

Optimal Robust Detection for Gumbel-Max Watermarks Under Modification

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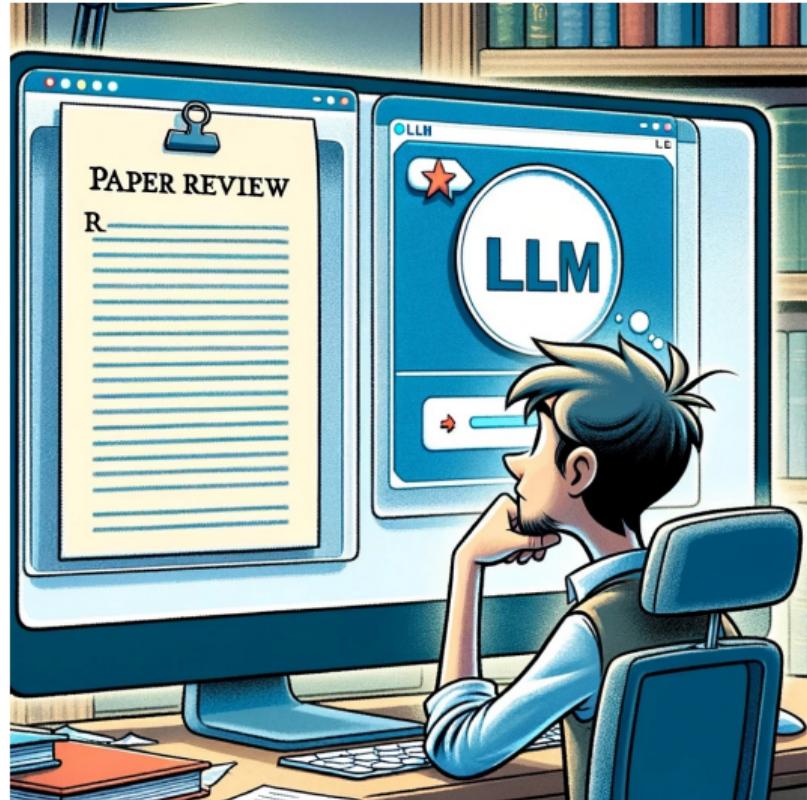
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ABSTRACT

Lithium metal, due to its advantages of high theoretical capacity, low density and low electrochemical reaction potential, is used as a negative electrode material for batteries and brings great potential for the next generation of energy storage systems. However, the production of lithium metal dendrites makes the battery life low and poor safety, so lithium dendrites have been the biggest problem of lithium metal batteries. This study shows that the larger specific surface area and more pore structure of Cu-based metal-organic-framework - aramid cellulose (CuMOF-ANFs) composite separator can help to inhibit the formation of lithium dendrites. After 110 cycles at 1 mAh/cm², the discharge capacity retention rate of the Li-Cu battery using the CuMOF-ANFs separator is about 96 %. Li-Li batteries can continue to maintain low hysteresis for 2000 h at the same current density. The results show that CuMOF-ANFs composite membrane can inhibit the generation of lithium dendrites and improve the cycle stability and cycle life of the battery. The three-dimensional (3D) porous mesh structure of CuMOF-ANFs separator provides a new perspective for the practical application of lithium metal battery.

1. Introduction

Certainly, here is a possible introduction for your topic:Lithium-metal batteries are promising candidates for high-energy-density rechargeable batteries due to their low electrode potentials and high

chemical stability of the separator is equally important as it ensures that the separator remains intact and does not react or degrade in the presence of the electrolyte or other battery components. A chemically stable separator helps to prevent the formation of reactive species that can further promote dendrite growth. Researchers are actively exploring

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- ▶ Worse, as AI models evolve, LLM-generated text increasingly resembles human-written text!

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Watermarking embeds subtle statistical signals into LLM-generated text [Kirchenbauer et al., 2023a]

- ▶ Signal: Dependence between observed text and certain hidden information for generating text.
- ▶ These signal patterns are unlikely to appear in human-written text.
- ▶ Watermarking enables provable detection of LLM-generated text.

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- ▶ Biden AI executive order.
- ▶ OpenAI, Google, Meta, and other tech giants have pledged to watermark AI content.

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Evaluation of watermarks

- ① Comparing efficiency of different
watermarking schemes.
- ② Finding more or (most) powerful
detection rules.
- ③ Robust watermark detection.

Our previous work

On Goal ① and ②

[https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.01245](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.01245.pdf)

What we did previously

- ▶ A framework unifying different watermarks.
- ▶ Efficiency notions.
- ▶ Optimal sum-based rules.

A Statistical Framework of Watermarks for Large Language Models: Pivot, Detection Efficiency and Optimal Rules

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Abstract

Since ChatGPT was introduced in November 2022, embedding (nearly) unnoticeable statistical signals into text generated by large language models (LLMs), also known as watermarking, has been used as a principled approach to provable detection of LLM-generated text from its human-written counterpart. In this paper, we introduce a general and flexible framework for reasoning about the statistical efficiency of watermarks and designing powerful detection rules. Inspired by the hypothesis testing formulation of watermark detection, our framework starts by selecting a pivotal statistic of the text and a secret key—provided by the LLM to the verifier—to control the false positive rate (the error of mistakenly detecting human-written text as LLM-generated). Next, this framework allows one to evaluate the power of watermark detection rules by obtaining a closed-form expression of the asymptotic false negative rate (the error of incorrectly classifying LLM-generated text as human-written). Our framework further reduces the problem of determining the optimal detection rule to solving a minimax optimization program. We apply this framework to two representative watermarks—one of which has been internally implemented at OpenAI—and obtain several findings that can be instrumental in guiding the practice of implementing watermarks. In particular, we derive optimal detection rules for these watermarks under our framework. These theoretically derived detection rules are demonstrated to be competitive and sometimes enjoy a higher power than existing detection approaches through numerical experiments.

This talk (On Goal ③, coming soon)

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This paper examines how to robustly detect statistical language watermarks when users corrupt text generated by large language models (LLMs). We develop a statistical framework for robust watermark detection by modeling the corresponding hypothesis testing problem as a mixture detection problem. We propose using a family of goodness-of-fit (GoF) tests for this purpose, showing that they achieve optimal robustness in two ways: they not only reach the optimal detection boundary when the watermark signal diminishes, but also attain the highest detection efficiency rate in cases of constant modification. In contrast, existing sum-based detection methods for Gumbel-max watermarks fail to achieve these two optimalities without additional problem-specific information. Simulations validate our theoretical guarantees, and real-data experiments demonstrate that our method achieves superior or comparable performance in maintaining watermark detectability, especially in low-temperature settings.

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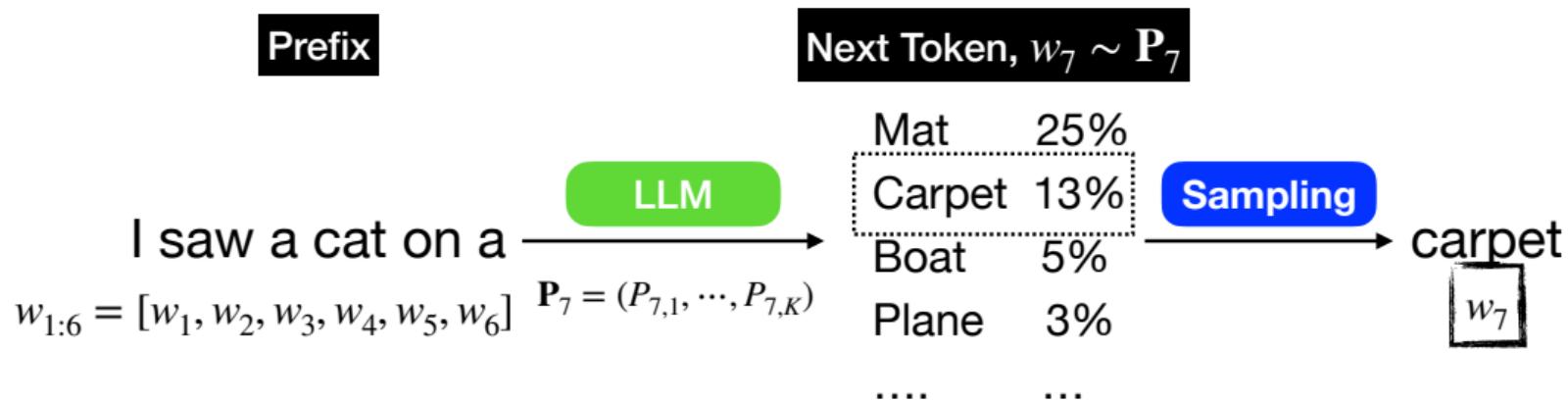
Autoregressive generation

- ▶ LLMs are probabilistic machines.
- ▶ Let \mathcal{W} be the vocabulary and w a token therein.
- ▶ An LLM \mathcal{M} generates each token sequentially by sampling from a probability distribution conditioned on previous tokens:

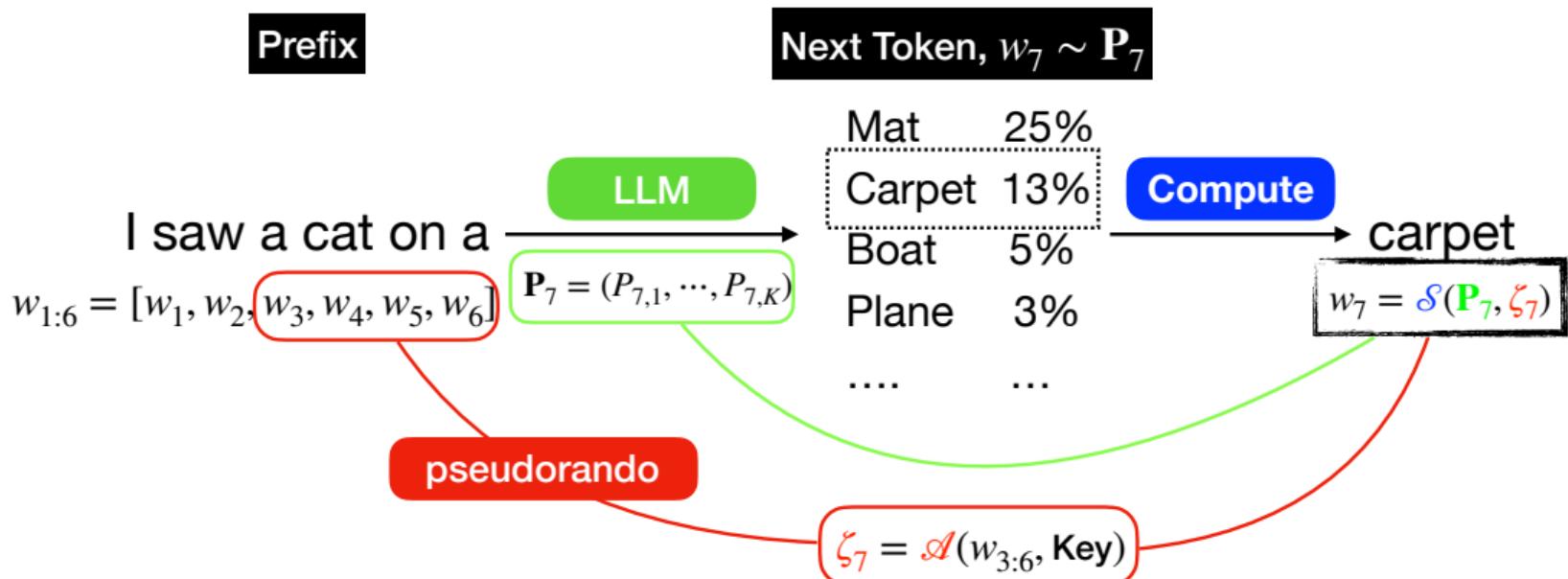
$w_t \sim \mathbf{P}_t$ where $\mathbf{P}_t = \mathcal{M}(w_{1:(t-1)})$ is a distribution on \mathcal{W} .

- ▶ The categorical distribution \mathbf{P}_t is referred to next-token prediction (NTP) distribution.

Autoregressive generation: An illustration



Watermarked generation



- Given a text $w_{1:n} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$, the detector recovers $\zeta_{1:n} = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n)$ using the knowledge of \mathcal{A} and Key.
- Watermark signal is the dependence of each w_t on ζ_t .

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- ▶ Statistically, a watermark = a sampling method from a multinomial distribution \boldsymbol{P} .

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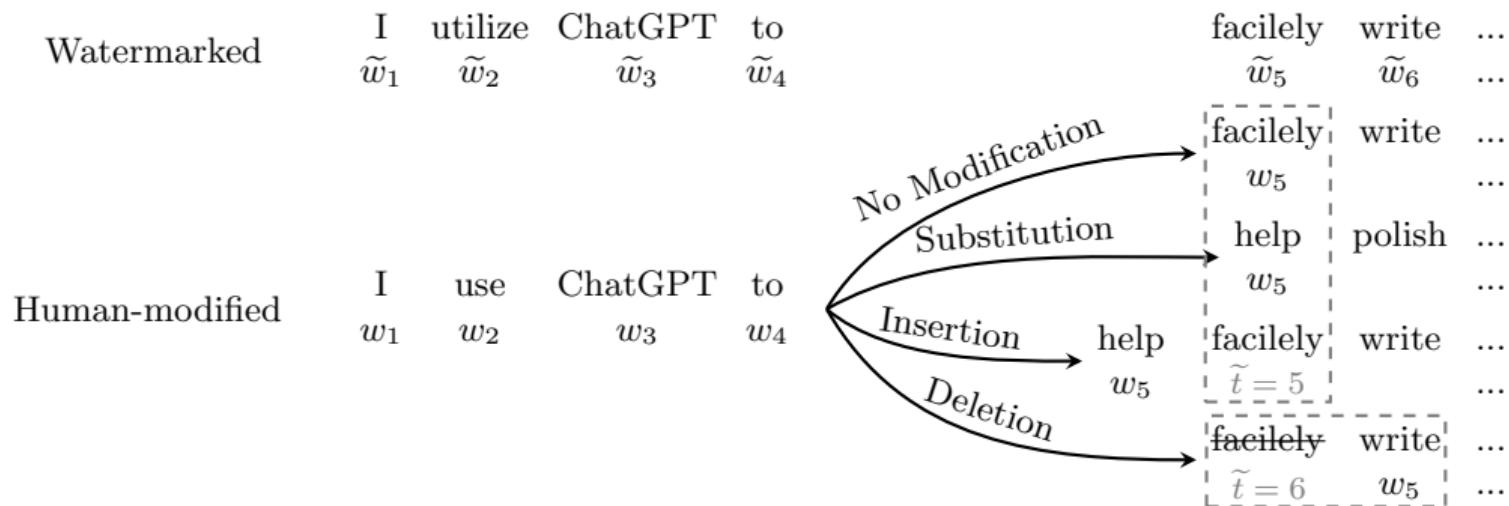
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The formal procedure

- 1: **Input:** The watermarked text $\tilde{w}_{1:n_0}$ generated by $\tilde{w}_t = \mathcal{S}(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_t, \tilde{\xi}_t)$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_t = \mathcal{M}(\tilde{w}_{1:(t-1)})$.
- 2: **Initialize:** $w_{1:0} = \emptyset$, $t = t_0 = 1$, and π is the distribution that makes \mathcal{S} unbiased.
- 3: **while** the modification is not complete **do** one of the feasible operators:
- 4: Try to determine w_t by inspecting the referenced token \tilde{w}_{t_0} .
- 5: **if** the user approves \tilde{w}_{t_0} **then**
 - 6: **No modification:** Set $w_t = \tilde{w}_{t_0}$ and update $(t, t_0) \leftarrow (t + 1, t_0 + 1)$.
 - 7: **else if** the user prefers to generate w_t themselves **then**
 - 8: Generate a new token: $w_t = \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_t^h, \xi_t^h)$ where $\mathbf{P}_t^h = \mathcal{H}(w_{1:(t-1)})$ and $\xi_t^h \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \pi$.
 - 9: **Substitution:** Update $(t, t_0) \leftarrow (t + 1, t_0 + 1)$.
 - 10: **Insertion:** Update $(t, t_0) \leftarrow (t + 1, t_0)$.
- 11: **else if** the user searches for a better alternative in the watermarked text **then**
 - 12: **Deletion:** Update $(t, t_0) \leftarrow (t, t_0 + 1)$. Note that w_t remains undetermined at this stage.
- 13: **end if**
- 14: **end while**
- 15: **Return:** The modified text $w_{1:t}$.

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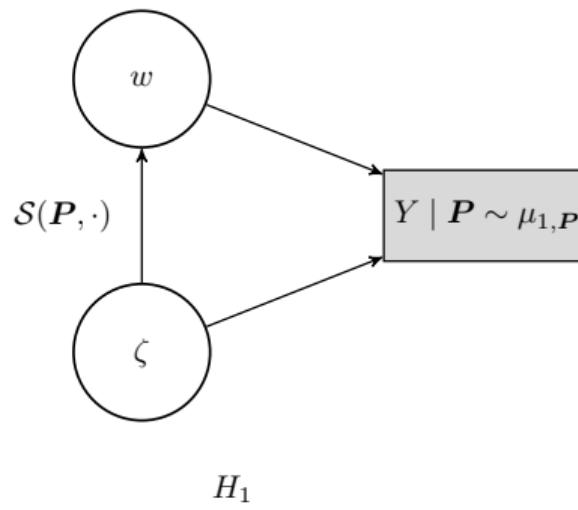
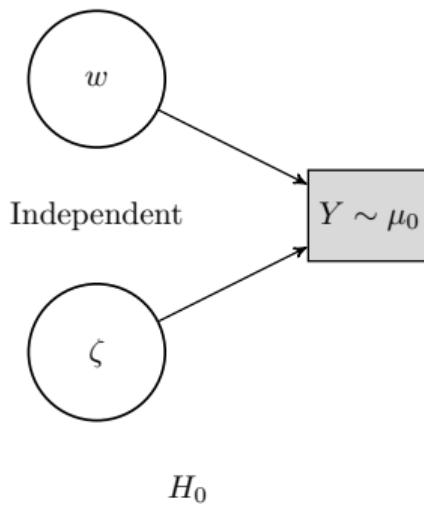
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Case B If w_t is human-written, no matter whether ζ_t is preserved, $w_t \perp \zeta_t$.

Case C If w_t is watermarked but ζ_t is changed, $w_t \perp \zeta_t$.

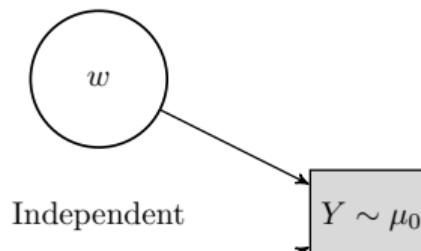
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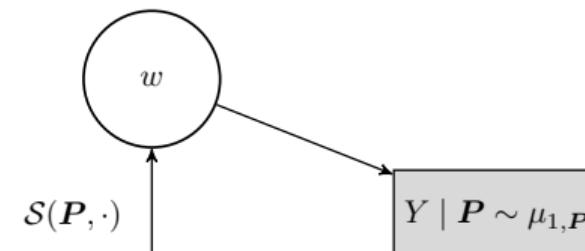


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Two types of modifications

- ▶ I.i.d.: $X_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{Ber}(a)$, $\mathbb{P}(\eta_t = 1) = (1 - a)^{m+1}$.
- ▶ Markov stationary: $\mathbb{P}(\eta_t = 1) = \mathbb{E}\eta_t = \mathbb{E} \prod_{i=1}^{m+1} X_i$.
- ▶ Leave room for further modeling.

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Goodness-of-fit (GoF) test [Jager and Wellner, 2007]

- ▶ The empirical CDF of p-values: $\mathbb{F}_n(r) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{p_t \leq r}$ where $p_t = 1 - Y_t$.
- ▶ Introduce a scalar convex function indexed by s :

$$\phi_s(x) = \begin{cases} x \log x - x + 1, & \text{if } s = 1, \\ \frac{1-s+sx-x^s}{s(1-s)}, & \text{if } s \neq 0, 1, \\ -\log x + x - 1, & \text{if } s = 0. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ The ϕ_s -divergence between $\text{Ber}(u)$ and $\text{Ber}(v)$ is

$$K_s(u, v) = v\phi_s\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) + (1-v)\phi_s\left(\frac{1-u}{1-v}\right).$$

- ▶ For $s \in [-1, 2]$, we reject H_0 if $nS_n^+(s) = \sup_{r \in (0,1)} nK_s(\mathbb{F}_n(r), r) \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{F}_n(r) > r}$ is larger than a given critical value.

Formal detection procedure

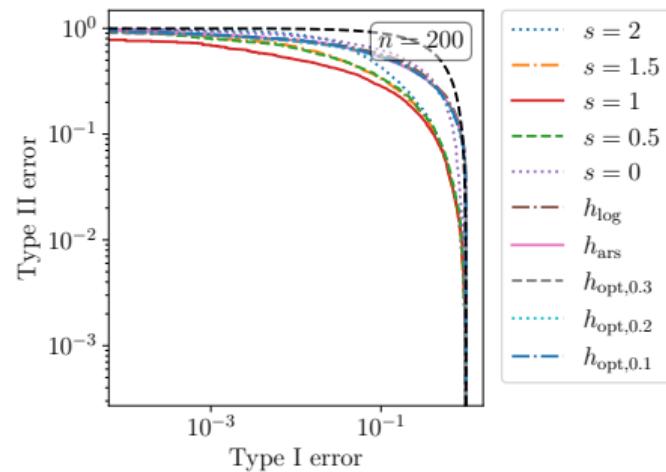
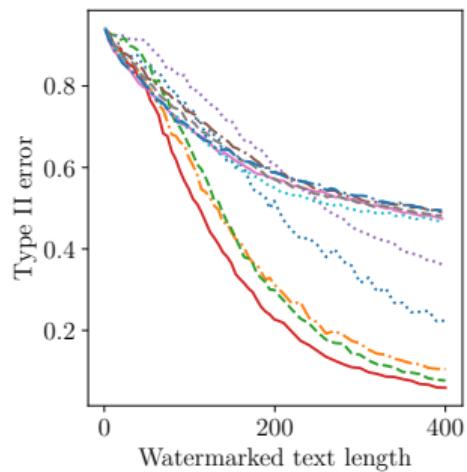
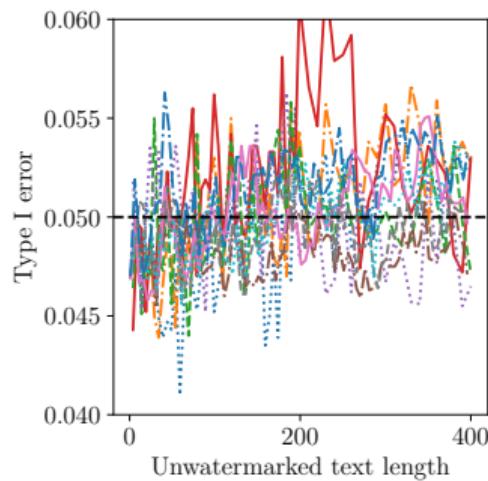
- 1: **Input:** Modified text $w_{1:n}$, hash function \mathcal{A} , secret key Key, pivot statistic function Y .
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- 3: For $t = 1, 2, \dots, n$, compute the pivot statistic $Y_t = Y(w_t, \xi_t)$.
- 4: For $t = 1, 2, \dots, n$, calculate the p-value as $p_t = 1 - Y_t$.
- 5: Sort the p-values: $p_{(1)} < p_{(2)} < \dots < p_{(n)}$ and set $p_{(n+1)} = 1$.
- 6: Compute the test statistic by

$$S_n^+(s) = \sup_t K_s(t/n, p_{(t)}) \mathbf{1}_{t/n \geq p_{(t)}}.$$

- 7: **Claim:** Text $w_{1:n}$ is modified by LLM if $nS_n^+(s)$ is too large; otherwise, it is human-written.

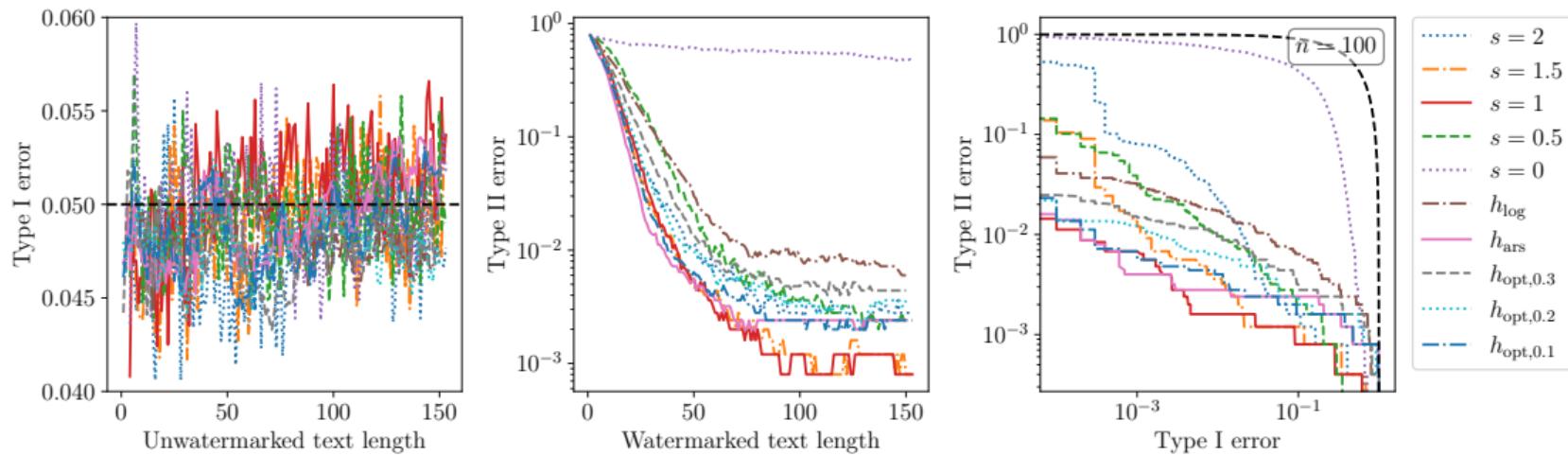
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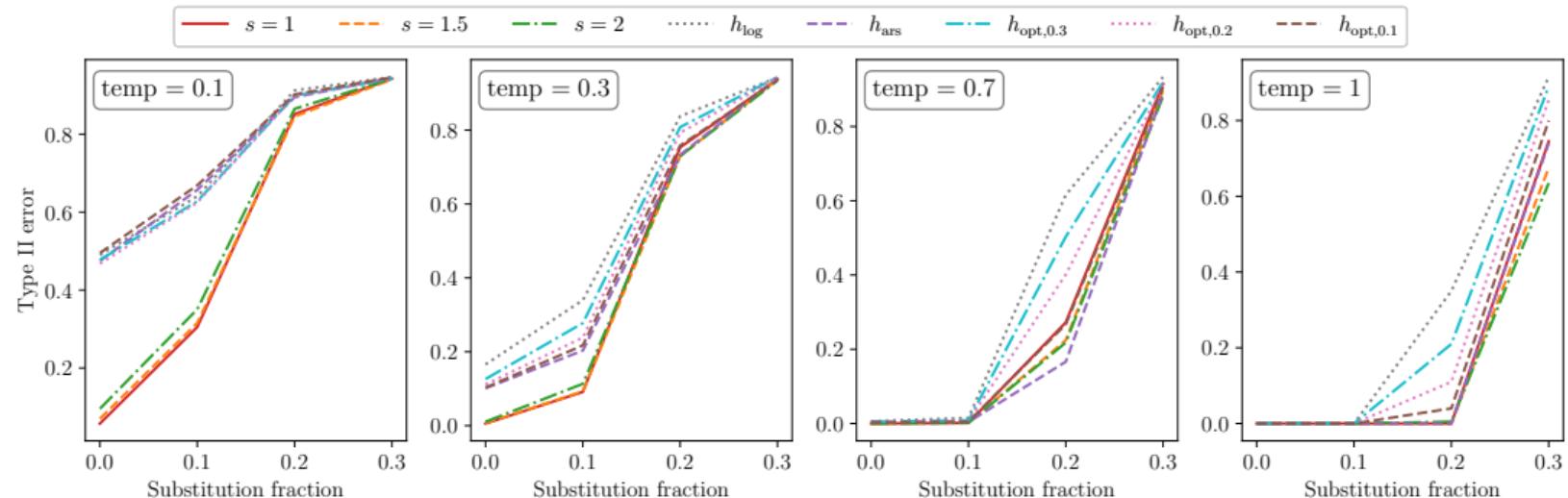


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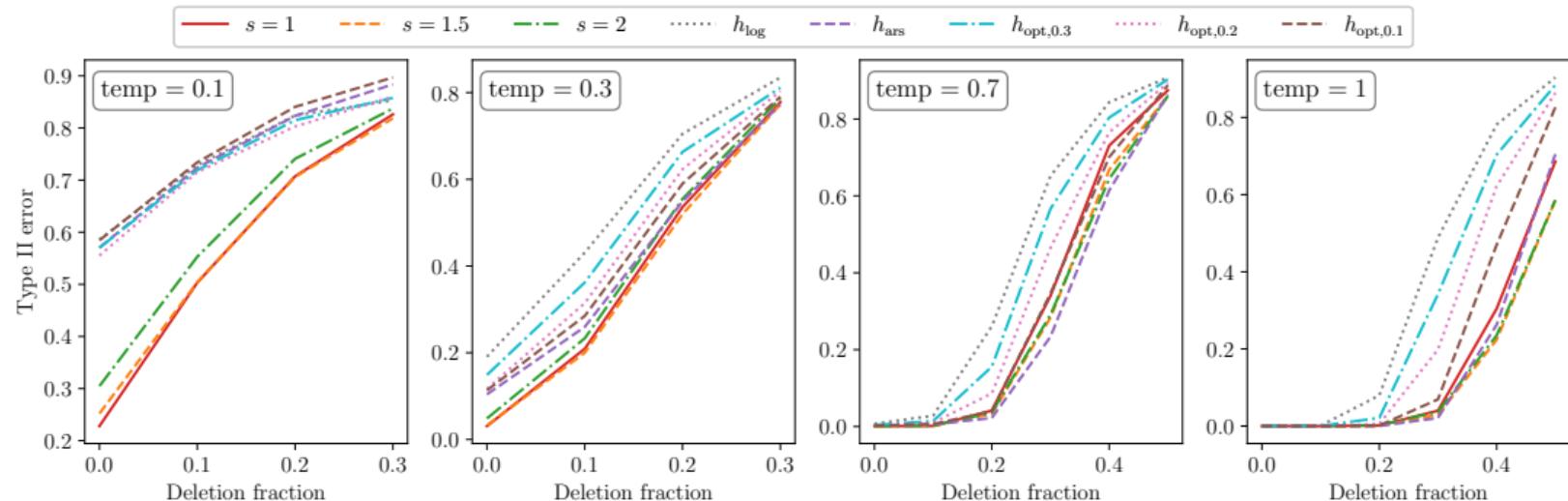
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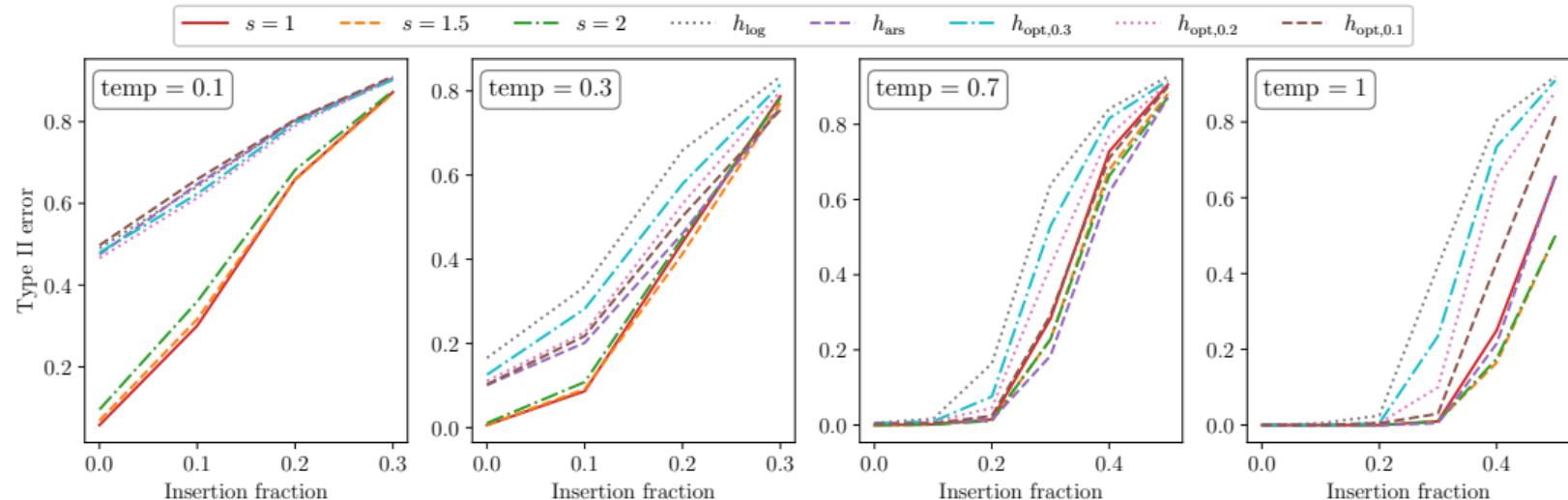
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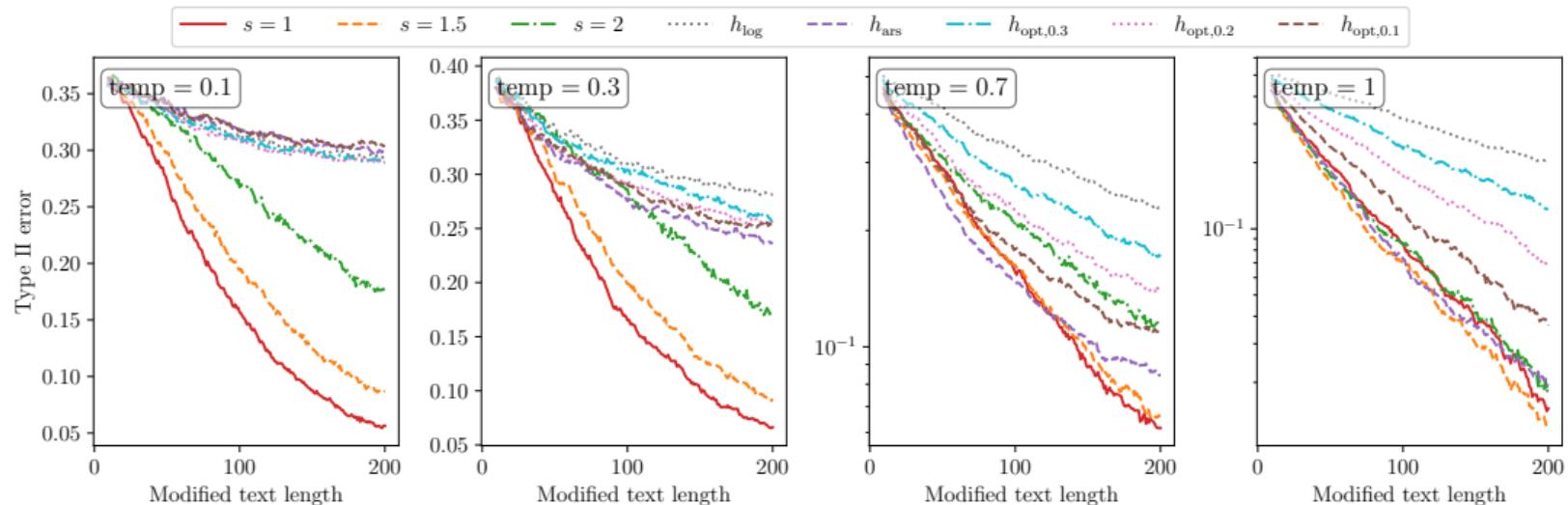


Under controllable random modifications

Task	Modification	$s = 1$	$s = 1.5$	$s = 2$	h_{\log}	h_{ars}	$h_{\text{opt},0.3}$	$h_{\text{opt},0.2}$	$h_{\text{opt},0.1}$
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Table: The modification tolerance limits (%) for detection methods on the OPT-1.3B model.

Under non-controllable round-trip translation attack



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High-level answers

The GoF test achieves optimal robustness in two senses:

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- ▶ $1 - \max_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \boldsymbol{P}_{t,w} = \Delta_n$ for all $t \in [n]$ with $\Delta_n \asymp n^{-q}$ and $q \in (0, 1)$.

- ▶ Motivated by sparse detection problem [Donoho and Jin, 2004, 2015].
- ▶ If $\mathbb{E}\eta_t = 0$ or $1 - \max_{w \in \mathcal{W}} \boldsymbol{P}_{t,w} = 0$, $(1 - \eta_t)\mu_0 + \eta_t\mu_{1,\boldsymbol{P}_t} = \mu_0$, i.e., H_0 merges with H_1^{mix} .

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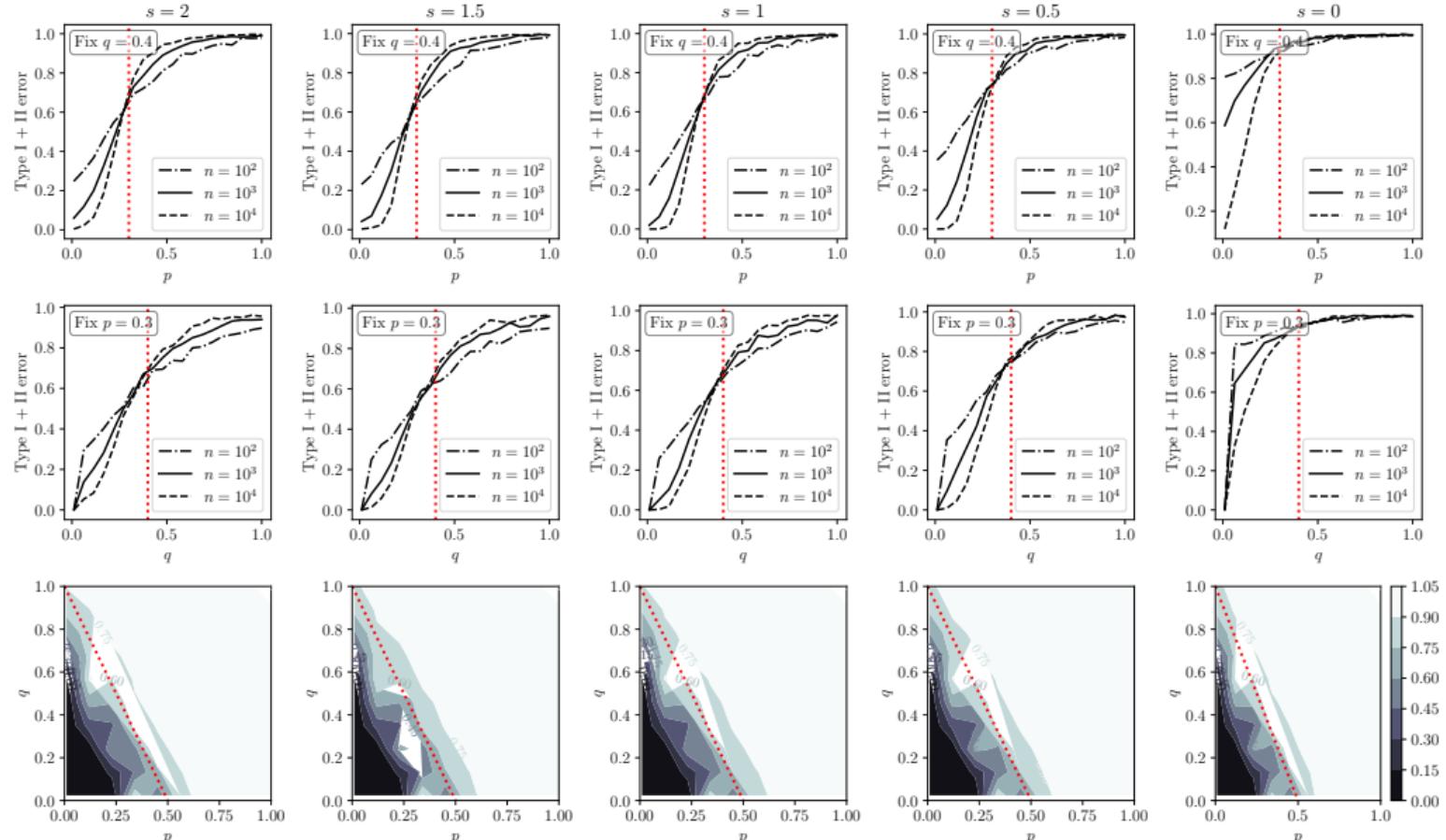
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Theorem (Adaptive optimality)

If the critical value $\asymp \log \log n$, the Type I and II errors of the GoF test $\rightarrow 0$ if $n \rightarrow \infty$ as long as $q + 2p < 1$ and $s \in [-1, 2]$.

- ▶ Optimal adaptivity without any prior knowledge.

Empirical detection boundaries v.s. theoretical $q + 2p = 1$



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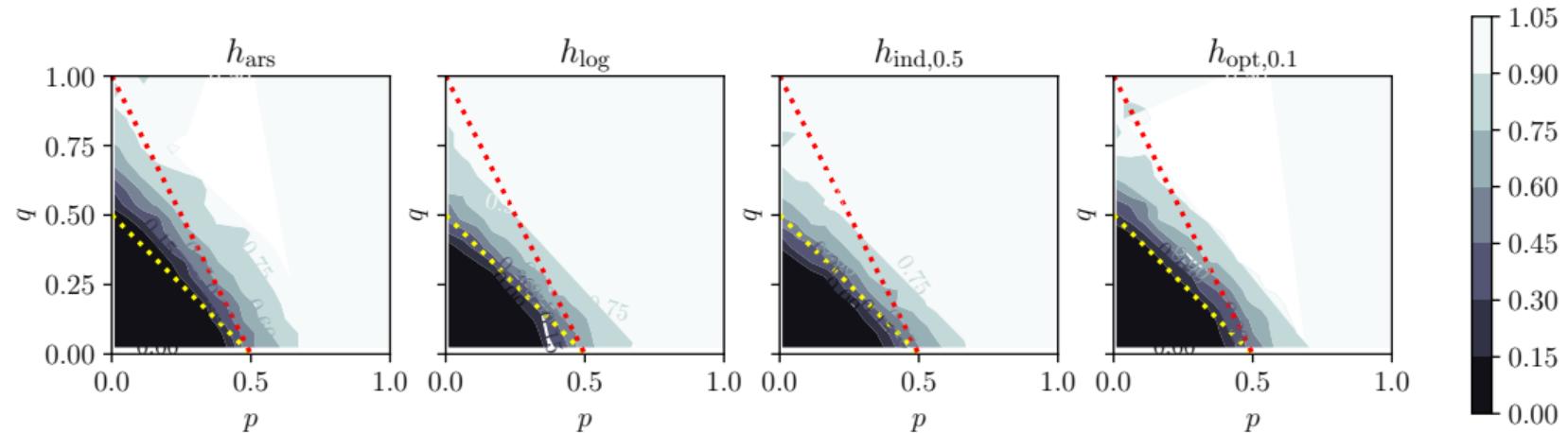
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The detection boundary for the existing score function $h \in \{h_{\text{ars}}, h_{\text{log}}, h_{\text{ind}}, h_{\text{gum}, \Delta}^*\}$ with both $\delta, \Delta_0 \in (0, 1)$ is $q + p = 1/2$.

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Definition (\mathcal{P} -efficiency [Li et al., 2024])

Let $\gamma_{n,\alpha}$ satisfy $\mathbb{P}_0(S_n \geq \gamma_{n,\alpha}) = \alpha$ for $n \geq 1$. For a given belief set \mathcal{P} , we define the following limit (if exists) as the \mathcal{P} -efficiency of S_n and denote it by $R_{\mathcal{P}}(S_n)$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\mathcal{P}_t \in \mathcal{P}, \forall t \in [n]} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}_1(S_n \leq \gamma_{n,\alpha}) = -R_{\mathcal{P}}(S_n).$$

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Theorem (Optimal \mathcal{P}_Δ -efficiency)

Let $s \in (0, 1)$, $\varepsilon_n \equiv \varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ and $\Delta_n \equiv \Delta \in (0, 1)$.

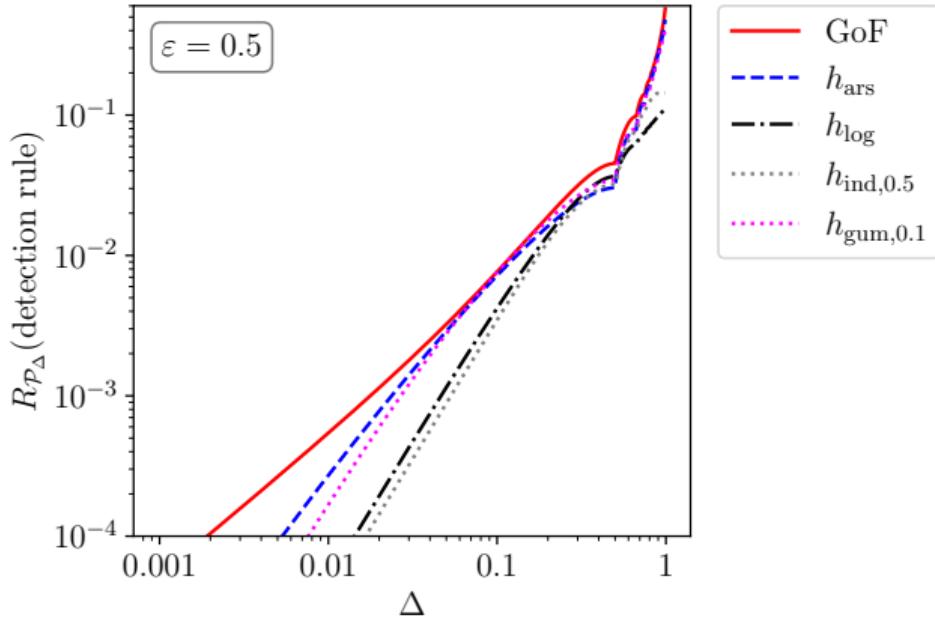
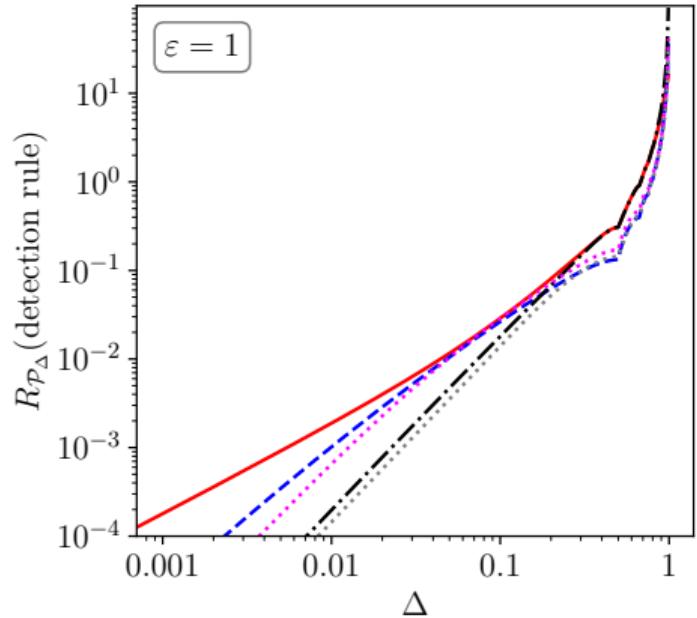
$$R_{\mathcal{P}_\Delta}(\text{any detection rule}) \leq D_{\text{KL}}(\mu_0, (1 - \varepsilon)\mu_0 + \varepsilon\mu_{1,\mathbf{P}_\Delta^*}) \leq R_{\mathcal{P}_\Delta}(\text{GoF})$$

where \mathbf{P}_Δ^* is the least-favorable NTP distribution defined by

$$\mathbf{P}_\Delta^* = \left(\underbrace{1 - \Delta, \dots, 1 - \Delta}_{\lfloor \frac{1}{1-\Delta} \rfloor \text{ times}}, 1 - (1 - \Delta) \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{1}{1-\Delta} \right\rfloor, 0, \dots \right).$$

- ▶ Upper and lower bounds.
- ▶ When $\varepsilon = 1$, this rate is obtained by the sum-based test defined by $h_{\text{gum},\Delta}^*$.
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Theoretical \mathcal{P}_Δ -efficiency comparison



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- ▶ GoF tests outperform other detection methods in low-temperature cases and perform comparably in high-temperature cases.

Future directions

- ▶ Other optimal detection rule?
- ▶ Optimal for other watermarks?
- ▶ Estimate the non-null fraction ε .

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