



# Computational Complexity Theory


Lecture 19-20: Class BPL; Randomized reductions  
GNI is in BP.NP

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# Recap: BPP is in PH

- We saw that  $P \subseteq BPP \subseteq EXP$ . But, is  $BPP \subseteq NP$ ? **Not known!** (Yes, people still believe  $BPP = P$ .)
- Sipser showed  $BPP \subseteq PH$ , Gacs strengthened it to  $BPP \subseteq \Sigma_2 \cap \Pi_2$ , Lautemann gave a simpler proof.
- **Theorem.** (*Sipser-Gacs-Lautemann '83*)  $BPP \subseteq \Sigma_2 \cap \Pi_2$ .

# Recap: Derandomization of BPP ?

- Can the Sipser-Gacs-Lautemann theorem be strengthened? How low in the PH does BPP lie ?
- **Theorem.** (*Nisan & Wigderson 1988,..., Umans 2003*)  
If there's a  $L \in \text{DTIME}(2^{O(n)})$  and a constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that any circuit  $C_n$  that decides  $L \cap \{0,1\}^n$  requires size  $2^{\varepsilon n}$ , then  $\text{BPP} = \text{P}$ .
- Lower bounds  Derandomization !
- **Caution:** Shouldn't interpret this result as “randomness is useless”.

# Recap: Class RP

- Class **RP** is the one-sided error version of **BPP**.
- **Definition.** A language **L** is in **RTIME(T(n))** if there's a PTM **M** that decides **L** in **O(T(n))** time such that
$$\begin{aligned}x \in L &\quad \Rightarrow \quad \Pr[M(x) = 1] \geq 2/3 \\x \notin L &\quad \Rightarrow \quad \Pr[M(x) = 0] = 1.\end{aligned}$$
- **Definition.**  $\text{RP} = \bigcup_{c > 0} \text{RTIME}(n^c)$ .
- Clearly,  $\text{RP} \subseteq \text{BPP}$ . **Obs.**  $\text{RP} \subseteq \text{NP}$ .

# Recap: Class co-RP

- **Definition.**  $\text{co-RP} = \{L : \bar{L} \in \text{RP}\}$ .
- **Obs.** A language  $L$  is in  $\text{co-RP}$  if there's a PTM  $M$  that decides  $L$  in poly-time such that
$$\begin{aligned}x \in L &\implies \Pr[M(x) = 1] = 1 \\x \notin L &\implies \Pr[M(x) = 0] \geq 2/3.\end{aligned}$$
- **Obs.**  $\text{co-RP} \subseteq \text{BPP}$ .
- Is  $\text{RP} \cap \text{co-RP}$  in  $P$ ? **Not known!**

# Recap: Class ZPP

- **Definition.** A language  $L$  is in  $ZTIME(T(n))$  if there's a PTM  $M$  s.t. on every input  $x$ ,  $M(x) = L(x)$  whenever  $M$  halts, and  $M$  has expected running time  $O(T(n))$ .
- **Definition.**  $ZPP = \bigcup_{c > 0} ZTIME(n^c)$ .
- Problems in  $ZPP$  are said to have poly-time Las Vegas algorithms, whereas those in  $BPP$  are said to have poly-time Monte-Carlo algorithms.
- **Theorem.**  $ZPP = RP \cap co-RP \subseteq BPP$ . (Assignment)
- **Note.** If  $P = BPP$  then  $P = ZPP = BPP$ .

# Recap: Class RNC

- **Definition.** A language  $L$  is in  $RNC^i$  if there's a randomized  $O((\log n)^i)$ -time parallel algorithm  $M$  that uses  $n^{O(1)}$  parallel processors s.t. for every  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ ,  
$$x \in L \implies \Pr[M(x) = 1] \geq 2/3,$$
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Here,  $n$  is the input length.

- **Definition.**  $RNC = \bigcup RNC^i$ .
- $RNC$  stands for Randomized  $NC$ . We can alternatively define  $RNC$  using (uniform) circuits.

# Recap: Perfect matching in RNC

- Let **PerfectMatching** = {Bipartite graph  $G$  :  $G$  has a perfect matching}.
- **Theorem.** (Lovasz 1979) **PerfectMatching**  $\in$  **RNC**<sup>2</sup>.
- The input  $G = (L \cup R, E)$  is given as a  $n \times n$  biadjacency matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in n}$ , where  $n = |L| = |R|$ .
- **Algorithm.**
  1. Construct  $B = (b_{ij})_{i,j \in n}$  as follows: If  $a_{ij}=0$ , then  $b_{ij}=0$ . Else, pick  $b_{ij}$  independently and uniformly at random from  $[2n]$ .
  2. Compute  $\det(B)$ .
  3. If  $\det(B) \neq 0$  output “yes”, else output “no”.



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  2. 
$$\det(X) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^{\text{sign}(\sigma)} \prod_{i \in [n]} x_{i \sigma(i)} .$$
- **Obs.**  $\det(X) \neq 0 \iff$  **G** has a perfect matching.
- If  $\det(X) \neq 0$ , what is the probability that  $\det(B) \neq 0$  ?

The answer is given by the **Schwartz-Zippel lemma**

# Recap: Schwartz-Zippel lemma

- **Lemma.** (*Schwartz 1980, Zippel 1979*) Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq 0$  be a multivariate polynomial of (total) degree at most  $d$  over a field  $F$ . Let  $S \subseteq F$  be finite, and  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in S^n$  such that each  $a_i$  is chosen independently and uniformly at random from  $S$ . Then,

$$\Pr_{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in_r S^n} [f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0] \leq d/|S|.$$

- **Proof idea.** Roots are far fewer than non-roots. Use induction on the number of variables.

(Homework / reading exercise)

# Randomized space bounded computation

# Space bounded PTMs

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- The success probability can be amplified as before as the **BPP** error reduction trick can be implemented using log-space. (*Homework*)

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- Clearly,  $RL \subseteq NL \subseteq P$  and  $BPL \subseteq BPP$ .

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- Is  $BPL = L$ ? Many believe that the answer is “Yes”!



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- The last two results extend Nisan's techniques on read-once branching programs.

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- “Recent Progress on Derandomizing Space-Bounded Computation” survey by Hoza (2022).

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- **Obs.** If  $L_1 \leq_r L_2$  and  $L_2 \in \text{BPP}$ , then  $L_1 \in \text{BPP}$ .

(Easy homework)

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- **Proof idea.** BPP error reduction trick + Cook-Levin.

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- Recall,  $\text{NP} = \{L : L \leq_p \text{SAT}\}$ . It makes sense to define a similar class using randomized poly-time reduction.

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- Class  $\text{BP.NP}$  is also known as  $\text{AM}$  (Arthur-Merlin protocol) in the literature.



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- **Theorem.** If certain reasonable circuit lower bounds hold, then  $\text{BP.NP} = \text{NP}$ .
- **Proof idea.** Similar to Nisan & Wigderson’s conditional  $\text{BPP} = \text{P}$  result.

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- Wondering if  $\text{BP.NP} \subseteq \Pi_2$  implies  $\text{BP.NP} \subseteq \Sigma_2$  ? Is  $\text{BP.NP} = \text{co-BP.NP}$  ? (Recall,  $\text{BPP} = \text{co-BPP}$ ).
- If  $\text{BP.NP} = \text{co-BP.NP}$  then  $\text{co-NP} \subseteq \text{BP.NP}$ . The next theorem shows that this would lead to  $\text{PH}$  collapse.

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- Thus, even without designing an efficient algorithm for **GI**, we know **GI** is unlikely to be **NP-complete**!



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- **Theorem.** (*Goldwasser-Sipser '87, Boppana, Hastad, Zachos '87*)  $\text{GNI} \in \text{BP.NP}.$
- **Proof.** We'll prove it.

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# Graph Isomorphism in Quasi-P

- **Theorem.** (*Babai 2015*) There's a deterministic  $\exp(O((\log n)^3))$  time algorithm to solve the graph isomorphism problem.

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# Graph Non-isomorphism

- **Definition.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two undirected graphs on  $n$  vertices. Identify the vertices with  $[n]$ . We say  $G_1$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$ , denoted  $G_1 \cong G_2$ , if there's a bijection/permutation  $\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]$  s.t. for all  $u, v \in [n]$ ,  $(u, v)$  is an edge in  $G_1$  if and only if  $(\pi(u), \pi(v))$  is an edge in  $G_2$ .
- **Definition.**  $GNI = \{(G_1, G_2) : G_1 \not\cong G_2\}$ .
- Clearly,  $GNI \in \text{co-NP}$ , it is not known if  $GNI \in \text{NP}$ .

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There's a poly-time TM  $V$  and a polynomial function  $q(\cdot)$  s.t.

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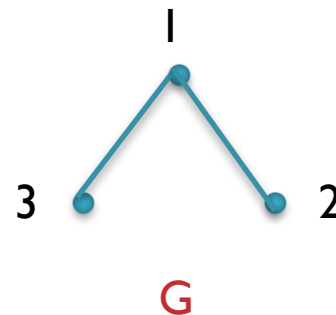
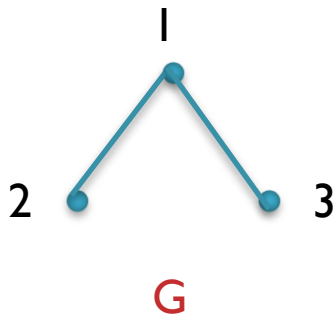
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Permutation  $\pi = (1,3,2)$  is in  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .

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- Let  $S_x = \{(H, \pi): H \cong G_1 \text{ or } H \cong G_2 \text{ and } \pi \in \text{Aut}(H)\}$ .
- **Obs.**  $S_x$  satisfies the properties stated in Step 1.

(Homework)

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- **Lemma \***. There’s a poly-time TM  $M$  that takes input  $x = (G_1, G_2)$ ,  $y$  &  $r$ , and a polynomial function  $q(\cdot)$  s.t.

$|S_x| = 2n!$  (large)  $\Rightarrow \Pr_r [\exists y \text{ s.t. } M(x, y, r) = 1] \geq 2/3$

$|S_x| = n!$  (small)  $\Rightarrow \Pr_r [\forall y \text{ s.t. } M(x, y, r) = 0] \geq 2/3.$

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- **Upper bound**.  $\Pr_h [\exists u \in S_x \text{ s.t. } h(u) = 0^k] \leq |S_x|/2^k$ .
- As  $H_{m,k}$  is pairwise independent, for every  $u \in \{0,1\}^m$ ,  $\Pr_h [h(u) = 0^k] = 2^{-k}$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_h [\exists u \in S_x \text{ s.t. } h(u) = 0^k] \\ & \geq \sum_{u \in S_x} \Pr_h [h(u) = 0^k] - \sum_{\substack{u, u' \in S_x \\ u \neq u'}} \Pr_h [h(u) = 0^k \text{ \& } h(u') = 0^k] \\ & \hspace{25em} \text{(by inclusion-exclusion principle)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\geq |S_x|/2^k \cdot 3/4 = 3/2 \cdot n!/2^k$$

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(Easy homework)

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