

UNIQUE-SAT = { φ : φ is satisfiable Boolean formula
with exactly one satisfying assignment }

Q: Is UNIQUE-SAT NP-complete?

... Almost. Via probabilistic reduction.

We will build a probabilistic alg f which takes
as its input a Bool. formula φ & outputs another Bool. formula

$$\varphi' = F(\varphi) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\varphi \in \text{SAT} \Rightarrow \text{prob. } \varphi' \in \text{SAT} \geq \frac{1}{50n}$$

$$\varphi \notin \text{SAT} \Rightarrow \varphi' \text{ is never satisfiable}$$

$\rightarrow F(\varphi(x)) = \varphi(x) \& h(x)$ where $h(x)$ restricts the
possible satisfying ass. of φ .

technique (Isolation Lemma):

$$\text{let } S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n.$$

$$\text{e.g. } S = \{x; \varphi(x) \text{ is true}\}$$

$$\text{set } k \text{ so that } 2^{k-2} \leq |S| \leq 2^{k-1}$$

consider a random linear func over GF(2)

$$h_{A,b}: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$$

... 2-universal
hash system

$$0 \quad \dots \quad n-1 \quad \dots \quad n-1 \quad \text{each } h \in \{0,1\}^k$$

$$h_{A,b}(x) = Ax + b \quad A \in \{0,1\}^{k \times n} \quad b \in \{0,1\}^k$$

- If $x \neq y \in \{0,1\}^n$ $\Pr_{h_{A,b}} \{ h_{A,b}(x) = h_{A,b}(y) \} = 2^{-k}$ (Exc)
- \leftarrow random matrix A & vector b

for a fn $h: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$ define $C_h = \{ \{x,y\} \in S^2; h(x) = h(y), x \neq y \}$

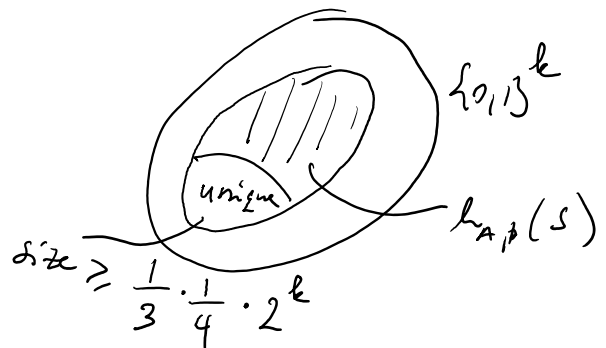
- $\mathbb{E}_{h_{A,b}} [|C_{h_{A,b}}|] = 2^{-k} \cdot \binom{|S|}{2} \leq \frac{|S|}{4}$

$\Rightarrow \Pr_{h_{A,b}} [|C_h| \geq \frac{1}{3} |S|] \leq \frac{3}{4}$ by Markov Ineq.

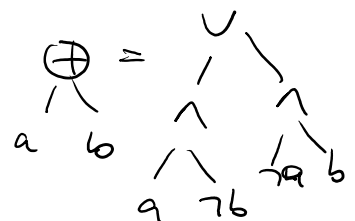
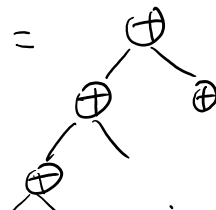
\Rightarrow with probability at least $1/4$, at least $1/3$ fraction of elt's in S are mapped uniquely.

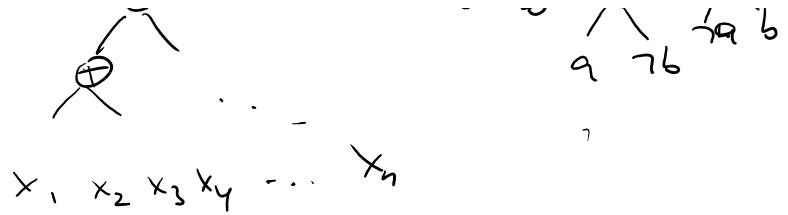
Since $b \in \{0,1\}^k$ is a random shift for $h_{A,b}$:

$$\Pr_{h_{A,b}} [\exists ! x \in S; h_{A,b}(x) = 0^n] \geq \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{12}$$



- formula for PARITY $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$





→ n^2 size formula for PARITY(x_1, \dots, x_n) using \wedge, \vee, \neg .

→ randomized reduction f : pick $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
 pick $A \in \{0, 1\}^{k \times n}$
 pick $b \in \{0, 1\}^k$ } at random

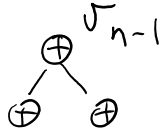
output $\varphi'(x) = \varphi(x) \wedge \underbrace{h_{A,b}(x) = 0^k}_{k \text{ parities of subsets of } x_1, \dots, x_n \text{ given by } A \ \& \ b.}$

$\varphi(x) \in \text{SAT} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{50 \cdot n}$ prob. $\varphi'(x) \in \text{UNIQUE-SAT}$

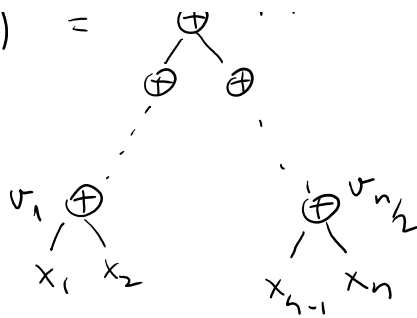
$\varphi(x) \notin \text{SAT} \Rightarrow \varphi'(x) \notin \text{UNIQUE-SAT}$

→ repeat k -times and if any of the formulas is from UNIQUE-SAT $\Rightarrow \varphi$ is satisfiable

$k \approx 500n$ prob of error $\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{50n}\right)^{500n} \leq e^{-\frac{1}{50n} \cdot 500n} \leq \frac{1}{1000}$

• PARITY(x_1, \dots, x_n) =  can be expressed as a uniquely

• $\text{SAT}(x_1, \dots, x_n) =$



can be converted as a uniquely satisfiable 3SAT formula by introducing new variable v_i

For each gate which should represent the gate value.

Replacing the parity tree by a conjunction of 3SAT files, each representing the constraints on neighboring variables gives uniquely satisfiable 3SAT.

(Unique sat. assignment to v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})

Today's Theorem : 1) $\text{PH} \subseteq \text{BPP}^{\text{P}}$
 2) $\text{PH} \subseteq \text{P}^{\#\text{SAT}}$

• We will show the first claim only

• Define \oplus quantifier : $\oplus \bar{x} \varphi(x) \dots$ true if $\varphi(x)$ has odd number of satisfying assignments for \bar{x} .

e.g. $\varphi(x) \in \text{UNIQUE-SAT} \Rightarrow \oplus \bar{x} \varphi(x)$ is true.

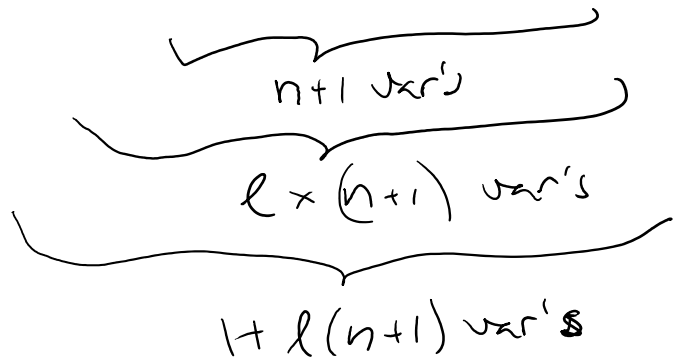
• op's with \oplus :

• $\neg \oplus \bar{x} \psi(\bar{x}) \equiv \oplus \bar{x}, y (y=0 \& \bar{x}=\bar{0}) \vee (y=1 \& \psi(\bar{x}))$

• $\oplus \bar{x} \oplus y \psi(\bar{x}, y) \equiv \oplus \bar{x} \bar{y} \psi(\bar{x}, y)$

• $\oplus \bar{x} \psi(x) \& \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(y) = \oplus \bar{x} \bar{y} (\psi(x) \& \varphi(y))$

• $\bigvee_{i=1}^l \oplus \bar{x}_i \varphi_i(\bar{x}_i) = \neg \bigwedge_{i=1}^l \neg \oplus \bar{x}_i \varphi_i(\bar{x}_i)$



Pf of $PH \subseteq BPP^{\oplus P}$:

idea: convert all \exists quantifiers to \oplus quantifiers

step: $\exists \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$

$\bar{z} \dots$ m free var's
 $\bar{x} \dots$ n var's

$\Rightarrow \oplus \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{w} \varphi'(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{w}) \dots$ equivalent to $\exists \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ for all settings of \bar{z}

\rightarrow pick $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ at random
 $h: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$ at random among linear

For fixed $\bar{z} \in \{0,1\}^m$

1) If $\exists \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is true then

$$\Pr \left[\oplus \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) \& h(\bar{x}) = 0^k) \text{ is true} \right] \geq \frac{1}{50n}$$

2) If $\exists \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is false then

$$\Pr \left[\oplus \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) \& h(\bar{x}) = 0^k) \text{ is true} \right] = 0$$

\Rightarrow repeat the procedure l -times for independently chosen k & h and take OR of the

Formulas: ~~(*)~~ $l = 100 \cdot m \cdot n$

$$\text{In 1) } \Pr \left[\bigvee_{i=1}^l \oplus \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} (\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) \& h_i(\bar{x}) = 0^{k_i}) \text{ is true} \right] \geq 1 - 2^{-2m}$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{50n}\right)^l \leq e^{-\frac{l}{50n}} = e^{-2m}$$

$$\text{In 2) } \Pr \left[\bigvee \dots \right] = 0$$

We can transform ~~(*)~~ into $\oplus \bar{x}' \varphi'''(\bar{x}', \bar{z})$
 equivalent to the original formula for each z
 w.p. $\geq 1 - 2^{-2m}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{w.p. } \geq 1 - 2^{-n}, \quad \oplus \bar{x}' \varphi'''(\bar{x}', \bar{z})$$

is equivalent to $\exists \bar{x} \oplus y \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$
for all $\bar{z} \in \{0, 1\}^m$.

$\varphi^{(1)}$ is polynomially larger than $\varphi()$.

• for $\forall \bar{x} \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ we use

$$\neg \exists \bar{x} \underbrace{\neg \oplus \bar{y} \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})}_{\oplus \bar{y}' \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}', \bar{z})}$$

$$\underbrace{\oplus \bar{x}' \varphi^{(1)}(\bar{x}', \bar{z})}_{\oplus \bar{x}'' \varphi^{(1)}(\bar{x}'', \bar{z})}$$

→ we can convert quantifiers \forall & \exists one by one into \oplus quantifiers. If the # of quantifiers is fixed, the resulting formula has size polynomially related to the original formula & it will be equivalent to it with prob. close to 1.

→ ^{prob} \forall alg for deciding quantified Bool. formula with fixed # of alternations using a single

2 way to $\oplus P$.
 $\Rightarrow PH \subseteq BPP^{\oplus P}$.