

Diagonalisation

- Uncountability of reals (Cantor)
 - Undecidability of HALT (Turing)
 - Incompleteness theorem (Gödel)
- ↳ only known method to prove limitations of TMs!

inputs TMs	$\langle M_1 \rangle$	$\langle M_2 \rangle$	$\langle M_3 \rangle$	$\langle M_4 \rangle$
M_1	1 ₀	0	0	1 ...
M_2	0	1 ₀	0	0
M_3	1	0	0 ₁	1
M_4	0	1	0	1 ₀
$\vdots$				

$$D = \{ \langle M \rangle : M(\langle M \rangle) = 0 \}$$

Suppose for contradiction M_i decides D

$$M_i(\langle M_i \rangle) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \langle M_i \rangle \in D$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M_i(\langle M_i \rangle) = 0 \quad \text{⚡}$$

Time Hierarchy theorem

$$\text{TIME}(n) \neq \text{TIME}(n^3)$$

$f(n)$

$g(n)$,

$$f(n) \log(f(n)) = o(g(n))$$

Universal TM:

There is TM U s.t.

$$U(\langle M, x \rangle) = M(x)$$

in $\underbrace{c_M}_{\text{constant}} \cdot \underbrace{t_M^2(n)}_{\text{runtime of } M}$ steps

Proof:

$$D = \{ \langle M, 1^k \rangle : U(M, \langle M, 1^k \rangle) = 0 \text{ in } k^3 \text{ steps} \}$$

- $D \in \text{TIME}(n^3)$
- $D \notin \text{TIME}(n)$

Sup. M decides D in time $\underbrace{t(n) = c \cdot n}_{\text{constant}}$

$$M(\langle M, 1^k \rangle) = 1 \iff \underbrace{n = 1 \cdot 1}_{\text{constant}} \langle M, 1^k \rangle \in D$$

$$\iff U(M, \langle M, 1^k \rangle) = 0$$

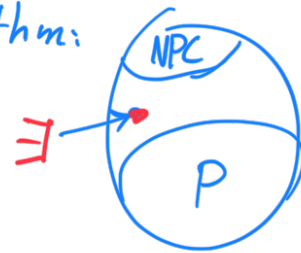
in $\underbrace{k^3}_{\text{constant}} \text{ steps}$

$$> \underbrace{c_M \cdot c^2 \cdot (|M| + k)^2}_{\text{constant}}$$

$$\xRightarrow{\text{large } k} M(\langle M, 1^k \rangle) = 0$$

More in textbook: Hierarchy for NTIME

Ladner's thm:



Oracle TMs

Let $A \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ be arbitrary (even undecidable)

Oracle TM, denoted M^A , has a new instruction: in single step, can answer queries of the form

" $x \stackrel{?}{\in} A$ "

(Think of black-box subroutine for A)

Complexity classes relative to oracles

$P^A = \{L : L \text{ decided by poly-time OTM } M^A\}$

$NP^A = \text{—————} \parallel \text{—————} \text{ND-OTM} \}$

Ex.

- $P^\emptyset = P$

- $P^A = P$ for $A \in P$

- $P^{\text{SAT}} \equiv NP \cup \text{coNP}$

" "

(P^{VP})

$$- A \leq_p B \Rightarrow A \in P^B \left[\begin{array}{l} \Leftrightarrow A \leq_p^T B \\ \text{"poly-time Turing red"} \\ \text{"Cook red."} \end{array} \right]$$

Thm [BGS'75]

The "P vs NP" question relativises both ways!

$$\exists A, B: P^A = NP^A \text{ but } P^B \neq NP^B$$

Upshot: "Relativising" proof techniques cannot resolve P vs NP.

Ex. diagonalisation relativises

Universal OTM $\exists U^*$:

$$\forall A: U^A(\langle M, x \rangle) = M^A(x) \\ \text{in } c_M \cdot t_M^2(n) \text{ steps}$$

Relativised time hier: $TIME^A(n) \not\subseteq TIME^A(n^3)$

Lemma: Let A be complete for EXP.

Then:

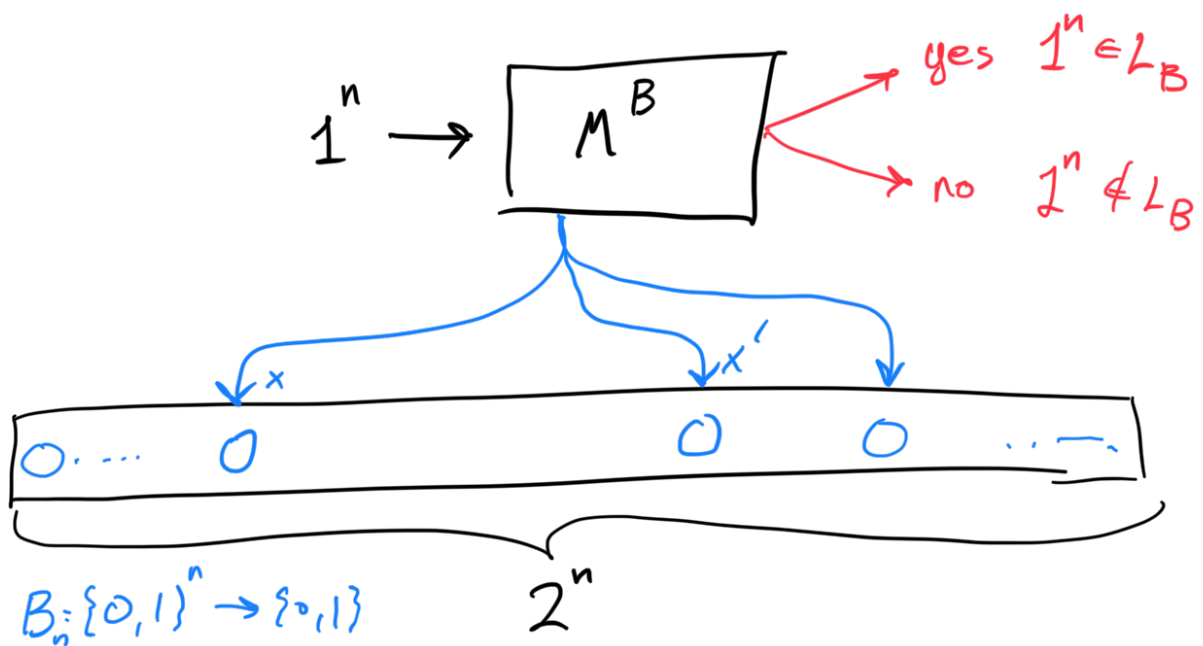
$$EXP \subseteq P^A \subseteq NP^A \subseteq EXP$$

Lemma: $\exists B: P^B \neq NP^B$

Proof $L_B = \{1^n: \exists x \in \{0,1\}^n: x \in B\}$
 $\in NP^B$

Remains to show $L_B \notin P^B$

Fix polytime M^B , consider large n :



Complete by iterating over all M^B :

$M_1^B, M_2^B, \dots, M_i^B$

