

## Today

- 1) Bounding bad strings via compressions
- 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/  $\alpha \leq \frac{2^k}{e} - 1$  is 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( $c'$ )

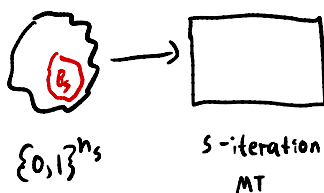
Analysis: "entropy compression" shows  $O(m)$  iterations in  $\mathbb{E}$

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

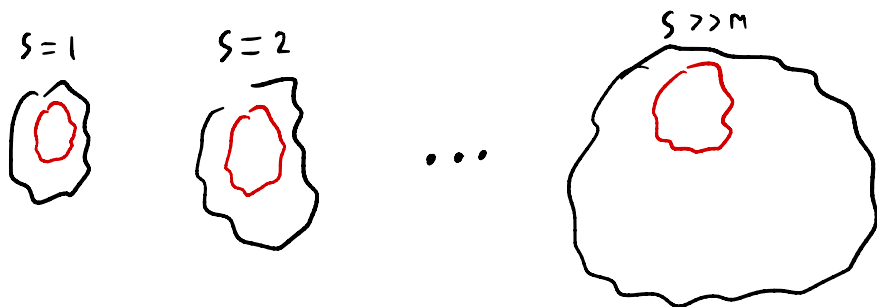
Intuition: Use execution of MT to compress bad bitstrings that make it take long

Let  $n_s := n \cdot s \cdot k$  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

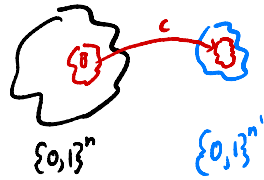
Suffices to show  $\frac{|B_s|}{2^{n_s}} \leq 2^{m-3s}$  b/c then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} s \cdot \Pr(X=s) \leq m + \sum_{s \geq m} s \cdot \Pr(X=s) \leq m + \sum_{s \geq m} s \cdot \Pr(X \geq s) = m + \sum_{s \geq m} s \cdot \frac{|B_s|}{2^{n_s}} \\ &\leq m + \sum_{s \geq m} s \cdot 2^{m-3s} \leq m + \sum_{s \geq m} s \cdot 2^{-2s} \leq m + \sum_{s \geq m} 2^{-s} = m + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $B_s$  defn.

## 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  $\forall S$  give compression  $c_S: B_S \rightarrow n'_S$  of advantage  $3S - n$  b/c

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

$\uparrow$   
 $c_S$  injective

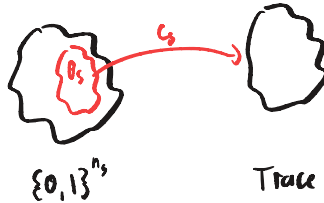
Will construct this compression using the "recursion tree" of MT

# Compressions via Recursion Trees

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

$\text{Fix}(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \rightarrow x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3$  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

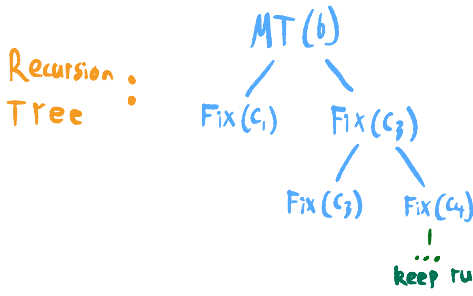


The recursion tree of  $MT(b)$  is the tree w/ root  $MT(b)$

And a node for each call of  $\text{Fix}$  w/  $v$  child of  $u$  if  $u$  calls  $v$

Formula: 
$$\underbrace{(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2)}_{C_1} \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_2)}_{C_2} \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_3)}_{C_3} \wedge \underbrace{(\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4)}_{C_4}$$

Overlap: 
$$\begin{array}{c} C_1 - C_2 \\ \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \quad C_3 - C_4 \end{array}$$



Let  $\underline{R}_S$  be all recursion trees from running  $MT(b)$  for  $b \in S$



$$\left( \text{I.e. } \exists \text{ injective } f_S: B_S \rightarrow R_S \times \{0,1\}^n \right)$$

### Proof by example

Formula:  $\underbrace{(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2)}_{c_1} \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_2)}_{c_2} \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_3)}_{c_3} \wedge \underbrace{(\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4)}_{c_4}$

Overlap:

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graph LR; C1 --- C2; C2 --- C3; C3 --- C4; C4 --- C5
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Recursion :  
Tree :

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graph TD; MT["MT (b)"] --> FixC1["Fix (c1)"]; MT --> FixC4["Fix (c4)"]; FixC4 --> FixC3["Fix (c3)"]; FixC4 --> FixC4_2["Fix (c4)"]; FixC4_2 --> Ellipsis["..."]
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Reconstruction:

|       | $n$                                   | $sk$  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---|
| $b =$ | $\frac{\quad}{x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4}$ | $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$ $\text{Fix}(c_1)$                 |
|       | $\frac{0 \ 1}{\quad} \quad x_3 \ x_4$ | $\frac{\quad}{x_1 \ x_2}$ $\text{Fix}(c_4)$             |
|       | $\frac{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0}{\quad}$         | $\frac{\quad}{x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4}$ $\text{Fix}(c_3)$ |
|       | $\frac{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0}{\quad}$         | $\frac{0 \ 0}{x_2 \ x_4 \ x_1 \ x_3}$ $\text{Fix}(c_4)$ |

0 1 1 0

0 0 1

$x_2 \quad x_1 \quad x_3 \quad x_4$

$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  after running MT(6)

Lemma: Can describe a  $T \in R_S$  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  $i$  if  $i$  is the smallest index of clause overlapping  $C_j$

To describe  $T \in R_S$ :

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

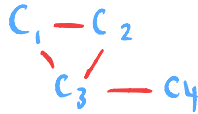
For each  $\text{Fix}(C_i)$

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

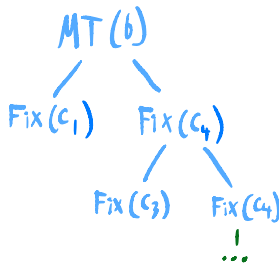
$O(1)$  overhead for delimiters  $\rightarrow O(1)$  bits

$\rightarrow s \cdot (k - c + o(1))$  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  $n + sk - (n + m + s(k - c + o(1))) \geq 3s - m$  for  $c$  sufficiently large