

Interpolant Synthesis for Quadratic Polynomial Inequalities and Combination with *EUF*

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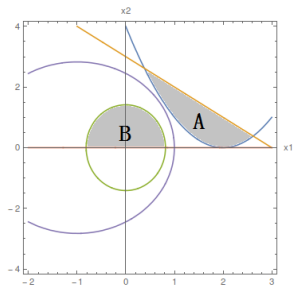
Example (running example)

Consider two formulas A and B with $A \wedge B \models \perp$, where

$$A := -x_1^2 + 4x_1 + x_2 - 4 \geq 0 \wedge -x_1 - x_2 + 3 - y^2 > 0,$$

$$B := -3x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 1 \geq 0 \wedge x_2 - z^2 \geq 0$$

We aim to generate an interpolant I for A and B , on the common variables (x_1 and x_2), such that $A \models I$ and $I \wedge B \models \perp$.



An intuitive description of a candidate interpolant is as the **purple curve** in the above right figure, which separates A and B in the panel of x_1 and x_2 .

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- An algorithm for generating interpolants for the [combination](#) of quantifier-free theory of concave quadratic polynomial inequalities and equality theory over uninterpreted function symbols (*EUF*).

Preliminaries

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Corollary

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times n}$ be matrices and $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^r$ and $\vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^s$ be column vectors, where A_i , $i = 1, \dots, r$ is the i th row of A and B_j , $j = 1, \dots, s$ is the j th row of B . There does not exist a vector \mathbf{x} with $A\mathbf{x} - \vec{\alpha} \geq 0$ and $B\mathbf{x} - \vec{\beta} > 0$, iff there exist real numbers $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \geq 0$ and $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s \geq 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i (A_i \mathbf{x} - \alpha_i) + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j (B_j \mathbf{x} - \beta_j) + \eta_0 \equiv 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_{j=0}^s \eta_j = 1. \quad (1)$$

Concave quadratic polynomials

Definition (Concave Quadratic)

A polynomial $f \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]$ is called *concave quadratic (CQ)* if the following two conditions hold :

- f has total degree at most 2, i.e., it has the form $f = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} + 2\vec{\alpha}^T \mathbf{x} + a$, where A is a real symmetric matrix, $\vec{\alpha}$ is a column vector and $a \in \mathbb{R}$;
- the matrix A is negative semi-definite, written as $A \preceq 0$.

Example

Take $f = -3x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 1$ in the running example, which is from the ellipsoid domain and can be expressed as

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + 1.$$

The corresponding $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \preceq 0$. Thus, f is CQ.

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let

$$K \triangleq \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f_1(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \dots, f_r(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, g_1(\mathbf{x}) > 0, \dots, g_s(\mathbf{x}) > 0\}, \quad (2)$$

$$K_1 \triangleq \left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \vec{X} \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0, \wedge_{i=1}^r \left\langle P_i, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \vec{X} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \geq 0, \right. \\ \left. \wedge_{j=1}^s \left\langle Q_j, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \vec{X} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle > 0, \text{ for some } \vec{X} \right\}, \quad (3)$$

Linearization of CQ polynomials

Theorem

Let f_1, \dots, f_r and g_1, \dots, g_s be CQ polynomials, K and K_1 as above, then $K = K_1$.

Therefore, when f_j s and g_j s are CQ, the CQ polynomial inequalities can be transformed equivalently to a set of linear inequality constraints and a positive semi-definite constraint.

Problem formulation

Problem 1

Given two formulas ϕ and ψ on n variables with $\phi \wedge \psi \models \perp$, where

$$\phi = f_1 \geq 0 \wedge \dots \wedge f_r \geq 0 \wedge g_1 > 0 \wedge \dots \wedge g_{s_1} > 0,$$

$$\psi = f_{r_1+1} \geq 0 \wedge \dots \wedge f_r \geq 0 \wedge g_{s_1+1} > 0 \wedge \dots \wedge g_s > 0,$$

in which $f_1, \dots, f_r, g_1, \dots, g_s$ are all CQ, develop an algorithm to generate a (reverse) Craig interpolant I for ϕ and ψ , on the common variables of ϕ and ψ , such that $\phi \models I$ and $I \wedge \psi \models \perp$.

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$, $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_u)$ and $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_v)$, where $d + u + v = n$.

NSOSC Condition

Definition (NSOSC)

Formulas ϕ and ψ in Problem 1, satisfy the non-existence of an SOS polynomial condition (NSOSC) iff there do not exist $\delta_1 \geq 0, \dots, \delta_r \geq 0$, s.t. $-(\delta_1 f_1 + \dots + \delta_r f_r)$ is a non-zero SOS.

Example

Formulas A and B in the running example do not satisfy NSOSC, since there exist $\delta_1 = 1, \delta_2 = 1, \delta_3 = 1$, s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & -(\delta_1(-x_1^2 + 4x_1 + x_2 - 4) + \delta_2(-3x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 1) + \delta_3(x_2 - z^2)) \\ & = (2x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 + z^2 \end{aligned}$$

is a non-zero SOS.

Generalization of Motzkin's theorem

Theorem (Generalization of Motzkin's theorem)

Let $f_1, \dots, f_r, g_1, \dots, g_s$ be CQ polynomials whose conjunction is unsatisfiable. If the condition NSOSC holds, then there exist $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$), $\eta_j \geq 0$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, s$) and a quadratic SOS polynomial h of the form $(l_1)^2 + \dots + (l_k)^2$ where l_i are linear expressions in x, y, z, \dots , s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i f_i + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j g_j + \eta_0 + h \equiv 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\eta_0 + \eta_1 + \dots + \eta_s = 1. \quad (5)$$

Using this generalization, an interpolant for ϕ and ψ is generated from the SOS polynomial h by [splitting](#) it into two SOS polynomials.

When NSOSC is satisfied

Theorem

Let ϕ and ψ as defined in Problem 1 with $\phi \wedge \psi \models \perp$, which satisfy NSOSC. Then there exist $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$), $\eta_j \geq 0$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, s$) and two quadratic SOS polynomial $h_1 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}]$ and $h_2 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}]$ s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i f_i + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j g_j + \eta_0 + h_1 + h_2 \equiv 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\eta_0 + \eta_1 + \dots + \eta_s = 1. \quad (7)$$

Let $l = \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \lambda_i f_i + \sum_{j=1}^{s_1} \eta_j g_j + \eta_0 + h_1 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]$. Then, if $\sum_{j=0}^{s_1} \eta_j > 0$, then $l > 0$ is an interpolant; otherwise $l \geq 0$ is an interpolant.

Computing interpolant using semi-definite programming

Let $W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}^T & \mathbf{y}^T & \mathbf{z}^T \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{xx}^T & \mathbf{xy}^T & \mathbf{xz}^T \\ \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{yx}^T & \mathbf{yy}^T & \mathbf{yz}^T \\ \mathbf{z} & \mathbf{zx}^T & \mathbf{zy}^T & \mathbf{zz}^T \end{pmatrix}$, $f_i = \langle P_i, W \rangle$, $g_j = \langle Q_j, W \rangle$, where P_i and Q_j are

$(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrices, $h_1 = \langle M, W \rangle$, $h_2 = \langle \hat{M}, W \rangle$, and $M = (M_{ij})_{4 \times 4}$, $\hat{M} = (\hat{M}_{ij})_{4 \times 4}$ with appropriate dimensions, e.g., $M_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}$ and $\hat{M}_{34} \in \mathbb{R}^{u \times v}$.

Then, with NSOSC, computing the interpolant is reduced to the following **SDP feasibility problem**:

Computing interpolant using semi-definite programming

Find: $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s \in \mathbb{R}, M, \hat{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$ subject to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i P_i + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j Q_j + \eta_0 E_{1,1} + M + \hat{M} = 0, \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j = 1, \\ M_{41} = (M_{14})^T = 0, M_{42} = (M_{24})^T = 0, M_{43} = (M_{34})^T = 0, M_{44} = 0, \\ \hat{M}_{31} = (\hat{M}_{13})^T = 0, \hat{M}_{32} = (\hat{M}_{23})^T = 0, \hat{M}_{33} = 0, \hat{M}_{34} = (\hat{M}_{43})^T = 0, \\ M \succeq 0, \hat{M} \succeq 0, \lambda_i \geq 0, \eta_j \geq 0, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, r, j = 1, \dots, s, \end{array} \right.$$

where $E_{(1,1)}$ is a $(n+1) \times (n+1)$ matrix, whose all other entries are 0 except for $(1,1)$ entry being 1.

Generating interpolants when NSOSC holds

Algorithm 1: IGFCH

input : Two formulas ϕ, ψ with **NSOSC** and $\phi \wedge \psi \models \perp$, where

$$\phi = f_1 \geq 0 \wedge \dots \wedge f_{r_1} \geq 0 \wedge g_1 > 0 \wedge \dots \wedge g_{s_1} > 0,$$

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$$f_1, \dots, f_{r_1}, g_1, \dots, g_{s_1} \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}], f_{r_1+1}, \dots, f_r, g_{s_1+1}, \dots, g_s \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}]$$

output: A formula I to be an interpolant for ϕ and ψ

- 1 **Find** $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r \geq 0, \eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s \geq 0, h_1 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}], h_2 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}]$ by SDP s.t.

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h_1, h_2 are SOS polynomials;

/* This is essentially a **SDP** problem, see Section 4.2 */

2 $f := \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \lambda_i f_i + \sum_{j=1}^{s_1} \eta_j g_j + \eta_0 + h_1;$

3 **if** $\sum_{j=0}^{s_1} \eta_j > 0$ **then** $I := (f > 0);$ **else** $I := (f \geq 0);$

4 **return** I

When NSOSC is not satisfied

If ϕ and ψ do not satisfy NSOSC, i.e., an SOS polynomial $h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = -(\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i f_i)$ can be computed which can be split into two SOS polynomials $h_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ and $h_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$ as discussed previously. Then an SOS polynomial $f(\mathbf{x})$ such that $\phi \models f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ and $\psi \models -f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ can be constructed as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \delta_i f_i \right) + h_1 = - \left(\sum_{i=r_1+1}^r \delta_i f_i \right) - h_2, \delta_i \geq 0.$$

Lemma

If Problem 1 does not satisfy NSOSC, there exists $f \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]$, s.t. $\phi \Leftrightarrow \phi_1 \vee \phi_2$ and $\psi \Leftrightarrow \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$, where,

$$\phi_1 = (f > 0 \wedge \phi), \phi_2 = (f = 0 \wedge \phi), \psi_1 = (-f > 0 \wedge \psi), \psi_2 = (f = 0 \wedge \psi). \quad (8)$$

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If h and hence h_1, h_2 have a positive constant $a_{n+1} > 0$, then f cannot be 0, implying that ϕ_2, ψ_2 are \perp . We thus have :

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In case h does not have a constant, i.e., $a_{n+1} = 0$, elimination of variables can be recursively performed to terminate the algorithm.

Generating interpolants for CQI

Algorithm 2: IGFQC

input : Two formulas ϕ, ψ with $\phi \wedge \psi \models \perp$, where

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- 1 **if** $\text{Var}(\phi) \subseteq \text{Var}(\psi)$ **then** $I := \phi$; **return** I ;
 - 2 **Find** $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_r \geq 0, h \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}]$ by SDP s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i f_i + h \equiv 0$ and h is SOS;
/* Check the condition **NSOSC** */ */
 - 3 **if no solution then** $I := \text{IGFCH}(\phi, \psi)$; **return** I ;
/* **NSOSC** holds */
 - 4 Construct $h_1 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}]$ and $h_2 \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}]$ with the forms (H1) and (H2);
 - 5 $f := \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \delta_i f_i + h_1 = -\sum_{i=r_1+1}^r \delta_i f_i - h_2$;
 - 6 Construct ϕ' and ψ' using Theorem 6 and Theorem 7 by eliminating variables due to $h_1 = h_2 = 0$;
 - 7 $I' = \text{IGFQC}(\phi', \psi')$;
 - 8 $I := (f > 0) \vee (f \geq 0 \wedge I')$;
 - 9 **return** I
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Example

Recall the running example where

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}((2x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2)}_{h_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}((2x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2) + z^2}_{h_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 f &= \delta_1(-x_1^2 + 4x_1 + x_2 - 4) + h_1 \\
 &= -3 + 2x_1 + x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2
 \end{aligned}$$

We construct A' from A by setting $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, x_2 = 1$ derived from $h_1 = 0$; similarly B' is constructed by setting $x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, x_2 = 1, z = 0$ in B as derived from $h_2 = 0$. It follows that, $A' := B' := \perp$. Thus, $I(A', B') := (0 > 0)$ is an interpolant for (A', B') .

An interpolant for A and B is thus $(f(x) > 0) \vee (f(x) = 0 \wedge I(A', B'))$, i.e.

$$-3 + 2x_1 + x_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 > 0.$$

which corresponds to the **purple curve** mentioned previously.

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$$\bar{\phi}' \models x_1 - 1 \leq y_1 \leq x_2 - 1, \quad \bar{\psi}' \models x_2 - 1 \leq z_1 \leq x_1 - 1.$$

Let $t = \alpha(x_2 - 1)$, then separate $y_1 = z_1 \rightarrow y = z$ into two parts :

$$y_1 = t^+ \rightarrow y = t, \quad t^+ = z_1 \rightarrow t = z.$$

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Evaluation results

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Exp.7	Ellipsoid	--	--	--	0.002
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