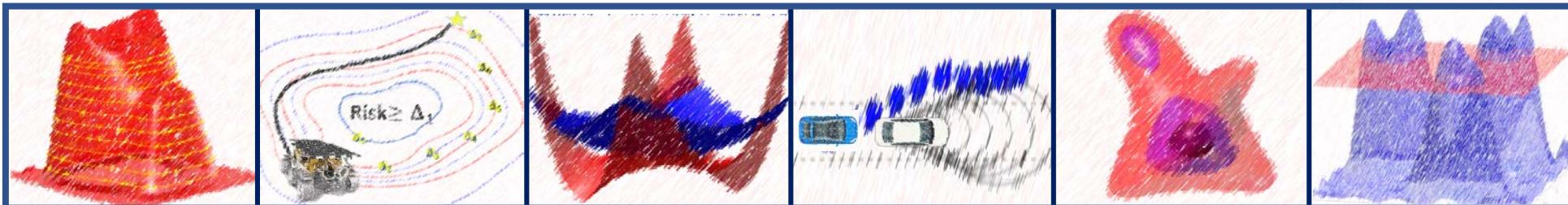


## Lecture 3

# Sum Of Squares For Nonlinear Optimization

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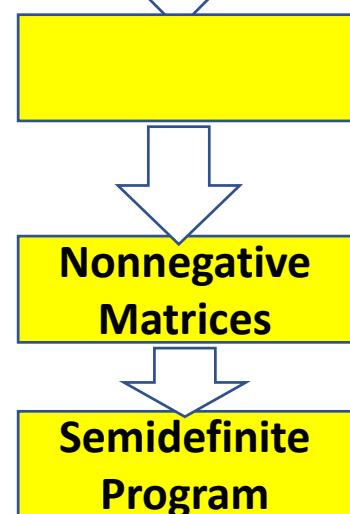
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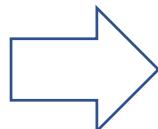
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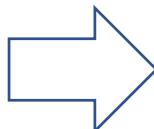
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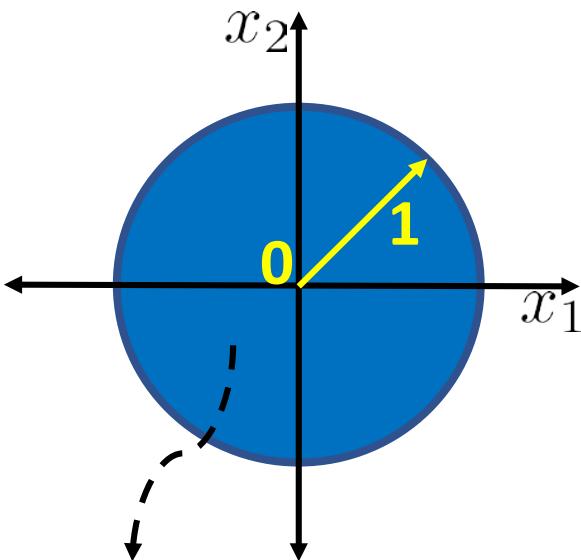
$\mathbb{R}[x]$  Set (ring) of real polynomial in the variables  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbb{R}_d[x] \subset \mathbb{R}[x]$  Set of polynomials of degree at most  $d$

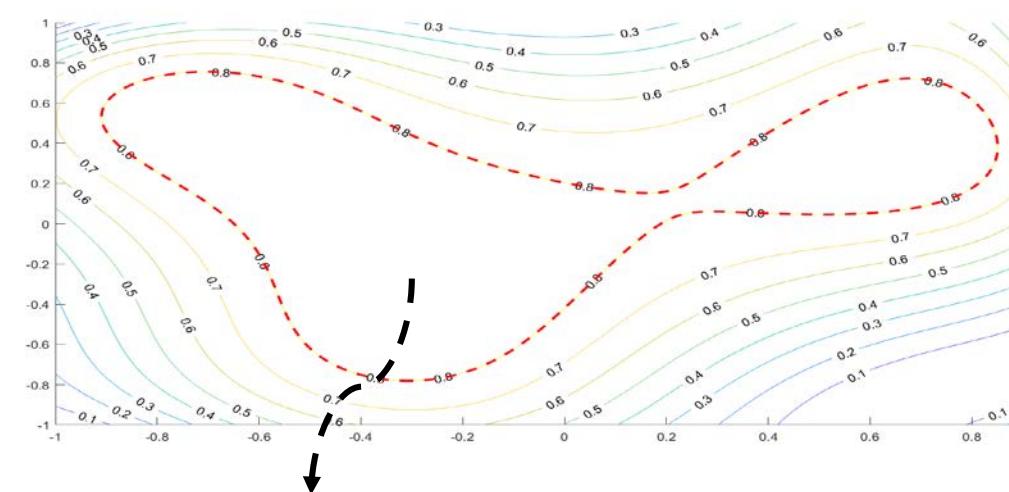
# Level Set of Polynomials

**Semialgebraic Set:** Set described by level sets of polynomials

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_i(x) \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n, h_i(x) = 0, i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

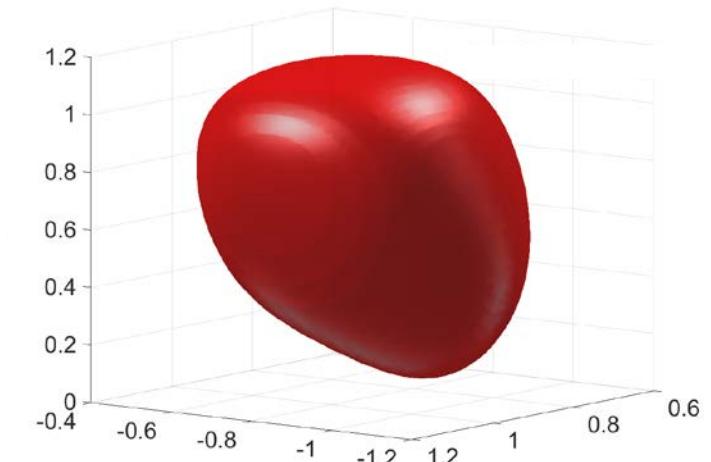


$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \geq 0\}$$



$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : g(x_1, x_2) \geq 0.8\}$$

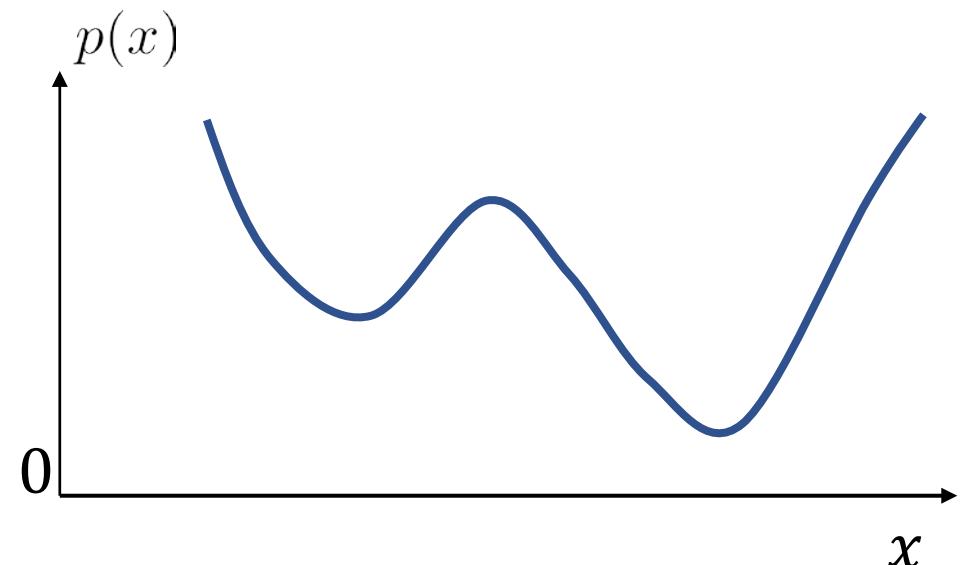
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$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : g(x_1, x_2, x_3) \geq 1\}$$

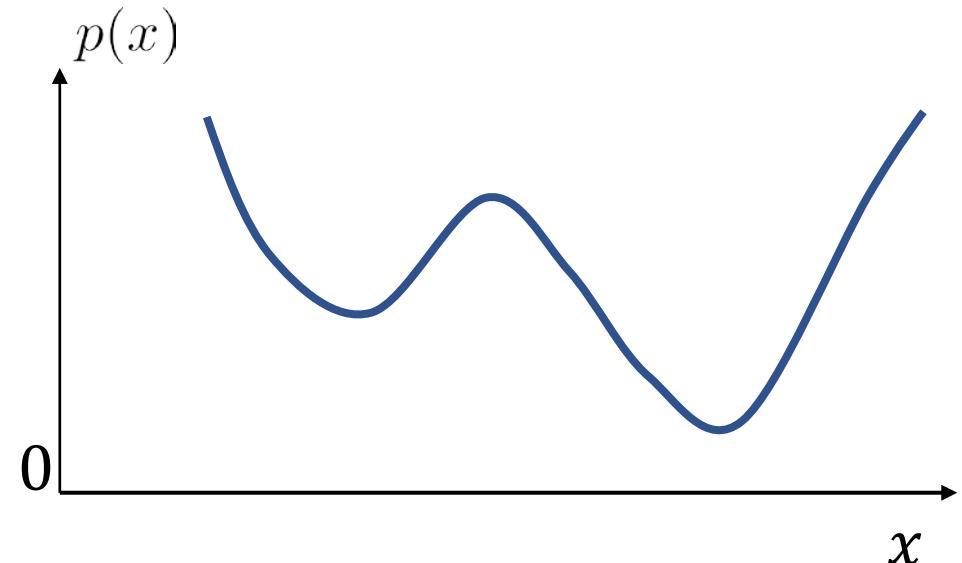
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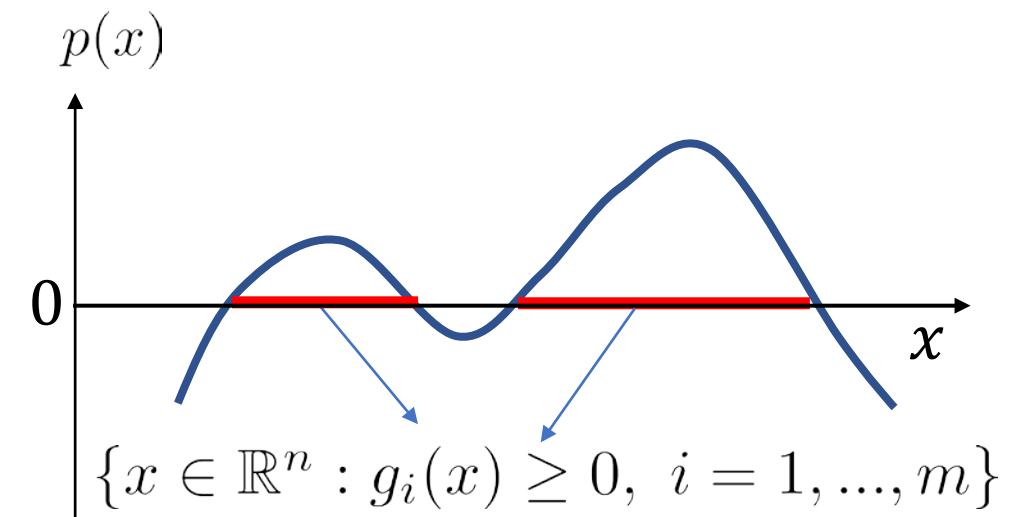
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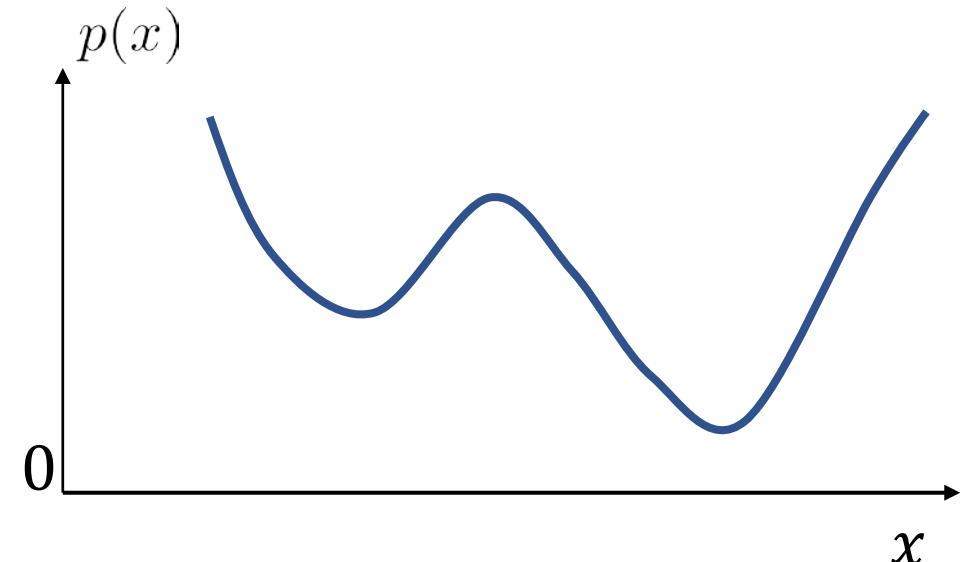
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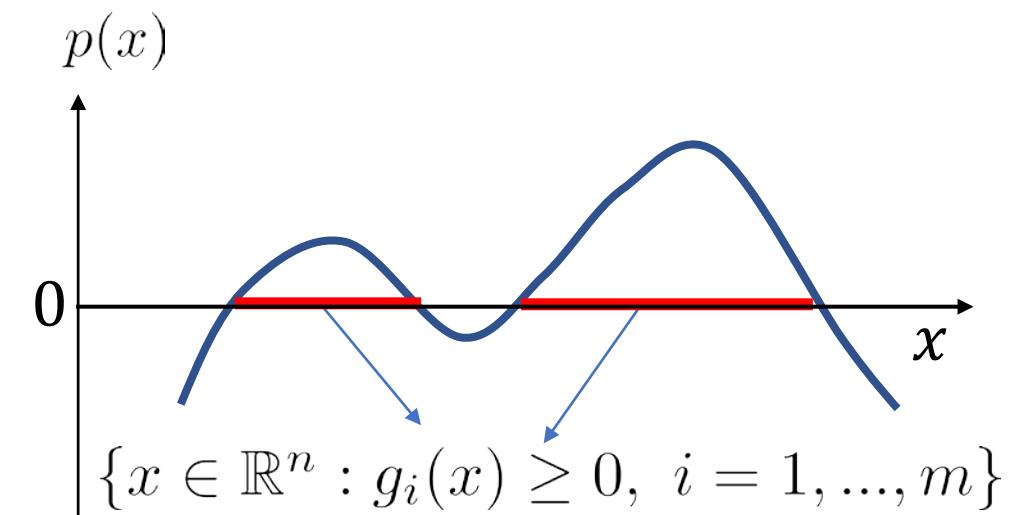
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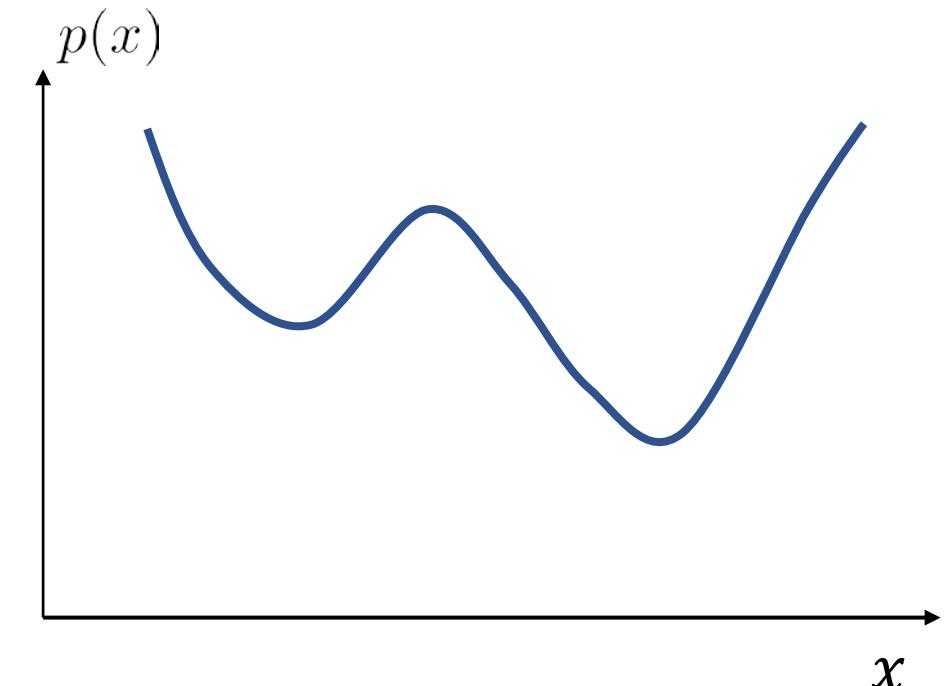
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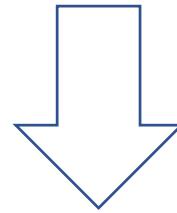
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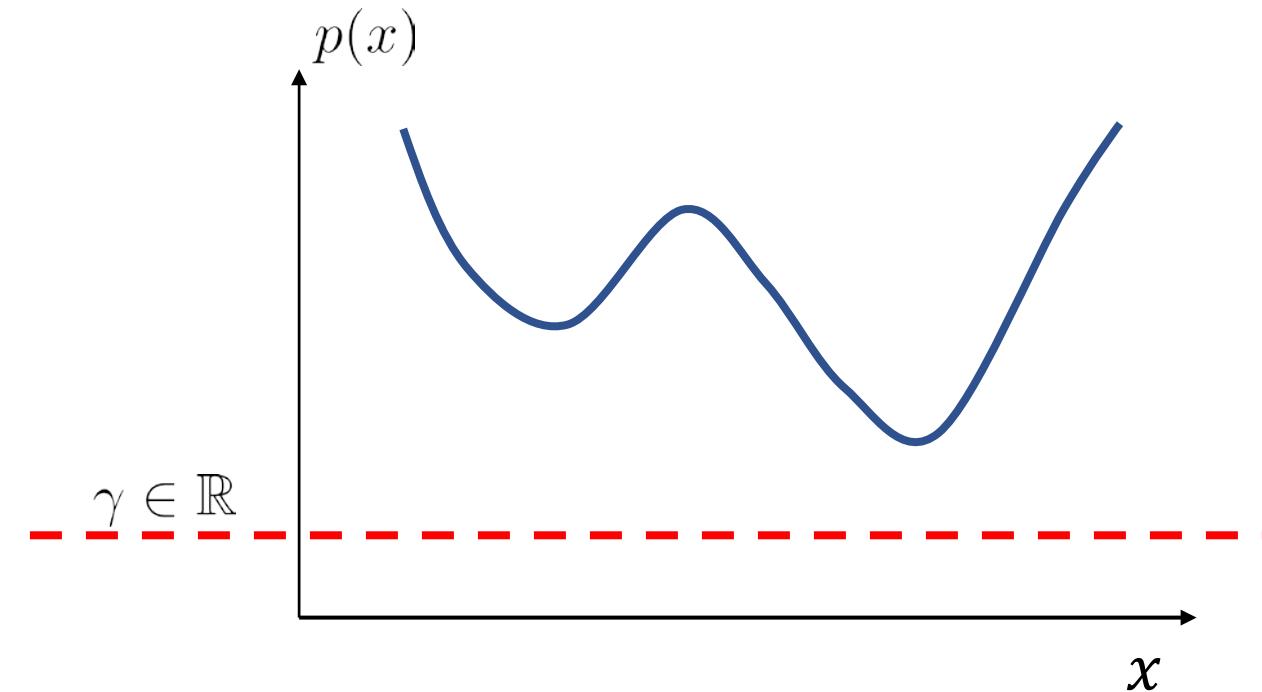
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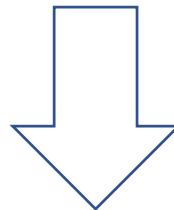
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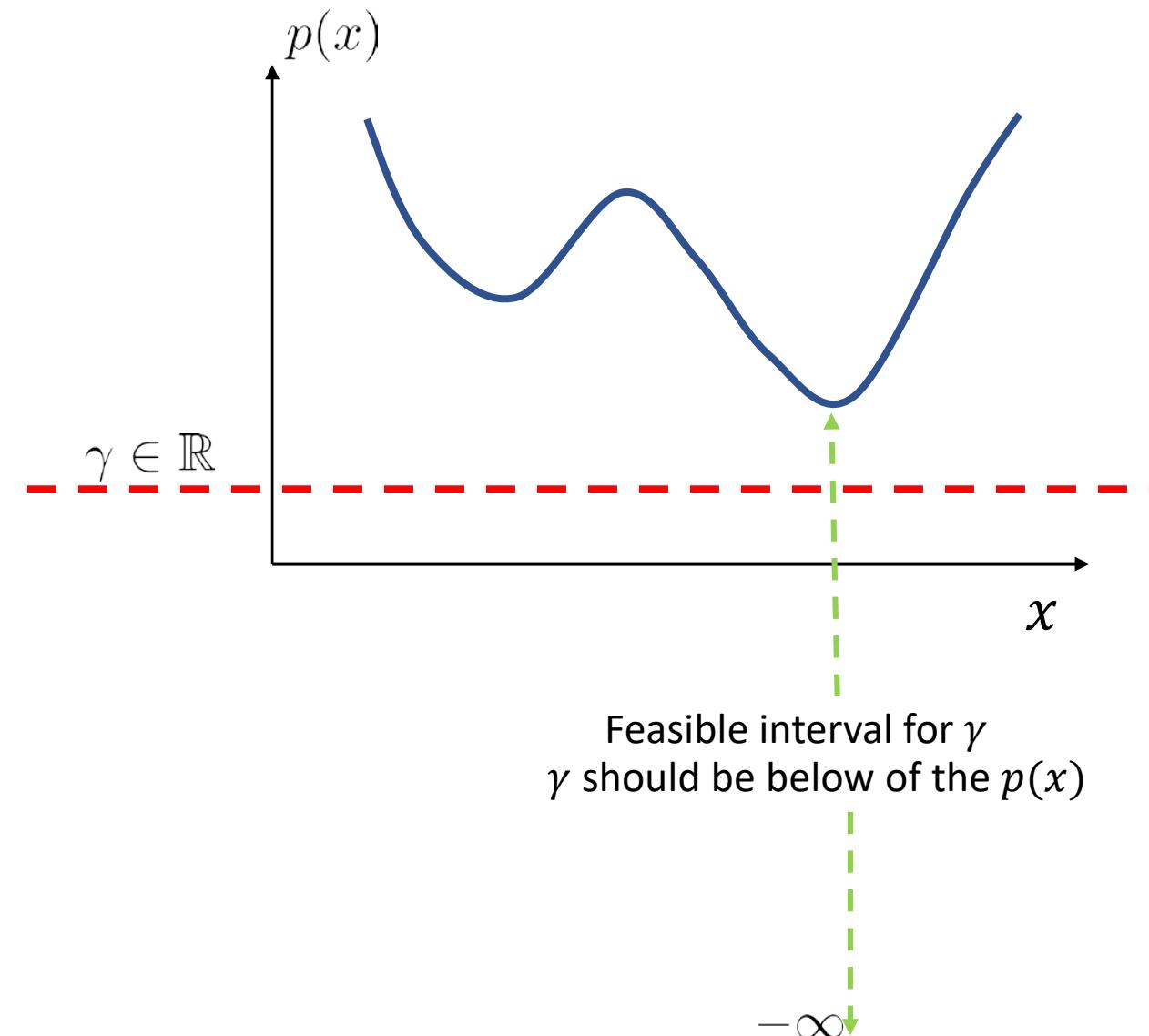
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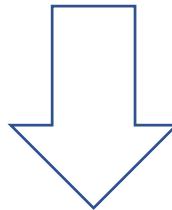
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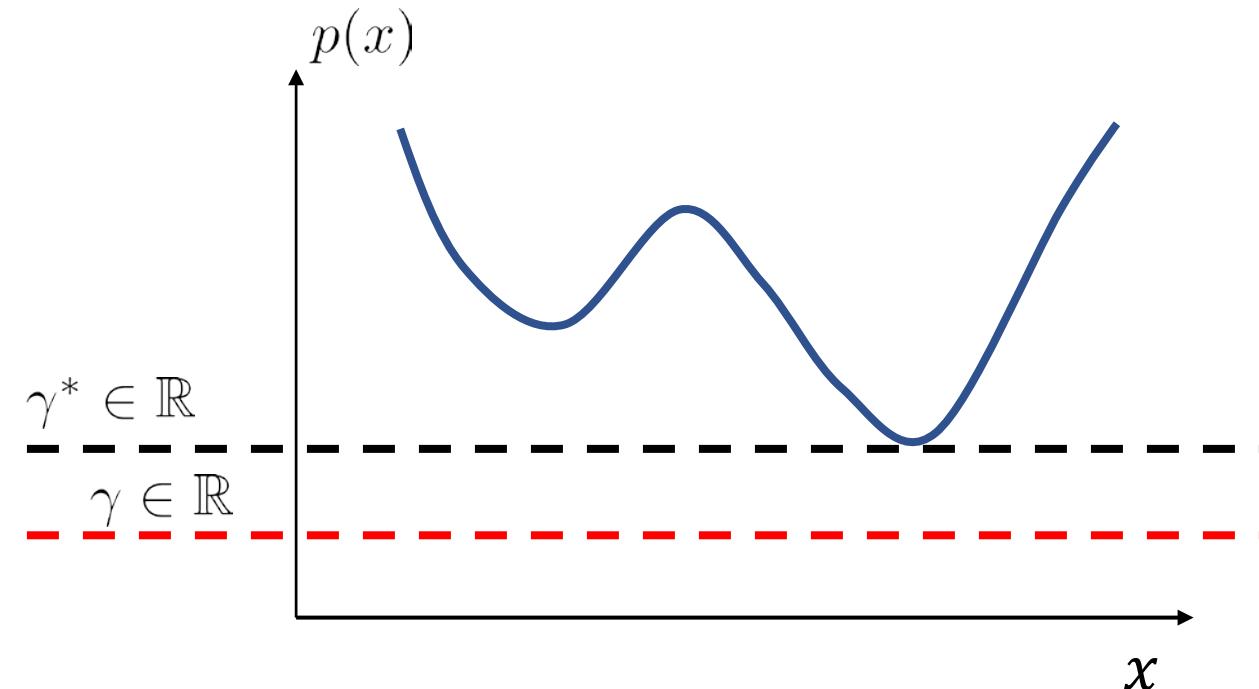
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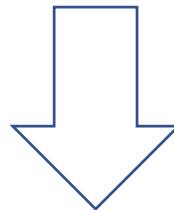
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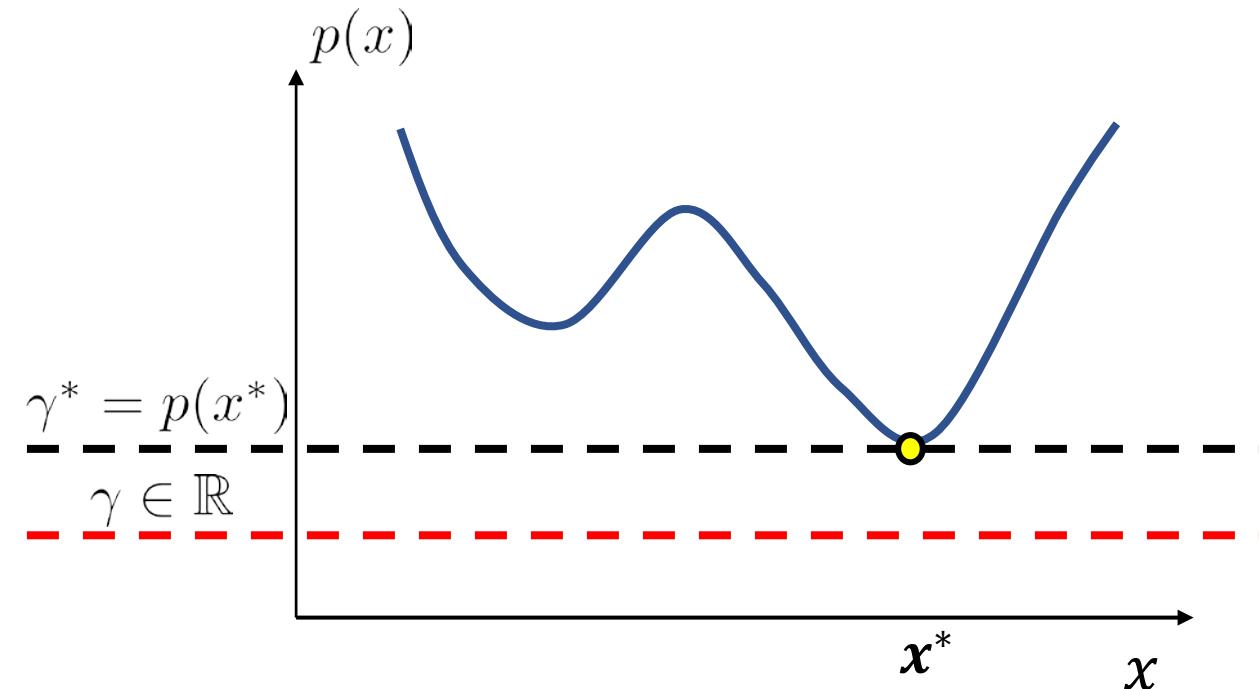
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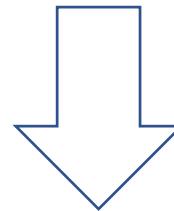
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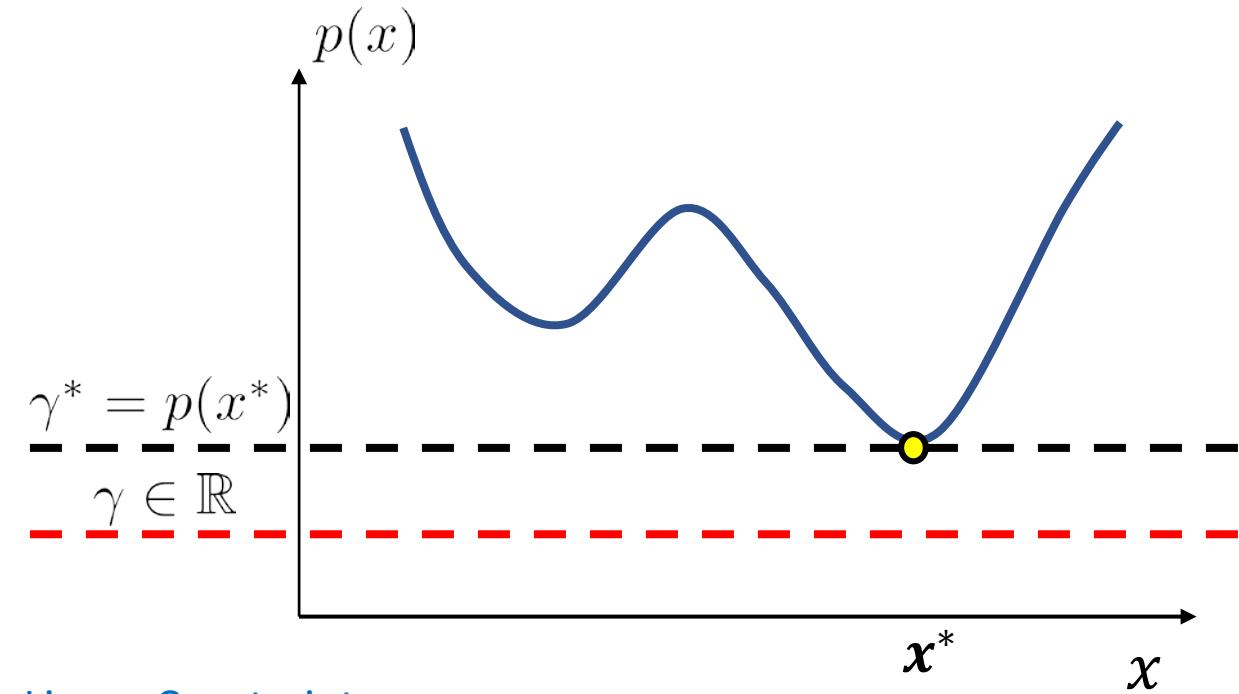
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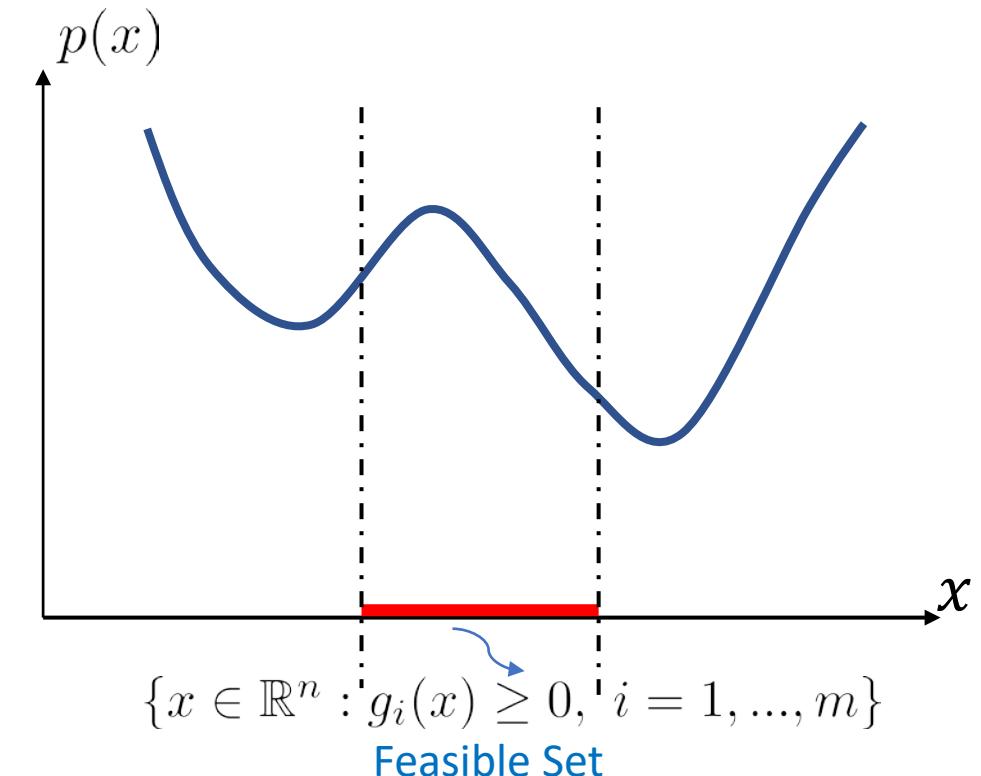


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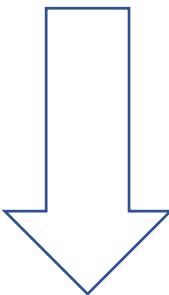


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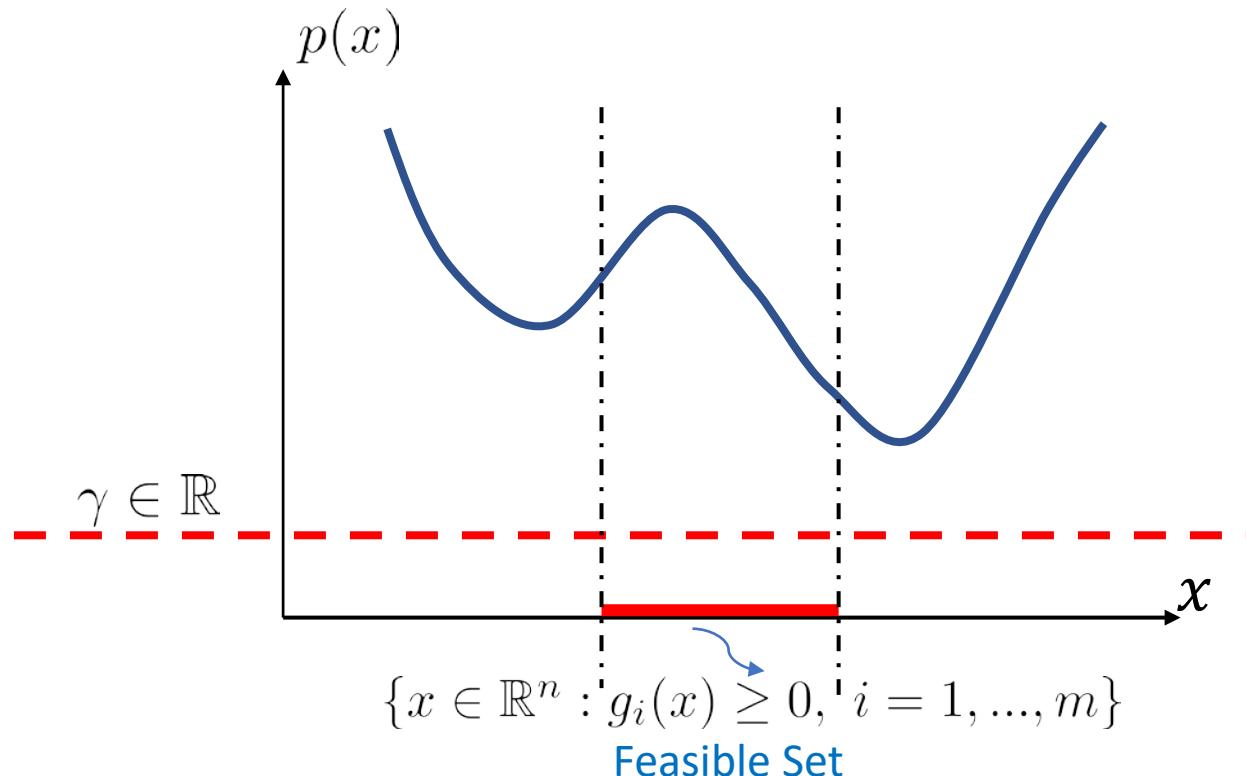
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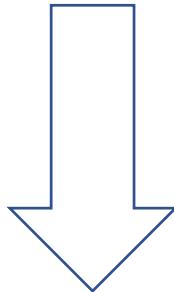


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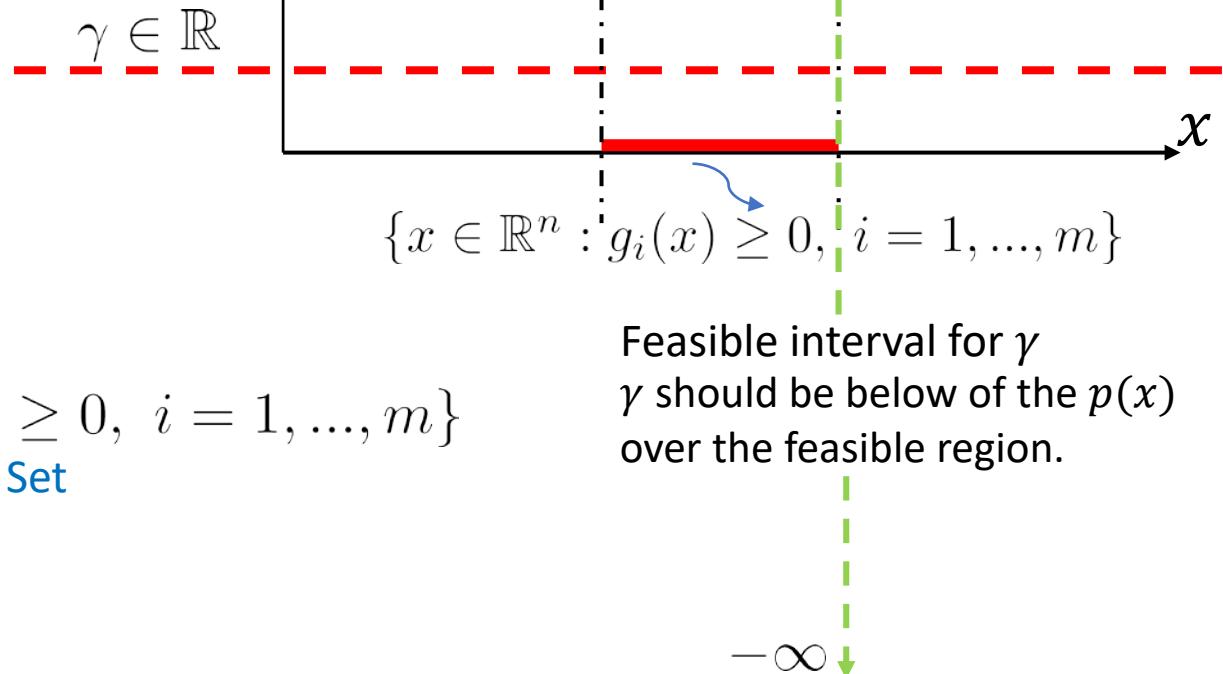
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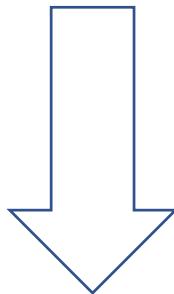


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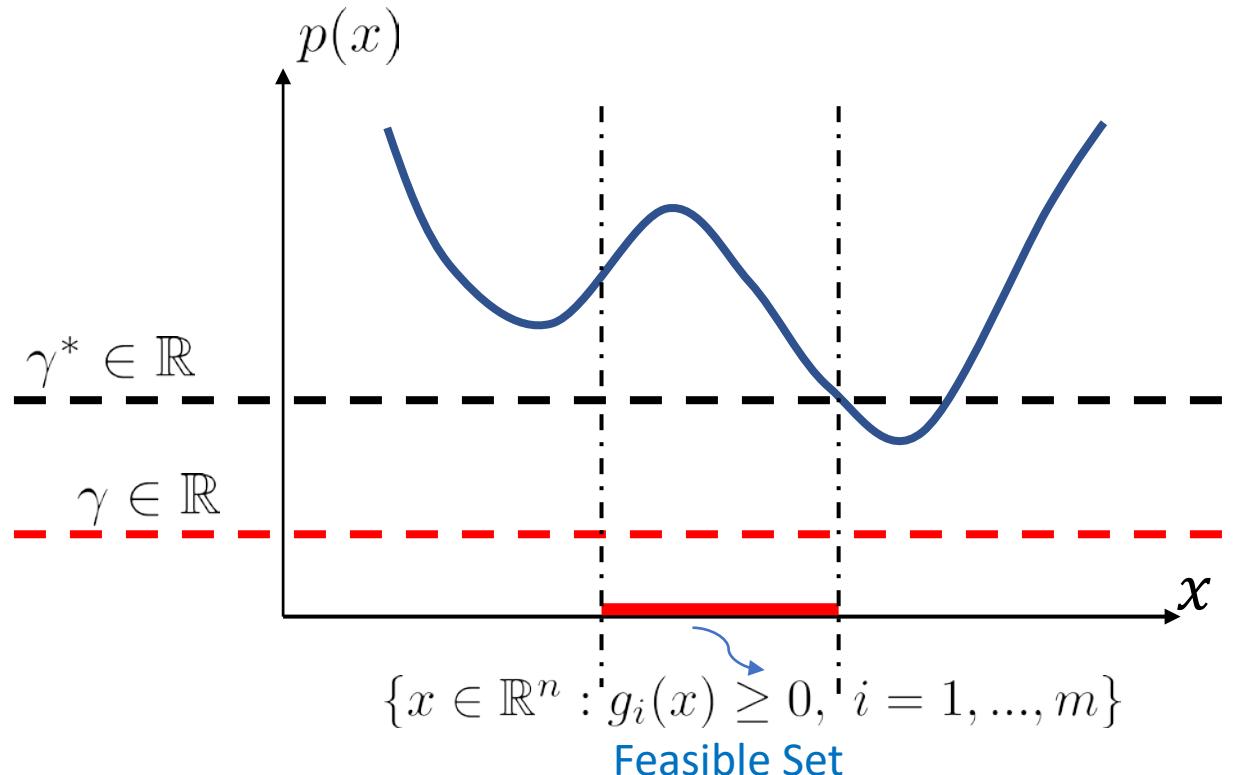
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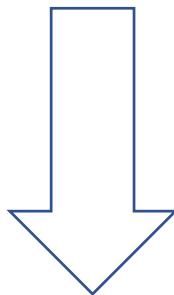


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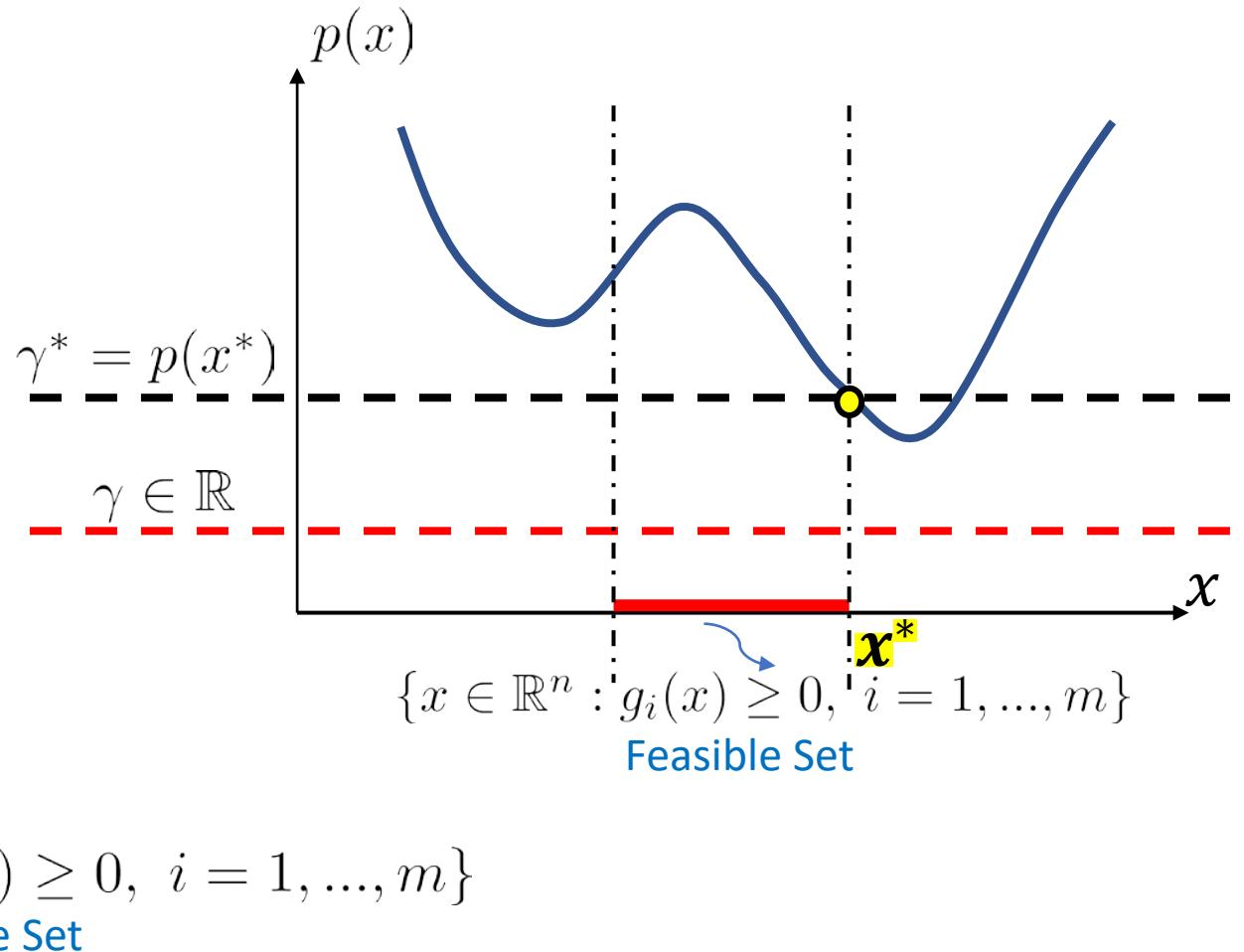
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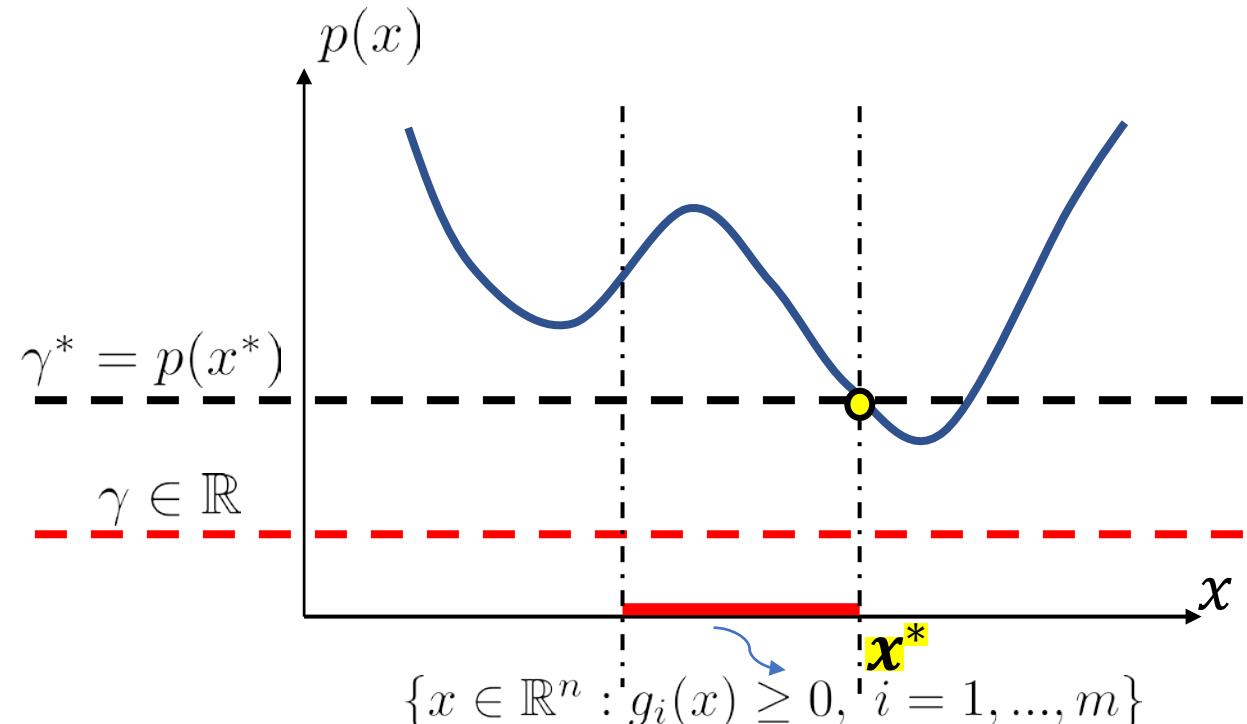
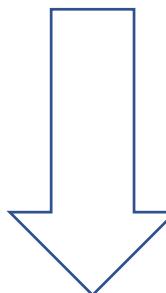


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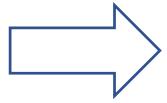
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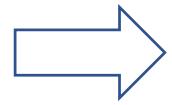
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Polynomial Nonnegativity Constraint

Replace with convex constraints

Convex optimization

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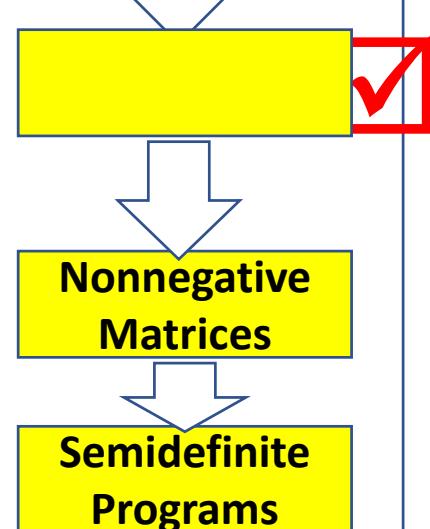
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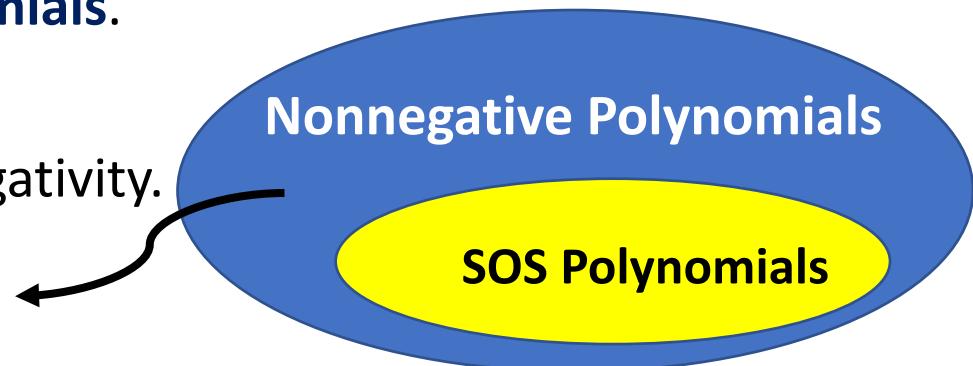
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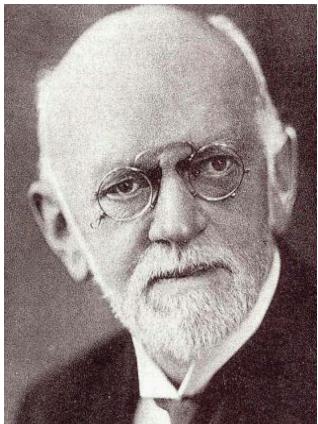
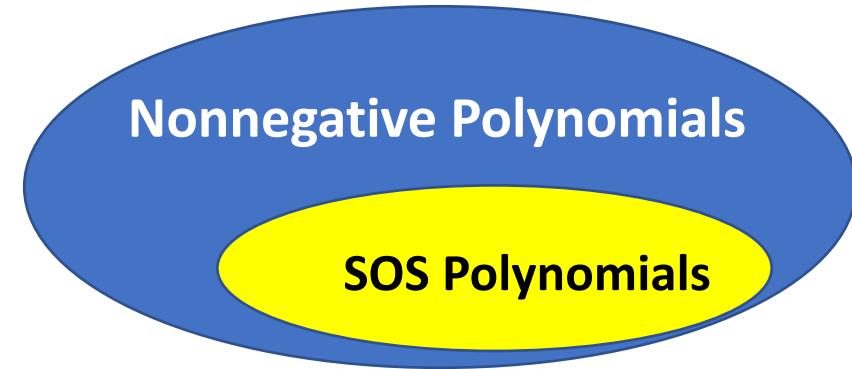
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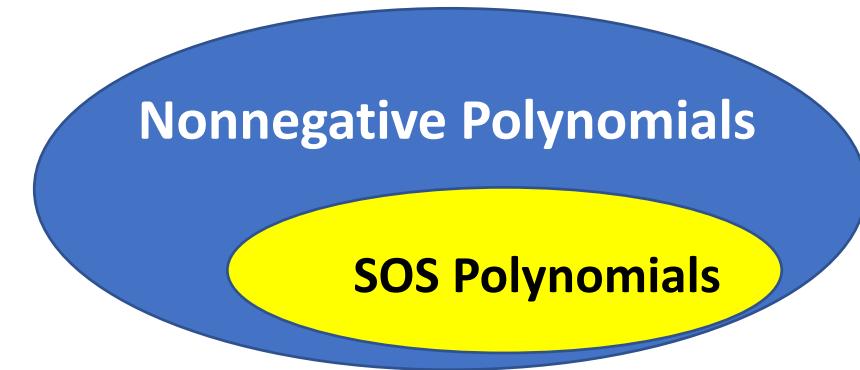
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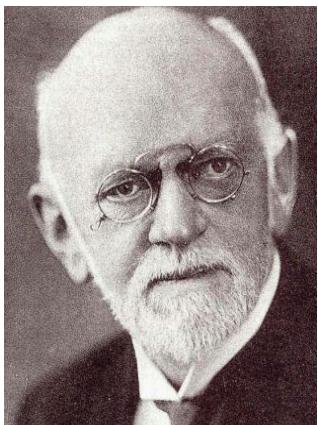
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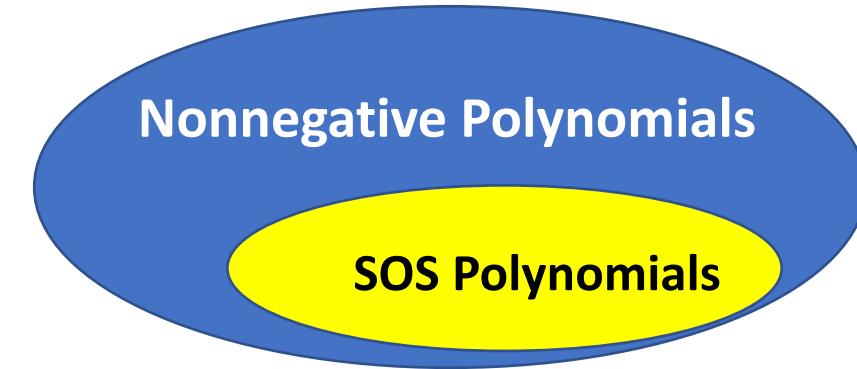
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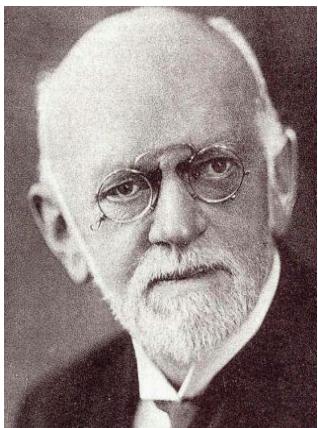
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**Archimedean** : Set  $\mathbf{K}$  is **Archimedean** if there exist a  $u(x) \in \mathbf{K}$  of the form  $u(x) = \sigma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i g_i(x)$ ,  $\sigma_i \in SOS$  such that set  $\{x : u(x) \geq 0\}$  is compact.<sup>1,2</sup>

- Archimedean condition is bot very restrictive. Archimedean condition is satisfied in the following cases:
- All the polynomials of the set  $\mathbf{K}$  are affine and the set is a polytope .<sup>1,3</sup>
  - The set  $\{x : g_i(x) \geq 0\}$  is compact for some  $g_i(x) \in \mathbf{K}$ .<sup>1</sup>
- If the set  $\mathbf{K}$  is not Archimedean, we can add the (redundant) polynomial  $g_{m+1}(x) = M - \|x\|^2$  where  $M \geq 0$  such that the set  $\{x : g_{m+1}(x) \geq 0\}$  contains the set  $\mathbf{K}$ . Adding such polynomial to the set, does not change the geometry of the set.<sup>1</sup>
- Archimedean property is not a geometric property of the set  $\mathbf{K}$  but rather an algebraic property related to the representation of the set by its defining polynomials.<sup>4</sup>
- If the set is *Archimedean* then necessarily is compact but the reverse is not true.

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- In the presence Archimedean assumption, the number of the terms in the SOS representation, i.e.,  
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$$p(x) = \sigma_0 + \sum_i \sigma_i g_i(x) + \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij} g_i(x)g_j(x) + \sum_{i,j,k} \sigma_{ijk} g_i(x)g_j(x)g_k(x) + \dots$$

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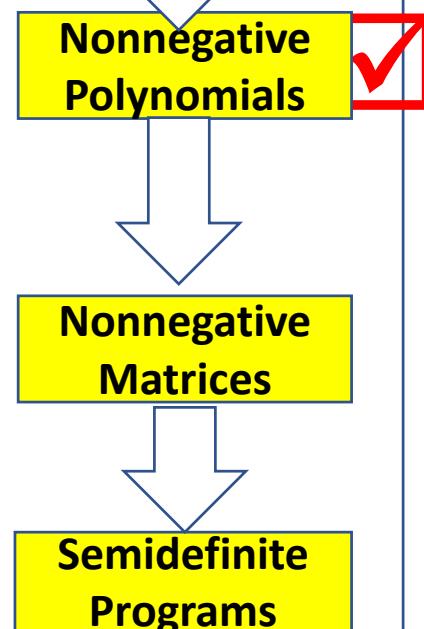
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# SOS Programming

## Problems with SOS Conditions

- **Verification Problems**
- **Design Problems**
- **Optimization**

**YALMIP:** J. Lofberg, "YALMIP : A Toolbox for Modeling and Optimization in MATLAB", In Proceedings of the CACSD Conference, 2004 <https://yalmip.github.io/>

**SOSTOOLS:** MATLAB toolbox for formulating and solving sums of squares (SOS) optimization programs  
<https://www.cds.caltech.edu/sostools/>



**Input:** SOS Program

- Generates Semidefinite Program (SDP) from SOS Program
- Solves the SDP using SDP solvers

**SDP solvers:** e.g.,

MOSEK <https://www.mosek.com>

SEDUMI <http://sedumi.ie.lehigh.edu>

SDPT3 <http://www.math.nus.edu.sg/~mattohkc/sdpt3.html>

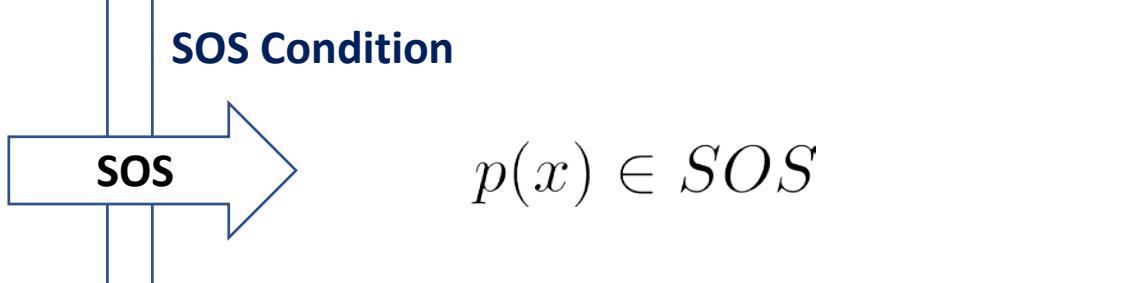
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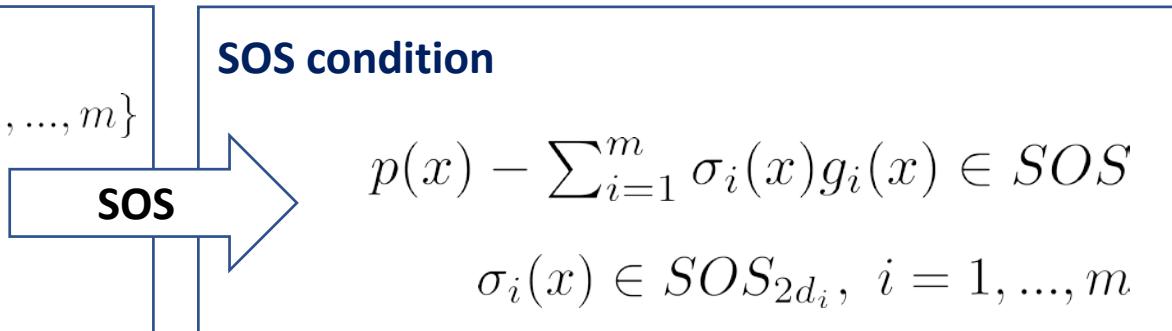
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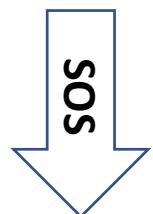
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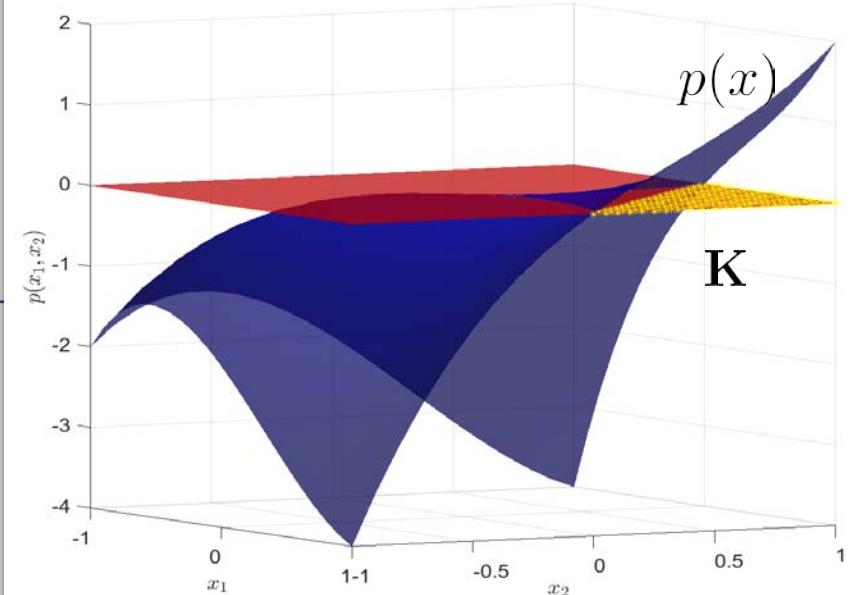
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 $p(x)$   
 $\mathbf{K}$   
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[https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3\\_SOS\\_NonlinearOptimization/SOS\\_Decomposition/Example\\_3.m](https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3_SOS_NonlinearOptimization/SOS_Decomposition/Example_3.m)

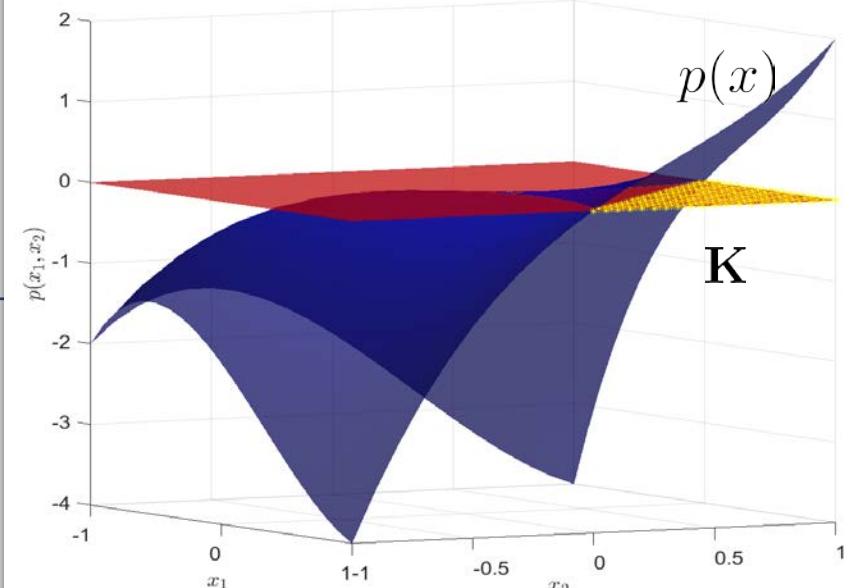
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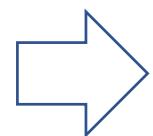
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 $\sigma_1$

**SOS Decomposition**



**p(x) is nonnegative on the set K**

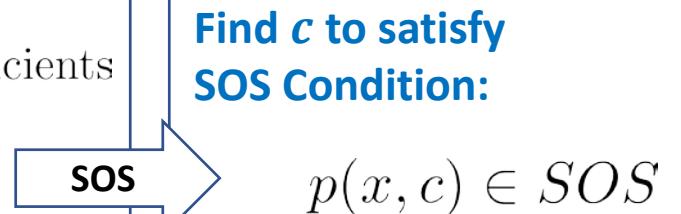
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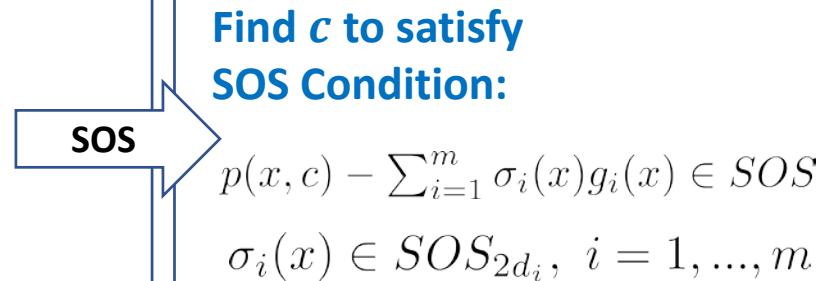
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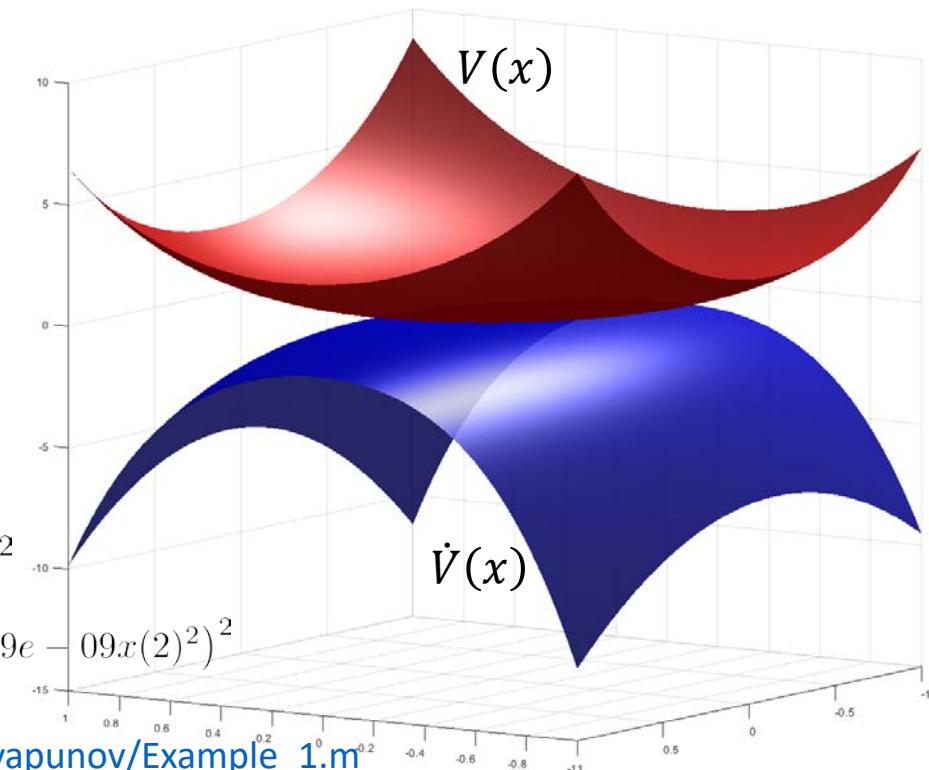
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SOS Conditions:

$$V(x) = c^T B_4(x) \quad V(0) = 0 \longrightarrow c(1) = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= (-2.46e-06 + 0.93x(1) - 1.19x(2) + 0.14x(1)x(2) + 0.06x(1)^2 + 0.09x(2)^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (-4.32e-06 + 0.03x(1) - 0.13x(2) - 1.32x(1)x(2) + 0.0071x(1)^2 + 0.01x(2)^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (6.41e-06 - 0.83x(1) - 0.66x(2) + 0.041x(1)x(2) - 0.26x(1)^2 - 0.0045x(2)^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (4.99e-05 + 0.19x(1) + 0.046x(2) - 0.012x(1)x(2) - 0.698x(1)^2 - 0.756x(2)^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (-1.432e-05 + 0.12x(1) + 0.11x(2) - 0.0032x(1)x(2) - 0.65x(1)^2 + 0.645x(2)^2)^2 \\ &\quad + (-0.0001 + 1.34e-10x(1) - 1.74e-10x(2) + 3.03e-10x(1)x(2) - 2.4456e-09x(1)^2 - 4.89e-09x(2)^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$



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# SOS Programming

## 2) Design Problem:

### Unconstrained Optimization

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} \quad p(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \gamma \\ & \text{subject to} \quad p(x) - \gamma \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

SOS

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### Constrained Optimization

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(x)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad g_i(x) \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

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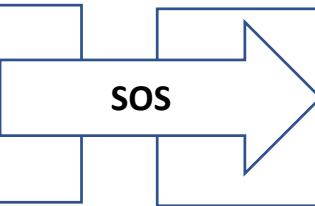
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# SOS Programming

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}}{\text{minimize}} \quad x^4 + 2x^3 - 12x^2 - 2x + 6$$

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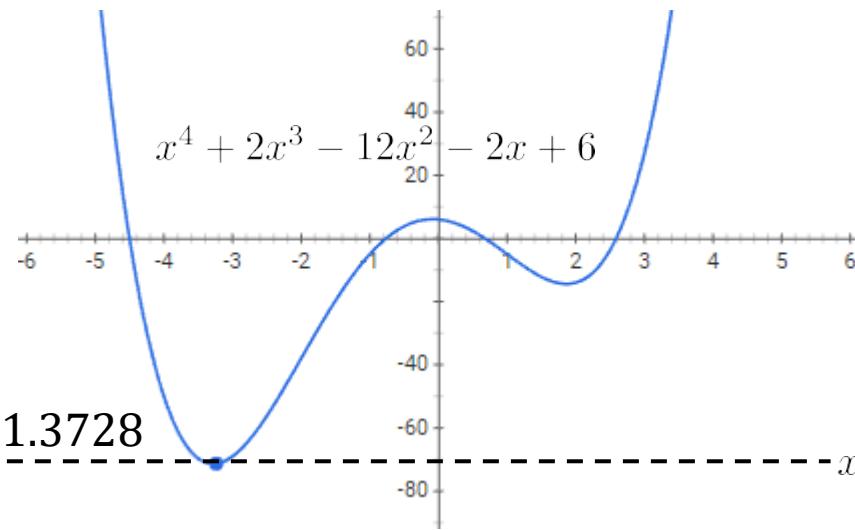
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**SOS Programming in Yalmip**

```
sdpvar x gamma
p = x^4+2*x^3-12*x^2-2*x+6;
F = sos(p-gamma);
ops = sdpsettings('solver','mosek');
[sol,v,Q]=solvesos(F,-gamma,ops);
value(gamma)
sdisplay(sosd(F))
```

variables  $x, \gamma$   
 $p(x)$   
 $p(x) - \gamma \in SOS$   
SDP solver  
solve SOS programming  
obtained  $\gamma$   
 $h(x)$  vector in  $p(x) - \gamma = h(x)^T h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} h_i^2(x)$



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## SOS Programming

$$P^* = \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^2}{\text{minimize}} \quad -x_1$$

subject to  $x \in \mathbf{K} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 3 - 2x_2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \geq 0, -x_1 - x_2 - x_1x_2 \geq 0, 1 + x_1x_2 \geq 0\}$

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$$\gamma^* = P^* = -1.6180$$

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$$\sigma_1 = 0.227 - 0.219x_1 + 0.163x_2 + 0.0604x_1^2 + 0.082x_2^2 - 0.0382x_1x_2$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0.413 + 0.10407x_1 + 0.3416x_2 + 0.148x_1^2 + 0.0834x_2^2 + 0.0665x_1x_2$$

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# Nonlinear (nonconvex) Optimization

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Nonlinear  
Optimization

**Tools:** i) Nonnegative Polynomials ii) Semidefinite Programs

## Step 1:

Reformulate **Nonlinear Optimization** problem in terms of **Nonnegative Polynomials**

## Step 2:

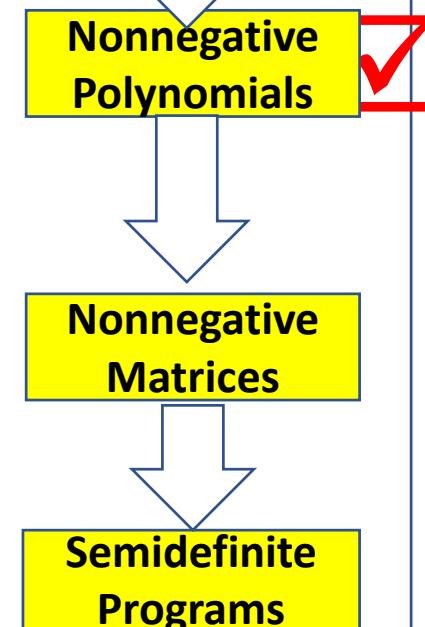
**2.1 Replace Nonnegative Polynomials with Sum of Squares (SOS) Polynomials**

SOS Programming using YALMIP



**2.2 Represent SOS Polynomials with Positive Semidefinite Matrices (PSD)**

Reformulate Nonlinear Optimization as **Semidefinite Programs**



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Element of SDP: Symmetric Square Matrix, Positive Semidefinite Matrix, Linear Function of Matrix

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- Infinite linear constraints in terms of entries of matrix
- Instead we can look at eigenvalues

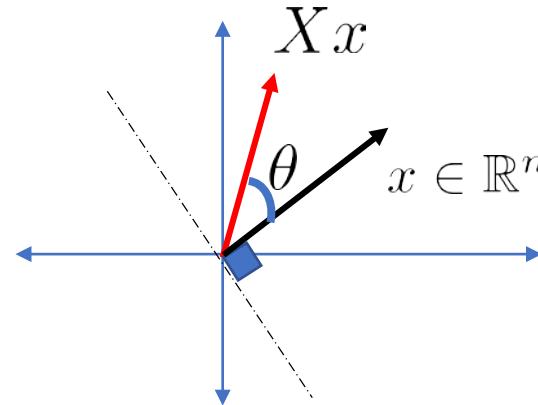
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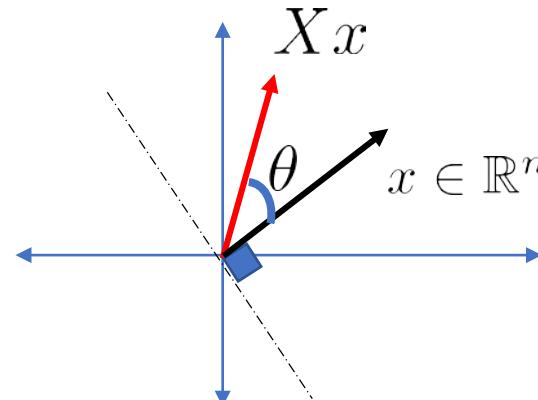
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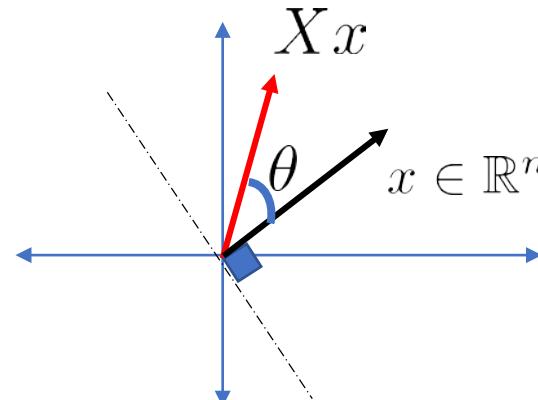
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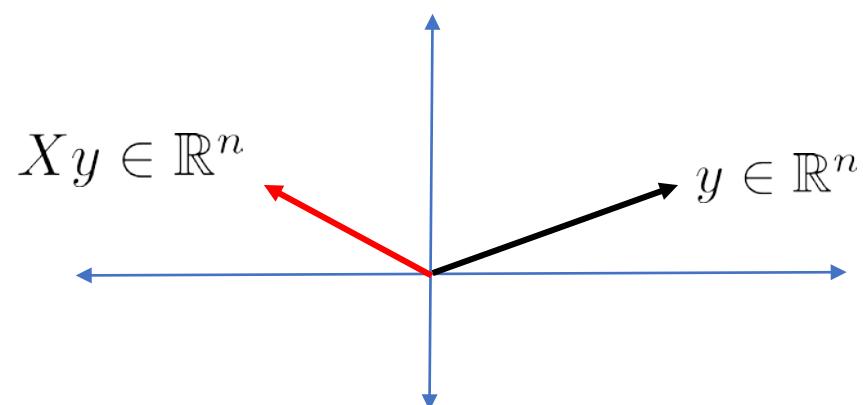
Eigenvector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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↑ eigenvalue      ↓ eigenvector

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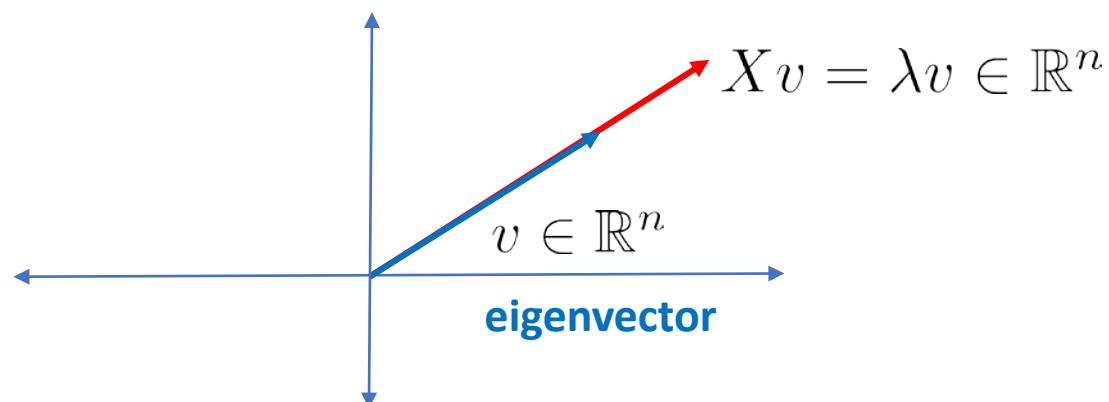
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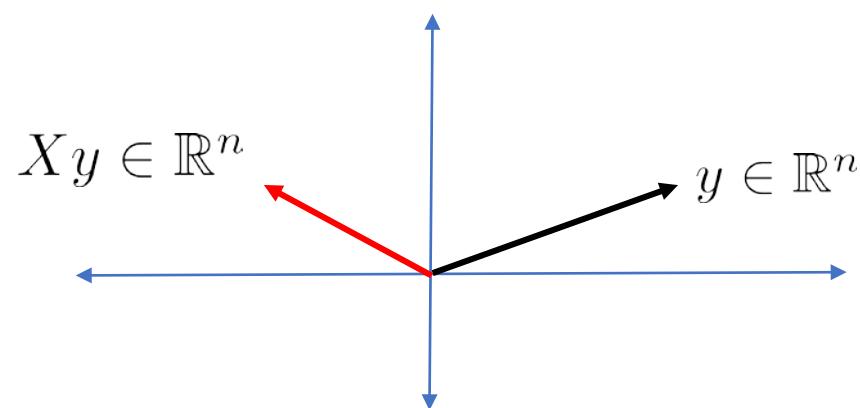
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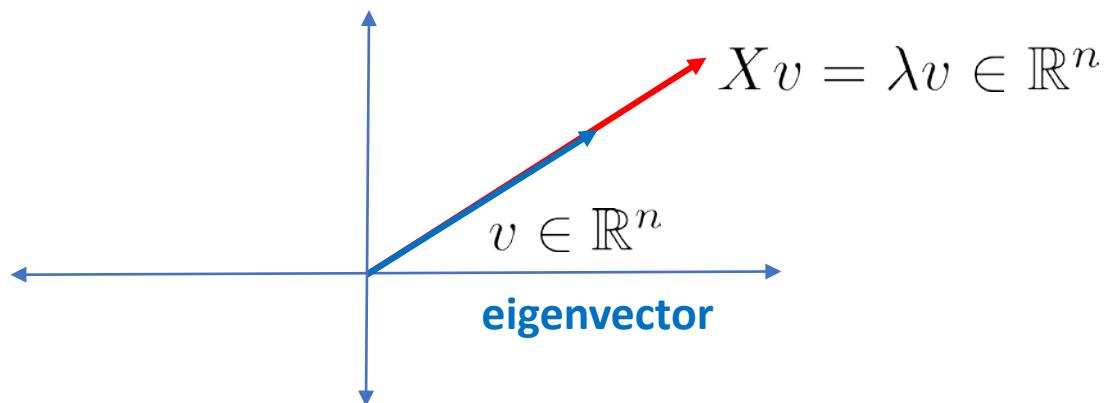
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$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= -0.37 \\ \lambda_2 &= 5.37\end{aligned}$$

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Eigenvalue Decomposition

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8246 & -0.4160 \\ 0.5657 & -0.9094 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.3723 & 0 \\ 0 & 5.3723 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.8246 & -0.4160 \\ 0.5657 & -0.9094 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

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$$X \in \mathcal{S}_+^n \longrightarrow X = V D V^T = V \underbrace{\sqrt{D}}_{\text{Eigenvalue Decomposition}} \underbrace{\sqrt{D}}_{\text{Nonnegative eigenvalues}} V^T = (V \sqrt{D})(V \sqrt{D})^T \longrightarrow X \text{ is a Gram matrix of } V \sqrt{D}$$

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## Example

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Eigenvalues: 0,5,7

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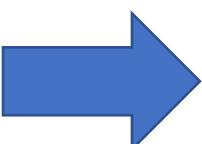
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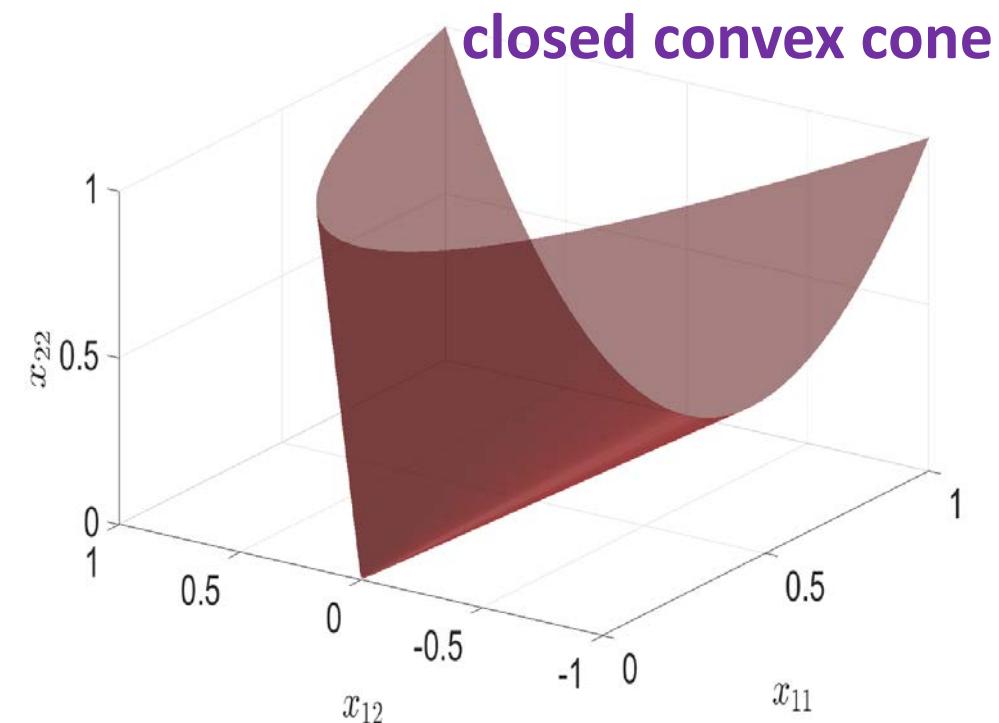


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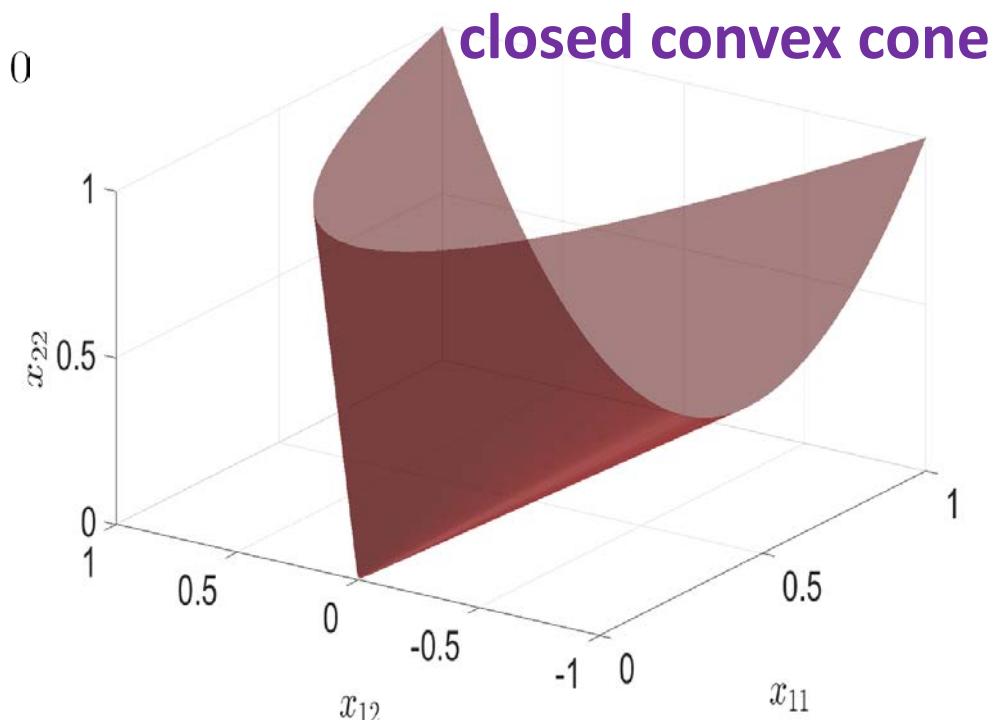
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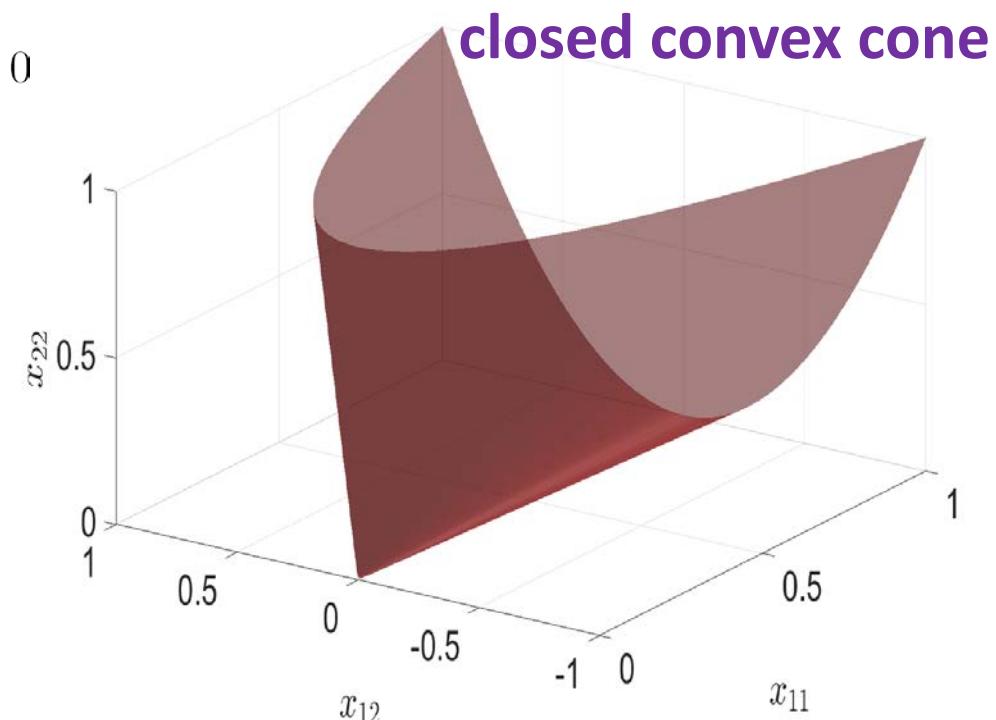
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➤ Hence, SDP is a convex optimization

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**YALMIP:** J. Lofberg, "YALMIP : A Toolbox for Modeling and Optimization in MATLAB", In Proceedings of the CACSD Conference, 2004 <https://yalmip.github.io/>

**CVX:** Matlab Software for Disciplined Convex Programming, <http://cvxr.com/cvx/>



**Input:** SDP

- Solves SDP's using SDP solvers

**SDP solvers:** e.g.,

MOSEK <https://www.mosek.com>

SEDUMI <http://sedumi.ie.lehigh.edu>

SDPT3 <http://www.math.nus.edu.sg/~mattohkc/sdpt3.html>

Rely on **interior point** methods

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X = sdpvar(3,3); ——————>  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ 
F = [trace(A1*X)==b(1); trace(A2*X)==b(2);X >= 0]; ——————> Constraints
ops = sdpsettings('solver','sedumi'); ——————> SDP solvers: MOSEK, SEDUMI or SDPT3.
optimize(F,trace(C'*X),ops); ——————> SDP
value(X) ——————> Obtained Solution
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# From SOS Program To Semidefinite Program

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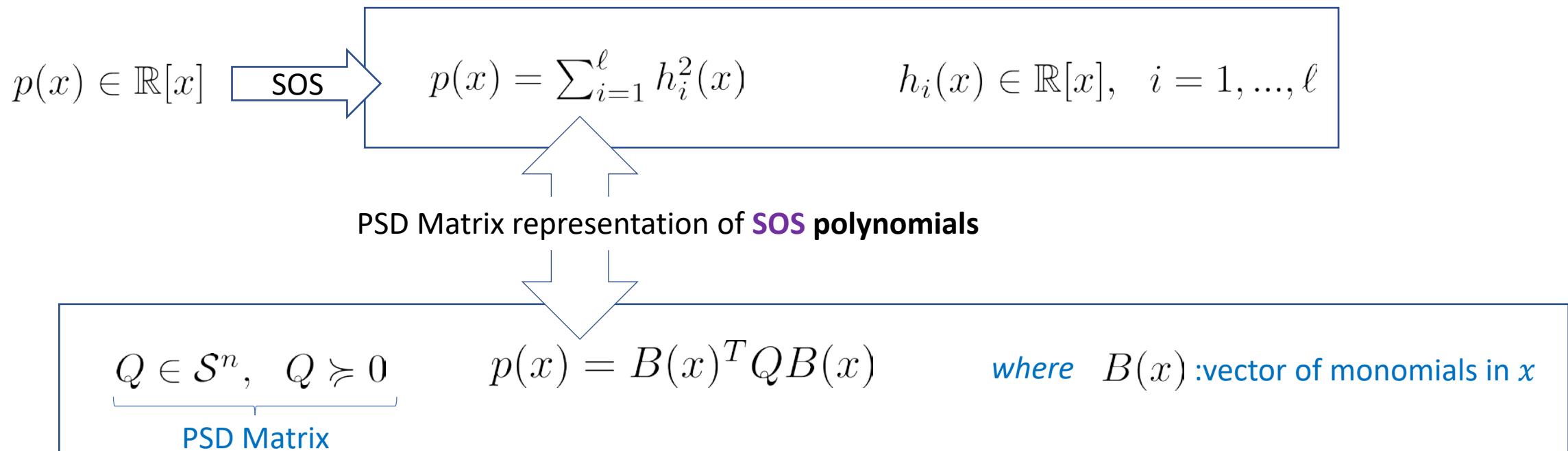
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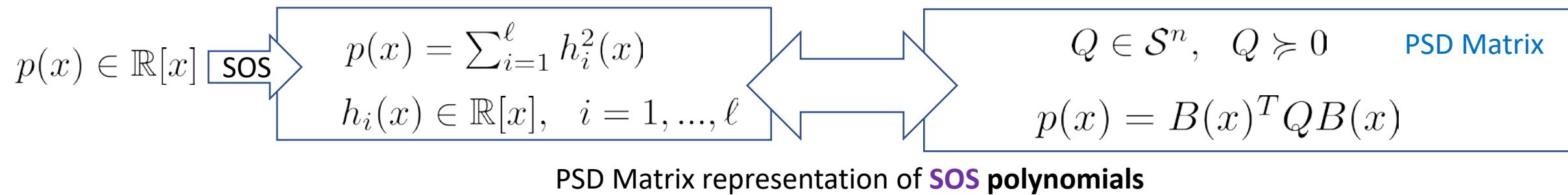
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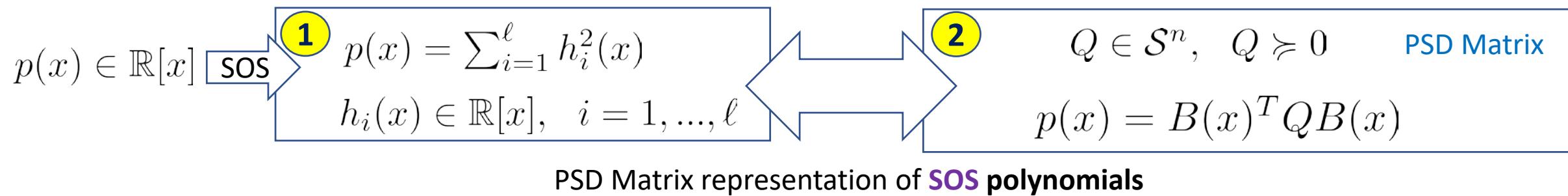
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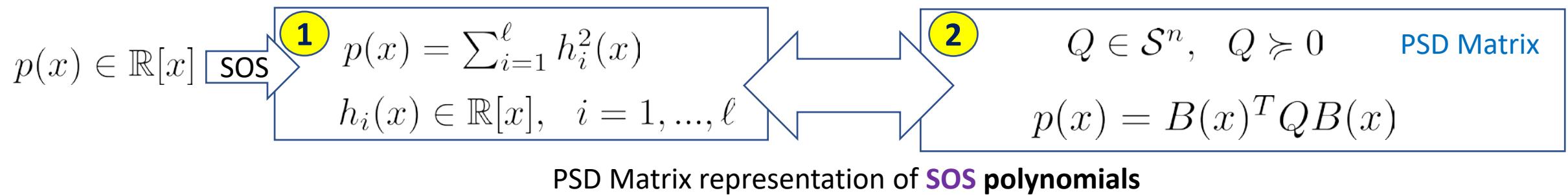


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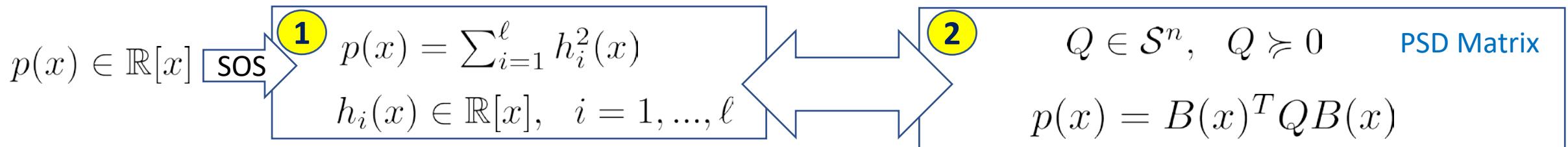


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PSD Matrix representation of **SOS polynomials**

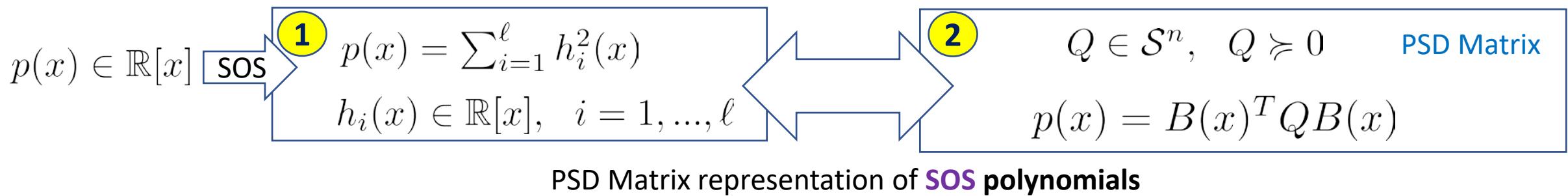
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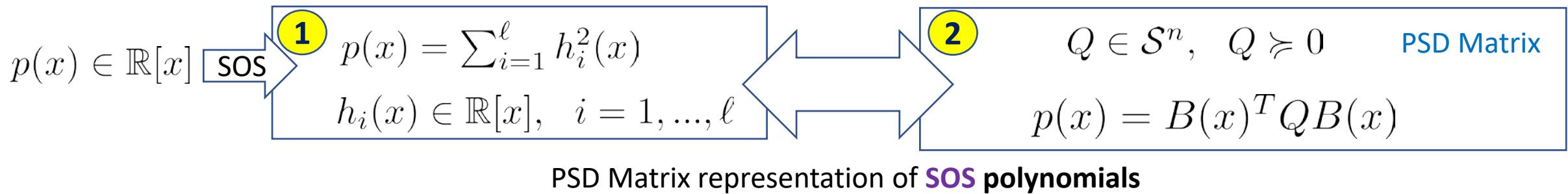
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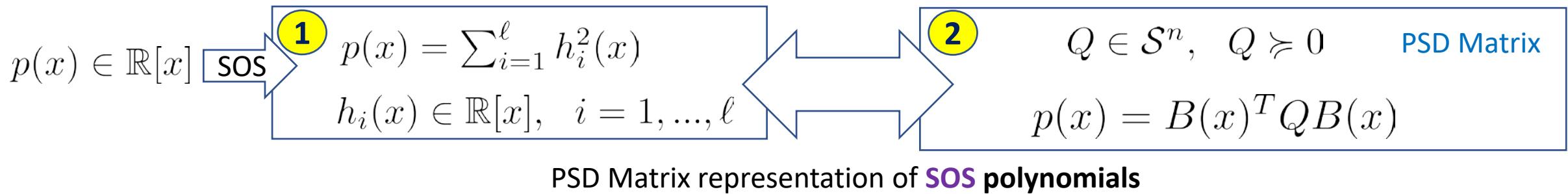
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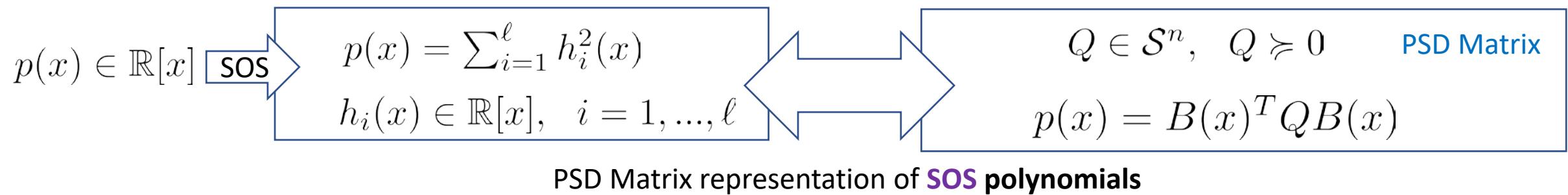
$Q = L L^T, L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$

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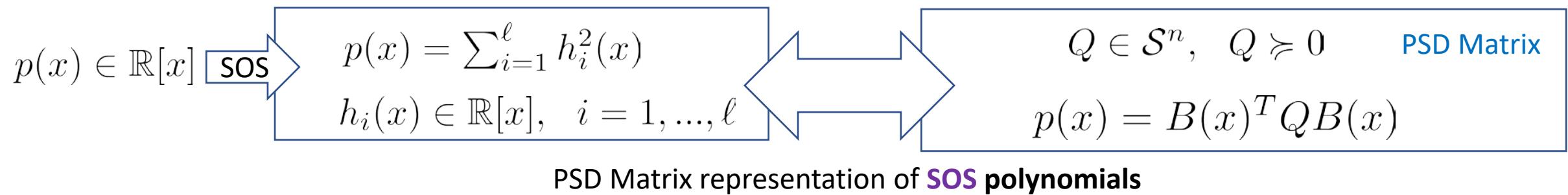
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## ➤ SOS Decomposition



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## SOS Decomposition 2



$$\begin{aligned} p(x) = & (1.0262x_1^2 - 2.1569x_2^2 + 0.2967x_1x_2)^2 \\ & + (-0.6889x_1^2 - 0.5253x_2^2 - 1.4364x_1x_2)^2 \\ & + (0.6873x_1^2 + 0.2682x_2^2 - 0.4277x_1x_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2682 & 0.5253 & -2.1569 \\ -0.4277 & 1.4364 & 0.2967 \\ 0.6873 & 0.6889 & 1.0262 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$p(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -1.667 \\ 0 & 2.334 & 1 \\ -1.667 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{Q = LL^T} \begin{bmatrix} x_2^2 \\ x_1x_2 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



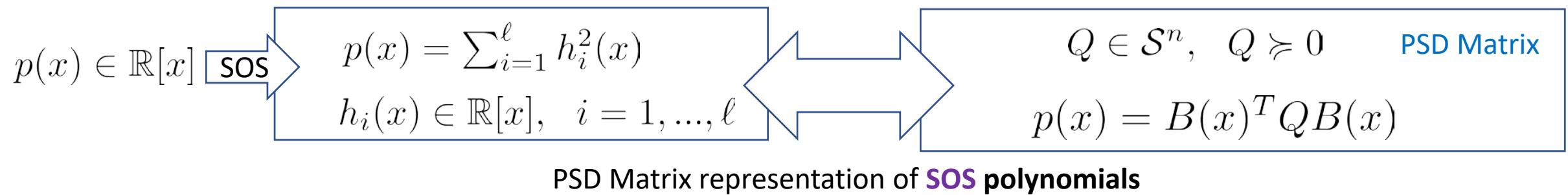
eigenvalues = 0.72, 2.81, 5.79

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[https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3\\_SOS\\_NonlinearOptimization/SOS\\_Decomposition/Example\\_2.m](https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3_SOS_NonlinearOptimization/SOS_Decomposition/Example_2.m)

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# From SOS To SDP

- **Verification Problems**
- **Design Problems**
- **Optimization**

# From SOS to SDP

## 1) Nonnegativity Verification:

Given,  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$

Check if  $p(x) \geq 0$

SOS

**SOS Condition**

$p(x) \in SOS$

PSD

**PSD Matrix**

$Q \in \mathcal{S}^n, Q \succeq 0$

$p(x) = B(x)^T Q B(x)$

SDP

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**Find**  $Q \in \mathcal{S}^n, Q \succeq 0$       (PSD)

**Such that,**

Coefficient of polynomial  $p(x)$  and  $B(x)^T Q B(x)$  matches.

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Example: Check the nonnegativity of polynomial  $p(x)$

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$$p(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} q_{00} & q_{01} & q_{02} \\ q_{01} & q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{02} & q_{12} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_{Q \in \mathcal{S}^n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{B_2(x)}$$

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$Q \in \mathcal{S}^n \quad B_2(x)$

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$$x_1^4 + 4x_1^3 + 6x_1^2 + 4x_1 + 5 = q_{22}x_1^4 + 2q_{12}x_1^3 + (q_{11} + 2q_{02})x_1^2 + 2q_{01}x_1 + q_{00}$$

**SDP**

**Find**  $Q \succcurlyeq 0$  **Such that,**  $\underbrace{q_{22} = 1}_{x_1^4}, \underbrace{2q_{12} = 4}_{x_1^3}, \underbrace{q_{11} + 2q_{02} = 6}_{x_1^2}, \underbrace{2q_{01} = 4}_{x_1}, \underbrace{q_{00} = 5}_{x_1^0}$  **(coefficients of monomials)**

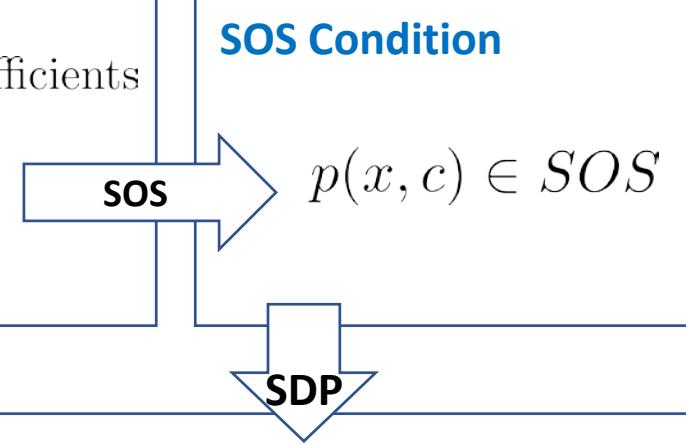
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# From SOS to SDP

## 2) Design Problem:

Given,  $p(x, c) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  with unknown parameters  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , e.g., some unknown coefficients

Find  $c$  such that  $p(x) \geq 0$



**SDP**

**Find**  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m, Q \in \mathcal{S}^n, Q \succcurlyeq 0$  **(PSD)**

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# From SOS to SDP

Example : Design  $\gamma$  such that  $p(x) \geq 0$

$$p(x) = x_1^4 + 4x_1^3 + 6x_1^2 + 4x_1 + 5 - \gamma \quad \longrightarrow \quad p(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} q_{00} & q_{01} & q_{02} \\ q_{01} & q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{02} & q_{12} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_{Q \in \mathcal{S}^n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{B_2(x)}$$

SDP

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# From SOS to SDP

## Lyapunov Function Search

Example:

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + (1 + x_1)x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -(1 + x_1)x_1$$

SOS Conditions:  $V(x) = c^T B_4(x)$      $V(0) = 0 \longrightarrow c(1) = 0$      $V(x) \in SOS_{2d}$      $-\dot{V}(x) \in SOS$

$$V(x) = B_2(x) Q B_2(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 1.8991 & -0.5393 & -0.0812 & -0.0294 & -0.0064 \\ -0.5393 & 1.6216 & 0.0294 & 0.0506 & 0.0747 \\ -0.0812 & 0.0294 & 0.9981 & 0.0000 & 0.1118 \\ -0.0294 & 0.0506 & 0.0000 & 1.7727 & 0.0000 \\ -0.0064 & 0.0747 & 0.1118 & 0.0000 & 0.9981 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \\ x_2^2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# From SOS to SDP

## Unconstrained Optimization

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{minimize}} \quad p(x)$$

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SOS

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SDP

$$\underset{Q \in \mathcal{S}^n, \gamma}{\text{maximize}} \quad \gamma \quad \xrightarrow{\text{linear objective}}$$

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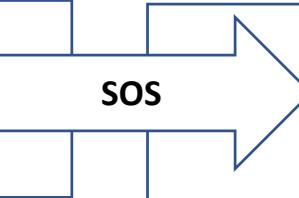
$$Q \succcurlyeq 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{PSD}}$$

## Example:

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}}{\text{minimize}} \quad x_1^4 + 4x_1^3 + 6x_1^2 + 4x_1 + 5$$

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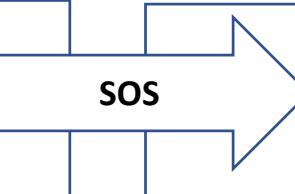
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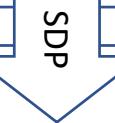
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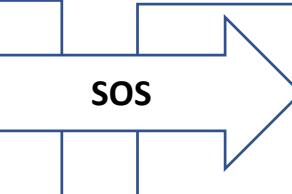
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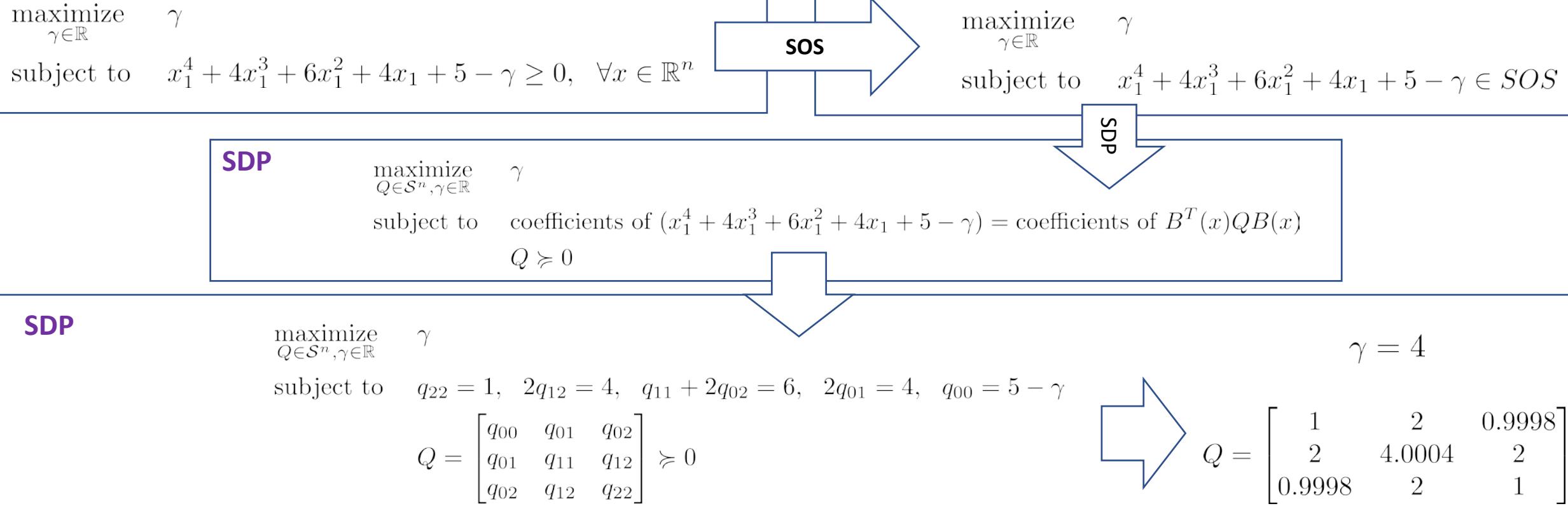
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$$\text{subject to} \quad q_{22} = 1, \quad 2q_{12} = 4, \quad q_{11} + 2q_{02} = 6, \quad 2q_{01} = 4, \quad q_{00} = 5 - \gamma$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_{00} & q_{01} & q_{02} \\ q_{01} & q_{11} & q_{12} \\ q_{02} & q_{12} & q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

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[https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3\\_SOS\\_NonlinearOptimization/SOS\\_Optimization/Example\\_1\\_UnconOpt.m](https://github.com/jasour/rarnop19/blob/master/Lecture3_SOS_NonlinearOptimization/SOS_Optimization/Example_1_UnconOpt.m)

# From SOS to SDP

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SOS

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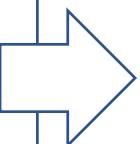
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SDP

Find  $Q_i \in \mathcal{S}^n, Q_i \succeq 0, i = 0, \dots, m$  (Linear Matrix inequality)

coefficients of polynomial  $p(x) - \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i g_i(x) = \text{coefficients of } B^T(x) Q_0 B(x)$  (Linear Constraint)

$$\sigma_i = B_{d_i}(x)^T Q_i B_{d_i}(x), i = 1, \dots, m$$

**Example:** Check the nonnegativity of polynomial  $p(x)$  on the set  $\mathbf{K}$

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Vector monomials in terms of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  up to order 2

coefficients of polynomial  $p(x) - \sigma_1 x_1 - \sigma_2 x_2 - \sigma_3(x_1 + x_2 - 1)$  = coefficients of  $B^T(x)Q_0B(x)$

# From SOS to SDP

## 4) Constrained Design Problem:

Given,  $p(x, c) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  with unknown parameters  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and the set  $\mathbf{K} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_i(x) \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, m\}$

Find  $c$  such that  $p(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{K}$

$$p(x, c) - \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i g_i(x) \in SOS$$

$$\sigma_i \in SOS_{2d_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

SOS

**Find**  $c \in \mathbb{R}^m, Q_i \in \mathcal{S}^n, Q_i \succcurlyeq 0, i = 0, \dots, m$  (Linear Matrix inequality)

SDP

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# From SOS to SDP

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SOS

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# Nonlinear (nonconvex) Optimization

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Nonlinear  
Optimization

**Tools:** i) Nonnegative Polynomials ii) Semidefinite Programs

## Step 1:

Reformulate **Nonlinear Optimization** problem in terms of **Nonnegative Polynomials**

## Step 2:

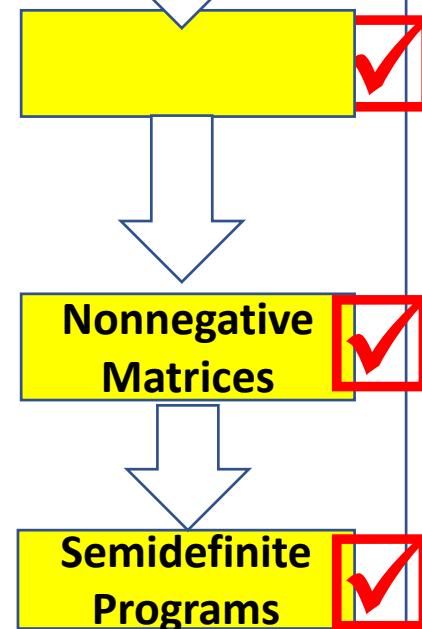
**2.1 Replace Nonnegative Polynomials with Sum of Squares (SOS) Polynomials**

SOS Programming using YALMIP



**2.2 Represent SOS Polynomials with Positive Semidefinite Matrices (PSD)**

Reformulate Nonlinear Optimization as **Semidefinite Programs**



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At optimal solution  $x^*$ :      Unconstrained Optimization  
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System of nonlinear equations and inequalities

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System of nonlinear equations and inequalities

- To obtain optimal solutions  $x^*$ , we will look at **dual optimization problem** (dual SDP)  
(Complementary slackness in KKT optimality condition)

## By looking at the Dual SDP of SOS SDP:

- Obtain Optimal Solution  $x^*$
- Monotonic Nondecreasing Convergence

$$P_{SDP}^{*d} \leq P_{SDP}^{*d+1} \leq \dots \leq P_{SDP}^{*\infty} = P^*$$

• Optimal Objective function of  
SOS SDP/ Dual SDP with relaxation order  $d$

Optimal Objective function of  
Original Optimization

- Finite Convergence     $\exists d^* \quad P_{SDP}^{*d^*} = P^* \quad d \geq d^*$

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