

Introduction to Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming

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Introduction and Motivation

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The problem of the day

The general mixed integer nonlinear problem is

$$\text{MINLP} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underset{x,y}{\text{minimize}} & f(x,y) \\ \text{subject to} & g(x,y) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X \\ & y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$

- $f(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are smooth functions.
- $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ are polytopes including bounds on the variables.

Extremely difficult: Combines challenges of **handling nonlinearities** with **combinatorial explosion of integer variables** [Belotti et al., 2013].

Extremely powerful: “The mother of all deterministic optimization problems” [Lee, 2008].

Real-world applications [Bonami, 2014]

Application	nonlinear	discrete
Portfolio optimization	Risk, utility, robustness	number of assets, min investment
[Bienstock, 1996, Bonami and Lejeune, 2009, Vielma et al., 2008]		
Chemical plant design	Chemical reactions	what to install
[Duran and Grossmann, 1986, Flores-Tlacuahuac and Biegler, 2007]		
Block Layout Design	Spatial constraints	what to layout
[Castillo et al., 2005]		
Networks with delays	Delay as function of traffic	Path, flows
[Boorstyn and Frank, 1977, Ameer and Ouorou, 2006]		
Location with stochastic services	Demands	location model
[Elhedhli, 2006]		
TSP with neighborhoods (Robotics)	Definition of ngbh.	TSP
[Gentilini et al., 2013]		

Real-world applications [Bonami, 2014]

Application	nonlinear	discrete
Petrochemical [Haverly, 1978]	Blending, pooling	Which process
Gaz/Water networks [Bragalli et al., 2011]	Pressure loss	Network topology
Nuclear Reactor reloading [Quist et al., 1999]	reactions	What to reload
Airplane trajectory optimization [Cafieri and Durand, 2013, Soler et al., 2013]	aerodynamics	waypoints, collision avoidance,...
Mixed Integer Opti- mal control [Sager, 2005, 2012]	DE	discrete controls
Countless more see for example [Belotti et al., 2013]

Convexity of Nonlinear Functions

$$\text{MINLP} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize}_{x,y} \quad f(x,y) \\ \text{subject to} \quad g(x,y) \leq 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$

Convex	Non-convex

MINLP

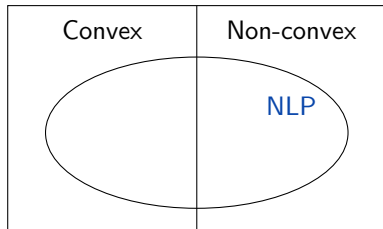
Definition. A smooth function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, iff for all couples of points $x^0, x^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$f(x^1) \geq f(x^0) + \nabla f(x^0)^T (x^1 - x^0)$$

(In a slight abuse of notation) MINLP is convex iff $f(x,y)$ and $g(x,y)$ are convex functions, otherwise MINLP is nonconvex.

Nonlinear Programming

$$\text{NLP} \begin{cases} \text{minimize}_x & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & g(x) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X \end{cases}$$



MINLP

- no integer variables, but challenge of **handling nonlinearities**.
- Convex **NLP**: all the minima all global minima (if strictly convex: only one minimum) and polynomial-time interior-point methods [Nesterov and Nemirovskii, 1994].
- Nonconvex **NLP**: find global solution is **NP**-hard (global quadratic optimization is already **NP**-hard [Sahni, 1974]).

MINLP \neq NLP

- Convex NLP: all the minima are global minima and polynomial-time interior-point methods [Nesterov and Nemirovskii, 1994].
- A strictly convex NLP has at most one global solution, the same does not hold for MINLP.

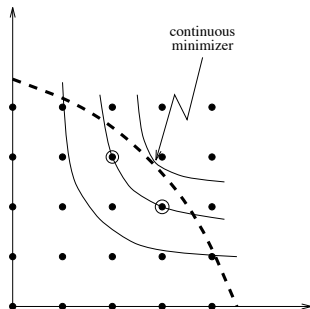
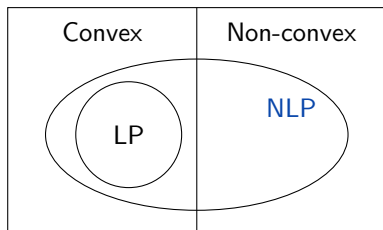


Figure: Optima for strictly convex MINLP [Leyffer, 1994].

Linear Programming

$$\text{LP} \begin{cases} \text{minimize} & a^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq c \\ & x \in X \end{cases}$$

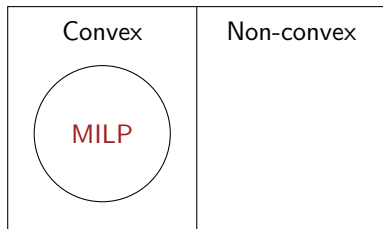


MINLP

- no integer variables, no challenge of handling nonlinearities.
- polynomial-time methods: ellipsoid algorithm [Khachiyan, 1979] and Karmarkar's algorithm [Karmarkar, 1984].
- Simplex algorithm for LP, proposed by George Dantzig in 1947, is one of the Top Ten Algorithms of the 20th Century [Dongarra and Sullivan, 2000].

Mixed Integer Linear Programming

$$\text{MILP} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize}_{x,y} \quad a^T x + b^T y \\ \text{subject to} \quad Ax + By \leq c \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$



MINLP

- linear objective function and linear constraints, but **combinatorial explosion of integer variables**.
- **NP**-hard problem: no known polynomial-time algorithm (0-1 integer linear programming is **NP**-complete problems [Karp, 1972]).
- well-studied in literature since [Gomory, 1958] and very powerful algorithms (many commercial softwares).

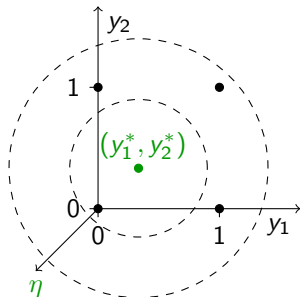
Convex MINLP \neq MILP

The solution of **MILP** is an extreme point, however the same does not hold for **convex MINLP**:

$$\underset{y}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \left(y_i - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2, \quad \text{subject to } y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p$$

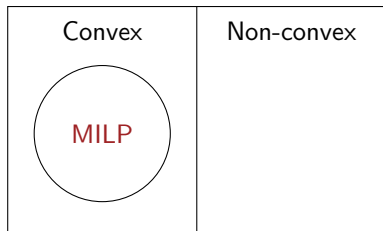
Trick: Introduce a new objective function (a dummy variable η) and a new constraint $f(x, y) \leq \eta$.

$$\text{MINLP}_{\eta} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underset{x, y, \eta}{\text{minimize}} & \eta \\ \text{subject to} & f(x, y) \leq \eta \\ & g(x, y) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X \\ & y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$



Complexity Issues

$$\text{MINLP}_\eta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize}_{x,y,\eta} \quad \eta \\ \text{subject to} \quad f(x,y) \leq \eta \\ \quad \quad \quad g(x,y) \leq 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$



MINLP

- MINLP is **NP**-hard (MILP as special case).
- In general undecidable [Jeroslow, 1973], even in “easy” case with “few” variables [De Loera et al., 2006].
- MINLP is a hot topic in optimization community: from [Leyffer, 1994] (first PhD thesis on convex MINLP) to IMA Hot Topics in 2012.

Assumptions and Hypotheses

Assumption 1. All the problem function are “perfectly” known, in terms of their mathematical expression and values.

Assumption 2. X and Y are nonempty compact convex sets defined by systems of linear inequality constraints.

Assumption 3. Functions f and g are twice continuously differentiable and convex.

Assumption 4. MINLP_η satisfies a constraint qualification condition.

- Assumptions 1: see next talk about Black Box MINLP .
- Assumptions 2 avoid undecidability problems.
- Assumptions 2 and 3 \implies we consider only convex MINLP_η .
- Assumptions 4: technical requirement for NLP machinery.

Moral: “the great watershed in optimization isn’t between linearity and nonlinearity, but convexity and nonconvexity” [Rockafellar, 1993].

Auxiliary Problems

Relaxation in theory:

- optimize over a larger feasible region (ignore several constraints).
- compute a Lower Bound on the “real” minimum value.

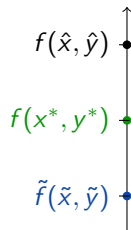
Definition. An optimization problem $\min\{\tilde{f}(z) : z \in \tilde{F}\}$ is a relaxation of $\min\{f(z) : z \in F\}$, iff $\tilde{F} \supset F$ and $\tilde{f}(z) \leq f(z)$ for all $z \in F$.

Relaxation in practice:

- relax integrality requirements: obtain an **NLP**.
- relax nonlinear constraints: obtain an **MILP**.

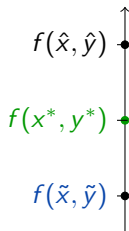
Upper bound:

- any feasible point provides an objective value greater (or equal) than the minimum one.



Relax Integrality: NLP_{relax}

$$NLP_{relax} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \eta \\ & \text{subject to } f(x, y) \leq \eta \\ & g(x, y) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X \\ & y \in Y \end{array} \right.$$



- Relax integrality: from $y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p$ to $y \in Y \subset \mathbb{R}^p$.
- If $MINLP_\eta$ is convex then NLP_{relax} is convex too (globally solvable).
- If (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is optimal for NLP_{relax} and feasible for $MINLP_\eta$, then it is also a minimum for $MINLP_\eta$.
- If (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) is feasible for $MINLP_\eta$ and $f(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$, then it is also a minimum for $MINLP_\eta$.

Relax Convex Nonlinearities: $MILP_{relax}$

$$MILP_{relax} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underset{x,y,\eta}{\text{minimize}} \quad \eta \\ \text{subject to} \quad f(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla f(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq \eta, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K} \\ \quad \quad \quad g(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla g(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq 0, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K} \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$

- Relax convex nonlinearities: **supporting hyperplanes** at points (x^k, y^k) for $k \in \mathcal{K}$ (apply the definition of nonlinear convex function).
- Polyhedral (linear) relaxation of nonlinear convex constraints.
- Same relationships between solutions of $MILP_{relax}$ and $MINLP_{\eta}$.

Relaxation in pictures

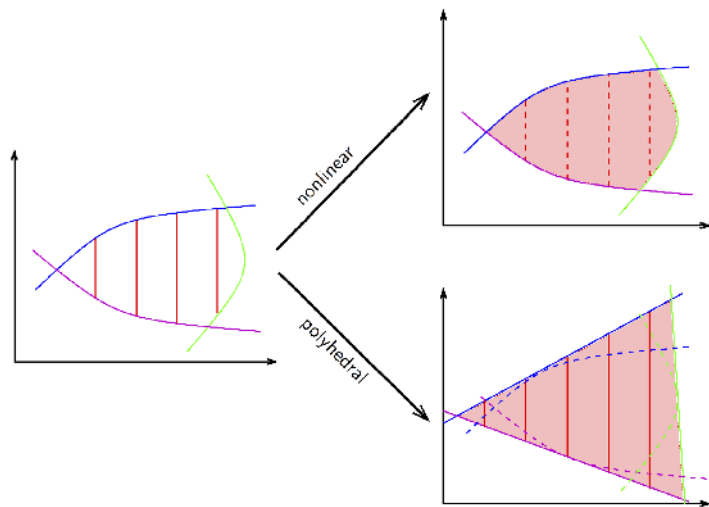
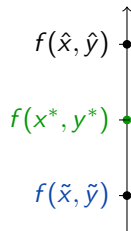


Figure: Nonlinear and polyhedral relaxation [Belotti et al., 2013].

Constraint Enforcement

$$\text{MINLP}_\eta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underset{x,y,\eta}{\text{minimize}} \quad \eta \\ \text{subject to} \quad f(x,y) \leq \eta \\ \quad \quad \quad g(x,y) \leq 0 \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$



Goal: Exclude a solution (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) of a relaxation, infeasible for MINLP_η .

- Relaxation refinement: tighten the MILP_{relax} relaxation.
- Branching: exclude set of non-integer points from NLP_{relax} .
- Combinations of these two constraint enforcement approaches.

Constraint Enforcement: Refinement

Definition. A **valid inequality** is an inequality that is satisfied by all feasible solutions of MINLP_η . A **cut** is valid inequality that “cuts off” the current point (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) infeasible for MINLP_η .

Example. If $g(x, y) \leq 0$ convex and there is an index j such that $g_j(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) > 0$, then (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is “cut off” by

$$g_j(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) + \nabla g_j(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})^T \begin{pmatrix} x - \tilde{x} \\ y - \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} \leq 0$$

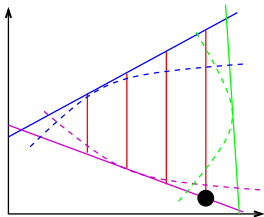


Figure: (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) infeasible for MINLP_η
[Belotti et al., 2013].

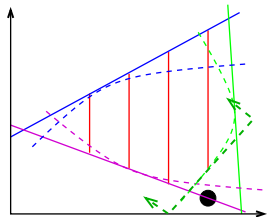


Figure: Valid inequality “cuts off” (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})
[Belotti et al., 2013].

Constraint Enforcement: Branching

Goal: Exclude a fractional solution (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) of NLP_{relax} .

- Select fractional \tilde{y}_i for some $i = 1, \dots, p$.
- Create two new sub-problems by respectively adding:

$$y_i \leq \lfloor \tilde{y}_i \rfloor \quad \text{and} \quad y_i \leq \lceil \tilde{y}_i \rceil$$

- Solution to MINLP_η lies in one of the new subproblems.

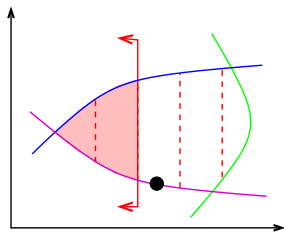


Figure: NLP subproblem with $y_i \leq \lfloor \tilde{y}_i \rfloor$
[Belotti et al., 2013].

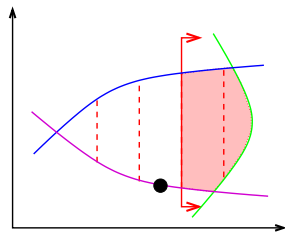
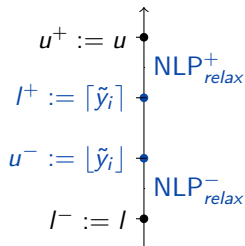


Figure: NLP subproblem with $y_i \geq \lceil \tilde{y}_i \rceil$
[Belotti et al., 2013].

Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound

$$\text{NLP}_{relax} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{x,y,\eta} & \eta \\ \text{subject to} & f(x,y) \leq \eta \\ & g(x,y) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X, y \in Y \\ & l \leq y \leq u \end{array} \right.$$



- solve NLP_{relax} and find a fractional solution (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) .
- introduce two new sub-problems NLP_{relax}^+ and NLP_{relax}^- respectively with bounds $(l^+, u^+) := (l, u)$ and $(l^-, u^-) := (l, u)$:

$$u_i^- := \lfloor \tilde{y}_i \rfloor \quad \text{and} \quad l_i^+ := \lceil \tilde{y}_i \rceil$$

- nodes NLP_{relax}^+ and NLP_{relax}^- correspond to the branching sub-problems.

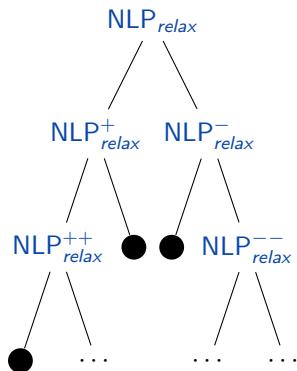
Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound

- Iterate branching and create a tree.
- Let (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) be an upper bound of MINLP_η .
- Pruning rules:

Infeasibility: if a sub-problem is infeasible
 \Rightarrow any NLP in its subtree is also infeasible.

Integrality: if (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is an integral solution
(a) $f(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) < f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$, then $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) := (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$.
(b) no better feasible solution in sub-tree.

Dominance: if $f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \geq f(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$
 \Rightarrow no better integer solution in sub-tree.



Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound: Pseudocode

initialization: set $U := \infty$, and add NLP_{relax} to heap \mathcal{H} .

while $\mathcal{H} \neq \emptyset$ **do**

Remove a **sub-problem** from the heap \mathcal{H} .

Find a solution (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) to the current **sub-problem**.

if current **sub-problem** is infeasible **then**

Prune node by infeasibility.

else if $f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \geq U$ **then**

Prune node by dominance.

else if (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is integral **then**

Update: $U := f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$ and $(x^*, y^*) := (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$.

else

Branch on fractional variable.

Create two sub-problems. Add them to \mathcal{H} .

end if

end while

Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound

Theorem. All previous assumptions hold. Then **Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound** terminates at optimal solution (or indication of infeasibility) of MINLP_η after a finite number of iterations.

Open questions:

- How to select the branching variable (maximum fractional as bad as randomly selection [Achterberg et al., 2005]).
- How to select the next sub-problem to be solved.
- Warm-starting of **NLP** solver.

Goal: Minimize size of **Branch-and-Bound** tree (dimension of heap \mathcal{H}).

Strategy: Find good upper bound and increase lower bound quickly.

Outer Approximation [Duran and Grossmann, 1986]

$$\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underset{x, y, \eta}{\text{minimize}} \quad \eta \\ \text{subject to} \quad f(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla f(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq \eta, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K} \\ \quad \quad \quad g(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla g(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq 0, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K} \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$

- Tighten $\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}}$ by iteratively adding **supporting hyperplanes** (valid inequalities).
- Evaluate convex functions only at “integer” points (x^k, y^k) for all $k \in \mathcal{K}$.
- **MILP** machinery: more than 50 years of experience in theory and practice.

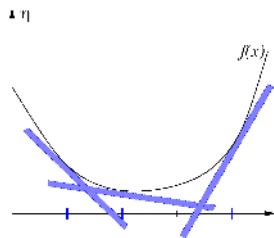


Figure: $\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}}$ [Leyffer, 2013].

Outer Approximation: NLP sub-problem

$$\text{NLP}_{fix} \begin{cases} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & g(x, y) \leq 0 \\ & x \in X \\ & y = \hat{y} \end{cases} \quad \text{NLP}_{feas} \begin{cases} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & \sum_{j=1}^m g_j^+(x, \hat{y}) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in X \end{cases}$$

- NLP_{fix} is feasible \implies upper bound to MINLP_{η} .
- NLP_{fix} is infeasible \iff strictly positive optimal value of NLP_{feas} .
- NLP_{fix} is infeasible \implies nonlinear solvers provide a solution to NLP_{feas} .

Lemma. Supporting hyperplanes at (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) are valid inequalities for MINLP_{η} . If NLP_{fix} is infeasible, then supporting hyperplanes are valid cut w.r.t. (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) .

Outer Approximation Algorithm

$$\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underset{x, y, \eta}{\text{minimize}} \quad \eta \\ \text{subject to} \quad \eta \leq U^k - \varepsilon \\ \quad \quad \quad f(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla f(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq \eta, \quad \forall x^k \in \mathcal{X}^k \\ \quad \quad \quad g(x^k, y^k) + (\nabla g(x^k, y^k))^T \begin{pmatrix} x - x^k \\ y - y^k \end{pmatrix} \leq 0, \quad \forall x^k \in \mathcal{X}^k \\ \quad \quad \quad x \in X \\ \quad \quad \quad y \in Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \end{array} \right.$$

- $\mathcal{X}^k \subset \mathcal{X} := \{(\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k) \in X \times Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p : (\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k) \text{ solutions to } \text{NLP}_{\text{fix}} \text{ or } \text{NLP}_{\text{feas}} \text{ for integer assignment } \hat{y} = y^k\}$.
- boundedness of $Y \cap \mathbb{Z}^p \implies$ boundedness of \mathcal{X} (and of \mathcal{X}^k).
- upper bound $U^k := \min_{j \leq k} \{f(\hat{x}^j, \hat{y}^j) : \text{NLP}_{\text{fix}} \text{ is feasible}\}$.

Outer Approximation: Pseudocode

data: starting integer point (x^0, y^0) and tolerance $\varepsilon > 0$.

initialization: set $U^{-1} := \infty$, $\mathcal{X}^{-1} = \emptyset$ and $k = 0$.

repeat

Solve NLP_{fix} or NLP_{feas} with $\hat{y} = y^k$: solution (\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k) .

if NLP_{fix} is feasible and $f(\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k) < U^{k-1}$ **then**

Update best point $(x^*, y^*) = (\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k)$ and $U^k = f(\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k)$.

else

 Set $U^k = U^{k-1}$.

end if

Add **supporting hyperplanes** about (\hat{x}^k, \hat{y}^k) to MILP_{relax} :

$\mathcal{X}^k = \mathcal{X}^{k-1} \cup \{k\}$.

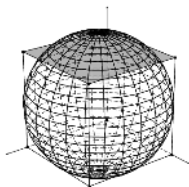
Solve MILP_{relax} : solution (x^{k+1}, y^{k+1}) and set $k = k + 1$.

until MILP_{relax} is infeasible.

Worst case of OA [Hijazi et al., 2014]

Theorem. All previous assumptions hold. Then **Outer Approximation** terminates at optimal solution (or indication of infeasibility) of MINLP_η after a finite number of iterations.

$$P \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underset{y}{\text{minimize}} \quad 0 \\ \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \left(y_i - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \leq \frac{p-1}{4} \\ y \in \{0, 1\}^p \end{array} \right.$$



Lemma. **Outer Approximation** cannot cut more than one vertex of the hypercube: $\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}}$ feasible for any $k < 2^n$.

Corollary. **Outer Approximation Algorithm** takes 2^n iterations (each of them requires solving a $\text{MILP}_{\text{relax}}$) to check infeasibility of nonlinear integer problem P.

LP/NLP-based BB [Quesada and Grossman, 1992]

Aim: avoid solving expensive many $MILP_{relax}$'s.

- Start solving $MILP_{relax}$ by Branch-and-Bound.
- If an integer solution (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is found
 \Rightarrow solve NLP_{fix} with $\hat{y} = \tilde{y}$, get (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) .
- Add **supporting hyperplanes** about (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) to single Branch-and-Bound tree.
- Continue by solving $MILP_{relax}$ problem.
- Iterate until **lower bound** \geq **upper bound**.
- Never prune by **integer feasibility**.

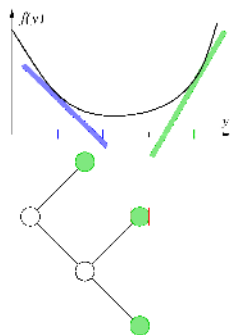


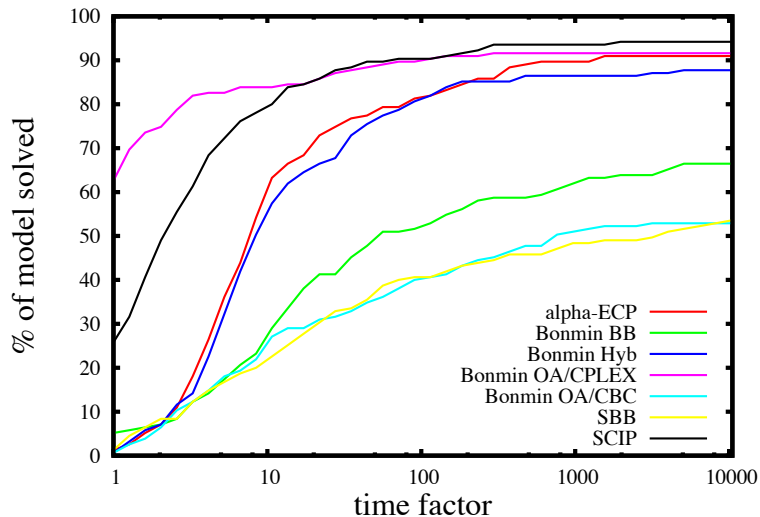
Figure: LP/NLP-based BB [Leyffer, 2013].

Theorem. All previous assumptions hold. Then LP/NLP-based **Branch-and-Bound** terminates at optimal solution (or indication of infeasibility) of $MINLP_{\eta}$ after a finite number of iterations.

Convex MINLP Softwares [Bonami, 2014]

Solver	Reference	Algorithm(s)
Dicopt		OA
MINLP_BB	[Leyffer, 1998]	NLP BB
SBB	[Bussieck and Drud, 2001]	NLP BB
α -ECP	[Westerlund and Lundqvist, 2005]	ECP (variant of OA)
Bonmin	[Bonami et al., 2008]	NLP BB, OA, LP/NLP
FilMINT	[Abhishek et al., 2010]	LP/NLP
KNITRO	[Byrd et al., 2006]	NLP BB, LP/NLP
SCIP	[Vigerske, 2013]	LP/NLP

Convex MINLP Softwares [Bonami, 2014]



Black Box MINLP: Derivative-free approaches

- objective function values are too expensive to compute.
- objective function values are determined via simulation.

Derivative-free methods:

- Direct search: locally sampling objective function along a grid.
- Evolutionary methods: random mutations and survival of the fittest.

Software:

- NOMAD (Nonsmooth Optimization by Mesh Adaptive Direct Search) [Audet et al., 2009], [Le Digabel, 2011].

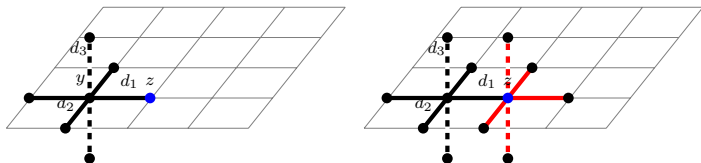


Figure: Local direct search [Liuzzi et al., 2014].

Conclusions: Convex MINLP

- Extremely powerful and difficult: very challenging problem and many real-world applications.
- Convexity and completely knowledge of functions are critical assumptions.
- Key building blocks: NLP and MILP relaxations with constraint enforcement (branching and refinement).
- Basic algorithms for convex MINLP: Nonlinear Branch-and-Bound and Outer Approximation.
- One step beyond: LP/NLP-based Branch-and-Bound (Outer Approximation embedded in a single tree).
- MINLP softwares in a nutshell with a comparison picture: Outer Approximation performs relatively better.
- Reformulation is a very important ingredient in every optimization recipe: exploit structure of your problem.

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