

# Group 76: survivors\_of\_ml

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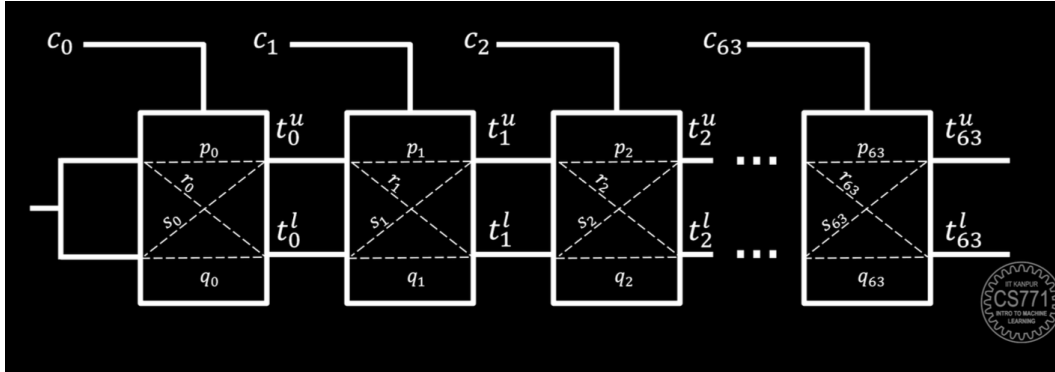
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## 1 Q1. Derivation of a Linear Model for Predicting ML-PUF

2 We will use a straightforward approach to solve this problem. The strategy involves leveraging the  
3 known differences in the time delays for the upper and lower signals, as well as the sum of their  
4 delays, to predict the upper delay. After getting both responses from arbiters, we perform XOR by  
5 multiplying both linear models to get the final response.

## 6 A Linear Model for Predicting the Upper Signal Traversal Time in an Arbiter PUF



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8 Arbiter PUF structure as described in lectures

9 Lets prove that a linear model can predict the time taken for upper (or lower) signal to reach the  
10 finish line for simple arbiter PUF.

## 11 Initial Definitions

12 For each PUF, we have 8 PUFF stages numbered from 0 to 7. We define:

13  $t_i^u$  as the time for the upper signal to be generated at stage  $i$

14  $t_i^l$  as the time for the lower signal to be generated at stage  $i$

15  $\Delta_i = t_i^u - t_i^l$  as the delay difference between upper and lower signal generation at stage  $i$

16 The initial conditions are:

$$t_{-1}^u = 0, \quad t_{-1}^l = 0, \quad \Delta_{-1} = 0 \quad (1)$$

## 17 Time Delay Recursion Relations

18 From the circuit analysis, we derive the following recursive relations:

$$t_i^u = (1 - c_i) (t_{i-1}^u + p_i) + c_i (t_{i-1}^l + s_i) \quad (2)$$

19 where the switching parameter  $c_i$  is defined as:

$$c_i = \frac{1 - d_i}{2} \quad (3)$$

20 Expanding the equation (2), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} t_i^u &= t_{i-1}^u + p_i - c_i t_{i-1}^u - c_i p_i + c_i t_{i-1}^l + c_i s_i \\ &= t_{i-1}^u + c_i [s_i - p_i + \Delta_{i-1}] + p_i \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

21 Substituting equation (3) in equation (4) gives:

$$t_i^u = t_{i-1}^u + \left( \frac{1 - d_i}{2} \right) (s_i - p_i - \Delta_{i-1}) + p_i \quad (5)$$

22 Which simplifies to:

$$t_i^u = t_{i-1}^u + \left( \frac{p_i + s_i}{2} \right) + \frac{d_i}{2} (p_i - s_i) + \left( \frac{1 - d_i}{2} \right) \Delta_{i-1} \quad (6)$$

23 Let us define:

$$e_i = \frac{p_i + s_i}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$f_i = \frac{p_i - s_i}{2} \quad (8)$$

24 This allows us to write the final recursive relation in compact form:

$$t_i^u = t_{i-1}^u + e_i + d_i f_i - \left( \frac{1 - d_i}{2} \right) \Delta_{i-1} \quad (9)$$

## 25 Stage-wise Time Delay Formulation

26 For stage  $i = 0$ , we have the initial condition:

$$t_0^u = e_0 + d_0 f_0 \quad \text{with} \quad t_{-1}^u = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{-1} = 0 \quad (10)$$

27 Recursive Relations for Subsequent Stages

28 For stage  $i = 1$ :

$$t_1^u = e_0 + d_0 f_0 + e_1 + d_1 f_1 + \frac{(1 - d_1)}{2} \Delta_0 \quad (11)$$

$$t_1^u = (e_0 + e_1) + (d_0 f_0 + d_1 f_1) - \frac{(1 - d_1)}{2} \Delta_0 \quad (12)$$

29 For stage  $i = 2$ :

$$t_2^u = (e_0 + e_1 + e_2) + (d_0 f_0 + d_1 f_1 + d_2 f_2) - \frac{1}{2} ((1 - d_1) \Delta_0 + (1 - d_2) \Delta_1) \quad (13)$$

30 Continuing this pattern, we obtain the general solution:

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 (e_i + d_i f_i) - \frac{1}{2} (\Delta_0 + \Delta_1 \cdots + \Delta_6 - d_1 \Delta_0 - d_2 \Delta_1 \cdots - d_7 \Delta_6) \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^7 (e_i + d_i f_i) - \frac{1}{2} (\Delta_6 - d_6 \Delta_5 + (\Delta_5 - d_5 \Delta_4) + \cdots + (\Delta_1 - d_1 \Delta_0) + \Delta_0 - d_7 \Delta_6) \\ &\quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

31 From the lecture slides, we have the following relations for the time differences:

$$\Delta_{-1} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta_i = d_i \Delta_{i-1} + \alpha_i d_i + \beta_i \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta_i - d_i \Delta_{i-1} = \alpha_i d_i + \beta_i \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta_0 = \alpha_0 d_0 + \beta_0 \quad (19)$$

$$d_7 \Delta_6 = \Delta_7 - \alpha_7 d_7 - \beta_7 \quad (20)$$

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$$\Delta_{k-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (w_i x_i) + b \quad (21)$$

33 Where

$$x_i = d_i d_{i+1} \cdots d_{k-1} \quad (22)$$

$$w_0 = \alpha_0 \quad (23)$$

$$w_i = \alpha_i + \beta_{i-1} \quad (24)$$

$$b = \beta_{k-1} \quad (25)$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{p_i - q_i + r_i - s_i}{2} \quad (26)$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{p_i - q_i - r_i + s_i}{2} \quad (27)$$

34 Putting above thing together

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 (e_i + d_i f_i) - \frac{1}{2} (a_6 d_6 + \beta_6 + a_5 d_5 + \beta_5 + \cdots + a_1 d_1 + \beta_1 + a_0 d_0 + \beta_0 - \Delta_7 + \alpha_7 d_7 + \beta_7) \quad (28)$$

35 The expression can be rewritten in compact summation form as:

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 (e_i + d_i f_i) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^7 (\alpha_i d_i + \beta_i) + \frac{\Delta_7}{2} \quad (29)$$

36 Expanding  $\Delta_7$  and grouping terms gives:

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 (e_i - \frac{\beta_i}{2}) + \sum_{i=0}^7 (d_i f_i - \frac{\alpha_i d_i}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^7 w_i x_i + \frac{\beta_7}{2} \quad (30)$$

37 By expanding the expressions for  $e_i$ ,  $f_i$ , we obtain:

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 \frac{(p_i + s_i - \beta_i)}{2} + \sum_{i=0}^7 \left( d_i \frac{(p_i - s_i - \alpha_i)}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^7 w_i x_i + \frac{\beta_7}{2} \quad (31)$$

38 For simplification, we define:

$$g_i = \frac{p_i + s_i - \beta_i}{2} \quad (32)$$

$$h_i = \frac{p_i - s_i - \alpha_i}{2} \quad (33)$$

$$\hat{w}_i = \frac{w_i}{2} \quad (34)$$

39 The time delay for the final stage ( $t_7^u$ ) is given by:

$$t_7^u = \sum_{i=0}^7 d_i h_i + \sum_{i=0}^7 \hat{w}_i x_i + \sum_{i=0}^7 g_i + \frac{\beta_7}{2} \quad (35)$$

40 The above equation demonstrates that a linear model can be constructed to predict the time taken  
 41 for the upper signal to reach the finish line.  
 42 At first glance, it may appear that 16 weights are required for this model: 8 corresponding to the  
 43 terms  $h_i$  and 8 for the terms  $d_i$ .

44 But for  $i = 7$

$$x_7 = d_7 \quad (36)$$

45 This allows us to combine weights for  $i = 7$ , reducing the effective dimensionality to 15. The final  
 46 model becomes:

$$t_7^u = W^T \phi(C) + b \quad (37)$$

47 where:

$$W_{15 \times 1} = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha_0}{2} & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \frac{\alpha_i + \beta_{i-1}}{2} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq 6 \\ \frac{p_7 + \beta_6 - s_6}{2} & \text{if } i = 7 \\ \frac{p_{i-8} - \alpha_{i-8} - s_{i-8}}{2} & \text{if } 8 \leq i \leq 14 \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

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$$b = \sum_{i=0}^7 g_i + \beta_7 \quad (39)$$

$$\phi(C)_{15 \times 1} = \begin{cases} x_0 = d_0 d_1 \cdots d_7 \\ x_1 = d_1 d_2 \cdots d_7 \\ \vdots \\ x_7 = d_7 \\ d_0 \\ d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_6 \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

$$\phi(C) = (\phi_i)_{15 \times 1} \quad (41)$$

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$$\phi_i = \begin{cases} x_i = d_i d_{i+1} \cdots d_7 & \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq 7 \\ d_{i-8} & \text{if } 8 \leq i \leq 14 \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

50 Hence, we have demonstrated that a linear model can predict the time taken for upper signal to reach  
 51 the finish line in a PUF. We can similarly do the same for the lower signal.

## 52 A Linear Model Predicting ML-PUF output

53 The above proof demonstrated that the time taken by an arbiter PUF to produce the upper or lower  
 54 signal can be modeled linearly. Since the ML-PUF in question consists of two independent PUFs,  
 55 we can express their outputs using the following equations:

$$t_{PUF_0}^u = W_a^T \phi(C) + b_a \quad (43)$$

$$t_{PUF_1}^u = W_b^T \phi(C) + b_b \quad (44)$$

$$t_{PUF_0}^l = W_c^T \phi(C) + b_c \quad (45)$$

$$t_{PUF_1}^l = W_d^T \phi(C) + b_d \quad (46)$$

56 where:

57  $W_a, W_b, W_c, W_d$  are corresponding model weight vectors.  
 58  $b_a, b_b, b_c, b_d$  are corresponding bias terms.  
 59  $\phi(C)$  represents the feature mapping.

## 60 **Response Function Formulation**

61  $Response_0$  is defined to be 0, if signal from  $PUF_0$  reaches first, else 1. If we define

$$\Delta_0(C) = t_{PUF_0}^l - t_{PUF_1}^l \quad (47)$$

62 Then we can define:

$$Response_0 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \Delta_0(C) < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \Delta_0(C) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (48)$$

63 Substituting equation (45) and equation (46) in equation (47) gives:

$$\Delta_0(C) = (W_c^T - W_d^T)\phi(C) + (b_c - b_d) \quad (49)$$

64 Which simplifies to the linear form:

$$\Delta_0(C) = W_0^T \phi(C) + b_0 \quad (50)$$

65  $Response_0$  can be compactly represented using the sign function as:

$$Response_0 = \frac{1 + \text{sign}(W_0^T \phi(C) + b_0)}{2} \quad (51)$$

66 We can similarly get an expression for  $Response_1$  as:

$$Response_1 = \frac{1 + \text{sign}(W_1^T \phi(C) + b_1)}{2} \quad (52)$$

67 Where:

68  $W_0, W_1$  are the combined weight vectors  
 69  $b_0, b_1$  are the combined bias terms  
 70  $\phi(C)$  is the feature mapping function  
 71  $\text{sign}(\cdot)$  is the sign function

## 72 **XOR PUF Formulation**

73 In this section, for ease of representation, we are hiding the bias term inside the weight vector.

74 We know from the slides, that output of an XOR PUF is given as:

$$\frac{1 - (-1)^{n+1} \text{sign}(\Pi_i^n (W_i^T \phi(C)))}{2} \quad (53)$$

75 where  $n$  represents the number of parallel PUFs in the XOR configuration.

76 When  $n = 2$ , the response condition simplifies to:

$$\frac{1 - (-1)^3 \text{sign}((W_0^T \phi(C))(W_1^T \phi(C)))}{2} \quad (54)$$

77 The weight vectors are combined as:

$$W_0^T \phi(C) \cdot W_1^T \phi(C) = W^T \phi'(C) \quad (55)$$

78 where  $\phi'(C)$  is the feature map. Equation (39) provides the expression for  $\phi(C)$ . As the bias term  
 79 is incorporated into the weight vector, we need to append a 1 to it.

$$\phi(C)_{16 \times 1} = \begin{cases} x_0 = d_0 d_1 \cdots d_7 \\ x_1 = d_1 d_2 \cdots d_7 \\ \vdots \\ x_7 = d_7 \\ d_0 \\ d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_6 \\ 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{where } d_i = 1 - 2c_i \quad (56)$$

80 The feature map  $\phi'(C)$  is constructed by multiplying each element in the original feature map  $\phi(C)$   
 81 with every other element. Hence, a very naive way of constructing  $\phi'(C)$  would be:

$$\phi'(C)_{256 \times 1} = \begin{cases} z_0 z_0 \\ z_0 z_1 \\ z_0 z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_{15} z_{15} \end{cases} \quad (57)$$

82 here  $z_i$  is  $i^{th}$  term of  $\phi(C)$ , and  $z_{15} = 1$   
 83 The next section explains how to substantially reduce the dimensionality.

## 84 Q2. Dimensionality Calculation

85 The linear model used to predict the output of an ML-PUF requires a dimensionality of 87.  
 86 **Note:** This count excludes the bias term, in line with the evaluation script provided in Google  
 87 Colab. Including the bias term would result in a total dimensionality of 88.

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$$\boxed{\mathbf{D} = 87}$$

### 90 Proof

91 This section explains how we reduce the dimensionality from 256 to 87. The current feature map  
 92 treats different permutations of the same combination of  $d_i$  as distinct—for example, it considers  
 93  $d_0 d_1 d_2$  different from  $d_1 d_2 d_0$ . By merging all such permutations into a single feature, we can  
 94 effectively reduce the dimensionality. Additionally we know that

$$d_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

95 Therefore:

$$d_i^2 = 1 \quad (58)$$

96 Also, since  $x_i$  is a product of  $d_i$ :

$$x_i^2 = 1 \quad (59)$$

97 Thus, we can eliminate repeating terms in features by performing the following substitutions:

$$d_i^2 = 1 \quad (60)$$

$$d_0^2 d_1^2 d_2^2 = d_1 \quad (61)$$

98 By once again merging features that are permutations of the same set of  $d_i$  terms into a single feature,  
 99 we obtain the following feature map:

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi'(C)_{87 \times 1} = & (d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5, d_6, d_7, \\
& d_0d_1, d_0d_2, d_0d_3, d_0d_4, d_0d_5, d_0d_6, d_0d_7, \\
& d_1d_2, d_1d_3, d_1d_4, d_1d_5, d_1d_6, d_1d_7, \\
& d_2d_3, d_2d_4, d_2d_5, d_2d_6, d_2d_7, \\
& d_3d_4, d_3d_5, d_3d_6, d_3d_7, \\
& d_4d_5, d_4d_6, d_4d_7, \\
& d_5d_6, d_5d_7, \\
& d_6d_7, \\
& d_0d_1d_2, d_0d_6d_7, d_1d_2d_3, d_1d_6d_7, d_2d_3d_4, d_2d_6d_7, \\
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& d_3d_4d_6d_7, d_3d_5d_6d_7, d_4d_5d_6d_7, \\
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& d_2d_3d_4d_5d_6, d_2d_3d_4d_5d_7, d_2d_3d_4d_6d_7, \\
& d_2d_3d_5d_6d_7, d_2d_4d_5d_6d_7, d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7, \\
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& d_2d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7, \\
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& d_0d_1d_2d_4d_5d_6d_7, d_0d_1d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7, \\
& d_0d_2d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7, d_1d_2d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7, \\
& d_0d_1d_2d_3d_4d_5d_6d_7)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $d_i = 1 - 2c_i$

100 It should be noted that our feature mapping process actually yields an 88th term, which is a constant  
101 1. However, we have excluded this term from the feature map, as its effect will be captured by the  
102 model's bias term. This also allows us to report a reduced dimensionality for the feature map and  
103 model.

### 104 Q3. Kernel SVM

105 A kernel computes the dot product between two data points in a high-dimensional space without  
106 explicitly mapping the data points to that space. Since the high-dimensional feature mapping de-  
107 scribed in the previous section is effective, we need a kernel that computes the dot product in the  
108 dimension of  $\phi'(C)$ .

109 That is, we need a kernel  $K : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies:

$$K(C, C') = \langle \phi'(C), \phi'(C') \rangle \quad (62)$$

110 We know that  $\phi'(C)$  includes features involving individual  $d_i$  terms as well as products of 2 to 8  
111 such terms. However, not all possible combinations of these products are present in the feature map.

112 Suppose we construct a new feature map  $\phi''(C)$  which contains all such possible products:

$$\phi''(C)_{256 \times 1} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ \text{Single terms like } d_0, d_1, \dots \\ \text{Pairwise terms like } d_0 d_1, d_0 d_2, \dots \\ \vdots \\ \text{Product of all terms } d_0 d_1 \dots d_7 \end{cases} \quad (63)$$

113 Since  $\phi''(C)$  produces a feature map that is a subset of the one produced by  $\phi'(C)$ , it retains at least  
 114 the same representational power. Therefore, we can safely use  $\phi''(C)$  to construct the kernel. Since  
 115 an order-8 expansion would involve an excessive number of terms, let's try the calculations for order  
 116 2.

117 Given  $D = [d_0, d_1]$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi''(D) &= [1, d_0, d_1, d_0 d_1] \\ \phi''(D)^T \phi''(D') &= 1 + d_0 d'_0 + d_1 d'_1 + d_0 d_1 d'_0 d'_1 \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

119 We know that:

$$(1 + D \cdot D')^2 = (1 + d_0 d'_0 + d_1 d'_1)^2 = 1 + 2d_0 d'_0 + 2d_1 d'_1 + 2d_0 d'_0 d_1 d'_1 + \text{higher terms} \quad (65)$$

120 Although the terms do not match exactly in form, all the terms in Equation (64) are present in  
 121 Equation (65). Therefore, we can conclude that:

$$\phi''(D)^T \phi''(D') = (1 + D \cdot D')^2 \quad (66)$$

122 The right-hand side of the above equation is, in fact, the **Polynomial Kernel** of degree 2. Extending  
 123 this calculation to order 8, the kernel we require becomes:

$$K(D, D') = (1 + D \cdot D')^8 = \left(1 + \sum_{i=0}^7 d_i d'_i\right)^8 \quad (67)$$

124 Substituting  $d_i = 1 - 2c_i$

$$K(C, C') = \left(1 + \sum_{i=0}^7 (1 - 2c_i)(1 - 2c'_i)\right)^8 \quad (68)$$

125 **Kernel Type and Parameters:**

126 **Kernel Type:** Polynomial Kernel

127 **Degree:** 8

128 **Gamma:** 1 (Default scaling of dot product)

129 **Coeff:** 1 (Includes all degrees upto 8)

## 130 Q4. Delay Recovery by Inverting an Arbiter PUF

### 131 Objective

132 Given a 65-dimensional linear model ( $\mathbf{w} \in R^{64}, b \in R$ ) for a 64-bit arbiter PUF, we aim to compute  
 133 256 non-negative delays  $\{\hat{p}_i, \hat{q}_i, \hat{r}_i, \hat{s}_i\}_{i=0}^{63} \in R_{\geq 0}$  that reproduce the same model.

### 134 Theoretical Background From Slides

135 For a  $k = 64$ -stage arbiter PUF, the delays  $p_i, q_i, r_i, s_i$  ( $i = 0, \dots, 63$ ) are used to define intermedi-  
 136 ate parameters, which are then employed to construct a linear model that predicts whether the upper  
 137 or lower signal reaches the finish line first. Feature mapping is also done on the challenge bits to  
 138 make the model's response linearly separable.



139 The linear model is:

$$\Delta_{k-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (w_i x_i) + b \quad (69)$$

140 where

$$x_i = d_i d_{i+1} \cdots d_{k-1} \quad (70)$$

$$d_i = 1 - 2c_i \quad (71)$$

$$w_0 = \alpha_0 \quad (72)$$

$$w_i = \alpha_i + \beta_{i-1} \quad (73)$$

$$b = \beta_{k-1} \quad (74)$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{p_i - q_i + r_i - s_i}{2} \quad (75)$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{p_i - q_i - r_i + s_i}{2} \quad (76)$$

#### 141 Formulating a System of Linear Equations for Model Generation

142 The above model generation can be formulated as a system of linear equations as follows:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \quad (77)$$

144 where:

$$\mathbf{x} \in R^{256 \times 1} = [p_0, q_0, r_0, s_0, \dots, p_{63}, q_{63}, r_{63}, s_{63}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{y} \in R^{65 \times 1} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{63}, b]^T$$

$$A \in R^{65 \times 256} \text{ is the coefficient matrix.}$$

148 The  $i$ -th row of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  contains the coefficients for the weight  $w_i$ , which corresponds to the  
 149  $i$ -th row in vector  $\mathbf{y}$ . Mathematically, the weight  $w_i$  depends only on the  $i$ -th and/or  $(i-1)$ -th  
 150 delay elements, while all other delays contribute a coefficient of zero. Therefore, only the columns  
 151 corresponding to the above mentioned delays will have non zero entries in any row of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

152 Hence, we can construct the  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix in the following manner:

$$\text{Row 0: } w_0 = \alpha_0 \implies 0.5p_0 - 0.5q_0 + 0.5r_0 - 0.5s_0 = w_0$$

$$\text{Rows } i = 1, \dots, 63: w_i = \alpha_i + \beta_{i-1} \\ 0.5(p_{i-1} - q_{i-1} - r_{i-1} + s_{i-1}) + 0.5(p_i - q_i + r_i - s_i) = w_i$$

$$\text{Row 64: } b = \beta_{63} \implies 0.5p_{63} - 0.5q_{63} - 0.5r_{63} + 0.5s_{63} = b$$

156 Matrix  $A$ :

157 Row 0:

$$A[0, 0 : 4] = [0.5, -0.5, 0.5, -0.5]$$

$$A[0, 4 :] = [0, 0, 0, \dots]$$

160 Row  $i = 1, \dots, 63$ :

$$A[i, 0 : 4(i-1)] = [0, 0, 0, \dots]$$

$$A[i, 4(i-1) : 4i] = [0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5]$$

$$A[i, 4i : 4(i+4)] = [0.5, -0.5, 0.5, -0.5]$$

$$A[i, 4(i+4) :] = [0, 0, 0, \dots]$$

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$$A[64, 0 : 252] = [0, 0, 0, \dots]$$

$$A[64, 252 :] = [0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 0.5]$$

168 Therefore, given complete knowledge of the  $4k$  delay parameters in a  $k$ -stage Arbiter PUF, we can  
 169 formulate a linear prediction model using equation (78). The model parameters are directly derived  
 170 from the vector  $\mathbf{y}$ , where the first  $k$  components determine the weight coefficients and the  $(k+1)$ -th  
 171 component provides the bias term of the linear model.

## 172 Inverting the System to Generate the Delays

173 In this section, we describe how, given the weights and bias of a linear model designed to predict the  
174 responses of an arbiter PUF, we can determine the individual delays of the PUF. Our main challenges  
175 are twofold:

176 Our system of linear equations is underdetermined, meaning we have more unknowns (de-  
177 lays) than equations. Consequently, we cannot apply the direct solution formula:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{y} \quad (78)$$

178 The solution must be non-negative since PUF circuit elements cannot physically exhibit  
179 negative delays. This constraint prevents direct application of the standard solution equa-  
180 tion:

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y} \quad (79)$$

181 Given these physical constraints, we formulate the delay extraction problem as a constrained opti-  
182 mization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{256}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \quad (80)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \quad (81)$$

183 To solve this constrained optimization problem, we utilize the `LinearRegression` implementation  
184 from `scikit-learn`. Although the standard implementation solves an unconstrained least squares prob-  
185 lem, we can enforce positivity constraints on the solution by setting the `positive=True` parameter.

## 186 Q5. Code to solve the ML-PUF Problem

187 *Zipped Solution to cse.iitk.ac.in/users/jatinj24/survivors\_of\_ml.zip*

## 188 Q6. Code to solve the Arbiter PUF inversion problem to recover delays

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## 190 Q7: Outcomes of experiments with LinearSVC and LogisticRegression 191 methods

### 192 LogisticRegression

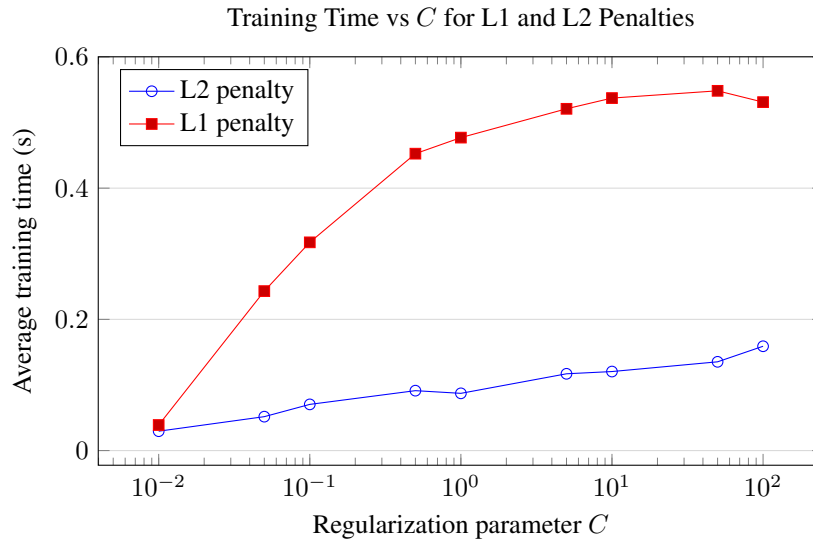
193 Effect of Penalty Type and Regularization Strength

Penalty	C	Training Time (s)	Misclass. Rate (%)	Accuracy (%)
L2	0.01	0.0295	8.06	91.94
	1.00	0.0872	0.00	100.00
	100.00	0.1590	0.00	100.00
L1	0.01	0.0390	17.06	82.94
	1.00	0.4770	0.00	100.00
	100.00	0.5311	0.00	100.00

Training time and performance for LogisticRegression with changing C and Penalty.

Penalty	$C$	Train time (s)	Misclass. rate (%)	Accuracy (%)
L2	0.01	0.0487	0.56	99.44
	1.00	0.4005	0.00	100.00
	100.00	0.4009	0.00	100.00
L1	0.01	0.2087	2.44	97.56
	1.00	1.5922	0.00	100.00
	100.00	0.6188	0.00	100.00

Average training time and test performance of LinearSVC (squared.hinge, L2 vs. L1 penalty) at  $C = 0.01, 1, 100$ .



We trained logistic-regression models on the ML-PUF feature map, varying both the regularization strength  $C$  and the penalty type (L1 vs. L2). we observed:

#### Under-fitting at very low $C = 0.01$ :

With L2 regularization at  $C=0.01$ , the model trains in an average of 0.0295 s and achieves a misclassification rate of 8.06 % (accuracy 91.94 %).

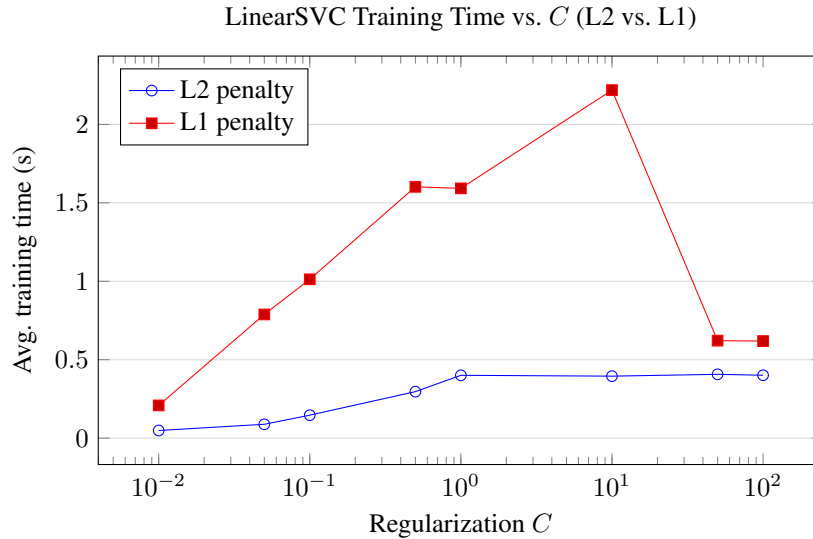
With L1 regularization at  $C=0.01$ , the model trains in just 0.0390 s but misclassifies 17.06 % of the test points (accuracy 82.94 %), indicating that L1 drives many weights to zero and under-fits more severely—only about 83 % of samples are correctly labeled. This confirms that under such strong regularization neither method achieves perfect separation, and that L2 under-fits less than L1.

**The Perfect-fit with  $C = 1$  :** Relaxing regularization to  $C=1$  yields perfect separation for both methods: misclassification drops to 0 % (100 % accuracy). However, L2 achieves this in 0.0872 s, while L1 takes 0.4770 s

**Weak-penalty at higher  $C = 100$  :** With almost no regularization, both L2 and L1 maintain 100 % accuracy. Training times grow to 0.1590 s for L2 and 0.5311 s for L1, confirming that increasing  $C$  beyond 1 offers no accuracy benefit and only adds computational overhead.

## LinearSVC

Effect of Penalty Type and Regularization Strength



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215 L2 gives near-perfect separation even at  $C = 0.01$  and remains 2 to 3 times faster than L1 at higher  
 216  $C$ . Use **L2**,  $C \approx 1$  for speed and accuracy; use **L1** only if you need a sparse model and can afford  
 217 slower training.

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**Strong regularization ( $C = 0.01$ ):** L2 trains in 0.049s with 99.44% accuracy; L1 trains in 0.209s with 97.56% accuracy.

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**Moderate regularization ( $C = 1$ ):** Both penalties reach 100% accuracy. L2 takes 0.400s vs. L1's 1.592s.

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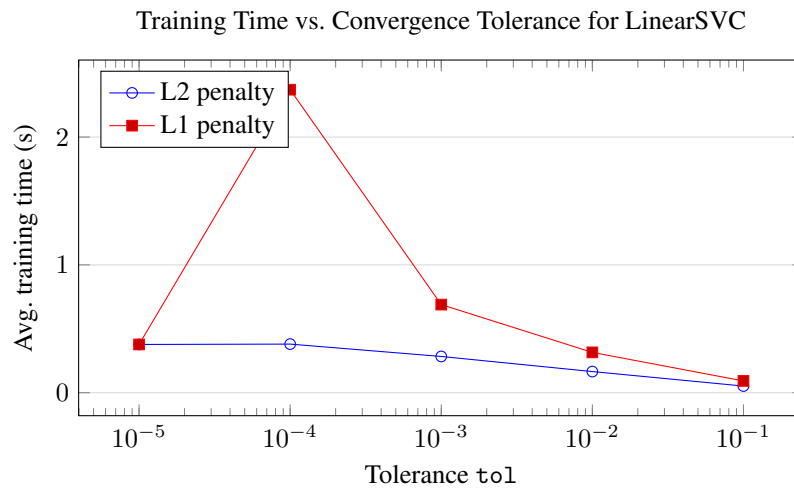
**Weak regularization ( $C = 100$ ):** Accuracy stays at 100%, training times are 0.401s (L2) and 0.619s (L1).

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224 Effect of Convergence Tolerance on Training Time

Penalty	$tol$	Train time (s)	Misclass. rate (%)	Accuracy (%)
5*L2	$10^{-1}$	0.05215	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-2}$	0.16559	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-3}$	0.28363	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-4}$	0.38035	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-5}$	0.37755	0.00	100.00
5*L1	$10^{-1}$	0.09226	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-2}$	0.31557	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-3}$	0.68939	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-4}$	2.37069	0.00	100.00
	$10^{-5}$	0.37755	0.00	100.00

Average training time and test performance of LinearSVC at various convergence tolerances ( $tol$ ), comparing L2 vs. L1 penalties.



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226 tolerance (tol) on training time for LinearSVC with L2 vs. L1 penalties.

Effect of convergence