

Partially Symmetric Function:  $f: \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$  is  $J$ -partially symmetric for some

$J \subseteq [n]$  if  $\forall \pi \in S_J \quad f(x) = f(\pi x)$

$f$  is  $t$ -symmetric or  $(n-t)$ -asymmetric if  $\exists J \subseteq [n]$  with  ~~$|J| \geq t$~~

$|J| \geq t$  such that  $f$  is  $J$ -symmetric

► How to define the influence:

Take a subset  $J \subseteq [n]$ . See the similarity with Junta Case:

Junta: Want to Test  $\rightarrow f$  is  $J$ -Junta

$\Leftrightarrow J$  has ~~the~~ only the depending variable

$\Leftrightarrow \bar{J}$  has no effect on the output

$\Leftrightarrow$  If changing assignment in  $\bar{J}$  for any  $x$  changes output

So Want to see  $\rightarrow$  Fraction of entries in ~~table~~ table of output of  $f$  need to be changed to make  $f$   $J$ -Junta

$$= \Pr_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^{\bar{J}}} [f(x) \neq f(x_J y_{\bar{J}})] =: \text{Inf}_f(J)$$

Partially Symmetric: Want to Test  $\Rightarrow f$  is  $J$ -partially Symmetric

$\Leftrightarrow$  Permuting variables of  $J$  has no effect on output

So want to see  $\rightarrow$  Fraction of entries in table of outputs of  $f$  need to be changed to make  $f$   $J$ -partially symmetric

$$= \Pr_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n, \pi \in S_J} [f(x) \neq f(\pi x)] =: \text{SymInf}_f(J)$$



## ► How to Test (what is the Intuition):

Note the similarity between  $K$ -Junta Testing and  $K$ -cosymmetry testing

### $K$ -Junta Testing

- i>  $K$ -Junta  $\Rightarrow$   $K$  element set with high influence  
 $\Rightarrow$   $K$  variables <sup>each</sup> with high influence
- ii> Take a Random partition to have those variables in ~~different parts~~ different parts with h.p.
- iii> ~~A~~ Disjoint Union of parts is  $K$ -Junta  
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists K$  parts which are 1-Junta i.e. High Influence

### $K$ -Cosymmetry Testing

- i>  $K$ -cosymmetry  $\Rightarrow$   $K$  element set with high sym-influence  
 $\Rightarrow$   $K$  variables each with high sym-influence
- ii> Take a Random partition to have those variables in different parts with h.p.
- iii> Problem: For any partition it is not possible to break a permutation into disjoint permutations following the ~~good~~ partitions.
- So Disjoint union of parts is  $K$ -cosymmetric  
 ~~$\Leftrightarrow$~~   $\exists K$  parts which have high sym-influence
- Solution: If I fix a partition I can break the permutation into ~~disjoint~~ small permutations each of which corresponds to a part ~~and~~ and acts on that ~~part~~ part  $\cup$  Fixed Part.
- So select a partition as work space. Then break the permutation into a set of smaller permutations each of which corresponds to different part in the partition and works on Associated part  $\cup$  Fixed Part



## ► Algorithm:

1. Create a Random Partition  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $[n]$  into  $\pi = \Theta\left(\frac{k^2}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  parts •
2.  $J := \emptyset$
3. Pick a Random workspace  $W \in \mathcal{I}$
4. If  $|W| < \frac{n}{2\pi}$  : Return Fail
5. For  $i=1$  to  $\Theta(k/\epsilon)$  do :  
—————→ Want to do a little more than  $K$   
to know if asymmetric variables  $> K$
6.  $I := \text{Find - Asymmetric - Set}(f, \mathcal{I}, J, W)$  —→ Finds a ~~set~~ part containing asymmetric variables
7. If  $I \neq \emptyset$  : ~~Fail~~  
 $J = J \cup I$
8. If  $J$  is union of  $> K$  part: Return ~~Reject~~ Reject —→ This is why we need to loop a little more than  $K$
9. Return Accept



► How to find  $x^0, \dots, x^t$ :

Suppose we found till  $i$

Define  $\mathcal{J}^+ = \{ I \in \mathcal{Z}' - W : |x_I^i| > |x_I^t| \} \rightarrow$  Need to decrease wt of  $I$   
to ensure  $x_I^{i+1} = x_I^t$

$\mathcal{J}^- = \{ I \in \mathcal{Z}' - W : |x_I^i| < |x_I^t| \} \rightarrow$  Need to increase wt of  $I$   
to ensure  $x_I^{i+1} = x_I^t$

Note: We don't need to worry for  $I \in \mathcal{Z}$  st  $|x_I^i| = |x_I^t|$  as they can be permuted to have  $x_I^i = x_I^t$  with a permutation within  $I$ . ~~So let  $\mathcal{J}^+ \cup \mathcal{J}^- \neq \emptyset$~~   
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Case 1:  $\mathcal{J}^+ \neq \emptyset, \mathcal{J}^- \neq \emptyset$  Note  $\max \{ |x_W^i|, W - |x_W^i| \} \geq \lceil \frac{|W|}{2} \rceil$

If  $|x_W^i| \geq \lceil \frac{|W|}{2} \rceil$  then  $\exists I \in \mathcal{J}^-$  then with a permutation send some wt from  $x_W^i$  to  $x_I^i$  to have  $x_I^{i+1} = x_I^t$  as  $|I| \leq \lceil \frac{|W|}{q} \rceil$

If  $|x_W^i| < \lceil \frac{|W|}{2} \rceil$  then  $\exists I \in \mathcal{J}^+$  then with a permutation send some wt from  $x_I^i$  to  $x_W^i$  to have  $x_I^{i+1} = x_I^t$  as  $|I| \leq \lceil \frac{|W|}{q} \rceil$

Case 2:  $\mathcal{J}^+ = \emptyset$  or  $\mathcal{J}^- = \emptyset$ . WLOG  $\mathcal{J}^+ = \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{J}^- \neq \emptyset$

$$|x| = |x^t| \Leftrightarrow |x_W^i| - |x_W^t| = - \sum_{I \in \mathcal{J}^-} |x_I^i| - |x_I^t| = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{J}^-} |x_I^t| - |x_I^i|$$

Choose any  $I \in \mathcal{J}^-$  and decrease ham wt of  $x_W^i$  to send wt to  $x_I^i$  to ensure  $x_I^{i+1} = x_I^t$

~~Same for~~ Do same for  $\mathcal{J}^- = \emptyset, \mathcal{J}^+ \neq \emptyset$ .



So Find - Asymmetric - Set  $(f, \mathcal{Z}, J, W)$ :

Generate  ~~$x \in_R \mathbb{F}_2^n$~~   $x \in_R \mathbb{F}_2^n$ ,  $\pi \in_R S_J$

If  $f(x) \neq f(\pi x)$ :

Find  $x = x^0, \dots, x^t = \pi x$  from  $x$  to  $\pi x$

Perform binary search over  $x^0, \dots, x^t$  to find  $i$  such that  $f(x^{i-1}) \neq f(x^i)$

Return the part  $I \in \mathcal{Z} - W$  such that  $x_{\frac{I}{I}}^{i-1} \neq x^i$

Return  $\emptyset$ .