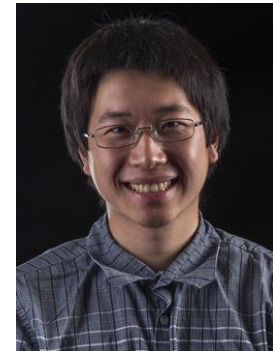


# Approximate $\mathbb{F}_2$ -Sketching of Valuation Functions



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# $\mathbb{F}_2$ -Sketching

Input  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$

Parity = Linear function over  $\mathbb{GF}_2$ :  $\bigoplus_{i \in S} x_i$

Deterministic linear sketch: set of  $k$  parities:

$$\ell(x) = \bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \quad \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \quad \dots; \quad \bigoplus_{i_k \in S_k} x_{i_k}$$

E.g.  $x_4 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_{42}; \quad x_{239} \oplus x_{30}; \quad x_{566}; \dots$

Randomized linear sketch: **distribution** over  $k$  parities  
(random  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$ ):

$$\ell(x) = \bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \dots; \bigoplus_{i_k \in S_k} x_{i_k}$$

# Linear sketching over $\mathbb{F}_2$

Given  $f(x): \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

Question:

Can one recover  $f(x)$  from a small ( $k \ll n$ ) linear sketch over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ ?

Allow randomized computation (99% success)

Probability over choice of random sets

Sets are known at recovery time

Recovery is deterministic (w.l.o.g)

# Application: Distributed Computing

Distributed computation among  $M$  machines:

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M) \text{ (more generally } x = \bigoplus_{i=1}^M x_i \text{)}$$

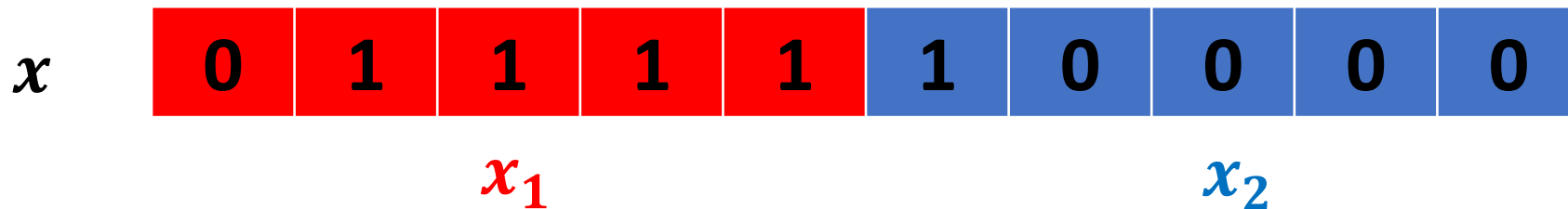
$M$  machines can compute sketches locally:

$$\ell(x_1), \dots, \ell(x_M)$$

Send them to the coordinator who computes:

$$\ell_i(x) = \ell_i(x_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \ell_i(x_M) \text{ (coordinate-wise XORs)}$$

Coordinator computes  $f(x)$  with  $kM$  communication



# Application: Streaming

$x$  generated through a sequence of updates

Updates  $i_1, \dots, i_m$ : update  $i_t$  flips bit at position  $i_t$

$x^{(0)}$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Updates: (1, 3, 8, 3)

$x^{(1)}$ 

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$x^{(2)}$ 

1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$x^{(3)}$ 

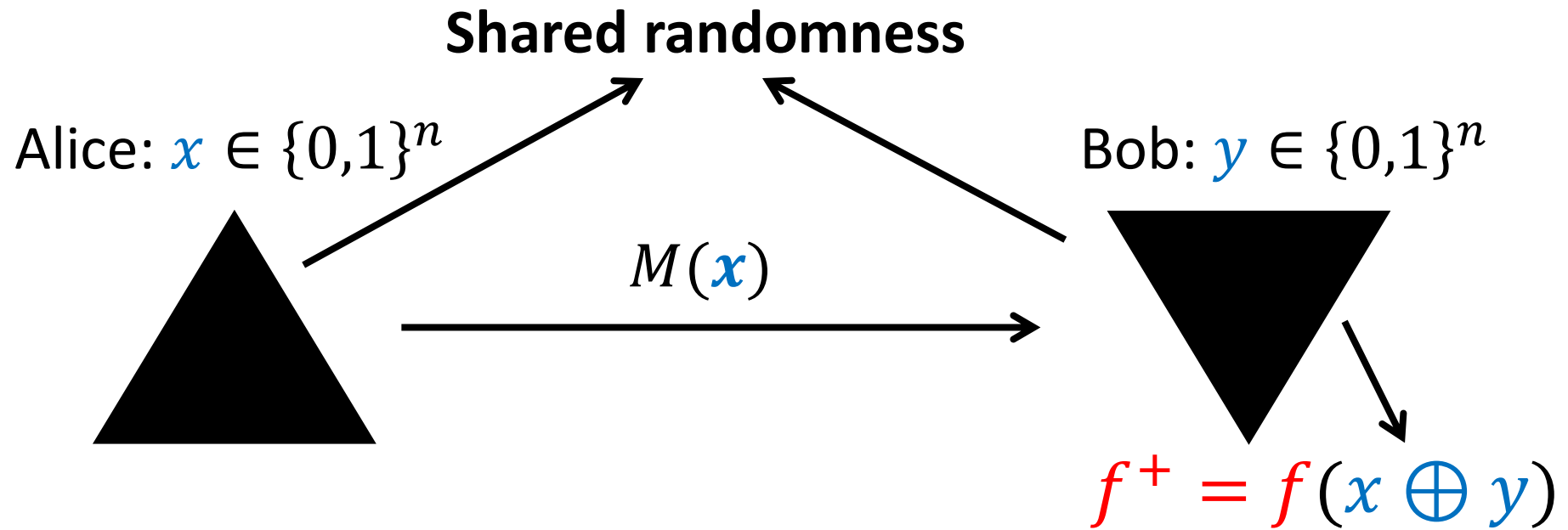
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$x$ 

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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$\ell(x)$  allows to recover  $f(x)$  with  $k$  bits of space

# Puzzle: Open Problem 78 on Sublinear.info



Conjecture: (Almost) shortest message is a randomized  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -sketch

[https://sublinear.info/index.php?title=Open\\_Problems:78](https://sublinear.info/index.php?title=Open_Problems:78)

# Deterministic vs. Randomized

Fact:  $f$  has a deterministic sketch if and only if

$$f = g(\bigoplus_{i_1 \in S_1} x_{i_1}; \bigoplus_{i_2 \in S_2} x_{i_2}; \dots; \bigoplus_{i_k \in S_k} x_{i_k})$$

Equivalent to “ $f$  has Fourier dimension  $k$ ”

Randomization can help:

OR:  $f(x) = x_1 \vee \dots \vee x_n$

Has “Fourier dimension” =  $n$

Pick  $t = \log 1/\delta$  random sets  $S_1, \dots, S_t$

If there is  $j$  such that  $\bigoplus_{i \in S_j} x_i = 1$  output 1, otherwise output 0

Error probability  $\delta$

# Approximate $\mathbb{F}_2$ -Sketching

Exact sketching complexity of many functions studied by [Kannan, Mossel, Sanyal, Yaroslavtsev'17].

Recursive majority functions, Fourier sparse functions, etc.

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n): \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Normalize:  $\|f\|_2$

Question:

Can one compute  $f'$ :  $\mathbb{E}[(f(x) - f'(x))^2] \leq \epsilon$  from a small ( $k \ll n$ ) linear sketch over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ ?



# Our Results

Additive ( $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$ ):

- $\Theta\left(\min\left(\frac{\|w\|_1^2}{\epsilon}, n\right)\right)$  (optimal via Index/Gap Hamming)

Budget-additive ( $\min(b, \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)$ ):

- $\Theta\left(\min\left(\frac{\|w\|_1^2}{\epsilon}, n\right)\right)$

Coverage:

- Optimal  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$  (via  $L_1$ -Sampling)

Matroid rank (various results depending on rank  $r$ )

$\alpha$ -Lipschitz submodular functions:

- $\Omega(n)$  communication lower bound for  $\alpha = \Omega(1/n)$
- Uses a large family of matroids from [\[Balcan, Harvey'10\]](#)

# Technical Theorems

Any  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a randomized linear sketch of size  $O\left(\frac{\|\hat{f}\|_1^2}{\epsilon}\right)$ .

$(\theta, m)$ -LTF have randomized linear sketches of size  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$ .

$\text{HAM}_{\leq d}(V_{i \in S_1} x_i, V_{i \in S_2} x_i, \dots)$  has a randomized linear sketch of size  $O(d^2 \log d)$ .

# Linear Threshold Functions

$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  is a linear threshold function (LTF) if there exist constants  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \theta$  such that  $f(x) = 1$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \geq \theta$  and  $f(x) = 0$  otherwise.

$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  is a  $(\theta, m)$ -LTF if  $f$  is monotone and for all  $x$ ,  
 $m \leq |\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - \theta|$ .

- Randomized linear sketches of size  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log n\right)$  [Liu, Zhang'13].
- Question [Montanaro, Osborne'09]: Does there exist a protocol for  $f(x \oplus y)$  with communication complexity  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$ ?

# Sketching $(\theta, m)$ -LTFs

$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \approx \theta$  and  $m \leq |\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - \theta|$

Observation 1: Any  $w_i \leq \frac{m}{2}$  can be set to 0.

Observation 2: Support of  $\{x \mid f(x) = 0\}$  is small  $\sim n^{\frac{2\theta}{m}}$

Theorem [Montanaro, Osbourne'09, KMSY'18]: If  $\Pr [f(x) = 0] \leq \zeta$ , then there exists a sketch of size  $O(\log 2^{n+1} \zeta)$ .

Already enough to get sketch of size  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log n\right)$

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Observation 3: Any  $w_i$  can be rounded down to  $w_i' = \frac{m}{2} (1 + \xi)^k$ .

For  $f(x) = 0$ ,  $-m \geq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - \theta \geq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i' x_i - \theta$ , so a margin of  $m$  remains.

For  $f(x) = 1$ ,  $m + \theta \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + \xi) w_i' x_i$ , so

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i' x_i \geq (1 - \xi)(m + \theta) \geq \theta + m - 2\xi\theta,$$

since  $\theta \geq m$  and a margin of  $\frac{4}{5}m$  remains when setting  $\xi = \frac{\theta}{10m}$ .

# Separation Sketch

There is a randomized linear sketch with size  $O(1)$  for the function  $g(x) = 1$  if  $\|x\|_0 \geq 2d$  and  $g(x) = 0$  if  $\|x\|_0 \leq d$  where  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$  and  $g$  can answer arbitrarily if one of the above cases doesn't hold.  
[HuangShiZhangZhu'06]

Recall: at most  $\frac{2\theta}{m}$  nonzero coordinates when  $f(x) = 0$ .

Use above sketch to catch all instances with more than  $\frac{2\theta}{m}$  nonzero coordinates.

Sparse recovery when fewer than  $\frac{2\theta}{m}$  nonzero coordinates.

# Sparse “Recovery”

Recall: all weights  $\frac{m}{2} (1 + \xi)^k$ ,  $k = O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$ , interested in  $\frac{2\theta}{m}$  nonzeros.

Use  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$  levels and  $O\left(\left(\frac{\theta}{m}\right)^2\right)$  buckets to avoid hash collision.

Consider each entry as a separate variable, reduction to  $O\left(\left(\frac{\theta}{m}\right)^3 \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$  variables.

Sketching  $(\theta, O(m))$ -LTF on  $O\left(\left(\frac{\theta}{m}\right)^3 \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$  variables, using  $O\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \log \frac{\theta}{m}\right)$  space.

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Class	Error	Distribution	Complexity	Result
Additive/Budget additive $\min(b, \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)$	$\epsilon$	any	$\Theta\left(\frac{\ w\ _1^2}{\epsilon}\right)$	Theorem <a href="#">A.7</a> , <a href="#">D.1</a> Corollary <a href="#">A.3</a> , <a href="#">A.6</a>
$\min(c\sqrt{n}, \frac{2c}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$	constant	uniform	$\Omega(n)$	Theorem <a href="#">D.1</a>
Coverage	$\epsilon$	any	$O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$	Corollary <a href="#">A.4</a>
Matroid Rank 2	exact	any	$\Theta(1)$	Theorem <a href="#">3.1</a>
Graphic Matroids Rank $r$	exact	any	$O(r^2 \log r)$	Theorem <a href="#">3.5</a>
Matroid Rank $r$	exact	any	$\Omega(r)$	Corollary <a href="#">3.24</a>
Matroid Rank $r$	exact	uniform	$O((r \log r + c)^{r+1})$	Corollary <a href="#">E.6</a>
Matroid Rank	$1/\sqrt{n}$	uniform	$\Theta(1)$	Corollary <a href="#">E.8</a>
$\frac{c}{n}$ -Lipschitz Submodular	constant	any	$\Theta(n)$	Theorem <a href="#">3.17</a>

Table 1: Linear sketching complexity of classes of valuation functions

