Taking Advantage of Degeneracy in Cone Optimization: with Applications to Sensor Network Localization

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Motivation: Loss of Slater CQ/Facial reduction

- optimization algorithms rely on the KKT system; and require that some constraint qualification (CQ) holds (Slater's CQ/strict feasibility for convex conic optimization)
- <u>However</u>, surprisingly many conic opt, SDP relaxations, instances arising from applications (QAP, GP, strengthened MC, SNL, POP, Molecular Conformation) do not satisfy Slater's CQ/are degenerate
- lack of Slater's CQ results in: unbounded dual solutions; theoretical and numerical difficulties, in particular for *primal-dual interior-point methods*.

• solution:

- theoretical facial reduction (Borwein, W.'81)
- preprocess for regularized smaller problem (Cheung, Schurr, W.'11)
- take advantage of degeneracy (for SNL)

(Krislock, W.'10;)

Background/Abstract convex program

(ACP) inf
$$f(x)$$
 s.t. $g(x) \leq_{\mathcal{K}} 0, x \in \Omega$

where:

- $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ convex; $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is *K*-convex
 - $K \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ closed convex cone; $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ convex set
 - $a \preceq_{\kappa} b \iff b a \in K$
 - $g(\alpha x + (1 \alpha y)) \preceq_{\kappa} \alpha g(x) + (1 \alpha)g(y),$ $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$

Slater's CQ: $\exists \hat{x} \in \Omega$ s.t. $g(\hat{x}) \in -\operatorname{int} K$ $(g(x) \prec_{\kappa} 0)$

- guarantees strong duality
- essential for efficiency/stability in primal-dual interior-point methods

((near) loss of strict feasibility correlates with number of iterations and loss of accuracy)

Case of Linear Programming, LP

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Primal-Dual Pair: $A, m \times n / P = \{1, ..., n\}$ constr. matrix/set

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{P-P}) & \begin{array}{c} \max & b^\top y \\ \text{s.t.} & A^\top y \leq c \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \min & c^\top x \\ \text{s.t.} & Ax = b, \ x \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Slater's CQ for (LP-P) / Theorem of alternative

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \hat{y} \text{ s.t. } c - A^{\top} \hat{y} > 0, \qquad \left(\left(c - A^{\top} \hat{y} \right)_i > 0, \forall i \in \mathcal{P} =: \mathcal{P}^{<} \right) \\ & \underset{iff}{\text{iff}} \\ Ad = 0, \ c^{\top} d = 0, \ d \ge 0 \implies d = 0 \qquad (*) \end{aligned}$$

implicit equality constraints: $i \in \mathcal{P}^{=}$

Finding solution $0 \neq d^*$ to (*) with max number of non-zeros determines (\mathcal{F}^{y} feasible set)

$$d_i^* > 0 \implies (c - A^{ op} y)_i = 0, \forall y \in \mathcal{F}^y \quad (i \in \mathcal{P}^=)$$

Rewrite implicit-equalities to equalities/ Regularize LP

Facial Reduction:
$$A^{\top} y \leq_f c$$
; minimal face $f \trianglelefteq \mathbb{R}^n_+$ (LP_{reg}-P) $\overset{max}{\text{s.t.}} \begin{array}{c} b^{\top} y \\ (A^{<})^{\top} y \leq c^{<} \\ (A^{=})^{\top} y = c^{=} \end{array}$ $\overset{min}{\text{s.t.}} \begin{array}{c} (c^{<})^{\top} x^{<} + (c^{=})^{\top} x^{=} \\ \text{s.t.} \begin{array}{c} [A^{<} A^{=}] \begin{pmatrix} x^{<} \\ x^{=} \end{pmatrix} = b \\ x^{<} \geq 0, x^{=} \text{ free} \end{array}$

Mangasarian-Fromovitz CQ (MFCQ) holds

(after deleting redundant equality constraints!)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{i \in \mathcal{P}^{<}} & \underline{i \in \mathcal{P}^{=}} \\ \exists \hat{y} : & (\mathcal{A}^{<})^{\top} \hat{y} < \mathbf{c}^{<} & (\mathcal{A}^{=})^{\top} \hat{y} = \mathbf{c}^{=} \end{pmatrix} \qquad (\mathcal{A}^{=})^{\top} \text{ is onto}$$

MFCQ holds iff dual optimal set is compact

Numerical difficulties if MFCQ fails; in particular for interior point methods! Modelling issue?

Facial Reduction/Preprocessing

Linear Programming Example, $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & (2 & 6) \ y \\ \text{s.t.} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \ y \leq \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ feasible; weighted last two rows} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ sum to}$ zero. $\mathcal{P}^{<} = \{1, 2\}, \mathcal{P}^{=} = \{3, 4\}$

Facial reduction to 1 dim; substit. for y

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad -1 \le t \le \frac{1}{2}, \quad t^* = \frac{1}{2}, \quad val^* = 6$$

Case of ordinary convex programming, CP

(CP)
$$\sup_{y} b^{\top} y \text{ s.t. } g(y) \leq 0,$$

where

- $m{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$; $m{g}(m{y}) = ig(m{g}_i(m{y})ig) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $m{g}_i: \mathbb{R}^m o \mathbb{R}$ convex, $orall i \in \mathbb{P}$
- Slater's CQ: $\exists \hat{y}$ s.t. $g_i(\hat{y}) < 0, \forall i$ (implies MFCQ)
- Slater's CQ fails <u>implies</u> implicit equality constraints exist, i.e.:

 $\mathcal{P}^{=} := \{i \in \mathcal{P} : g(y) \le 0 \implies g_i(y) = 0\} \neq \emptyset$ Let $\mathcal{P}^{<} := \mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{P}^{=}$ and

$$g^{<} := (g_i)_{i \in \mathcal{P}^{<}}, g^{=} := (g_i)_{i \in \mathcal{P}^{=}}$$



Slater's CQ holds for (CP_{reg})

$$\exists \hat{y} \in \mathcal{F}^{=}: g^{<}(\hat{y}) < 0$$

modelling issue again?

Faithfully convex function f (Rockafellar'70)

f affine on a line segment only if affine on complete line containing the segment (e.g. analytic convex functions)

$$\mathcal{F}^{=} = \{ y : g^{=}(y) = 0 \}$$
 is an affine set

Then:

 $\mathcal{F}^{=} = \{ y : Vy = V\hat{y} \}$ for some \hat{y} and full-row-rank matrix V. Then <u>MFCQ holds</u> for

$$(ext{CP}_{ ext{reg}}) egin{array}{c} \sup & b^ op y \ ext{s.t.} & g^<(y) &\leq 0 \ & Vy &= V \hat{y} \end{array}$$

Semidefinite Programming, SDP

 $K = S_{+}^{n} = K^{*}$ nonpolyhedral cone!

(SDP-P)
$$v_P = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^m} b^\top y \text{ s.t. } g(y) := \mathcal{A}^* y - c \preceq_{\mathcal{S}^n_+} 0$$

(SDP-D) $v_D = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}^n} \langle c, x \rangle \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}x = b, \ x \succeq_{\mathcal{S}^n_+} 0$

where:

- PSD cone $S^n_+ \subset S^n$ symm. matrices
- $\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathcal{S}^n$, $\boldsymbol{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

• $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{S}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear map, with adjoint \mathcal{A}^* $\mathcal{A}x = (\text{trace } A_i x) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ $\mathcal{A}^*y = \sum_{i=1}^m A_i y_i \in \mathcal{S}^n$

Slater's CQ/Theorem of Alternative

(Assume feasibility: $\exists \tilde{y} \text{ s.t. } c - \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y} \succeq 0.$) $\exists \hat{y} \text{ s.t. } s = c - \mathcal{A}^* \hat{y} \succ 0$ (Slater) <u>iff</u> $\mathcal{A}d = 0, \ \langle c, d \rangle = 0, \ d \succeq 0 \implies d = 0$ (*)

Faces of Cones - Useful for Charact. of Opt.

Face

A convex cone *F* is a face of *K*, denoted $F \trianglelefteq K$, if $x, y \in K$ and $x + y \in F \implies x, y \in F$ ($F \triangleleft K$ proper face)

Minimal Faces

 $f_P := \operatorname{face} \mathcal{F}_P^s \trianglelefteq K, \qquad \mathcal{F}_P^s$ is primal feasible set

 $f_D := \text{face } \mathcal{F}_D^x \trianglelefteq K^*, \qquad \mathcal{F}_D^x \text{ is dual feasible set}$

where: K^* denotes the dual (nonnegative polar) cone; face S denotes the smallest face containing S.

Regularization Using Minimal Face

Borwein-W.'81 , $f_P = \text{face } \mathcal{F}_P^s$

(SDP-P) is equivalent to the regularized

$$(SDP_{reg}-P) \qquad v_{RP} := \sup_{y} \{ \langle b, y \rangle : \mathcal{A}^* y \preceq_{f_P} c \}$$

(slacks: $s = c - A^* y \in f_p$)

Lagrangian Dual DRP Satisfies Strong Duality:

$$(\text{SDP}_{reg}\text{-}\text{D}) \quad V_{DRP} := \inf_{x} \{ \langle c, x \rangle : \mathcal{A} x = b, x \succeq_{f_{P}^{*}} 0 \}$$
$$= V_{P} = V_{RP}$$

and *v_{DRP}* is <u>attained</u>.

Alternative to Slater CQ

$$\mathcal{A} d = 0, \; \langle \boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{d}
angle = 0, \; 0
eq \boldsymbol{d} \succeq_{\mathcal{S}^n_+} \; 0 \qquad (*)$$

Determine a proper face $f \triangleleft S^n_+$

Let *d* solve (*) with $d = Pd_+P^{\top}$, $d_+ \succ 0$, and $[P \ Q] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ orthogonal. Then

$$\begin{split} c - \mathcal{A}^* \mathbf{y} \succeq_{\mathcal{S}^n_+} \mathbf{0} & \Longrightarrow & \langle c - \mathcal{A}^* \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{d}^* \rangle = \mathbf{0} \\ & \Longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}^s_P \subseteq \mathcal{S}^n_+ \cap \{ \mathbf{d}^* \}^\perp = \mathsf{Q} \mathcal{S}^{\bar{n}}_+ \mathsf{Q}^\top \lhd \mathcal{S}^n_+ \end{split}$$

(implicit rank reduction, $\bar{n} < n$)

Regularizing SDP

- at most n-1 iterations to satisfy Slater's CQ.
- to check Theorem of Alternative

$$\mathcal{A}d=\mathbf{0},\;\langle \boldsymbol{c},\boldsymbol{d}
angle=\mathbf{0},\;\mathbf{0}
eq \boldsymbol{d} \succeq_{\mathcal{S}^n_+} \mathbf{0},$$
 (*)

use stable auxiliary problem

$$(AP) \qquad \min_{\delta,d} \ \delta \ \text{ s.t. } \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}d \\ \langle c, d \rangle \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \le \delta,$$
$$\operatorname{trace}(d) = \sqrt{n},$$
$$d \succeq 0.$$

• Both (AP) and its dual satisfy Slater's CQ.

Auxiliary Problem

$$(AP) \qquad \min_{\delta,d} \ \delta \ \text{ s.t. } \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A}d \\ \langle c, d \rangle \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \le \delta,$$
$$\operatorname{trace}(d) = \sqrt{n}, d \succeq 0.$$

Both (AP) and its dual satisfy Slater's CQ ... but ...

Cheung-Schurr-W'11, a k = 1 step CQ

Strict complementarity holds for (AP)

iff

k = 1 steps are needed to regularize (SDP-P).

Regularizing SDP

Minimal face containing $\mathcal{F}_{P}^{s} := \{s : s = c - \mathcal{A}^{*}y \succeq 0\}$

 $f_P = \mathsf{Q}\mathcal{S}^{\bar{n}}_+ \,\mathsf{Q}^{ op}$

for some $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix $U = [P \ Q]$

(SPD-P) is equivalent to

$$\sup_{y} b^{\top} y \text{ s.t. } g^{\prec}(y) \leq 0, \ g^{=}(y) = 0,$$

where

$$g^{\prec}(y) := Q^{\top}(\mathcal{A}^*y - c)Q$$
$$g^{=}(y) := \begin{bmatrix} P^{\top}(\mathcal{A}^*y - c)P\\ P^{\top}(\mathcal{A}^*y - c)Q + Q^{\top}(\mathcal{A}^*y - c)P \end{bmatrix}$$

(gen.) Slater CQ holds for the reduced program: $\exists \hat{y} \text{ s.t. } g^{\prec}(y) \prec 0 \text{ and } g^{=}(y) = 0.$

- Minimal representations of the data regularize (P); use min. face f_P (and/or implicit rank reduction)
- goal: a backwards stable preprocessing algorithm to handle (feasible) conic problems for which Slater's CQ (almost) fails

Part II: SNL (K-W'10)

Highly (implicit) degenerate/low-rank problem

- high (implicit) degeneracy translates to low rank solutions
- fast, high accuracy solutions

SNL - a Fundamental Problem of Distance Geometry; easy to describe - dates back to Grasssmann 1886

r : embedding dimension

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- *n* ad hoc wireless sensors $p_1, \ldots, p_n \in \mathbb{R}^r$ to locate in \mathbb{R}^r ;
- *m* of the sensors *p*_{n-m+1},..., *p*_n are anchors (positions known, using e.g. GPS)
- pairwise distances $D_{ij} = ||p_i p_j||^2$, $ij \in E$, are known within radio range R > 0

$$P^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \dots & p_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X^{\top} & A^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$$

Sensor Localization Problem/Partial EDM

Sensors o and Anchors



Graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \omega)$

- node set $\mathcal{V} = \{1, \ldots, n\}$
- edge set $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$; $\omega_{ij} = \|p_i p_j\|^2$ known approximately
- The anchors form a clique (complete subgraph)
- Realization of *G* in ℝ^r: a mapping of nodes v_i → p_i ∈ ℝ^r with squared distances given by ω.

Corresponding Partial Euclidean Distance Matrix, EDM

 $m{D}_{ij} = \left\{egin{array}{cc} d_{ij}^2 & ext{if} & (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \ 0 & ext{otherwise} \ (ext{unknown distance}), \end{array}
ight.$

 $d_{ij}^2 = \omega_{ij}$ are known squared Euclidean distances between sensors p_i, p_j ; anchors correspond to a clique.

Connections to Semidefinite Programming (SDP)

 $D = \mathcal{K}(B) \in \mathcal{E}^n, B = \mathcal{K}^{\dagger}(D) \in \mathcal{S}^n \cap \mathcal{S}_C$ (centered Be = 0) $P^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & \dots & p_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{r \times n};$ $B := PP^{\top} \in S^n_{\perp}$ (Gram matrix of inner products); rank B = r; let $D \in \mathcal{E}^n$ corresponding EDM; $e = (1 \dots 1)^{\top}$ (to $D \in \mathcal{E}^n$) $D = (\|p_i - p_j\|_2^2)_{i \ i=1}^n$ $= \left(\boldsymbol{p}_i^T \boldsymbol{p}_i + \boldsymbol{p}_j^T \boldsymbol{p}_j - 2\boldsymbol{p}_i^T \boldsymbol{p}_j\right)_{i,i=1}^n$ = diag (B) $e^{\top} + e \operatorname{diag} (B)^{\top} - 2B$ =: $\mathcal{K}(B)$ (from $B \in S^n_{\perp}$).

Popular Techniques; SDP Relax.; Highly Degen.

Nearest, Weighted, SDP Approx. (relax/discard rank B)

- $\min_{B \succ 0} \|H \circ (\mathcal{K}(B) D)\|$; rank B = r; typical weights: $H_{ii} = 1/\sqrt{D_{ii}}$, if $ij \in E$, $H_{ii} = 0$ otherwise.
- with rank constraint: a non-convex, NP-hard program
- SDP relaxation is convex, BUT: expensive/low accuracy/implicitly highly degenerate (cliques restrict ranks of feasible Bs)

Instead: (Shall) Take Advantage of Degeneracy!

clique α , $|\alpha| = k$ (corresp. $D[\alpha]$) with embed. dim. $= t \le r < k$ \implies rank $\mathcal{K}^{\dagger}(D[\alpha]) = t \leq r \implies$ rank $B[\alpha] \leq$ rank $\mathcal{K}^{\dagger}(D[\alpha]) + 1$ \implies rank B = rank $\mathcal{K}^{\dagger}(D) \le n - \boxed{(k-t-1)} \implies$ Slater's CQ (strict feasibility) fails

BASIC THEOREM for Single Clique/Facial Reduction

Let:

- $\overline{D} := D[1:k] \in \mathcal{E}^k$, k < n, embdim $(\overline{D}) = t \le r$ be given;
- B := K[†](D̄) = Ū_BSŪ_B^T, Ū_B ∈ M^{k×t}, Ū_B^TŪ_B = I_t, S ∈ S^t₊₊ be full rank orthogonal decomposition of Gram matrix;

•
$$U_B := \begin{bmatrix} \overline{U}_B & \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}e \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{k \times (t+1)}, \ U := \begin{bmatrix} U_B & 0 \\ 0 & I_{n-k} \end{bmatrix}$$
, and $\begin{bmatrix} V & \frac{U^{\top}e}{\|U^{\top}e\|} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}^{n-k+t+1}$ be orthogonal.

Then the minimal face:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{face}\, \mathcal{K}^{\dagger}\left(\mathcal{E}^{n}(\mathsf{1}\!:\!k,\bar{D})\right) &= \left(U\mathcal{S}^{n-k+t+1}_{+}U^{\top}\right) \cap \mathcal{S}_{C} \\ &= (UV)\mathcal{S}^{n-k+t}_{+}(UV)^{\top} \end{aligned}$$

The minimal face for single clique reduction

face
$$\mathcal{K}^{\dagger} \left(\mathcal{E}^{n}(1:k,\bar{D}) \right) = \left(U \mathcal{S}^{n-k+t+1}_{+} U^{\top} \right) \cap \mathcal{S}_{C}$$

= $(UV) \mathcal{S}^{n-k+t}_{+} (UV)^{\top}$

Note that the minimal face is defined by the subspace $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{R}(UV)$. We add $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}e$ to represent $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K})$; then we use V to eliminate e to recover a <u>centered</u> face.

Two (Intersecting) Clique Reduction/Subsp. Repres.



Expense/Work of (Two) Clique/Facial Reductions

Subspace Intersection for Two Intersecting Cliques/Faces

Suppose:

$$U_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{1}' & 0 \\ U_{1}'' & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & U_{2}'' \\ 0 & U_{2}' \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:

$$U := \begin{bmatrix} U'_1 \\ U''_1 \\ U'_2 (U''_2)^{\dagger} U''_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad U := \begin{bmatrix} U'_1 (U''_1)^{\dagger} U''_2 \\ U''_2 \\ U''_2 \\ U''_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $(Q_1 =: (U_1'')^{\dagger}U_2'', Q_2 = (U_2'')^{\dagger}U_1''$ orthogonal/rotation) (Efficiently) satisfies

 $\mathcal{R}(U) = \mathcal{R}(U_1) \cap \mathcal{R}(U_2)$

Rotate to Align the Anchor Positions

- Given $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ such that $D = \mathcal{K}(PP^{\top})$
- Solve the orthogonal Procrustes problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & \|A - P_2 Q\| \\ \text{s.t.} & Q^\top Q = I \end{array}$$

 $P_2^{\top}A = U\Sigma V^{\top}$ SVD decomposition; set $Q = UV^{\top}$; (Golub/Van Loan'79, Algorithm 12.4.1)

• Set *X* := *P*₁*Q*

Summary: Facial Reduction for Cliques

- Using the basic theorem: each clique corresponds to a Gram matrix/corresponding subspace/corresponding face of SDP cone (implicit rank reduction)
- In the case where two cliques intersect, the union of the cliques correspond to the (efficiently computable) intersection of the corresponding faces/subspaces
- Finally, the positions are determined using a Procrustes problem

Results - Data for Random Noisless Problems

- 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo, 2 GB of RAM
- Dimension r = 2
- Square region: [0, 1] × [0, 1]
- m = 9 anchors
- Using only Rigid Clique Union and Rigid Node Absorption
- Error measure: Root Mean Square Deviation

$$\mathsf{RMSD} = \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \|\boldsymbol{p}_i - \boldsymbol{p}_i^{\mathsf{true}}\|^2\right)^{1/2}$$

Results - Large n (SDP size $O(n^2)$)

n # of Sensors Located

n # sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	2000	2000	1956	1374
6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
10000	10000	10000	10000	10000

CPU Seconds

# sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	1	1	1	3
6000	5	5	4	4
10000	10	10	9	8

RMSD (over located sensors)

n # sensors \ R	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04
2000	4e-16	5e-16	6e-16	3e-16
6000	4e-16	4e-16	3e-16	3e-16
10000	3e-16	5e-16	4e-16	4e-16

Large-	arge-Scale Problems				
	# sensors	# anchors	radio range	RMSD	Time
	20000	9	.025	5e-16	25s
	40000	9	.02	8e-16	1m 23s
	60000	9	.015	5e-16	3m 13s
	100000	9	.01	6e-16	9m 8s

Size of SDPs Solved: $N = \binom{n}{2}$ (# vrbls)

 \mathcal{E}_n (density of \mathcal{G}) = πR^2 ; $M = \mathcal{E}_n(|E|) = \pi R^2 N$ (# constraints) Size of SDP Problems: $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3,078,915 & 12,315,351 & 27,709,309 & 76,969,790 \end{bmatrix}$ $N = 10^9 \begin{bmatrix} 0.2000 & 0.8000 & 1.8000 & 5.0000 \end{bmatrix}$ Thanks for your attention!

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