A notion of Total Dual Integrality for Convex, Semidefinite and Extended Formulations

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Corollary

(Hoffman [1974]) Let $A \in \mathbb{Q}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{Q}^m$. If $P := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq b\}$ is bounded and $\max_{x \in P} \langle c, x \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$ for each $c \in \mathbb{Z}^n$, then P is integral.

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Let S be feasible in the dual SDP. We say that "S is *integral*" if S is a sum N

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{N} S_k$$

of rank-one matrices $S_1, \ldots, S_N \in \mathbb{S}^{n+1}_+$ such that, for each $k \in [N]$, we have

$$(S_k)_{00} = 1, \ (S_k)_{0j} + (S_k)_{jj} = 0 \qquad \forall j \in [n].$$

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$$\exists \bar{x} \in C$$
 such that for each $w \in \mathbb{Z}^n$,

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