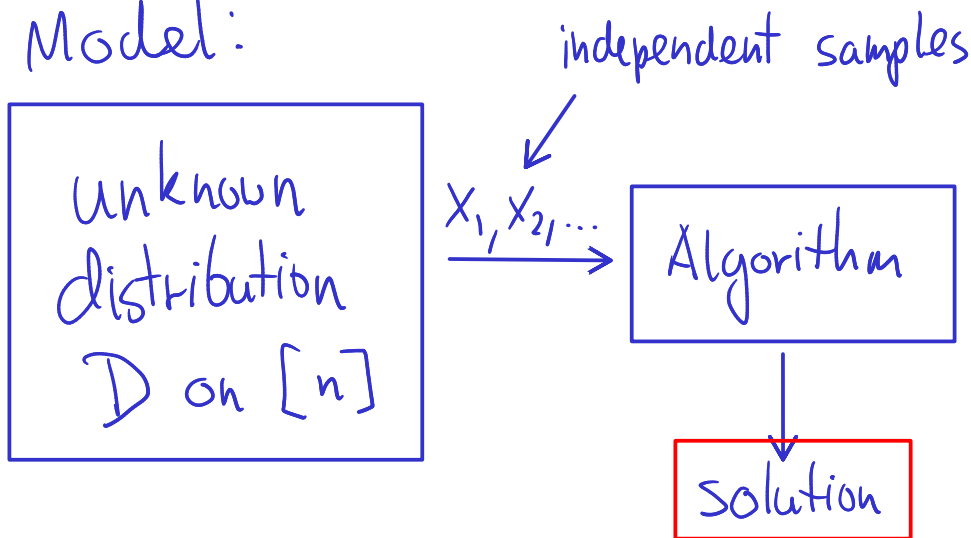


Today: Continue uniformity testing

Review

Model:



Task: Uniformity testing

① If  $D = U_{[n]}$ , output **YES** w.p.  $99/100$

↑  
uniform distribution on  $[n]$

② If  $d_{TV}(D, U_{[n]}) \geq \epsilon$ , output **NO** w.p.  $99/100$

Want to use as few samples as possible

## Algorithm proposed last time

sufficiently large constant

- collect  $s = C \cdot \sqrt{n} / \epsilon^4$  independent samples  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s$  from  $D$
- count collisions:

$$Y = \sum_{i < j} Y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_i = X_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- if  $Y / \binom{s}{2} \geq \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2\epsilon^2}{n}$   
output NO

else output YES

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Analysis last time:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{Y}{\binom{s}{2}} \right] = \|D\|_2^2$$

①:  $D = U_{[n]} \Rightarrow \|D\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{n}$

②:  $d_{TV}(D, U_{[n]}) \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow \|D\|_2^2 \geq \frac{1 + 2\epsilon^2}{n}$

distribution treated as  $n$ -dimensional vector of probabilities

Our approach: show that  $Y / \binom{s}{2}$  is a good estimator for  $\|D\|_2^2$

Lemma:  $\text{Var}[Y] \leq \gamma \left( \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$

Definition:  $\bar{Y}_{ij} = Y_{ij} - \mathbb{E}[Y_{ij}]$   
(of course,  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{Y}_{ij}] = 0$ )

Useful facts:

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{E}[\bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{kl}] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_{ij} Y_{kl}]$$

Why?  $\mathbb{E}[\bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{kl}] = \mathbb{E}[(Y_{ij} - \mathbb{E}[Y_{ij}])(Y_{kl} - \mathbb{E}[Y_{kl}])]$

$\mathbb{E}[Y_{ij} Y_{kl} - Y_{ij} \|D\|_2^2 - Y_{kl} \|D\|_2^2 + (\|D\|_2^2)^2]$

$= \mathbb{E}[Y_{ij} Y_{kl}] - 2(\|D\|_2^2)^2 + (\|D\|_2^2)^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_{ij} Y_{kl}]$

$$\textcircled{2} \|D\|_3 \leq \|D\|_2$$

This is an inequality on norms that follows from Hölder's inequality

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{s^2 \leq 3 \binom{s}{2}}$$

$$s^2 \stackrel{\Leftrightarrow}{\leq} \frac{3}{2}s(s-1)$$

$$s \stackrel{\Leftrightarrow}{\leq} \frac{3}{2}s - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$3 \leq s \leftarrow$$

true if the constant  $C$  defining  $s$  is large enough

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$$\binom{s}{3} \leq \frac{s^3}{6}$$

$$\binom{s}{3} = \frac{s(s-1)(s-2)}{6} \leq \frac{s^3}{6}$$

Proof of the variance lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[Y] &= \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i < j} Y_{ij}\right] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i < j} \bar{Y}_{ij}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{i < j} \bar{Y}_{ij}\right)^2\right] - \underbrace{\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i < j} \bar{Y}_{ij}\right]\right)^2}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$= E \left[ \underbrace{\sum_{i < j} \bar{Y}_{ij}}_{1} + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i < j \\ k < l \\ i, j, k, l \text{ distinct}}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{kl}}_{2} \right]$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i < j \\ i < l \\ i, j, l \text{ distinct}}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{il}}_{3}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i < j \\ k < j \\ i, j, k \text{ distinct}}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{kj}}_{4}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i < j \\ j < l}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{jl}}_{5}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i < j \\ k < i}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{ki}}_{6}$$

We analyze the expectation term by term:

$$\triangle 1: \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i < j} \bar{Y}_{ij}^2 \right] \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\leq} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i < j} Y_{ij}^2 \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i < j} Y_{ij} \right] = \binom{S}{2} \|D\|_2^2$$

$$\triangle 2: \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ k < l}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{kl} \right]$$

$i, j, k, l$  independent

$$\stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \sum \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\bar{Y}_{ij}]}_{=0} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\bar{Y}_{kl}]}_{=0} = 0$$

$$\triangle 3: \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ i < l}} \bar{Y}_{ij} \bar{Y}_{il} \right]$$

$i, j, l$  distinct

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\leq} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum Y_{ij} Y_{il} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ i < l \\ i, j, l \text{ distinct}}} \Pr[X_i = X_j = X_l]$$

$$\leq 2 \binom{S}{3} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^3$$

$p_i =$  probability of drawing  $i$  from  $D$

because for any selection of three distinct elements we have either

$$i < j < l$$

or  $i < l < j$

$$\leq 2 \cdot \frac{S^3}{6}$$

due to  $\boxed{4}$

$$\leq \|D\|_2^3$$

due to  $\boxed{2}$

$$\leq \sqrt{3} \left( \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$$

due to  $\triangle 3$ ,  $s^3 = (s^2)^{3/2} \leq \left( 3 \binom{s}{2} \right)^{3/2}$

$\triangle 4$ : same bound as  $\triangle 3$

$\triangle 5$  &  $\triangle 6$ :  $\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$  each

Almost the same as  $\triangle 3$  &  $\triangle 4$ ,

except for each triple selected from  $s$  options, there is a unique assignment to indices in the summation. So no factor of 2 needed.

Overall:

$$\text{Var}[Y] \leq \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 + 3 \sqrt{3} \left( \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$$

If  $C$  in the definition of  $s$  is large

enough,  $\binom{s}{2} \gg n$ . Then  $\binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \gg n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \gg 1$ ,

and therefore,  $\binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \leq \left( \binom{s}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$ .



Hence

$$\text{Var}[Y] \leq \underbrace{(1 + 3\sqrt{3})}_{\leq 7} \left( \binom{5}{2} \|D\|_2^2 \right)^{3/2}$$



(to be continued in the next lecture)