

RSOME + COPT: Using Exponential Cones in Robust Optimization

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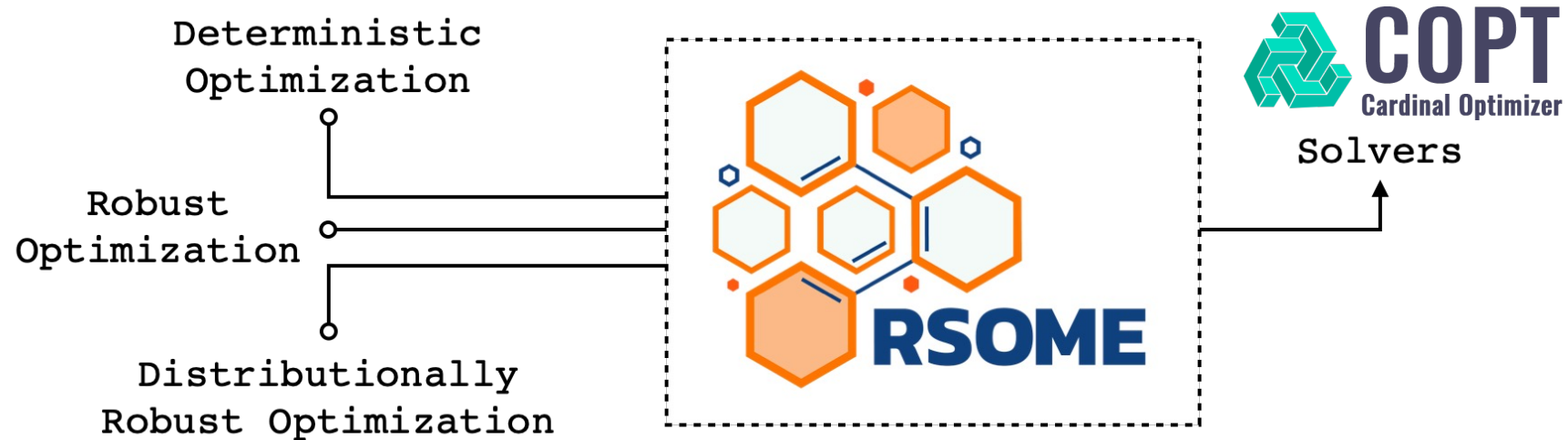


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RSOME

- RSOME (Robust Stochastic Optimization Made Easy)



MODELING POWER

Tailored modeling frameworks for robust and distributionally robust optimization.

READABILITY

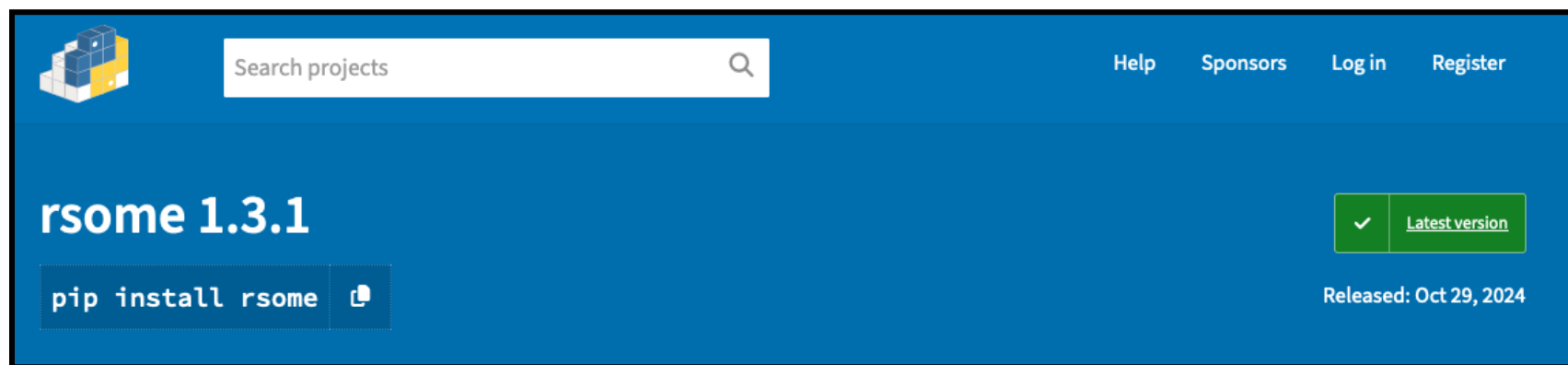
Consistent with N-dimensional arrays and vectorized operations of the NumPy package.

ACCESSIBILITY

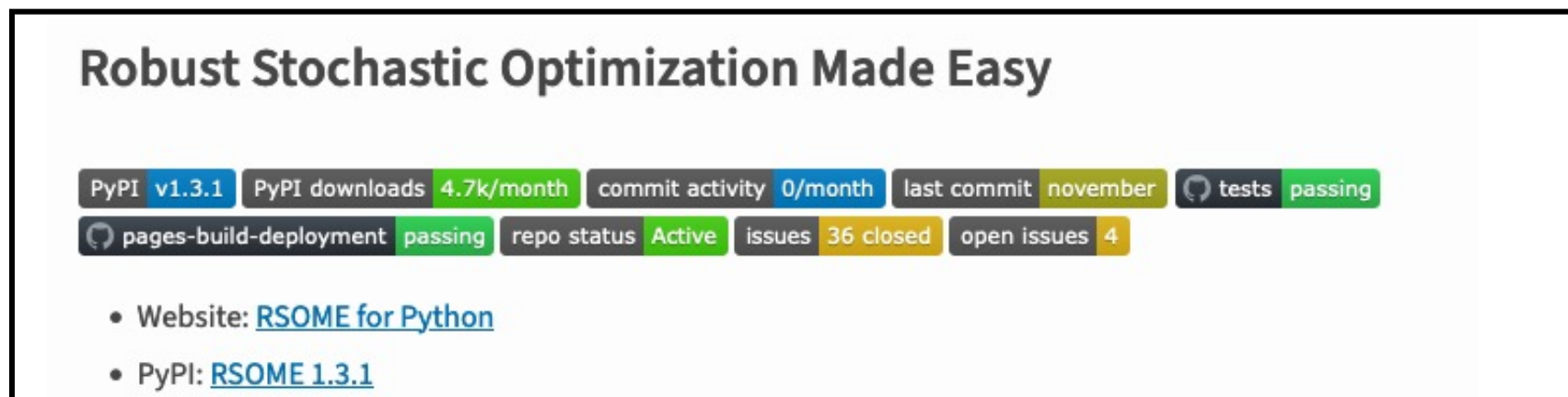
Distributed under a free [GPL V3.0 license](#) with the support to a great variety of [solvers](#).

RSOME

- RSOME (Robust Stochastic Optimization Made Easy)
- Installation



A screenshot of the RSOME project page on the Python Package Index (PyPI). The page has a blue header with the RSOME logo (a stack of cubes) on the left, a search bar labeled "Search projects" in the center, and links for "Help", "Sponsors", "Log in", and "Register" on the right. Below the header, the text "rsome 1.3.1" is displayed in large white font. To the right of this text is a green button with a checkmark and the text "Latest version". Below "rsome 1.3.1" is a dark blue button with the text "pip install rsome" and a small icon of a terminal. To the right of this button, it says "Released: Oct 29, 2024".



A screenshot of the RSOME project page on the Python Package Index (PyPI). The page has a white background with a blue header. The title "Robust Stochastic Optimization Made Easy" is displayed in large black font. Below the title is a horizontal bar with various project statistics: "PyPI v1.3.1", "PyPI downloads 4.7k/month", "commit activity 0/month", "last commit november", "tests passing", "pages-build-deployment passing", "repo status Active", "issues 36 closed", and "open issues 4". Below this bar is a list of links: "Website: [RSOME for Python](#)" and "PyPI: [RSOME 1.3.1](#)".



RSOME

- RSOME (Robust Stochastic Optimization Made Easy)
- Solvers

Solver	License type	Required version	RSOME interface	Second-order cone constraints	Exponential cone constraints	Semidefiniteness constraints
scipy.optimize	Open-source	>= 1.9.0	<code>lpg_solver</code>	No	No	No
CyLP	Open-source	>= 0.9.0	<code>clp_solver</code>	No	No	No
OR-Tools	Open-source	>= 7.5.7466	<code>ort_solver</code>	No	No	No
ECOS	Open-source	>= 2.0.10	<code>eco_solver</code>	Yes	Yes	No
Gurobi	Commercial	>= 9.1.0	<code>grb_solver</code>	Yes	No	No
Mosek	Commercial	>= 10.0.44	<code>msk_solver</code>	Yes	Yes	Yes
CPLEX	Commercial	>= 12.9.0.0	<code>cpx_solver</code>	Yes	No	No
COPT	Commercial	>= 7.2.2	<code>cpt_solver</code>	Yes	Yes	Yes

COPT

- Solver



COPT (Cardinal Optimizer) is a mathematical optimization solver for large-scale problems. It is developed by Cardinal Operations.

- 2024
- 02月 **COPT 7.1** 混合整数规划和凸二次（约束）规划求解器性能进一步提升，新增支持GPU加速的一阶算法PDLP求解器
 - 10月 **COPT 7.2** 混合整数规划等求解器性能再提升；新增支持指数锥，新增高性能自研C++矩阵建模功能，并且支持在Python接口启用

支持所有主流操作系统
Windows、MacOS、Linux（包括Apple Silicon和Arm64平台）

支持所有主流编程语言和第三方接口
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获取杉数求解器

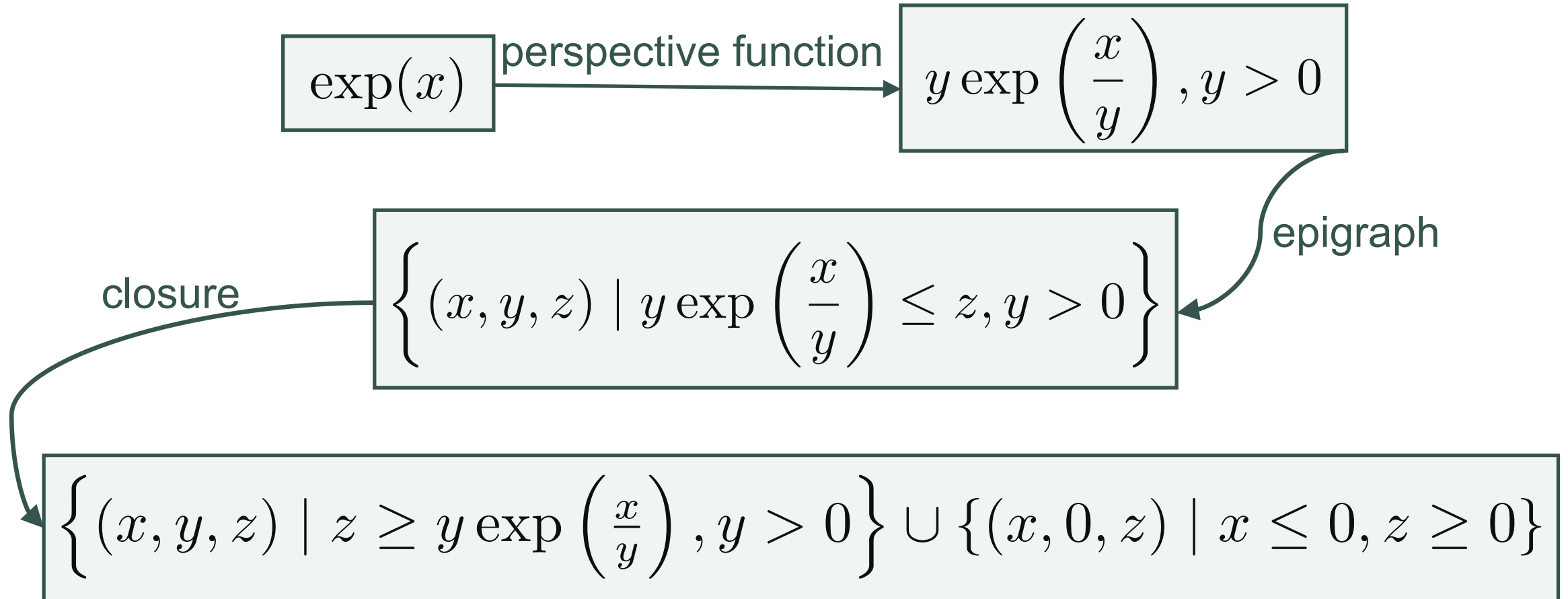
杉数求解器COPT 7.2 现已在全球范围内开放许可申请与下载。您可以填写申请表单，告诉我们相关信息。我们将审核用户申请表，于**2个工作日内**将杉数求解器的安装包与免费授权许可通过邮件发送给您。针对学术用户，请填写有效的学术邮箱，我们提供365天的免费试用权限；针对非学术用户，我们提供至多180天的免费试用权限。杉数将持续推出更新版本的求解器试用套件，您可保持关注，继续申请获取。

本表格针对个人电脑的求解器申请试用。如需试用服务器版、浮动授权或计算集群版本，请与我们联系coptsales@shanshu.ai。

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Exponential Cone

- Exponential cone: a 3-dim closed convex cone





Exponential Cone

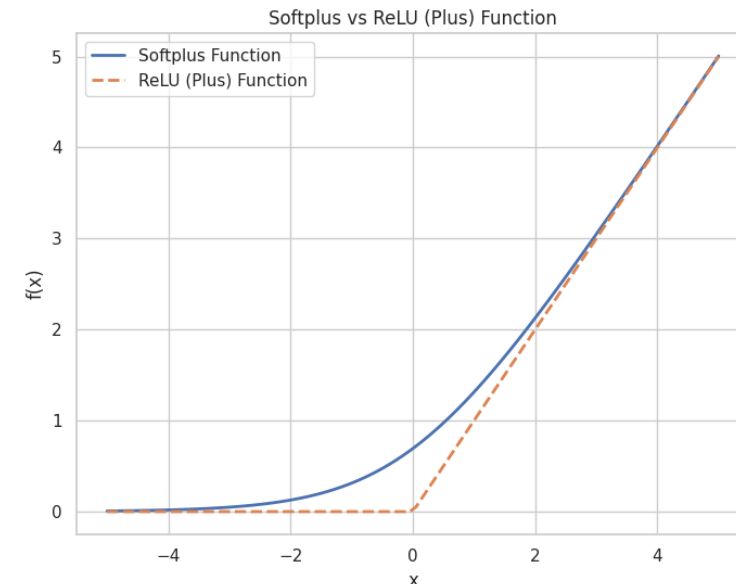
- Exponential cone

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} := \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 \geq x_2 \exp(x_3/x_2), x_2 > 0\} \cup \{(x_1, 0, x_3) \mid x_1 \geq 0, x_3 \leq 0\}$$

- Model exponential function: $t \geq \exp(x) \iff (t, 1, x) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}}$

- Model softplus function:

$$\begin{aligned} & t \geq \log(1 + \exp(x)) \\ \iff & \exp(t) \geq 1 + \exp(x) \\ \iff & 1 \geq \exp(-t) + \exp(x - t) \\ \iff & 1 \geq u + v \\ & (u, 1, -t) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \\ & (v, 1, x - t) \in \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}} \end{aligned}$$



Exponential Cone



- Exponential cone related functions/constraints in RSOME

<code>entropy(x)</code>	The entropic expression $-\text{sum}(x \cdot \log(x))$.	<code>x</code> must be a vector.
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<code>exp(x)</code>	The element-wise natural exponential of <code>x</code> .	
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<code>pexp(x, y)</code>	The element-wise perspective natural exponential $y \cdot \exp(x/y)$.	
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<code>plog(x, y)</code>	The element-wise perspective natural logarithm $y \cdot \log(x/y)$.	
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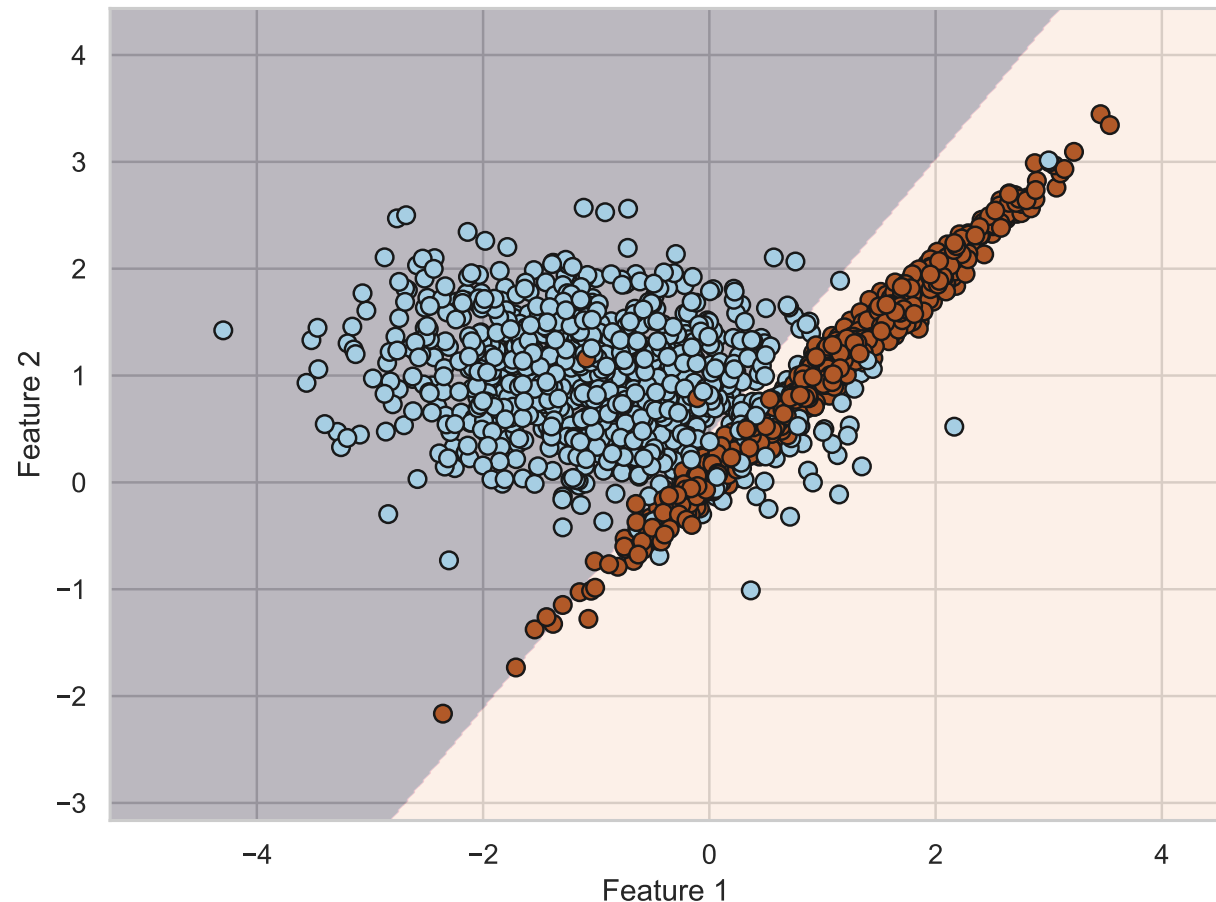
<code>softplus(x)</code>	The element-wise softplus term $\log(1 + \exp(x))$.	
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Convex Constraints	Output	Remarks
<code>expcone(x, y, z)</code>	The exponential cone constraint $z \cdot \exp(x/z) \leq y$.	<code>x</code> and <code>z</code> must be scalars.
<code>kldiv(p, q, r)</code>	The KL divergence constraint $\text{sum}(p \cdot \log(p/q)) \leq r$.	<code>p</code> and <code>q</code> are vectors, and <code>r</code> is a scalar.

Logistic Regression

$$\min_{w,b} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(-y_i(w^\top x_i + b)))$$

Logistic Regression Decision Boundary



```
from rsome import ro
import rsome as rso
from rsome import cpt_solver as solver

lr = ro.Model()

w = lr.dvar(n_features) # Weight vector
b = lr.dvar()           # Bias term
loss = lr.dvar(n_samples)

lr.st(loss >= rso.softplus(-y_train *
(X_train @ w + b) ) )

lr.min(sum(loss) * (1/n_samples))

lr.solve(solver)

w_opt = w.get()
b_opt = b.get()
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Exponential Conic Optimization

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Digital Circuit Optimization via Geometric Programming

Stephen P. Boyd, Seung-Jean Kim, Dinesh D. Patil, Mark A. Horowitz

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Venkat Chandrasekaran¹ · Parikshit Shah²

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Taozeng Zhu , Jingui Xie , Melvyn Sim

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Exact Logit-Based Product Design

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in C Zizhuo Wang¹ · Peter W. Glynn² · Yinyu Ye²

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Optimization Under Uncertainty

- Deterministic Optimization

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} f(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{z})$$

- Stochastic Optimization

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})]$$

- Robust Optimization

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \max_{\boldsymbol{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} f(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{z})$$

- Distributionally Robust Optimization

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})]$$

Stochastic Optimization

- Stochastic Optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

- Challenge: compute expectation
- Two approaches
 - Deterministic approximation
 - Sample-based approximation

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Introduction to Stochastic Programming

Second Edition

 Springer

Optimization Under Uncertainty

- Stochastic Optimization
 - Challenge: compute expectation
- Robust perspective: approximate expectation by upper bounds

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(x, \tilde{z})]$$

$$\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F} \implies \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(x, \tilde{z})] \leq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(x, \tilde{z})]$$

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A Linear Decision-Based Approximation Approach to Stochastic Programming

Xin Chen, Melvyn Sim, Peng Sun, Jiawei Zhang

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Optimization Under Uncertainty

- Robust perspective: approximate expectation by upper bounds

$$\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F} \implies \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})] \leq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

- More information $\Rightarrow$ smaller ambiguity set $\Rightarrow$ less conservative
- Modeling idea: leverage the moment-generating function (MGF)

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Distributionally Robust Optimization with Infinitely Constrained Ambiguity Sets

Zhi Chen , Melvyn Sim , Huan Xu 

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Optimization Under Uncertainty

- Robust perspective: approximate expectation by upper bounds

$$\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F} \implies \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})] \leq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})]$$

- Modeling idea: leverage the moment-generating function (MGF)
- Tractability: exponential conic optimization

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An Exponential Cone Programming Approach for Managing Electric Vehicle Charging

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Part II

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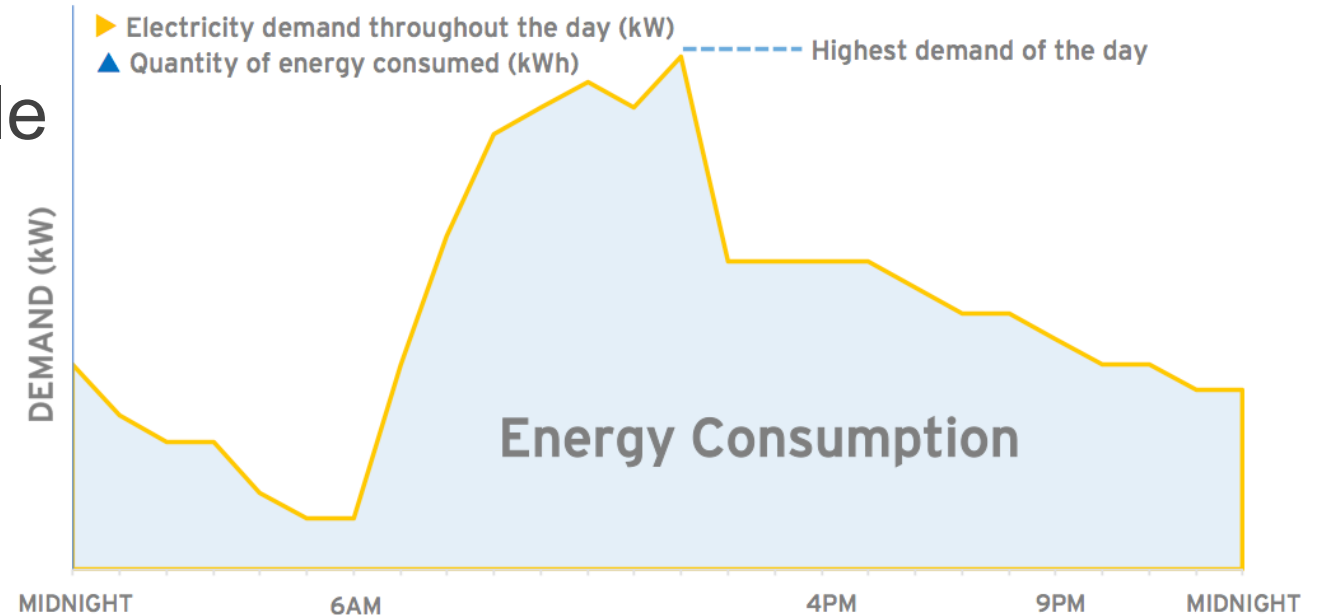
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Problem Background

- Stochastic demand of heterogeneous customers
 - arrival time
 - departure time
 - energy requirement
- Decision: charging schedule
- Electricity tariff structure
 - energy charge
 - demand charge
- Goal: minimize cost



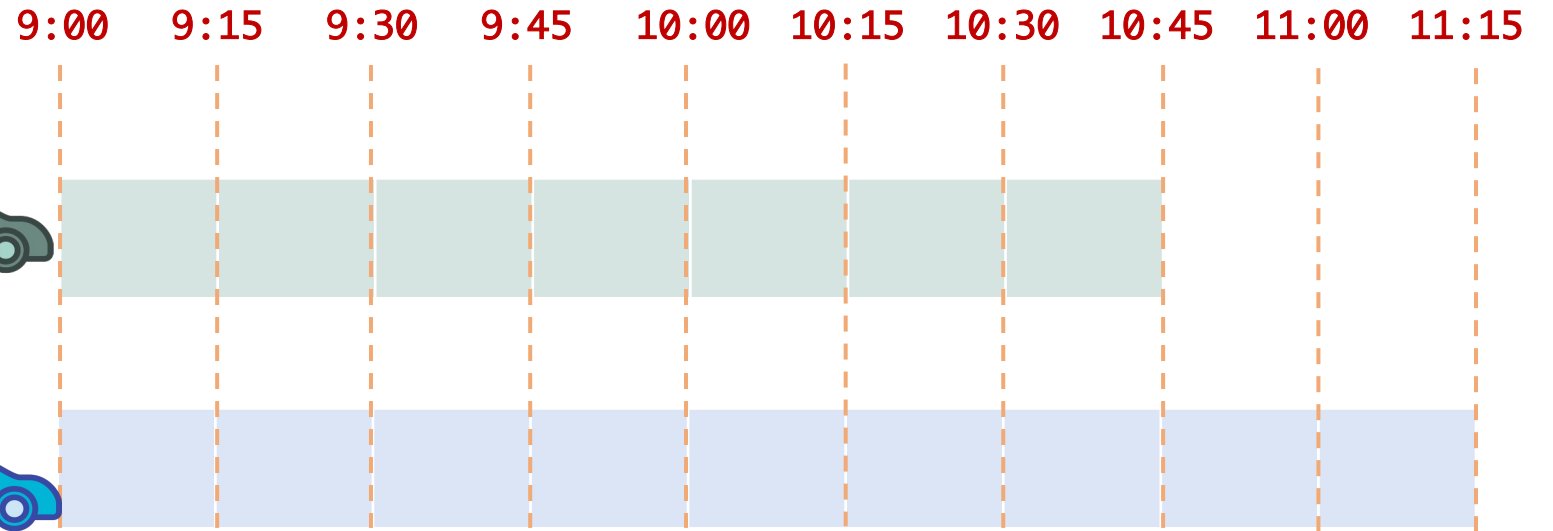
Problem Description

9:00 am

Arrival: 9:00
Desired departure: 10:45
Charging quantity: 20
kWh

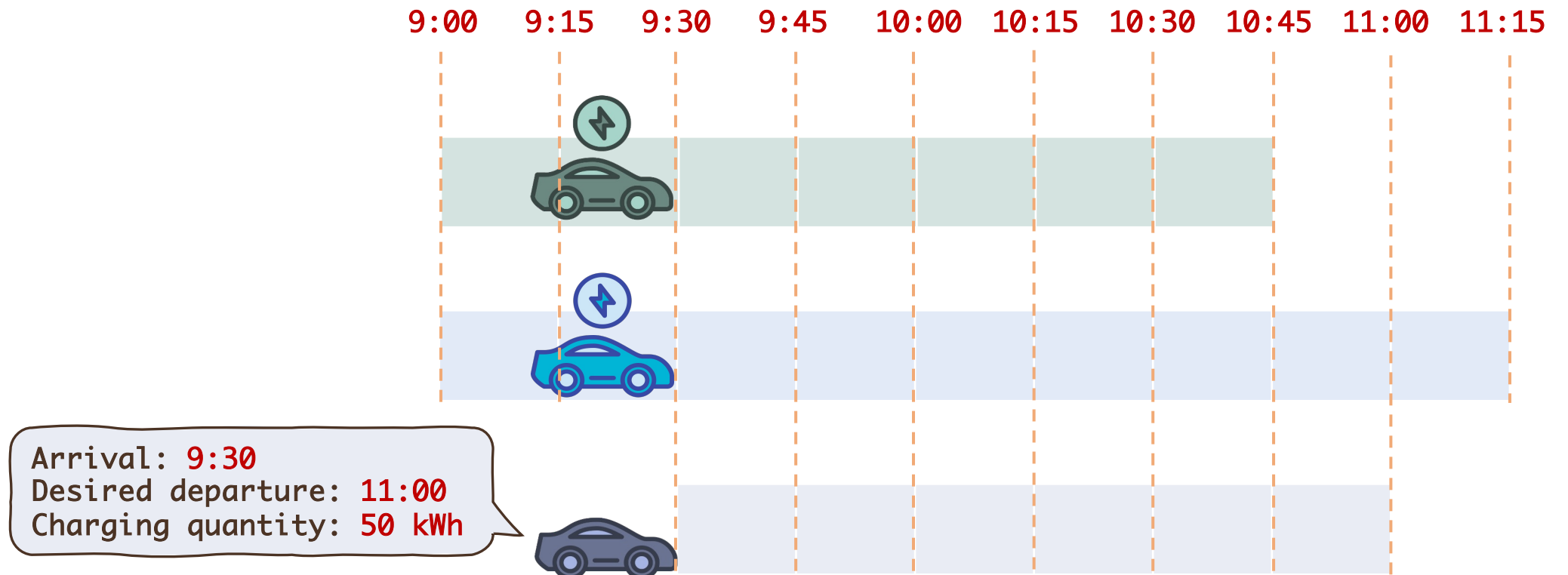


Arrival: 9:00
Desired departure: 11:15
Charging quantity: 50
kWh



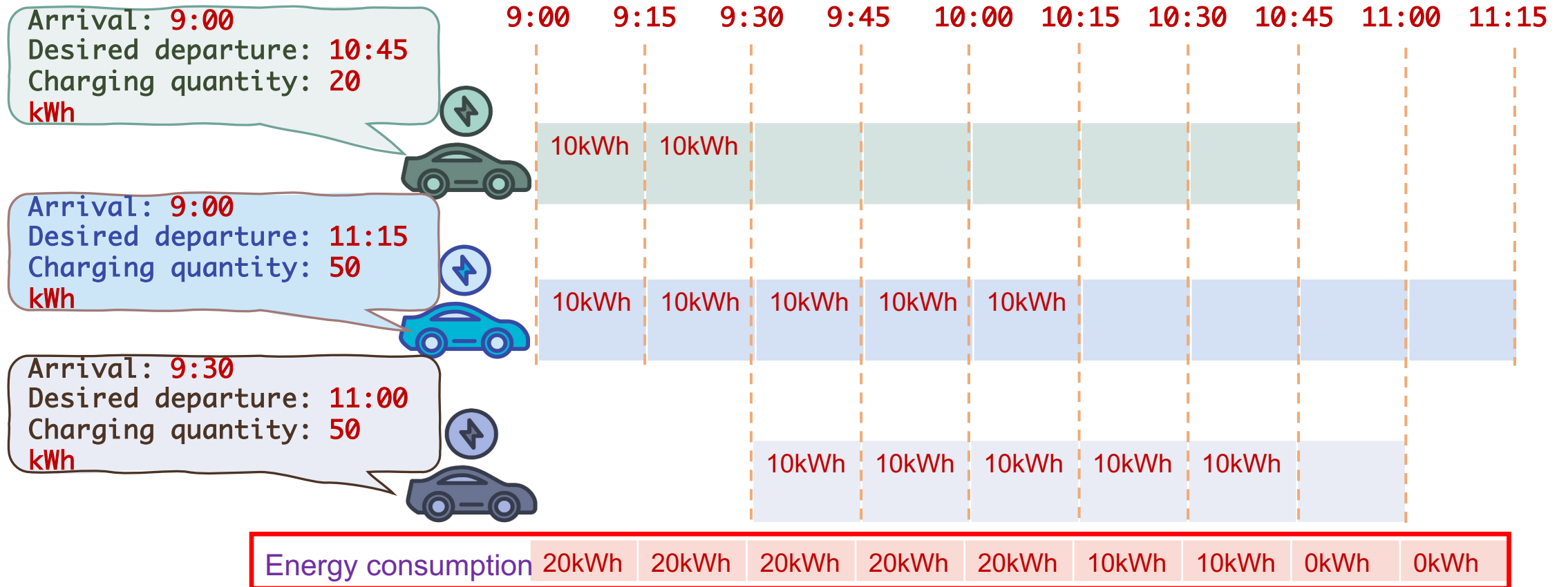
Problem Description

9:30 am



Problem Description

Energy cost/ kWh	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2
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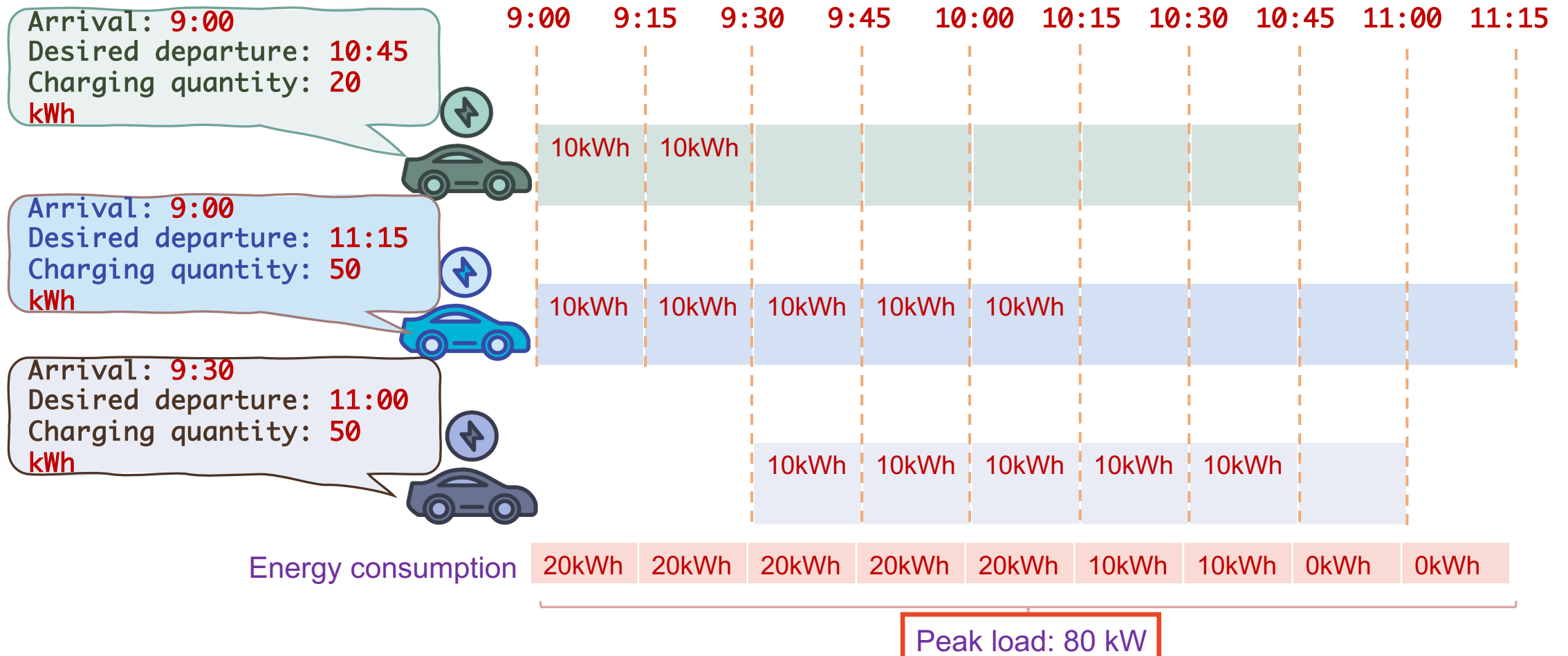


Problem Description

Demand charge: \$1/ kW

Cost = \$16 (energy charge) + \$80 (demand charge)

Energy cost/ kWh	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.2
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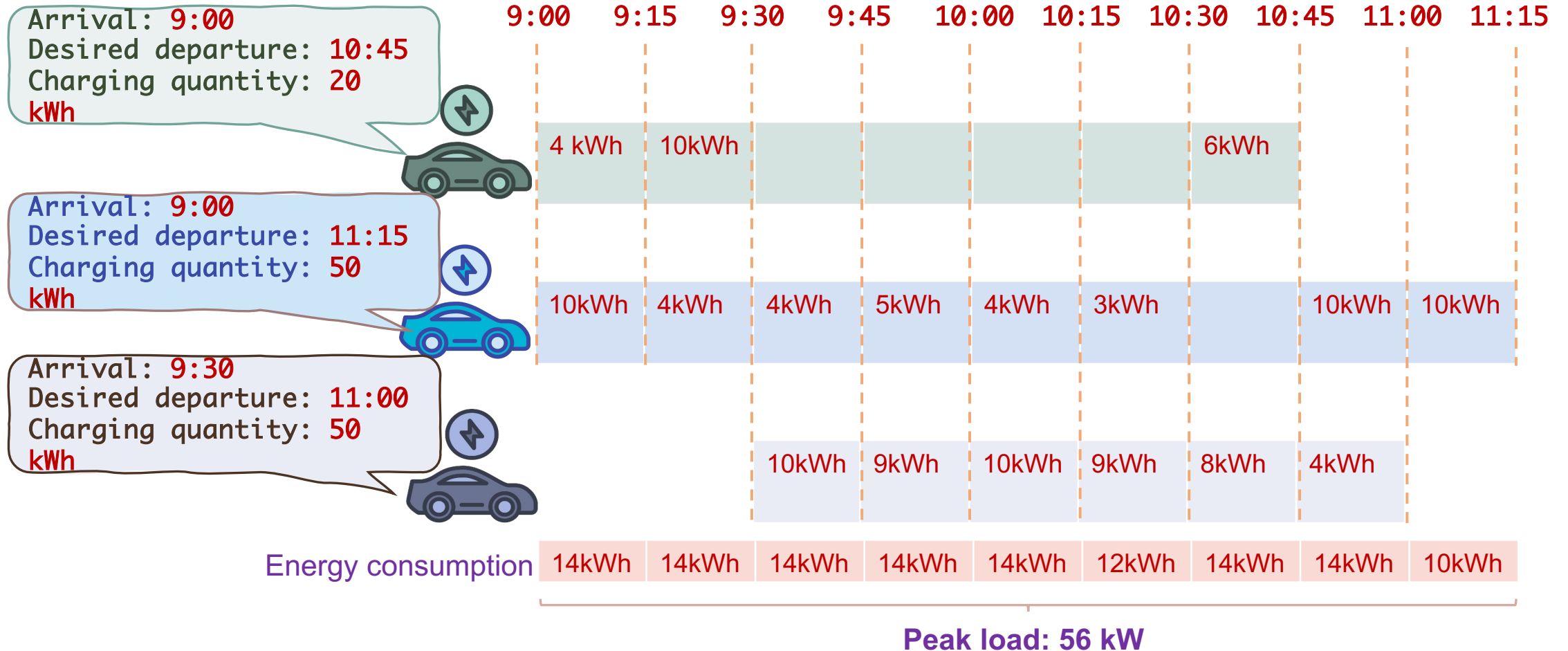


Problem Description

Demand charge: \$1/ kW

Cost = \$18.4 (energy charge) + \$56 (demand charge)

Energy cost/ kWh \$0.1 \$0.1 \$0.1 \$0.1 \$0.2 \$0.2 \$0.2 \$0.2 \$0.2



Problem Description

Unit demand charge d
Unit energy charge e_1

e_2

e_3

e_4

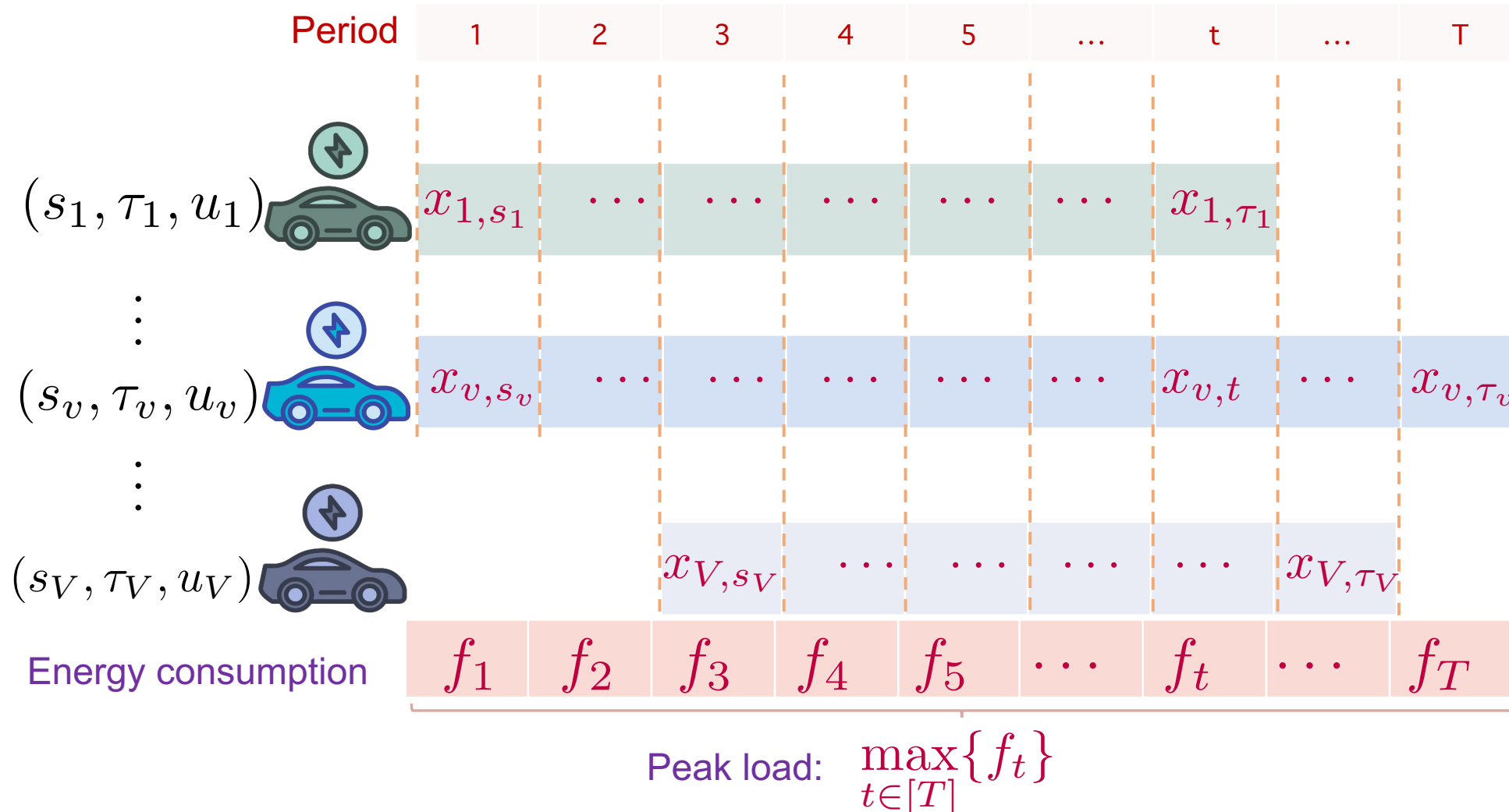
e_5

$\dots$

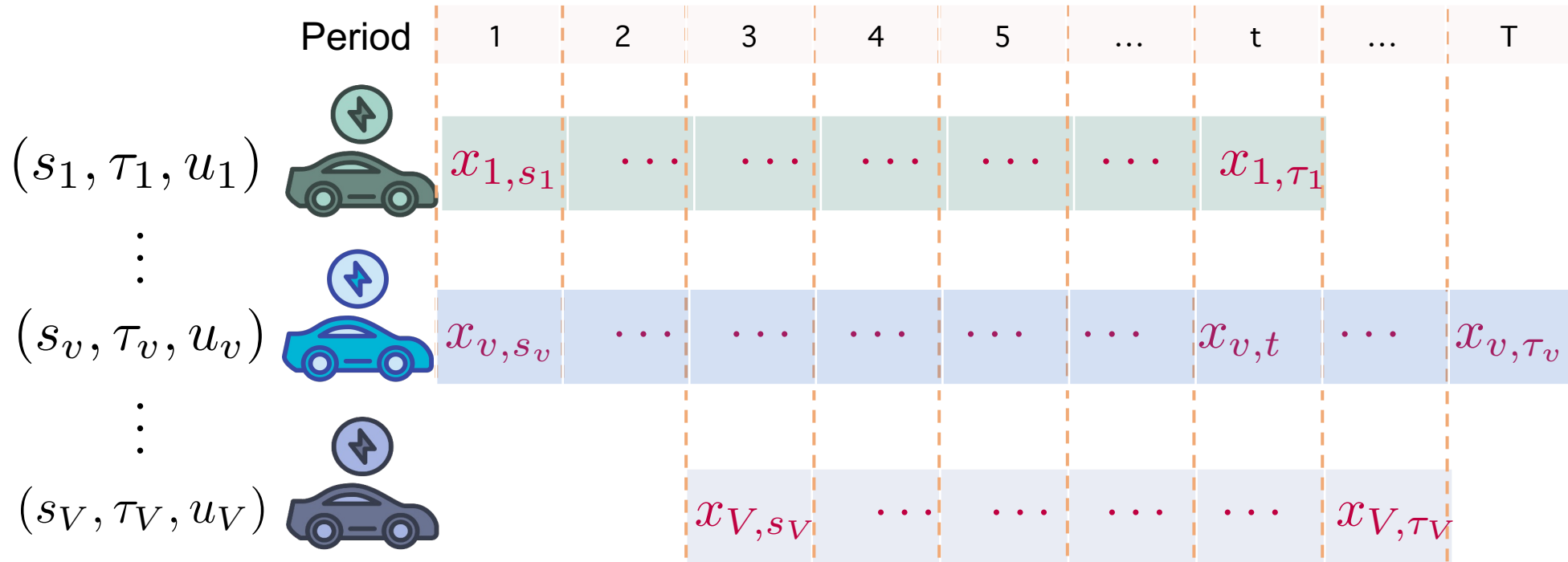
e_t

$\dots$

e_T



Problem Description



Charging Constraints

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_v} \eta x_{v,t} = u_v \quad \forall v \in [V]$$

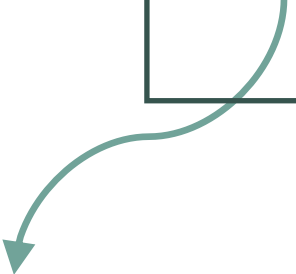
$$0 \leq x_{v,t} \leq K/\eta \quad \forall v \in [V], t \in \mathcal{T}_v$$

The Stochastic Program

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}}) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})\} \right]$$

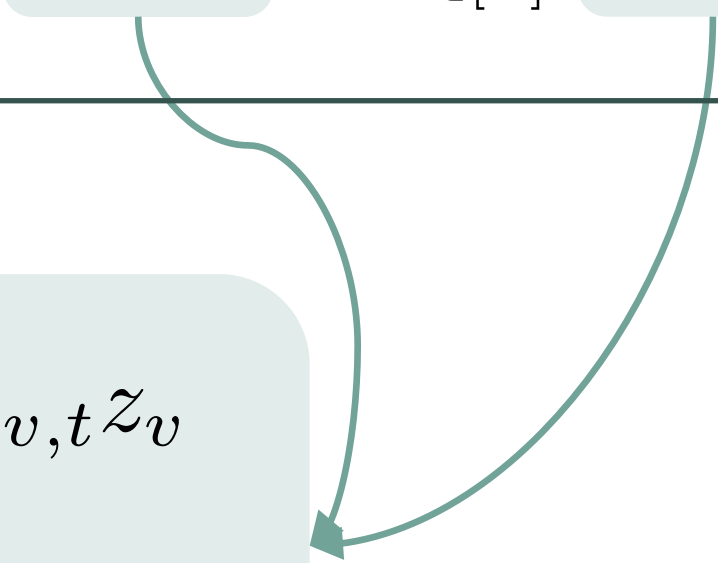
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$$\mathcal{X} := \left\{ \mathbf{x} \mid \begin{array}{ll} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_v} \eta x_{v,t} = u_v & \forall v \in [V] \\ 0 \leq x_{v,t} \leq K/\eta & \forall v \in [V], t \in \mathcal{T}_v \end{array} \right\}.$$

Feasible charging schedule

The Stochastic Program

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right]$$


$$f_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} z_v$$

Energy consumption in period t

The Stochastic Program

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right]$$

$$f_t(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} z_v$$

Number of arrivals of type v

All the types for charging in period t
 $\mathcal{V}_t := \{v \in [V] : s_v \leq t \leq \tau_v\}$

The Stochastic Program

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right]$$

- Given arrival distributions $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \sim \mathbb{P}$ such as independent Poisson arrivals, one can use sample average approximation (SAA)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s \in [S]} \left(\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_s) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}_s)\} \right)$$

The Stochastic Program

- Sample average approximation (SAA)

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- Large scale: (>80000) random variables and (>700000) decision variables, and large sample size (>5000).
- Alternative: a robust perspective using MGF

Exponential Conic Approximation

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) + d \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right]$$
$$= \sum_{t \in [T]} e_t f_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) + d \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right]$$


$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\mathbf{z}}] = \boldsymbol{\lambda} \implies \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})] = f_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

- Bound the expected peak load using MGF:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})\} \right] \\ & \leq \inf_{\mu > 0} \mu \log \sum_{t \in [T]} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}) - f_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\mu} \right) \right] + \max_{t \in [T]} \{f_t(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})\} \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

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- Exploit stochastic independence to decompose log-MGF:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu \log \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \tilde{z}_v - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v}{\mu} \right) \right] \\ & = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} \mu \log \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{x_{v,t} \tilde{z}_v}{\mu} \right) \right] - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

- Bound the expected peak load using MGF:
- Exploit stochastic independence to decompose log-MGF:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu \log \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \tilde{z}_v - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v}{\mu} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} \mu \log \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{x_{v,t} \tilde{z}_v}{\mu} \right) \right] - \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v \end{aligned}$$

- Exponential cone representable log-MGF of Poisson variables:

$$\mu \log \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{x_{v,t} \tilde{z}_v}{\mu} \right) \right] = \lambda_v (\mu e^{x_{v,t}/\mu} - \mu) \text{ is } \mathcal{K}_{\text{exp}}\text{-representable}$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

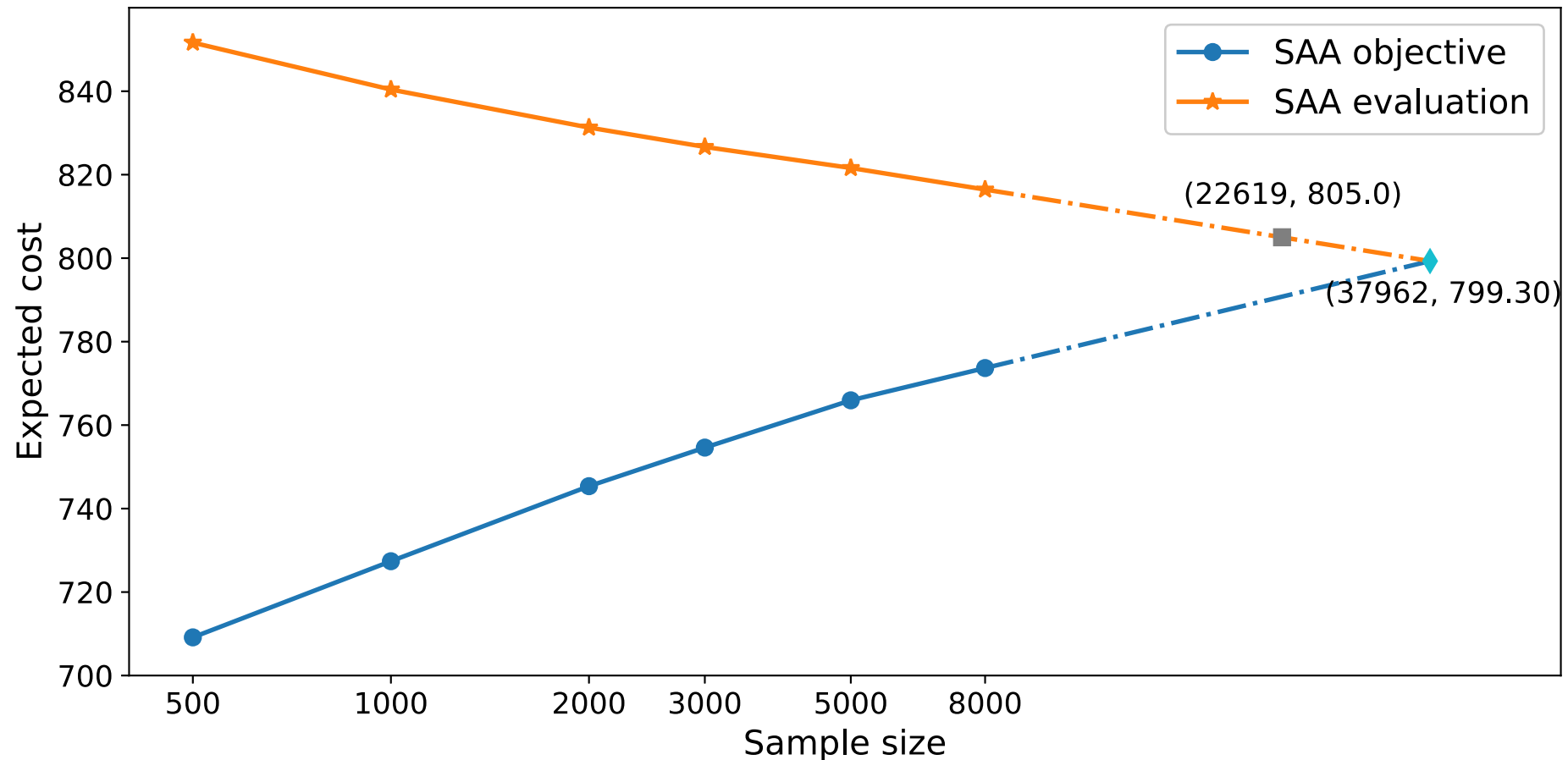
- Exponential conic representable upper bound:

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\substack{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \kappa, \gamma, \\ \mu > 0, \xi, \zeta}} d(\kappa + \gamma) + \sum_{t \in [T]} e_t \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v \right) \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} x_{v,t} \lambda_v \leq \gamma \quad \forall t \in [T] \\ & \quad \mu \exp(x_{v,t}/\mu) \leq \xi_{v,t} \quad \forall t \in [T], v \in \mathcal{V}_t \\ & \quad \mu \exp \left(\left(-\kappa + \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}_t} \lambda_v (\xi_{v,t} - x_{v,t} - \mu) \right) / \mu \right) \leq \zeta_t \quad \forall t \in [T] \\ & \quad \sum_{t \in [T]} \zeta_t \leq \mu \end{aligned}$$

(ECP-U)

Comparison with SAA

- SAA with 38000 samples: >36 hours, far from optimality
- ECP is near optimal: optimality gap $\approx 0.71\%$



Key Ideas

- Modeling
 - Incorporate more distributional information via MGF
 - Exploit stochastic independence via MGF
- Computation
 - Computational scalability by ECP approximation

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Part III

- A general framework

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Robust Optimization with Moment-Dispersion Ambiguity

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Make It General

- How to generalize these ideas and integrate with existing RSOME framework?

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Robust Stochastic Optimization Made Easy with RSOME

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$$\mathcal{F}_m = \left\{ \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_0(\mathbb{R}^J \times [S]) \left| \begin{array}{ll} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \tilde{s}) \sim \mathbb{P} \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}} | \tilde{s} \in \mathcal{E}_{km}] \in \mathcal{Q}_{km} & \forall k \in [K] \\ \mathbb{P}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathcal{Z}_{sm} | \tilde{s} = s] = 1 & \forall s \in [S] \\ \mathbb{P}[\tilde{s} = s] = p_s & \forall s \in [S] \\ \text{for some } \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_m \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

Make It General

- The building block: linear moment ambiguity sets

$S = 1$

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Moment-Dispersion Ambiguity

$$\mathcal{G} := \left\{ \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_0(\mathbb{R}^{N_z}) \left| \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \sim \mathbb{P} \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}}] \in \mathcal{W} \\ \ln \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[\exp(\mathbf{v}^\top (\tilde{\mathbf{z}} - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}}]))] \leq \varphi(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_z} \\ \mathbb{P}[\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathcal{Z}] = 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the Moment-Dispersion Ambiguity set $\mathcal{G}$:

- Mean uncertainty set**: $\mathcal{W}$ (green box)
- Support set**: $\mathcal{Z}$ (red box)
- Dispersion characteristic function**: $\varphi(\mathbf{v})$ (blue box)

Moment-Dispersion Ambiguity

- Moment-dispersion ambiguity sets

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A function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^{N_z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ is a **dispersion characteristic function** if

1. **Normalized:** $\varphi(\mathbf{0}) = 0$.
2. **Convex:** $\varphi(\mathbf{v})$ is convex in $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_z}$.
3. **Centered:** If $\varphi(\mathbf{v}) < \infty$, then $\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow \infty} \kappa \varphi(\mathbf{v}/\kappa) = 0$.
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- Moment-dispersion ambiguity sets

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- Distributionally robust optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{G}} \text{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

certainty equivalent
(entropic risk measure)

$$\text{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [\tilde{\xi}] := \begin{cases} \text{ess sup}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\xi}] & \text{if } \kappa = 0 \\ \kappa \ln \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\exp(\tilde{\xi}/\kappa)] & \text{if } \kappa > 0 \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\xi}] & \text{if } \kappa = \infty \end{cases}$$

General Framework

- Moment-dispersion ambiguity sets

$$\mathcal{G} := \left\{ \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_0(\mathbb{R}^{N_z}) \left| \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \sim \mathbb{P} \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\mathbf{z}}] \in \mathcal{W} \\ \ln \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\exp(\mathbf{v}^\top (\tilde{\mathbf{z}} - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\mathbf{z}}]))] \leq \varphi(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_z} \\ \mathbb{P} [\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathcal{Z}] = 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

- Distributionally robust optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{G}} \mathbb{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

risk tolerance level

$$\mathbb{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [\tilde{\xi}] := \begin{cases} \text{ess sup}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\xi}] & \text{if } \kappa = 0 \\ \kappa \ln \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\exp(\tilde{\xi}/\kappa)] & \text{if } \kappa > 0 \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [\tilde{\xi}] & \text{if } \kappa = \infty \end{cases}$$

General Framework

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- DRO under mean-dispersion ambiguity

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{G}} \mathbb{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [f(\boldsymbol{x}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{z}})]$$

- Optimization models related to entropic risk measure

Kullback-Leibler Divergence Constrained Distributionally Robust
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**CONVEX APPROXIMATIONS OF CHANCE CONSTRAINED
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Robust Satisficing

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Robust Optimization

- Tractable safe approximation

$$\rho(\kappa, \mathbf{x}) \geq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{G}} \mathbb{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

- conic representable: exponential cones, second-order cones, ...
- non-increasing in κ to reflect decreasing risk aversion
- good quality in risk-neutral case:

$$\rho(\infty, \mathbf{x}) \leq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{F}_L} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}} [f(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})]$$

- not too conservative:

$$\rho(\kappa, \mathbf{x}) \leq \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

- Piecewise linear convex cost

$$\rho(\kappa, \mathbf{x}) \geq \sup_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{G}} \mathbb{CE}_{\mathbb{P}}^{\kappa} \left[\max_{k \in [K]} \{ \mathbf{a}_k(\mathbf{x})^{\top} \mathbf{z} + b_k(\mathbf{x}) \} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\kappa, \mathbf{x}) = & \inf && t_1 + t_2 + t_3 \\ & \text{s.t.} && q_1 + q_2 = \kappa \\ & && \sum_{k \in [K]} \eta_k \leq q_2 \\ & && q_2 \exp((w_k + r_k - t_1) / q_2) \leq \eta_k && \forall k \in [K] \\ & && \mathbf{v}_k^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mu} + \bar{v}_k \leq w_k && \forall \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{W}, k \in [K] \\ & && (r_k, q_2, \mathbf{v}_k - \mathbf{u}) \in \Phi && \forall k \in [K] \\ & && (\mathbf{a}_k(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{v}_k)^{\top} \mathbf{z} + b_k(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{v}_k \leq t_2 && \forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}, k \in [K] \\ & && (t_3, q_1, \mathbf{u}) \in \Phi \\ & && \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}_+^2, \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_z}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{R}^K \\ & && \mathbf{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{N_z}, \bar{v}_k \in \mathbb{R} && \forall k \in [K] \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Conic Approximation

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 \end{aligned}$$

$\Phi = \text{cl} \{ (t, \kappa, \mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}^{N_z} \mid \kappa \varphi(\mathbf{v} / \kappa) \leq t \}$

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Exponential Conic Approximation

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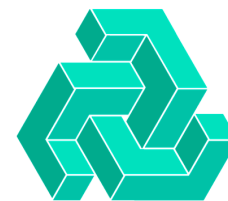
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 \end{array}$$

Summary

- Exponential conic optimization in RSOME + COPT
- Electric vehicle charging scheduling using exponential cones
- Robust optimization with moment-dispersion ambiguity

Thank you!



COPT
Cardinal Optimizer

