### An introduction to conic optimization

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## Design of ribs in the leading edge of Airbus A380

#### About 15-20% weight savings compared to traditional design



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Design of control laws for Ariane 5 Wind disturbance rejection Heavy load flexible structure  $H_{\infty}$  robust control and optimization



### Validation and verification for Vega launcher



Conic optimization for assessing stability and performance

Convex conic geometry

Polytopes



### Conics

















## $x_1 y^2 + x_2 y + x_3 \ge 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$



 $x_1 \ge 0$  $4x_1x_3 \ge x_2^2$ 





### Intersection of convex cone

$$x_1 \ge 0$$
$$4x_1x_3 \ge x_2^2$$

with affine subspace

$$x_1 = 1$$



Spectrahedra

 $x_1y_1^2 + x_2y_1 + x_3 + x_4y_2 + x_5y_1y_2 + x_6y_2^2 \ge 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

# $y_1^2 + x_2y_1 + 1 + x_4y_2 + x_5y_1y_2 + y_2^2 \ge 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$4 + x_2 x_4 x_5 \ge x_2^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2$$
  
$$12 \ge x_2^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2$$







## Arthur Cayley (1821-1895)









Conic duality

### Some history

Linear programming: L. Kantorovich, G. Dantzig and T. C. Koopmans (1940) for military and economics planning

Semidefinite programming (1990): eigenvalue optimization, systems control, signal processing, combinatorics, structural mechanics

More recently (2000): use of convex relaxations for non-convex semialgebraic problems, polynomial optimization

Algorithms: simplex and interior-point methods