Rank of tensors of l-out-of-k functions: an application in probabilistic inference

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**Theorem**

The symmetric rank of a tensor representing an $\ell$-out-of-$k$ function (for $0 < \ell < k$) is at least $\max\{\ell + 1, k - \ell\}$. 
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**Theorem (Upper bound of the border rank)**

The border rank of a tensor $A(\ell, k)$ representing an $\ell$-out-of-$k$ function is at most $\min\{\ell + 1, k - \ell + 1\}$. 

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\[
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\[
M_{i_n, j_n}(p, q) = \begin{cases} 
q & \text{if } j_n = 0 \text{ and } i_n = 0 \\
1 - q & \text{if } j_n = 1 \text{ and } i_n = 0 \\
1 - p & \text{if } j_n = 0 \text{ and } i_n = 1 \\
p & \text{if } j_n = 1 \text{ and } i_n = 1 
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for \( 0 < p \leq 1, 0 < q \leq 1 \) are parameters of the input noise.
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In both networks we then used the lazy propagation method of Madsen and Jensen with the computations performed with lists of tables over the junction trees.
Results of experiments

Numerical experiments reveal that we can get a gain in the order of two magnitudes but at the expense of a certain loss of precision. See Figure.