

Last time: Feasible interpolation for Resolution depth by communication protocols.

Thm Let $F = A(x, y) \wedge B(x, z)$ be an unsat. CNF. Then

$$D_{\text{Res}}(F) \geq CC(kw(f_F)) = \text{min depth of boolean circuit for } f_F$$

If all x vars occurred positively in A , then

$$D_{\text{Res}}(F) \geq CC(mkw(f_F)) = \text{min depth of a monotone boolean circuit for } f_F \uparrow$$

Today:

Thm Let $F = A(x, y) \wedge B(x, z)$ be an unsatisfiable CNF formula such that every x variable occurs positively in A , then

actually prove lbs!

$$S_{\text{CP}}(F) \geq \text{min size of any real monotone circuit computing } f_F$$

"Real" monotone computation?

Regular monotone boolean circuits only allow \wedge (AND) and \vee (OR) gates to compute boolean functions.

Real monotone circuits allow any real function

$$\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{or} \quad \psi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

that is monotone in their inputs as gates. So, if

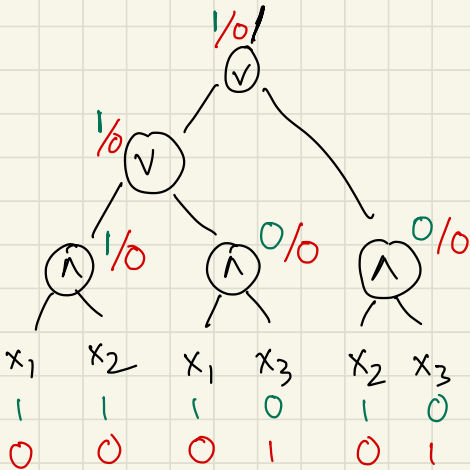
$$x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x_1 \leq x_2, \quad y_1 \leq y_2 \quad \text{then}$$

$$\psi(x_1) \leq \psi(x_2), \quad \psi(x_1, y_1) \leq \psi(x_2, y_2).$$

ex) Consider $MA\mathbb{S}_3: \{0,1\}^3 \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

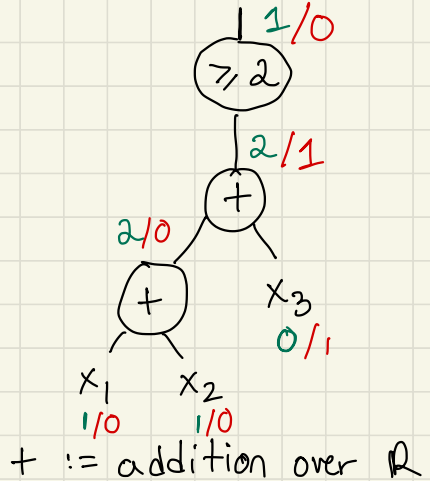
$$MA\mathbb{S}_3(x) = 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad \geq 2 \text{ input bits are } 1.$$

Monotone Boolean CKT



ex)
 $x = 110$
 $y = 001$

Real Monotone CKT



$\boxed{\geq 2}$:= outputs 1 if input is ≥ 2 , 0 o/w.

Monotone in its input
 if $x \leq y$ then $(\geq 2)(x) \leq (\geq 2)(y)$!

We can formalize this interpolation theorem using communication complexity!

Instead, we use a generalization of communication complexity called **real communication**

In a real comm. protocol Alice and Bob receive bit strings, as usual — but communication is different!

Instead, there is a "referee", Alice and Bob send real numbers to the referee $\alpha(x), \beta(y) \in \mathbb{R}$, referee responds with 1 if $\alpha(x) \geq \beta(y)$, 0 if $\alpha(x) < \beta(y)$.

I won't say more! If you are interested see papers

[Itrubés - Pudlák 17] [Fleming - Pankrator - Pitassi - Robere 17]

We're going to prove the interpolation theorem **directly**.

Defn A real monotone circuit C computing $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is given by a sequence of functions

$$g_1, g_2, \dots, g_s$$

such that

— $g_s = f$

— For each i , either $g_i = x_i$ for some $i \in [n]$,
or

$$g_i = \varphi(g_j)$$

where $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotone, $j < i$

or

$$g_i = \psi(g_j, g_k)$$

$\psi: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ monotone, $j, k < i$.

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$$S_{CP}(F) \geq \min \text{size of any real monotone circuit computing } f_F$$

Pf Goal: give an algorithm computing f_F , given a CP proof Π of F .

Plan Go through Π , replace each inequality

$$a(x) + b(y) + c(z) \geq D$$

with two inequalities

$$b(y) \geq D_0$$

$$c(z) \geq D_1$$

s.t.

$$D_0 + D_1 \geq D - a(\alpha)$$

for any input $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^n$, assigned to x -vars.

If we can do this then we are done! The last inequality is

$$0 \geq 1$$

will be replaced with

$$0 \geq D_0$$

$$0 \geq D_1$$

by assumption, $D_0 + D_1 \geq 1$. But both D_0 and D_1 are integers! So one of D_0, D_1 is ≥ 1 !

Let's describe the "splitting" procedure

Axioms

Each axiom comes from $A(x, y)$ or $B(x, z)$.
So: given $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^n$ assigned to x 's, the inequalities are already in the correct form!

ex) $a(x) + b(y) \geq D$

$$a(\alpha) + b(y) \geq D$$

So, set $D_0 := D - a(\alpha)$!

$$b(y) \geq D_0 = D - a(\alpha). \quad 0 \geq 0$$

Linear Combination (Note: The notes on the next page have been edited since lecture)

Let's suppose the inequality I is obtained by taking a non-negative linear combo of

$$I_1 = a_1(x) + b_1(y) + c_1(z) \geq G_1, \quad I_2 = a_2(x) + b_2(y) + c_2(z) \geq G_2$$

Induction, I_1 and I_2 can be split into

I_1

$$b(y) \geq D$$

$$c(z) \geq E$$

I_2

$$b'(y) \geq D'$$

$$c'(z) \geq E'$$

So $I = rI_1 + sI_2$, where $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, $r, s \geq 0$.

Split I by defining

$$r b(y) + s b'(y) \geq rD + sD'$$

$$r c(z) + s c'(z) \geq rE + sE'$$

Observe that

$$rD + sD' + rE + sE'$$

$$= r(D+E) + s(D'+E')$$

By induction we have

$$D+E \geq G_1 - a_1(\alpha)$$

$$D'+E' \geq G_2 - a_2(\alpha)$$

The RHS of $I = rI_1 + sI_2$ is $rG_1 + sG_2$, so

$$r(D+E) + s(D'+E') \geq r(G_1 - a_1(\alpha)) + s(G_2 - a_2(\alpha))$$

as desired.

Rounding Rule

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Consider I obtained by dividing and rounding I' :

$$I' := a(x) + b(y) + c(z) \geq 0$$

and

$$I := \frac{1}{d} (a(x) + b(y) + c(z)) \geq \left\lceil \frac{D}{d} \right\rceil$$

Splitting I' by induction:

$$b(y) \geq D_0 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{d} b(y) \geq \left\lceil \frac{D_0}{d} \right\rceil$$

$$c(z) \geq D_1 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{d} c(z) \geq \left\lceil \frac{D_1}{d} \right\rceil$$

apply division
by d in
parallel!

WTS that $\left\lceil \frac{D_0}{d} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{D_1}{d} \right\rceil \geq \left\lceil \frac{D}{d} \right\rceil - \frac{a(x)}{d}$

$$\left\lceil \frac{D_0}{d} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{D_1}{d} \right\rceil \geq \left\lceil \frac{D_0 + D_1}{d} \right\rceil$$

$$(\text{induction}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{D - a(x)}{d} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{D}{d} \right\rceil - \frac{a(x)}{d} \quad \checkmark$$

Algorithm: Given F and $d \in \{0,1\}^n$ to x -variables
and CP proof of F

- Plug in d to all lines of the proof
- Inductively split every line of the proof, by above arguments
- Examine $0 \geq D_0, 0 \geq D_1$. If $D_0 = 0$ then output 1.

Still have to implement this by a monotone real circuit!
All we need to do is calculate D_0 , and then apply a threshold.

This can be done inductively using (monotone, real) gates for

- addition
- multiplication by a non-neg. #
- division by a positive #
- rounding.

By a straightforward translation of the above algorithm the proof is complete. \square

To **apply** this theorem, we use known size lower bounds for real monotone circuits.

Thm [Raz 85]

Let f be any monotone function on $\binom{n}{2}$ variables (i.e. input encodes a graph) s.t.

$f(x) = 1$ if x contains a k -clique

$f(x) = 0$ if x contains a $(k-1)$ -colorable graph.

Then any monotone circuit computing f requires $n^{\Omega(k)}$ size.

Note If we could prove the same theorem for non-monotone circuits, then $P \neq NP$!

Thm [Pudlák 97]

The $n^{\Omega(k)}$ size lower bound for clique holds for real monotone circuits!

Now: Pick $F = \text{Clique}(x, y) \wedge \text{Colour}(x, z)$ from last class!

Any interpolant f_F will compute the function in the previous theorems!

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$$F = \text{Clique}_n^k(x, y) \wedge \text{Colour}_n^k(x, z)$$

require $n^{\Omega(k)}$ size. \square

Proofs of ckt lbs in [Pudlák 97] - possible presentation topic!

Next: Algebraic proof systems!