

INTERPOLATION CONDITIONS FOR **LINEAR OPERATORS** AND APPLICATIONS TO **PERFORMANCE ESTIMATION PROBLEMS**

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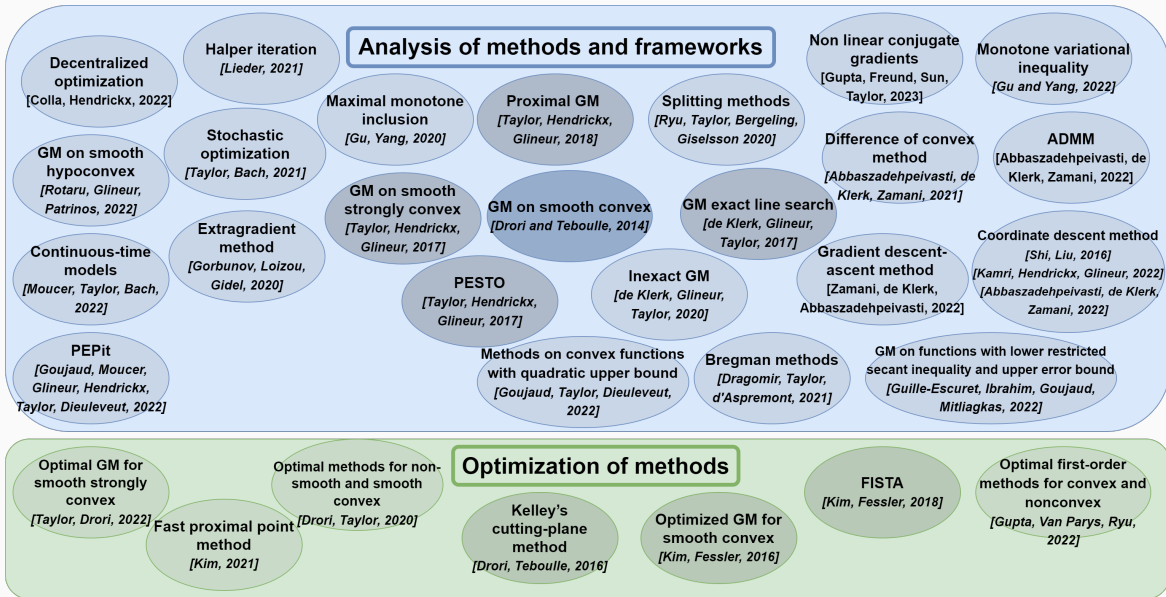
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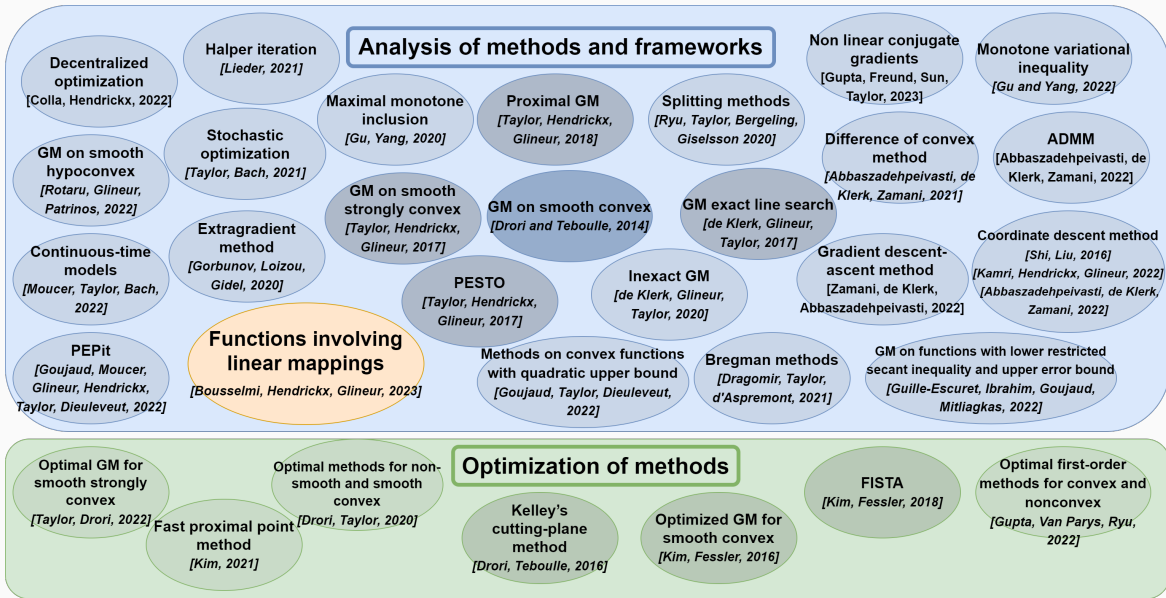
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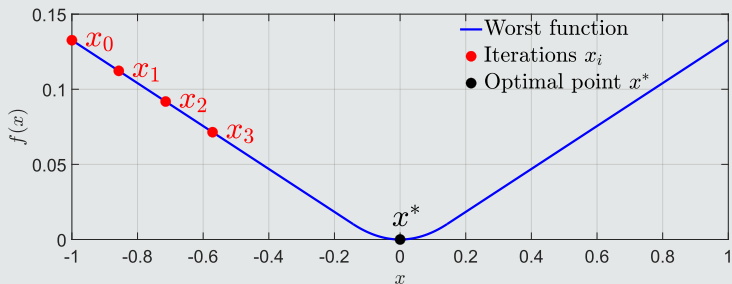
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PEP solved outputs (for $N = 3$ and $L = 1$)

- Worst performance: $f(x_N) - f^* = \frac{1}{14} (= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2N+1})$
- Worst function:



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- Reformulation 2: Lift to **convex semidefinite program** (efficiently solvable!)

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Interpolation conditions must be convex in $f_i, x_i^T g_k, x_i^T x_k, g_i^T g_k$.
(Otherwise, we cannot solve the PEP for the class of interest).

PERFORMANCE ESTIMATION PROBLEM FOR LINEAR OPERATORS

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Also requires **New interpolation conditions.**

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where $X = (x_1 \ \dots \ x_N)$, $Y = (y_1 \ \dots \ y_N)$, $U = (u_1 \ \dots \ u_N)$ and $V = (v_1 \ \dots \ v_N)$.

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Allows to use PEP on the class of quadratic functions!

EXPLOITATION OF LINEAR OPERATORS

INTERPOLATIONS

1 GRADIENT METHOD ON $g(Mx)$

2 GRADIENT METHOD ON $\frac{1}{2}x^T Qx$

3 CHAMBOLLE-POCK METHOD ON $f(x) + g(Mx)$

SIMPLEST PROBLEM $\min_x F(x)$ INVOLVING LINEAR OPERATOR

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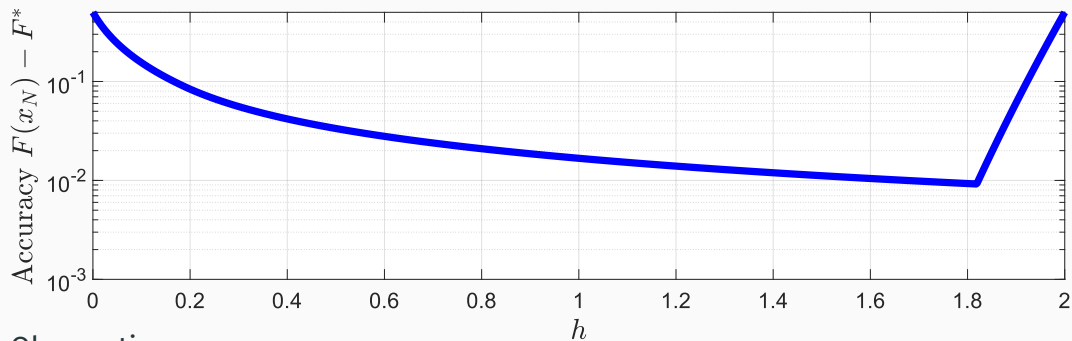
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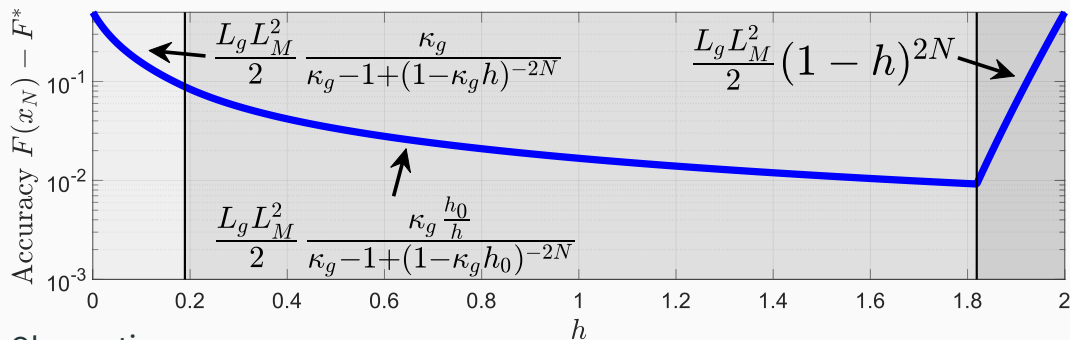
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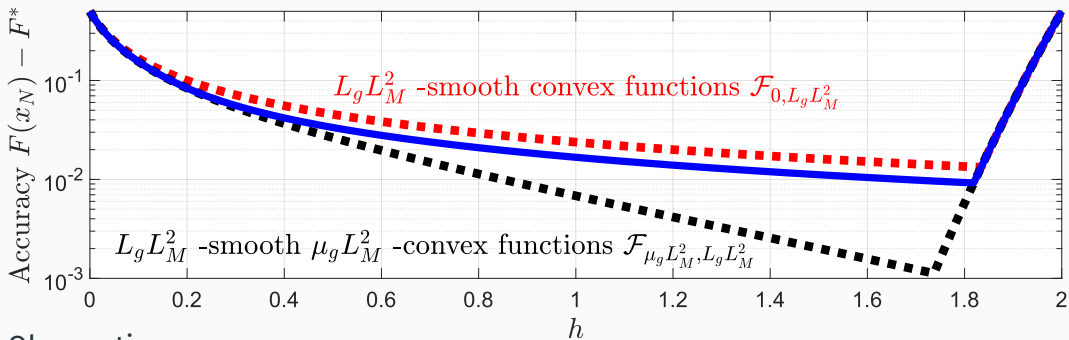
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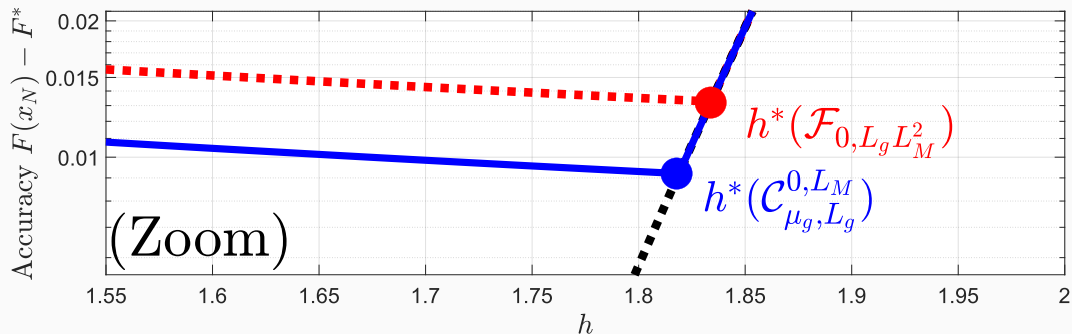
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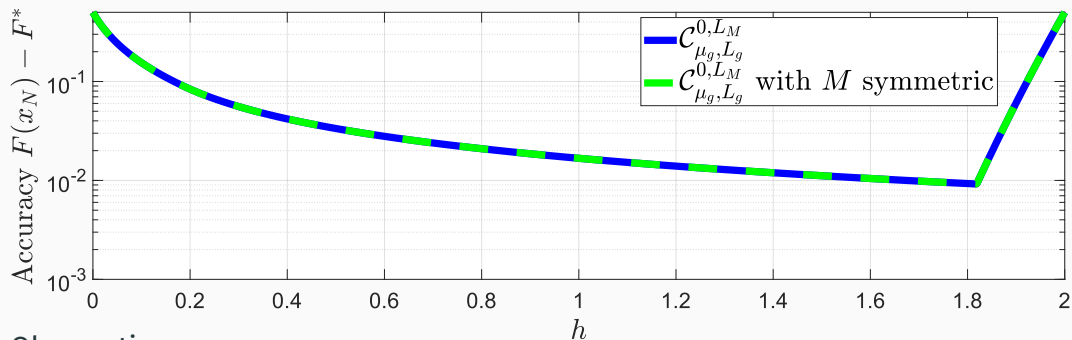
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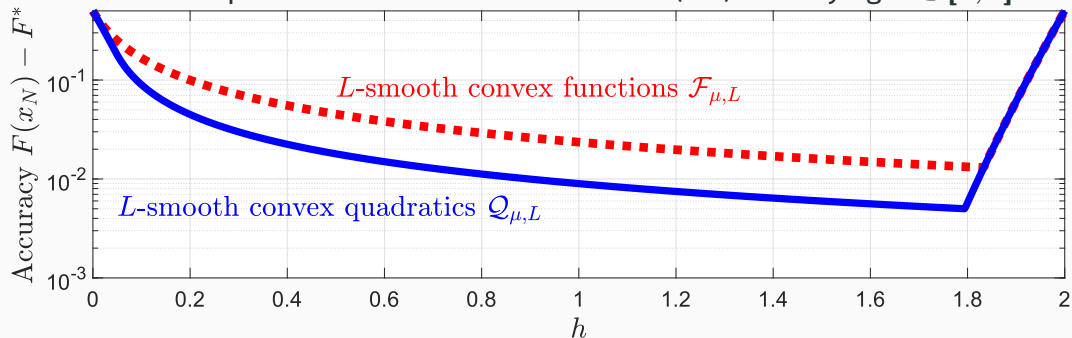
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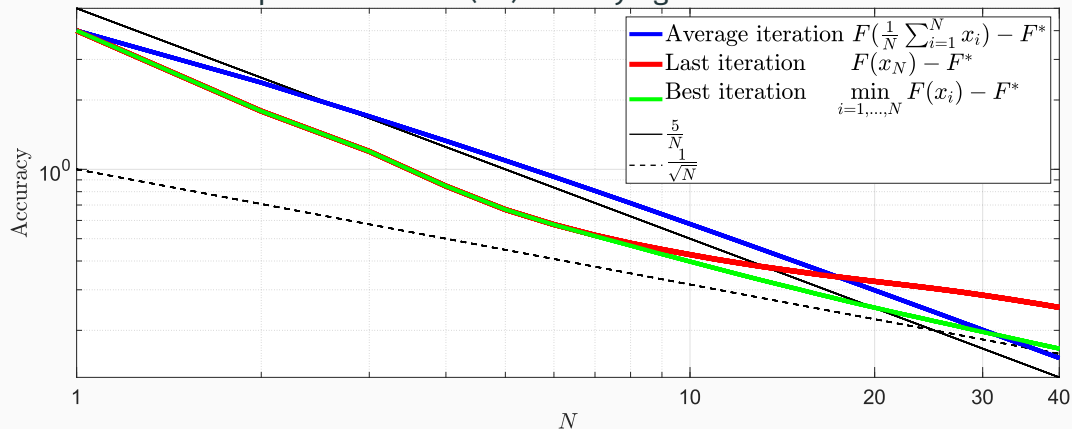
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Worst-case performance of (CP) for varying number of iterations N



State-of-the-art

- PEP gives exact worst-case **performance of optimization methods**

Contribution

- Extend PEP to methods/functions involving **linear operators** (by obtaining **interpolation conditions**)
- Analyze **Gradient and Chambolle-Pock methods**

Future steps

- Analyze methods (e.g. PDFP, CV, PD30, ADMM) on
$$F_1(x) = f(x) + g(Mx), \quad F_2(x) = f(x) + \frac{1}{2}x^T Qx, \quad F_3(x) = g(Mx)$$
- Represent Hessian as linear operator to analyze **second-order methods**

Interpolation Conditions for Linear Operators and Applications to PEP

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where $\kappa_g = \frac{\mu_g}{L_g}$, $\kappa_M = \frac{\mu_M}{L_M}$ and $\alpha = \text{proj}_{[\kappa_M^2, 1]} \left(\frac{h_0}{h} \right)$ for h_0 solution of

$$\begin{cases} (1 - \mu_g)(1 - \mu_g h_0)^{2N+1} = 1 - (2N + 1)\mu_g h_0 \\ 0 \leq h_0 \leq \frac{1}{\mu_g}. \end{cases}$$

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$$\tau_{\mu,h} = \frac{\mu}{\mu-1+(1-\mu h)^{-2N}}.$$

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$L_g L_M q(x) = \frac{L_g}{2}(L_M x)^2$ and

$L_g L_M M^2 \ell_{\kappa_g, M^2 h}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu_g}{2}(L_M M x)^2 + (L_g - \mu_g)L_M M \tau_{\kappa_g, M^2 h}|L_M M x| - \left(\frac{L_g - \mu_g}{2}\right)L_M M \tau_{\kappa_g, M^2 h}^2 & \text{if } |x| \geq \tau_{\kappa_g, M^2 h}, \\ \frac{L_g}{2}(L_M M x)^2 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$

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PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVING LINEAR OPERATORS

- ℓ_p -regularized robust regression ($p = 1, 2$)

$$\min_x \|Mx - b\|_1 + \|x\|_p^p,$$

- ℓ_1 -constrained least squares

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \|Mx - b\|_2^2, \\ \|x\|_1 \leq c, \end{aligned}$$

- Basis pursuit

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x \|x\|_1, \\ Mx = c, \end{aligned}$$

- Total variation deblurring

$$\min_x \|M_1x - b\|_2^2 + \|M_2x\|_1,$$

- Resource allocation

$$\begin{aligned} \min_x F(x), \\ Mx = c. \end{aligned}$$

METHODS WITH LINEAR OPERATORS ($\min_x f(x) + g(Mx) + h(x)$, g, h PROXIMABLE AND f SMOOTH)

- Primal-Dual Fixed Point (PDFP) [Chen et al., 2016]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M \tilde{x}), \\ x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Condat-Vu (CV) [Condat, 2013, Vu, 2013]

$$\begin{cases} x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i - \tau \nabla f(x_i) - \tau M^T u_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M(2x - x_i)), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Primal-Dual Three-Operator Splitting (PD3O)

$$\begin{cases} x = \text{prox}_{\tau h}(x_i), \\ u = \text{prox}_{\sigma g^*}(u_i + \sigma M(2x - x_i - \tau \nabla f(x) - \tau M^T u_i)), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i + \rho_i(x - x_i - \tau \nabla f(x) - \tau M^T u), \\ u_{i+1} = u_i + \rho_i(u - u_i). \end{cases}$$

- Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) [Gabay and Mercier, 1976]:

$$\begin{cases} x_{i+1} \in \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{\rho}{2} M_1 x + M_2 y_i - c + \frac{1}{\rho} z_i^2, \\ y_{i+1} \in \arg \min_y g(y) + \frac{\rho}{2} M_1 x_{i+1} + M_2 y - c + \frac{1}{\rho} z_i^2, \\ z_{i+1} = z_i + \rho(M_1 x_{i+1} + M_2 y_{i+1} - c), \end{cases}$$

solves $\min_x f(x) + g(y)$ s.t. $M_1 x + M_2 y = c$.

- Proximal Alternating Predictor-Corrector (PAPC) [Drori et al., 2015]

$$\begin{cases} p_{i+1} = x_i - \tau(M y_i + \nabla f(x_i)), \\ y_{i+1} = \text{prox}_h(y_i + M^T p_{i+1}), \\ x_{i+1} = x_i - \tau(M y_{i+1} + \nabla f(x_i)), \end{cases}$$

solves $\min_x \max_y f(x) + x^T M y - h(y)$.

PROOF OF NECESSITY

Theorem (L-matrix-interpolation conditions)

$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, N_1}$ and $\{(u_j, v_j)\}_{j=1, \dots, N_2}$ are L-matrix-interpolable if, and only if,

$$\begin{cases} X^T V = Y^T U, \\ Y^T Y \preceq L^2 X^T X, \\ V^T V \preceq L^2 U^T U, \end{cases}$$

where $X = (x_1 \cdots x_{N_1})$, $Y = (y_1 \cdots y_{N_1})$, $U = (u_1 \cdots u_{N_2})$ and $V = (v_1 \cdots v_{N_2})$.

Proof.

Necessity: Let $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1, \dots, N_1}$ and $\{(u_j, v_j)\}_{j=1, \dots, N_2}$ L-matrix-interpolable.

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists M \text{ with } \sigma_{\max}(M) \leq L : \quad y_i = Mx_i \text{ and } v_j = M^T u_j \quad \forall i, j$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists M \text{ with } M^T M \preceq L^2 I \text{ and } M M^T \preceq L^2 I : Y = M X \text{ and } V = M^T U$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{X^T M^T U}_{X^T V} = \underbrace{X^T M^T U}_{Y^T U}, \quad \underbrace{X^T M^T M X}_{Y^T Y} \preceq L^2 X^T X, \quad \underbrace{U^T M M^T U}_{V^T V} \preceq L^2 U^T U$$



PROOF OF SUFFICIENCY IN SHORT

Let (X, Y, U, V) satisfying
$$\begin{cases} X^T V = Y^T U, \\ Y^T Y \preceq L^2 X^T X, \text{ then,} \\ V^T V \preceq L^2 U^T U, \end{cases}$$

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and such that $\exists M_R$ with $\sigma_{\max}(M_R) \leq L$:
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$\exists R_1, R_2$ unitary:
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$$\begin{cases} Y = \overbrace{R_2^T M_R R_1}^M X, \\ V = \overbrace{R_1^T M_R^T R_2}^{M^T} U. \end{cases}$$