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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

MP-Opt-Model is a package of MATLAB language M-files¹ for constructing and solving mathematical programming and optimization problems. It provides an easy-to-use, object-oriented interface for building and solving your model. It also includes a unified interface for calling numerous LP, QP, mixed-integer and nonlinear solvers, with the ability to switch solvers simply by changing an input option. The MP-Opt-Model project page can be found at:

https://github.com/MATPOWER/mp-opt-model

MP-Opt-Model is based on code that was developed, primarily by Ray D. Zimmerman of PSerc² at Cornell University as part of the MATPOWER [1, 2] project.

Up until version 7 of MATPOWER, the code now included in MP-Opt-Model was distributed only as an integrated part of MATPOWER. After the release of MATPOWER 7, MP-Opt-Model was split out into a separate project, though it is still included with MATPOWER.

¹Also compatible with GNU Octave [3].

²http://pserc.org/

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1.4 MP-Opt-Model Development

The MP-Opt-Model project uses an open development paradigm, hosted on the MP-Opt-Model GitHub project page:

```
https://github.com/MATPOWER/mp-opt-model
```

The MP-Opt-Model GitHub project hosts the public Git code repository as well as a public issue tracker for handling bug reports, patches, and other issues and contributions. There are separate GitHub hosted repositories and issue trackers for MP-Opt-Model, MP-Test, MIPS, and MATPOWER, etc., all are available from https://github.com/MATPOWER/.

2 Getting Started

2.1 System Requirements

To use MP-Opt-Model 2.1 you will need:

- Matlab® version 8.6 (R2015b) or later³, or
- GNU Octave version 4.2 or later⁴
- MIPS, MATPOWER Interior Point Solver [6,7]⁵
- MP-Test, for running the MP-Opt-Model test suite.⁶

For the hardware requirements, please refer to the system requirements for the version of Matlab⁷ or Octave that you are using.

In this manual, references to MATLAB usually apply to Octave as well.

2.2 Installation

Note to Matpower users: MP-Opt-Model and its prerequisites, MIPS and MP-Test, are included when you install Matpower. There is generally no need to install them separately. You can skip directly to step 3 to verify.

Installation and use of MP-Opt-Model requires familiarity with the basic operation of MATLAB or Octave, including setting up your MATLAB path.

Step 1: Clone the repository or download and extract the zip file of the MP-Opt-Model distribution from the MP-Opt-Model project page⁸ to the location of your choice. The files in the resulting mp-opt-model or mp-opt-modelXXX directory, where XXX depends on the version of MP-Opt-Model, should not need to be modified, so it is recommended that they be kept separate from your own code. We will use <MPOM> to denote the path to this directory.

³Matlab is available from The MathWorks, Inc. (https://www.mathworks.com/). Matlab is a registered trademark of The MathWorks, Inc.

⁴GNU Octave [3] is free software, available online at https://www.gnu.org/software/octave/.

⁵MIPS is available at https://github.com/MATPOWER/mips.

⁶MP-Test is available at https://github.com/MATPOWER/mptest.

⁷https://www.mathworks.com/support/sysreq/previous_releases.html

⁸https://github.com/MATPOWER/mp-opt-model

Step 2: Add the following directories to your Matlab or Octave path:

- <MPOM>/lib core MP-Opt-Model functions
- <MPOM>/lib/t test scripts for MP-Opt-Model
- Step 3: At the MATLAB prompt, type test_mp_opt_model to run the test suite and verify that MP-Opt-Model is properly installed and functioning.⁹ The result should resemble the following:

```
>> test_mp_opt_model
t_nested_struct_copy...ok
t_have_fcn......ok
t_nleqs_master....ok (30 of 150 skipped)
t_qps_master....ok (100 of 396 skipped)
t_miqps_master....ok (68 of 288 skipped)
t_nlps_master...ok
t_opt_model....ok
t_om_solve_leqs...ok
t_om_solve_nleqs...ok (36 of 170 skipped)
t_om_solve_qps...ok (79 of 319 skipped)
t_om_solve_miqps...ok (12 of 72 skipped)
t_om_solve_nlps...ok
All tests successful (2713 passed, 325 skipped of 3038)
Elapsed time 3.29 seconds.
```

2.3 Sample Usage

Suppose we have the following constrained 4-dimensional quadratic programming (QP) problem¹⁰ with two 2-dimensional variables, y and z, and two constraints, one equality and the other inequality, along with lower bounds on all of the variables.

$$\min_{y,z} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} y^{\mathsf{T}} & z^{\mathsf{T}} \end{bmatrix} Q \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$
(2.1)

⁹The tests require functioning installations of MP-Test and MIPS.

¹⁰Based on the one from https://v8doc.sas.com/sashtml/iml/chap8/sect12.htm.

subject to

$$A_1 \left[\begin{array}{c} y \\ z \end{array} \right] = b_1 \tag{2.2}$$

$$l_2 \le A_2 \left[\begin{array}{c} y \\ z \end{array} \right] \tag{2.3}$$

$$y_{\min} \le y \tag{2.4}$$

$$z_{\min} \le z \tag{2.5}$$

And suppose the data for the problem is provided as follows.

```
%% variable initial values
y0 = [1; 0];
z0 = [0; 1];
%% variable lower bounds
ymin = [0; 0];
zmin = [0; 0];
%% constraint data
A1 = [1111];
                                b1 = 1;
A2 = [0.17 \ 0.11 \ 0.10 \ 0.18];
                                12 = 0.1;
%% quadratic cost coefficients
        1003.1 4.3 6.3 5.9;
        4.3 2.2 2.1 3.9;
        6.3 2.1 3.5 4.8;
        5.9 3.9 4.8 10 ];
```

Below, we will show two approaches to construct and solve the problem. The first method, based on the Optimization Model class opt_model, allows you to add variables, constraints and costs to the model individually. Then opt_model automatically assembles and solves the full model automatically.

```
%%---- METHOD 1 ----
%% build model
om = opt_model;
om.add_var('y', 2, y0, ymin);
om.add_var('z', 2, z0, zmin);
om.add_lin_constraint('lincon1', A1, b1, b1, {'y', 'z'});
om.add_lin_constraint('lincon2', A2, 12, [], {'y', 'z'});
om.add_quad_cost('cost', Q, [], [], {'y', 'z'});

%% solve model
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = om.solve();
```

The second method requires you to construct the parameters for the full problem manually, then call the solver function directly.

```
%%---- METHOD 2 ----
%% assemble model parameters manually
xmin = [ymin; zmin];
x0 = [y0; z0];
A = [ A1; A2 ];
1 = [ b1; 12 ];
u = [ b1; Inf ];

%% solve model
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = qps_master(Q, [], A, l, u, xmin, [], x0);
```

The above examples are included in <MPOM>lib/t/qp_ex1.m along with some commands to print the results, yielding the output below for each approach:

Both approaches can be applied to each of the types of problems that MP-Opt-Model handles, namely, LP, QP, MILP, MIQP, NLP and nonlinear equations.

An options struct can be passed to the solve method or the qps_master function to select a specific solver, control the level of progress output, or modify a solver's default parameters.

2.4 Documentation

There are two primary sources of documentation for MP-Opt-Model. The first is this manual, which gives an overview of the capabilities and structure of MP-Opt-Model and describes the formulations behind the code. It can be found in your MP-Opt-Model distribution at <mpower_MP-Opt-Model-manual.pdf and the latest version is always available at: https://matpower.org/docs/MP-Opt-Model-manual.pdf.

And second is the built-in help command. As with the built-in functions and toolbox routines in Matlab and Octave, you can type help followed by the name of a command or M-file to get help on that particular function. Many of the M-files in MP-Opt-Model have such documentation and this should be considered the main reference for the calling options for each function. See Appendix A for a list of MP-Opt-Model functions.

3 MP-Opt-Model – Overview

MP-Opt-Model¹¹ and its functionality can be divided into two main parts, plus a few additional utility functions.

The first part consists of interfaces to various numerical optimization solvers and the wrapper functions that provide a single common interface to all supported solvers for a particular class of problems. There is currently a common interface provided for each of the following:

- linear (LP) and quadratic (QP) programming problems
- mixed-integer linear (MILP) and quadratic (MIQP) programming problems
- nonlinear programming problems (NLP)
- nonlinear equations (NLEQ)

The second part consists of an optimization model class designed to help the user construct an optimization problem by adding variables, constraints and costs, then solve the problem and extract the solution in terms of the individual sets of variables, constraints and costs provided.

Finally, MP-Opt-Model includes a utility function that can be used to get information about the availability of optional functionality, another to help with copying nested struct data, and a function that provides version information on the current MP-Opt-Model installation.

¹¹The name MP-Opt-Model is derived from "MATPOWER Optimization Model," referring to the object used to encapsulate the optimization problem formed by MATPOWER when solving an optimal power flow (OPF) problem.

4 Solver Interface Functions

$4.1 ext{ LP/QP Solvers} - ext{qps_master}$

The qps_master function provides a common <u>q</u>uadratic <u>p</u>rogramming <u>s</u>olver interface for linear programming (LP) and quadratic (QP) programming problems, that is, problems of the form:

$$\min_{x} \frac{1}{2} x^{\mathsf{T}} H x + c^{\mathsf{T}} x \tag{4.1}$$

subject to

$$l \le Ax \le u \tag{4.2}$$

$$x_{\min} \le x \le x_{\max}. \tag{4.3}$$

This function can be used to solve the problem with any of the available solvers by calling it as follows,

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = ...
    qps_master(H, c, A, l, u, xmin, xmax, x0, opt);
```

where the input and output arguments are described in Tables 4-1 and 4-2, respectively, and the options in Table 4-3. Alternatively, the input arguments can be packaged as fields in a problem struct and passed in as a single argument, where all fields are (individually) optional.

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = qps_master(problem);
```

The calling syntax is very similar to that used by quadprog from the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox, with the primary difference that the linear constraints are specified in terms of a single doubly-bounded linear function ($l \le Ax \le u$) as opposed to separate equality constrained ($A_{eq}x = b_{eq}$) and upper bounded ($Ax \le b$) functions.

The qps_master function is simply a master wrapper around corresponding functions specific to each solver, namely, qps_bpmpd, qps_clp, qps_cplex, qps_glpk, qps_gurobi, qps_ipopt, qps_mips, qps_mosek, and qps_ot. Each of these functions has an interface identical to that of qps_master, with the exception of the options struct for qps_mips, which is a simple MIPS options struct.

Table 4-1: Input Arguments for qps_master^{\dagger}

name	description
Н	(possibly sparse) matrix H of quadratic cost coefficients
С	column vector c of linear cost coefficients
A	(possibly sparse) matrix A of linear constraint coefficients
1	column vector l of lower bounds on Ax , defaults to $-\infty$
u	column vector u of upper bounds on Ax , defaults to $+\infty$
xmin	column vector x_{\min} of lower bounds on x , defaults to $-\infty$
xmax	column vector x_{max} of upper bounds on x , defaults to $+\infty$
x0	optional starting value of optimization vector x (ignored by some solvers)
opt	optional options struct, all fields (shown in Table 4-3) optional
opt	optional options struct (all fields optional), see Table 4-3 for details
problem	alternative, single argument input struct with fields corresponding to arguments above

[†] All arguments are individually optional, though enough must be supplied to define a meaningful problem.

Table 4-2: Output Arguments for $\mathtt{qps_master}^\dagger$

name	description	
Х	solution vector x	
f	final objective function value $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{T}Hx + c^{T}x$	
exitflag	exit flag	
	1 – converged successfully	
	≤ 0 – solver-specific failure code	
output	output struct with the following fields:	
	alg – algorithm code of solver used	
	(others) – solver-specific fields	
lambda	struct containing the Langrange and Kuhn-Tucker multipliers on the constraints, with fields:	
	mu_l - lower (left-hand) limit on linear constraints	
	mu_u - upper (right-hand) limit on linear constraints	
	lower – lower bound on optimization variables	
	upper – upper bound on optimization variables	

Table 4-3: Options for qps_master

name	default	description
alg	'DEFAULT'	determines which solver to use
		'DEFAULT' – automatic, first available of Gurobi, CPLEX
		MOSEK, Optimization Toolbox (if MATLAB)
		GLPK (LP only), BPMPD, MIPS
		'BPMPD' - BPMPD*
		'CLP' - CLP*
		'CPLEX' - CPLEX*
		"GLPK" - GLPK *(LP only)"
		'GUROBI' - Gurobi*
		'IPOPT' - IPOPT*
		'MIPS' - MIPS, MATPOWER Interior Point Solver, pri
		mal/dual interior point method
		'MOSEK' - MOSEK*
_		'OT' - MATLAB Opt Toolbox, quadprog, linprog
verbose	1	amount of progress info to be printed
		0 – print no progress info
		1 – print a little progress info
		2 - print a lot of progress info
1		3 – print all progress info
bp_opt	empty	options vector for bp* options vector for CLP*
clp_opt	empty	
cplex_opt	empty	options struct for CPLEX*
glpk_opt	empty	options struct for GLPK*
grb_opt	empty	options struct for Gurobi*
ipopt_opt	empty	options struct for IPOPT*
linprog_opt	empty	options struct for linprog*
mips_opt	empty	options struct for MIPS
mosek_opt	empty	options struct for MOSEK*
$quadprog_opt$	empty	options struct for quadprog*

4.1.1 QP Example

The following code shows an example of using qps_master to solve a simple 4-dimensional QP problem¹² using the default solver.

```
H = [
        1003.1 4.3
                        6.3
                                 5.9;
        4.3
                2.2
                        2.1
                                 3.9;
        6.3
                2.1
                        3.5
                                 4.8;
        5.9
                3.9
                        4.8
                                 10 ];
c = zeros(4,1);
        1
                1
                                 1;
                0.11
                                 0.18
                                         ];
        0.17
                        0.10
1 = [1; 0.10];
u = [1; Inf];
xmin = zeros(4,1);
x0 = [1; 0; 0; 1];
opt = struct('verbose', 2);
[x, f, s, out, lambda] = qps_master(H, c, A, l, u, xmin, [], x0, opt);
```

Other examples of using qps_master to solve LP and QP problems can be found in t_qps_master.m.

¹²From https://v8doc.sas.com/sashtml/iml/chap8/sect12.htm.

4.2 MILP/MIQP Solvers - miqps_master

The miqps_master function provides a common mixed-integer quadratic programming solver interface for mixed-integer linear programming (MILP) and mixed-integer quadratic programming (MIQP) problems. The form of the problem is identical to (4.1)-(4.3), with the addition of two possible additional constraints, namely,

$$x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \qquad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$$
 (4.4)

$$x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \qquad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}$$
 (4.4)
 $x_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{B},$ (4.5)

where \mathcal{I} and \mathcal{B} are the sets of indices of variables that are restricted to integer or binary values, respectively.

This function can be used to solve the problem with any of the available solvers by calling it as follows,

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = ...
   miqps_master(H, c, A, 1, u, xmin, xmax, x0, vtype, opt);
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = miqps_master(problem);
```

The calling syntax for migps_master is identical to that used by qps_master with the exception of a single new input argument, vtype, to specify the variable type, just before the options struct. The input arguments and options for miqps_master are described in Tables 4-4 and 4-5, respectively. The outputs are identical to those shown in Table 4-2 for qps_master.

Table 4-4: Input Arguments for migps_master

name	description
$all \; {\tt qps_maste}$	er input args from Table 4-1, with the following additions/modifications
vtype character string of length n_x (number of elements in x), or 1 (to all variables in x), specifying variable type; allowed values are 'C' - continuous (default) 'B' - binary 'I' - integer	

CPLEX and Gurobi also include 'S' for semi-continuous and 'N' for semi-integer, but these have not been tested.

By default, unless the skip_prices option is set to 1, once miqps_master has found the integer solution, it constrain the integer variables to their solved values and call qps_matpower on the resulting problem to determine the shadow prices in lambda.

Table 4-5: Options for miqps_master

name	default	description
alg	'DEFAULT'	determines which solver to use
		'DEFAULT' – automatic, first available of Gurobi, CPLEX, MOSEK, Optimization Toolbox (if MATLAB, MILP only), GLPK (MILP only)
		'CPLEX' - CPLEX*
		$\texttt{'GLPK'} - \operatorname{GLPK}^*(LP \ only)$
		'GUROBI' - Gurobi*
		'MOSEK' $-\operatorname{MOSEK}^*$
		'OT' - MATLAB Opt Toolbox, intlinprog
verbose	1	amount of progress info to be printed
		0 – print no progress info
		1 – print a little progress info
		2 – print a lot of progress info
		3 – print all progress info
skip_prices	0	flag that specifies whether or not to skip the price computation stage, in which the problem is re-solved for only the continu-
		ous variables, with all others being constrained to their solved values
price_stage_warn_tol	10^{-7}	tolerance on the objective function value and primal variable
		relative mismatch required to avoid mismatch warning message
cplex_opt	empty	options struct for CPLEX*
glpk_opt	empty	options struct for GLPK*
grb_opt	empty	options struct for Gurobi*
intlinprog_opt	empty	options struct for intlinprog*
mosek_opt	empty	options struct for MOSEK*

^{*} Requires the installation of an optional package. See Appendix B for details on the corresponding package.

The miqps_master function is simply a master wrapper around corresponding functions specific to each solver, namely, miqps_cplex, miqps_glpk, miqps_gurobi, miqps_mosek, and miqps_ot. Each of these functions has an interface identical to that of miqps_master.

4.2.1 MILP Example

The following code shows an example of using miqps_master to solve a simple 2-dimensional MILP problem¹³ using the default solver.

```
c = [-2; -3];
A = sparse([195 273; 4 40]);
u = [1365; 140];
xmax = [4; Inf];
vtype = 'I';
opt = struct('verbose', 2);
p = struct('c', c, 'A', A, 'u', u, 'xmax', xmax, 'vtype', vtype, 'opt', opt);
[x, f, s, out, lam] = miqps_master(p);
```

Other examples of using miqps_master to solve MILP and MIQP problems can be found in t_miqps_master.m.

4.3 NLP Solvers - nlps_master

The nlps_master function provides a common <u>n</u>on<u>l</u>inear <u>p</u>rogramming <u>s</u>olver interface for general nonlinear programming (NLP) problems, that is, problems of the form:

$$\min_{x} f(x) \tag{4.6}$$

subject to

$$g(x) = 0 (4.7)$$

$$h(x) \le 0 \tag{4.8}$$

$$l \le Ax \le u \tag{4.9}$$

$$x_{\min} \le x \le x_{\max} \tag{4.10}$$

where $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$, $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ and $h: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^p$.

This function can be used to solve the problem with any of the available solvers by calling it as follows,

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = ...
nlps_master(f_fcn, x0, A, l, u, xmin, xmax, gh_fcn, hess_fcn, opt);
```

¹³From MOSEK 6.0 Guided Tour, section 7.13.1, https://docs.mosek.com/6.0/toolbox/node009.html.

where the input and output arguments are described in Tables 4-6 and 4-7, respectively. Alternatively, the input arguments can be packaged as fields in a problem struct and passed in as a single argument, where all fields except f_fcn and x0 are optional.

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = nlps_master(problem);
```

The calling syntax for nlps_master is nearly identical to that of MIPS and very similar to that used by fmincon from the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox. The primary difference from fmincon is that the linear constraints are specified in terms of a single doubly-bounded linear function ($l \leq Ax \leq u$) as opposed to separate equality constrained ($A_{eq}x = b_{eq}$) and upper bounded ($Ax \leq b$) functions.

Table 4-6: Input Arguments for nlps_master[†]

name	description
f_fcn	Handle to a function that evaluates the objective function, its gradients and Hessian [‡] for a given value of x . Calling syntax for this function: [f, df, d2f] = f_fcn(x)
x0	Starting value of optimization vector x .
A, 1, u	Define the optional linear constraints $l \leq Ax \leq u$. Default values for the elements of 1 and u are -Inf and Inf, respectively.
xmin, xmax	Optional lower and upper bounds on the x variables, defaults are -Inf and Inf, respectively.
${ t gh_fcn}$	Handle to function that evaluates the optional nonlinear constraints and their gradients for a given value of x . Calling syntax for this function is: [h, g, dh, dg] = gh_fcn(x)
hess_fcn	where the columns of dh and dg are the gradients of the corresponding elements of h and g, i.e. dh and dg are transposes of the Jacobians of h and g, respectively. Handle to function that computes the Hessian [‡] of the Lagrangian for given values of x , λ and μ , where λ and μ are the multipliers on the equality and inequality
	constraints, g and h , respectively. The calling syntax for this function is: Lxx = hess_fcn(x, lam, cost_mult), where $\lambda = \text{lam.eqnonlin}$, $\mu = \text{lam.ineqnonlin}$ and cost_mult is a parameter used to scale the objective function
opt	Optional options structure with fields, all of which are also optional, described in Table 4-8.
problem	Alternative, single argument input struct with fields corresponding to arguments above.

[†] All inputs are optional except f_fcn and x0.

[‡] If gh_fcn is provided then hess_fcn is also required. Specifically, if there are nonlinear constraints, the Hessian information must be provided by the hess_fcn function and it need not be computed in f_fcn.

Table 4-7: Output Arguments for nlps_master

name	description		
х	solution vector		
f	final objective	function value, $f(x)$	
exitflag	exit flag		
	1 – converg	ged successfully	
	$\leq 0 - \text{solver-s}$	specific failure code	
output	output struct with the following fields:		
	alg – algorithm code of solver used		
(others) – solver-specific fields			
lambda	struct containing the Langrange and Kuhn-Tucker multipliers on the		
	straints, with f	fields:	
	eqnonlin	nonlinear equality constraints	
	inequality constraints		
	mu_l lower (left-hand) limit on linear constraints		
	mu_u upper (right-hand) limit on linear constraints		
	lower bound on optimization variables		
	upper	upper bound on optimization variables	

Table 4-8: Options for nlps_master

name	default	description
alg	'DEFAULT'	determines which solver to use 'DEFAULT' – automatic, current default is MIPS 'MIPS' – MIPS
		'FMINCON' - MATLAB Opt Toolbox, fmincon* 'IPOPT' - IPOPT*
		'KNITRO' - Artelys Knitro*
verbose	1	amount of progress info to be printed
		0 – print no progress info
		1 – print a little progress info
		2 – print a lot of progress info
${ t mips_opt}$	empty	options struct for MIPS
${\tt fmincon_opt}$	empty	options struct for fmincon*
$ipopt_opt$	empty	options struct for IPOPT*
knitro_opt	empty	options struct for Artelys Knitro*

^{*} Requires the installation of an optional package. See Appendix B for details on the corresponding package.

The user-defined functions for evaluating the objective function, constraints and Hessian are identical to those required by MIPSj. That is, they identical to those required by fmincon, with one exception described below for the Hessian evaluation

function. Specifically, f_fcn should return f as the scalar objective function value f(x), df as an $n \times 1$ vector equal to ∇f and, unless gh_fcn is provided and the Hessian is computed by hess_fcn, d2f as an $n \times n$ matrix equal to the Hessian $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$. Similarly, the constraint evaluation function gh_fcn must return the $m \times 1$ vector of nonlinear equality constraint violations g(x), the $p \times 1$ vector of nonlinear inequality constraint violations h(x) along with their gradients in dg and dh. Here dg is an $n \times m$ matrix whose j^{th} column is ∇g_j and dh is $n \times p$, with j^{th} column equal to ∇h_j . Finally, for cases with nonlinear constraints, hess_fcn returns the $n \times n$ Hessian $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial x^2}$ of the Lagrangian function

$$\mathcal{L}(x,\lambda,\mu,\sigma) = \sigma f(x) + \lambda^{\mathsf{T}} g(x) + \mu^{\mathsf{T}} h(x)$$
(4.11)

for given values of the multipliers λ and μ , where σ is the cost_mult scale factor for the objective function. Unlike fmincon, some solvers, such as mips, pass this scale factor to the Hessian evaluation function in the 3rd input argument.

The use of nargout in f_fcn and gh_fcn is recommended so that the gradients and Hessian are only computed when required.

The nlps_master function is simply a master wrapper around corresponding functions specific to each solver, namely, mips, nlps_fmincon, nlps_ipopt, and nlps_knitro. Each of these functions has an interface identical to that of nlps_master, with the exception of the options struct for mips, which is a simple MIPS options struct.

4.3.1 NLP Example 1

The following code, included as nlps_master_ex1.m in <MPOM>lib/t, shows a simple example of using nlps_master to solve a 2-dimensional unconstrained optimization of Rosenbrock's "banana" function¹⁴

$$f(x) = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2. (4.12)$$

First, create a function that will evaluate the objective function, its gradients and Hessian, for a given value of x. In this case, the coefficient of the first term is defined as a paramter a.

¹⁴https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosenbrock_function

```
function [f, df, d2f] = banana(x, a)
f = a*(x(2)-x(1)^2)^2+(1-x(1))^2;
                        %% gradient is required
if nargout > 1
    df = [ 4*a*(x(1)^3 - x(1)*x(2)) + 2*x(1)-2;
            2*a*(x(2) - x(1)^2)
                                                     ];
    if nargout > 2
                        %% Hessian is required
        d2f = 4*a*[ 3*x(1)^2 - x(2) + 1/(2*a),
                                                -x(1);
                    -x(1)
                                                 1/2];
    end
end
```

Then, create a handle to the function, defining the value of the paramter a to be 100, set up the starting value of x, and call the nlps_master function to solve it.

```
>> f_fcn = @(x)banana(x, 100);
>> x0 = [-1.9; 2];
>> [x, f] = nlps_master(f_fcn, x0)
x =
     1
f =
     0
```

4.3.2 NLP Example 2

The second example¹⁵ solves the following 3-dimensional constrained optimization, printing the details of the solver's progress:

$$\min_{x} f(x) = -x_1 x_2 - x_2 x_3 \tag{4.13}$$

subject to

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2 \le 0 (4.14)$$

$$x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2 \le 0$$
 (4.14)
 $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 10 \le 0.$ (4.15)

¹⁵ From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonlinear_programming#3-dimensional_example.

First, create a function to evaluate the objective function and its gradients, ¹⁶

one to evaluate the constraints, in this case inequalities only, and their gradients,

```
function [h, g, dh, dg] = gh2(x)

h = [ 1 -1 1; 1 1 1] * x.^2 + [-2; -10];

dh = 2 * [x(1) x(1); -x(2) x(2); x(3) x(3)];

g = []; dg = [];
```

and another to evaluate the Hessian of the Lagrangian.

Then create a problem struct with handles to these functions, a starting value for x and an option to print the solver's progress. Finally, pass this struct to nlps_master to solve the problem and print some of the return values to get the output below.

¹⁶Since the problem has nonlinear constraints and the Hessian is provided by hess_fcn, this function will never be called with three output arguments, so the code to compute d2f is actually not necessary.

```
function nlps_master_ex2(alg)
if nargin < 1
   alg = 'DEFAULT';
end
problem = struct( ...
    'f_fcn', @(x)f2(x), ...
    'gh_fcn', @(x)gh2(x), ...
    'hess_fcn', @(x, lam, cost_mult)hess2(x, lam, cost_mult), ...
    'x0', [1; 1; 0], ...
             struct('verbose', 2, 'alg', alg) ...
    'opt',
);
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = nlps_master(problem);
fprintf('\nf = %g exitflag = %d\n', f, exitflag);
fprintf('\nx = \n');
fprintf(' %g\n', x);
fprintf('\nlambda.ineqnonlin =\n');
fprintf(' %g\n', lambda.ineqnonlin);
```

```
>> nlps_master_ex2
MATPOWER Interior Point Solver -- MIPS, Version 1.3.1, 20-Jun-2019
 (using built-in linear solver)
 it objective step size feascond gradcond compcond costcond
              0 1.5 5
  0
 1 -5.3250167 1.6875 0 0.894235 0.850653 2.16251
2 -7.4708991 0.97413 0.129183 0.00936418 0.117278 0.339269
3 -7.0553031 0.10406 0 0.00174933 0.0196518 0.0490616
  4 -7.0686267 0.034574
                                        0 0.00041301 0.0030084 0.00165402
  5 -7.0706104 0.0065191
                                        0 1.53531e-05 0.000337971 0.000245844
 6 -7.0710134 0.00062152
7 -7.0710623 5.7217e-05
8 -7.0710673 5.6761e-06
                                     0 1.22094e-07 3.41308e-05 4.99387e-05
0 9.84879e-10 3.41587e-06 6.05875e-06
0 9.73527e-12 3.41615e-07 6.15483e-07
Converged!
f = -7.07107 exitflag = 1
x =
  1.58114
  2.23607
  1.58114
lambda.ineqnonlin =
   0.707107
```

To use a different solver such as fmincon, assuming it is available, simply specify it in the alg option.

>> nlps_m	aster_	ex2('FMINCON')				
				First-order	Norm of	
Iter F-c	ount	f(x)	Feasibility	optimality	step	
0	1	-1.000000e+00	0.000e+00	1.000e+00		
1	2	-5.718566e+00	0.000e+00	1.230e+00	1.669e+00	
2	3	-8.395115e+00	1.875e+00	8.080e-01	8.259e-01	
3	4	-7.034187e+00	0.000e+00	3.752e-02	2.965e-01	
4	5	-7.050896e+00	0.000e+00	1.890e-02	5.339e-02	
5	6	-7.071406e+00	4.921e-04	1.133e-03	2.770e-02	
6	7	-7.070872e+00	0.000e+00	1.962e-04	2.332e-03	
7	8	-7.071066e+00	0.000e+00	1.958e-06	2.418e-04	

Local minimum found that satisfies the constraints.

Optimization completed because the objective function is non-decreasing in feasible directions, to within the value of the optimality tolerance, and constraints are satisfied to within the value of the constraint tolerance.

```
f = -7.07107 exitflag = 1

x =
    1.58114
    2.23607
    1.58114

lambda.ineqnonlin =
    1.08013e-06
    0.707107
```

This example can be found in nlps_master_ex2.m. More example problems for nlps_master can be found in t_nlps_master.m, both in <MPOM>lib/t.

4.4 Nonlinear Equation Solvers – nleqs_master

The nleqs_master function provides a common <u>n</u>onlinear <u>equation solver</u> interface for general nonlinear equations (NLEQ), that is, problems of the form:

$$f(x) = 0 (4.16)$$

where $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$.

This function can be used to solve the problem with any of the available solvers by calling it as follows,

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, jac] = nleqs_master(fcn, x0, opt);
```

where the input and output arguments are described in Tables 4-9 and 4-10, respectively. Alternatively, the input arguments can be packaged as fields in a problem struct and passed in as a single argument, where the opt field is optional.

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, jac] = nleqs_master(problem);
```

The calling syntax for nleqs_master is identical to that used by fsolve from the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox.

Table 4-9: Input Arguments for nleqs_master

name	description
fcn	Handle to a function that evaluates the function $f(x)$ and optionally its Jacobian $J(x)$ for a given value of x . Calling syntax for this function is: $f = fcn(x)$, or
	<pre>[f, J] = fcn(x) Whether fcn is required to return the Jacobian or not depends on the selected solver algorithm.</pre>
x0	Starting value of vector x .
\mathtt{opt}^\dagger	Options structure with fields, all of which are also optional, described in Table 4-11.
problem	Alternative, single argument input struct with fields corresponding to arguments above.

[†] Optional.

The nleqs_master function is simply a master wrapper around corresponding solver-specific functions, namely, nleqs_newton, nleqs_fd_newton, nleqs_gauss_seidel and nleqs_fsolve. Each of these functions has an interface identical to that of nleqs_master.

There is also a more general function named nleqs_core which takes an arbitrary, user-defined update function. In fact, nleqs_core provides the core implementation for both nleqs_newton and nleqs_gauss_seidel. See help nleqs_core for details.

Table 4-10: Output Arguments for nleqs_master[†]

name	description
х	solution vector
f	final function value, $f(x)$
exitflag	exit flag
	1 – converged successfully
	≤ 0 – solver-specific failure code
output	output struct with the following fields:
	alg – algorithm code of solver used
	(others) – solver-specific fields
jac	final value of Jacobian matrix

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ All output arguments are optional.

4.4.1 NLEQ Example 1

The following code, included as nleqs_master_ex1.m in <MPOM>lib/t, shows a simple example of using nleqs_master to solve a 2-dimensional nonlinear function¹⁷

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 - 1 \\ -x_1^2 + x_2 + 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (4.17)

First, create a function that will evaluate the function and its Jacobian for a given value of x.

```
function [f, J] = f1(x)
f = [ x(1) + x(2) - 1;
     -x(1)^2 + x(2) + 5 ];
if nargout > 1
     J = [1 1; -2*x(1) 1];
end
```

Then, call the $nleqs_master$ function with a handle to that function and a starting value for x.

```
>> x = nleqs_master(@f1, [0;0])
x =

2.0000
-1.0000
```

 $^{^{17} \}verb|https://www.chilimath.com/lessons/advanced-algebra/systems-non-linear-equations/advanced-algebra/systems$

Table 4-11: Options for nleqs_master

name	default	description		
alg	'DEFAULT' determines which solver to use			
		'DEFAULT' - automatic, current default is 'NEWTON'		
		'NEWTON' - Newton's method		
		'CORE' – core algorithm, with arbitrary update function [¶]		
		'FD' – fast-decoupled Newton's method †		
		'FSOLVE' - MATLAB Opt Toolbox, fsolve*		
		'GS' - Gauss-Seidel method [‡]		
verbose	1 amount of progress info to be printed			
		0 – print no progress info		
		1 – print a little progress info		
		2 – print a lot of progress info		
${\tt max_it}$	0	maximum number of iterations§		
tol	0	termination tolerance on $f(x)^{\S}$		
core_sp	empty	solver parameters struct for nleqs_core¶		
${ t fd_opt}$	empty	options struct for fast-decoupled Newton's method,		
		${ t nleqs_fd_newton}^{\dagger}$		
$fsolve_opt$	empty	options struct for fsolve*		
gs_opt	empty	options struct for Gauss-Seidel method, nleqs_gauss_seidel [‡]		
newton_opt	empty	options struct for Newton's method, nleqs_newton		

The fsolve() function is included with GNU Octave, but on MATLAB it is part of the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox. See Appendix B for more information on the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox.

Or, alternatively, create a problem struct with a handle to the function, a starting value for x and an option to print the solver's progress. Then, pass this struct to nleqs_master to solve the problem and print some of the return values to get the output below.

[†] Fast-decoupled Newton requires setting fd_opt.jac_approx_fcn to a function handle that returns Jacobian approximations. See help nleqs_fd_newton for more details.

[‡] Gauss-Seidel requires setting gs_opt.x_update_fcn to a function handle that updates x. See help nleqs_gauss_seidel for more details.

 $[\]S$ A value of 0 indicates to use the solver's own default.

 $[\]P$ The opt.core_sp field is required when alg is set to 'CORE'. See help nleqs_core for details.

```
function nleqs_master_ex1(alg)
if nargin < 1
    alg = 'DEFAULT';
end
problem = struct( ...
    'fcn', @f1, ...
    'x0', [0; 0], ...
    'opt', struct('verbose', 2, 'alg', alg) ...
[x, f, exitflag, output, jac] = nleqs_master(problem);
fprintf('\nexitflag = %d\n', exitflag);
fprintf('\nx = \n');
fprintf('  %2g\n', x);
fprintf(' \mid f = \mid n');
fprintf(' %12g\n', f);
fprintf('\njac =\n');
fprintf('
           %2g %2g\n', jac');
```

```
>> nleqs_master_ex1
it
      max residual
 0
      5.000e+00
       3.600e+01
 2
       7.669e+00
 3
       1.056e+00
 4
        3.818e-02
 5
       5.795e-05
        1.343e-10
Newton's method converged in 6 iterations.
exitflag = 1
x =
   2
  -1
   2.22045e-16
  -1.34308e-10
jac =
  1
      1
  -4
      1
```

To use a different solver such as fsolve, assuming it is available, simply specify it in the alg option.

			Norm of	First-order	Trust-regio
Iteration	Func-count	f(x)	step	optimality	radius
0	1	26		4	1
1	2	18.7537	1	3.65	1
2	3	9.28396	2.5	12.9	2.5
3	4	0.0148	1.30162	0.493	2.5
4	5	3.37211e-07	0.0340793	0.00232	3.25
5	6	1.81904e-16	0.000164239	5.39e-08	3.25

fsolve completed because the vector of function values is near zero as measured by the value of the function tolerance, and the problem appears regular as measured by the gradient.

```
exitflag = 1

x =
    2
    -1

f =
    0
    -1.34872e-08

jac =
    1    1
    -4    1
```

4.4.2 NLEQ Example 2

The following code, included as nleqs_master_ex2.m in <MPOM>lib/t, shows another simple example of using nleqs_master to solve a 2-dimensional nonlinear function.¹⁸ This example includes the update function required for Gauss-Seidel and the Jaco-

¹⁸From Christi Patton Luks, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJG4yhtgerg

bian approximation function required for the fast-decoupled Newton's method.

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 - 10 \\ x_2 + 3x_1 x_2^2 - 57 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (4.18)

```
function JJ = jac_approx_fcn2()
J = [7 2; 27 37];
JJ = {J(1,1), J(2,2)};
```

```
function x = x_update_fcn2(x, f)
x(1) = sqrt(10 - x(1)*x(2));
x(2) = sqrt((57-x(2))/3/x(1));
```

```
function nleqs_master_ex2(alg)
if nargin < 1
    alg = 'DEFAULT';
end
x0 = [1; 2];
opt = struct( ...
    'verbose', 2, ...
    'alg', alg, ...
    'fd_opt', struct( ...
        'jac_approx_fcn', @jac_approx_fcn2, ...
        'labels', \{\{'P', 'Q'\}\}\), ...
    'gs_opt', struct('x_update_fcn', @x_update_fcn2) );
[x, f, exitflag, output] = nleqs_master(@f2, x0, opt);
fprintf('\nexitflag = %d\n', exitflag);
fprintf('\nx = \n');
fprintf('
            %2g\n', x);
fprintf('\nf = \n');
fprintf('
            %12g\n', f);
```

Fast-decoupled Newton example results:

```
>> nleqs_master_ex2('FD')
              max residual
 iteration
                               max residual
block
                  f[P]
                                   f [Q]
         0
                 7.000e+00
                                  4.300e+01
  Р
                 2.000e+00
                                  3.100e+01
         1
  Q
         1
                 3.243e-01
                                  5.842e+00
  Р
         2
                 5.367e-03
                                  4.723e+00
         2
                 2.558e-01
                                  4.767e-02
  Р
         3
                 7.894e-04
                                  1.012e+00
  Q
         3
                 5.417e-02
                                  2.058e-03
  Р
         4
                 3.606e-05
                                  2.100e-01
  Q
                                  8.642e-05
         4
                 1.133e-02
  Р
         5
                 1.583e-06
                                  4.374e-02
  Q
         5
                 2.363e-03
                                  3.727e-06
  Ρ
         6
                 6.892e-08
                                  9.116e-03
  Q
         6
                 4.927e-04
                                  1.617e-07
  Р
         7
                 2.997e-09
                                  1.901e-03
  Q
         7
                 1.027e-04
                                  7.028e-09
  Ρ
         8
                 1.303e-10
                                  3.963e-04
  Q
         8
                 2.142e-05
                                  3.055e-10
  Р
         9
                 5.665e-12
                                  8.262e-05
  Q
         9
                 4.466e-06
                                  1.327e-11
  Ρ
        10
                 2.451e-13
                                  1.723e-05
  Q
        10
                 9.311e-07
                                  5.969e-13
  Ρ
        11
                 1.066e-14
                                  3.591e-06
  Q
        11
                 1.941e-07
                                  1.421e-14
  Ρ
        12
                 0.000e+00
                                  7.488e-07
  Q
        12
                 4.048e-08
                                  7.105e-15
  Ρ
        13
                 0.000e+00
                                  1.561e-07
        13
                 8.439e-09
                                  7.105e-15
Fast-decoupled Newton's method converged in 13 P- and 13 Q-iterations.
exitflag = 1
x =
    3
f =
    8.43887e-09
   -7.10543e-15
```

Gauss-Seidel example results:

```
>> nleqs_master_ex2('GS')
        max residual
 it
  0
         4.300e+01
  1
         5.201e+00
  2
         1.690e+00
  3
         6.481e-01
  4
         2.141e-01
  5
         7.413e-02
  6
         2.523e-02
  7
         8.638e-03
         2.951e-03
  9
         1.009e-03
 10
         3.449e-04
 11
         1.179e-04
         4.030e-05
 12
         1.378e-05
 13
         4.709e-06
 14
 15
         1.610e-06
 16
         5.503e-07
 17
         1.881e-07
 18
         6.430e-08
 19
         2.198e-08
         7.513e-09
Gauss-Seidel method converged in 20 iterations.
exitflag = 1
    2
    3
   -7.51313e-09
    4.48558e-09
```

5 Optimization Model Class - opt_model

The opt_model class provides facilities for constructing an optimization problem by adding and managing the indexing of sets of variables, constraints and costs. The model can then be solved by simply calling the solve method which automatically selects and calls the appropriate master solver function, i.e. qps_master, miqps_master, nlps_master, nleqs_master or mplinsolve, depending on the type of problem.

In this manual, and in the code, om is the name of the variable used by convention for the optimization model object, which is typically created by calling the constructor opt_model with no arguments.

```
om = opt_model;
```

Variables, constraints and costs can then be added to the model using named sets. For variables and constraints, each set represents a column vector, and the sets are stacked in the order they are added to construct the full optimization variable or full constraint vector. For costs, each set represents a component of a scalar cost, and the components are summed together to construct the full objective function value.

5.1 Adding Variables

```
om.add_var(name, N);
om.add_var(name, N, v0);
om.add_var(name, N, v0, v1);
om.add_var(name, N, v0, v1, vu);
om.add_var(name, N, v0, v1, vu, vt);
om.add_var(name, idx_list, N ...);
```

A named set of variables is added to the model using the add_var method, where name is a string containing the name of the set¹⁹, N is the number n of variables in the set, v0 is the initial value of the variables, v1 and vu are the upper and lower bounds on the variables, and vt is the variable type. The accepted values for vt are:

- 'C' continuous
- 'I' integer
- 'B' binary, i.e. 0 or 1

¹⁹A set name must be a valid field name for a struct.

The inputs v0, v1 and vu are $n \times 1$ column vectors, vt is a scalar or a $1 \times n$ row vector. The defaults for the last four arguments, which are all optional, are for all to be continuous, unbounded and initialized to zero. That is, v0, v1, vu, and vt default to $0, -\infty, +\infty$, and 'C', respectively.

For example, suppose our problem has variables u, v and w, which are vectors of length n_u , n_v , and n_w , respectively, where u is unbounded, v is non-negative and the lower and upper bounds on w are given in the vectors wlb and wub. Let us further suppose that the initial value of w is provided in w0 and the first 3 elements of w are binary variables. And we will assume that the values of n_u , n_v , and n_w are available in the variables nu, nv and nw, respectively.

We can then add these variable sets to the model with the names \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} , as follows:

```
wtype = repmat('C', 1, nw); wt(1:3) = 'B';
om.add_var('u', nu);
om.add_var('v', nv, [], 0);
om.add_var('w', nw, w0, wlb, wub, wtype);
```

In this case, then, the full optimization vector is the $(n_u + n_v + n_w) \times 1$ vector

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}. \tag{5.1}$$

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

Variable Subsets 5.1.1

A key feature of MP-Opt-Model is that each set of constraints or costs can be defined in terms of the relevant variables only, as opposed to the entire optimization vector x. This is done by specifying a variable subset, a cell array of the variable names of interest, in the varsets argument. Besides simplifying the constraint and cost definitions, another benefit of this approach is that it allows a model to be modified with new variables after some constraints and costs have already been added.

In the sections to follow, we will use the following two variable subsets for illustration purposes:

- {'v'} corresponding to $x_1 \equiv v$, and {'u', 'w'} corresponding to $x_2 \equiv \left[\begin{array}{c} u \\ w \end{array} \right]$.

5.2 Adding Constraints

A named set of constraints can be added to the model as soon as the variables on which it depends have been added. MP-Opt-Model currently supports three types of constraints, doubly-bounded linear constraints, general nonlinear equality constraints, and general nonlinear inequality constraints.

5.2.1 Linear Constraints

```
om.add_lin_constraint(name, A, 1, u);
om.add_lin_constraint(name, A, 1, u, varsets);
om.add_lin_constraint(name, idx_list, A ...);
```

In MP-Opt-Model, linear constraints take the form

$$l \le Ax \le u,\tag{5.2}$$

where x here refers to either the full optimization vector (default), or the vector obtained by stacking the subset of variables specified in varsets. Here A contains the $n_A \times n_x$ matrix A and 1 and u are the $n_A \times 1$ vectors l and u.²⁰

For example, suppose our problem has the following three sets of linear constraints,

$$l_1 \le A_1 x_1 \le u_1 \tag{5.3}$$

$$l_2 < A_2 x_2 \tag{5.4}$$

$$A_3x < u_3, \tag{5.5}$$

where x_1 and x_2 are as defined in Section 5.1.1 and x is the full optimization vector from (5.1). Notice that the number of columns in A_1 and A_2 correspond to n_v and $n_u + n_w$, respectively, whereas A_3 has the full set of columns corresponding to x.

These three linear constraint sets can be added to the model with the names lincon1, lincon2, and lincon3, using the add_lin_constraint method as follows:

```
om.add_lin_constraint('lincon1', A1, l1, u1, {'v'});
om.add_lin_constraint('lincon2', A2, l2, [], {'u', 'w'});
om.add_lin_constraint('lincon3', A3, [], u3);
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

 $^{^{20}}$ The A matrix can be sparse.

5.2.2 General Nonlinear Constraints

```
om.add_nln_constraint(name, N, iseq, fcn, hess);
om.add_nln_constraint(name, N, iseq, fcn, hess, varsets);
om.add_nln_constraint(name, idx_list, N ...);
```

MP-Opt-Model allows the user to implement general nonlinear constraints of the form

$$g(x) = 0, \text{ or} (5.6)$$

$$q(x) < 0 \tag{5.7}$$

by providing the handle fcn of a function that evaluates the constraint and its Jacobian and another handle hess of a function that evaluates the Hessian. The number of constraints in the set is given by N, and iseq is set to 1 to specify an equality constraint or 0 for an inequality.

The calling syntax for fcn is:

```
g = fcn(x);
[g, dg] = fcn(x);
```

Here g is the $n_g \times 1$ vector g(x) and dg is the $n_g \times n_x$ Jacobian matrix J(x), where $J_{ij} = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_i}$.

Rather than computing the full three-dimensional Hessian, the hess function actually evaluates the Jacobian of the vector $J^{\mathsf{T}}(x)\lambda$ for a specified value of the vector λ . The calling syntax for hess is:

```
d2g = hess(x, lambda);
```

For both functions, the first input argument x takes one of two forms. If the constraint set is added with varsets empty or missing, then x will be the full optimization vector. Otherwise it will be a cell array of vectors corresponding to the variable sets specified in varsets.

There is also the option for name to be a cell array of constraint set names, in which case N is a vector, specifying the number of constraints in each corresponding set. In this case, fcn and hess are each still a single function handle, but the values computed by each correspond to the entire stacked collection of constraint sets together, as if they were a single set.

For example, suppose our problem has the following three sets of nonlinear constraints,

$$g_1(x_1) \le 0 \tag{5.8}$$

$$g_2(x_2) = 0 (5.9)$$

$$q_3(x) < 0, (5.10)$$

where x_1 and x_2 are as defined in Section 5.1.1 and x is the full optimization vector from (5.1). Let my_cons_fcn1 , my_cons_fcn2 , and my_cons_fcn3 be functions that evaluate $g_1(x_1)$, $g_2(x_2)$, and $g_3(x)$ and their gradients, respectively. Similarly, let my_cons_hess1 , my_cons_hess2 , and my_cons_hess3 be Hessian evaluation functions for the same. The variables ng1, ng2, and ng3 contain the number of constraints in the respective constraint sets.

These three nonlinear constraint sets can be added to the model with the names nlncon1, nlncon2, and nlncon3, using the add_nln_constraint method as follows:

```
fcn1 = @(x)my_cons_fcn1(x, <other_args>);
fcn2 = @(x)my_cons_fcn2(x, <other_args>);
fcn3 = @(x)my_cons_fcn3(x, <other_args>);
hess1 = @(x, lambda)my_cons_hess1(x, lambda, <other_args>);
hess2 = @(x, lambda)my_cons_hess2(x, lambda, <other_args>);
hess3 = @(x, lambda)my_cons_hess3(x, lambda, <other_args>);
om.add_nln_constraint('nlncon1', ng1, 0, fcn1, hess1 {'v'});
om.add_nln_constraint('nlncon2', ng2, 1, fcn2, hess2, {'u', 'w'});
om.add_nln_constraint('nlncon3', ng3, 0, fcn3, hess3);
```

In this case, the x variable passed to the my_cons_fcn and my_cons_hess functions will be as follows:

```
• my_cons_fcn1, my_cons_hess1 \longrightarrow x = {v}
• my_cons_fcn2, my_cons_hess2 \longrightarrow x = {u, w}
• my_cons_fcn3, my_cons_hess3 \longrightarrow x = [u; v; w]
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

5.3 Adding Costs

The objective of an MP-Opt-Model optimization problem is to *minimize* the sum of all costs added to the model. As with constraints, a named set of costs can be added to the model as soon as the variables on which it depends have been added. MP-Opt-Model currently supports two types of costs, quadratic costs and general nonlinear costs.

5.3.1 Quadratic Costs

```
om.add_quad_cost(name, Q, c);
om.add_quad_cost(name, Q, c, k);
om.add_quad_cost(name, Q, c, k, varsets);
om.add_quad_cost(name, idx_list, Q ...);
```

A quadratic cost set takes the form:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Qx + c^{\mathsf{T}}x + k \tag{5.11}$$

where x here refers to either the full optimization vector (default), or the vector obtained by stacking the subset of variables specified in varsets. Here \mathbb{Q} contains the $n_x \times n_x$ matrix Q, \mathbb{C} the $n_x \times 1$ vector \mathbb{C} , and \mathbb{C} the scalar \mathbb{C} .

Alternatively, \mathbb{Q} can be an $n_x \times 1$ vector, in which case f(x) and k are also $n_x \times 1$ vectors and the *i*-th element of f(x) is given by

$$f_i(x) = \frac{1}{2}Q_i x_i^2 + c_i x_i + k_i. (5.12)$$

If Q is empty, then f(x) is also an $n_x \times 1$ vector, unless k is scalar and non-zero. For example, suppose our problem has the following three sets of quadratic costs,

$$q_1(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} x_1^{\mathsf{T}} Q_1 x_1 + c_1^{\mathsf{T}} x_1 + k_1 \tag{5.13}$$

$$q_2(x_2) = \frac{1}{2} x_2^{\mathsf{T}} Q_2 x_2 + c_2^{\mathsf{T}} x_2 + k_2 \tag{5.14}$$

$$q_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Q_3x + c_3^{\mathsf{T}}x + k_3, \tag{5.15}$$

where x_1 and x_2 are as defined in Section 5.1.1 and x is the full optimization vector from (5.1). Notice that the dimensions of Q_1 and Q_2 (and c_1 and c_2) correspond to n_v and $n_u + n_w$, respectively, whereas Q_3 (and c_3) correspond to the full x.

These three quadratic cost sets can be added to the model with the names **qcost1**, **qcost2**, and **qcost3**, using the add_quad_cost method as follows:

```
om.add_quad_cost('qcost1', Q1, c1, k1, {'v'});
om.add_quad_cost('qcost2', Q2, c2, k2, {'u', 'w'});
om.add_quad_cost('qcost3', Q3, c3, k3);
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

²¹The Q matrix can be sparse.

5.3.2 General Nonlinear Costs

```
om.add_nln_cost(name, N, fcn);
om.add_nln_cost(name, N, fcn, varsets);
om.add_nln_cost(name, idx_list, N ...);
```

MP-Opt-Model allows the user to implement a general nonlinear cost by providing the handle fcn of a function that evaluates the cost f(x), its gradient and Hessian H, as described below. The N parameter specifies the dimension for vector valued cost functions, which are not yet implemented. Currently N must equal 1 or it will throw an error.

For a cost function f(x), fcn should point to a function with the following interface:

```
f = fcn(x)
[f, df] = fcn(x)
[f, df, d2f] = fcn(x)
```

where f is a scalar with the value of the function f(x), df is the $1 \times n_x$ gradient of f, and d2f is the $n_x \times n_x$ Hessian H, where n_x is the number of elements in x.

The first input argument x takes one of two forms. If the constraint set is added with varsets empty or missing, then x will be the full optimization vector. Otherwise it will be a cell array of vectors corresponding to the variable sets specified in varsets.

For example, suppose our problem has three sets of nonlinear costs, $f_1(x_1)$, $f_2(x_2)$, $f_3(x)$, where x_1 and x_2 are as defined in Section 5.1.1 and x is the full optimization vector from (5.1). Let my_cost_fcn1 , my_cost_fcn2 , and my_cost_fcn3 functions that evaluate $f_1(x)$, $f_2(x)$, and $f_3(x)$ and their gradients and Hessians, respectively.

These three nonlinear cost sets can be added to the model with the names nl-ncost1, nlncost2, and nlncost3, using the add_nln_cost method as follows:

```
fcn1 = @(x)my_cost_fcn1(x, <other_args>);
fcn2 = @(x)my_cost_fcn2(x, <other_args>);
fcn3 = @(x)my_cost_fcn3(x, <other_args>);
om.add_nln_cost('nlncost1', 1, fcn1 {'v'});
om.add_nln_cost('nlncost2', 1, fcn2, {'u', 'w'});
om.add_nln_cost('nlncost3', 1, fcn3);
```

In this case, the x variable passed to the my_cost_fcn functions will be as follows:

```
• my_cost_fcn1 \longrightarrow x = {v}
• my_cost_fcn2 \longrightarrow x = {u, w}
• my_cost_fcn3 \longrightarrow x = [u; v; w]
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

5.4 Solving the Model

```
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = om.solve()
[x, f, exitflag, output, lambda] = om.solve(opt)
```

After all variables, constraints and costs have been added to the model, the optimization problem can be solved simply by calling the solve method. This method automatically selects and calls, depending on the problem type, mplinsolve or one of the master solver interface functions from Section 4, namely qps_master, miqps_master, nlps_master, or nleqs_master. Note that one of the equation solvers, mplinsolve or nleqs_master is chosen if the model has only equality constraints, with no costs and no inequality constraints.

For details on the return values and the input options struct opt, see the descriptions of the individual solver functions in Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4. For linear equations, the solver and opt arguments for mplinsolve, described in Section 4.1 of the MIPS User's Manual, can be provided in opt.leq_opt.solver and opt.leq_opt.opt, respectively.

5.5 Accessing the Model

5.5.1 Indexing

For each type of variable, constraint or cost, MP-Opt-Model maintains indexing information for each named set that is added, including the number of elements and the starting and ending indices. For each set type, this information is stored in a struct idx with fields N, i1, and iN, for storing number of elements, starting index and ending index, respectively. Each of these fields is also a struct with field names corresponding to the named sets.

For example, if vv is the struct of indexing information for variables, and we have added the u, v, and w variables as in Section 5.1, then the contents of vv will be as shown in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1: Example Indexing Data

field	value	description
vv.N.u vv.N.v vv.N.w vv.i1.u vv.i1.v	n_u n_v n_w 1 $n_u + 1$	number of u variables number of v variables number of w variables starting index of u in full x starting index of v in full x
vv.i1.w vv.iN.u vv.iN.v vv.iN.w	$n_u + n_v + 1$ n_u $n_u + n_v$ $n_u + n_v + n_w$	starting index of w in full x ending index of u in full x ending index of v in full x ending index of w in full x

get_idx

```
[idx1, idx2, ...] = om.get_idx(set_type1, set_type2, ...);
vv = om.get_idx('var');
[ll, nne, nni] = om.get_idx('lin', 'nle', 'nli');

vv = om.get_idx()
[vv, ll] = om.get_idx()
[vv, ll, nne] = om.get_idx()
[vv, ll, nne, nni] = om.get_idx()
[vv, ll, nne, nni] = om.get_idx()
[vv, ll, nne, nni, qq] = om.get_idx()
```

The idx struct of indexing information for each set type is available via the get_idx method. When called with one or more set type strings as inputs, it returns the corresponding indexing structs. The list of valid set type strings is shown in Table 5-2. When called without input arguments, the indexing structs are simply returned in the order listed in the table.

For the example model built in Sections 5.1–5.3, where x and lambda are return values from the solve method, we can, for example, access the solved value of v and the shadow prices on the **nlncon3** constraints with the following code.

```
[vv, nne] = om.get_idx('var', 'nle');
v = x(vv.i1.v:vv.iN.v);
lam_nln3 = lambda.ineqnonlin(nni.i1.nlncon3:nni.iN.nlncon3);
```

Table 5-2: Example Indexing Data

var name*	description
vv	variables
11	linear constraints
nne	nonlinear equality constraints
nni	nonlinear inequality constraints
qq	quadratic costs
nnc	general nonlinear costs
	11 nne nni qq

^{*} The name of the variable used by convention for this indexing struct.

getN

```
N = om.getN(set_type)
N = om.getN(set_type, name)
N = om.getN(set_type, name, idx_list)
```

The getN method can be used to get the number of elements in a particular named set, or the total for the set type. For example, the number n_v of elements in variable v and total number of elements in the full optimization variable x can be obtained as follows.

```
nx = om.getN('var');
nv = om.getN('var', 'v');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

describe_idx

```
label = om.describe_idx(set_type, idxs)
```

Given a particular index (or set of indices) for the full set of variables or constraints of a particular type, the describe_idx method can be used to show which element of which particular named set the index corresponds to. This can be useful when a solver reports an issue with a particular variable or constraint and you want to map it back to the named sets you have added to your model.

Consider an example in which element 38 of the linear constraints corresponds to the 11th row of **lincon3** and elements 15 and 23 of the optimization vector x correspond to element 7 of v and element 4 of w, respectively. The describe_idx method can be used to return this information as follows:

```
>> lin38 = om.describe_idx('lin', 38)
lin38 =
    'lincon3(11)'

>> vars15_23 = om.describe_idx('var', [15; 23])

vars15_23 =
    2x1 cell array
    {'v(7)'}
    {'w(4)'}
```

5.5.2 Variables

params_var

```
[v0, v1, vu] = om.params_var()
[v0, v1, vu] = om.params_var(name)
[v0, v1, vu] = om.params_var(name, idx_list)
[v0, v1, vu, vt] = params_var(...)
```

The params_var method returns the initial value v0, lower bound v1 and upper bound vu for the full optimization variable vector x, or for a specific named variable set. Optionally also returns a corresponding char vector vt of variable types, where 'C', 'I' and 'B' represent continuous integer and binary variables, respectively.

Examples:

```
[x0, xmin, xmax] = om.params_var();
[w0, wlb, wtype] = om.params_var('w');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

5.5.3 Constraints

params_lin_constraint

```
[A, 1, u] = om.params_lin_constraint()
[A, 1, u] = om.params_lin_constraint(name)
[A, 1, u] = om.params_lin_constraint(name, idx_list)
[A, 1, u, vs] = om.params_lin_constraint(...)
[A, 1, u, vs, i1, in] = om.params_lin_constraint(...)
```

With no input parameters, the params_lin_constraint method assembles and returns the parameters for the aggregate linear constraints from all linear constraint sets added using add_lin_constraint. The values of these parameters are cached for subsequent calls. The parameters are A, l, and u, where the linear constraint is of the form

$$l < Ax < u. (5.16)$$

If a name is provided then it simply returns the parameters for the corresponding named set. An optional 4th output argument vs indicates the variable sets used by this constraint set. The size of A will be consistent with vs. Optional 5th and 6th output arguments i1 and iN indicate the starting and ending row indices of the corresponding constraint set in the full aggregate constraint matrix.

Examples:

```
[A, 1, u] = om.params_lin_constraint();
[A, 1, u, vs, i1, iN] = om.params_lin_constraint('lincon2');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

params_nln_constraint

```
N = om.params_nln_constraint(iseq, name)
N = om.params_nln_constraint(iseq, name, idx_list)
[N, fcn] = om.params_nln_constraint(...)
[N, fcn, hess] = om.params_nln_constraint(...)
[N, fcn, hess, vs] = om.params_nln_constraint(...)
[N, fcn, hess, vs, include] = om.params_nln_constraint(...)
```

Returns the parameters N, and optionally fcn, and hess provided when the corresponding named nonlinear constraint set was added to the model. Likewise for

indexed named sets specified by name and idx_list. The iseq input should be set to 1 for equality constrainst and to 0 for inequality constraints.

An optional 4th output argument vs indicates the variable sets used by this constraint set.

And, for constraint sets whose functions compute the constraints for another set, an optional 5th output argument returns a struct with a cell array of set names in the 'name' field and an array of corresponding dimensions in the 'N' field.

eval_nln_constraint

```
g = om.eval_nln_constraint(x, iseq)
g = om.eval_nln_constraint(x, iseq, name)
g = om.eval_nln_constraint(x, iseq, name, idx_list)
[g, dg] = om.eval_nln_constraint(...)
```

Builds the nonlinear equality constraints g(x) or inequality constraints h(x) and optionally their gradients for the full set of constraints or an individual named subset for a given value of the optimization vector x, based on constraints added by add_nln_constraint, where g(x) = 0 and $h(x) \leq 0$.

Examples:

```
[g, dg] = om.eval_nln_constraint(x, 1);
[h, dh] = om.eval_nln_constraint(x, 0);
```

eval_nln_constraint_hess

```
d2G = om.eval_nln_constraint_hess(x, lam, iseq)
```

Builds the Hessian of the full set of nonlinear equality constraints g(x) or inequality constraints h(x) for given values of the optimization vector x and dual variables lam, based on constraints added by add_nln_constraint, where g(x) = 0 and $h(x) \le 0$.

Examples:

```
d2G = om.eval_nln_constraint_hess(x, lam, 1)
d2H = om.eval_nln_constraint_hess(x, lam, 0)
```

5.5.4 Costs

params_quad_cost

```
[Q, c] = om.params_quad_cost()
[Q, c] = om.params_quad_cost(name)
[Q, c] = om.params_quad_cost(name, idx_list)
[Q, c, k] = om.params_quad_cost(...)
[Q, c, k, vs] = om.params_quad_cost(...)
```

With no input parameters, the params_quad_cost method assembles and returns the parameters for the aggregate quadratic cost from all quadratic cost sets added using add_quad_cost. The values of these parameters are cached for subsequent calls. The parameters are Q, c, and optionally k, where the quadratic cost is of the form

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{\mathsf{T}}Qx + c^{\mathsf{T}}x + k. \tag{5.17}$$

If a name is provided then it simply returns the parameters for the corresponding named set. In this case, Q and k may be vectors, corresponding to a cost function f(x) where the *i*-th element takes the form

$$f_i(x) = \frac{1}{2}Q_i x_i^2 + c_i x_i + k_i, (5.18)$$

depending on how the constraint set was initially specified.

An optional 4th output argument vs indicates the variable sets used by this cost set. The size of Q and c will be consistent with vs.

Examples:

```
[Q, c, k] = om.params_quad_cost();
[Q, c, k, vs, i1, iN] = om.params_quad_cost('qcost2');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

params_nln_cost

```
[N, fcn] = om.params_nln_cost(name)
[N, fcn] = om.params_nln_cost(name, idx_list)
[N, fcn, vs] = om.params_nln_cost(...)
```

Returns the parameters N and fcn provided when the corresponding named general nonlinear cost set was added to the model. Likewise for indexed named sets specified by name and idx_list.

An optional 3rd output argument vs indicates the variable sets used by this constraint set.

eval_quad_cost

```
f = om.eval_quad_cost(x ...)
[f, df] = om.eval_quad_cost(x ...)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x ...)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x, name)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x, name, idx_list)
```

The eval_quad_cost method evaluates the cost function and its derivatives for an individual named set or the full set of quadratic costs for a given value of the optimization vector x, based on costs added by add_quad_cost.

Examples:

```
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x);
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x, 'qcost3');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

eval_nln_cost

```
f = om.eval_nln_cost(x)
[f, df] = om.eval_nln_cost(x)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_nln_cost(x)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_nln_cost(x, name)
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_nln_cost(x, name, idx_list)
```

The eval_nln_cost method evaluates the cost function and its derivatives for an individual named set or the full set of general nonlinear costs for a given value of the optimization vector x, based on costs added by add_nln_cost.

Examples:

```
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x);
[f, df, d2f] = om.eval_quad_cost(x, 'nlncost2');
```

See Section 5.6 for details on indexed named sets and the idx_list argument.

5.6 Indexed Sets

A variable, constraint or cost set is typically identified simply by a name, but it is also possible to used indexed names. For example, an optimal scheduling problem with a one week horizon might include a vector variable \mathbf{y} for each day, indexed from 1 to 7, and another vector variable \mathbf{z} for each hour of each day, indexed from (1, 1) to (7, 24).

In this case, we case use a single indexed named set for \mathbf{y} and another for \mathbf{z} . The dimensions are initialized via the <code>init_indexed_name</code> method before adding the variables to the model.²²

init_indexed_name

```
om.init_indexed_name(set_type, name, dim_list)
```

Examples:

```
[f, df, d2f] = om.init_indexed_name('var', 'y', {7});
[f, df, d2f] = om.init_indexed_name('var', 'z', {7, 24});
```

After initializing the dimensions, indexed named sets of variables, constraints or costs can be added by supplying the indices in the idx_list argument following the name argument in the call to the corresponding add_var, add_lin_constraint, add_quad_cost, or add_nln_cost method. The idx_list argument is simply a cell array containing the indices of interest.

Examples:

```
for d = 1:7
    om.add_var('y', {d}, ny(d), y0{d}, y1{d}, yu{d}, yt{d});
end
for d = 1:7
    for h = 1:24
        om.add_var('z', {d, h}, nz(d, h), z0{d, h}, z1{d, h}, zu{d, h});
end
end
```

²²The same is true for indexed named sets of constraints or costs.

Other Methods

All of the methods that take a name argument to specify a simple named set, can also take an idx_list argument immediately following name to handle the equivalent indexed named set. The idx_list argument is simply a cell array containing the indices of interest. This includes getN and the methods that begin with add_, params_, and eval_.²³

For an indexed named set, the fields under the N, i1 and iN fields in the index information struct returned by get_idx are now arrays of the appropriate dimension, not just scalars as in Table 5-1. For example, to find the starting index of the z variable for day 2, hour 13 in our example you would use vv.i1.z(2, 13). Similarly for the values returned by getN when specifying only the set_type and name.

Variable Subsets

A variable subset for a simple named set, usually specified by the variable varsets or else vs, is a cell array of variable set names. For indexed named sets of variables, on the other hand, it is a struct array with two fields name and idx. For each element of the struct array the name field contains the name of the variable set and the idx field contains a cell array of indices of interest.

For example, to specify a variable subset consisting of the \mathbf{y} variable for day 3 and the \mathbf{z} variable for day 3, hour 7, the variable subset could be defined as follows.

```
vs = struct('name', {'y', 'z'}, 'idx', {{3}, {3,7}});
```

5.7 Miscellaneous Methods

5.7.1 Public Methods

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```
om2 = om.copy()
```

The copy method can be used to make a copy of an MP-Opt-Model object.

²³Currently, eval_nln_constraint and eval_nln_constraint_hess are only implemented for the full aggregate set of constraints and do not yet support evaluation of individual constraint sets.

display

om

The display method displays the variable, constraint and cost sets that make up the model, along with their indexing data.

get_userdata

```
data = om.get_userdata(name)
```

MP-Opt-Model allows the user to store arbitrary data in fields of the userdata property, which is a simple struct. The get_userdata method returns the value of the field specified by name, or an empty matrix if the field does not exist in om.userdata.

is_mixed_integer

```
TorF = om.is_mixed_integer()
```

Returns 1 if any of the variables are binary or integer, 0 otherwise.

problem_type

```
prob_type = om.problem_type()
```

Returns a string identifying the type of mathematical program represented by the current model, based on the variables, costs, and constraints that have been added to the model. Used to automatically select an appropriate solver.

Linear and nonlinear equations are models with no costs, no inequality constraints, and an equal number of continuous variables and equality constraints.

The prob_type string is one of the following:

- 'LEQ' linear equation
- 'NLEQ' nonlinear equation
- 'LP' linear program
- 'QP' quadratic program
- 'NLP' nonlinear program
- 'MILP' mixed-integer linear program
- 'MIQP' mixed-integer quadratic program
- 'MINLP' mixed-integer nonlinear program²⁴

²⁴MP-Opt-Model does not yet implement solving MINLP problems.

varsets_cell2struct

```
varsets = om.varsets_cell2struct(varsets)
```

Converts variable subset varsets from a cell array to a struct array, if necessary.

varsets_idx

```
k = om.varsets_idx(varsets)
```

Returns a vector of indices into the full optimization vector x corresponding to the variable sets specified by varsets.

varsets len

```
nv = om.varsets_len(varsets)
```

Returns the total number of elements in the optimization sub-vector specified by varsets.

$varsets_x$

```
x = om.varsets_x(x, varsets)
x = om.varsets_x(x, varsets, 'vector')
```

Returns a cell array of sub-vectors of x specified by varsets, or the full optimization vector x, if varsets is empty.

If a 3rd argument is present (value is ignored) the returned value is a single numeric vector with the individual components stacked vertically.

5.7.2 Private Methods

def_set_types

```
om.def_set_types()
```

The def_set_types method is a *private* method that assigns a struct to the set_types property of the object. The fields of the struct correspond to the valid set types listed in Table 5-2.

```
om.init_set_types()
```

Initializes the base data structures for each set type.

5.8 MATPOWER Index Manager Base Class - mp_idx_manager

Most of the functionality of the opt_model class related to managing the indexing of the various set types is inherited from the MATPOWER Index Manager base class named mp_idx_manager. The properties and methods implemented in this base class and inherited or overridden by opt_model are listed in Table 5-3.

The MATPOWER Index Manager base class initializes and manages the data that is common across all set types. Table 5-4 illustrates for an example 'var' set type, such as defined in opt_model, what the data structure looks like, but it is the same for any other set types defined by child classes, such as opt_model.

Table 5-3: Matpower Index Manager ($mp_idx_manager$) Properties and Methods

name	description
Properties	
$\mathtt{set}_{\mathtt{-}} \mathtt{types}$	struct whose fields define the valid set types*
userdata	struct for storing arbitrary user-defined data
Public Methods	
${\tt mp_idx_manager}$	constructor for mp_idx_manager class
сору	makes a copy of an existing mp_idx_manager object
$\mathtt{describe_idx}$	identifies indices of a given set type
	E.g. variable 361 corresponds to w(68)
${ t display_set}$	displays indexing for a particular set type
get	access (possibly nested) fields of the object
$\mathtt{get_idx}$	returns index structure(s) for specified set type(s), with start-
	ing/ending indices and number of elements for each named (and optionally indexed) block
$\mathtt{get}_\mathtt{userdata}$	retreives values of user data stored in the object
getN	returns the number of elements of any given set type [†]
init_indexed_name	initializes dimensions for a particular indexed named set
$Private\ Methods^{\ddagger}$	
$\mathtt{add_named_set}$	adds indexing information for new instance of a given set type
${ t init_set_types}$	initializes the data structures for each set type
valid_named_set_type	returns label for given named set type if valid, empty otherwise

^{*} This value is initialized automatically by the def_set_types method of the sub-class.

† For all, or alternatively, only for a named (and possibly indexed) subset.

‡ For internal use only.

Table 5-4: MATPOWER Index Manager (mp_idx_manager) Object Structure

name	description
obj	
.set_types	struct whose fields define the valid set types
.var	data for 'var' set type, e.g. variable sets that make up the full optimization variable \boldsymbol{x}
.idx	
.i1	starting index within x
.iN	ending index within x
. N	number of elements in this variable set
. N	total number of elements in x
.NS	number of variable sets or named blocks
.data	additional set-type-specific data for each block [†]
.order	struct array of names/indices for variable blocks in the order they appear in \boldsymbol{x}
.name	name of the block, e.g. z
.idx	indices for name, $\{2,3\} \rightarrow z(2,3)$
. <other-set-types></other-set-types>	with structure identical to var
.userdata	struct for storing arbitrary user-defined data

[†] For the 'var' set type in opt_model, this is a struct with fields v0, v1, vu, and vt for storing initial value, lower and upper bounds, and variable type. For other set types

5.9 Reference

5.9.1Properties

The properties in opt_model consist of those inherited from the base class, plus one corresponding to each set type.

Table 5-5: opt_model Properties

name	description
set_types [†]	struct whose fields define the valid set types*
$ extsf{var}^{\ddagger}$	data for 'var' set type, variables
\mathtt{lin}^{\ddagger}	data for 'lin' set type, linear constraints
\mathtt{nle}^{\ddagger}	data for 'nle' set type, nonlinear equality constraints
\mathtt{nli}^{\ddagger}	data for 'nli' set type, nonlinear inequality constraints
qdc [‡]	data for 'qdc' set type, quadratic costs
\mathtt{nlc}^{\ddagger}	data for 'nlc' set type, general nonlinear costs
${\tt userdata}^{\dagger}$	struct for storing arbitrary user-defined data

^{*} This value is initialized automatically by the def_set_types method of the sub-

Methods 5.9.2

[†] Inherited from Matpower Index Manager base class, mp_idx_manager.

‡ See var field in Table 5-4 for details of the structure of this field. The only difference between set types is the structure of the data sub-field.

Table 5-6: opt_model Methods

name	description
Public Methods	
add_lin_constraint	add linear constraint set, see Section 5.2.1
$\mathtt{add_nln_constraint}$	add general nonlinear constraint set, see Section 5.2.2
add_nln_cost	add general nonlinear cost set, see Section 5.3.2
add_quad_cost	add quadratic cost set, see Section 5.3.1
$\mathtt{add}_\mathtt{var}$	add variable set, see Section 5.1
\mathtt{copy}^\dagger	makes a copy of an existing opt_model object
$\texttt{describe_idx}^\dagger$	identifies indices of a given set type, see Section 5.5.1
display	displays variable, constraint and cost sets, see Section 5.7.1
$\texttt{display_set}^\dagger$	displays indexing for a particular set type, called by display
$\verb eval_nln_constraint \\$	builds full set of nonlinear equality or inequality constraints and
	their gradients for given value of x , see Section 5.5.3
${\tt eval_nln_constraint_hess}$	builds Hessian for full set of nonlinear equality or inequality con-
	straints for given value of x , see Section 5.5.3
eval_nln_cost	evaluates nonlinear cost function and its derivatives [‡] for given
	value of x , see Section 5.5.4
$\verb eval_quad_cost $	evaluates quadratic cost function and its derivatives [‡] for given
	value of x , see Section 5.5.4
get [†]	access (possibly nested) fields of the object
$\texttt{get_idx}^\dagger$	returns index structures for specified set types, see Section 5.5.1
$\mathtt{get_userdata}^\dagger$	retreives values of user data stored in the object
\mathtt{getN}^{\dagger}	returns the number of elements of any given set type [‡]
$ ext{init_indexed_name}^\dagger$	initializes dimensions for a particular indexed named set
${\tt is_mixed_integer}$	returns 1 if any of the variables are binary or integer, 0 otherwise
params_lin_constraint	assembles and returns parameters for linear constraints [‡]
$params_quad_cost$	assembles and returns parameters for quadratic costs [‡]
params_var	assembles and returns inital values, bounds, types for variables [‡]
problem_type	type of mathematical program represented by current model
solve	solves the model, see Section 5.4
varsets_cell2struct	converts variable subset varsets from cell array to struct array
varsets_idx	returns vector of indices into x corresponding to varsets
varsets_len	returns number of elements in sub-vector specified by varsets
varsets_x	returns cell array of sub-vectors of x specified by varsets
$Private\ Methods^*$	
${\tt add_named_set}^{\S}$	adds information for new instance of a given set type
def_set_types	initializes the set_types property
$ t init_set_types^\S$	initializes the data structures for each set type
valid_named_set_type [†]	returns label for given named set type if valid, empty otherwise

^{*} For internal use only.

† Inherited from Matpower Index Manager base class, mp_idx_manager.

‡ For all, or alternatively, only for a named (and possibly indexed) subset.

§ Overrides and augments method inherited from Matpower Index Manager base class, mp_idx_manager.

6 Utility Functions

6.1 have_fcn

```
TorF = have_fcn(tag)
TorF = have_fcn(tag, toggle)
ver_str = have_fcn(tag, 'vstr')
ver_num = have_fcn(tag, 'vnum')
rdate = have_fcn(tag, 'date')
info = have_fcn(tag, 'all')
```

The have_fcn function provides a unified mechanism for testing for optional functionality, such as the presence of certain solvers, or to detect whether the code is running under Matlab or Octave. Since its results are cached they allow for a very quick way to check frequently for functionality that may initially be a bit more costly to determine. For installed functionality, have_fcn also determines the installed version and release date, if possible. The optional second argument, when it is a string, defines which value is returned, as follows:

- empty 1 if optional functionality is available, 0 if not available
- 'vstr' version number as a string (e.g. '3.11.4')
- 'vnum' version number as numeric value (e.g. 3.011004)
- 'date' release date as a string (e.g. '20-Jan-2015')
- 'all' struct with fields named av (for "availability"), vstr, vnum and date, and values corresponding to each of the above, respectively.

Alternatively, the optional functionality specified by tag can be toggled OFF or ON by calling have_fcn with a numeric second argument toggle with one of the following values:

- 0 turn OFF the optional functionality
- 1 turn ON the optional functionality (if available)
- -1 toggle the ON/OFF state of the optional functionality

The valid values of the tag string input argument are listed in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1: Valid Tag Values for have_fcn

tag value	description
bpmpd	bp, BPMPD interior point LP/QP solver
clp	CLP, LP/QP solver, https://github.com/coin-or/Clp
opti_clp	version of CLP distributed with OPTI Toolbox,
	https://www.inverseproblem.co.nz/OPTI/
cplex	CPLEX, IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimizer
fmincon	fmincon, solver from Optimization Toolbox
${\tt fmincon_ipm}$	fmincon with interior point solver from Optimization Toolbox 4.x+
fsolve	fsolve, nonlinear equation solver from Optimization Toolbox
glpk	glpk, GNU Linear Programming Kit, LP/MILP solver
gurobi	gurobi, Gurobi solver, https://www.gurobi.com/
intlinprog	intlinprog, MILP solver from Optimization Toolbox 7.0 (R2014a)+
ipopt	IPOPT, NLP solver, https://github.com/coin-or/Ipopt
knitro	Artelys Knitro, NLP solver, https://www.artelys.com/solvers/knitro/
knitromatlab	Artelys Knitro, version 9.0.0+
ktrlink	Knitro, version prior to 9.0.0 (requires Optimization Toolbox)
linprog	linprog, LP solver from Optimization Toolbox
${\tt linprog_ds}$	linprog w/dual-simplex solver from Optimization Toolbox 7.1 (R2014b)+
matlab	Matlab, as opposed to Octave
mosek	MOSEK, LP/QP solver, https://www.mosek.com/
octave	GNU Octave, as opposed to MATLAB
optimoptions	optimoptions, option setting function for Optimization Toolbox 6.3+
pardiso	PARDISO, Parallel Sparse Direct & Iterative Linear Solver,
	https://pardiso-project.org
quadprog	quadprog, QP solver from Optimization Toolbox
${\tt quadprog_ls}$	quadprog with large-scale interior point convex solver from
	Optimization Toolbox 6.x+
sdpt3	SDPT3 SDP solver, https://github.com/sqlp/sdpt3
sedumi	SeDuMi SDP solver, http://sedumi.ie.lehigh.edu
yalmip	YALMIP modeling platform, https://yalmip.github.io
Functionality related	to Matpower
e4st	E4ST, http://www.e4st.com/
minopf	minopf, MINOPF, MINOS-based optimal power flow (OPF) solver
most	MOST, MATPOWER Optimal Scheduling Tool
pdipmopf	PDIPMOPF, primal-dual interior point method OPF solver
scpdipmopf	SCPDIPMOPF, step-controlled PDIPM OPF solver
sdp_pf	SDP_PF, applications of SDP relaxation of power flow equations
smartmarket	runmarket and friends, for running an energy auction
syngrid	SynGrid, Synthetic Grid Creation for MATPOWER
tralmopf	TRALMOPF, trust region based augmented Langrangian OPF solver

6.2 mpomver

```
mpomver
v = mpomver
v = mpomver('all')
```

Prints or returns MP-Opt-Model version information for the current installation. When called without an input argument, it returns a string with the version number. Without an input argument it returns a struct with fields Name, Version, Release, and Date, all of which are strings. Calling mpomver without assigning the return value prints the version and release date of the current installation of MP-Opt-Model.

6.3 nested_struct_copy

```
ds = nested_struct_copy(d, s)
ds = nested_struct_copy(d, s, opt)
```

The nested_struct_copy function copies values from a source struct s to a destination struct d in a nested, recursive manner. That is, the value of each field in s is copied directly to the corresponding field in d, unless that value is itself a struct, in which case the copy is done via a recursive call to nested_struct_copy. Certain aspects of the copy behavior can be controlled via the optional options struct opt, including the possible checking of valid field names.

6.4 Matpower-related Functions

The following three functions are related specifically to MATPOWER, and are used for extracting relevant solver options from a MATPOWER options struct.

6.4.1 mpopt2nleqopt

```
nleqopt = mpopt2nleqopt(mpopt)
nleqopt = mpopt2nleqopt(mpopt, model)
nleqopt = mpopt2nleqopt(mpopt, model, alg)
```

The mpopt2nleqopt function returns an options struct suitable for nleqs_master or one of the solver specific equivalents. It is constructed from the relevant portions of mpopt, a MATPOWER options struct. The final alg argument allows the solver to be set explicitly (in nleqopt.alg). By default this value is set to 'DEFAULT', which currently selects Newton's method.

6.4.2 mpopt2nlpopt

```
nlpopt = mpopt2nlpopt(mpopt)
nlpopt = mpopt2nlpopt(mpopt, model)
nlpopt = mpopt2nlpopt(mpopt, model, alg)
```

The mpopt2nlpopt function returns an options struct suitable for nlps_master or one of the solver specific equivalents. It is constructed from the relevant portions of mpopt, a MATPOWER options struct. The final alg argument allows the solver to be set explicitly (in nlpopt.alg). By default this value is taken from mpopt.opf.ac.solver.

When the solver is set to 'DEFAULT', this function currently defaults to MIPS.

6.4.3 mpopt2qpopt

```
qpopt = mpopt2qpopt(mpopt)
qpopt = mpopt2qpopt(mpopt, model)
qpopt = mpopt2qpopt(mpopt, model, alg)
```

The mpopt2qpopt function returns an options struct suitable for qps_master, miqps_master or one of the solver specific equivalents. It is constructed from the relevant portions of mpopt, a MATPOWER options struct. The model argument specifies whether the problem to be solved is an LP, QP, MILP or MIQP problem to allow for the selection of a suitable default solver. The final alg argument allows the solver to be set explicitly (in qpopt.alg). By default this value is taken from mpopt.opf.dc.solver.

When the solver is set to 'DEFAULT', this function also selects the best available solver that is applicable²⁵ to the specific problem class, based on the following precedence: Gurobi, CPLEX, MOSEK, Optimization Toolbox, GLPK, BPMPD, MIPS.

²⁵GLPK is not available for problems with quadratic costs (QP and MIQP), BPMPD and MIPS are not available for mixed-integer problems (MILP and MIQP), and the Optimization Toolbox is not an option for problems that combine the two (MIQP).

Appendix A MP-Opt-Model Files, Functions and Classes

This appendix lists all of the files, functions and classes that MP-Opt-Model provides. In most cases, the function is found in a MATLAB M-file in the lib directory of the distribution, where the .m extension is omitted from this listing. For more information on each, at the MATLAB/Octave prompt, simply type help followed by the name of the function. For documentation and other files, the filename extensions are included.

Table A-1: MP-Opt-Model Files and Functions

name	description
AUTHORS	list of authors and contributors
CHANGES	MP-Opt-Model change history
CITATION	info on how to cite MP-Opt-Model
CONTRIBUTING.md	notes on how to contribute to the MP-Opt-Model project
LICENSE	MP-Opt-Model license (3-clause BSD license)
README.md	basic introduction to MP-Opt-Model
docs/	
MP-Opt-Model-manual.pdf	MP-Opt-Model User's Manual
<pre>src/MP-Opt-Model-manual/</pre>	
MP-Opt-Model-manual.tex	LaTeX source for MP-Opt-Model User's Manual
lib/	MP-Opt-Model software (see Tables A-2, A-4, A-5 and A-6)
t/	MP-Opt-Model tests (see Table A-7)

Table A-2: Solver Functions

name	description
miqps_master	Mixed-Integer Quadratic Program Solver wrapper function, provides a unified interface for various MIQP/MILP solvers
$\mathtt{miqps_cplex}$	MIQP/MILP solver API implementation for CPLEX (cplexmiqp and cplexmilp) †
miqps_glpk	MILP solver API implementation for GLPK [†]
${\tt miqps_gurobi}$	MIQP/MILP solver API implementation for Gurobi [†]
${\tt miqps_mosek}$	MIQP/MILP solver API implementation for MOSEK (mosekopt) [†]
miqps_ot	QP/MILP solver API implementation for MATLAB Opt Toolbox's intlinprog, quadprog, linprog
nleqs_master	Nonlinear Equation Solver wrapper function, provides a unified interface for various nonlinear equation (NLEQ) solvers
nleqs_core	core NLEQ solver API implementation with arbitrary update function, used to implement nleqs_gauss_seidel and nleqs_newton
nleqs_fd_newton	NLEQ solver API implementation for fast-decoupled Newton's method solver
nleqs_fsolve	NLEQ solver API implementation for fsolve
nleqs_gauss_seidel	NLEQ solver API implementation for Gauss-Seidel method solver
nleqs_newton	NLEQ solver API implementation for Newton's method solver
nlps_master	Nonlinear Program Solver wrapper function, provides a unified interface for various NLP solvers
${\tt nlps_fmincon}$	NLP solver API implementation for Matlab Opt Toolbox's fmincon
${ t nlps_ipopt}$	NLP solver API implementation for IPOPT-based solver [†]
nlps_knitro	NLP solver API implementation for Artelys Knitro-based solver [†]
qps_master	Quadratic Program Solver wrapper function, provides a unified interface for various QP/LP solvers
qps_bpmpd	QP/LP solver API implementation for BPMPD_MEX †
${\tt qps_clp}$	QP/LP solver API implementation for CLP [†]
$\mathtt{qps_cplex}$	QP/LP solver API implementation for CPLEX (cplexqp and cplexlp) [†]
qps_glpk	QP/LP solver API implementation for GLPK [†]
qps_gurobi	QP/LP solver API implementation for Gurobi [†]
qps_ipopt	QP/LP solver API implementation for IPOPT-based solver [†]
qps_mosek	QP/LP solver API implementation for MOSEK (mosekopt) [†]
qps_ot	QP/LP solver API implementation for MATLAB Opt Toolbox's quadprog, linprog
	deprecated functions
miqps_matpower	use miqps_master instead
qps_matpower	use qps_master instead

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ Requires the installation of an optional package. See Appendix $^{\mathbf{B}}$ for details on the corresponding package.

Table A-3: Solver Options, etc.

name	description
clp_options cplex_options glpk_options gurobi_options gurobiver ipopt_options mosek_options mosek_symbcon	default options for CLP solver [†] default options for CPLEX solver [†] default options for GLPK solver [†] default options for Gurobi solver [†] prints version information for Gurobi/Gurobi_MEX default options for IPOPT solver [†] default options for MOSEK solver [†] symbolic constants to use for MOSEK solver options [†]

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ Requires the installation of an optional package. See Appendix B for details on the corresponding package.

Table A-4: Optimization Model Class

name	description
<pre>@opt_model/</pre>	optimization model class (subclass of mp_idx_manager)
opt_model	constructor for the opt_model class
$\mathtt{add_lin_constraint}$	adds a named subset of linear constraints to the model
${\tt add_named_set}^\dagger$	adds a named subset of costs, constraints or variables to the model
$\mathtt{add_nln_constraint}$	adds a named subset of nonlinear constraints to the model
add_nln_cost	adds a named subset of general nonlinear costs to the model
add_quad_cost	adds a named subset of quadratic costs to the model
add_var	adds a named subset of optimization variables to the model
display	called to display object when statement not ended with semicolon
$eval_nln_constraint$	returns full set of nonlinear equality or inequality constraints and
	their gradients
eval_nln_constraint_hess	returns Hessian for full set of nonlinear equality or inequality con-
	straints
eval_nln_cost	evaluates general nonlinear costs and derivatives
eval_quad_cost	evaluates quadratic costs and derivatives
$\mathtt{get_idx}$	returns the idx struct for vars, lin/nln constraints, costs
$init_indexed_name$	initializes dimensions for indexed named set of costs, constraints
	or variables
is_mixed_integer	indicates whether any of the variables are binary or integer
params_lin_constraint	returns individual or full set of linear constraint parameters
params_nln_constraint	returns individual nonlinear constraint parameters
params_nln_cost	returns individual general nonlinear cost parameters
params_quad_cost	returns individual or full set of quadratic cost coefficients
params_var	returns initial values, bounds and variable type for optimimization
	vector \hat{x}^{\ddagger}
${ t problem_type}$	indicates type of mathematical program (e.g. LP, QP, MILP,
	MIQP, or NLP)
solve	solves the optimization model
$ ext{varsets_cell2struct}^\dagger$	converts variable set list from cell array to struct array
$ ext{varsets_idx}$	returns vector of indices into opt vector \hat{x} for variable set list
varsets_len	returns total number of optimization variables for variable set list
$varsets_x$	assembles cell array of sub-vectors of opt vector \hat{x} specified by
2	variable set list
nlp_consfcn [§]	evaluates nonlinear constraints and gradients for opt_model
${ t nlp_costfcn}^{\S}$	evaluates nonlinear costs, gradients, Hessian for opt_model
nlp_hessfcn§	evaluates nonlinear constraint Hessians for opt_model

[†] Private method for internal use only.

‡ For all, or alternatively, only for a named (and possibly indexed) subset.

§ Ideally should be implemented as a method of the opt_model class, but a bug in Octave 4.2.x and earlier prevents it from finding an inherited method via a function handle, which MP-Opt-Model requires.

Table A-5: MATPOWER Index Manager Class

name	description
@mp_idx_manager/	Matpower Index Manager abstract class used to manage indexing and ordering of various sets of parameters, etc. (e.g. variables, constraints, costs for OPF Model objects).
$\mathtt{mp_idx_manager}$	constructor for the mp_idx_manager class
$\mathtt{add_named_set}^\dagger$	add named subset of a particular type to the object
$\mathtt{describe_idx}$	identifies indices of a given set type
	E.g. variable 361 corresponds to Pg(68)
$\mathtt{get_idx}$	returns index structure(s) for specified set type(s), with starting/ending indices and number of elements for each named (and optionally indexed) block
$\mathtt{get}_\mathtt{userdata}$	retreives values of user data stored in the object
get	returns the value of a field of the object
getN	returns the number of elements of any given set type [‡]
${\tt init_indexed_name}$	initializes dimensions for a particular indexed named set
valid_named_set_type [†]	returns label for given named set type if valid, empty otherwise

Table A-6: Utility Functions

name	description
have_fcn mpomver	checks for availability of optional functionality prints version information for MP-Opt-Model
mpopt2nleqopt	create/modify nleqs_master options struct from MATPOWER options struct
mpopt2nlpopt	create/modify nlps_master options struct from MATPOWER options struct
mpopt2qpopt	create/modify mi/qps_master options struct from MATPOWER options struct
$nested_struct_copy$	copies the contents of nested structs

 $^{^\}dagger$ Private method for internal use only. ‡ For all, or alternatively, only for a named (and possibly indexed) subset.

Table A-7: MP-Opt-Model Examples & Tests

name	description
lib/t/	MP-Opt-Model examples & tests
${\tt nleqs_master_ex1}$	code for NLEQ Example 1 (see Section 4.4.1) for nleqs_master
$nleqs_master_ex2$	code for NLEQ Example 2 (see Section 4.4.2) for nleqs_master
${\tt nlps_master_ex1}$	code for NLP Example 1 (see Section 4.3.1) for nlps_master
${\tt nlps_master_ex2}$	code for NLP Example 2 (see Section 4.3.2) for nlps_master
qp_ex1	code for QP Example from Section 2.3
${\tt test_mp_opt_model}$	runs full MP-Opt-Model test suite
t_have_fcn	runs tests for have_fcn
t_miqps_master	runs tests of MILP/MIQP solvers via miqps_master
$t_nested_struct_copy$	runs tests for nested_struct_copy
t_nleqs_master	runs tests of NLEQ solvers via nleqs_master
t_nlps_master	runs tests of NLP solvers vianlps_master
${ t t_{-}om_solve_leqs}$	runs tests of LEQ solvers via om.solve()
${ t t}_{ t om}_{ t solve}$	runs tests of MILP/MIQP solvers via om.solve()
${ t t_{-}om_solve_nleqs}$	runs tests of NLEQ solvers via om.solve()
$t_{om_solve_nlps}$	runs tests of NLP solvers via om.solve()
$t_{om_solve_qps}$	runs tests of LP/QP solvers via om.solve()
t_opt_model	runs tests for opt_model objects
t_qps_master	runs tests of LP/QP solvers viaqps_master

Appendix B Optional Packages

There are a number of optional packages, not included in the MP-Opt-Model distribution, that MP-Opt-Model can utilize if they are installed in your MATLAB path.

B.1 BPMPD_MEX – MEX interface for BPMPD

BPMPD_MEX [8,9] is a MATLAB MEX interface to BPMPD, an interior point solver for quadratic programming developed by Csaba Mészáros at the MTA SZTAKI, Computer and Automation Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary. It can be used by MP-Opt-Model's QP/LP solver interface.

This MEX interface for BPMPD was coded by Carlos E. Murillo-Sánchez, while he was at Cornell University. It does not provide all of the functionality of BPMPD, however. In particular, the stand-alone BPMPD program is designed to read and write results and data from MPS and QPS format files, but this MEX version does not implement reading data from these files into MATLAB.

The current version of the MEX interface is based on version 2.21 of the BPMPD solver, implemented in Fortran. Builds are available for Linux (32-bit), Mac OS X (PPC, Intel 32-bit) and Windows (32-bit) at http://www.pserc.cornell.edu/bpmpd/.

When installed BPMPD_MEX can be used to solve general LP and QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master with the algorithm option set to 'BPMPD', or by calling qps_bpmpd directly.

B.2 CLP – COIN-OR Linear Programming

The CLP [10] (COIN-OR Linear Programming) solver is an open-source linear programming solver written in C++ by John Forrest. It can solve both linear programming (LP) and quadratic programming (QP) problems. It is primarily meant to be used as a callable library, but a basic, stand-alone executable version exists as well. It is available from the COIN-OR initiative at https://github.com/coin-or/Clp. To use CLP with MP-Opt-Model, a MEX interface is required²⁶. For Microsoft

²⁶According to David Gleich at html, there was a MATLAB MEX interface to CLP written by Johan Lofberg and available (at some point in the past) at http://control.ee.ethz.ch/~joloef/mexclp.zip. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, it seems it is no longer available there, but Davide Barcelli makes some precompiled MEX files for some platforms available here http://www.dii.unisi.it/~barcelli/software.php, and the ZIP file linked as Clp 1.14.3 contains the MEX source as well as a clp.m wrapper function with some rudimentary documentation.

Windows users, a pre-compiled MEX version of CLP (and numerous other solvers, such as GLPK and IPOPT) are easily installable as part of the OPTI Toolbox²⁷ [11]

With the MATLAB interface to CLP installed, it can be used to solve general LP and QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master with the algorithm option set to 'CLP', or by calling qps_clp directly.

B.3 CPLEX – High-performance LP, QP, MILP and MIQP Solvers

The IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimizer, or simply CPLEX, is a collection of optimization tools that includes high-performance solvers for large-scale linear programming (LP) and quadratic programming (QP) problems, among others. More information is available at https://www.ibm.com/analytics/cplex-optimizer.

Although CPLEX is a commercial package, at the time of this writing the full version is available to academics at no charge through the IBM Academic Initiative program for teaching and non-commercial research. See http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21419058 for more details.

When the MATLAB interface to CPLEX is installed, it can also be used to solve general LP, QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master, or MILP and MIQP problems via miqps_master, with the algorithm option set to 'CPLEX', or by calling qps_cplex or miqps_cplex directly.

B.4 GLPK – GNU Linear Programming Kit

The GLPK [12] (**G**NU **L**inear **P**rogramming **K**it) package is intended for solving large-scale linear programming (LP), mixed-integer programming (MIP), and other related problems. It is a set of routines written in ANSI C and organized in the form of a callable library.

To use GLPK with MP-Opt-Model, a MEX interface is required²⁸. For Microsoft Windows users, a pre-compiled MEX version of GLPK (and numerous other solvers, such as CLP and IPOPT) are easily installable as part of the OPTI Toolbox²⁹ [11].

When GLPK is installed, either as part of Octave or with a MEX interface for MATLAB, it can be used to solve general LP problems via MP-Opt-Model's com-

²⁷The OPTI Toolbox is available from https://www.inverseproblem.co.nz/OPTI/.

²⁸The http://glpkmex.sourceforge.net site and Davide Barcelli's page http://www.dii.unisi.it/~barcelli/software.php may be useful in obtaining the MEX source or pre-compiled binaries for Mac or Linux platforms.

²⁹The OPTI Toolbox is available from https://www.inverseproblem.co.nz/OPTI/.

mon QP solver interface qps_master, or MILP problems via miqps_master, with the algorithm option set to 'GLPK', or by calling qps_glpk or miqps_glpk directly.

B.5 Gurobi – High-performance LP, QP, MILP and MIQP Solvers

Gurobi [13] is a collection of optimization tools that includes high-performance solvers for large-scale linear programming (LP) and quadratic programming (QP) problems, among others. The project was started by some former CPLEX developers. More information is available at https://www.gurobi.com/.

Although Gurobi is a commercial package, at the time of this writing their is a free academic license available. See https://www.gurobi.com/academia/for-universities for more details.

When Gurobi is installed, it can be used to solve general LP and QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master, or MILP and MIQP problems via miqps_master, with the algorithm option set to 'GUROBI', or by calling qps_gurobi or miqps_gurobi directly.

B.6 IPOPT – Interior Point Optimizer

IPOPT [14] (Interior Point **OPT**imizer, pronounced I-P-Opt) is a software package for large-scale nonlinear optimization. It is is written in C++ and is released as open source code under the Common Public License (CPL). It is available from the COIN-OR initiative at https://github.com/coin-or/Ipopt. The code has been written by Carl Laird and Andreas Wächter, who is the COIN project leader for IPOPT.

MP-Opt-Model requires the MATLAB MEX interface to IPOPT, which is included in some versions of the IPOPT source distribution, but must be built separately. Additional information on the MEX interface is available at https://projects.coin-or.org/Ipopt/wiki/MatlabInterface. Please consult the IPOPT documentation, web-site and mailing lists for help in building and installing the IPOPT MATLAB interface. This interface uses callbacks to MATLAB functions to evaluate the objective function and its gradient, the constraint values and Jacobian, and the Hessian of the Lagrangian.

Precompiled MEX binaries for a high-performance version of IPOPT, using the PARDISO linear solver [15, 16], are available from the PARDISO project³⁰. For Microsoft Windows users, a pre-compiled MEX version of IPOPT (and numerous

³⁰See https://pardiso-project.org/ for the download links.

other solvers, such as CLP and GLPK) are easily installable as part of the OPTI Toolbox³¹ [11].

When installed, IPOPT can be used by MP-Opt-Model to solve general LP, QP and NLP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP and NLP solver interfaces qps_master and nlps_master with the algorithm option set to 'IPOPT', or by calling qps_ipopt or nlps_ipopt directly.

B.7 Artelys Knitro – Non-Linear Programming Solver

Artelys Knitro [17] is a general purpose optimization solver specializing in nonlinear problems, available from Artelys. As of version 9, Knitro includes a native MATLAB interface, knitromatlab³². More information is available at https://www.artelys.com/solvers/knitro/ and https://www.artelys.com/docs/knitro/.

Although Artelys Knitro is a commercial package, at the time of this writing there is a free academic license available, with details on their download page.

When installed, Knitro's MATLAB interface function, knitromatlab or ktrlink, can be used by MP-Opt-Model to solve general NLP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common NLP solver interface nlps_master with the algorithm option set to 'KNITRO', or by calling nlps_knitro directly.

B.8 MOSEK – High-performance LP, QP, MILP and MIQP Solvers

MOSEK is a collection of optimization tools that includes high-performance solvers for large-scale linear programming (LP) and quadratic programming (QP) problems, among others. More information is available at https://www.mosek.com/.

Although MOSEK is a commercial package, at the time of this writing there is a free academic license available. See https://www.mosek.com/products/academic-licenses/for more details.

When the MATLAB interface to MOSEK is installed, it can be used to solve general LP and QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master, or MILP and MIQP problems via miqps_master, with the algorithm option set to 'MOSEK', or by calling qps_mosek or miqps_mosek directly.

³¹The OPTI Toolbox is available from https://www.inverseproblem.co.nz/OPTI/.

³²Earlier versions required the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox from The MathWorks, which included an interface to the Knitro libraries called ktrlink, but the libraries themselves still had to be acquired directly from Ziena Optimization, LLC (subsequently acquired by Artelys).

B.9 Optimization Toolbox – LP, QP, NLP, NLEQ and MILP Solvers

MATLAB's Optimization Toolbox [18,19], available from The MathWorks, provides a number of high-performance solvers that MP-Opt-Model can take advantage of.

It includes fsolve for nonlinear equations (NLEQ), fmincon for nonlinear programming problems (NLP), and linprog and quadprog for linear programming (LP) and quadratic programming (QP) problems, respectively. For mixed-integer linear programs (MILP), it provides intlingprog. Each solver implements a number of different solution algorithms. More information is available from The MathWorks, Inc. at https://www.mathworks.com/.

When available, the Optimization Toolbox solvers can be used to solve general LP and QP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common QP solver interface qps_master, or MILP problems via miqps_master, with the algorithm option set to 'OT', or by calling qps_ot or miqps_ot directly. It can be to solve general NLP problems via MP-Opt-Model's common NLP solver interface nlps_master with the algorithm option set to 'FMINCON', or by calling nlps_fmincon directly. It can also be used to solve general NLEQ problems via MP-Opt-Model's common NLEQ solver interface nleqs_master with the algorithm option set to 'FSOLVE', or by calling nleqs_fsolve directly.

Appendix C Release History

The full release history can be found in CHANGES.md or online at https://github.com/MATPOWER/mp-opt-model/blob/master/CHANGES.md.

C.1 Version 0.7 – Jun 20, 2019

This release history begins with the code that was part of the MATPOWER 7.0 release.

C.2 Version 0.8 – Apr 29, 2020 (not released publicly)

This version consists of functionality moved directly from MATPOWER.³³ There is no User's Manual yet.

New Features

- New unified interface nlps_master() for nonlinear programming solvers MIPS, fmincon, IPOPT and Artelys Knitro.
- New functions:
 - mpopt2nlpopt() creates or modifies an options struct for nlps_master() from a MATPOWER options struct.
 - nlps_fmincon() provides implementation of unified nonlinear programming solver interface for fmincon.
 - nlps_ipopt() provides implementation of unified nonlinear programming solver interface interface for IPOPT.
 - nlps_knitro() provides implementation of unified nonlinear programming solver interface interface for IPOPT.
 - nlps_master() provides a single wrapper function for calling any of MP-Opt-Model's nonlinear programming solvers.

Other Improvements

• Significant performance improvement for some problems when constructing sparse matrices for linear constraints or quadratic costs. *Thanks to Daniel Muldrew*.

³³From the current master branch in the MATPOWER GitHub repository at the time.

- Significant performance improvement for CPLEX on small problems by eliminating call to cplexoptimset(), which was a huge bottleneck.
- Add four new methods to opt_model class:
 - copy() works around issues with inheritance in constructors that was preventing copy constructor from working in Octave 5.2 and earlier (see also https://savannah.gnu.org/bugs/?52614)
 - is_mixed_integer() returns true if the model includes any binary or integer variables
 - problem_type() returns one of the following strings, based on the characteristics of the variables, costs and constraints in the model:
 - * 'LP' linear program
 - * 'QP' quadratic program
 - * 'NLP' nonlinear program
 - * 'MILP' mixed-integer linear program
 - * 'MIQP' mixed-integer quadratic program
 - * 'MINLP' mixed-integer nonlinear program
 - solve() solves the model using qps_master(), miqps_master(), or nlps_master(),
 depending on the problem type ('MINLP' problems are not yet implemented)

Bugs Fixed

- Artelys Knitro 12.1 compatibility fix.
- Fix CPLEX 12.10 compatibility issue #90.
- Fix issue with missing objective function value from miqps_mosek() and qps_mosek() when return status is "Stalled at or near optimal solution."
- Fix bug originally in ktropf_solver() (code now moved to nlps_knitro()) where Artelys Knitro was still using fmincon options.

Incompatible Changes

• MP-Opt-Model has renamed the following functions and modified the order of their input args so that the MP-Opt-Model object appears first. Ideally, these

would be defined as methods of the opt_model class, but Octave 4.2 and earlier is not able to find them via a function handle (as used in the solve() method) if they are inherited by a sub-class.

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- opf_consfcn() → nlp_consfcn()
- opf_costfcn() → nlp_costfcn()
- opf_hessfcn() → nlp_hessfcn()
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C.3 Version 1.0 – released May 8, 2020

This is the first public release of MP-Opt-Model as its own package. The MP-Opt-Model 1.0 User's Manual is available online.³⁴

New Documentation

• Add MP-Opt-Model User's Manual with LATEX source code included in docs/src.

Other Improvements

• Refactor opt_model class to inherit from new abstract base class mp_idx_manager which can be used to manage the indexing of other sets of parameters, etc. in other contexts.

C.4 Version 2.0 – released Jul 8, 2020

The MP-Opt-Model 2.0 User's Manual is available online.³⁵

New Features

- Add new 'fsolve' tag to have_fcn() to check for availability of fsolve() function.
- Add nleqs_master() function as unified interface for solving nonlinear equations, including implementations for fsolve and Newton's method in functions nleqs_fsolve() and nleqs_newton(), respectively.

³⁴https://matpower.org/docs/MP-Opt-Model-manual-1.0.pdf

³⁵https://matpower.org/docs/MP-Opt-Model-manual-2.0.pdf

• Add support for nonlinear equations (NLEQ) to opt_model. For problems with only nonlinear equality constraints and no costs, the problem_type() method returns 'NLEQ' and the solve() method calls nleqs_master() to solve the problem.

• New functions:

- mpopt2nleqopt() creates or modifies an options struct for nleqs_master() from a MATPOWER options struct.
- nleqs_fsolve() provides implementation of unified nonlinear equation solver interface for fsolve.
- nleqs_master() provides a single wrapper function for calling any of MP-Opt-Model's nonlinear equation solvers.
- nleqs_newton() provides implementation of Newton's method solver with a unified nonlinear equation solver interface.
- opt_model/params_nln_constraint() method returns parameters for a named (and optionally indexed) set of nonlinear constraints.
- opt_model/params_nln_cost() method returns parameters for a named (and optionally indexed) set of general nonlinear costs.

Other Changes

- Add to eval_nln_constraint() method the ability to compute constraints for a single named set.
- Skip evaluation of gradient if eval_nln_constraint() is called with a single output argument.
- Remove redundant MIPS tests from test_mp_opt_model.m.
- Add tests for solving LP/QP, MILP/MIQP, NLP and NLEQ problems via opt_model/solve().
- Add Table 6-1 of valid have_fcn() input tags to User's Manual.

C.5 Version 2.1 – released Aug 25, 2020

The MP-Opt-Model 2.1 User's Manual is available online.³⁶

New Features

- Fast-decoupled Newton's and Gauss-Seidel solvers for nonlinear equations.
- New linear equation ('LEQ') problem type for models with equal number of variables and linear equality constraints, no costs, and no inequality or nonlinear equality constraints. Solved via mplinsolve().
- The solve() method of opt_model can now automatically handle mixed systems of equations, with both linear and nonlinear equality constraints.
- New core nonlinear equation solver function with arbitrary, user-defined update function, used to implement Gauss-Seidel and Newton solvers.
- New functions:
 - nleqs_fd_newton() solves a nonlinear set of equations via a fast-decoupled Newton's method.
 - nleqs_gauss_seidel() solves a nonlinear set of equations via a Gauss-Seidel method.
 - nleqs_core() implements core nonlinear equation solver with arbitrary update function.

Incompatible Changes

• In output return value from nleqs_newton(), changed the normF field of output.hist to normf, for consistency in using lowercase f everywhere.

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