

Lecture 13

CSE599S Proof Complexity & Applications

Logical  
clause  $C$

Algebraic  
polynomial  $p_C, \bar{p}_C = 0$

SemiAlgebraic  
 $\bar{L}_C \geq 0, \bar{L}_C \geq 0$   
(or  $p_C, \bar{p}_C = 0$ )

ZFC

Extended Frege

Frege

$TC^0$ -Frege

$AC^0[p]$ -Frege

$AC^0$ -Frege

$CDIL \equiv$  Resolution

DPL/Tree Res.

Truth Tables

Positivstellensatz  
Calculus

Positivstellensatz

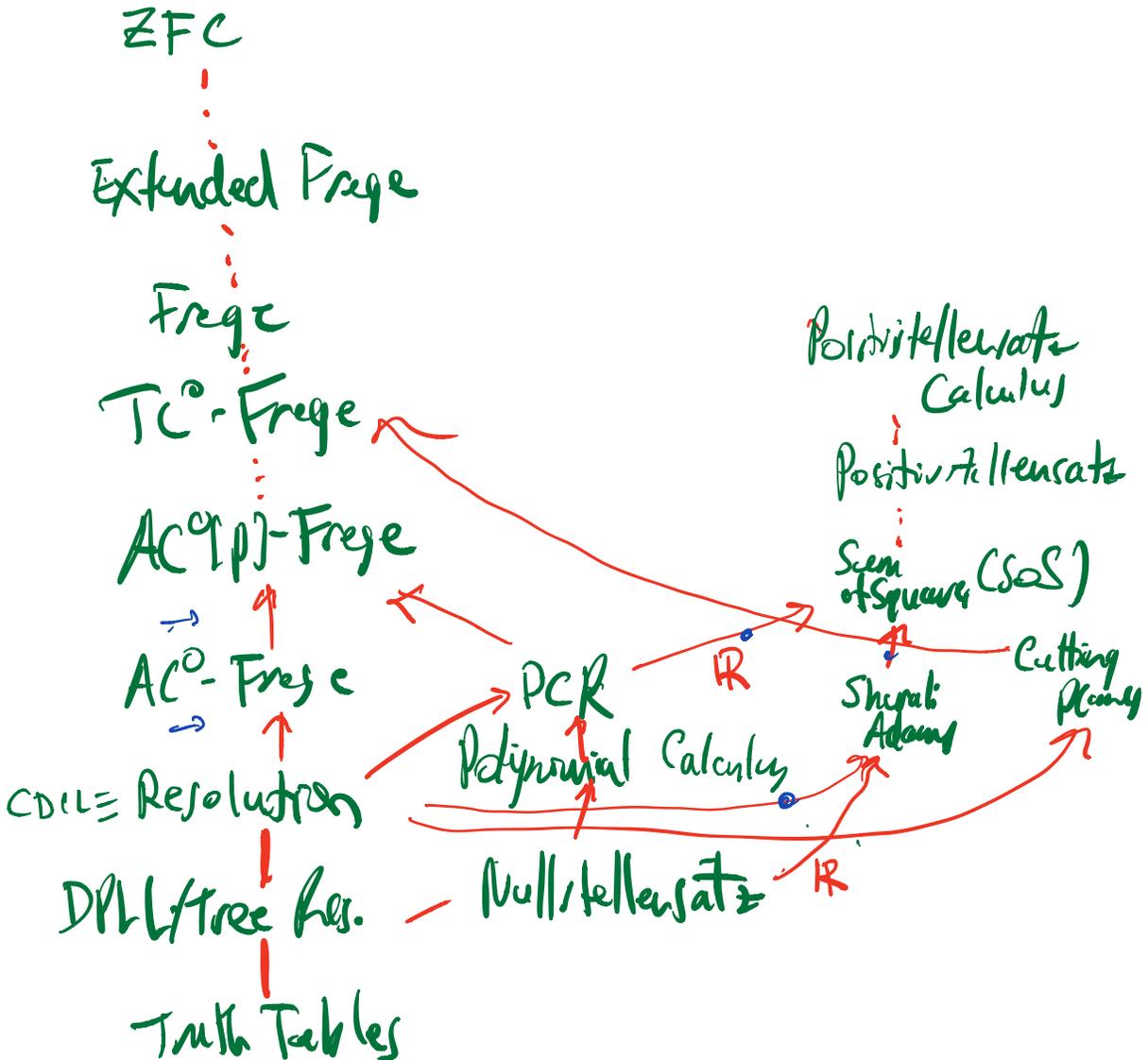
Sums  
of Squares (SOS)

Sherali  
Adams

Cutting  
Planes

PCR  
Polynomial  
Calculus

Nullstellensatz



# Sherali-Adams Proof (recap)

non-negative junta: monomial of bounded degree

$$\prod_{i \in P} x_i \prod_{j \in N} (1-x_j) \geq 0$$

in  $x_i, \bar{x}_i$

$$J_{P,N}$$

$$\longrightarrow \prod_{i \in P} x_i \prod_{j \in N} \bar{x}_j$$

Given  $(h_1 > 0, \dots, h_m > 0; f_1 = 0, \dots, f_n = 0)$

derive  $h \geq 0$  a

always include  
 $x_i^2 - x_i = 0$   
 $x_i + \bar{x}_i - 1 = 0$

$$g_0 + \sum_{i \in [m]} g_i h_i + \sum_{i \in [n]} e_i f_i = h$$

↑ arbitrary polys

where  $g_i$  are of the form

$$\sum_{(P,N)} a_{P,N} J_{P,N}$$

where  $a_{P,N} > 0$

$$g_i \geq 0$$

degree

size  
 $\neq \#$   
 monomial

bitsize

total # of bits

Nsets: derive  $\dashv$

Can derive  $-\bar{p}_c$  in degree  $|c|$

for  $h_c \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  SA simulator Nsets

Theorem If CNF  $F$  has a resolution refutation of width  $w$  and size  $S$  then it has an SA refutation of degree  $\leq w+1$  and size  $\text{poly}(S, w)$ . (with dual vars)

Proof Prove by induction that for every clause  $C$  in the resolution proof can derive  $\text{poly} \quad \neg \bar{P}_C$  in degree  $\leq w+1$

Start:  $l_C \geq 0 \Rightarrow \neg \bar{P}_C$

Proof step: argue by induction for each resolution step

$$\neg \bar{P}_{A \vee X}, \neg \bar{P}_{B \vee \bar{X}} \\ \Downarrow \\ \neg \bar{P}_{A \vee B}$$

details  
HW.

At end can get  $-\bar{p}_+ = -1$   
 i.e.  $-1 \geq 0$  which  
 is a SA contradiction  $\square$

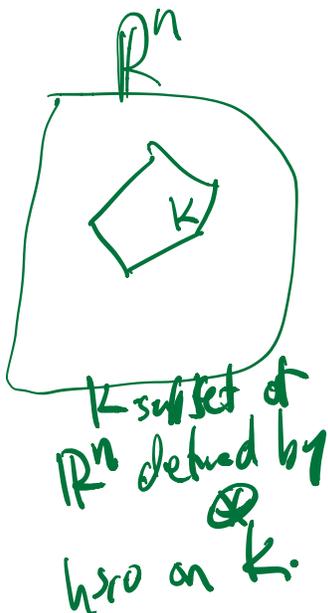
## Sum of Squares (SOS) proof

idea: the square of any polynomial  
 is always  $\geq 0$ .

Given  $\{h_1 \geq 0, \dots, h_m \geq 0; f_1 = 0, \dots, f_n = 0\}$  (\*)

Goal: infer  $h \geq 0$ .

SOS proof of this



$$q_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m q_i h_i + \sum_{i=1}^n e_i f_i = h$$

$q_i$  is a sum of squares of polynomials

$$q_i \geq 0$$

Assume start with  $h \geq 0$   
 and  $f_i$  are just the  
 boolean  $x_i^2 - x_i$

For a CNF  $F = \bigwedge_i C_i$  SOS  
 demand of  $h \geq 0$

$$q_0 + \sum_i q_i l_{C_i} \equiv_{\mathbb{R}} h$$

$q_i$ : sum of squares  
 of polys.

↑ multipliers  
 apply dual if  
 needed

reformulate  $h = -1$ .

$$q_0 = \sum_j p_j^2$$

Prop Every non-neg Junta  $g$  of degree  $d$

$$g = q + \sum_{j \in [n]} l_j (x_j^2 - x_j)$$

where  $q$  is square

$$\deg(q), \max_j (\deg(l_j) + 2) \leq 2d$$

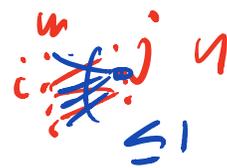
Proof

$$x = \underbrace{x^2 - 1}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ e \\ = \\ -1}} + (x^2 - x)$$

$$\deg 1 \quad (1-x) = \underbrace{(1-x)^2}_{1-2x+x^2} + (x^2-x) \quad \text{RHS deg 2.}$$

multiply to get lower degree  $\otimes$

Thm There is a deg 3 polynomial SOS  
 rebiton of  $PMP_n^m$



Proof For  $j \in [n]$

$$(1 - \sum_i x_{ij})^2 + \sum_{\substack{i, i' \in [m] \\ i \neq i'}} x_{ij}^2 (1 - x_{ij} - x_{i'j})$$

cancel

$$1 + 2 \sum_{i \neq i'} x_{ij} x_{i'j} + \sum_i x_{ij}^2 - 2 \sum_i x_{ij} = - \sum_i x_{ij}$$

$$x_{ij}^2 (1 - x_{ij}) \equiv 0$$

$$(1-a)^2 = 1 - 2a + a^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x_{ij}^2 (1 - x_{ij} - x_{i'j}) \\ \parallel \\ - x_{ij} x_{i'j} \end{aligned}$$

~~Proof~~ Hole

$1 - \sum_i x_{ij} \geq 0$

↑  
h

for each j

$$PMP_n^m \quad \sum_j x_{ij} - 1 \geq 0$$

Pigeon clause

Pigeon  $\sum_i \sum_j x_{ij} - m \geq 0$

Hole  $n - \sum_i \sum_j x_{ij} \geq 0$

$LHS \leq 0$

$\therefore n - m \geq 0$

but  $m > n$

contradiction



Thm (Beckholz)

PCR proof  
deg  $d$   
size  $S$   
bitsize  $B$   
deviation of  $f$



SOS proof  
deg  $2d$   
size  $S^{O(d)}$   
bitsize  $B^{O(d)}$   
deviation of  $-f^2$

Proof let  $f_1, \dots, f_m, f_{m+1}, \dots, f_p$  be a  
be a PCR deviation and

assume every coefficient  $c$  in proof

$\frac{1}{K} \leq c^2 \leq K$



Claim  $\exists$  sequence of  $q_{m+1} \dots q_T$  of

$\deg(q_i) \leq d$  and  
for every  $t \leq T$  we get  
an expression  $E_t$

$$E_t = \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{-(\varepsilon_i f_i)}_{f=0} + \sum_{i=m+1}^t c_i q_i^2 = -f_t^2$$

$\forall K^t \leq c_i \leq K^t$  and  
every coefficient of  $q_i$  is  $\leq 2c^2$

Proof  
PCA  
 $f_i = 0$   
i=1  
m

$$\varepsilon_i = (f_i) f_i = -f_i^2$$

$c_i = 1$  not 0.

PCA rule: multiply by  $x_j$

$$f_t = x_j \cdot f_t' \quad t \leq t$$

by IH.  $E_{t'} = \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{-(c_i f_i)}_{f=0} + \sum_{i=m+1}^{t'} c_i q_i^2 = -f_{t'}^2$

$$\deg(f_t') \leq d-1$$

set  $q_t = (1-x_j) f_{t'}$   $\deg(q_t) \leq d$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_t^2 &= (1-x_j)^2 f_t'^2 \\
 &= (1-2x_j+x_j^2) f_t'^2 \\
 &\stackrel{1}{=} (1-x_j^2) f_t'^2 = f_t'^2 - \underbrace{x_j^2 f_t'^2}_{f_t^2} \\
 &= f_t'^2 - f_t^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_t &= \Sigma_{t'} + q_t^2 \\
 &= f_t'^2 + (f_t'^2 - f_t^2) = -f_t^2
 \end{aligned}$$

addition  $f_t = a f_{t'} + b f_{t''}$

by IH  $\Sigma_{t'} \equiv -f_t'^2$      $\Sigma_{t''} \equiv -f_t''^2$

Set  $q_t = a f_{t'} - b f_{t''}$  ded

$$q_t^2 = a^2 f_t'^2 - 2ab f_t f_{t''} + b^2 f_t''^2$$

$$f_t^2 = a^2 f_t'^2 + 2ab f_t f_{t''} + b^2 f_t''^2$$

$$f_t^2 + q_t^2 = 2a^2 f_t'^2 + 2b^2 f_t''^2$$

$$\equiv -2a^2 \Sigma_{t'} - 2b^2 \Sigma_{t''}$$

$$\Sigma_t = 2a^2 \Sigma_{t'} + 2b^2 \Sigma_{t''} + q_t^2$$

$$\boxed{\Sigma_t = -f_t^2}$$

Coefficient

$$\leq 4 \max(a^2, b^2)$$

