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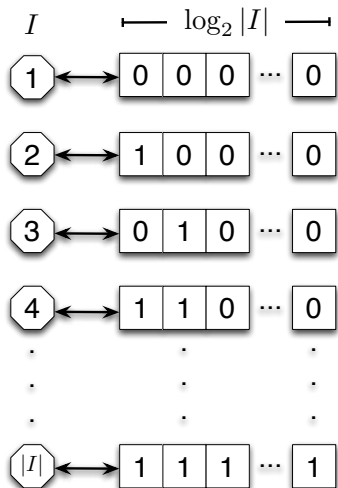
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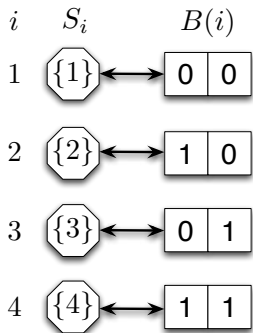
$$|I| = 2^k$$

- 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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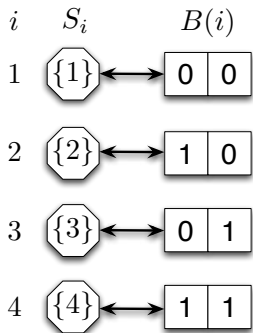


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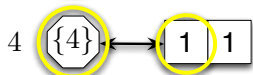
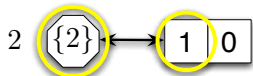
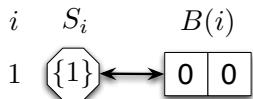


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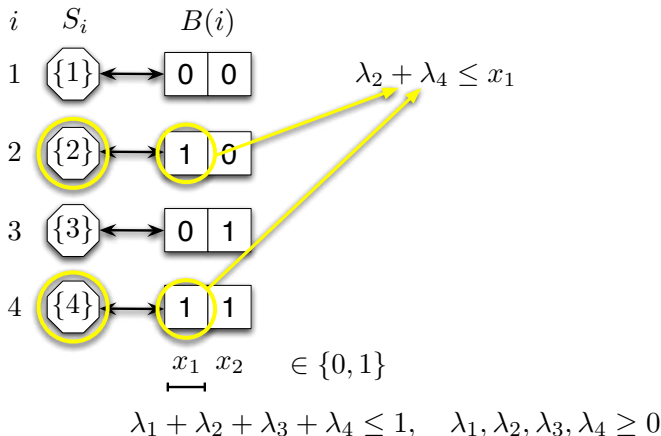


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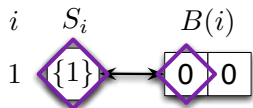
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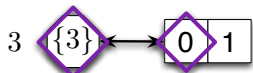
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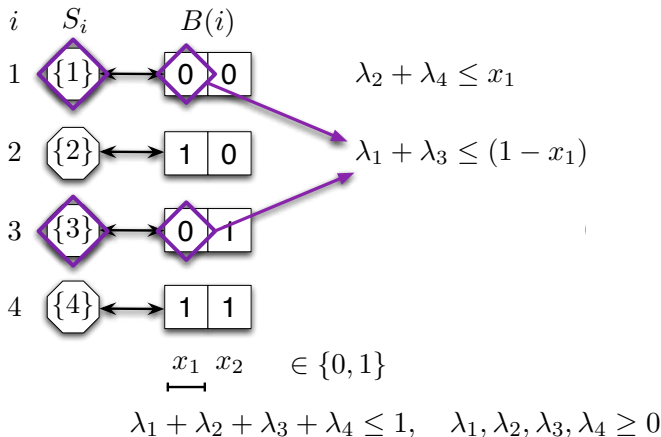


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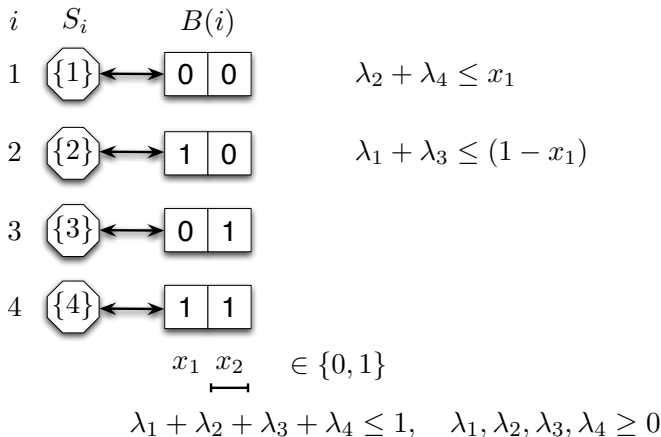
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







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









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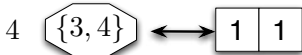
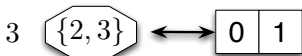
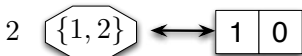
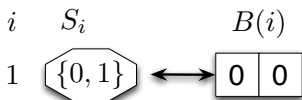
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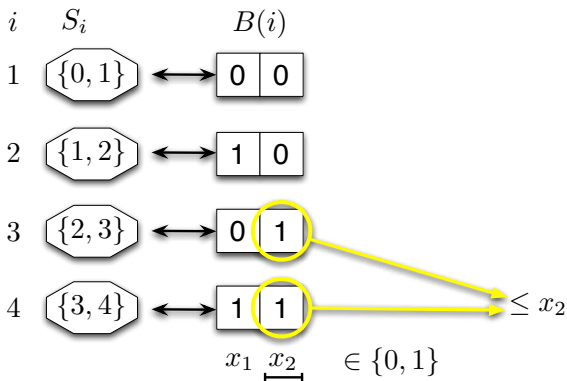
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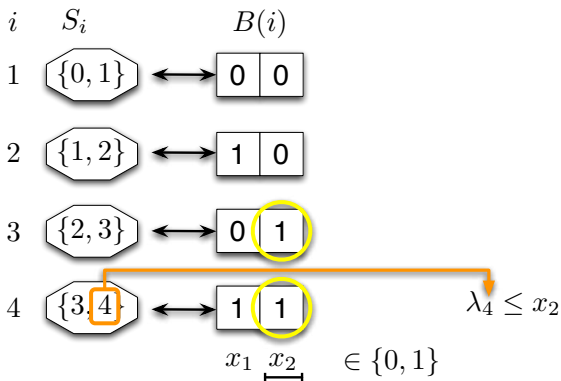


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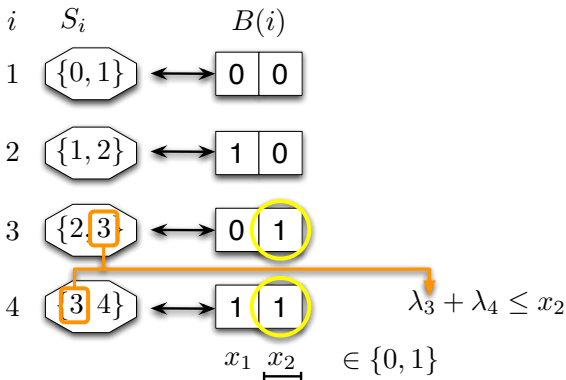


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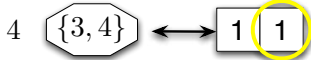
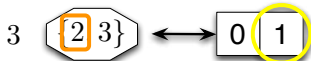
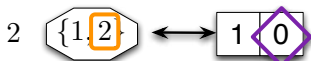
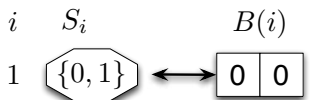


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







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







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







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







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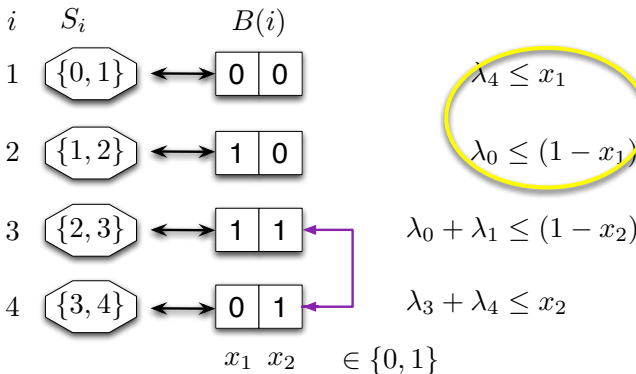
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









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







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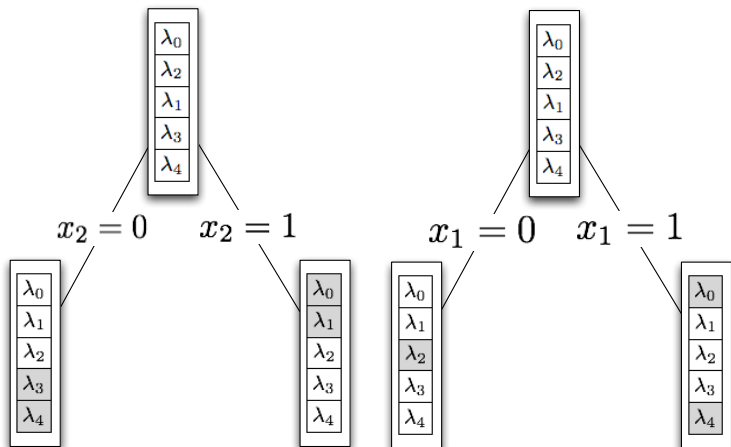
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Logarithmic Model and Independent Branching



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

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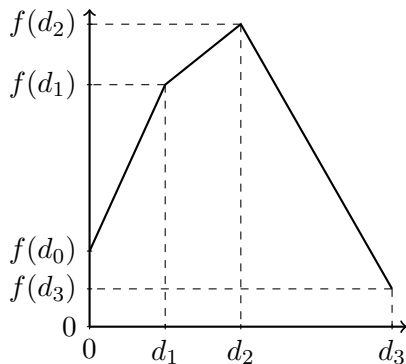
- Formulation: $\lambda \in \Delta^J$ plus $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$

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

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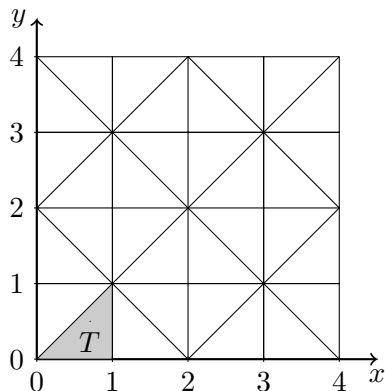
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Application: Piecwisilinear Functions

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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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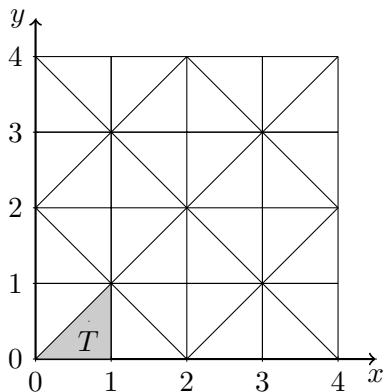
$$\lambda \in \Delta^J$$

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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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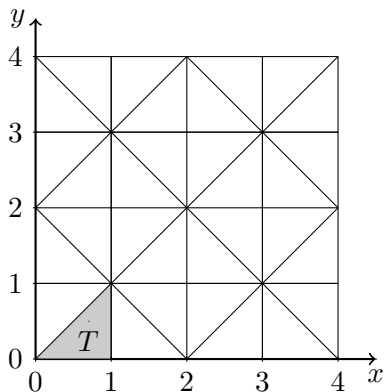
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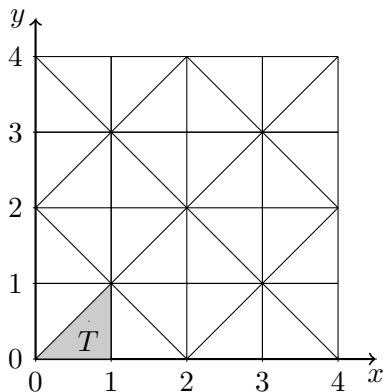
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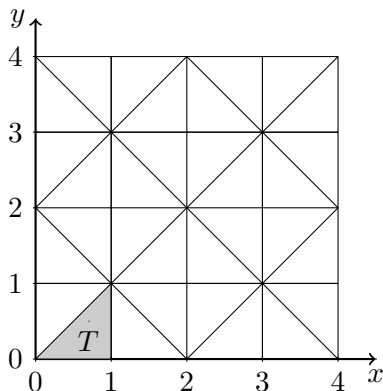
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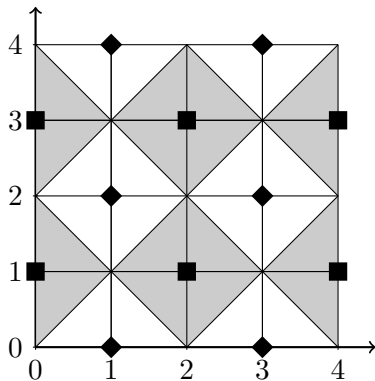
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- Two phases:
 - 1 Square selection: SOS2 for each component. (Tomlin 81 and Martin et. al. 06)
 - 2 Triangle selection.

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



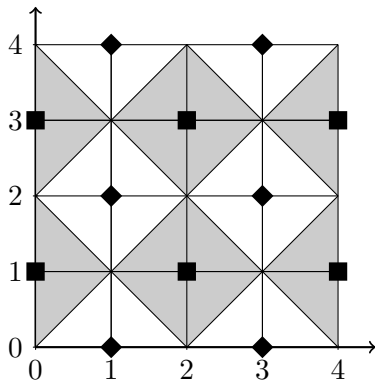
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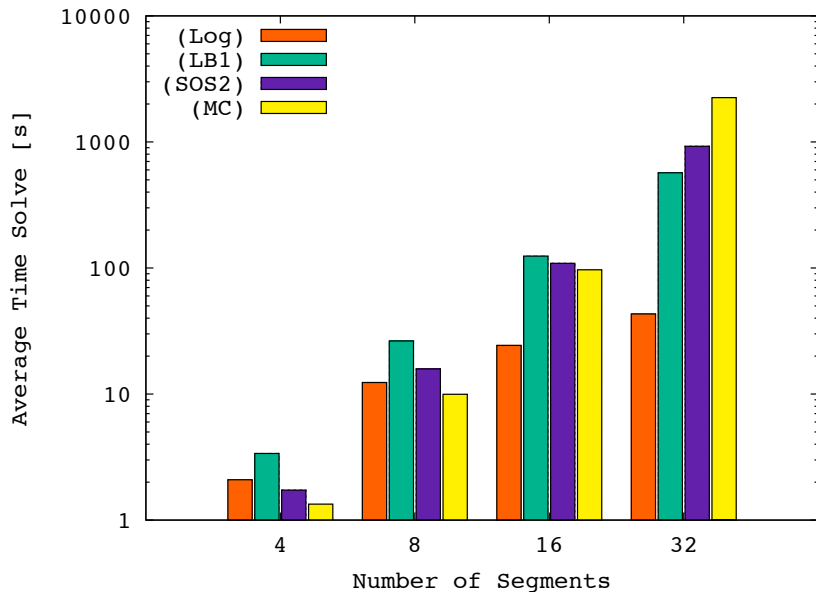
Computational Experiments (Instances)

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 - 10×10 transportation problems.
 - Minimize $\sum_{e \in E} f_e(x_e)$. x_e = flow in arc e .
 - $f_e(x_e)$ non-decreasing continuous concave piecwisilinear.
 - Number of segments where $f_e(x_e)$ is linear: $K = \{4, 8, 16, 32\}$.
- Two Variables:
 - 5×5 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 $g(\|(x_e^1, x_e^2)\|_2)$.
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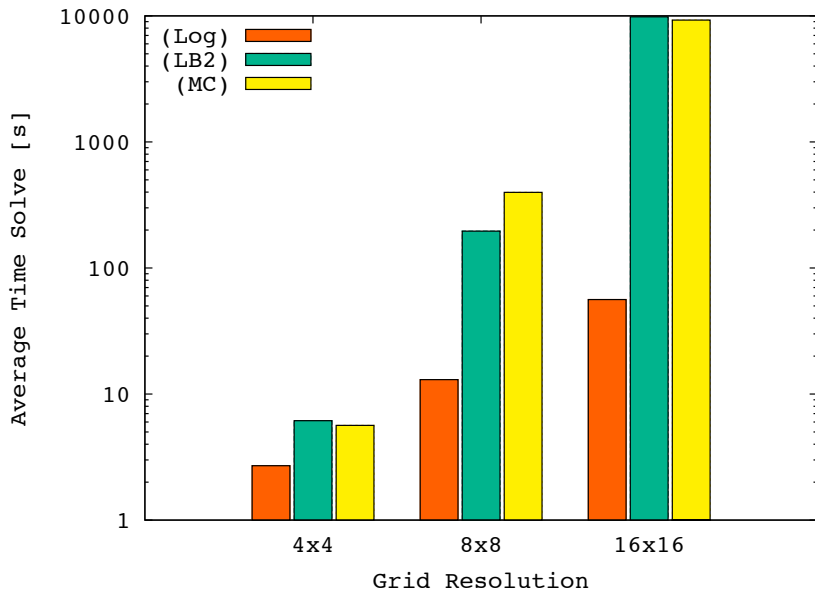
Computational Experiments (Solver and Formulations)

- 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



Average Solve Times for Two Variable Functions



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 λ variables is

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

- Might not hold if Δ^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 piecewisilinear functions of one variable.
- Independent Branching Scheme:
 - Sufficient condition for logarithmic formulation.
 - First logarithmic formulation for piecewisilinear 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 .