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4.(a) Let  $x^*$  be a unique maximum solution for  $g$ .

$\rightarrow x^*$  is a bitstring consisting only of 1-bits.

Let  $x^{(t)}$  be solution generated in the  $t$ -th iteration  
~~Let~~  $(t \in \mathbb{N}_0)$

We define a random variable  $X_t$  which is ~~at~~ 1 if  $x^{(t)}$  equals the optimal solution  $x^*$  and otherwise 0

$\hookrightarrow X_t$  is a Bernoulli distribution with  $p = \frac{1}{2^n}$  because there are  $2^n$  possible bitstrings (while only one of them is the optimal solution)

If  $T$  is the smallest  $t$  for which  $X_t = 1$  then  $T$  is a geometrically distributed random variable.

$\hookrightarrow$  The expected runtime of the RandomSearch algorithm is the expectation value  $E(T)$  because after  $T$  steps we found the optimal solution and the algorithm stops.

$$E(T) = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2^n}} = 2^n$$

4.(b) ~~Given  $E$  being the initial solution of  $(A+A)EA$ , where~~

Let  $X$  count the number of 1-bits in the initial solution

Because the initial solution is uniformly randomly chosen:

$$\rightarrow E(X) = \frac{n}{2}$$

Further let  $\bar{X}$  count the number of 0-bits in the initial solution.

$$P(\bar{X} \leq \frac{n}{4}) = P(X \geq \frac{3n}{4})$$

Because the probability of choosing less than 1-bits  $P(X < 0)$  is zero and  $\frac{3n}{4} > 0$  assuming that we have at least one bit in our bitstring ( $n > 0$ ), we can apply Markov's Inequality:

$$P(\bar{X} \leq \frac{n}{4}) = P(X \geq \frac{3n}{4}) \leq \frac{E(X)}{\frac{3n}{4}} = \frac{4(\frac{n}{2})}{3n} = \frac{2}{3}$$

The upper bound on  ~~$P(E)$~~   $P(E)$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

### Homework 3

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If  $E$  not occurred, then we got the event  $\bar{E}$  where there are at least  $\frac{n}{4}$  zero bits. In that case  $g(x)$  returns "1". We won't go into a phase where  $g(x)$  returns "0", because we only improve and the only way to improve is by getting the maximum with the all ones bitstring.

Since each bit flips with probability  $\frac{1}{n}$  the best setting is with the least possible amount of zeros:  $\frac{n}{4} + 1$  zeros.

The probability of getting the desired bitstring is flipping all the zeros with  $p = \frac{1}{n}$  and not flipping the rest with  $1-p$ :

$$P(\text{"improvement"}^*) = \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{4}+1} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n - \left(\frac{n}{4}+1\right)} \\ \leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{4}}$$

This is geometrically distributed, therefore  $E = \frac{1}{p}$ :

$$E(\text{"all-ones"} \mid \bar{E}) \geq \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{4}}} = \Omega\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right)$$

\* as stated before: an improvement results in the all-ones string

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The expected runtime  $E(T)$  is the sum of the runtime conditioned on  $E$  and  $\bar{E}$ .

1. If  $E(T|E) \geq E(T|\bar{E})$  then obviously  
 $E(T) = \mathcal{O}\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right)$  (as shown in c):  
 $E(T|\bar{E}) = \mathcal{O}\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right)$

2. If  $E(T|E) < E(T|\bar{E})$  then  
 $E(T) = E(T|E) \cdot \Pr(E) + \Pr(\bar{E}) \mathcal{O}\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right)$

$E(T)$  gets small when  $\Pr(\bar{E})$  is at its minimum, because  $E(T|E) < E(T|\bar{E})$ . In b) we showed

$$\Pr(E) \leq \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \Pr(\bar{E}) \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore:

$$E(T) = \frac{2}{3} E(T|E) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{O}\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(n^{\frac{1}{4}n}\right)$$

Since RANDOMSEARCH has an expected runtime of  $2^n$  it has a better expected runtime than  $(1+1)$  EA on  $g$ .