

# SDPNAL+: a majorized semismooth Newton-CG augmented Lagrangian method for semidefinite programming with nonnegative constraints

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**Abstract** In this paper, we present a majorized semismooth Newton-CG augmented Lagrangian method, called SDPNAL+, for semidefinite programming (SDP) with partial or full nonnegative constraints on the matrix variable. SDPNAL+ is a much enhanced version of SDPNAL introduced by Zhao et al. (SIAM J Optim 20:1737–1765, 2010) for solving generic SDPs. SDPNAL works very efficiently for nondegenerate SDPs but may encounter numerical difficulty for degenerate ones. Here we tackle this numerical difficulty by employing a majorized semismooth Newton-CG augmented Lagrangian method coupled with a convergent 3-block alternating direction method of multipliers introduced recently by Sun et al. (SIAM J Optim, to appear). Numerical results for various large scale SDPs with or without nonnegative constraints show that the proposed method is not only fast but also robust in obtaining accurate solutions. It outperforms, by a significant margin, two other competitive publicly available first order methods based codes: (1) an alternating direction method of

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multipliers based solver called SDPAD by Wen et al. (*Math Program Comput* 2:203–230, 2010) and (2) a two-easy-block-decomposition hybrid proximal extragradient method called 2EBD-HPE by Monteiro et al. (*Math Program Comput* 1–48, 2014). In contrast to these two codes, we are able to solve all the 95 difficult SDP problems arising from the relaxations of quadratic assignment problems tested in SDPNAL to an accuracy of  $10^{-6}$  efficiently, while SDPAD and 2EBD-HPE successfully solve 30 and 16 problems, respectively. In addition, SDPNAL+ appears to be the only viable method currently available to solve large scale SDPs arising from rank-1 tensor approximation problems constructed by Nie and Wang (*SIAM J Matrix Anal Appl* 35:1155–1179, 2014). The largest rank-1 tensor approximation problem we solved (in about 14.5 h) is nonsym(21, 4), in which its resulting SDP problem has matrix dimension  $n = 9261$  and the number of equality constraints  $m = 12,326,390$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a pointed closed convex cone whose interior  $\text{int}(\mathcal{K}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a polyhedral convex cone in a finite-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{K} \cap \mathcal{P}$  is non-empty. For any cone  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , we denote the dual cone of  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $\mathcal{C}^*$ . For any closed convex set  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , we denote the metric projection of  $\mathcal{X}$  onto  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $\Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\cdot)$  and the tangent cone of  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  by  $T_{\mathcal{C}}(X)$ , respectively. We will make extensive use of the Moreau decomposition theorem in [11], which states that  $X = \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(X) - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}^*}(-X)$  for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and any closed convex cone  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}^n$  be the space of  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices and  $\mathcal{S}_+^n$  be the cone of positive semidefinite matrices in  $\mathcal{S}^n$ . In this paper, we focus on the case where  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{S}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}^* = \mathcal{S}_+^n$ . We are particularly interested in the case where  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{S}_{\geq 0}^n$ , the cone of  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrices whose elements are all nonnegative, though the algorithm which we will design later is also applicable to other cases. For any matrix  $X \in \mathcal{S}^n$ , we use  $X \succ 0$  to indicate that  $X$  is a real symmetric positive definite matrix.

Consider the semidefinite programming (SDP) with an additional polyhedral cone constraint, which we name as SDP+:

$$(P) \quad \max\{\langle -C, X \rangle \mid \mathcal{A}(X) = b, \quad X \in \mathcal{K}, \quad X \in \mathcal{P}\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $C \in \mathcal{X}$  are given data,  $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a given linear map whose adjoint is denoted as  $\mathcal{A}^*$ . Note that  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{X}$  is allowed in (1), in which case there is no additional polyhedral cone constraint imposed on  $X$ . We assume that the matrix  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^*$  is invertible, i.e.,  $\mathcal{A}$  is surjective. The dual of (P) is given by

$$(D) \quad \min\{\langle -b, y \rangle \mid \mathcal{A}^*(y) + S + Z = C, \quad S \in \mathcal{K}^*, \quad Z \in \mathcal{P}^*\}. \quad (2)$$

The optimality conditions (KKT conditions) for (P) and (D) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{A}(X) - b = 0, \mathcal{A}^*(y) + S + Z - C = 0, \\ \langle X, S \rangle = 0, \quad X \in \mathcal{K}, \quad S \in \mathcal{K}^*, \quad \langle X, Z \rangle = 0, \quad X \in \mathcal{P}, \quad Z \in \mathcal{P}^*. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

In order for the KKT conditions (3) to have solutions, throughout this paper we make the following blanket assumption.

**Assumption 1** (a) For problem (P), there exists a feasible solution  $X_0 \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$  such that

$$\mathcal{A}(X_0) = b, \quad X_0 \succ \mathbf{0}, \quad X_0 \in \mathcal{P}. \quad (4)$$

(b) For problem (D), there exists a feasible solution  $(y_0, S_0, Z_0) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{S}_+^n \times \mathcal{S}^n$  such that

$$\mathcal{A}^*(y_0) + S_0 + Z_0 = C, \quad S_0 \succ 0, \quad Z_0 \in \mathcal{P}^*. \quad (5)$$

It is known from convex analysis (e.g, [3, Corollary 5.3.6]) that under Assumption 1, the strong duality for (P) and (D) holds and the KKT conditions (3) have solutions.

For a given  $\sigma > 0$ , define the augmented Lagrangian function for the dual problem (D) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} L_\sigma(y, S, Z; X) &= \langle -b, y \rangle + \langle X, \mathcal{A}^*y + S + Z - C \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S + Z - C\|^2 \\ &= \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S + Z + \sigma^{-1}X - C\|^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|X\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $y \in \mathfrak{N}^m$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{K}^*$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{P}^*$ . We can consider the following inexact augmented Lagrangian method to solve (D). Specifically, given  $\sigma_0 > 0$ ,  $(y^0, S^0, Z^0) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{K}^* \times \mathcal{P}^*$ , perform the following steps at the  $(k+1)$ th iteration:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1}) \approx \arg \min \{L_{\sigma_k}(y, S, Z; X^k) \mid y \in \mathfrak{N}^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^*, Z \in \mathcal{P}^*\}, \\ X^{k+1} = X^k + \sigma_k(\mathcal{A}^*y^{k+1} + S^{k+1} + Z^{k+1} - C), \end{array} \right. \quad (7a)$$

$$(7b)$$

where  $\sigma_k \in (0, +\infty)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . For a general discussion on the convergence of the augmented Lagrangian method for solving convex optimization problems and beyond, see [18, 19].

Note that problem (P) can be reformulated as a standard SDP in the primal form by replacing the constraint  $X \in \mathcal{P}$  with two constraints  $X - Y = 0$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{P}$ . In [26], SDPNAL introduced by Zhao et al. is applied to solve such a reformulated problem. It works quite well for nondegenerate SDPs, especially those without the constraint  $X \in \mathcal{P}$ . However, many of the tested SDPs (with the constraint  $X \in \mathcal{P}$ ) in [26] are degenerate and SDPNAL is unable to solve those problems efficiently. Motivated by our desire to overcome the aforementioned difficulty in solving degenerate SDPs and

to improve the performance of SDPNAL, we present here a majorized semismooth Newton-CG augmented Lagrangian method by directly working on (P) instead of its reformulated problem. We call this new method SDPNAL+ since it is a much enhanced version of SDPNAL and it is designed for SDP+ problems (P). We should emphasize that the technique of majorization plays a pivotal role in solving the inner problem (7a), which leads to an alternating minimization between the blocks ( $y$ ,  $S$ ) and  $Z$ .

The remaining parts of this paper are organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we introduce a majorized semismooth Newton-CG method for solving the inner minimization problems of the augmented Lagrangian method and analyze the convergence for solving these inner problems. Section 3 presents the SDPNAL+ dual approach. Section 4 is on numerical issues. There we report numerical results for a variety of SDP+ and SDP problems. We make an extensive numerical comparison with two other competitive first order methods based codes: (1) an alternating direction method of multiplier (ADMM) based solver called SDPAD by Wen et al. [25] and (2) a two-easy-block-decomposition hybrid proximal extragradient method called 2EBD-HPE by Monteiro et al. [10]. Numerical results show that SDPNAL+ is both fast and robust in achieving accurate solutions.

For the first time, we are able to solve all the 95 difficult SDP problems arising from the relaxations of quadratic assignment problems (QAPs) tested in SDPNAL to an accuracy of  $10^{-6}$  efficiently, while SDPAD and 2EBD-HPE successfully solve 30 and 16 problems, respectively. In addition, SDPNAL+ appears to be the only viable method currently available to solve large scale SDPs arising from rank-1 tensor approximation problems constructed by Nie and Wang [12]. The largest rank-1 tensor approximation problem solved is nonsym(21, 4), in which its resulting SDP problem has matrix dimension  $n = 9261$  and the number of equality constraints  $m = 12,326,390$ . Finally, in order to demonstrate the power of the proposed majorized semismooth Newton-CG procedure, we list the numerical results by only running the convergent ADMM with 3-block constraints (ADMM+ in short) introduced by Sun et al. [22]. As one may observe, although ADMM+ outperforms both SDPAD and 2EBD-HPE, it can still encounter numerical difficulty in solving some hard problems such as those arising from QAPs to high accuracy. The superior numerical performance of SDPNAL+ over solvers based purely on first order methods such as SDPAD and 2EBD-HPE clearly shows the necessity of exploiting second order methods such as the semismooth Newton-CG method in order to solve hard SDP+ and SDP problems to high accuracy efficiently. While there has been a recent focus on using first order methods such as those based on ADMM or accelerated proximal gradient methods to solve structured convex optimization problems arising from machine learning and statistics, the extensive numerical results we obtained here for matrix conic programming problems serve to demonstrate that second order methods with good local convergence property are essential, if used wisely, for mitigating the inherent slow local convergence of first order methods, especially on difficult problems.

## 2 A majorized semismooth Newton-CG method for inner problems

Let  $\sigma > 0$  and  $\tilde{X} \in \mathcal{S}^n$  be fixed. In this section we will present a majorized semismooth Newton-CG method for solving the following inner problems involved in the augmented Lagrangian method (7a):

$$\min\{\phi(y, S, Z) := L_\sigma(y, S, Z; \tilde{X}) \mid y \in \mathfrak{N}^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^*, Z \in \mathcal{P}^*\}. \quad (8)$$

Note that problem (8) is the dual of the following problem:

$$\max \left\{ \langle -C, X \rangle - \frac{1}{2\sigma} \|X - \tilde{X}\|^2 \mid \mathcal{A}(X) = b, X \in \mathcal{K}, X \in \mathcal{P} \right\}. \quad (9)$$

Since the objective function in (9) is strongly concave, (9) has a unique optimal solution. In order for its dual problem (8) to have a bounded solution set, we need the following generalized Slater condition.

**Assumption 2** There exists a positive definite matrix  $X_0 \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \cap \text{relint}(\mathcal{P})$  such that

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}(X_0)) = \mathfrak{N}^m, X_0 \succ 0, \quad (10)$$

where  $\text{relint}(\mathcal{P})$  denotes the relative interior of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Note that in (10),  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}(X_0)$  is actually a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{S}^n$  as  $X_0$  is assumed to be in the relative interior part of the polyhedral cone  $\mathcal{P}$ . When  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{S}^n$ , Assumption 2 is equivalent to saying that

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{S}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}^m \text{ is onto,} \\ \exists X_0 \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \text{ such that } \mathcal{A}(X_0) = b, X_0 \succ \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

From [17, Theorems 17 and 18], we have the following useful lemma.

**Lemma 2.1** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Then for any  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{N}$ , the level set  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha := \{(y, S, Z) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{K}^* \times \mathcal{P}^* \mid \phi(y, S, Z) \leq \alpha\}$  is a closed and bounded convex set.

### 2.1 A majorized semismooth Newton-CG method

Consider  $(\tilde{y}, \tilde{S}, \tilde{Z}) \in \arg \min\{\phi(y, S, Z) \mid y \in \mathfrak{N}^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^*, Z \in \mathcal{P}^*\}$ . Let

$$\hat{C} = C - \sigma^{-1} \tilde{X}.$$

Then we must have  $\tilde{Z} = \Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(\hat{C} - \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y} - \tilde{S})$ . Therefore, problem (8) is equivalent to the following optimization problem:

$$\min \left\{ \Phi(y, S) := \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{A}^* y + S - \hat{C})\|^2 \mid y \in \mathfrak{N}^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^* \right\}. \quad (12)$$

In order to introduce our majorized semismooth Newton-CG method for solving (12), we need to majorize the second part of the objective function in (12) by a convex, but not necessarily strongly convex, quadratic function. Specifically, for given  $(y^l, S^l) \in \Re^m \times \mathcal{K}^*$  and  $l \geq 0$ , since

$$\begin{aligned}\|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{A}^*y + S - \widehat{C})\|^2 &\leq \|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{A}^*y^l + S^l - \widehat{C})\|^2 + \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S - \mathcal{A}^*y^l - S^l\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2\langle \Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{A}^*y^l + S^l - \widehat{C}), \mathcal{A}^*y + S - \mathcal{A}^*y^l - S^l \rangle \\ &= \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S + Z^l - \widehat{C}\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

where  $Z^l := \Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(\widehat{C} - \mathcal{A}^*y^l - S^l)$ , we know that for  $(y, S) \in \Re^m \times \mathcal{S}^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(y, S) &\leq \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S + Z^l - \widehat{C}\|^2 \\ &= \Psi_l(y, S) := \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{A}^*y + S + \sigma^{-1}\widetilde{X} - \widetilde{C}^l\|^2,\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

where  $\widetilde{C}^l := C - Z^l$ . Thus  $\Psi_l$  is a majorization function of  $\Phi$  at  $(y^l, S^l)$  because  $\Psi_l(y^l, S^l) = \Phi(y^l, S^l)$  and  $\Psi_l(y, S) \geq \Phi(y, S) \forall (y, S) \in \Re^m \times \mathcal{S}^n$ . In order to find an optimal solution for problem (12), for  $l = 0, 1, \dots$ , we solve the following problem

$$\min\{\Psi_l(y, S) \mid y \in \Re^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^*\}. \quad (14)$$

Observe that if  $(\tilde{y}, \tilde{S}) \in \arg \min\{\Psi_l(y, S) \mid y \in \Re^m, S \in \mathcal{K}^*\}$ , then we must have  $\tilde{S} = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(\widetilde{C}^l - \mathcal{A}^*\tilde{y} - \sigma^{-1}\widetilde{X})$ . Thus we can compute  $y^{l+1}$  and  $S^{l+1}$  simultaneously as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y^{l+1} \in \arg \min \left\{ \varphi_l(y) := \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}^*y + \sigma^{-1}\widetilde{X} - \widetilde{C}^l)\|^2 \mid y \in \Re^m \right\}, \\ S^{l+1} = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(\widetilde{C}^l - \mathcal{A}^*y^{l+1} - \sigma^{-1}\widetilde{X}). \end{array} \right. \quad (15a)$$

$$(15b)$$

Note that we can only solve problem (15a) inexactly by an iterative method. Here we will introduce a semismooth Newton-CG (SNCG) method for solving (15a). Specifically, for fixed  $\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{C} \in \mathcal{S}^n$ , we need to consider the following problem of the form

$$\min \left\{ \varphi(y) := \langle -b, y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}^*y + \sigma^{-1}\widetilde{X} - \widetilde{C})\|^2 \mid y \in \Re^m \right\}. \quad (16)$$

The objective function in (16) is continuously differentiable and solving (16) is equivalent to solving the following nonsmooth equation:

$$\nabla \varphi(y) = \mathcal{A} \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\widetilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^*y - \widetilde{C})) - b = 0, \quad y \in \Re^m. \quad (17)$$

Since  $\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\cdot)$  is strongly semismooth [21], we can design a SNCG method as in [26] to solve (17), and expect fast superlinear or even quadratic convergence.

Let  $\tilde{y} \in \Re^m$  be fixed. Consider the following eigenvalue decomposition:

$$\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y} - \tilde{C}) = Q \Gamma_{\tilde{y}} Q^T, \quad (18)$$

where  $Q \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  is an orthogonal matrix whose columns are eigenvectors, and  $\Gamma_{\tilde{y}}$  is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues with the diagonal elements arranged in the nonincreasing order:  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ . Define the following index sets

$$\alpha := \{i \mid \lambda_i > 0\}, \quad \bar{\alpha} := \{i \mid \lambda_i \leq 0\}.$$

We define the operator  $W_{\tilde{y}}^0 : \mathcal{S}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^n$  by

$$W_{\tilde{y}}^0(H) := Q(\Sigma \circ (Q^T H Q)) Q^T, \quad H \in \mathcal{S}^n, \quad (19)$$

where “ $\circ$ ” denotes the Hadamard product of two matrices and

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} E_{\alpha\alpha} & v_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \\ v_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}}^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_{ij} := \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}, \quad i \in \alpha, \quad j \in \bar{\alpha}, \quad (20)$$

where  $E_{\alpha\alpha} \in \mathcal{S}^{|\alpha|}$  is the matrix of ones. Define  $V_{\tilde{y}}^0 : \Re^m \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^n$  by

$$V_{\tilde{y}}^0 d := \sigma \mathcal{A} [ Q(\Sigma \circ (Q^T (\mathcal{A}^* d) Q)) Q^T], \quad d \in \Re^m. \quad (21)$$

For any  $y \in \Re^m$ , define

$$\hat{\partial}^2 \varphi(y) := \sigma \mathcal{A} \partial \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* y - \tilde{C})) \mathcal{A}^*, \quad (22)$$

where  $\partial \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* y - \tilde{C}))$  is the Clarke subdifferential of  $\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\cdot)$  at  $\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* y - \tilde{C})$ . Note that from [9], we know that

$$\hat{\partial}^2 \varphi(\tilde{y}) h = \partial^2 \varphi(\tilde{y}) h \quad \forall h \in \Re^m, \quad (23)$$

where  $\partial^2 \varphi(\tilde{y})$  denotes the generalized Hessian of  $\varphi$  at  $\tilde{y}$ , i.e., the Clarke subdifferential of  $\nabla \varphi$  at  $\tilde{y}$ . However, note that (23) does not mean that  $\hat{\partial}^2 \varphi(\tilde{y}) = \partial^2 \varphi(\tilde{y})$ . Actually, it is unclear to us whether the latter holds. Fortunately, from Pang et al. [14, Lemma 11] we know that

$$W_{\tilde{y}}^0 \in \partial \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y} - \tilde{C}))$$

and thus  $V_{\tilde{y}}^0 = \sigma \mathcal{A} W_{\tilde{y}}^0 \mathcal{A}^* \in \hat{\partial}^2 \varphi(\tilde{y})$ .

Now we will introduce the SNCG algorithm for solving (16). Choose  $y^0 \in \Re^m$ . Then the algorithm can be stated as follows.

**Algorithm SNCG: A Semismooth Newton-CG Algorithm (SNCG( $y^0, \tilde{X}, \sigma$ )).**

Given  $\mu \in (0, 1/2)$ ,  $\bar{\eta} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\tau \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in (0, 1)$ , and  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Perform the  $j$ th iteration as follows.

**Step 1.** Given a maximum number of CG iterations  $N_j > 0$ , compute

$$\eta_j := \min(\bar{\eta}, \|\nabla\varphi(y^j)\|^{1+\tau}).$$

Apply the conjugate gradient (CG) algorithm ( $CG(\eta_j, N_j)$ ), to find an approximation solution  $d^j$  to

$$(V_j + \varepsilon_j I) d = -\nabla\varphi(y^j), \quad (24)$$

where  $V_j \in \hat{\partial}^2\varphi(y^j)$  is defined as in (21) and  $\varepsilon_j := \tau_1 \min\{\tau_2, \|\nabla\varphi(y^j)\|\}$ .

**Step 2.** Set  $\alpha_j = \delta^{m_j}$ , where  $m_j$  is the first nonnegative integer  $m$  for which

$$\varphi(y^j + \delta^m d^j) \leq \varphi(y^j) + \mu \delta^m \langle \nabla\varphi(y^j), d^j \rangle. \quad (25)$$

**Step 3.** Set  $y^{j+1} = y^j + \alpha_j d^j$ .

The convergence results for the above SNCG algorithm are stated in Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 below. We shall omit the proofs as they can be proved in the same fashion as in [26, Theorems 3.4 and 3.5].

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Then Algorithm SNCG generates a bounded sequence  $\{y^j\}$  and any accumulation point  $\hat{y}$  of  $\{y^j\}$  is an optimal solution to problem (16).

**Theorem 2.3** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Let  $\hat{y}$  be an accumulation point of the infinite sequence  $\{y^j\}$  generated by Algorithm SNCG for solving the problem (16). Suppose that at each step  $j \geq 0$ , when the CG algorithm terminates, the tolerance  $\eta_j$  is achieved (e.g., when  $N_j = m + 1$ ), i.e.,

$$\|\nabla\varphi(y^j) + (V_j + \varepsilon_j I) d^j\| \leq \eta_j. \quad (26)$$

Assume that the constraint nondegenerate condition

$$\mathcal{A}\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}}(\widehat{W})) = \mathfrak{N}^m \quad (27)$$

holds at  $\widehat{W} := \Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(\tilde{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{A}^* \hat{y} - \widetilde{C}))$ , where  $\text{lin}(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}}(\widehat{W}))$  denotes the lineality space of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}}(\widehat{W})$ . Then the whole sequence  $\{y^j\}$  converges to  $\hat{y}$  and

$$\|y^{j+1} - \hat{y}\| = O(\|y^j - \hat{y}\|^{1+\tau}). \quad (28)$$

For notational convenience, for any  $y \in \mathfrak{N}^m$  and  $S \in \mathcal{S}^n$ , let  $Y := (y, S)$ . Define the linear map  $\mathcal{M} : \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{S}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^n$  by

$$\mathcal{M}Y := \mathcal{A}^*y + S \quad \forall Y = (y, S) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{S}^n. \quad (29)$$

Let  $B := (b, 0) \in \Re^m \times \mathcal{S}^n$  and  $\mathcal{C} := \Re^m \times \mathcal{K}^*$ . Then problem (12) is equivalent to

$$\min \left\{ \Phi(Y) := \langle -B, Y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{M}Y + \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - C)\|^2 \mid Y \in \mathcal{C} \right\} \quad (30)$$

and the function  $\Psi_l(y, S)$  in (13) can be rewritten as

$$\Psi_l(Y) = \Psi_l(y, S) = -\langle B, Y \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{M}Y + \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - C + Z^l\|^2.$$

Furthermore,  $\hat{Y} = (\hat{y}, \hat{S})$  is an optimal solution of

$$\min \{\Psi_l(Y) \mid Y \in \mathcal{C}\} \quad (31)$$

if and only if  $\hat{y}$  is an optimal solution of problem (15a) and  $\hat{S} = \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(\tilde{C}^l - \mathcal{A}^*\hat{y} - \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X})$ . Given  $\xi_1 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\xi_2 \in (0, \infty)$ , we will use the following stopping criteria for terminating Algorithm SNCG:

- (A1)  $\Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) \leq \Psi_l(Y^l) - \frac{\xi_1}{2} |\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle|,$
- (A2)  $\|Y^{l+1} - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^{l+1} - \nabla \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}))\| \leq \xi_2 (\Psi_l(Y^l) - \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}))^{\frac{1}{2}}.$

We can now state our majorized semismooth Newton-CG method for solving (12) as follows:

**Algorithm MSNCG: A Majorized Semismooth Newton-CG Algorithm** ( $\text{MSNCG}(y^0, S^0, Z^0, \tilde{X}, \sigma)$ ).

Given  $\xi_1 \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\xi_2 \in (0, +\infty)$ . Perform the  $l$ th iteration as follows.

**Step 1.** Starting with  $y^l$  as the initial point, apply Algorithm SNCG to minimize  $\varphi_l(\cdot)$  to find  $y^{l+1} = \text{SNCG}(y^l, \tilde{X}, \sigma)$  and  $S^{l+1} := \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(C - \mathcal{A}^*y^{l+1} - Z^l - \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X})$  satisfying (A1) and (A2).

**Step 2.** Compute  $Z^{l+1} := \Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(C - \mathcal{A}^*y^{l+1} - S^{l+1} - \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X})$ .

Next, we establish the convergence of Algorithm MSNCG.

**Lemma 2.4** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Then for Algorithm MSNCG, (A1) and (A2) are achievable.

*Proof* If  $Y^l - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^l - \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l)) = 0$ , then one can take  $Y^{l+1} = Y^l$  to satisfy (A1) and (A2). Next, we assume that  $Y^l - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^l - \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l)) \neq 0$ . Then  $Y^l$  is not an optimal solution of problem (31). Let  $\hat{Y}$  be an arbitrary optimal solution of problem (31). Then  $\hat{Y} = \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\hat{Y} - \nabla \Psi_l(\hat{Y}))$ . So  $\langle Y^l - \hat{Y}, (\hat{Y} - \nabla \Psi_l(\hat{Y})) - \hat{Y} \rangle \leq 0$ , i.e.,  $\langle \nabla \Psi_l(\hat{Y}), Y^l - \hat{Y} \rangle \geq 0$ , which implies

$$\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^l - \hat{Y} \rangle \geq \langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l) - \nabla \Psi_l(\hat{Y}), Y^l - \hat{Y} \rangle = \sigma \|\mathcal{M}(\hat{Y} - Y^l)\|^2. \quad (32)$$

Since

$$\Psi_l(Y^l) > \Psi_l(\hat{Y}) = \Psi_l(Y^l) + \langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), \hat{Y} - Y^l \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{M}(\hat{Y} - Y^l)\|^2, \quad (33)$$

we obtain that  $\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), \widehat{Y} - Y^l \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{M}(\widehat{Y} - Y^l)\|^2 < 0$ . This implies

$$\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), \widehat{Y} - Y^l \rangle < 0. \quad (34)$$

Then by using (32), (33), (34) and the fact that  $\widehat{Y} = \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\widehat{Y} - \nabla \Psi_l(\widehat{Y}))$ , we know that for given  $\xi_1 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\xi_2 \in (0, \infty)$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_l(Y) &\leq \Psi_l(Y^l) - \frac{\xi_1}{2} |\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y - Y^l \rangle|, \\ \|Y - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y - \nabla \Psi_l(Y))\| &\leq \xi_2 (\Psi_l(Y^l) - \Psi_l(Y))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$  satisfying  $\|Y - \widehat{Y}\| < \delta$ . Let  $\{\tilde{y}^j\}_{j=0}^{+\infty}$  be the sequence generated by SNCG( $\tilde{y}^0, \tilde{X}, \sigma$ ) with  $\tilde{y}^0 := y^l$ . For each  $j \geq 0$ , let  $\tilde{S}^j := \Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(C - \mathcal{A}^* \tilde{y}^j - Z^l - \sigma^{-1} \tilde{X})$ . Then by Theorem 2.2, we know that  $\{(\tilde{y}^j, \tilde{S}^j)\}$  is a bounded sequence and any accumulation point of  $\{(\tilde{y}^j, \tilde{S}^j)\}$ , say  $\widehat{Y} := (\hat{y}, \widehat{S})$ , is an optimal solution to problem (31). Thus there exists a sufficiently large  $j$  such that  $Y^{l+1} := (\tilde{y}^j, \tilde{S}^j)$  satisfying (A1) and (A2).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Let Algorithm MSNCG be executed with stopping criteria (A1) and (A2). Then it generates a bounded sequence  $\{(y^l, S^l, Z^l)\}$  and any accumulation point  $(\hat{y}, \widehat{S})$  of  $\{(y^l, S^l)\}$  is an optimal solution to problem (12) and hence  $(\hat{y}, \widehat{S}, \widehat{Z})$  is an optimal solution to problem (8), where  $\widehat{Z} := \Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(C - \mathcal{A}^* \hat{y} - \widehat{S} - \sigma^{-1} \tilde{X})$ . Furthermore,  $\|Z^{l+1} - Z^l\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow +\infty$ .

*Proof* By (A1), we have  $\Phi(Y^{l+1}) \leq \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) \leq \Psi_l(Y^l) - \frac{\xi_1}{2} |\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle| = \Phi(Y^l) - \frac{\xi_1}{2} |\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle|$ . Hence, the sequence  $\{\Phi(Y^l)\}$  is nonincreasing.

By Lemma 2.1, we know that the level set  $\mathcal{L} := \{Y \in \mathcal{C} \mid \Phi(Y) \leq \Phi(Y^0)\}$  is a closed and bounded convex set. Then the sequence  $\{Y^l\}$  is bounded and so is the sequence  $\{Z^l\}$ . Let  $\widehat{Y}$  be an accumulation point of  $\{Y^l\}$ . Then  $\Phi(Y^l) \rightarrow \Phi(\widehat{Y})$  and  $\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . Furthermore,  $\Psi_l(Y^l) - \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ .

By noting that

$$\Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) = \Psi_l(Y^l) + \langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{M}(Y^{l+1} - Y^l)\|^2, \quad (35)$$

we get from (A1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\mathcal{M}(Y^{l+1} - Y^l)\|^2 &\leq -\frac{\xi_1}{2} |\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle| \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Since  $\langle \nabla \Psi_l(Y^l), Y^{l+1} - Y^l \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain from (36) that

$$\|\mathcal{M}(Y^{l+1} - Y^l)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty. \quad (37)$$

For any  $l \geq 0$ , denote  $\Delta_l := Y^l - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^l - \nabla \Phi(Y^l))$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|\Delta_{l+1}\| &\leq \|Y^{l+1} - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^{l+1} - \nabla \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}))\| \\ &\quad + \|\Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^{l+1} - \nabla \Psi_l(Y^{l+1})) - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(Y^{l+1} - \nabla \Phi(Y^{l+1}))\| \\ &\leq \xi_2(\Psi_l(Y^l) - \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|\nabla \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) - \nabla \Phi(Y^{l+1})\|.\end{aligned}$$

By direct computations, we have for  $l \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\nabla \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}) - \nabla \Phi(Y^{l+1})\| \\ &= \|\sigma \mathcal{M}^*(\mathcal{M}Y^{l+1} + \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - C + Z^l) - \sigma \mathcal{M}^*(\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{M}Y^{l+1} + \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - C))\| \\ &= \|\sigma \mathcal{M}^*(Z^l - Z^{l+1})\| \leq \sigma \|\mathcal{M}^*\| \|\mathcal{M}(Y^{l+1} - Y^l)\|,\end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\begin{aligned}\|Z^{l+1} - Z^l\| &= \|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(C - \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - \mathcal{M}Y^{l+1}) - \Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(C - \sigma^{-1}\tilde{X} - \mathcal{M}Y^l)\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{M}(Y^{l+1} - Y^l)\|.\end{aligned}\tag{38}$$

Thus, by (37) and the fact that  $(\Psi_l(Y^l) - \Psi_l(Y^{l+1}))^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ , we derive that  $\|\Delta_{l+1}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\widehat{Y}$  is an accumulation point of  $\{Y^l\}$ , we obtain that  $\widehat{Y} - \Pi_{\mathcal{C}}(\widehat{Y} - \nabla \Phi(\widehat{Y})) = 0$ . By the convexity of  $\Phi$ ,  $\widehat{Y}$  is an optimal solution of problem (30).

Finally, by using (37) and (38), we know that  $\|Z^{l+1} - Z^l\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

### 3 A majorized semismooth Newton-CG augmented Lagrangian method

For any  $k \geq 0$  and  $(y, S, Z) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{S}^n \times \mathcal{S}^n$ , denote

$$\phi_k(y, S, Z) := L_{\sigma_k}(y, S, Z; X^k),\tag{39}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_k(y, S, Z) := \begin{cases} L_{\sigma_k}(y, S, Z; X^k) & \text{if } (y, S, Z) \in \Omega := \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{K}^* \times \mathcal{P}^*, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}\tag{40}$$

Since the inner problems in (8) are solved inexactly, we will use the following standard stopping criteria considered in [18, 19] to terminate Algorithm MSNCG:

- (B1)  $\hat{\phi}_k(y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1}) - \inf \hat{\phi}_k \leq \epsilon_k^2, \quad \epsilon_k \geq 0, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_k < \infty.$
- (B2)  $\hat{\phi}_k(y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1}) - \inf \hat{\phi}_k \leq (\delta_k^2/2\sigma_k) \|X^{k+1} - X^k\|, \quad \delta_k \geq 0, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta_k < \infty.$
- (B3)  $\text{dist}(0, \partial \hat{\phi}_k(y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1})) \leq (\delta_k'/\sigma_k) \|X^{k+1} - X^k\|, \quad 0 \leq \delta_k' \rightarrow 0.$

Just like SDPNAL, each iteration of the MSNCG algorithm can be quite expensive. Thus it is crucial for us to find a reasonably good initial point to warm start Algorithm SDPNAL+. We can certainly do so by solving the inner problem (8) by using any gradient descent type method. However, for this purpose we find that ADMM+

introduced by Sun et al. [22] is usually more efficient than other choices. Now we can present our SDPNAL+ algorithm as follows.

**Algorithm SDPNAL+: A Majorized Semismooth Newton-CG Augmented Lagrangian Algorithm ( $\text{SDPNAL+}(y^0, S^0, Z^0, X^0, \sigma_0)$ )**

**Stage 1.** Use ADMM+ to generate an initial point

$$(y^0, S^0, Z^0, X^0, \sigma_0) \leftarrow \text{ADMM+}(y^0, S^0, Z^0, X^0, \sigma_0).$$

**Stage 2.** For  $k = 0, \dots$ , perform the  $k$ th iteration as follows:

- (a) Using  $(y^k, S^k, Z^k)$  as the initial point, apply Algorithm MSNCG to minimize  $\hat{\phi}_k(\cdot)$  to find  $(y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1}) = \text{MSNCG}(y^k, S^k, Z^k, X^k, \sigma_k)$  and  $X^{k+1} = X^k + \sigma_k(\mathcal{A}^*y^{k+1} + S^{k+1} + Z^{k+1} - C)$  satisfying (B1), (B2) or (B3).
- (b) Update  $\sigma_{k+1} = \rho\sigma_k$  for some  $\rho > 1$  or  $\sigma_{k+1} = \sigma_k$ .

**Remark 3.1** (a) As mentioned in the introduction, if (P) is reformulated as a standard SDP and Algorithm SDPNAL+ is applied to this reformulated form, then SDPNAL+ reduces to SDPNAL proposed in [26].

(b) Note that numerically it is difficult to compute  $\text{dist}(0, \partial\hat{\phi}_k(W^{k+1}))$  in the criterion (B3) for terminating Algorithm MSNCG directly, where  $W^{k+1} = (y^{k+1}, S^{k+1}, Z^{k+1})$ . Fortunately, we have from [18] that

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{dist}(0, \partial\hat{\phi}_k(W^{k+1})))^2 &= \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{Q}}(W^{k+1})}(-\nabla\phi_k(W^{k+1}))\|^2 \\ &= \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{M}}(y^{k+1})}(-\nabla_y\phi_k(W^{k+1}))\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}^*}(S^{k+1})}(-\nabla_S\phi_k(W^{k+1}))\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}^*}(Z^{k+1})}(-\nabla_Z\phi_k(W^{k+1}))\|^2 \\ &= \|\mathcal{A}(X^k + \sigma_k R_D^{k+1}) - b\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}^*}(S^{k+1})}(-\sigma_k R_D^{k+1} - X^k)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \|\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}^*}(Z^{k+1})}(-\sigma_k R_D^{k+1} - X^k)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_D^{k+1} = \mathcal{A}^*y^{k+1} + S^{k+1} + Z^{k+1} - C$ . Observe that the first term in the last equality can readily be evaluated. The third term can also be computed easily since  $\mathcal{P}$  is a polyhedral cone. The second term is again computable as we shall show next. Let  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $S^{k+1}$  being arranged in a nonincreasing order. Denote  $\alpha := \{i \mid \lambda_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\bar{\alpha} := \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \alpha$ . Then there exists an orthogonal matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$S^{k+1} = P \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} P^T,$$

where  $\Lambda_\alpha$  is the diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are  $\lambda_i$  for  $i \in \alpha$ . Write  $P = [P_\alpha \ P_{\bar{\alpha}}]$  with  $P_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times |\alpha|}$  and  $P_{\bar{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times |\bar{\alpha}|}$ . From [1], we know that the

tangent cone of  $\mathcal{S}_+^n$  at  $S^{k+1} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$  can be characterized as  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}_+^n}(S^{k+1}) = \{B \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid P_{\bar{\alpha}}^\top B P_{\bar{\alpha}} \succeq 0\}$ . Let  $H = P^T(-\sigma_k R_D^{k+1} - X^k)P$ . Then

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{K}^*}(S^{k+1})}(-\sigma_k R_D^{k+1} - X^k) = P \begin{pmatrix} H_{\alpha\alpha} & H_{\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \\ H_{\bar{\alpha}\alpha} & \Pi_{\mathcal{S}_+^{|\bar{\alpha}|}}(H_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\alpha}}) \end{pmatrix} P^T.$$

We can obtain similar theorems on the convergence of SDPNAL+ as SDPNAL ([26, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2]). The global convergence of Algorithm SDPNAL+ follows from Rockafellar [19, Theorem 1] and [18, Theorem 4] without much difficulty.

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Let Algorithm SDPNAL+ be executed with stopping criterion (B1). If there exists  $(y_0, S_0, Z_0) \in \mathfrak{N}^m \times \mathcal{S}_+^n \times \mathcal{S}^n$  such that

$$\mathcal{A}^*(y_0) + S_0 + Z_0 = C, \quad S_0 \succ 0, \quad Z_0 \in \text{relint}(\mathcal{P}^*), \quad (41)$$

then the sequence  $\{X^k\} \subset \mathcal{P}$  generated by Algorithm SDPNAL+ is bounded and  $\{X^k\}$  converges to  $\bar{X}$ , where  $\bar{X}$  is some optimal solution to (P), and  $\{(y^k, S^k, Z^k)\}$  is asymptotically minimizing for (D) with  $\max(P) = \inf(D)$ .

If  $\{X^k\}$  is bounded, then the sequence  $\{(y^k, S^k, Z^k)\}$  is also bounded, and all of its accumulation points of the sequence  $\{(y^k, S^k, Z^k)\}$  are optimal solutions to (D).

Next we state the local linear convergence of Algorithm SDPNAL+.

**Theorem 3.2** Suppose that Assumption 2 holds. Let Algorithm SDPNAL+ be executed with stopping criteria (B1) and (B2). Assume that (D) satisfies condition (41). If the second order sufficient conditions (in the sense of the conditions in [2, Theorem 3.137]) holds at  $\bar{X}$ , where  $\bar{X}$  is an optimal solution to (P), then the generated sequence  $\{X^k\} \subset \mathcal{P}$  is bounded and  $\{X^k\}$  converges to the unique optimal solution  $\bar{X}$  with  $\max(P) = \min(D)$ , and

$$\|X^{k+1} - \bar{X}\| \leq \theta_\infty \|X^k - \bar{X}\| \quad \forall k \text{ sufficiently large},$$

for some  $\theta_\infty \in [0, 1)$  with the property that  $\theta_\infty \ll 1$  if  $\sigma_k \rightarrow \sigma_\infty$  for any sufficiently large  $\sigma_\infty$ . The conclusions of Theorem 3.1 about  $\{(y^k, S^k, Z^k)\}$  are also valid.

*Proof* The conclusions of Theorem 3.2 follow from the results in [19, Theorem 2] and [18, Theorem 5 and Proposition 3] combined with [2, Theorem 3.137].  $\square$

## 4 Numerical experiments

### 4.1 SDP+ and SDP problem sets

In our numerical experiments, we test the following SDP+ and SDP problem sets.

(i) SDP+ problems coming from the relaxation of a binary integer nonconvex quadratic (BIQ) programming:

$$\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \langle c, x \rangle \mid x \in \{0, 1\}^{n-1} \right\}. \quad (42)$$

This problem has been shown in [4] that under some mild assumptions, it can equivalently be reformulated as the following completely positive programming (CPP) problem:

$$\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \langle Q, X_0 \rangle + \langle c, x \rangle \mid \text{diag}(X_0) = x, \quad X = [X_0, x; x^T, 1] \in \mathcal{C}_{pp}^n \right\}, \quad (43)$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_{pp}^n$  denotes the  $n$ -dimensional completely positive cone. It is well known that even though  $\mathcal{C}_{pp}^n$  is convex, it is computationally intractable. To solve the CPP problem, one would typically relax  $\mathcal{C}_{pp}^n$  to  $\mathcal{S}_+^n \cap \mathcal{S}_{\geq 0}^n$ , and the relaxed problem has the form (P):

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \frac{1}{2} \langle Q, X_0 \rangle + \langle c, x \rangle \\ \text{s.t. } & \text{diag}(X_0) - x = 0, \quad \alpha = 1, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} X_0 & x \\ x^T & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \quad X \in \mathcal{P}, \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where the polyhedral cone  $\mathcal{P} = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid X \geq 0\}$ . In our numerical experiments, the test data for  $Q$  and  $c$  are taken from Biq Mac Library maintained by Wiegele, which is available at <http://biqmac.uni-klu.ac.at/biqmaclib.html>.

(ii) SDP and SDP+ problems arising from the relaxation of maximum stable set problems. Given a graph  $G$  with edge set  $\mathcal{E}$ , the SDP and SDP+ relaxation  $\theta(G)$  and  $\theta_+(G)$  of the maximum stable set problem are given by

$$\theta(G) = \max \{ \langle ee^T, X \rangle : \langle E_{ij}, X \rangle = 0, \quad (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \langle I, X \rangle = 1, \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \}, \quad (45)$$

$$\theta_+(G) = \max \{ \langle ee^T, X \rangle : \langle E_{ij}, X \rangle = 0, \quad (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \langle I, X \rangle = 1, \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \quad X \in \mathcal{P} \}, \quad (46)$$

where  $E_{ij} = e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T$  and  $e_i$  denotes the  $i$ th column of the identity matrix,  $\mathcal{P} = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid X \geq 0\}$ . In our numerical experiments, we test the graph instances  $G$  considered in [20, 23, 24].

(iii) SDP+ relaxation for computing lower bounds for quadratic assignment problems (QAPs). Let  $\Pi$  be the set of  $n \times n$  permutation matrices. Given matrices  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}^n$ , the QAP is given by

$$v_{\text{QAP}}^* := \min \{ \langle X, AXB \rangle : X \in \Pi \}. \quad (47)$$

For a matrix  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times n}$ , we will identify it with the  $n^2$ -vector  $x = [x_1; \dots; x_n]$ . For a matrix  $Y \in R^{n^2 \times n^2}$ , we let  $Y^{ij}$  be the  $n \times n$  block corresponding to  $x_i x_j^T$  in the matrix  $xx^T$ . It is shown in [16] that  $v_{\text{QAP}}^*$  is bounded below by the following number generated from the SDP+ relaxation of (47):

$$\begin{aligned} v := \min & \langle B \otimes A, Y \rangle \\ \text{s.t. } & \sum_{i=1}^n Y^{ii} = I, \quad \langle I, Y^{ij} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n, \\ & \langle E, Y^{ij} \rangle = 1 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n, \quad Y \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \quad Y \in \mathcal{P}, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

where the sign  $\otimes$  stands for the Kronecker product,  $E$  is the matrix of ones, and  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$ , and 0 otherwise,  $\mathcal{P} = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^{n^2} \mid X \geq 0\}$ . In our numerical experiments, the test instances ( $A$ ,  $B$ ) are taken from the QAP Library [8].

(iv) SDP+ relaxations of clustering problems (RCPs) described in [15, eq. (13), upto a constant]:

$$\min\{\langle -W, X \rangle \mid Xe = e, \langle I, X \rangle = K, X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, X \in \mathcal{P}\}, \quad (49)$$

where  $W$  is the so-called affinity matrix whose entries represent the similarities of the objects in the dataset,  $e$  is the vector of ones, and  $K$  is the number of clusters,  $\mathcal{P} = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid X \geq 0\}$ . All the data sets we tested are from the UCI Machine Learning Repository (available at <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets.html>). For some large data instances, we only select the first  $n$  rows. For example, the original data instance “spambase” has 4601 rows, we select the first 1500 rows to obtain the test problem “spambase-large.2” for which the number “2” means that there are  $K = 2$  clusters.

(v) SDP+ problems arising from the SDP relaxation of frequency assignment problems (FAPs) [7]. Given a network represented by a graph  $G$  and an edge-weight matrix  $W$ , a certain type of frequency assignment problem on  $G$  can be relaxed into the following SDP (see [5, eq. (5)]):

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \left( \frac{k-1}{2k} \right) L(G, W) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diag}(We)X \right\} \\ \text{s.t. } & \text{diag}(X) = e, X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \\ & -E^{ij} \bullet X = 2/(k-1) \quad \forall (i, j) \in U \subseteq E, \\ & -E^{ij} \bullet X \leq 2/(k-1) \quad \forall (i, j) \in E \setminus U, \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

where  $k > 1$  is an integer,  $L(G, W) := \text{Diag}(We) - W$  is the Laplacian matrix,  $E^{ij} = e_i e_j^T + e_j e_i^T$  with  $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$  being the  $i$ th standard unit vector and  $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector of all ones. Define  $M_{ij} = -\frac{1}{k-1}$  if  $(i, j) \in E$ , and  $M_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. Then (50) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ \left( \frac{k-1}{2k} \right) L(G, W) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diag}(We)X \right\} \\ \text{s.t. } & \text{diag}(X) = e, X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, X - M \in \mathcal{P}, \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

where  $\mathcal{P} = \{X \in \mathcal{S}^n \mid X_{ij} = 0, \forall (i, j) \in U; X_{ij} \geq 0, \forall (i, j) \in E \setminus U\}$ .

We should mention that we can easily extend our algorithm to handle the following more general SDP+ problem:

$$\min\{\langle C, X \rangle \mid \mathcal{A}(X) = b, X \in \mathcal{K}, X - M \in \mathcal{P}\}, \quad (52)$$

where  $M \in \mathcal{X}$  is a given matrix. Thus (51) can also be solved by our proposed algorithm.

(vi) SDP relaxations for rank-1 tensor approximations (R1TA) [13]:

$$\max\{\langle f, y \rangle \mid M(y) \in \mathcal{S}_+^n, \langle g, y \rangle = 1\}, \quad (53)$$

where  $y \in \Re^{N_m^n}$ ,  $M(y)$  is a linear pencil in  $y$ . The dual of (53) is given by

$$\min\{\gamma \mid \gamma g - f = M^*(X), \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n\}. \quad (54)$$

It is shown in [12] that (54) can be transformed into a standard SDP (up to a constant):

$$\min\{\langle C, X \rangle \mid \mathcal{A}(X) = b, \quad X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n\}, \quad (55)$$

where  $C$  is a constant matrix and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a linear map, which depend on  $M, f, g$ .

## 4.2 Numerical results

In this subsection, we compare the performance of our SDPNAL+ algorithm with two other competitive publicly available first order methods based codes for solving large-scale SDP+ and SDP problems: an ADMM based solver, called SDPAD (release-beta2, released in December 2012) developed in [25] and a two-easy-block-decomposition hybrid proximal extragradient method, which was called 2EBD-HPE<sup>1</sup> (v0.2, released on May 31, 2013) and we call it 2EBD here, introduced in [10]. Since we use the convergent ADMM with 3-block constraints introduced by Sun et al. [22] (which was called ADMM3c but we call it ADMM+ here to indicate that it is an enhanced version of ADMM with convergence guarantee) to warm start SDPNAL+, we also list the numerical results obtained by running ADMM+ alone for the purpose of demonstrating the power and the importance of the proposed majorized semismooth Newton-CG algorithm for solving difficult SDP+ and SDP problems.

All our computational results for the tested SDP+ and SDP problems are obtained by running MATLAB on a Linux server (6-core, Intel Xeon X5650 @ 2.67 GHz, 32 G RAM).

In our numerical experiments, we measure the accuracy of an approximate optimal solution  $(X, y, S, Z)$  for (P) and (D) by using the following relative residual:

$$\eta = \max\{\eta_P, \eta_D, \eta_K, \eta_{\mathcal{P}}, \eta_{\mathcal{K}^*}, \eta_{\mathcal{P}^*}, \eta_{C1}, \eta_{C2}\}, \quad (56)$$

where  $\eta_P = \frac{\|AX-b\|}{1+\|b\|}$ ,  $\eta_D = \frac{\|\mathcal{A}^*y+S+Z-C\|}{1+\|C\|}$ ,  $\eta_K = \frac{\|\Pi_{\mathcal{K}^*}(-X)\|}{1+\|X\|}$ ,  $\eta_{\mathcal{P}} = \frac{\|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}^*}(-X)\|}{1+\|X\|}$ ,  $\eta_{\mathcal{K}^*} = \frac{\|\Pi_{\mathcal{K}}(-S)\|}{1+\|S\|}$ ,  $\eta_{\mathcal{P}^*} = \frac{\|\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(-Z)\|}{1+\|Z\|}$ ,  $\eta_{C1} = \frac{|\langle X, S \rangle|}{1+\|X\|+\|S\|}$ ,  $\eta_{C2} = \frac{|\langle X, Z \rangle|}{1+\|X\|+\|Z\|}$ . Additionally, we compute the relative gap by

$$\eta_g = \frac{\langle C, X \rangle - \langle b, y \rangle}{1 + |\langle C, X \rangle| + |\langle b, y \rangle|}. \quad (57)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a given accuracy tolerance. We terminate both SDPNAL+ and ADMM+ when  $\eta < \varepsilon$ .

<sup>1</sup> [http://www2.isye.gatech.edu/~cod3/CamiloOrtiz/Software\\_files/2EBD-HPE\\_v0.2/2EBD-HPE\\_v0.2.zip](http://www2.isye.gatech.edu/~cod3/CamiloOrtiz/Software_files/2EBD-HPE_v0.2/2EBD-HPE_v0.2.zip)

Note that SDPAD can be used to solve SDP+ problems of form (P) with  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{S}_{\geq 0}^n$  directly and we stop SDPAD when  $\eta < \varepsilon$ , where  $\eta$  is defined as in (56). However, it is shown recently that the direct extension of ADMM to the multi-block case is not necessarily convergent [6]. Hence SDPAD, which is essentially an implementation of the direct extension of ADMM with the step length set at 1.618 for solving the dual of SDP+ problems, does not have convergence guarantee in theory.

The implementation of 2EBD including its termination, along with ADMM+ and SDPAD, is done in the same way as in [22]. For 2EBD, we reformulate QAP, RCP and R1TA problems as SDP problems in the standard form as these problems do not appear to have obvious two-easy blocks structures.

In our numerical experiments, we also use a restart strategy for SDPNAL+ if it is not able to achieve the required accuracy for the tested SDP+ problems. For some problems, even though  $\eta_P$  and  $\eta_D$  can reach the required accuracy tolerance,  $\eta_K$  or  $\eta_{C1}$  may stay above the required tolerance or stagnate. This may happen, as in the case for SDPNAL, because many of these SDP+ problems are degenerate at the optimal solutions. One way to overcome this difficulty is to apply ADMM+ to (P) using the most recently computed  $(y, S, Z, X, \sigma)$  to restart SDPNAL+ when its progress is not satisfactory. From this point of view, our proposed algorithm is quite flexible. In addition, the penalty parameter  $\sigma$  is dynamically adjusted according to the progress of the algorithm. A greater  $\sigma$  ensures faster convergence in theory but it leads to a more difficult inner problem (7a). Hence we adjust  $\sigma$  in order to balance this dilemma. However, the exact details on the restart and adjustment strategies are too tedious to be presented here. Note that MSNCG can be viewed as an alternating minimization between the blocks  $(y, S)$  and  $Z$  for solving problem (7a). Naturally we can try to alternately minimize the blocks  $(y, Z)$  and  $S$ , for which the computational cost of the generalized Newton system is cheaper due to the simple structure of  $\mathcal{P}$ . However, the overall cost can be much more expensive because the piecewise linear structure of  $\Pi_{\mathcal{P}}(\cdot)$  generally does not give rise to a well-conditioned generalized Hessian, which leads to a slower convergence for solving the problem (7a).

Table 1 shows the number of problems that have been successfully solved to the accuracy of  $10^{-6}$  in  $\eta$  by each of the four solvers SDPNAL+, ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD, with the maximum number of iterations set at 25,000 or the maximum

**Table 1** Number of problems which are solved to the accuracy of  $10^{-6}$  in  $\eta$

Problem set (no.)\solver	SDPNAL+	ADMM+	SDPAD	2EBD
$\theta$ (58)	58	56	53	53
$\theta_+$ (58)	58	58	58	56
FAP (7)	7	7	7	7
QAP (95)	95	39	30	16
BIQ (134)	134	134	134	134
RCP (120)	120	120	114	109
R1TA (55)	55	42	47	18
Total (527)	527	456	443	393

computation time set at 99 h. As can be seen, only SDPNAL+ can solve all the problems to the accuracy of  $10^{-6}$ . In particular, for the first time, we are able to solve all the 95 difficult SDP+ problems arising from QAP problems to an accuracy of  $10^{-6}$  efficiently, while ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD can successfully solve 39, 30 and 16 problems, respectively.

Tables 2 and 3 show the numerical results obtained by SDPNAL+ with the tolerance  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$  for a subset of the tested problems (the full set of numerical results can be found at <http://www.math.nus.edu.sg/~mattohkc/publist.html>). The first three columns of each table give the problem name, the dimension of the variable  $y (m)$ , the size of the matrix  $C (n_s)$  and the number of linear inequality constraints ( $n_l$ ) in  $(D)$ , respectively. The middle five columns give the number of outer iterations, the total number of inner iterations, the total number of iterations for ADMM+, and the objective values  $\langle C, X \rangle$  and  $\langle b, y \rangle$ . The relative infeasibilities and gap, as well as times (in the format hours:minutes:seconds) are listed in the last eight columns. It is interesting to note that all the tested problems (especially the QAPs) can be solved to the required accuracy  $10^{-6}$  efficiently by SDPNAL+.

Tables 4 and 5 compare SDPNAL+, ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD on a subset of the tested SDP+ and SDP problems, respectively, using the tolerance  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ . We terminate ADMM+, SDPAD, 2EBD after 25,000 iterations or 99 h. As can be seen, except for SDPNAL+, the required accuracy is not achieved for most of the tested QAPs after 25,000 iterations for the solvers ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD. For the last three solvers, they typically converge very slowly when  $\eta$  falls below the range of  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-5}$ . For R1TA problems, SDPNAL+ is significantly faster than the other 3 methods and it seems that only SDPNAL+ can solve those large scale ( $n \geq 2000$ ) problems efficiently.

We observe that although ADMM+ and SDPAD perform similar steps in each iteration cycle (except that the former perform one extra update on the variable  $y$  to ensure the convergence of the algorithm), the former can be more efficient than latter on many tested instances. The main factors to account for the difference in the performance could be (a) ADMM+ can take a larger step length for updating the multiplier (it is shown in [22] that the step length can be taken to be larger than  $(1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  when a certain checkable criterion holds); (b) it uses a more effective adjustment strategy for updating the penalty parameter  $\sigma$ ; (c) in addition, ADMM+ also performs rescaling of the SDP data and restarting the algorithm whenever the ratio in  $\|X^k\|$  and  $\max\{\|S^k\|, \|Z^k\|, \|\mathcal{A}^*y^k\|\}$  deviate, say more than 20% from 1.

Figure 1 shows the performance profiles of SDPNAL+, ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD for all the 527 tested problems. We recall that a point  $(x, y)$  is in the performance profile curve of a method if and only if it can be solved exactly  $(100y)\%$  of all the tested problems at most  $x$  times slower than any other method. It can be seen that SDPNAL+ outperforms the other 3 methods by a significant margin.

**Table 2** Performance of SDPNAL+ on  $\theta_+$ , FAP, QAP, BIQ and RCP problems ( $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ )

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
theta10   12470   500;	0 0 354	8.3148880 1   8.31490052 1	4.1-14 8.5-7 2.2-10 6.5-9 1.7-7 2.5-8  <b>-2.5-6</b>	46
theta102   37467   500;	0 0 157	3.80662264 1   3.80662724 1	1.1-13 9.5-7 8.5-9 7.0-9 1.7-8 9.6-10 -6.0-7	23
theta103   62516   500;	0 0 144	2.23774188 1   2.23774202 1	1.4-14 9.2-7 3.9-8 1.2-8 9.5-10 2.1-10 -3.0-8	22
theta104   87245   500;	0 0 169	1.3282073 1   1.32820999 1	1.7-14 9.3-7 1.5-8 2.6-9 2.1-9 6.9-10 -9.2-8	24
theta12   17979   600;	0 0 362	9.20905068 1   9.20909180 1	8.7-13 9.0-7 0 6.1-9 1.2-7 1.4-8  <b>-2.2-6</b>	1:15
theta123   90020   600;	0 0 156	2.44951466 1   2.44951496 1	6.6-14 9.3-7 1.3-8 4.1-9 1.4-9 3.8-10 -6.0-8	34
hamming-9-8   2305   512;	1 1 11 500	2.24000000 2   2.24000020 2	1.1-10 9.5-7 1.7-10 0.0-16 1.4-11 0.0-16 -4.4-8	44
hamming-10-2   23041   1024;	0 0 657	8.53345652 1   8.53332571 1	6.9-12 8.7-7 2.1-7 3.2-8 2.3-7 3.5-8  <b>7.6-6</b>	3:09
hamming-9-5-6   53761   512;	0 0 461	5.86651695 1   5.86665988 1	3.3-13 7.5-7 0 0 9.5-7 2.6-7  <b>-1.2-5</b>	45
G43   9991   1000;	2 1 21 973	2.79738220 2   2.79735897 2	5.3-12 8.9-7 1.7-7 2.7-8 2.1-7 1.6-8  <b>4.1-6</b>	12:32
G44   9991   1000;	2 1 21 942	2.79743352 2   2.79746225 2	5.7-12 9.9-7 1.2-8 1.5-8 2.6-7 5.0-8  <b>-5.1-6</b>	12:00
G45   9991   1000;	2 1 21 888	2.79313957 2   2.79317590 2	3.6-12 9.8-7 6.0-8 3.9-8 3.3-7 1.1-7  <b>-6.5-6</b>	11:43
G46   9991   1000;	2 1 21 887	2.79026490 2   2.79032512 2	3.6-12 9.7-7 5.8-8 4.8-8 5.6-7 1.4-7  <b>-1.1-5</b>	11:35
G47   9991   1000;	2 1 21 1042	2.80888870 2   2.80891901 2	9.7-12 9.4-7 7.2-10 1.5-8 2.7-7 2.4-8  <b>-5.4-6</b>	13:10
G51   5910   1000;	1 2 5672	3.49000718 2   3.49000072	8.6-10 9.9-7 4.5-7 4.9-7 4.2-8 1.8-8  <b>1.0-6</b>	1:15:12
G52   5917   1000;	5 1 10840	3.48386577 2   3.48386413 2	3.4-9 9.9-7 3.9-7 2.3-7 1.5-8 2.3-8 2.4-7	2:21:46
G53   5915   1000;	4 4 13260	3.48215570 2   3.48211536 2	3.3-9 9.9-7 5.0-7 3.0-7 1.2-7 4.9-8  <b>2.9-6</b>	2:48:21
G54   5917   1000;	8 8 4278	3.40999655 2   3.41000193 2	4.0-10 9.9-7 1.3-7 1.3-7 2.0-8 9.3-9 -7.9-7	51:18
lde1024   24064   1024;	0 0 2620	9.55514182 1   9.55511660 1	3.2-13 9.9-7 2.8-7 6.4-8 3.9-8 4.0-9  <b>1.3-6</b>	31:46
let1024   9601   1024;	0 0 1144	1.82071997 2   1.82071515 2	3.1-12 9.9-7 2.5-7 3.5-8 4.5-8 2.2-9  <b>1.3-6</b>	12:43
lfc1024   7937   1024;	0 0 2732	2.04205928 2   2.04204076 2	7.4-13 9.9-7 6.3-7 5.1-7 1.5-7 2.9-8  <b>4.5-6</b>	31:34
lzc1024   16641   1024;	0 0 711	1.28001293 2   1.27999917 2	3.9-12 7.7-7 1.6-7 2.0-8 1.8-7 1.7-8  <b>5.4-6</b>	7:12
2dc1024   169163   1024;	0 0 4135	1.77104688 1   1.77099903 1	4.6-13 6.5-7 6.2-7 9.9-7 1.6-7 1.7-7  <b>1.3-5</b>	44:55
lde2048   58368   2048;	0 0 4153	1.74253920 2   1.74257466 2	1.1-11 9.9-7 3.7-7 2.9-7 9.5-8 1.2-8  <b>4.2-6</b>	5:50:06

**Table 2** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
let2048   22529   2048;	0 0 3039	3.38165943 2   3.381659218 2	1.2-11 9.9-7 1.8-7 1.7-7 2.7-8 8.6-9  <b>1.1-6</b>	4:01:54
ltc2048   18945   2048;	0 0 2876	3.70489820 2   3.70488730 2	1.4-11 9.9-7 2.8-7 1.8-7 3.9-8 2.2-9  <b>1.5-6</b>	3:50:43
2dc2048   504452   2048;	0 0 2997	2.87872690 1   2.87867849 1	1.9-12 9.9-7 2.9-7 6.1-7 7.3-8 7.0-8  <b>8.3-6</b>	3:54:58
fap11   252   252;	5 5 1180	2.97984952-2   2.98707469-2	8.1-12 9.6-7 4.9-7 4.5-15 2.4-7 6.5-15 - <b>6.5-5</b>	39
fap12   369;   369;	15 15 1768	2.73312482-1   2.73415267-1	9.4-14 9.9-7 2.6-8 6.0-7 7.0-9 4.6-7 - <b>6.6-5</b>	1:56
fap25   2118   2118;	11 11 12268	1.28781491 1   1.28883442 1	2.2-7 9.1-7 0.8-15 4.5-7 4.7-16 9.2-7 - <b>8.2-5</b>	3:58:21
fap36   4110   4110;	4 4 2033	6.98573185 1   6.98607976 1	8.4-10 9.5-7 8.5-7 7.0-15 2.3-8 1.1-13 - <b>2.5-5</b>	23:07:56
bur26a   1051   676;	137 222 10228	5.42644954 6   5.42664508 6	7.6-11 9.9-7 2.6-7 7.9-7 5.1-7 2.5-9 - <b>1.8-5</b>	1:48:05
bur26c   1051   676;	247 441 21498	5.42685366 6   5.42707215 6	5.3-11 9.9-7 1.6-7 7.5-7 2.5-7 2.0-9 - <b>2.0-5</b>	2:03:12
bur26d   1051   676;	173 306 13287	3.82088460 6   3.82088028 6	1.5-10 9.9-7 9.4-8 8.0-7 2.8-7 3.5-10 - <b>1.3-5</b>	1:59:20
bur26e   1051   676;	129 361 14705	5.38699884 6   5.387114626	2.3-10 8.8-7 1.1-7 9.4-7 1.4-8 2.5-8 - <b>1.1-5</b>	1:18:35
bur26f   1051   676;	107 248 11272	3.78211965 6   3.78219580 6	2.1-15 9.9-7 4.1-7 2.7-7 3.8-11 4.1-9 - <b>1.0-5</b>	1:45:13
bur26g   1051   676;	250 392 10817	1.01172603 7   1.01177521 7	2.3-11 9.9-7 5.0-7 5.6-7 2.3-9 4.2-9 - <b>2.4-5</b>	1:32:44
bur26h   1051   676;	146 360 10638	7.09871739 6   7.09844876 6	1.5-10 9.5-7 7.4-7 9.9-7 2.4-9 4.7-9  <b>1.9-5</b>	1:25:45
chr22a   757   484;	104 250 6940	6.15599997 3   6.15591877 3	7.8-9 3.5-7 2.6-10 0.2-16 3.5-11 0.0-16  <b>6.6-6</b>	22:57
chr22b   757   484;	89 189 5620	6.19399919 3   6.19397816 3	2.0-7 3.1-7 1.6-7 1.9-16 6.3-10 0.0-16  <b>1.7-6</b>	12:46
chr25a   973   625;	53 200 1515	3.79659302 3   3.79236524 3	2.5-11 8.6-7 6.5-8 3.7-8 4.2-8 2.0-7  <b>5.6-4</b>	21:04
esc32a   1582   1024;	46 78 1664	1.03320457 2   1.03320681 2	3.3-13 9.5-7 9.9-7 8.1-7 6.6-9 7.5-9 - <b>1.1-6</b>	32:32
esc32b   1582   1024;	52 100 2196	1.31863123 2   1.31876533 2	7.2-12 9.8-7 3.7-7 9.6-7 6.7-8 9.3-7 - <b>5.1-5</b>	45:50
esc32c   1582   1024;	46 139 3562	6.15172917 2   6.15177999 2	3.0-7 9.7-7 8.6-13 3.2-7 3.3-13 1.4-7 - <b>4.1-6</b>	1:06:19
esc32d   1582   1024;	0 0 678	1.90223554 2   1.90227139 2	3.5-12 9.9-7 2.2-7 2.7-7 3.1-7 2.3-7 - <b>9.4-6</b>	9:40
esc32e   1582   1024;	40 47 1248	1.90001450 0   1.89997253 0	1.6-8 9.9-7 1.3-15 1.4-8 1.8-16 6.4-9  <b>8.7-6</b>	22:00
esc32f   1582   1024;	40 47 1248	1.90001450 0   1.89997253 0	1.6-8 9.9-7 1.3-15 1.4-8 1.8-16 6.4-9  <b>8.7-6</b>	21:31
esc32g   1582   1024;	0 0 520	5.83333959 0   5.83331567 0	2.5-13 9.3-7 9.7-9 8.0-8 2.1-10 4.4-9  <b>1.9-6</b>	7:17

**Table 2** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
kra30a   1393   900;	49  72 3208	8.681551544   8.682686864	1.2-10  7.5-7  1.2-7  9.9-7  3.4-7  1.9-7  <b>-6.5-5</b>	52:13
kra30b   1393   900;	8  1 101 3080	8.783550004   8.784686554	7.1-11  7.0-7  1.4-7  9.9-7  3.7-7  1.7-7  <b>-6.5-5</b>	55:48
kra32   1582   1024;	67  83 2946	8.575291794   8.576484124	1.3-11  8.4-7  1.4-7  9.9-7  3.5-7  9.3-7  <b>-7.0-5</b>	1:07:22
lipa30a   1393   900;	443 1216 1300	1.31780004   1.31780004	4.4-8 1.0-7 1.0-8 1.9-16 2.5-13 0.0-16  <b>-4.3-10</b>	47:33
lipa30b   1393   900;	4  9 820	1.514260005   1.514261115	2.3-9  8.2-9  3.3-14  4.7-16  4.1-14  0.1-16  <b>-3.7-7</b>	11:08
lipa40a   2458   1600;	153 546 3732	3.153799354   3.1533791594	5.5-7  1.2-7  7.7-8  1.4-16  5.6-10  0.0-16  <b>1.2-6</b>	3:01:05
lipa40b   2458   1600;	5  18 991	4.765813115   4.765811295	4.2-7  1.5-7  3.3-7  5.2-16  3.7-9  0.1-16  1.9-7	1:02:59
nug24   898   576;	43  66 2359	3.4000710833   3.4000904643	1.0-10  9.6-7  1.1-7  9.9-7  2.6-7  2.5-7  <b>-2.8-5</b>	14:12
nug25   973   625;	48  76 2708	3.625662783   3.625779083	9.7-11  7.9-7  6.0-8  9.9-7  1.1-7  7.2-8  <b>-1.6-5</b>	19:25
nug27   1132   729;	49  86 3300	5.129248423   5.129460603	1.5-10  9.0-7  6.2-8  9.9-7  1.2-7  3.2-7  <b>-2.1-5</b>	36:53
nug28   1216   784;	50  77 3190	5.025321993   5.025525283	1.6-10  8.7-7  7.2-8  9.9-7  1.3-7  4.4-7  <b>-2.0-5</b>	40:26
nug30   1393   900;	44  68 2463	5.948901363   5.949203453	3.8-11  9.9-7  1.3-7  9.6-7  3.3-7  1.1-7  <b>-2.5-5</b>	45:02
ste36a   1996   1296;	122 189 7344	9.256617513   9.258119483	4.3-11  9.9-7  1.6-7  9.9-7  3.9-7  6.8-8  <b>-8.1-5</b>	6:29:21
ste36b   1996   1296;	173 242 11851	1.565824384   1.566534604	1.5-10  9.9-7  1.8-7  9.9-7  5.4-7  4.2-8  <b>-2.3-4</b>	9:45:58
ste36c   1996   1296;	143 202 10008	8.132670406   8.134071476	4.6-11  9.9-7  1.8-7  9.5-7  4.8-7  3.8-9  <b>-8.6-5</b>	8:06:50
tai25a   973   625;	33  42 2630	1.113364766   1.11523606	8.5-12  9.9-7  5.1-8  9.4-7  3.0-9  2.7-9  <b>-8.5-4</b>	14:52
tai25b   973   625;	296 344 18325	3.376874308   3.378717838	1.7-10  9.9-7  1.7-7  9.9-7  9.4-7  5.1-8  <b>-2.7-4</b>	1:18:04
tai30a   1393   900;	39  39 1614	1.706715206   1.706794346	2.8-11  7.4-7  3.4-7  9.9-7  6.5-7  2.2-7  <b>-2.3-5</b>	29:11
tai30b   1393   900;	236 342 16584	5.988526308   5.990685708	9.0-7  9.9-7  6.9-14  8.5-7  6.1-15  2.3-9  <b>-1.8-4</b>	2:52:00
tai35a   1888   1225;	38  38 3467	2.216493466   2.216571646	4.8-11  6.6-7  2.9-7  9.9-7  5.1-7  2.4-7  <b>-1.8-5</b>	1:56:18
tai35b   1888   1225;	142 214 10915	2.696444568   2.697105218	2.6-10  9.9-7  1.7-7  9.8-7  7.7-7  6.7-8  <b>-1.2-4</b>	8:01:01
tai40a   2458   1600;	33  33 3395	2.843106026   2.843210956	7.6-11  3.5-7  2.8-7  9.9-7  6.0-7  2.0-7  <b>-1.8-5</b>	3:56:34
tai40b   2458   1600;	101 146 7124	6.090953478   6.091434898	5.6-10  9.9-7  2.5-7  9.9-7  9.9-7  2.4-8  <b>-1.1-4</b>	10:55:44
tho30   1393   900;	44  74 2925	1.435497885   1.435634455	6.3-11  9.9-7  1.8-7  9.9-7  5.1-7  6.9-8  <b>-4.8-5</b>	1:03:01

**Table 2** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
tho40   2458   1600;	24 51 3998	2.264850885   2.226503953 5	2.0-10 9.9-7 2.0-7 9.9-7 5.2-7 2.7-8  <b>-4.2-5</b>	5:08:15
be250.1   251   251;	122 123 2800	-2.511946354   -2.511943984	1.1-7 9.9-7 1.3-7 0.2-16 1.8-8 4.6-16  -4.7-7	1:13
be250.2   251   251;	121 121 2842	-2.368149194   -2.368145454 4	1.2-12 9.9-7 1.1-8 2.0-8 1.5-8 2.3-8  -7.9-7	1:12
be250.3   251   251;	84 89 2200	-2.400000314   -2.39999662 4	1.3-7 9.9-7 1.2-7 0.1-16 1.2-8 1.4-16  -7.7-7	59
be250.4   251   251;	208 209 3850	-2.572031854   -2.57202544 4	9.7-9 9.9-7 5.5-8 0.0-16 2.0-8 0.2-16  <b>-1.2-6</b>	1:42
be250.5   251   251;	115 127 2791	-2.237470844   -2.23746795 4	4.1-12 9.9-7 3.1-9 3.4-8 8.2-9 2.9-7  -6.5-7	1:15
bqp500-1   501   501;	138 171 2499	-1.259640325   1.259645475	1.6-11 9.9-7 6.5-9 6.8-9 9.1-7 1.6-7  <b>2.0-6</b>	5:20
bqp500-2   501   501;	142 194 2390	-1.360110425   1.360111545	6.8-8 9.9-7 8.2-8 0.1-16 4.8-9 0.3-16  4.1-7	5:29
bqp500-3   501   501;	135 180 2390	-1.384533385   -1.384555495	2.0-8 9.9-7 3.8-7 0.5-16 6.6-8 2.8-16  7.6-7	6:31
bqp500-4   501   501;	128 174 2390	-1.393283335   -1.393285035	2.3-7 9.9-7 7.1-8 0.2-16 2.1-9 6.0-16  6.1-7	6:08
bqp500-5   501   501;	169 206 2910	-1.340920955   -1.340923825	4.5-8 9.9-7 4.8-8 0.0-16 1.0-8 0.2-16  <b>1.1-6</b>	7:25
gka1f   501   501;	166 203 2780	-6.555905984   -6.555913694	1.3-8 9.8-7 1.6-7 0.3-16 1.3-8 6.3-16  5.9-7	6:32
gka2f   501   501;	205 242 3541	-1.079317395   -1.079320645	1.0-11 9.9-7 6.0-9 9.1-9 1.6-7 8.1-8  <b>1.5-6</b>	7:54
gka3f   501   501;	174 216 2954	-1.501509875   -1.501511935	6.4-12 9.9-7 1.5-8 3.4-8 5.2-8 6.6-7  6.8-7	6:51
gka4f   501   501;	183 222 3101	-1.870878785   -1.870879085	4.2-12 9.9-7 4.2-9 2.4-8 2.4-8 2.0-7  8.2-8	7:10
gka5f   501   501;	142 187 2520	-2.069142645   -2.069142585	1.8-7 9.9-7 7.1-8 0.2-16 1.3-8 1.9-16  -1.5-8	5:53
soybean-large.2   308   307;	2 2 1171	5.463421223   5.463422353	8.1-13 9.2-7 8.0-9 9.9-7 1.8-8 6.6-7  -1.0-7	29
soybean-large.3   308   307;	2 2 934	4.575805923   4.575808443	4.6-13 7.2-7 1.7-8 2.7-7 4.5-8 9.3-8  -2.8-7	25
soybean-large.4   308   307;	52 52 1506	4.046373053   4.046374223	1.0-13 7.7-7 2.8-7 8.7-7 2.7-8 3.0-7  -1.4-7	52
soybean-large.5   308   307;	2 2 814	3.631580723   3.631581333	2.6-13 9.8-7 0 9.6-7 1.7-8 2.0-7  -8.4-8	22
soybean-large.6   308   307;	0 0 413	3.267676773   3.267677983	4.1-12 9.4-7 1.3-7 5.7-7 4.3-7 1.1-7  -1.9-7	12
spambase-large.2   1501   1500;	0 0 535	4.711385938   4.7111504398	9.9-7 9.9-7 1.6-15 3.0-7 4.3-16 2.0-7  <b>-1.3-5</b>	11:07
spambase-large.3   1501   1500;	8 8 1844	2.360096578   2.360132398	2.5-10 8.9-7 2.3-7 9.9-7 6.0-7 5.3-8  <b>-7.6-6</b>	1:40:31
spambase-large.4   1501   1500;	8 8 4519	1.396989958   1.396997188	8.7-10 9.8-7 0 9.9-7 6.1-9 6.7-8  <b>-2.6-6</b>	2:49:39

**Table 2** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	i itsubitA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $n_{C1}$   $n_{C2}$   $n_g$	Time
spambase-large.5   150   1500;	8 8 9184	1.02748129 8   1.022754393 8	3.8-13 9.7-7 2.6-8 5.7-7 2.5-8 9.6-7  <b>-3.0-5</b>	4:49:37
spambase-large.6   150   1500;	8 8 2798	7.27756732 7   7.276885611 7	8.0-12 9.9-7 0   9.1-7 4.5-7 8.6-7  <b>4.9-5</b>	2:07:59
abalone-large.2   100   1000;	0 0 576	5.522569325 3   5.52256503 3	9.9-7 5.2-7 1.4-15 2.2-7 1.8-15 1.0-7  <b>1.2-5</b>	5:01
abalone-large.3   100   1000;	2 1 21 762	2.81040989 3   2.81042183 3	2.1-13 9.2-7 7.6-7 6.4-7 3.9-8 2.2-7  <b>-2.1-6</b>	7:29
abalone-large.4   100   1000;	0 0 545	1.72764378 3   1.72763706 3	2.7-11 4.9-7 0   2.0-7 9.9-7 7.9-8  <b>1.9-6</b>	6:43
abalone-large.5   100   1000;	38 38 797	1.21466288 3   1.21471600 3	3.3-12 9.5-7 1.3-7 4.6-7 7.6-7 2.6-9  <b>-2.2-5</b>	11:45
abalone-large.6   100   1000;	8 8 781	9.17362617 2   9.17389149 2	6.7-11 9.9-7 0   6.6-7 5.2-7 2.3-7  <b>-1.4-5</b>	9:12
segment-large.2   100   1000;	8 8 1191	1.47176055 7   1.47174710 7	9.7-12 9.4-7 0   1.6-7 9.9-7 6.5-8  <b>4.6-6</b>	9:16
segment-large.3   100   1000;	0 0 373	1.03929738 7   1.03929372 7	6.1-12 9.9-7 0   9.7-7 3.9-7 1.1-7  <b>1.8-6</b>	2:43
segment-large.4   100   1000;	2 2 1879	8.16944543 6   8.16945493 6	7.0-12 9.0-7 1.3-9 9.9-7 3.7-9 2.1-7  <b>-5.8-7</b>	13:52
segment-large.5   100   1000;	8 8 2449	6.98489294 6   6.984902666 6	1.2-11 9.9-7 2.3-9 9.7-7 6.8-9 2.2-7  <b>-6.2-7</b>	19:06
segment-large.6   100   1000;	8 8 3158	6.09809592 6   6.09811370 6	2.5-11 8.8-7 0   9.9-7 3.7-9 2.6-7  <b>-1.5-6</b>	24:00
housing.2   507   506;	8 8 3373	5.76086706 6   5.76093491 6	9.9-7 9.9-7 1.4-15 8.7-8 3.2-15 3.8-8  <b>-5.9-6</b>	4:50
housing.3   507   506;	8 8 1576	3.00980144 6   3.00979147 6	4.5-12 8.6-7 0   7.0-8 9.7-7 1.2-7  <b>1.7-6</b>	3:20
housing.4   507   506;	8 8 1645	1.79283384 6   1.79284813 6	7.5-12 9.9-7 2.8-8 2.3-8 8.3-8 8.5-9  <b>-4.0-6</b>	2:50
housing.5   507   506;	8 8 1918	1.38028143 6   1.38019123 6	7.4-12 9.9-7 0   7.5-8 9.5-7 1.6-7  <b>3.3-5</b>	3:30
housing.6   507   506;	11 11 533	1.11181933 6   1.11182191 6	6.5-13 9.9-7 4.4-7 9.6-7 8.2-7 1.8-7  <b>-1.2-6</b>	1:06

**Table 3** Performance of SDPNAL+ on  $\theta$  and RITA problems ( $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$ )

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	$i l t s u t A$	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
theta10   12470   500;	1 1 11 200	8.38059601 1   8.38059488 1	4.4-8 7.6-7 6.5-16 0   4.0-16 0   6.7-8	32
theta102   37467   500;	1 1 11 84	3.83905392 1   3.83905464 1	8.1-8 6.8-7 3.4-16 0   0.4-16 0   -9.3-8	21
theta103   62516   500;	2 0 20 64	2.25285667 1   2.25285686 1	2.8-7 8.1-7 1.8-16 0   7.6-16 0   -4.1-8	38
theta104   87245   500;	4 3 47 63	1.33361259 1   1.33361411 1	3.9-7 4.4-7 1.3-16 0   1.5-16 0   -5.5-7	53
theta12   17979   600;	1 3 13 200	9.28016817 1   9.28016713 1	2.3-8 3.7-7 0.9-15 0   1.3-16 0   5.6-8	51
theta17   90020   600;	1 2 12 70	2.46686527 1   2.46686518 1	6.0-8 7.1-7 2.1-16 0   1.1-16 0   1.9-8	36
hamming-9-8   2305   512;	1 2 12 200	2.24000000 2   2.24000041 2	1.1-9 2.5-7 7.1-16 0   4.4-16 0   -9.2-8	21
hamming-10-2   23041   1024;	1 0 10 200	1.02399926 2   1.02400047 2	1.2-8 4.8-7 1.3-16 0   0.8-16 0   -5.9-7	2.54
hamming-9-5-6   53761   512;	6 6 200	8.53333333 1   8.53333618 1	3.4-14 6.2-7 5.9-16 0   0.2-16 0   -1.7-7	20
G43   9991   1000;	2 7 27 200	2.80625087 2   2.80624586 2	6.8-7 9.8-7 1.6-15 0   1.6-14 0   8.9-7	3:32
G44   9991   1000;	3 0 30 200	2.80583223 2   2.80583220 2	1.1-7 6.1-7 2.5-15 0   0.8-16 0   5.9-9	3:48
G45   9991   1000;	2 6 26 200	2.80185148 2   2.80185127 2	1.3-7 6.4-7 3.2-15 0   2.4-15 0   3.8-8	3:31
G46   9991   1000;	2 8 30 200	2.79837009 2   2.79836974 2	1.9-7 7.9-7 5.7-15 0   5.4-15 0   6.2-8	3:49
G47   9991   1000;	3 0 31 200	2.81894037 2   2.81893954 2	1.8-7 3.7-7 1.4-14 0   1.4-14 0   1.5-7	3:52
G51   5910   1000;	1 4 8 584 200	3.48999920 2   3.48999975 2	7.3-7 5.9-7 9.2-14 0   4.6-14 0   -7.9-8	41:06
G52   5917   1000;	4 5 816 19200	3.483387855 2   3.483864882	7.6-7 9.3-7 3.0-15 0   2.4-14 0   <b>2.0-6</b>	3:53:19
G53   5915   1000;	4 2 511 83 200	3.48348615 2   3.48347655 2	4.7-7 9.9-7 8.9-14 0   3.2-15 0   <b>1.4-6</b>	2:16:35
G54   5917   1000;	1 2 3 462 200	3.41000018 2   3.40999990 2	2.5-7 9.3-7 9.3-15 0   5.7-16 0   4.2-8	23:17
Idc1024   24064   1024;	4 8 74 200	9.50856502 1   9.59849891 1	9.1-7 5.9-7 5.5-14 0   3.8-14 0   <b>3.4-6</b>	14:32
let1024   9601   1024;	6 4 129 200	1.84226960 2   1.84226147 2	5.9-7 3.3-7 5.3-15 0   6.1-14 0   <b>2.2-6</b>	35:33
Itc1024   7937   1024;	1 5 6 417 200	2.06304654 2   2.06304284 2	7.5-7 6.2-7 3.1-14 0   7.5-16 0   8.9-7	1:22:24
Izc1024   16641   1024;	1 6 16 200	1.28666672 2   1.28666665 2	1.8-8 8.4-7 0.8-15 0   3.8-15 0   2.7-8	4:56
2dc1024   169163   1024;	1 4 8 376 200	1.86381938 1   1.86378972 1	8.2-7 9.2-7 1.1-14 0   4.0-15 0   <b>7.8-6</b>	2:21:20
Idc2048   58368   2048;	6 2 11 12 200	1.74731330 2   1.74729390 2	9.7-7 6.2-7 5.3-14 0   1.6-14 0   <b>5.5-6</b>	1:55:31

**Table 3** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_1}$   $\eta_{\mathcal{K}_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
let 2048   22539   2048;	228 658 200	3.42031726 2   3.42029072 2	8.7-7 8.0-7 1.1-14 0   4.8-15 0   <b>3.9-6</b>	5:29:46
lfc 2048   18945   2048;	509 1725 200	3.74644012 2   3.74643271 2	4.7-7 8.2-7 1.6-14 0   9.6-15 0   9.9-7	22:10:45
2dc 2048   504452   2048;	167 385 200	3.06739144 1   3.06728102 1	9.8-7 8.2-7 3.2-15 0   2.7-15 0   <b>1.8-5</b>	14:22:06
nonsym(8,4)   46655   512;	13 13 200	5.74083101 0   5.74083615 0	1.5-7 2.4-8 0   0   1.0-16 0   -4.1-7	29
nonsym(9,4)   91124   729;	25 33 200	1.06613340 0   1.06611027 0	8.5-8 4.2-7 0   0   3.0-16 0   <b>7.4-6</b>	2:00
nonsym(10,4)   166374   1000;	17 21 200	1.69471772 0   1.69472878 0	7.9-7 1.6-7 0.8-16 0   0.5-16 0   <b>-2.5-6</b>	3:37
nonsym(11,4)   287495   1331;	19 22 200	2.91348466 0   2.91343357 0	7.5-8 2.5-7 0.2-16 0   0.6-16 0   <b>7.5-6</b>	7:14
nonsym(5,5)   50624   625;	30 31 200	3.08257539 0   3.08254910 0	2.4-7 1.7-7 1.8-16 0   1.3-16 0   <b>3.7-6</b>	1:18
nonsym(6,5)   194480   1296;	26 28 200	3.09572024 0   3.09557416 0	6.4-7 6.6-7 0.8-16 0   0.1-16 0   <b>2.0-5</b>	6:39
sym_rd(3,35)   82250   666;	43 46 72	1.82999132 0   1.83002862 0	5.4-7 3.3-7 0   0   0.8-16 0   <b>-8.0-6</b>	1:27
sym_rd(3,40)   135750   861;	37 39 82	1.99315221 0   1.99323089 0	1.7-7 5.7-7 0.3-16 0   1.0-16 0   <b>-1.6-5</b>	2:18
sym_rd(3,45)   211875   1081;	31 31 87	2.14076548 0   2.14073540 0	5.5-7 2.2-7 0   0   1.1-16 0   <b>5.7-6</b>	4:31
sym_rd(3,50)   316250   1326;	37 37 87	2.06951100 0   2.06938546 0	5.1-7 7.6-7 0   0   0.1-16 0   <b>2.4-5</b>	8:24
sym_rd(4,35)   73814   630;	46 51 77	1.09833279 1   1.09831864 1	6.3-8 2.2-7 0   0   0.7-16 0   <b>6.2-6</b>	1:45
sym_rd(4,40)   123409   820;	60 76 86	1.15471518 1   1.15473381 1	5.4-8 6.6-7 1.6-13 0   3.2-16 0   <b>-7.7-6</b>	4:56
sym_rd(4,45)   194579   11035;	45 62 90	1.18424653 1   1.18425581 9	5.7-8 3.5-7 1.0-13 0   1.3-16 0   <b>-4.7-6</b>	7:44
sym_rd(4,50)   292824   1275;	45 62 91	1.30418148 1   1.30421731 1	6.8-8 7.9-7 1.0-15 0   1.4-16 0   <b>-1.3-5</b>	12:44
sym_rd(5,15)   54263   816;	41 43 111	3.49345457 0   3.49338911 0	5.3-8 2.4-7 0   0   0.3-16 0   <b>8.2-6</b>	2:53
sym_rd(5,20)   230229   1771;	29 35 139	4.17928037 0   4.17942269 0	3.1-7 2.9-7 0   0   0.8-16 0   <b>-1.5-5</b>	27:28
sym_rd(6,15)   38759   680;	32 35 137	2.70987911 1   2.70973348 1	4.7-7 6.4-7 0   0   1.2-16 0   <b>2.6-5</b>	1:33
sym_rd(6,20)   177099   1540;	26 37 185	3.15086704 1   3.15084788 1	6.4-7 4.2-7 5.3-16 0   1.2-16 0   <b>3.0-6</b>	22:48
nsym_rd(120,25,25)   68249   500;	47 51 66	2.78568871 0   2.78562272 0	2.4-7 6.0-7 0   0   2.0-16 0   <b>1.0-5</b>	58
nsym_rd(125,20,25)   68249   500;	49 50 77	2.77557008 0   2.77563681 0	8.4-8 7.0-7 0.3-16 0   3.8-16 0   <b>-1.0-5</b>	58
nsym_rd(125,25,20)   68249   500;	14 14 129	2.87657149 0   2.87658217 0	8.8-8 9.0-8 0   0   1.4-16 0   <b>-1.6-6</b>	34

**Table 3** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	it itsub itA	$pobj$   $dobj$	$\eta_P$   $\eta_D$   $\eta_{C_1}$   $\eta_{C_2}$   $\eta_{C1}$   $\eta_{C2}$   $\eta_g$	Time
nsym_rd([25,25,25])   105624   625;	56 64 95	2.83000532 0   2.83011896 0	1.5-7 9.0-7 0 0 1.7-16 0   <b>-1.7-5</b>	1:33
nsym_rd([30,30,30])   216224   900;	30 33122	3.03772558 0   3.03770676 0	6.2-7 4.6-7 0.3-16 0 0.0-16 0   <b>2.7-6</b>	3:52
nsym_rd([35,35,35])   396899   1225;	45 49 141	3.07047975 0   3.07050501 0	1.4-7 2.0-7 0 0 1.4-16 0   <b>-3.5-6</b>	9:14
nsym_rd([40,40,40])   672399   1600;	33 35 93	3.87873078 0   3.87863899 0	2.1-7 3.3-7 0.2-16 0 0.1-16 0   <b>1.0-5</b>	14:23
nsym_rd([8,8,8,8])   46655   512;	11 11 200	2.83768958 0   2.83773386 0	1.0-7 3.3-7 0 0 1.0-16 0   <b>-6.6-6</b>	28
nsym_rd([9,9,9,9])   91124   729;	14 14 200	3.10895856 0   3.10890841 0	3.1-7 2.6-7 2.6-16 0 2.0-16 0   <b>6.9-6</b>	1:07
nonsym(12,4)   474551   1728;	5 17 200	5.92161950 0   5.92162092 0	2.8-8 4.5-9 0.1-16 0 0.2-16 0   -1.1-7	16:55
nonsym(13,4)   753570   2197;	15 15 200	7.27450656 0   7.27450942 0	5.2-7 5.6-9 1.0-16 0 0.8-16 0   -1.8-7	1:51:34
nonsym(7,5)   614655   2401;	32 43 200	5.10582689 0   5.10572890 0	2.4-7 2.0-7 0 0 2.7-16 0   <b>8.7-6</b>	53:29
nonsym(8,5)   1679615   4096;	14 22 200	5.77855140 0   5.77862086 0	5.2-7 1.0-7 0 0 4.8-16 0   <b>-5.5-6</b>	2:46:20
nonsym(18,4)   5000210   5832;	13 55 200	1.53963123 1   1.53954727 1	5.8-7 3.7-7 0 0 1.6-16 0   <b>2.6-5</b>	8:50:14
nonsym(20,4)   9260999   8000;	7 17 200	1.77231047 1   1.77233375 1	5.2-8 7.4-8 0 0 2.2-15 0   <b>-6.4-6</b>	8:26:40
nonsym(21,4)   12326390   9261;	7 21 200	2.03462783 1   2.03463278 1	5.7-8 1.3-8 2.9-15 0 2.9-15 0   <b>-1.2-6</b>	14:22:05

**Table 4** Performance of SDPNAL+ (a), ADMM+ (b), SDPAD (c) and 2EBD (d) on  $\theta_+$ , FAP, QAP, BIQ and RCP problems ( $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ )

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
theta10   12470   500;	0, 0.354   354   351   490	8.5-7   8.5-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-2.5-6</b>   <b>-2.5-6</b>   -7.8-7   <b>1.5-6</b>	46   45   42   1:11
theta102   37467   500;	0, 0.157   157   130   355	9.5-7   9.5-7   9.0-7   9.9-7	-6.0-7   -6.0-7   <b>2.1-6</b>   <b>2.2-6</b>	23   23   23   54
theta103   62516   500;	0, 0.144   144   108   323	9.2-7   9.2-7   9.8-7   9.8-7	-3.0-8   -3.0-8   5.9-7   <b>2.6-6</b>	22   22   21   49
theta104   87245   500;	0, 0.169   169   123   338	9.3-7   9.3-7   9.8-7   9.9-7	-9.2-8   -9.2-8   <b>1.1-6</b>   <b>3.2-6</b>	24   24   20   51
theta12   117979   600;	0, 0.362   362   366   494	9.0-7   9.0-7   8.8-7   9.2-7	<b>-2.2-6</b>   <b>-2.2-6</b>   <b>1.0-6</b>   <b>1.3-6</b>	1:15   1:14   1:11   1:52
theta123   90020   600;	0, 0.156   156   107   345	9.3-7   9.3-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-6.0-8   -6.0-8   5.1-7   <b>2.6-6</b>	34   35   33   26
hamming-9-8   2305   512;	11,11;500   2413   3100   938	9.5-7   9.6-7   9.6-7   9.0-7	-4.4-8   <b>-1.2-5</b>   -6.9-7   <b>5.6-6</b>	44   3:07   4:20   11:36
hamming-10-2   23041   1024;	0, 0.657   657   651   902	8.7-7   8.7-7   9.4-7   8.8-7	<b>7.6-6</b>   <b>7.6-6</b>   <b>-2.6-6</b>   <b>3.4-5</b>	3:09   3:05   5:17   3:47
hamming-9-5-6   53761   512;	0, 0.461   461   507   563	9.5-7   9.5-7   9.5-7   8.9-7	<b>-1.2-5</b>   <b>-1.2-5</b>   <b>-1.9-6</b>   <b>8.0-6</b>	45   45   54   58
G43   9991   1000;	21,21;973   1154   1147   934	8.9-7   9.8-7   9.4-7   9.9-7	<b>4.1-6</b>   <b>3.1-6</b>   <b>1.7-6</b>   <b>2.0-6</b>	12:32   13:04   10:20   13:00
G44   9991   1000;	21,21;942   1151   1144   968	9.9-7   9.3-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-5.1-6</b>   <b>-2.9-6</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>	12:00   12:13   10:11   13:15
G45   9991   1000;	21,21;3888   1175   1185   966	9.8-7   9.5-7   9.4-7   9.9-7	<b>-6.5-6</b>   <b>2.9-6</b>   <b>-1.0-6</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>	1:1:43   13:24   10:36   13:28
G46   9991   1000;	21,21;887   1199   1180   943	9.7-7   9.9-7   9.8-7   9.9-7	<b>-1.1-5</b>   <b>-3.2-6</b>   <b>-1.0-6</b>   <b>1.4-6</b>	11:35   12:55   10:42   12:58
G47   9991   1000;	21,21;1042   1186   1137   992	9.4-7   9.5-7   9.5-7   9.9-7	<b>-5.4-6</b>   <b>2.9-6</b>   <b>-9.4-7</b>   <b>1.2-6</b>	13:10   13:18   10:28   13:50
G51   5910   1000;	1, 2;5672   6207   110361   9586	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>1.0-6</b>   <b>3.7-7</b>   <b>2.6-7</b>   <b>5.6-7</b>	1:15:12   1:21:52   2:11:03   2:3:130
G52   5917   1000;	5, 5;10840   11463   14163   12124	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	2.4-7   4.2-7   <b>4.5-7</b>   <b>6.9-7</b>	2:21:46   2:26:28   2:46:25   3:15:11
G53   5915   1000;	4, 4;13260   13289   23865   20623	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>2.9-6</b>   <b>2.6-6</b>   <b>2.9-6</b>   <b>4.2-6</b>	2:48:21   2:49:53   4:48:56   5:49:06
G54   5917   1000;	8, 8;4278   3262   7542   5136	9.9-7   9.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-7.9-7   <b>3.1-6</b>   <b>4.6-7</b>   <b>1.3-6</b>	51:18   38:42   1:26:47   1:17:01
lde1024   24064   1024;	0, 0;2620   2620   2681   3641	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	1.3-6   1.3-6   <b>3.4-6</b>   <b>4.0-6</b>	31:46   32:22   45:21   53:12
let1024   9601   1024;	0, 0;144   1144   2563   2609	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	1.3-6   <b>1.3-6</b>   <b>5.6-6</b>   <b>5.9-6</b>	1:2:43   12:54   39:53   35:35
lfc1024   7937   1024;	0, 0;2732   2732   6545   6675	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>4.5-6</b>   <b>4.5-6</b>   <b>4.5-6</b>   <b>4.2-6</b>	31:34   32:08   1:48:31   1:40:06
lzc1024   16641   1024;	0, 0;711   711   770   25000	7.7-7   7.7-7   9.9-7   <b>3.1-5</b>	<b>5.4-6</b>   <b>5.4-6</b>   <b>2.0-6</b>   <b>7.9-4</b>	7:12   7:19   12:18   7:48:20
2dc1024   169163   1024;	0, 0;435   4135   1896   1891	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   <b>9.9-7</b>	<b>1.3-5</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>   <b>1.0-5</b>   <b>1.5-5</b>	44:55   45:59   29:02   24:59

**Table 4** continued

Problem	$m$	$\eta_s; \eta_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
1dc2048   58368   2048;	0, 0:4153   4153   7277   8476	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	4.2-6   4.2-6   6.4-6   6.5-6	5.50:06   5:47:45   13:59:49   16:04:13		
1et.2048   22529   2048;	0, 0:3039   3039   4422   4739	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	1.1-6   1.1-6   4.8-6   7.8-6	4:01:54   4:04:34   8:47:18   8:28:46		
1tc.2048   18945   2048;	0, 0:2876   2876   7329   7482	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	1.5-6   1.5-6   5.5-6   5.6-6	3:50:43   3:50:16   13:29:15   13:50:32		
2dc2048   504452   2048;	0, 0:2997   2997   2147   1849	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	8.3-6   8.3-6   1.0-5   2.2-5	3:54:58   3:52:42   4:13:47   3:07:46		
fap11   252   252;	5, 5:1180   1559   2385   2771	9.6-7   5.3-7   9.9-7   9.7-7	-6.8-5   -1.9-5   -2.2-4   -1.1-4	39   50   1:07   1:18		
fap12   369   369;	15, 15:1768   1830   3394   3325	9.9-7   8.4-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-6.6-5   -2.6-5   -2.2-4   -1.3-4	1:56   1:55   3:32   3:08		
fap25   2118   2118;	11, 11:2268   5799   5495   4498	9.2-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-8.2-5   -3.2-5   -1.1-4   -7.1-5	3:58:21   10:55:33   13:26:47   8:11:50		
fap36   4110   4110;	4, 4:2033   2824   4445   3500	9.5-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.8-7	-2.5-5   -1.7-5   -3.0-5   -2.8-5	23:07:56   30:57:55   78:43:03   43:37:44		
bur26a   1051   676;	137,222:10228   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   5.6-6   1.1-5   8.9-6	-1.8-5   -6.3-5   -7.7-5   -8.2-5	1:48:05   2:05:11   2:07:44   2:38:24		
bur26b   1051   676;	100,208:38605   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   6.8-6   1.1-5   9.3-6	-1.8-5   -5.7-5   -8.0-5   -7.5-5	1:32:52   2:07:13   1:57:30   2:49:59		
bur26c   1051   676;	247,441:21498   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   4.2-6   1.4-5   1.4-5	-2.0-5   -4.5-5   -1.2-4   -1.8-4	2:03:12   2:05:11   2:02:35   2:50:08		
bur26d   1051   676;	173,306:13287   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   6.4-6   1.5-5   1.3-5	-1.3-5   -8.4-5   -1.2-4   -1.4-4	1:59:20   2:02:24   1:51:20   2:53:07		
bur26e   1051   676;	129,361:14705   25000   25000   25000	9.4-7   3.1-6   6.4-6   1.4-5	-1.1-5   -2.8-5   -3.6-5   -1.9-4	1:18:35   2:03:18   2:28:06   2:46:03		
bur26f   1051   676;	107,248:11272   20887   25000   25000	9.9-7   9.9-7   8.1-6   1.2-5	-1.0-5   -1.0-5   -4.8-5   -7.5-5	1:45:13   1:45:08   2:09:11   2:44:28		
bur26g   1051   676;	250,392:10817   17910   25000   25000	9.9-7   8.6-7   1.6-6   7.8-6	-2.4-5   -6.3-6   -4.0-5   -6.9-5	1:32:44   1:29:22   1:57:13   2:46:34		
bur26h   1051   676;	146,360:10658   23208   25000   25000	9.9-7   9.4-7   1.4-6   2.3-5	1.9-5   -1.4-6   -2.3-5   -1.7-4	1:25:45   1:57:33   2:01:12   2:54:20		
chr22a   757   484;	104,250:6940   6457   22364   25000	3.5-7   8.8-7   9.9-7   2.5-5	6.6-6   3.9-4   -2.7-4   -2.6-3	22:57   12:29   50:45   1:17:44		
chr22b   757   484;	89,189,5620   7211   25000   25000	3.1-7   9.7-7   1.5-5   2.1-5	1.7-6   3.4-4   -1.4-3   -1.8-3	12:46   13:52   1:07:51   1:15:34		
chr25a   973   625;	53,200:5151   7127   25000   25000	8.6-7   8.6-7   3.7-5   3.4-5	5.6-4   7.8-4   -9.5-3   -6.8-3	21:04   26:03   2:10:29   2:23:01		
esc32a   1582   1024;	46,78:1664   4931   2247   9630	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-1.1-6   -2.0-6   -1.1-6   -2.7-6	32:32   1:06:25   27:49   2:44:37		
esc32b   1582   1024;	52,100:2,196   25000   25000	9.8-7   3.7-6   2.4-6   8.3-6	-5.1-5   -2.4-4   -2.2-4   -4.0-4	45:50   5:18:19   4:31:51   7:59:47		
esc32c   1582   1024;	46,139:3,562   25000   25000	9.7-7   5.3-6   5.1-6   1.6-5	-4.1-6   -5.4-5   -5.2-5   -9.8-5	1:06:19   4:58:47   4:00:23   8:01:19		
esc32d   1582   1024;	0, 0:678: 678   799   1412	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-9.4-6   -9.4-6   -1.7-5   -2.2-7	9:40   9:39   8:01   25:40		
esc32e   1582   1024;	40,47:1248   1108   905   784	9.9-7   9.8-7   8.6-7   9.7-7	8.7-6   -3.8-7   -9.2-6   -3.1-6	22:00   16:09   8:32   14:30		

**Table 4** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
esc3Ef   1582   1024;	40,471;1248   1108   905   784	9.9-7   9.8-7   8.6-7   9.7-7	<b>8.7-6</b>   -3.8-7   <b>-9.2-6</b>   <b>-3.1-6</b>	21:31   15:45   8:25   12:57
esc32g   1582   1024;	0, 0;520   520   588   981	9.3-7   9.3-7   9.2-7   9.9-7	<b>1.9-6</b>   <b>1.9-6</b>   <b>-3.3-6</b>   3.6-7	7:17   7:14   5:41   17:19
esc22h   1582   1024;	97,236;4959   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.4-6</b>   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>2.8-5</b>	<b>-4.4-5</b>   <b>-4.1-4</b>   <b>-5.0-4</b>   <b>-7.4-4</b>	1:42:34   5:01:41   4:13:31   7:30:56
kra30a   1393   900;	49,723;3208   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.3-5</b>   <b>1.4-5</b>   <b>1.7-6</b>	<b>-6.5-5</b>   <b>-4.2-4</b>   <b>-5.7-4</b>   <b>-5.9-5</b>	52:13   3:45:29   5:11:22   5:42:45
kra30b   1393   900;	81,10;3080   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.8-5</b>	<b>-6.5-5</b>   <b>-3.7-4</b>   <b>-4.9-4</b>   <b>-6.1-4</b>	55:48   3:56:14   5:15:18   5:45:45
kra32   1582   1024;	67,832;946   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.1-6</b>   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.7-5</b>	<b>-7.0-5</b>   <b>-3.2-4</b>   <b>-4.0-4</b>   <b>-5.0-4</b>	1:07:22   5:07:43   6:57:49   8:11:14
lipa30a   1393   900;	443,121;6;1300   3533   11683   16167	1.0-7   8.9-7   9.5-7   9.9-7	-4.3-10   <b>8.3-6</b>   <b>3.2-5</b>   <b>-3.8-6</b>	47:33   26:59   1:52:11   3:46:31
lipa30b   1393   900;	4,9;820   2700   7516   25000	8.2-9   9.1-7   9.9-7   <b>1.6-4</b>	<b>-3.7-7</b>   <b>4.3-5</b>   <b>4.7-5</b>   <b>1.1-2</b>	11:08   16:33:1   5:22:22   5:31:56
lipa40a   2458   1600;	153,546;3732   6483   18785   25000	5.5-7   8.8-7   9.8-7   <b>9.5-6</b>	<b>1.2-6</b>   <b>4.2-5</b>   <b>-4.1-5</b>   <b>-1.5-4</b>	3:01:05   3:32:47   11:15:19   26:56:27
lipa40b   2458   1600;	5,18;991   4878   5970   25000	4.2-7   9.0-7   9.8-7   <b>4.6-4</b>	<b>1.9-7</b>   <b>1.1-4</b>   <b>-6.4-5</b>   <b>-4.1-2</b>	1:02:59   2:20:09   4:11:06   23:33:11
nug24   898   576;	43,662;359   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.1-6</b>   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.6-5</b>	<b>-2.8-5</b>   <b>-1.9-4</b>   <b>-2.3-4</b>   <b>-2.7-4</b>	14:12   1:17:49   1:40:05   1:57:03
nug25   973   625;	48,762;708   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>1.0-5</b>   <b>1.7-5</b>	<b>-1.6-5</b>   <b>-2.0-4</b>   <b>-2.0-4</b>   <b>-2.5-4</b>	19:25   1:35:46   1:53:26   2:1:6:27
nug27   1132   729;	49,863;3300   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.0-5</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>   <b>1.7-5</b>	<b>-2.1-5</b>   <b>-2.0-4</b>   <b>-2.6-4</b>   <b>-2.8-4</b>	36:53   2:21:06   2:51:26   3:28:20
nug28   1216   784;	50,773;190   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.3-6</b>   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>1.7-5</b>	<b>-2.0-5</b>   <b>-1.8-4</b>   <b>-2.2-4</b>   <b>-2.6-4</b>	40:26   2:47:04   3:27:54   4:02:11
nug30   1393   900;	44,682;2463   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>8.7-6</b>   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.7-5</b>	<b>-2.5-5</b>   <b>-1.6-4</b>   <b>-1.9-4</b>   <b>-2.2-4</b>	45:02   3:48:43   4:58:12   5:39:31
ste36a   1996   1296;	122,189;7344   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.7-6</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>   <b>1.6-5</b>	<b>-8.1-5</b>   <b>-5.8-4</b>   <b>-6.8-4</b>   <b>-6.7-4</b>	6:29:21   9:38:26   11:23:18   14:09:11
ste36b   1996   1296;	173,242;11851   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>1.8-5</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>	<b>-2.3-4</b>   <b>-1.5-3</b>   <b>-2.0-3</b>   <b>-2.1-3</b>	9:45:58   9:19:24   12:10:09   14:23:33
ste36c   1996   1296;	143,202;10008   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>1.5-5</b>   <b>1.6-5</b>	<b>-8.6-5</b>   <b>-5.8-4</b>   <b>-7.3-4</b>   <b>-7.2-4</b>	8:06:50   9:26:42   11:22:19   14:23:52
tai25a   973   625;	33,422;2630   2201   1845   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.5-7</b>   <b>9.9-7</b>   <b>1.7-6</b>	<b>-8.5-4</b>   <b>-8.0-4</b>   <b>-7.2-4</b>   <b>-1.8-3</b>	14:52   8:38   9:24   2:27:04
tai25b   973   625;	296,344;18325   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>2.9-5</b>   <b>3.7-5</b>   <b>4.2-5</b>	<b>-2.7-4</b>   <b>-2.0-3</b>   <b>-2.4-3</b>   <b>-2.5-3</b>	1:18:04   1:28:33   1:55:04   2:21:35
tai30a   1393   900;	39,393;1614   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>4.7-6</b>   <b>4.6-6</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>	<b>-2.3-5</b>   <b>-6.3-5</b>   <b>-7.3-5</b>   <b>-1.3-4</b>	29:11   3:53:48   6:09:25   6:00:13
tai30b   1393   900;	236,342;16584   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>2.0-5</b>   <b>2.4-5</b>   <b>2.6-5</b>	<b>-1.8-4</b>   <b>-1.0-3</b>   <b>-1.2-3</b>   <b>-1.2-3</b>	2:52:00   3:42:12   4:28:02   5:38:24
tai35a   1888   1225;	38,383;3467   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>3.9-6</b>   <b>4.0-6</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>	<b>-1.8-5</b>   <b>-4.8-5</b>   <b>-5.6-5</b>   <b>-1.0-4</b>	1:56:18   9:21:21   15:00:46   12:53:01
tai35b   1888   1225;	142,214;10915   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>2.1-5</b>   <b>2.4-5</b>   <b>2.8-5</b>	<b>-1.2-4</b>   <b>-9.1-4</b>   <b>-1.0-3</b>   <b>-1.1-3</b>	8:01:01   8:51:20   11:15:52   12:51:27

**Table 4** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_1$ ; $n_l$	Iteration a  b  c  d	$\eta$ a  b  c  d	$\eta_g$ a  b  c  d	Time a  b  c  d
tai40a   2458   1600;	33,33;3395   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>3.7-6</b>   <b>4.0-6</b>   <b>1.4-5</b>	<b>-1.8-5</b>   <b>-4.6-5</b>   <b>-5.3-5</b>   <b>-1.0-4</b>	3:56:34   20:22:53   31:45:29   26:00:47
tai40b   2458   1600;	101,146;7124   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.9-5</b>   <b>2.5-5</b>   <b>3.1-5</b>	<b>-1.1-4</b>   <b>-7.2-4</b>   <b>-8.1-4</b>   <b>-8.5-4</b>	10:55:44   17:50:19   23:17:25   25:23:31
tho30   1393   900;	44,74;2925   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>1.1-5</b>   <b>1.5-5</b>   <b>2.2-5</b>	<b>-4.8-5</b>   <b>-2.6-4</b>   <b>-3.4-4</b>   <b>-4.0-4</b>	1:03:01   3:46:49   4:46:03   5:44:33
tho40   2458   1600;	24,51;3998   25000   25000   25000	9.9-7   <b>9.3-6</b>   <b>1.3-5</b>   <b>2.0-5</b>	<b>-4.2-5</b>   <b>-2.1-4</b>   <b>-2.7-4</b>   <b>-3.2-4</b>	5:08:15   17:12:50   24:35:42   26:05:11
be250.1   251   251;	122,123;2800   4327   5345   3537	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-4.7-7   -2.0-7   -3.6-7   -4.1-7	1:13   1:16   1:35   1:37
be250.2   251   251;	121,121;2842   3827   5108   3044	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-7.9-7   -8.6-7   -5.3-7   -8.0-7	1:12   1:08   1:28   1:22
be250.3   251   251;	84,89;2200   3796   4331   2592	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-7.7-7   <b>-1.1-6</b>   <b>-7.3-7</b>   <b>-1.1-6</b>	59   1:11   1:18   1:11
be250.4   251   251;	208,209;3850   8023   8350   6453	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>-1.1-6</b>   <b>-1.1-6</b>   <b>-2.9-7</b>	1:42   2:23   2:24   2:53
be250.5   251   251;	115,127;2791   4460   5089   3174	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-6.5-7   -7.5-7   -6.4-7   -7.2-7	1:15   1:23   1:31   1:26
bqp500-1   501   501;	138,171;2499   6473   6932   4086	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>2.0-6</b>   <b>-1.4-6</b>   <b>-3.4-7</b>   <b>-1.6-6</b>	5:20   8:35   9:45   9:13
bqp500-2   501   501;	142,194;2390   8008   10582   4862	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	4.1-7   -4.2-7   -8.6-8   <b>-1.2-6</b>	5:29   10:46   14:42   10:52
bqp500-3   501   501;	135,180;2390   8192   8915   4965	9.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>7.6-7</b>   <b>-1.5-6</b>   <b>3.7-7</b>   <b>-5.8-7</b>	6:31   12:53   12:25   11:22
bqp500-4   501   501;	128,174;2390   7188   9012   4031	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	6.1-7   <b>-1.0-6</b>   <b>-3.8-7</b>   <b>-1.2-6</b>	6:08   10:37   12:10   9:11
bqp500-5   501   501;	169,206;2910   6898   7641   4541	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>1.1-6</b>   <b>-8.9-7</b>   <b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>-8.2-7</b>	7:25   10:34   10:57   10:19
gka1f   501   501;	166,203;2780   6717   8147   4600	9.8-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	5.9-7   <b>-1.3-6</b>   <b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>-5.6-7</b>	6:32   9:38   11:28   10:31
gka2f   501   501;	205,242;3541   7519   8949   5403	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>1.5-6</b>   <b>-1.5-6</b>   <b>-1.4-6</b>   <b>-1.0-6</b>	7:54   10:50   12:52   12:10
gka3f   501   501;	174,216;2954   6102   7037   3957	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	6.8-7   <b>-1.1-6</b>   <b>-2.0-6</b>   <b>-1.6-7</b>	6:51   9:07   10:46   9:07
gka4f   501   501;	183,222;3101   6673   7529   4070	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	8.2-8   <b>-1.1-6</b>   <b>-4.2-7</b>   <b>-3.5-7</b>	7:10   9:13   11:20   9:14
gka5f   501   501;	142,187;2520   6482   7023   4210	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-1.5-8   <b>-5.9-7</b>   <b>-9.4-7</b>   <b>-7.5-7</b>	5:53   9:14   10:36   9:45
soybean-large,2   308   307;	2,2;1171   1190   5050   2261	9.9-7   9.2-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-1.0-7   -7.7-8   -1.2-7   <b>-7.0-8</b>	29   29   3:45   3:09
soybean-large,3   308   307;	2,2;934   922   5993   2159	7.2-7   8.8-7   9.6-7   8.5-7	-2.8-7   -2.1-7   <b>-5.4-9</b>   1:4-7	25   24   4:47   3:54
soybean-large,4   308   307;	52,52;1506   1609   13512   3831	8.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-1.4-7   -2.8-7   -1.2-7   <b>-1.6-7</b>	52   42   10:51   7:18
soybean-large,5   308   307;	2,2;814   850   2974   1404	9.8-7   9.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-8.4-8   -9.1-8   -7.9-8   -1.7-7	22   23   2:23   2:05

**Table 4** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $n_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
soybean-large.6   308   307;	0, 0;413   413   545   681	9.4-7   9.4-7   6.8-7   9.1-7	-1.9-7   -1.9-7   3.5-8   <b>1.3-6</b>	12   12   21   44
spambase-large.2   1501   1500;	0, 0;535   535   992   4429	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-1.2-5</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>	11:07   11:17   22:17   3:12:36
spambase-large.3   1501   1500;	8, 8;1844   1705   1830   6617	9.9-7   9.8-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-7.6-6</b>   <b>-7.6-6</b>   <b>-6.6-6</b>   <b>-3.3-6</b>	1:40:31   35:47   58:10   6:13:50
spambase-large.4   1501   1500;	8, 8;4519   3761   7091   25000	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-2.6-6</b>   <b>-9.4-8</b>   <b>-5.2-7</b>   <b>-10.0-1</b>	2:49:39   1:19:26   5:32:29   17:57:38
spambase-large.5   1501   1500;	8, 8;9184   8398   7510   25000	9.7-7   9.9-7   9.8-7   9.8-7	<b>-3.0-5</b>   <b>-2.9-5</b>   <b>-2.4-5</b>   <b>3.0-1</b>	4:49:37   3:26:14   3:21:11   18:14:24
spambase-large.6   1501   1500;	8, 8;2798   2031   2415   25000	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>4.9-5</b>   <b>-4.2-5</b>   <b>-5.8-5</b>   <b>-10.0-1</b>	2:07:59   49:32   1:07:56   17:07:48
abalone-large.2   1001   1000;	0, 0;576   576   650   1493	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>1.2-5</b>   <b>1.2-5</b>   <b>6.6-6</b>   <b>-1.4-6</b>	5:01   5:07   5:08   31:13
abalone-large.3   1001   1000;	21,21;762   765   796   1306	9.2-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-2.1-6</b>   <b>-3.6-6</b>   <b>-9.9-7</b>   <b>-4.2-6</b>	7:29   6:09   8:56   22:21
abalone-large.4   1001   1000;	0, 0;545   545   629   710	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.6-7   9.9-7	<b>1.9-6</b>   <b>1.9-6</b>   <b>-6.9-6</b>   <b>-9.2-7</b>	6:43   6:50   5:01   12:03
abalone-large.5   1001   1000;	38,38;797   834   1107   833	9.5-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-2.2-5</b>   <b>-1.5-5</b>   <b>-2.1-5</b>   <b>-2.1-5</b>	11:45   8:39   9:11   14:17
abalone-large.6   1001   1000;	8, 8;781   796   1101   950	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-1.4-5</b>   <b>-1.4-5</b>   <b>-1.8-5</b>   <b>-1.9-5</b>	9:12   8:21   8:49   15:24
segment-large.2   1001   1000;	8, 8;1191   1264   1080   1745	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.8-7   9.9-7	<b>4.6-6</b>   <b>5.0-6</b>   <b>-4.7-6</b>   <b>-5.0-7</b>	9:16   9:15   8:27   34:22
segment-large.3   1001   1000;	0, 0;373   373   412   1956	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.8-7   9.9-7	<b>1.8-6</b>   <b>1.8-6</b>   <b>-7.1-7</b>   <b>-1.1-6</b>	2:43   2:41   3:33   37:08
segment-large.4   1001   1000;	2, 2;1879   2024   19479   6354	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-5.8-7</b>   <b>-5.5-7</b>   <b>-4.5-7</b>   <b>-5.0-7</b>	13:52   14:50   5:23:13   3:07:06
segment-large.5   1001   1000;	8, 8;2449   2711   22003   8257	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-6.2-7</b>   <b>-6.7-7</b>   <b>-6.0-7</b>   <b>-6.4-7</b>	19:06   20:31   6:09:59   4:19:44
segment-large.6   1001   1000;	8, 8;3158   3262   25000   10211	9.9-7   9.9-7   <b>1.3-6</b>   9.9-7	<b>-1.5-6</b>   <b>-1.5-6</b>   <b>-9.6-7</b>   <b>-1.0-6</b>	24:00   24:06   7:10:04   5:25:59
housing.2   507   506;	8, 8;3373   3284   2679   2566	9.9-7   9.0-7   9.9-7   8.6-7	<b>-5.9-6</b>   <b>-5.4-6</b>   <b>-5.2-6</b>   <b>-5.3-6</b>	4:50   4:31   3:26   7:52
housing.3   507   506;	8, 8;1576   1247   1523   1338	9.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.8-7	<b>1.7-6</b>   <b>8.0-6</b>   <b>-6.7-6</b>   <b>5.2-6</b>	3:20   1:34   1:56   4:29
housing.4   507   506;	8, 8;1645   1368   1064   1090	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   8.4-7	<b>-4.0-6</b>   <b>-3.5-6</b>   <b>-4.9-6</b>   <b>8.3-5</b>	2:50   2:00   1:25   3:40
housing.5   507   506;	8, 8;1918   1319   1916   1451	9.9-7   9.6-7   9.3-7   8.8-7	<b>3.3-5</b>   <b>-3.2-5</b>   <b>3.6-5</b>   <b>6.3-5</b>	3:30   2:07   2:36   5:03
housing.6   507   506;	11,11;533   536   842   1958	9.9-7   9.9-7   9.8-7   9.5-7	<b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>-9.7-6</b>   <b>5.9-6</b>   <b>6.3-5</b>	1:06   53   1:20   6:29

**Table 5** Performance of SDPNAL+ (a), ADMM+ (b), SDPAD (c) and 2EBD (d) on  $\theta$  and RITA problems ( $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ )

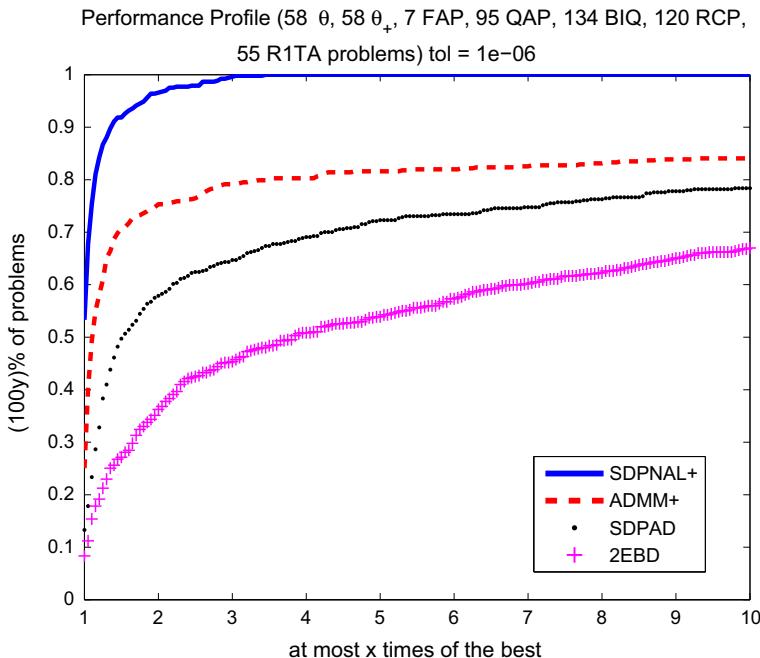
Problem	$m$	$n_s$	$n_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
theta10   12470   500;	11,11,200   396   333   422	7.6-7   9.1-7   9.9-7   9.8-7	6.7-8   <b>-2.1-6</b>   <b>-1.4-6</b>   <b>1.2-6</b>	32   51   36   59			
theta102   37467   500;	11,11,84   159   127   312	6.8-7   9.1-7   9.2-7   9.9-7	-9.3-8   <b>1.3-6</b>   <b>1.7-6</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>	21   22   21   47			
theta103   62516   500;	20,20,64   144   104   300	8.1-7   9.7-7   9.9-7   9.8-7	-4.1-8   <b>-6.2-8</b>   <b>2.0-7</b>   <b>2.0-6</b>	38   20   21   45			
theta104   87245   500;	43,47,63   151   116   342	4.4-7   9.0-7   9.5-7   9.8-7	-5.5-7   <b>-2.4-8</b>   <b>8.3-7</b>   <b>3.2-6</b>	53   22   19   51			
theta12   17979   600;	13,13,200   413   358   444	3.7-7   8.4-7   8.5-7   9.9-7	5.6-8   <b>2.1-6</b>   <b>1.0-6</b>   <b>1.1-6</b>	51   1:24   1:02   1:38			
theta123   90020   600;	12,12,70   157   105   325	7.1-7   9.2-7   9.2-7   9.7-7	1.9-8   <b>-6.8-8</b>   <b>2.2-7</b>   <b>2.5-6</b>	36   35   34   1:19			
hamming-9-8   2305   512;	12,12,200   2635   3129   1276	2.5-7   9.8-7   9.7-7   9.4-7	-9.2-8   <b>-1.2-5</b>   <b>5.6-7</b>   <b>-5.8-6</b>	21   3:17   4:07   2:02			
hamming-10-2   23041   1024;	10,10,200   667   731   1066	4.8-7   6.9-7   9.6-7   9.9-7	-5.9-7   <b>-1.5-5</b>   <b>2.2-6</b>   <b>2.5-5</b>	2.54   7:19   9:39   12:05			
hamming-9-5-6   53761   512;	6,6,200   1022   1215   197	6.2-7   8.8-7   9.8-7   8.8-7	-1.7-7   <b>-1.1-5</b>   <b>-1.8-6</b>   <b>-5.1-6</b>	20   1:24   1:36   20			
G43   999   1000;	27,27,200   1237   11097   962	9.8-7   9.4-7   9.8-7   9.9-7	8.9-7   <b>-3.5-6</b>   <b>-1.8-6</b>   <b>2.0-6</b>	3:32   9:54   9:13   12:49			
G44   9991   1000;	30,30,200   1236   1110   996	6.1-7   9.7-7   9.3-7   9.9-7	5.9-9   <b>-3.6-6</b>   <b>-8.8-7</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>	3:48   9:57   9:15   13:17			
G45   9991   1000;	26,26,200   1261   1120   1007	6.4-7   9.9-7   9.6-7   9.9-7	3.8-8   <b>3.2-6</b>   <b>1.8-6</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>	3:31   10:04   9:21   13:35			
G46   9991   1000;	28,30,200   1284   1142   974	7.9-7   9.6-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	6.2-8   <b>-3.1-6</b>   <b>-1.6-6</b>   <b>1.3-6</b>	3:49   10:11   9:21   12:55			
G47   9991   1000;	30,31,200   1267   11088   1030	3.7-7   9.3-7   9.5-7   9.9-7	1.5-7   <b>2.8-6</b>   <b>8.9-7</b>   <b>1.2-6</b>	3:52   9:59   8:51   13:47			
G51   5910   1000;	148,584,200   6151   10210   8746	7.3-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	-7.9-8   <b>-1.7-7</b>   <b>8.6-8</b>   <b>1.9-7</b>	41:06   53:54   1:33:48   1:55:48			
G52   5917   1000;	458,1619,200   25000   25000   9,3-7   <b>1.6-6</b>   <b>3.5-6</b>   <b>2.9-6</b>	<b>2.0-6</b>   <b>7.1-6</b>   <b>1.4-5</b>   <b>1.5-5</b>	3:53:19   3:24:55   3:45:22   5:38:42				
G53   5915   1000;	425,1183,200   25000   25000   9.9-7   <b>1.5-6</b>   <b>3.7-6</b>   <b>3.7-6</b>	<b>1.4-6</b>   <b>5.9-6</b>   <b>1.5-5</b>   <b>1.8-5</b>	2:16:35   3:12:47   3:24:18   5:30:23				
G54   5917   1000;	123,462,200   3892   5633   5398	9.3-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	4.2-8   <b>-2.8-6</b>   <b>3.3-7</b>   <b>3:2-7</b>	23:17   33:11   49:11   1:13:51			
1dc.1024   24064   1024;	48,74,200   5077   9728   15069	9.1-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	3.4-6   <b>4.2-6</b>   <b>4.9-6</b>   <b>4.0-6</b>	14:32   50:49   1:31:42   3:03:20			
1et.1024   9601   1024;	64,129,200   3956   10174   17252	5.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	2.2-6   <b>3.1-6</b>   <b>3.0-6</b>   <b>2.7-6</b>	35:33   50:14   1:45:03   3:53:32			
1tc.1024   7937   1024;	156,417,200   5775   25000   18474	7.5-7   9.9-7   <b>2.3-6</b>   9.9-7	8.9-7   <b>3.8-6</b>   <b>3.3-6</b>   <b>2.3-6</b>	1:22:24   54:35   4:13:43   3:47:44			
1zc.1024   16641   1024;	16,16,200   884   734   4488	8.4-7   9.7-7   9.2-7   9.6-7	2.7-8   <b>6.9-7</b>   <b>1.6-6</b>   <b>2.4-5</b>	4:56   12:44   8:49   49:10			
2dc.1024   169163   1024;	148,376,200   6951   14316   23007	9.2-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>7.8-6</b>   <b>3.1-5</b>   <b>2.6-5</b>   <b>2.6-5</b>	2:21:20   1:24:20   4:20:36   5:32:26			
1dc.2048   58368   2048;	62,112,200   5520   12938   2027	9.7-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>5.5-6</b>   <b>6.6-6</b>   <b>6.7-6</b>   <b>6.8-6</b>	1:55:31   6:10:05   14:00:08   28:29:05			

**Table 5** continued

Problem	$m$	$n_s$	$\eta_t$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
let2048	22529	2048;	228,658;200   3601   13985   25000	8.7-   9.9-   9.9-   <b>61-3</b>	<b>3.9-6</b>   <b>4.3-6</b>   <b>4.2-6</b>   <b>2.2-2</b>	5:29:46   3:59:47   17:25:13   40:08:45	
ltc2048	18945	2048;	509,1725;200   6574   20819   25000	8.2-   9.9-   9.9-   <b>1.2-6</b>	9.9-7   <b>4.8-6</b>   <b>3.8-6</b>   <b>5.5-6</b>	22:10:45   17:26:56   23:37:33   39:55:04	
2dc2048	504452	2048;	167,385;200   6293   25000   16945	9.8-   9.9-   <b>3.7-6</b>   9.9-7	<b>1.8-5</b>   <b>2.0-5</b>   <b>3.5-5</b>   <b>2.8-5</b>	14:22:06   8:52:47   47:15:41   28:09:34	
nonsym(8,4)	46655	512;	13,13,200   6927   6871   25000	1.5-7   8.7-   9.9-7   <b>1.9-2</b>	-4.1-7   <b>5.7-6</b>   <b>2.1-5</b>   <b>6.2-1</b>	29   8:40   8:54   1:10:07	
nonsym(9,4)	91124	729;	25,33,200   25000   4584   25000	4.2-7   <b>3.2-5</b>   9.7-7   <b>1.9-2</b>	<b>7.4-6</b>   <b>5.2-4</b>   -1.7-5   <b>4.2-3</b>	2:00   1:18:21   1:42:9   2:41:00	
nonsym(10,4)	166374	1000;	17,21,200   25000   6711   25000	7.9-7   <b>2.8-5</b>   9.9-7   <b>1.6-2</b>	<b>-2.5-6</b>   <b>-1.9-4</b>   <b>2.6-5</b>   <b>6.2-1</b>	3:37   2:57:30   48:32   5:52:44	
nonsym(11,4)	287495	1331;	19,22,200   25000   16627   25000	2.5-7   <b>1.3-3</b>   9.9-7   <b>9.9-3</b>	<b>7.5-6</b>   <b>5.1-2</b>   <b>3.0-5</b>   <b>-2.2-1</b>	7:14   6:30:10   4:57:08   12:51:58	
nonsym(5,5)	50624	625;	30,31,200   12638   4918   25000	2.4-7   9.6-7   9.9-7   <b>2.5-3</b>	<b>3.7-6</b>   <b>9.0-6</b>   <b>1.8-5</b>   <b>-4.8-2</b>	1:18   27:19   10:10   1:50:10	
nonsym(6,5)	194480	1296;	26,28,200   25000   11981   25000	6.6-7   <b>1.6-4</b>   9.9-7   <b>1.6-3</b>	<b>2.0-5</b>   <b>-3.0-3</b>   <b>-2.8-5</b>   <b>-4.9-2</b>	6:39   5:57:28   2:59:30   11:24:24	
sym_rd(3,35)	82250	666;	43,46,72   2964   2812   11937	5.4-7   9.7-7   9.9-7   9.5-7	<b>-8.0-6</b>   <b>-1.3-6</b>   <b>1.8-5</b>   <b>-1.9-6</b>	1:27   7:54   7:07   1:09:55	
sym_rd(3,40)	133750	861;	37,39,82   3736   3356   25000	5.7-7   9.4-7   9.9-7   <b>3.9-3</b>	<b>-1.6-5</b>   <b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>-2.1-5</b>   <b>1.3-1</b>	2:18   19:34   16:55   4:37:17	
sym_rd(3,45)	211875	1081;	31,31,87   4689   4498   25000	5.5-7   9.3-7   9.9-7   <b>5.5-3</b>	<b>5.7-6</b>   <b>-3.5-6</b>   <b>-3.9-5</b>   <b>-1.5-1</b>	4:31   46:05   41:11   8:09:46	
sym_rd(3,50)	316250	1326;	37,37,87   4432   4161   25000	7.6-7   9.1-7   9.6-7   <b>3.2-3</b>	<b>2.4-5</b>   <b>-3.7-6</b>   <b>4.2-5</b>   <b>1.1-1</b>	8:24   1:13:12   1:07:37   13:45:47	
sym_rd(4,35)	73814	630;	46,51,77   969   3400   25000	2.2-7   9.9-7   9.7-7   <b>5.1-4</b>	<b>6.2-6</b>   <b>-4.2-6</b>   <b>-4.2-5</b>   <b>-1.7-2</b>	1:45   4:44   9:10   1:58:12	
sym_rd(4,40)	123409	820;	60,76,86   447   761   2396	6.6-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-7.7-6</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>	4:56   3:37   7:06   2:1:58	
sym_rd(4,45)	194579	1035;	45,62,90   462   737   2569	3.5-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-4.7-6</b>   <b>-1.4-5</b>   <b>-1.4-5</b>   <b>-1.4-5</b>	7:44   6:56   12:42   43:48	
sym_rd(4,50)	292824	1275;	45,62,91   466   758   2824	7.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-1.6-5</b>   <b>-1.6-5</b>   <b>-1.6-5</b>	12:44   12:11   22:43   1:21:38	
sym_rd(5,15)	54263	816;	41,43,111   1549   1980   25000	2.4-7   8.8-7   9.7-7   <b>3.2-4</b>	<b>8.2-6</b>   <b>7.1-5</b>   <b>-3.7-5</b>   <b>1.6-2</b>	2:53   6:46   7:53   3:28:56	
sym_rd(5,20)	230229	1771;	29,35,139   2832   3563   25000	3.1-7   9.3-7   9.8-7   <b>5.5-3</b>	<b>-1.5-5</b>   <b>9.7-5</b>   <b>-1.0-4</b>   <b>-3.1-1</b>	27:28   1:56:14   2:22:52   27:04:51	
sym_rd(6,15)	38759	680;	32,35,137   1358   1652   13111	6.4-7   9.3-7   9.9-7   9.9-7	<b>2.6-5</b>   <b>5.2-5</b>   <b>-6.9-5</b>   <b>-6.3-7</b>	1:33   3:52   4:26   1:12:00	
sym_rd(6,20)	177099	1540;	26,37,185   3280   3576   25000	6.4-7   9.7-7   9.6-7   <b>3.0-4</b>	<b>3.0-6</b>   <b>1.5-4</b>   <b>-1.1-4</b>   <b>-2.5-2</b>	22:48   11:34:25   1:43:31   17:41:06	
nsym_rd(20,25,25)	68249	500;	47,51,66   5883   6641   25000	6.0-7   9.8-7   9.7-7   <b>6.1-3</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>   <b>-3.0-5</b>   <b>2.5-5</b>   <b>-1.2-1</b>	58   7:55   8:10   1:12:25	
nsym_rd(25,20,25)	68249	500;	49,50,77   6113   6912   25000	7.0-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   <b>5.5-3</b>	<b>-1.0-5</b>   <b>-3.0-5</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>-8.7-2</b>	58   7:26   8:25   1:1:35	
nsym_rd(25,25,20)	68249	500;	14,14,129   6252   6898   25000	9.0-8   9.9-7   9.9-7   <b>2.8-3</b>	<b>-1.6-6</b>   <b>-5.9-6</b>   <b>2.7-5</b>   <b>5.2-2</b>	34   8:11   8:31   1:10:17	

**Table 5** continued

Problem   $m$   $n_s$ ; $\eta_l$	Iteration a b c d	$\eta$ a b c d	$\eta_g$ a b c d	Time a b c d
nsym_rd([25,25,25])   105624   625;	56,64;95   11250   3705   25000	9.0-7   9.9-7   9.9-7   <b>6.6-4</b>	<b>-1.7-5</b>   <b>-4.9-6</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>1.3-2</b>	1:33   26:20   8:09   2:04:05
nsym_rd([30,30,30])   216224   900;	30,33;22   25000   4829   25000	6.2-7   <b>2.0-5</b>   9.9-7   <b>4.9-3</b>	<b>2.7-6</b>   <b>5.5-4</b>   <b>3.2-5</b>   <b>1.5-1</b>	3:52   2:21:43   26:48   5:07:41
nsym_rd([35,35,35])   396899   1225;	45,49;141   25000   8788   25000	2.0-7   <b>1.4-3</b>   9.9-7   <b>1.0-3</b>	<b>-3.5-6</b>   <b>4.1-3</b>   <b>-4.2-5</b>   <b>3.6-3</b>	9:14   5:18:55   1:57:42   11:13:11
nsym_rd([40,40,40])   672399   1600;	33,35;93   25000   25000   25000	3.3-7   <b>1.1-4</b>   <b>3.7-4</b>   <b>5.1-4</b>	<b>1.0-5</b>   <b>5.0-3</b>   <b>1.3-2</b>   <b>-1.9-2</b>	14:23   12:12:03   13:56:21   22:41:13
nsym_rd([8,8,8,8])   466655   512;	11,11;200   5325   5865   25000	3.3-7   9.4-7   9.9-7   <b>1.2-3</b>	<b>-6.6-6</b>   <b>6.9-6</b>   <b>-1.3-5</b>   <b>1.3-2</b>	28   7:09   7:13   1:12:01
nsym_rd([9,9,9,9])   91124   729;	14,14;200   21833   4073   25000	3.1-7   9.0-7   9.6-7   <b>1.6-2</b>	<b>6.9-6</b>   <b>-7.1-6</b>   <b>-3.1-5</b>   <b>-2.5-1</b>	1:07   1:12:18   1:12:47   2:52:40
nonsym(12,4)   474551   1728;	5,17;200   16473   25000   25000	2.8-8   8.8-7   1.2-2   1.2-2	-1.1-7   <b>-2.7-6</b>   <b>-7.7-2</b>   <b>5.8-1</b>	16:55   9:04:03   15:26:14   24:24:33
nonsym(13,4)   753570   2197;	15,55;200   25000   25000   25000	5.2-7   <b>5.4-4</b>   <b>9.1-3</b>   <b>1.9-2</b>	-1.8-7   <b>3.6-2</b>   <b>-1.6-1</b>   <b>2.7-1</b>	1:51:34   29:11:11   32:02:36   54:30:04
nonsym(7,5)   614655   2401;	32,43;200   25000   25000   25000	2.4-7   <b>1.4-3</b>   <b>1.2-2</b>   <b>1.8-2</b>	<b>8.7-6</b>   <b>-5.7-2</b>   <b>-1.2-1</b>   <b>-1.1-1</b>	53:29   38:36:39   43:46:36   67:40:52
nonsym(8,5)   1679615   4096;	14,22;200   12791   10732   7851	5.2-7   <b>1.2-3</b>   <b>1.3-2</b>   <b>1.2-2</b>	<b>-5.5-6</b>   <b>-3.7-2</b>   <b>2.5-1</b>   <b>-4.3-1</b>	2:46:20   99:00:46   99:01:08   99:03:37
nonsym(18,4)   5000210   5832;	13,55;200   8748   7962   7017	5.8-7   <b>3.5-4</b>   <b>7.8-3</b>   <b>1.4-2</b>	<b>2.6-5</b>   <b>-1.3-2</b>   <b>-3.5-1</b>   <b>3.8-1</b>	8:50:14   99:02:10   99:01:13   99:05:37
nonsym(20,4)   9260999   8000;	7,17;200   3231   3031   2645	7.4-8   <b>4.7-4</b>   <b>9.6-3</b>   <b>2.2-2</b>	<b>-6.4-6</b>   <b>5.7-2</b>   <b>-4.4-1</b>   <b>-3.5-1</b>	8:26:40   99:07:11   99:03:17   99:16:28
nonsym(21,4)   12326390   9261;	7,21;200   1918   1904   1792	5.7-8   <b>2.7-4</b>   <b>9.8-3</b>   <b>5.2-3</b>	<b>-1.2-6</b>   <b>2.6-3</b>   <b>5.0-1</b>   <b>9.4-1</b>	14:22:05   99:09:25   99:05:25   99:29:18



**Fig. 1** Performance profiles of SDPNAL+, ADMM+, SDPAD and 2EBD on [1, 10]

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