

On Distributionally Robust Chance Constrained Program with Wasserstein Distance

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- ▶ $m = 1$: single DRCCP; $m > 1$: joint DRCCP

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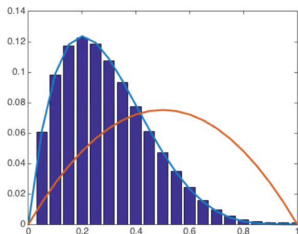
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Wasserstein Distance

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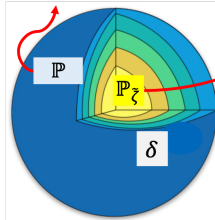
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Wasserstein Ambiguity

True distribution

Empirical distribution



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- ▶ Convergence in probability to **regular** chance constrained program (CCP)
- ▶

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DRCCP-W: Summary of Contributions

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- ▶ DRCCP-W \equiv conditional-value-at-risk (CVaR) constrained optimization
 - Develop inner and outer approximations
- ▶ DRCCP-W set Z is mixed integer program representable
 - With big-M coefficients and additional binary variables
- ▶ Binary DRCCP-W set (i.e., $S \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$) is submodular constrained
 - **Without** big-M coefficients and additional binary variables
 - Solvable by Branch and Cut

Outline

- ▶ CVaR Reformulation and Related Approximations
- ▶ Mixed Integer Program Reformulation
- ▶ Binary DRCCP-W and Submodularity
- ▶ Concluding Remarks

CVaR Reformulation and Related Approximations

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Proof Idea: (1) strong duality of distributionally robust optimization, and (2) break down the indicator function.

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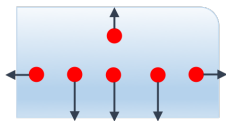
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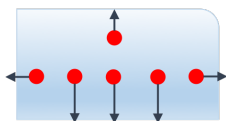
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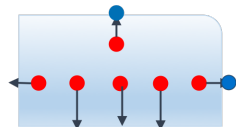
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Due to chance constraint, only limited scenarios can be moved

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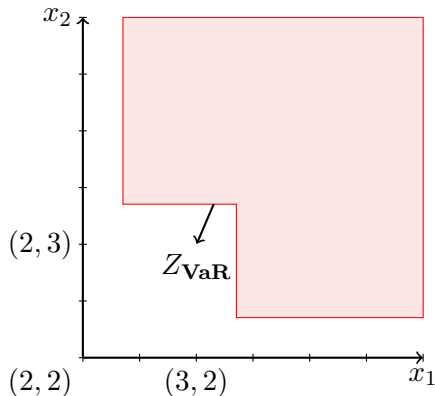
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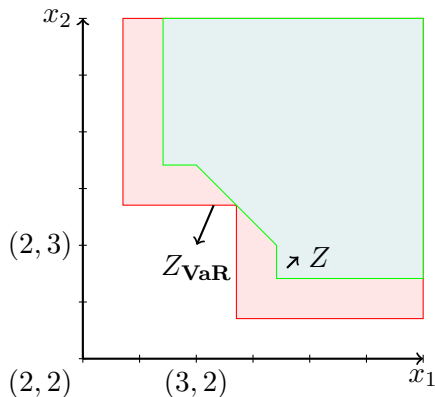
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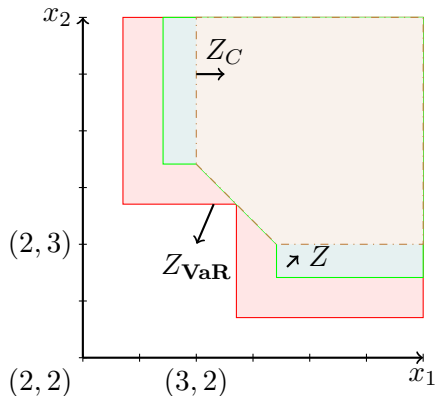
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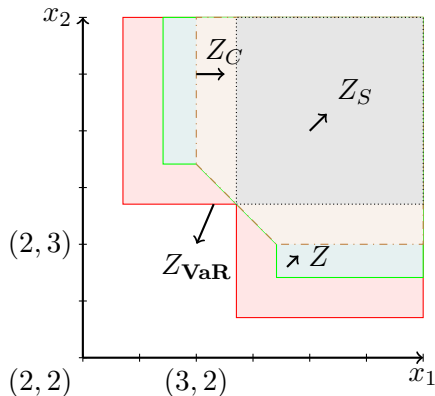
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Binary DRCCP-W and Submodularity

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Fact 1

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Fact 2 (Edmonds, 1970)

For a submodular function $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,
 $\text{conv}(\text{epi}(f)) = \text{conv} \{ (x, w) : f(x) \leq w, x \in \{0, 1\}^n \} =$ “extended
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- ▶ Facts 1 and 2 \Rightarrow (1) Z is submodular constrained set and (2) separation of these constraints is very efficient

Numerical Illustration : Setting

Consider distributionally robust chance constrained knapsack problem

$$\begin{aligned} v^* &= \max_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x}, \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \inf_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \tilde{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x} \leq \tilde{b}^i, \forall i \in [m] \right\} \geq 1 - \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Let $n = 20, m = 10$
- ▶ Generate 10 random instances and for each instance, there are $N = 100$ samples.

Results (1): Continuous Knapsack $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^n$

ϵ	δ	Instances	BigM Model		VaR Model			CVaR Model		
			Opt.Val	Time	Value	GAP	Time	Value	GAP	Time
0.05	0.01	1	54.93	6.11	56.37	2.62%	3.37	54.30	1.14%	0.06
		2	47.69	5.24	48.79	2.29%	2.04	47.16	1.11%	0.05
		3	50.73	4.44	51.43	1.38%	4.43	50.38	0.70%	0.05
		4	53.97	3.61	54.98	1.87%	4.75	52.72	2.32%	0.06
		5	54.96	6.99	56.44	2.68%	4.20	52.88	3.79%	0.05
		6	56.03	6.46	57.40	2.44%	2.64	54.97	1.89%	0.05
		7	54.17	6.69	55.04	1.62%	3.68	53.26	1.67%	0.05
		8	55.40	5.81	56.55	2.09%	3.19	54.15	2.26%	0.05
		9	57.63	4.91	58.95	2.29%	4.20	57.07	0.96%	0.05
		10	56.31	4.34	57.15	1.50%	4.71	55.95	0.63%	0.06
Average			5.46		2.08%	3.72		1.65%	0.05	
0.05	0.02	1	53.97	3.94	55.92	3.63%	3.27	53.83	0.24%	0.05
		2	47.05	3.63	48.42	2.92%	3.20	46.79	0.53%	0.04
		3	50.12	5.26	51.02	1.79%	4.48	49.96	0.33%	0.05
		4	52.98	5.14	54.49	2.84%	4.83	52.28	1.33%	0.06
		5	54.10	3.76	55.95	3.41%	3.67	52.44	3.07%	0.05
		6	55.16	6.02	56.90	3.16%	3.33	54.52	1.17%	0.05
		7	53.41	3.91	54.55	2.13%	3.81	52.83	1.08%	0.05
		8	54.47	2.77	56.09	2.98%	3.34	53.71	1.39%	0.06
		9	56.85	3.40	58.44	2.79%	4.00	56.59	0.46%	0.05
		10	55.65	5.47	56.71	1.90%	4.90	55.53	0.22%	0.06
Average			4.33		2.76%	3.88		0.98%	0.05	

Results (2): Testing Robustness

Instances	DRCCP Model			CCP Model		Target Violation (ϵ)
	δ^*	Opt.Val	90-Percentile Violation	Opt.Val	90-Percentile Violation	
1	0.03	53.76	0.042	56.99	0.135	0.05
2	0.02	50.06	0.044	52.67	0.087	
3	0.03	52.37	0.031	55.11	0.153	
4	0.01	56.94	0.039	58.33	0.096	
5	0.02	53.38	0.028	55.89	0.121	
6	0.02	50.25	0.032	52.13	0.096	
7	0.01	59.38	0.047	60.98	0.080	
8	0.03	54.60	0.047	57.77	0.129	
9	0.03	62.51	0.047	66.39	0.118	
10	0.03	52.82	0.036	56.90	0.132	

Results (3): Binary Knapsack $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$

ϵ	δ	Instances	n	I	MIP Formulation				Submodular Formulation	
					UB	LB	Time	GAP	Opt. Val.	Time
0.05	0.1	1	20	10	93	86	3600.0	7.5%	89	49.3
		2	20	10	97	90	3600.0	7.2%	95	30.6
		3	20	10	95	84	3600.0	11.6%	90	387.0
		4	20	10	84	74	3600.0	11.9%	78	275.7
		5	20	10	87	81	3600.0	6.9%	82	140.4
		6	20	10	97	85	3600.0	12.4%	88	972.5
		7	20	10	89	75	3600.0	15.7%	84	169.6
		8	20	10	100	88	3600.0	12.0%	96	80.5
		9	20	10	96	78	3600.0	18.8%	92	59.3
		10	20	10	93	93	3542.7	0.0%	93	18.2
Average							3594.3	10.4%		218.3
0.1	0.1	1	20	10	100	NA	3600.0	NA	92	172.9
		2	20	10	106	NA	3600.0	NA	99	164.0
		3	20	10	105	87	3600.0	17.1%	93	569.1
		4	20	10	92	67	3600.0	27.2%	82	600.5
		5	20	10	95	NA	3600.0	NA	86	332.0
		6	20	10	109	NA	3600.0	NA	94	1852.4
		7	20	10	96	NA	3600.0	NA	88	279.8
		8	20	10	108	82	3600.0	24.1%	100	133.2
		9	20	10	102	NA	3600.0	NA	94	389.3
		10	20	10	103	96	3600.0	6.8%	96	149.7
Average							3600.0	18.8%		464.3

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- ▶ DRCCP-W is mixed integer program representable
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- ▶ Binary DRCCP-W \equiv a submodular constrained optimization problem
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Thank you!