



# Computational Complexity

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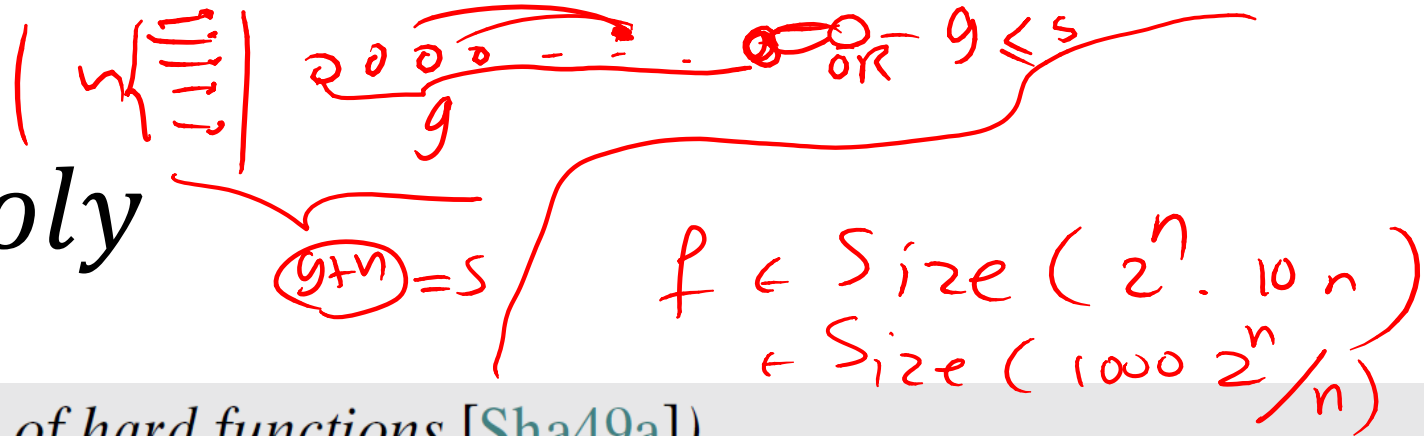
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# Last Time

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

- $f = \{f_n\} \in \text{Size}(s(n))$  if  $f_n$  can be computed by circuit of size  $s(n)$
- Every  $f$  is in  $\text{Size}(2^n \cdot 3n)$
- $\mathbf{P}/poly = \bigcup_c \text{Size}(n^c)$
- $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{P}/poly$  because of Cook-Levin reduction:  
any  $L \in \text{Dtime}(t)$  also belongs to  $\text{Size}(t^2)$
- $\mathbf{P} \neq \mathbf{P}/poly$  because even  $\text{Size}(n)$  contains incomputable languages

# Limits of $\mathbf{P}/poly$



**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  $2^n / (10n)$ .

let  $s = 2^n / 10n$

how many functions  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  exist?

$2^{2^n}$

upper-bound # of circuit of size  $s$ :  $n \binom{s}{\text{gates}}$

$s+n=s$

total # functions computable by a circuit of size  $\leq s$

$\alpha_i$ : total numbers to add gate  $i$

3: types of gates.

ways to choose input wires  $\leq (n+i-1)^2 \leq s^2$

$3s^2 \geq \alpha_i =$

$\prod \alpha_i \leq (3s^2)^s \leq \left[ \frac{2^n}{10n} \right]^{3s} = \left( \frac{2^n}{10n} \right)^{3 \cdot \frac{2^n}{10n}} < 2 = 2^{3 \cdot \frac{2^n}{10n}}$

# Hierarchy Theorem for Circuits

**Theorem 6.22** (Nonuniform Hierarchy Theorem)

For every functions  $T, T' : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  with  $2^n/n > T'(n) \stackrel{1000000}{\approx} T(n) > n$ ,

$$\mathbf{SIZE}(T(n)) \subsetneq \mathbf{SIZE}(T'(n))$$

~~$\mathbb{N}$~~   
 $\mathbb{N}$  bits.

(Size by which we can compute  
all functions over  $l$  bits.)  $\frac{2^l \times 1000}{l} = T'(n)$

(Size that is Not enough  
for all functions of  $l$  bit input)  $\frac{2^l}{10l} = T(n)$

Why calling it **P/poly**?

let  $M$  be:

input  $x, C_n$   
output  $C_n(x)$

- $f \in \mathbf{P/poly} \Rightarrow f_n$  can be computed efficiently give  $C_n$  as "advice"

iff  $\exists a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$

$|a_n| \leq t(n)$

$\exists$  efficient  $M$   
 $M(a_n, x)$  Correct Answer

- Let **P/t(n)** be set of functions efficiently computable with help of a **single** "advice" of length  $t(n)$  for **all inputs** of length  $n$

$\Pi_m$  Def<sub>1</sub>(P/poly)  $\subseteq \checkmark$

Def<sub>2</sub>(P/poly)  $\supseteq ?$

- Let **P/poly** =  $\bigcup_c \mathbf{P/n^c}$

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because  $C_n = a_n$  is the advice we need.

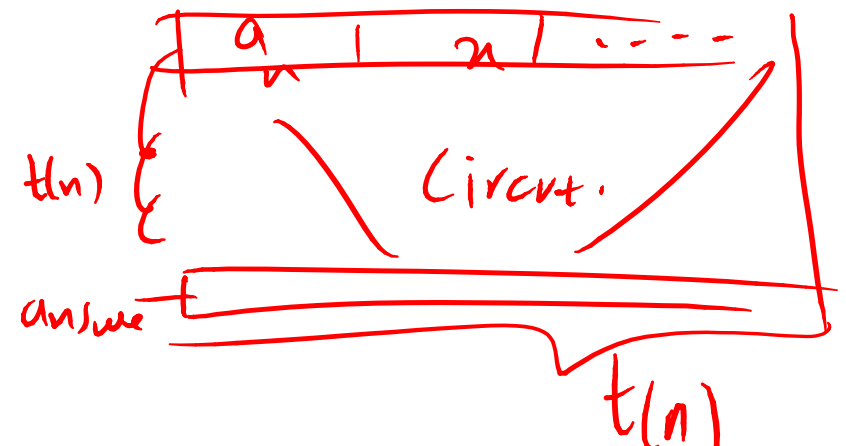
Def<sub>2</sub>  $\subseteq$  Def<sub>1</sub>

Two definitions are equivalent

Def<sub>2</sub> of P/poly

$L \in$  { if  $\exists M$ ,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  — : sequence of advice.  
poly-time machine  $M(a_n, x) =$  correct answer  
 $|x|=n$  ( $x \in L$ )

$\Downarrow$   $\exists$  sequence  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  of  $|C_n| \leq \text{poly}(n)$



such that  $C_n(x) =$  correct answer  
( $x \in L$ )

$C_n$  : circuit coming from Cook-Levin reduction by hardwiring advice  $a_n$  into the circuit.

Is  $\mathbf{NP} \subseteq \mathbf{P}/poly$  ?

**Theorem 6.19** (*Karp-Lipton Theorem* [KL80])

If  $\mathbf{NP} \subseteq \mathbf{P}/poly$ , then  $\mathbf{PH} = \Sigma_2^P$ .