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**Abstract.** The SDPA (SemiDefinite Programming Algorithm) [5] is a software package for solving semidefinite programs (SDPs). It is based on a Mehrotra-type predictor-corrector infeasible primal-dual interior-point method. The SDPA handles the standard form SDP and its dual. It is implemented in C++ language utilizing the *LAPACK* [1] for matrix computations. The SDPA version 7.1.2 enjoys the following features:

- Efficient method for computing the search directions when the SDP to be solved is large scale and sparse [4].
- Block diagonal matrix structure and sparse matrix structure are supported for data matrices.
- Sparse or dense Cholesky factorization for the Schur matrix is automatically selected.
- An initial point can be specified.
- Some information on infeasibility of the SDP is provided.

Also we provide the SDPA-GMP, multiple precision arithmetic version of the SDPA via the GMP Library (the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library) with additional feature.

- Ultra highly accurate SDP solution by utilizing multiple precision arithmetic.

This manual and the SDPA can be downloaded from the WWW site

<http://sdpa.indsys.chuo-u.ac.jp/sdpa/index.html>

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## Preface

We are pleased to release a new version 7.1.2 of the SDPA and the SDPA-GMP.

The SDPA 7.1.2 was completely revised from its source code, and there are great performance improvements on its computational time and memory usage. In particular, it uses and stores less variables internally, and its overall memory usage is less than half of the previous version. Also it performs sparse Cholesky factorization when the Schur Complement Matrix is sparse. As a consequence, the SDPA can efficiently solve SDPs with a large number of block diagonal matrices or non-negative constraints. Additional, there are some improvements on its numerical stability due to a better control in the interior-point algorithm.

The differences between this version and the previous version, 6.2.1, are summarized in Section 11.

Finally, we also provide the SDPA-GMP to solve SDPs highly accurately utilizing multiple precision arithmetic via the GMP Library (the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library). Note that the SDPA-GMP is typically several hundred times slower than the SDPA. Details of the SDPA-GMP are summarized in the Appendix.

We hope that the SDPA and the SDPA-GMP support many researches in various fields. We also welcome any suggestions and comments that you may have. When you want to contact us, please send an e-mail to the following address.

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# 1. Build and Installation

This section describes how to build and install the SDPA. Usually, the SDPA is distributed as source codes, therefore, users must build it by themselves. We have done build and installation tests on Fedora 8, 9 (i386/x86\_64/ppc), Red Hat Enterprise Linux (CentOS) 4, 5 (i386/x86\_64), Ubuntu 7.10 (i386/x86\_64), Vine Linux 4.2 (i386), MacOSX Leopard/Tiger (Intel/PowerPC) and FreeBSD 6/7. You may also possibly build on other UNIX like platforms and the Windows cygwin environment.

For better performance, the SDPA should link against optimized Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms (BLAS) and Linear Algebra PACKage (LAPACK). Please refer to the Section 1.6 for more details.

Alternatively, you can also use our online solver, or check for pre-build binary packages at the SDPA homepage (see Section 1.2).

## 1.1 Prerequisites

It is necessary to have at least the following programs installed on your system except for the MacOSX.

- C, C++ compiler.
- FORTRAN compiler.
- BLAS (<http://www.netlib.org/blas/>)  
and LAPACK (<http://www.netlib.org/lapack/>).

For MacOSX Leopard (Intel/PowerPC), you will need the Xcode 3.0, and you cannot build the SDPA on the Leopard with Xcode 2.5. For MacOSX Tiger (Intel/PowerPC), you will need either the Xcode 2.4.1 or the Xcode 2.5.

You can download the Xcode at Apple Developer Connection (<http://developer.apple.com/>) at free of charge.

In the following instructions, we install C, C++, FORTRAN compilers, BLAS and LAPACK and/or Xcode as well. You can skip this part if your system already have them. If not, you may need root access or administrative privilege to your computer. Please ask your system administrator for installing development tools.

If your system only lacks BLAS and LAPACK, you can build them by yourself without root privileges and passing appropriate flags at the command line.

## 1.2 How to Obtain the Source Code

You can obtain the source code following the links at the SDPA homepage:  
<http://sdpa.indsys.chuo-u.ac.jp/sdpa/index.html>

You can find the latest news at about the SDPA at the **index.html** file.



## 1.3 How to Build

This section describes how to build the SDPA on Fedora 8, 9 (i386/x86\_64/ppc), Ubuntu 7.10 (i386/x86\_64), Vine Linux 4.2 (i386) MacOSX Intel/PowerPC Leopard (Xcode 3.0)/Tiger (Xcode 2.4.1 and 2.5) and FreeBSD 6/7. We assume that users have a root access via the command “su” or “sudo”. If you do not have such privileges, please ask your system administrators.

### 1.3.1 Fedora 8 and 9 (i386/x86\_64/ppc), Red Hat Enterprise Linux (CentOS) 4, 5 (i386/x86\_64)

To build the SDPA, type the following.

```
$ bash
$ su
Password:
# yum update glibc glibc-common
# yum install gcc gcc-c++ gcc-gfortran
# yum install lapack lapack-devel blas blas-devel
# yum install atlas atlas-devel
# exit
$ tar xvfz sdpa.7.1.2.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-7.1.2
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### 1.3.2 Ubuntu 7.10 Desktop (i386/x86\_64)

To build the SDPA, type the following.

```
$ bash
$ sudo apt-get install g++ patch
$ sudo apt-get install lapack3 lapack3-dev
$ sudo apt-get install atlas3-base atlas3-base-dev
$ tar xvfz sdpa.7.1.2.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-7.1.2
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### 1.3.3 Vine Linux 4.2 (i386)

```
$ bash
$ su
```

Modify /etc/apt/sources.list (add the word “extras” between “updates” and “nonfree”) from

```
rpm      [vine] http://updates.vinelinux.org/apt 4.2/$(ARCH) main plus updates nonfree
rpm-src  [vine] http://updates.vinelinux.org/apt 4.2/$(ARCH) main plus updates nonfree
```

to

```
rpm      [vine] http://updates.vinelinux.org/apt 4.2/$(ARCH) main plus updates extras nonfree
rpm-src  [vine] http://updates.vinelinux.org/apt 4.2/$(ARCH) main plus updates extras nonfree
```

Then, type

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get install gcc-g77
# apt-get install lapack lapack-devel blas blas-devel
# exit
$ tar xvfz sdpa.7.1.2.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-7.1.2
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### 1.3.4 MacOSX Leopard (Intel/PowerPC)

Download and install the Xcode 3 from Apple Developer Connection (<http://developer.apple.com/>) and install it. Note that we support only the Xcode 3 on Leopard. We do not support Leopard with Xcode 2.5.

```
$ bash
$ tar xvfz sdpa.7.1.2.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-7.1.2
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### 1.3.5 MacOSX Tiger (Intel/PowerPC)

Download and install either the Xcode 2.4.1 or the Xcode 2.5 from Apple Developer Connection. Then type the following.

```
$ bash
$ tar xvfz sdpa.7.1.2.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-7.1.2
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### 1.3.6 FreeBSD 6 and 7

```
$ cd /usr/ports
$ su
Password:
# make update
# cd /usr/ports/math/sdpa
# make install
# exit
```

## 1.4 How to Install

You will find the “sdpa” executable binary file at this point, and you can install it as:

```
$ su
Password:
# mkdir /usr/local/bin
# cp sdpa /usr/local/bin
# chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/sdpa
```

or you can install it to your favorite directory.

```
$ mkdir /home/user1/bin
$ cp sdpa /home/user1/bin
```

## 1.5 Test Run

Before using the SDPA, type “sdpa” and make sure that the following message will be displayed.

```
$ ./sdpa
SDPA start at    Tue Jan 22 15:28:59 2008

*** Please assign data file and output file.***

---- option type 1 -----
sdpa DataFile OutputFile [InitialPtFile] [-pt parameters]
parameters = 0 default, 1 aggressive, 2 stable
example1-1: sdpa example1.dat example1.result
example1-2: sdpa example1.dat-s example1.result
example1-3: sdpa example1.dat example1.result example1.ini
example1-4: sdpa example1.dat example1.result -pt 2

---- option type 2 -----
sdpa [option filename]+
  -dd : data dense :: -ds : data sparse
  -id : init dense :: -is : init sparse
  -o  : output      :: -p  : parameter
  -pt : parameters , 0 default, 1 aggressive
                        2 stable
example2-1: sdpa -o example1.result -dd example1.dat
example2-2: sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example2.result -p param.sdpa
example2-3: sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example3.result -pt 2
```

Let us solve the SDP “example1.dat-s”.

```
$ ./sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example1.out
SDPA start at    Fri Dec  7 18:30:56 2007
data          is example1.dat-s : sparse
parameter is ./param.sdpa
out           is example1.out
```

DENSE computations

	mu	thetaP	thetaD	objP	objD	alphaP	alphaD	beta
0	1.0e+04	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	-0.00e+00	+1.20e+03	1.0e+00	9.1e-01	2.00e-01
1	1.6e+03	0.0e+00	9.4e-02	+8.39e+02	+7.51e+01	2.3e+00	9.6e-01	2.00e-01
2	1.7e+02	2.3e-16	3.6e-03	+1.96e+02	-3.74e+01	1.3e+00	1.0e+00	2.00e-01
3	1.8e+01	2.3e-16	1.5e-17	-6.84e+00	-4.19e+01	9.9e-01	9.9e-01	1.00e-01
4	1.9e+00	2.6e-16	1.5e-17	-3.81e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	1.0e-00	1.00e-01
5	1.9e-01	2.6e-16	3.0e-17	-4.15e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
6	1.9e-02	2.5e-16	1.6e-15	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	1.0e-00	1.00e-01
7	1.9e-03	2.6e-16	2.2e-17	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	1.0e-00	1.00e-01
8	1.9e-04	2.5e-16	1.5e-17	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	1.0e-00	1.00e-01
9	1.9e-05	2.7e-16	7.5e-18	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
10	1.9e-06	2.6e-16	5.0e-16	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e-00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01

phase.value = pdOPT

Iteration = 10

mu = 1.9180668442024010e-06

relative gap = 9.1554505577840628e-08

gap = 3.8361336884048019e-06

digits = 7.0383202783481345e+00

objValPrimal = -4.1899996163866390e+01

objValDual = -4.1899999999999999e+01

p.feas.error = 3.2137639581876834e-14

d.feas.error = 4.7961634663806763e-13

total time = 0.010

main loop time = 0.010000

total time = 0.010000

file read time = 0.000000

## 1.6 Performance Tuning: Optimized BLAS and LAPACK

We highly recommend to use optimized BLAS and LAPACK for better performance, *e.g.*,

- Automatically Tuned Linear Algebra Software (ATLAS): <http://math-atlas.sourceforge.net/> .  
Note that in Section 1.3, we described how to use ATLAS which comes with Fedora Core 6, Fedora 7, 8, and Ubuntu. ATLAS optimizes itself while it is built, and we recommend users to rebuild it on the target computers. For convenience, some pre-build packages are available at :  
[https://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group\\_id=23725](https://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=23725) .
- GotoBLAS: <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/resources/software/> .
- Intel Math Kernel Library (MKL):  
<http://www.intel.com/cd/software/products/asmo-na/eng/266858.htm> .

Table 1 and 2 show how the SDPA 7.0.5 performs on several benchmark problems when replacing the BLAS and LAPACK libraries. Typically, the SDPA 7.0.5 with optimized BLAS and LAPACK seems much faster than the one with BLAS/LAPACK 3.1.1. Furthermore, we can receive benefits of multi-thread computing when using SMP and/or multi-core machines.

### 1.6.1 Configure Options

There are some configure options you need to specify. We specify at least two of them when using optimized BLAS and LAPACK. Type "configure --help" for more details.

- --with-blas

Table 1: Numerical experiments(SDPA 7.0.5 + BLAS library) : time:sec.(# of iterations)

BLAS library(# of threads)	Prob(1)	Prob(2)	Prob(3)	Prob(4)
BLAS/LAPACK 3.1.1(1)	70.51(36)	128.36(15)	226.24(18)	342.42(20)
ATLAS 3.8.1(1)	53.00(35)	49.86(15)	41.24(18)	182.65(19)
ATLAS 3.8.1(4)	32.76(35)	19.66(15)	18.26(18)	81.73(19)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(1)	44.25(35)	39.92(15)	34.63(18)	172.05(21)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(2)	32.88(35)	24.43(15)	22.44(18)	110.41(22)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(4)	26.61(35)	16.38(15)	16.37(18)	67.78(18)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(8)	25.17(35)	13.38(15)	14.83(18)	63.01(19)
GotoBLAS 1.24(1)	42.94(34)	40.37(15)	32.42(18)	160.75(21)
GotoBLAS 1.24(2)	31.81(35)	23.89(15)	21.07(18)	99.76(20)
GotoBLAS 1.24(4)	26.60(36)	14.81(15)	15.59(18)	64.29(18)
GotoBLAS 1.24(8)	23.84(35)	11.57(15)	13.95(18)	67.47(21)

CPU : Intel Xeon 5345 (2.33GHz)  $\times$  2 CPUs, 8 cores

OS : CentOS Ver 5.1 64bit

Compiler : Intel (C/C++ & Fortran) 10.1.012

Table 2: Numerical experiments(SDPA 7.0.5 + BLAS library) : time:sec.(# of iterations)

BLAS library(# of threads)	Prob(1)	Prob(2)	Prob(3)	Prob(4)
BLAS/LAPACK 3.1.1(1)	49.48(36)	67.23(15)	143.84(18)	220.38(20)
ATLAS 3.8.1(1)	40.29(35)	37.27(15)	32.14(18)	145.72(20)
ATLAS 3.8.1(2)	29.76(35)	23.22(15)	21.12(18)	99.04(21)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(1)	33.39(35)	30.49(15)	26.68(18)	129.72(21)
Intel MKL 10.0.2.018(2)	25.00(35)	18.72(15)	17.56(18)	84.24(22)
GotoBLAS 1.24(1)	33.91(36)	40.23(15)	24.53(18)	109.72(19)
GotoBLAS 1.24(2)	24.52(35)	18.37(15)	16.11(18)	71.53(19)

CPU : Intel Core 2 E8200 (2.66GHz)  $\times$  1 CPU, 2 cores

OS : CentOS Ver 5.1 64bit

Compiler : Intel (C/C++ & Fortran) 10.1.012

Prob(1) : Structural Optimization : g1717.dat-s

Prob(2) : Combinatorial Optimization(1) : mcp1000-10.dat-s

Prob(3) : Combinatorial Optimization(2) : theta5.dat-s

Prob(4) : Quantum Chemistry : CH.2Pi.STO6G.pqg.dat-s

Supply a command line to link against your BLAS, e.g.,  
`--with-blas="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto" .`

- `--with-lapack`

Supply a command line to link against your LAPACK, e.g.,  
`--with-lapack="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto -llapack" .`

### 1.6.2 Linking Against ATLAS

Install ATLAS, and assume that the ATLAS libraries are installed at `"/home/user1/atlas/lib"`. If there exists `"liblapack.a"` at `"/home/user1/atlas/lib"`, we recommend rename or remove it. Then, reconfigure and rebuild the SDPA like following.

```
$ make clean
$ ./configure --with-blas="-L/home/user1/atlas/lib -lptf77blas -lptcblas -latlas"
$ make
```

The number of cores uses is determined at the build process, and you need a multi-core CPU to accelerate BLAS operations.

### 1.6.3 Linking Against GotoBLAS

Install GotoBLAS, and assume that the GotoBLAS libraries are installed at `"/home/user1/gotoblas/lib"`. Reconfigure and rebuild the SDPA like following.

```
$ make clean
$ ./configure --with-blas="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto" \
  --with-lapack="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto -llapack"
$ make
```

You can set the number of threads uses via setting the `"OMP_NUM_THREADS"` environment variable before running the SDPA like following. In this case, two cores will be used for BLAS operations. You need a multi-core CPU to accelerate BLAS operations.

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2
$ ./sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example1.out
```

### 1.6.4 Linking Against Intel Math Kernel Library

Install Intel Math Kernel Library, and assume that the library is installed at `"/opt/intel/mkl/10.0.3.020/lib/em64t"`. Reconfigure and rebuild the SDPA like following.

```
$ make clean
$ ./configure \
  --with-blas="-L/opt/intel/mkl/10.0.3.020/lib/em64t -lmkl_em64t -lguide" \
  --with-lapack="-L/opt/intel/mkl/10.0.3.020/lib/em64t -lmkl_lapack
-lmkl_sequential -lmkl_core"
$ make
```

You can set the number of threads uses via setting the `"OMP_NUM_THREADS"` environment variable before running the SDPA like following. In this case, four cores will be used for BLAS operations. You need a multi-core CPU to accelerate BLAS operations.

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
$ ./sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example1.out
```

## 1.7 Performance Tuning: Compiler Options

We also recommend adding some optimized flags to the compilers. Our recommendations are

- `-O2 -funroll-all-loops` (default)
- `-static -O3 -funroll-all-loops -march=nocona -msse3 -mfpmath=sse` (on Core2).

The above default options are sufficient for better performance in many cases. To pass your optimization flags, set them in `CFLAGS` and `CXXFLAGS` environment variables. Here is an example:

```
$ bash
$ make clean
$ export CFLAGS="-static -funroll-all-loops -O3
-m64 -march=nocona -msse3 -mfpmath=sse"
$ export CXXFLAGS="-static -funroll-all-loops -O3
-m64 -march=nocona -msse3 -mfpmath=sse"
$ ./configure --with-blas="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto" \
--with-lapack="-L/home/user1/gotoblas/lib -lgoto -llapack"
$ make
```

## 2. Semidefinite Program

### 2.1 Standard Form SDP and Its Dual

The SDPA (Semidefinite Programming Algorithm) solves the following standard form semidefinite program and its dual.

$$\text{SDP} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P}: & \text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i - \mathbf{F}_0, \quad \mathcal{S} \ni \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \\ \mathcal{D}: & \text{maximize} \quad \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y} = c_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m), \quad \mathcal{S} \ni \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{array} \right.$$

$\mathcal{S}$  : set of  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices

$\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathcal{S}$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) : constraint matrices

$\mathbf{O} \in \mathcal{S}$  : zero matrix

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \text{cost vector}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \text{variable vector}$$

$\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{S}$  : variable matrices

$$\mathbf{U} \bullet \mathbf{V} : \text{inner product between } \mathbf{U} \text{ and } \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{S}, \text{ i.e., } \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n U_{ij} V_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{U} \succeq \mathbf{O} \iff \mathbf{U} \in \mathcal{S} \text{ is positive semidefinite}$$

Throughout this manual, we denote the primal SDP by  $\mathcal{P}$  and its dual problem by  $\mathcal{D}$ . The SDP is determined by  $m, n, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathcal{S}$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ). When  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X})$  is a feasible solution (or a minimum solution, resp.) of the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  is a feasible solution (or a maximum solution, resp.), we call  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  a feasible solution (or an optimal solution, resp.) of the SDP.

We assume:

**Condition 1.1.**  $\{\mathbf{F}_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subset \mathcal{S}$  is linearly independent.

If a given SDP does not satisfy this assumption, the SDPA can abnormally stop due to some numerical instability, but it does not mean that it will necessarily happen.

If we deal with a different primal-dual pair  $\mathcal{P}'$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$  of the form

$$\text{SDP}' \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P}' : & \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize} \quad \mathbf{A}_0 \bullet \mathbf{X} \\ \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{A}_i \bullet \mathbf{X} = b_i \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, m), \ \mathcal{S} \ni \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \end{array} \\ \mathcal{D}' : & \begin{array}{l} \text{maximize} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m b_i y_i \\ \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{A}_i y_i + \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A}_0, \ \mathcal{S} \ni \mathbf{Z} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

we can easily transform it into the standard form SDP as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} -\mathbf{A}_i \ (i = 0, \dots, m) & \longrightarrow \ \mathbf{F}_i \ (i = 0, \dots, m) \\ -b_i \ (i = 1, \dots, m) & \longrightarrow \ c_i \ (i = 1, \dots, m) \\ \mathbf{X} & \longrightarrow \ \mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{y} & \longrightarrow \ \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{Z} & \longrightarrow \ \mathbf{X} \end{array}$$

## 2.2 Example 1

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P}: & \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize} \quad 48y_1 - 8y_2 + 20y_3 \\ \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} y_1 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix} y_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -8 & -2 \end{pmatrix} y_3 - \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 23 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{array} \\ \mathcal{D}: & \begin{array}{l} \text{maximize} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 23 \end{pmatrix} \bullet \mathbf{Y} \\ \text{subject to} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = 48, \ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = -8 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -8 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \bullet \mathbf{Y} = 20, \ \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{array} \end{array} \right\}$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 3, \ n = 2, \ \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 48 \\ -8 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{F}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 0 \\ 0 & 23 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{F}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{F}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -8 & -2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The data of this problem is contained in the file “example1.dat” (see Section 4.1).



## 2.3 Example 2

$$\begin{aligned}
m &= 5, \quad n = 7, \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.1 \\ -10 \\ 6.6 \\ 19 \\ 4.1 \end{pmatrix}, \\
\mathbf{F}_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1.4 & -3.2 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ -3.2 & -28 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 15 & -12 & 2.1 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -12 & 16 & -3.8 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 2.1 & -3.8 & 15 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.8 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -4.0 \end{pmatrix}, \\
\mathbf{F}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 5.2 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 5.2 & -5.3 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 7.8 & -2.4 & 6.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -2.4 & 4.2 & 6.5 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 6.0 & 6.5 & 2.1 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -4.5 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -3.5 \end{pmatrix}, \\
&\vdots \\
\mathbf{F}_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} -6.5 & -5.4 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ -5.4 & -6.6 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 6.7 & -7.2 & -3.6 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -7.2 & 7.3 & -3.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & -3.6 & -3.0 & -1.4 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 6.1 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & -1.5 \end{pmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

As shown in this example, the SDPA handles block diagonal matrices. The data of this example is contained in the file “example2.dat” (see Section 4.2).

## 3. Files Necessary to Execute the SDPA

We need the following files to execute the SDPA:

- “**sdpa**” — The executable binary for solving an SDP.
- “input data file” — Any file name with the postfix “**.dat**” or “**.dat-s**” are accepted; for example, “problem.dat” and “example.dat-s” are legitimate names for input files. The SDPA distinguishes a dense input data file with the postfix “**.dat**” from a sparse input data file with the postfix “**.dat-s**”. See Sections 4. and 8.2 for details.
- “**param.sdpa**” — The file describing the parameters used in the “sdpa”. See Section 5. for details. The name is fixed to “**param.sdpa**”.
- “output file” — Any file name excepting “**sdpa**” and “**param.sdpa**”. For example, “problem.1” and “example.out” are legitimate names for output files. See Section 6. for more details.

The files “example1.dat” (see Section 4.1) and “example2.dat” (see Section 4.2) contain the input data of Example 1 and Example 2, respectively, which we have stated in the previous section. To solve Example 1, type

```
$ ./sdpa example1.dat example1.out
```

Here “example1.out” denotes an “output file” in which the SDPA stores computational results such as an approximate optimal solution, an approximate optimal value of Example 1, *etc.* Similarly, we can solve Example 2.

## 4. Input Data File

The SDPA accepts two format of input files. The first is a dense format, whose file extension is 'dat'. The other is a sparse format, whose file extension is 'dat-s'.

In this section, we introduce the dense format, since the dense format is simpler and easy to understand. However, note that large input data are very sparse in general. If the number of non-zero elements of each input data matrix is less than 20% of  $n^2$  where  $n$  is the dimension of input data matrices, we recommend that the input data is given by the sparse format following the description in Section 8.2.

### 4.1 “example1.dat” — Input Data File of Example 1

```
"Example 1: mDim = 3, nBLOCK = 1, {2}"
  3 = mDIM
  1 = nBLOCK
  2 = bBLOCKsTRUCT
{48, -8, 20}
{ {-11, 0}, { 0, 23} }
{ { 10, 4}, { 4, 0} }
{ { 0, 0}, { 0, -8} }
{ { 0, -8}, {-8, -2} }
```

### 4.2 “example2.dat” — Input Data File of Example 2

```
*Example 2:
*mDim = 5, nBLOCK = 3, {2,3,-2}
  5 = mDIM
  3 = nBLOCK
  (2, 3, -2) = bBLOCKsTRUCT
{1.1, -10, 6.6, 19, 4.1}
{
{ { -1.4, -3.2 },
  { -3.2, -28 } }
{ { 15, -12, 2.1 },
  {-12, 16, -3.8 },
  { 2.1, -3.8, 15 } }
{ { 1.8, -4.0 }
}
{
{ { 0.5, 5.2 },
  { 5.2, -5.3 } }
{ { 7.8, -2.4, 6.0 },
```

```

{ -2.4,  4.2,  6.5 },
{  6.0,  6.5,  2.1 }   }
{ -4.5, -3.5 }
}

```

•  
•  
•

```

{
{ { -6.5, -5.4 },
  { -5.4, -6.6 }   }
{ {  6.7, -7.2, -3.6 },
  { -7.2,  7.3, -3.0 },
  { -3.6, -3.0, -1.4 }   }
{  6.1, -1.5 }
}

```

### 4.3 Format of the Input Data File

In general, the structure of an input data file is as follows:

Title and Comments

$m$  — number of the primal variables  $x_i$ 's

nBLOCK — number of blocks

bBLOCKsSTRUCT — block structure vector

$\mathbf{c}$

$\mathbf{F}_0$

$\mathbf{F}_1$

$\vdots$

$\mathbf{F}_m$

In Sections 4.4 through 4.8, we explain each item of the input data file in details.

### 4.4 Title and Comments

On the top of the input data file, we can write a single or multiple lines for “Title and Comments”. Each line of “Title and Comments” must begin with " or \* and should consist of no more than 75 letters; for example

```
"Example 1: mDim = 3, nBLOCK = 1, {2}"
```

in the file “example1.dat”, and

```
*Example 2:
```

```
*mDim = 5, nBLOCK = 3, {2,3,-2}
```

in the file “example2.dat”. The SDPA displays “Title and Comments” when it starts. “Title and Comments” can be omitted.

## 4.5 Number of the Primal Variables

We write the number  $m$  of the primal variables in a line following the line(s) of “Title and Comments” in the input data file. All the letters after  $m$  through the end of the line are neglected. We have

$$3 = \text{mDIM}$$

in the file “example1.dat”, and

$$5 = \text{mDIM}$$

in the file “example2.dat”. In either case, the letters “= mDIM” are neglected.

## 4.6 Number of Blocks and the Block Structure Vector

The SDPA handles block diagonal matrices as we have seen in Section 2.3. We express a common matrix data structure for the constraint matrices  $\mathbf{F}_0, \mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$  using the terms number of blocks, denoted by nBLOCK, and block structure vector, denoted by bBLOCKsTRUCT. If we deal with a block diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  of the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \cdots & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{B}_2 & \mathbf{O} & \cdots & \mathbf{O} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{O} & \cdots & \mathbf{B}_\ell \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{B}_i &: \text{ a } p_i \times p_i \text{ symmetric matrix } (i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

we define the number nBLOCK of blocks and the block structure vector bBLOCKsTRUCT as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{nBLOCK} &= \ell, \\ \text{bBLOCKsTRUCT} &= (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_\ell), \\ \beta_i &= \begin{cases} p_i & \text{if } \mathbf{B}_i \text{ is a symmetric matrix,} \\ -p_i & \text{if } \mathbf{B}_i \text{ is a diagonal matrix.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $\mathbf{F}$  is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

we have

$$\text{nBLOCK} = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{bBLOCKsTRUCT} = (3, 2, -2)$$

If

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \star & \star & \star \\ \star & \star & \star \\ \star & \star & \star \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } \star \text{ denotes a real number,}$$

is a usual symmetric matrix with no block diagonal structure, we define

$$\text{nBLOCK} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{bBLOCKsTRUCT} = 3$$

We separately write each of nBLOCK and bBLOCKsTRUCT in one line. Any letter after either of nBLOCK and bBLOCKsTRUCT through the end of the line is neglected. In addition to blank letter(s), and the tab code(s), we can use the letters

$$, \quad ( \quad ) \quad \{ \quad \}$$

to separate elements of the block structure vector bBLOCKsTRUCT. We have

```

1  =  nBLOCK
2  =  bBLOCKsTRUCT

```

in Example 1 (see the file “example1.dat” in Section 4.1), and

```

3  =  nBLOCK
2   3   -2   =  bBLOCKsTRUCT

```

in Example 2 (see the file “example2.dat” in Section 4.2). In either case, the letters “= nBLOCK” and “= bBLOCKsTRUCT” are neglected.

## 4.7 Constant Vector

Specify all the elements  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$  of the cost vector  $\mathbf{c}$ . In addition to blank letter(s) and tab code(s), we can use the letters

, ( ) { }

to separate elements of the vector  $\mathbf{c}$ . We have

```
{48, -8, 20}
```

in Example 1 (see the file “example1.dat” in Section 4.1), and

```
{1.1, -10, 6.6, 19, 4.1}
```

in Example 2 (see the file “example2.dat” in Section 4.2).

## 4.8 Constraint Matrices

We describe the constraint matrices  $\mathbf{F}_0, \mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$  according to the data format specified by nBLOCK and bBLOCKsTRUCT stated in Section 4.6. In addition to blank letter(s) and tab code(s), we can use the letters

, ( ) { }

to separate elements of the matrices  $\mathbf{F}_0, \mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$  and their elements. In the general case of the block diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  given in (1), we write the elements of  $\mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2, \dots, \mathbf{B}_\ell$  sequentially; when  $\mathbf{B}_i$  is a diagonal matrix, we write only the diagonal elements sequentially. For instance, for the matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  given by (2) (nBLOCK = 3, bBLOCKsTRUCT = (3, 2, -2)), the corresponding representation of the matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  turns out to be

```
{ { {1  2  3} {2  4  5} {3  5  6}}, { {1  2} {2  3}}, {4, 5} }
```

In Example 1 with nBLOCK = 1 and bBLOCKsTRUCT = 2, we have

```
{ {-11,  0}, { 0, 23} }
{ { 10,  4}, { 4,  0} }
{ {  0,  0}, { 0, -8} }
{ {  0, -8}, {-8, -2} }
```

See the file “example1.dat” in Section 4.1.

In Example 2 with nBLOCK = 3 and bBLOCKsTRUCT = (2, 3, -2), we have

```

{
{ { -1.4, -3.2 },
  { -3.2,-28    }  }
{ { 15,  -12,    2.1 },
  {-12,   16,   -3.8 },
  {  2.1, -3.8, 15    }  }
{  1.8, -4.0 }
}
{
{ {  0.5,  5.2 },
  {  5.2, -5.3 }  }
{ {  7.8, -2.4,  6.0 },
  {-2.4,  4.2,  6.5 },
  {  6.0,  6.5,  2.1 }  }
{ -4.5, -3.5 }
}

```

•  
•  
•

```

{
{ { -6.5, -5.4 },
  { -5.4, -6.6 }  }
{ {  6.7, -7.2, -3.6 },
  {-7.2,  7.3, -3.0 },
  {-3.6, -3.0, -1.4 }  }
{  6.1, -1.5 }
}

```

See the file “example2.dat” in Section 4.2.

**Remark.** We can also write the input data of Example 1 without using any letters

, ( ) { }

such as

```

"Example 1: mDim = 3, nBLOCK = 1, {2}"
3
1
2
  48  -8  20
-11   0   0  23
  10   4   4   0
   0   0   0  -8
   0  -8  -8  -2

```

## 5. Parameter File

First we show the default parameter file “param.sdpa” below.

```

40      unsigned int maxIteration;

```

```

1.0E-7  double 0.0 < epsilonStar;
1.0E2   double 0.0 < lambdaStar;
2.0     double 1.0 < omegaStar;
-1.0E5  double lowerBound;
1.0E5   double upperBound;
0.1     double 0.0 <= betaStar < 1.0;
0.2     double 0.0 <= betaBar < 1.0, betaStar <= betaBar;
0.9     double 0.0 < gammaStar < 1.0;
1.0E-7  double 0.0 < epsilonDash;
%+8.3e   char* xPrint (default %+8.3e, NOPRINT restricts printout)
%+8.3e   char* XPrint (default %+8.3e, NOPRINT restricts printout)
%+8.3e   char* YPrint (default %+8.3e, NOPRINT restricts printout)
%+10.16e char* infPrint (default %+10.16e, NOPRINT restricts printout)

```

The file “param.sdpa” needs to have these 14 lines which sets 14 parameters. Each line of this file contains one of the 14 parameters followed by an comment. When the SDPA reads the file “param.sdpa”, it neglects the comments.

- maxIteration — Maximum number of iterations. The SDPA stops when the iteration exceeds maxIteration.
- epsilonStar, epsilonDash — The accuracy of an approximate optimal solution of the SDP. When the current iterate  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$  satisfies all of the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{epsilonDash} &\geq \max \left\{ \left| [\mathbf{X}^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0]_{pq} \right| : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}, \\
\text{epsilonDash} &\geq \max \left\{ \left| \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i \right| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}, \\
\text{epsilonStar} &\geq \frac{|\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|}{\max \left\{ (|\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k| + |\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|)/2.0, 1.0 \right\}} \\
&= \frac{|\text{primal objective value} - \text{dual objective value}|}{\max \{ (|\text{primal objective value}| + |\text{dual objective value}|)/2.0, 1.0 \}},
\end{aligned}$$

the SDPA stops. Too small epsilonStar and epsilonDash may cause numerical instability. A reasonable choice is epsilonStar and epsilonDash  $\geq 1.0E - 7$ .

- lambdaStar — This parameter determines an initial point  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$  such that

$$\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{X}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{Y}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}.$$

Here  $\mathbf{I}$  denotes the identity matrix. It is desirable to choose an initial point  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$  having the same order of magnitude of an optimal solution  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{Y}^*)$  of the SDP. In general, however, choosing such lambdaStar is difficult. If there is no information on the magnitude of an optimal solution  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{Y}^*)$  of the SDP, we strongly recommend to take a sufficiently large lambdaStar such that

$$\mathbf{X}^* \preceq \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Y}^* \preceq \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}.$$

- omegaStar — This parameter determines the region in which the SDPA searches an optimal solution. For the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$ , the SDPA searches a minimum solution  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X})$  within the region

$$\mathbf{0} \preceq \mathbf{X} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{X}^0 = \text{omegaStar} \times \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I},$$

and stops the iteration if it detects that the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  has no minimum solution in this region. For the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$ , the SDPA searches a maximum solution  $\mathbf{Y}$  within the region

$$\mathbf{0} \preceq \mathbf{Y} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{Y}^0 = \text{omegaStar} \times \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I},$$

and stops the iteration if it detects that the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  has no maximum solution in this region. Again we recommend to take a large lambdaStar and a small omegaStar  $> 1$ .

- **lowerBound** — Lower bound of the minimum objective value of the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$ . When the SDPA generates a primal feasible solution  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k)$  whose objective value  $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k$  gets smaller than the lowerBound, the SDPA stops the iteration; the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  is likely to be unbounded and the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  is likely to be infeasible if the lowerBound is sufficiently small.
- **upperBound** — Upper bound of the maximum objective value of the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$ . When the SDPA generates a dual feasible solution  $\mathbf{Y}^k$  whose objective value  $\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k$  gets larger than the upperBound, the SDPA stops the iteration; the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  is likely to be unbounded and the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  is likely to be infeasible if the upperBound is sufficiently large.
- **betaStar** — Parameter controlling the search direction when  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$  is feasible. As we take a smaller betaStar  $> 0.0$ , the search direction tends to get closer to the affine scaling direction without centering.
- **betaBar** — Parameter controlling the search direction when  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$  is infeasible. As we take a smaller betaBar  $> 0.0$ , the search direction tends to get closer to the affine scaling direction without centering. The value of betaBar must be no less than the value of betaStar;  $0 \leq \text{betaStar} \leq \text{betaBar}$ .
- **gammaStar** — Reduction factor for the primal and dual step lengths;  $0.0 < \text{gammaStar} < 1.0$ .
- **xPrint, XPrint, YPrint** — Output precision on the approximate solutions for  $\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k$ , respectively. By default `%+8.3e`, each solutions are output with 4 digits. When 6 digits is desired, replacing `%+8.3` by `%+10.6` will be enough. The style of these parameters is just `fprintf` format since these parameters are directly passed to `fprintf` functions. If `NOPRINT` is set, the output of the corresponding solution is skipped.
- **infPrint** — Output precision on results on the approximate solutions, for example, the primal objective value, the dual objective value, the primal feasible error, the dual feasible error, and so on. The style of this parameter is same as the above xPrint, XPrint, YPrint.

## 6. Output

### 6.1 Execution of the SDPA

To execute the SDPA, we specify and type the names of three files, “sdpa”, an “input data file” and an “output file” as follows.

```
$ sdpa "input data file" "output file"
```

To solve Example 1, type:

```
$ sdpa example1.dat example1.out
```

### 6.2 Output on the Display

The SDPA shows some information on the display. In the case of Example 1, we have

```
SDPA start at    Fri Dec  7 18:30:56 2007
data            is example1.dat-s : sparse
parameter is    ./param.sdpa
out             is example.1.out
```

```
DENSE computations
mu      thetaP thetaD objP      objD      alphaP alphaD beta
```



```

0 1.0e+04 1.0e+00 1.0e+00 -0.00e+00 +1.20e+03 1.0e+00 9.1e-01 2.00e-01
1 1.6e+03 0.0e+00 9.4e-02 +8.39e+02 +7.51e+01 2.3e+00 9.6e-01 2.00e-01
2 1.7e+02 2.3e-16 3.6e-03 +1.96e+02 -3.74e+01 1.3e+00 1.0e+00 2.00e-01
3 1.8e+01 2.3e-16 1.5e-17 -6.84e+00 -4.19e+01 9.9e-01 9.9e-01 1.00e-01
4 1.9e+00 2.6e-16 1.5e-17 -3.81e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 1.0e-00 1.00e-01
5 1.9e-01 2.6e-16 3.0e-17 -4.15e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 9.0e+01 1.00e-01
6 1.9e-02 2.5e-16 1.6e-15 -4.19e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 1.0e-00 1.00e-01
7 1.9e-03 2.6e-16 2.2e-17 -4.19e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 1.0e-00 1.00e-01
8 1.9e-04 2.5e-16 1.5e-17 -4.19e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 1.0e-00 1.00e-01
9 1.9e-05 2.7e-16 7.5e-18 -4.19e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 9.0e+01 1.00e-01
10 1.9e-06 2.6e-16 5.0e-16 -4.19e+01 -4.19e+01 1.0e-00 9.0e+01 1.00e-01

```

```

phase.value = pdOPT
  Iteration = 10
    mu = 1.9180668442024010e-06
relative gap = 9.1554505577840628e-08
  gap = 3.8361336884048019e-06
  digits = 7.0383202783481345e+00
objValPrimal = -4.1899996163866390e+01
objValDual   = -4.189999999999999e+01
p.feas.error = 3.2137639581876834e-14
d.feas.error = 4.7961634663806763e-13
total time   = 0.010
  main loop time = 0.010000
    total time = 0.010000
file   read time = 0.000000
file   read time = 0.000000

```

- mu — The average complementarity  $\mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k / n$  (optimality measure). When both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  get feasible, the relation

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{mu} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k \right) / n \\
&= \frac{\text{primal objective function} - \text{dual objective function}}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

holds.

- thetaP — The SDPA starts with thetaP = 0.0 if the initial point  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0)$  of the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  is feasible, and thetaP = 1.0 otherwise; hence it usually starts with thetaP = 1.0. In the latter case, the thetaP at the  $k$ th iteration is given by

$$\text{thetaP} = \frac{\max \left\{ \left| [\mathbf{X}^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0]_{p,q} \right| : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}}{\max \left\{ \left| [\mathbf{X}^0 - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^0 + \mathbf{F}_0]_{p,q} \right| : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}};$$

The thetaP is theoretically monotone non-increasing, and when it gets 0.0, we obtain a primal feasible solution  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k)$ . In the example above, we obtained a primal feasible solution in the 1st iteration.

- thetaD — The SDPA starts with thetaD = 0.0 if the initial point  $\mathbf{Y}^0$  of the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  is feasible, and thetaD = 1.0 otherwise; hence it usually starts with thetaD = 1.0. In the latter case, the thetaD at the  $k$ th iteration is given by

$$\text{thetaD} = \frac{\max \left\{ \left| \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i \right| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}}{\max \left\{ \left| \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^0 - c_i \right| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}};$$

The thetaD is theoretically monotone non-increasing, and when it gets 0.0, we obtain a dual feasible solution  $\mathbf{Y}^k$ . In the example above, we obtained a dual feasible solution in the 3rd iteration.

- objP — The primal objective function value.
- objD — The dual objective function value.
- alphaP — The primal step length.
- alphaD — The dual step length.
- beta — The search direction parameter.
- phase.value — The status when the iteration stops, taking one of the values pdOPT, noINFO, pFEAS, dFEAS, pdFEAS, pdINF, pFEAS\_dINF, pINF\_dFEAS, pUNBD and dUNBD.

pdOPT : The normal termination yielding both primal and dual approximate optimal solutions.

noINFO : The iteration has exceeded the maxIteration and stopped with no information on the primal feasibility and the dual feasibility.

pFEAS : The primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  got feasible but the iteration has exceeded the maxIteration and stopped.

dFEAS : The dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  got feasible but the iteration has exceeded the maxIteration and stopped.

pdFEAS : Both primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  and the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  got feasible, but the iteration has exceeded the maxIteration and stopped.

pdINF : At least one of the primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  and the dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  is expected to be infeasible. More precisely, there is no optimal solution  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  of the SDP such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{O} &\preceq \mathbf{X} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{X}^0, \\ \mathbf{O} &\preceq \mathbf{Y} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{Y}^0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i &= \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}. \end{aligned}$$

pFEAS\_dINF : The primal problem  $\mathcal{P}$  has become feasible but the dual problem is expected to be infeasible. More precisely, there is no dual feasible solution  $\mathbf{Y}$  such that

$$\mathbf{O} \preceq \mathbf{Y} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{Y}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{I}.$$

pINF\_dFEAS : The dual problem  $\mathcal{D}$  has become feasible but the primal problem is expected to be infeasible. More precisely, there is no feasible solution  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X})$  such that

$$\mathbf{O} \preceq \mathbf{X} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{X}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{I}.$$

pUNBD : The primal problem is expected to be unbounded. More precisely, the SDPA has stopped generating a primal feasible solution  $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k)$  such that

$$\text{objP} = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k < \text{lowerBound}.$$

dUNBD : The dual problem is expected to be unbounded. More precisely, the SDPA has stopped generating a dual feasible solution  $\mathbf{Y}^k$  such that

$$\text{objD} = \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k > \text{upperBound}.$$

- Iteration — The iteration number when the SDPA terminated.
- relative gap — The relative gap

$$\frac{|\text{objP} - \text{objD}|}{\max\{1.0, (|\text{objP}| + |\text{objD}|)/2\}}.$$

This value is compared with **epsilonStar** (Section 5.).

- gap — The gap is  $\mu \times n$ .
- digits — This value indicates how objP and objD resemble by the following definition.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{digits} &= -\log_{10} \frac{|\text{objP} - \text{objD}|}{(|\text{objP}| + |\text{objD}|)/2.0} \\ &= -\log_{10} \frac{|\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|}{(|\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k| + |\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|)/2.0} \end{aligned}$$

- objValPrimal — The primal objective function value

$$\text{objValPrimal} = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k.$$

- objValDual — The dual objective function value

$$\text{objValD} = \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k.$$

- p.feas.error — This value indicates the primal infeasibility in the last iteration,

$$\text{p.feas.error} = \max \left\{ \left| [\mathbf{X}^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0]_{p,q} \right| : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$$

This value is compared with **epsilonDash** (Section 5.). Even if the primal problem is feasible, this value may not be 0 due to numerical errors.

- d.feas.error — This value indicates the dual infeasibility in the last iteration,

$$\text{d.feas.error} = \max \left\{ \left| \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i \right| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}.$$

This value is compared with **epsilonDash** (Section 5.). Even if the dual problem is feasible, this value may not be 0 due to numerical errors.

- total time — This value indicates how much time the SDPA needs to execute all subroutines.
- main loop time — This value indicates how much time the SDPA needs between the first iteration and the last iteration.
- file read time — This value is how much time the SDPA needs to read from the input file and store the data in memory.

### 6.3 Output to a File

We show the content of the file “example2.out” on which the SDPA has written the computational results of Example 2.

```
SDPA start at Fri Dec 7 18:32:10 2007
*Example 2:
*mDim = 5, nBLOCK = 3, {2,3,-2}
data      is example2.dat
parameter is ./param.sdpa
out       is example2.out
mu        thetaP thetaD objP      objD      alphaP alphaD beta
0 1.0e+04 1.0e+00 1.0e+00 -0.00e+00 +1.44e+03 8.8e-01 6.6e-01 2.00e-01
1 3.3e+03 1.2e-01 3.4e-01 +4.94e+02 +2.84e+02 1.0e+00 8.2e-01 2.00e-01
2 9.0e+02 4.9e-16 6.2e-02 +8.66e+02 -2.60e+00 1.0e+00 1.0e+00 2.00e-01
3 1.4e+02 4.9e-16 8.8e-17 +9.67e+02 +9.12e-01 9.5e-01 5.4e+00 1.00e-01
```

```

4 1.8e+01 2.6e-16 8.6e-16 +1.46e+02 +2.36e+01 9.3e-01 1.5e+00 1.00e-01
5 2.7e+00 3.3e-16 4.2e-16 +4.62e+01 +2.74e+01 8.1e-01 1.4e+00 1.00e-01
6 5.7e-01 3.2e-16 2.0e-16 +3.43e+01 +3.03e+01 9.2e-01 9.3e-01 1.00e-01
7 9.5e-02 3.3e-16 4.1e-17 +3.24e+01 +3.18e+01 9.5e-01 9.6e-01 1.00e-01
8 1.3e-02 3.2e-16 1.9e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.20e+01 9.8e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01
9 1.5e-03 3.5e-16 2.8e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.21e+01 9.9e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01
10 1.5e-04 3.2e-16 1.7e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.21e+01 9.9e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01
11 1.5e-05 3.4e-16 3.7e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.21e+01 9.9e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01
12 1.5e-06 3.2e-16 4.3e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.21e+01 9.9e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01
13 1.5e-07 3.3e-16 3.1e-17 +3.21e+01 +3.21e+01 9.9e-01 1.0e+00 1.00e-01

```

```

phase.value = pdOPT
  Iteration = 13
    mu = 1.5017857203245200e-07
relative gap = 3.2787330975500860e-08
  gap = 1.0512500042271640e-06
  digits = 7.4842939352608049e+00
objValPrimal = 3.2062693405e+01
objValDual   = 3.2062692354e+01
p.feas.error = 3.7747582837e-14
d.feas.error = 5.8841820305e-14
total time   = 0.000

```

```

Parameters are
maxIteration = 100
epsilonStar  = 1.000e-07
lambdaStar   = 1.000e+02
omegaStar    = 2.000e+00
lowerBound   = -1.000e+05
upperBound   = 1.000e+05
betaStar     = 1.000e-01
betaBar      = 2.000e-01
gammaStar    = 9.000e-01
epsilonDash  = 1.000e-07

```

```

                                Time(sec)  Ratio(% : MainLoop)
Predictor time =                0.000000,  nan
... abbreviation ...
Total          =                0.000000,  nan

```

```

xVec =
{+1.552e+00,+6.710e-01,+9.815e-01,+1.407e+00,+9.422e-01}
xMat =
{
{ {+6.392e-08,-9.638e-09 },
  {-9.638e-09,+4.539e-08 }  },
{ {+7.119e+00,+5.025e+00,+1.916e+00 },
  {+5.025e+00,+4.415e+00,+2.506e+00 },
  {+1.916e+00,+2.506e+00,+2.048e+00 }  }
{+3.432e-01,+4.391e+00}
}
yMat =
{
{ {+2.640e+00,+5.606e-01 },
  {+5.606e-01,+3.718e+00 }  }

```

```

{ {+7.616e-01,-1.514e+00,+1.139e+00 },
  {-1.514e+00,+3.008e+00,-2.264e+00 },
  {+1.139e+00,-2.264e+00,+1.705e+00 }   }
{+4.087e-07,+3.195e-08}
}
    main loop time = 0.000000
      total time = 0.000000
file    read time = 0.000000

```

Now we explain the items that appeared above in the file “example2.out”.

- Lines with start ‘\*’ — These lines are comments in “example2.dat”.
- Data, parameter, initial, output — These are the file names we assigned for data, parameter, initial point, and output, respectively.
- Lines between “Predictor time” to “Total time” — These lines display the profile data. These information may help us to tune up the parameters, but the details are rather complicate, because the profile data seriously depends on internal algorithms.
- xVec — Approximate optimal primal variable vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- xMat — Approximate optimal primal variable matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- yMat — Approximate optimal dual variable matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

## 6.4 Printing DIMACS Errors

To display the error measures defined at the 7th DIMACS Implementation Challenge on Semidefinite and Related Optimization Problems [6],

1. Go to the subdirectory where SDPA source code is.
2. Edit the file sdpa\_io.cpp, line 22

```

#define DIMACS_PRINT 0

to

#define DIMACS_PRINT 1

```

3. Type “make clean”.
4. Type “make” to re-compile SDPA.

The SDPA will output on the display and in the output file the following DIMACS errors at the last iteration:

- Err1 — The relative dual feasibility error on the constraints

$$\frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i)^2}}{1 + \max\{|c_i| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}}$$

- Err2 — The relative dual feasibility error on the semidefiniteness

$$\max \left\{ 0, \frac{-\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{Y}^k)}{1 + \max\{|c_i| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}} \right\}$$

- Err3 — The relative primal feasibility error on the constraints

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{X}^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0\|_f}{1 + \max\{[\mathbf{F}_0]_{ij} \mid i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}}$$

- Err4 — The relative primal feasibility error on the semidefiniteness

$$\max \left\{ 0, \frac{-\lambda_{\min}(\mathbf{X}^k)}{1 + \max\{[\mathbf{F}_0]_{ij} \mid i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}} \right\}$$

- Err5 — The relative duality gap 1

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k}{1 + |\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k| + |\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|}$$

- Err6 — The relative duality gap 2

$$\frac{\mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k}{1 + |\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k| + |\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k|}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_f$  is a norm defined as a sum of the Frobenius norm of each block diagonal matrix, and  $\lambda_{\min}(\cdot)$  is the smallest eigenvalue of a matrix.

## 7. The SDPA Callable Library

The easiest way to understand how to use the SDPA callable library is to look at example files included in `libexample` sub-directory. For this purpose, we have chosen the problem “Example1” in Section 4.1 Here we consider several cases when solving problems with the callable library. Roughly speaking, we provides two usages for this callable library. You can generate your own problem in your C++ source file and solve this problem directly by calling several functions of the callable library (Case 1, `example3.cpp`). The second usage needs input data, output and paramter files (Case 2, `example5.cpp`).

Table 3 is the list of examples for the callable library. Each example can be compiled by the following command.

Manual Note: We have to update the following command after the coordination of 'configure' script.

```
$ g++ -O3 -I$(HOME)/sdpa -I$(HOME)/sdpa/SPOOLES example1.cpp
$ g++ -O3 -o example1.exe example1.o
-L$(HOME)/sdpa -lsdpa \
-L$(HOME)/sdpa/SPOOLES -lspooles \
-L$(HOME)/lapack/lib -llapack \
-L$(HOME)/blas/lib -lblas

$ ./example1.exe
```

In the above command, we assume that we have installed LAPACK library file into `$(HOME)/lapack/lib`, BLAS library file into `$(HOME)/blas/lib`, SPOOLES into `$(HOME)/sdpa/SPOOLES`, and the SDPA into `$(HOME)/sdpa`, respectively.

### 7.1 Case 1:

In this section, we show how to generate a problem in our source file and solve this by calling the functions. The C++ source program below is contained in the “`example3.cpp`”.

Table 3: Examples in `libexample` for callable library

<code>example1.cpp</code>	: Solve Example1 by inputing matrix elements.
<code>example2.cpp</code>	: Solve Example2 by inputing matrix elements.
<code>example3.cpp</code>	: Solve Example1 by inputing matrix elements with an initial point
<code>example4.cpp</code>	: Solve Example1 twice with smaller epsilonStar
<code>example5.cpp</code>	: Solve problems by reading input files
<code>example6.cpp</code>	: Solve problems by reading input files with initial point

```
// Here is the start of ‘‘example3.cpp’’

#include <stdio>
#include <stdlib>
#include <sdpa_call.h>

/*
example1.dat:

"Example 1: mDim = 3, nBLOCK = 1, {2}"
    3 = mDIM
    1 = nBLOCK
    2 = bBLOCKsTRUCT
{48, -8, 20}
{ {-11, 0}, { 0, 23} }
{ { 10, 4}, { 4, 0} }
{ { 0, 0}, { 0, -8} }
{ { 0, -8}, {-8, -2} }

example1.ini:
{0.0, -4.0, 0.0}
{ {11.0, 0.0}, {0.0, 9.0} }
{ {5.9, -1.375}, {-1.375, 1.0} }

*/

void printVector(double* ele, int dim, char* printFormat,
FILE* fpout);
void printMatrix(double* ele, int dim, char* printFormat,
FILE* fpout);
void printDimacsError(double dimacs_error[7],char* printFormat,
FILE* fpout);

int main ()
{
    SDPA::printSDPAVersion(stdout);
    SDPA Problem1;
    Problem1.setDisplay(stdout);

    // All parameteres are renewed
    Problem1.setParameterType(SDPA::PARAMETER_DEFAULT);

    // If necessary, each parameter can be set independently
```

```

// Problem1.setParameterMaxIteration(100);
// Problem1.setParameterEpsilonStar(1.0e-7);
// Problem1.setParameterLambdaStar(1.0e+2);
// Problem1.setParameterOmegaStar(2.0);
// Problem1.setParameterLowerBound(-1.0e+5);
// Problem1.setParameterUpperBound(1.0e+5);
// Problem1.setParameterBetaStar(0.1);
// Problem1.setParameterBetaBar(0.2);
// Problem1.setParameterGammaStar(0.9);
// Problem1.setParameterEpsilonDash(1.0e-7);
// Problem1.setParameterPrintXVec((char*)"%.8e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintXMat((char*)"%.8e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintYMat((char*)"%.8e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintInformation((char*)"%.16e");

Problem1.printParameters(stdout);

int mDIM    = 3;
int nBlock  = 1;
Problem1.inputConstraintNumber(mDIM);
Problem1.inputBlockNumber(nBlock);
Problem1.inputBlockSize(1,2);
Problem1.inputBlockType(1,SDPA::SDP);

Problem1.initializeUpperTriangleSpace();

Problem1.inputCVec(1,48);
Problem1.inputCVec(2,-8);
Problem1.inputCVec(3,20);

Problem1.inputElement(0, 1, 1, 1, -11);
Problem1.inputElement(0, 1, 2, 2, 23);

Problem1.inputElement(1, 1, 1, 1, 10);
Problem1.inputElement(1, 1, 1, 2, 4);

Problem1.inputElement(2, 1, 2, 2, -8);

Problem1.inputElement(3, 1, 1, 2, -8);
Problem1.inputElement(3, 1, 2, 2, -2);

Problem1.initializeUpperTriangle();

Problem1.setInitPoint(true);

Problem1.inputInitXVec(1, 0.0);
Problem1.inputInitXVec(2,-4.0);
Problem1.inputInitXVec(3, 0.0);

Problem1.inputInitXMat(1,1,1, 11.0);
Problem1.inputInitXMat(1,2,2, 9.0);

Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,1,1, 5.9);
Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,1,2, -1.375);
Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,2,2, 1.0);

```



```

Problem1.initializeSolve();

// if necessary, dump input data and initial point
Problem1.writeInputSparse((char*)"tmp.dat-s", (char*)"%.8.3e");
Problem1.writeInitSparse((char*)"tmp.ini-s", (char*)"%.8.3e");

Problem1.solve();

fprintf(stdout, "\nStop iteration = %d\n",
        Problem1.getIteration());
char phase_string[30];
Problem1.getPhaseString(phase_string);
fprintf(stdout, "Phase          = %s\n", phase_string);
fprintf(stdout, "objValPrimal   = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getPrimalObj());
fprintf(stdout, "objValDual     = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getDualObj());
fprintf(stdout, "p. feas. error = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getPrimalError());
fprintf(stdout, "d. feas. error = %+10.6e\n\n",
        Problem1.getDualError());

fprintf(stdout, "xVec = \n");
// Problem1.printResultXVec();
printVector(Problem1.getResultXVec(),
            Problem1.getConstraintNumber(), (char*)"%.8.3e",
            stdout);

fprintf(stdout, "xMat = \n");
// Problem1.printResultXMat();
for (int l=0; l<Problem1.getBlockNumber(); ++l) {
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SDP) {
        printMatrix(Problem1.getResultXMat(l+1),
                    Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                    stdout);
    }
    else if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SOCP) {
        printf("current version does not support SOCP\n");
    }
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::LP) {
        printVector(Problem1.getResultXMat(l+1),
                    Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                    stdout);
    }
}

fprintf(stdout, "yMat = \n");
// Problem1.printResultYMat();
for (int l=0; l<Problem1.getBlockNumber(); ++l) {
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SDP) {
        printMatrix(Problem1.getResultYMat(l+1),
                    Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                    stdout);
    }
}

```

```

        else if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SOCP) {
            printf("current version does not support SOCP\n");
        }
        if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::LP) {
            printVector(Problem1.getResultYMat(l+1),
                        Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                        stdout);
        }
    }

    double dimacs_error[7];
    Problem1.getDimacsError(dimacs_error);
    printDimacsError(dimacs_error, (char*)"%.8.3e", stdout);

    // Problem1.printComputationTime(stdout);

    Problem1.terminate();
    exit(0);
};

void printVector(double* ele, int dim, char* printFormat, FILE* fpout)
{
    fprintf(fpout, "[ ");
    for (int k=0; k<dim-1; ++k) {
        fprintf(fpout, printFormat, ele[k]);
        fprintf(fpout, " ");
    }
    fprintf(fpout, printFormat, ele[dim-1]);
    fprintf(fpout, "]; \n");
}

void printMatrix(double* ele, int dim, char* printFormat, FILE* fpout)
{
    fprintf(fpout, "[\n");
    for (int i=0; i<dim; ++i) {
        fprintf(fpout, "[ ");
        for (int j=0; j<dim-1; ++j) {
            fprintf(fpout, printFormat, ele[i+dim*j]);
            fprintf(fpout, " ");
        }
        fprintf(fpout, printFormat, ele[i+dim*(dim-1)]);
        fprintf(fpout, "]; \n");
    }
    fprintf(fpout, "]; \n");
}

void printDimacsError(double dimacs_error[7], char* printFormat,
                     FILE* fpout)
{
    fprintf(fpout, "\n");
    fprintf(fpout, "* DIMACS_ERRORS * \n");
    fprintf(fpout, "err1 = ");
    fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[1]);
    fprintf(fpout, " [||Ax-b|| / (1+||b||_1)]\n");
    fprintf(fpout, "err2 = ");
    fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[2]);
}

```

```

fprintf(fpout, "  [max(0, -lambda(x)/(1+||b||_1))]\n");
fprintf(fpout, "err3 = ");
fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[3]);
fprintf(fpout, "  [||A^Ty + z - c || / (1+||c||_1)]\n");
fprintf(fpout, "err4 = ");
fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[4]);
fprintf(fpout, "  [max(0, -lambda(z)/(1+||c||_1))]\n");
fprintf(fpout, "err5 = ");
fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[5]);
fprintf(fpout, "  [(<c,x> - <b,y>) / (1 + ||<c,x>| + ||<b,y>|)]\n");
fprintf(fpout, "err6 = ");
fprintf(fpout, printFormat, dimacs_error[6]);
fprintf(fpout, "  [<x,z> / (1 + ||<c,x>| + ||<b,y>|)]\n");
fprintf(fpout, "\n");
}

// Here is the end of ‘‘example3.cpp’’

```

We need `sdpa-call.h` file and we must declare a object of the SDPA class, say `Problem1`. In addition, if we want to use the `printfunction` which provides C input/output, “`#include <cstdio>`”, or the `iostream` which provides C++ input/output, “`#include <iostream>`”, must be added to this source file.

```

// Here is the start of ‘‘example3.cpp’’

#include <cstdio>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <sdpa_call.h>
.
.
.

int main ()
{
    SDPA::printSDPAVersion(stdout);
    SDPA Problem1;
    Problem1.setDisplay(stdout);
}

```

The function usage `SDPA::printSDPAVersion(stdout);` prints out the SDPA version to `stdout`. The variable `Problem1` is generated as a object to the class `SDPA` with a call to `SDPA::SDPA()`. We also call `Problem1.setDisplay(stdout);` to print out the information of SDPA computations to `stdout`.

```

// All parameteres are renewed
Problem1.setParameterType(SDPA::PARAMETER_DEFAULT);

// If necessary, each parameter can be set independently

// Problem1.setParameterMaxIteration(100);
// Problem1.setParameterEpsilonStar(1.0e-7);
// Problem1.setParameterLambdaStar(1.0e+2);
// Problem1.setParameterOmegaStar(2.0);
// Problem1.setParameterLowerBound(-1.0e+5);
// Problem1.setParameterUppwerBound(1.0e+5);
// Problem1.setParameterBetaStar(0.1);
// Problem1.setParameterBetaBar(0.2);
// Problem1.setParameterGammaStar(0.9);

```

```
// Problem1.setParameterEpsilonDash(1.0e-7);
// Problem1.setParameterPrintXVec((char*)"%.8.3e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintXMat((char*)"%.8.3e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintYMat((char*)"%.8.3e" );
// Problem1.setParameterPrintInformation((char*)"%.10.16e");
```

As we have seen in Section 5., the SDPA has 14 parameters which controls a search direction and decides a stopping-criterion. We can set all parameters with default values by calling `Problem1.setParameterType(SDPA::PARAMETER_DEFAULT);`. Each parameter can also be set independently by calling the corresponding function. To check the input parameters, we can call `Problem1.printParameters(stdout);`

```
int mDIM    = 3;
int nBlock  = 1;
Problem1.inputConstraintNumber(mDIM);
Problem1.inputBlockNumber(nBlock);
Problem1.inputBlockSize(1,2);
Problem1.inputBlockType(1,SDPA::SDP);
```

We begin by specifying the number of the primal variables, the block structure. If the meaning of Block Struct is not clear, one refers the Section 4.6. The dimension of each block is assigned by `Problem1.inputBlockSize(1,2);` Furthermore, if the block is a symmetric matrix, we call `Problem1.inputBlockType(1,SDPA::SDP);`, or if the block is a diagonal, we call `Problem1.inputBlockType(1,SDPA::LP);`

```
Problem1.initializeUpperTriangleSpace();

Problem1.inputCVec(1,48);
Problem1.inputCVec(2,-8);
Problem1.inputCVec(3,20);

Problem1.inputElement(0, 1, 1, 1, -11);
Problem1.inputElement(0, 1, 2, 2, 23);

Problem1.inputElement(1, 1, 1, 1, 10);
Problem1.inputElement(1, 1, 1, 2, 4);

Problem1.inputElement(2, 1, 2, 2, -8);

Problem1.inputElement(3, 1, 1, 2, -8);
Problem1.inputElement(3, 1, 2, 2, -2);

Problem1.initializeUpperTriangle();
```

To allocate memory space for input data  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{F}_0, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$ , we first call `Problem1.initializeUpperTriangleSpace();` Then we input **non-zero** elements by `Problem1.inputElement(3, 1, 1, 2, -8);` This means (1,2) element of the 1st block of  $F_3$  is  $-8$ . In the same way, `Problem1.inputElement(0, 1, 2, 2, 23);` means (2,2) element of the 1st block of  $F_0$  is 23. To convert the input data  $\mathbf{F}_0, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$  to an internal data structure, we finally call `Problem1.initializeUpperTriangle();`

```
Problem1.setInitPoint(true);
```

```

Problem1.inputInitXVec(1, 0.0);
Problem1.inputInitXVec(2,-4.0);
Problem1.inputInitXVec(3, 0.0);

Problem1.inputInitXMat(1,1,1, 11.0);
Problem1.inputInitXMat(1,2,2, 9.0);

Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,1,1, 5.9);
Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,1,2, -1.375);
Problem1.inputInitYMat(1,2,2, 1.0);

```

When we also input the initial point, we first call `Problem1.setInitPoint(true)`; Then we input each element  $\mathbf{x}^0$  by the same style as  $\mathbf{c}$ , and  $\mathbf{X}^0$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^0$  as `inputElements`, respectively.

```

Problem1.initializeSolve();

```

To adjust internal variables, we call `Problem1.initializeSolve()`;

```

Problem1.writeInputSparse((char*)"tmp.dat-s", (char*)"%+8.3e");
Problem1.writeInitSparse((char*)"tmp.ini-s", (char*)"%+8.3e");

```

If you want to check the internal data, SDPA can print out them by calling `Problem1.writeInputSparse((char*)"tmp.dat-s", (char*)"%+8.3e")`; In this case, we printout them into "tmp.dat-s" with the numerical precision defined by `%+8.3e`. The precision is the same style as `xPrint`, `XPrint`, `YPrint` parameters.

We are now ready to call to the SDPA solver in the calling routine `Problem1.solve()`; In case below, we output the total number of iteration, the solution phase, the primal objective function value, and the dual objective function value on the display.

```

Problem1.solve();

fprintf(stdout, "\nStop iteration = %d\n",
Problem1.getIteration());
char phase_string[30];
Problem1.getPhaseString(phase_string);
fprintf(stdout, "Phase          = %s\n", phase_string);
fprintf(stdout, "objValPrimal   = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getPrimalObj());
fprintf(stdout, "objValDual     = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getDualObj());
fprintf(stdout, "p. feas. error = %+10.6e\n",
        Problem1.getPrimalError());
fprintf(stdout, "d. feas. error = %+10.6e\n\n",
        Problem1.getDualError());

```

Next, we output the final solution  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  on the display. If we need  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  in our program, we convert the following procedures.

```

fprintf(stdout, "xVec = \n");
// Problem1.printResultXVec();
printVector(Problem1.getResultXVec(),
        Problem1.getConstraintNumber(), (char*)"%+8.3e",

```

```

        stdout);

fprintf(stdout, "xMat = \n");
// Problem1.printResultXMat();
for (int l=0; l<Problem1.getBlockNumber(); ++l) {
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SDP) {
        printMatrix(Problem1.getResultXMat(l+1),
                    Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                    stdout);
    }
    else if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SOCP) {
        printf("current version does not support SOCP\n");
    }
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::LP) {
        printVector(Problem1.getResultXMat(l+1),
                   Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                   stdout);
    }
}

fprintf(stdout, "yMat = \n");
// Problem1.printResultYMat();
for (int l=0; l<Problem1.getBlockNumber(); ++l) {
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SDP) {
        printMatrix(Problem1.getResultYMat(l+1),
                    Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                    stdout);
    }
    else if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::SOCP) {
        printf("current version does not support SOCP\n");
    }
    if (Problem1.getBlockType(l+1) == SDPA::LP) {
        printVector(Problem1.getResultYMat(l+1),
                   Problem1.getBlockSize(l+1), (char*)"%.8.3e",
                   stdout);
    }
}

```

We also compute DIMACS errors and print out them.

```

double dimacs_error[7];
Problem1.getDimacsError(dimacs_error);
printDimacsError(dimacs_error, (char*)"%.8.3e", stdout);

```

Note that we need 7 memory spaces for `dimacs_error`, since the six DIMACS errors are stored from `dimacs_error[1]` to `dimacs_error[6]`, respectively.

Finally, we free the object `Problem1` from the computational memory space by calling the function `Problem1.terminate()`.

```

Problem1.terminate();

```

See also “example2.cpp”, which generates a problem corresponding to **example2.dat** and solves this by calling the functions.

## 7.2 Case 2:

As we have already seen in Section 3., to solve Example1, type:

```
$ ./sdpa example1.dat example1.out
```

We show below a source program in the “example5.cpp” for reading a problem from an input data file and putting its output into an output file by using an parameter file.

```
// Here is the start of ‘‘example5.cpp’’

#include <cstdio>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <sdpa_call.h>

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    if (argc != 4) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s [Input] [Output] [Param] \n", argv[0]);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }

    SDPA Problem1;
    FILE* fpresult;
    if ((fpresult = fopen(argv[2], "w")) == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot Open %s \n", argv[2]);
    }
    Problem1.setResultFile(fpresult);

    // fpresult records which file is read from argv[3]
    Problem1.readParameter(argv[3], fpresult);
    // Note that readParameter should be called before readInput
    // Otherwise initial point cannot be decided by lambdaStar
    Problem1.readInput(argv[1], fpresult, SDPA::AUTO);

    Problem1.initializeSolve();

    // All results and intermediate log are written into fpresult
    Problem1.solve();

    fclose(fpresult);
    Problem1.terminate();
    exit(0);
}
// Here is the end of ‘‘example5.cpp’’
```

To use the SDPA library functions, we need several header files as follows:

```
// Here is the start of ‘‘example5.cpp’’

#include <cstdio>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <sdpa_call.h>
```

We need to declare an object (variable) of the class SDPA, named Problem1 in this example.

```
SDPA Problem1;
```

We set up the file pointer to print out information by calling `Problem1.setResultFile(fpresult);`

```
FILE* fpresult;  
if ((fpresult = fopen(argv[2], "w")) == NULL) {  
    fprintf(stderr, "Cannot Open %s \n", argv[2]);  
}  
Problem1.setResultFile(fpresult);
```

We read the parameter file from `argv[3]`. The read file name is logged in `fpresult`.

```
// fpresult records which file is read from argv[3]  
Problem1.readParameter(argv[3], fpresult);
```

We also read the problem file from `argv[1]`. The argument `SDPA::AUTO` indicates that `readInput` distinguishes the sparse format or the dense format automatically by the file extension of `argv[1]` ('dat-s' or 'dat').

```
// Note that readParameter should be called before readInput  
// Otherwise initial point cannot be decided by lambdaStar  
Problem1.readInput(argv[1], fpresult, SDPA::AUTO);
```

If you forcibly let `readInput` read the file as the dense(sparse) format ignoring the file extension, then replace `SDPA::AUTO` by `SDPA::DENSE` (`SDPA::SPARSE`).

We will not necessarily set a parameter file name to "param.sdpa". Because this callable library also distinguishes the dense data format with the postfix ".dat" from the sparse data format with the postfix "dat-s" and we must copy the file names to `ParameterFileName`, `InputFileName` and `OutputFileName`, respectively.

After calling the function `Problem1.initializeSolve();` to set up internal variables, we are now ready to put the call to the solver in the calling routine `Problem1.solve();`.

```
Problem1.initializeSolve();  
Problem1.solve();
```

Finally, we close all used file pointers and free the object `Problem1` from the computational memory space by calling the function `Problem1.terminate();`

```
fclose(fpresult);  
Problem1.terminate();
```

See also "example6.cpp", which reads a problem from an input data file, an initial point data file, and puts its output into an output file.



## 8. Advanced Use of the SDPA

### 8.1 Initial Point

If a feasible interior solution  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$  is known in advance, we may want to start the SDPA from  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$ . In such a case, we can optionally specify a file which contains the data of a feasible interior solution when we execute the SDPA; for example if we want to solve Example 1 from a feasible interior initial point

$$(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0.0 \\ -4.0 \\ 0.0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 11.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 9.0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5.9 & -1.375 \\ -1.375 & 1.0 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

type

```
$ sdpa example1.dat example1.out example1.ini
```

Here “example1.ini” denotes an initial point file containing the data of a feasible interior solution:

```
{0.0, -4.0, 0.0}
{ {11.0, 0.0}, {0.0, 9.0} }
{ {5.9, -1.375}, {-1.375, 1.0} }
```

In general, the initial point file can have any name with the postfix “.ini”; for example, “example.ini” is a legitimate initial point file name.

An initial point file contains the data

```
 $\mathbf{x}^0$ 
 $\mathbf{X}^0$ 
 $\mathbf{Y}^0$ 
```

in this order, where the description for the  $m$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x}^0$  must follow the same format as the constant vector  $\mathbf{c}$  (see Section 4.7), and the description of  $\mathbf{X}^0$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^0$ , the same format as the constraint matrix  $\mathbf{F}_i$  (see Section 4.8).

### 8.2 Sparse Input Data File

In Section 4., we have stated the dense data format for inputting the data  $m, n, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathcal{S}$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ). When not only the constant matrices  $\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathcal{S}$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) are block diagonal, but also each block is sparse, the sparse data format described in this section gives us a compact description of the constant matrices.

A sparse input data file must have a name with the postfix “.dat-s”; for example, “problem.dat-s” and “example.dat-s” are legitimate names for sparse input data files. The SDPA distinguishes a sparse input data file with the postfix “.dat-s” from a dense input data file with the postfix “.dat”.

We show below the file “example1.dat-s”, which contains the data of Example 1 (Section 2.2) in the sparse data format.

```
"Example 1: mDim = 3, nBLOCK = 1, {2}"
 3 = mDIM
 1 = nBLOCK
 2 = bBLOCKsTRUCT
48 -8 20
```

```

0 1 1 1 -11
0 1 2 2 23
1 1 1 1 10
1 1 1 2 4
2 1 2 2 -8
3 1 1 2 -8
3 1 2 2 -2

```

Compare the dense input data file “example1.dat” described in Section 4.1 with the sparse input data file “example1.dat-s” above. The first 5 lines of the file “example1.dat-s” are the same as those of the file “example1.dat”. Following them, each line of the file “example1.dat-s” describes a single element of a constant matrix  $\mathbf{F}_i$ ; the 6th line “0 1 1 1 -11” means that the (1, 1)th element of the 1st block of the matrix  $\mathbf{F}_0$  is  $-11$ , and the 11th line “3 1 1 2 -8” means that the (1, 2)th element of the 1st block of the matrix  $\mathbf{F}_3$  is  $-8$ .

In general, the structure of a sparse input data file is as follows:

Title and Comments

$m$  — the number of the primal variables  $x_i$ ’s

nBLOCK — the number of blocks

bBLOCKsTRUCT — the block structure vector

$\mathbf{c}$

$k_1 \ b_1 \ i_1 \ j_1 \ v_1$

$k_2 \ b_2 \ i_2 \ j_2 \ v_2$

$\dots$

$k_p \ b_p \ i_p \ j_p \ v_p$

$\dots$

$k_q \ b_q \ i_q \ j_q \ v_q$

Here  $k_p \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $b_p \in \{1, 2, \dots, \text{nBLOCK}\}$ ,  $1 \leq i_p \leq j_p$  and  $v_p \in \mathbb{R}$ . Each line “ $k_p, b_p, i_p, j_p, v_p$ ” means that the value of the  $(i_p, j_p)$ th element of the  $b_p$ th block of the constant matrix  $\mathbf{F}_{k_p}$  is  $v_p$ . If the  $b_p$ th block is an  $\ell \times \ell$  symmetric (non-diagonal) matrix then  $(i_p, j_p)$  must satisfy  $1 \leq i_p \leq j_p \leq \ell$ ; hence only nonzero elements in the upper triangular part of the  $b_p$ th block are described in the file. If the  $b_p$ th block is an  $\ell \times \ell$  diagonal matrix then  $(i_p, j_p)$  must satisfy  $1 \leq i_p = j_p \leq \ell$ .

### 8.3 Sparse Initial Point File

We show below the file “example1.ini-s”, which contains an initial point data of Example 1 in the sparse data format.

```

0.0 -4.0 0.0
1 1 1 1 11
1 1 2 2 9
2 1 1 1 5.9
2 1 1 2 -1.375
2 1 2 2 1

```

Compare the dense initial point file “example1.ini” described in Section 8.1 with the sparse initial file “example1.ini-s” above. The first line of the file “example1.ini-s” is the same as that of the file “example1.ini”, which describes  $\mathbf{x}^0$  in the dense format. Each line of the rest of the file “example1.ini-s” describes a single element of an initial matrix  $\mathbf{X}^0$  if the first number of the line is 1, or a single element of an initial matrix  $\mathbf{Y}^0$  if the first number of the line is 2; The 2nd line “1 1 1 1 11” means that the (1, 1)th element of the 1st block of the matrix  $\mathbf{X}^0$  is 11, the 5th line “2 1 1 2 -1.375” means that the (1, 2)th element of the 1st block of the matrix  $\mathbf{Y}^0$  is  $-1.375$ .

A sparse initial point file must have a name with the postfix “.ini-s”; for example, “problem.ini-s” and “example.ini-s” are legitimate names for sparse input data files. The SDPA distinguishes a sparse input data file with the postfix “.ini” from a dense input data file with the postfix “.ini-s”

In general, the structure of a sparse input data file is as follows:

```

 $\mathbf{x}^0$ 
s1 b1 i1 j1 v1
s2 b2 i2 j2 v2
...
sp bp ip jp vp
...
sq bq iq jq vq

```

Here  $s_p = 1$  or  $2$ ,  $b_p \in \{1, 2, \dots, \text{nBLOCK}\}$ ,  $1 \leq i_p \leq j_p$  and  $v_p \in \mathbb{R}$ . When  $s_p = 1$ , each line “ $s_p \ b_p \ i_p \ j_p \ v_p$ ” means that the value of the  $(i_p, j_p)$ th element of the  $b_p$ th block of the constant matrix  $\mathbf{X}^0$  is  $v_p$ . When  $s_p = 2$ , the line “ $s_p \ b_p \ i_p \ j_p \ v_p$ ” means that the value of the  $(i_p, j_p)$ th element of the  $b_p$ th block of the constant matrix  $\mathbf{Y}^0$  is  $v_p$ . If the  $b_p$ th block is an  $\ell \times \ell$  symmetric (non-diagonal) matrix then  $(i_p, j_p)$  must satisfy  $1 \leq i_p \leq j_p \leq \ell$ ; hence only nonzero elements in the upper triangular part of the  $b_p$ th block are described in the file. If the  $b_p$ th block is an  $\ell \times \ell$  diagonal matrix then  $(i_p, j_p)$  must satisfy  $1 \leq i_p = j_p \leq \ell$ .

## 8.4 More on Parameter File

We may encounter some numerical difficult during the execution of the SDPA with the default parameter file “param.sdpa”, and/or we may want to solve many easy SDPs with similar data more quickly. In such a case, we need to adjust some of the default parameters: betaStar, betaBar, and gammaStar. We present below two sets of those parameters. The one is the set “Stable\_but\_Slow” for difficult SDPs, and the other is the set “Unstable\_but\_Fast” for easy SDPs.

### Stable\_but\_Slow

```

1.0E4  double 0.0 < lambdaStar;
0.10 double 0.0 <= betaStar < 1.0;
0.30 double 0.0 <= betaBar < 1.0, betaStar <= betaBar;
0.80 double 0.0 < gammaStar < 1.0;

```

### Unstable\_but\_Fast

```

0.01 double 0.0 <= betaStar < 1.0;
0.02 double 0.0 <= betaBar < 1.0, betaStar <= betaBar;
0.95 double 0.0 < gammaStar < 1.0;

```

Besides these parameters, the value of the parameter lambdaStar, which determines an initial point  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$ , affects the computational efficiency and the numerical stability. Usually a larger lambdaStar is safe although the SDPA may consume few more iterations.

## 8.5 User Time v.s. Real Time

By default, the SDPA counts its computation time based on User Time provided by operating systems. However, on some environments, the SDPA had better count its computation time based on Real Time. For example, when a linked blas exploits multi-threading, User Time may become the total computation time of all threads. In this case, we should use Real Time.

To switch from User Time to Real Time,

1. Go to the subdirectory where SDPA source code is.
2. Edit the file sdpa\_tool.cpp, line 105

```
#if 1 // count time with process time

to

#if 0 // count time with process time
```

3. Type “make clean”.
4. Type “make” to re-compile SDPA.

Now, the computation time will be reported based on Real Time.

## 9. Transformation to the Standard Form of SDP

SDP has many applications, but frequently problems are not described in the standard form of SDP. In this section, we show some examples on how to transform to the standard form of SDP.

### 9.1 Inequality Constraints

First, we consider the case where inequality constraints are added to the primal standard form of SDP. For example,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i - \mathbf{F}_0, \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^1 x_i \leq \beta^1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^2 x_i \geq \beta^2. \end{array} \right.$$

Here,  $\alpha_i^1, \alpha_i^2$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ),  $\beta^1, \beta^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . In this case, we add slack variables  $(t^1, t^2)$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i - \mathbf{F}_0, \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \\ & t^1 = \sum_{i=1}^m (-\alpha_i^1) x_i - (-\beta^1), \quad t^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^2 x_i - \beta^2, \quad (t^1, t^2) \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Hence we can reduce the above problem to the following standard form SDP.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i \\ \text{subject to} & \bar{\mathbf{X}} = \sum_{i=1}^m \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i x_i - \bar{\mathbf{F}}_0, \bar{\mathbf{X}} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_i & & \\ & -\alpha_i^1 & \\ & & \alpha_i^2 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_0 & & \\ & -\beta^1 & \\ & & \beta^2 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & & \\ & t^1 & \\ & & t^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{nBlock} = 2, \text{blockStruct} = (n, -2).$$

Next, we consider the case where inequality constraints are added to the dual standard form of SDP. For example,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{F}_1 \bullet \mathbf{Y} = c_1, \mathbf{F}_2 \bullet \mathbf{Y} = c_2, \\ & \mathbf{F}_3 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \leq c_3, \mathbf{F}_4 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \leq c_4, \mathbf{F}_5 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \geq c_5, \\ & \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{array} \right.$$

In this case, we add slack variables  $(t_3, t_4, t_5)$  to each inequality constraint.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y} \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{F}_1 \bullet \mathbf{Y} = c_1, \mathbf{F}_2 \bullet \mathbf{Y} = c_2, \\ & \mathbf{F}_3 \bullet \mathbf{Y} + t_3 = c_3, \mathbf{F}_4 \bullet \mathbf{Y} + t_4 = c_4, \mathbf{F}_5 \bullet \mathbf{Y} - t_5 = c_5, \\ & \mathbf{Y} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \quad (t_3, t_4, t_5) \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Thus we can reduce the above problem to the following standard form SDP.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \bar{\mathbf{F}}_0 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} \\ \text{subject to} & \bar{\mathbf{F}}_1 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = c_1, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_2 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = c_2, \\ & \bar{\mathbf{F}}_3 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = c_3, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_4 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = c_4, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_5 \bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = c_5, \\ & \bar{\mathbf{Y}} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \end{array} \right.$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{Y}} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Y} & & & \\ & t_3 & & \\ & & t_4 & \\ & & & t_5 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_1 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{F}}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_2 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_3 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{\mathbf{F}}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_4 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \bar{\mathbf{F}}_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{F}_5 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \text{nBlock} &= 2, \text{blockStruct} = (n, -3). \end{aligned}$$

## 9.2 Norm Minimization Problem

Let  $\mathbf{G}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times r}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq p$ ). The norm minimization problem is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \left\| \mathbf{G}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{G}_i x_i \right\| \\ & \text{subject to} \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1 \leq i \leq p). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\|\mathbf{G}\|$  denotes the 2-norm of  $\mathbf{G}$ , *i.e.*,

$$\|\mathbf{G}\| = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|=1} \|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}\| = \text{the square root of the maximum eigenvalue of } \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}.$$

We can reduce this problem to an SDP:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad x_{p+1} \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{G}_i^T \\ \mathbf{G}_i & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix} x_i + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} x_{p+1} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{G}_0^T \\ \mathbf{G}_0 & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus if we take

$$\begin{aligned} m &= p+1, \quad n = r+q, \quad \mathbf{F}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & -\mathbf{G}_0^T \\ -\mathbf{G}_0 & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{F}_i &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{G}_i^T \\ \mathbf{G}_i & \mathbf{O} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_i = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq p), \\ \mathbf{F}_{p+1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c_{p+1} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

then we can reformulate the problem as the primal standard form of SDP.

### 9.3 Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI)

Let  $\mathbf{G}_i \in \mathcal{S}^n$  ( $0 \leq i \leq p$ ). We define the linear combinations of the matrices,

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{G}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p x_i \mathbf{G}_i,$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . The Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) [3] is defined as follows

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) \succeq \mathbf{O}.$$

We want to find  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  which satisfies the LMI, or detect that any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  cannot satisfy the LMI. Here we introduce an auxiliary variable  $x_{p+1}$  and convert the LMI into an SDP.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \quad x_{p+1} \\ &\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{G}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p x_i \mathbf{G}_i - x_{p+1} \mathbf{I} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p \end{aligned}$$

We can reduce this LMI to the primal standard form of SDP if we take

$$m = p+1, \quad \mathbf{F}_0 = -\mathbf{G}_0, \quad \mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{G}_i, \quad c_i = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq p), \quad \mathbf{F}_{p+1} = -\mathbf{I}, \quad c_{p+1} = 1.$$

One important point of this SDP is that it always has a feasible solution. When we can get the optimal solution with  $x_{p+1} \geq 0$ , then  $(x_1, \dots, x_p)$  satisfies the LMI. On the other hand, if  $x_{p+1} < 0$  then we can conclude that the LMI cannot be satisfied by any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

### 9.4 SDP Relaxation of the Maximum Cut Problem

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a complete undirected graph with a vertex set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and an edge set  $E = \{(i, j) : i, j \in V, i < j\}$ . We assign a weight  $W_{ij} = W_{ji}$  to each edge  $(i, j) \in E$ . The maximum cut problem is to find a partition  $(L, R)$  of  $V$  that maximizes the cut  $w(L, R) = \sum_{i \in L, j \in R} W_{ij}$ . Introducing a variable vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can formulate the problem as a nonconvex quadratic program:

$$\text{maximize} \quad \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij} (1 - u_i u_j) \quad \text{subject to} \quad u_i^2 = 1 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Here each feasible solution  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of this problem corresponds to a cut  $(L, R)$  with  $L = \{i \in V : u_i = -1\}$  and  $R = \{i \in V : u_i = 1\}$ . If we define  $\mathbf{W}$  to be the  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with elements  $W_{ji} = W_{ij}$  ( $(i, j) \in E$ ) and  $W_{ii} = 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), and the  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{S}^n$  by  $\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{4}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{e}) - \mathbf{W})$ , where  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  denotes the vector of ones and  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{e})$  the diagonal matrix of the vector  $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we can rewrite the quadratic program above as

$$\text{maximize} \quad \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{subject to} \quad x_i^2 = 1 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

If  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a feasible solution of the latter quadratic program, then the  $n \times n$  symmetric and positive semidefinite matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  whose  $(i, j)$ th element  $X_{ij}$  is given by  $X_{ij} = x_i x_j$  satisfies  $\mathbf{C} \bullet \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{x}$  and  $X_{ii} = 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). This leads to the following semidefinite programming relaxation of the maximum cut problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize} && \mathbf{C} \bullet \mathbf{X} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{E}_{ii} \bullet \mathbf{X} = 1 \ (1 \leq i \leq n), \ \mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{O}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here  $\mathbf{E}_{ii}$  denotes the  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with  $(i, i)$ th element 1 and all others 0.

## 9.5 Choosing Between the Primal and Dual Standard Forms

Any SDP can be formulated as a primal standard form  $\mathcal{P}$  or as a dual standard form  $\mathcal{D}$  (see Section 2.1). This does not mean that one is the dual of the other, but simply that they are indeed two different formulations of the same problem, each one having its dual counterpart.

Many times, it is advantageous to choose between the primal and the dual standard forms since one of the formulations is more natural, has a smaller size, it is faster to solve, or it avoids numerical instability on the software.

Let us consider as an example the SDP relaxation of the maximum cut problem (Section 9.4). We formulated this SDP as a dual standard form  $\mathcal{D}$  where the problem size is:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= n \\ \text{nBLOCK} &= 1 \\ \text{bBLOCKsTRUCT} &= n. \end{aligned}$$

We can also formulate (mathematically) the same problem as a primal standard form  $\mathcal{P}$ , too.

Let  $\mathbf{H}_{ij}$  an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix with  $(i, j)$ th and  $(j, i)$ th element(s) 1 and all others 0. Problem (3) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>i}^n C_{ij} x_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ii} x_{ii} \\ & \text{subject to} && \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n \mathbf{H}_{ij} x_{ij} \succeq \mathbf{O}, \\ & && x_{ii} \geq 1 \ (1 \leq i \leq n), \\ & && x_{ii} \leq 1 \ (1 \leq i \leq n), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $x_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $i \leq j \leq n$ ) is a variable vector now.

This SDP is in primal standard form  $\mathcal{P}$  and its size is

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ \text{nBLOCK} &= 2 \\ \text{bBLOCKsTRUCT} &= (n, -2n) \end{aligned}$$

which seems less advantageous than the dual standard form  $\mathcal{D}$  (3). Also the problem (4) in primal standard form  $\mathcal{P}$  does not have a strict feasible solution which may cause numerical instability.

In the case of  $n = 100$ , a typical running time for the formulation (3) in dual standard form is 0.18s, while for the formulation (4) in primal standard form is 201.3s.

In some cases, however, a slight increase in the size of the problem can be advantageous if the new formulation has more sparsity in its data.

## 10. Quick Reference

### 10.1 Stand Alone Executable binary

Stand alone executable binary “./sdpa” has the two following option types.

- option type 1

```
./sdpa DataFile OutputFile [InitialPtFile]
example1-1: ./sdpa example1.dat example1.result
example1-2: ./sdpa example1.dat-s example1.result
example1-3: ./sdpa example1.dat example1.result example1.ini
example1-4: ./sdpa example1.dat example1.result example1.ini-s
```

- option type 2

```
./sdpa [option filename]+
-dd : data dense :: -ds : data sparse
-id : init dense :: -is : init sparse
-o  : output      :: -p  : parameter
example2-1: ./sdpa -o example1.result -dd example1.dat
example2-2: ./sdpa -ds example1.dat-s -o example2.result -p param.sdpa
```

Note that we have to assign at least output file with ‘-o’ and input data file with ‘-dd’ or ‘-ds’. Since a confusion of options ‘-dd’ and ‘-ds’ would make the SDPA hang up, we have to be careful which options we use, ‘-dd’ or ‘-ds’. When we do not assign parameter file in the case option type 2, the SDPA uses default parameter, regardless of existence of parameter file “param.sdpa”. In addition, we can use another file name for parameter file than ‘param.sdpa’ with ‘-p’ option. On the other hand, in the case option type1, the SDPA always needs parameter file “./param.sdpa”.

### 10.2 Flow of the SDPA Callable library functions

Most functions in the callable-library are usually used following the flow in Figure 1.



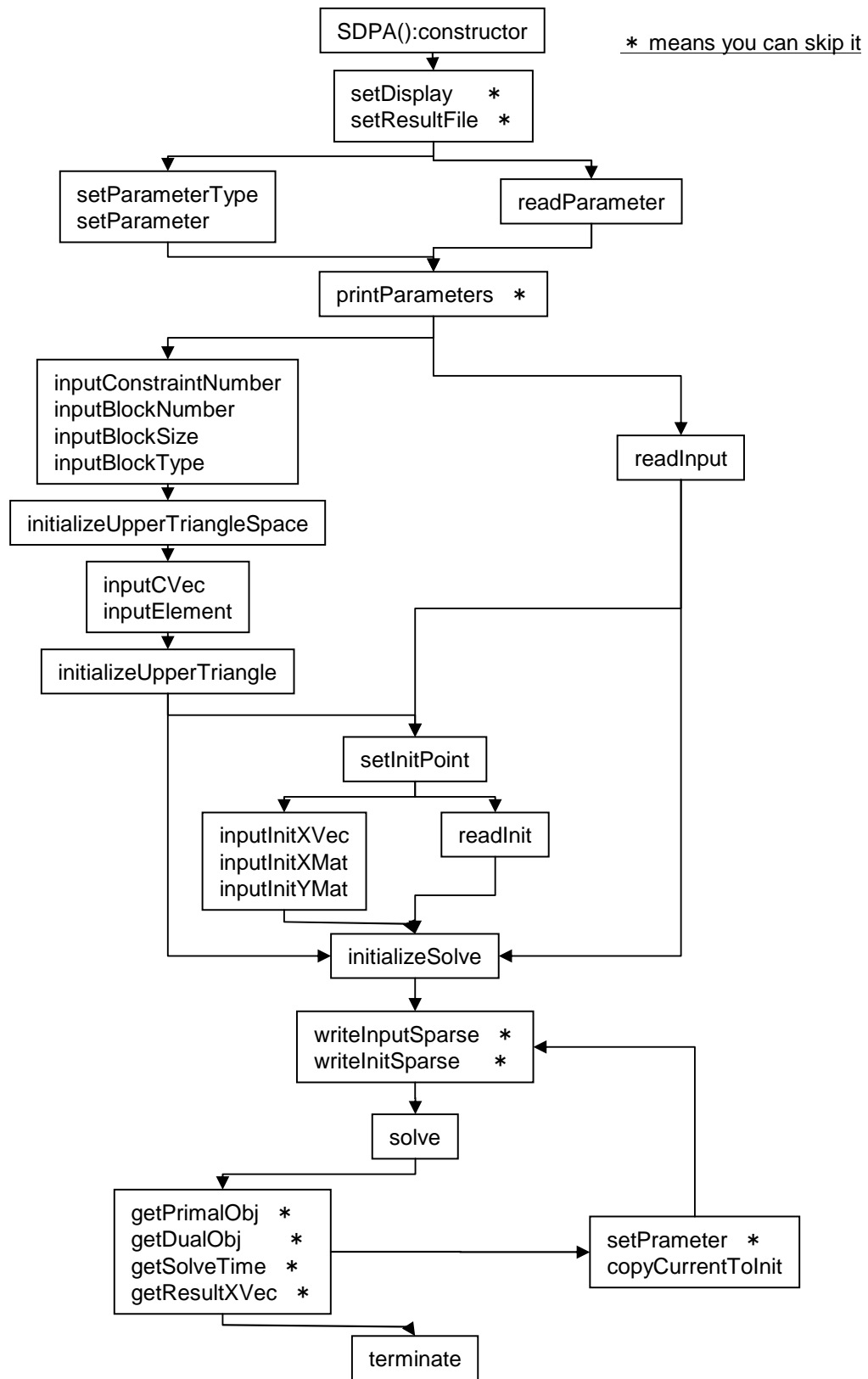


Figure 1: Callable-library flow

### 10.3 Functions of the SDPA Callable library

SDPA();
A constructor

~SDPA();
A destructor

void copyCurrentToInit();
Copy the last iteration solution $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$ to the initial point $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$ . This function is prepared to solve the problem twice or more time with different parameters. An example is 'example4.cpp' in libexample subdirectory. Note that <code>setInitPoint(true);</code> is necessary to make memory space for the initial point.

int getBlockNumber();
Get the number of diagonal block matrices, that is, nBLOCK.

int getBlockSize(int l);
Get the dimension of the $l$ -th diagonal block matrix. We can get the dimension of $\mathbf{X}.block\{2\}$ by  <pre>int size = Problem1.getBlockSize(2);</pre>

SDPA::ConeType getBlockType(int l);
Get the cone type of the $l$ -th diagonal block matrix. We can get the cone type of $\mathbf{X}.block\{2\}$ by  <pre>SDPA::ConeType type = Problem1.getBlockType(2);</pre> We can compare 'SDPA::ConeType' with the three candidates, <pre>SDPA::SDP, SDPA::SOCP, SDPA::LP</pre> as follows.  <pre>if (type == SDPA::LP) {     printf("X.block{2} is a diagonal matrix"); }</pre>

int getConstraintNumber();
Get the primal constraint number, that is, mDIM.

double getDigits();
Get the value how objP and objD resemble by the following definition.  $\begin{aligned} \text{digits} &= -\log_{10} \frac{ \text{objP} - \text{objD} }{( \text{objP}  +  \text{objD} )/2.0} \\ &= -\log_{10} \frac{ \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k }{( \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k  +  \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k )/2.0} \end{aligned}$

```
void getDimacsError(double* DimacsError);
```

Get the DIMACS errors. The array 'DimacsError' needs 7 spaces since the 6 values are stored from DimacsError[1] to DimacsError[6].

```
double DimacsError[7];
Problem1.getDimacsError(DimacsError);
printf("err2 = %lf [max(0, -lambda(x)/(1+||b||_1))]\n", DimacsError[2]);
```

Note that the computation for the DIMACS errors consumes extra computation time, for example, the eigenvalue decomposition of the matrices  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

```
double getDualError();
```

Get the dual infeasibility in the last iteration,

$$\text{d.feas.error} = \max \left\{ \left| \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i \right| : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}.$$

```
double getDualityGap();
```

Get the duality gap, which is defined by

$$\frac{|\text{objP} - \text{objD}|}{\max \{1.0, (|\text{objP}| + |\text{objD}|) / 2\}}.$$

```
double getDualObj();
```

Get the dual object value, that is,  $\text{objD} = \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k$ .

```
int getIteration();
```

Get the iteration number when the SDPA terminated.

```
double getMu();
```

Get the average complementarity  $\mathbf{X}^k \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k / n$  (optimality measure). When both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  get feasible, the following relation holds.

$$\text{mu} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k \right) / n = \frac{\text{objP} - \text{objD}}{n}.$$

```
void getPhaseString(char* str);
```

Get the phase of the last iteration by string. The argument must have at least 15 character spaces. A simple example is

```
char phase_string[15];
Problem1.getPhaseString((char*)phase_string);
printf("phase = %s\n", phase_string);
```

For each phase, refer Section 6.2.

SDPA::PhaseType getPhaseValue();
Get the phase of the last iteration. The return phase is one of SDPA::pdOPT, SDPA::noINFO, SDPA::pFEAS, SDPA::dFEAS, SDPA::pdFEAS, SDPA::pdINF, SDPA::pFEAS_dINF, SDPA::pINF_dFEAS, SDPA::pUNBD and SDPA::dUNBD. For each phase, refer Section 6.2.

double getPrimalError();
Get the primal infeasibility in the last iteration, $\text{p.feas.error} = \max \left\{ \left  [\mathbf{X}^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0]_{p,q} \right  : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$

double getPrimalObj();
Get the primal object value, that is, $\text{objP} = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k$ .

double* getResultXMat(int l);
Get a pointer to the $l$ -th block of the primal matrix $\mathbf{X}$ . We can get $\mathbf{X}.block\{3\}(2,4)$ as follow. <pre> if (Problem1.getBlockType(3) == SDPA::SDP) {     double* elements = Problem1.getResultXMat(3);     int nRow = Problem1.getBlockSize(3);     double value = elements[(2-1)+ nRow*(4-1)]; } </pre> <p>If <math>\mathbf{X}.block\{l\}</math> is diagonal matrix, we can get <math>\mathbf{X}.block\{5\}(7,7)</math> as follow.</p> <pre> if (Problem1.getBlockType(5) == SDPA::LP) {     double* elements = Problem1.getResultXMat(5);     int nRow = Problem1.getBlockSize(5);     double value = elements[7-1]; } </pre>

double* getResultXVec();
Get a pointer to the primal vector $\mathbf{x}$ . We can get $\mathbf{x}_5$ as follow. <pre> double* elements = getResultXVec(); double value = elements[5-1]; </pre>

```
double* getResultYMat(int l);
```

Get a pointer to the  $l$ -th block of the primal matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$ . We can get  $\mathbf{Y}.block\{3\}(2, 4)$  as follow.

```
if (Problem1.getBlockType(3) == SDPA::SDP) {
    double* elements = Problem1.getResultXMat(3);
    int nRow = Problem1.getBlockSize(3);
    double value = elements[(2-1)+ nRow*(4-1)];
}
```

If  $\mathbf{Y}.block\{l\}$  is diagonal matrix, we can get  $\mathbf{Y}.block\{5\}(7, 7)$  as follow.

```
if (Problem1.getBlockType(5) == SDPA::LP) {
    double* elements = Problem1.getResultYMat(5);
    int nRow = Problem1.getBlockSize(5);
    double value = elements[7-1];
}
```

```
double getSolveTime();
```

Get the computation time consumed by the function `solve()`; The time unit is second.

```
void initializeSolve();
```

Initialize internal variables to prepare the following 'solve()'.

```
void initializeUpperTriangle(bool inputTwiceCheck = false);
```

Initialize an internal data structure. This function converts the slow data structure from 'inputElements()' to the fast internal data structure.

```
void initializeUpperTriangleSpace();
```

Initialize memory space for input data matrices,  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{F}_0, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$ .

```
void inputBlockNumber(int nBlock);
```

Input the number of block diagonal matrices, that is, nBLOCK.

```
void inputBlockSize(int l, int size);
```

Input the dimension of the  $l$ -th diagonal block matrix.

```
void inputBlockType(int l, SDPA::ConeType coneType);
```

Input the cone type of the  $l$ -th diagonal block matrix. The candidates of the cone type are

SDPA::SDP, SDPA::SOCP, SDPA::LP

If the cone type of  $\mathbf{X}.block\{2\}$  is a symmetric matrix,

```
Problem1.inputBlockType(2, SDPA::SDP);
```

while if the cone type of  $\mathbf{X}.block\{2\}$  is diagonal,

```
Problem1.inputBlockType(2, SDPA::LP);
```

void inputConstraintNumber(int m);
Input the primal constraint number, that is, mDIM.

void inputCVec(int k, double value);
Input elements of $\mathbf{c}$ . For example, $c_5 = 7.0$ is set by  <code>Problem1.inputCVec(5,7.0);</code>

void inputElement(int k, int l, int i, int j, double value, bool inputCheck = false);
Input elements of constraint and objective matrix. The element $F_k.block\{l\}(i,j) = value$ is set by  <code>Problem1.inputElement(k,l,i,j,value);</code>  Note that the SDPA accepts only upper triangular parts of $\mathbf{F}_0, \dots, \mathbf{F}_m$ . In the case $i > j$ , the SDPA automatically swaps $i$ and $j$ so that $i \leq j$ holds for every input. In addition, if the last argument 'inputCheck' is set to 'true', the SDPA checks an appropriate range of each input with extra computation time. For example, the SDPA checks $0 \leq k \leq m$ .

void inputInitXMat(int l, int i, int j, double value);
Input elements of the initial primal matrix $\mathbf{X}^0$ . For example, $X^0.block\{3\}7,8 = 2.0$ is set by  <code>Problem1.inputInitXMat(3,7,8,2.0);</code>

void inputInitXVec(int k, double value);
Input elements of the initial primal vector $\mathbf{x}^0$ . For example, $x_2^0 = 3.0$ is set by  <code>Problem1.inputInitXVec(2,3.0);</code>

void inputInitYMat(int l, int i, int j, double value);
Input elements of the initial primal matrix $\mathbf{Y}^0$ . For example, $Y^0.block\{3\}7,8 = 2.0$ is set by  <code>Problem1.inputInitYMat(3,7,8,2.0);</code>

void printComputationTime(FILE* fp = stdout);
Print out details of computation time to the file descriptor 'fp'. The details may be useful for Interior-Point Method expert. In addition, the information can be a source to analyze computation bottlenecks.

void printParameters(FILE* fp = stdout);
Print out a current parameter setting to the file descriptor 'fp'.

<code>void printResultXMat(FILE* fp = stdout);</code>
Print out the matrix $\mathbf{X}^k$ to the file descriptor 'fp'. The numerical precision is configured by the function 'setParameterPrintXMat'.

<code>void printResultXVec(FILE* fp = stdout);</code>
Print out the vector $\mathbf{x}^k$ to the file descriptor 'fp'. The numerical precision is configured by the function 'setParameterPrintXVec'.

<code>void printResultYMat(FILE* fp = stdout);</code>
Print out the matrix $\mathbf{Y}^k$ to the file descriptor 'fp'. The numerical precision is configured by the function 'setParameterPrintYMat'.

<code>static void printSDPAVersion(FILE* fp = stdout);</code>
Print out the version of the SDPA to the file descriptor 'fp'.

<code>void readInit(char* filename, FILE* fpout = NULL, SDPA::SparseType type = SDPA::AUTO);</code>
Read an initial point file whose file name is assigned by 'filename'. The file name is logged to 'fpout'. (If 'fpout' is NULL, the log is skipped.) When 'type' is SDPA::AUTO, 'readInit' distinguishes the sparse format or dense format automatically by the file extension of 'filename' ('ini-s' or 'ini'). If you forcibly let 'readInput' read the file as the dense(sparse) format ignoring the file extension, then replace SDPA::AUTO by SDPA::DENSE (SDPA::SPARSE).

<code>void readInput(char* filename, FILE* fpout = NULL, SDPA::SparseType type = SDPA::AUTO);</code>
Read an input file whose file name is assigned by 'filename'. The file name is logged to 'fpout'. (If 'fpout' is NULL, the log is skipped.) When 'type' is SDPA::AUTO, 'readInput' distinguishes the sparse format or dense format automatically by the file extension of 'filename' ('dat-s' or 'dat'). If you forcibly let 'readInput' read the file as the dense(sparse) format ignoring the file extension, then replace SDPA::AUTO by SDPA::DENSE (SDPA::SPARSE).

<code>void readParameter(char* filename, FILE* fpout = NULL);</code>
Read a parameter file whose file name is assigned by 'filename'. The file name is logged to 'fpout'. (If 'fpout' is NULL, the log is skipped.)

<code>void setDisplay(FILE* Display = stdout);</code>
Set the file descriptor where the SDPA prints information. If NULL is set, the SDPA skips the information print out.

<code>void setInitPoint(bool isInitPoint);</code>
When an initial point is used (via inputInitXVec or readInit), <code>setInitPoint(true)</code> ; should be called to allocate memory space for the initial point. If the configured initial point becomes unneeded for the second 'solve' with different parameters, you can use <code>setInitPoint(false)</code> ; to set the initial point by the default setting $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{0}$ , $\mathbf{X}^0 = \mathbf{Y}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}$ .

<code>void setParameterBetaBar (double betaBar);</code>
A parameter controlling the search direction when $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$ is infeasible. The value of betaBar must be no less than the value of betaStar; $0 \leq \text{betaStar} \leq \text{betaBar}$ .

<code>void setParameterBetaStar (double betaStar);</code>
A parameter controlling the search direction when $(\mathbf{x}^k, \mathbf{X}^k, \mathbf{Y}^k)$ is feasible.

void setParameterEpsilonDash (double epsilonDash);
When the primal error (the dual error) becomes smaller than epsilonDash, the SDPA indicates primal feasible (dual feasible), that is, if
$\text{epsilonDash} \geq \max \left\{ \left  [X^k - \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{F}_i x_i^k + \mathbf{F}_0]_{pq} \right  : p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$
then primal feasible and if
$\text{epsilonDash} \geq \max \left\{ \left  \mathbf{F}_i \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k - c_i \right  : i = 1, 2, \dots, m \right\}$
then dual feasible.

void setParameterEpsilonStar (double epsilonStar);
When the relative gap becomes smaller than this value and both primal and dual are feasible, the SDPA terminates with an optimal solution, that is,
$\begin{aligned} \text{epsilonStar} &\geq \frac{ \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k - \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k }{\max \left\{ ( \sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k  +  \mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k )/2.0, 1.0 \right\}} \\ &= \frac{ \text{objPrimal} - \text{objDual} }{\max \{ ( \text{objPrimal}  +  \text{objDual} )/2.0, 1.0 \}}, \end{aligned}$

void setParameterGammaStar (double gammaStar);
A reduction factor for the primal and dual step lengths; $0.0 < \text{gammaStar} < 1.0$ .

void setParameterLambdaStar (double lambdaStar);
This parameter determines an initial point $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Y}^0)$ such that
$\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{X}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{Y}^0 = \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}.$

void setParameterLowerBound (double lowerBound);
Lower bound of the minimum objective value of the primal problem $\mathcal{P}$ . $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i x_i^k$ gets smaller than the lowerBound, the SDPA stops the iteration.

void setParameterMaxIteration(int maxIteration);
When the iteration number of the SDPA exceeds this parameter, the SDPA terminates.

void setParameterOmegaStar (double omegaStar);
This parameter determines the region in which the SDPA searches an optimal solution.
$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{O} \preceq \mathbf{X} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{X}^0 &= \text{omegaStar} \times \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}, \\ \mathbf{O} \preceq \mathbf{Y} \preceq \text{omegaStar} \times \mathbf{Y}^0 &= \text{omegaStar} \times \text{lambdaStar} \times \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned}$

void setParameterPrintInformation(char* infPrint);
When the SDPA prints out solution information, its precisions follow 'infPrint' style. 'infPrint' should be 'fprintf' format. A sample for 6 numerical digits is
setParameterPrintInformation((char*)"%.3e");



<code>void setParameterPrintXMat(char* XPrint);</code>
When the SDPA prints out $\mathbf{X}$ , its precisions follow 'XPrint' style. 'XPrint' should be 'fprintf' format. A sample for 6 numerical digits is <code>setParameterPrintXMat((char*)"%.8.3e");</code>

<code>void setParameterPrintXVec(char* xPrint);</code>
When the SDPA prints out $\mathbf{x}$ , its precisions follow 'xPrint' style. 'xPrint' should be 'fprintf' format. A sample for 6 numerical digits is <code>setParameterPrintXVec((char*)"%.8.3e");</code>

<code>void setParameterPrintYMat(char* YPrint);</code>
When the SDPA prints out $\mathbf{Y}$ , its precisions follow 'YPrint' style. 'YPrint' should be 'fprintf' format. A sample for 6 numerical digits is <code>setParameterPrintYMat((char*)"%.8.3e");</code>

<code>void setParameterType(SDPA::ParameterType type = SDPA::PARAMETER_DEFAULT);</code>
We set a parameter set. The SDPA prepares the three parameter sets. (1) SDPA::PARAMETER_DEFAULT : The default parameter (2) SDPA::PARAMETER.UNSTABLE.BUT.FAST : It usually converges to solution with less iterations, though it may stop by numerical stability. (3) SDPA::PARAMETER.STABLE.BUT.SLOW : It usually attains higher numerical stability by a slow convergence.

<code>void setParameterUpperBound (double upperBound);</code>
Upper bound of the maximum objective value of the dual problem $\mathcal{D}$ . $\mathbf{F}_0 \bullet \mathbf{Y}^k$ gets larger than the upperBound, the SDPA stops the iteration.

<code>void setResultFile(FILE* fpout = stdout);</code>
Set the file descriptor where the SDPA prints information details. Compared to 'setDisplay', this function additionally prints out computation time details and the approximate optimal solutions. If NULL is set, the SDPA skips the information print out.

<code>void solve();</code>
Solve the problem defined by the input data. Since this function invokes main loop of the Interior-Point Method, this function consumes most computation time.

<code>void terminate();</code>
This function deletes all information of the instance.

<code>void writeInitSparse(char* filename, char* printFormat);</code>
Write internal initial point data to the file whose file name is assigned by 'filename' in the SDPA sparse format. This function is prepared to check elements inserted by 'inputInitXVec', 'inputInitXMat', 'inputInitYMat'. The written file can be read by stand-alone executable. The numerical precision can be controlled by 'printFormat'.

<code>void writeInputSparse(char* filename, char* printFormat);</code>
Write internal input data to the file whose file name is assigned by 'filename' in the SDPA sparse format. This function is prepared to check elements inserted by 'inputElements'. The written file can be read by stand-alone executable. The numerical precision can be controlled by 'printFormat'.

## 11. For the SDPA 6.2.1 Users

The major differences between the SDPA 6.2.1 and the SDPA 7.1.1 are the followings:

- The source code was completely revised, unnecessary variables were eliminated, and auxiliary variables re-used. Consequently, the memory usage became less than half of the previous version.
- It utilizes the sparse Cholesky factorization when the Schur Complement Matrix becomes sparse. For that, it uses the SPOOLES library for sparse matrices [2] to obtain an ordering of rows/columns which possibly produces lesser fill-in. Now, the SDPA can solve much more efficiently SDPs with
  - multiple block diagonal matrices
  - multiple non-negative constraints
- There is a modification in the control subroutine in the interior-point algorithm which improved its numerical stability when compared to the previous version.

In addition, the differences of the callable-library are the followings.

- Most functions of the callable-library have been renamed since SDPA 6.2.1. However, it is not difficult to guess new names by old ones except the following function replacements.
  - `SDPA_initialize`  $\Rightarrow$  No Need
  - `SDPA_initialize2`  $\Rightarrow$  `initializeUpperTriangleSpace`
  - `SDPA_CountUpperTriangle`  $\Rightarrow$  No Need
  - `SDPA_Make_sfMat`  $\Rightarrow$  No Need

The functions 'No Need' mean that we have integrated their codes into other functions, hence we do not need to call them explicitly.

On the other hand, we introduce two new 'initialize' functions, to enhance efficient memory allocation. The two new functions should be paid attention to immigrate from SDPA 6.2.1, otherwise the SDPA would stop by Segmentation Fault.

- `initializeUpperTriangle`
- `initializeSolve`

- The step to input `BlockStruct` has been updated to `inputBlockNumber`, `inputBlockSize`, `inputBlockType`. This update is a preparation for a future integration of SOCP and other type cones.
- We prepare `readInput`, `readInit`, `readParameter` functions instead of assigning the file descriptors. For example, in SDPA 6.2.1,

```
Problem1.InputFile = fopen(Problem1.InputFileName,"r");}
```

while in the current version

```
Problem1.readInput(InputFileName,NULL);
```

- We prepare `writeInputSparse`, `writeInitSparse` functions to dump internal data to 'dat-s' and 'ini-s' files. These functions enable users check their input more easily.
- The block number argument  $l$  in `getResultXMat` and `getResultYMat` is slided 1 so that the argument is consistent with other functions, for example, `inputElement`. To access  $\mathbf{X}.block\{3\}(2,4)$ , in SDPA 6.2.1,

```
double* elements = Problem1.getResultXMat(3-1);
int nRow = Problem1.blockStruct[3-1];
double value = elements[(2-1) + nRow*(4-1)];
```

while in the current version,

```
double* elements = Problem1.getResultXMat(3);
int nRow = Problem1.getBlockSize();
double value = elements[(2-1) + nRow*(4-1)];
```

Note that after obtaining the pointer 'elements', getting values directly accesses the C-language style memory array whose start index is zero.

## A SDPA-GMP

The SDPA-GMP is an SDP solver intended to solve SDPs very accurately by utilizing the GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library (GMP). Current version of the SDPA-GMP is 7.1.1 which shares the same features with the SDPA except for user settable accuracy usually for extraordinary accurate calculations. Expect for newly added one parameters "precision", user experience is the same as the SDPA. Note that the SDPA-GMP is typically several ten or hundred times slower than the SDPA.

### A1 Build and Installation

This subsection describes how to build and install the SDPA-GMP. Usually, the SDPA is distributed as source codes, therefore, users must build it by themselves. We have build and installation tests on Fedora 8, Ubuntu 7.10, MacOSX Leopard and Tiger, and FreeBSD 6/7. You may also possibly build on other UNIX like platforms and Windows cygwin environment.

### A2 Prerequisites

It is necessary to have at least the following programs installed on your system except for the MacOSX.

- C and C++ compiler.
- GMP library (<http://gmplib.org/>).

For MacOSX Leopard, you will need the Xcode 3.0, and you cannot build the SDPA on the Leopard with Xcode 2.5. For MacOSX Tiger, you will need either the Xcode 2.4.1 or the Xcode 2.5.

You can download the Xcode at Apple Developer Connection (<http://developer.apple.com/>) at free of charge.

In the following instructions, we install C/C++ compilers, GMP library and/or Xcode as well. You can skip this part if your system already have them. If not, you may need root access or administrative privilege to your computer. Please ask your system administrator for installing development tools.

### A3 How to Obtain the Source Code

Current source code is "sdpa-gmp.7.1.1.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz"

You can obtain the source code following the links at the SDPA homepage:  
<http://sdpa.indsys.chuo-u.ac.jp/sdpa/index.html>

You can find the latest news at about the SDPA at the **index.html** file.

## A4 How to Build

### A4.1 Fedora 8 and 9

To build the SDPA-GMP, type the following.

```
$ bash
$ su
Password:
# yum update glibc glibc-common
# yum install gcc gcc-c++
# yum install gmp gmp-devel
# exit
$ tar xvfz sdpa-gmp.7.1.1.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-gmp-7.1.1
$ ./configure
$ make
```

### A4.2 MacOSX

If you use Leopard:

Download and install the Xcode 3 from Apple Developer Connection (<http://developer.apple.com/>) and install it. Note that we support only the Xcode 3 on Leopard. We do not support Leopard with Xcode 2.5.

If you use Tiger:

Download and install either the Xcode 2.4.1 or the Xcode 2.5 from Apple Developer Connection. First, download GMP from <http://gmplib.org/> install GMP by: (You may change “/Users/user1/gmp” to appropriate one)

```
$ bash
$ tar xvfz gmp-4.2.2.tar.gz
$ cd gmp-4.2.2
$ ./configure --enable-cxx --prefix=/Users/user1/gmp
$ make install
$ make check
```

Then, build the SDPA-GMP by:

```
$ bash
$ tar xvfz sdpa-gmp.7.1.1.src.2008xxxx.tar.gz
$ cd sdpa-gmp-7.1.1
$ CXXFLAGS="-I/Users/user1/gmp/include"; export CXXFLAGS
$ CPPFLAGS="-I/Users/user1/gmp/include"; export CPPFLAGS
$ CFLAGS="-I/Users/user1/gmp/include"; export CFLAGS
$ LDFLAGS="-L/Users/user1/gmp/lib"; export LDFLAGS
$ ./configure
$ make
```

.

## A5 How to Install

You will find the “sdpa\_gmp” executable binary file at this point, and you can install it as:

```
$ su
Password:
# mkdir /usr/local/bin
# cp sdpa_gmp /usr/local/bin
# chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/sdpa
```

or you can install it to your favorite directory.

```
$ mkdir /home/user1/bin
$ cp sdpa_gmp /home/user1/bin
```

## A6 Test Run

Before using the SDPA, type “./sdpa\_gmp” and make sure that the following message will be displayed.

```
$ ./sdpa_gmp
SDPA-GMP start at    Fri Apr  4 16:02:00 2008

*** Please assign data file and output file.***

---- option type 1 -----
./sdpa_gmp DataFile OutputFile [InitialPtFile] [-pt parameters]
parameters = 0 default, 1 fast (unstable), 2 slow (stable)
example1-1: ./sdpa_gmp example1.dat example1.result
example1-2: ./sdpa_gmp example1.dat-s example1.result
example1-3: ./sdpa_gmp example1.dat example1.result example1.ini
example1-4: ./sdpa_gmp example1.dat example1.result -pt 2

---- option type 2 -----
./sdpa_gmp [option filename]+
  -dd : data dense :: -ds : data sparse
  -id : init dense :: -is : init sparse
  -o  : output      :: -p  : parameter
  -pt : parameters , 0 default, 1 fast (unstable)
                        2 slow (stable)
example2-1: ./sdpa_gmp -o example1.result -dd example1.dat
example2-2: ./sdpa_gmp -ds example1.dat-s -o example2.result -p param.sdpa
example2-3: ./sdpa_gmp -ds example1.dat-s -o example3.result -pt 2
```

Let us solve the SDP “example1.dat-s”.

```
$ ./sdpa_gmp -ds example1.dat-s -o example1.out
SDPA-GMP start at    Fri Apr  4 16:05:39 2008
data      is example1.dat-s : sparse
out       is example1.out

set       is DEFAULT
DENSE computations
```

	mu	thetaP	thetaD	objP	objD	alphaP	alphaD	beta
0	1.0e+08	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	+0.00e+00	+1.20e+05	1.0e+00	9.0e-01	3.00e-01
1	1.6e+07	0.0e+00	1.0e-01	+1.10e+05	+1.20e+04	9.0e-01	9.0e-01	3.00e-01
2	2.5e+06	2.6e-71	9.9e-03	+1.68e+05	+1.15e+03	9.1e-01	9.1e-01	3.00e-01
3	4.6e+05	4.8e-71	9.4e-04	+2.40e+05	+7.05e+01	3.9e+00	9.6e-01	3.00e-01
4	7.3e+04	7.8e-71	3.6e-05	+1.00e+05	-3.76e+01	1.4e+00	1.0e+00	3.00e-01
5	1.5e+04	7.4e-71	5.2e-72	+2.99e+04	-4.19e+01	9.7e-01	9.7e-01	1.00e-01
6	2.0e+03	7.8e-71	5.9e-72	+3.88e+03	-4.19e+01	9.9e-01	9.9e-01	1.00e-01
7	2.2e+02	8.1e-71	1.2e-71	+3.93e+02	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
8	2.2e+01	5.9e-71	1.2e-71	+2.19e+00	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
9	2.2e+00	6.3e-71	2.4e-70	-3.75e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
10	2.2e-01	6.8e-71	1.8e-71	-4.15e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
11	2.2e-02	7.7e-71	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
12	2.2e-03	7.3e-71	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
13	2.2e-04	7.7e-71	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
14	2.2e-05	7.9e-71	3.1e-70	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
15	2.2e-06	8.3e-71	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
16	2.2e-07	8.5e-71	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
17	2.2e-08	9.4e-71	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
18	2.2e-09	1.0e-70	5.2e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
19	2.2e-10	1.1e-70	5.6e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
20	2.2e-11	1.4e-70	1.5e-69	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
21	2.2e-12	1.4e-70	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
22	2.2e-13	1.5e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
23	2.2e-14	1.6e-70	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
24	2.2e-15	1.6e-70	4.1e-70	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
25	2.2e-16	1.8e-70	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
26	2.2e-17	2.0e-70	3.6e-70	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
27	2.2e-18	2.3e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
28	2.2e-19	2.7e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
29	2.2e-20	3.0e-70	1.3e-69	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
30	2.2e-21	3.3e-70	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
31	2.2e-22	3.3e-70	5.9e-72	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
32	2.2e-23	3.6e-70	3.0e-70	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
33	2.2e-24	3.9e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
34	2.2e-25	4.1e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
35	2.2e-26	4.1e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
36	2.2e-27	4.4e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
37	2.2e-28	4.5e-70	1.2e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	9.0e+01	1.00e-01
38	2.2e-29	4.6e-70	4.9e-70	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01
39	2.2e-30	4.8e-70	1.1e-71	-4.19e+01	-4.19e+01	1.0e+00	1.0e+00	1.00e-01

```

phase.value = pdOPT
  Iteration = 39
    mu = 2.2051719065342495e-30
relative gap = 1.0525880222120523e-31
  gap = 4.4103438130684991e-30
    digits = 3.0977741576287968e+01
objValPrimal = -4.1900000000000000e+01
objValDual   = -4.1900000000000000e+01
p.feas.error = 4.7832028277324550e-66
d.feas.error = 1.1127618452062264e-66
relative eps = 3.7092061506874214e-68
total time   = 0.080
  main loop time = 0.080000
    total time = 0.080000

```

```
file    read time = 0.000000
```

## A7 Parameters

First we show the default parameter file “param.sdpa” below. Only the difference between Section 5. is the “precision” parameter.

```
200      unsigned int maxIteration;
1.0E-30 double 0.0 < epsilonStar;
1.0E4    double 0.0 < lambdaStar;
2.0      double 1.0 < omegaStar;
-1.0E5   double lowerBound;
1.0E5    double upperBound;
0.1      double 0.0 <= betaStar < 1.0;
0.3      double 0.0 <= betaBar  < 1.0, betaStar <= betaBar;
0.9      double 0.0 < gammaStar < 1.0;
1.0E-30 double 0.0 < epsilonDash;
200      precision
```

The file “param.sdpa” needs to have these 11 lines which sets 11 parameters. Each line of this file contains one of the 11 parameters followed by an comment. When the SDPA reads the file “param.sdpa”, it neglects the comments.

The newly added “precision” sets the number of significant bits used in the SDPA-GMP. More precicely passing “precision” to “mpf\_set\_default\_prec” function of the GMP library. When precision is “ $X$ ”, then  $\log_{10} X$  is the approximate significant digits in the floating point calculation. At default, precision is set to 200, then

$$\log_{10} 2^{200} = 60.205999133$$

Therefore, we calculate approximately floating point numbers with sixty significant digits. If we use double precision, this is approximately sixteen. Note that the GMP is not IEEE754 compliant.

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