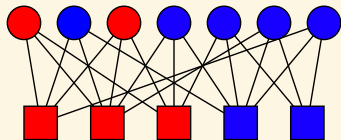


Disordered systems and random graphs 3

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The problem

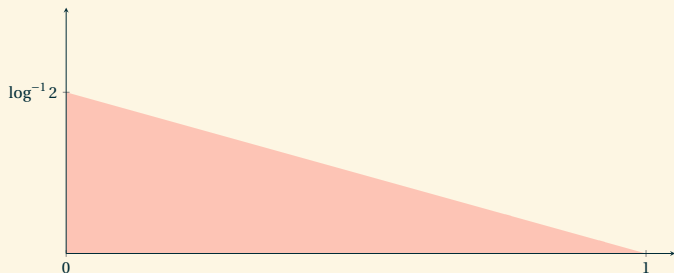


Group testing

[D43,DH93]

- ▶ n = population size, $k = n^\theta$ = #infected, m = #tests
- ▶ all tests are conducted in parallel
- ▶ how many tests are necessary...
- ▶ ...information-theoretically?
- ▶ ...algorithmically?

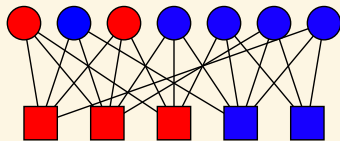
Information-theoretic lower bounds



- ▶ if $k \sim n^\theta$ we need

$$2^m \geq \binom{n}{k} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \geq \frac{1-\theta}{\log 2} \cdot k \log n$$

Random hypergraphs



A randomised test design

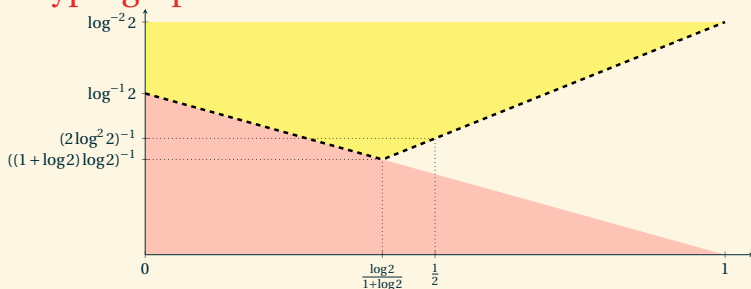
[JAS16,A17]

- ▶ a random Δ -regular Γ -uniform hypergraph with

$$\Delta \sim \frac{m \log 2}{k}, \quad \Gamma \sim \frac{n \log 2}{k}$$

- ▶ the choice of Δ, Γ maximises the entropy of the test results

Random hypergraphs



Theorem

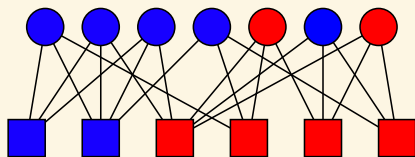
Let

$$m_{\text{rnd}} = \max \left\{ \frac{1-\theta}{\log 2}, \frac{\theta}{\log^2 2} \right\} k \log n \quad \text{where } k \sim n^\theta$$

The inference problem on the random hypergraph

- ▶ is insoluble if $m < (1 - \varepsilon) m_{\text{rnd}}$ [JAS16]
- ▶ reduces to hypergraph VC if $m > (1 + \varepsilon) m_{\text{rnd}}$ [COGHKL19]

Greedy algorithms

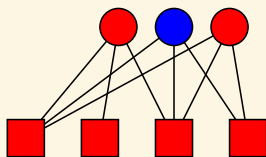


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[ABJ14]

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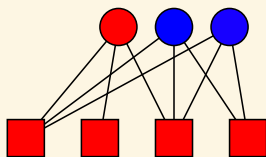


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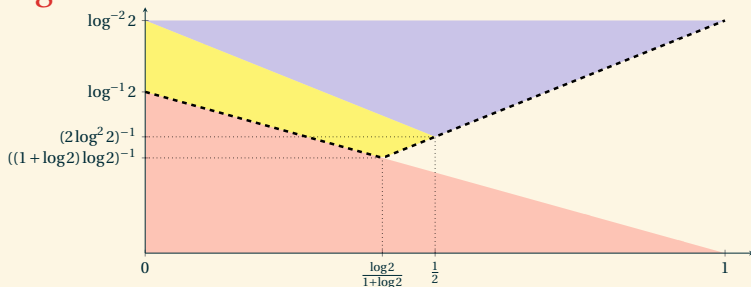


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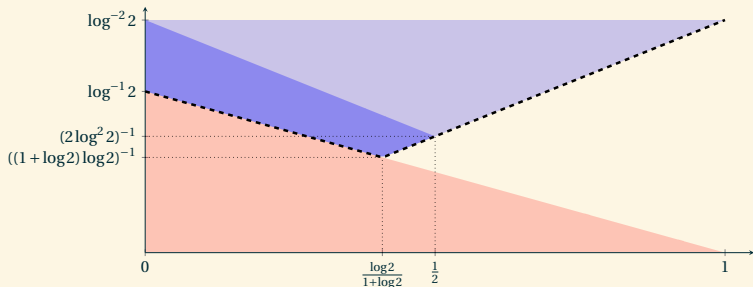
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Let

$$m_{\text{DD}} = \frac{\max\{1 - \theta, \theta\}}{\log^2 2} k \log n$$

- ▶ if $m > (1 + \varepsilon) m_{\text{DD}}$, then both DD succeeds [ABJ14]
- ▶ if $m < (1 - \varepsilon) m_{\text{DD}}$, then DD and other algorithms fail [COGHKL19]

The SPIV algorithm



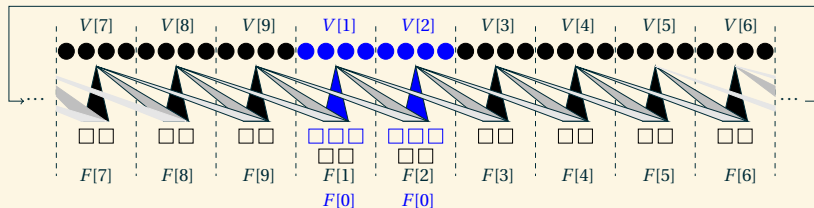
Theorem

[COGHKL19]

There exist a test design and an efficient algorithm SPIV that succeed w.h.p. for

$$m \sim m_{\text{rnd}} = \max \left\{ \frac{1 - \theta}{\log 2}, \frac{\theta}{\log^2 2} \right\} k \log n$$

The SPIV algorithm



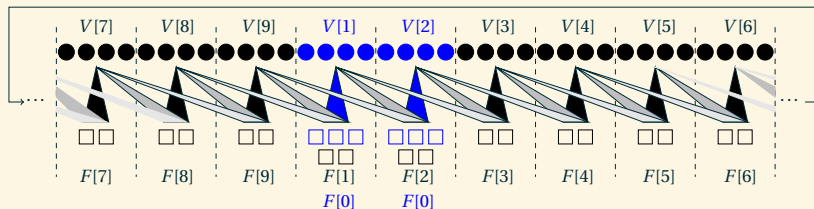
Spatial coupling

- ▶ a ring comprising $1 \ll \ell \ll \log n$ compartments
- ▶ individuals join tests within a sliding window of size $1 \ll s \ll \ell$
- ▶ extra tests at the start facilitate DD

inspired by low-density parity check codes

[KMRU10]

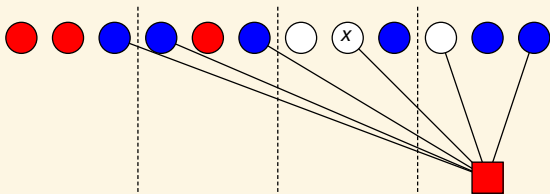
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The algorithm

- ▶ run DD on the s seed compartments
- ▶ declare all individuals that appear in negative tests uninfected
- ▶ tentatively declare infected k/ℓ individuals with max score W_x
- ▶ combinatorial clean-up step

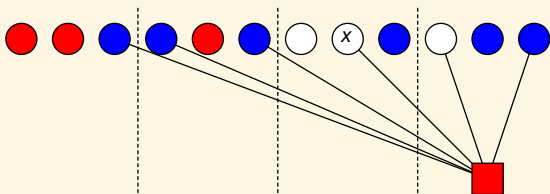
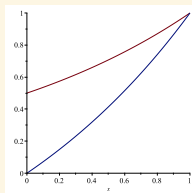
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Unexplained tests

- ▶ let $W_{x,j}$ be the number of 'unexplained' positive tests $j - 1$ compartments to the right of x

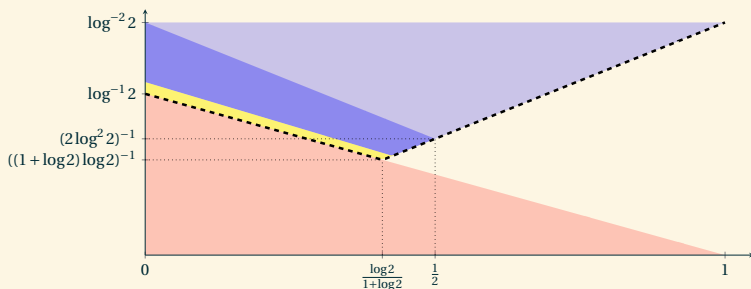
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Unexplained tests

- ▶ if x is infected, then $W_{x,j} \sim \text{Bin}(\Delta/s, 2^{j/s-1})$
- ▶ if x is uninfected, then $W_{x,j} \sim \text{Bin}(\Delta/s, 2^{j/s} - 1)$

The SPIV algorithm



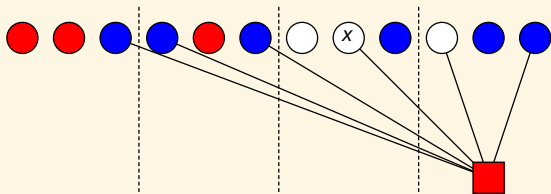
The score: first attempt

- ▶ just count unexplained tests

- ▶ we find the large deviations rate function of $\sum_{j=1}^{s-1} W_{x,j}$

- ▶ unfortunately, we will likely misclassify $\gg k$ individuals

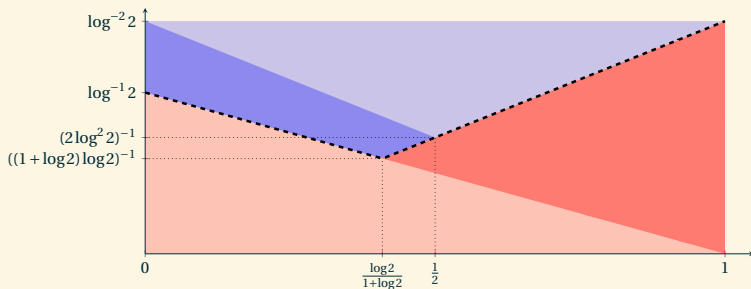
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The score: second attempt

- ▶ consider a weighted sum $W_x = \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} w_j W_{x,j}$
- ▶ Lagrange optimisation \rightsquigarrow optimal weights $w_j = -\log(1 - 2^{-j/s})$
- ▶ only $o(k)$ misclassifications

A matching lower bound

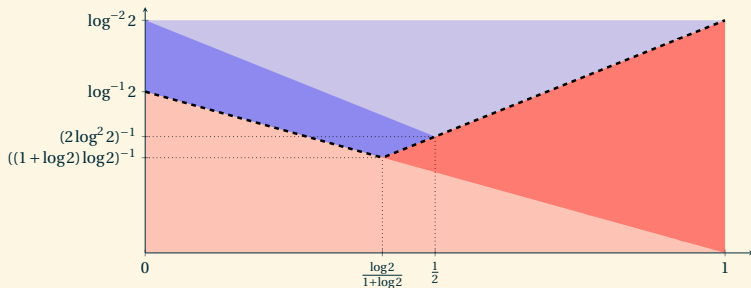


Theorem

[COGHKL19]

Identifying the infected individuals is information-theoretically impossible with $(1 - \varepsilon) m_{\text{rnd}}$ tests.

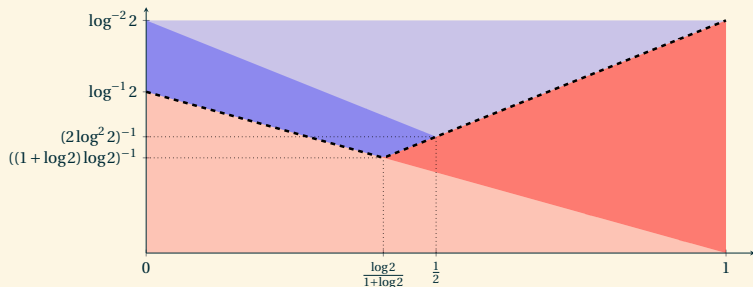
A matching lower bound



Proof strategy

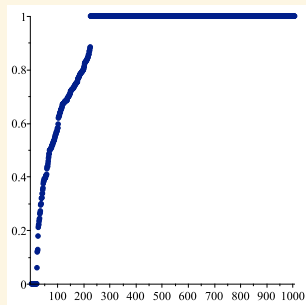
- ▶ *Dilution*: it suffices to consider $\theta = 1 - \delta$
- ▶ *Regularisation*: optimal designs are approximately regular
- ▶ *Positive correlation*: probability of being disguised [MT11,A18]
- ▶ *Probabilistic method*: disguised individuals likely exist

Group testing: summary



- ▶ optimal efficient algorithm SPIV based on spatial coupling
- ▶ matching information-theoretic lower bound
- ▶ existence of an adaptivity gap

Linear group testing via Belief Propagation



Linear group testing

- ▶ non-adaptive testing impossible when $k = \Theta(n)$ [A19]
- ▶ Belief Propagation leads to a promising multi-stage scheme
- ▶ currently only experimental results

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