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# A Block Principal Pivoting Algorithm for the Vertical Generalized Linear Complementarity Problem (VGLCP) with a Vertical Block P-matrix

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The vectors  $w \in R^m$  and  $q \in R^m$  are also partitioned to conform to the entries in the block,  $N^j$  of  $N$ :

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w^1 \\ \vdots \\ w^n \end{bmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} q^1 \\ \vdots \\ q^n \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $w^j, q^j$  are  $m_j \times 1$  vectors.

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The vertical generalized linear complementarity problem: Given a vertical block matrix  $N$  of type  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$  and a vector  $q \in R^m$ , find vectors  $w \in R^m, z \in R^n$  such that

$$w = Nz + q \quad (1)$$

$$w \geq 0, z \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$z_j \prod_{i=1}^{m_j} w_i^j = 0 \quad (j = 1, \dots, n) \quad (3)$$

We will denote this problem by VGLCP( $q, N$ ).

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Consider the following sets:

$$K_1 = \{1, \dots, m_1\}, \quad K_i = \left\{ 1 + \sum_{t=1}^{i-1} m_t, \dots, \sum_{t=1}^i m_t \right\}, \quad i = 2, \dots, n.$$

The complementarity conditions can be reformulated as follows: Find vectors  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$z_i \prod_{j \in K_i} w_j = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (4)$$

## **Complementary Basic Solutions (CBS) for the VGLCP( $q, N$ )**

A CBS associated the VGLCP ( $q, N$ ) consists of basic variables and nonbasic variables.

The nonbasic variables have zero values and the basic variables are obtained by solving the linear system (1) above and fixing the values of the nonbasic variables at zero.

Furthermore, the basic and nonbasic variables are chosen in such a way that the complementarity condition (3) or (4) holds.

# The Algorithm

Let  $x = [z \ w]^T$  be a CBS.

Denote the basic variables by  $z_F$  and  $w_T$ ; and the nonbasic variables by  $z_G$  and  $w_R$  where the sets  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $T$ , and  $R$  are defined as follows:

$$F \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$G = \{1, \dots, n\} - F$$

$$F \cap G = \emptyset$$

$$T \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$$

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# The Algorithm

The basic variables,  $z_F$  and  $w_T$ , are obtained by solving:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_T & -N_{TF} \\ 0 & -N_{RF} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_T \\ z_F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_T \\ q_R \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

and the nonbasic variables are obtained by setting

$$z_G = 0, \quad w_R = 0 \quad (6)$$

The matrix in (5) is called a basis matrix.

## Theorem

*If  $N$  is an  $m \times n$  vertical block  $P$ -matrix of type  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , then the basis matrix in (5) is nonsingular.*

## Principal Pivoting Algorithms

Let  $x = [z \ w]^T$  be a CBS and  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $T$  and  $R$  the associated sets.

Allowed principal pivot operations:

- (i) A basic variable  $z_i, i \in F$ , is exchanged with a nonbasic variable  $w_j$ , with  $j \in K_i$ , and the sets are updated as follows:

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- (iii) A basic variable  $w_j, j \in K_i$ , is exchanged with a nonbasic variable  $w_s, s \in K_i$ , and the sets  $T$  and  $R$  are updated by:

$$T = T \setminus \{j\} \cup \{s\}, \quad R = R \setminus \{s\} \cup \{j\}$$

and the sets  $F$  and  $G$  are not updated.

# The Block Principal Pivoting Algorithm

## Step 0: (Initialization)

Start with the associated sets:

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**Step 1:** If  $x \geq 0$ , terminate with  $x$  as the solution of VGLCP. Otherwise, go to Step 2.

**Step 2:** Update the sets  $F, G, T, R$  by (i) and (ii) as given below:

(i) Define the following sets:

$$\bar{F} = \{i \in F : z_i < 0\} \quad (7)$$

$$\bar{T}_1 = \{\min\{j \in K_i : w_j < 0\} : i \in G\} \quad (8)$$

$$\bar{T}_2 = \{\min\{j \in K_i : w_j < 0\} : i \in F \setminus \bar{F}\} \quad (9)$$

$$\hat{F} = \{i \in G : j \in \bar{T}_1\} \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{R}_1 = \{j \in R \cap K_i : i \in \bar{F}\} \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{R}_2 = \{s \in R \cap K_i : i \in F \setminus \bar{F} \text{ and } j \in \bar{T}_2\} \quad (12)$$

(ii) Update the sets  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $T$  and  $R$  by:

$$F = F \setminus \bar{F} \cup \hat{F} \quad (13)$$

$$G = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus F \quad (14)$$

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**Step 3:** Use the updated sets to solve equations (5) and (6) and obtain a new CBS  $x = [z \ w]^T$ . Return to Step 1.

## Example

Let  $N$  be a vertical block P-matrix of type  $(2, 2, 2)$ :

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ -5 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

Then  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 6$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 2$ ,  $K_1 = \{1, 2\}$   
 $K_2 = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $K_3 = \{5, 6\}$

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**Problem:** Cycling/finite convergence

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