## Nonnegativity, Sparsity and Polynomial Optimization

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# Sparsity in the moment-SOS

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## https://github.com/wangjie212/TSSOS

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n	m+m'	CS (r = 2)				CS+TS ( $r = 2, s = 1$ )			
		mb	opt	time (s)	gap	mb	opt	time (s)	gap
12	28	28	1.1242e4	0.21	0.00%	22	1.1242e4	0.09	0.00%
20	55	28	1.7543e4	0.56	0.05%	22	1.7543e4	0.30	0.05%
72	297	45	4.9927e3	4.43	0.07%	22	4.9920e3	2.69	0.08%
114	315	120	7.6943e4	94.9	0.00%	39	7.6942e4	14.8	0.00%
344	1325	253	_	-	-	73	1.0470e5	169	0.50%
348	1809	253	_	-	-	34	1.2096e5	201	0.03%
766	3322	153	3.3072e6	585	0.68%	44	3.3042e6	33.9	0.77%
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- When appropriate sparsity patterns are accessible, significantly improve the scalability of the moment-SOS hierarchy
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