

Greedy and Randomized Projection Methods

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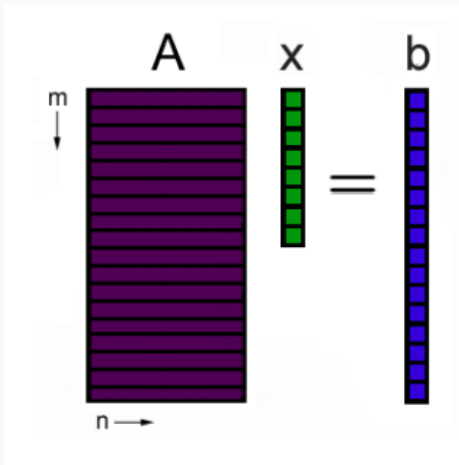
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Setup

We are interested in solving **highly overdetermined systems of equations (or inequalities)**, $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ ($Ax \leq \mathbf{b}$), where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $m \gg n$. Rows are denoted \mathbf{a}_i^T .



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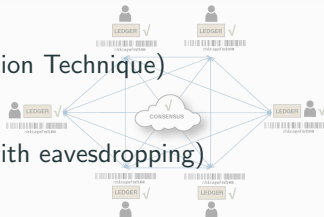
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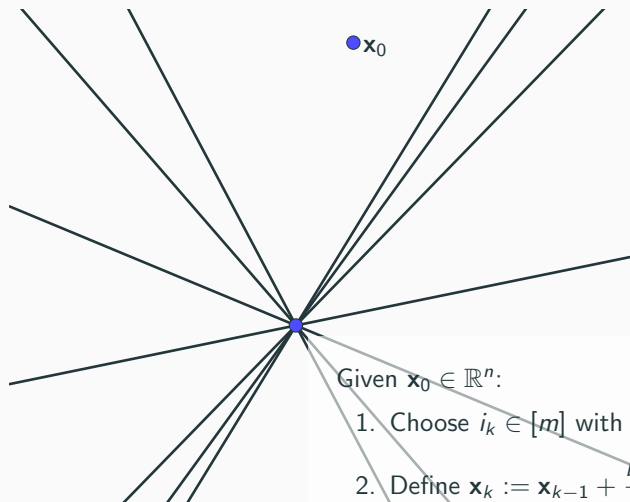
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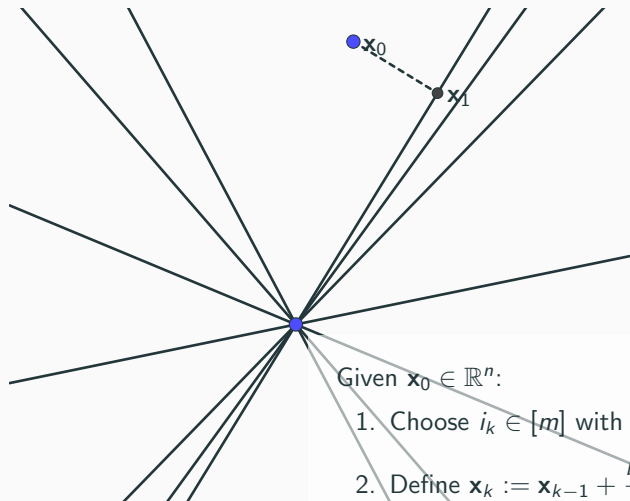


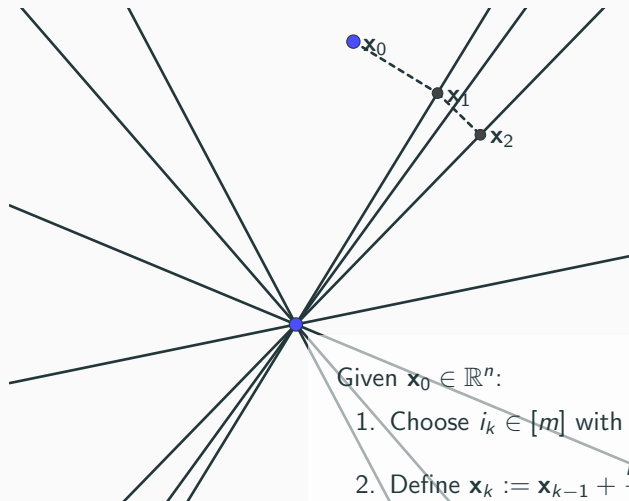
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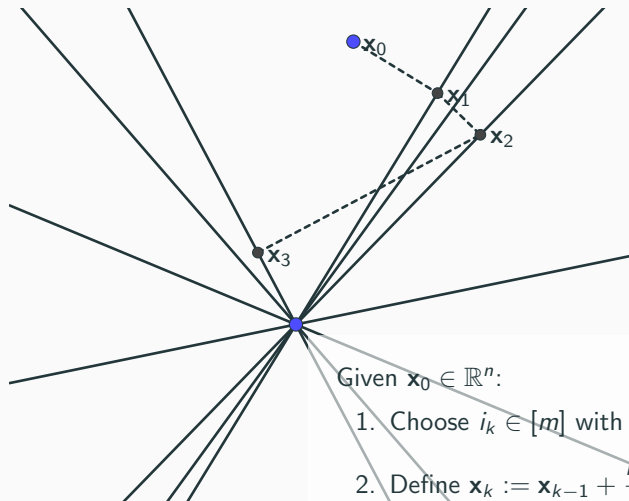




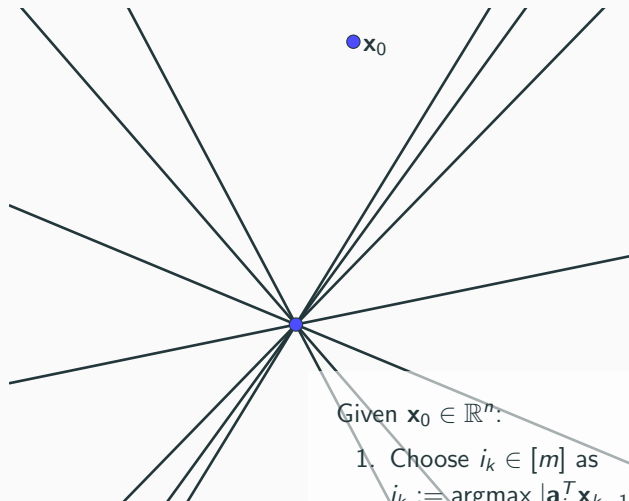


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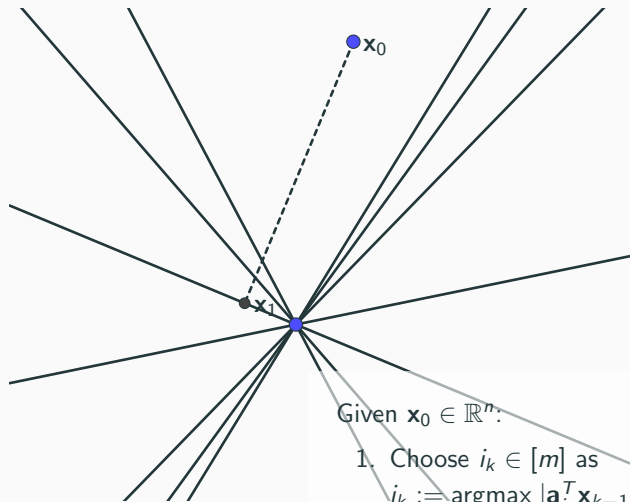
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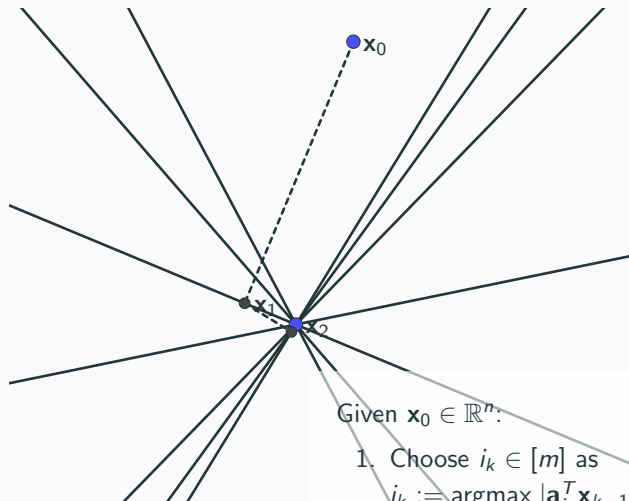
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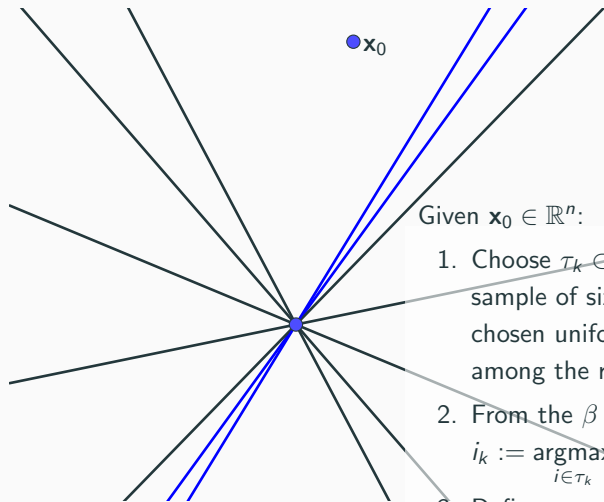
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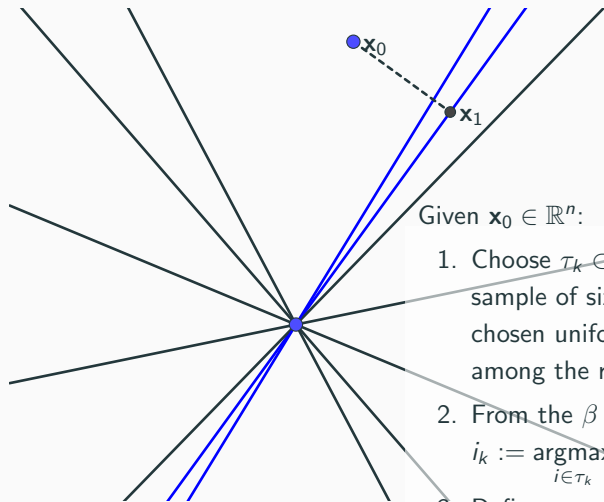
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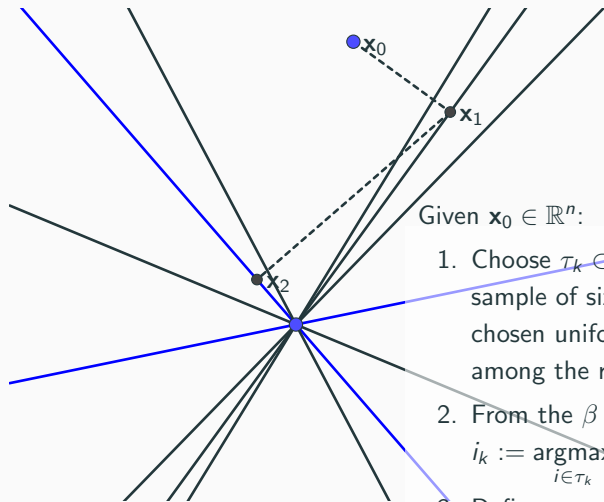
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Glimpse of HUGE Body of Literature

RK: [Strohmer-Vershynin '09], [Needell-Srebro-Ward '16]

Greedy: [Censor '81], [Nutini et al '16], [Bai-Wu '18], [Du-Gao '19]

Accel.: [Hanke-Niethammer '90], [Liu-Wright '16], [Morshed-Islam '19]

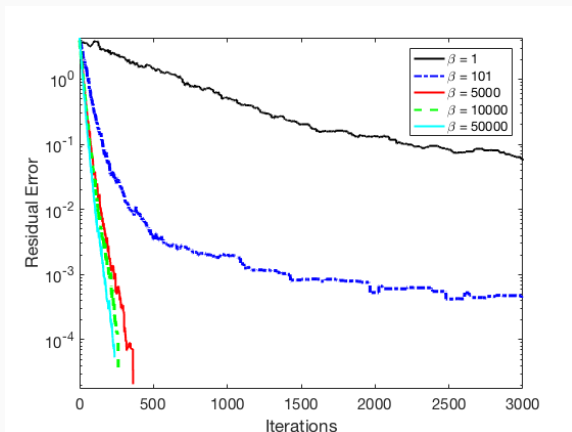
Block: [Popa et al '12], [Needell-Tropp '14], [Needell-Zhao-Zouzias '15],

Sketching: [Gower-Richtarik '15], [Needell-Rebrova '19]

Phase retrieval: [Tan-Vershynin '17], [Jeong-Güntürk '17]

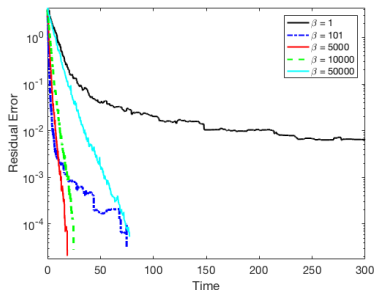
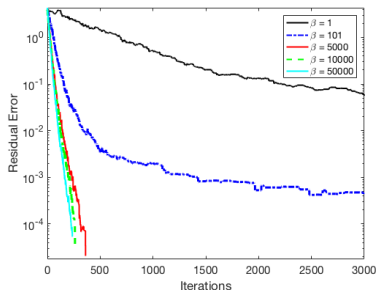
LP: [Motzkin-Schoenberg '54], [Agmon '54], [Goffin '80], [Chubanov '12]

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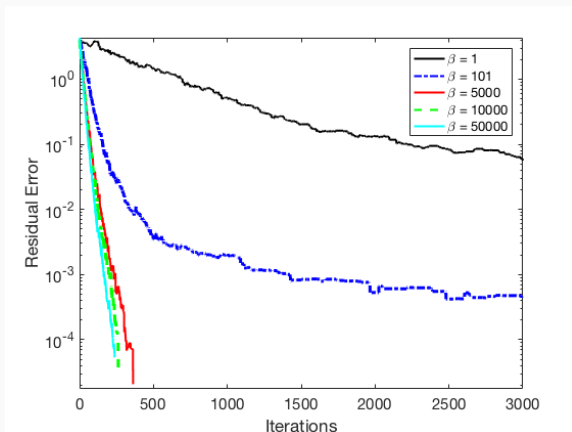
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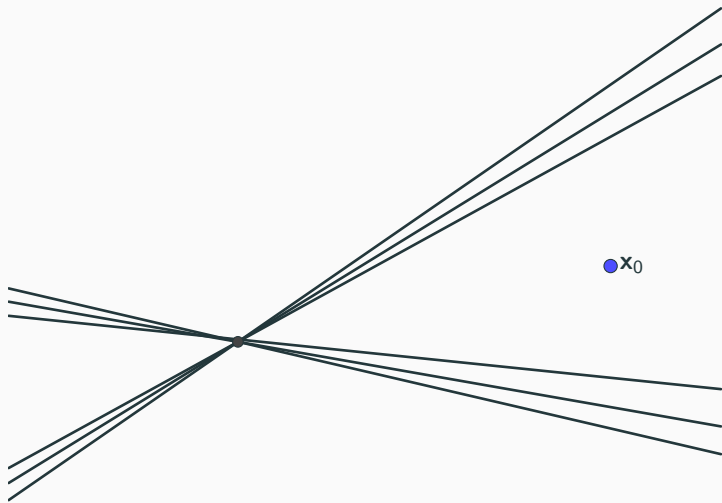
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A Pathological Example

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However, not much sparsity can be expected in most cases. Instead, we'd like to use dynamic range of the residual to guarantee faster convergence.

$$\gamma_k := \frac{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - A\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - A\mathbf{x}\|_\infty^2}$$

An Accelerated Convergence Rate

Theorem (H. - Needell '19)

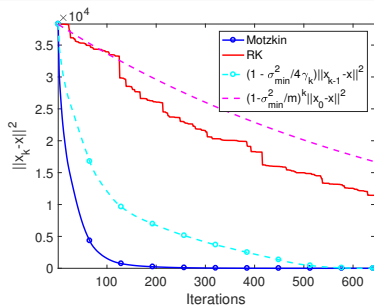
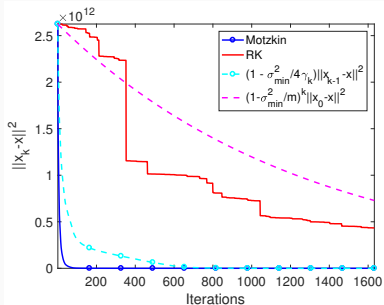
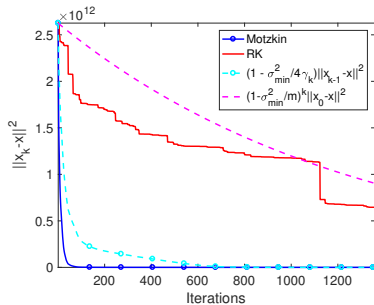
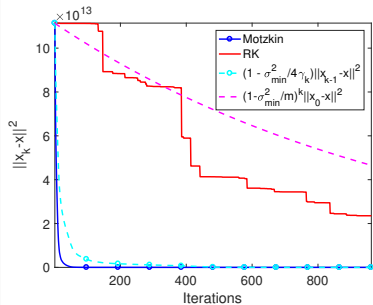
Let \mathbf{x} denote the solution of the consistent, normalized system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. Motzkin's method exhibits the (possibly highly accelerated) convergence rate:

$$\|\mathbf{x}_T - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq \prod_{k=0}^{T-1} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{\min}^2(A)}{4\gamma_k} \right) \cdot \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{x}\|^2$$

Here γ_k bounds the dynamic range of the k th residual, $\gamma_k := \frac{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - A\mathbf{x}\|^2}{\|A\mathbf{x}_k - A\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}^2}$.

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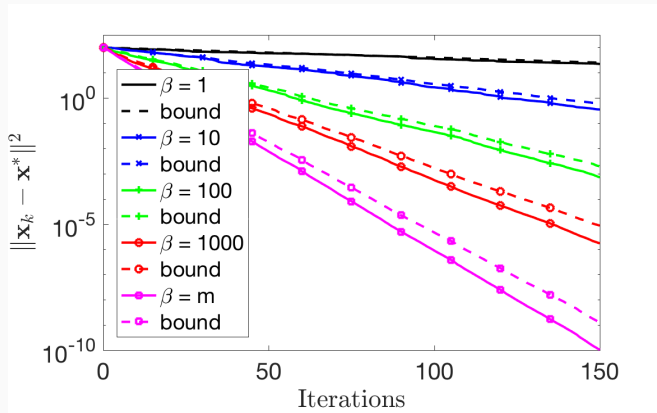
Corollary (H. - Ma 2019+)

Let A be normalized so $\|\mathbf{a}_i\|_2 = 1$ for all rows $i = 1, \dots, m$. If the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent with the unique solution \mathbf{x}^* then the SKM method converges at least linearly in expectation and the rate depends on the dynamic range of the random sample of rows of A , τ_j . Precisely, in the $j + 1$ st iteration of SKM, we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\tau_j} \|\mathbf{x}_{j+1} - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2 \leq \left(1 - \frac{\beta \sigma_{\min}^2(A)}{\gamma_j m}\right) \|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2$$

where $\gamma_j = \frac{\sum_{\tau_j \in \binom{[m]}{\beta}} \|A_{\tau_j} \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{b}_{\tau_j}\|_2^2}{\sum_{\tau_j \in \binom{[m]}{\beta}} \|A_{\tau_j} \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{b}_{\tau_j}\|_{\infty}^2}$.

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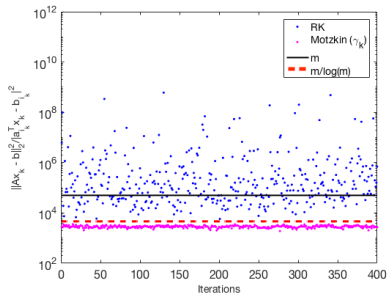
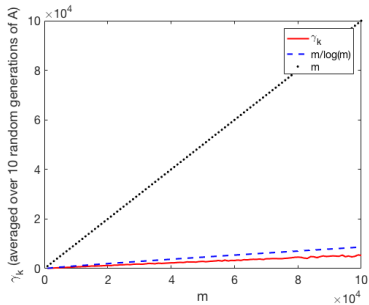
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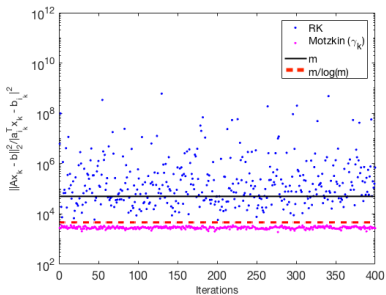
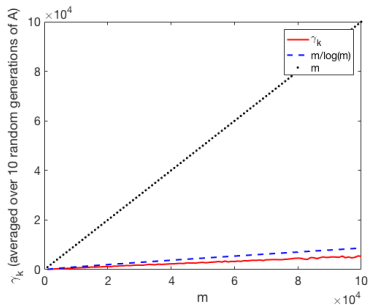
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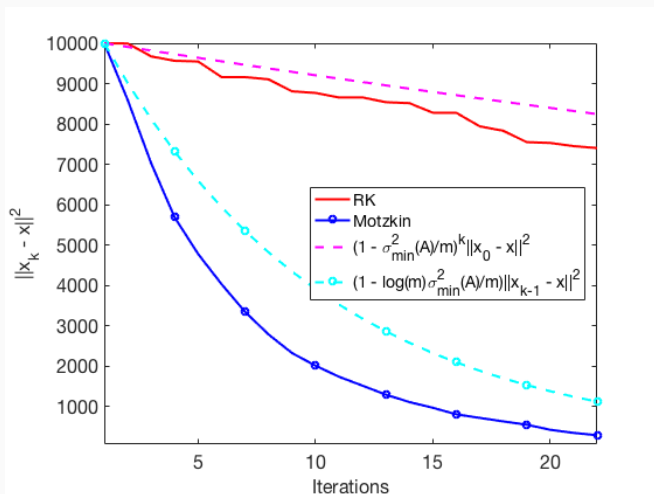


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Generalized SKM

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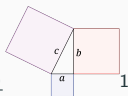
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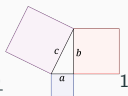
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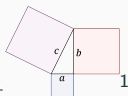


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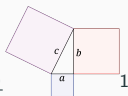


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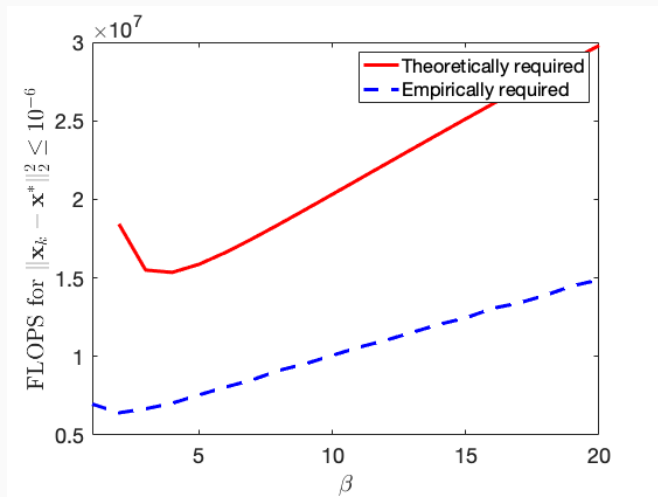
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