

## Quantum worst-case to average-case reduction for lin prob

For a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n \times n}$ ,

- take a vector  $v \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ ,
- need to output  $Mv \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  where addition is mod 2.

Naively,  $O(n^2)$  time.

$$\text{e.g. } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spse  $\exists$  an average case alg ALG

- takes  $v$  u.a.r from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ ,
- outputs a correct answer w.p.  $\geq \alpha$ .

$$P_{v \sim \text{ALG}}[\text{ALG}(v) = Mv] \geq \alpha.$$

Q.  $\exists$  a sub-quadratic reduction?

### Bogolyubov's lemma

For any  $X \subseteq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  w/  $|X| \geq p \cdot 2^n$ , let

$$4X := \{w+x+y+z \mid w, x, y, z \in X\}.$$

$\exists V \subseteq 4X$  of  $\dim(V) \geq n - \frac{1}{p^2}$ .

### Big picture

1. Let  $X := \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid \text{ALG}(x) \text{ succeeds w/ good prob.}\}$

2. Decompose the given input  $v \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  into

$$v = w+x+y+z + s \quad \dots (1)$$

where  $w, x, y, z \in X$ .  $s$  is sparse.

3. Run  $\text{ALG}(w), \dots, \text{ALG}(z)$  and obtain  $b = \text{ALG}(w) + \dots + \text{ALG}(z) + Ms$ .

4. Verify if  $Mv = b$

Q1. How to decompose in Step 2? (in sub-quad "time")?

Q2. How to verify in Step 4? (in sub-quad "time")?

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 $R$  be a set of entries w/ "heavy Fourier characters" of  $\mathbb{1}_X$ ,  
 $V$  be the set orthogonal to  $R$ .

Then,  $\dim(V) \geq n - O(k^2)$  and for all  $v \in \text{do.1}\mathbb{1}_X$ ,

$$P_{\substack{r,y,z \in X \\ r,y,z \in X}} [v - r - y - z \in X] \geq \alpha^2,$$

where  $r,y,z$  are sampled w/o from  $X$ .

•  $\mathbb{1}_X$ : indicator vector. If  $n=3$ ,  $X = \{0, 2, 7\}$ , we have  $\mathbb{1}_X =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Fourier characters.  $v \xleftrightarrow{\text{DFT}} \hat{v}$   
 $\hat{v} \xleftrightarrow{\text{DFT}^+} v$   $\hookrightarrow$  one-to-one correspondence.

Esse we have

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Ⓑ a "good approximation" of  $\mathbb{1}_X$ ,

we can decompose any  $v \in \text{do.1}\mathbb{1}_X$  into (1) as follows:

1. Construct (a good approx of)  $R$  from Ⓐ Ⓑ

2. Let  $S$  be the restriction of  $v$  on  $\text{basis}(R)$ .

3. Sample  $r,y,z$  from  $X$  using Ⓐ.

4. Obtain  $w = v - r - y - z - S$ .

~~5. Repeat sufficiently.~~ 5. Repeat sufficiently.

Q1-1. Uniform sampler of  $X$

Q1-2. Good approx of  $\mathbb{1}_X$ .  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Q1-1.} \\ \text{Q1-2.} \end{array} \right\}$  just skim over.

Q2. How to verify?  $\leftarrow$  moderate



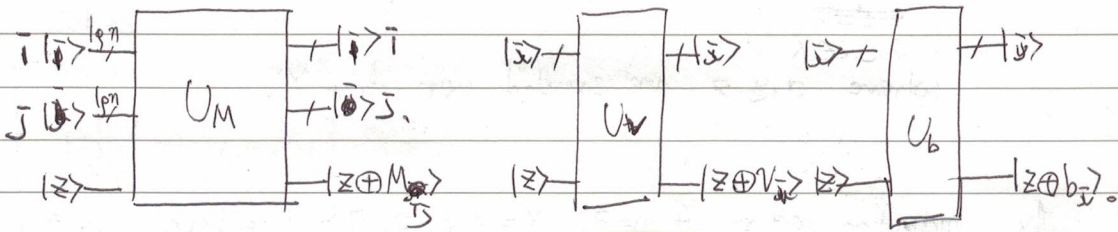
Quantum verification in subquadratic <sup>query</sup> ~~time~~ complexity.

For a matrix  $M$ ,

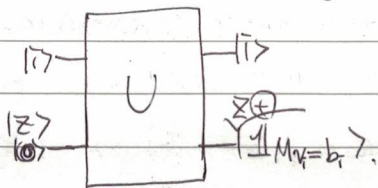
- take  $v, b \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,
- output whether  $Mv = b$ .

Oracle for  $M, v, b$

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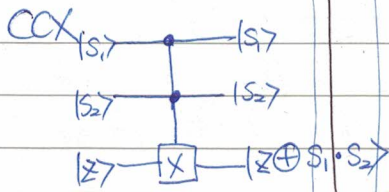
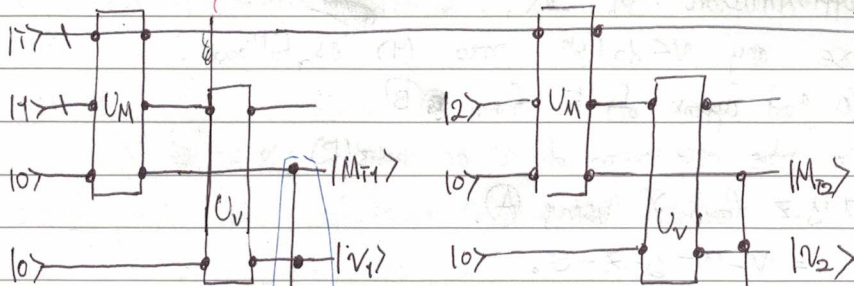


Want to construct  $U$  s.t. given an index  $i$ , returns  $(Mv)_i = b_i, i.e.,$



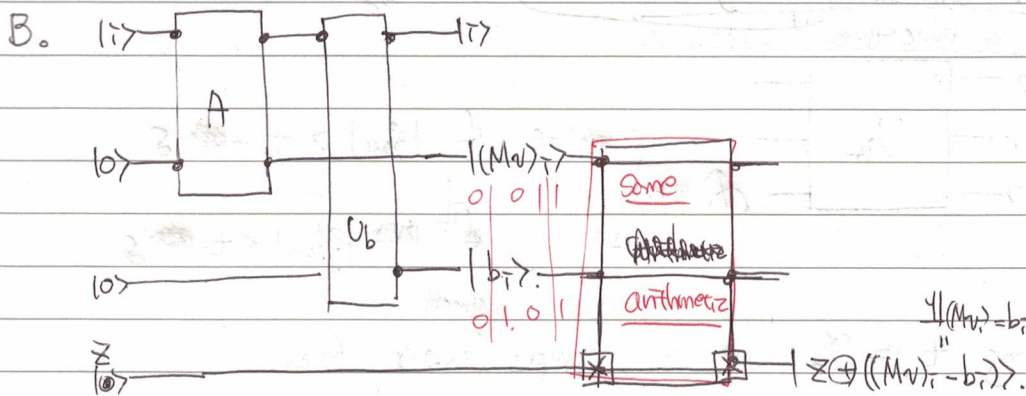
$O(n)$  queries to  $U_M$  &  $U_v$ .

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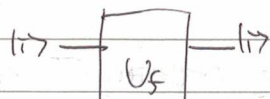
$|0\rangle$

$$(Mv)_i = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n M_{ij} v_j$$



Recall, Grover's search

Given  $f = \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  w/ oracle.



one can find  $i$  s.t.  $f(i) = 1$  w/  $O(\sqrt{n})$  queries

~~Extend Grover's search, we can verify if  $Mv=b$  w/  $O(\sqrt{n})$~~

If  $Mv \neq b$ ,  $\exists i$  s.t.  $(Mv - b)_i = 1$ . If  $Mv = b$ , all  $(Mv - b)_i = 0$ .

→ Extending the Grover's search, we can verify if  $Mv=b$  w/  $O(\sqrt{n})$  queries to  $U$  (and hence  $O(n^{3/2})$  queries to  $U_M, U_V, U_b$  in total).

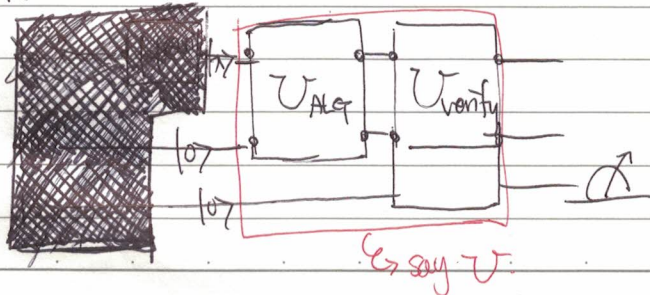
Uniform sampling from  $\mathbb{X}$  is Good approx of  $\mathbb{1}_X$ .

Model the average-case alg ALG as follows

~~U\_ALG~~ 
$$U_{ALG} |x\rangle |z\rangle = \beta_{succ}^x |x\rangle |z \oplus Mx\rangle + \beta_{fail}^x |x\rangle |\psi\rangle$$

where  $\psi$  is an arbitrary superposition, other than  $z \oplus Mx$ . ( $\beta$  elements add.)

Consider

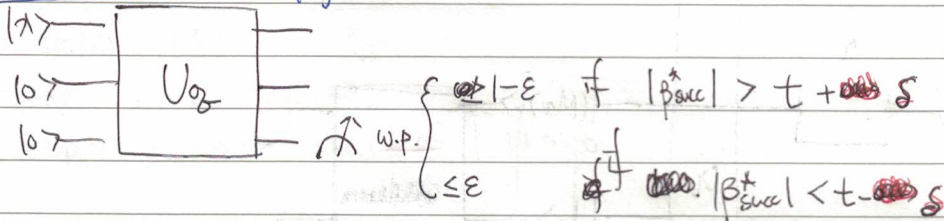


→ w/ prob  $|\beta_{succ}^x|^2$ , we can verify ALG succeeds w/ input  $x$ .



One can construct for any threshold  $t$  w/  $O_{\epsilon}(n)$  queries to  $U$ .

singular value threshold projection?



By setting  $t := \alpha/2$  we can sample u.a.r from <sup>almost</sup>

$$X_t := \{x \in \{0,1\}^n \mid \Pr[\text{ALG}(x) = Mx] > \alpha/2\}$$

Using this as quantum oracle for  $\|x\|$ .

Thm Let  $\text{ALG}$  be an average-case quantum alg of query complexity  $T$  that satisfies

$$\Pr_{v \sim \text{ALG}}[\text{ALG}(v) = Mv] \geq \alpha.$$

For every const  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a worst-case quantum alg <sup>ALG'</sup> of query complexity  $O_{\alpha,\delta}(T + n^{3/2})$  that, for any  $v \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,

$$\Pr_{\text{ALG}'}[\text{ALG}'(v) = Mv] \geq 1 - \delta.$$