

# Walsh-Hadamard spectrum for Boolean Functions.

to compute efficiently best affine approximations  
to  $F = F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

$$a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad a_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{variables } x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot x = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \pmod{2}.$$


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two numbers

$$N_{0,a} = \# x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ s.t. } \underline{F(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = a \cdot x$$

$$N_{1,a} = \# x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ s.t. } \begin{aligned} \underline{F(x_1, \dots, x_n)} &\neq a \cdot x \\ &= ax + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{0,a} + N_{1,a} = 2^n$$


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probabilities

$$P_a = \Pr(F(x) = a \cdot x) = \frac{N_{0,a}}{2^n}$$

$$q_a = \Pr(F(x) = a \cdot x + 1) = \frac{N_{1,a}}{2^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_a + q_a = 1.$$

Walsh-Hadamard spectrum for  $F$

$$W = (W_0, W_1, \dots, W_{2^n - 1})$$

$\nwarrow$  rationals

$$W_a = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x \text{ over all } n\text{-bit strings}} (-1)^{F(x) + a \cdot x} = \frac{1}{2^n} (N_{0,a} - N_{1,a}) =$$

$$(-1)^{F(x) + a \cdot x} = \begin{cases} 1 & F(x) = ax \\ -1 & F(x) = ax + 1 \end{cases}$$

$\nearrow$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot N_{0,a} - 2^n}{2^n} = 2P_a - 1 \quad \text{by def. of } P_a$$

$$\Rightarrow P_a = \frac{1 + W_a}{2} \quad \text{for every } a = 0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1$$

Compute  $W$

in matrix form

$$(W_0 \dots W_a \dots W_{2^n - 1}) = \frac{1}{2^n} \begin{pmatrix} F(0) & F(x) & F(2^n - 1) \\ (-1)^{0+0} & (-1)^{0+1} & (-1)^{0+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (-1)^{a+0} & (-1)^{a+1} & (-1)^{a+2} \end{pmatrix} x$$

$\times \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ a \cdot x \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{H_n} \quad 2^n \times 2^n \text{ matrix}$

e.g.  $n=1$

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ (-1)^{0+0} & (-1)^{0+1} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$H_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{\boxed{n}} = \left( \begin{array}{c} H_{n-1}^{2^n} \\ H_{n-1} - H_{n-1} \end{array} \right) \boxed{2^n}$$

computing  $W$  from its definition is slow

# arith. op. is  $2^{2n}$ .

faster algorithm in  $n \cdot 2^n$  operations.

Fast Algorithm to compute  $W$

input. Truth table of Boolean function

$$F(x_1 \dots x_n) \quad F(0), F(1), \dots, F(2^n - 1)$$

output W.-H. spectrum for  $F$ .

notation  $W_{k,a}$   $2^k$ -string with integer entries  
 $0 \leq k \leq n$  and  $0 \leq a \leq 2^{n-k} - 1$ .

$$W_k = \left( \underbrace{W_{k,0}, W_{k,1}, \dots, W_{k,2^{n-k}-1}}_{2^n} \right)$$

1. Initialize  $W_{0,a} = (-1)^{F(a)}$ ,  $0 \leq a \leq 2^n - 1$ .

2. loop  $\underbrace{0 \leq k \leq n-1}_{2^{k+1}}$   $W_k \rightarrow W_{k+1}$

$$W_{k+1,a} = \left( \underbrace{W_{k,2a} + W_{k,2a+1}}_{2^k}, \underbrace{W_{k,2a} - W_{k,2a+1}}_{2^k} \right)$$
  
 $0 \leq a \leq 2^{n-k-1} - 1$

3. return  $W = \frac{W_{n,0}}{2^n}$ .

complexity. at each stage of the loop

$$2^k \text{ add.} + 2^k \text{ subst.} = 2^{k+1}$$

$$0 \leq a \leq 2^{n-k-1} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{k+1} \cdot 2^{n-k-1} = 2^n \text{ arith. op.}$$

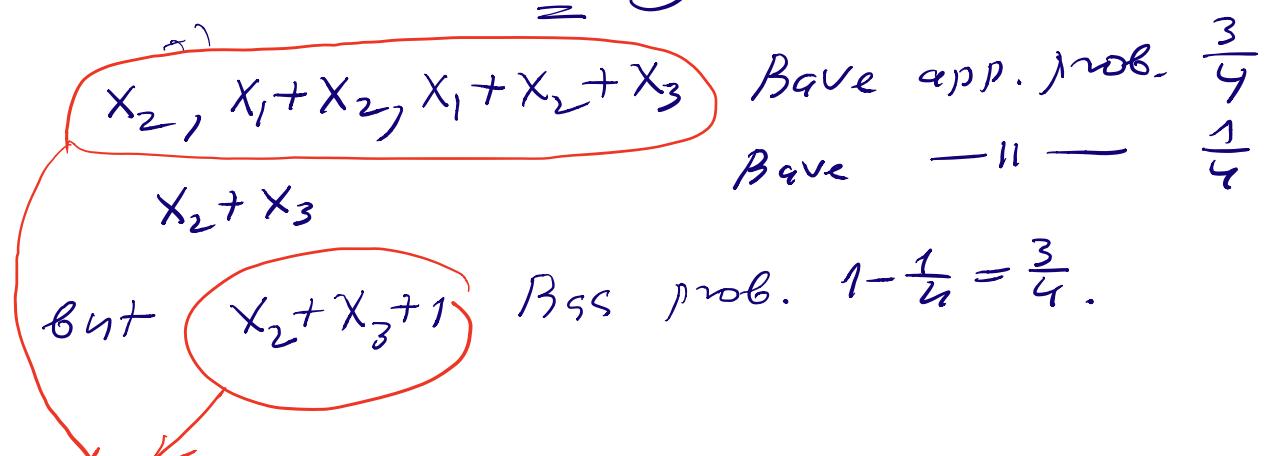
$n$  stages in the loop  
overall  $n \cdot 2^n$  operation.  $\ll 2^{2n}$

Example.  $F(x_1 x_2 x_3) = (0 0 1 1 0 0 1)$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$W_0$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	-1
$W_1$	(2)	0	(-2)	0	(0-2)	(0)	2	
$W_2$	(0)	0	4	0	(0 0)	0	-4	
$W_3$	(0)	0	4	-4	0 0	4	4	
$W$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	

vector of probabilities

$$(P_0, P_1, \dots, P_7) = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4} \right)$$



best affine approximations to  $F(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ .

Rule How to compute Best affine approximations.

1. compute W-H. spectrum for  $F$ .

2. take  $W_a$  max. in absolute value.

set  $g = \begin{cases} a \cdot x & \text{if } W_a > 0 \\ a \cdot x + 1 & \text{if } W_a < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\text{anyway, } \Pr(F = g) = \frac{1 + |W_g|}{2}.$$

Complexity and Success probability  
or Affine Approximation Attack.

### Bernoulli trials.

(\*)  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots$  seq. of random variables.

1.  $\Pr(v_i = 0) = p$  failure

$$\Pr(v_i = 1) = 1 - p = q$$

success

for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

2. trials are independent

$$\Pr(v_{i_1} = a_1, \dots, v_{i_s} = a_s) = \Pr(v_{i_1} = a_1) \cdots \Pr(v_{i_s} = a_s)$$

any  $i_1, \dots, i_s$   
any values  $a_1, \dots, a_s$

(\*) called seq. of Bernoulli trials.

$$S_n = \# \text{ successes in } n \text{ trials.}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \text{ over integers}$$

$$= \text{weight}(v_1, \dots, v_n).$$

Fact. 1. Expected (mean) value of  $S_n$  is  $n \cdot q$

$$E S_n = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(v_i) = n \cdot q.$$

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$$E(v_i) = 1 \cdot q + 0 \cdot p = q$$

Fact. 2. (de Moivre-Laplace limit theorem)

For every fixed real  $a \leq B$  (includes  $\pm\infty$ )

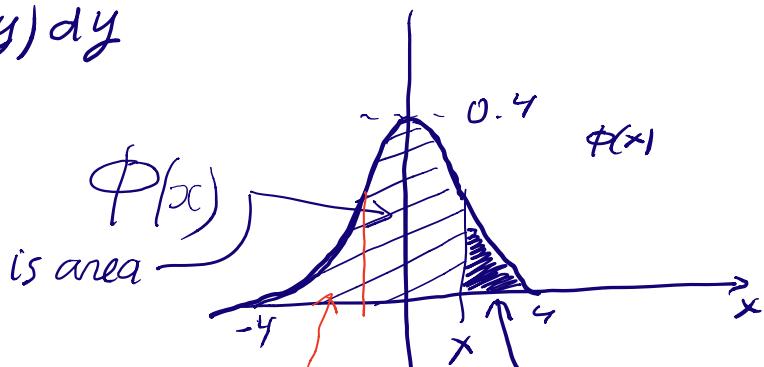
$$P_z \left( a \leq \frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{npq}} < B \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{}} \Phi(B) - \Phi(a)$$

where  $\Phi(x)$  standard normal distribution

function -  $-\frac{x^2}{2}$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$
 standard normal density function

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(y) dy$$



$$\text{By symmetry of } \phi(x) \quad \Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x)$$

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Fact 3 Chernoff's Bounds

$$P_z(|S_n - np| > a) \leq 2 \cdot e^{-\frac{2a^2}{n}}$$

$$P_z(S_n - np > a) \leq e^{-\frac{2a^2}{n}}.$$

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Back to Affine Approximation Attack.

system of lin. equations?

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_1 = u_1 + x_1 \\ v_2 = u_2 + x_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n = u_n + x_n \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ \vdots \\ n_n \end{array}$$

↑      ↑      ↑ key-stream bits known  
new var.      lin. functions  
in unknown initial state bits

$P_r(v_i=1) = q$  rel. low as  $P_r(v_i=0) = p$  rel. high  
by trying  $v = (v_1 \dots v_n)$  or weight  $\approx q \cdot n$

1) success Bit correct vector  $v \Rightarrow$  solve (\*) and find initial state.

$$P_r(\text{success}) = P_r\left(\underbrace{\left| \text{weight}(v) - q \cdot n \right| \leq d}_{\text{parameter of the attack.}}\right)$$

2) number of trials.  
all binary  $n$ -strings for  $v$  or  
weight  $\approx s.t. |v - q \cdot n| \leq d$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \binom{n}{r} \quad \# \text{ } n\text{-strings of weight } r$$

$|v - qn| \leq d$

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Role of  $d$ .

take  $d$  small (close to 0)

$\Rightarrow P_r(\text{success})$  should be small

But # trials is small too.

take  $d$  large

$\Rightarrow P_r(\text{success})$  is large ( $\rightarrow 1$ )

# trials is large too.

Trade-off between  $P_r(\text{success})$  and # trials.

$$P_r(\text{failure}) = P_r(|\text{weight}(\text{correct}) - q \cdot n| > d) = (*)$$

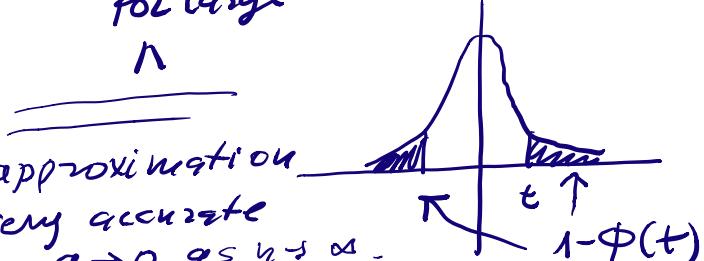
given  $\varepsilon$  find  $d$  s.t.  $P_r(\text{failure}) = \varepsilon$ .

$$\text{weight}(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i = S_n$$

$$(*) = P_r(|S_n - q \cdot n| > d) =$$

$d = t \cdot \sqrt{npq}$  we want to find  $t$  to find  $d$ .

$$= P_r\left(\left|\frac{S_n - qn}{\sqrt{npq}}\right| > t\right) \xrightarrow{\text{for large } n} \frac{2(1 - \Phi(t))}{1 - \Phi(t)}$$



solve equation

$$(***) \quad \varepsilon = 2(1 - \Phi(t))$$

from text-books  
computer packages

$t \Rightarrow d \Rightarrow$  complexity of the attack  
# trials.

Example:  $\varepsilon = 0.01$  (failure 1%  
success 99%)

solve equation  $(\star \star)$  and get  $\epsilon = 2.61$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2.61 \cdot \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q}$$

try vectors  $v = (v_1 \dots v_n)$  or weight  $\approx \epsilon$ .  
 $|z - qh| \leq 2.61 \sqrt{npq}$ .

(correct  $n=200$  and  $q > \frac{1}{70}$ )

let  $\underline{n=200}$ ,  $q = \frac{1}{20}$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$

$$\Rightarrow d \leq 9. \Rightarrow$$

# trials  $\sum_{z=0}^{200} \binom{200}{z} \approx \frac{1.9 \cdot 10^{26}}{|z-10| \leq 9}$

complexity of  
the attack.  
with success prob. 99%.

compare with brute force

$$\# \text{ trials } 2^{200} \approx \frac{1.6 \cdot 10^{60}}{|z-10| \leq 9}$$

conclude Affine Approx. is much faster.

Reason  $P = P_q = 1 - \frac{1}{20}$  very close to 1.