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3.2 Semi-definite Programming Solution

We further provide a Semi-Definite Programming (SDP) solution to Equation 5. Before detailing the solution, here has a brief introduction about SDP. The equivalent form of SDP is

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{X \in S^n} \langle C, X \rangle_{S^n} \\ \text{s.t. } & \langle A_k, X \rangle_{S^n} = b_i, i = 1, \dots, m \\ & X \succeq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Where $\langle A, B \rangle_{S^n} = \sum_{i=1, j=1}^n A_{ij} B_{ij}$. Please check http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semidefinite_programming for more details. Our goal is to formulate the system described in Equation 5 with the form given in Equation 6, which means to resolve Equation 5 with SDP method.

We are introducing the details of how to solve the objective function in Equation 5 with SDP. At first, we represent suggestions and their relations with a weighted graph, where each vertex in the graph indicates one suggestion, and the weight of every edge indicates the correlation between its two end points. To be simple, let $G(V, E)$ be a weighted graph, and S, T be two partitions, where $S \cap T = \emptyset$, and $S \cup T = E$. Let all the vertices in S be assigned as 1, and all the vertices in T be assigned as -1 . Here S means the suggestions we want to take, and T means all the other left suggestions. Let \mathbf{x} be the vector indicating the assignments of all vertices, where $x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$, $x_i = 1$ means the i -th vertex is assigned to S and $x_i = -1$ means the i -th vertex is assigned to T . Under this context, we formulate Equation 5 as

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max \sum_{v_i \in S, v_j \in T} w_{ij} - \sum_{v_i \in S, v_j \in S} w_{ij} \\ = & \arg \max \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (1 - x_i x_j) - \frac{1}{8} (x_i + x_j) (2 + x_i + x_j) w_{ij} \right) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} (4 * w_{ij} (1 - x_i x_j) - (x_i + x_j) * (2 + x_i + x_j) w_{ij}) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (4 * (1 - x_i x_j) - (x_i + x_j) * (2 + x_i + x_j)) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (4 - 4 * x_i x_j - 2(x_i + x_j) - (x_i + x_j)^2) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (4 - 4x_i x_j - 2(x_i + x_j) - x_i^2 - 2x_i x_j - x_j^2) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (4 - 4x_i x_j - 2(x_i + x_j) - 1 - 2x_i x_j - 1) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (2 - 6x_i x_j - 2(x_i + x_j)) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (1 - 3x_i x_j - (x_i + x_j)) \\ = & \arg \max \frac{1}{4} (\sum_{i < j} w_{ij} - \sum_{i < j} w_{ij} (3x_i x_j + (x_i + x_j))) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

As $\sum_{i<j} w_{ij}$ is a constant, then we can rewrite Equation 7 as

$$\arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(3x_i x_j + (x_i + x_j)) \quad (8)$$

[QUESTION 1]: whether Equation 7 and 8 are equal ?

Further add this constraint of $x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ to Equation 8, and then we have the complete objective function as

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(3x_i x_j + (x_i + x_j)) \\ \text{s.t. } & x_i \in \{-1, 1\} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

To get the form given in Equation 6, we further formulate Equation 9 as the following

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(3x_i x_j + (x_i + x_j)) \\ & \Downarrow \text{[QUESTION 2] whether does this reformulation loose accuracy ?} \\ & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}3(3x_i x_j + (x_i + x_j)) + 1 \\ = & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(9x_i x_j + 3x_i + 3x_j + 1) \\ = & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(3x_i + 1)(3x_j + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Combine Equation 9 and 10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}(3x_i + 1)(3x_j + 1) \\ \text{s.t. } & 3x_i + 1 \in \{-2, 4\} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Let

$$y_i = 3x_i + 1 \quad (12)$$

and then Equation 11 can be reformulated as

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}y_i y_j \\ \text{s.t. } & y_i \in \{-2, 4\} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

We further reformulate Equation 13 as

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}y_i y_j \\ \text{s.t. } & (y_i - 1)^2 = 9 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \min \sum_{i<j} w_{ij}y_i y_j \\ \text{s.t. } & y_i^2 - 2y_i = 8 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

To be simple, we will use Equation 15. So far, we formulate Equation 7 to a SDP-closed form. To generate the identical form in Equation 6, we bring another variable \mathbf{z} , which is

$$\mathbf{z} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, 1_{n+1}, 1_{n+2}, \dots, 1_{2n})^T \quad (16)$$

By using the system in Equation 15 and 16, we get the following system

$$\begin{aligned}
& \arg \min \mathbf{z}^T C \mathbf{z} \\
& s.t. \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \mathbf{z}^T A_i \mathbf{z} = 8 \\
& \text{where}
\end{aligned}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & w_{1,2} & \cdots & w_{1,n} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ w_{2,1} & 0 & \cdots & w_{2,n} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ w_{n,1} & w_{n,2} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n, A_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1_{i,i} & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\forall n+1 \leq i \leq 2n \quad z_i = 1$$
(17)

Let

$$X = \mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^T \tag{18}$$

, then Equation 17 can be reformulated as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \arg \min \langle C, X \rangle_{S^{2n}} \\
s.t. \quad & \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \langle A_i, X \rangle_{S^{2n}} = 8 \\
& // \text{ as } z_i^2 - 2 * z_i = 8, \text{ when } z_i = y_i \text{ in Equation 16} \\
& \forall n + 1 \leq i \leq 2n, \langle A_i, X \rangle_{S^{2n}} = -1 \\
& // \text{ as } (z_i - 1)^2 = 0, \text{ i.e. } z_i^2 - 2 * z_i = -1, \text{ when } z_i = 1 \text{ in Equation 16}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\forall 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1, A_i = & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 1_{i,i} & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
\text{and, } A_{2n} = & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
& X \succeq 0
\end{aligned}$$

(19)

Finally, we formulate Equation 7 to SDP's standard equivalent form Equation 19. Resolving Equation 19 will also resolve Equation 7 and give the solution to Equation 5, where the steps are