

# MATRIX RIGIDITY

ORTHOGONAL VECTORS,  
HIERARCHY THEOREMS

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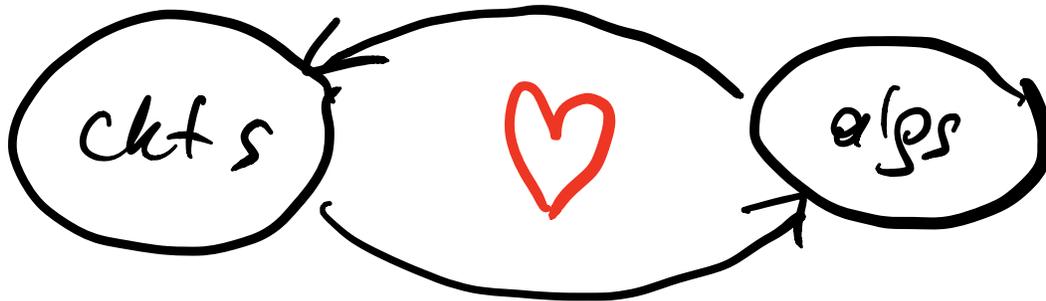
# ORTHOGONAL VECTORS

$$s = (0, 1, 0, 0) \quad t = (1, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$\langle s, t \rangle = s_1 t_1 + s_2 t_2 + s_3 t_3 + s_4 t_4 = 0$$

## Definition

$S, T$  are sets of  $\underline{N}$  vectors from  $\{0, 1\}^d$ . Are there  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$  such that  $\langle s, t \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d s_i \cdot t_i = 0$ ? (over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).



# COMPLEXITY OF OV

- Can be solved in  $O(N^2d)$

$N$  go over  $s \in S$   
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Time  $d$  to compute  $\langle s, t \rangle$

$N^2 \cdot d$

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  - Conjecture: no algorithm can solve OV in time  $N^{2-\varepsilon}$   $\text{poly}(d)$  for constant  $\varepsilon > 0$
- essentially optimal.
- $N^{1.99}$

# k-SAT

$$(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \dots \vee x_k)$$

$n$  variables

$m$  clauses of length  $k$ .

Want to check  $\phi$  is satisfiable.

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$2^n \cdot \text{poly}(n, m)$

$2^n$  brute force all possible assignments to  $n$  variables.

For k-SAT  $2^{n(1 - \frac{1}{k})}$

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$k \rightarrow \infty$  still  $2^n$  alg.

# SETH [IP01]

Strong Exponential Time Hypothesis :

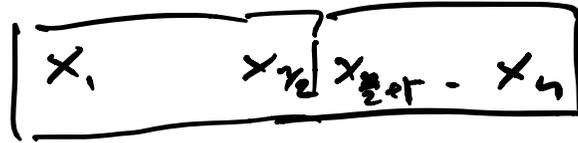
No alg run. time  $2^{0.99n}$   
can solve SAT

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SETH  $\Rightarrow$  OV  
cannot be solved in  $N^{1.99}$

Fine-grained complexity

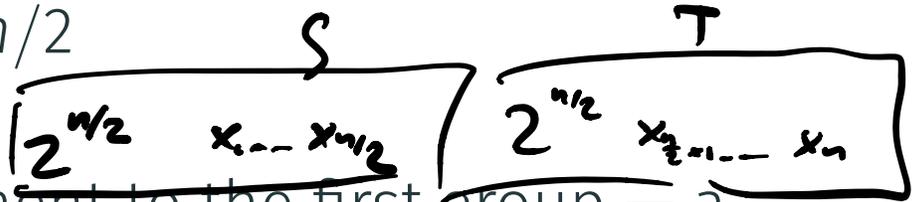
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$s_i = 1$  iff  $x$  **doesn't satisfy** clause  $C_i$

- $\phi$  is SAT iff  $\exists s \in S, t \in T$ :

$$\forall i \in [m]: s_i \cdot t_i = 0$$

$$s \in \{0, 1\}^m \quad t \in \{0, 1\}^m$$

s.t.  $\forall i \in [m]$   $C_i$  is either satisfied  
by  $s$  OR by  $t$

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$$N^{2-\varepsilon} = (2^{n/2})^{2-\varepsilon} = 2^{n-\varepsilon n/2} = 2^{0.999n}$$

break SETH

# #OV

- Even harder problem #OV: Count the number of orthogonal pairs of vectors

$$t = \# \text{ of pairs } (s, t) \\ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq t \leq N^2 \\ s \in S, t \in T, \langle s, t \rangle = 0. \end{array}$$

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E.g., if  $d = \underbrace{c \cdot \log n}_1$ , then

$$n^{2 - \frac{1}{\log c}} \text{ sub-quadratic}$$



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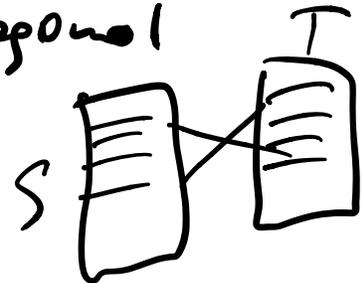
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- We'll work with  $\mathbb{F}_2$   $s$  &  $t$  are orthogonal

$$\langle s, t \rangle_2 = \sum s_i \cdot t_i = 0 \pmod 2$$



# ALGORITHM FOR #OV

## Theorem

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# MODULUS-AMPLIFYING POLYNOMIALS [BT94]

For every  $\ell$ , the following univariate polynomial of degree  $< 2\ell$

$$F_\ell(x) = 1 - (1 - x)^\ell \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \binom{\ell+i-1}{i} x^i.$$

*deg  $\leq 2\ell - 1 < 2\ell$*

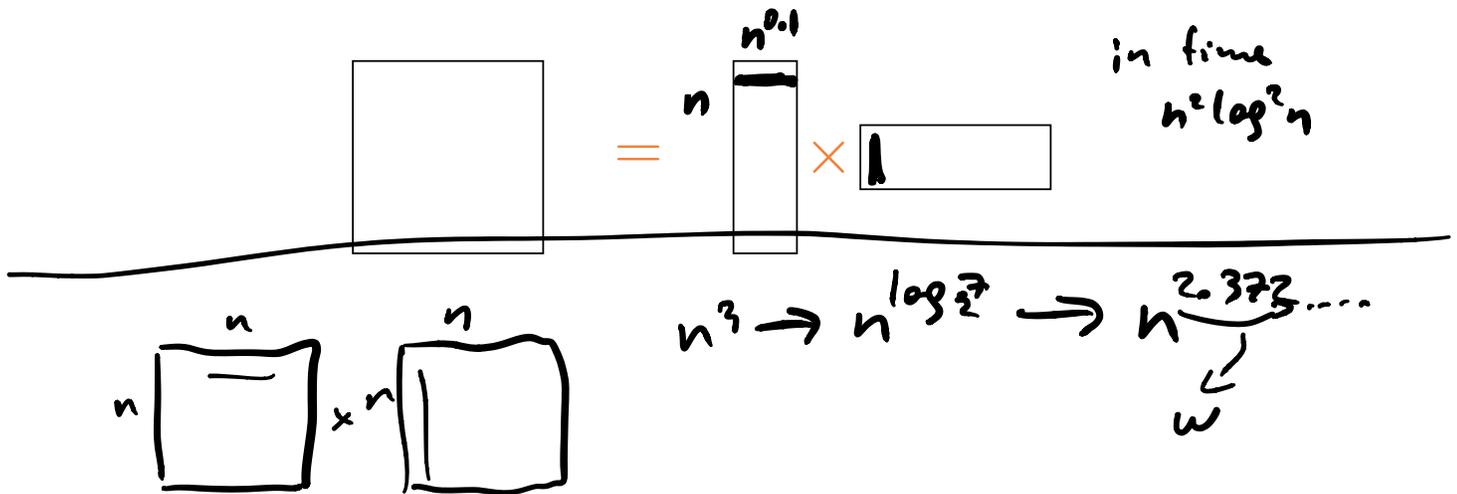
has the property that for every  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x = 0} \pmod{2} &\implies F_\ell(x) = 0 \pmod{\underline{2^\ell}}. \\ \underline{x = 1} \pmod{2} &\implies F_\ell(x) = \underline{1} \pmod{2^\ell}. \end{aligned}$$

# RECTANGULAR MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

## Theorem (Cop82, Wil14)

There is a deterministic algorithm that multiplies two matrices  $A \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n \times n^{0.172}}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n^{0.172} \times n}$  in time  $O(n^2 \text{poly}(\log n))$ .



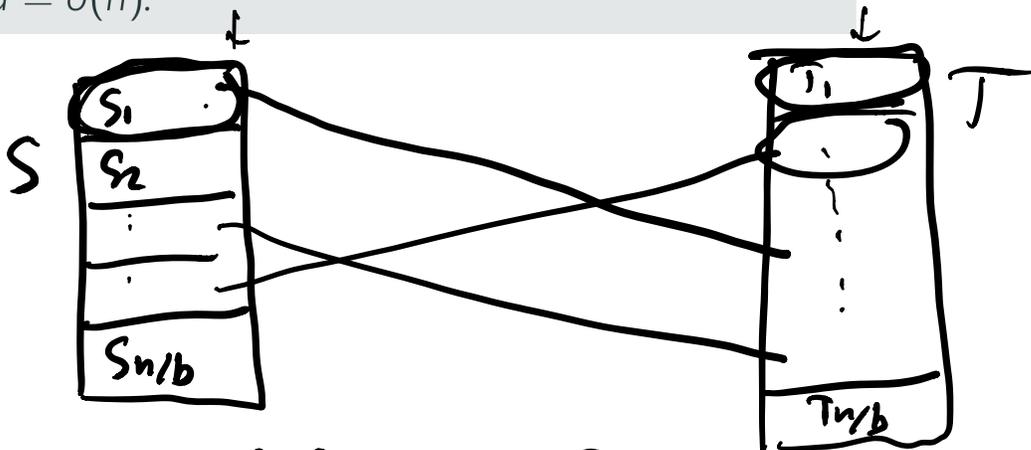
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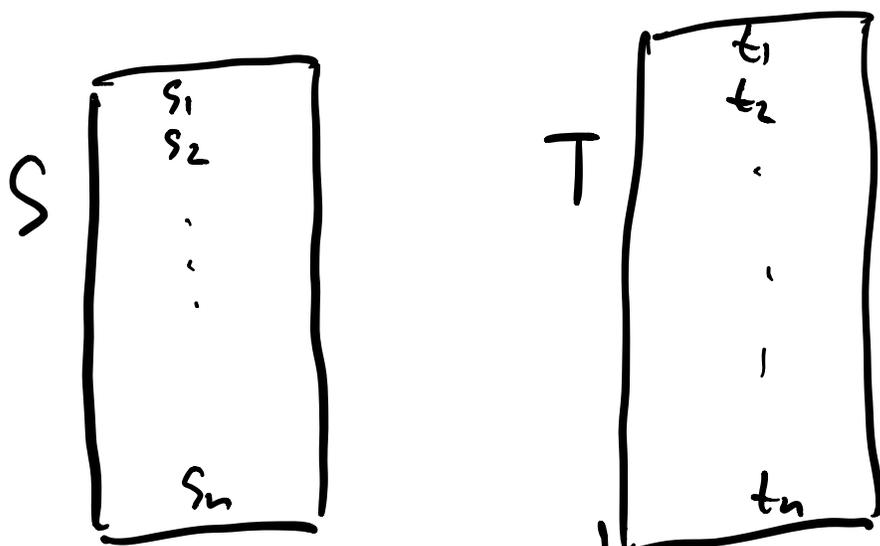
$$S = S_1 \sqcup S_2 \dots \sqcup S_{n/b}$$
$$T = T_1 \sqcup T_2 \dots \sqcup T_{n/b}$$

$$|S_i| = |T_j| = b$$

It suffices to solve

$$\#OV(S_i, T_j) \quad \forall i, j \in [n/b]$$

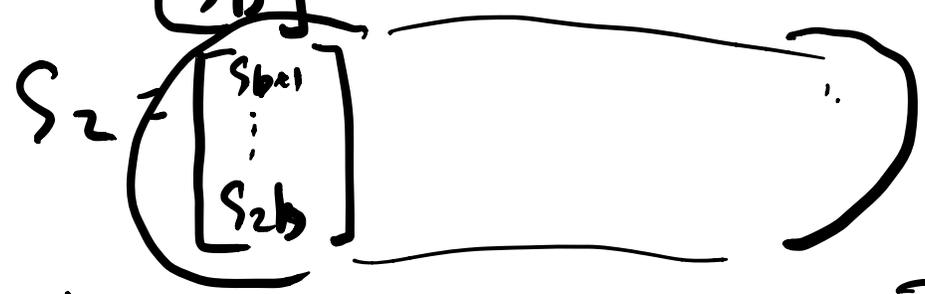
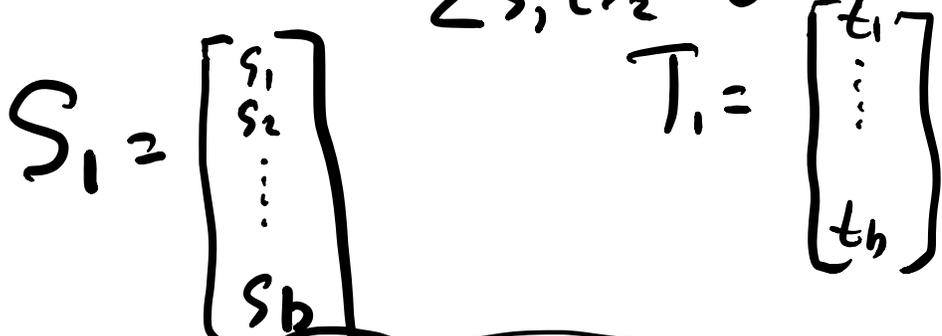
$$\#OV(S, T) = \sum_{i, j \in [n/b]} \#OV(S_i, T_j)$$



$s_i, t_j \in \mathbb{F}_2^d$

$$\#OV(S, T) = \#(s, t) \text{ s.t. } s \in S, t \in T$$

$$\langle s, t \rangle_2 = 0.$$



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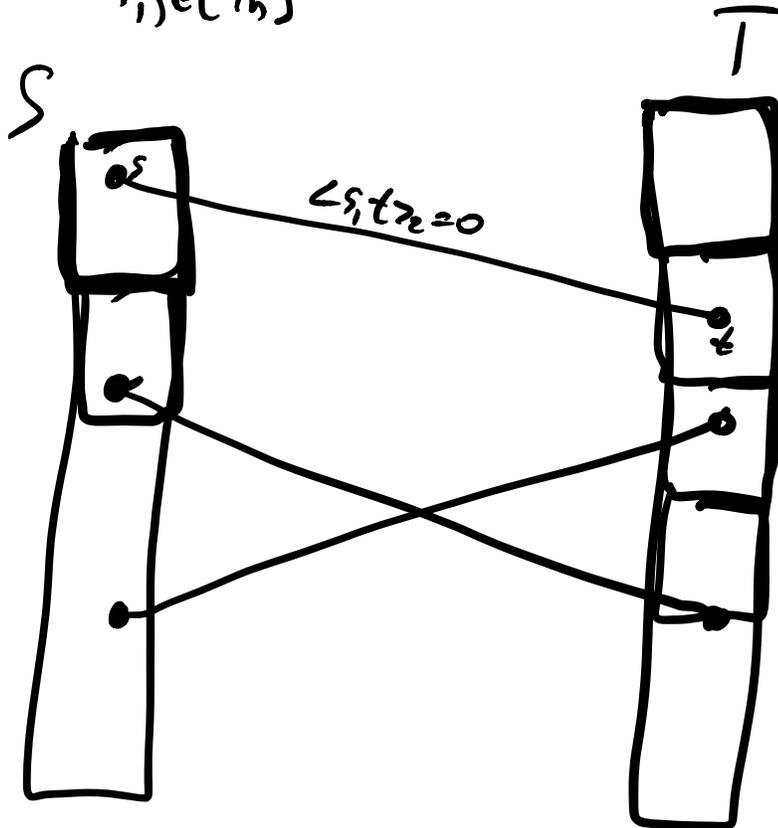
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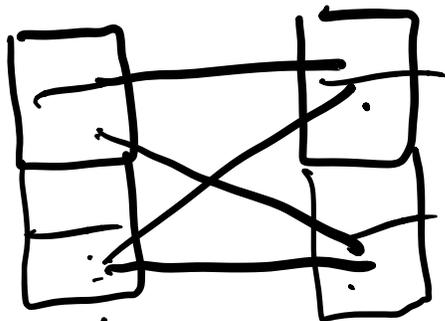
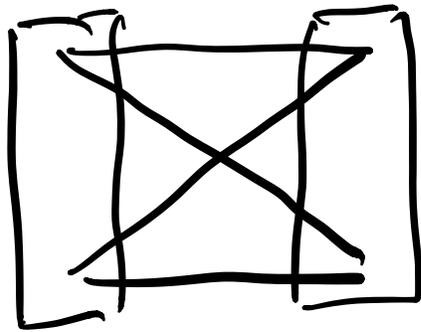
 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \angle s_1, t_2 = 0 \\ s \in S, t \in T \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{i, j \in [n/b]} \#OV(S_i, T_j)$$







I need to solve

..  $\#OV(\underline{S}_i, \underline{T}_j)$  for

$\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2$  pairs of sets of size  $b$ .

We'll choose  $b = n^{\theta(\frac{1}{\log(d/\log n)})}$

II. Each  $\#OV(\underline{S}_i, \underline{T}_j)$  can be solved in (amortized) time  $\text{polylog}(n)$

**Conclude:** All  $\#OV(\underline{S}_i, \underline{T}_j)$  in time  $\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \cdot \text{polylog}(n) = n^{2-\theta(\frac{1}{\log(d/\log n)})}$

$\Rightarrow$  Alg for  $\#OV(S, T)$  with  
 running time  $n^2 - O(\frac{1}{\log(d/\log n)})$

$$X = S_i, \quad Y = T_j$$

$$\#OV(X, Y)$$

$$|X| = |Y| = b = 2^{l/4}$$

def.  $l$ .

$$\boxed{P(X, Y)} = \sum_{\substack{X \in \mathcal{X} \\ Y \in \mathcal{Y}}} 1 - F_l(\langle X, Y \rangle) \quad \text{over } \mathcal{F}.$$

$F_l$  - Mod. Ampl.  
 $\deg(F_l) < 2^l$  s.t.

$$F_l(z) \bmod 2^l = z \bmod 2.$$

$$\boxed{1 - F_l(\langle X, Y \rangle)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \langle X, Y \rangle = 0 \bmod 2 \\ 0, & \text{if } \langle X, Y \rangle = 1 \bmod 2 \end{cases}$$

$\langle x, y \rangle = 0 \pmod{2} \iff$   
 $x$  &  $y$  are orthogonal over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

$$P(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} (1 - F_\ell(\langle x, y \rangle))$$

~~$= \#$  orthogonal pairs from  $(X, Y)$~~   
 ~~$\pmod{2^\ell}$~~

$$1 - F_\ell(\langle x, y \rangle) = \deg(F_\ell) < 2^\ell$$

$$= 1 - F_\ell(\underline{x_1 y_1} + \underline{x_2 y_2} + \dots + x_d y_d)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M c_i \cdot (x_1 y_1) \cdot (x_3 y_3) \cdot (x_d y_d) \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^M c_i \cdot \prod_{j \in S_i} x_j \cdot \prod_{j \in S_i} y_j \dots \checkmark$$

$$S_i \subseteq [d] \quad |S_i| < 2^\ell$$

$$M \leq \binom{d}{s_1, s_2, \dots}$$


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Last step.

$\Phi_1(x)$  - vector of length  $M$ .

$$\Phi_1(x) = \left( \sum_{x \in X} c_1 \cdot \prod_{j \in S_1} x_j, \right. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sum_{x \in X} c_2 \cdot \prod_{j \in S_2} x_j,$$

$$\left. \dots \sum_{x \in X} c_M \cdot \prod_{j \in S_M} x_j \right)$$

$\Phi_2(y)$  - vector of length  $M$

$$\Phi_2(y) = \sum_{y \in Y} \prod_{j \in S_1} y_j, \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sum_{y \in Y} \prod_{j \in S_2} y_j,$$

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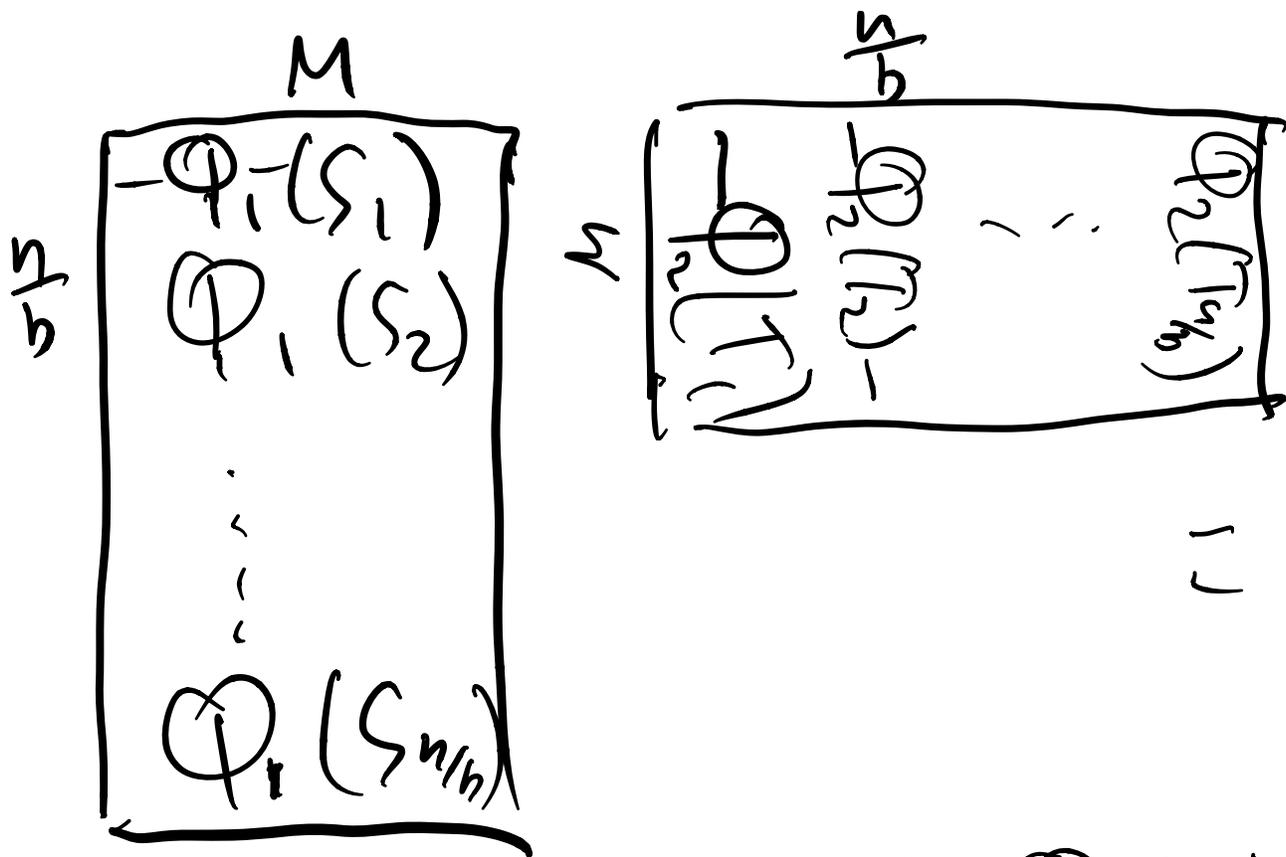
$$\langle \underbrace{\Phi_1(X)}_M, \underbrace{\Phi_2(Y)}_N \rangle$$

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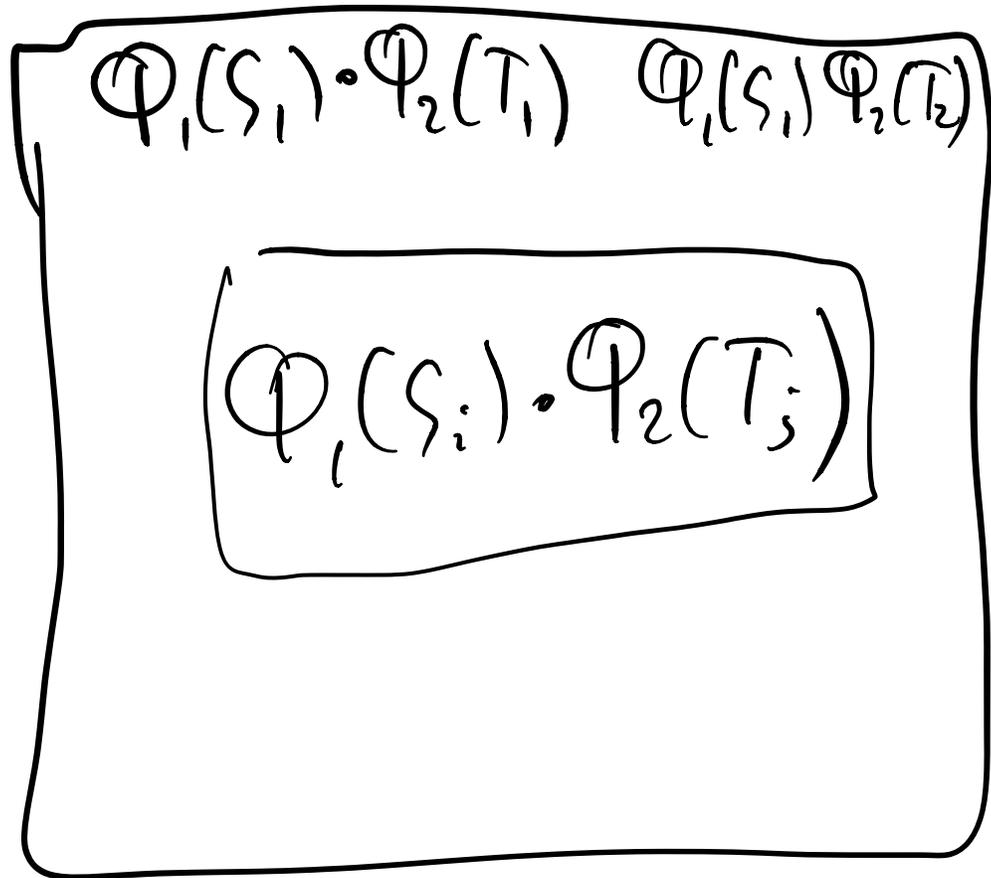
$$= \sum_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} 1 - F_e(x, y) =$$

$$= P(X, Y) =$$

= # orthogonal pairs  
(X, Y).



We want  $\langle \Phi_1(S_i), \Phi_2(T_j) \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow$  solve all  $\#OV(S_i, T_j)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  solve  $\#OV(S, T)$



computes  $\Phi_1(S_i) \cdot \Phi_2(T_j)$

$\forall i, j.$

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To multiply 2 matrices

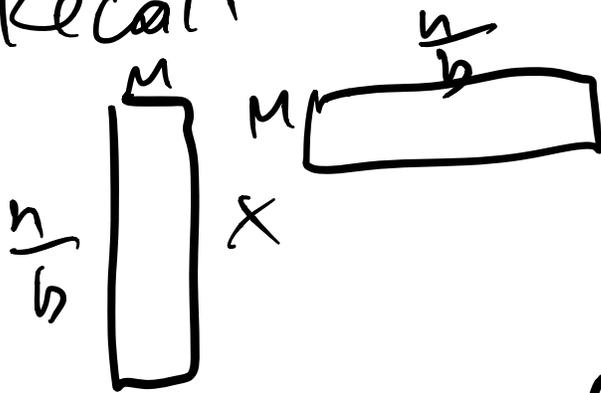
$$\frac{n}{b} \times M ; M \times \frac{n}{b}$$

We choose  $h$  so

$$\frac{n}{b} < n$$

$$M = n^{0.1}$$

Recall



can be

multiplied  $\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^2 \cdot \text{poly } \log n$

$$\approx \frac{n^2}{b^2} < n^2 - \text{what}$$

we wanted.