

# CPSC 421/501

- End of new material:

A portion of § 9.3 of [Sip]

"How to solve P vs. NP"

really How people are trying to solve P vs NP...

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= 1 Presentation today! Pumping Lemma

- I'll post the topics for Nov 26

Dec 1

Dec 3

→ there will  
be a little  
bit of time

[Think! Final 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm]

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§ 9.3: You have a Boolean function

$$f = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \{F, T\}^n \rightarrow \{F, T\}$$

often

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

(Note: Red arrows indicate the mapping from {F, T} to {0, 1} in both directions.)

Sipser: "Parity"  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4$

where  $\oplus = \text{XOR} = \text{exclusive or}$

Min Formula Size, Min Circuit Size

Overview:  $\Rightarrow$  # Boolean functions on  $n$ -variables  $2^{(2^n)}$

$$f = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{T/F}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{2^n \text{ T/F}}$

$\Rightarrow$  "Most" Boolean functions on  $n$ -variables

have minimum circuit size  $\geq 2^n / 3^n$

- Cook-Levin approach  $\Rightarrow$

SAT, 3SAT, ... any  $L$  language

if  $L \in P$ , then there are polynomial size circuits to compute:

given input  $w$ ,  $|w| = n$ , there is a circuit of size  $\text{poly}(n)$  to determine whether or not  $w \in L$

$$\text{Given } f(x_1, \dots, x_4) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \oplus x_2$$

"parity functions"

$$F \leftrightarrow 0, \quad T \leftrightarrow 1$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_1=0, x_2=1 \\ & x_1=1, x_2=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2) \bmod 2$$

(Next course in complexity theory CPSC 506,  
but ...)

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4) \bmod 2$$

Compute:

f as formula, say

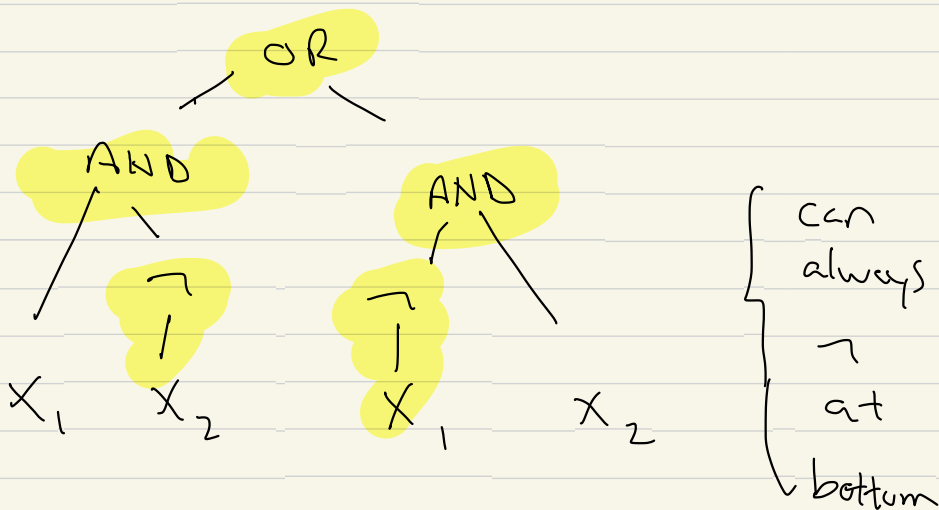
AND

OR

$\neg$

$$X_1 \oplus X_2 = (X_1 \text{ AND } \neg X_2) \text{ OR}$$

$$(\neg X_1 \text{ AND } X_2)$$

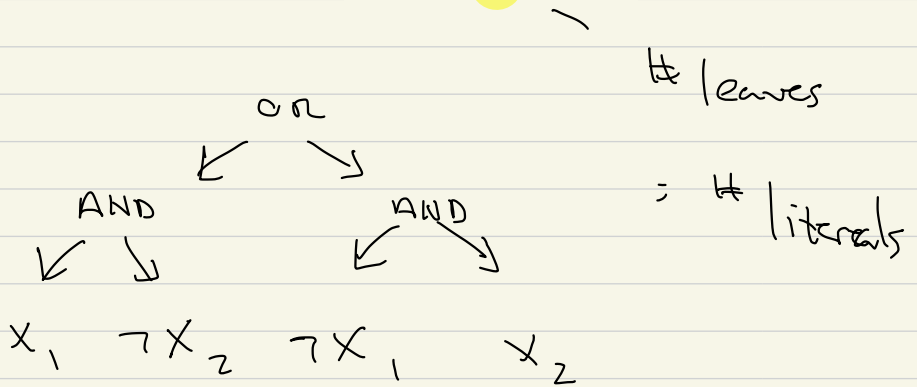


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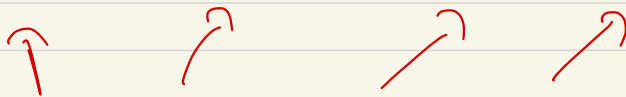


Smallest formula for  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

is smallest tree size to compute  $f$

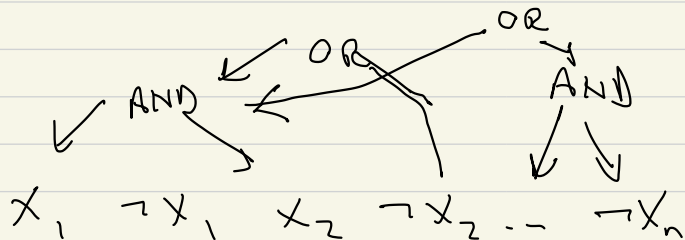


$$(x_1 \wedge \neg x_2) \vee (\neg x_1 \wedge x_2)$$



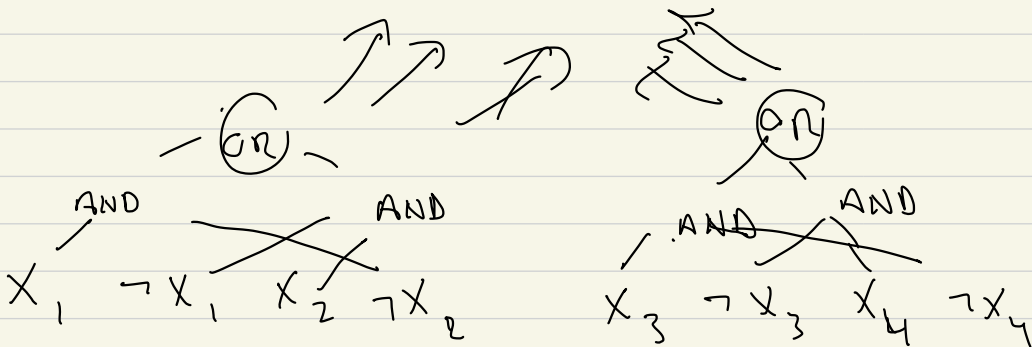
size formula = 4

Circuits to compute  $f$

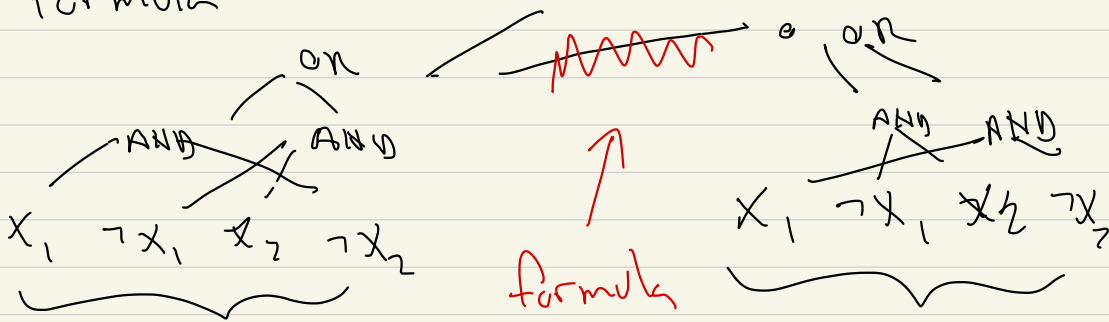


Circuit/Formula to compute  $f$ :

$$(x_1 \oplus x_2) \oplus (x_3 \oplus x_4)$$



formula



Can't reuse

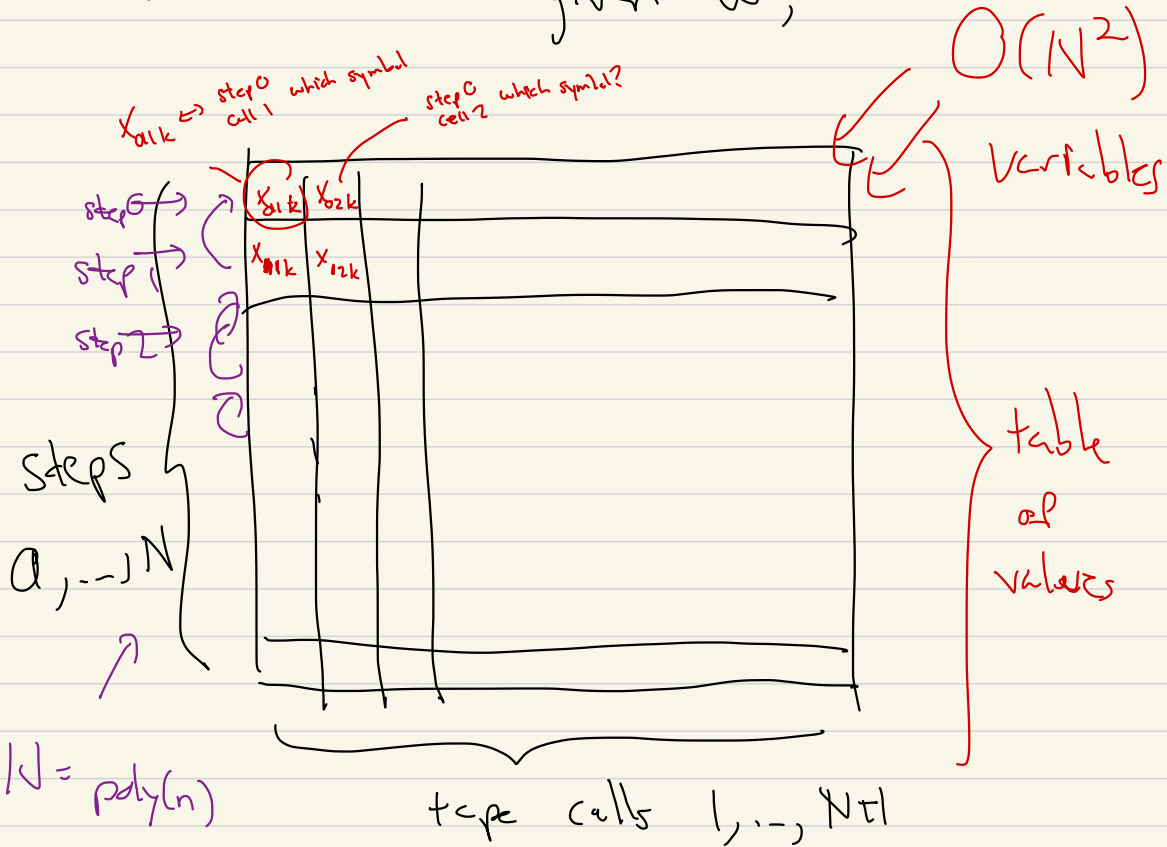
intermediate nodes

Formula  $\leftrightarrow$  Tree ; Circuit  $\leftrightarrow$  Directed Acyclic Graph

Another example:

Say that you have LEP

Cook-Levin Thm: given  $w$ ,



$$x_{ijk} = \begin{cases} T & \text{if step } i, \text{ cell } j \text{ has symbol } k \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$X_{ijk}$  ← # vars:  $(N+1) \cdot (N+1) \cdot |A|$   
 cell contents  
 $Y_{ij}$   
 tape head  
 location  
 $Z_{i,s}$   
 state your  
 time  
 } all these variables

TM non-deterministic  $\rightsquigarrow$  SAT, 3SAT instance

TM deterministic!

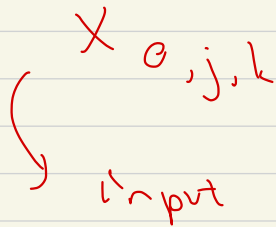
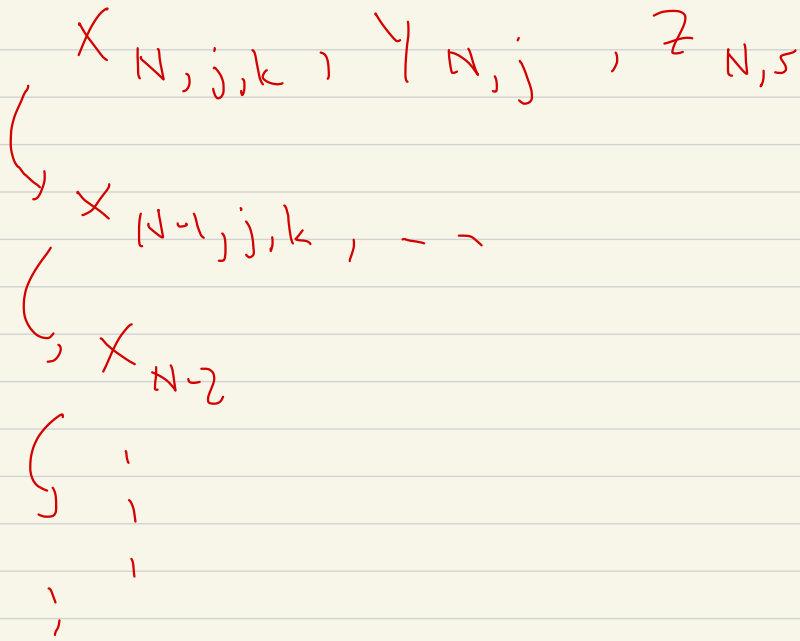
$X_{i+1,j,k}$     $Y_{i+1,j}$     $Z_{i+1,s}$     $j,k,s$  vars  
 step  $i+1$

= some Boolean functions ↓

step  $i$   
 $X_{ijk}, Y_{ij}, Z_{i,s}$

step  $i-1$   
 ↓  
 step  $i-2$

$\Rightarrow$



most function  
of  $n$  variables  
require  $2^n/n$

$\Rightarrow$  given input,  $w$ ,  $|w|=n$

you have circuit based on  $O(N^2)$

functions  $X_{ijk}, Y_{ij}, Z_{is}$  to see  
whether or not  $w \in L$

If you can prove that given  
graph size  $r$ ,



$\binom{r}{2}$  possible edges

$$n = \binom{r}{2}$$

3COLOUR :  $\underbrace{\text{T/F}} \rightarrow \text{T/F}$

these functions require more  
than  $\text{poly}(r) = \text{poly}(n)$  circuit gates

$\Rightarrow$   $P \neq NP$   $\Leftrightarrow$  9.3 of [Sip]