

# Convexity check

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## 1 Preliminaries

Recall Expression (22) in our current paper:

$$\frac{\partial \ln F_m}{\partial m_{i,r}^{j,t}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln m_{i,r}^{j,t} - \ln \mu_{i,r}^{j,t} + \frac{3}{10} \quad (1)$$

Taking advantage:

$$m_{i,r}^{j,t} = \mu_{i,r}^{j,t} \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_{i,r}^{j,t}} \Leftrightarrow m_{i,r}^{j,t} = \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \ln \mu_{i,r}^{j,t}} \quad (2)$$

we can get:

$$\nabla_{m_{i,r}^{j,t}}^2 \ln F_m = \left[ \frac{1}{2m_{i,-1}^{j,-1}}, \frac{1}{2m_{i,-1}^{j,1}}, \frac{1}{2m_{i,1}^{j,-1}}, \frac{1}{2m_{i,1}^{j,1}} \right] \times \mathbf{I}_{4,4} - \left( \nabla_{\ln \mu_{i,r}^{j,t}}^2 \Phi(\tilde{\mu}) \right)^{-1} \quad (3)$$

We wish to show that the LPDMs of (3) alternate properly in sing, for each 4tuple of  $m$ 's (which implicitly determines the 4tuple of  $\mu$ 's) that sums to 5 and belongs to Xavier's domain.

A nice observation of Lefteris is that we can take advantage of (2) and transform (3) to (4), as a function of  $\mu$ 's only. Then proper alternation of signs of (4), for *all positive*  $\mu$ 's, will imply that the LPDMs of (3) alternate properly in sing for each Xavier-4tuple of  $m$ 's .

$$\nabla_{m_{i,r}^{j,t}}^2 \ln F_m = \left[ \frac{1}{2\mu_{i,-1}^{j,-1} \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_{i,-1}^{j,-1}}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_{i,-1}^{j,1} \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_{i,-1}^{j,1}}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_{i,1}^{j,-1} \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_{i,1}^{j,-1}}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_{i,1}^{j,1} \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_{i,1}^{j,1}}} \right] \times \mathbf{I}_{4,4} - \left( \nabla_{\ln \mu_{i,r}^{j,t}}^2 \Phi(\tilde{\mu}) \right)^{-1} \quad (4)$$

Observe that each entry in (4) is a *regular* polynomial, i.e. it consists of monomials that their exponents sum to a fixed constant. Then to show proper alternation of signs of (4) for *all positive*  $\mu$ 's, it suffices to show it for all 4tuples of  $\mu$ 's that sum *only* to 1. For example, let:  $f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 y^2 z w^3 - 10 x y z^3 w^5 + x^5 w^3$  with exponents summing to 8. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z, w) &= (x^2 y^2 z w^3 - 10 x y z^3 w^5 + x^5 w^3) \frac{(x + y + z + w)^8}{(x + y + z + w)^8} \\ &= (p_x^2 p_y^2 p_z p_w^3 - 10 p_x p_y p_z^3 p_w^5 + p_x^5 p_w^3) (x + y + z + w)^8 \\ &\quad \text{with: } (x + y + z + w)^8 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $p_t = \frac{t}{x+y+z+w} \in (0, 1]$  for each subscript  $t \in \{x, y, z, w\}$ . In other words, the sign of (5) depends *only* on the scaled vector  $(p_x, \dots, p_w) \in (0, 1]^4$  of the positive variables  $x, y, z, w$ .

**The C program:** We represent the 4  $\mu$ 's as  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  and the 4  $m$ 's as  $m_1, \dots, m_4$ . Then  $\mu_1$  ranges in  $[bound, 1 - bound]$  with **step**= 1/5000 and **bound**= 0.00000001. For each fixed value of  $\mu_1$  then  $\mu_2$  ranges in  $[bound, 1 - \mu_1]$  with **step**= 1/5000. For each fixed tuple of values  $(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  then  $\mu_3$  ranges in  $[bound, 1 - \mu_1 - \mu_2]$  with **step**= 1/5000. Finally, for each tuple of values  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)$  then we set  $\mu_4 = 1 - \mu_1 - \mu_2 - \mu_3 \geq bound$ .

The 2 matrices in Expression (4) are implemented as follows. The leftmost matrix

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2\mu_1 \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_1}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_2 \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_2}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_3 \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_3}}, \frac{1}{2\mu_4 \frac{\partial \Phi(\tilde{\mu})}{\partial \mu_4}} \right] \times \mathbf{I}_{4,4}$$

in (4) is evaluated per tuple of  $mu$ 's in the C program in the  $4 \times 4$  matrix **Minvf**. The rightmost matrix

$$\nabla_{\ln \mu_1, \dots, \ln \mu_4}^2 \Phi(\tilde{\mu})$$

in (4) is evaluated per tuple of  $mu$ 's in the C program as the  $4 \times 4$  matrix **Sf**, while its corresponding inverse in  $4 \times 4$  matrix **Sinvf**. Since  $\mu$ 's add to 1, it is convenient to use the  $3 \times 3$  matrix

$$HG = A \times (\mathbf{Minvf} - \mathbf{Sinf}) \times \mathit{transpose}(A)$$

where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, the LPDMs of matrix **HG** are denoted as **currentLPDM1**,  $\dots$ , **currentLPDM3**.