

COMP 760 - Winter 2017 - Exercises

General rules:

1. Compute the Fourier coefficients of the AND function $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ defined as $f(x) = 1$ if and only if $x = \vec{1}$.
2. Compute the Fourier coefficients of the PARITY function $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ defined as $f(x) = x_1 + \dots + x_n \pmod{2}$.
3. Compute the Fourier coefficients of the inner product function $f : \{0, 1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ defined as $f(x) = (-1)^{x_1x_2+x_3x_4+\dots+x_{2n-1}x_{2n}}$.
4. Let $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be computed by a decision tree of height k . That is every internal node of the tree is labeled with one of the variables, and the leaves are labeled with real numbers. The value of $f(x)$ is the the label of the leaf obtained by traversing the path from the root to a leaf determined by the value of the variables on the path (Let's say $x_i = 1$ means moving to the left child, and $x_i = 0$ means moving to the right child). Prove that $\hat{f}(S) = 0$ if $|S| > k$.