# UPPER SEMICONTINUITY OF THE LAMINATION HULL\*

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**Abstract.** Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  be a compact set, let  $K^{rc}$  be its rank-one convex hull, and let L(K) be its lamination convex hull. It is shown that the mapping  $K \mapsto \overline{L(K)}$  is not upper semicontinuous on the diagonal matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , which was a problem left by Kolář. This is followed by an example of a 5-point set of  $2 \times 2$  symmetric matrices with non-compact lamination hull. Finally, another 5-point set K is constructed, which has L(K) connected, compact and strictly smaller than  $K^{rc}$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  denote the space of  $m \times n$  matrices with real entries. Two matrices  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with rank(X - Y) = 1 are called rank-one connected. A set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is lamination convex if

$$\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y \in \mathcal{S}$$
 for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

whenever  $X, Y \in \mathcal{S}$  are rank-one connected. For a set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the smallest lamination convex set containing K is denoted by L(K).

This work contains a counterexample to a question posed in [5], concerning the continuity of the mapping  $K \mapsto \overline{L(K)}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ . The example is similar to Example 2.2 in [1]. This is followed by a 5-point set K of symmetric  $2\times 2$  matrices with non-compact L(K), similar to Example 2.4 in [5]. Then, another 5-point set K is constructed which has L(K) connected, compact and strictly smaller than  $K^{rc}$ . This is contrasted with Proposition 2.5 in [8], which says that  $K^{pc} = L(K) = K$  if K is connected, compact and has no rank-one connections. Finally, a weaker version of this result is given for sets with rank-one connections.

#### 2. Main results

Define the Hausdorff distance between two compact sets  $K_1, K_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  by

$$\rho(K_1, K_2) = \inf\{\epsilon \geq 0 : K_1 \subseteq U_{\epsilon}(K_2) \text{ and } K_2 \subseteq U_{\epsilon}(K_1)\},$$

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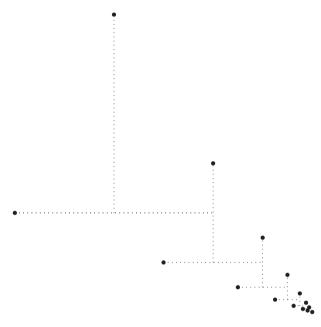


Figure 1: The set  $K_0$  from Theorem 2.1. The dotted lines are rank-one lines in L(K), where K is a small perturbation of  $K_0$ .

where  $U_{\epsilon}(K)$  is the open  $\epsilon$ -neighbourhood of K, corresponding to the Euclidean distance. Let K be the set of compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . A function  $f : K \to K$  is upper semicontinuous if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and for every  $K_0 \in K$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(K) \subseteq U_{\epsilon}(f(K_0))$  whenever  $\rho(K, K_0) < \delta$ . It is known that the function  $K \mapsto K^{rc}$  is upper semicontinuous on the compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (see for example the proof of Thm. 1 in [7], Example 4.18 in [4], or Thm. 3.2 in [9]). The following example (pictured in Fig. 1) shows that this fails on diagonal matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , for the lamination convex hull.

**Theorem 2.1.** There exists a compact set  $K_0$  of diagonal matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  such that the mapping  $K\mapsto \overline{L(K)}$  is not upper semicontinuous at  $K_0$ .

*Proof.* Identify the space of  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices with  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in the natural way. Let

$$K_0 = \{(1,0)\} \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{3}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right), \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{3}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\}.$$

The set  $K_0$  is compact and has no rank-one connections, thus  $L(K_0) = K_0$ . For each integer  $n \ge -1$  let

$$P_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right).$$

Given  $\delta > 0$ , choose a positive integer N large enough to ensure that  $\frac{1}{2^N} < \delta$ , and let  $K = K_0 \cup \{P_N\}$ , so that  $\rho(K, K_0) < \delta$ . Then

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^N}, \frac{1}{2^{N+1}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{3}{2^{N+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{N+1}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}P_N \in L(K),$$

and hence

$$P_{N-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^N}, \frac{1}{2^{N+1}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^N}, \frac{3}{2^{N+1}} \right) \in L(K).$$

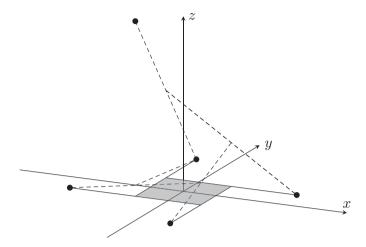


Figure 2: A 5-point set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}_{\mathrm{tri}}$  together with 5 rank-one lines in L(K). The dashed lines indicate rank-one lines in L(K), which spiral toward the diagonal plane and make L(K) non-compact.

It follows by induction that  $(0,1) = P_{-1} \in L(K)$ . Since  $\rho(P_{-1},L(K_0)) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , this shows that the function  $K \mapsto \overline{L(K)}$  is not upper semicontinuous at  $K_0$ . 

The next result gives two examples of 5-point subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ , each with a non-compact lamination hull. The upper-triangular example is pictured in Figure 2. It consists of 4 points in the diagonal plane arranged in a  $T_4$ configuration, together with a point whose projection onto the diagonal plane is a corner of the inner rectangle of the  $T_4$  configuration.

Throughout, the upper triangular matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} x & z \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix}$  will be identified with the point  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . The symmetric example uses essentially the same idea as in Figure 2, so the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} x & z \\ z & y \end{pmatrix}$  will also be denoted by the point  $(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Since the cases are treated separately, the notations do not conflict. The symmetric notation also differs from the usual identification, used for example in [5]. The space of  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular matrices is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}_{\text{tri}}$ , and the space of  $2\times 2$  symmetric matrices by  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}_{\text{sym}}$ . Up to linear isomorphisms preserving rank-one directions, these are the only two 3-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  (see [2], Cor. 6 or [6], Lem. 3.1)

#### Theorem 2.2.

- (i) There exists a 5-point set K ⊆ R<sup>2×2</sup><sub>tri</sub> such that L(K) is not compact.
  (ii) There exists a 5-point set K ⊆ R<sup>2×2</sup><sub>sym</sub> such that L(K) is not compact.

*Proof.* For part (i) let  $x_1 < x_2, y_2 < y_1, z_0 > 0$  and  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 > 0$ . Let

$$P_0 = (x_1, y_2, 0), \quad P_1 = (x_1, y_1, 0), \quad P_2 = (x_2, y_1, 0), \quad P_3 = (x_2, y_2, 0),$$

and set

$$A_0 = (x_1, y_1 + \alpha_0, 0),$$
  $A_1 = (x_2 + \alpha_1, y_1, 0),$   
 $A_2 = (x_2, y_2 - \alpha_2, 0),$   $A_3 = (x_1 - \alpha_3, y_2, 0).$ 

For  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  let  $A_4 = A_0$  and

$$\lambda_i = \frac{\det(A_i - A_{i+1})}{\det(A_i - A_{i+1}) - \det(P_i - A_{i+1})} \in (0, 1),$$

let  $X_0 = P_0 + (0, 0, z_0)$  and  $K = \{A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, X_0\}$ . For  $i \ge 0$  let

$$X_{i+1} = (1 - \lambda_{i \mod 4}) A_{i \mod 4} + \lambda_{i \mod 4} X_i,$$

so that for  $i \geq 0$  and  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , induction gives

$$X_{4i+k} = P_k + (\lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3)^i \left( \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \lambda_j \right) (0, 0, z_0), \quad \det(X_i - A_{i \bmod 4}) = 0,$$

which implies that  $X_i \in L(K)$  for every  $i \geq 0$ . Hence  $P_0 \in \overline{L(K)}$ , and it remains to show that  $P_0 \notin L(K)$ . This follows from the fact that

$$\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{tri}}^{2 \times 2} : z > 0\} \cup \{A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3\}$$

is a lamination convex set containing K, which does not contain  $P_0$ .

For part (ii), let all the scalars and diagonal points be the same as in part (i). Using the symmetric notation let  $Y_0 = P_0 + (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$  where  $\xi_3 > 0$  and

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\alpha_3 + \sqrt{\alpha_3^2 - \frac{4\alpha_3 \xi_3^2}{y_1 + \alpha_0 - y_2}} \right), \quad \xi_2 = \frac{-\xi_1 (y_1 + \alpha_0 - y_2)}{\alpha_3}.$$

so that  $\det(Y_0 - A_0) = \det(Y_0 - A_3) = 0$ , and  $Y_0 \to P_0$  as  $\xi_3 \to 0$ . The fact that  $\det(P_0 - A_1) > 0 > \det(A_0 - A_1)$  means that

$$\det(Y_0 - A_1) > 0 > \det(A_0 - A_1),$$

whenever  $\xi_3 \in (0, \epsilon_1)$ , for some  $\epsilon_1 > 0$ . Set  $B_0 = Y_0$ . For  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $B_i$  with

$$\det(B_i - A_{i+1}) \neq 0$$
 and  $\operatorname{sgn} \det(B_i - A_{i+1}) \neq \operatorname{sgn} \det(A_i - A_{i+1})$ ,

let

$$B_{i+1} = (1 - t_i)A_i + t_iB_i$$
, where  $t_i = \frac{\det(A_i - A_{i+1})}{\det(A_i - A_{i+1}) - \det(B_i - A_{i+1})} \in (0, 1)$ ,

so that  $\det(B_{i+1} - A_{i+1}) = 0$ . By induction  $t_i \to \lambda_i$  as  $\xi_3 \to 0$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B_i \to P_{i \mod 4}$  as  $\xi_3 \to 0$  for each  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  all exist if  $\xi_3$  is sufficiently small. Hence there exists  $\epsilon_2 > 0$  such that  $(t_0t_1t_2t_3) < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \lambda_0\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3)$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  all exist whenever  $\xi_3 \in (0, \epsilon_2)$ . Put  $(\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3) = B_4 - P_0$ . Then since  $\det(B_4 - A_0) = \det(B_4 - A_3) = 0$ ,

$$\eta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\alpha_3 \pm \sqrt{\alpha_3^2 - \frac{4\alpha_3 \eta_3^2}{y_1 + \alpha_0 - y_2}} \right), \quad \eta_2 = \frac{-\eta_1 (y_1 + \alpha_0 - y_2)}{\alpha_3}. \tag{2.1}$$

But since  $B_4 \to P_0$  as  $\xi_3 \to 0$ , there exists  $\epsilon_3 > 0$  such that the sign in (2.1) is positive whenever  $\xi_3 \in (0, \epsilon_3)$ . Let  $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3\}$ . If  $\xi_3 \in (0, \epsilon)$ , then

$$\eta_3 = (t_0 t_1 t_2 t_3) \xi_3 < \frac{1}{2} (1 + \lambda_0 \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3) \xi_3.$$
(2.2)

Therefore let  $K = \{A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, Y_0\}$ , and set  $Y_1 = B_4$ . Then  $Y_1 \in \underline{L(K)}$  by the preceding working. By (2.2), iterating this process gives a sequence  $Y_n \in L(K)$  with  $Y_n \to P_0 \in \overline{L(K)}$ . Again the point  $P_0$  is not in L(K) since

$$\{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}_{\mathrm{sym}} : z > 0\} \cup \{A_0,A_1,A_2,A_3\}$$

is a lamination convex set separating  $P_0$  from K. Hence L(K) is not compact.

A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \to \mathbb{R}$  is called rank-one convex if

$$f(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y) \le \lambda f(X) + (1 - \lambda)f(Y)$$
 for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,

whenever rank $(X-Y) \leq 1$ . The rank-one convex hull of a compact set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined by

$$K^{rc} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : f(X) \le 0 \quad \forall \text{ rank-one convex } f \text{ with } f|_K \le 0\}.$$

The polyconvex hull is defined similarly via polyconvex functions; a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2} \to \mathbb{R}$  is polyconvex if there exists a convex function  $g: \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(X) = g(X, \det X)$  for all  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ . For compact K, the following characterisation of  $K^{pc}$  will be used (see Theorem 1.9 in [4]):

$$K^{pc} = \{ \overline{\mu} : \mu \in \mathcal{M}_{pc}(K) \}, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_{pc}(K)$  is the class of probability measures supported in K which satisfy Jensen's inequality for all polyconvex f;

$$f(\overline{\mu}) \le \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}} f(X) d\mu(X)$$
 where  $\overline{\mu} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}} X d\mu(X)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** An ordered set  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^4 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  without rank-one connections is called a  $T_4$  configuration if there exist matrices  $P, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and real numbers  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4 > 1$  satisfying

rank 
$$C_i = 1$$
 for  $1 \le i \le 4$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{4} C_i = 0$ ,

and

$$X_{1} = P + \mu_{1}C_{1}$$

$$X_{2} = P + C_{1} + \mu_{2}C_{2}$$

$$X_{3} = P + C_{1} + C_{2} + \mu_{3}C_{3}$$

$$X_{4} = P + C_{1} + C_{2} + C_{3} + \mu_{4}C_{4}.$$
(2.4)

An unordered set  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^4$  is a  $T_4$  configuration if it has at least one ordering which is a  $T_4$  configuration.

The following result is a slight generalisation of Theorem 1 in [7] (see also Cor. 3 in [3]). The proof is similar to the one in [7], with minor technical changes.

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is compact, and does not have a  $T_4$  configuration  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^4$  with at least two  $X_i, X_j$  in distinct connected components of L(K), then

$$K^{rc} = \bigcup_{i} (U_i \cap K)^{rc}$$
 and  $K^{qc} = \bigcup_{i} (U_i \cap K)^{qc}$ ,

where the  $U_i$  are the connected components of L(K).

On diagonal matrices the conclusion reduces to  $K^{rc} = L(K)$ . The following proposition shows that this fails in the full space  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** There exists a 5-point set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  with L(K) connected, compact and strictly smaller than  $K^{rc}$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $\epsilon \in (0,1)$ , let

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & -1 \\ -\epsilon^2 & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & \epsilon^2 \\ 1 & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix},$$

and let

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1+2\epsilon}{\epsilon(1-\epsilon^2)}, \quad \mu_2 = 1+\epsilon^2\mu_1, \quad \mu_3 = 1+\left(\frac{1+\epsilon^2}{\epsilon}\right)\mu_2, \quad \mu_4 = 1+\epsilon^2\mu_3, \tag{2.5}$$

so that

$$\mu_1 = 1 + \frac{\mu_4}{\epsilon (1 + \epsilon^2)}. (2.6)$$

Set

$$\begin{split} P_1 &= \frac{1}{\epsilon(\mu_1 - 1)} \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_2 &= \frac{1}{\mu_1 \epsilon} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ P_3 &= \frac{1}{\mu_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_4 &= \frac{1}{\mu_3 \epsilon} \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon^2 & -\epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{split}$$

and let  $C_i = P_{i+1} - P_i$ , where  $P_5 := P_1$ . Then clearly rank  $C_i = 1$  for all i, whilst (2.5) and (2.6) imply that this is a solution of (2.4). Let

$$K = \{0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\},$$
 so that  $L(K) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} [0, X_i].$ 

To prove the second formula for L(K), it suffices to show that the set  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{4} [0, X_i]$  is lamination convex. For  $i \neq j$ , the fact that  $\det X_i = \det X_j = 0$  and  $\det(X_i - X_j) \neq 0$  implies that  $\det(X_i - tX_j) \neq 0$  whenever  $t \in (0, 1]$ , since the determinant is linear along rank-one lines. It follows similarly that  $\det(sX_i - tX_j) \neq 0$  for  $s, t \in (0, 1]$ , and so the only rank-one connected pairs in  $\mathcal{S}$  are 0 and  $tX_i$  for any i. Hence  $\mathcal{S}$  is lamination convex. By Lemma 2 in [7], the point  $P_1$  is in  $K^{rc} \setminus L(K)$ , so this proves the proposition.

The preceding example contrasts with Lemma 3 in [8], which states (in a weakened form) that  $K^{pc} = K$  if K is a connected compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  without rank-one connections. The example shows that the assumption that K has no rank-one connections cannot be weakened to L(K) = K. The reason is that  $\det(X - Y)$  cannot change sign on connected subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  without rank-one connections, whilst it can on lamination convex sets. If the assumption that  $\det(X - Y)$  does not change sign is added,  $K^{pc}$  is equal to the lamination hull of order 2: given a set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , let  $L^{(0)}(K) = K$  and define  $L^{(k)}(K)$  inductively by

$$L^{(k+1)}(K) = \bigcup_{\substack{X,Y \in L^{(k)}(K) \\ \text{rank}(X-Y) \le 1}} [X,Y].$$

**Proposition 2.6.** If  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$  is a compact set such that  $\det(X-Y) \geq 0$  for every  $X,Y \in K$ , then  $K^{pc} = L^{(2)}(K)$ .

*Proof.* If  $\mu$  is a probability measure supported in K with  $\det \overline{\mu} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}} \det X \, d\mu$ , then as in [8],

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}} \det(X - Y) \,\mathrm{d}\mu(X) \,\mathrm{d}\mu(Y) = 0,$$

and therefore det(X - Y) = 0 whenever X and Y are in the support of  $\mu$ . This implies (see the following Lem. 2.7) that the support of  $\mu$  is contained in a 2-dimensional affine plane P consisting only of rank-one

directions. Therefore  $\overline{\mu} \in (K \cap P)^{co}$ , and so Carathéodory's Theorem gives 3 points  $X_i \in K \cap P$  such that  $\overline{\mu}$  is a convex combination  $\overline{\mu} = \lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_3 X_3$ , and without loss of generality  $\lambda_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot X_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot X_2 \in P \cap L^{(1)}(K)$  since P is a plane consisting of rank-one directions, and similarly

$$\overline{\mu} = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot X_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \cdot X_2 \right) + \lambda_3 X_3 \in L^{(2)}(K).$$

It follows from (2.3) that  $K^{pc} = L^{(2)}(K)$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  satisfy  $\operatorname{rank}(X_0 - Y_0) = 1$ , and let

$$S = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \operatorname{rank}(X - X_0) \le 1 \text{ and } \operatorname{rank}(X - Y_0) \le 1 \}.$$

Then:

- (i)  $S = P_1 \cup P_2$ , where  $P_1$  is an m-dimensional affine plane and  $P_2$  is an n-dimensional affine plane, and for each fixed i, rank $(X Y) \le 1$  for  $X, Y \in P_i$ .
- (ii) The planes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  satisfy

$$\operatorname{rank}(X - Y) > 1$$
 for  $X \in P_1 \setminus P_2$  and  $Y \in P_2 \setminus P_1$ .

*Proof.* By translation invariance it may be assumed that  $Y_0 = 0$ , so that rank  $X_0 = 1$  and  $X_0 = v_0 w_0^T$  for some nonzero  $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $w_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let

$$P_1 = \{xw_0^T : x \in \mathbb{R}^m\}, \quad P_2 = \{v_0y^T : y \in \mathbb{R}^n\}.$$

If  $X \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $X = vw^T$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $w \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and

$$X - X_0 = vw^T - v_0 w_0^T = ab^T, (2.7)$$

for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose for a contradiction that  $X \notin P_1 \cup P_2$ . Then since  $X \notin P_1$  there exists a vector  $w_0^{\perp}$  such that  $\langle w_0, w_0^{\perp} \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle w, w_0^{\perp} \rangle \neq 0$ . Right multiplying both sides of (2.7) with  $w_0^{\perp}$  gives

$$v = \frac{\langle b, w_0^{\perp} \rangle a}{\langle w, w_0^{\perp} \rangle},$$
 and similarly  $w = \frac{\langle a, v_0^{\perp} \rangle b}{\langle v, v_0^{\perp} \rangle}$ 

Let  $\lambda = \frac{\langle a, v_0^{\perp} \rangle \langle b, w_0^{\perp} \rangle}{\langle v, v_0^{\perp} \rangle \langle w, w_0^{\perp} \rangle}$ . Then  $\lambda \neq 1$  by (2.7) since  $v_0 w_0^T \neq 0$ , and therefore

$$X = vw^T = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1}\right)v_0w_0^T \in P_1 \cap P_2,$$

which is a contradiction. This proves part (i).

For part (ii), let  $X = xw_0^T \in P_1 \setminus P_2$ , let  $Y = v_0y^T \in P_2 \setminus P_1$  and suppose for a contradiction that  $\operatorname{rank}(X - Y) = 1$ . Then by part (i),  $Y = xz^T$  for some nonzero  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and therefore  $x = \frac{v_0\langle y, z \rangle}{\|z\|^2}$ , which contradicts the fact that  $X \notin P_2$ .

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