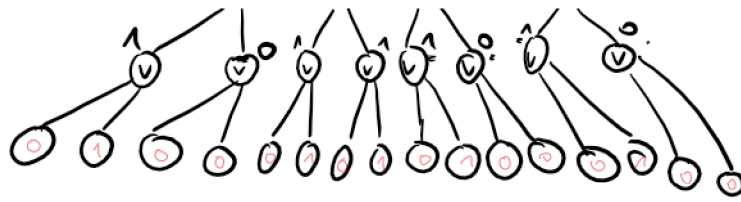




to be accessed  
only 4 nodes  
were evaluated



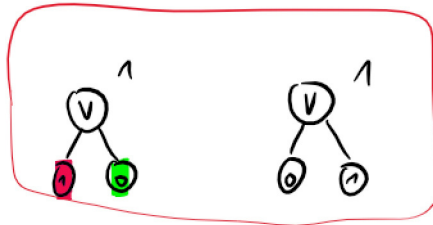
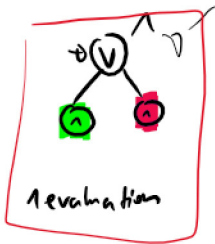
$010001010100100 \rightarrow$  difficult input  
= all 32 nodes needed evaluation.

$\Rightarrow$  The difficulty of **any** deterministic algorithm  
is  $O(4^k)$ . (worst case).  $n = 2^{2k} \approx$

**Randomized algorithm.**  $\rightarrow$  Choose the child to evaluate at random.

**Claim:** Complexity (expected) is  $O(3^k)$   $n^{0.75} \approx$

**Proof:**



2 evaluations

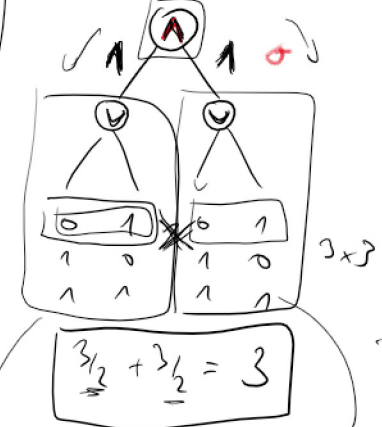
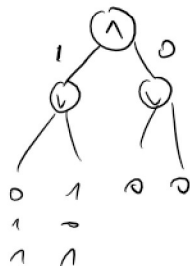
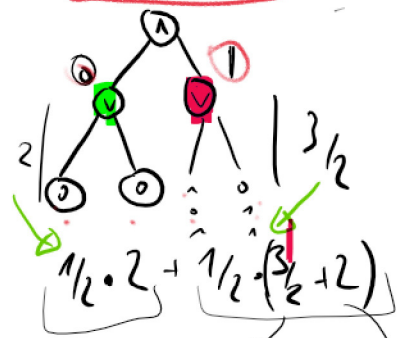
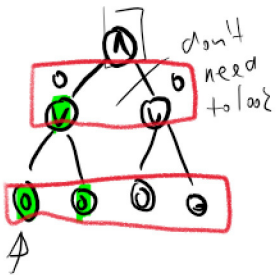
Red first - 1 evaluation  
Green first - 2 evaluations  
Avg:  $3/2$  evaluations

**1 input**

**3 different inputs**

**3 inputs**

**9 inputs**



2 evaluations

$1/2 \cdot 2 + 1/2 \cdot (3/2 + 2)$

Symmetric to

$3/2 + 3/2 = 3$

$\leq 3$

evaluate  $\color{red}{\nabla}$   
evaluate  $\color{green}{\nabla}$

$\leq 3$

$1/2 \cdot 2 + 1/2 \cdot (7/2)$   
 $1 + 7/4 \leq 3$

both take  $3/2$  evaluations on average

$\leq 3$

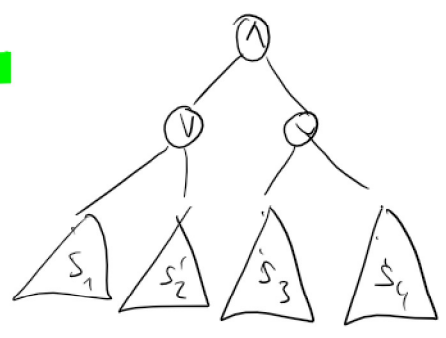
1 level trees take  $\leq 3$  evaluations on average

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The basis of the induction  $\Phi$ .

**I.H.**  $T_{k-1}$  take  $3^{k-1}$  evaluations (at most)

**I.S.**



Same argument as in the basis case, but now each  $S_1 \dots S_4$  takes  $3^{k-1}$  steps (by I.H.) evaluate (not 1 as in the basis case)

therefore the expectation is less than  $3 \cdot 3^{k-1} = 3^k$ .