

Problem 1. We choose three $n \times n$ matrices A, B, C randomly, that says we choose 0 and 1 randomly for every entries of A, B and C . Then we choose a column vector r that is n dimension. Please analyze the property of probability

$$P(AB \neq C \mid ABr = Cr)$$

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Thought 1. Firstly, let's think about the distribution of $AB - C$. It's very interesting that $AB - C$ is also randomly distributed in $F_2^{n \times n}$. We choose AB and we use a randomly chosen matrix C to "flip" AB , then we can get a randomly matrix $AB - C$.

Let's define $D = AB - C$ and our problem becomes

$$P(D \neq 0 \mid Dr = 0)$$

We define some collections of matrices as following:

$$M_i = \{D \in F_2^{n \times n} \mid \text{rank}(D) = i\}$$

Then $M_i (0 \leq i \leq n)$ is a partition of $F_2^{n \times n}$. By the Bayes Formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P(D \neq 0 \mid Dr = 0) \\ &= \frac{P(D \neq 0 \text{ and } Dr = 0)}{P(Dr = 0)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)}{\sum_{i=0}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)}{P(D \in M_0) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)}{2^{-n^2} + \sum_{i=0}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)} \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, define $p = \sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i)$.

We know that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(D \in M_i) = 1 - 2^{-n^2}$$

so there is a item satisfying $P(D \in M_i) \geq \frac{1-2^{-n^2}}{n}$ and the corresponding

$$P(Dr = 0 \mid D \in M_i) = P(r \in \text{Ker}(D) \mid D \in M_i) = \frac{2^{n-\text{rank}(D)}}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^i}$$

So $p > \frac{1-2^{-n^2}}{n2^i} \geq \frac{1-2^{-n^2}}{n2^n}$.

Finally, we can obtain our probability

$$P(D \neq 0 \mid Dr = 0) = \frac{p}{2^{-n^2} + p} > \frac{2^n}{2n + 2^n}$$

, which is very very close to 1.

It's very confusing because we think it should be a not so bad method to check the correction of a matrix multiplication. The reason that causes such a result is because that we choose the three matrices randomly, which cause the probability $P(AB = C)$ is so small, that is $\frac{1}{2^{n^2}}$. In reality, when we want to check the correction of $AB = C$, such a probability should not so small.

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