

# Halfspace depth: motivation, computation, optimization

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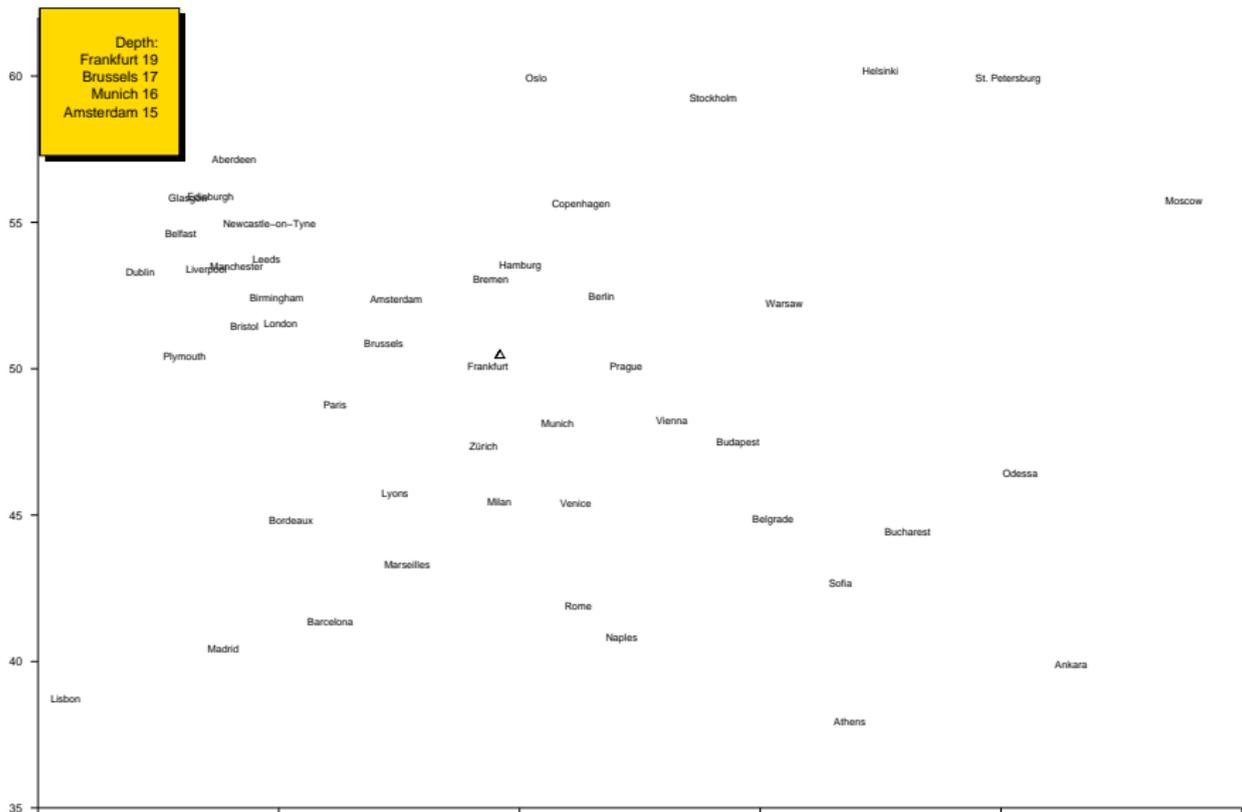
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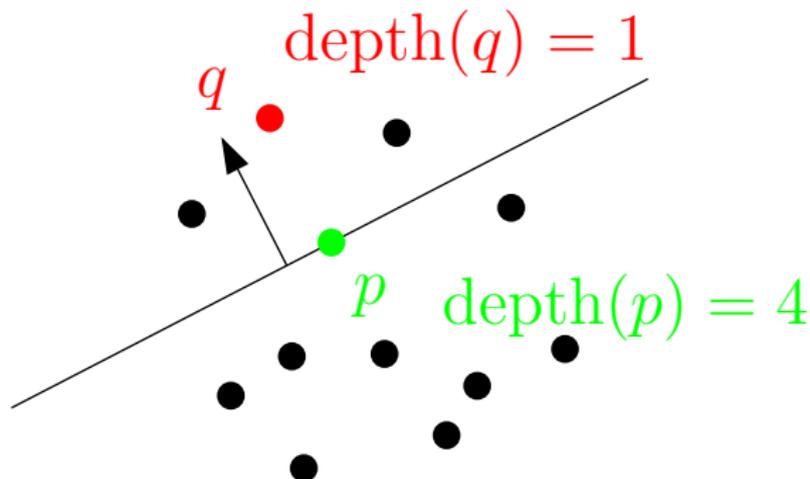
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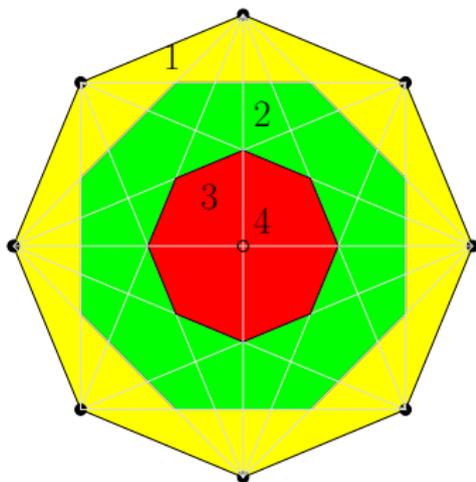
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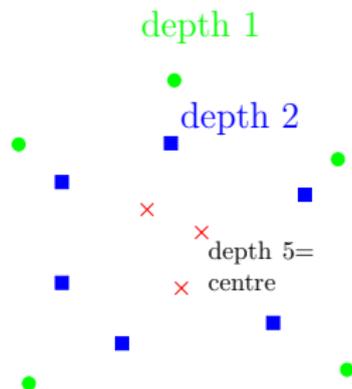


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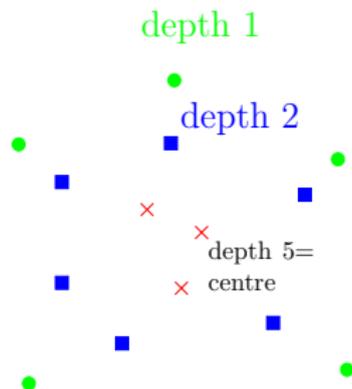


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- ▶ Parameter vector  $\vartheta = (\mu_1 \dots \mu_n, \nu_1 \dots \nu_m)$ .
- ▶ Criterial functions

$$F_{i,j,k}(\vartheta) = \frac{(z_{i,j,k} - (\mu_i + \nu_j))^2}{2}$$

- ▶  $\nabla F_{i,j,k}(\vartheta) = -(z_{i,j,k} - \mu_i - \mu_j)(e_i, e_j)$

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$G_{i,j}(1, 2, 1, 2)$

| $i$ | $j$          |              |
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|     | 1            | 2            |
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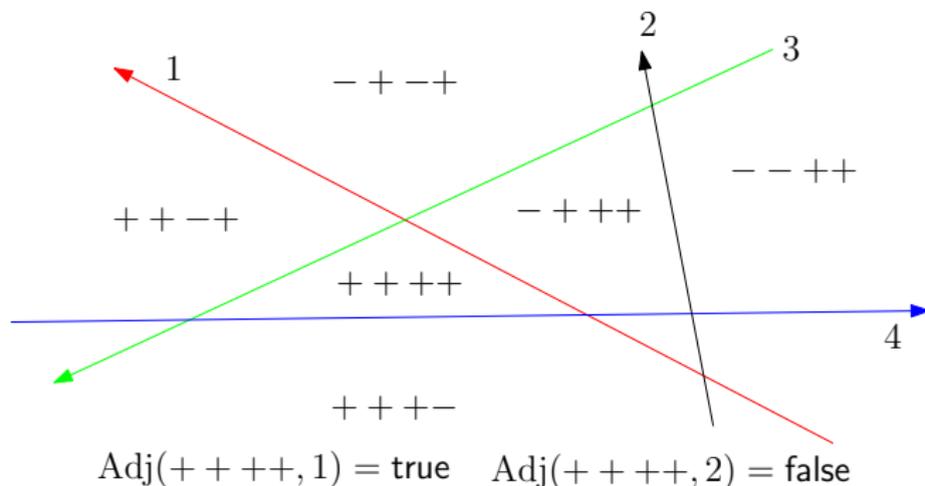
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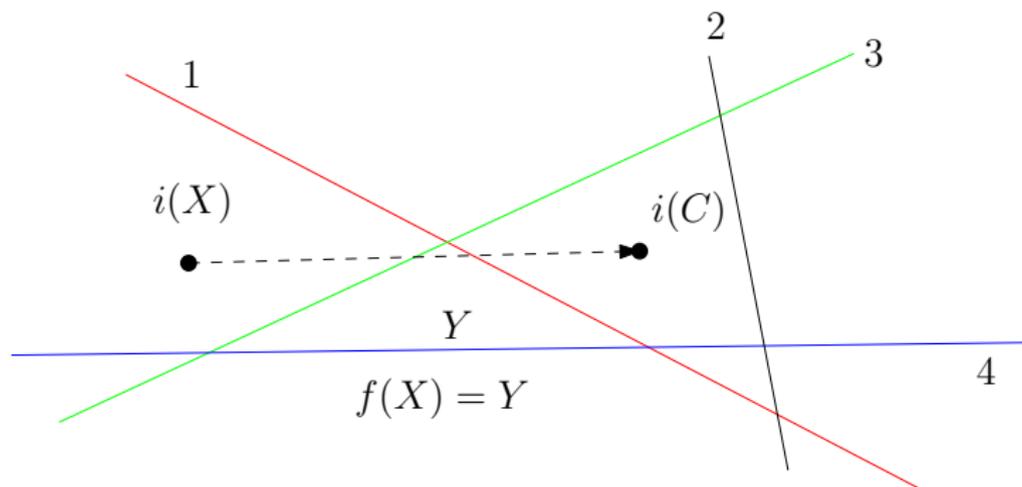
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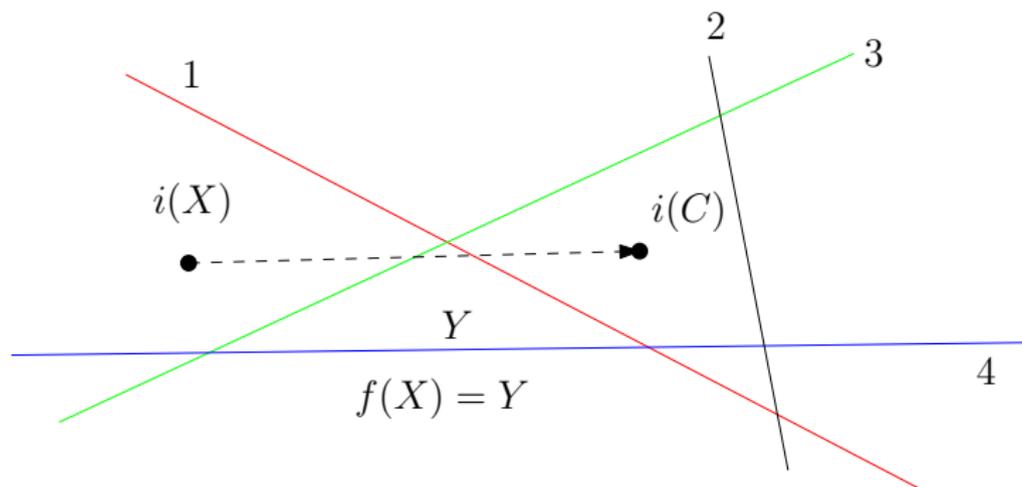
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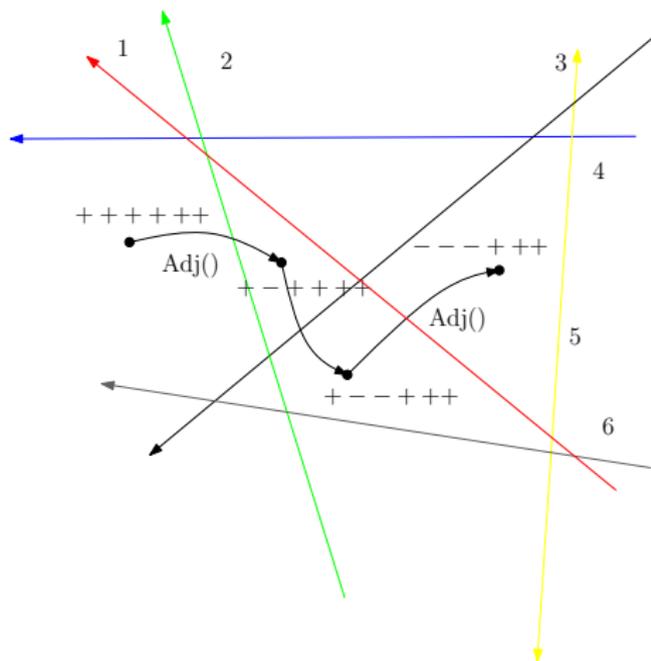
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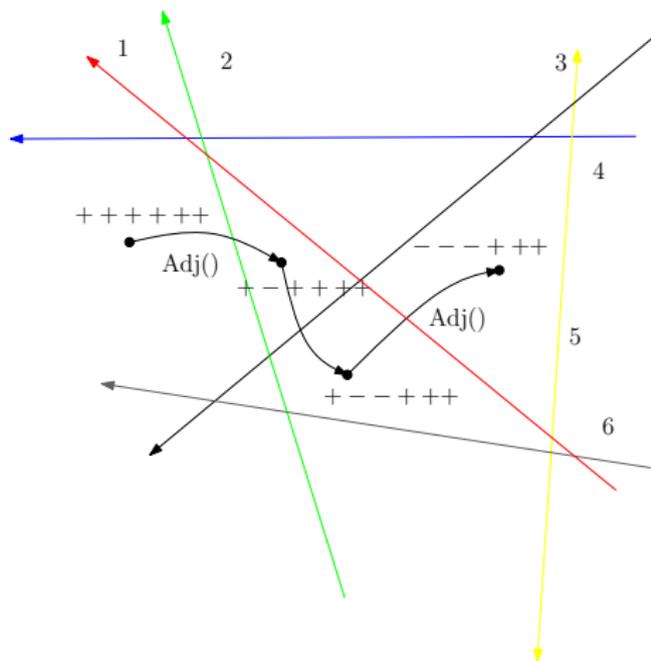
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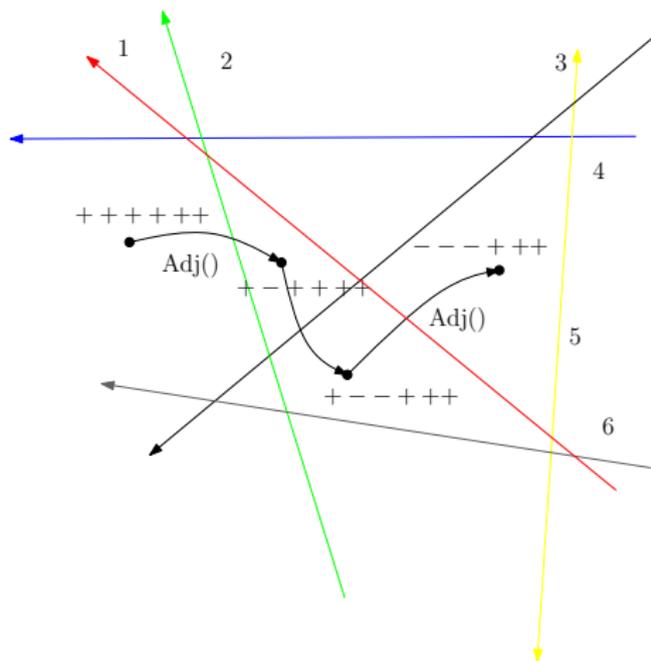
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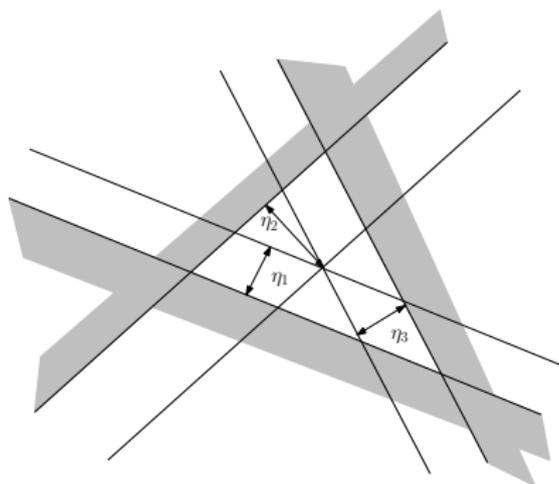
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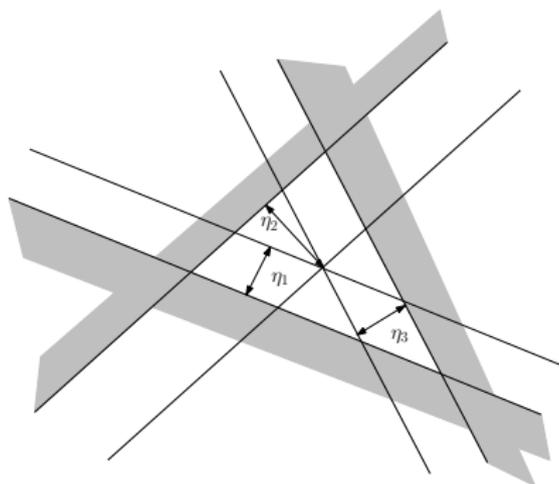
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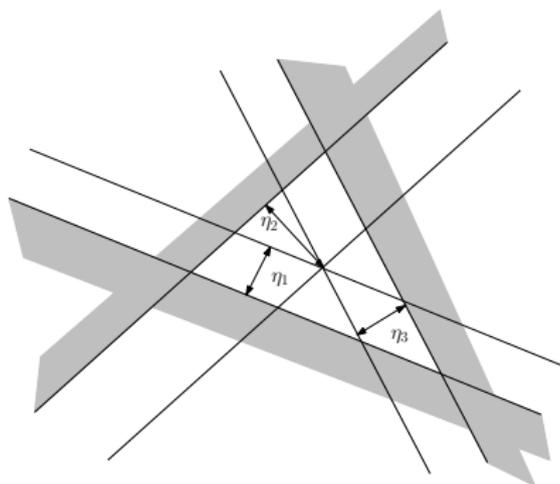
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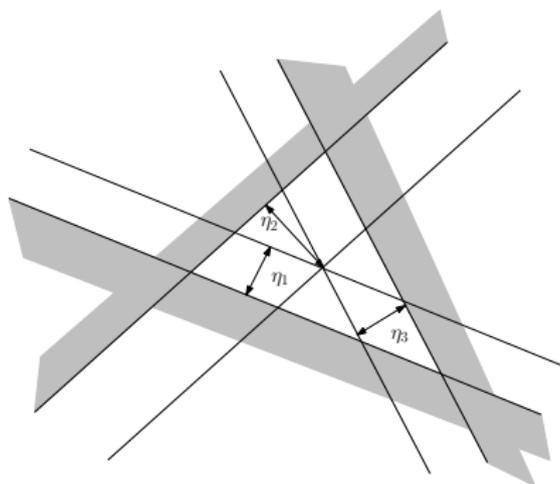
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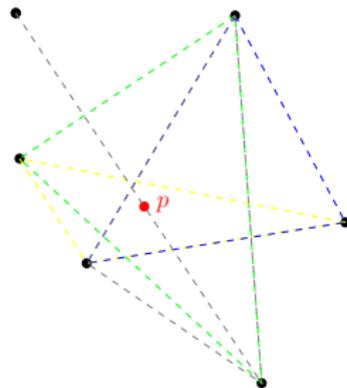


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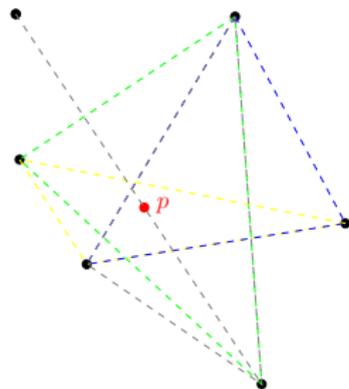
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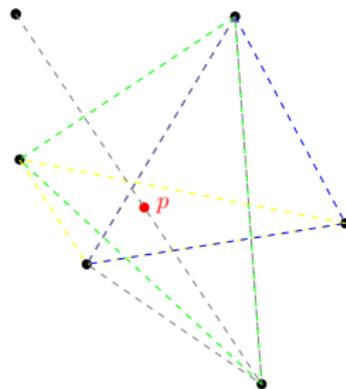
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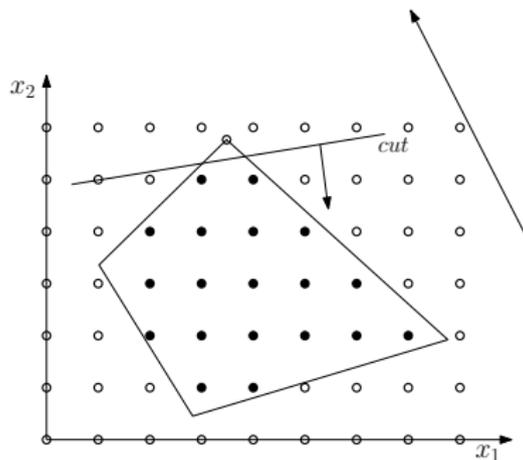
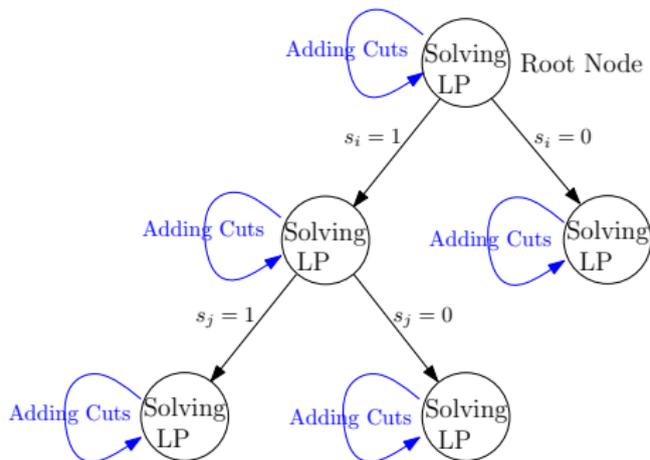
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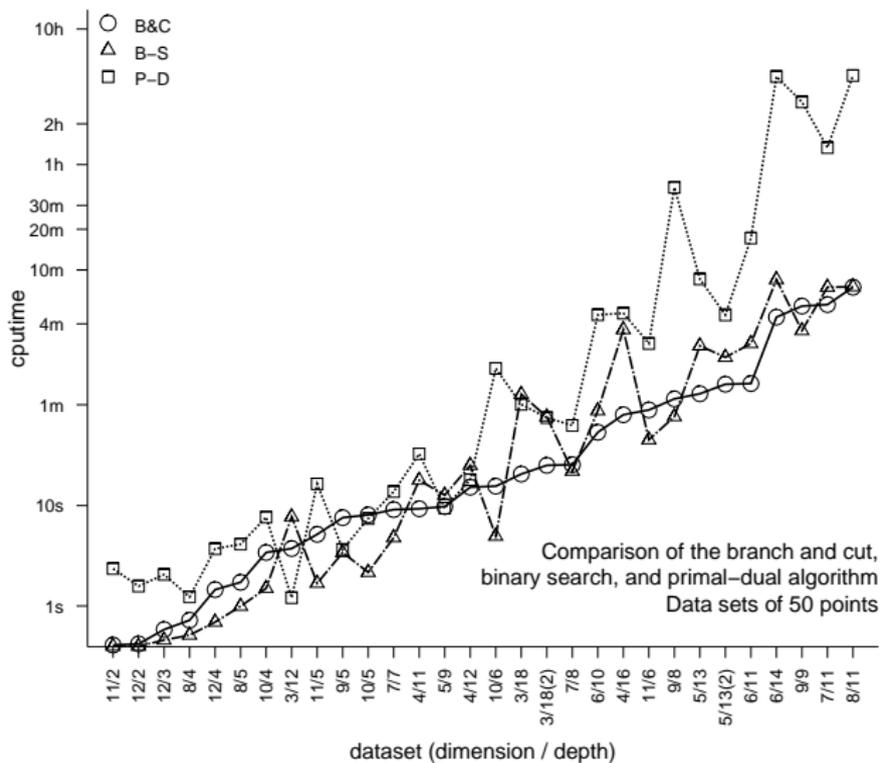
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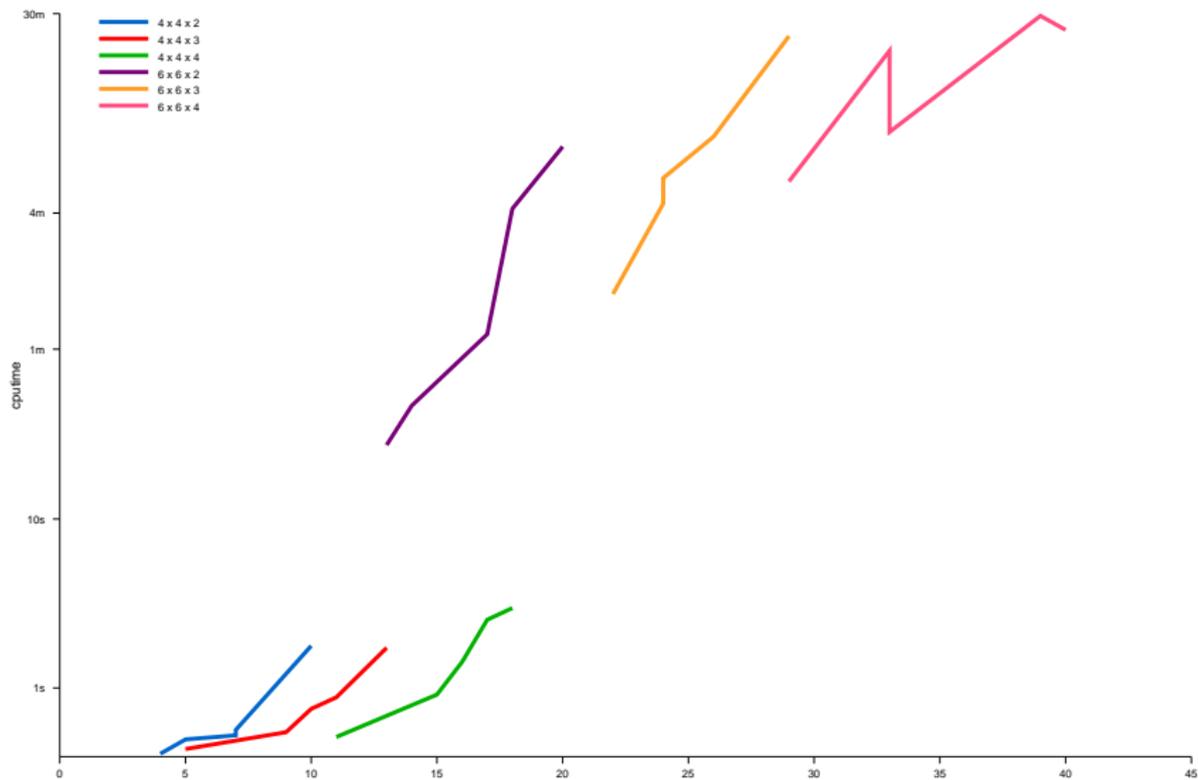
# Branch and cut details

- ▶ Implementation by Dan Chen, using tools from COIN-OR.
- ▶ Chinneck's heuristic algorithm is used to find an initial upper bound
- ▶ MDS/BIS used as cutting planes.
- ▶ Binary-search version “eliminates”  $\varepsilon$
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