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## Solution of Leader-Follower Games

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Introduction: Nash & Stackelberg Games

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# NASH & STACKELBERG GAMES

# Recap: Nash Games



**Nash Game:** non-cooperative equilibrium of several players

$$z_i^* \in \begin{cases} \operatorname{argmin}_{z_i} & b_i(\hat{z}) \\ \text{subject to} & c_i(z_i) \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{player } i$$

- $\hat{z} = (z_1^*, \dots, z_{i-1}^*, z_i, z_{i+1}^*, \dots, z_l^*)$
- All players are equal

# Recap: Nash Games

Introduce slacks  $s$ , and form optimality conditions ...

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla b(z) - \nabla c(z)\lambda &= 0 \\ s - c(z) &= 0 \\ 0 \leq \lambda \perp s &\geq 0\end{aligned}$$

where

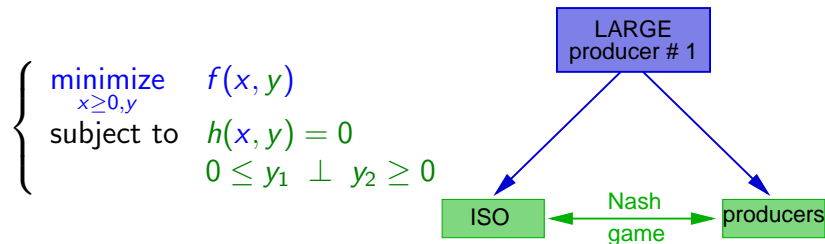
- $b(z) = (b_1(z), \dots, b_k(z))$  &  $c(z) = (c_1(z), \dots, c_k(z))$
- $\perp$  means  $\lambda^T s = 0$ , either  $\lambda_i > 0$  or  $s_i > 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y = (z, \lambda, s) \\ h = \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots \text{ becomes } \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h(y) = 0 \\ 0 \leq y_1 \perp y_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- **Nonlinear complementarity problem** (NCP)
- **Robust large scale solvers** exist: PATH

# Stackelberg Games

Single dominant player (leader) & Nash followers



Nash game ( $h(x, y) = 0$ ) parameterized in leader's variables  $x$

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# EXAMPLE: COMMODITIES FLOW IN NETWORK

# Commodities Flow in a Network

- variables are flow on arcs & total flow:

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var x {ARCS, COMMODITIES} >= 0;
var f {(i,j) in ARCS}
    = sum {k in COMMODITIES} x[i,j,k];
```

- each player (commodity) minimizes time in network

```
minimize time {k in COMMODITIES}:
    sum {(i,j) in ARCS} ( alpha[i,j]*f[i,j]
        + beta[i,j]*(f[i,j]/kappa[i,j]/5)^5);
```

- subject to conservation of flow (supply/demand)

```
subject to conserve {i in NODES, k in COMMODITIES}:
    sum {(i,j) in ARCS} x[i,j,k]
    <= sum{(j,i) in ARCS} x[j,i,k] + b[i,k];
```



# Flow of Commodities Through a Network

```

set NODES;                                # Nodes in network
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set COMMODITIES;                          # Commodities

param b {NODES, COMMODITIES} default 0;  # Supply/demand
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problem player {k in COMMODITIES}:
  time[k],                # objective
  {i in NODES} conserve[i,k],  # constraints
  {(i,j) in ARCS} x[i,j,k], f; # variables

```

# Nash Game: Complementarity Model

subject to

```
d_obj {(i,j) in ARCS, k in COMMODITIES}:
  0 <= x[i,j,k] complements
    alpha[i,j] + beta[i,j]*(f[i,j]/kappa[i,j])^4
    + p[i,k] >= p[j,k];
```

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conserve {i in NODES, k in COMMODITIES}:
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    sum{(j,i) in ARCS} x[j,i,k] + d[i,k]
    >= sum {(i,j) in ARCS} x[i,j,k];
```

```
flow {(i,j) in ARCS} :
  f[i,j] = sum {k in COMMODITIES} x[i,j,k]
  complements f[i,j]; ### not needed here
```

# Stackelberg Game: MPEC

- introduce toll arcs (faster, but carry cost)
- leader chooses tolls to maximize profit ...  
... or minimize congestion
- followers move optimally (Wardrop's principle)



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var t {(i,j) in TOLL}                      # Tolls
    >= tl[i,j], <= tu[i,j],
    := (tl[i,j] + tu[i,j])/2 ;

var x {ARCS, COMMODITIES};                 # Flow on arcs
var p {NODES, COMMODITIES};                # Multipliers
var f {(i,j) in ARCS};                     # Total flow

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# Stackelberg Game: MPEC

maximize revenue:  $\sum \{(i,j) \text{ in TOLL}\} t[i,j]*f[i,j];$

subject to

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$+ (\text{if } (i,j) \text{ in TOLL then } t[i,j] \text{ else } 0)$

$+ p[i,k] \geq p[j,k];$

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$\geq \sum \{(i,j) \text{ in ARCS}\} x[i,j,k];$

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Exploit NCP solvers to set-up MPECs:

1. **fix leader's variables** & solve NCP (Nash)
  2. **unfix leader's variables** & solve MPEC (Stackelberg)
- ⇒ **orders of magnitude faster than MPEC ...**



# From Nash to Stackelberg with AMPL

```
model wardrop_tax.mod;
data wardrop_tax.dat;

problem NashGame:
    ### variables ... t[i,j] fixed automatically
    {(i,j) in ARCS} f[i,j],
    {(i,j) in ARCS, k in COMMODITIES} x[i,j,k],
    {i in NODES,      k in COMMODITIES} p[i,k],
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    {(i,j) in ARCS}                flow[i,j];

# ... solve NCP with fixed tolls
option solver pathampl; solve NashGame;
```

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problem Stackelberg:

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revenue,                                # objective
### variables ... added tolls t[i,j]
{(i,j) in TOLL} t[i,j], {(i,j) in ARCS} f[i,j],
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```

option mpec_options "compl_ini=1";  # hot start
option solver mpec; solve Stackelberg;

```

```

display f; display tl, t, tu;

```

# MORE EXAMPLES

# More Examples of Stackelberg Games

- CO<sub>2</sub> abatement & transboundary pollution
- interaction of NO<sub>x</sub> & electricity markets
- volatility estimation in American option pricing
- transportation network design

MPECs allow us to ...

1. **model complex games** (heterogeneous players):  
e.g. electricity markets: ISO, generator
2. **simulate large & complex games**  
... may need NCP approach first ...
3. **extend to design of markets**  
e.g. toll-pricing (where to raise tolls)  
⇒ **integer variables** ... harder problem

# FORMULATION OF MPECs AS NLPs

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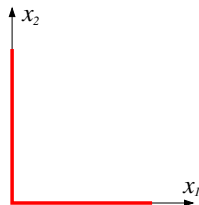
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# A Nonlinear Programming Approach

Replace equilibrium  $0 \leq x_1 \perp x_2 \geq 0$  by  $x_1^T x_2 \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  standard nonlinear program (NLP)

$$(NLP) \begin{cases} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & c(x) \geq 0 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \\ & \boxed{x_1 x_2 \leq 0} \end{cases}$$



**Advantage:** standard (?) NLP; use **large-scale solvers** ...

**Snag:** nonlinear program (NLP) **violates** standard assumptions!

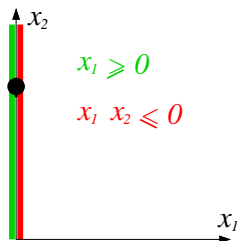
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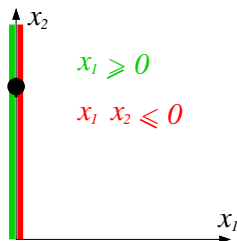
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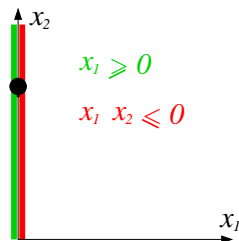
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Homer Simpson Approach to Numerical Analysis ...

- ... who perturbs **structural zeros** ???
- ... **huge advances in NLP technology in 90s** ...

# CONVERGENCE OF NLP APPROACH

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# Stationarity & Bounded Multipliers

Example  $x^* = (0, 1)$ :

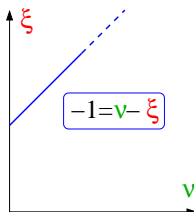
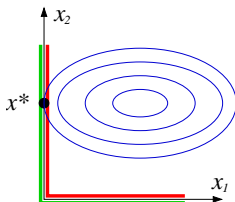
first order conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \min_x & \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x_1, x_2 \geq 0, \quad x_1 x_2 \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nu_1$  multiplier of  $x_1 \geq 0$ ;  $\xi$  multiplier of  $x_1 x_2 \leq 0$ .

Equivalent NLP ( $x_1 x_2 \leq 0$ ) **violates MFCQ**

$\Rightarrow$  unbounded multipliers



multipliers form a ray  $\Rightarrow \exists$  bounded multipliers

# Optimality Conditions for MPECs

Optimality conditions of equivalent NLP:  $\exists \lambda^*, \nu_1^*, \nu_2^*, \xi^* \geq 0$

$$\nabla f(x^*) - \nabla c(x^*)^T \lambda^* - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \nu_1^* - X_2^* \xi^* \\ \nu_2^* - X_1^* \xi^* \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order}$$

$c(x^*) \geq 0, x_1^* \geq 0, x_2^* \geq 0$  and  $X_1^* x_2^* \leq 0$  primal feas.

$$c(x^*)^T \lambda = x_1^{*T} \nu_1^* = x_2^{*T} \nu_2^* = 0 \quad \text{compl. slack.}$$

...  $\xi > 0$  allows  $\nu_1^* - X_2^* \xi^* < 0$  ... equality constraint  $x_1 = 0$

Multipliers bounded if  $\|\xi^*\| < \infty$



# Convergence of SQP Methods

SQP: quadratic/linear approximation of NLP [Todd's talk]

**Theorem:** SQP converges **quadratically!**

**Proof:** ... paraphrased from 7 pages ...

1. if  $x_1^{(k)T} x_2^{(k)} = 0$  then  $x_1^{(k+1)T} x_2^{(k+1)} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  standard SQP convergence proof
2. if  $x_1^{(k)T} x_2^{(k)} > 0$  then ...  
... QP solver always picks **non-singular basis**  
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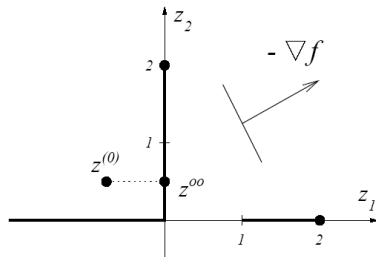
MPEC with **nonlinear complementarity** condition

“nice” stationary points at  $(0, 2)$  and  $(2, 0)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & -x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 + x_2 \leq 2 \\ & 0 \leq x_1^2 - x_1 \perp x_2 \geq 0 \quad \text{nonlinear} \end{array} \right.$$

$x_0 = (-\epsilon, t)^T$  for  $t \geq 0$ :

- $x_k \rightarrow (0, t)^T$  quadratically
  - $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  weird !!!
  - active set singular in limit
- $\Rightarrow$  SQP gets stuck



# DETOUR: INTERIOR POINT METHODS

# Interior Point Methods (IPM)

## General NLP

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(x) \quad \text{subject to} \quad c(x) = 0 \quad \& \quad x \geq 0$$

Perturbed  $\mu > 0$  optimality conditions ( $x, z \geq 0$ )

$$F_{\mu}(x, y, z) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla f(x) - \nabla c(x)^T y - z \\ c(x) \\ Xz - \mu e \end{array} \right\} = 0$$

- Primal-dual formulation
- Central path  $\{x(\mu), y(\mu), z(\mu) : \mu > 0\}$
- Apply Newton's method for sequence  $\mu \searrow 0$

# Interior Point Methods (IPM)

Newton's method applied to primal-dual system gives ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla^2 \mathcal{L}_k & -A_k & -I \\ A_k^T & 0 & 0 \\ Z_k & 0 & X_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \\ \Delta z \end{pmatrix} = -F_\mu(x_k, y_k, z_k)$$

where  $A_k = \nabla c(x_k)^T$ ,  $X_k$  diagonal matrix of  $x_k$ .

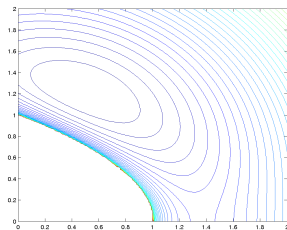
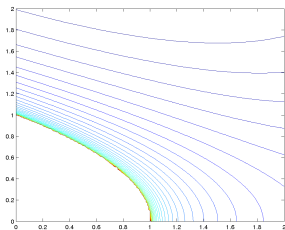
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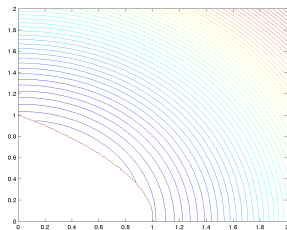
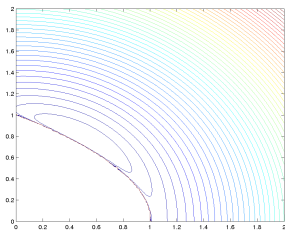
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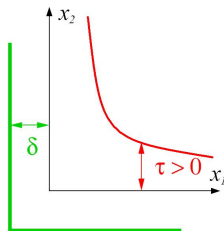
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**Aim:** NLP solver with small modification works for MPECs

# Interior Point Method with Two Sided Relaxation

- MPECs have no strict interior
- Relaxation  $X_1 x_2 \leq \tau \searrow 0 \Rightarrow$  interior  $\rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow$  relax  $X_1 x_2 \leq \tau$   
 and  $x_1 \geq -\delta, x_2 \geq -\delta$   
 ... adjust  $\tau, \delta$  as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$



Theorem: In limit  $\tau_i \rightarrow 0$  or  $\delta_i \rightarrow 0$  but not both  
 $\Rightarrow$  relaxed problem has non-empty interior in limit

MPEC multiplier  $\mu_i < 0 \Rightarrow$  reduce  $\tau_i \searrow 0 \dots$

# Limitations of NLP Approach

- formulation of followers as NCP  
⇒ questionable for nonconvex games
- MPEC-stationarity not necessarily no descent
- multipliers  $\xi \rightarrow \infty \dots$  not a solution???

... NLP approach remains most versatile MPEC solver

... allows simulation of heterogeneous leader-follower games

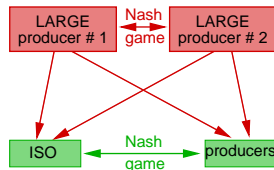
# MULTI-LEADER-FOLLOWER GAMES



# Multi-Leader-Follower Games

Non-cooperative equilibrium between  $> 2$  dominant producers

$$x_i^*, y \in \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \geq 0, y} f_i(x, y) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad h(x_i, y) = 0 \\ 0 \leq y_1 \perp y_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$



Complementarity: **optimality conditions** of leaders  
 $\Rightarrow$  **equilibrium problem with equilibrium constraints (EPEC)**

Leaders' MPECs **violate** Mangasarian-Fromowitz CQ  
 ... are EPECs harder than MPECs ???

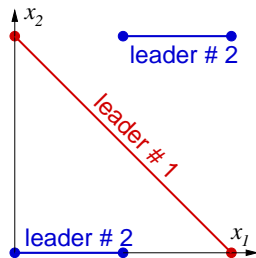
... recall MPEC strong-stationarity  $\Rightarrow \exists$  **bounded multipliers**

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Initial experience: **no feasible solution to MLF game**

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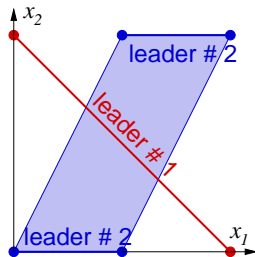
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... suggest **convexification approach** to get feasible ...

# Gauss-Seidel Iteration for EPECs

```
set I := 1..2;

var x{I};      # ... leader variables
var s;        # ... follower variables
var y;

# ... leader's objective
minimize leader{i in I}: (x[i]+1)^2;

subject to
  slack: s = x[1] + x[2] + y;
  compl: 0 <= s   complements   y >= 0;
```

# Gauss-Seidel Iteration for EPECs

```

param x0{I} default 0;           # iter k
param s0{I} default 0;
param y0{I} default 0;
param x1{I}; param s1{I}; param y1{I}; # iter k+1

param Tol >= 0, default 1E-4;   # tolerance
param MaxIt >= 0, integer, default 20; # max iter
param Err default 0;

let{i in I} x[i] := x0[i];      # init vars
let s := s0[1]; let y := y0[1];

problem Stackelberg{i in I}:    # leader i
    leader[i],                 # objective
    x[i], y, s,                # variables
    slack, compl;              # constraints

```

# Gauss-Seidel Iteration for EPECs

```

for {k in 1..MaxIt}{
  for {i in I}{
    solve Stackelberg[i];
    let x1[i] := x[i];
    let s1[i] := s;    let y1[i] := y;
  }; # end for

  let Err := sqrt( sum{i in I}( (x0[i] - x1[i])^2
                                + (y0[i] - y1[i])^2
                                + (s0[i] - s1[i])^2 ));

  if (Err <= Tol) then break;

  let{i in I} x0[i]:=x1[i]; let{i in I} s0[i]:=s1[i];
  let{i in I} y0[i]:=y1[i];
}; # end for

```

# Complementarity System Approach

Non-cooperative Nash equilibrium between leaders

$(\nabla_i = \nabla_{(x_i, y)}) \dots$  for all leaders  $i = 1, \dots, L$ :

$$\nabla_i f_i(x, y) - \nabla_i h(x_i, y) \mu_i - \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_i \\ 0 \\ \nu_{i1} - \xi_i y_2 \\ \nu_{i2} - \xi_i y_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$h(x_i, y) = 0$$

$$0 \leq x_i \perp \sigma_i \geq 0 \quad , \quad 0 \geq y_1^T y_2 \perp \xi_i \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq y_1 \perp \nu_{i1} \geq 0 \quad , \quad 0 \leq y_2 \perp \nu_{i2} \geq 0$$

Non-square complementarity problem

... OK for nonlinear optimizers

... note each leader has own multipliers  $\xi_i, \nu_i$

... price-consistent formulation  $\xi_i = \xi \forall i \Rightarrow$  square NCP

# Complementarity System Approach

```

var lambda{I}; var sigma{I}; # ... multipliers
var nu{I};      var xi{I};

subject to
  KKTx{i in I}: 2*(x[i]+1) + lambda[i] = 0;
  KKTy{i in I}: lambda[i] - nu[i] + xi[i]*s = 0;
  KKTs{i in I}: - lambda[i] - sigma[i] + xi[i]*y = 0;

  slack{i in I}: s = x[1]+x[2]+y complements lambda[i];

  bnds{i in I}: 0 <= s complements sigma[i] >= 0;
  bndy{i in I}: 0 <= y complements nu[i] >= 0;
  compl{i in I}: 0 <= -y*s complements xi[i] >= 0;

```



# Solution of Multi-Leader Follower Games

- MPECs are **nonconvex**
  - ⇒ first-order conditions are **not** sufficient
  - ⇒ NCP approach may fail
- Differentiation is **not easy**
  - ⇒ mistakes in NCP formulation
- MPECs are already difficult
  - ⇒ Gauss-Seidel often fails
- penalized approach works best at present

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## Open Questions

- Interpretation of **NLP failures**?
- Can we avoid **“spurious-stationary” points**?
- How to get **global minimizers** for some applications?

# “Homework”

1. Formulate `hakonsen.mod` as an NLP;  
replacing  $0 \leq x_1 \perp x_2 \geq 0$  by

1.1  $\min(x_1, x_2) \leq 0$  and  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

1.2  $x_1^T x_2 \leq 0$  and  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

... and solve the model using `snopt`, `loqo` et al.

2. Solve `wardop.mod/wardrop-01.dat`:

2.1 starting from default

2.2 starting from point given in `wardrop-01.start`

What is the effect on the solvers? Compare IPM to ASM!

Models: [www.mcs.anl.gov/~leyffer/ice05/](http://www.mcs.anl.gov/~leyffer/ice05/)