Non-Commutative Polynomial Optimzation

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Warm Up

What is a non-commutative polynomial?

• matrix polynomial $M_2(\mathbb{R}[x])$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x^2 + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 + 2x + 1 & 2x^2 \\ -2x^2 + x - 1 & 3x^2 + x \end{pmatrix}$$

• free polynomial $\mathbb{R}\langle X, Y \rangle$

$$X^2 + XY - YX + Y^2 \neq X^2 + Y^2$$

• trace polynomial $\mathbb{R}[\operatorname{Tr}(X^k) : k \in \mathbb{N}]\langle X \rangle$

$$Tr(X)X^2 + 2Tr(X^2)X - X^2 + 2$$

Warm Up

What should X represent?

scalars

- matrices of arbitrary size
- (bounded) operators: symmetric, anti-symmetric
- differential operators, Weyl-operators
- matrices of fixed size

This talk

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Replace scalars by symmetric matrices/operators \rightarrow free polynomials

Polynomial Optimization

- $f \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{X}]$ polynomial in commuting variables
- ▶ $g_0 = 1, g_1, ..., g_r \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{X}]$ defining a semi-algebraic set:

$$K = \{\underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid g_0(\underline{a}) \ge 0, \dots, g_r(\underline{a}) \ge 0\}$$

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NP-hard

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► If optimizing *L* in *f_{mom}* has a • moment representation then

$$f_* \ge f_{sos} \ge f_{mom} = L(f) \ge f_*$$

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Theorem (Curto, Fialkow)

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- Add involution * on $\mathbb{R}\langle \underline{X} \rangle$
 - fixes \mathbb{R} and $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$ pointwise
 - $\triangleright X_i^* = X_i$

Consequence

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Observation: Gram matrix method still works

- Checking if $f = \sum_i h_i^* h_i$ is an SDP
- Checking if $f = \sum_{j} h_{j}^{*} g_{j} h_{j}$ (with degree bounds) is an SDP



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For which linear form $L : \mathbb{R}\langle \underline{X} \rangle \to \mathbb{R}$ exists a (finite dimensional) Hilbert space *H*, a unit vector $\phi \in H$ and a *-representation π on B(H) such that for all $f \in \mathbb{R}\langle \underline{X} \rangle$:

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- If K is NC-cube or NC-ball we need just one step in the hierarchy
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- ▶ If K is NC-convex, positivity on matrices of a fixed size is sufficient

Application: Quantum Chemistry

Compute ground state energy of atoms

- Molecule of N electrons that can occupy M orbitals
- Each orbital associated with creation/anihilation operators a_i^{\dagger}, a_i
- Pairwise interaction described by parameters h_{ijkl}

$$\begin{split} \min_{(a,a^{\dagger},\varphi)} \left\langle \varphi, \sum_{ijkl} h_{ijkl} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j}^{\dagger} a_{k} a_{l} \varphi \right\rangle \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \|\varphi\| = 1 \\ \left\{ a_{i}^{\dagger}, a_{j} \right\} &:= a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j} + a_{j} a_{i}^{\dagger} = \delta_{ij} \\ \left\{ a_{i}, a_{j} \right\} &= \left\{ a_{i}^{\dagger}, a_{j}^{\dagger} \right\} = 0 \\ \left(\sum_{i} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{i} - N \right) \varphi &= 0 \end{split}$$







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- Optimization problem is first a feasibility problem
- Can be refined by optimizing a specific singular value
- For a uniform strategy to get G we have to work free of dimensions

Application: Quantum correlations

- Entanglement is one of the key features in Quantum Information
- Bell '64:



- How to distinguish C and Q?
- ▶ Bell-inequalities, e.g. $E_0F_0 + E_0F_1 + E_1F_0 E_1F_1$



Basics of quantum theory

- ► A quantum system corresponds to a Hilbert space *H*
- Its states are unit vectors on \mathcal{H}
- A state on a composite system is a unit vector ψ on a tensor Hilbert space, e.g. H_A ⊗ H_B
- ψ is entangled if it is not a product state

 $\psi_A \otimes \psi_B$ with $\psi_A \in \mathcal{H}_A, \psi_B \in \mathcal{H}_B$

- A state $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ can be measured
 - outcomes a ∈ A
 - ▶ POVM: a family $\{E_a\}_{a \in A} \subseteq B(\mathcal{H})$ with $E_a \succeq 0$ and $\sum_{a \in A} E_a = 1$
 - probablity of getting outcome *a* is $p(a) = \psi^T E_a \psi$.

Nonlocal bipartite correlations

- Question sets S, T, Answer sets A, B
- No (classical) communication
- Which correlations p(a, b | s, t) are possible?

Nonlocal game: winning predicate $V : A \times B \times S \times T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

s)

t

Winning probability (value of the game)

$$\omega = \sup_{p} \sum_{s \in S, t \in T} \pi(s, t) \sum_{a \in A, b \in B} V(a, b; s, t) p(a, b | s, t)$$
$$= \sup_{p} \sum_{a, b, s, t} f_{abst} p(a, b | s, t)$$

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- Iower bounds by brute force
- upper bounds via SOS hierarchies of operator formulation:
- > 2 measurements with 2 outcomes each: $E_s^0, E_s^1, F_t^0, F_t^1$
- Setting $E_s := E_s^0 E_s^1$, $F_t := F_t^0 F_t^1$: CHSH inequality

$$f_{CHSH} := E_0 F_0 + E_0 F_1 + E_1 F_0 - E_1 F_1$$

Optimizing f_{CHSH} over variants of C, Q_c give ω_C, ω_{Q_c}



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- locality: $(E_s^a \otimes 1)(1 \otimes F_t^b) = (1 \otimes F_t^b)(E_s^a \otimes 1)$
- ▶ If $\psi = \psi_A \otimes \psi_B$ then we have classical correlation

Fact

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Theorem (Ji, Natarajan, Vidick, Wright, Yuen,'20) $cl(Q) \neq Q_c$

► Ozawa: (strong) Tsirelson problem ↔ Connes conjecture

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The conjecture is false

Connes and NC RAG

Let f ∈ ℝ⟨X⟩_{sym}
M_{tr} := {∑_i h_i^{*}(1 − X_i²)h_i | h_i ∈ ℝ⟨X⟩} + [ℝ⟨X⟩, ℝ⟨X⟩]
K = {A | A_i ⊆ N, N finite vN algebra : 1 − A_i² ≥ 0 for all i ∈ [n]}.

Theorem (Klep, Schweighofer)

The following are equivalent

- 1 f trace-positive on K,
- $2 \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 : f + \varepsilon \in M_{tr}.$

Theorem (Klep, Schweighofer, (& B., Dykema))

Connes' conjecture holds iff K can be replaced by

$$K_{fin} := \{\underline{A} \mid A_i \subseteq M_s(\mathbb{R}) \text{ for some } s \in \mathbb{N} : \mathbf{1} - A_i^2 \succeq 0 \text{ for all } i \in [n] \}.$$

Consequences

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- ► Tsirelson: There is a quantum correlation of the form $p(a, b | s, t) = \psi^T E_s^a \otimes F_t^b \psi$ which cannot be written as $p(a, b | s, t) = G_s^a \otimes H_t^b$ with commuting operators
- ► strong Tsirelson: There is a quantum correlation of the form $p(a, b | s, t) = \psi^T E_s^a \otimes F_t^b \psi$ which is even not a limit of quantum correlations in the commuting model
- Connes: There is a II₁ factor, where one cannot approximate its tracial moments by tracial moments using matrices
- NC RAG: There is a polynomial which is trace-positive on the matricial NC cube but not an element of the corresponding quadratic module

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- only matrices: it might be that $f_{sos} \neq f_{tr}$ even when M_{tr} is archimedean
- also operators: it might be that f_t = f_{tr} but there is no flat moment matrix at all (optimum attained only in infinite dimension)

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 - find an optimality criterion without flat matrices

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- Problems/Needs
 - restriction to specific dimensions
 - elaborate theory of polynomial identites
 - > allow trace conditions in the semialgebraic set, e.g. $Tr(D^2) = 1$
 - find an optimality criterion without flat matrices
- Do research on trace-polynomials

$$Tr(X)X^2 + 2Tr(X^2)X - X^2 + 2$$

Thank you for your attention.

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Classical multivariate moment problem

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Moment problem

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Theorem (Riesz, Haviland)

Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be non-empty and closed, $L \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{x}]^{\vee}$. There exists a measure μ supported on K such that

$$L(f) = \int f(\underline{a}) \, \mathrm{d} \mu(\underline{a})$$
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if and only if $L(p) \ge 0$ for all $p \in \mathbb{R}[\underline{X}]$ that are **positive** on *K*.

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Definition

▶ The Hankel matrix M(L), indexed by $u, v \in \langle \underline{X} \rangle$, is given by

$$M(L)_{u,v} := L(u^*v).$$

The truncated Hankel matrix $M_k(L)$ of degree k is the submatrix of M(L) indexed by $u, v \in \langle \underline{X} \rangle_k$.

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$$M_{1}(L) = \begin{bmatrix} L(1) & L(X) & L(Y) \\ L(X) & L(X^{2}) & L(XY) \\ L(Y) & L(YX) & L(Y^{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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