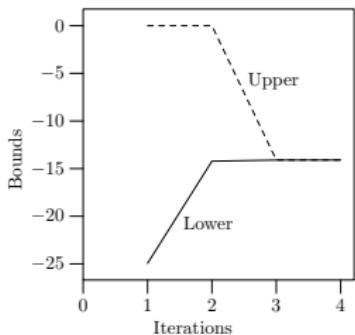
- $\omega = 1, p_1^* = -214$



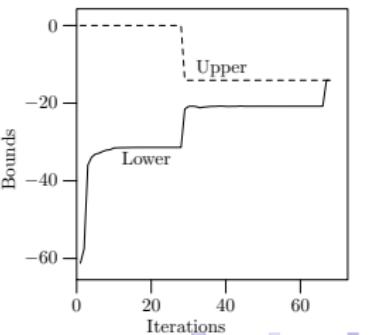
- $\omega = 2, p_2^* = -213$



- $\omega = 1, p_1^* = -14.1$



- $\omega = 2, p_2^* = -14.1$



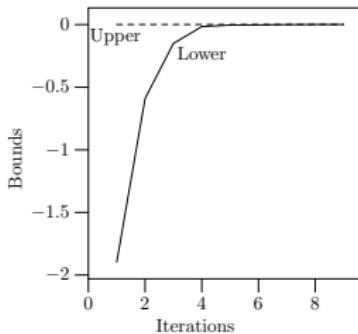
ROBUST MVSKO

- $k = 4$ scenarios
- $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_4 = 0.25$
- $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$, $d = 4$, $\omega = 2$
- Some numerical difficulties

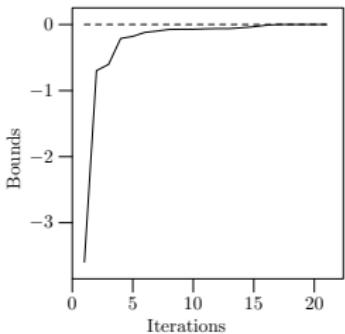
| n | ϵ_{p^*} | ϵ_{x^*} | iters | cputime/iter | exited normally? |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|------------------|
| 2 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.002 | 9 | 0.6 | Y |
| 3 | $\leq \epsilon$ | 0.07 | 21 | 0.2 | Y |
| 4 | 0.002 | 0.9 | 26 | 0.6 | N |
| 5 | 0.03 | 0.9 | 500 | 15.01 | N |

CONVERGENT BOUNDS FOR SOME INSTANCES OF ROBUST MVSKO

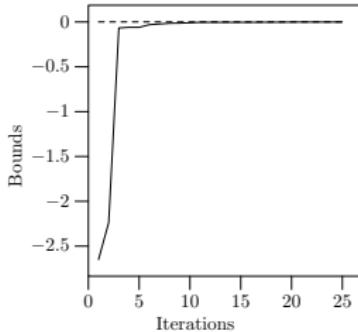
- $n = 2$ assets, $k = 4$ scenarios



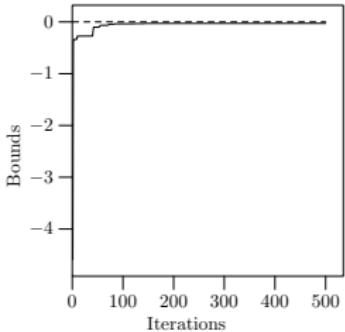
- $n = 3$ assets, $k = 4$ scenarios



- $n = 4$ assets, $k = 4$ scenarios



- $n = 5$ assets, $k = 4$ scenarios



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 - Sparse structure yields appropriate partitioning of variables
 - $p > 1$ independent subproblems in place of 1 in BD
 - Parallel implementation possible
 - Finite ϵ -Convergence
 - Implementation in C++
 - Computational Experience in **progress**

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