## Multi-row approaches to cutting plane generation

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### What cuts?

Disabled cut	Performance degradation
Gomory mixed-integer	2.52 ×
Mixed-integer rounding	1.83 ×
Knapsack cover	1.40 ×
Flow cover	1.22 ×
Implied bound	1.19 ×
Flow path	1.04 ×
Clique	1.02 ×
GUB cover	1.02 ×

(geometric mean over 106 medium-sized instances [Bixby, Rothberg, 2007]).  $\mathbb{R}$ 

# A. TWO-ROW CUTS

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# A.1. Background

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#### Lattice-free sets – the intuition, for all x



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### Lattice-free sets – the set $\mathcal{X}_{ij}$

0 0 0 For all i, j, 0 for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}_{ij}$ ,  $s_i^x \alpha_i + s_j^x \alpha_j \ge 1,$  $x_2$ with  $s_{i}^{x}, s_{j}^{x} : x = f + s_{i}^{x}r^{i} + s_{i}^{x}r^{j}$ . • we can restrict  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  to  $\mathcal{X}_1$  $x \in \mathcal{X}_{ij}$  where  $\mathcal{X}_{ij}$  is the set of the vertices of  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \cap (f + \operatorname{conv}(r^i, r^j)).$ 

## Polarity

Let  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  be a radial polyhedron and  $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  its polar. There is a correspondance between

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Extreme point } \overline{x} \in P & \text{and} & \text{Facet of } Q \text{: } \overline{x}^T a \geq 1 \\ \text{Extreme ray } \overline{x} \in P & \text{and} & \text{Facet of } Q \text{: } \overline{x}^T a \geq 0 \end{array}$ 

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### B. SEPARATION OVER ARBITRARY MIXED-INTEGER SETS

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## Motivations

We want to test stronger relaxations

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We still want exact separation

# B.1. Separation method

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## Computational example

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Constraints:	123
Variables:	133 (71 integer: 32 general, 39 binaries)
Models:	82 five-row models read from an optimal tableau

Cuts: 37 (17 tight at the end) Gap closed: 59.02% (from 39.03% by GMIs)

Time:	1615.70s
Iterations:	107647

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### Two-phases: Phase one



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(bell3a, 82 five-row models, 37 cuts, 59.02%gc)

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Computational example (lifting binaries)

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Time:	1615.70s	161.15s	136.54s
Iterations:	107647	23822	23231

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Computational example (phase S)

(bell3a, 82 five-row models, 37 cuts, 59.02%gc)

	original	2-phases	lifting	phase S
Time:	1615.70s	161.15s	136.54s	5.84s
Iterations:	107647	23822	23231	2497

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Time:	1615.70s	161.15s	136.54s	5.84s	4.65s
Iterations:	107647	23822	23231	2497	2497

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(bell3a, 82 five-row models, 37 cuts, 59.02%gc)

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	$347 \times$	35  imes	$29 \times$	$1.26 \times$	1
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# B.2. Application to two-row relaxations

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	basic		non	basic
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full 2-row	$\sim$			$\sim$

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full 2-row	57.267	43.956	all

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[bell5, blend2, egout, khb05250, misc03, misc07, set1ch]

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full 2-row	62.140	36.080	22
relax&cut GMI	60.372	34.970	all
relax&cut 2-row i.c.	63.163	41.951	37
relax&cut full 2-row	76.767	47.277	12

## More rows: Computing time



instances with result, and instances with exact separation

geometric mean of time (on 42 common instances)

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Going back to general (full-dimensional) polyhedra

Polyhedron	Polyhedral cone	Polar of $P^+$
P	$P^+$	Q
vert. v	ray $(v, -1)$	$v^T \alpha - \alpha_0 \ge 0$
ray $r$	ray $(v,0)$	$r^T \alpha \ge 0$
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