

Solving Nonconvex SDP Problems of Structural Optimization by PENNON

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Outline

- Structural design with stability, vibration control
- FMO—a particular case of structural design
- Solving nonconvex SDP by PENNON
- Examples

Structural design problems

MPEC:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\rho, u} & F(\rho, u) \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ & \rho \in U_{\text{ad}} \\ & u \text{ solves } \mathcal{E}(\rho, u) \end{array}$$

$F(\rho, u)$...	cost functional (weight, stiffness, peak stress...)
ρ	...	design variable (thickness, material properties, shape...)
u	...	state variable (displacements, stresses)
U_{ad}	...	admissible designs

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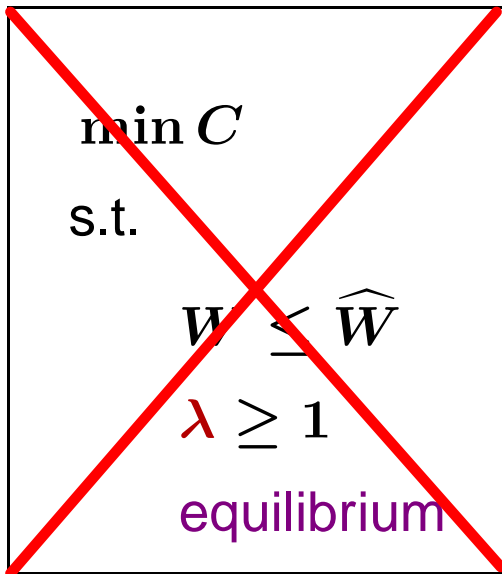
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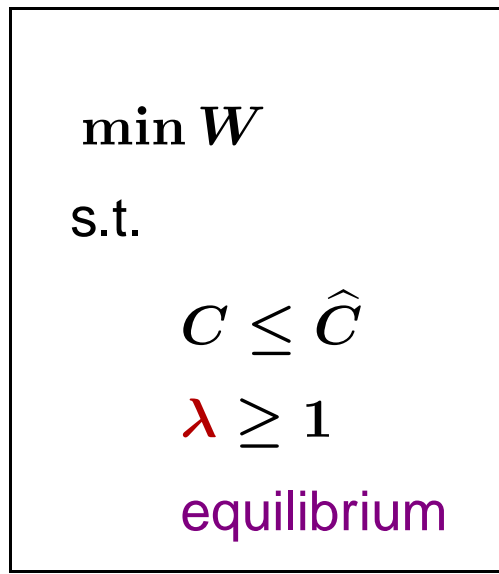
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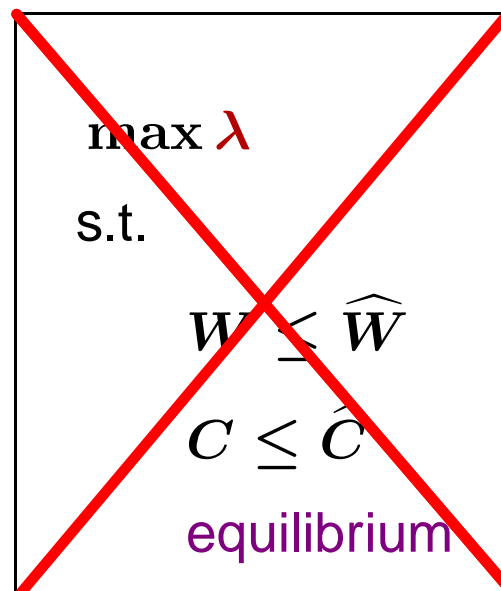
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(critical force) should be bigger than 1.

$$\min_{\rho, u} W(\rho)$$

s.t.

$$K(\rho)u = f$$

$$f^T u \leq \hat{C}$$

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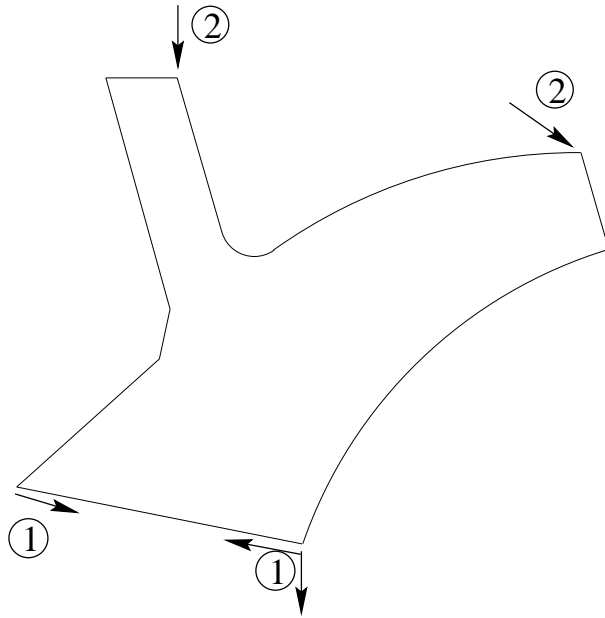
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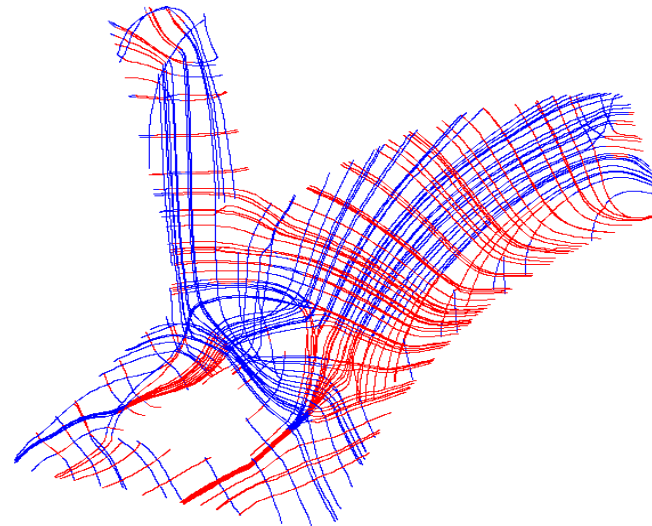
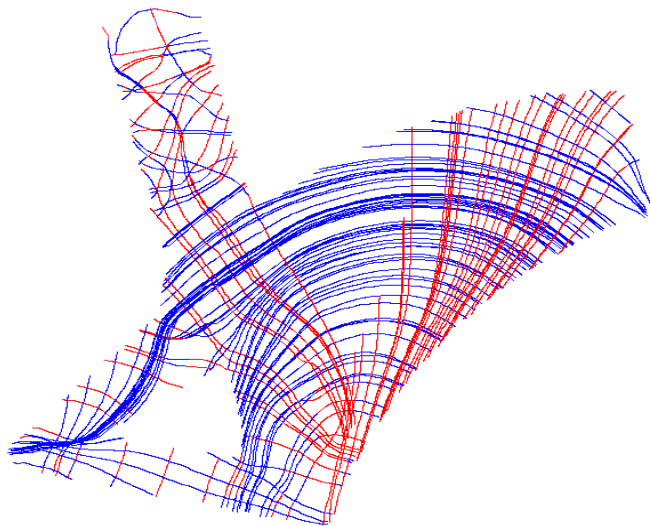
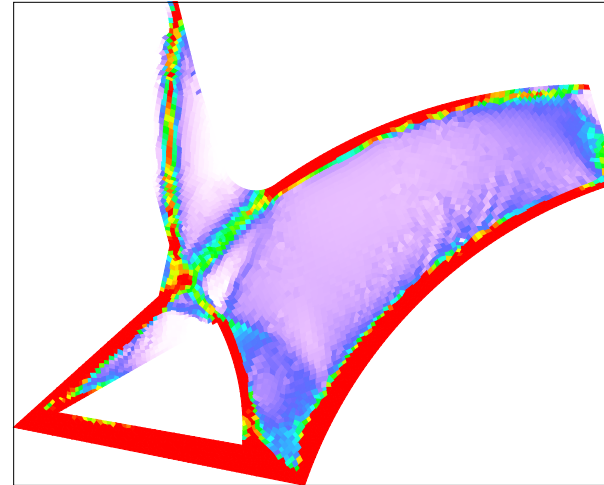
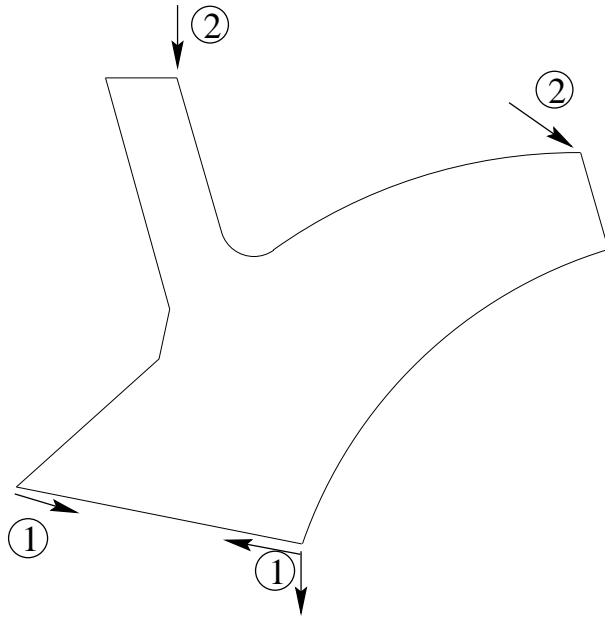
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$$\inf_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, u \in U} \left\{ \alpha - f^T u \mid \alpha \geq \frac{m}{2} u^T A_i u \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m \right\}$$

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Problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ b^T x : \mathcal{A}(x) \preceq 0 \}$$

$$\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}_d$$

Notation:

$\langle A, B \rangle_{\mathbb{S}_d} := \text{tr}(A^T B)$ *inner product* on \mathbb{S}_d

$\mathbb{S}_{d_+} = \{ A \in \mathbb{S}_d \mid A \text{ positive semidefinite} \}$

$U \in \mathbb{S}_{d_+}$ *matrix multiplier (dual variable)*

Φ_p *penalty function* on \mathbb{S}_d

PENNON for SDP: algorithm

Generalized augmented Lagrangian algorithm for SDP:

We have

$$\mathcal{A}(x) \preceq \mathbf{0} \iff \Phi_p(\mathcal{A}(x)) \preceq \mathbf{0}$$

and the corresponding *augmented Lagrangian*

$$F(x, U, p) := f(x) + \langle U, \Phi_p(\mathcal{A}(x)) \rangle_{\mathbb{S}_d}$$

Algorithm:

- (i) Find x^{k+1} satisfying $\|\nabla_x F(x, U^k, p^k)\| \leq \epsilon^k$
- (ii) $U^{k+1} = D_{\mathcal{A}} \Phi_p(\mathcal{A}(x); U^k)$
- (iii) $p^{k+1} < p^k$

Best choice of Φ : $\Phi(A) = (A - I)^{-1} - I$

PENNON for SDP: theory

Based on Breinfeld-Shanno, 1993; generalized by M. Stingl, 2003

Assume:

1. $f, \mathcal{A} \in C^2$
2. $x \in \Omega$ nonempty, bounded
3. Constraint Qualification

Then \exists an index set \mathcal{K} so that:

- $x_k \rightarrow \hat{x}, k \in \mathcal{K}$
- $U_k \rightarrow \hat{U}, k \in \mathcal{K}$
- (\hat{x}, \hat{U}) satisfies first-order optimality conditions

PENNON for SDP: Hessian

The reciprocal barrier function in SDP

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Phi(\mathcal{A}(x)) = & \\ & (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}(x)}{\partial x_i} (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}(x)}{\partial x_j} (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \\ & + (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{A}(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \\ & + (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}(x)}{\partial x_j} (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}(x)}{\partial x_i} (\mathcal{A}(x) - I)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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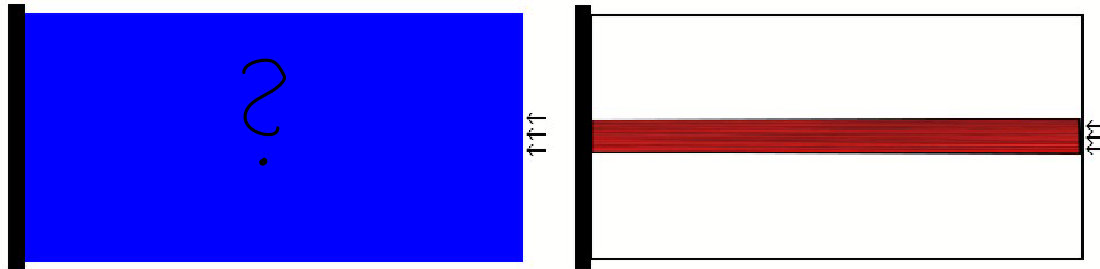
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Pentium 4, 2.4GHz, ~ 100 Newton steps:

400 elements ... 8 h 45 min, 1000 elements ... ~ 130 hours

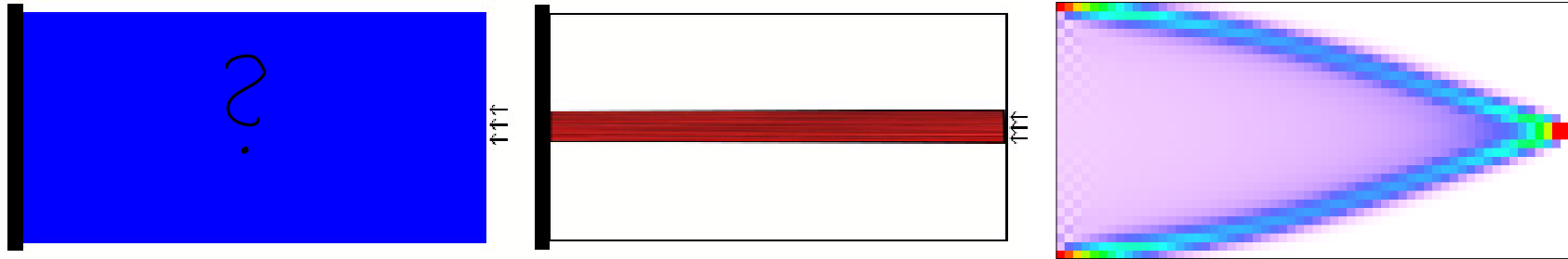
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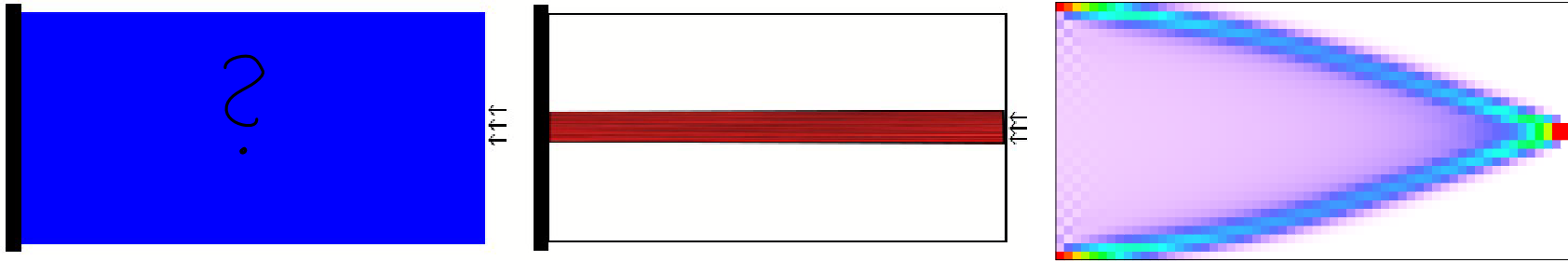
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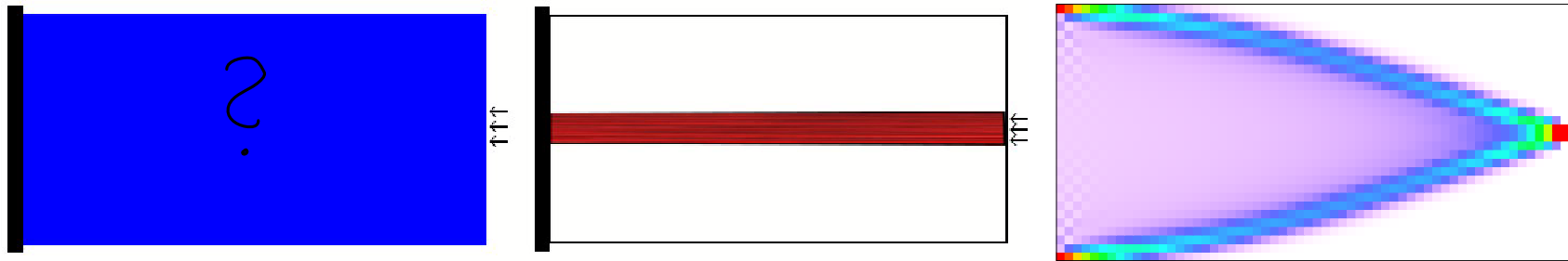
Linear SDP, SDPA input file (Pentium 4, 2.5 GHz):

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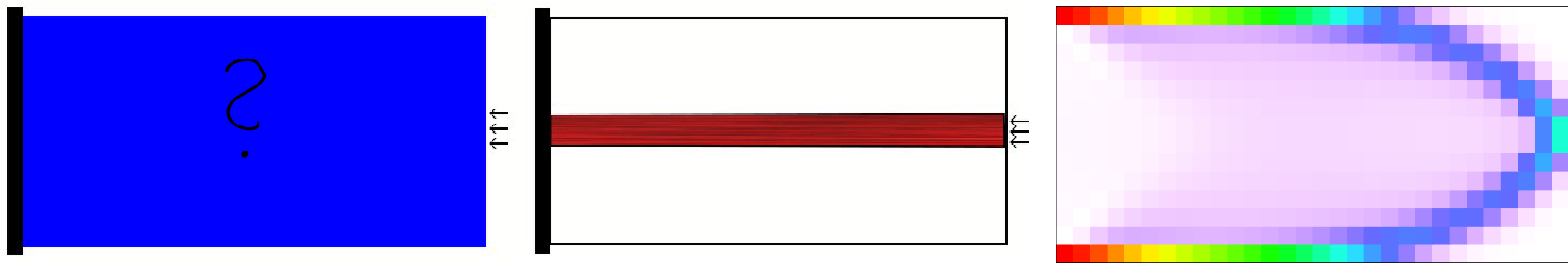
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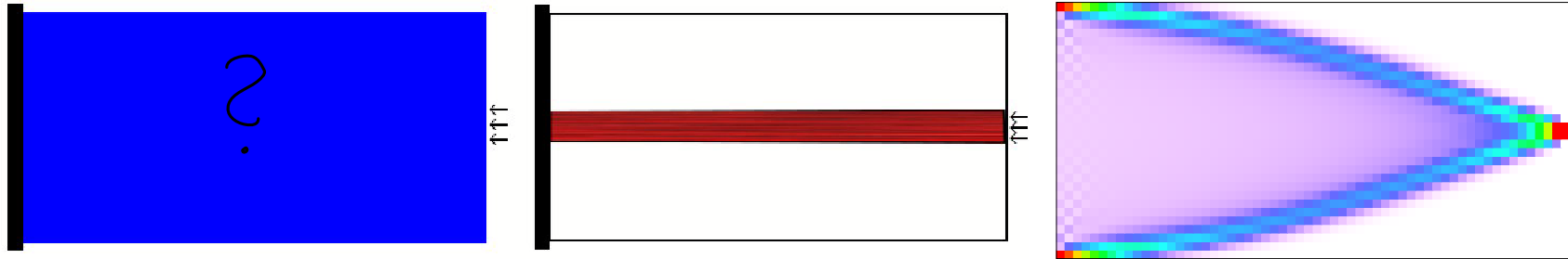


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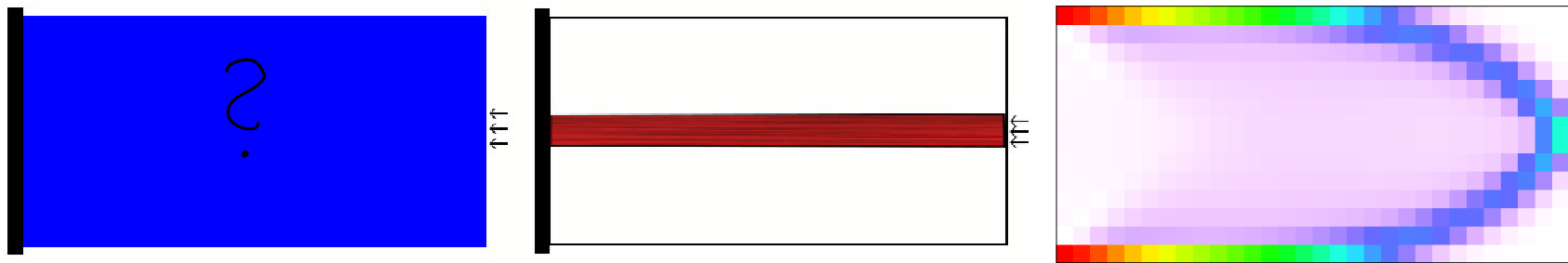
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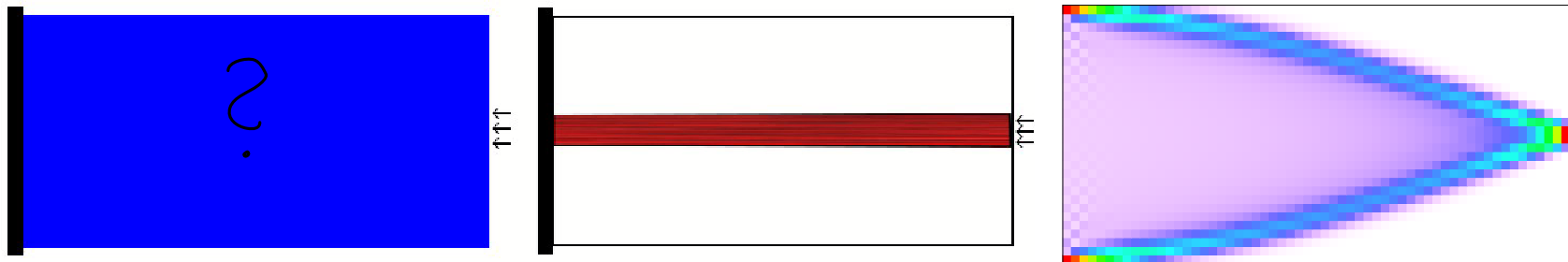
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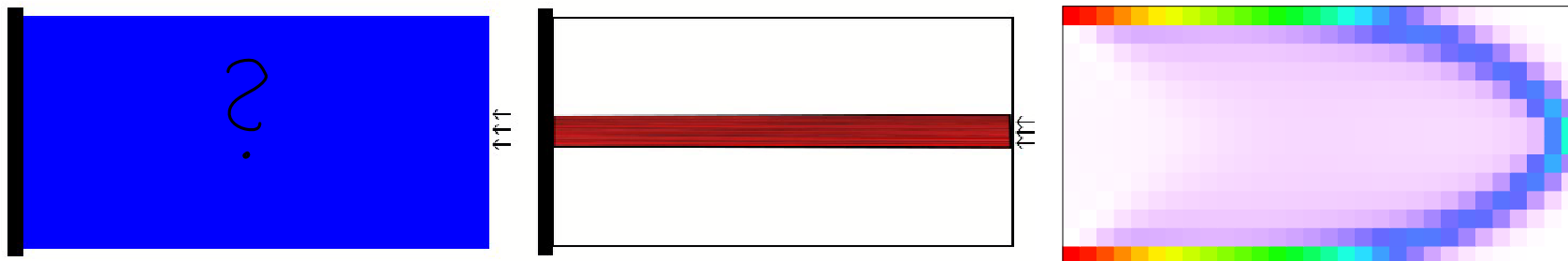
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shmup3 with no SDP constraints (convex NLP) ... 1 sec

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FIRST-ORDER METHOD

Hessian free methods

Use conjugate gradient method for solving the Newton system

Use finite difference formula for Hessian-vector products:

$$\nabla^2 F(x_k)v \approx \frac{\nabla F(x_k + hv) - \nabla F(x_k)}{h}$$

with $h = (1 + \|x_k\|_2 \sqrt{\varepsilon})$

Complexity: Hessian-vector product = gradient evaluation
need for Hessian-vector-product type preconditioner

Limited accuracy (4–5 digits)

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simple, not (considered) very efficient

does not satisfy point 3

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L-BFGS (Morales-Nocedal, SIOPT 2000)

- start with CG (no precondition.)
- use CG iterations as *correction pairs* → build M using L-BFGS
- next Newton step → use M as preconditioner
- from CG iterations build new M

relatively inexpensive (16–32 correction pairs)

mixed success

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A(-inv) (approximate inverse) (Benzi-Collum-Tuma, SISC 2000)

$$M = ZD^{-1}Z^T \approx H^{-1}$$

Z sparse approximation of Cholesky factor L^{-1}
computed directly from H by incomplete H -orthogonalization
small elements dropped to prevent (introduce) sparsity
uses only Hessian-vector products

relatively expensive, dependent on (sensitive to) the dropping parameter

efficient (often)

Linear SDP, problems with large n and small m

Linear SDP, dense Hessian:

Complexity of Hessian evaluation

- $O(m_A^3 n + m_A^2 n^2)$ for dense matrices
- $O(m_A^2 n + K^2 n^2)$ for sparse matrices
($K \dots$ max. number of nonzeros in A_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$)

Complexity of Cholesky algorithm - linear SDP

- $O(n^3)$

Library of examples with large n and small m
(courtesy of Kim Toh)

CG-exact **much** better than Cholesky

CG-approx **much** better than CG-exact

Number of Newton steps (yellow) and QMR iterations (white)

problem	pensdp	pen_QMR		pen_approx-QMR	
ham_7_5_6	54	47	109	45	78
ham_9_8	54	57	132	61	91
ham_8_3_4		51	116	50	89
ham_9_5_6				59	108
theta32#	50	48	458	50	453
theta42#	53	52	435	53	718
theta6#	71	61	574	60	362
theta62#				52	404
theta8	61	62	744	62	504
theta82				57	482
theta83				58	647
theta10		68	748	62	473
theta102				58	744
theta103				56	769
theta104				56	834
theta12		63	606	66	518
keller4	47	54	376	52	864
sanr200-0.7	53	55	531	56	698

Total CPU time (white) and time per onew Newton step (yellow)

problem	n	m	pensdp		pen_QMR		pen_approx-QMR	
ham_7_5_6	1793	128	176	3.26	47	1.00	4	0.09
ham_9_8	2305	512	497	9.20	244	4.28	197	3.23
ham_8_3_4	16129	256			6944	136.16	90	1.80
ham_9_5_6	53761	512					1499	25.41
theta32#	150	2286	200	4.00	71	1.48	11	0.22
theta42#	200	5986	2998	56.57	827	15.90	49	0.92
theta6#	4375	300	1714	24.14	490	8.03	60	1.00
theta62#	13390	300					118	2.27
theta8	7905	400	15139	248.18	1975	31.85	350	5.65
theta82	23872	400					971	17.04
theta83	39862	400					3274	56.45
theta10	12470	500		961.28	5842	85.91	703	11.34
theta102	37467	500					3635	62.67
theta103	62516	500					9850	175.89
theta104	87845	500					20329	363.02
theta12	17979	600			14098	223.78	1365	20.68
keller4	5101	171	3236	68.85	587	10.87	86	1.65
sanr200-0.7	6033	200	5790	109.25	916	16.65	103	1.84

Number of QMR iterations per one Newton step

problem	n	m	pen_QMR	pen_appr-QMR
ham_7_5_6	1793	128	2	2
ham_9_8	2305	512	2	1
ham_8_3_4	16129	256	2	2
ham_9_5_6	53761	512		2
theta32	150	2286	10	9
theta42	200	5986	8	14
theta6	4375	300	9	6
theta62	13390	300		8
theta8	7905	400	12	8
theta82	23872	400		8
theta83	39862	400		11
theta10	12470	500	11	8
theta102	37467	500		13
theta103	62516	500		14
theta104	87845	500		15
theta12	17979	600	10	8
keller4	5101	171	7	17

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Evaluation of approx. diagonal).....

Only L-BFGS preconditioner can be used — but it isn't really efficient

		pennon		app-CG(BFGS-N)		
	n	time	Nwt	time	Nwt	CG
shape2	200	1699	63	840	62	3192
shape3	420	18949	77	10622	75	8016

Conclusions, part II

Hessian-free SDP:

- First promising results, more testing (and coding) needed

THE END