

A novel reduction method for star sets and its application in neural network verification

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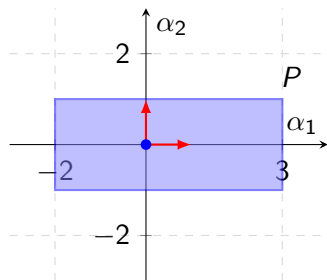
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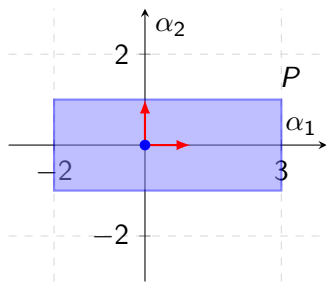
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$$\begin{cases} 1\alpha_1 + 0\alpha_2 & \leq 3 \\ -1\alpha_1 + 0\alpha_2 & \leq 2 \\ 0\alpha_1 + 1\alpha_2 & \leq 1 \\ 0\alpha_1 - 1\alpha_2 & \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

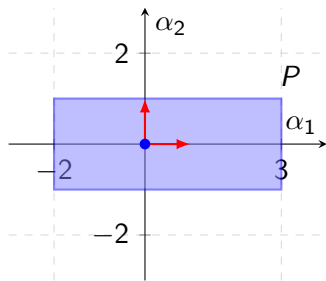
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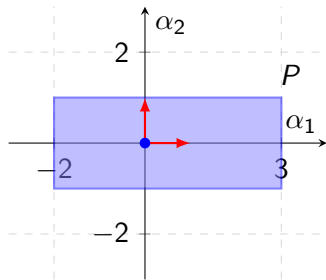


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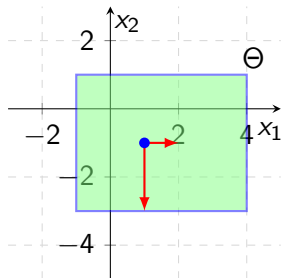
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(c) $C_{in} < 0$ \Rightarrow $x_n \geq \frac{d_i}{C_{in}} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} C_{ij} x_j}{C_{in}}$ **lower bound**

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Applying Fourier Motzkin variable elimination on a given system of linear inequalities $\mathcal{C}\alpha \leq \mathbf{d}$ to eliminate α_j from the system, we get an equisatisfiable system $\mathcal{C}'\alpha \leq \mathbf{d}'$, where all coefficients of α_j are set to zero.

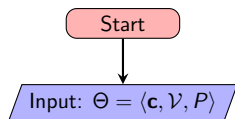
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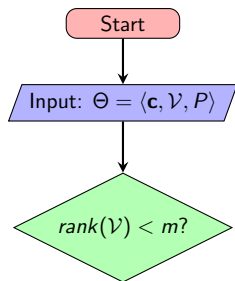
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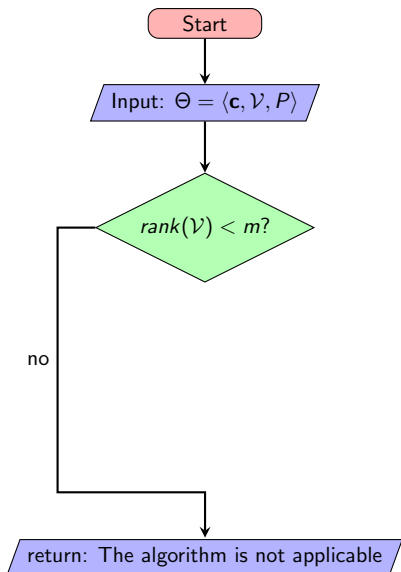
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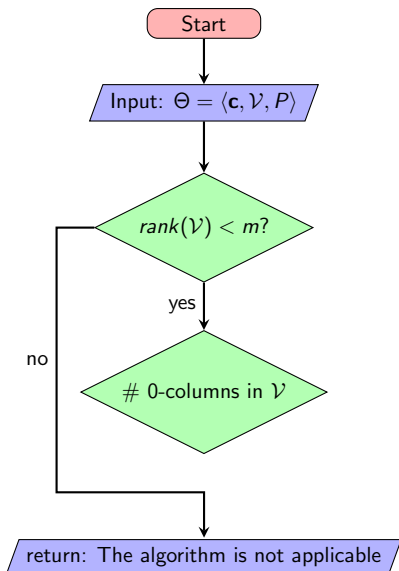
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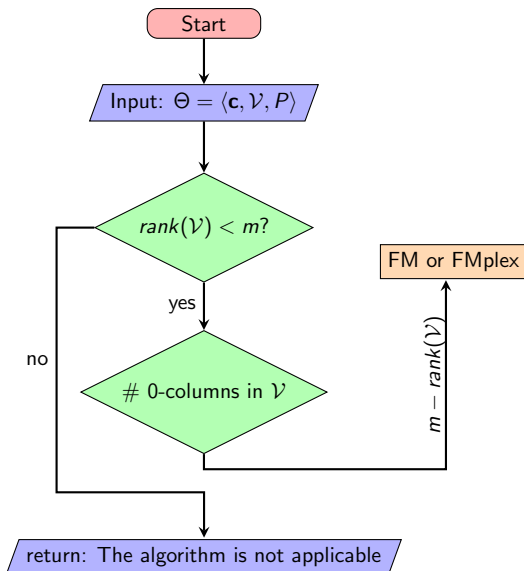
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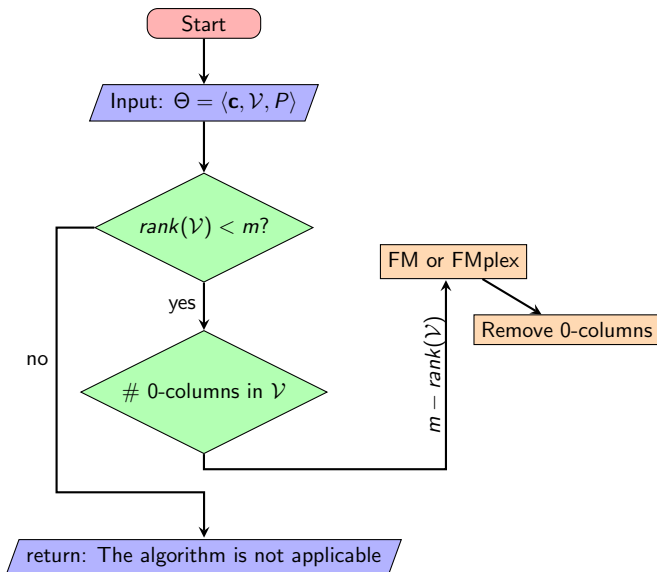
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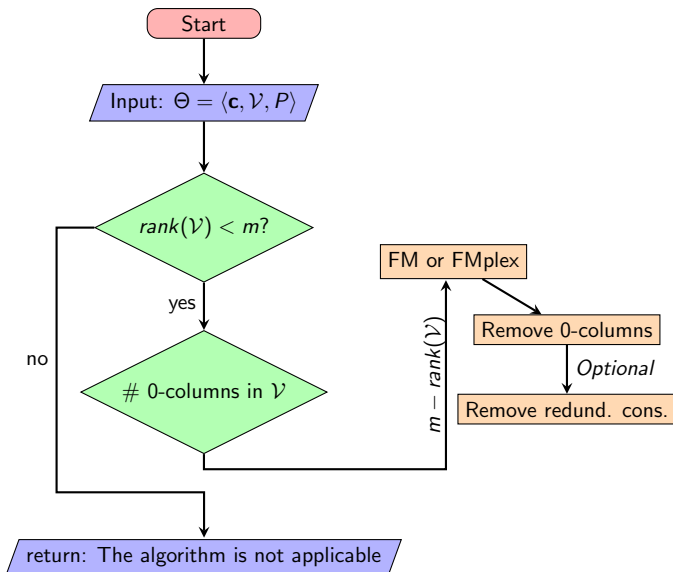
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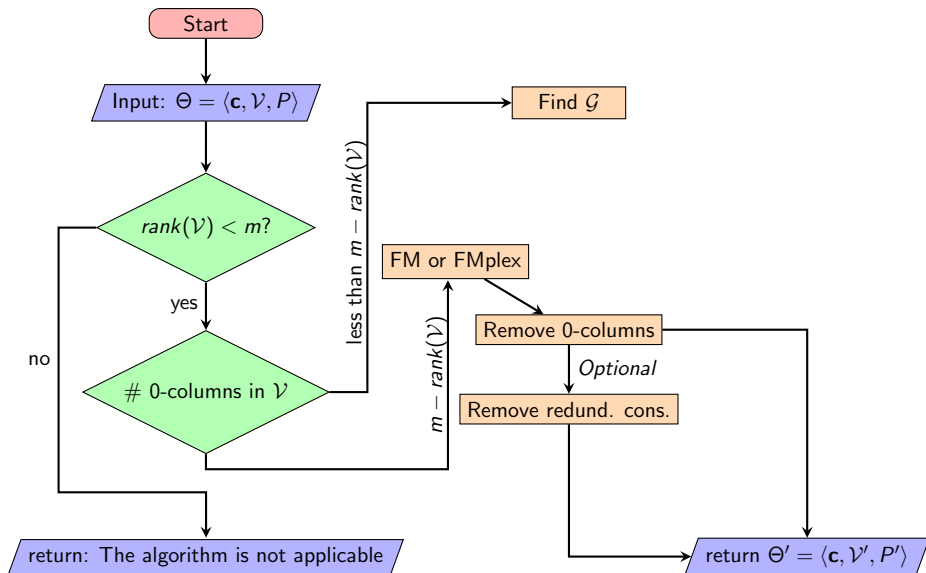
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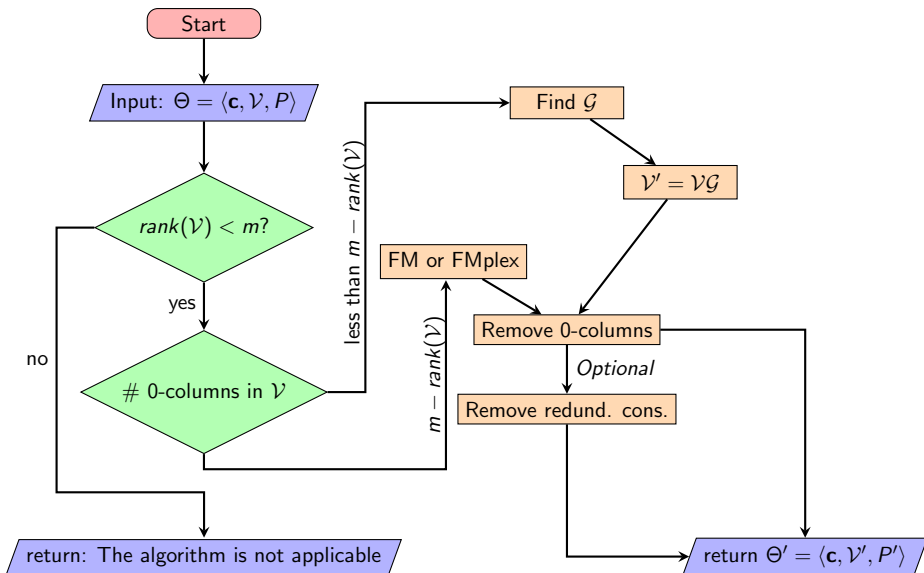
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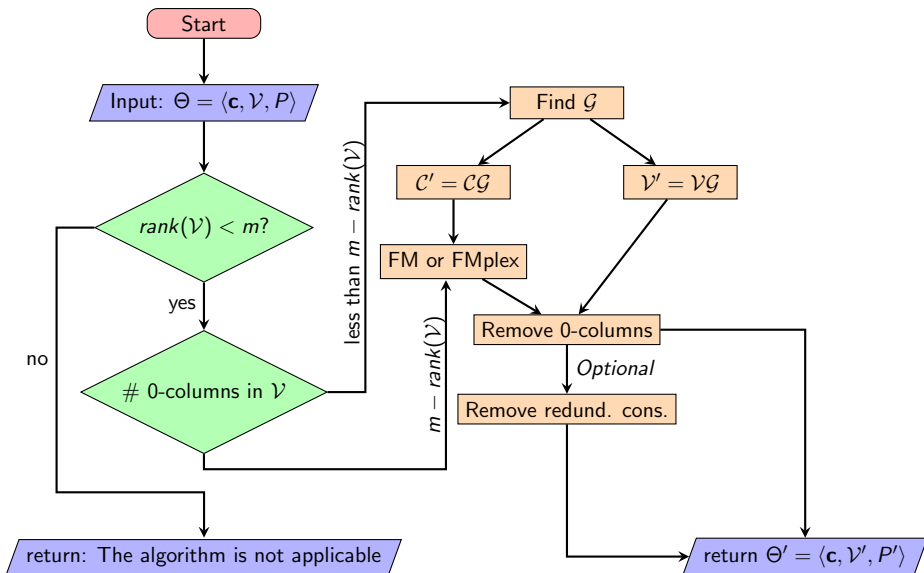
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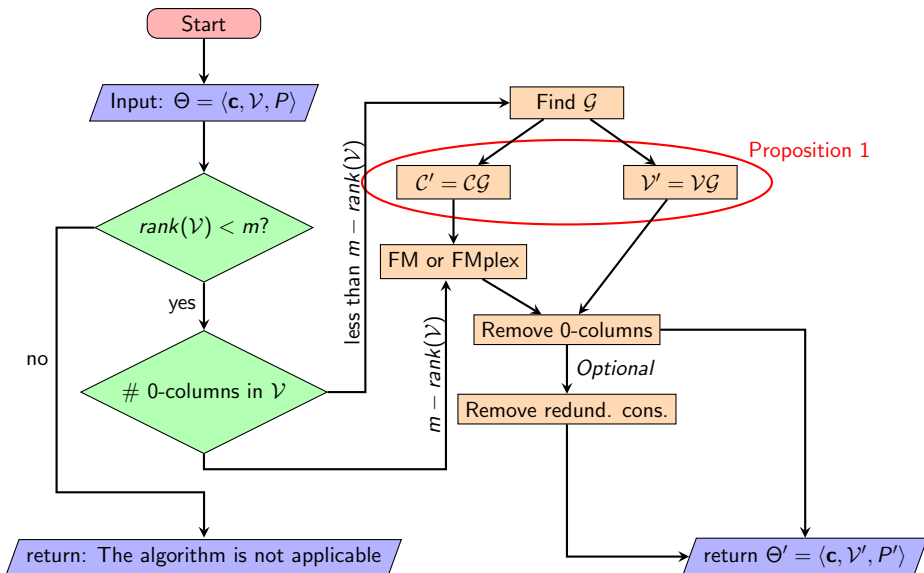
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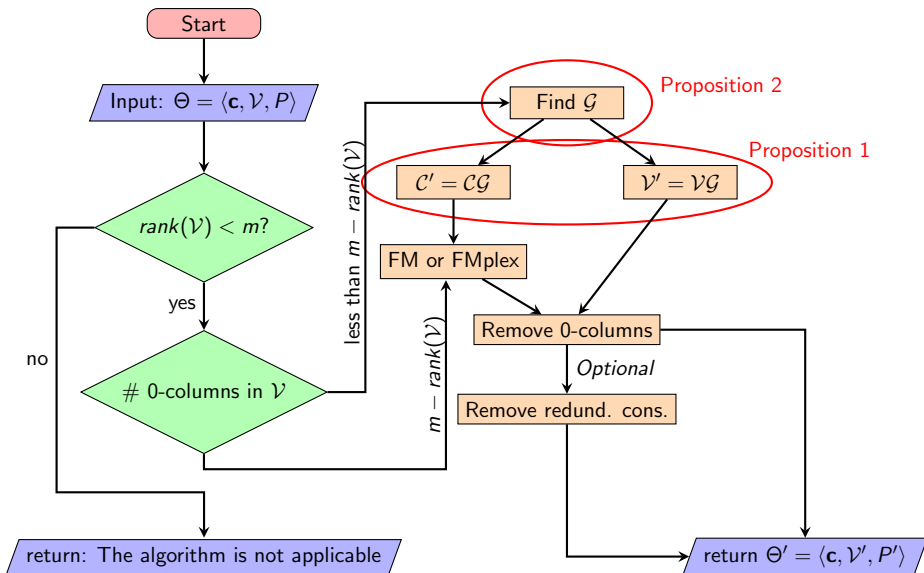
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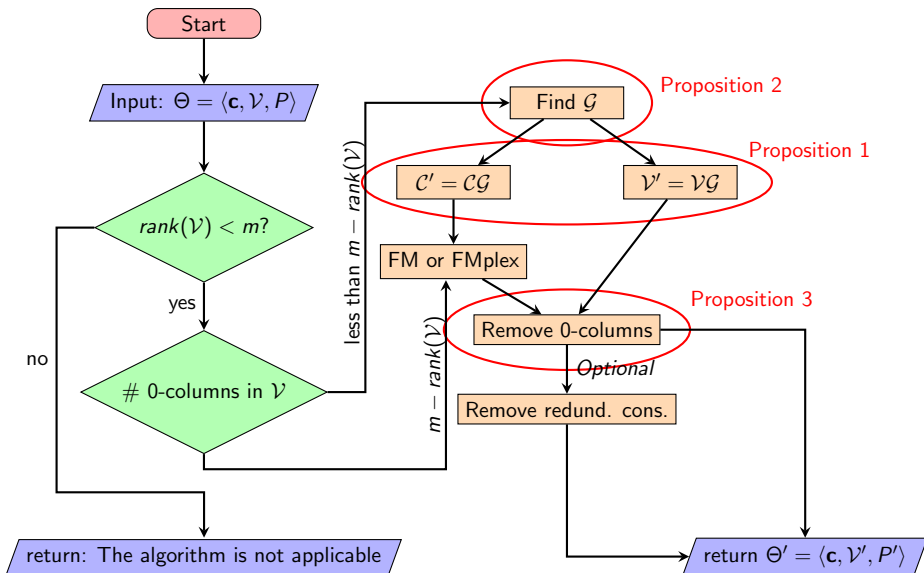
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$$CG = C'$$

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- Apply FM in the predicate to eliminate the linearly dependent variable.

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- Remove 0-columns both in \mathcal{V}' and \mathcal{C}' .

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Example VI (Optional)

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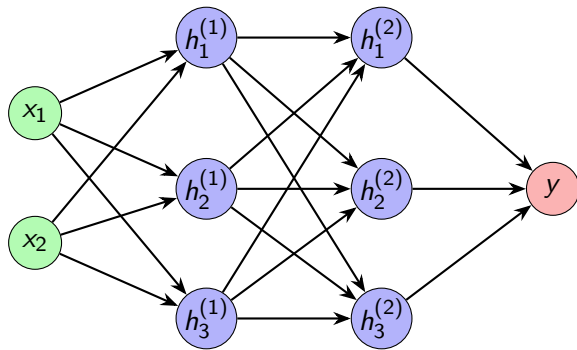
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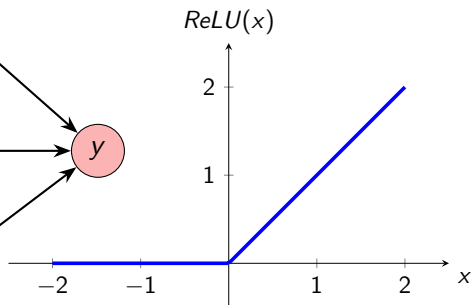
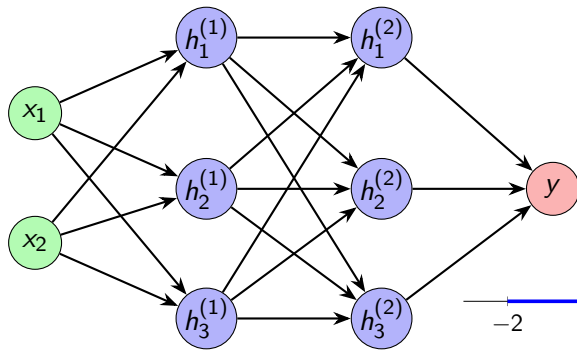
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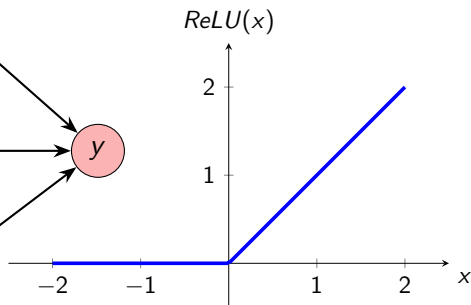
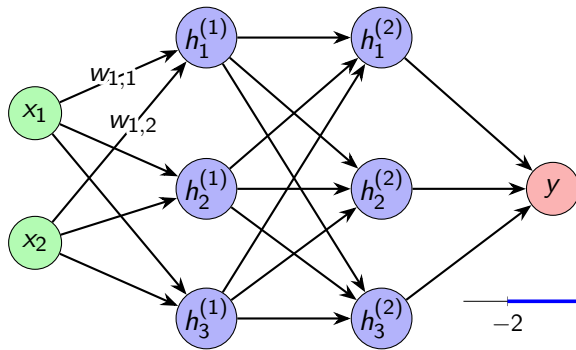
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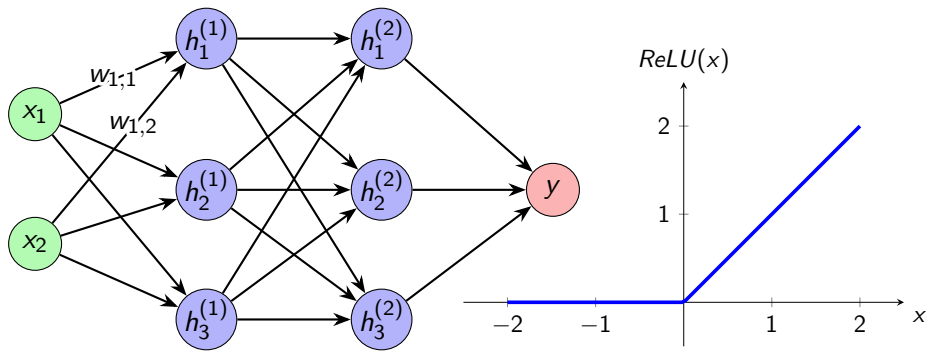
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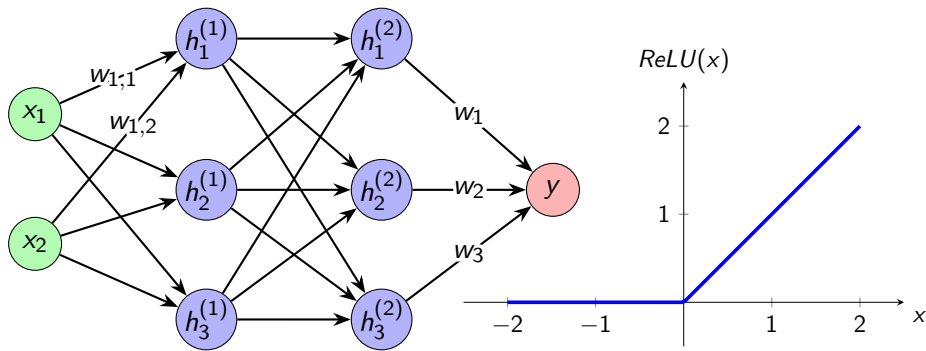


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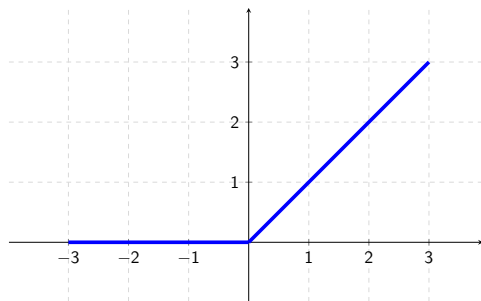
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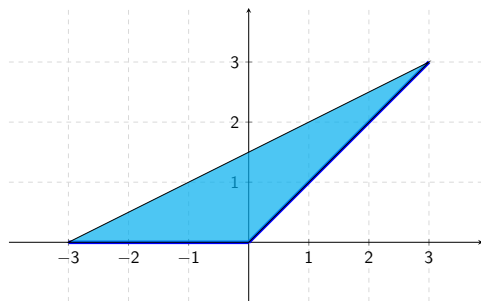


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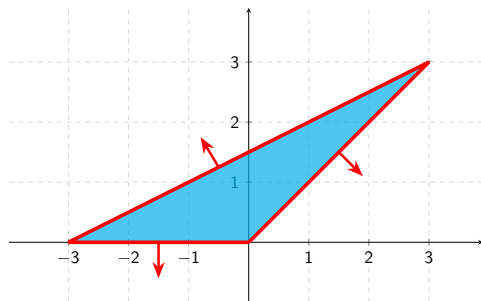
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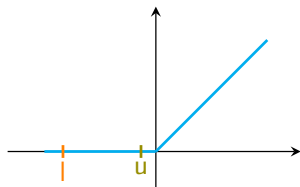
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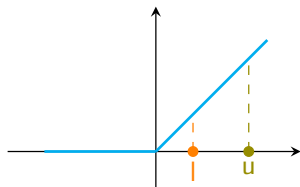
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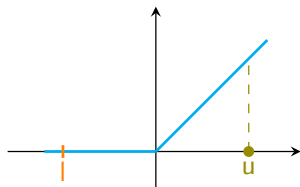


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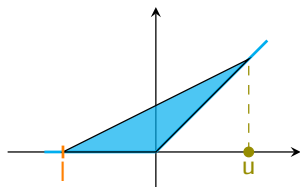


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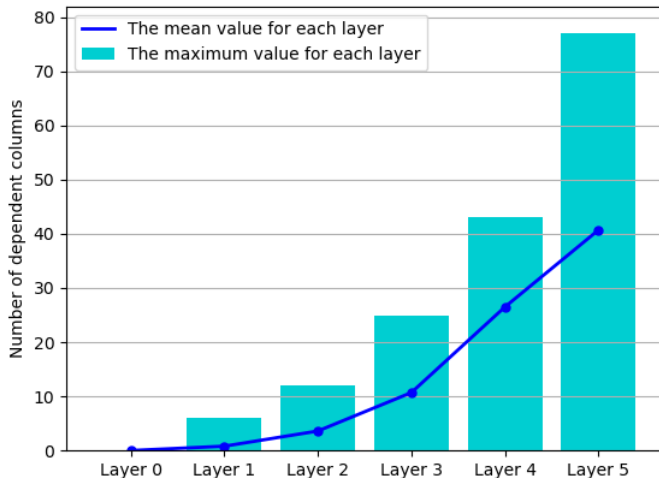
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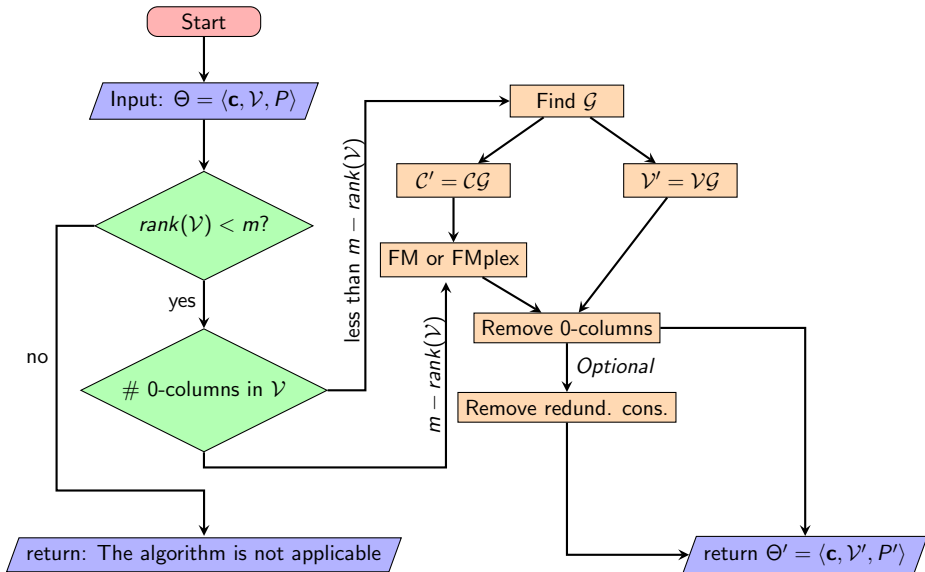
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Thank you for your attention!



Star set transformation

Proposition 1

Any star set $\Theta = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathcal{V}, P \rangle$, $P \triangleq (\mathcal{C}\alpha \leq \mathbf{d})$ can be transformed to another star set $\Theta' = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathcal{V}', P' \rangle$, $P' \triangleq (\mathcal{C}'\alpha' \leq \mathbf{d}')$, such that $\mathcal{V} \neq \mathcal{V}'$, $\mathcal{C} \neq \mathcal{C}'$ and $\Theta \equiv \Theta'$. For the transformation, we use a manually designed **invertible** matrix \mathcal{G} , such that $\mathcal{V}\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{V}'$ and $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{C}'$.

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Invertability of \mathcal{G} I

Find an invertible matrix \mathcal{G} , such that $\mathcal{V}\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{V}'$ and \mathcal{V}' has the desired property.

Proof: Let J be the set of linearly dependent and I linearly independent columns in \mathcal{V} . $\mathcal{G} = [\mathbf{g}_1, \dots, \mathbf{g}_m]$, $\mathbf{g}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $1 \leq i \leq m$, such that:

$$\mathbf{g}_i := \begin{cases} \mathbf{k}_i, & i \in J, \\ \mathbf{e}_i, & i \in I \end{cases}$$

Prove: the columns of \mathcal{G} linearly independent. This means, for $\alpha_j, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $j \in J, i \in I$:

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$$\sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \mathbf{k}_j + \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{0} \implies \alpha_j = 0, \beta_i = 0 \quad \forall j \in J, i \in I.$$

Assume, the linear combination equals $\mathbf{0}$. By multiplying the linear combination by the matrix \mathcal{V} we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{V} \left(\sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \mathbf{k}_j + \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i \mathbf{e}_i \right) = \mathbf{0} \\ \iff & \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \underbrace{\mathcal{V} \mathbf{k}_j}_{=0} + \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i \mathcal{V} \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{0} \implies \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i \mathcal{V} \mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

I is the set of indices of linearly independent columns of \mathcal{V} and $\mathcal{V} \mathbf{e}_i$ is the i -th column of \mathcal{V} . Therefore, $\beta_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in I$. That means:

$$\sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \mathbf{k}_j + \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i \mathbf{e}_i = \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \mathbf{k}_j = \mathbf{0}$$

From the linear independence of the vectors \mathbf{k}_j , $j \in J$ follows, that:

$$\alpha_j = 0 : \forall j \in J.$$

Construction of \mathcal{G} out of \mathcal{G}^*

$$\mathcal{G} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{G}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{I}_j \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{V}\mathcal{G} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{I}_j \\ \hline \mathcal{V}_{\text{slice}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{G}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{I}_j \end{array} \right] =$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathcal{G}^* + \mathcal{I}_j \cdot \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{0} + \mathcal{I}_j \cdot \mathcal{I}_j \\ \hline \mathcal{G}^* \cdot \mathcal{V}_{\text{slice}} + \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{V}_{\text{slice}} \cdot \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathcal{I}_j \\ \hline \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathcal{G}^* + \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathcal{I}_j \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{I}_j \\ \hline \mathcal{V}'_{\text{slice}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right]$$