

CPSC 421/501

Nov 6, 2023

- P vs. NP (worth  $\geq 10^6$  USD)

P = polynomial time algorithms

on a single / multi-tape

Turing machine

N = non-deterministic

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- P contains all poly time algorithms in CPSC 320

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- NP includes 3SAT, SAT, 3 COLOUR, PARTITION, ...

Breck: Monday 11/13 - 11/15  
Monday Wednesday

HW 8 due Nov 16

Indiv HW 8 is up

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Final Exam! You can bring in  
2 double-sided sheets 8.5" x 11"

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Some group HW 8 problems  
will be up today

Today

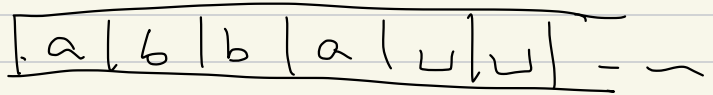
$P = \left\{ \text{Languages recognizable} \right.$   
with polynomial time on  
a Turing machine  $\left. \right\}$

(Remark:  
 $P_{T.M.} = P_{Python}$ )

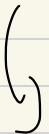
Warning! Our definitions will  
slightly vary from [Sip]

If  $M$  is a Turing machine!

Initial Config (Step 1)



2<sup>nd</sup> configuration (Step 2)



⋮



$q_{\text{reject}}$

# steps that  $M$  takes on input

$S$  is just the difference

step 1 initial config

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step 2

↓

⋮

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step 100

$q_{\text{accept}} / q_{\text{reject}}$

# steps =  $100 - 1 = 99$

time = # steps

## Polynomial time:

If  $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

and  $g(n) > 0$  for  $n$  sufficiently

large, (i.e.  $\exists n_0$  s.t.  $g(n) > 0$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ ), then we write

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

= "big Oh" of  $g(n)$

if there is a  $C$  such that

$$|f(n)| \leq C g(n) \text{ for } \underline{n \text{ suff. large}}$$

i.e.  $\exists n_1$  s.t.

$$f(n) \leq C g(n)$$

for all  $n \geq n_1$

$\equiv$

If  $g(n) = g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$g(n) > 0$  for  $n$  sufficiently

large

TIME( $g$ ) OR

TIME( $g(n)$ )

= { languages,  $L$ , s.t. there is  
a Turing machine,  $M$ , that  
recognizes  $L$  that for each  
input of size  $n$ ,  $M$  runs  
within time  $O(g(n))$  }

(i.e.  $\exists C$  s.t. for all inputs  
of size  $n$ ,  $M$  stops within  
time  $Cg(n)$  for  $n$  sufficiently  
large).



$$P = \text{PolyTime}_{TM}$$

$$= \bigcup_{k=1,2,\dots} \text{TIME}(n^k)$$

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Could also say

$P = \left\{ L \text{ that can be recognized} \right.$

in time  $\left. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} O(1) n^{O(1)} \\ n^{O(1)} \end{array} \right\} \right\}$

We say  $L$  can be recognized in

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{linear time if } L \in \text{TIME}(n) \\ \text{quadratic time} \quad \text{"} \quad \text{"} \quad \text{"} \quad \text{"} \quad n^2 \\ \text{cubic time} \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad n^3 \end{array} \right.$

E.g. If  $M$  does not halt on input  $S = abba$ , but it halts on every other input, then there is an  $M'$  that runs in the same time as  $M$ , within  $O(1)$ , that

recognizes the same language and  
is a decider.

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Same for any finite set.

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Say that we want an algorithm  
that on any input  $\sum_{ASCII}^*$ ,

reaches  $q_{accept}$  if  $P = NP$

"  $q_{reject}$  if  $P \neq NP$

This language,  $L$ , is either  $\emptyset$  or

$\sum_{ASCII}^*$ , but either way, this

language is in time  $O(1)$

$\mathcal{L}_c$   | a | b | b | a | w | w | ...

If  $L = \emptyset$  there is a time 1 alg.

$L = \sum_{\text{ASCII}}^k$  " " " " " "

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Linear time, time  $O(n)$

includes

time  $37n + 2$  ,

$16n + 100n^{1/4}$  ,

$5n + 32 \log(n) + 3$  . .

Notion

$$O(n)$$

[due to Udi Manber]

"uh-oh" of  $n$

includes

$$10^{10^{10}} n + 3$$

$$\leq Cn$$

$O(n)$  can hide huge constants

Example:

CONNECTED\_GRAPH

$= \left\{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a graph} \right.$   
that is  
connected  $\left. \right\}$

connected = any 2 vertices

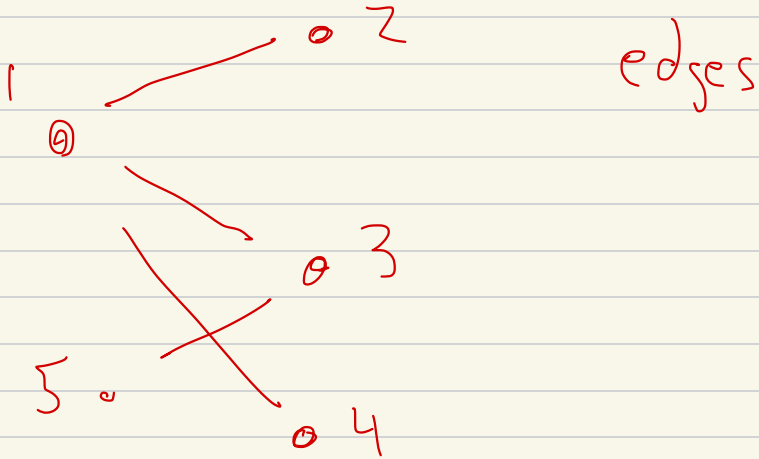
can be connected by a path

$\langle G \rangle$  = the description  
of  $G$ , we need conventions

Graph

$v_1$   $v_2$  vertices

$v_3$



Insist:  $\bar{V} = \{1, \dots, n\}$

$E \subseteq$  pairs of  $V$

e.g.  $V = \{1, \dots, 5\}$

$E = \{ \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}, \{5,3\} \}$

Rem:  $\{ \text{" " " } \{3,5\} \}$

is same

$\{ \text{" " } \{3,5\}, \{4,1\} \}$

is same