

Lec 17

Recap: $\oplus$ quantifier: $\bigoplus_{\underline{x}} \varphi(\underline{x})$ is true $\Leftrightarrow \varphi(\underline{x})$ has odd no. of sat. assign
 $n = |\underline{x}|$.
 $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\underline{x} \in \{0,1\}^n} \varphi(\underline{x}) = 1 \pmod 2$.

$\triangleright$ V-V thm: $\varphi(\underline{x}) \xrightarrow[\substack{1. \text{ Pick } k \in_{\mathcal{R}} \{2, \dots, n+1\} \\ 2. \text{ Pick } h \in_{\mathcal{R}} H_{n,k}}]{f} \varphi(\underline{x}) \wedge \psi_{k,h}(\underline{x})$

Bool. ckt. $\uparrow$ ckt. that captures the computation of a DTM that o/p's 1 iff $h(\underline{x}) = 0^k$.

$f(\varphi)$ is "syntactic" $\leftarrow$

$f(\varphi)(\underline{x}) = \varphi(\underline{x}) \wedge \psi_{k,h}(\underline{x})$

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Obs: $\psi_{k,h}(\underline{x})$ doesn't depend on φ .
 $|f(\varphi)| = \text{poly}(|\varphi|)$.

Thm * (VV):

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \underline{x} \varphi(\underline{x}) \text{ is true} &\Rightarrow \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{x}} f(\varphi)(\underline{x}) \text{ is true} \right] \geq \frac{1}{8n} \\ \exists \underline{x} \varphi(\underline{x}) \text{ is false} &\Rightarrow \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{x}} f(\varphi)(\underline{x}) \text{ is false} \right] = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Obs *: (oblivious nature of the VV reduction)
 If we define $f(\varphi)$, from φ , as in $\text{Eqn}(0)$, then $\text{Eqn}(1)$ holds for any Boolean function φ . But of course, the $|f(\varphi)|$ depends on the $|\varphi|$.

▷ For a Bool. det $\varphi(\underline{x})$, we've defined $(\varphi+1)(z, \underline{x})$ s.t. $\#(\varphi+1) = \#\varphi + 1$

Notation: Let $\varphi_1(\underline{x}_1), \dots, \varphi_m(\underline{x}_m)$ be det. on disjoint sets of variables.

Define.

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_m)(\tilde{\underline{x}}) = \varphi_1(\underline{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_m(\underline{x}_m), \text{ where } \tilde{\underline{x}} = \underline{x}_1 \uplus \dots \uplus \underline{x}_m.$$

$$\underline{\text{Obs}}: \#(\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_m) = \# \varphi_1 \cdot \# \varphi_2 \dots \# \varphi_m.$$

$$|\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_m| = \text{poly}(|\varphi_1|, \dots, |\varphi_m|).$$

$$\underline{\text{Obs 1}} \text{ (a). } \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_1} \varphi_1(\underline{x}_1) \right) \wedge \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_2} \varphi_2(\underline{x}_2) \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_m} \varphi_m(\underline{x}_m) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bigoplus_{\tilde{\underline{x}}} (\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_m)(\tilde{\underline{x}})$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \neg \bigoplus_{\underline{x}} \varphi(\underline{x}) \Leftrightarrow \bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \underline{x}} (\varphi+1)(\underline{z}, \underline{x}).$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_1} \varphi_1(\underline{x}_1) \right) \vee \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_2} \varphi_2(\underline{x}_2) \right) \vee \dots \vee \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_m} \varphi_m(\underline{x}_m) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg \left[\left(\neg \bigoplus_{\underline{x}_1} \varphi_1(\underline{x}_1) \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\neg \bigoplus_{\underline{x}_m} \varphi_m(\underline{x}_m) \right) \right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}} ((\varphi_1+1)(\varphi_2+1) \dots (\varphi_m+1)+1)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}). \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Let } \Gamma := (\varphi_1 + 1)(\varphi_2 + 1) \cdots (\varphi_m + 1) + 1$$

$$\text{Then, } \# \Gamma = (\# \varphi_1 + 1)(\# \varphi_2 + 1) \cdots (\# \varphi_m + 1) + 1; \quad |\Gamma| = \text{poly}(|\varphi_1|, \dots, |\varphi_m|)$$

$$(d) \text{ Let } \bigoplus_{\underline{y}} \varphi(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) := \sum_{\underline{y} \in \{0,1\}^{|\underline{y}|}} \varphi(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \pmod{2} \quad \text{be a B-form. on the } \underline{x}\text{-var.}$$

$$\text{Then, } \bigoplus_{\underline{x}} \bigoplus_{\underline{y}} \varphi(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \bigoplus_{\underline{x}, \underline{y}} \varphi(\underline{x}, \underline{y}). \quad \left(\text{~~not~~ simple ex.} \right)$$

Lemma 1 (Boosting the succ. prob. in Thm*) There's a rand. red. g that given a para. p & a Bool. clt φ , runs in time $\text{poly}(|\varphi|, p)$ & o/p's a clt $g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}})$ s.t.

$$\exists \underline{x} \varphi(\underline{x}) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}} g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}) \text{ is true} \right] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p},$$

$$\exists \underline{x} \varphi(\underline{x}) \text{ is false} \Rightarrow \Pr \left[\text{" " is false} \right] = 1.$$

Pf: Run the V-V red. f independently m times.

Let the ϕ_i 's be $f(\phi)(x_1), \dots, f(\phi)(x_m)$
 $\quad\quad\quad \text{!!} \qquad\qquad\qquad \text{!!}$
 $\quad\quad\quad f(\phi)_1 \qquad\qquad\qquad f(\phi)_m$

We wish to find a $g(\phi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}})$ s.t.

$$\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{z}}} g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{z}}) \iff \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_1} f(\varphi)_1 \right) \vee \dots \vee \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_m} f(\varphi)_m \right) \quad (3)$$

From $\text{Eqn}(2)^{(c)}$, $g(q)$ is easy to construct,

$$g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}}) = ((f(\varphi)_1 + 1) \cdots (f(\varphi)_m + 1) + 1) (\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}})$$

Obs: If $\exists x \varphi(x)$ is false then by Thm* $\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{x}} g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{x})$ is false w.p!

Suppose $\exists \underline{x} \varphi(\underline{x})$ is true. Then,

$$\Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}} g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}) \text{ is false} \right]$$
$$= \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_1} f(\varphi)_1 \text{ is false} \right] \dots \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{x}_m} f(\varphi)_m \text{ is false} \right]$$

$$\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)^m \leq \frac{1}{2^p} \quad \text{if } m = 10 n p, \text{ where } n = |\underline{x}| = |\underline{x}_i|.$$

$$\therefore \Pr \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}} g(\varphi)(\underline{z}, \tilde{\underline{x}}) \text{ is true} \right] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}.$$

Note: Lemma 1 gives a rand. poly-time red. from $\Sigma_1 \text{SAT}$ to $\oplus \text{SAT}$ w.h. succ. prob.

What abt. red. from Π_1 -SAT to $\oplus$ SAT?

Lemma 2: (rand. red. from Π_1 -SAT to $\oplus$ SAT). There's a rand. red. g that given a para p & a ckt ϕ , runs in time $\text{poly}(|\phi|, p)$ & o/p's a ckt $g(\phi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}})$ s.t.

$$\forall \underline{z} \ \phi(\underline{z}) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \Pr_{\underline{\tilde{x}}} \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{\tilde{x}}} g(\phi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}}) \text{ is true} \right] = 1$$

$$\forall \underline{z} \ \phi(\underline{z}) \text{ is false} \Rightarrow \Pr_{\underline{\tilde{x}}} \left[\bigoplus_{\underline{\tilde{x}}} g(\phi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}}) \text{ is false} \right] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}$$

Pf (sketch): Take

$$g(\phi)(\underline{z}, \underline{\tilde{x}}) := \left(f(\neg\phi)_1 + 1 \right) \cdots \left(f(\neg\phi)_m + 1 \right), \text{ where } m = 10np$$

$$\text{Obs: } \bigoplus_{\underline{\tilde{x}}} g(\phi) \iff \neg \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{z}_1} f(\neg\phi)_1 \vee \cdots \vee \bigoplus_{\underline{z}_m} f(\neg\phi)_m \right)$$



Cor 1 (from Lem 1 & 2): There's a rand. red. g that given a para. p & a QBF ϕ with 1 level of alternation runs in time $\text{poly}(|\phi|, p)$ & o/p's a bit $g(\phi)$ s.t.

$$\phi \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \Pr [\oplus g(\phi) \text{ is true}] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}$$

$$\phi \text{ is false} \Rightarrow \Pr [\oplus g(\phi) \text{ is false}] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}.$$

i.e.,

$$\phi \Leftrightarrow \oplus g(\phi) \quad \text{w.p.} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}.$$

Cor 1 serves as the base case of the inductive proof of Step 1 of Toda's thm. The induction is on the no. of alternations.

Thm 1 (Rand. red. from Σ_c -SAT to $\oplus$ SAT). There's a rand. red. g that given a para p & a QBF ϕ with c levels of alternations runs in time $\text{poly}(|\phi|, p)$ & of p 's a $\det g(\phi)$ s.t.

$$\phi \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \Pr[\oplus g(\phi) \text{ is true}] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p};$$

$$\phi \text{ is false} \Rightarrow \Pr[\oplus g(\phi) \text{ is false}] \geq \text{" "}$$

i.e., $\phi \Leftrightarrow \oplus g(\phi) \text{ w.p. } \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p} \quad \text{--- (5)}$

We'll prove Thm-2 for $c=2$. The proof of the gen. case is similar. The idea is to apply VV then for c times.

Rand. red. from Σ_2 -SAT to $\oplus$ SAT

- ▷ Let $\exists \underline{u} \forall \underline{v} \varphi(\underline{u}, \underline{v})$ be the i/p QBF. We wish to construct $g(\varphi)$ that satisfies $\text{Eqn}(5)$.
- ▷ Fix a $\underline{u}$ arbitrarily. Then, $\forall \underline{v} \varphi(\underline{u}, \underline{v})$ is a QBF (on the $\underline{v}$ -vars) with 1 quantifier.
- ▷ Then by Lemma 2 & Cor 1, there's a $\text{poly}(|\varphi|, P')$ computable $g'(\varphi)$ s.t.
$$\forall \underline{v} \varphi(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) \Leftrightarrow \oplus g'(\varphi) \quad \text{w.p.} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^{P'}}.$$

Note: $|g'(\varphi)| = \text{poly}(|\varphi|, P')$.

▷ Let's understand the structure of $g'(\phi)$.

By Equ(4) in the pf. of Lemma 2,

$$g'(\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{v}) := (f(\neg\phi)_1 + 1) \dots (f(\neg\phi)_{m'+1}), \text{ where } m' = |O| + |\underline{v}| \cdot P.$$

and

$$f(\neg\phi)_i = f(\neg\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{v}_i) = \neg\phi(\underline{u}, \underline{v}_i) \wedge \psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} (f(\neg\phi)_i + 1) &= (f(\neg\phi)_i + 1)(\underline{u}, \underline{z}'_i, \underline{v}_i) \\ &= (\underline{z}'_i \wedge f(\neg\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{v}_i)) \vee (\neg \underline{z}'_i \wedge \underbrace{v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_{n_2}}_{\underline{v}_i - \text{vars}}) \end{aligned}$$

Obs: The expression for $g'(\phi)$ is very syntactic with regard to the $\underline{v}$ -vars. [It doesn't quite "touch" $\underline{v}$ -vars]

For an arbitrarily fixed $\underline{v}$, we have

$$\forall \underline{v} \quad \phi(\underline{v}, \underline{v}) \Leftrightarrow \bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\phi)(\underline{v}, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \text{ w.p. } 1 - \frac{1}{2^{P'}}.$$

▷ If we choose $P' \geq |\underline{v}|^2$, then by union bound,

for all $\underline{v}$,

$$\forall \underline{v} \quad \phi(\underline{v}, \underline{v}) \Leftrightarrow \bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\phi)(\underline{v}, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \text{ w.h.p.}$$

Hence,

$$\exists \underline{u} \forall \underline{v} \phi(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) \iff \exists \underline{u} \bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \quad \text{w.h.p.}$$

Let $\tau(\underline{u}) := \bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}})$

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 $\tau(\underline{u})$ is a B. func.
in the $\underline{u}$ -vars, but
it may not have a
 $\text{poly}(|\phi|)$ ckt.

By defn:

$$\tau(\underline{u}) = \sum_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\phi)(\underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \bmod 2. \quad (\text{recall Obs1 (d)})$$

Then

$$\exists \underline{u} \forall \underline{v} \phi(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) \iff \exists \underline{u} \tau(\underline{u}) \quad \text{w.h.p.}$$

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Recall from Obs * that if we define $f(\tau)$, from τ , as in $\Sigma_{\text{qr}}(0)$, then $\Sigma_{\text{qr}}(1)$ holds for any B.f. τ . So, if we replace φ by τ in Lemma 1 & construct $g(\tau)$ as in $\Sigma_{\text{qr}}(3)$ then.

$$\exists \underline{v} \tau(\underline{v}) \Leftrightarrow \bigoplus g(\tau) \text{ w.h.p} \rightarrow (8)$$

But, we ~~we~~ need to worry abt. the ckt-complexity of $g(\tau)$. So, let's understand the structure of $g(\tau)$ carefully (from $\Sigma_{\text{qr}}(3)$). We want a $g(\tau)$ s.t.

$$\bigoplus g(\tau) \Leftrightarrow \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{v}_1} f(\tau)_{\underline{v}_1} \right) \vee \dots \vee \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{v}_m} f(\tau)_{\underline{v}_m} \right), \text{ where.} \rightarrow (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\tau)_i = f(\tau)(\underline{v}_i) &= \tau(\underline{v}_i) \vee \psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i) \\
 &= \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} g'(\varphi)(\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \right) \vee \psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i) \\
 &\quad \text{(by Eqn(6))} \\
 &= \bigoplus_{\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}} \left(g'(\varphi)(\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}) \vee \psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The $\underline{z}', \underline{\tilde{v}}$ vars are bounded by the $\bigoplus$ quantifier.
 So, we can as well assume that they are fresh sets
 of vars. $\underline{z}'_i \ \& \ \underline{\tilde{v}}_i$.

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{\underline{v}_i} f(\underline{z})_i = \bigoplus_{\underline{v}_i} \bigoplus_{\underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i} \left(g'(\varphi)(\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i) \vee \Psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i) \right)$$

$$= \bigoplus_{\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i} \left(g'(\varphi)(\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i) \vee \Psi_{k_i, h_i}(\underline{v}_i) \right)$$

(by Obs 1(d))

$$h(\varphi)_i := h(\varphi)(\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i)$$

$$|h(\varphi)_i| = \text{poly}(|\varphi|, P')$$

Note:

$$= \bigoplus_{\underline{v}_i, \underline{z}'_i, \tilde{\underline{v}}_i} h(\varphi)_i$$

$\therefore$ from Eqn (9) , we want a $g(\tau)$ s.t.

$$\bigoplus_{\underline{z}, \underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{v}} g(\tau) (\underline{z}, \underline{u}, \underline{z}', \underline{v}) \Leftrightarrow \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{u}_1, \underline{z}'_1, \underline{v}_1} h(\phi)_1 \right) \vee \dots \vee \left(\bigoplus_{\underline{u}_m, \underline{z}'_m, \underline{v}_m} h(\phi)_m \right)$$

Set $m = 10 \cdot \left| \underline{u} \cup \underline{z}' \cup \underline{v} \right| \cdot p$, so that the $\hookrightarrow \text{Eqn (10)}$
 above equivalence happens w.p. $\geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^p}$.

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \underline{u} \forall \underline{v} \phi(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) &\Leftrightarrow \exists \underline{u} \tau(\underline{u}) && \text{w.h.p. } (\text{Eqn (7)}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bigoplus g(\tau) && \text{" } (\text{Eqn (8)}), \text{ where} \\ &&& g(\tau) \text{ is as in Eqn (10).} \end{aligned}$$

