

SOC Avatars for Solving MINLPs (in 3-D)

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We reformulate 3 types of nonlinear constraints in such a way that they become convex (Second Order Cones) after branching on specific disjunctions.

1. Quadratic constraints with one negative eigenvalue

Consider a quadratic constraint: $x^T Ax + c^T x + d \leq 0$. (QC)

Eigenvectors of symmetric matrix A
 $\Rightarrow A = QDQ^T$
 Q is Orthogonal
 D is a Diagonal Matrix

$A = QRERQ^T$
 E, R Diagonal Matrices
 $e_{ii} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 $r_{ii} = \sqrt{|d_{ii}|}$ if $|d_{ii}| > 0, 1$ otherwise

Let $\begin{cases} I_0 = \{i \mid e_{ii} = 0\}, \\ I_+ = \{i \mid e_{ii} = 1\}, \\ I_- = \{i \mid e_{ii} = -1\}. \end{cases}$ and let $\begin{cases} b = R^{-1}Q^T c, \\ z = \sum_{i \in I_0} b_i y_i + d, \\ y = RQ^T x. \end{cases}$

$$(QC) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + z + \frac{\sum_{i \in I_0} b_i^2 - \sum_{i \in I_+} b_i^2}{4} \leq \sum_{j \in I_-} \left(y_j - \frac{b_j}{2} \right)^2 \quad (\text{S})$$

If $|I_-| = 0$,
 $S \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + z + K \leq 0$
 \Rightarrow Convex!

Both cases can be solved using an NLP solver with at most 2 nodes!

If $|I_0| = 0, I_- = \{0\}, K = d - \frac{\sum_{i \in I_+} b_i^2}{4} \geq 0$, (C1)
 $\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + K} \leq \left(y_0 - \frac{b_0}{2} \right)$
 $\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + K} \leq \left(-y_0 + \frac{b_0}{2} \right)$

2. More general constraints with quadratic functions

Consider the general constraint: $x^T Ax + c^T x + d + \sum_{i=1}^t g_i(x) \leq 0$ (NC)

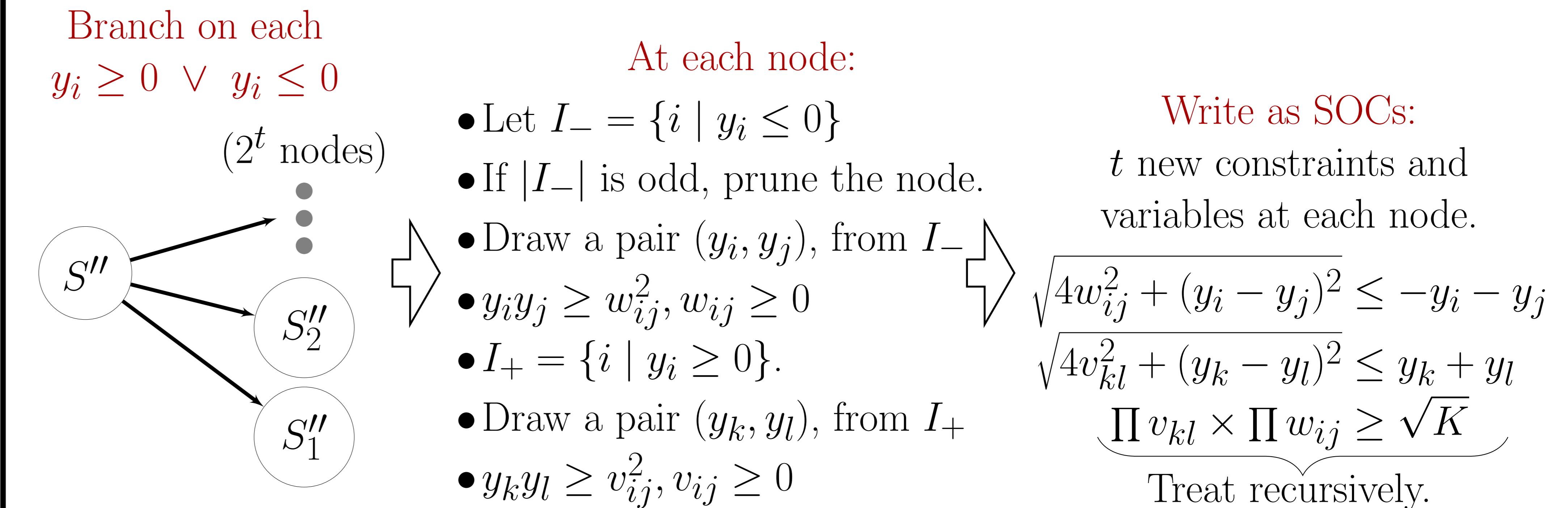
$S' \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + K + g_i(x)} \leq \left(y_0 - \frac{b_0}{2} \right)$
 $\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_+} \left(y_i + \frac{b_i}{2} \right)^2 + K + g_i(x)} \leq \left(-y_0 + \frac{b_0}{2} \right)$

Under conditions (C1) both nodes are convex if:
1. $g_i(x) = x^p, p \in \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$
2. $g_i(x) = \alpha^x, \alpha \geq 0$
3. $g_i(x) = \dots$ (Future work)

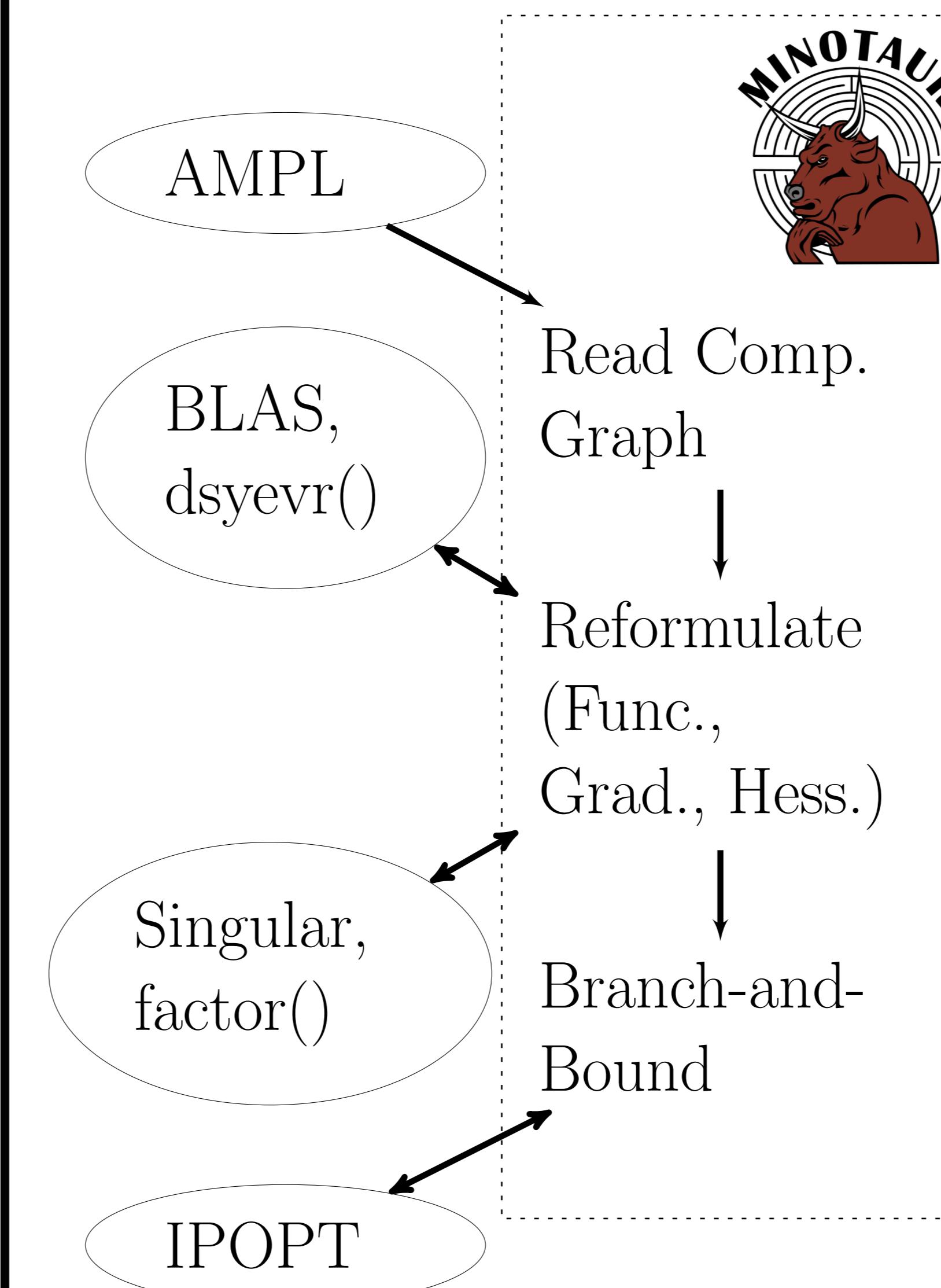
3. Factorizable polynomial (geometric) constraints

Consider a constraint: $P(x) \geq K$, where P is a polynomial function of degree t , $P : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, K > 0$. Suppose if P can be factorized into t linear factors, $P(x) = \prod_{i=1}^t (a_i^T x + b_i)$.

Then the feasible set can be described by $S'' = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \prod_{i=1}^t y_i \geq K, y_i = (a_i^T x + b_i) \right\}$.



Computational Experiments



Instance	# Nodes					
	Name	Vars	Cons	BARON	Couenne	soc
q2d6	6	4	107505	3868500	4	
q3d9	9	6	>1250100	>1844800	8	
q5d10	10	10	1532839	3125701	32	
q5d10b	10	10	>1033800	>2818700	32	
q6d12	12	12	>1358100	>3377600	64	
p4d12	12	12	1061	13720	31	
p5d10	10	10	>927400	>2070800	11	
p5d10e	10	10	>939900	>184100	11	
p5d15e	15	10	322745	>160000	63	
p6d18	18	12	234687	>910500	91	
fb1d3	3	2	1425	98501	4	
fb2d6	6	4	366201	>2308900	16	
fb3d9	9	6	>525924	>1400691	64	