



Computational Complexity

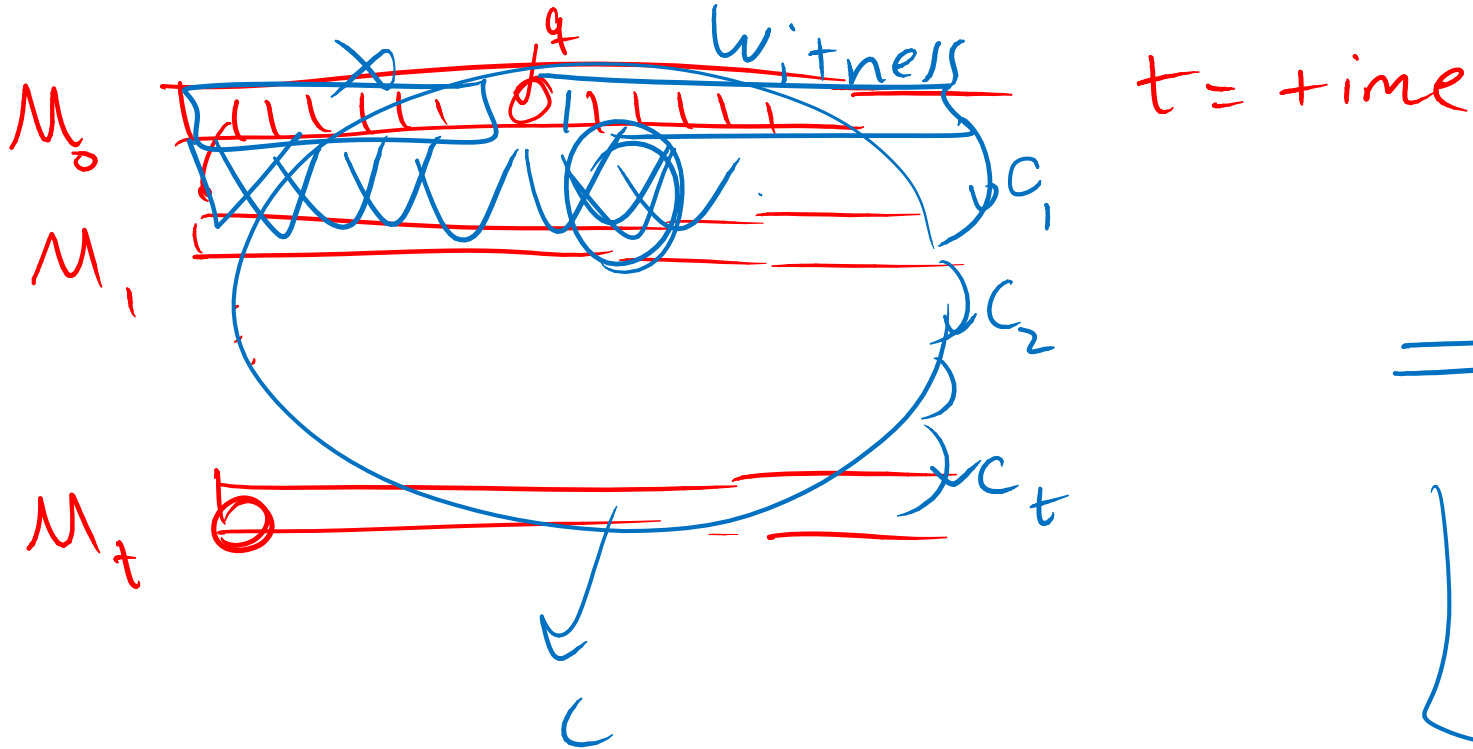
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Today

- Circuit Complexity

Recal Cook-Levin Reduction



if $L \in \text{DTIME}(t)$

\implies there exist a $t(\cdot)$

circuit C of size $\sim O(t^2)$

that, given x , $C(x) = L(x)$

hope $P \neq NP$

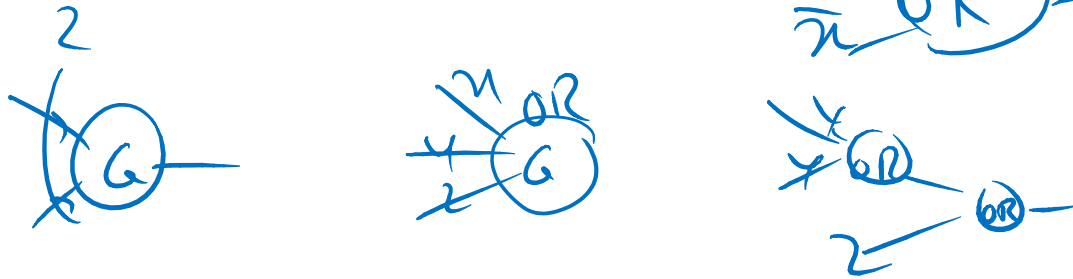
Some Details



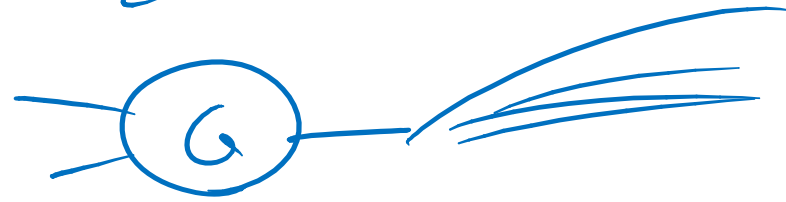
- Constant gates: 0 1



- Fan-in: ≤ 2



- Fan-out: not limited



- Other gates: { AND, OR, NOT }, { NAND } ~~{ XOR }~~

Definition of class **P/poly**

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

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can be computed by circuit of size $2^n \cdot (3n)$

can be ----- by $C = \{C_1, \dots, C_n, \dots\}$ such that $|C_i| \leq 2^n \cdot (3 \cdot n)$

$f \in \text{Size}(t)$ if \exists

① for $|x|=n$

② $|C_n| \leq t(n)$

$C = \{C_1, \dots, C_n, \dots\}$ such that $C_n(x) = f(x)$

Thm ①: $\forall f: f \in \text{Size}(2^n \cdot 3n)$

P/poly : $\bigcup_{c>0} \text{Size}(n^c)$

Thm ② $P \subset_{\text{poly}} P/poly$

$\text{Dtime}(t) \subset \text{Size}(t^2)$

Can \mathbf{P} be equal to $\mathbf{P}/poly$?

Cantor's Theorem

① easy proof that $\mathbf{P} \neq \mathbf{P}/poly$

$$|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathbb{R}|$$

$$r = 0.r_1r_2\dots r_n\dots$$

② Halting problem $\notin \mathbf{P}$

if $1^n \in L$ then C_n is AND of x_1, \dots, x_n
 if $1^n \notin L$ — is always 0

Unary language $L = \{ 1^n \mid \text{if Turing Machine encoded by } n \text{ halts} \}$
 $\{ 1, 11, 111, \dots \}$

$L \in \mathbf{P}/poly$: any unary $\in \mathbf{P}/poly$
 $L \notin \mathbf{P}$

Can P/poly contain all languages?

- Recall: any $f : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is computable by a circuit of size $2^n \cdot (3n)$

Then P/poly does NOT include everything.

Theorem 6.21 (*Existence of hard functions [Sha49a]*)

For every $n > 1$, there exists a function $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ that cannot be computed by a circuit C of size $2^n / (10n)$.