

MATRIX RIGIDITY

SHOUP-SMOLENSKY DIMENSION AND RIGIDITY

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n^2 random entries \rightarrow rigid

n random bits - dream \rightarrow brute force 2^n

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Example

$\{1, \alpha\}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} iff α is irrational.

$$k_1 \cdot 1 + k_2 \cdot \alpha = 0$$

$$k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{k_1}{k_2} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

BESICOVITCH THEOREM

Theorem (Besicovitch)

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m be m distinct square roots of square-free integers, then they are all linearly independent over \mathbb{Q} .

$$1 \quad \sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{3} \quad \sqrt{5} \quad \sqrt{6} \quad \sqrt{7} \quad \sqrt{10}$$

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$$P_1(x_1, x_2) = (x_1^2 - 7)^3 + 1 - x_2$$

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 - $\{e, \pi\}$ —open question!
- LW
 x_1, \dots, x_n — lin ind
 $e^{x_1} \dots e^{x_n}$ — alg ind

Construction 1: n algebraically
independent entries

VANDERMONDE MATRIX

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{F}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{i,j} = x_i^{j-1}$$

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If x_i are distinct, then $\det(V) \neq 0$

RIGIDITY OF VANDERMONDE

Theorem

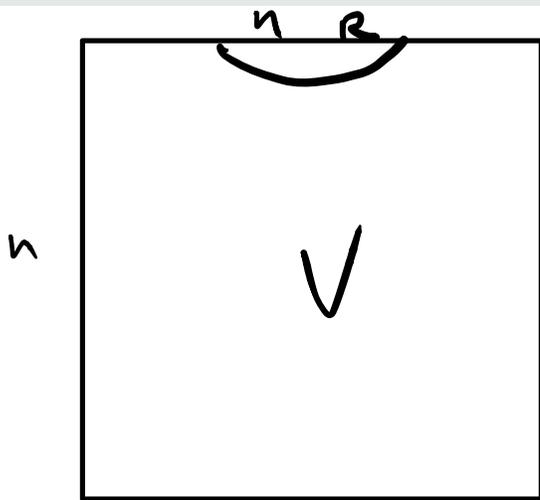
Let \mathbb{F} be a field containing at least n distinct elements x_1, \dots, x_n . Let V be a Vandermonde matrix with $V_{i,j} = x_i^{j-1}$. Then

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Change S
entries in V .

R consecutive
cols
with a few
changes.

$1 \leq k \leq n - R + 1$ s.t.

$Col_k, Col_{k+1}, \dots, Col_{k+R-1}$
together have $\leq \frac{S \cdot R}{n - R + 1}$ changes

$i \in [n]$ $c_i = \#$ changes in Col_i .

$$T_1 = \{c_1, \dots, c_R\}$$

$$T_2 = \{c_2, \dots, c_{R+1}\}$$

$$T_3 = \{c_3, \dots, c_{R+2}\}$$

$$T_{n-R+1} = \{c_{n-R+1}, \dots, c_n\}$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-R+1} T_i$$

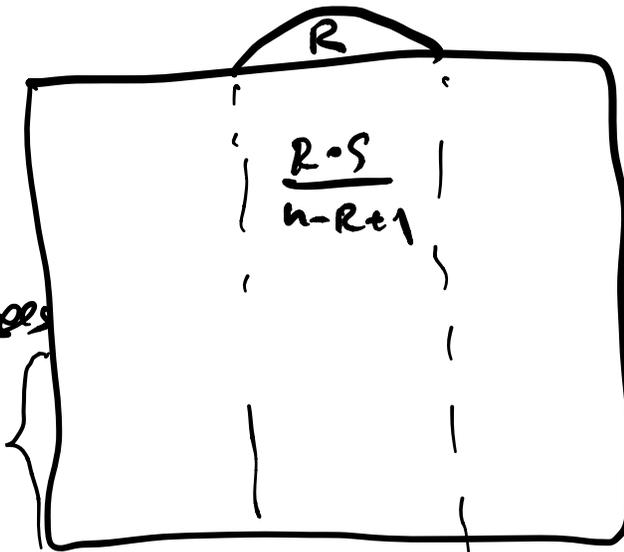
$$\leq R \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n C_i = R \cdot S$$

= total # of changes

$$\Downarrow \exists k \in \{1, \dots, n-R+1\}$$

$$T_i \leq \frac{R \cdot S}{n-R+1}$$

pick rows
without changes



at least $n - \frac{S \cdot R}{n - R + 1}$ such rows

$$\text{If } n - \frac{S \cdot R}{n - R + 1} \geq R$$

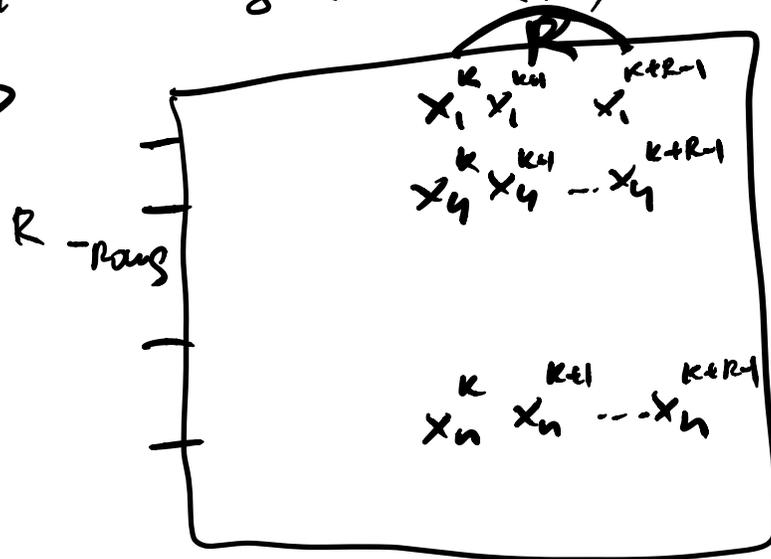


$$\frac{S \cdot R}{n - R + 1} \leq n - R$$

$$S \leq \frac{(n - R)(n - R + 1)}{R} = \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{R}\right)$$

$$\text{If } \# \text{ changes } S \leq \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{R}\right)$$

\Rightarrow



$$\text{rk} \begin{pmatrix} x_1^k & x_1^{k+1} & \dots & x_1^{k+R-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_R^k & x_R^{k+1} & \dots & x_R^{k+R-1} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Vandermonde}$$

$$\text{rk} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^{R-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_R & x_R^{R-1} \end{pmatrix} = R$$

We assumed that we made
 $s = O\left(\frac{n^2}{R}\right)$ changes,
 then found full-rank $R \times R$
 submatrix \Rightarrow
 Even after s changes
 $\text{rank} \geq R \Rightarrow$
 $\text{Rig}(V) \geq \left(R, \frac{n^2}{R}\right)$

MAIN THEOREM

Best expl rig $\frac{n^2}{R} \log\left(\frac{n}{R}\right)$
Ex. $R = \sqrt{n}$, best $n^{3/2} \log n$

Theorem

Let x_1, \dots, x_n be algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} , and $V_{i,j} = x_i^{j-1}$. Then for every

$$1 \leq r \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{10},$$

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{100}$$

$$R(r) \geq \sqrt{n^2}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_V^{\mathbb{C}}(r) \geq n(n - 100 \cdot r^2)/2.$$

PROOF OUTLINE

t-Sharp-Smolensky

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SHOUP-SMOLENSKY DIMENSION

measures "algebraic independence"
/ polys of degree t of entries A .

Definition

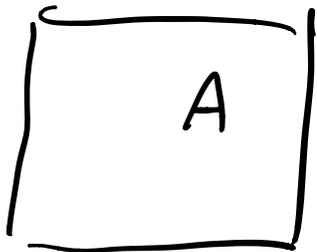
For any $t, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. The t -Shoup-Smolensky dimension of A , $\dim_t^{SS}(A)$, is the dimension of the vector space over \mathbb{Q} spanned by product of t distinct elements of A .

$$A = \{\sqrt{2}\} \quad \dim \mathcal{Q} = 1, \text{ because } \sqrt{2} \text{ spans } A.$$

$$A = \{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{8}\} \quad \dim \mathcal{Q} = 1, \sqrt{2} \text{ spans } A.$$

$$A = \{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}\} \quad \dim \mathcal{Q} = 2, \{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}\} \text{ spans } A.$$

t -SS dim



take products of
 t -tuples of els A .



gives a set of numbers.

$$\dim_{t}^{SS}(A) = \dim \text{ of this set of numbers.}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1-SS-dim

$$B_1 = \{1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2\}$$

$$\dim_1^{SS}(A) = \dim(B_1) = 3$$

2-SS-dim

$$B_2 = \{1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2, \sqrt{6}, 2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{3}\}$$

$$\dim_2^{SS}(A) = \dim(B_2) = 4$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

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2- SS-dim $B_2 = \{1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6},$
 $\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$
 $\sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}\}$

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SS DIMENSION OF L

Step 1: \dim_t^{SS} of low-rank is low

Lemma

For any $t, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $L \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$. Let $r = \text{rank}(L)$, we have

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$$\begin{matrix} n & & n \\ \square & & \\ L & & \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} R \\ \square \\ X \end{matrix} \cdot \begin{matrix} R & & n \\ \square & & \\ Y & & \end{matrix}$$

$$(L_{ij}) = \sum_{k=1}^R x_{ik} \cdot y_{kj}$$

$$\prod_{\{i,j\} \in T} L_{ij} = \prod_t \sum x_{ik} y_{kj} =$$

$$= \sum_{\text{monomials}} \text{each mon is of deg } 2t, \\ t \text{ } x\text{'s, } t \text{ } y\text{'s.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_t^{SS}(L) &= \dim \prod_{\{i,j\} \in T} L_{ij} \leq \\ &\leq \dim \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{monomials of deg } 2t, \\ t \text{ } x\text{'s \& } t \text{ } y\text{'s} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

deg $2t$ mon with t x 's and t y 's
= product of degree- t monomial in x
and degree- t monomial in y .

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \leq \dim \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{degree-}t \text{ monomials} \\ \text{in } x \end{array} \right] \cdot \\ \cdot \dim \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{degree-}t \text{ monomials} \\ \text{in } y \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right)$$

\leq # of distinct monomials of deg $2t$
w/ t x 's and t y 's.

$$\leq (\# \text{ of degree-}t \text{ mon in } x) \\ \cdot (\# \text{ of degree-}t \text{ mon in } y).$$

m variables, monomials of deg $\leq t$.

$x_1, \dots, x_m, 1$

exactly t from here with repetitions.

x_1, x_1, x_2 $x_1^2 \cdot x_2$

$x_1, 1, 1$ x_1

Choose t from $m+1$ objects
with repetitions.

Combinations with repetitions

$$\binom{m+1}{t}$$

$$\binom{\binom{n}{k}}{k} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

$n=4$ $k=2$
Combinations

12 23
23 24
14 34

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$$

$$\binom{4}{2} \begin{matrix} 11 & 22 & 34 \\ 12 & 23 & 44 \\ 13 & 24 & \\ 14 & 33 & \end{matrix}$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \binom{4+2-1}{2} = \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

of mon of m vars of deg $\leq t$ is

Combinations with repetitions

$$\binom{m+1}{t} = \binom{m+1+t-1}{t} = \binom{m+t}{t}$$

$$\dim_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\text{ss}}(L) \leq \left(\frac{\# \text{ mon of } R_n \text{ var of}}{\deg \mathfrak{t}} \right)^2$$

$$= \binom{R_n + \mathfrak{t}}{\mathfrak{t}}^2$$

Then $\text{rk}(L) = R$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\dim_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\text{ss}}(L) \leq \binom{R_n + \mathfrak{t}}{\mathfrak{t}}^2$$

SS DIMENSION OF $V - S$

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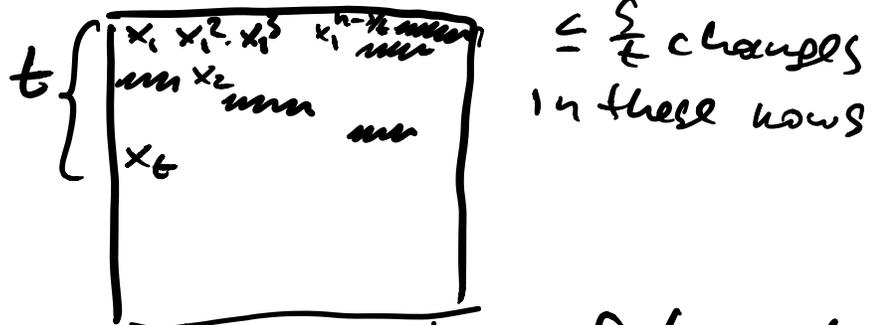
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s changes in V
I choose t rows with fewest # of changes.

t rows, each having $\leq \frac{s}{t}$ changes



want take a large system of t -products that are lin ind.

Take any ^{unchanged} entry from 1st row
 * any ^{unchanged} entry 2nd row
 * 3rd row
 * t^{th} row
 *

$$\left(n - \frac{s}{t}\right) \cdot \left(n - \frac{s}{t}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(n - \frac{s}{t}\right) = \left(n - \frac{s}{t}\right)^t$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 \quad x_1^7 \\ x_2^3 \quad x_2^9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_1 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2^3 + \\ & \alpha_2 \cdot x_1 \cdot x_2^9 + \\ & \alpha_3 \cdot x_1^7 \cdot x_2^3 + \\ & \alpha_4 \cdot x_1^7 \cdot x_2^9 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

lin comb

a polynomial in x_1 & x_2

↯ contradicts assumption that
 x_1 & x_2 are alg ind



MAIN THEOREM

Theorem

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$$\mathcal{R}_V^{\mathbb{C}}(r) \geq n(n - 100 \cdot r^2)/2.$$

$$\dim_t^{ss}(L) \leq \binom{nR+t}{t}^2 \quad (*) \text{ Lemma 1}$$

$$\dim_t^{ss}(V-S) \geq \left(n - \frac{S}{t}\right)^t \quad (**) \text{ Lemma 2}$$

$$t = \frac{n}{2} \quad S = n(n-100R^2)/2$$

$$(**) > (*)$$

$$(**) = \left(n - \frac{S}{t}\right)^t = \left(n - (n-100R^2)\right)^{n/2}$$

$$= (100R^2)^{n/2} = (100R^2)^{n/2}$$

$$(*) \leq \binom{nR+t}{t}^2 = \binom{nR + \frac{n}{2}}{\frac{n}{2}}^2$$

$$\binom{n}{k} \leq \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{nR + \frac{n}{2}}{\frac{n}{2}}\right)^{2 \cdot \frac{n}{2}} = (2R+1)^n$$

$$\leq (90R^2)^{n/2} \ll (**)$$

□