

GAME THEORY

→ lower bound on efficiency of randomized algorithms

→ Example: Tree evaluation

		Bob's			
		R	P	S	
Alice's	R	0	-1	1	→ Alice is trying to maximize the outcome
	P	1	0	-1	→ Bob is trying to minimize the outcome
	S	-1	1	0	← Game evaluation matrix

Generally GEM $\{M_{ij}\}$ of real numbers.

if Alice chooses a strategy i , in the worst case she gets $\min_j \{M_{ij}\}$

if Bob chooses a strategy j , in the worst case he gets $\max_i \{M_{ij}\}$

Alice's best strategy $\max_i \min_j \{M_{ij}\} = O_A$

Bob's best strategy $\min_j \max_i \{M_{ij}\} = O_B$

There are games for which $O_A = O_B$

		R	P	S
→	R	0	-1	-2
→	P	1	0	-1
→	S	2	1	0

MIXED STRATEGIES

Alice's strategy = probability distribution over rows P
 Bob's strategy = probability distribution over columns C

Alice's strategy = probability distribution over rows p
 Bob's strategy = probability distribution over columns q } Column vectors

$$p^T M q = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j M_{ij} = \text{Expected value of game } M \text{ with strategies } p \text{ and } q$$

For fixed strategy p Alice is guaranteed to achieve an expectation $\min_q p^T M q$

fixed q guarantees $\max_p p^T M q$

Alice's best strategy $\max_p \min_q p^T M q = v_A$

Bob's best strategy $\min_q \max_p p^T M q = v_B$

Von Neumann's theorem

$$\forall M \quad \max_p \min_q p^T M q = \min_q \max_p p^T M q$$

Leontief's theorem

$$\forall M \quad \max_p \min_k p^T M e_k = \min_q \max_j e_j^T M q$$

$e_i = (0, \dots, \overset{i\text{th position}}{1}, \dots, 0)$

for fixed p : $\min_q p^T M q \Rightarrow \min_q a^T \cdot q = a_1 q_1 + a_2 q_2 + \dots + a_n q_n$

to minimize over q linear smallest a_i and set $q_i = 1$ all others to 0.

inputs	$A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n$
b	$(b_1, a_1) (b_2, a_2)$

↙ deterministic algorithms
 or randomized algorithms
 is choosing from

inputs	A_1	A_2	A_3	-	-	-	-	A_n
I_0	$C(I_0, A_1) C(I_0, A_2)$							
I_1								
\vdots								
I_n								

our randomized algorithm is choosing from

Choice of inputs with probability P and probability of choosing deterministic algorithms q .

$$E(C(I_p, A_q)) = \text{expected running time for input distribution } p \text{ and randomized algorithm characterized by } q.$$

$$= P^T M q.$$

\sqrt{N} 's thm:

$$\max_P \min_q E(C(I_p, A_q)) = \min_q \max_P E(C(I_p, A_q))$$

Loomis' thm:

$$\cancel{\max_P} \min_{A_i \in \mathcal{A}} E(C(I_p, A_i)) = \cancel{\min_q} \max_{i \in I} E(C(I_i, A_i))$$

$\forall P, q$

$$\min_{A: \mathcal{R}} E(C(I_P, A))$$

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$$\max_{i \in I} E(C(I_i, A_q))$$

for chosen input distribution P find the best deterministic algorithm

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for all randomized algorithms A_q find the worst input

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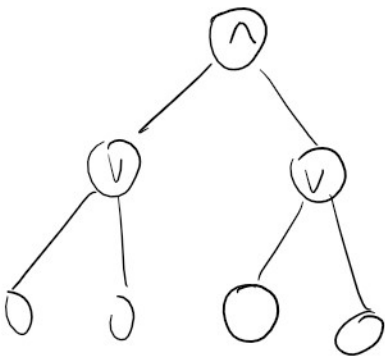
lower bound

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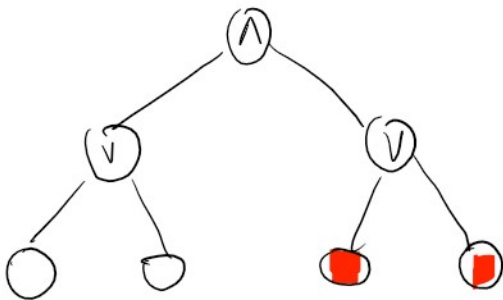
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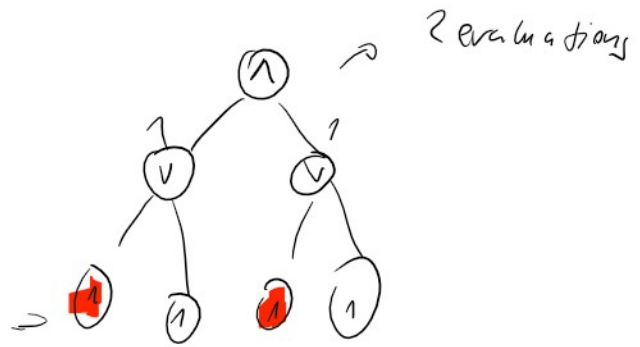
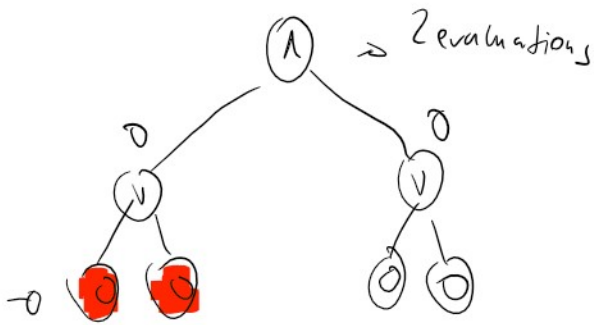
Tree evaluation



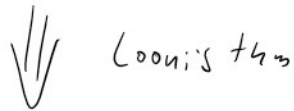
Example of input distribution
all 0's w.p. $1/2$
all 1's w.p. $1/2$



- 4 choices of first leaf
- 2 choices of first leaf in the other tree
- = 8 traversal paths = 8 deterministic algorithms.

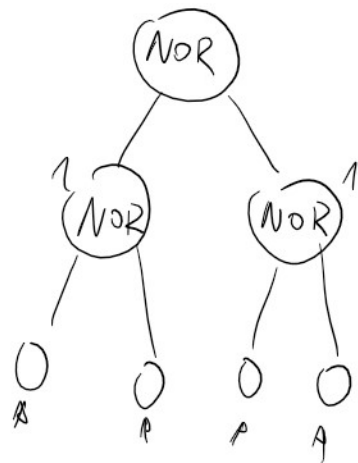
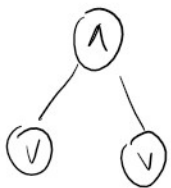


the best deterministic algorithm for our chosen inputs takes 2^k evaluations



Any randomized algorithm needs at least 2^k evaluations in the worst case.

$$2^k \rightarrow < 3^k$$



$$(a \vee b) \wedge (c \vee d)$$



$$(a \text{ nor } b) \text{ nor } (c \text{ nor } d)$$

$$P_r(\text{leaf} = 1) = p$$

$$P_r(\text{leaf} = 0) = 1 - p$$

a	b	a NOR b	b
0	0	1	✓
0	1	0	
1	0	0	
1	1	0	

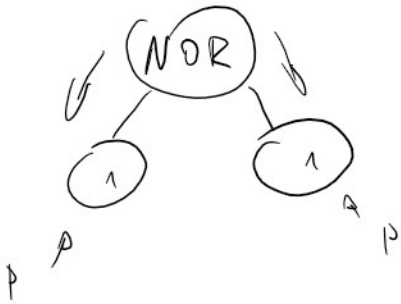
$$(1-p)^2 = p$$

$$p = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

\Rightarrow



evaluates to 1 with probability p
and we can use induction



$$p \cdot 1 + (1-p) \cdot \dots$$

left leaf has input value 1

left leaf has input value 0

0 0

\rightarrow 2 step $(1-p)^2 = p$

0 1

\rightarrow 2 step $p \cdot (1-p)$

1 0

\rightarrow 1 step $p(1-p)$

1 1

\rightarrow 1 step p^2

$$p[(1-p) + p]$$

Expected = $2p + 2p - 2p^2 + p - p^2 + p^2$

= $5p - 3p^2 = p(5 - 3p)$

? = $\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$

= $\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \left(5 - 3 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \right) > 1.61 \quad \checkmark$

$(1, 1, 1)^2, (1, 1, 2)^2, (1, 2, 2, 1)^2$

$$(1,61)^{22} = [1,61^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2,5921)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$