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#### Abstract

We withdraw this note because our calculation of the  $\mathcal{A}(3,3)$  example, which initially contradicted one of the results of a 2005 paper by Fomin-Fulton-Li-Poon [1], was incorrect.

In the second version of the prepublication arXiv:2303.11653, we explain how the description of the cone  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$  obtained by Fomin-Fulton-Li-Poon refines that obtained using the O'Shea-Sjamaar theorem.

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# 1 Introduction

Let  $p \ge q \ge 1$  and n = p + q. We consider the map  $\pi : Herm(n) \to M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$  that associates to an Hermitian matrix  $X \in Herm(n)$  its off-diagonal block  $\pi(X) \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$ . The spectrum of an Hermitian  $n \times n$  matrix X is denoted by  $\lambda(X) = (\lambda_1 \ge \cdots \ge \lambda_n)$  and the singular spectrum of a matrix  $Y \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$  is denoted by  $s(Y) = (s_1 \ge \cdots \ge s_q \ge 0)$ .

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The main purpose of this note is the description of the cone

$$\mathcal{A}(p,q) = \Big\{ (\lambda(X), s(\pi(X))), \ X \in Herm(n) \Big\}.$$

In [5, 1], the authors state that an element  $(\lambda, s)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$  if and only if

(1) 
$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i - \sum_{j \in J^o} \lambda_j \ge 2 \sum_{k \in K} s_k$$

holds for all triple (I, J, K) of subsets of  $[q] = \{1, \dots, q\}$  that belongs to  $\bigcup_{r \leq q} LR_r^q$ . Here  $LR_r^q$  denotes the list of triples of cardinal r defined inductively by Horn [2], and we have denoted  $J^o = \{n + 1 - \ell, \ell \in J\}$ .

The purpose of this note is to explain why the inequalities of the type (1) are not sufficient to describe  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$ .

In the next section, we will see that a direct application of the O'Shea-Sjamaar Theorem [6] shows that  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$  is described by the following inequalities:

(2) 
$$\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i - \sum_{j \in J^o} \lambda_j \ge 2 \sum_{k \in K \cap [q]} s_k - 2 \sum_{k \in K^o \cap [q]} s_k$$

where the triplets (I, J, K) belongs to  $\bigcup_{r < n} LR_r^n$ . Using the main result of [7], we can show (see [8]) that we can restrict this system by considering uniquely triplets (I, J, K) satisfying the following conditions :

- I, J, K are of cardinal  $r \leq q$ ,
- $I \cap J^o = \emptyset$ ,
- $K = K_+ \cup (K_-)^o$  where  $K_+, K_-$  are disjoint subsets of [q].

In the example  $\mathcal{A}(3,3)$  that we detail in Section 3, we find two inequalities of the type (2) which are independent of those of the type (1):

(3) 
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \geq 2(s_1 - s_2 - s_3)$$
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_5 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_6 \geq 2(s_1 - s_2 - s_3).$$

The independence of the last two inequalities is ensured by the example  $s_0 = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $\lambda_0 = (1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1)$ . The element  $(\lambda_0, s_0)$  does not verify the inequality (3), and then  $(\lambda_0, s_0) \notin \mathcal{A}(3, 3)$ , whereas it verifies all the inequalities of the type (1).

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### 2 An application of the O'Shea-Sjamaar Theorem

We work with the reductive real Lie groups G := U(p,q) and  $\tilde{G} := GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ . Let us denote by  $\iota : G \to \tilde{G}$  the canonical embedding.

The subgroup  $\widetilde{K} := U(n)$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $\widetilde{G}$ . Let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}} := Herm(n) \subset \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the subspace of Hermitian matrices.

The subgroup  $K := \tilde{K} \cap U(p,q) \simeq U(p) \times U(q)$  is a maximal compact sugroup of G, and the subspace  $\mathfrak{p} := \tilde{\mathfrak{p}} \cap \mathfrak{g}$  admits a natural identification with  $M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$ :

$$X \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C}) \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ X^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{p}.$$

#### 2.1 Complexification and antiholomorphic involution

The complexification of the group G is  $G_{\mathbb{C}} := GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ . We consider the antiholomorphic involution  $\sigma$  on  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  defined by  $\sigma(g) = I_{p,q}(g^*)^{-1}I_{p,q}$ , where  $I_{p,q} = \text{Diag}(I_p, -I_q)$ . The subgroup G is the fixed point set of  $\sigma$ .

The complexification of the group  $\widetilde{G}$  is  $\widetilde{G}_{\mathbb{C}} := GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \times GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ . The inclusion  $\widetilde{G} \hookrightarrow \widetilde{G}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is given by the map  $g \mapsto (g, \overline{g})$ . We consider the antiholomorphic involution  $\widetilde{\sigma}$  on  $\widetilde{G}_{\mathbb{C}}$  defined by  $\widetilde{\sigma}(g_1, g_2) = (\overline{g_2}, \overline{g_1})$ . The subgroup  $\widetilde{G}$  corresponds to the fixed point set of  $\widetilde{\sigma}$ .

The embedding  $\iota : G \hookrightarrow \widetilde{G}$  admits a complexification  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}} : G_{\mathbb{C}} \hookrightarrow \widetilde{G}_{\mathbb{C}}$  defined by  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}}(g) = (g, \overline{\sigma(g)})$ : notice that  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}} \circ \sigma = \widetilde{\sigma} \circ \iota_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

The groups U = U(n) and  $U = U(n) \times U(n)$  are respectively maximal compact sugroups of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $\tilde{G}_{\mathbb{C}}$ . The embedding  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}} : U \hookrightarrow \tilde{U}$  is defined by  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}}(k) = (k, I_{p,q}\bar{k}I_{p,q})$ . The fixed point subgroups of the involutions are  $U^{\sigma} = K$  and  $\tilde{U}^{\tilde{\sigma}} = \tilde{K}$ .

At the level of Lie algebra, we have a morphism  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}} : \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})$  defined by  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}}(X) = (X, \overline{\sigma(X)})$  where  $\sigma(X) = -I_{p,q}X^*I_{p,q}$ .

### 2.2 Orthogonal projection

We use on  $\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})$  the euclidean norm  $||(X,Y)||^2 = \operatorname{Tr}(XX^*) + \operatorname{Tr}(YY^*)$ . The subspace orthogonal to the image of  $\iota_{\mathbb{C}}$  is  $\{(X, -\sigma(X)), X \in \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})\}$ . Hence the orthogonal projection

$$\pi:\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})\times\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C})\longrightarrow\mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}),$$

is defined by the relations  $\pi(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}(X + \overline{\sigma(Y)})$ . Note that  $\pi$  commutes with the involutions :  $\pi \circ \tilde{\sigma} = \sigma \circ \pi$ .

We restrict the projection  $\pi$  to different subspaces:

- the projection  $\pi : \tilde{\mathfrak{g}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is defined by  $\pi(X) = \frac{1}{2}(X + \sigma(X))$ .
- the projection  $\pi : \tilde{\mathfrak{p}} = Herm(n) \to \mathfrak{p} \simeq M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$  is defined so that  $X = \begin{pmatrix} \star & \pi(X) \\ \pi(X)^* & \star \end{pmatrix}$ .

• the projection  $\pi : \tilde{\mathfrak{u}} \to \mathfrak{u}$  is defined by  $\pi(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}(X + I_{p,q}\overline{Y}I_{p,q}).$ 

The involution  $\tilde{\sigma}$  defines on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{u}} = \mathfrak{u}(n) \times \mathfrak{u}(n)$  an orthogonal decomposition  $\tilde{\mathfrak{u}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{\tilde{\sigma}} \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}}$ where  $V \in \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{\pm \tilde{\sigma}}$  if  $\tilde{\sigma}(V) = \pm V$ . In the same way, we have an orthogonal decomposition  $\mathfrak{u} = \mathfrak{u}^{\sigma} \oplus \mathfrak{u}^{-\sigma}$ .

The map  $X \mapsto iX$  defines two isomorphisms  $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}} \simeq \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}}$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \simeq \mathfrak{u}^{-\sigma}$  that fit into the following commutative diagram

(4) 
$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{\mathfrak{p}} & \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathfrak{p} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}} & \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathfrak{u}^{-\sigma} \end{array}$$

### 2.3 O'Shea-Sjamaar's Theorem

If  $A \in \mathfrak{u}(n)$ , the corresponding adjoint orbit  $\mathcal{O}_A = \{gAg^{-1}, g \in U(n)\}$  is entirely determined by the spectrum  $\lambda(iA)$  of the Hermitian matrix iA.

Recall that  $K \simeq U(p) \times U(q)$  acts canonically  $\mathfrak{p} \simeq M_{p,q}(\mathbb{C})$ . For any  $Y \in \mathfrak{p}$ , the orbit  $\mathcal{V}_Y := \{kYk^{-1}, k \in K\}$  is entirely determined by the singular spectrum s(Y).

We start with some basic facts.

#### Lemma 2.1 Let $X, X' \in \mathfrak{u}(n)$ .

- 1.  $\mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_{X'} \bigcap \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}} \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ .
- 2. Let  $(Z, -\overline{Z}) \in \mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\widetilde{\sigma}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\widetilde{\sigma}}$  is equal to the orbit

$$\widetilde{K} \cdot (Z, -\bar{Z}) := \{ (gZg^{-1}, -\overline{gZg^{-1}}), g \in U(n) \}.$$

3. When  $Y \in \mathfrak{u}(n)^{-\sigma}$ , the intersection  $\mathcal{O}_Y \cap \mathfrak{u}(n)^{-\sigma}$  is equal to the orbit  $\mathcal{V}_Y$ .

Proof :  $(A, B) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}}$  if and only if  $B = -\overline{A}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_{X'}$  contains an element  $(A, -\overline{A}) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}}$ . Then  $\lambda(iX) = \lambda(iA)$  and  $\lambda(iX') = \lambda(\overline{iA})$ . Since  $\lambda(iA) = \lambda(\overline{iA})$  we obtain  $\lambda(iX) = \lambda(iX')$ , and then  $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ .

Let  $\lambda(iX) = (\lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n)$ . The orbit  $\mathcal{O}_X$  contains the diagonal matrix  $\Delta = \frac{1}{i} \text{Diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_n)$ , and the product  $\mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X$  contains  $(\Delta, \Delta) = (\Delta, -\overline{\Delta}) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}}$ . The first point is proved and the two other points are classical (see [6], Example 2.9).  $\Box$ 

We can now state the application of the O'Shea-Sjamaar Theorem that interest us.

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $X \in \mathfrak{u}(n)$  and  $Y \in \mathfrak{u}(n)^{-\sigma}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

1.  $\mathcal{O}_Y \subset \pi \Big( \mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X \Big).$ 2.  $\mathcal{O}_Y \cap \mathfrak{u}^{-\sigma} \subset \pi \Big( \mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\widetilde{\sigma}} \Big).$ 

- 3.  $(\lambda(iX), s(iY)) \in \mathcal{A}(p,q).$
- 4.  $2\mathcal{O}_Y \subset \mathcal{O}_X + \mathcal{O}_{\overline{X}}$ .

*Proof* : The equivalence  $1. \Leftrightarrow 2$ . is the consequence of the O'Shea-Sjamaar Theorem (see [6], Section 3).

The equivalence 1.  $\Leftrightarrow$  4. is a direct consequence of the definition of the projection  $\pi: \tilde{\mathfrak{u}} \to \mathfrak{u}$ . Since  $\pi(A, B) = \frac{1}{2}(A + I_{p,q}\overline{B}I_{p,q})$ , we see that  $\pi(\mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{O}_X + \mathcal{O}_{\overline{X}})$ .

The equivalence 2.  $\Leftrightarrow$  3. follows from the commutative diagram (4): the inclusion  $\mathcal{O}_Y \cap \mathfrak{u}^{-\sigma} \subset \pi \left( \mathcal{O}_X \times \mathcal{O}_X \cap \tilde{\mathfrak{u}}^{-\tilde{\sigma}} \right)$  is equivalent to

$$U(p) \times U(q) \cdot (iY) \subset \pi \Big( U(n) \cdot (iX) \Big).$$

and by definition the last inclusion is equivalent to 3.  $\Box$ 

#### 2.4 Horn inequalities

Let us denote by  $\mathbb{R}^n_+$  the set of weakly decreasing *n*-tuples of real numbers. To each  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ , we associate the orbit  $\mathcal{O}_a := \{X \in Herm(n), \lambda(X) = a\}$ . We consider the Horn cone

Horn
$$(n) := \left\{ (x, y, z) \in (\mathbb{R}^n_+)^3, \ \mathcal{O}_z \subset \mathcal{O}_x + \mathcal{O}_y \right\}.$$

Denote the set of cardinality r-subsets  $I = \{i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_r\}$  of  $[n] := \{1, \ldots, n\}$  by  $\mathcal{P}_r^n$ . To each  $I \in \mathcal{P}_r^n$  we associate a weakly decreasing sequence of non-negative integers  $\mu(I) = (\mu_r \geq \cdots \geq \mu_1)$  where  $\mu_a = i_a - a$  for  $a \in [r]$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $1 \leq r < n$ .  $LR_r^n$  refers to the set of triplet  $(I, J, K) \in (\mathcal{P}_r^n)^3$  such that  $(\mu(I), \mu(J), \mu(K)) \in \operatorname{Horn}(r)$ .

The following theorem was conjectured by Horn [2] and proved by a combination of the works of Klyachko [3] and Knutson-Tao [4]. If  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $I \subset [n]$ , we define  $|x|_I = \sum_{i \in I} x_i$  and  $|x| = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

**Theorem 2.4** The triplet  $(x, y, z) \in (\mathbb{R}^n_+)^3$  belongs to Horn(n) if and only if the following conditions holds:

- |x| + |y| = |z|,
- $|x|_I + |y|_J \ge |z|_K$ , for any r < n and any  $(I, J, K) \in LR_r^n$ .

#### 2.5Inequalities determining $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$

Let us denote by  $\mathbb{R}^{q}_{++}$  the set of weakly decreasing q-tuples of non-negative real numbers. Let  $Y \in \mathfrak{p}$  and let  $s(Y) = (s_1, \dots, s_q) \in \mathbb{R}^q_{++}$  be its singular spectrum. For  $s \in \mathbb{R}^q_{++}$ , we define the K-orbit  $\mathcal{V}_s := \{Y \in \mathfrak{p}, s(Y) = s\}$ . A standard result asserts that  $\mathcal{V}_s$  contains the matrix

(5) 
$$Y(s) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & M(s) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ M(s)^* & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } M(s) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & s_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_q & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The spectrum of Y(s) is equal to  $\nu(s) := (s_1, \cdots, s_q, 0, \cdots, 0, -s_q, \cdots, -s_1) \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ .

Hence we see that the K-orbit  $\mathcal{V}_s$  is contained in  $\mathcal{O}_{\nu(s)} := \{X \in Herm(n), \lambda(X) = \nu(s)\}$ . If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , we denote by  $\lambda^*$  the vector  $(-\lambda_n, \dots, -\lambda_1)$ : we see that  $\lambda(-X) = (-\lambda_1, \dots, -\lambda_n)$ .  $\lambda(X)^*$  for any  $X \in Herm(n)$ .

Using the equivalence 3.  $\Leftrightarrow$  4. of Theorem 2.2, we obtain the following equivalent statements:

- $(\lambda, s) \in \mathcal{A}(p, q)$
- $\exists (X, Y) \in \mathcal{O}_{\lambda} \times \mathcal{V}_{\delta}$  such that  $Y = \pi(X)$
- $\exists (X,Y) \in \mathcal{O}_{\lambda} \times \mathcal{V}_s, 2\mathcal{O}_{Y/i} \subset \mathcal{O}_{X/i} + \mathcal{O}_{\overline{X/i}}$
- $\exists (X,Y) \in \mathcal{O}_{\lambda} \times \mathcal{V}_s, 2\mathcal{O}_Y \subset \mathcal{O}_X + \mathcal{O}_{-\overline{X}}$
- $2\mathcal{O}_{\nu(s)} \subset \mathcal{O}_{\lambda} + \mathcal{O}_{\lambda^*},$
- $(\lambda, \lambda^*, 2\nu(s)) \in \operatorname{Horn}(n).$

Thanks to Theorem 2.4, we can conclude with the following description of  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$ .

**Theorem 2.5** An element  $(\lambda, s) \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ \times \mathbb{R}^q_{++}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(p,q)$  if and only if

$$(\star)_{I,J,K} \qquad \qquad |\lambda|_I - |\lambda|_{J^o} \ge 2|s|_{K \cap [q]} - 2|s|_{K^o \cap [q]}$$

for any r < n and any  $(I, J, K) \in LR_r^n$ .

**Remark 2.6** In the formulation of the previous theorem we have used that  $|\lambda^*|_J = -|\lambda|_{J^o}$ and  $|\nu(s)|_K = |s|_{K \cap [q]} - |s|_{K^o \cap [q]}$ .

**Remark 2.7** As we have said in the introduction, we can restrict the system of inequalities in Theorem 2.5 by considering uniquely triplets  $(I, J, K) \in LR_r^n$  with  $r \leq q$  (see [8]).

### 3 Examples

#### **3.1** Computation of $\mathcal{A}(2,2)$

The set  $LR_1^4$  corresponds to the set of triplets (i, j, k) of elements of [4] such that i + j = k + 1: the corresponding (non-trivial) inequalities are

 $\lambda_1 - \lambda_4 \ge 2s_1, \quad \lambda_2 - \lambda_4 \ge 2s_2, \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 \ge 2s_2.$ 

The set  $LR_2^4$  corresponds to the set of triplets  $(I = \{i_1 < i_2\}, J = \{j_1 < j_2\}, K = \{k_1 < k_2\})$  of subsets of [4] satisfying Horn's conditions:

- 1.  $i_1 + i_2 + j_1 + j_2 = k_1 + k_2 + 3$ ,
- 2.  $i_1 + j_1 \le k_1 + 1$ ,  $i_1 + j_2 \le k_2 + 1$ ,  $i_2 + j_1 \le k_2 + 1$ .

Here the inequality  $(\star)_{I,J,K}$  is non trivial only in one case: when  $I = J = K = \{1,2\}$  we obtain  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 \ge 2(s_1 + s_2)$ .

We summarize our computations as follows.

**Proposition 3.1** An element  $(\lambda, s) \in \mathbb{R}^4_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2_{++}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(2, 2)$  if and only if the following conditions holds

- $\lambda_1 \lambda_4 \ge 2s_1$ ,  $\lambda_2 \lambda_4 \ge 2s_2$ ,  $\lambda_1 \lambda_3 \ge 2s_2$ .
- $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \ge 2(s_1 + s_2).$

#### **3.2** Computation of $\mathcal{A}(3,3)$

The non-trivial inequalities associated to  $LR_1^6$  are

(6) 
$$\lambda_1 - \lambda_6 \ge 2s_1 \qquad \lambda_1 - \lambda_5 \ge 2s_2 \\ \lambda_2 - \lambda_6 \ge 2s_2 \qquad \lambda_1 - \lambda_4 \ge 2s_3 \\ \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 \ge 2s_3 \qquad \lambda_3 - \lambda_6 \ge 2s_3.$$

The non-trivial inequalities associated to  $LR_2^6$  are

(7)  

$$\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} - \lambda_{5} - \lambda_{6} \geq 2(s_{1} + s_{2})$$

$$\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} - \lambda_{4} - \lambda_{6} \geq 2(s_{1} + s_{3})$$

$$\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{3} - \lambda_{5} - \lambda_{6} \geq 2(s_{1} + s_{3})$$

$$\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} - \lambda_{4} - \lambda_{5} \geq 2(s_{2} + s_{3})$$

$$\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4} - \lambda_{6} \geq 2(s_{2} + s_{3})$$

$$\lambda_{2} + \lambda_{3} - \lambda_{5} - \lambda_{6} \geq 2(s_{2} + s_{3})$$

Note that the inequality  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \ge 2(s_2 + s_3)$  is not valid, even if it looks like the previous ones, since the triplet  $(\{1,4\},\{1,2\},\{2,3\})$  does not belong to  $LR_2^6$ .

The non-trivial inequalities associated to  $LR_3^6$  are

(8)  

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \geq 2(s_1 - s_2 - s_3)$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_5 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_6 \geq 2(s_1 - s_2 - s_3)$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \geq 2(s_1 + s_2 + s_3).$$

In the case of  $LR_3^6$ , the *trivial* inequalities are those induced by inequalities obtained with  $LR_1^6$  and  $LR_2^6$ . For example, the inequalities corresponding to the triplets ({1,2,5}, {2,3,4}, {2,3,6}) and ({1,2,4}, {1,2,3}, {1,2,4}) of  $LR_2^6$  are respectively

 $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 \ge 2(-s_1 + s_2 + s_3) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \ge 2(s_1 + s_2 - s_3).$ 

The former is induced by  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_4 \ge 2s_3$  obtained with  $LR_1^6$  and  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 \ge 0 \ge s_2 - s_1$  while the latter is induced by  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 \ge 2(s_1 + s_2)$  obtained with  $LR_2^6$  and  $s_3 \ge 0$ .

**Proposition 3.2** An element  $(\lambda, s) \in \mathbb{R}^6_+ \times \mathbb{R}^3_{++}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(3,3)$  if and only if the inequalities listed in (6), (7) and (8) are satisfied.

**Remark 3.3** The cone  $\mathcal{A}(3,3) \subset \mathbb{R}^6 \times \mathbb{R}^3$  corresponds to the intersection of the Horn cone Horn(6)  $\subset \mathbb{R}^{18}$  with the subspace  $\{(\lambda, \lambda^*, 2\nu(s)), (\lambda, s) \in \mathbb{R}^6 \times \mathbb{R}^3\}$ . It is striking that  $\mathcal{A}(3,3)$  is determined by 23 inequalities while Horn(6) is described with a minimal list of 536 inequalities.

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