

Practical complexities of probabilistic algorithms for solving Boolean polynomial systems

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Definition (Polynomial Solving Problem)

Input: a set of polynomials $f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in n unknowns with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_q

Output: $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ such that

$$f_1(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \dots = f_m(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$$

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- Algebraic attacks:
 - 1 Legendre Pseudorandom Generation
 - 2 hash functions
 - 3 Cipher
 - 4 etc

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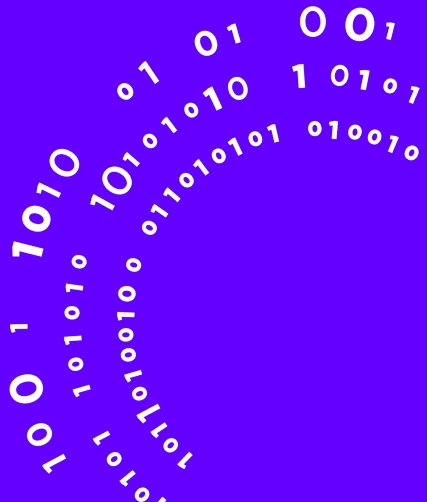
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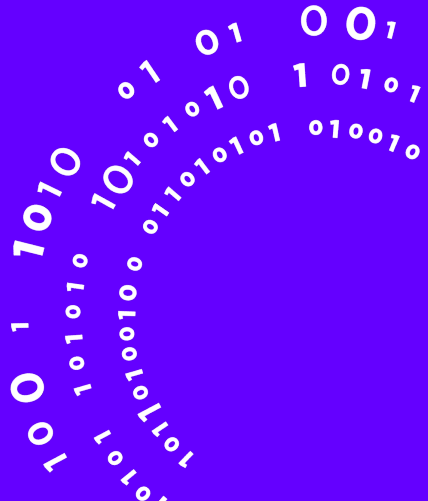
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 - generate many \tilde{F} and define $G(\mathbf{b}) = 1 \iff \#\{\tilde{F} : \tilde{G}(\mathbf{b}) = 1\} > t_0$, for a fixed integer t_0 .

Probabilistic algorithms



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Setting $\ell = n_1 + 2$, $n_1 = \lfloor \delta n \rfloor$, and choosing δ s.t.
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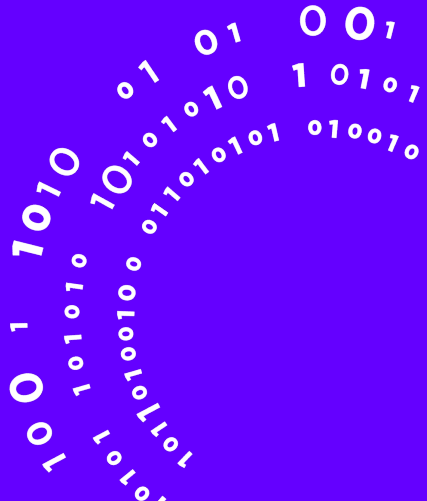
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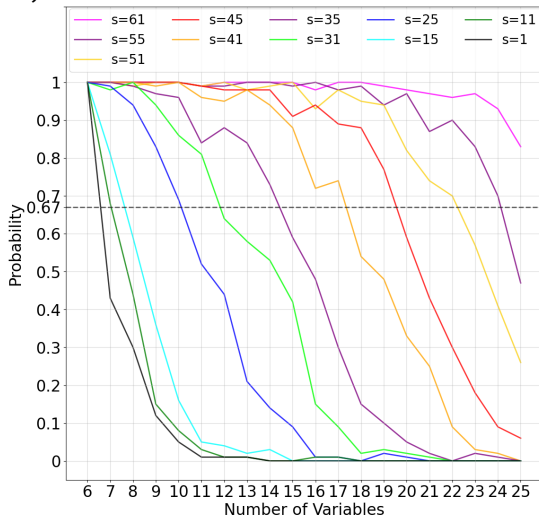
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Practical results



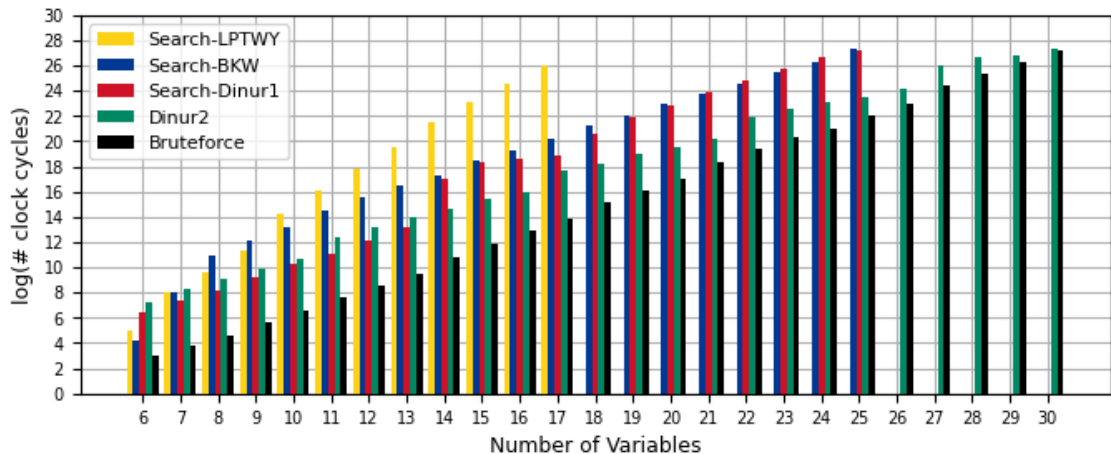
Probability of success

Björklund et al.'s with $\lambda = 0.1967$ and several values of s .



- $s = 48n + 1$ in Björklund and Dinur's first
- Internal iterations can be reduced!
- similar result for Dinur1
- A bit fluctuant for Lokshtanov (still small)
- Dinur2 always success probability ≥ 0.9

Practical times complexities



Rate of growth and outperformance of bruteforce (BF)

Table 1: Growth rate of the practical complexity of **solving a square quadratic** system with at most one solution. In the first three rows, it means with probability of success greater than $2/3$.

Algorithm	n_{max}	Experimental ($14 \leq n \leq n_{max}$)	Theoretical ($n \rightarrow \infty$)	Beat (BF) for $n \geq$
Lokshtanov et al.'s	17	$2^{0.912}$	$2^{0.876}$	129
Björklund et al.'s	25	$2^{0.876}$	$2^{0.804}$	60
Dinur's first	25	$2^{0.971}$	$2^{0.694}$	132
Dinur's second	30	$2^{0.818}$	$2^{0.815}$	33
Bruteforce	30	$2^{1.022}$	2^1	

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Valiant–Vazirani affine hashing

- it isolates one solution to the system
- add k random linear equations to original system
- $k = \log |S|$, where S is the set of solutions.
- For the probability $\Pr[U_x]$ that $x \in S$ is the only solution, we have

$$\Pr[U_x] \geq \frac{1}{2^{k+3}}.$$

Therefore

$$\Pr[\cup_{x \in S} U_x] = \sum_{x \in S} \Pr[U_x] \geq \frac{1}{8}.$$

- repeat this up to $8n \log n$ times. With probability $1 - 1/n$ some of the solutions would be isolated.

$$U_0(y) = \sum_{b \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n_1}} \tilde{F}(y, b) \quad \text{and} \quad U_i(y) = \sum_{b \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n_1-1}} \tilde{F}|_{b_i=0}(y, b) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n_1,$$