

2-player deterministic comm cplx

Alice gets $x \in X$

Bob gets $y \in Y$

Need to communicate (send bits back and forth)
to compute $f(x, y)$ $f: X \times Y \rightarrow Z$

Cost of protocol P = # bits sent on worst-case (x, y)

Communication complexity of f = cost of best protocol P that computes f . $[D(f) \text{ or } CC_D(f)]$

Last time: Upper bounds (i.e., concrete protocols)

E.g. $D(\text{MED}) = O(\log n)$ $[E \times 5]$

$D(\text{EQ}) \leq n + 1$ $[E \times 7]$

Today: Lower bounds

$$\text{Range}(f) = \{z \in Z \mid \exists (x, y) \text{ s.t. } f(x, y) = z\}$$

PROP 8 $D(f) \geq \log_2 |\text{Range}(f)|$

Proof Recall can describe protocol as binary tree.

At termination, answer known to both A & B

So leaves labelled by $z \in Z$.

At least $m = |\text{Range}(f)|$ distinct leaves.

$\Rightarrow$ height of binary tree $\geq \log_2 m$

COR 9 $D(\text{MED}) = \Theta(\log n)$

Proved $O(\log n)$ bound last time.

And n possible answers.

But comm cplx mostly focuses on
Boolean functions $Z = \{0, 1\}$
Then Prop 8 useless...

[Non-Boolean case also interesting, but most
techniques extend from Boolean to non-Boolean
case.]

In Boolean case, won't ^{always} insist that output
is clear from protocol - just changes
comm cplx by additive 1 anyway.

To prove LB, view protocol as a way
of partitioning $X \times Y$ into sets so
that for each set same communication
is sent. Then analyze structure of such
sets and partitions.

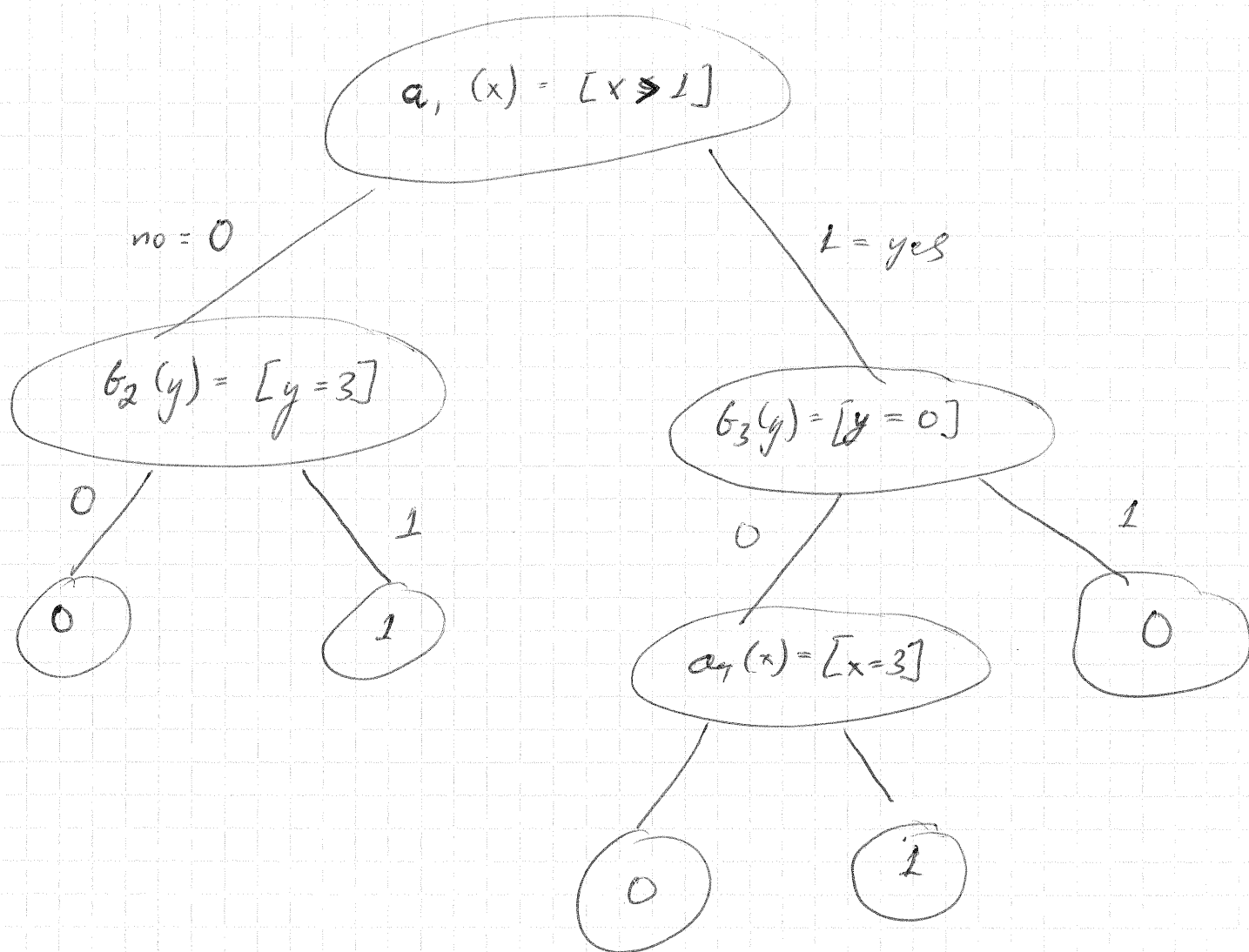
To illustrate, give function and
protocol on next page.

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Ex 10

$$x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

if $x \leq 1$ then $[y=3]$
 else if $x = 2$ then 0
 else $[y \neq 0]$



Function table

		y			
		00	01	10	11
x	00	0	0	0	1
	01	0	0	0	1
	10	0	0	0	0
	11	0	1	1	1

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For P protocol, v node in protocol tree,
 R_v is set of inputs (x, y) reaching v .

If $L =$ leaves of protocol P , then

$\{R_\ell\}_{\ell \in L}$ is partition of $X \times Y$

DEF 11 A (combinatorial) rectangle in $X \times Y$
 is a subset $R \subseteq X \times Y$ s.t. $R = A \times B$ for
 some $A \subseteq X$, $B \subseteq Y$.

PROP 12 $R \subseteq X \times Y$ is a rectangle iff

$(x_1, y_1) \in R$ and $(x_2, y_2) \in R \Rightarrow (x_1, y_2) \in R$

Proof Exercise.

PROP 13 For every P and every protocol node v ,
 R_v is a rectangle (in particular holds for leaves)

Proof Use Prop 12. Suppose $(x_1, y_1) \in R_v$, $(x_2, y_2) \in R_v$,
 and show $(x_1, y_2) \in R_v$

By induction. True for root of protocol tree.

Suppose w child of v , $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in R_w$

Then by IH $(x_1, y_2) \in R_v$. If Alice speaks
 at v , she only sees transcript and x_1 , and
 so will go to w for both (x_1, y_1) and (x_1, y_2)

If Bob speaks transcripts look the same for (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) so Bob moves to same node on both.

Intuitively, every time Alice speaks scenarios for (x_1, y_1) and (x_1, y_2) are indistinguishable for her, and similarly for Bob. $\square$

$R \stackrel{X \times Y}{\text{is}}$ monochromatic if f fixed on R .

If ℓ leaf of protocol, then R_ℓ is monochromatic (by definition). Hence:

LEMMA 14 Any protocol P for function $f: X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ induces a partition of $X \times Y$ into monochromatic rectangles

[# rectangles = # leaves in protocol tree]

COR 15 If any partition of $X \times Y$ into monochromatic rectangles requires $\geq t$ rectangles, then $D(f) \geq \log_2 t$

Proof Same as for Prop 8.

Need $\geq t$ leaves $\Rightarrow$ height $\geq \log_2 t$. $\square$

Look at
Ex 10
again

	00	01	10	11
11	0	0	0	1
01	0	0	0	1
10	0	0	0	0
11	0	1	1	1

Note that combinatorial rectangles need not be geometric rectangles (although convenient to draw this way in examples).

FOOLING SETS [Yao '79, Lipton & Sedgewick '81] (6)

Exhibit large set of input pairs s.t.

no two pairs (x, y) (x', y') can be in same monochromatic rectangle

$\Rightarrow$ # monochromatic rectangles large

$\Rightarrow$ CC lower bound.

DEF 16 $S \subseteq X \times Y$ is a fooling set for $f: X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ if $\exists z \in \{0, 1\}$ s.t.

$$(a) \quad \forall (x, y) \in S \quad f(x, y) = z$$

$$(b) \quad \forall (x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2) \in S \\ \text{either } f(x_1, y_2) \neq z \text{ or } f(x_2, y_1) \neq z.$$

LEM 17 If f has fooling set S then $D(f) \geq \log_2 |S|$

Proof Any $\mathcal{P}$ partitions $X \times Y \supseteq S$ into monochrom rectangles. ^{Claim} No rectangle contains more than one $(x, y) \in S$. Hence $\#rect \geq |S|$
Apply Cor 15.

Suppose rectangle R contains $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in S$.
Then by Prop 12 R contains (x_1, y_2) and (x_2, y_1) . But by def of fooling set f does not have same value on these 4 inputs. $\square$

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Optimize slightly:

Do argument in Lem 17 twice, once for 0-rectangles and once for 1-rectangles.

Ex 18 $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^n$ $EQ(x, y) = [x = y]$

$$S = \{ (\alpha, \alpha) \mid \alpha \in \{0, 1\}^n \}$$

is fooling set of size 2^n for $x = 1$

$$EQ(\alpha, \alpha) = 1 \quad EQ(\alpha, \beta) = 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq \beta.$$

$\{(0^n, 1^n), (1^n, 0^n)\}$ is
fooling set of size 2 for $x = 0$

Lem 17 yields $D(EQ) \geq n$

Hence $D(EQ) = n + 1$.

Ex 19 $x, y \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$$DISJ(x, y) = [x \cap y = \emptyset]$$

A fooling set of size 2^n is

$$S = \{ (A, \bar{A}) \mid A \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \}$$

For $A \neq B$, either $A \cap \bar{B}$ or $\bar{A} \cap B$ is non-empty.

Hence $D(DISJ) \geq n$

Count also 0-rectangles $\Rightarrow D(DISJ) \geq n$

Trivial upper bound $D(DISJ) \leq n + 1$.

Fooling set technique special case of following.

LEM 20 Let μ probability distribution on $X \times Y$.
If any monochromatic triangle has measure $\mu(R) \leq \delta$, then $D(f) \geq \log_2(1/\delta)$

Proof $\mu(X \times Y) = 1$ by def. Hence at least $1/\delta$ rectangles in any monochrom partition.

For fooling set S , set $\mu((x,y)) = 1/|S|$
for $(x,y) \in S$, $\mu((x,y)) = 0$ if $(x,y) \notin S$.

Another application of Lem 20.

If all monochrom rectangles are small,
say of size $\leq k$, then $\# \text{ rect} \geq |X||Y|/k$ and hence

$$D(f) \geq \log |X| + \log |Y| - \log k.$$

[Melhorn & Schmidt '82]

RANK LOWER BOUND

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Given $f: X \times Y \rightarrow \{0,1\}$, associated matrix M_f of dim $|X| \times |Y|$ with (x,y) -entry $f(x,y)$.

Set of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ are linearly independent ~~over~~ $\mathbb{R}$ if $\nexists$ for $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a_1 \vec{v}_1 + a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_m \vec{v}_m = \vec{0}$$

implies $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_m = 0$.

Rank of M (over $\mathbb{R}$) = max # lin indep rows
= max # lin indep columns

DEF 2.1 $\text{rank}(f) = \text{rank of } M_f \text{ (over reals } \mathbb{R})$

LEM 2.2 For any $f: X \times Y \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ $D(f) \geq \log_2 \text{rank}(f)$.

Proof Let $\mathcal{P}$ protocol. Let $\mathcal{L}_1$ 1-labelled leaves.

For every $\ell \in \mathcal{L}_1$ define M_ℓ by

$$M_\ell(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x,y) \in R_\ell \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $M_f = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}_1} M_\ell$

By linear algebra, $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$

Clearly $\text{rank}(M_\ell) = 1$

So $\text{rank}(f) = \text{rank}(M_f) \leq |\mathcal{L}_1| \leq |\mathcal{L}|$.

Now use Cor 1.5.

Sharpen this a bit

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Cor 23 $D(f) \geq \log_2 (2 \cdot \text{rank}(f) - 1)$

Proof Do Lem 22 for 1-rectangles.

Then look at $\text{not}(f) = 1 - f$

$$\# \text{ 0-rectangles} \geq \text{rank}(M_{\text{not}(f)})$$

$$\text{But } M_{\text{not}(f)} = J - M_f$$

where J denotes all-ones matrix

Hence $\text{rank}(M_f)$ & $\text{rank}(M_{\text{not}(f)})$

differ by at most 1

$\square$

Ex 24 Look at function EQ again

M_{EQ} is identity matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } 2^n \text{ rows and columns}$$

$$\text{Rank} = 2^n \Rightarrow \text{CC lower bound } n+1.$$