

## Today

- 1) Bounding bad strings via compression
- 2) Compressions from recursion trees

## Recall

A  $k$ -SAT formula has overlap  $\alpha$  if each clause shares variables w/  $\leq \alpha$  other clauses

$$(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4) \rightarrow \text{overlap 0}$$

$$(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \rightarrow \text{overlap 3}$$

Fact: Any  $k$ -SAT formula w/  $\alpha \leq \frac{2}{e} - 1$  is  $\overset{k}{\text{satisfiable}}$

## From Probabilistic Method to Algorithms

For LLL: Moser-Tardos Algorithm  $\rightarrow$  works for LLL in general

### MT

Assign  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  UAR

While  $\exists$  unsatisfied clause  $C$

    Fix( $C$ )

    Return  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

### Fix( $C$ )

    Resample each  $x_i \in C$

    For each unsatisfied clause  $C'$  sharing variables w/  $C$   $\rightarrow$  Possibly  $C$  itself

        Fix( $C'$ )

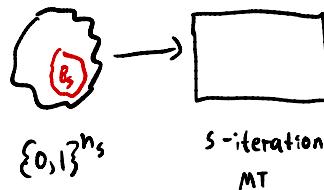
Analysis: "entropy compression" shows  $O(n)$  iterations in  $\mathbb{R}$

Theorem: If  $\alpha \leq 2^{k-c}$  for sufficiently large constant then Moser-Tardos finds a satisfying assignment in  $O(m)$  iterations in expectation

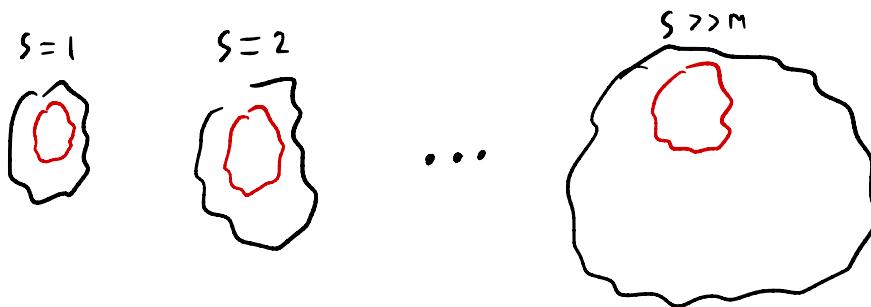
Intuition: use execution of MT to compress bad bitstrings that make it take long

Let  $n_S := n + S \cdot k$  be the number of random bits used by  $S$  iterations of MT

Let  $B_s \subseteq \{0,1\}^{n_s}$  be all strings s.t. MT does not terminate after s iterations



Idea: Show  $B_S$  takes up vanishing fraction of  $n_S$



Let  $X :=$  iterations of MT

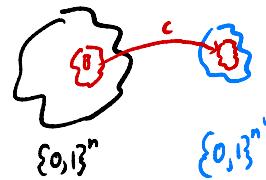
Suffices to show  $\frac{|b_s|}{2^s} \leq 2^{m-3s}$  b/c then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} s \cdot \Pr(X=s) \leq M + \sum_{s \geq M}^{\infty} s \cdot \Pr(X=s) \leq M + \sum_{s \geq M}^{\infty} s \cdot \Pr(X \geq s) = M + \sum_{s \geq M}^{\infty} s \cdot \frac{18s}{2^{ns}} \xrightarrow{B_s \text{ dfn.}} M + \sum_{s \geq M}^{\infty} s \cdot \frac{18s}{2^{ns}}$$

$$\leq M + \sum_{s \geq M}^{\infty} s \cdot 2^{m-3s} \leq M + \sum_{s \geq n}^{\infty} s \cdot 2^{m-2s} \stackrel{s \geq n}{\leq} M + \sum_{s \geq n}^{\infty} 2^{m-2s} = M + O(1)$$

## Bounding $|B_S|$ via Compressions

Given a set  $B \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$  a compression of  $B$  is an injective fn.  $c: B \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n'}$   
↳ the advantage of  $c$  is  $n - n'$



To get  $\frac{|B_S|}{2^{n_S}} \leq 2^{n-3S}$  suffices to vs give compression  $c_S: B_S \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n_S}$  of advantage  $3S - M$  b/c

$$\frac{|B_S|}{2^{n_S}} \leq \frac{2^{n_S}}{2^{n_S}} = 2^{n-3S}$$

$c_S$  injective

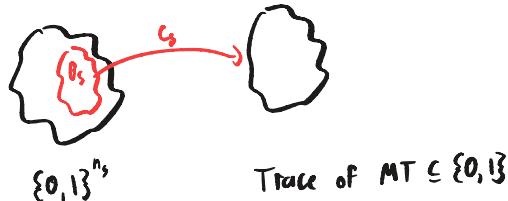
Will construct this compression using the "recursion tree" of MT

## Compressions via Recursion Trees

Key idea: if  $\text{Fix}(c)$  called, learn all  $k$  bits of  $C$

$$\text{Fix}(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \rightarrow x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \text{ not satisfied} \rightarrow x_1=0, x_2=1, x_3=0$$

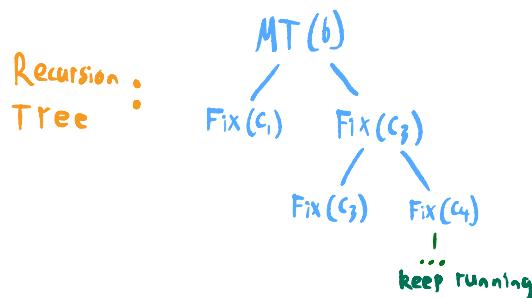
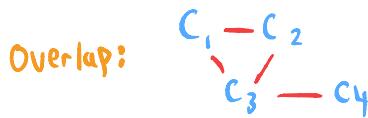
but # possibilities for  $\text{Fix}(c')$  when  $\text{Fix}(c)$  called is  $2^{k-c} \rightarrow$  needs only  $k-c$  bits  
So  $k \rightarrow k-c$  bits so compression



The recursion tree of  $MT(b)$  is the tree w/ root  $MT(b)$   
and a node for each call of  $\text{Fix}$  w/  $v$  child of  $u$  if  $u$  calls  $v$

Formula: 
$$(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4)$$

$c_1$        $c_2$        $c_3$        $c_4$



Let  $R_s$  be all recursion trees from running  $MT(b)$  for  $b \in B_s$

Lemma: Given recursion tree of  $MT(6)$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  after  $MT(6)$ , can output b  
 (I.e.  $\exists$  injective  $f_s: B_s \rightarrow R_s \times \{0, 1\}^n$ )

Proof by example

Formula:

$$(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4)$$

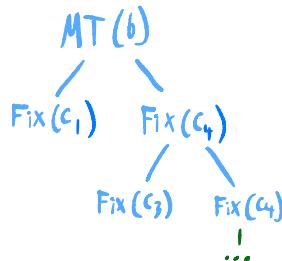
$c_1$        $c_2$        $c_3$        $c_4$

Overlap:

$$c_1 - c_2$$

$c_1$  —  $c_2$   
 $c_3$  —  $c_4$

Recursion:  
 Tree:



Reconstruction:

$$b = \underbrace{x_1 \bar{x}_2 \bar{x}_3 x_4}_{n} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{sk} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{Fix(c_1)}$$

$$\underbrace{0 \ 1}_{x_1 x_4} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{x_1 x_2} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{Fix(c_4)}$$

$$\underbrace{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0}_{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{Fix(c_3)}$$

$$\underbrace{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0}_{x_2 x_4 x_1 x_3} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{Fix(c_4)}$$

$$\underbrace{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1}_{x_2 x_1 x_3 x_4} \quad \underbrace{\dots}_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \text{ after running } MT(6)}$$

Lemma: Can describe a  $TER_s$  w/ only  $m + s(k - c + O(1))$  bits

$$\left( \text{I.e. } \exists \text{ injective } g_s: R \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{m+s(k-c+O(1))} \right)$$

For adjacent  $C_i, C_j$ , define the index of  $C_j$  wrt  $C_i$  as :  
if  $j$  is  $i$ th smallest index of clause overlapping  $C_i$

To describe  $TER_s$ :

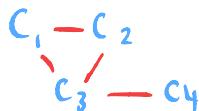
$\forall i$ , 1 bit indicating if  $\text{Fix}(C_i)$  a child of  $\text{MT}(l)$   $\rightarrow m$  bits

For each  $\text{Fix}(C_i)$

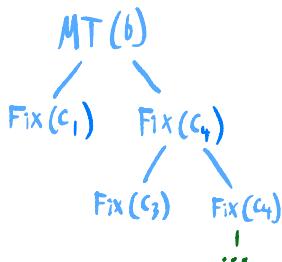
The index of each child of  $C_i \rightarrow k - c$  bits

$O(1)$  overhead for delimiters  $\rightarrow O(1)$  bits

Overlap:



Recursion:  
Tree :



Description:  $(1, 0, 0, 1 : (1, 2))$

1st neighbor    2nd neighbor

Final compression  $C_s$  is "composition" of  $f_s$  and  $g_s$



for advantage  $n + s(k - (n + m + s(k - c + O(1)))) \geq 3s - m$  for  $c$  sufficiently large