

# Question Set

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## Assignment Question

Q. For every Boolean function  $f$

$$\deg(f) \leq D(f)$$

The degree  $\deg(f)$  of  $f$  is the degree of the unique multi-linear polynomial representation of  $f$ .

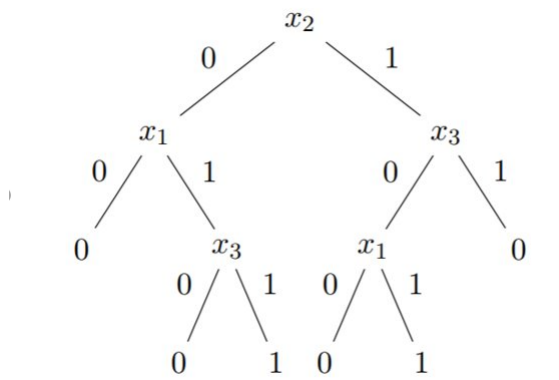
$D(f)$  is the decision tree complexity.

Ans: Fix a decision tree for  $f$ . For each leaf  $\ell$  of the decision tree, define  $P_\ell$  the polynomial which equals one on inputs that reach  $\ell$  and 0 otherwise. That is, to form  $P_\ell$  we multiply the terms  $x_i$  for each internal node  $i$  for which we went “right” on the way to  $\ell$  and  $(1 - x_i)$  for each internal node  $i$  for which we went “left” on the way to  $\ell$ .

Now define  $P(x) := \sum_{\ell} T_\ell P_\ell(x)$ , where  $T_\ell$  is the label of the leaf  $\ell$ . This multi-linear polynomial  $P$  represents  $f$  and has degree  $\max_{\ell} \deg(P_\ell(x)) = D(f)$ .

## LQ Question:

Question: This decision tree correspond to which function?



**options:**

1.  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  and  $x_3$
2.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  and  $x_3$
3.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  or  $x_3$
4.  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  or  $x_3$

Ans: 3