

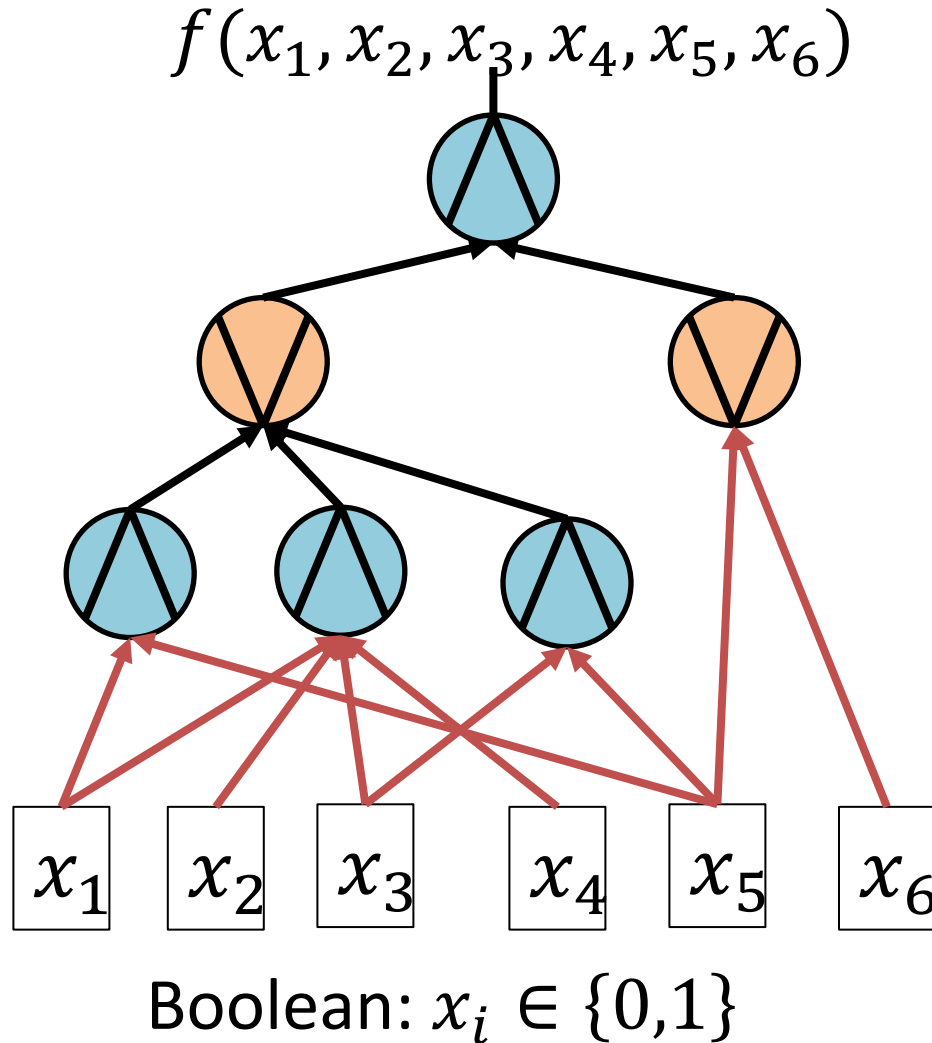
The Quantum Query Complexity of Read-Many Boolean Formulas



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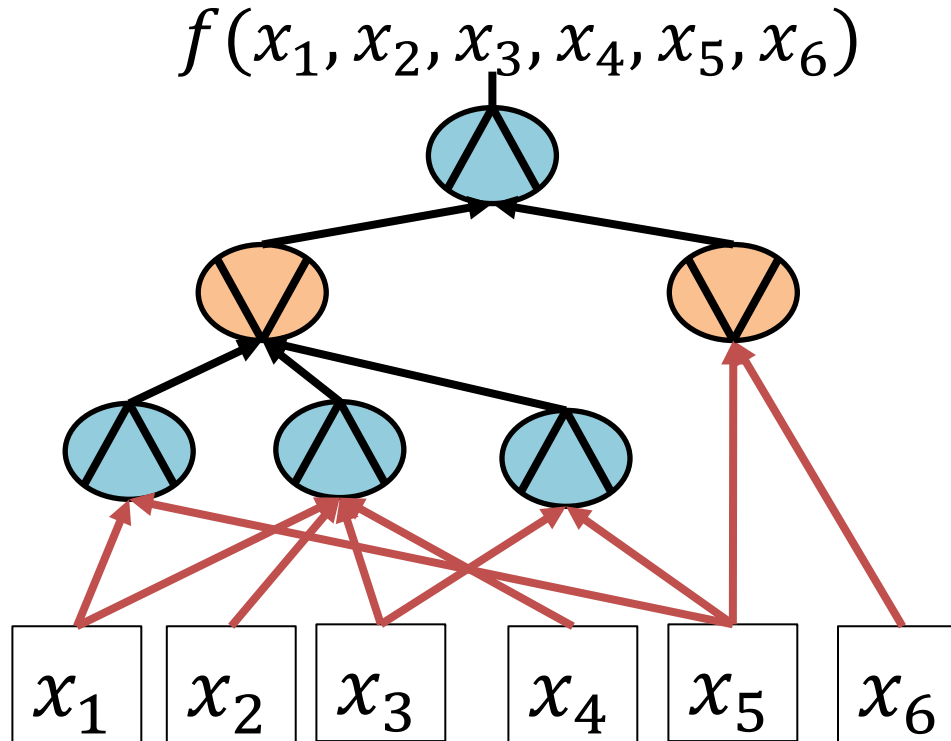
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General Boolean Formula



- Unbounded Fan-in
 - AND 
 - OR 
- No fanout of gates
- Fanout of inputs OK
- $n = \#$ of inputs (6)
- $S = \#$ of input edges (formula size) (10)
- $G = \#$ of gates (6)

Want to Evaluate with Quantum Computer



- **Quantum Query Complexity**

Number of queries to the inputs x_i needed to evaluate the formula (with bounded error) with a quantum computer. Denoted by $Q(f)$.

New Bounds on Formula Quantum Query Complexity

Upper Bound: Algorithm to evaluate any Boolean formula w/ quantum query complexity

$$O(\min\{n, S^{1/2}, n^{1/2} G^{1/4}\})$$

Lower Bound: Given values for n , S , and G , \exists a formula with n inputs, size $\leq S$, and gate count $\leq G$, with query complexity

$$\Omega(\min\{n, S^{1/2}, n^{1/2} G^{1/4}\})$$

n = # of inputs, S = # of input edges, G = # of gates

Application 1: Classical Formula Complexity

$$Q(f) = O(n^{1/2} G^{1/4})$$

Upper bound on Query Complexity in terms of number of gates in the formula



$$G(f) = \Omega(n^{-2} Q^4)$$

Lower bound on the number of gates in a formula in terms of the query complexity.

Result:

- PARITY requires n^2 gates (previous best result: $S = \Omega(n^2)$) [Khrapchenko, '71]

Application 2: Classical Formula Complexity

Can circuits be efficiently expressed as formulas?

Result:

- Given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a constant depth circuit of size $O(n)$, such that a formula representation requires $O(n^{2-\epsilon})$ **gates**

Previous Result [Jukna '12, Nechiporuk, '66]

- There exists a constant depth circuit of size $O(n)$, such that a formula representation requires **formula size** $O(n^{2-o(1)})$.

Proof Idea:

- Construct a constant depth, size $O(n)$ circuit with $Q(f)$ close to linear. Apply previous technique for lower bounding gates.

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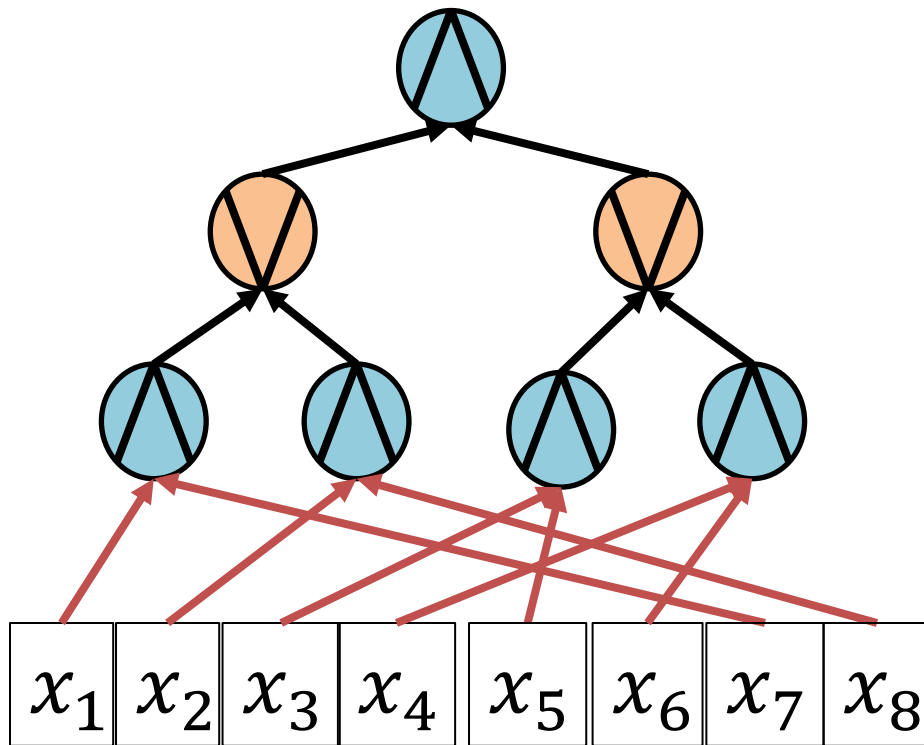
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General vs. Read-Once Formulas

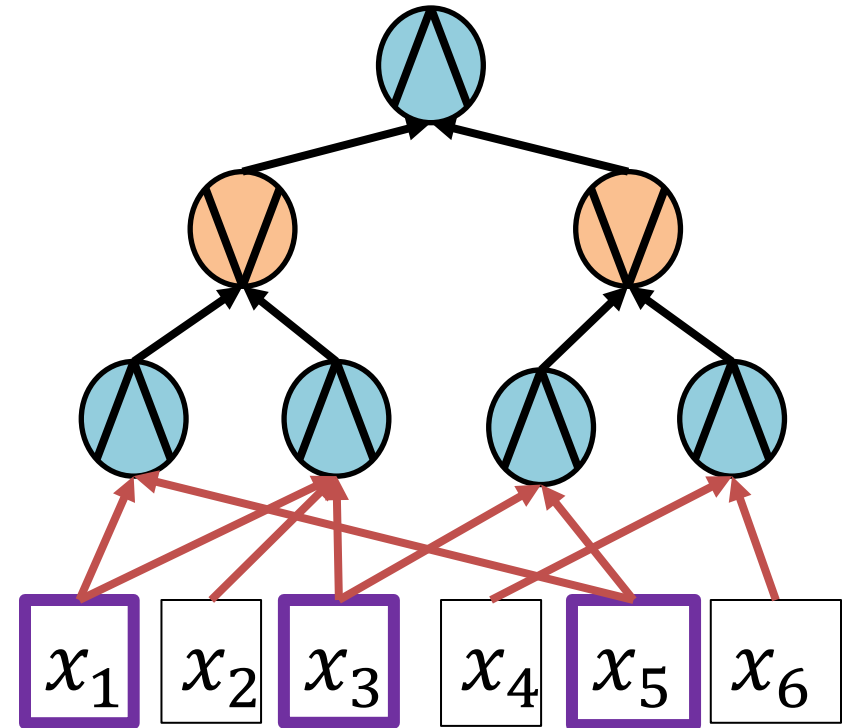
Read-Once



$$Q(f) = \Theta(\sqrt{S}) \text{ [Reichardt, '11]}$$

S = # of input edges (formula size)

“Read-many” = general

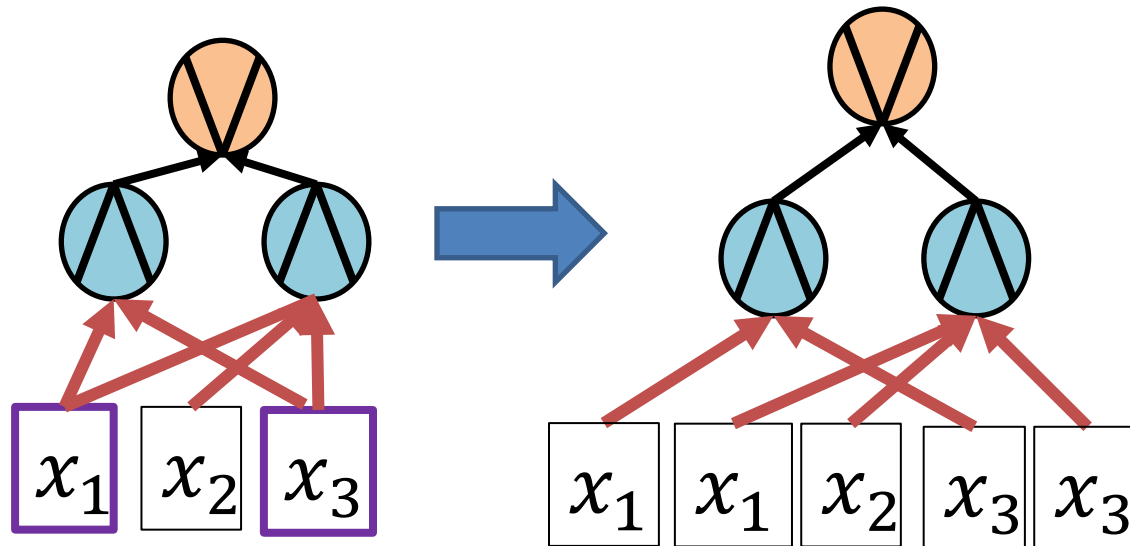


$$Q(f) = o(\sqrt{S})$$

Big Idea: Algorithm

$$Q(f) = O(\min\{n, S^{1/2}, n^{1/2}G^{1/4}\})$$

- n – Query all inputs (trivial)
- $S^{1/2}$ – convert to read-once

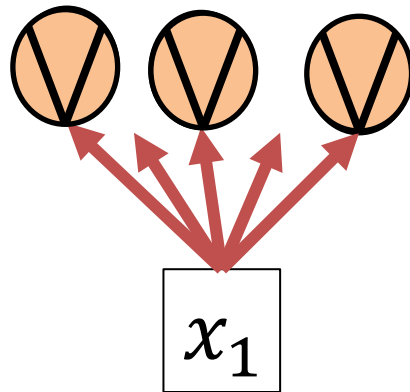


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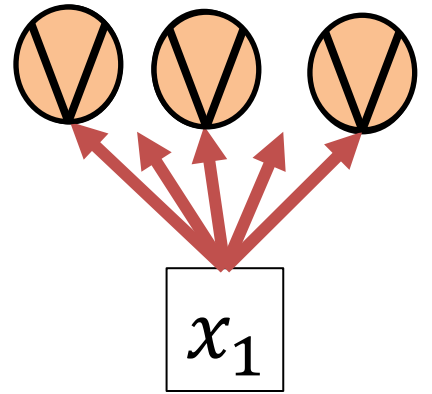
Strategy: Deal with “high degree” ($\deg > G^{1/2}$) inputs separately before expanding.



If $x_1 = 1$, learn **a lot** (output of $> G^{1/2}$ OR gates)

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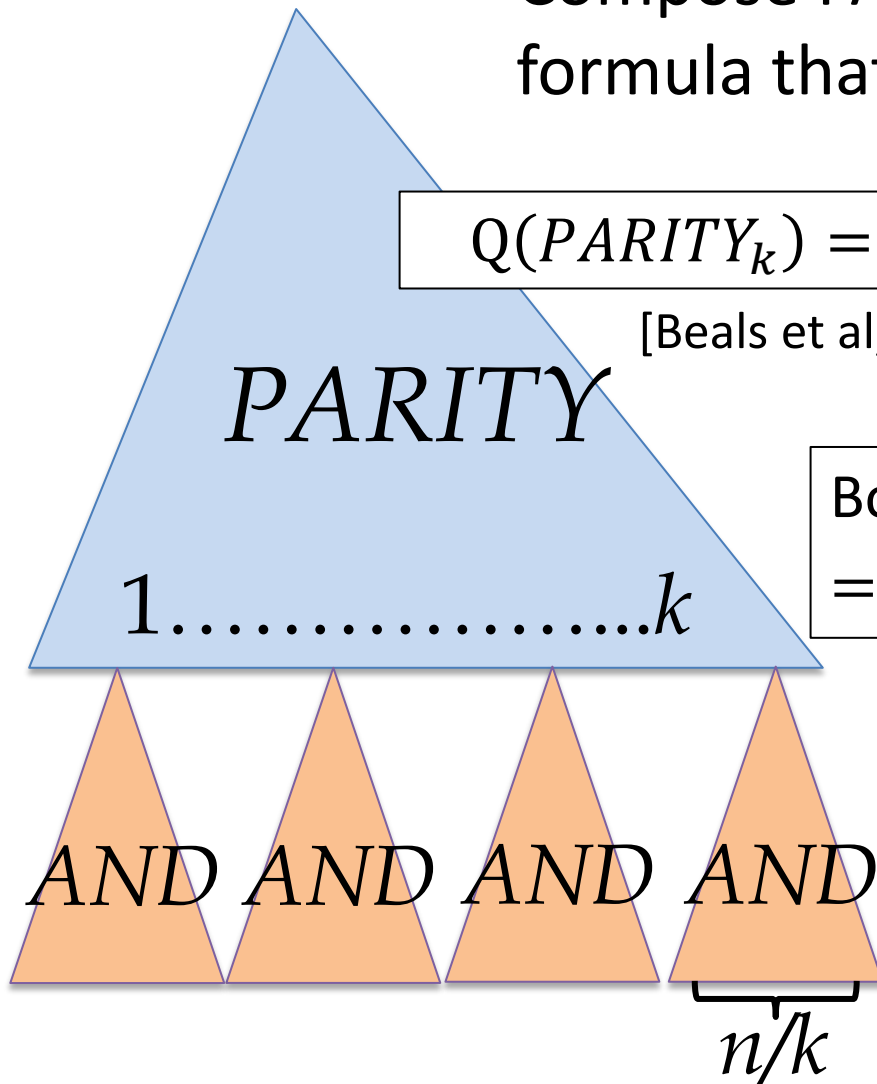
Plan

1. Learn all high deg ($\deg > G^{1/2}$) nodes by Grover search:
 - Search among high deg “OR” inputs for value 1. Each time kills $G^{1/2}$ gates, so can't have too many rounds.
 - Repeat high deg “AND” inputs (search for 0).
2. Now S is small because no input is high degree
 - Expand (by repeating inputs) to Read-Once

Parts 1 & 2 each use $O(n^{1/2} G^{1/4})$ queries.

Big Idea: Lower Bound

Compose PARITY and AND to get new formula that needs large query complexity



$$Q(PARITY_k) = \Omega(k)$$

[Beals et al, '98]

$$Q(AND_{n/k}) = \Omega(\sqrt{n/k})$$

Bound on composed: [Reichardt, '11]

$$= \Omega(k) \times \Omega(\sqrt{n/k}) = \Omega(\sqrt{n \times k})$$

By adjusting k , can get a formula w/ lower bound that matches $\Omega(\min\{n, S^{1/2}, n^{1/2} G^{1/4}\})$

Extensions: Constant Depth Formulas

What if also know depth = d ?

Upper bound still holds, but need to create new worst case functions for lower bound

Depth	Function Composed with AND	Upper/Lower Bounds on Q
Not constant	PARITY	Tight
$d \geq 3$	ONTO	Tight up to log factors
$d = 2$	2-Distinctness	$O(n^{.75}), \Omega(n^{.555})$

Application 3: Boolean Matrix Product Verification

Boolean Matrix Product Verification

A, B, C are $n \times n$ Boolean matrices

$A \times B = C?$

$(\vee \sim +, \wedge \sim \times)$

$Q(BMPV) = O(n^{3/2}), \Omega(n)$ [Buhrman and Spalek, '06]

Result:

- $Q(BMPV) = \Omega(n^{1.0555})$

Summary and Open Problems

Accomplished:

- Optimal algorithm for Boolean formulas (in terms of n , S , and G).
- New technique for lower bounding # of gates for functions.
- New result on gates needed to convert from circuit to formula
- Improved lower bound for BMPV

To Do:

- Tighter bounds on formulas w/ constant depth
- Create new algorithms with quantum subroutines

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Quantum Boolean Formula Problems

Triangle Problem

n vertex graph (n^2 edges) \rightarrow triangle?
[Belovs, '11]

k-distinctness

n integers $\rightarrow \geq k$ of them equal?
[Belovs, '12]

Boolean Matrix Product Problems

[Jeffrey, Kothari, Magniez, '12]

Outline

1. Intro to Boolean formulas and quantum query complexity
2. Optimal algorithm for Boolean formulas
3. Applications
 - a) Boolean Matrix Product Verification
 - b) Classical Formula Complexity

Applications: Boolean Matrix Product Verification

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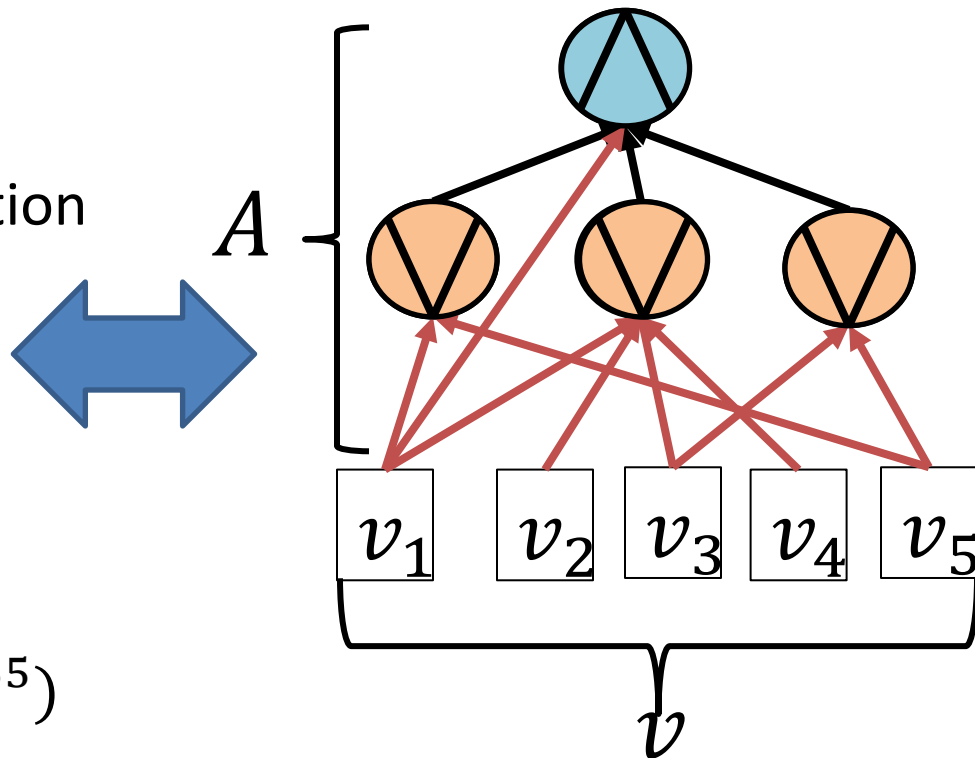
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Boolean **Vector** Product Verification

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots \\ a_{21} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

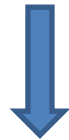
A known v unknown

Query Complexity = $\Omega(n^{.555})$



Applications: Boolean Matrix Product Verification

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots \\ a_{21} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & \cdots \\ v_{21} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbb{I} \leq \text{Boolean Matrix Product Verification} \\ \text{\textit{A} known} \quad \text{\textit{V} unknown} \quad \text{(all matrices unknown)} \end{array}$$



$$f = (AND) \circ (Boolean\ Vector\ Product\ Verification)$$

$$Q(f) = \Omega(Q(AND)) \times \Omega(Q(BVPV)) \quad [\text{Reichardt, '11}]$$

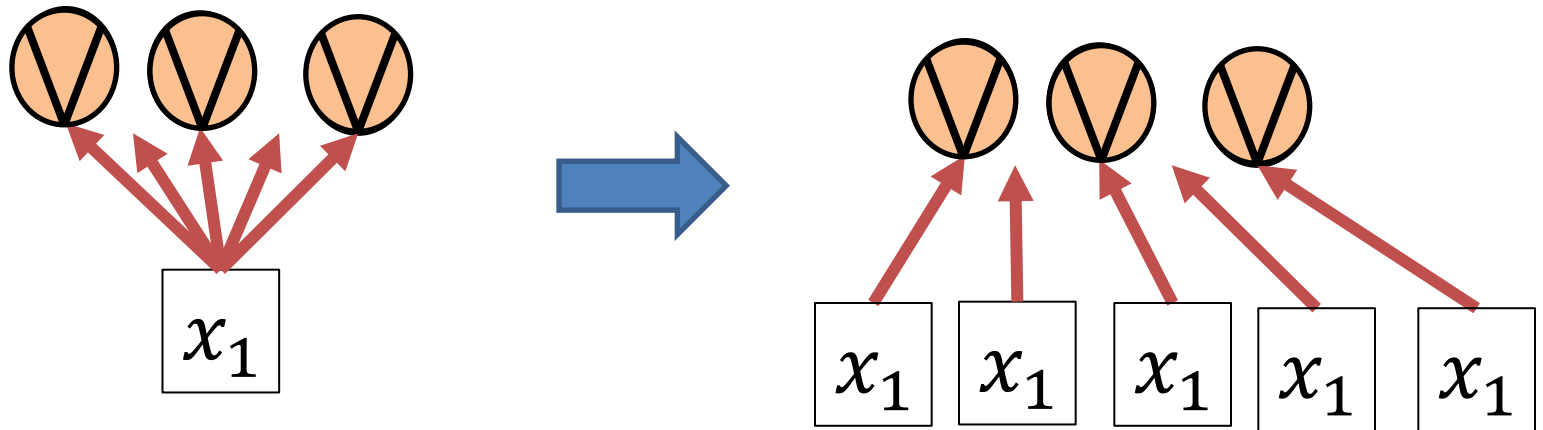
$$\text{Lower bound} = \Omega(n^{1.0555})$$

$$\text{Previous best lower bound} = \Omega(n)$$

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