

# Modeling and Optimization within Interacting Systems

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# KKT conditions and Normal Cones

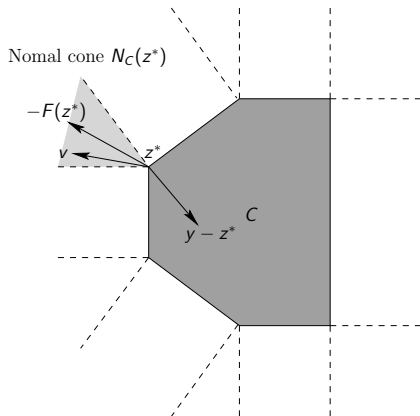
If  $\mathcal{C} = \{z : g(z) \leq 0\}$ ,  $g$  convex,  
(with CQ)

$x^*$  solves  $\min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} f(x)$

$$\iff 0 = \nabla f(x^*) + \nabla g(x^*)\lambda,$$

$$0 \leq -g(x^*) \perp \lambda \geq 0$$

$$\iff 0 \in \nabla f(x^*) + N_{\mathcal{C}}(x^*)$$



Many applications where  $F$  is not the derivative of some  $f$

# Variational Inequality (replace $\nabla f(z)$ with $F(z)$ )

- $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- Ideally:  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  – constraint set; Often:  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  – simple bounds

$$VI(F, \mathcal{C}) : 0 \in F(z) + N_{\mathcal{C}}(z)$$

- model vi /  $F, g$  /;  
empinfo: vi  $F z g$
- VI generalizes many problem classes
- Nonlinear Equations:  $F(z) = 0$  set  $\mathcal{C} \equiv \mathbb{R}^n$
- Convex optimization:  $F(z) = \nabla f(z)$
- For MCP (rectangular VI), set  $\mathcal{C} \equiv [l, u]^n$ .
- Can now do MPEC (as opposed to MPCC)!
- Projection algorithms, robustness (evaluate  $F$  only at points in  $\mathcal{C}$ )

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- $q = d(\pi)$ : issue is that  $\pi$  is the multiplier on the “balance” constraint
- Such multipliers (LMP’s) are critical to operation of market
- Can solve the problem iteratively or by writing down the KKT conditions of this QP, forming an LCP and exposing  $\pi$  to the model
- Existence, uniqueness, stability from variational analysis
- **EMP does this automatically from the annotations**

# Reformulation details

$$\begin{array}{ll} 0 \leq Ax - d(\pi) & \perp \mu \geq 0 \\ 0 = Bx - b & \perp \lambda \\ 0 \leq \nabla c(x) - A^T \mu - B^T \lambda & \perp x \geq 0 \end{array}$$

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- LCP/MCP is then solvable using PATH

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ \lambda \\ x \end{bmatrix}, \quad F(z) = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ -A^T & -B^T \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} -d(\pi) \\ -b \\ \nabla c(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

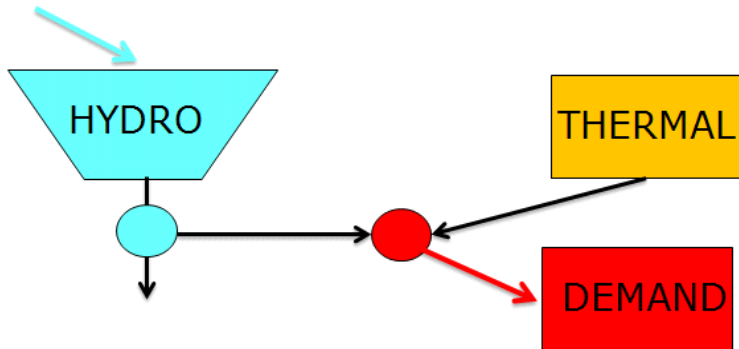
## Other applications of complementarity

- Economics: Walrasian equilibrium (supply equals demand), taxes and tariffs, computable general equilibria, option pricing (electricity market), airline overbooking
- Transportation: Wardropian equilibrium (shortest paths), selfish routing, dynamic traffic assignment
- Applied mathematics: Free boundary problems
- Engineering: Optimal control (ELQP)
- Mechanics: Structure design, contact problems (with friction)
- Geology: Earthquake propagation

Good solvers exist for large scale instances of VI



# Hydro-Thermal System (Philpott/F./Wets)



- Competing agents (consumers, or generators in energy market)
- Each agent minimizes objective independently (cost)
- Market prices are function of all agents activities

# Simple electricity “system optimization” problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SO: } \max_{d_k, u_i, v_j, x_i \geq 0} \quad & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} W_k(d_k) - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} C_j(v_j) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} V_i(x_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} U_i(u_i) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} v_j \geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} d_k, \\ & x_i = x_i^0 - u_i + h_i^1, \quad i \in \mathcal{H} \end{aligned}$$

- $u_i$  water release of hydro reservoir  $i \in \mathcal{H}$
- $v_j$  thermal generation of plant  $j \in \mathcal{T}$
- $x_i$  water level in reservoir  $i \in \mathcal{H}$
- prod fn  $U_i$  (strictly concave) converts water release to energy
- $C_j(v_j)$  denote the cost of generation by thermal plant
- $V_i(x_i)$  future value of terminating with storage  $x$  (assumed separable)
- $W_k(d_k)$  utility of consumption  $d_k$

## SO equivalent to CE (price takers)

Consumers  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  solve CP( $k$ ):  $\max_{d_k \geq 0} W_k(d_k) - \pi^T d_k$

Thermal plants  $j \in \mathcal{T}$  solve TP( $j$ ):  $\max_{v_j \geq 0} \pi^T v_j - C_j(v_j)$

Hydro plants  $i \in \mathcal{H}$  solve HP( $i$ ):  $\max_{u_i, x_i \geq 0} \pi^T U_i(u_i) + V_i(x_i)$   
s.t.  $x_i = x_i^0 - u_i + h_i^1$

Perfectly competitive (Walrasian) equilibrium is a MOPEC

CE:  $d_k \in \arg \max CP(k), \quad k \in \mathcal{K},$

$v_j \in \arg \max TP(j), \quad j \in \mathcal{T},$

$u_i, x_i \in \arg \max HP(i), \quad i \in \mathcal{H},$

$$0 \leq \pi \perp \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} U_i(u_i) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} v_j \geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} d_k.$$

# MOPEC

$$\min_{x_i} \theta_i(x_i, x_{-i}, \pi) \text{ s.t. } g_i(x_i, x_{-i}, \pi) \leq 0, \forall i$$

$\pi$  solves  $\text{VI}(h(x, \cdot), C)$

equilibrium

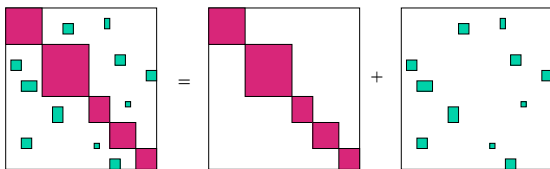
$\min \theta(1) \quad x(1) \quad g(1)$

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$\min \theta(m) \quad x(m) \quad g(m)$

$\text{vi } h \text{ pi cons}$

- (Generalized) Nash
- Reformulate optimization problem as first order conditions (complementarity)
- Use nonsmooth Newton methods to solve
- Solve overall problem using “individual optimizations”?



# Perfect competition

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max_{x_i} \pi^T x_i - c_i(x_i) & \text{profit} \\ \text{s.t. } B_i x_i = b_i, x_i \geq 0 & \text{technical constr} \end{array}$$

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$$0 \leq \sum_i x_i - d(\pi) \perp \pi \geq 0$$

- When there are many agents, assume none can affect  $\pi$  by themselves
- Each agent is a price taker
- Two agents,  $d(\pi) = 24 - \pi$ ,  $c_1 = 3$ ,  $c_2 = 2$
- KKT(1) + KKT(2) + Market Clearing gives Complementarity Problem
- $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 22$ ,  $\pi = 2$

## Cournot: two agents (duopoly)

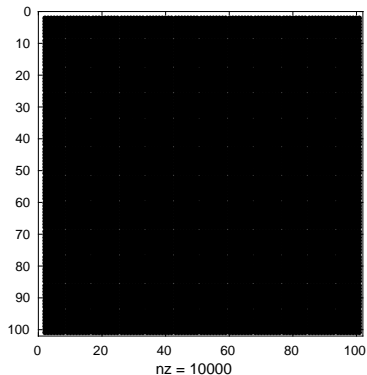
$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x_i} \quad & p\left(\sum_j x_j\right)^T x_i - c_i(x_i) && \text{profit} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & B_i x_i = b_i, x_i \geq 0 && \text{technical constr} \end{aligned}$$

- Cournot: assume each can affect  $p$  by choice of  $x_i$
- Two agents, same data
- KKT(1) + KKT(2) gives Complementarity Problem
- $x_1 = 20/3$ ,  $x_2 = 23/3$ ,  $\pi = 29/3$
- Exercise of market power (some price takers, some Cournot)

# Computational issue: PATH

- Cournot model:  $|\mathcal{A}| = 5$
- Size  $n = |\mathcal{A}| * N_a$

Size ( $n$ )	Time (secs)
2,500	48.431
5,000	570.214

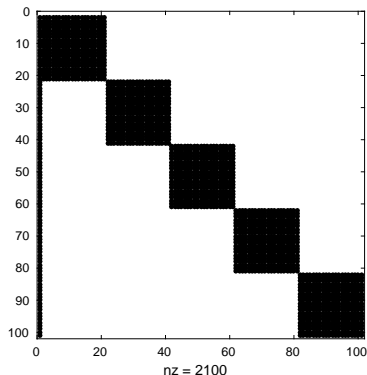


Jacobian nonzero pattern  
 $n = 100$

# Computation: implicit functions

- Use implicit fn:  $z(x) = \sum_j x_j$
- Generalization to  $F(z, x) = 0$  (via adjoints)
- **empinfo: implicit z F**

Size ( $n$ )	Time (secs)
2,500	0.696
5,000	1.408
10,000	2.780
50,000	17.856
100,000	41.440



Jacobian nonzero pattern  
 $n = 100$



## Other specializations and extensions

$$\min_{x_i} \theta_i(x_i, x_{-i}, \pi) \text{ s.t. } g_i(x_i, x_{-i}, \pi) \leq 0, \forall i$$

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$\pi$  solves VI( $h(x, \cdot), C$ )

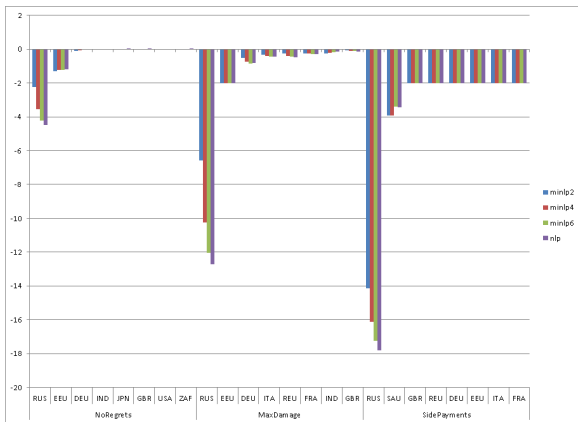
- NE: Nash equilibrium (no VI coupling constraints,  $g_i(x_i)$  only)
- GNE: Generalized Nash Equilibrium (feasible sets of each players problem depends on other players variables)
- Shared constraints: some  $g_i$ 's are known to all (many) players
- Force all shared constraints to have same dual variable (VI solution)
- Can use EMP to write all these problems, and convert to MCP form
- Research topic: exploit structure in solution

# Optimal Sanctions (Boehringer/F./Rutherford)

- Sanctions can be modeled using similar formulations used for tariff calculations
- Model as a Nash equilibrium with players being countries (or a coalition of countries)
- Demonstrate the actual effects of different policy changes and the power of different economic instruments
- GTAP global production/trade database: 113 countries, 57 goods, 5 factors
- Coalition members strategically choose trade taxes to
  - 1 optimize their welfare (trade war) or
  - 2 *minimize* Russian welfare
- Russia chooses trade taxes to *maximize* Russian welfare in response
- **Impose (QS) constraints that limit the number of instruments used for each country**

# Optimal Sanctions: Results

- Resulting Nash equilibrium with trade war, maximize damage, side payments - all have big impact on Russia
- Restricting instruments can change effects (these are the different colored bars)
- Collective (coalition) action significantly better



Same model can be used to determine effects of Russian trade sanctions on Turkey

# Stochastic: Agents have recourse?

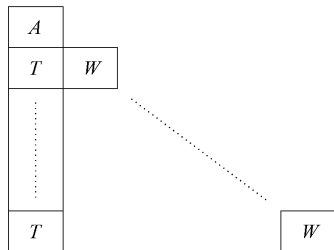
- Agents face uncertainties in reservoir inflows
- Two stage stochastic programming,  $x^1$  is here-and-now decision, recourse decisions  $x^2$  depend on realization of a random variable
- $\rho$  is a risk measure (e.g. expectation, CVaR)

$$\text{SP: min } c(x^1) + \rho[q^T x^2]$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax^1 = b, \quad x^1 \geq 0,$$

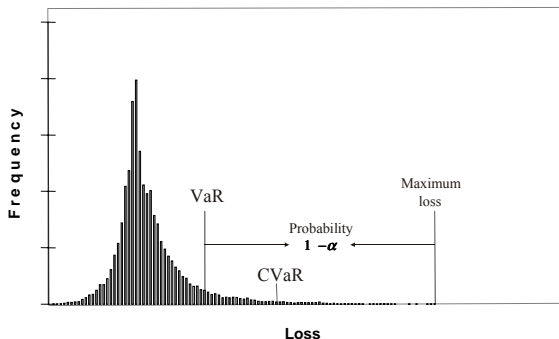
$$T(\omega)x^1 + W(\omega)x^2(\omega) \geq d(\omega),$$

$$x^2(\omega) \geq 0, \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$



# Risk Measures

- Modern approach to modeling risk aversion uses concept of risk measures
- $\overline{CVaR}_\alpha$ : mean of upper tail beyond  $\alpha$ -quantile (e.g.  $\alpha = 0.95$ )



- mean-risk, mean deviations from quantiles, VaR, CVaR
- Much more in mathematical economics and finance literature
- Optimization approaches still valid, different objectives, varying convex/non-convex difficulty

# Dual Representation of Risk Measures

- Dual representation (of coherent r.m.) in terms of risk sets

$$\rho(Z) = \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{E}_{\mu}[Z]$$

- If  $\mathcal{D} = \{p\}$  then  $\rho(Z) = \mathbb{E}[Z]$
- If  $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha,p} = \{\lambda : 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq p_i/(1 - \alpha), \sum_i \lambda_i = 1\}$ , then

$$\rho(Z) = \overline{\text{CVaR}}_{\alpha}(Z)$$

- Special case of a Quadratic Support Function

$$\rho(y) = \sup_{u \in U} \langle u, By + b \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle u, Mu \rangle$$

- EMP allows any Quadratic Support Function to be defined and facilitates a model transformation to a tractable form for solution

## Addition: compose equilibria with QS functions

- Add soft penalties to objectives and/or within constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \quad & \theta(x) + \rho_O(F(x)) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \rho_C(g(x)) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

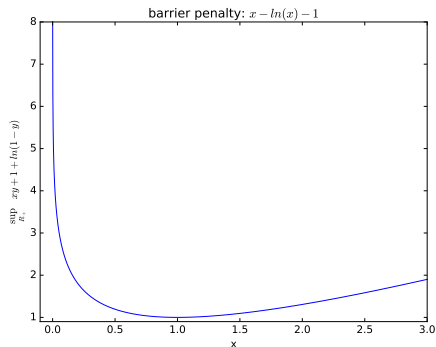
QS g rhoC udef B M

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QSF cvarup F rho0 theta p

- `$batinclude QSprimal modname`  
using `emp min obj`
- Allow modeler to compose QS functions automatically

- Can solve using MCP or primal reformulations
- More general conjugate functions also possible:



# The link to MOPEC

$$\min_{x \in X} \theta(x) + \rho(F(x))$$
$$\rho(y) = \sup_{u \in U} \langle u, y \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle u, Mu \rangle$$

$$0 \in \partial\theta(x) + \nabla F(x)^T \partial\rho(F(x)) + N_X(x)$$

$$0 \in \partial\theta(x) + \nabla F(x)^T u + N_X(x)$$

$$0 \in -u + \partial\rho(F(x)) \iff 0 \in -F(x) + Mu + N_U(u)$$

This is a MOPEC, and we have multiple copies of this for each agent



$$\text{CP: } \min_{d^1 \geq 0} \quad p^1 d^1 - W(d^1)$$

$$\text{TP: } \min_{v^1 \geq 0} \quad C(v^1) - p^1 v^1$$

$$\text{HP: } \min_{u^1, x^1 \geq 0} \quad -p^1 U(u^1)$$

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## Two stage stochastic MOPEC (1,1,1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CP: } & \min_{d^1, d_\omega^2 \geq 0} \quad p^1 d^1 - W(d^1) + \rho_C [p_\omega^2 d_\omega^2 - W(d_\omega^2)] \\ \text{TP: } & \min_{v^1, v_\omega^2 \geq 0} \quad C(v^1) - p^1 v^1 + \rho_T [C(v_\omega^2) - p_\omega^2 v_\omega^2(\omega)] \\ \text{HP: } & \min_{\substack{u^1, x^1 \geq 0 \\ u_\omega^2, x_\omega^2 \geq 0}} \quad - p^1 U(u^1) + \rho_H [-p^2(\omega)U(u_\omega^2) - V(x_\omega^2)] \\ & \text{s.t. } \quad x^1 = x^0 - u^1 + h^1, \\ & \quad \quad x_\omega^2 = x^1 - u_\omega^2 + h_\omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

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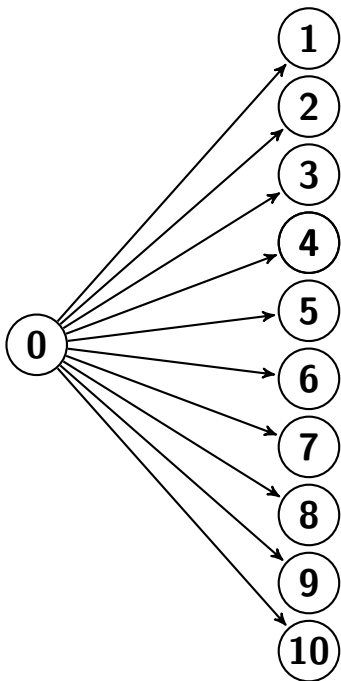
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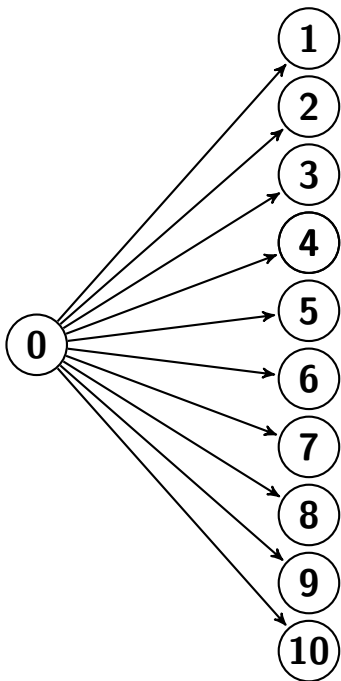
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$$0 \leq p_\omega^2 \perp U(u_\omega^2) + v_\omega^2 \geq d_\omega^2, \forall \omega$$



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- Each agent has its own risk measure, e.g.  $0.8EV + 0.2CVaR$
- Is there a system risk measure?
- Is there a system optimization problem?

$$\min \sum_i C(x_i^1) + \rho_i (C(x_i^2(\omega)))????$$

# Equilibrium or optimization?

## Theorem

*If  $(d, v, u, x)$  solves (risk averse) SO, then there exists a probability distribution  $\sigma_k$  and prices  $p$  so that  $(d, v, u, x, p)$  solves (risk neutral) CE( $\sigma$ )*

(Observe that each agent must maximize their own expected profit using probabilities  $\sigma_k$  that are derived from identifying the worst outcomes as measured by SO. These will correspond to the worst outcomes for each agent only under very special circumstances)

- High initial storage level (15 units)
  - ▶ Worst case scenario is 1: lowest system cost, smallest profit for hydro
  - ▶ **SO equivalent to CE**
- Low initial storage level (10 units)
  - ▶ Different worst case scenarios
  - ▶ **SO different to CE** (for large range of demand elasticities)
- Attempt to construct agreement on what would be the worst-case outcome by trading risk

# Contracts in MOPEC (Philpott/F./Wets)

- Can we modify (complete) system to have a social optimum by trading risk?
- How do we design these instruments? How many are needed? What is cost of deficiency?
- Facilitated by allowing contracts bought now, for goods delivered later (e.g. Arrow-Debreu Securities)
- Conceptually allows to **transfer** goods from one period to another (provides wealth retention or pricing of ancillary services in energy market)
- **Can investigate new instruments to mitigate risk, or move to system optimal solutions from equilibrium (or market) solutions**

# Theory and Observations

- agent problems are multistage stochastic optimization models
- perfectly **competitive partial equilibrium** still corresponds to a **social optimum** when all agents are **risk neutral** and share common knowledge of the probability distribution governing future inflows
- **situation complicated when agents are risk averse**
  - ▶ utilize stochastic process over scenario tree
  - ▶ under mild conditions a social optimum corresponds to a competitive market equilibrium if agents have time-consistent dynamic coherent risk measures and there are **enough traded market instruments (over tree)** to hedge inflow uncertainty
- Otherwise, must solve the stochastic equilibrium problem
- **Research challenge: develop reliable algorithms for large scale decomposition approaches to MOPEC**



# What is EMP?

Annotates existing equations/variables/models for modeler to provide/define additional structure

- equilibrium
- vi (agents can solve min/max/vi)
- bilevel (reformulate as MPEC, or as SOCP)
- dualvar (use multipliers from one agent as variables for another)
- QS functions (both in objectives and constraints)
- implicit functions and shared constraints
  
- Currently available within GAMS
- Some solution algorithms implemented in modeling system - limitations on size, decomposition and advanced algorithms