Linear sketching over $\mathbb{F}_2$

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Linear sketching with parities

- Input $\boldsymbol{x} \in \{0,1\}^n$
- Parity = Linear function over $\mathbb{G}F_2$: $\bigoplus_{i \in S} x_i$
- E.g. $x_4 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_{42}$
- **Deterministic linear sketch**: set of $\boldsymbol{k}$ parities:

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{x}) = \bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \dots; \bigoplus_{i_{\boldsymbol{k}} \in S_{\boldsymbol{k}}} x_{i_{\boldsymbol{k}}}$$

- **Randomized linear sketch**: **distribution** over $\boldsymbol{k}$ parities (random $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{\boldsymbol{k}}$):

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{x}) = \bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \dots; \bigoplus_{i_{\boldsymbol{k}} \in S_{\boldsymbol{k}}} x_{i_{\boldsymbol{k}}}$$

Linear sketching over $\mathbb{G}F_2$

- Given $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})$: $\{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$
- **Question:**

Can one recover $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})$ from a small ($\boldsymbol{k} \ll n$) linear sketch over $\mathbb{G}F_2$?

- Allow randomized computation (99% success)
  - Probability over choice of random sets
  - Sets are known at recovery time
  - Recovery is deterministic (also consider randomized)

Motivation: Distributed Computing

- **Distributed computation among M machines:**
  - $x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_M)$ (more generally $x = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{M} x_i$)
  - M machines can compute sketches locally:

$$\ell(x_1), \ldots, \ell(x_M)$$

  - Send them to the coordinator who computes:

$\ell_i(x) = \ell_i(x_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus \ell_i(x_M)$ (coordinate-wise XORs)

  - Coordinator computes $f(x)$ with kM communication

Motivation: Streaming

- $\boldsymbol{x}$ generated through a sequence of updates
- Updates $i_1, \ldots, i_m$: update i_t flips bit at position i_t

x_0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0

Updates: (1, 3, 8

x_1	1	0			0	0	0	
x_2	1	0			0	0	0	
x_3	1	0			0	1	0	0
x	1	0	0		0	1	0	0

$\ell(\boldsymbol{x})$ allows to recover $\boldsymbol{f(x)}$ with $\boldsymbol{k}$ bits of space

Deterministic vs. Randomized

- **Fact**: f has a deterministic sketch if and only if
  - $f = g(\bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \dots; \bigoplus_{i_k \in S_k} x_{i_k})$
  - Equivalent to "f has Fourier dimension k"
- **Randomization can help:**
  - **OR**: $f(x) = x_1 \vee \cdots \vee x_n$
  - Has "Fourier dimension" $= n$
  - Pick $t = \log 1/\delta$ random sets $S_1, \dots, S_t$
  - If there is j such that $\bigoplus_{i \in S_j} x_i = 1$ output 1, otherwise output 0
  - Error probability δ

Fourier Analysis

- $\boldsymbol{f}(x_1, \ldots, x_n): \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$
- Notation switch:
  - $0 \to 1$
  - $1 \to -1$
- $\boldsymbol{f}': \{-1,1\}^n \to \{-1,1\}$
- Functions as vectors form a vector space:

$$\boldsymbol{f}: \{-1,1\}^n \to \{-1,1\} \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{f} \in \{-1,1\}^{2^n}$$

- Inner product on functions = "correlation":

$$\langle \boldsymbol{f}, \boldsymbol{g} \rangle = 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n} \boldsymbol{f}(x)\boldsymbol{g}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \{-1,1\}^n}[\boldsymbol{f}(x)\boldsymbol{g}(x)]$$

$$\left|\left|\boldsymbol{f}\right|\right|_2 = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle} = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \{-1,1\}^n}[\boldsymbol{f}^2(x)]} = 1 \text{ (for Boolean only)}$$

"Main Characters" are Parities

- For $S \subseteq [n]$ let **character** $\chi_S(x) = \prod_{i \in S} x_i$
- **Fact**: Every function $f: \{-1,1\}^n \to \{-1,1\}$ **uniquely** represented as multilinear polynomial

$$f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \sum_{S \subseteq [n]} \hat{f}(S) \chi_S(x)$$

- $\hat{f}(S)$ a.k.a. Fourier coefficient of f on S
- $\hat{f}(S) \equiv \langle f, \chi_S \rangle = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \{-1,1\}^n}[f(x)\chi_S(x)]$
- $\sum_S \hat{f}(S)^2 = 1$ (Parseval)

Fourier Dimension

- Fourier sets $S \equiv$ vectors in $\mathbb{G}F_2^n$
- "$\boldsymbol{f}$ has Fourier dimension $\boldsymbol{k}$" = a $\boldsymbol{k}$-dimensional subspace in Fourier domain has all weight

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{S} \subseteq A_{\boldsymbol{k}}} \hat{\boldsymbol{f}}(\boldsymbol{S})^2 = 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{S} \subseteq [n]} \hat{\boldsymbol{f}}(\boldsymbol{S}) \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{S} \subseteq A_{\boldsymbol{k}}} \hat{\boldsymbol{f}}(\boldsymbol{S}) \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S}}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

- Pick a basis $\boldsymbol{S_1, \dots, S_k}$ in $A_{\boldsymbol{k}}$:
  - Sketch: $\boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S_1}}(\boldsymbol{x}), \dots, \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S_k}}(\boldsymbol{x})$
  - For every $\boldsymbol{S} \in A_{\boldsymbol{k}}$ there exists $\boldsymbol{Z} \subseteq [\boldsymbol{k}]$: $\boldsymbol{S} = \bigoplus_{\boldsymbol{i} \in \boldsymbol{Z}} \boldsymbol{S_i}$

$$\boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \bigoplus_{\boldsymbol{i} \in \boldsymbol{Z}} \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{S_i}}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

Deterministic Sketching and Noise

Suppose "noise" has a bounded norm

$$\boldsymbol{f} = \boldsymbol{k}\text{-dimensional} \oplus \text{“}\mathbf{noise}\text{”}$$

- Sparse Fourier noise (via [Sanyal'15])
  - $\hat{\boldsymbol{f}} = \boldsymbol{k}$-dim. + "Fourier L_0-noise"
  - $\left|\left|\widehat{noise}\right|\right|_0$ = # non-zero Fourier coefficients of noise (aka "Fourier sparsity")
  - Linear sketch size: $\boldsymbol{k} + O(\left|\left|\widehat{noise}\right|\right|_0^{1/2})$
  - **Our work**: can't be improved even with randomness and even for uniform x, e.g for ``addressing function''.

How Randomization Handles Noise

- L_0-noise in original domain (via hashing a la OR)
  - $\boldsymbol{f} = \boldsymbol{k}$-dim. + "$L_0$-noise"
  - Linear sketch size: $\boldsymbol{k}$ + O(log $\left|\left|noise\right|\right|_0$)
  - Optimal (but only existentially, i.e. $\exists \boldsymbol{f}$: …)
- L_1-noise in the Fourier domain (via [Grolmusz'97])
  - $\hat{\boldsymbol{f}} = \boldsymbol{k}$-dim. + "Fourier L_1-noise"
  - Linear sketch size: $\boldsymbol{k} + O(\left|\left|\widehat{noise}\right|\right|_1^2)$
  - Example = $\boldsymbol{k}$-dim. + small decision tree / DNF / etc.

Randomized Sketching: Hardness

- k -dimensional **affine extractors** require k:
  - f is an **affine-extractor** for dim. k if any restriction on a k-dim. affine subspace has values 0/1 w/prob. ≥ 0.1 each
  - Example (inner product): $f(x) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n/2} x_{2i-1}x_{2i}$
- Not γ-concentrated on k -dim. Fourier subspaces
  - For $\forall$ k -dim. Fourier subspace A :

$$\sum_{S \notin A} \hat{f}(S)^2 \geq 1 - \gamma$$

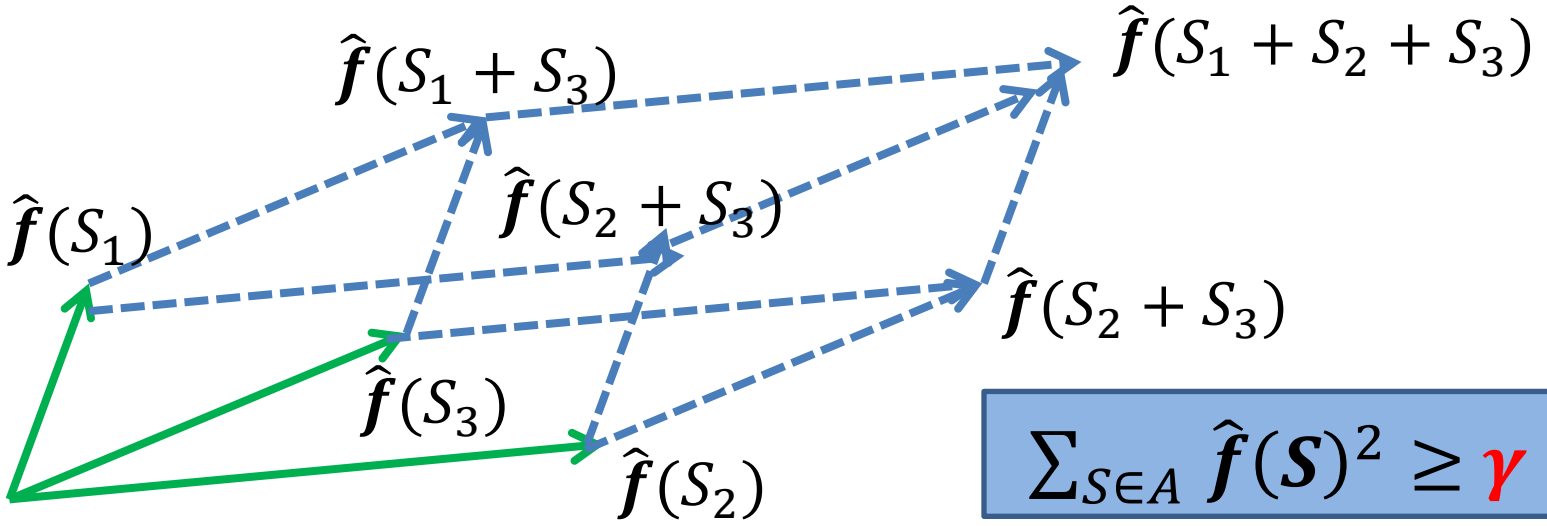
  - Any k -dim. linear sketch makes error $\frac{1-\sqrt{\gamma}}{2}$
  - **Converse doesn't hold, i.e. concentration is not enough**

Randomized Sketching: Hardness

- Not $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$-concentrated on $o(n)$-dim. Fourier subspaces:
  - Almost all **symmetric functions**, i.e. $\boldsymbol{f(x) = h(\sum_i x_i)}$
    - If not Fourier-close to constant or $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} x_i$
    - E.g. Majority (not an extractor even for $O(\sqrt{n})$)
  - **Tribes** (balanced DNF)
  - **Recursive majority**: $Maj^{\circ k} = Maj_3 \circ Maj_3 \ldots \circ Maj_3$

Approximate Fourier Dimension

- Not γ-concentrated on k -dim. Fourier subspaces
  - $\forall$ k -dim. Fourier subspace A: $\sum_{S \notin A} \hat{f}(S)^2 \geq 1 - \gamma$
  - Any k -dim. linear sketch makes error $\frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{\gamma})$
- **Definition** (Approximate Fourier Dimension)
  - $\dim_\gamma(f) =$ smallest d such that f is γ-concentrated on some Fourier subspace of dimension d



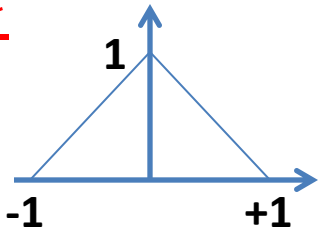
$$\sum_{S \in A} \hat{f}(S)^2 \geq \gamma$$

Sketching over Uniform Distribution + Approximate Fourier Dimension

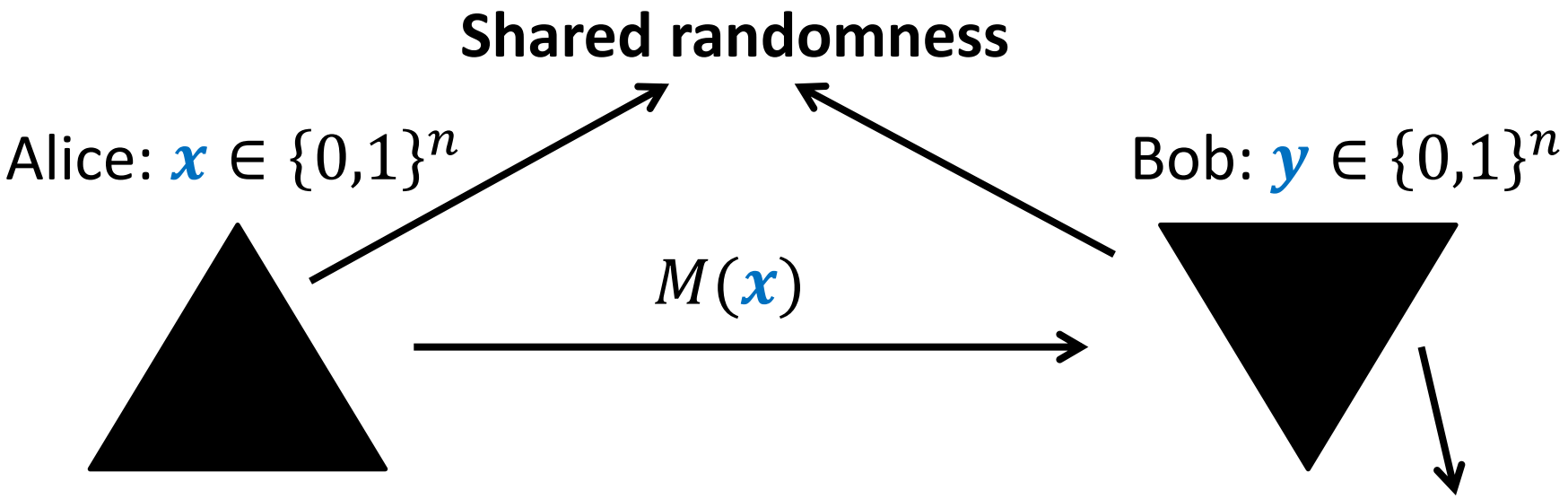
- Sketching error over **uniform distribution of x.**
- $\dim_{\epsilon}(f)$-dimensional sketch gives error $1-\epsilon$:
  - Fix $\dim_{\epsilon}(f)$-dimensional A: $\sum_{S\in A}\hat{f}(S)^2 \geq \epsilon$
  - Output: $g(x) = \mathrm{sign}\left(\sum_{S\in A}\hat{f}(S)\chi_S(x)\right)$:

$$\Pr_{x\sim U(\{-1,1\}^n)}[g(x) = f(x)] \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow \text{error } 1-\epsilon$$

- We show a basic refinement $\Rightarrow$ error $\frac{1-\epsilon}{2}$
  - Pick θ from a carefully chosen distribution
  - Output: $g_{\theta}(x) = \mathrm{sign}\left(\sum_{S\in A}\hat{f}(S)\chi_S(x) - \theta\right)$



1-way Communication Complexity of XOR-functions



- Examples:
  - $f(\mathrm{z}) = OR_{i=1}^{n}(z_i) \Rightarrow$ (not) Equality
  - $f(\mathrm{z}) = (\left|\left|z\right|\right|_0 > \mathrm{d}) \Rightarrow$ Hamming Distance $> \mathrm{d}$
- $R_\epsilon^1(f^+)$ = min.|M| so that Bob's error prob. ϵ

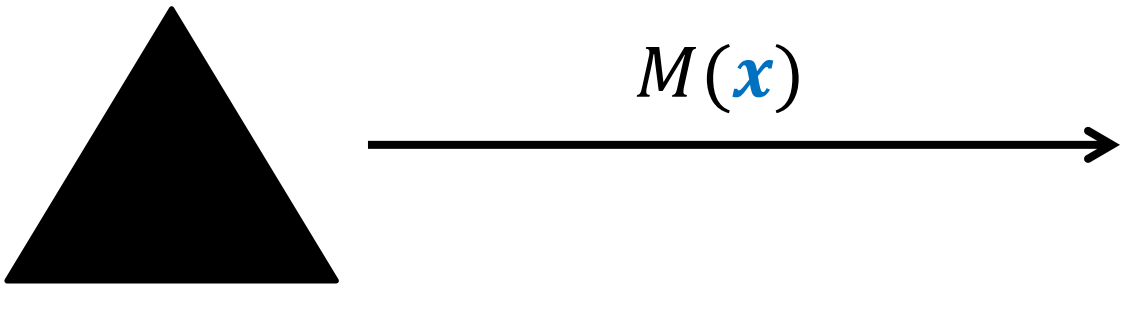
Communication Complexity of XOR-functions

- Well-studied (often for 2-way communication):
  - [Montanaro,Osborne], ArXiv'09
  - [Shi, Zhang], QIC'09,
  - [Tsang, Wong, Xie, Zhang], FOCS'13
  - [O'Donnell, Wright, Zhao,Sun,Tan], CCC'14
  - [Hatami, Hosseini, Lovett], FOCS'16
- Connections to log-rank conjecture [Lovett'14]:
  - Even special case for XOR-functions still open

Deterministic 1-way Communication Complexity of XOR-functions

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

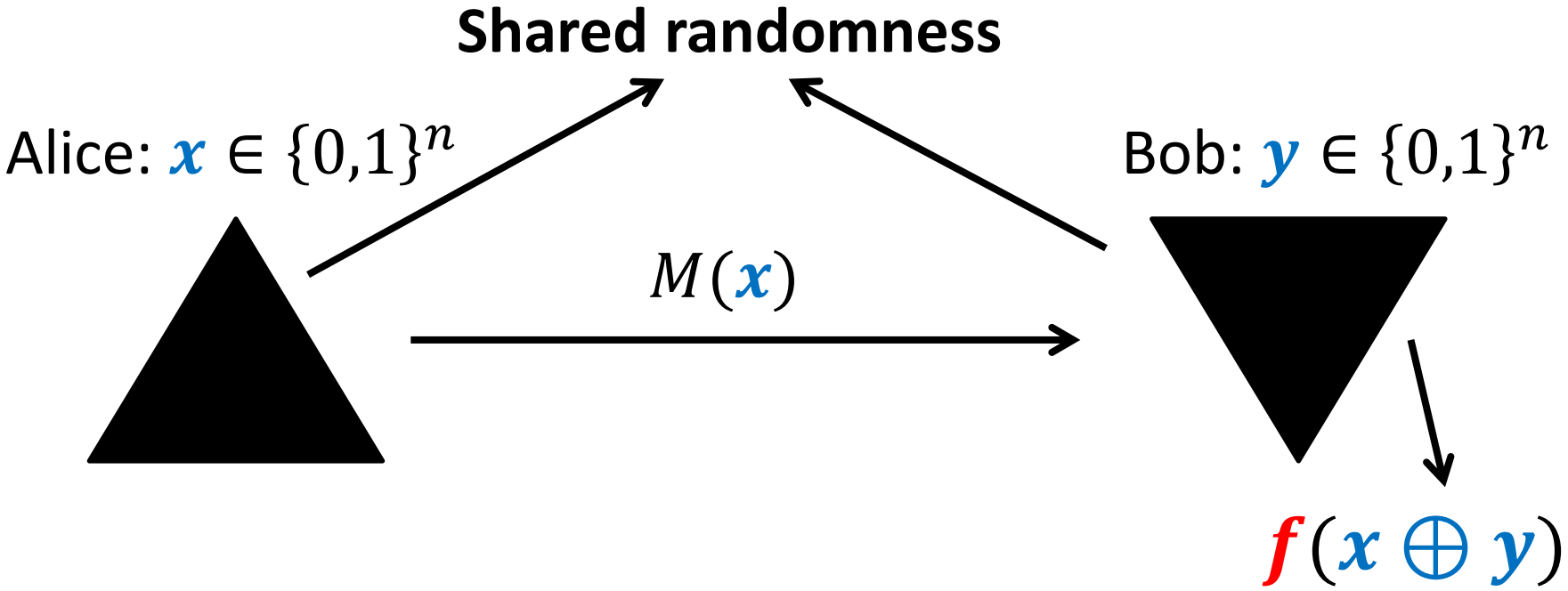
Bob: $y \in \{0,1\}^n$



$f^+ = f(x \oplus y)$

- $D^1(f)$ = min.|M| so that Bob is always correct
- [Montanaro-Osborne'09]: $D^1(f) = D^{lin}(f)$
- $D^{lin}(f^+)$ = deterministic lin. sketch complexity of f^+
- $D^1(f) = D^{lin}(f^+)$ = Fourier dimension of f

1-way Communication Complexity of XOR-functions



- $R_\epsilon^1(f)$ = min.|M| so that Bob's error prob. ϵ
- $R_\epsilon^{lin}(f^+)$ = rand. lin. sketch complexity (error ϵ)
- $R_\epsilon^1(f^+) \leq R_\epsilon^{lin}(f)$
- **Question:** $R_\epsilon^1(f^+) \approx R_\epsilon^{lin}(f)$?

$$R_\epsilon^1(\boldsymbol{f}^+) \approx R_\epsilon^{lin}(\boldsymbol{f})?$$

Holds for:

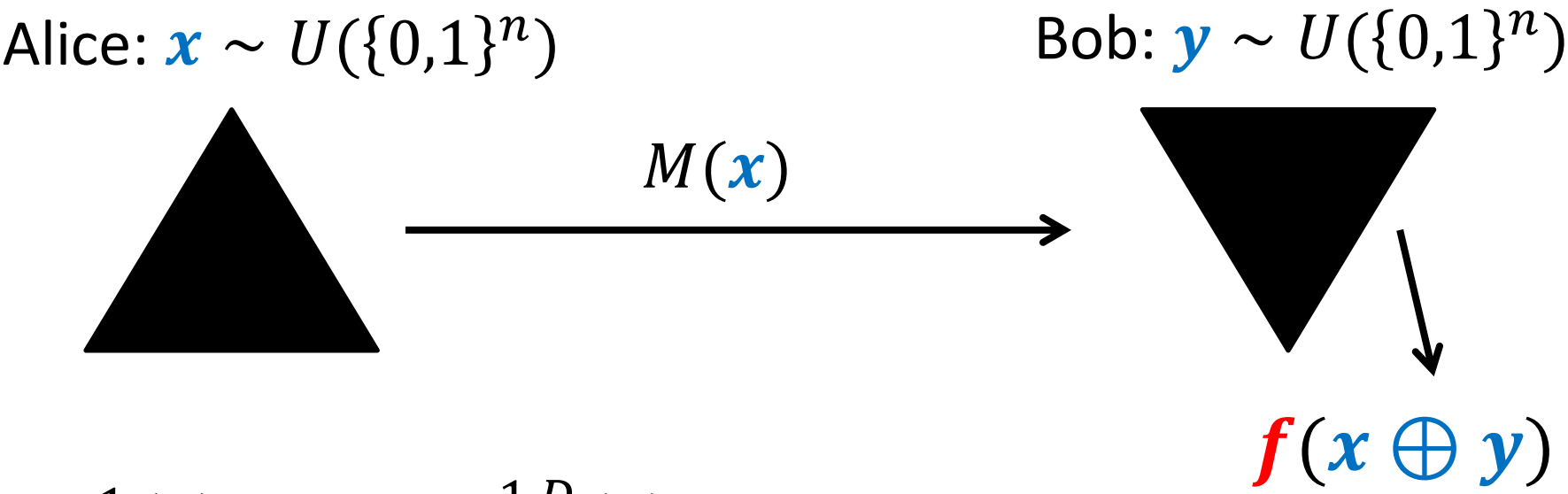
- Majority, Tribes, recursive majority, addressing function
- Linear threshold functions
- (Almost all) symmetric functions
- Degree-$\boldsymbol{d}$ $\mathbb{F}_2$-polynomials:

$$R_{5\epsilon}^{lin}(\boldsymbol{f}) = O(\boldsymbol{d}\, R_\epsilon^1(\boldsymbol{f}^+))$$

Analogous question for 2-way is wide open:

[HHL'16] $Q_\epsilon^{\oplus -dt}(\boldsymbol{f}) = poly(R_\epsilon(\boldsymbol{f}^+))$?

Distributional 1-way Communication under Uniform Distribution



- $R_\epsilon^1(f) = \sup_D \mathfrak{D}_\epsilon^{1,D}(f)$
- $\mathfrak{D}_\epsilon^{1,U}(f)$ = min.|M| so that Bob's error prob. ϵ is over the uniform distribution over (x, y)
- Enough to consider deterministic messages only
- Motivation: streaming/distributed with random input

Sketching over Uniform Distribution

Thm: If $\dim_{\epsilon}(f) = d - 1$ then $\mathfrak{D}^{1,U}_{\frac{1-\epsilon}{6}}(f^{+}) \geq \frac{d}{6}$.

- Optimal up to error as d-dim. linear sketch has error $\frac{1-\epsilon}{2}$

Weaker: If $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1, \dim_{\epsilon_1}(f) = \dim_{\epsilon_2}(f) = d - 1$ then:

$$\mathfrak{D}^{1,U}_{\delta}(f) \geq d,$$

where $\delta = (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)/4$.

Corollary: If $\hat{f}(\emptyset) < C$ for $C < 1$ then there exists d:

$$\mathfrak{D}^{1,U}_{\Theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}(f) \geq d.$$

- Tight for the Majority function, etc.

$\mathfrak{D}_{\epsilon}^{1,U}$ and Approximate Fourier Dimension

Thm: If $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1 > 0, \dim_{\epsilon_1}(f) = \dim_{\epsilon_2}(f) = d - 1$ then:

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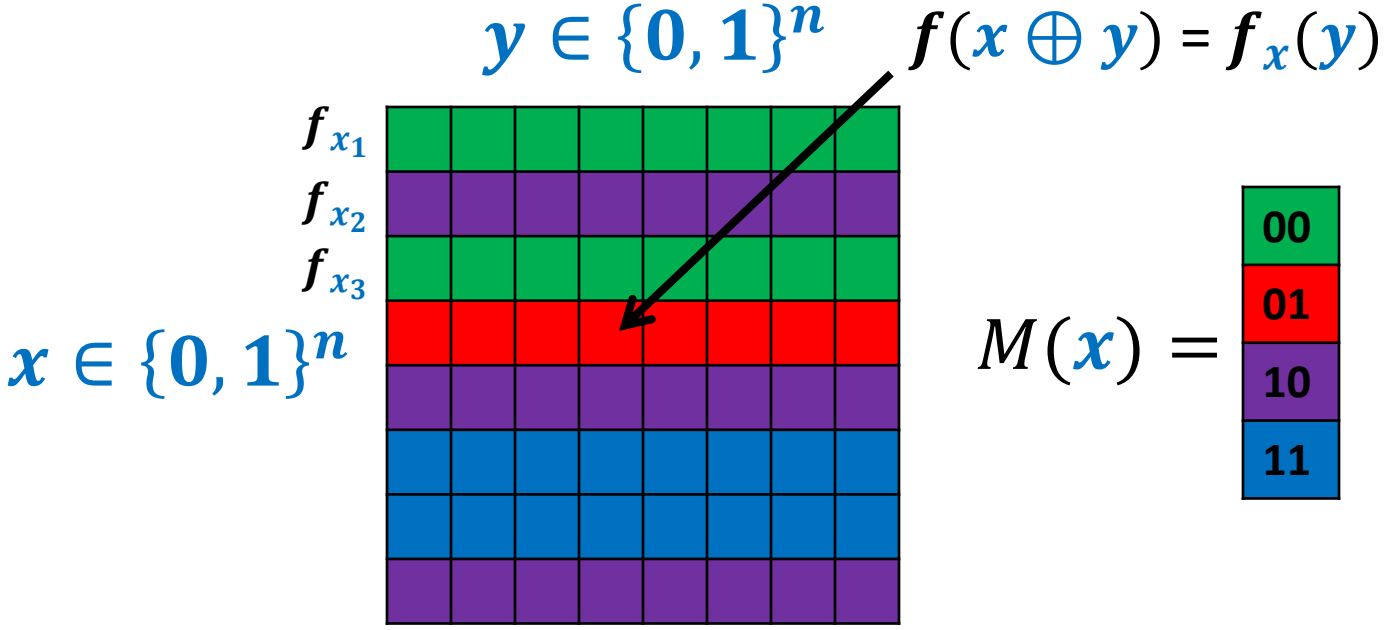

$\mathfrak{D}_{\epsilon}^{1,U}$ and Approximate Fourier Dimension

- If $|\boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{x})| = \boldsymbol{d} - 1$ average "rectangle" size = $2^{\boldsymbol{n}-\boldsymbol{d}+\mathbf{1}}$
- A subspace A **distinguishes** $\boldsymbol{x_1}$ and $\boldsymbol{x_2}$ if:

$$\exists \boldsymbol{S} \in A : \chi_{\boldsymbol{S}}(\boldsymbol{x_1}) \neq \chi_{\boldsymbol{S}}(\boldsymbol{x_2})$$

- **Lem 1:** Fix a $\boldsymbol{d}$-dim. subspace $A_{\boldsymbol{d}}$: typical $\boldsymbol{x_1}$ and $\boldsymbol{x_2}$ in a typical "rectangle" are distinguished by $A_{\boldsymbol{d}}$
- **Lem 2:** If a $\boldsymbol{d}$-dim. subspace $A_{\boldsymbol{d}}$ distinguishes $\boldsymbol{x_1}$ and $\boldsymbol{x_2}$ +

1) $\boldsymbol{f}$ is $\boldsymbol{\epsilon_2}$-concentrated on $A_{\boldsymbol{d}}$
2) $\boldsymbol{f}$ not $\boldsymbol{\epsilon_1}$-concentrated on any $(\boldsymbol{d} - 1)$-dim. subspace

$$\Rightarrow \Pr_{z \sim U(\{-1,1\}^n)}\left[\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{x_1}}(z) \neq \boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{x_2}}(z)\right] \geq \boldsymbol{\epsilon_2} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon_1}$$

$\mathfrak{D}_{\epsilon}^{1,U}$ and Approximate Fourier Dimension

Thm: If $\epsilon_2 > \epsilon_1 > 0, \dim_{\epsilon_1}(f) = \dim_{\epsilon_2}(f) = d - 1$ then:

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Where $\delta = (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)/4$.

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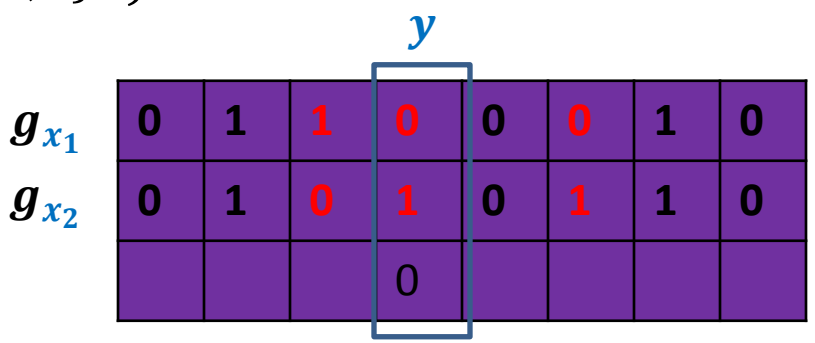

R ="typical rectangle"

Error for fixed y = min($\Pr_{x \in R}[f_x(y) = 0]$, $\Pr_{x \in R}[f_x(y) = 1]$)

Average error for $(x, y) \in R = \Omega(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$

Application: Random Streams

- $\boldsymbol{x} \in \{0,1\}^n$ generated via a stream of updates
  - Each update flips a **random coordinate**
- **Goal**: maintain $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x})$ during the stream (error $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$)
- **Question**: how much space necessary?
- **Answer:** $\mathfrak{D}_{\epsilon}^{1,U}$ and best algorithm is linear sketch
  - After first O($n \log n$) updates input $\boldsymbol{x}$ is uniform
- **Big open question:**
  - Is the same true if $\boldsymbol{x}$ is not uniform?
  - True for **VERY LONG** ($2^{2^{2^{\Omega(n)}}}$) streams (via [LNW'14])
  - How about short ones?
  - Answer would follow from our conjecture if true

Thanks! Questions?

- Other stuff:
  - Sketching Linear Threshold Functions: $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m}\log\frac{\theta}{m}\right)$
  - Resolves a communication conjecture of [MO'09]
- Blog post: http://grigory.us/blog/the-binary-sketchman

Example: Majority

- Majority function:

$$\boldsymbol{Maj_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i \geq n/2$$

- $\widehat{\boldsymbol{Maj_n}}(\boldsymbol{S})$ only depends on $|\boldsymbol{S}|$
- $\widehat{\boldsymbol{Maj_n}}(\boldsymbol{S}) = 0$ if $|\boldsymbol{S}|$ is odd
- $W^{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{Maj_n}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{S}:|\boldsymbol{S}|=\boldsymbol{k}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{Maj_n}}(\boldsymbol{S}) = \alpha \boldsymbol{k}^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 \pm O\left(\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{k}}\right)\right)$
- $(n-1)$-dimensional subspace with most weight:

$$\boldsymbol{A_{n-1}} = span(\{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{n-1\})$$

- $\sum_{\boldsymbol{S} \in \boldsymbol{A_{n-1}}} \widehat{\boldsymbol{Maj_n}}(\boldsymbol{S}) = 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{n}} \pm O\left(n^{-3/2}\right)$
- Set $\boldsymbol{\epsilon_2} = 1 - O(n^{-3/2})$, $\boldsymbol{\epsilon_1} = 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{n}} + O\left(n^{-3/2}\right)$

$$\mathfrak{D}^{1,U}_{O(1/\sqrt{n})}(\boldsymbol{Maj_n}) \geq \boldsymbol{n}$$