

Comparison between Robust Optimization, Stochastic Programming and Distributionally Robust Optimization for Unit Commitment

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Deterministic UC Problem

- \mathcal{M} : set of units
- T : time horizon
- $d \in \mathbb{R}^T$: demand vector
- x_i : commitment variables (binary).
- y_i : production variables (continuous).

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_i, y_i} \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} c_i^\top x_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} b_i^\top y_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & F_i x_i \geq f_i && \forall i \in \mathcal{M} \\ & H_i y_i \geq h_i && \forall i \in \mathcal{M} \\ & A_i x_i + B_i y_i \geq g_i && \forall i \in \mathcal{M} \\ & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} y_i = d \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\}^{m_i \times T}, \quad y_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^T \end{aligned}$$

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- Uncertainty on the demand.
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 - 1st stage: commitment variables (binary)
 - 2nd stage: production variables (continuous)

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$Q(x, d)$: recourse function representing the optimal cost of the second stage, considering which units are on or off (first stage) and the demand d

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Benders Algorithm

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Decomposition over the extreme points $(\alpha_k, \beta_k, \gamma_k)$ of the dual polytope Λ :

$$\min_{x, \theta} c^\top x + \theta$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_i \in X_i \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{M}$$

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Linearization:

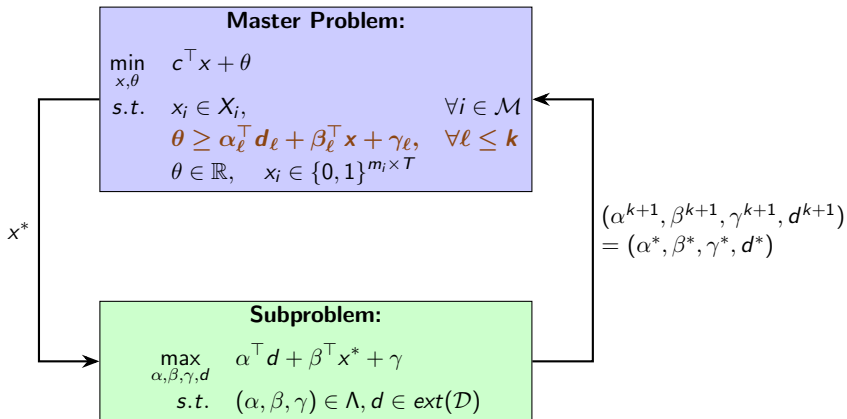
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Primal form of the recourse function:

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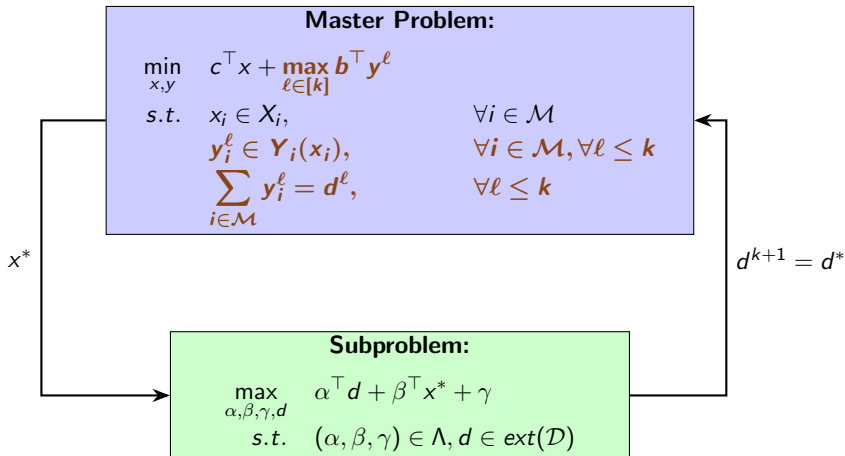
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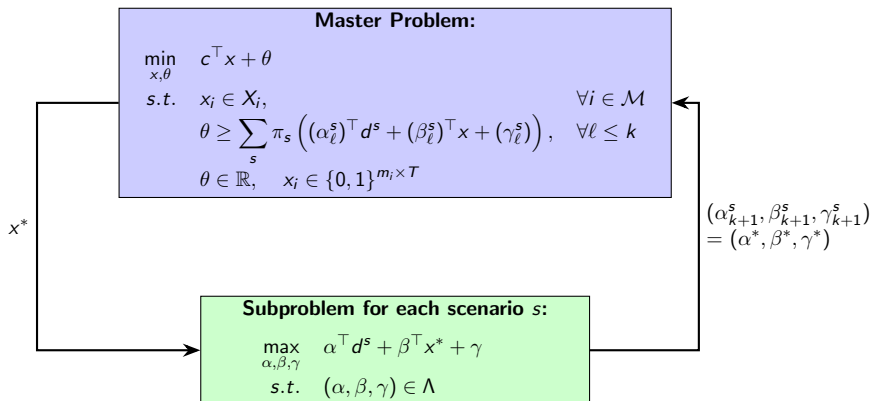
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ϕ -divergence

DRO problem can be reformulated as:

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Kullback-Leibler divergence:

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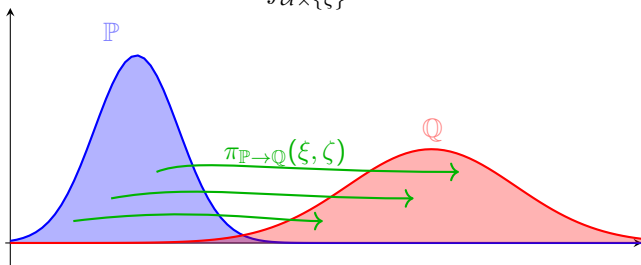
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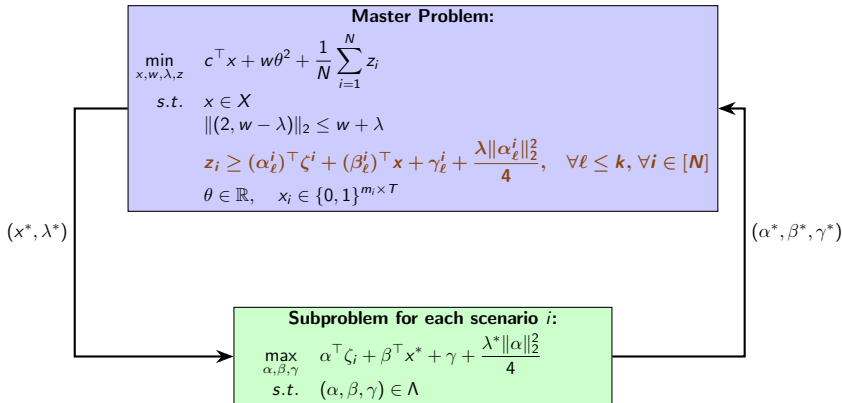
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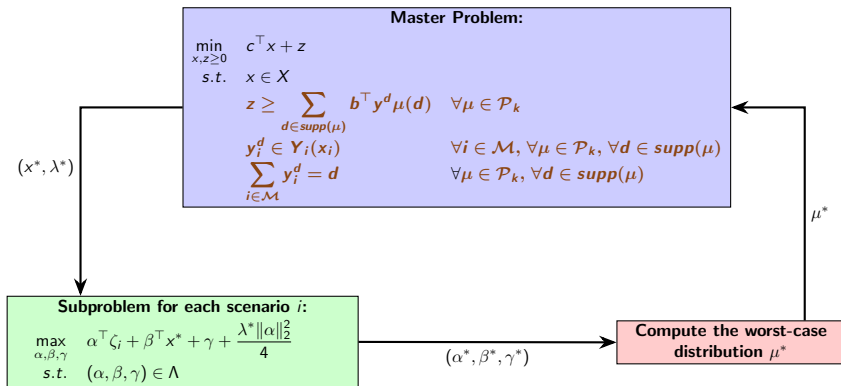
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Table: Gap between average cost out-of-sample and best cost found among all the approaches

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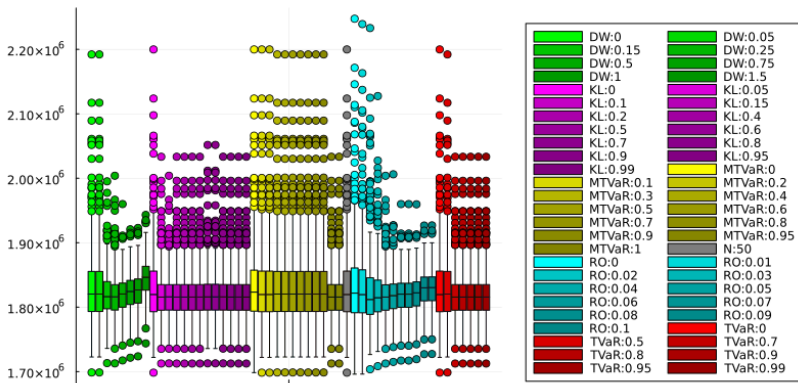
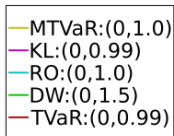
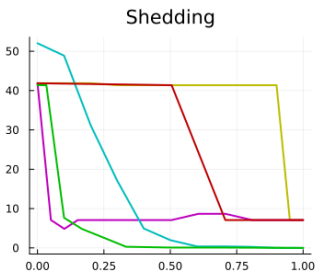
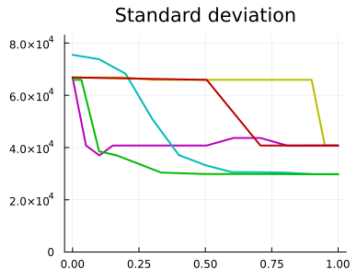
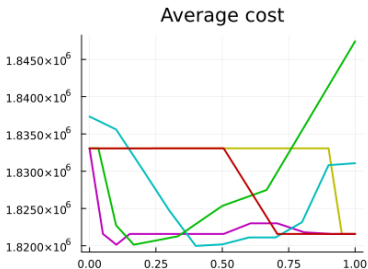


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