

# Modeling Disjunctive Constraints with a Logarithmic Number of Binary Variables and Constraints

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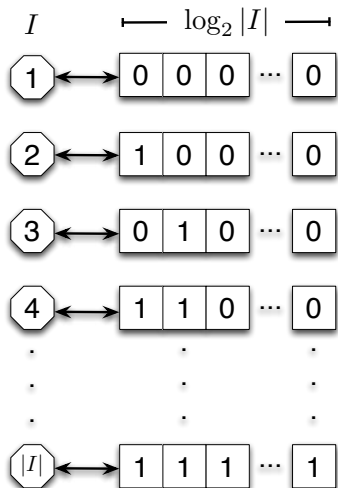
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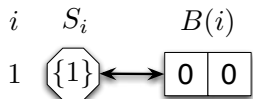
$$|I| = 2^k$$

- In general, an injective function:

$$B : I \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\lceil \log_2 |I| \rceil}$$

- Easy to get a formulation with  $\lceil \log_2 |I| \rceil$  binary variables and  $|I|$  extra constraints (e.g. Ibaraki 1976).

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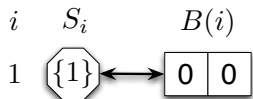
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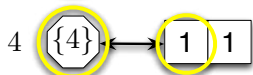
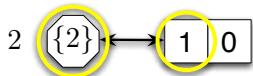
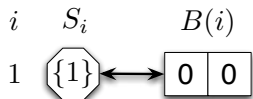


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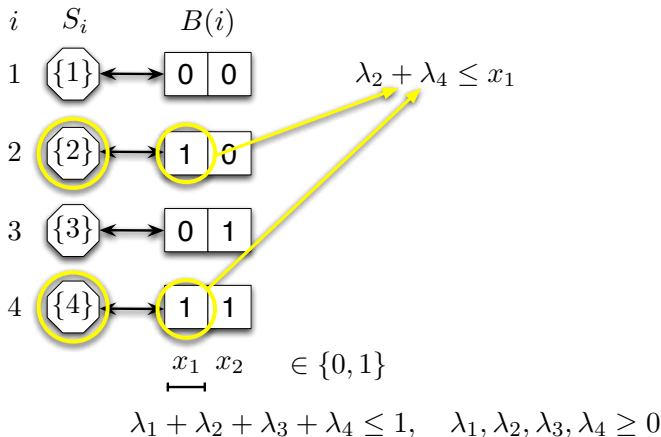


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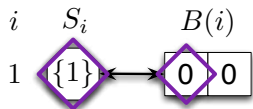
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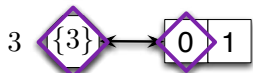
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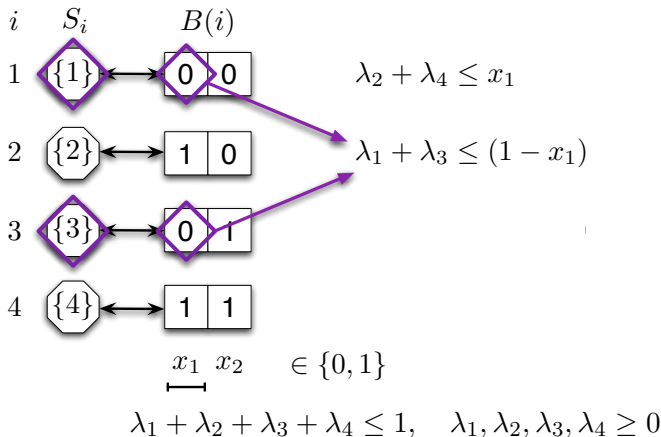


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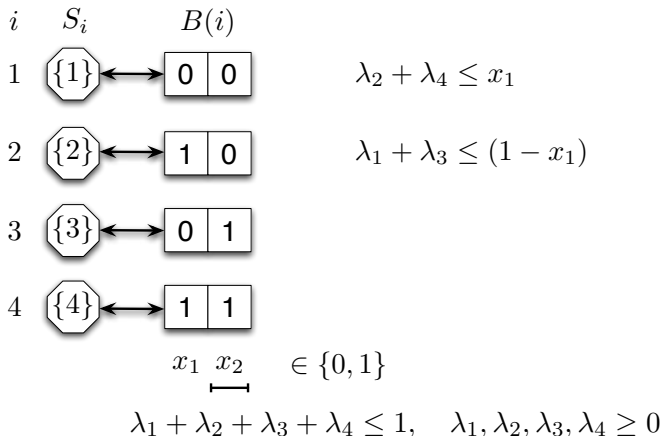
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







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









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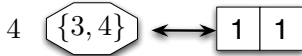
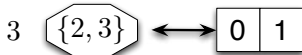
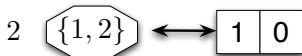
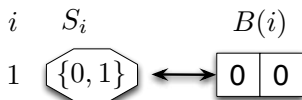
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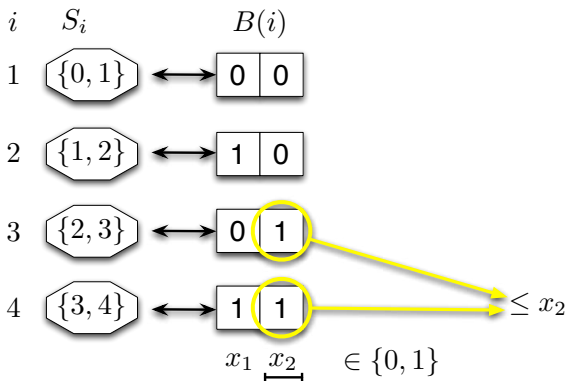
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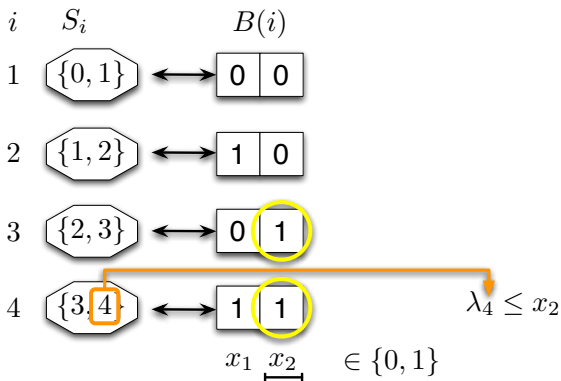


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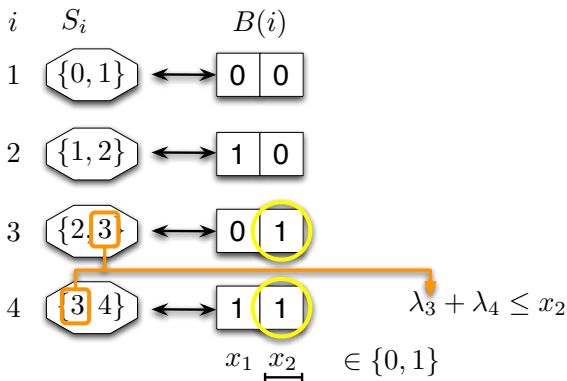


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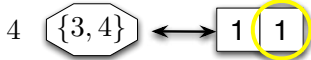
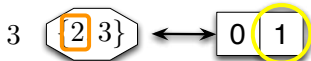
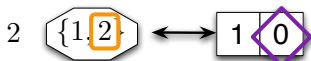
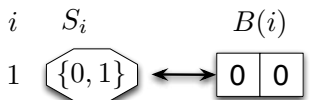


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







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







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







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







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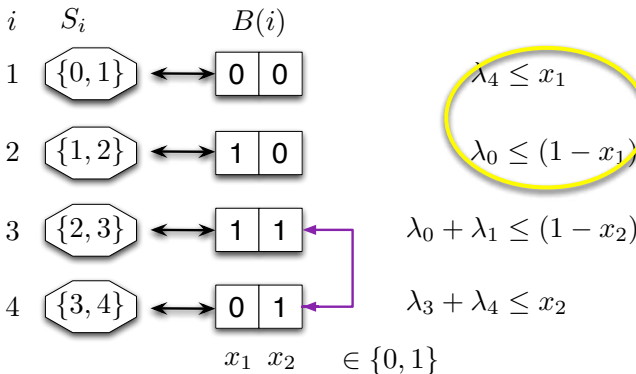
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









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







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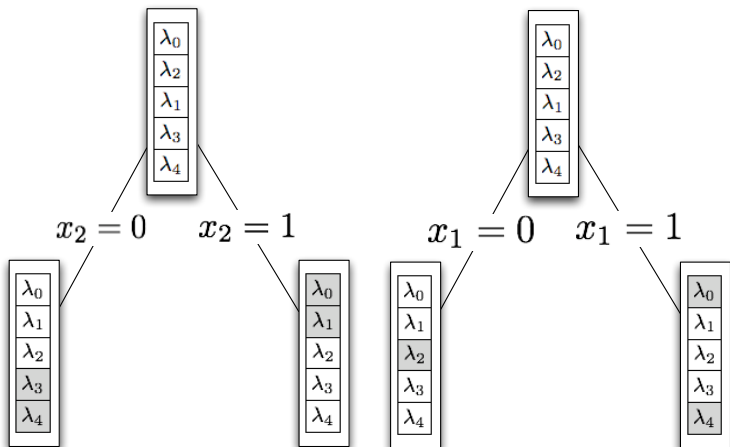
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- Condition:  $B(i)$  and  $B(i + 1)$  only differ in one component (Gray codes).

# Logarithmic Model and Independent Branching



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# Independent Branching Scheme for $\lambda \in \bigcup_{i \in I} Q(S_i)$

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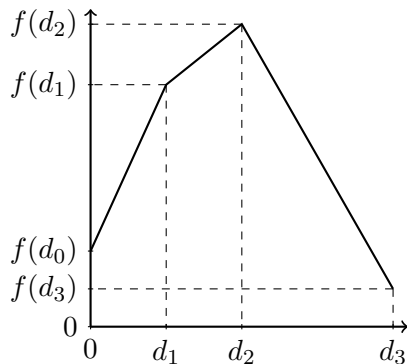
- Formulation:  $\lambda \in \Delta^J$  plus  $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$

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- Independent branchings for SOS1 and SOS2 have “depth”  $d = \lceil \log_2 |I| \rceil$ .

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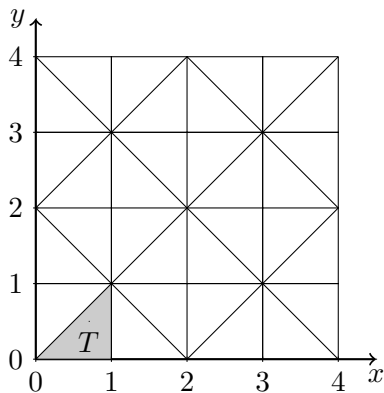
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- Extension for  $f(x, y) : [0, K]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (Lee and Wilson 01, Martin et. al 06)



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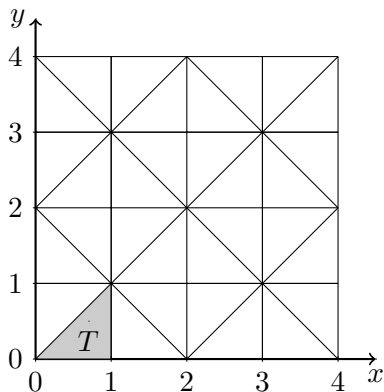
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- $J = \{0, \dots, K\}^2 = \{\text{vertices}\}$ .
- $I = \{\text{triangles}\}$ ,  
 $S_i = \{\text{vertices of triangle } i\}$   
 $(S_T = \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 1)\})$ .



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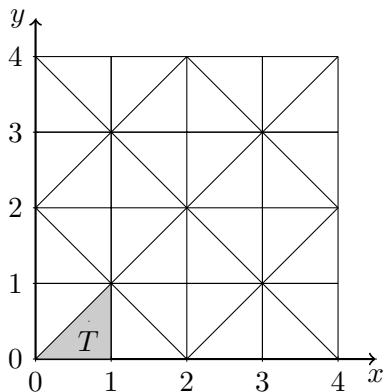
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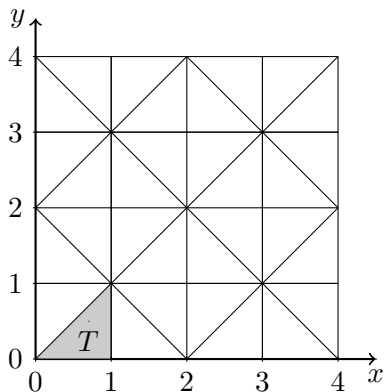
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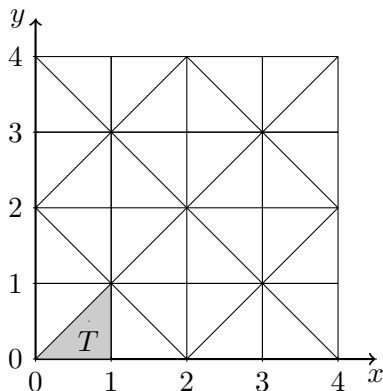
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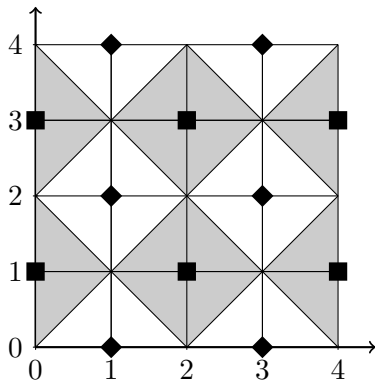
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- $\bar{L}_k = J \setminus L_k$ ,  $\bar{R}_k = J \setminus R_k$ .
- Two phases:
  - 1 Square selection: SOS2 for each component. (Tomlin 81 and Martin et. al. 06)
  - 2 Triangle selection.

# Triangle Selecting Independent Branching: Select one of the two triangles in each square



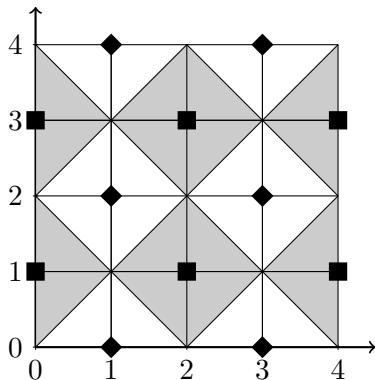
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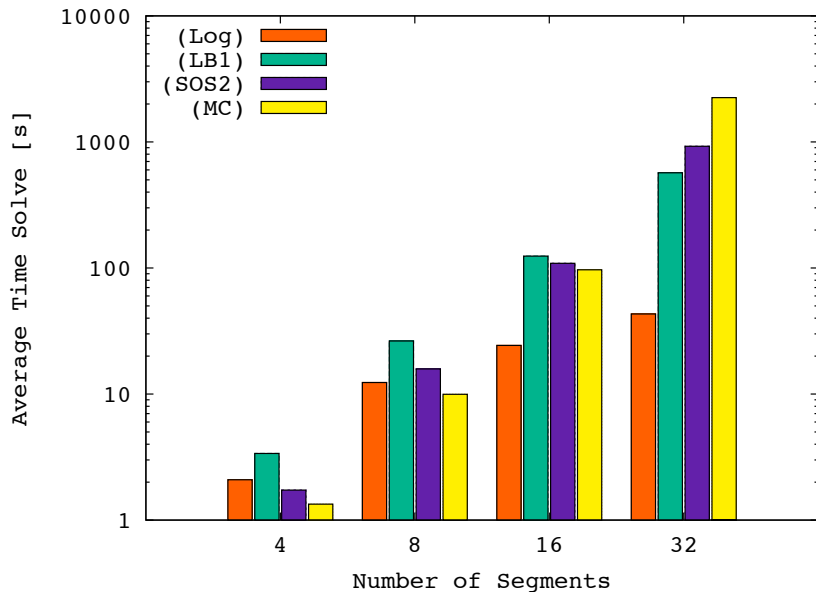
- Single Variable:
  - $10 \times 10$  transportation problems.
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  - $f_e(x_e)$  non-decreasing continuous concave piecwisilinear.
  - Number of segments where  $f_e(x_e)$  is linear:  $K = \{4, 8, 16, 32\}$ .
- Two Variables:
  - $5 \times 5$  two-commodity transportation problems.
  - Minimize  $\sum_{e \in E} f_e(x_e^1, x_e^2)$ .  $x_e^i$  = flow of commodity  $i$  in arc  $e$ .
  - $f_e(x_e^1, x_e^2)$  interpolation on grid of  $g(\|(x_e^1, x_e^2)\|_2)$ .  
 $g$  non-decreasing continuous concave piecwisilinear.
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- 100 instances for each  $K$  or grid resolution.

# Computational Experiments (Solver and Formulations)

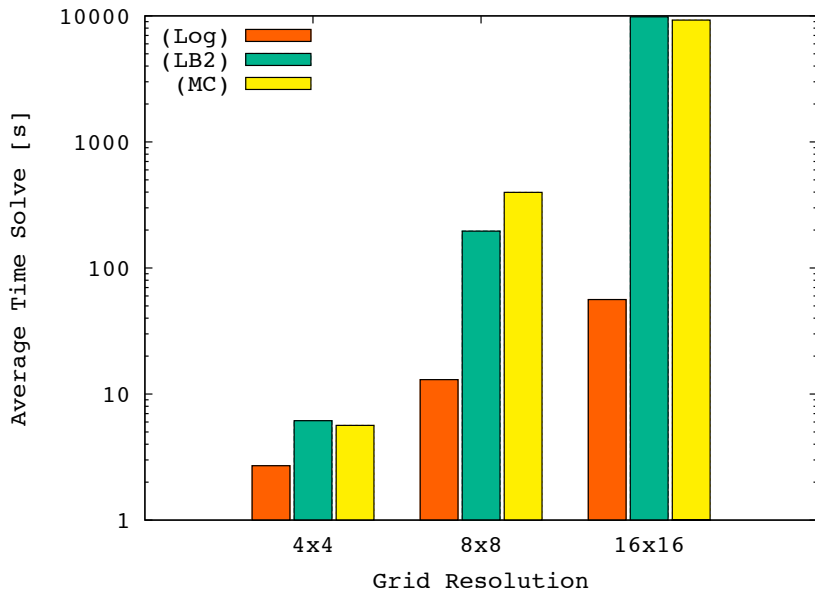
- Solver and Machine Stats:
  - CPLEX 11.
  - Dual 2.4GHz Xeon Linux workstation with 2GB of RAM.
  - Time Limit of 10,000 seconds.
- Formulations:
  - (Log) Logarithmic formulation.
  - (LB1) Independent branching formulations of linear depth (Shields 2007). Only for single variable.
  - (LB2) Independent branching formulations of linear depth (Martin et. al. 2006).
  - (SOS2) SOS2 based formulation. Only for single variable.
  - (MC) Multiple choice formulation (Jeroslow and Lowe 1984, Balakrishnan and Graves 1989, Croxton et. al 2003).



# Average Solve Times for One Variable Functions



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# Advantage of Independent Branching Formulations

- Independent branching formulations effectively turn CPLEX's binary branching into a specialized branching scheme (e.g. SOS2 branching).
- Independent branching formulations are “as tight as possible“:
  - Projection of LP relaxation into  $\lambda$  variables is

$$\text{conv} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} Q(S_i) \right) = \Delta^J.$$

- Might not hold if  $\Delta^J$  is replaced by a box in  $\mathbb{R}^J$ .

# LP Relaxation Tightness and Disjunctive Programming:

$$\lambda \in \bigcup_{i \in I} Q(S_i), \quad Q(S_i) = \{\lambda \in [0, 1]^J : \lambda_j \leq 0 \forall j \notin S_i\}$$

## 1 Traditional Linear Size Formulations:

$$\lambda_j \leq \sum_{\{i: j \in S_i\}} x_i, \quad \forall j \in J$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i = 1, \quad x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in I$$

- Simplification of standard *Lifted* Disjunctive Formulation.
- Preserves *Convex Hull Property* (Jeroslow 88).

## 2 Independent Branching: $\bigcup_{i \in I} Q(S_i) = \bigcap_{k=1}^d (Q(L_k) \cup Q(R_k))$

- For  $\lambda \in Q(L_k) \cup Q(R_k)$ :

$$\lambda_j \leq x_k \quad \forall j \notin L_k, \quad \lambda_j \leq (1 - x_k) \quad \forall j \notin R_k$$

## 3 Constraint Aggregation:

$$\sum_{j \notin L_k} \lambda_j \leq |J \setminus L_k| x_k, \quad \sum_{j \notin R_k} \lambda_j \leq |J \setminus R_k| (1 - x_k)$$

# Summary

- First logarithmic formulations for SOS1-SOS2 constraints and piecewiselinear functions of one variable.
- Independent Branching Scheme:
  - Sufficient condition for logarithmic formulation.
  - First logarithmic formulation for piecewiselinear functions of two variables.
- Logarithmic formulations can provide a significant computational advantage.
- Is independent branching a necessary condition?
  - Cardinality constraints: **No** independent branching, yet standard formulation is logarithmic.
- Extension to piecewise linear function of  $n$  variables:
  - ✓ Logarithmic on  $K$  (for fixed  $n$ ).
  - ✗ Not Logarithmic on  $n$ .