

Game Theory

→ lower bounds on efficiency of randomized algorithms

→ Example: AND-OR tree evaluation

		Bob's		
		R	P	S
Alice's	R	0	-1	1
	P	1	0	-1
	S	-1	1	0

→ Alice's goal is to maximize the outcome

→ Bob's goal is to minimize the outcome

← Game evaluation matrix

Generally GEM $[m_{ij}]$ of real numbers.

If Alice chooses strategy i , in the worst case she gets $\min_j [m_{ij}]$

If Bob chooses 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 $O_A = O_B$

		0	-1	-2
		1	0	-1
→		2	1	0

MIXED STRATEGIES

Alice's strategy = probability distribution over rows p .
 Bob's strategy = probability ——— " — columns q .
 } column vectors

$$p^T M q = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j M_{ij} = \text{expected value of game } M$$

with strategies p and q .

For fixed Alice's strategy p Alice is guaranteed to achieve an expectation $\min_q p^T M q$

for Bob's fixed q guarantees $\max_p p^T M q$

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

Bob's $\min_q \max_p p^T M q = O_B$

Von Neumann's theorem

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

Loomis's theorem

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

$e_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$

\swarrow i^{th} position

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

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

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	A_1	A_2	A_3
l_1	$C(l_1, A_1)$				
l_2					
\vdots					
\vdots					

A_{im} \swarrow deterministic algorithms
 \searrow randomized algorithm "choose from"

	A_1	A_2	A_3	...	A_m
I_1	$C(I_1, A_1)$				
I_2					
\vdots					
I_n					

A_m is randomized algorithm "choose from"

Choice of inputs with probability p and probability of choosing a deterministic algorithm q .

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

$$= p^T M q$$

VN's thm:

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

Loaris' thm:

$$\max_P \min_{A_i \in \mathcal{A}} E(C(I_{P_i}, A_i)) = \min_Q \max_{i \in I} E(C(I_i, A_Q))$$

$$\forall P, Q \quad \boxed{\min_{A_i \in \mathcal{A}} E(C(I_{P_i}, A_i))} \leq \boxed{\max_{i \in I} E(C(I_i, A_Q))}$$

for each input distribution P
find the best deterministic algorithm

for each randomized algorithm A_Q
find the worst input

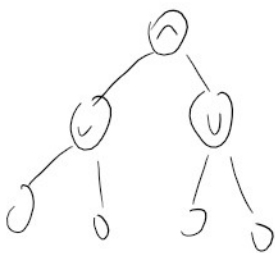


lower bound



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Tree evaluation

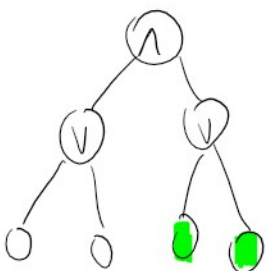


Example of input distribution

all s w.p. $1/2$

all s w.p. $1/2$

P



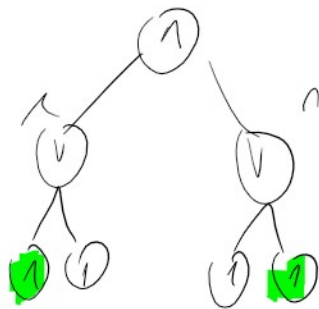
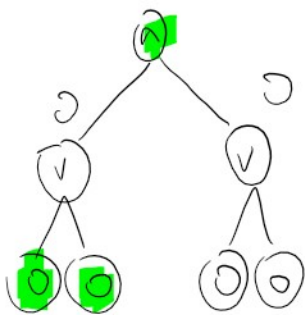
Choice of 1st leaf to visit

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4 choices of 1st leaf to visit
 2 choices of 2nd leaf to visit

= 8 traversal paths = 8 deterministic
 algo to drop from



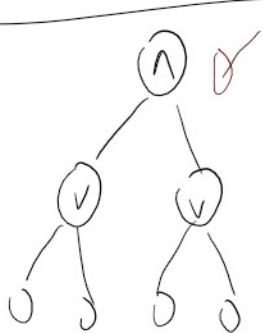
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the best deterministic algorithm for our drop inputs
 takes 2^k evaluations

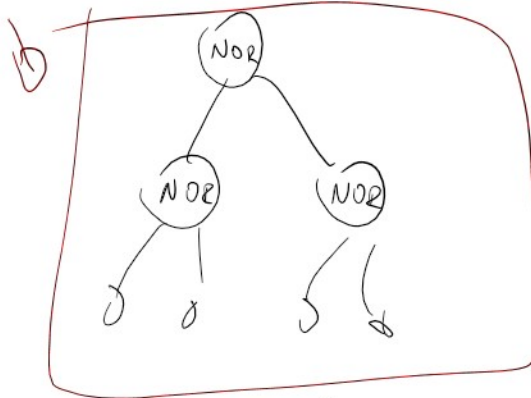
↳ lower bound

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

$$2^k \rightarrow 2^k$$



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00	1
01	0
10	0
11	0

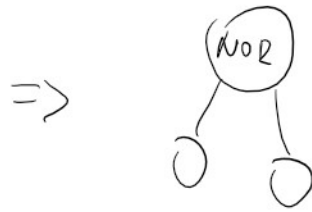


$$Pr(\text{leaf} = 1) = P \quad \&$$

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

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

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



Evaluates to 1 w.p. $(1-p)^2 = p$

$$p \cdot 1 + (1-p) \cdot 2 \geq 1,61$$

(left subtree has value 1)

$$(1,61)^{2^k} = (1,61^2)^k = (2,59)^k < 3^k$$

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 2^k