An Inexact Restoration Direct Multisearch Filter Approach to Constrained Optimization

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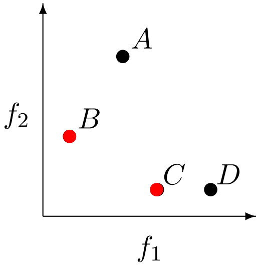

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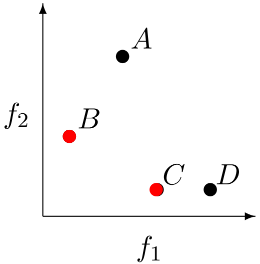

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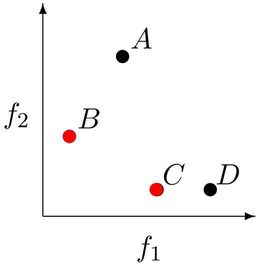

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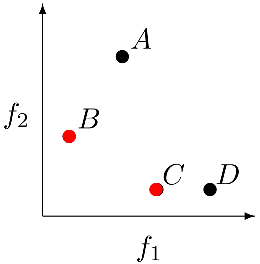

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Motivation

- DMS $\rightarrow$ A. L. Custódio, J. F. A. Madeira, A. I. F. Vaz, and L. N. Vicente, *Direct multisearch for multiobjective optimization*, SIAM J. Optim. (2011), 21, 1109–1140

- DFMO $\rightarrow$ G. Liuzzi, S. Lucidi, and F. Rinaldi, *A derivative-free approach to constrained multiobjective nonsmooth optimization*, SIAM J. Optim. (2016), 26, 2744–2774

- 93 biobjective problems with nonlinear constraints and variable bounds
  - number of variables between 3 and 30
  - number of nonlinear constraints between 1 and 29
  - maximum of 20000 function evaluations

Metrics for Performance Profiles (Dolan and Moré [2002])

- Purity

$$\frac{|F_{p,s} \cap F_p|}{|F_{p,s}|}$$

- Spreads Γ and Δ

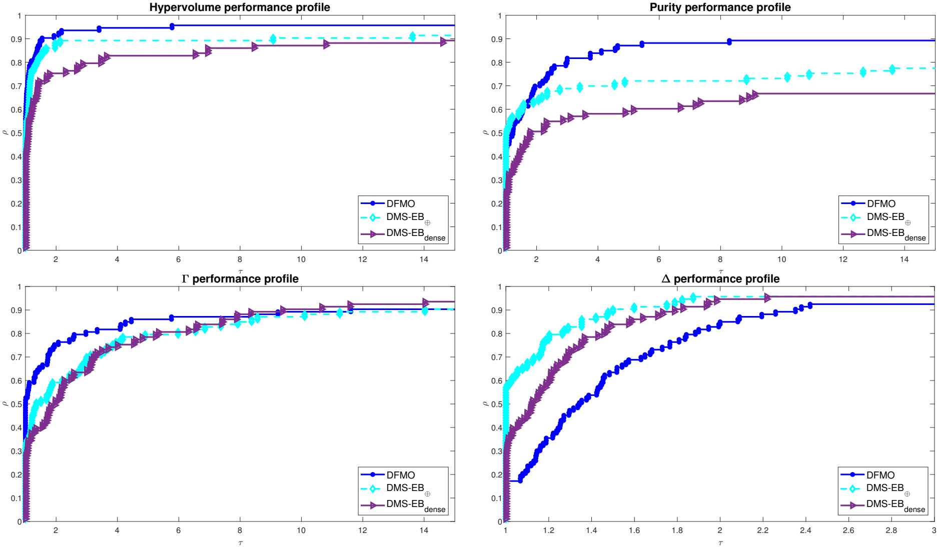
$$\Gamma_{p,s} = \max_{j \in \{1,\ldots,m\}} \left(\max_{i \in \{0,\ldots,N\}} \{d_i\} \right)$$

$$\Delta = \max_{j \in \{1,\ldots,m\}} \left(\frac{d_0 + d_N + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |d_i - \bar{d}|}{d_0 + d_N + (N-1)\bar{d}} \right)$$

- Hypervolume

$$HI_{p,s} = Vol\{b \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid b \leq U_p \wedge \exists a \in F_{p,s} : a \leq b\}$$

Nonlinear + Bound Constraints (Biobjective Problems)



DFMO **DMS-EB-Coordinate** **DMS-EB-Dense**

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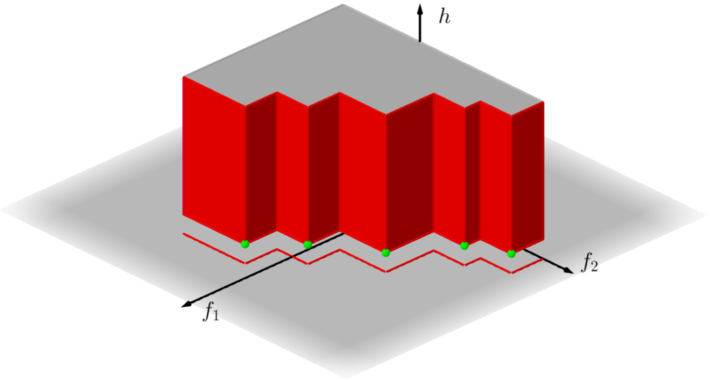
List of Nondominated Points

A point x' is said to be filtered by the list L if any of the following properties hold:

- $h(x') > h_{\texttt{max}}$ (for some fixed $h_{\texttt{max}} > 0$)
- there is $x \in L$ such that $(F(x), h(x)) \leq (F(x'), h(x'))$ with $(F(x), h(x)) \neq (F(x'), h(x'))$



DMS Filter and Inexact Restoration Approach

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- Priority given to feasible poll centers
- When all poll points associated with a poll center x_k are infeasible, switches to an infeasible poll center

  Attempts to restore feasibility by solving:

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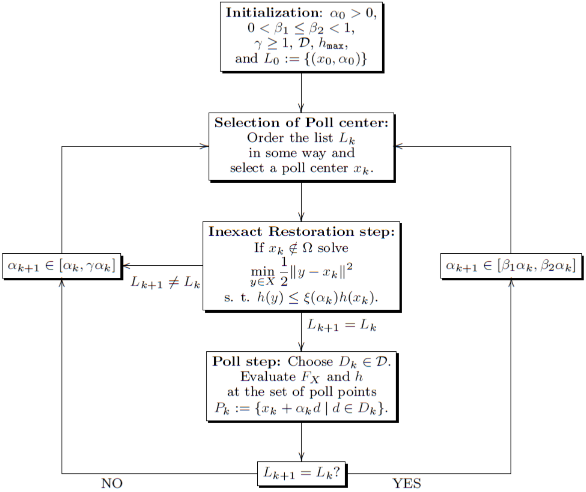
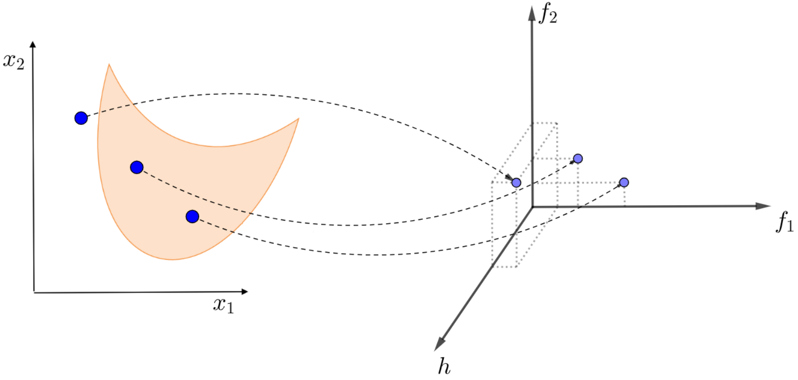


Solutions$:= \{(x, \alpha) \in L \mid (F(x), h(x)) = (F(x), 0)\}$

DMS-FILTER-IR – Poll Step



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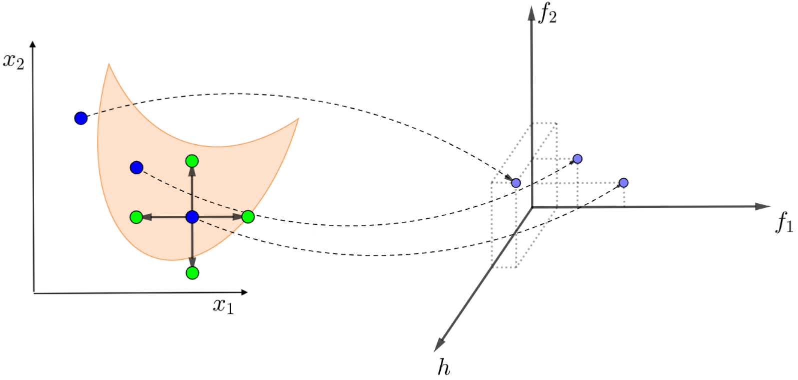

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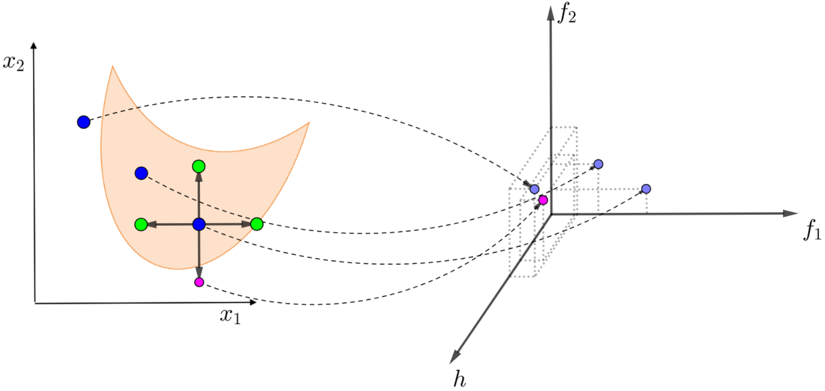

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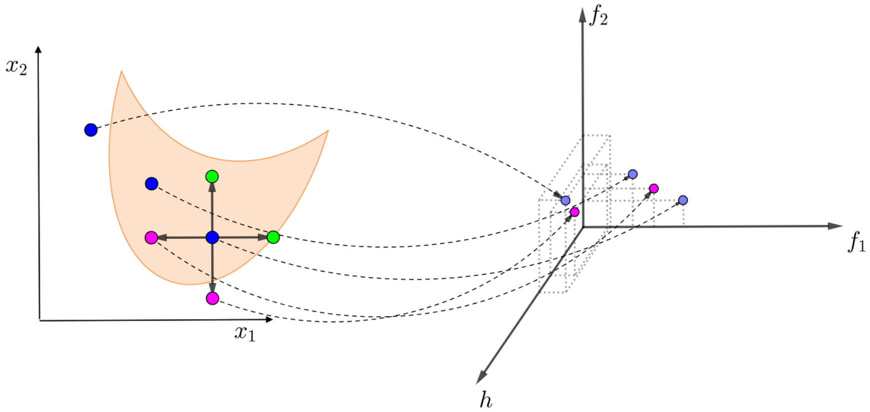

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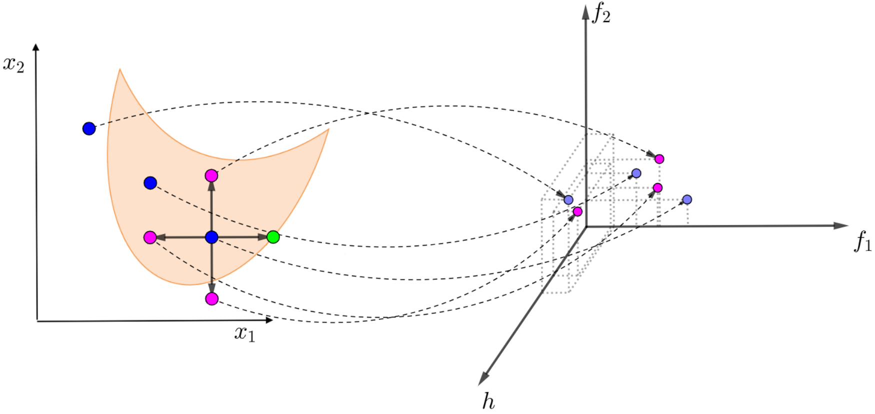

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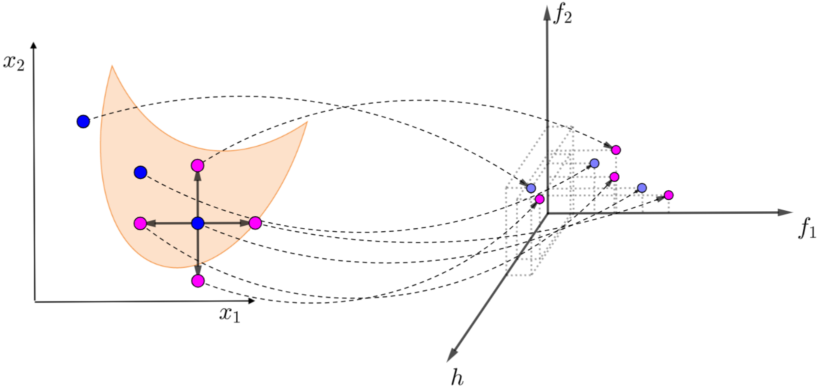

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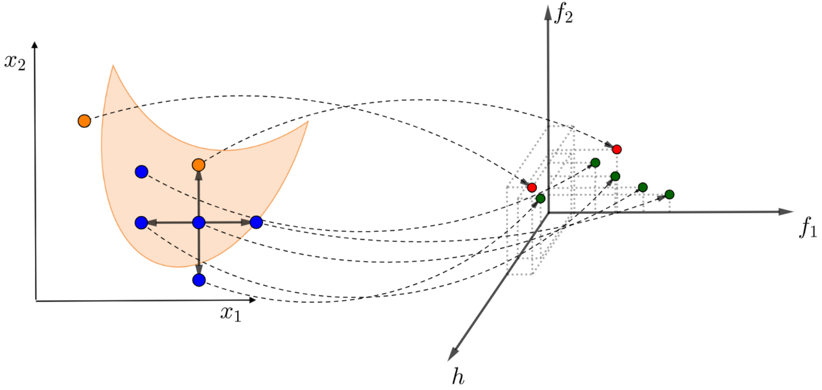

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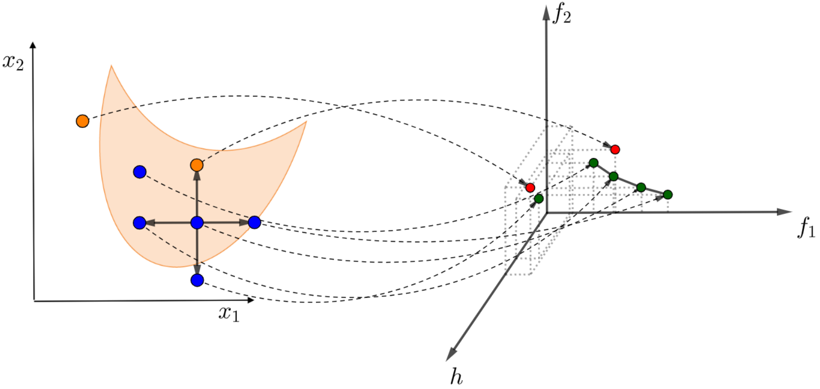
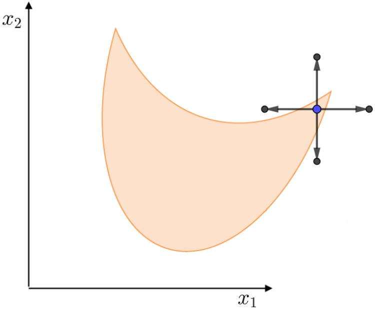


Poll Center Selection

Feasible to Infeasible

Polling only generates infeasible points



Infeasible to Feasible

Infeasible x_k generates feasible point by inexact restoration or polling

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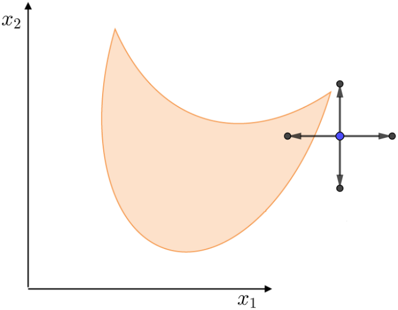
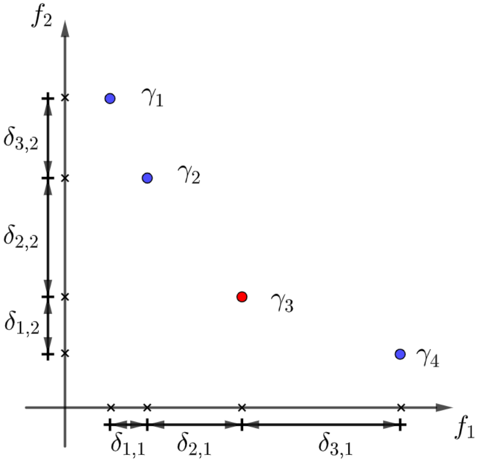


Feasible poll center - Most Isolated Point



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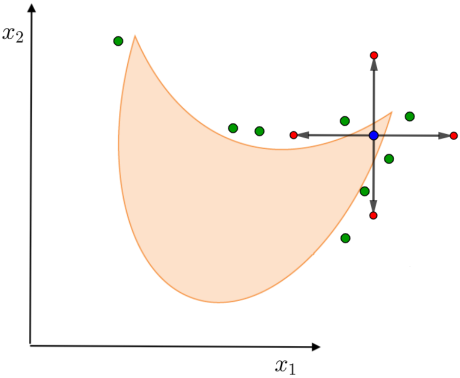

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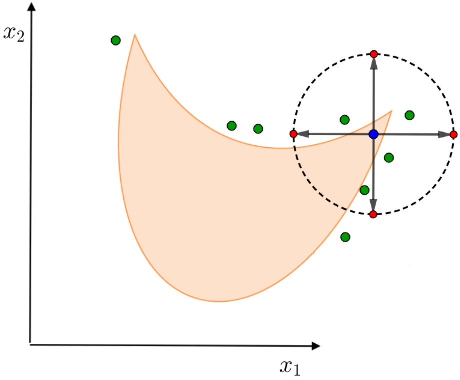

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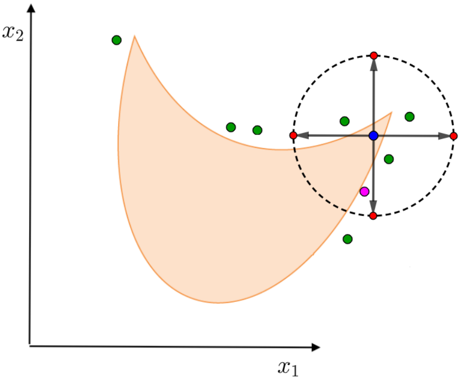

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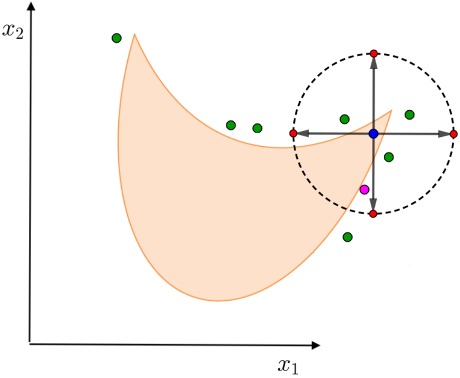

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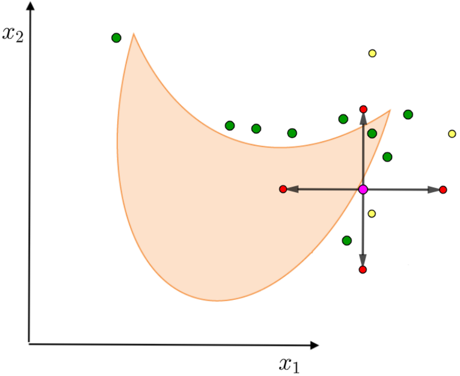

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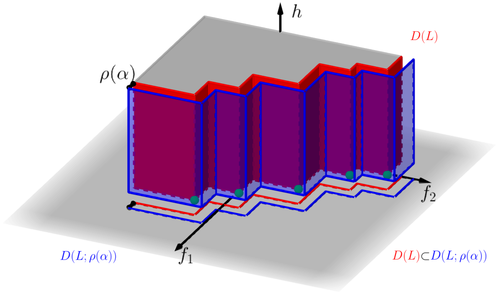
Globalization Strategies

Using Integer Lattices (Torczon [1997], Audet and Dennis [2002])

- requires only simple decrease
- poll directions and step size must satisfy integer/rational requirements

Imposing Sufficient Decrease (Kolda, Lewis, and Torczon [2003])

- use of a forcing function
  $\rho : (0, +\infty) \to (0, +\infty)$, continuous, nondecreasing, and satisfying $\rho(t)/t \to 0$ when $t \downarrow 0$
- x is nondominated $\Leftrightarrow (F_X(x), h(x)) \notin D(L, \rho(\alpha))$



Convergence Results – Sequences

Refining sequence

A sequence $\{(x_k, \alpha_k)\}_{k \in K}$, such that $k \in K$ is an unsuccessful iteration and $\lim_{k \in K} \alpha_k = 0$.

Theorem (Refining Subsequences)

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Consider $\{x_k\}_{k \in K}$ a refining subsequence converging to $\overline{x} \in \mathcal{S} := \{x \in X \mid h(x) \le h_{\texttt{max}}\}$. Assume that F and h are Lipschitz continuous near $\overline{x}$. Under any globalization strategy:

Theorem

- If $d \in \mathrm{int}(T_{\mathcal{S}}^{Cl}(\overline{x}))$ is a refining direction for $\overline{x}$ then:

$$\exists j = j(d) \in \{1, \dots, m+1\} \text{ such that } \quad f_j^{\circ}(\overline{x}; d) \ge 0$$

- If the set of refining directions for $\overline{x}$ is dense in $\mathrm{int}(T_{\mathcal{S}}^{Cl}(\overline{x})) \neq \emptyset$ then $\overline{x}$ is a Pareto-Clarke critical point of $\overline{F}$ in $\mathcal{S}$:

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Convergence Results – Infeasible case

Theorem

Let h be continuous and consider $\{x_k\}_{k\in K}$ an **infeasible refining subsequence** such that for each $k \in K$, x_k is **used at a successful inexact restoration step**. Then DMS-FILTER-IR generates a **limit point** $\bar{y} \in \Upsilon$.

Convergence Results – Feasible case

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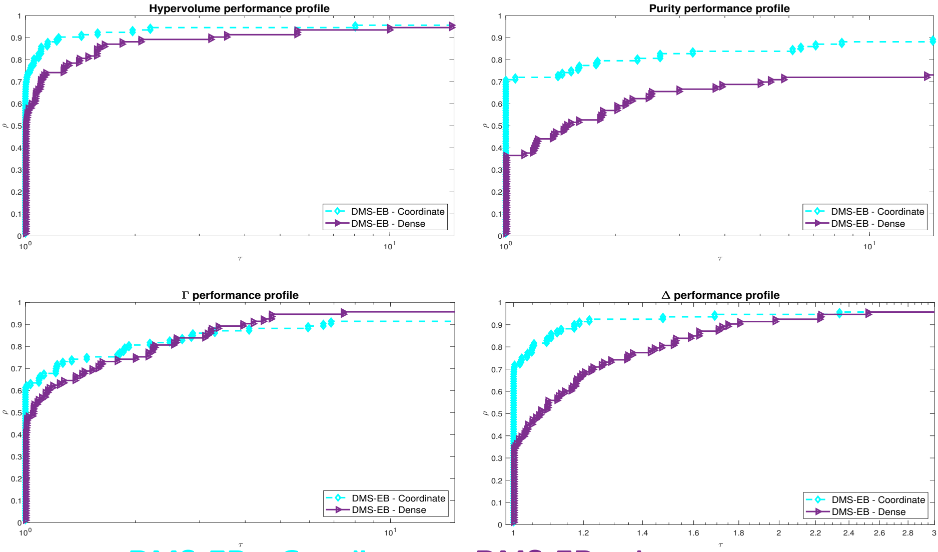

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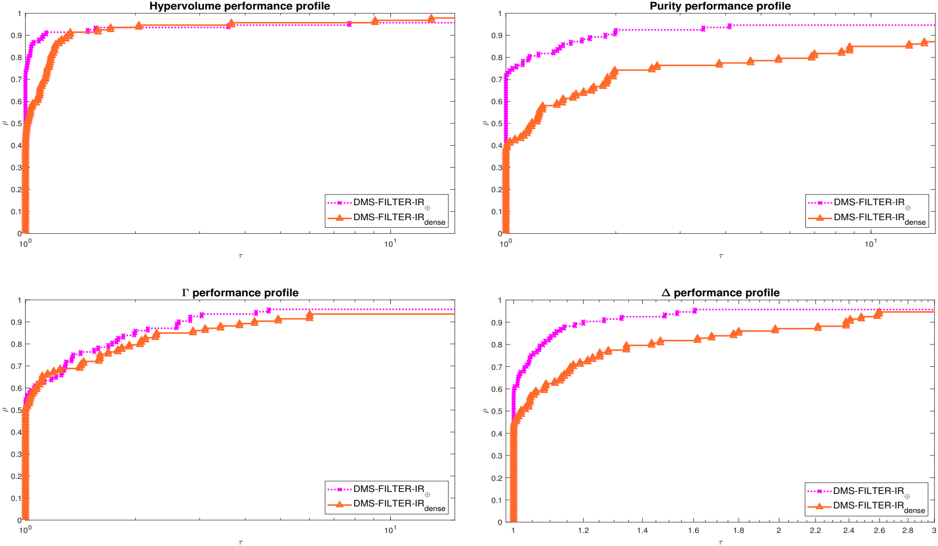

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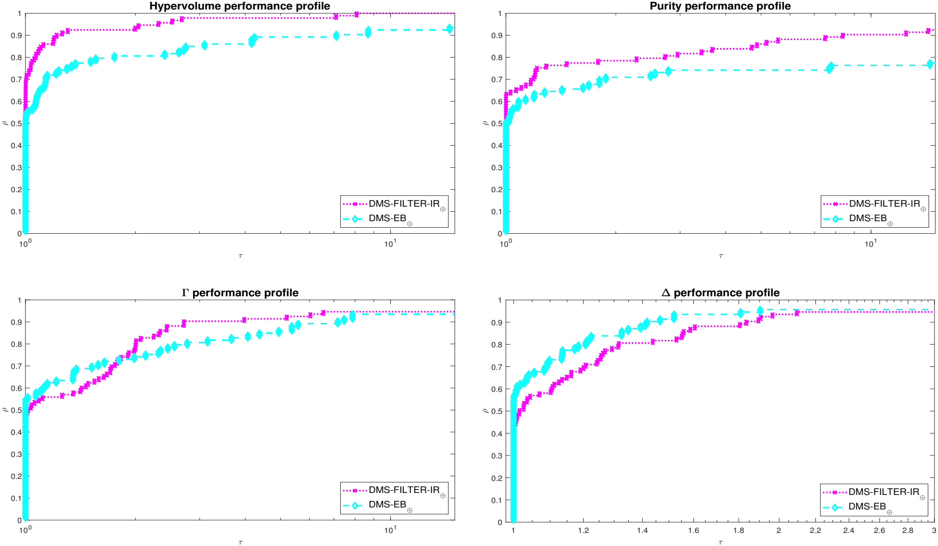

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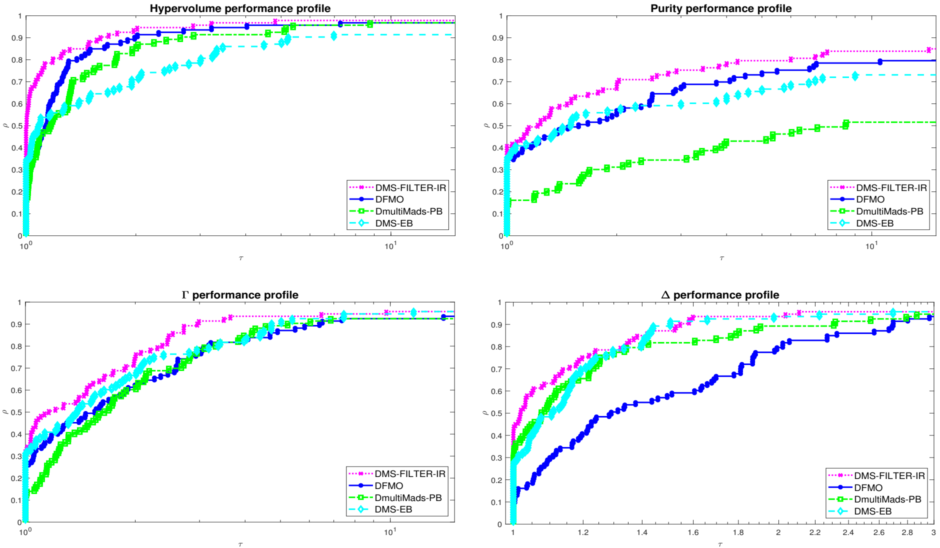

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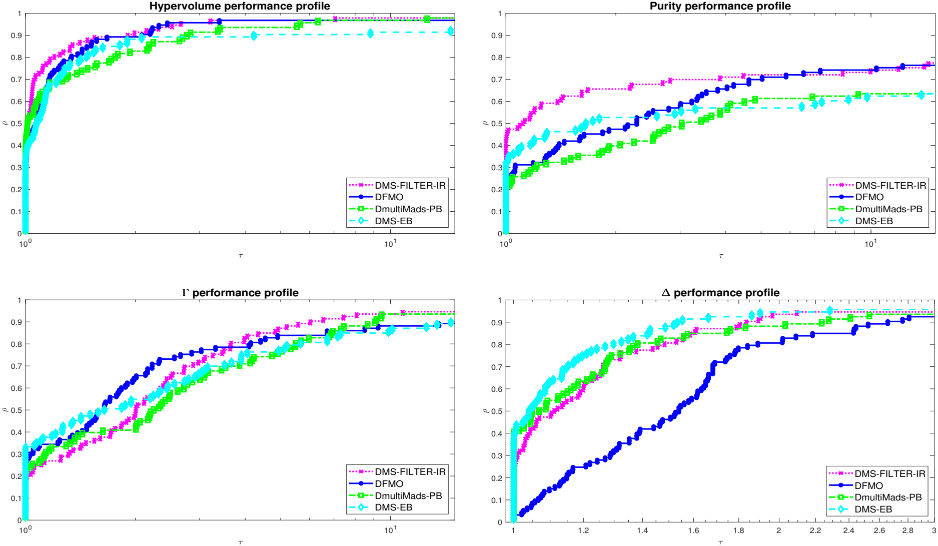

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