Multistage stochastic optimization and polyhedral geometry

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- Need low-carbon energy to stop global warming
- Hydroelectricity is a controllable renewable energy
- 83% of electricity is hydroelectric in Brazil, 17% in France and 92% in Norway





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General form

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Equivalent form

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## Dynamic programming: finite case



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A MSLP admits a local exact quantization at time t on x if there exists a finitely supported  $(\xi_t)_{t \in [T]}$  such that

$$V_t(x) = \mathbb{E}\big[\hat{V}_t(x,\xi_t)\big] = \mathbb{E}\big[\hat{V}_t(x,\check{\xi}_t)\big].$$

We call an exact quantization

- uniform if it is locally exact at all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_t}$ , and all  $t \in [T]$ .
- universal if there exists a partition  $\mathcal{P}_{t,x}$  such that the induced quantization is exact at time t on x, for all distributions of  $(\xi_{\tau})_{\tau \in [T]}$ .



## Conditions for the existence of an exact quantization ?

Assume  $V_{t+1} \equiv 0$  and denote  $V := V_t$ ,  $\hat{V} := \hat{V}_t$  and  $\boldsymbol{\xi} := \boldsymbol{\xi}_t$  for now.

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#### Theorem (FL 2022)

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The weighted fiber polyhedron is a Minkowski integral with respect to the distribution  $d\mathbb{P}(c)$ 

 $\rightsquigarrow$  extension of fiber polytope (uniform distribution) of

L. Billera, B. Sturmfels, Fiber polytopes, Annals of Mathematics, p527-549, 1992.

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### Explicit computation of the example

$$V(x) = \mathbb{E}\begin{bmatrix} \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^2} & \boldsymbol{c}^\top y \\ \text{s.t. } \|y\|_1 \leqslant 1 \\ y_1 \leqslant x \\ y_2 \leqslant x \end{bmatrix}$$





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### Theorem (FL 2021)

 $\mathcal{R}_{x} := \{ E_{N,x} \mid N \in \mathcal{N}(D_{q}) \} \text{ is adapted to } x \text{ i.e. } V_{\mathcal{R}_{x}}(x) = V(x) \\ \text{In particular: if only } \mathbf{B} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \text{ are stochastic,} \\ \text{then there exists a universal and local exact quantization}^{1}. \\ \text{Bonus: necessary and sufficient condition for a partition to be adapted}$ 

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A (partial) comparison between partition based results

Paper	Song, Luedtke	Ramirez-Pico,	FL
	(2015)	Moreno (2020)	(2021)
Non-finite supp $(\xi)$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Explicit oracle	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$
Proof of convergence	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$
Complexity result	×	×	$\checkmark$
Fast iteration	$\checkmark$	×	×

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#### Theorem (Convergence and complexity results)

If  $X \cap \text{dom}(V) \subset \mathbb{R}^+$  is contained in a ball of diameter  $M \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \to c_1^\top x + V(x)$  is Lipschitz with constant L then the partition based method finds an  $\varepsilon$ -solution in at most  $\left(\frac{LM}{\varepsilon} + 1\right)^n$  iterations.

### Numerical Results - ProdMix

k	x <sub>k</sub>	$z_L^k$	$z_U^k$	Gap	$ \mathcal{P}_k^{max} $
1	(1333.33, 66.67)	-18666.67	-16939.71	9.3%	4
2	(1441.41, 59.57)	-17873.01	-17383.73	2.7%	9
3	(1399.05, 57.91)	-17789.88	-17659.19	0.74%	16
4	(1379.98, 56.64)	-17744.67	-17708.00	0.20%	25
5	(1371.36, 55.71)	-17718.96	-17709.05	0.056%	36
6	(1375.55, 56.21)	-17713.74	-17711.37	0.013%	49

Table: Results for problem Prod-Mix

To compare our approach with SAA, we solved the same problem 100 times, each with 10 000 scenarios randomly drawn, yielding a 95% confidence interval centered in -17711, with radius 2.2.

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History of stochastic dual dynamic programming (SDDP)

- Designed by Pereira and Pinto in 1991, used to manage brazilian hydroelectricity network
- Proof of asymptotic convergence in the linear case (Philpott and Guan 2008) and in the convex case (Girardeau, Leclère, Philpott 2015)
- Complexity proof (Lan 2020, Zhang and Sun 2022)
- Plenty of variants: trajectory following dynamic programming algorithms
- All with finitely supported distribution

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#### First forward pass : computing trajectory

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#### Contributions on SDDP and its variants

- New framework called Trajectory Following Dynamic Programming (TFDP) encompassing at least 14 variants of SDDP
- Complexity proofs, new for most of those variants
- Do not require finite support assumption
- Allow approximation error
- Adapt to robust and risk averse cases

### Some TFDP algorithms

Algorithm's name	Node selection: Choice $\xi_t^k$	Ft	$\underline{V}_t^k$	$\overline{V}_t^k$	Hypothesis	Complexity known
SDDP	Random sampling	Exact	Benders cuts	$V_t$	Convex	~
EDDP	Explorative	Exact	Benders cuts	Vt	Convex	~
APSDDP	Random sampling	Exact	Adaptive partition	Vt	Linear	×
SDDiP	Random sampling	Exact	Lagrangian or integer cuts	Vt	Mixed Integer Linear	×
MIDAS	Random sampling	Exact	Step cuts	Vt	Monotonic Mixed Integer	×
SLDP	Random sampling	Exact	Reverse norm cuts	Vt	Non-Convex	×
BDZ17	Problem child	Exact	Benders cuts	Epigraph as convex hull	Convex	×
BDZ18	Problem child	Exact	$Benders \times Epigraph$	$Hypograph \times Benders$	Convex-Concave	×
RDDP	Deterministic	Exact	Benders cuts	Epigraph as convex hull	Robust	×
ISDDP	Random sampling	Inexact	Inexact Lagrangian cuts	Vt	Convex	×
TDP	Problem child	Exact	Benders cuts	Min of quadratic	Convex	×
ZS19	Random or Problem	Regularized	Generalized conjugacy cuts	Norm cuts	Mixed Integer Convex	~
NDDP	Random or Problem	Regularized	Benders cuts	Norm cuts	Distributionally Robust	~
DSDDP	Random sampling	Exact	Benders cuts	Fenchel transform	Linear	×

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