

Announcements

- Presentations on April 17 : Upload video by April 11
Presentations on April 24 : Upload video by April 18
Videos: 20 mins
Class Presentation: 10 mins plus 5-10 mins discussion
- HW2 posted today (we will discuss)
- Scribe Notes: 1st draft due one week after lecture;
Final draft due: one week after feedback. Thanks!

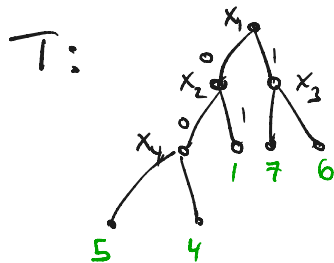
HW 2

Q3: about deterministic vs randomized decision tree complexity

Let $S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \times [m]$ be a search problem

S is total if $\forall \alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$, there exists at least one $j \in [m]$ such that $(\alpha, j) \in S$

Deterministic depth- d decision tree for some total search problem S :



leaves labelled by some $j \in [m]$

$$\forall \alpha \in \{0,1\}^n, (\alpha, T(\alpha)) \in S$$

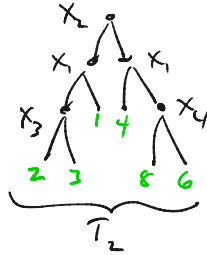
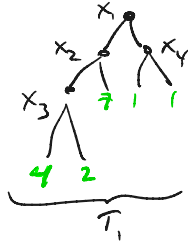
this says for every assignment α to x vars, the output $T(\alpha)$ given by T is a valid solution to S on α

$$D^{\text{det}}(S) = \min \text{depth over all deterministic trees } T \text{ for } S.$$

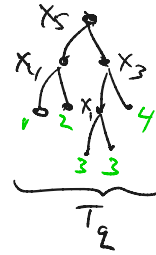
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Randomized Decision tree for total search problem $S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \times [m]$
 $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, \dots, T_q\}$, each T_i is a deterministic dec. tree

$\mathcal{T}$:



...



Accuracy: $\forall \alpha \in \{0,1\}^n, \Pr_{i \in [q]} [(\alpha, T_i(\alpha)) \in S] \geq \frac{2}{3}$

$R^{dt}(S) \stackrel{d}{=} \text{min depth of any randomized DT } \mathcal{T} \text{ for } S$

For total Boolean functions, f : $D^{dt}(f) \leq \lceil R^{dt}(f) \rceil^2$

HW2, Q3: $R^{cc} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{poly}(D^{cc})$ for total search problems?

HW 2

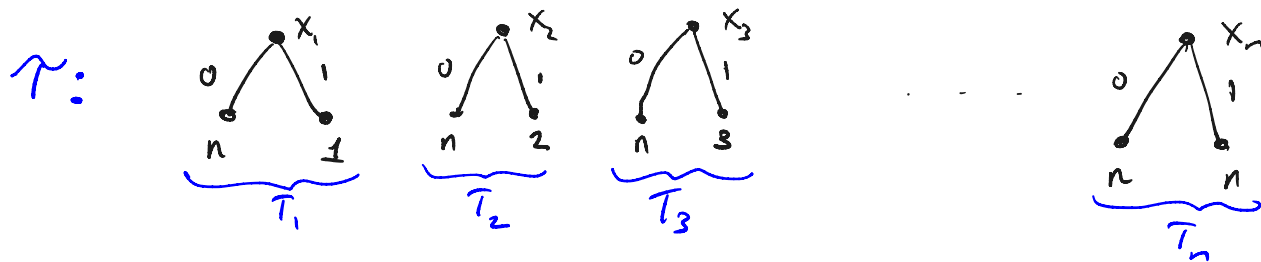
Example: FIND1

Input $\alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$

Output: $\begin{cases} \bullet \text{ If } \#1\text{'s in } \alpha \text{ is } \geq \frac{3}{4} \text{ output } j \in [n] \text{ such that } \alpha_j = 1 \\ \bullet \text{ Otherwise output any } j \in [n]. \end{cases}$

} partial or
"promise"
search
problem

Randomized Dec tree for FIND1:



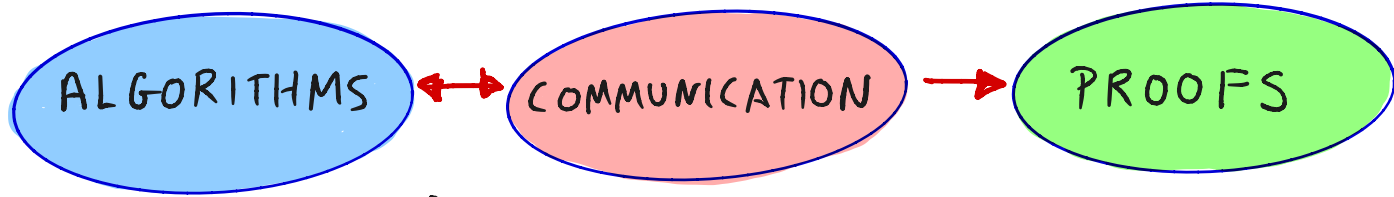
Claim $\forall \alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$ such that $(\#1\text{'s in } \alpha) \geq \frac{3n}{4}$;

$\Pr_{i \in [n]} [T_i(\alpha) \text{ is correct}] \geq \frac{3}{4}$

Applications

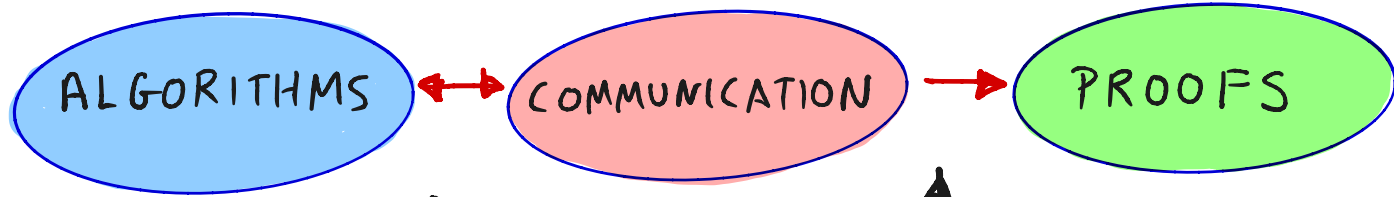
- I. Lifting Proof Complexity Lower Bounds TODAY
- II. Proof complexity UPPER BOUNDS for random CSPs
and connections

LOWER BOUND PROGRAM



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Use communication
complexity to
capture underlying
class of algorithms

LOWER BOUND PROGRAM

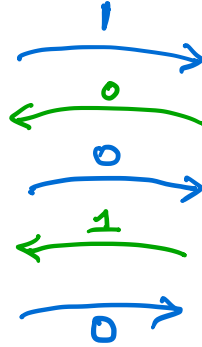


Use communication complexity to capture underlying class of algorithms

New **LIFTING THEOREMS** to reduce communication lower bounds to simpler proof complexity lower bounds

Communication complexity (Yao '79)

$x = 10111$



$y = 10110$



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

$$cc(f) = \min_{\pi \text{ computing } f} cc(\pi)$$

Example: EQUALITY(x, y)

$x = 10111$



$x \stackrel{?}{=} y$

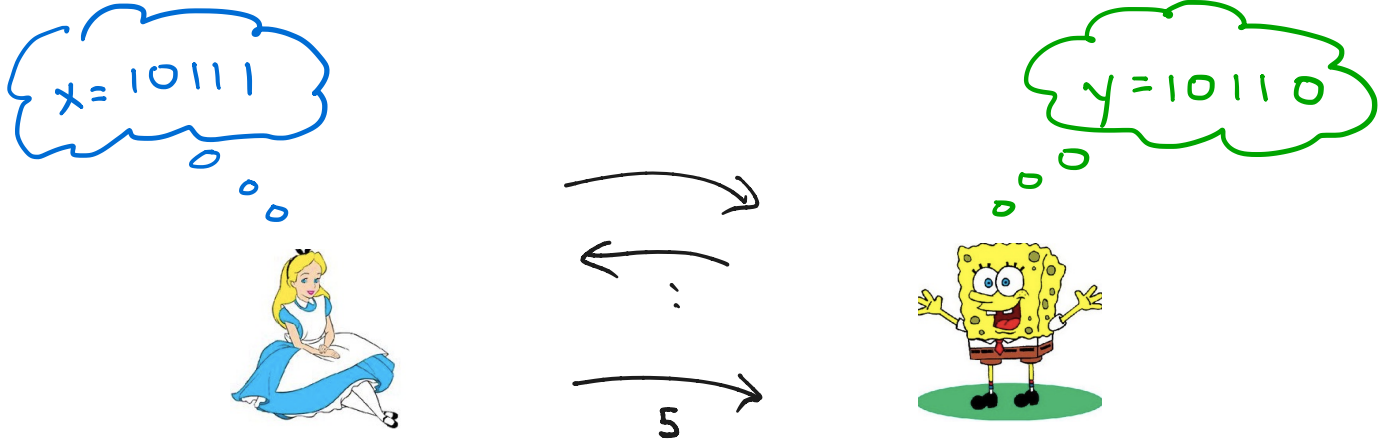
$y = 10110$



Deterministic CC = $\Omega(n)$

Randomized CC = $O(1)$

COMMUNICATION FOR TOTAL SEARCH PROBLEMS



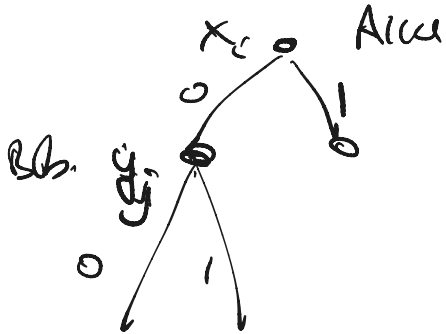
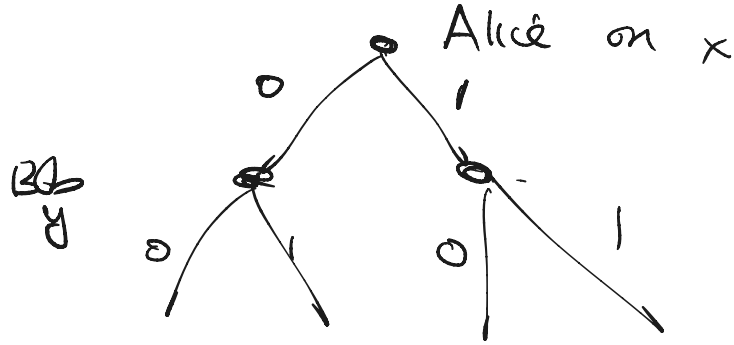
Example: Alice x Bob y

Promise $x \neq y$ Find i such that $x_i \neq y_i$

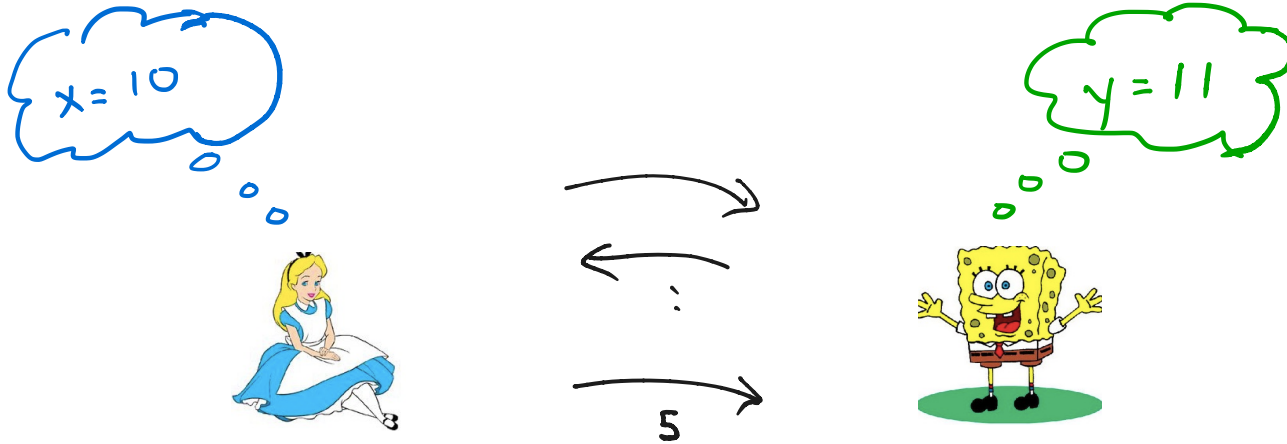


say $x \in f^{-1}(1), y \in f^{-1}(0)$

Protocol tree:



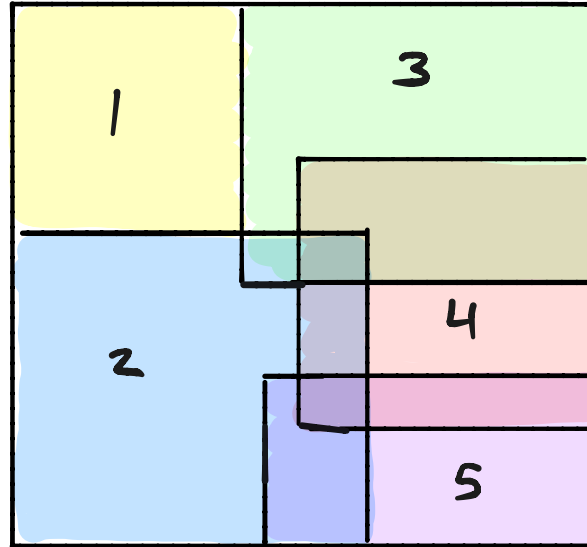
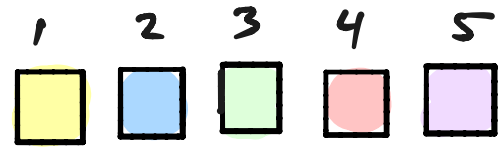
COMMUNICATION FOR TOTAL SEARCH PROBLEMS



Example: Unsatisfiable CNF over $x_1 \dots x_n, y_1 \dots y_n$
Alice x Bob y Output falsified clause

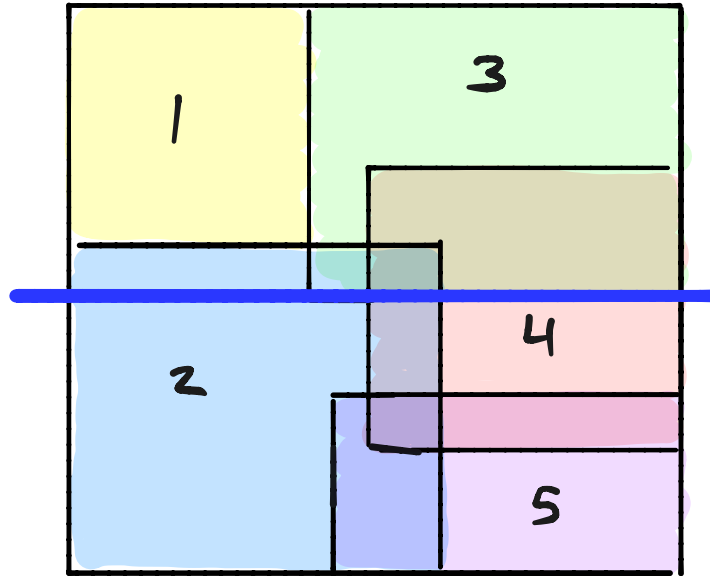
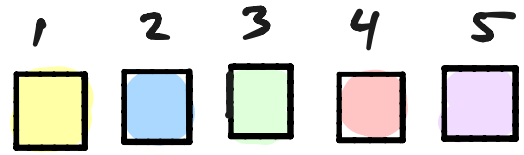
$$C = \overset{1}{(x_1 \vee y_1)} \wedge \overset{2}{(\bar{x}_1 \vee y_1)} \wedge \overset{3}{(x_2 \vee \bar{y}_2)} \wedge \overset{4}{(\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{y}_1)} \wedge \overset{5}{(y_2)}$$

THE COMMUNICATION MATRIX

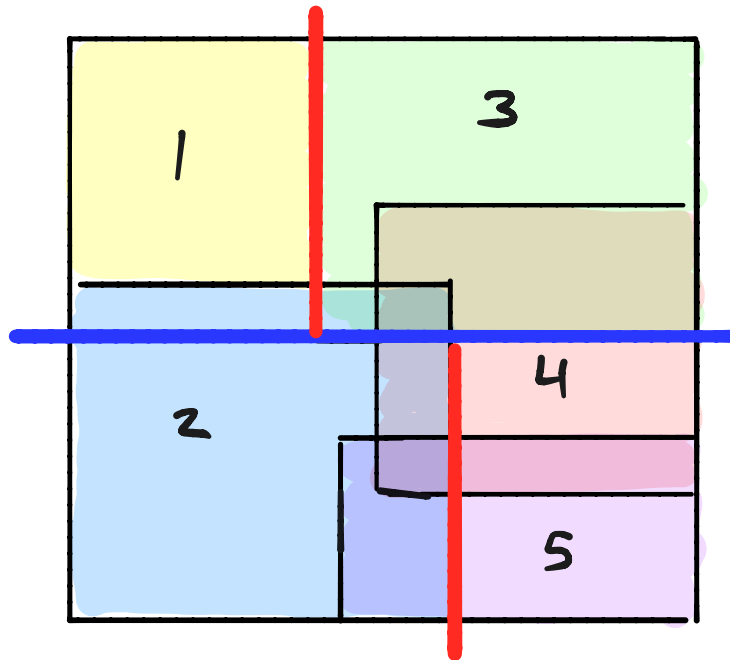
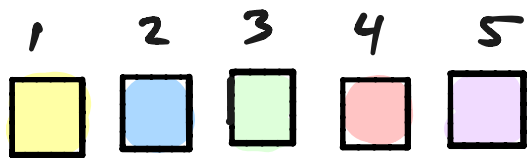


$$S(x, y) \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

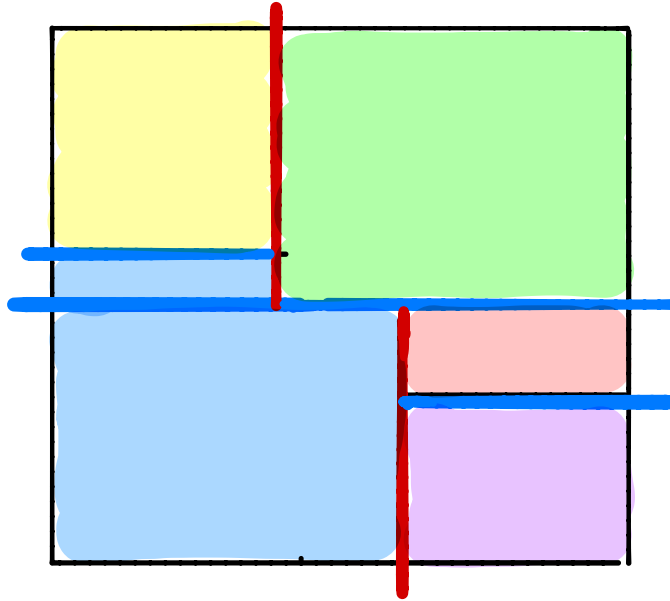
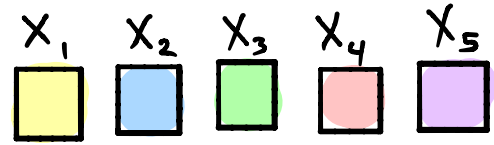
THE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL



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Protocol Partitions
matrix into monochromatic
rectangles



So cc is
a rank-like
measure

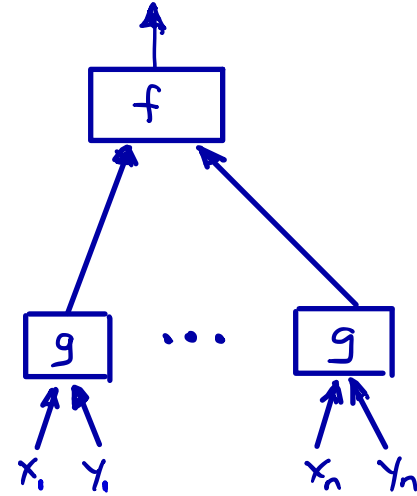


QUERY TO COMMUNICATION LIFTING

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



$F =$



(f a total or partial function
or a search problem)

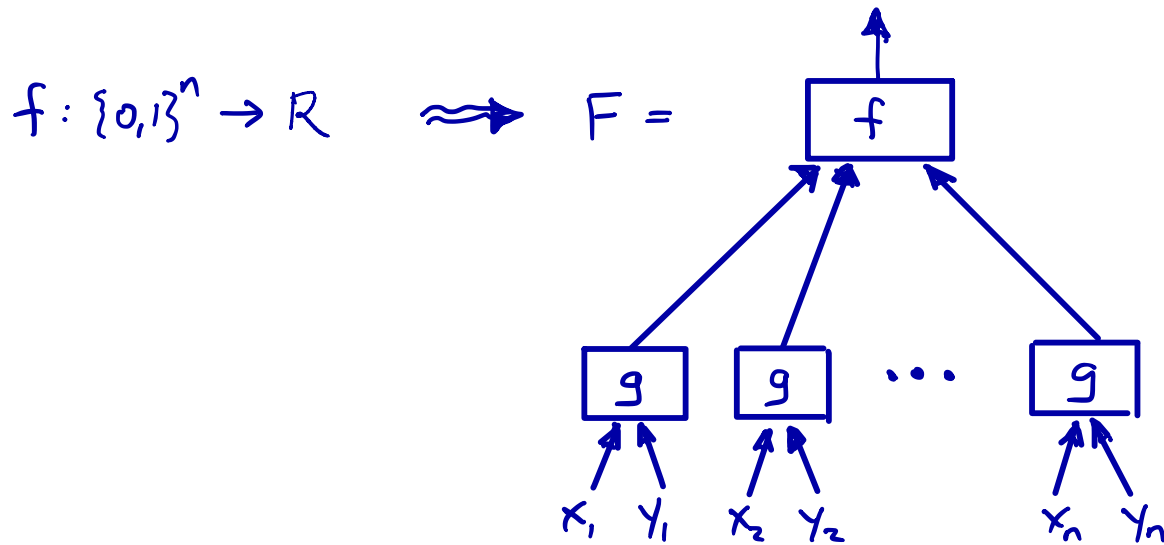


degree/query measure



rank-like measure

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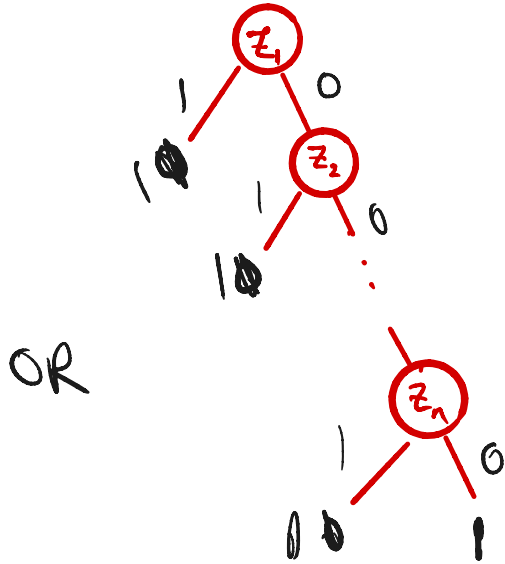
Lifting Theorem

Query Complexity
of f

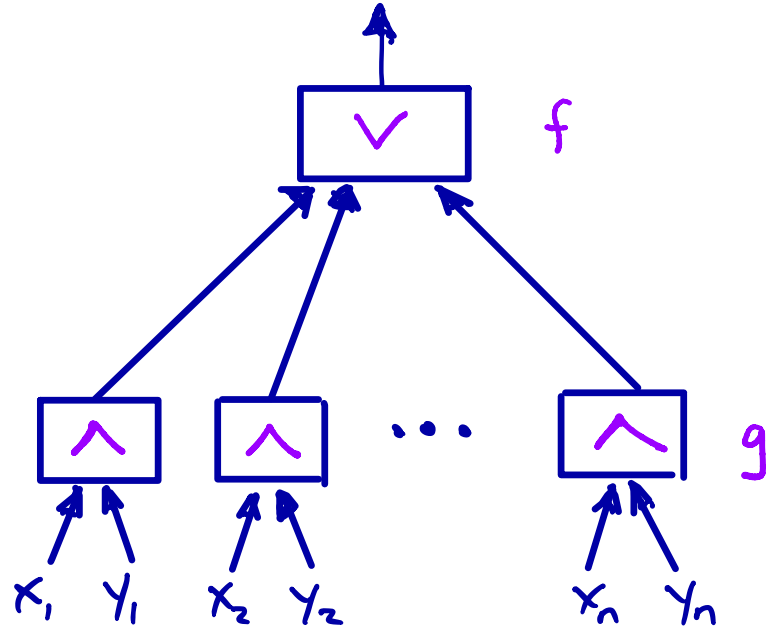
$\approx$

Communication Complexity
of $F = f \circ g^n$

EXAMPLE : DISJOINTNESS



$$DT(f) = \Theta(n)$$



$$CC(f \circ g^n) = \Theta(n)$$

SOME LIFTING THEOREMS

[Raz, McKenzie '97, Göös-P-Watson '15] $\text{dec tree} \leftrightarrow \text{CC}$

[Sherstov '01] $\text{poly degree} \rightarrow \text{rank}$ (pattern matrix method)

[Göös, Lovett, Meika, Watson, Zuckerman '15]

Nonnegative Junta $\rightarrow$ nonneg rank
degree

[Chattopadhyay, Koucky, Loff, Mukhopadhyay '17], [Wu, Yao, Yuen '17]

* with inner product gadget

[Göös, P, Watson '17] (BPP LIFTING)

randomized dec tree $\leftrightarrow$ randomized CC

MORE LIFTING THEOREMS

- [Razborov '03] approximate degree $\rightarrow$ quantum query
- [P-göös] critical block sensitivity $\rightarrow$ NOF CC
- [GLMWZ '15] Approx Junta degree $\leftrightarrow$ nondet CC
- [Lee, Raghavandra, Steurer '15] sos degree $\leftrightarrow$ PSD rank
- [KMR '16] Junta degree $\leftrightarrow$ nonneg rank
- [P, Robere, Rossman, Cook '16], [P, Robere '17, '18]
- Nullstellensatz degree $\leftrightarrow$ Razborov Rank / Algebraic Tiling

LIFTING THEOREMS

f : n -bit boolean function / search problem

g : index gadget $g(x, y) = y_x$

$$|y| = n^{20}, \quad |x| = 20 \log n$$

Theorem 1 (Deterministic Lifting) [Raz, McKenzie,
Göös, P, Watson]
 $DT(f) \cdot \Theta(\log n) = CC(f \circ g^n)$

Theorem 2 (Randomized Lifting) [Göös-P-Watson]

$$rDT(f) \cdot \Theta(\log n) = rCC(f \circ g^n)$$

Theorem 3 [Chattopadhyay, Filmus, Koroth, Meir, P]

unified proof of Theorems 1 and 2 using either index or inner product gadget. (any "low discrepancy" gadget)

Theorem 4 [Robere, P]

$$2^{NS(f)} \approx \text{monotone-span}(f \circ g^n) \quad \leftarrow \text{any "Nontrivial" constant-sized gadget}$$

Applications of Lifting (for Lower Bounds)

- monotone formulas
- monotone circuits
- monotone span programs
- linear secret sharing schemes
- extended formulations of linear programs
- game theory (Nash equilibria)
- graph theory (Alon-Saks-Seymour Conjecture)
- Proof complexity
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I. MONOTONE FORMULA LOWER BOUNDS

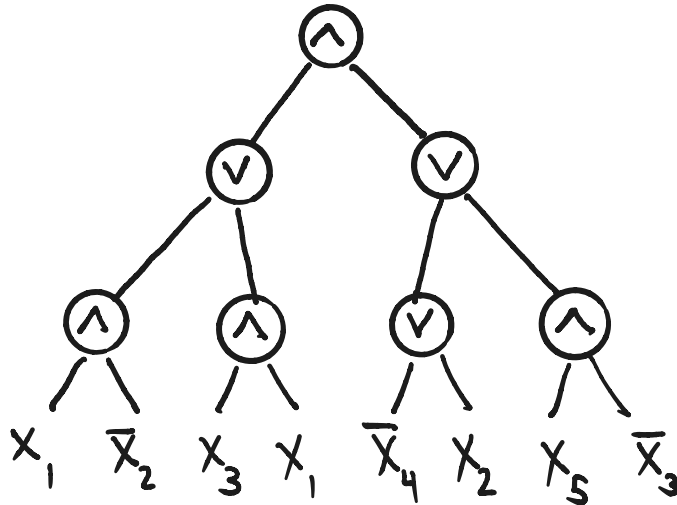


KARCHMER-WIGDERSON GAME KW_f^{cc}

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

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

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



Characterization of Formula Size by KW-game CC

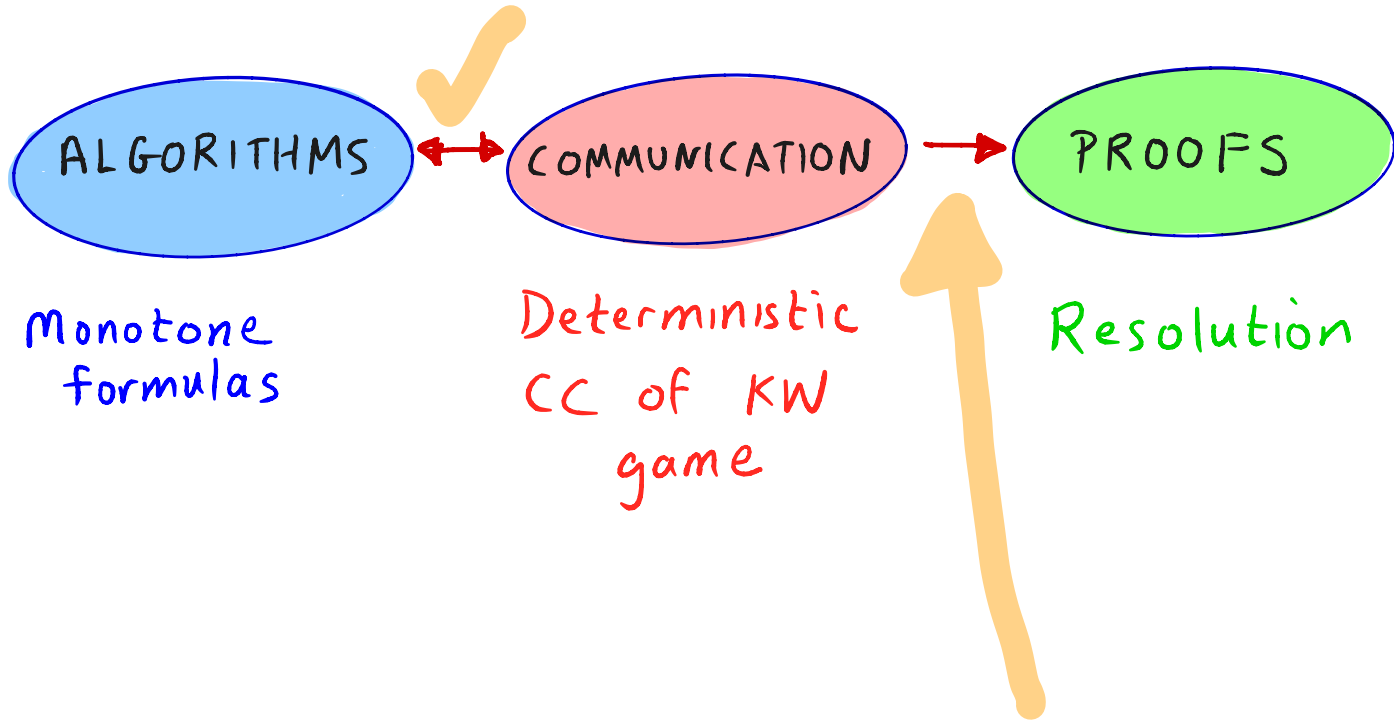
THEOREM [KW]

FORMULA-SIZE(f) is equal to the communication complexity of KW_f^{cc}

THEOREM (monotone version) f monotone

Monotone-FORMULA-SIZE(f) is equal to the CC of monotone- KW_f^{cc} (find i such that $x_i > y_i$)

I. MONOTONE FORMULA LOWER BOUNDS



CANONICAL SEARCH PROBLEM

UNSAT

KCNF $\mathcal{C} = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_t$ over $z_1, \dots, z_n$

Search($\mathcal{C}$): given $\alpha \in \{0,1\}^n$, find a falsified clause
(C_i such that $C_i(\alpha) = 0$)

LIFTED SEARCH PROBLEM

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

Alice gets x

Bob gets y

Find a falsified clause

Theorem [göös-P]

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

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

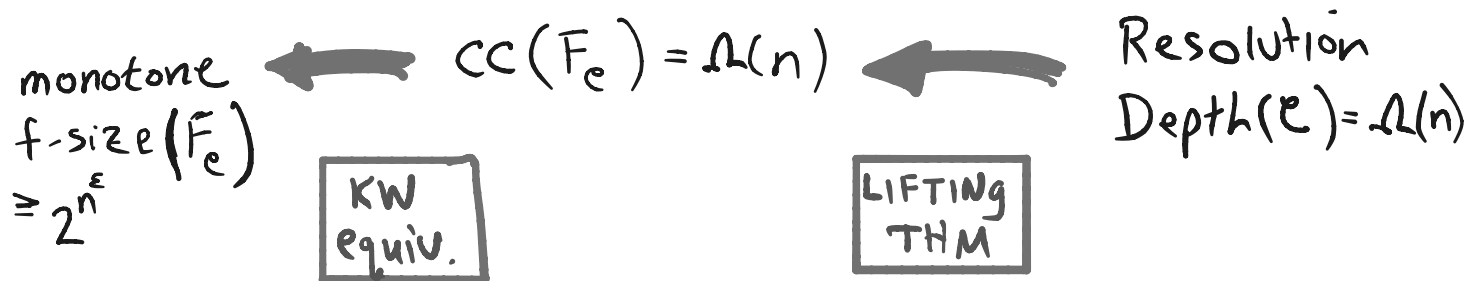
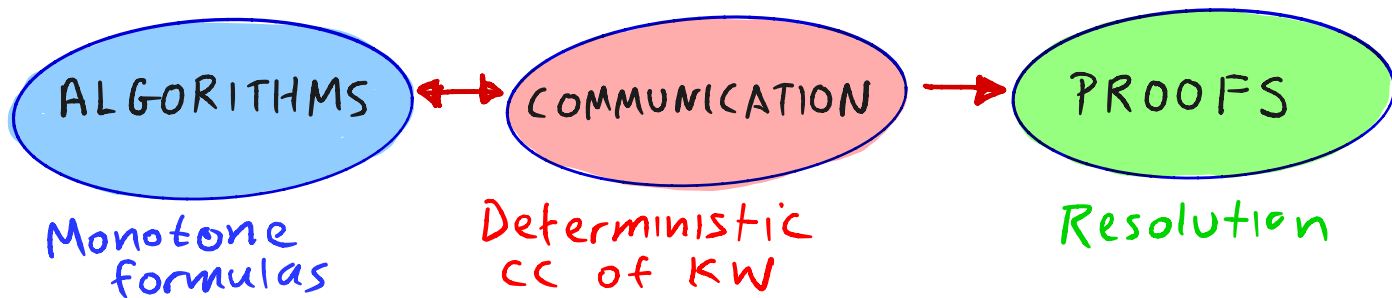
α is a $|\mathcal{C}|(mn)^k$ indicator vector for a k -SAT instance over mn variables v_{ij} with constraints from $\mathcal{C}$

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

Alice: $x \mapsto \mathcal{C}$ over the renamed vars $v_{1,x_1}, \dots, v_{n,x_n}$

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

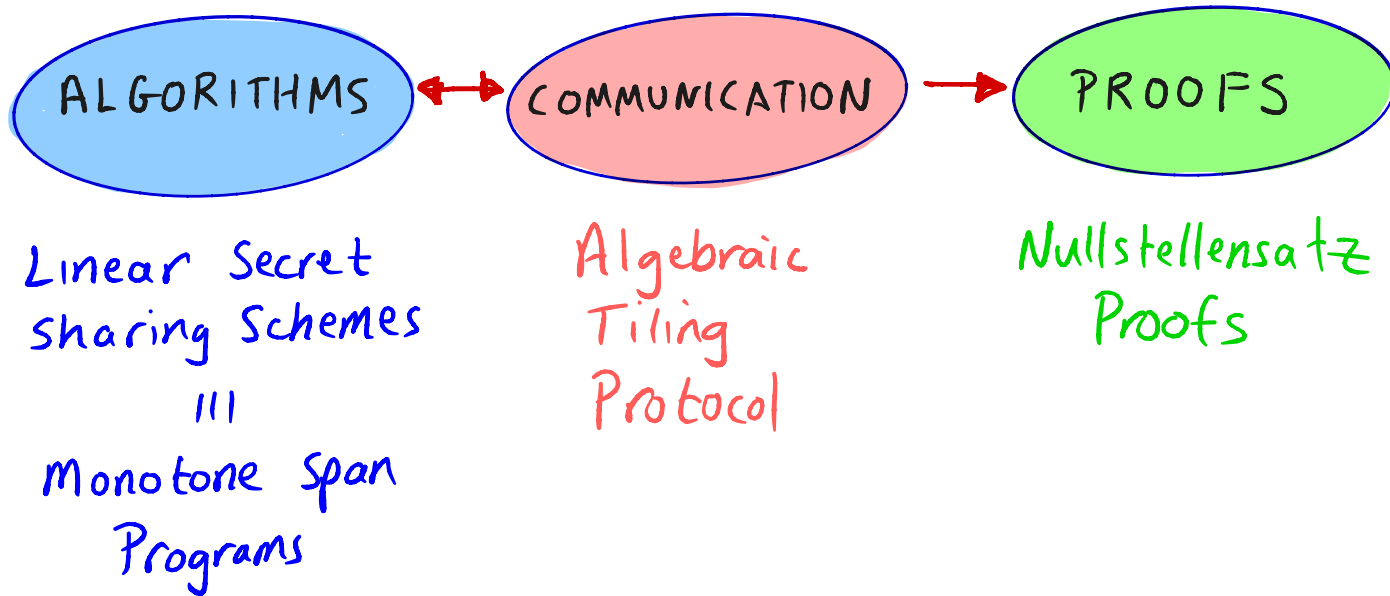
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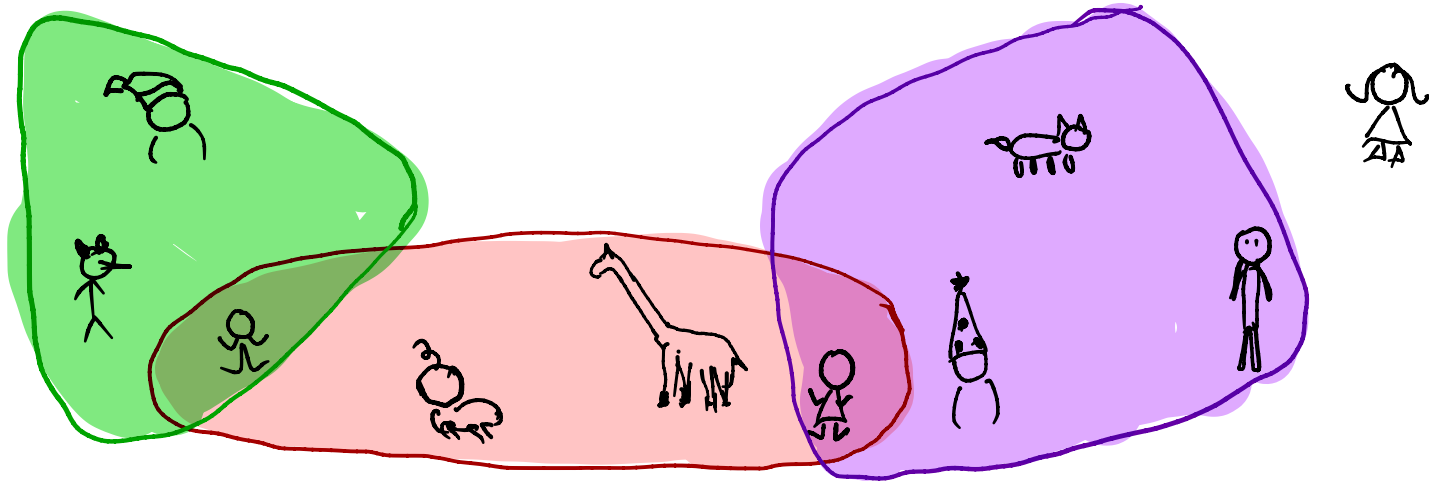
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II. SPAN PROGRAM/SECRET SHARING LOWER BOUNDS

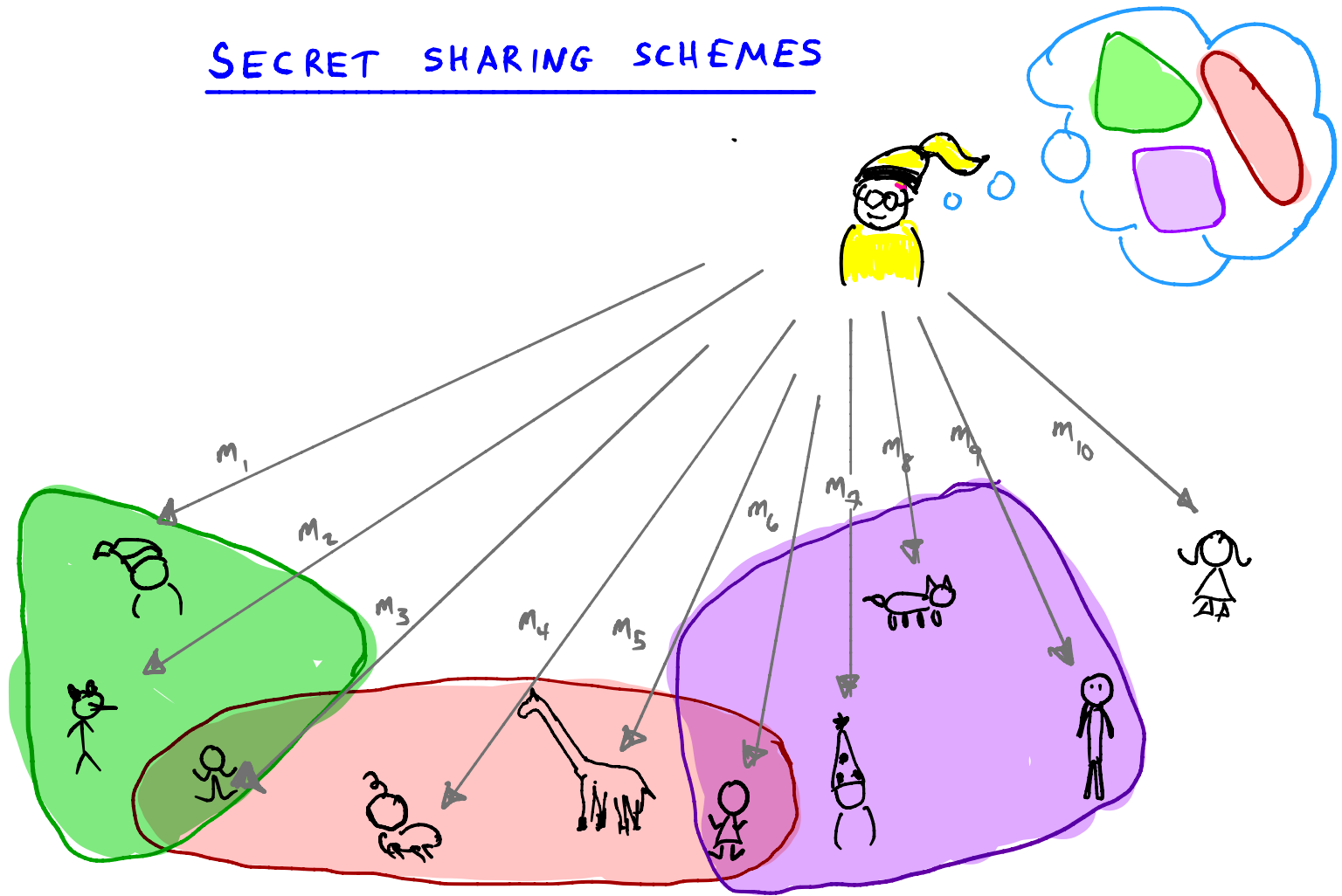


SECRET SHARING SCHEMES

share secret S
with select groups



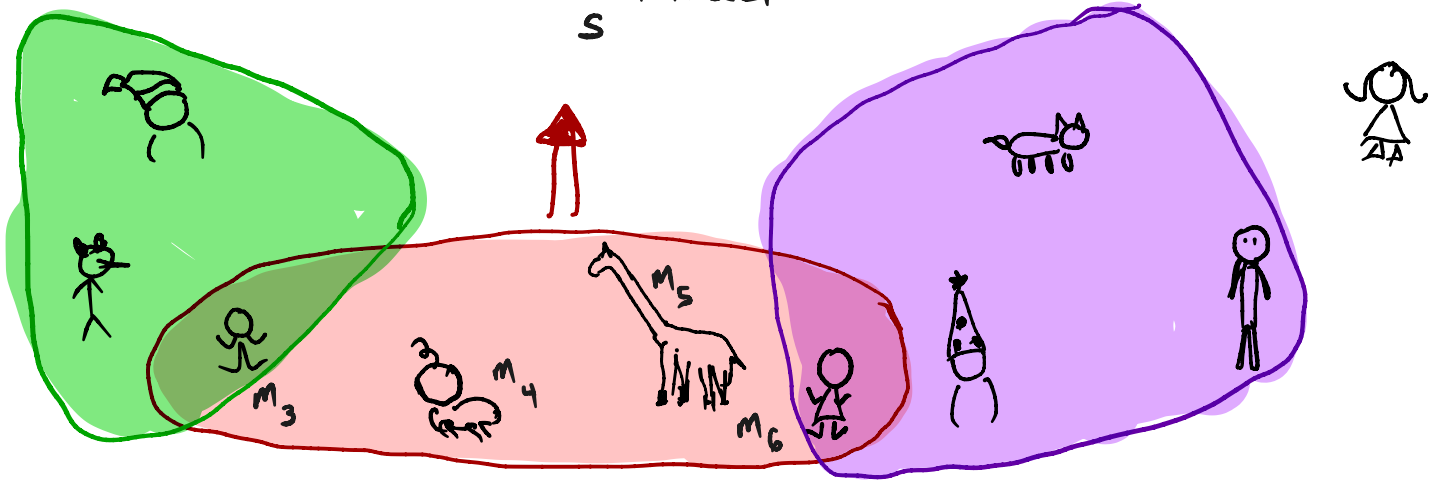
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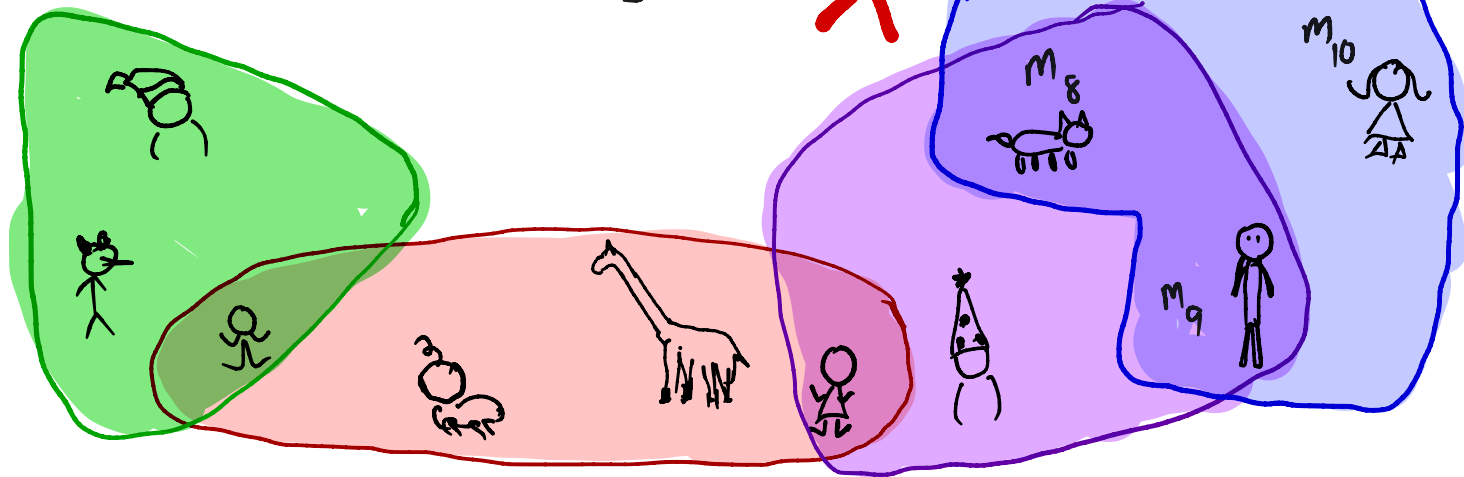
can reconstruct
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SECRET SHARING SCHEMES



cannot
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SECRET SHARING SCHEMES (Shamir '79)

OPEN QUESTION: n parties, and subsets of allowed groups $P_1, \dots, P_m$, how long must the messages be?

Nearly all schemes are LINEAR...

How long must messages be for LINEAR schemes?

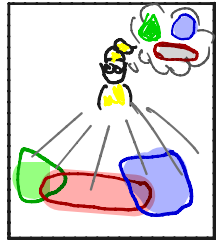
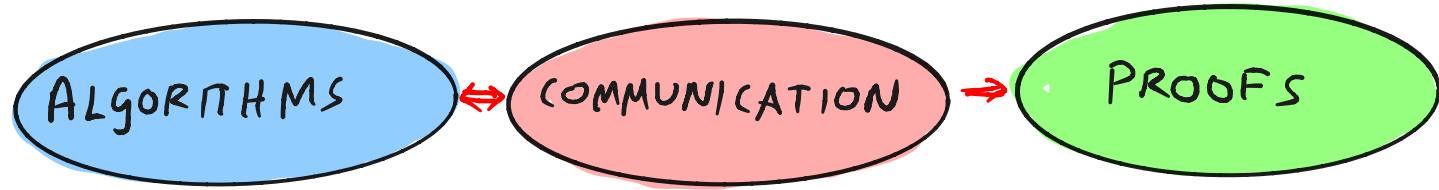
A long line of work led to $n^{\Omega(\log n)}$ LOWER BOUNDS [Gál '01]

THEOREM [P, Robere '18] $\forall n$ there is a collection of allowed groups such that any linear SSS for these groups requires $2^{\Omega(n)}$ message length.

COROLLARIES $2^{\Omega(n)}$ LOWER BOUNDS FOR

- MONOTONE SPAN PROGRAMS
- MONOTONE BRANCHING PROGRAMS
- MONOTONE FORMULAS

II. LINEAR SECRET SHARING LOWER BOUNDS



Linear
SSS

A diagram illustrating a Monotone Span Program (MSP). It shows a grid of 0s and 1s. The rows are labeled x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 on the left. The columns are labeled with 0s and 1s. The grid is divided into three colored regions: green, red, and blue.

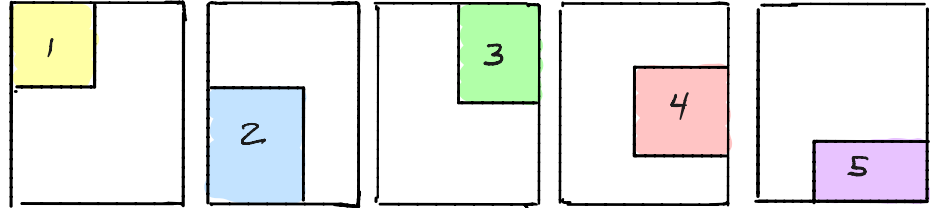
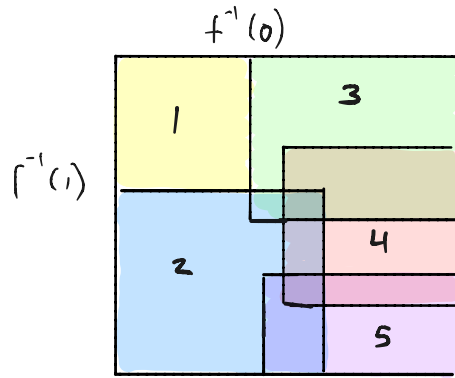
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x_2	1	0	0	1	1
x_3	0	0	0	1	0
x_4	1	1	0	1	0
	0	0	0	1	0

Monotone
SPAN

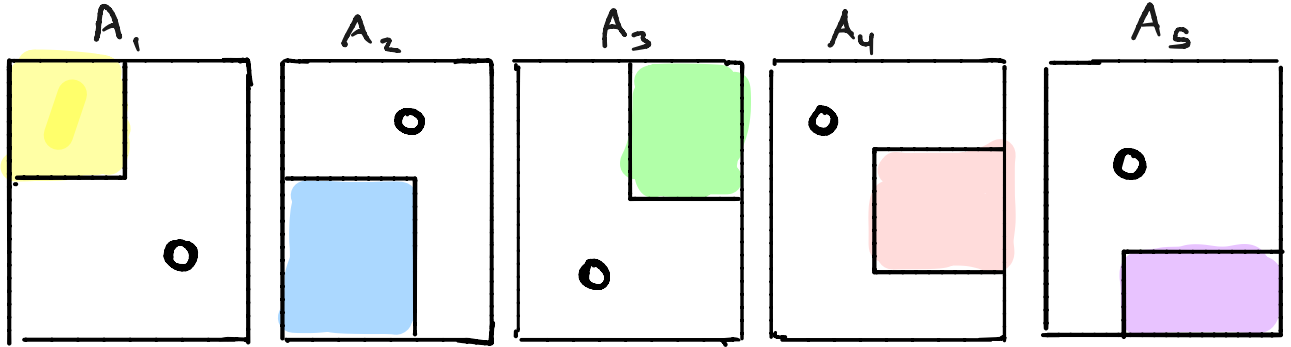
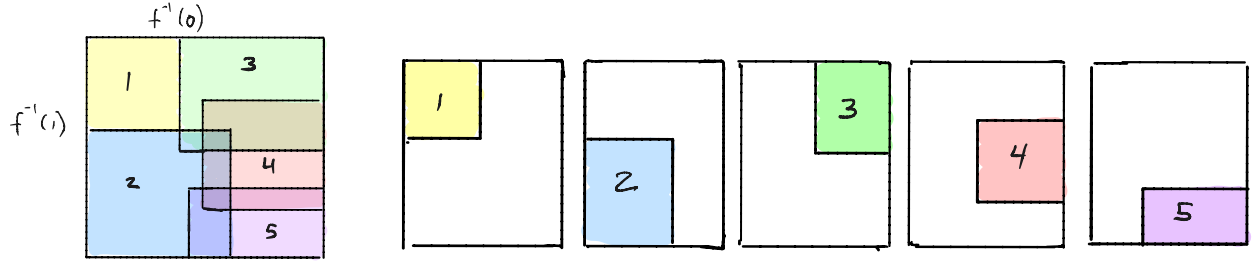
Algebraic
Tiling

Nullstellensatz
Proofs

ALGEBRAIC TILING [gál]



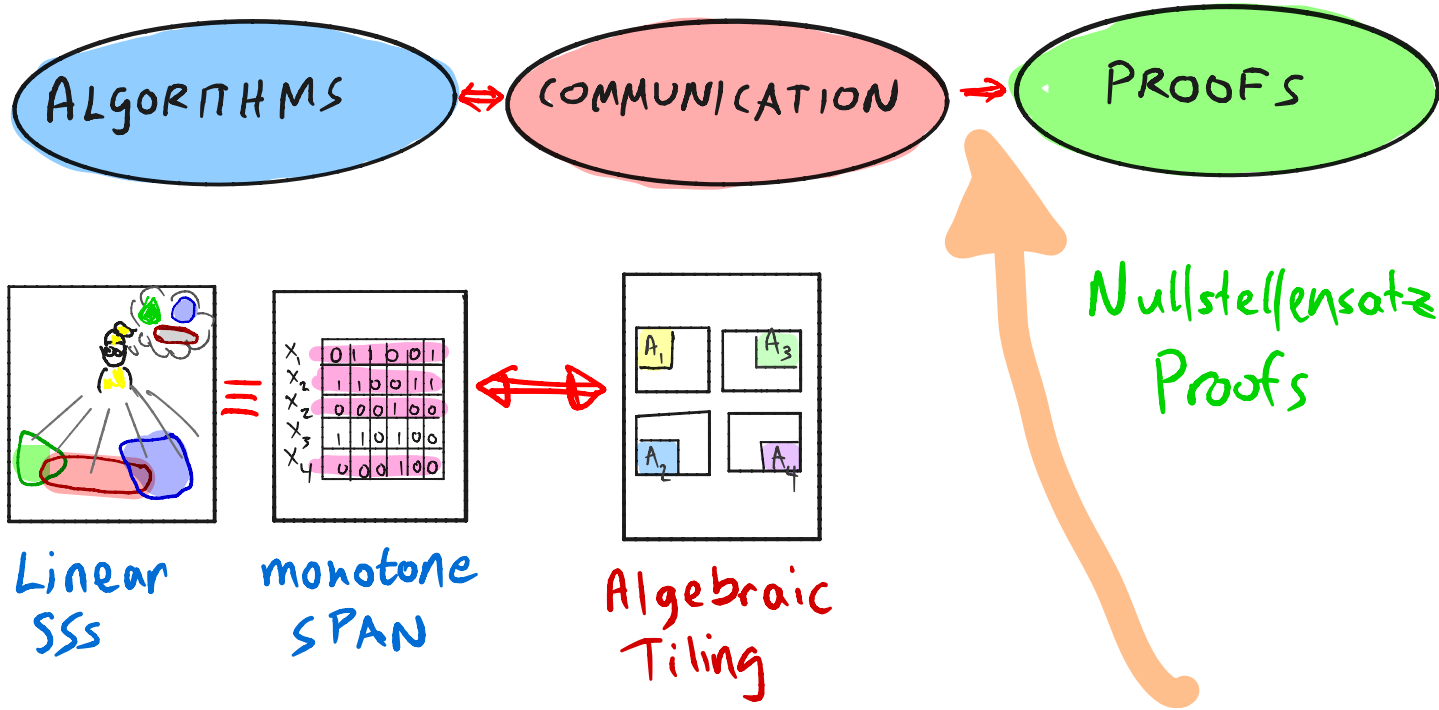
ALGEBRAIC TILING [gál]



$$A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5 = I$$

$$\text{Complexity of Tiling} = \sum_i \text{rank}(A_i)$$

II. LINEAR SECRET SHARING LOWER BOUNDS



Nullstellensatz Proofs

Let $P = \{p_1 = 0, p_2 = 0, \dots, p_m = 0\}$ be an unsat system of poly equations over $\mathbb{F}$

A **Nullstellensatz Refutation** of P is $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$

such that
$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i q_i = 1$$

$NS_{\mathbb{F}}(P) = \text{min degree of Nullstellensatz refutation}$

Lemma $NS_{\mathbb{F}}(P) \approx \text{min degree of polynomial}$
that solves search problem for P

LIFTING THEOREM (degree / algebraic tiling)

Theorem 4 [Robere, P]

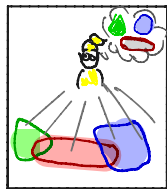
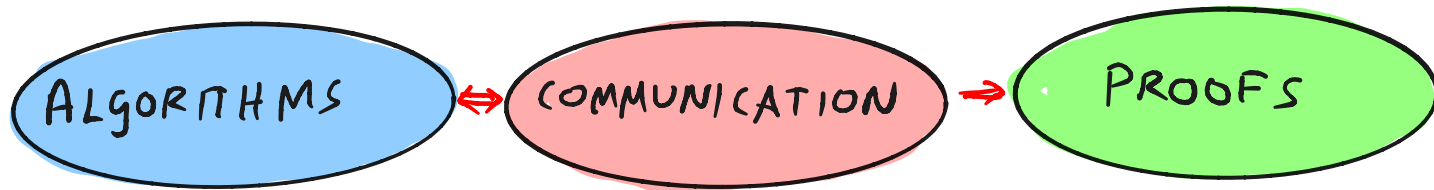
$$2^{Ns(f)} \approx \text{monotone-span}(f \circ g^n)$$



constant-sized
gadget

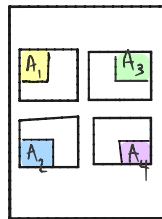
$$\begin{aligned} 2^{Ns(c)} &\approx \text{algebraic-tiling}(c \circ g^n) \\ &= \text{monotone-span}(F_c) \end{aligned}$$

II. LINEAR SECRET SHARING LOWER BOUNDS



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x_1	0	1	0	0	1
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	0	0	1	1	0



Nullstellensatz

LIFTING THM

Linear SSS
size $= 2^{\Omega(n)}$

Algebraic
Tiling $(F_e) = 2^{\Omega(n)}$

$NS_{\mathbb{F}}(e) = \Omega(n)$

Applications of Lifting (from proof complexity LBS)

Model of computation	Proof System
monotone formulas	Tree-like Resolution
monotone circuits	(DAG-like) Resolution
monotone span programs / Linear SSS	Nullsatz
extended formulations of Linear programs	Sherali Adams (SA)
extended formulations of semi-definite programs	Sum-of-Squares (SOS)