

On the automated discovery of facet inducing inequalities

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We present a new tool for researchers in combinatorial optimization. From a parametrized description of a set of constraints, the tool constructs the convex hull of feasible points and, under some reasonable assumptions about the facial structure of the underlying polytope, infers families of facet-defining inequalities. The internal engine is a fast parallel implementation of the Fourier-Motzkin algorithm, guided by an inference mechanism for the relevant rational inequalities.

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