


APPLICATIONS

- Streaming
 - Property Testing
 - game theory
 - TIME/SPACE Turing Machine LBs
 - Circuit Complexity
 - Proof complexity
 - Extension Complexity
 - clique/codique, Graph Theory, Learning Partial Functions
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- Last class

Main CC Lower Bounds

UDIST : disjointness with
promise that either
 $|x \cap y| = 0$ or $|x \cap y| = 1$

Theorem $BPP^{CC}(\text{DIST}) = \Omega(n)$
 $BPP^{CC}(\text{UDIST}) = \Omega(n)$
 $CONP^{CC}(\text{UDIST}) = \Omega(n)$

Theorem

The k -player NOF randomized cc of DIST, UDIST

is $\Omega\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right)$

We will prove these in a couple of weeks

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all USE
LIFTING TECHNIQUE

COMMUNICATION FOR SEARCH PROBLEMS

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$$S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \times \Theta$$

Example 1 (KW Search)

$$\text{Alice: } x \in f^{-1}(1) \quad \text{Bob: } y \in f^{-1}(0)$$

Output $i \in [n]$ such that $x_i \neq y_i$.

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Example 2 (CNF Search)

Fix an unsatisfiable CNF C over $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n$

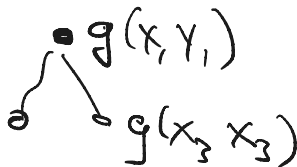
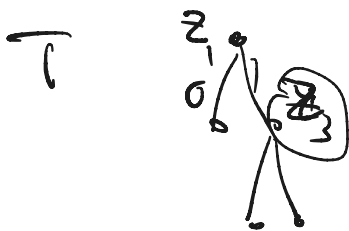
Alice: $x \in \{0,1\}^n$ Bob: $y \in \{0,1\}^n$

Output clause c_i falsified by (x, y)

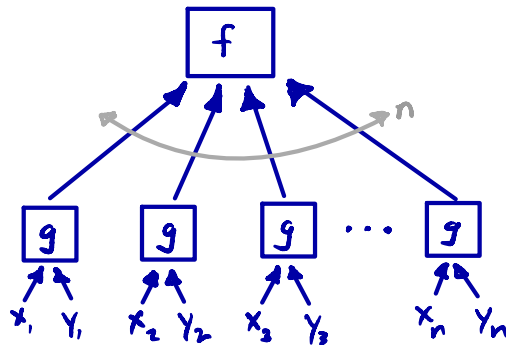
QUERY TO COMMUNICATION LIFTING

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \Theta \rightsquigarrow F:$$

DT for f :

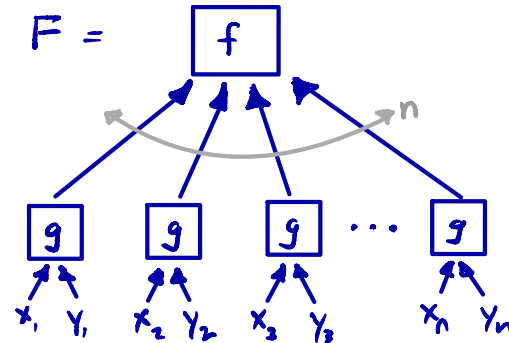


$$\text{cost} \approx \underbrace{\text{cost of } g}_{O(\log n)} \cdot \text{dt-ht of } T_{O(1)}$$



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LIFTING THEOREM

Communication Complexity
of F \approx

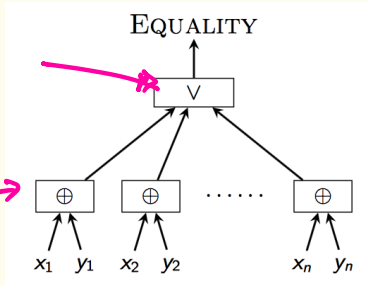
Query Complexity of f



INTUITION: MOST HARD COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS ARE COMPOSED FUNCTIONS $f \circ g^n$

f : OR

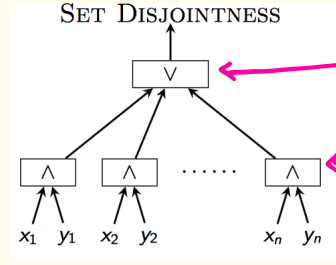
g : = \rightarrow



SET DISJOINTNESS

f : OR

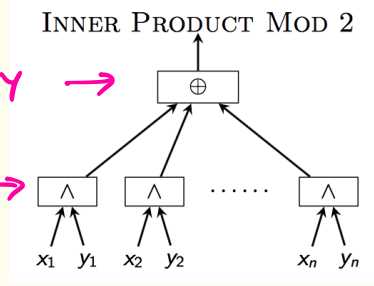
g : AND



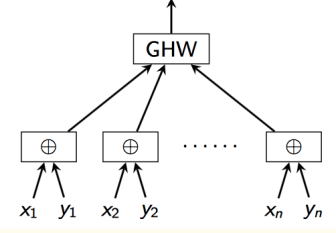
INNER PRODUCT MOD 2

f : PARITY \rightarrow

g : AND \rightarrow



GAP HAMMING DISTANCE



(SOME) LIFTING THEOREMS

Measure on f_{on}

Measure on f

	Measure on f_{on}	Measure on f
Raz-Mckenzie '99	Deterministic CC	Decision tree
Razborov '03	Quantum CC	approx. degree
Sherstov '07	discrepancy, sign rank, unbded error	Threshold degree
Göös-P '14	Randomized CC	(critical) Block Sensitivity
GLMWZ '15	Non-deterministic CC, Partition	approx. Junta degree
Lee-Raghavendra Steurer '15	Semidefinite Rank	SOS degree
RPRC '16 PR '17, PR '17b	Razborov Rank / Algebraic Tiling	algebraic gap degree Nullsatz degree
KMR '16	Nonnegative Rank	Junta degree
Göös-P-Watson '17	Randomized CC	Randomized dec. tree

Lifting Theorems Makes Lower Bounds Easy!



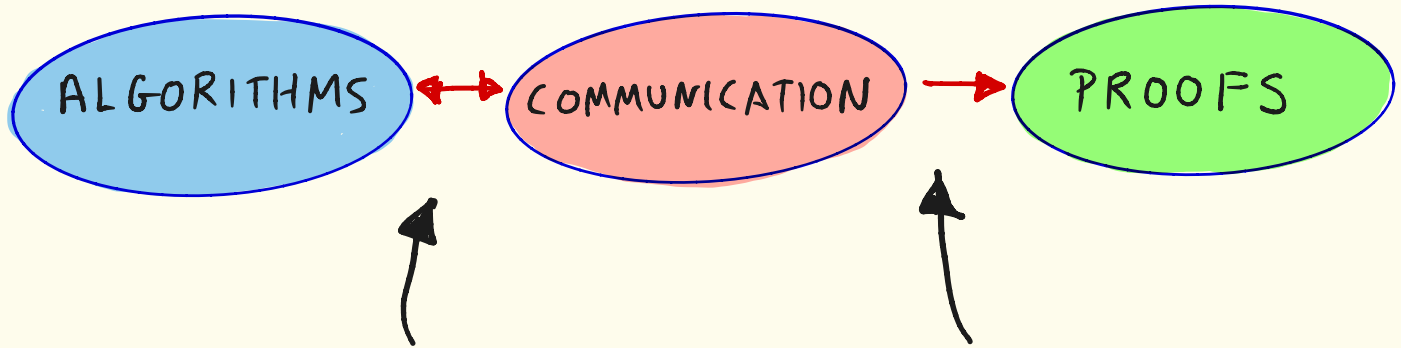
2 step recipe :

- ① Prove problem specific query lower bound
- ② Apply Lifting theorem to obtain communication complexity lower bound

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- Very Similar use of Lifting
Plus other common ideas

INTRO: LIFTING QUERY TO CC LOWER BOUNDS



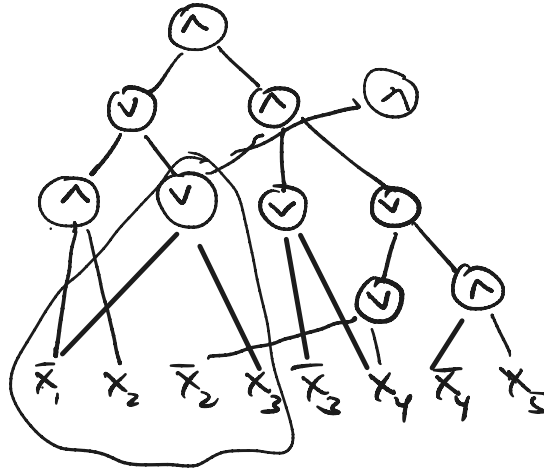
Use communication complexity to capture underlying class of algorithms

New **LIFTING THEOREMS** to reduce communication lower bounds to much simpler lower bounds on query complexity of search problems

CIRCUIT DEPTH / FORMULA SIZE

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

formula for f :



Size (F) = # vertices

Lemma $\log(\text{size}(f)) = \Theta(\text{depth}(f))$

Monotone CIRCUIT DEPTH (+ FORMULA SIZE) LBS (a little history)

Thm [Karchmer-Wigderson]

any monotone formula for STCONN requires depth $\Omega(\log^2 n)$

Thm [Raz-Mckenzie]

For any $d \geq 1$ \exists monotone $f_d: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ st.

$f \in \text{mdepth}(\log^{d+1} n)$, $f \notin \text{mdepth}(\log^d n)$

Thm [Raz-Wigderson]

any monotone circuit for matching (n^2 inputs)
requires depth $\Omega(n)$

Thm [Razborov]

Monotone circuits for CLIQUE on g_n require size 2^{n^ϵ} for some $\epsilon > 0$

MONOTONE CIRCUIT DEPTH LBS VIA LIFTING

Theorem [Göös - Pitassi]

\exists explicit monotone $f \in \text{NP}$ requiring monotone circuit depth $\Omega(\frac{n}{\log n})$
 \exists explicit monotone $f \in \text{P}$ requiring monotone ckt depth $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$

Proof

Lifting Theorem from critical block sensitivity to Randomized CC

↖ a reduction to UDISJ
gadget has constant size
even works for NOF CC

Alternative Proof [Raz-McKenzie, gPW'15]

Deterministic Lifting Theorem (Decision tree to CC)

↖ harder proof
gadget larger
but Lifting theorem stronger

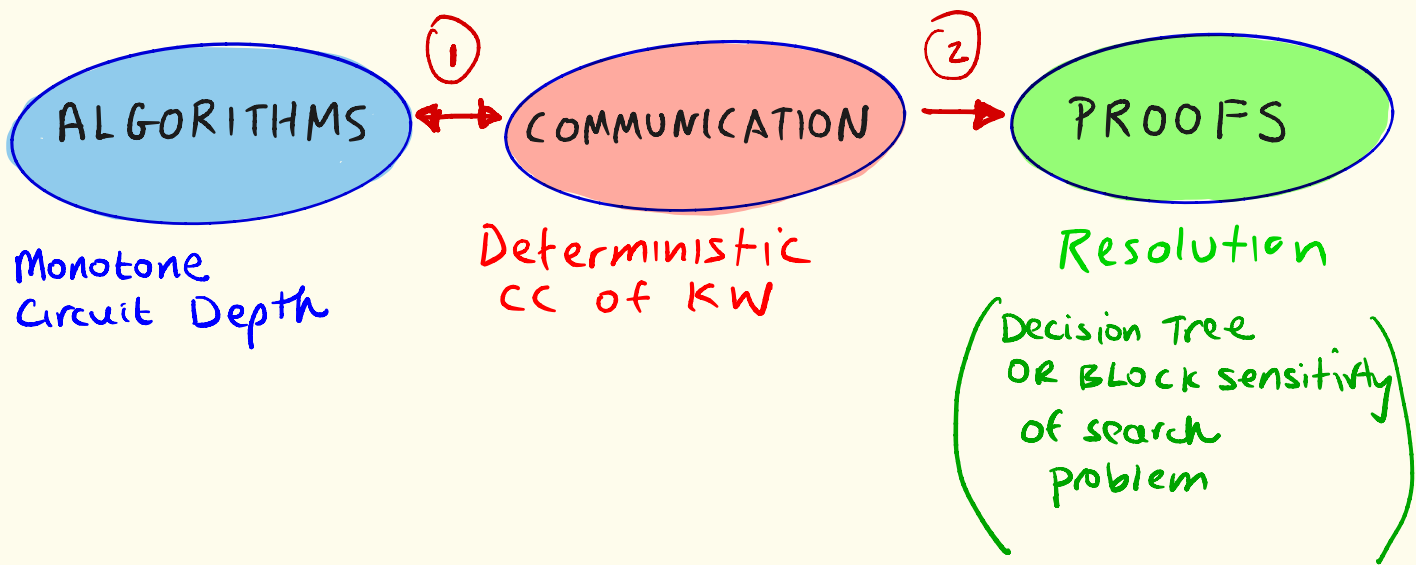
MONOTONE CIRCUIT SIZE LBS VIA LIFTING

[ggks] give alternative LB on monotone circuit size via dag-like dectree \rightarrow dag-cc lifting

Lifting in same spirit used to prove

1. Extension complexity LBS
2. Monotone Span Program (Secret sharing scheme LBS)

I. MONOTONE FORMULA / CIRCUIT DEPTH LBS



① CIRCUIT DEPTH & CC EQUIVALENCE

Defn Let $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$.

$$\text{Search}_f = \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \times [n]$$

Alice receives $x \in f^{-1}(1)$

Bob receives $y \in f^{-1}(0)$

Output $i \in [n]$ such that $x_i \neq y_i$

mSearch_f : f monotone

output $i \in [n]$ such that $x_i = 1, y_i = 0$

Thm $\text{CC}(\text{Search}_f) = \text{ckt-depth}(f)$

$\text{CC}(\text{mSearch}_f) = \text{mon. ckt-depth}(f)$

Theorem 1

$$CC(\text{Search}_f) = F\text{-depth}(f)$$

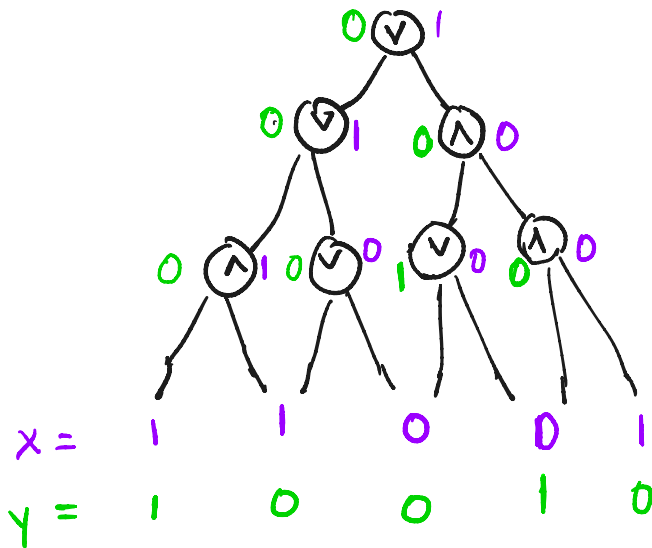
$$CC(\text{mSearch}_f) = \text{monotone } F\text{-depth}(f)$$

Pf (\Rightarrow) Let F be a formula for f . Then $CC(\text{Search}_f) \leq \text{depth}(F)$

Let F be a monotone formula for f (monotone). Then $CC(\text{mSearch}_f) \leq \text{mdepth}(F)$

$$x \in f^{-1}(1)$$

$$y \in f^{-1}(0)$$



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$x \in f^{-1}(1)$

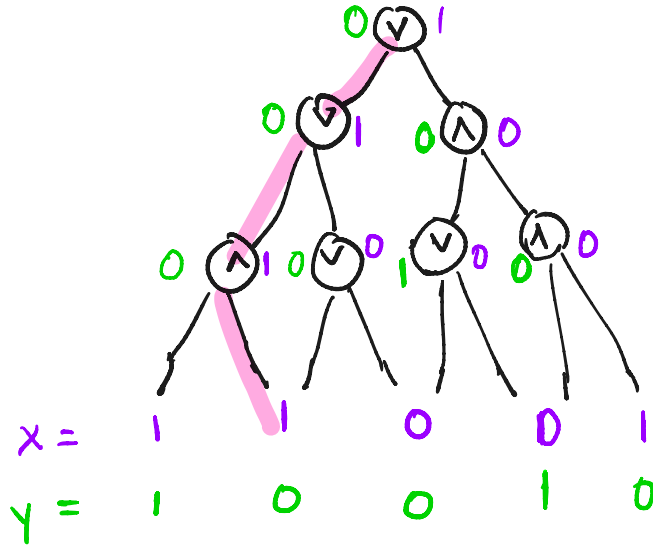
$y \in f^{-1}(0)$

at \vee gate:

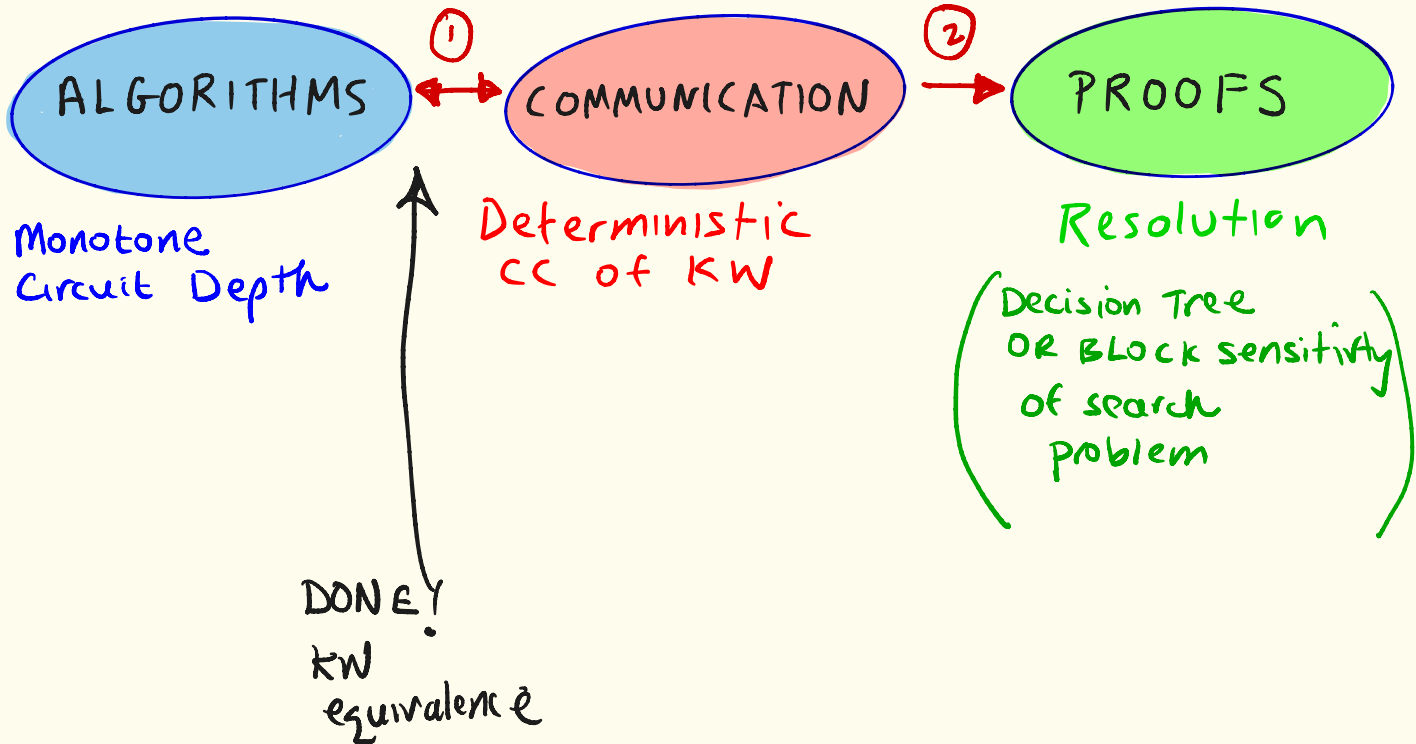
Alice sends bit

at \wedge gate:

Bob sends bit



I. MONOTONE FORMULA / CIRCUIT DEPTH LBS



② CONSTRUCTING A HARD MONOTONE FUNCTION *This is a main theme!

- ① Start with a hard UNSAT CNF $C = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$ over $z_1 \dots z_n$
Search(C): given $\alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$, output some clause C_i
falsified by α

Decision tree complexity of $C \equiv$ Resolution Depth of refuting C

- ② Lift C to get a 2-player search problem hard for C
Search(C) $\xrightarrow[\text{using } g]{\text{Lift}}$ Search($C \circ g^n$)

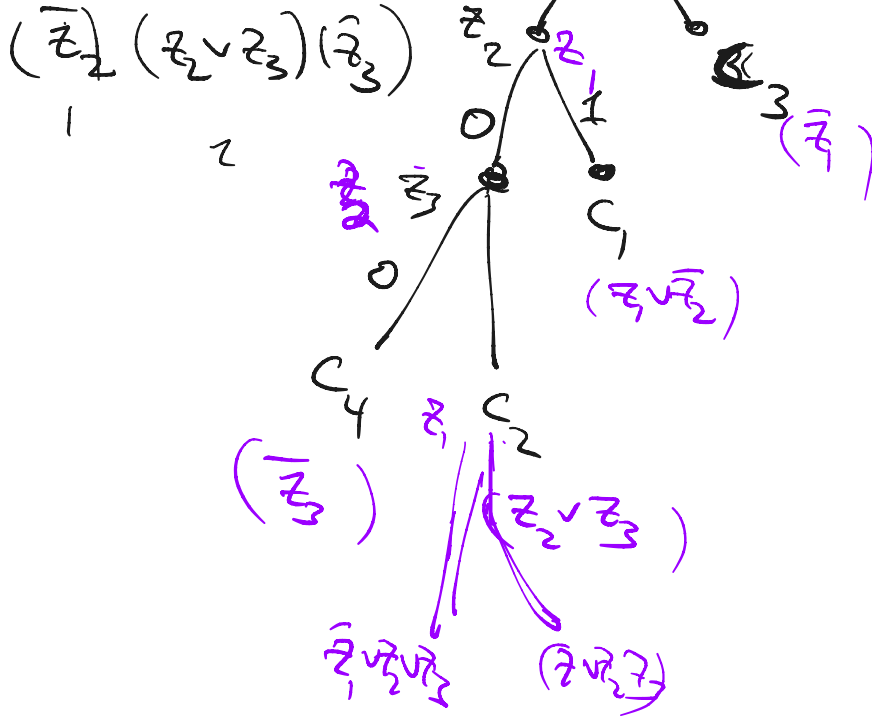
$$C: (z_1 \vee z_2) (\bar{z}_1 \vee z_3) \quad C \circ g^n: (g(x_1, y_1) \vee g(x_2, y_2)) (\overline{g(x_1, y_1)} \vee g(x_3, y_3))$$

- ③ Show that Alice's input x to Search($C \circ g^n$) \rightsquigarrow 1-input of some monotone F_C
Bob's input y " " \rightsquigarrow 0-input of F_C

A DT for search (c)

$$C = (\bar{z}_1 \vee \bar{z}_2) (z_2 \vee z_3) (\bar{z}_1) (z_3)$$

1
2
3
4



$$c = c_1 \wedge \dots \wedge c_m$$

over $z_1 \dots z_n$

Res: $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$

Rule $(x \vee C) (y \vee D)$

$(C \vee D)$

Res Ref of $c_1 \dots c_m$
 is a denumerator of
 empty clause starting
 with $c_1 \dots c_m$

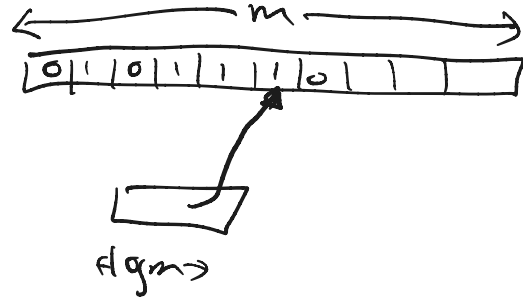
Index gadget with parameter m

$$g: X \times Y \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

$$X = \{0,1\}^{\log m}$$

$$Y = \{0,1\}^m$$

$$g(x,y) \stackrel{d}{=} \bigwedge_x y$$



Ⓢ CNF over n variables

usually pick $m = n^2$

$$\log m = O(\log n)$$

$$\text{so } cc(\text{index gadget}_m) = \log m = O(\log n)$$

LIFTED SEARCH PROBLEM

Search ($\mathcal{C} \circ g^n$):

Alice gets x

Bob gets y

Find a falsified clause

This is saying that
we can always transform
lifted search problem
to an equivalent
KW game!



Theorem 2 [Göös-P]

For any unsatisfiable boolean formula \mathcal{C}
there is a Boolean function $F_{\mathcal{C}}$ such that
monotone KW game for $F_{\mathcal{C}}$ equals $\text{Search}(\mathcal{C} \circ g^n)$

$g = \text{index gadget with } m \sim n^2$



Proof sketch

$\mathcal{C} = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_t$ UNSAT k -CNF over $z_1 \dots z_n$

Search ($\mathcal{C} \circ g^n$):

Alice gets n pointers $x_1 \dots x_n$ $x_i \in [m]$
Bob gets n m -bit vectors $y_1 \dots y_n$ $y_i \in \{0,1\}^m$

Monotone Function $F_{\mathcal{C}}(\alpha)$:

α is a length $|\mathcal{C}|(mn)^k$ indicator vector for a k -SAT instance over mn variables with constraints from \mathcal{C}

$F_{\mathcal{C}}(\alpha) = 1$ iff α is UNSAT

mn variables underlying CNF instance α are $v_{11} \dots v_{1m} \dots v_{n1} \dots v_{nm}$

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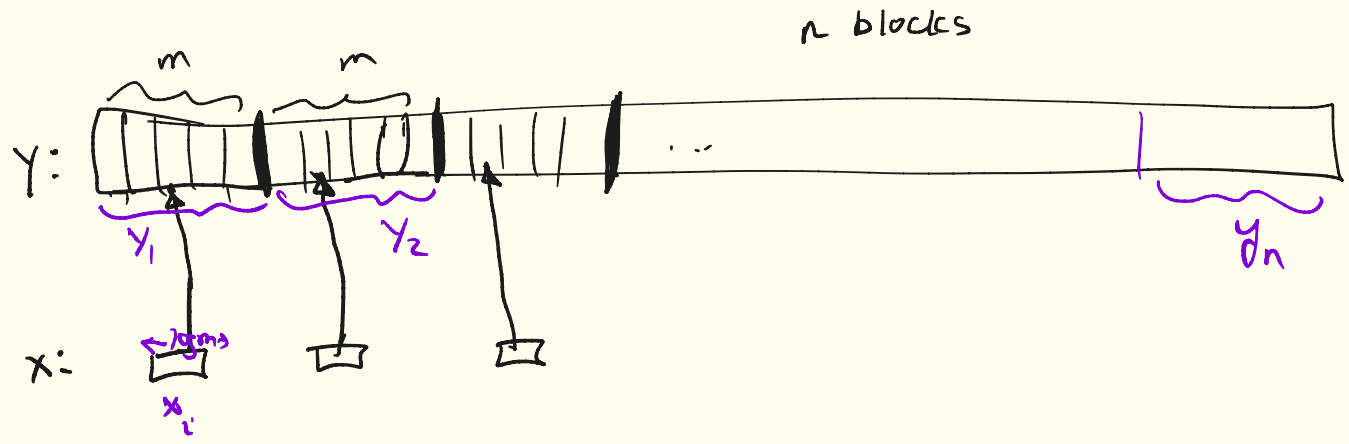
$x_i \in [m]$

Bob gets n m -bit vectors

$y_1 \dots y_n$

$y_i \in \{0,1\}^m$

picks n out of $n \cdot m$ variables and apply \mathcal{C} to these variables



Proof sketch

$e = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_t$ UNSAT k -CNF over $z_1 \dots z_n$

Search ($e \circ g^n$):

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Bob gets n m -bit vectors $y_1 \dots y_n$ $y_i \in \{0,1\}^m$

Monotone Function $F_e(\alpha)$:

α is a length $(e/(mn))^k$ indicator vector for a k -SAT instance over mn variables v_{ij} with constraints from e

$F_e(\alpha) = 1$ iff α is UNSAT

Alice: $x \rightarrow e$ over the renamed vars $v_{1,x_1}, \dots, v_{n,x_n}$

Bob: $y \rightarrow$ all constraints satisfied by the assignment y

Picks n out of nm variables and apply e to these variables

include all constraints over $v_{11} \dots v_{1m} v_{21} \dots v_{2m} \dots v_{n1} \dots v_{nm}$ satisfied by y

$$C_1 \in \mathcal{C} : z_1 \vee z_2$$

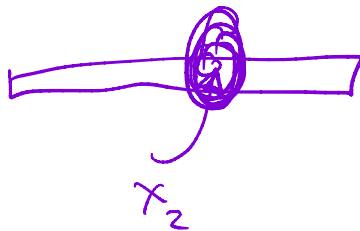
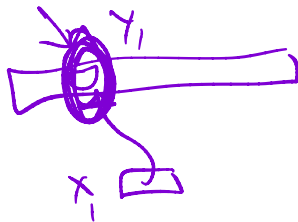
$$C_1 \circ g : \left\{ g(x_1, y_1) \vee g(x_2, y_2) \right\}$$



Cogⁿ

-true iff

the x_1 th bit of y_1 is true



$$\left(\bigvee_{1x_1} \vee \bigvee_{2x_2} \right)$$

Monotone Circuit Depth LBS : Putting it all together

Thm 1 [KW equivalence]

$$\text{mCktDepth}(F) = \text{cc}(\text{mKW}_F)$$

Thm 2 [Lifted CNF search \equiv KW_F]

$\text{Search}(C \circ g^n) \equiv \text{KW}_{F_C}$ for an associated monotone F_C

Thm 3 [Deterministic Lifting]

For any search problem (ie $\text{Search}(C)$)

$$\text{DecTree}(\text{Search}(C)) \approx \text{CC}(\text{Search}(C \circ g^n))$$

Thm 4 (LBS for $\text{Search}(C)$)

There exist UNSAT kCNF C over $z_1 \dots z_n$ st.

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DecTree(Search(C)) = $\Omega(n)$



$$DT(\text{Search}(e)) = \Omega(n)$$

Thm 4

$$CC(\text{Search}(C \circ g^n)) = \Omega(n)$$

Thm 3

$$CC(KW_{F_e}) = \Omega(n)$$

Thm 2

$$mcktDepth(F_e) = \Omega(n)$$

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