

# Compact Knapsack: a Semidefinite Approach

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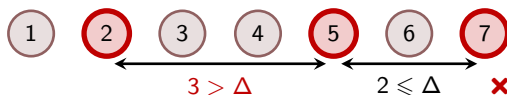
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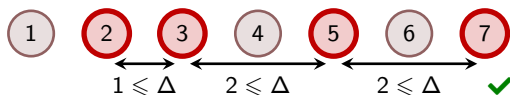
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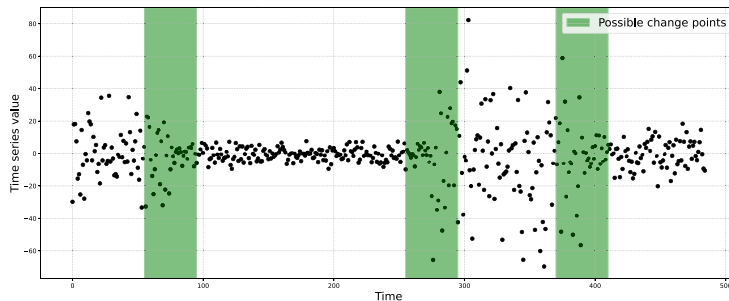
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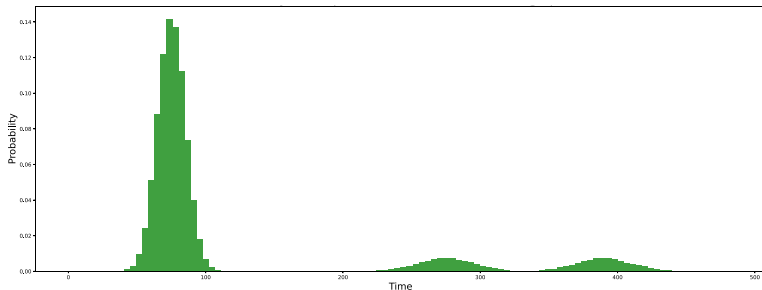


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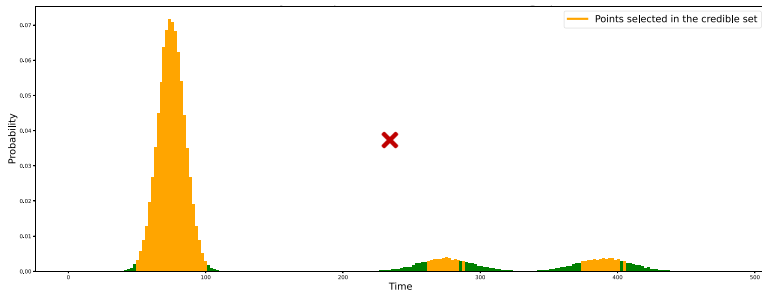


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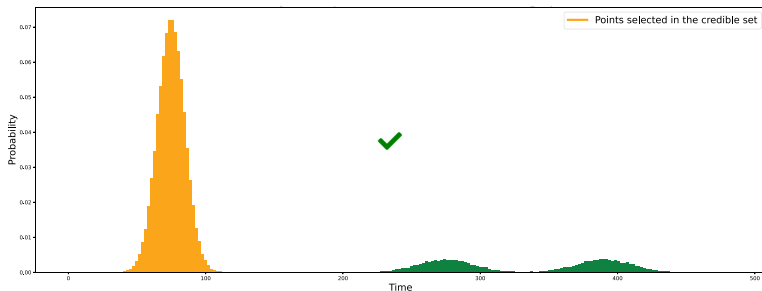
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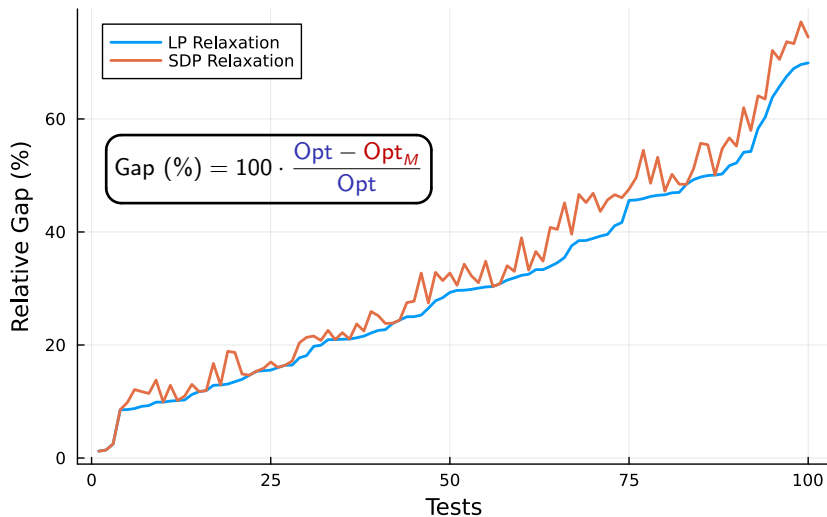
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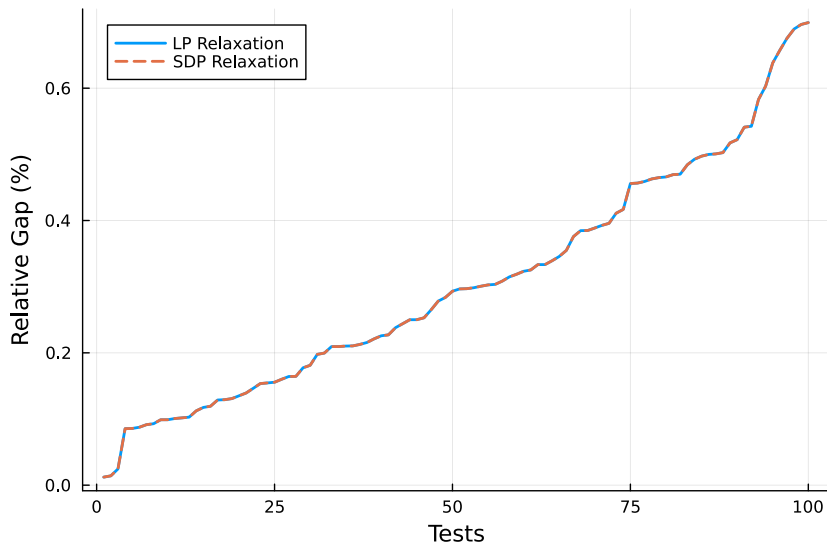
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### Conjecture

Above  $X$  is a solution of  $(\text{min-KPC})_{\text{SDP}}$ .

In particular,

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Cauchy-Schwarz inequality on  $\text{tr}(\text{Diag}(w)X)$  yields:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 X_{ii} + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < k \leq n} w_i w_k X_{ik} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq i, k \leq n} X_{ik} \right)$$

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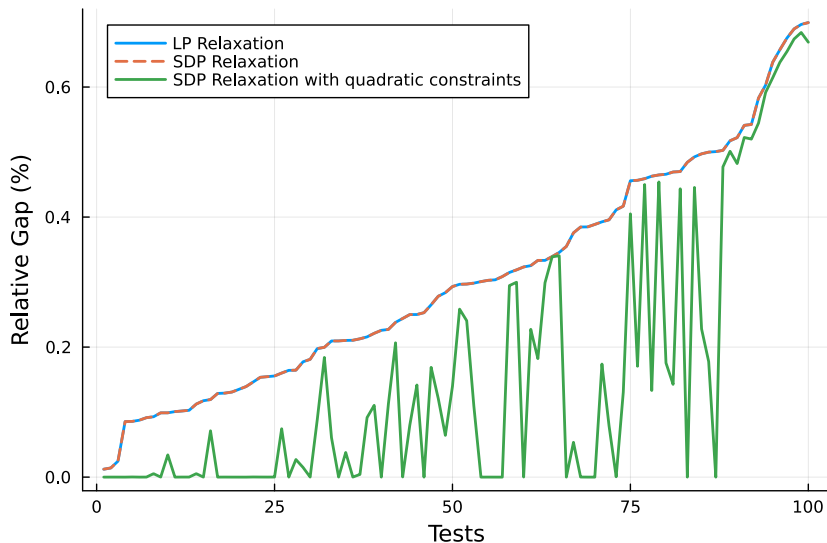


Figure 2: relative gap for the model with the semidefinite relaxation when

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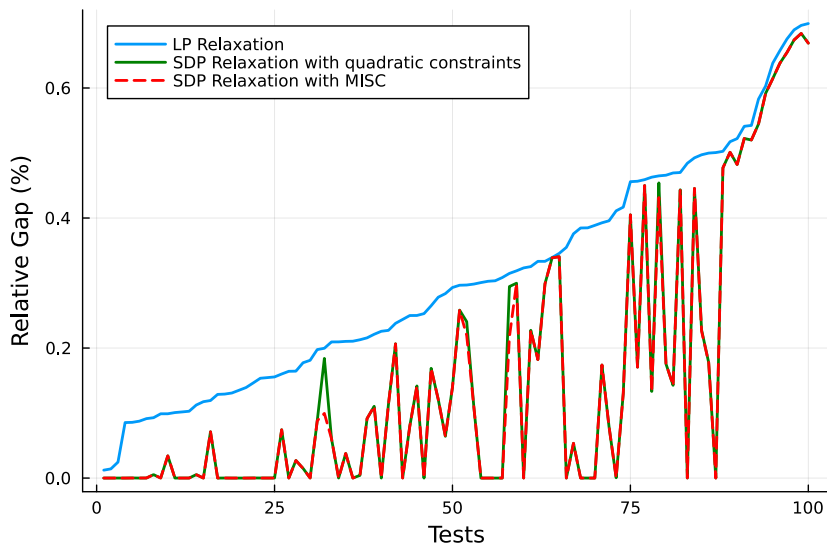
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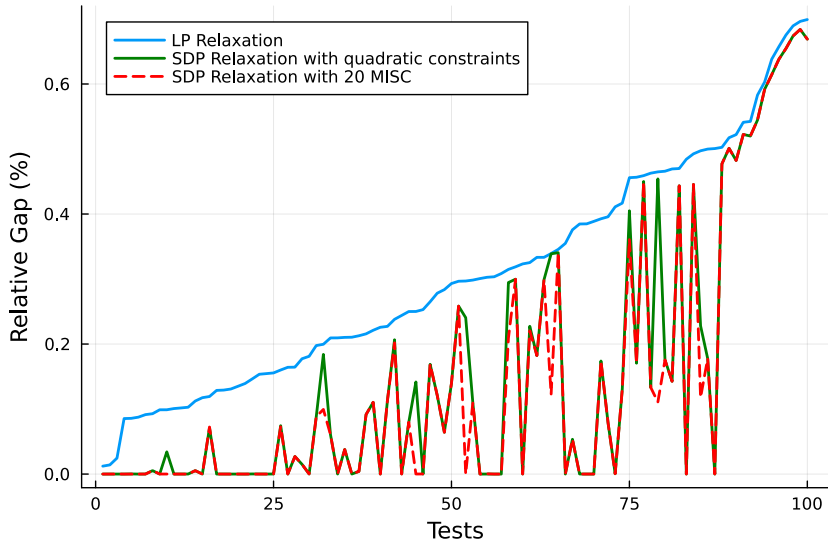
Greedy algorithm to  
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end while
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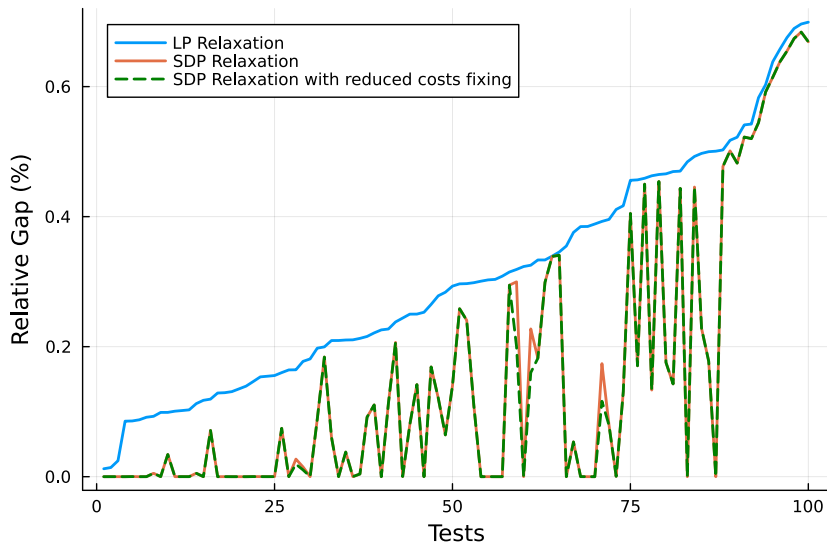
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Thank you for your attention!



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### Definition (Positive semidefinite matrix)

A symmetric matrix  $X \in M_n(\mathbf{R})$  is *positive semidefinite* if for all  $v \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $v^\top X v \geq 0$ . We write  $X \succeq 0$ .

### Properties

- $X \succeq 0 \iff X = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i x_i x_i^\top$  with  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  and  $x_i \in \mathbf{R}^n$ .
- $X \succeq 0 \iff$  all principal minors of  $X$  are nonnegative.

### Proposition (Schur complement's lemma)

Let  $X$  be the symmetric matrix defined by

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} A & B^\top \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $A$  invertible. Then  $X \succeq 0$  if and only if  $C - BA^{-1}B^\top \succeq 0$ .