

Boolean Functions

1. Summary of Lecture 1

- Fourier Expansion
- Basic Formulas

2. Q+A

3. Problems

Lecture 1

Vector space of functions $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{\{-1, 1\}^n}$

Inner product $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{x \in \{-1, 1\}^n} \frac{f(x)g(x)}{2^n}$

Orthonormal basis $\chi_s, s \subseteq [n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\chi_s(x) = \prod_{i \in s} x_i$$

Fourier coefficient $\hat{f}(s) = \langle f, \chi_s \rangle$

$$\langle \chi_s, \chi_t \rangle = 1 \text{ for all } s$$

Fact. If $f, g: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = 1 - 2\Pr[f(x) \neq g(x)]$$

(Plancherel) $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum_{s \subseteq [n]} \hat{f}(s) \hat{g}(s)$

(Parseval) $\|f\|_2^2 = \sum_{s \subseteq [n]} \hat{f}(s)^2$ change of basis

$\mathbb{E}[f] = \langle f, \mathbf{1} \rangle = \hat{f}(\emptyset)$
all χ_s vector

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[f] &= \mathbb{E}[f^2] - \mathbb{E}[f]^2 = \langle f, f \rangle - \hat{f}(\emptyset)^2 \\ &= \|f\|_2^2 - \hat{f}(\emptyset)^2 = \sum_{s \subseteq [n], s \neq \emptyset} \hat{f}(s)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $\chi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\chi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\chi_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\chi_i = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $i-1$ also orthogonal
also satisfy
 $\mathbb{E}[f] = \hat{f}(\emptyset)$
 $\text{Var}[f] = \sum_{s \neq \emptyset} \hat{f}(s)^2$

$\chi_s, \prod_{i \in s} x_i, x^s$ - all same
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comes representation theory from

$$\text{max}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\chi_\emptyset$ $\chi_{\{1,3\}}$

$\chi_{\{1,2\}} = \chi_1 \chi_2, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\mathbb{F}_2 - \{0, 1\}$ addition
 $\{-1, 1\}$ multiplication $\chi_{\{1,2\}}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$
$\chi_{\{1,2\}}$			$\chi_{\{1,3\}}$

$$f = \sum_{s \subseteq [n]} \langle f, \chi_s \rangle \cdot \chi_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, \chi_\emptyset \rangle &= \sum_x f(x) \chi_\emptyset(x) \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= \sum_x f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

Breakout rooms

- Rooms - 1 Problem 1
2 Problem 2
3 Problem 3
4 Problem 4

Assignment on Canvas