# Multi-row approaches to cutting plane generation 

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

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## A. Two-Row cuts

## A.1. Background

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- we can restrict $x \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}$ to $x \in \mathcal{X}_{i j}$ where $\mathcal{X}_{i j}$ is the set of the vertices of
$\mathbb{Z}^{2} \cap\left(f+\operatorname{conv}\left(r^{i}, r^{j}\right)\right)$.


## Polarity

Let $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{N}$ be a radial polyhedron and $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{N}$ its polar. There is a correspondance between
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A.4. Results

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# B. Separation over arbitrary MIXED-INTEGER SETS 

## Motivations

- We want to test stronger relaxations
- We still want exact separation


## B.1. Separation method

## Problem

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$$
\alpha^{T} x \geq \alpha_{0}
$$

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$$
\begin{array}{cl}
\min & x^{* T} \alpha \\
\text { s.t. } & x^{T} \alpha \geq \alpha_{0} \quad \text { for all } x \in P \tag{Sep.LP}
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& \text { If } \bar{\alpha}^{T} x^{p}<\bar{\alpha}_{0}, \quad \text { then } S:=S \cup\left\{x^{p}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Computational example

Instance: bell3a
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: | 1615.70 s |
| ---: | ---: |
| Iterations: | 107647 |

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## Two-phases: Phase two




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| Time: | 1615.70 s | 161.15 s | 136.54 s | 5.84 s | 4.65 s |
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## Computational example (summary)

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Time: | $347 \times$ | $35 \times$ | $29 \times$ | $1.26 \times$ | 1 |
|  | 1615.70 s | 161.15 s | 136.54 s | 5.84 s | 4.65 s |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iterations: | 107647 | 23822 | 23231 | 2497 | 2497 |
|  | $43 \times$ | $10 \times$ | $9 \times$ | 1 | 1 |

## B.2. Application to two-row relaxations

## Two-row intersection cuts + strengthening



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| $S$-free | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | $\times$ | B |
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[bell5, blend2, egout, khb05250, misc03, misc07, set1ch]

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| full 2-row | 62.140 | 36.080 | 22 |
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|  |  |  |  |

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