

NP in PCP(poly,1)

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We will prove a weaker version of the PCP theorem:

Theorem: $NP \subseteq PCP(\text{poly}(n), 1)$

Verifier will expect the prover to supply an expanded encoding of the usual certificate for the problem in NP.

Walsh-Hadamard Code

Let $u \in \{0, 1\}^n$ Define function $f_u: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

For $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ $f_u(x) = \overline{\overline{x \cdot u}}$
dot product mod 2.

For example $x = 1011011$

$u = 1001101$

$x \cdot u = 1 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$.

One way to specify f_u is the input output table:

x	$f_u(x)$
00...0	0
00...1	1
⋮	⋮
11...1	1

2^n rows: one for every possible input x .

The I/O table is a 2^n -bit string that specifies f_u .
Call this string $WH(u)$

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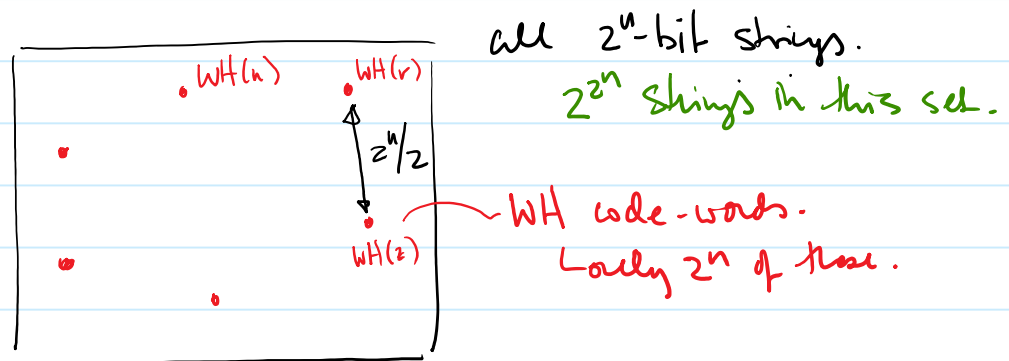
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If $|u|=n$ then $|WH(u)| = 2^n$.

If $f \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{2^n}$ is $WH(u)$ for some $u \in \{0, \pm 1\}^n$ then f is said to be a Walsh-Hadamard Code word.

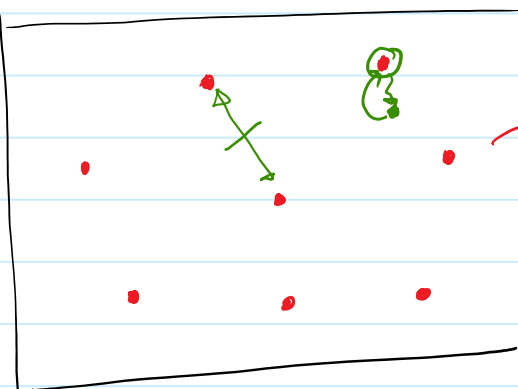
Note the # of Walsh-Hadamard code words of length 2^n is 2^n . (Each one corresponds to a $u \in \{0, \pm 1\}^n$)



In general the idea behind an error correcting code is to encode strings of length n as strings of length $d > n$

Code: $\{0, \pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}^d$

The range of function Code is the set of code words.



Can recover original string if a few bits get flipped in transmission.

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Random Subset Principle:

if $u, v \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $u \neq v$ then for $1/2$

of all the x 's in $\{0, 1\}^n$ $f_u(x) \neq f_v(x)$

This means that any two Walsh-Hadamard code words differ in $\frac{2^n}{2}$ locations.

$u \neq v \Rightarrow$ distance between $WH(u)$ & $WH(v)$ is 2^{n-1} .

Proof: $u = \bar{u} 0$ $\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in \{0, 1\}^{n-1}$
 $v = \bar{v} 1$

consider $\bar{x} \in \{0, 1\}^{n-1}$

if $\bar{u}\bar{x} \neq \bar{v}\bar{x}$ then $u \cdot (\bar{x}0) \neq v \cdot (\bar{x}0)$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \bar{x} & 1 \\ \hline \bar{u} & 0 \\ \hline \bar{v} & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

if $\bar{u}\bar{x} = \bar{v}\bar{x}$ then $u \cdot (\bar{x}1) \neq v \cdot (\bar{x}1)$

$1/2$ of x 's

$$u \cdot x = v \cdot x$$

$$u \cdot x \neq v \cdot x$$

The WH code words are the set of all linear functions:

$$f(x) + f(y) = f(x+y) \quad \forall x, y \iff \exists u \quad f(x) = u \cdot x \quad \forall x$$

$\Leftarrow$ Suppose $f(x) = u \cdot x$

$$f(x) + f(y) = u \cdot x + u \cdot y = u \cdot (x+y) = f(x+y)$$

$\Rightarrow$ Suppose $f(x) + f(y) = f(x+y) \quad \forall x, y$.

Let $e_i = 0 \dots 0 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i^{\text{th}} \text{ location}}}{1} 0 \dots 0$

f is completely defined by $f(e_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

for example: $f(10110) = f(e_1) + f(e_3) + f(e_4)$

Construct u : i^{th} bit of u is $f(e_i)$

$$\Rightarrow f(e_i) = u \cdot e_i$$

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Verifier needs to:

- (1) Check that the proof is in the correct format (i.e. check that the proof is a WH code word.)
- (2) Check that the proof is a correct witness for the input. (For example check that it encodes a satisfying assignment for Φ).

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Given f , we want to test that $f = \text{WH}(u)$ for some u .

Same as: test if $f(x) + f(y) = f(x+y) \forall x, y$.

We can't do this exhaustively. We want to be able to make this check w/ a constant # of probes to f .

Natural test: pick $x+y$ at random and test if $f(x) + f(y) = f(x+y)$ (requires 3 probes).

If f is linear, verifier will accept.

However if f is close to linear, we could easily miss that!

With local tests, we can only hope to reject functions that are far from linear.

Definition Let $p \in [0, 1]$ $f, g: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ are p -close if $\Pr_x [f(x) = g(x)] \geq p$

Theorem: (linearity testing) [BLR]

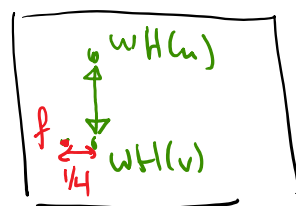
Let $f: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be such that

$$\Pr_{x,y} [f(x) + f(y) = f(x+y)] \geq p \text{ for } p > 1/2$$

Then f is p -close to a linear function.

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2^n -bit string.

For $\delta < 1/2$ If f is not $(1-\delta)$ -close to a linear function, the probability one fails to detect this is $(1-\delta)$.

Can repeat $1/\delta$ times to get the prob of failure to detect non-linearity $\leq 1/2$.

$$(1-\delta)^{1/\delta} \approx 1/e.$$

Suppose for some $\delta < 1/4$ $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is $(1-\delta)$ close to some linear function $\bar{f}$.

$\bar{f}$ is uniquely determined by f because two distinct linear functions differ in $\geq 1/2$ of their bits.

Given x , we want to compute $\bar{f}(x)$ but only have access to f .

x is not randomly chosen, so we can not assume that $f(x) = \bar{f}(x)$ x could be one of the locations where they differ.

We want a randomized procedure that uses f to produce the correct $\bar{f}(x)$ for all x , with high probability

↑ probability over random choices than the verifier controls.

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$$\bar{f}(x) = n \cdot x$$

The following requires two calls to f :

1. Pick $x' \in \{0,1\}^n$ at random.

2. $x'' = x + x'$

3. $y' = f(x')$ $y'' = f(x'')$

4. Output $y' + y''$

$$f(x') + f(x'')$$

$$\bar{f}(x') + \bar{f}(x'')$$

$$\bar{f}(x' + x'')$$

$$\bar{f}(x' + x' + x) = \bar{f}(x)$$

x'' and x' are distributed uniformly (but are not independent).

$$\text{Prob that } f(x) \neq \bar{f}(x') \text{ OR } f(x'') \neq \bar{f}(x'') \leq 2 \cdot \delta.$$

$$\text{Prob} [f(x') = \bar{f}(x') \text{ AND } f(x'') = \bar{f}(x'')] > 1 - 2\delta.$$

this is known as self-correction of the WH code.

Proof that $NP \subseteq PCP(\text{poly}(n), 1)$

We will show an NP-complete language in $PCP(\text{poly}(n), 1)$

The NP-complete language will be QUADEQ:

= language of systems of quadratic equations over $GF(2)$ that are satisfiable

$$(GF(2) = \{0,1\}, + \cdot \text{ mod } 2)$$

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Here is an instance of QUADEQ:

$$u_1 u_2 + u_3 u_4 + u_1 u_5 = 1$$

$$u_2 u_3 + u_1 u_4 = 0$$

$$u_1 u_4 + u_3 u_5 + u_3 u_4 = 1$$

Satisfiable with the all 1's assignment.

Can show Circuit SAT $\leq$ QUADEQ.

Idea: have a variable for each wire:



$$\Rightarrow 1 - (1-x)(1-y) = z$$



$$x + y - z - xy = 0$$

... details omitted.



$$z = 1.$$

Since $u_i = (u_i)^2$, can assume that there are no linear terms.

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m linear equations over n variables can be described as an $m \times n^2$ matrix A and an m -vector b .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u_1 u_3 + u_2 u_2 &= 0 \\ u_2 u_1 + u_1 u_3 &= 1 \\ u_3 u_3 + u_1 u_1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

↑

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

	1,1	1,2	1,3	2,1	2,2	2,3	3,1	3,2	3,3
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

$$A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_1 u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The system is satisfiable iff $\exists$ n^2 -vector U which can be expressed as $u \otimes u$ for some n -vector u such that: $AU = b$.

$$u \otimes u = \langle u_1 u_1, u_1 u_2, \dots, u_n u_n \rangle$$

Are there u_1, u_2, u_3 s.t.

$$U = \langle u_1 u_1, u_1 u_2, u_1 u_3, u_2 u_1, u_2 u_2, u_2 u_3, u_3 u_1, u_3 u_2, u_3 u_3 \rangle$$

$u \otimes u$

$$A \cdot U = b ?$$

Overview - 1

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Now we give a PCP system for QUADEQ.
Let A, b be an instance of QUADEQ.

Suppose (A, b) is satisfiable by $u \in \{0, \pm 1\}^n$

Verifier will expect an encoded version of $\vec{u}$ $\leftarrow n$ -bits
and an encoded version of $u \otimes u$. $\sim n^2$ -bits.

Encoding scheme is Walsh-Hadamard encoding.

For $u \in \{0, \pm 1\}^n$ let $f_u: \{0, \pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$

$$f_u(x) = x \cdot u.$$

$f: \{0, \pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\} \Leftrightarrow 2^n$ -bit strings.

$WH(u)$ is the 2^n -bit string indicating the value of f_u for every possible input.

Verifier expects: $\underbrace{WH(u)}_{2^n \text{ bits}}$ and $\underbrace{WH(u \otimes u)}_{2^{n^2} \text{ bits}}.$

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- ① Prover puts down 2^n -bit string $f: \{0, \pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$
 2^{n^2} -bit string $g: \{0, \pm 1\}^{n^2} \rightarrow \{0, \pm 1\}$

Need to verify that f & g are $(1-\epsilon)$ close to some Walsh-Hadamard code words.

Verify $\exists u \in \{0, \pm 1\}^n$ f differs from $WH(u)$ in a fraction of $\leq \epsilon$ locations.
 $\exists w \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{n^2}$ g differs from $WH(w)$ in a fraction of $\leq \epsilon$ locations.

- ② Verify that $w = u \otimes u$.

- ③ Verify that u satisfies the instance of QUADEQ

$$A \cdot u = b.$$

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Now we give a PCP system for QMADEQ

Let A, b be an instance of QMADEQ.

Suppose (A, b) is satisfiable by $u \in \{0, 1\}^n$

Verifier V gets access to proof $\pi \in \{0, 1\}^{2^n + 2^{n^2}}$

π is interpreted as a pair of functions:

$$\begin{aligned} f &: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\} && \text{(WH encoding of } u) \\ g &: \{0, 1\}^{n^2} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} && \text{(WH encoding of } u \otimes u) \end{aligned}$$

For u corresponding to a satisfying assignment
the verifier will accept the corresponding π
w/ prob 1.

Step 1: Check that $f+g$ are linear functions.
Do a $(1-\epsilon)$ -linearity test on $f+g$.

If either f or g is not $(1-\epsilon)$ close to a linear function then test fails w/ high probability. → ϵ arb. small constant.

$$\Rightarrow \text{assume } \exists \text{ linear } \begin{aligned} \tilde{f} &: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \\ \tilde{g} &: \{0, 1\}^{n^2} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

f is $(1-\epsilon)$ close to $\tilde{f}$ g is $(1-\epsilon)$ -close to $\tilde{g}$.

(In a correct proof $f = \tilde{f}$ and $g = \tilde{g}$). $\hat{f}(x)$.

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We will assume that the verifier can query $\tilde{f}$ and $\tilde{g}$ directly. This is because of self-correction:
Can recover any $\tilde{f}(x)$ w.p. $\geq (1-2\epsilon)$.

The number of queries to $\tilde{f}$ or $\tilde{g}$ in later steps is ~ 30
So the prob that any query fails $\leq 60\epsilon$.
Assume ϵ is small enough that all queries succeed w.p. $\geq .9$.

Rename $\tilde{f} + \tilde{g}$ to be $f + g$. Assume $f + g$ are linear.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \cdot u \text{ for some } u & x, u &\in \{0, \pm 1\}^n \\ g(y) &= y \cdot w \text{ for some } w & y, w &\in \{0, \pm 1\}^{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Verify that $w = u \otimes u$. $(u_1 u_1, u_1 u_2, \dots, u_n u_n)$

Do the following 10 times:

Pick r and r' at random from $\{0, \pm 1\}^n$

Verify $f(r) \cdot f(r') = g(\underline{r \otimes r'})$ If not $\rightarrow$ REJECT
 $(r_1 r'_1, r_1 r'_2, \dots, r_n r'_n)$

In a correct proof:

$$\begin{aligned} f(r) f(r') &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \cdot r_i \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_j \cdot r'_j \right) = \sum_{i,j} u_i u_j r_i r'_j \\ &= (u \otimes u) \cdot (r \otimes r') = g(r \otimes r') \end{aligned}$$

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Now Suppose $w \neq u \otimes u$

We claim that one test fails w.p. $\geq 1/4$.

Prob of rejecting at least one trial is $1 - (3/4)^t > .9$

Let U be an $n \times n$ matrix $U_{ij} = u_i u_j$

Let W be a $n \times n$ matrix $W_{s \oplus n, s \otimes n} = w_s$

$$g(r \otimes r') = w \cdot (r \otimes r') = \sum_{i,j} w_{i \oplus j} \cdot r_i r'_j = r W r'$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 & \dots & r_i & \dots & r_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & \dots & w_n \\ w_{n+1} & w_{n+2} & \dots & w_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{n^2-n+1} & \dots & \dots & w_{n^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ r'_2 \\ \vdots \\ r'_j \\ \vdots \\ r'_n \end{bmatrix} = g(r \otimes r')$$

$$f(r) f(r') = (u \cdot r)(u \cdot r') = \sum_i u_i r_i \sum_j u_j r'_j = \sum_{i,j} u_i u_j r_i r'_j = r U r'$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & \dots & r_i & \dots & r_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_1 & u_1 u_2 & \dots & u_1 u_n \\ u_2 u_1 & u_2 u_2 & \dots & u_2 u_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_n u_1 & \dots & \dots & u_n u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ r'_2 \\ \vdots \\ r'_j \\ \vdots \\ r'_n \end{bmatrix} = f(r) f(r')$$

$\forall$ rejects if $r W r' \neq r U r'$

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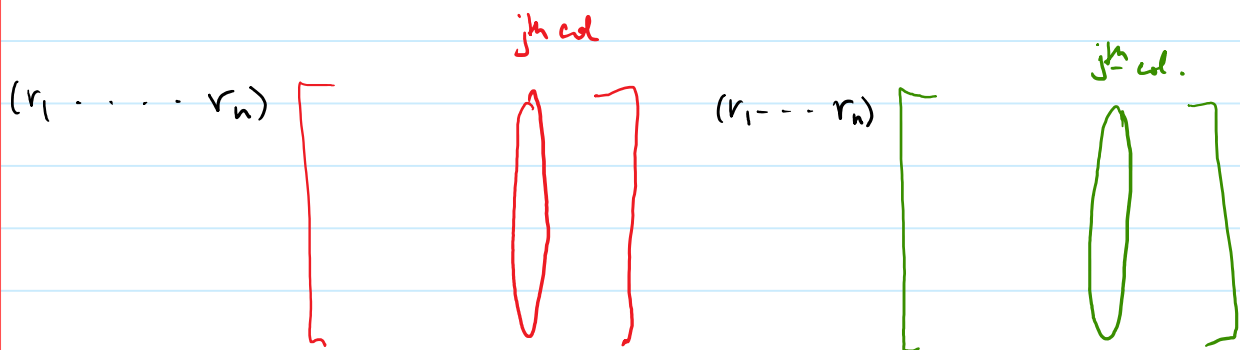
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if $u \neq v$ then for at least
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of all possible x 's.

$$u \cdot x \neq v \cdot x$$

Random Subsum Principle: If $W \neq U$
then $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ of all r satisfy $rW \neq rU$

Let j be a column where $W \neq U$ differ.



$$\underbrace{r \cdot (\text{col } j \text{ of } W)}_{\text{jth bit of } rW} \neq \underbrace{r \cdot (\text{col } j \text{ of } U)}_{\text{jth bit of } rU} \text{ w.p. } \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Now conditioning on $rW \neq rU$ the prob that a
random r' has $rWr' \neq rUr'$ is $\geq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\left(\xrightarrow{\text{rw}} \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ \vdots \\ r'_n \end{bmatrix} \right) \cdot \left(\xleftarrow{\text{rU}} \begin{bmatrix} r'_1 \\ \vdots \\ r'_n \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Trial rejects w.p. $\geq \frac{1}{4}$

$$\text{Prob}[rWr' \neq rUr'] \geq \text{Prob}[rW \neq rU] \cdot \text{Prob}[rWr' \neq rUr' | rW \neq rU]$$

Step 3 : Verify that g encodes a satisfying assignment.

First show how to verify that the k^{th} equation is verified. Check:

$$\sum_{i,j} A_{k,(i,j)} \underline{u_i u_j} = b_k.$$

$$\text{Let } z_k \in \{0,1\}^{n^2} = A_{k,(i,j)}$$

$$g(z) = z \cdot (u \otimes u)$$

$$\sum_{i,j} A_{k,(i,j)} u_i u_j = g(z_k) \quad \text{test } g(z_k) = b_k$$

But we can't check all $k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

We can check a random subset of the k 's and use the random subset principle

Pick random $r \in \{0,1\}^m$

$$\text{Compute } rA = z_r = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \underbrace{A_{i,*}}_{\text{ith row of } A}$$

$$\text{Test if } g(z_r) = r \cdot b.$$

Suppose $\exists k \quad g(z_k) \neq b_k.$

$$g(z_r) = g\left(\sum_i r_i A_{i,*}\right) = \sum_i r_i \cdot g(z_i) \quad \text{this is } \neq r \cdot b$$

$$\text{w.p.} \geq 1/2 //$$