

Introduction to Project II

Group Testing

Tutorial: Aldridge & al.



n people
k infected.

Setup

- We have n people.
- Infection model → combinatorial. k infected.
↳ probabilistic infected with prob. p

$$\bar{K} = n \cdot p$$

$$u_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } i \text{ infected} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

We perform T(n) tests

- for test t $x_{ti} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } i \text{ tested} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

• test output

$$y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if any tested person infected} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y_t = \bigvee_{\substack{i \\ \text{OR}}} x_{ti} u_i \quad \begin{matrix} u_i \\ \hookrightarrow \text{state of person} \end{matrix}$$

person i takes
 part in test t

Adaptive & non-adaptive testing.

test matrix

one column corresponding to each person



one row corresponding →
to each test

								Outcome
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Positive
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	Positive
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Negative
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Positive
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Positive
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	Positive

$$X = \{x_{ti}\}$$

→ Create a matrix

→ Observe test outcomes

→ Infer who is infection

?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	
1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	

$$\frac{\# \text{ of positions } \hat{x} \neq x \text{ differ}}{n}$$

→ Hamming error rate:

\hat{K} → "decoded", set of infected people.

K → true set of infected people.

→ $\Pr(\text{false positives}) = \Pr(\hat{u}_i = 1 \mid u_i = 0)$

→ $\Pr(\text{false negative}) = \Pr(\hat{u}_i = 0 \mid u_i = 1)$

Claim: if we want $P(\text{error})=0$, then $T \geq \log_2 \binom{n}{k}$

lower bound \Rightarrow
necessary condition.

T tests $\sim 2^T$ possible outcomes

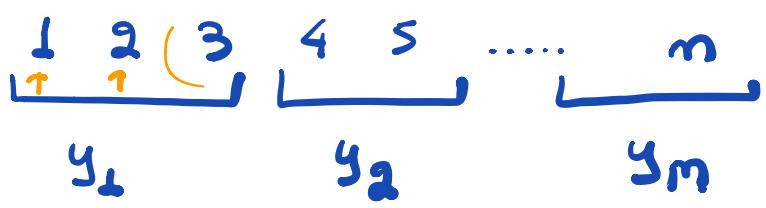
$\binom{n}{k}$ possible sets of infected people.

$$2^T \geq \binom{n}{k} \sim T \geq \log_2 \binom{n}{k}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} \sim \left(\frac{n}{k}\right)^k \sim T \geq k \log \frac{n}{k} + O(k)$$

Adaptive Algorithms

① Dorfman's procedure



divide in m
groups, each of
size $\frac{n}{m}$

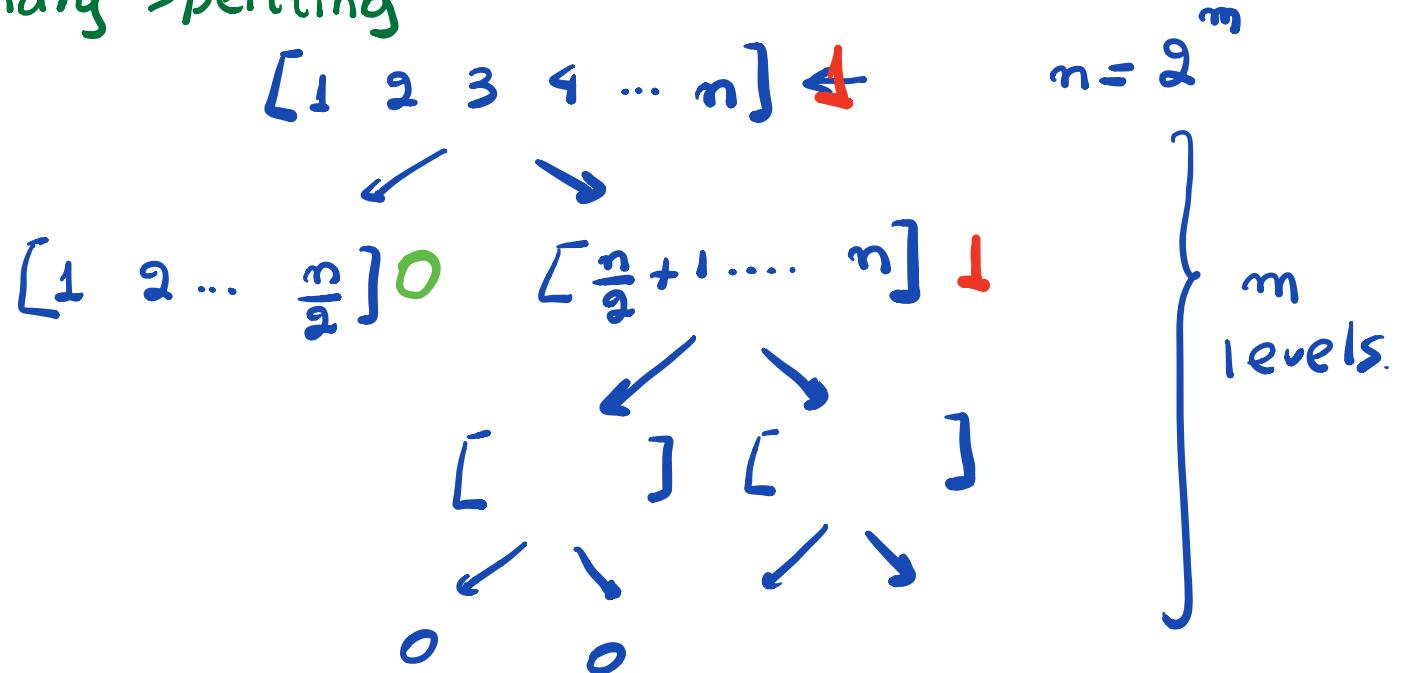
if $y_i = 1$, individually test everyone in the group
if $y_i = 0 \rightarrow$ not infected.

$$T(m) = m + k \cdot \frac{n}{m} \quad \text{minimize } T \text{ wrt } m$$

$$m = \sqrt{kn}$$

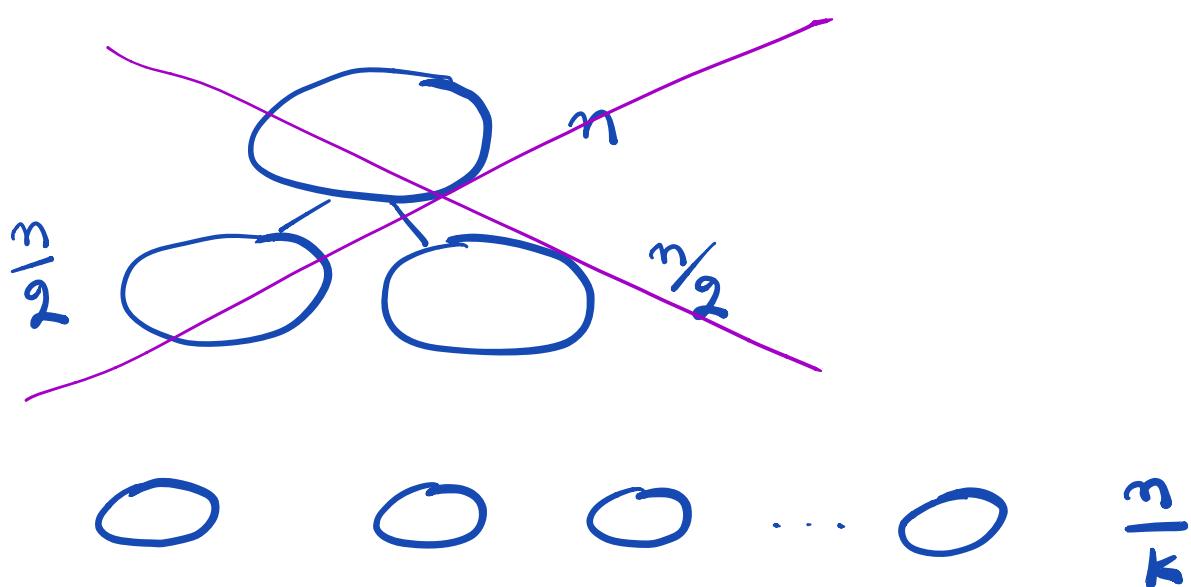
$$T = 2\sqrt{kn} \ll n$$

② Binary Splitting



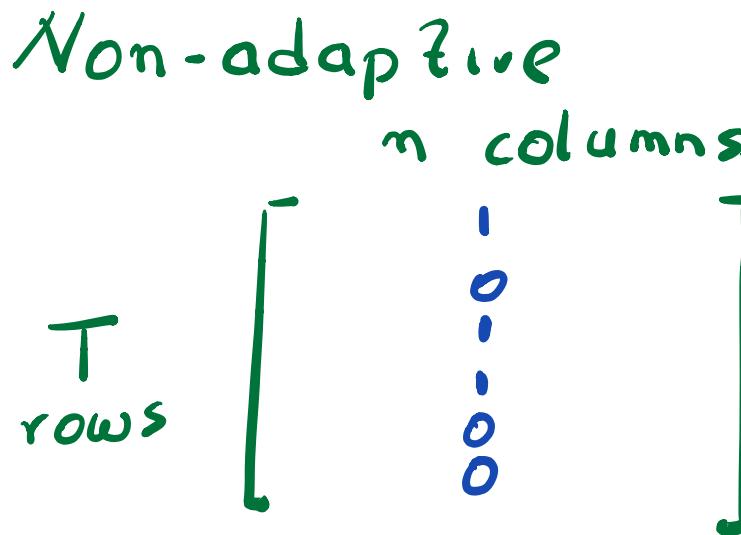
Algorithm 1.1 (Binary splitting). Given a set A :

1. Initialize the algorithm with set A . Perform a single test containing every item in A .
2. If the preceding test is negative, A contains no defective items, and we halt. If the test is positive, continue.
3. If A consists of a single item, then that item is defective, and we halt. Otherwise, pick half of the items in A , and call this set B . Perform a single test of the pool B .
4. If the test is positive, set $A := B$. If the test is negative, set $A := A \setminus B$. Return to Step 3.



Improvement

Algorithm 1.2. Divide the n items into k subsets of size n/k (rounding if necessary), and apply Algorithm 1.1 to each subset in turn.



Typical approaches to design test matrix

X : (i) Bernoulli design.

select iid entries to be $\perp \text{ w.r.t. } p_x$

(ii) Constant weight column design.

select uniformly at random L positions in every column to make a

Not-adaptive algorithms

DND		PD						y
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

DD

COMP algorithm: identifying DND definitely
not defective

PD → possibly defective - all remaining outputs $\hat{K} = PD$

Algorithm 2.2. The COMP algorithm is defined as follows. We call any item in a negative test *definitely nondefective* (DND), and call the remaining items *possibly defective* (PD). Then the COMP algorithm outputs \hat{K}_{COMP} equalling the set of possible defectives.

Algorithm 2.3. The *definite defectives* (DD) algorithm is defined as follows.

1. We say that any item in a negative test is *definitely nondefective* (DND), and that any remaining item is a *possible defective* (PD).
2. If any PD item is the only PD item in a positive test, we call that item *definitely defective* (DD).
3. The DD algorithm outputs \hat{K}_{DD} , the set of definitely defective items.

$$\hat{K} = DD$$

SS

0	0	0	0	0	0	
1		1		1	1	
0	0	0	0	0	0	
1		0		0	1	
0	1			0	1	

Satisfying set \mathcal{L}

Definition 2.1. Consider the noiseless group testing problem with n items, using a test design X and producing outcomes y . A set $\mathcal{L} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is called a *satisfying set* if

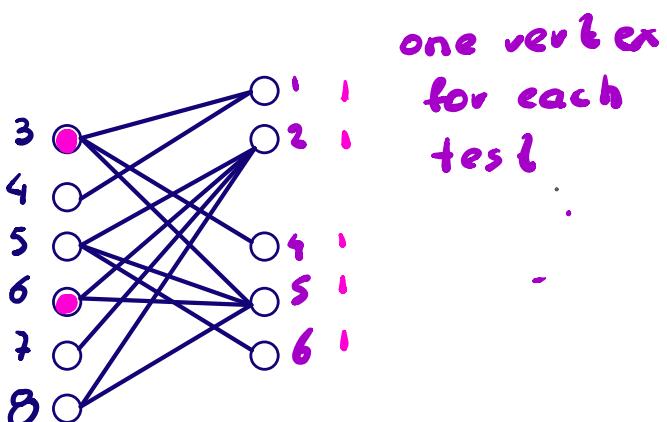
- every positive test contains at least one item from \mathcal{L} ;
- no negative test contains any item from \mathcal{L} .

Smallest Satisfying Set (SSS)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	y
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	1 - 1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1 - 2
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0 - 3
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 - 4
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1 - 5
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1 - 6
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 - 6

one vertex
for each
person

this is the set
cover problem



ILP formulation

$z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if we include person } i \text{ in SS} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

variables

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n z_i$$

constant that determines if item i is in test t .

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ti} z_i \geq 1 \text{ if } y_t = 1$$

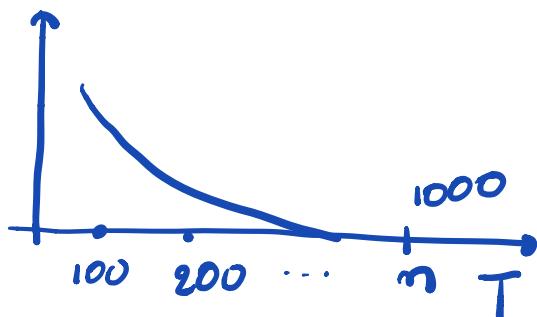
$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ti} z_i = 0 \text{ if } y_t = 0 \quad \text{DxD}$$

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

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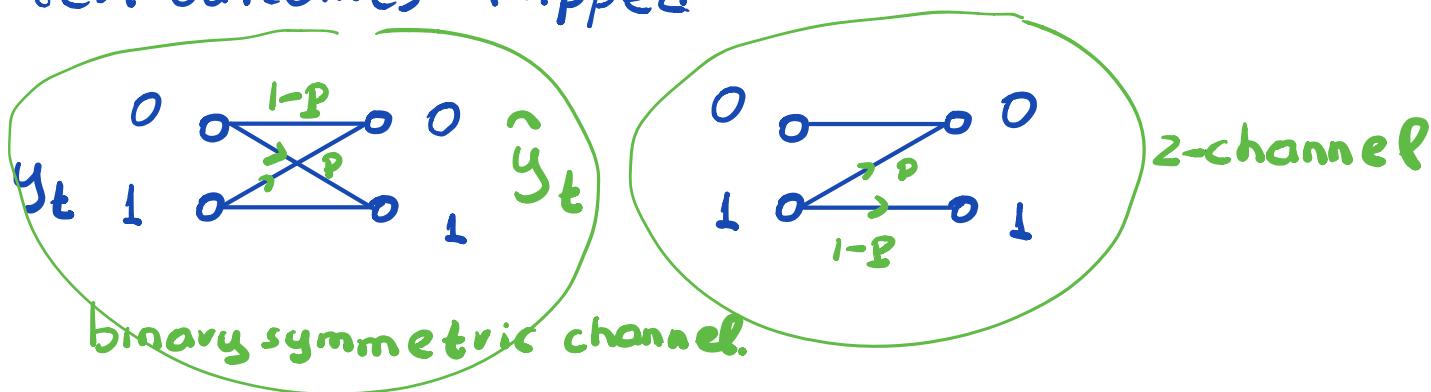
relax this ILP to solve LP.

n people



Noisy Group Testing

test outcomes flipped



ILP formulation

$z_i \rightsquigarrow$ state of individual.

$\xi_j \rightsquigarrow$ whether test outcome was correct or not.

$$\min_{z, \xi} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i + \alpha \sum_{j=1}^T (\xi_j)$$

$$st \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ti} z_i \geq 1 - \xi_t \quad \text{when } \hat{y}_t = 1$$

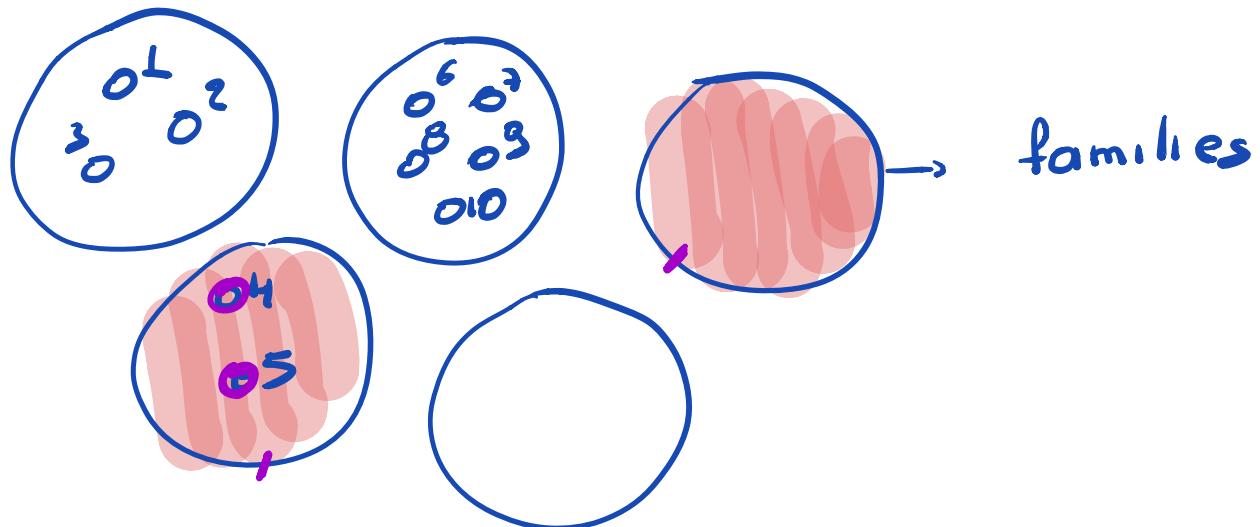
$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ti} z_i \geq \xi_t \quad \text{when } \hat{y}_t = 0$$

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\xi_t \in \{0, 1\}$$

Project 2: Community Structure

Can we take into account a known community structure, to improve the performance of group testing?



- if $w \neq q$ select infected families
- inside each infected family w.p. P members are infected
- not-infected families have no infected members