

CMPT 210: Probability and Computing

Lecture 11

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Computational complexity: Step 1 can be done in $O(n)$ time. Step 2 requires 3 matrix vector multiplications and can be done in $O(n^2)$ time. Step 3 requires comparing two n -dimensional vectors and can be done in $O(n)$ time. Hence, the total computational complexity is $O(n^2)$.

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Consider a randomized algorithm \mathcal{A} that is supposed to solve a binary decision problem i.e. it is supposed to answer either Yes or No. It has a one-sided error – (i) if the true answer is Yes, then the algorithm \mathcal{A} correctly outputs Yes with probability 1, but (ii) if the true answer is No, the algorithm \mathcal{A} incorrectly outputs Yes with probability $\leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Let us define a new algorithm \mathcal{B} that runs algorithm \mathcal{A} m times, and if *any* run of \mathcal{A} outputs No, algorithm \mathcal{B} outputs No. If *all* runs of \mathcal{A} output Yes, algorithm \mathcal{B} outputs Yes.

Q: What is the probability that algorithm \mathcal{B} correctly outputs Yes if the true answer is Yes, and correctly outputs No if the true answer is No?

Probability Amplification - Analysis

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When the true answer is Yes, both \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{A} correctly output Yes. When the true answer is No, \mathcal{A} incorrectly outputs Yes with probability $< \frac{1}{2}$, but \mathcal{B} incorrectly outputs Yes with probability $< \frac{1}{2^m} \ll \frac{1}{2}$. By repeating the experiment, we have “amplified” the probability of success.

Questions?