## Exact discretization methods for Multistage Stochastic Linear Problem

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## Exact quantization

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We say that an MSLP admits an exact quantization if there exists a finitely supported  $(\check{c}_t, \check{A}_t, \check{B}_t, \check{b}_t)_{t \in [T]}$  that yields the same expected cost-to-go functions,  $(V_t)_{t \in [T]}$ .

➡ the MSLP is equivalent to a problem on a finite scenario tree.

Questions:

- Under which condition does there exist an exact quantization ?
- ② Can we construct a (uniform) exact quantization ?
- I how does the quantization procedure depends on the noise's law ?

## Exact quantization and polyhedrality

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If  $P_x$  is bounded,  $\{ri(N) \mid N \in \mathcal{N}(P_x)\}$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .



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Theorem (Uniform quantization of the cost distribution)

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where  $\check{p}_R := \mathbb{P}\big[\boldsymbol{c} \in \mathsf{ri}(R)\big]$  and  $\check{c}_R := \mathbb{E}\big[\boldsymbol{c} \mid \boldsymbol{c} \in \mathsf{ri}(R)\big]$ 

Moreover, for all distributions of c, V is affine on each cell of the chamber complex  $C(P, \pi)$ .

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## Complexity result multistage

We can generalize to multistage by fixing several dimensions and the horizon.

#### Theorem (MSLP is polynomial for fixed dimensions)

Assume that  $n_t$ , and  $|\operatorname{supp}(\mathbf{A}_t, \mathbf{B}_t, \mathbf{b}_t)|$ , for t = 2, ..., T, are fixed integers.<sup>a</sup> Further, assume that we have an (approximate) oracle taking as argument a cone C and returning in polynomial-time  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{c} \in C|(\mathbf{A}_t, \mathbf{B}_t, \mathbf{b}_t) = (A, B, b)]$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{c} \in C|(\mathbf{A}_t, \mathbf{B}_t, \mathbf{b}_t) = (A, B, b))$ . Then, MSLP is solvable in polynomial time.

<sup>a</sup>No requirement for the first decision.

→ Can be adapted to approximate complexity for a large class of distribution (densities with a bounded total variation).

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## Partitioning the cost-to-go function



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Definition (Partitioned expected-cost-go)

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $\mathbb{P}$ -partition of  $\Xi$ , we define

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Then, 
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then  $\mathcal{P}$  is an adapted partition.

A (partial) comparison between partition based results

Paper	Song, Luedtke (2015)	Ramirez-Pico, Moreno (2020)	Forcier, L. (2021)
Non-finite supp $(\xi)$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
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Complexity result	×	×	$\checkmark$
Fast iteration	$\checkmark$	×	×

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### Local exact quantization and adapted partition Local exact quantization GAPM

random cost

Recall that for a fixed x,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\min_{\boldsymbol{y}\in\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{x}}}\boldsymbol{c}^{\top}\boldsymbol{y}\right] = \sum_{\boldsymbol{N}\in\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{x}})} p_{\boldsymbol{N}}\min_{\boldsymbol{y}\in\boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{x}}}\check{\boldsymbol{c}}_{\boldsymbol{N}}^{\top}\boldsymbol{y}$$

where,

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Similarly, for a given q, and all x,

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➡ Is it the coarsest one ?

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# CNS conditions for a partition to be adapted

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For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  a partition of  $\Xi$ , there exists  $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_x \succcurlyeq_{\mathbb{P}} \mathcal{R}_x$  such that

$$\mathcal{P} \preccurlyeq_{\mathbb{P}} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_x \iff V_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = V(x).$$

- If  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  admits a density,  $\mathcal{R}_x =_{\mathbb{P}} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_x$ .
- An oracle is adapted if and only if it returns a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  refining  $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_x$ .



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	W	( <b>T</b> , <b>h</b> )	q
Local	Ø	$\mathcal{R}_{x}$	$\mathcal{N}(P_x)$
Uniform	Ø	Ø	$\bigwedge_{\sigma\in\mathcal{C}(P,\pi)}\mathcal{N}_{\sigma}$

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# Subgradient of partition function

Recall that if  $\mathcal{P} \preccurlyeq_{\mathbb{P}} \mathcal{R}_x$  then

$$egin{aligned} V_{\mathcal{R}_x}(x) &= V_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = V(x) \ V_{\mathcal{R}_x}(\cdot) &\leq V_{\mathcal{P}}(\cdot) \leqslant V(\cdot) \end{aligned}$$

#### Lemma

Let  $x \in \text{dom}(V)$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a refinement of  $\mathcal{R}_x$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{P} \preccurlyeq \mathcal{R}_x$ , then

$$\partial V_{\mathcal{R}_x}(x) \subset \partial V_{\mathcal{P}}(x) \subset \partial V(x)$$

*Furthermore, if*  $x \in ridom(V)$ *,* 

$$\partial V_{\mathcal{R}_x}(x) = \partial V_{\mathcal{P}}(x) = \partial V(x)$$











Partition based method can be seen as a tangent cone method: a cutting plane method where we add all active cuts instead of a single one.



#### 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  $x \to c^\top x + V(x)$  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.

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Distribution	Uniform on polytope	Exponential		
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Support	Polytope : Q	Cone : K		
	$\frac{\operatorname{Vol}_d(S)}{\operatorname{Vol}_d(Q)}$	$\frac{ \det(Ray(S)) }{\Phi_{K}(\theta)} \prod_{r \in Ray(S)} \frac{1}{-r^{\top}\theta}$	$\operatorname{Ang}\left(M^{-1}S\right)$	
$\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\xi} \mid S]$	$\frac{1}{d}\sum_{v\in \operatorname{Vert}(S)}v$	$\left(\sum_{r\inRay(S)}\frac{-r_i}{r^{\top}\theta}\right)_{i\in[m]}$		

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## Numerical Results - LandS



Figure: Results given by GAPM for LandS problem<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>illustration from Ramirez-Pico and Moreno

## 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.

# Conclusions and perspectives

- We have shown how to obtain a (uniform) exact quantization for an MSLP, providing new complexity results. Unfortunately this quantization might be very large.
- We have shown how to use local exact quantization for two-stage problem, in a Benders' like manner.
- Our next steps:
  - Computing and using only local exact quantization in a simplex-like method working on the chamber complexes.
  - Using the APM method for multistage problems, with sampling leading to SDDP methods for non-finitely supported problem.

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# Thank you for listening ! Any question ?

