

2.1 Compute the Fourier expansion of $\varphi_{\{0\}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

2.2 For functions $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $i \in [n]$ define the linear operator

$$\mathbf{E}_i f(x) = \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{x}_i} [f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)].$$

Show that

- (a) $\mathbf{E}_i f(x) = \frac{f(x^{i \rightarrow 1}) + f(x^{i \rightarrow -1})}{2}$;
 (b) $\mathbf{E}_i f(x) = \sum_{S \ni i} \widehat{f}(S) x^S$;
 (c) $f(x) = x_i \mathbf{D}_i f(x) + \mathbf{E}_i f(x)$.

2.3 For functions $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $i \in [n]$ define the linear operator

$$\mathbf{L}_i f = f - \mathbf{E}_i f.$$

Show that

- (a) $\mathbf{L}_i f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(x^{\oplus i})}{2}$;
 (b) $\mathbf{L}_i f(x) = x_i \mathbf{D}_i f(x) = \sum_{S \ni i} \widehat{f}(S) x^S$;
 (c) $\langle f, \mathbf{L}_i f \rangle = \langle \mathbf{L}_i f, \mathbf{L}_i f \rangle = \mathbf{Inf}_i[f]$.

2.4 The Laplacian operator \mathbf{L} is the linear operator on functions $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\mathbf{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{L}_i$. Show that for $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ we have

- (a) $\mathbf{L}f(x) = f(x) \text{sens}_f(x)$;
 (b) $\mathbf{L}f = \sum_S |S| \widehat{f}(S) \chi_S$.

2.5 Show that $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\text{sens}_f(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{Inf}[f] = \mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{S} \sim \mathcal{S}_f}[|\mathcal{S}|]$.

2.6 Show that $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[\text{sens}_f(\mathbf{x})^2] = \mathbf{E}_{\mathcal{S} \sim \mathcal{S}_f}[|\mathcal{S}|^2]$.

Problems for homework

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2.7 Compute the Fourier expansion of $\varphi_{\{a\}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for arbitrary $a \in \mathbb{F}^n$.

2.8 Let $f, g, h: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Show that

$$f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h, \quad f * g = g * f.$$

2.9 Let $f: \{-1, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$. Show that for any $i \in [n]$ we have $\mathbf{Inf}_i[f] \leq \mathbf{Var}[f]$.