

Lecture 7 (Ulrich Complexity)

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How do you resolve VP vs VNP (so far):

- ① Prove you cannot ^{or can} compute the perm in poly time, or analyze circuit size of the perm.
- ② Either a polynomial u.b. or superpoly l.b on dc (perm)
- ③ Specific bounds on the size of bounded depth circuits
- ④ Bounding no. of zeros of "fewnomials"

Today we will see Ulrich Complexity \rightarrow Can prove VP = VNP
 \rightarrow Can be thought of in co-ordinate free way

Defn [Ulrich Complexity (Blaser, Eisenbud, Schreyer)] The Ulrich complexity of a hom. poly $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ of degree d is the smallest r s.t. there is a matrix M of linear forms s.t.

$$\det(M) = f^r, \text{ and}$$

$$\exists N \quad M \cdot N = f \cdot \text{Id}_{da}$$

notice $\text{degree } f \times r = \text{size}(M)$, so instead of $\text{size}(M)$, you might as well study $\text{size}(M)/d = r$.

⊗ The second condition brings us into the domain of Ulrich modules & Ulrich sheaves

⊗ $uc(\det) = 1$ [N is the matrix of co-factors]

Conjecture $uc(f) \geq 2 \binom{\lfloor \text{codim sing } f \rfloor - 2}{2}$ for all f .
 \downarrow
Singular locus

⊗ Fact $\text{codim sing } \det_n = 4$, so above predicts

* Fact $\text{Codim Sing det}_n = 4$, so above predicts
 $uc(\text{det}_n) \geq 1$ ✓

* Conjectured $\text{Codim Sing per}_n = 2n$. This gives:

Conjecture $uc(\text{per}_n) \geq 2^{n-2}$ (true for $n=2 \geq n=3$)

Then $\text{Poly}(n)$ u.b. on $uc(\text{per}_n) \implies VP = VNP$
 "Over all fields"

errata: in the original paper, it was stated as sub-exponential

Defn [Ulrich bundles] Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$ be a ^{smooth} proj. variety, of degree d .
 A rank r vector bundle E on X is Ulrich if any of the foll. ^{equiv.} n conditions are satisfied

① The cohomology $H^i(X, E(-p))$ vanish $1 \leq p \leq \dim(X)$

② If $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\dim(X)}$ is a finite linear proj., the $\pi_* E$ is trivial.

Defn [Ulrich Complexity] $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ ^{homogeneous} defining $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$. The
 Ulrich complexity of f is the min 'r' s.t. there exists a rank r
 Ulrich bundle on X .

Defn [linear matrix factorization] $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ hom of degree $d \geq 2$.
 f has a matrix factorization of size m if $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d \in M_m(k)$ with
 entries as linear forms

$$f I_m = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_d$$

Defn [Waring rank, Chow rank] $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ of degree d
 $wr(f)$ is the min s.t. there exists

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{wr(f)} l_i^d \quad ; \quad l_i \text{ linear forms}$$

Chow rank, denoted $ch(f)$ is the min s.t. there exists an expression

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{ch(f)} l_i \dots l_i$$

Chow rank, ...

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\text{Ch}(f)} l_{i,1} \cdots l_{i,d}$$

- Thm ① f has a linear matrix factorization of size $d^{\text{w}(f)-1}$ and of size $d^{\text{Ch}(f)-1}$
- ② f has linear mat. fact. of size $m \implies$ hyp supports an U.I. bundle of rank $\leq \frac{m}{d}$

U.C. can be studied by looking at secant varieties of Veronese/Chow varieties

Lecture 7 (GCT)

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"String theory of Comp science"

GCT publications:

Overviews of GCT

- [The GCT program toward the P vs. NP problem](#), CACM, vol. 55, issue 6, June 2012, pp. 98-107.
- [On P vs. NP and Geometric Complexity Theory](#), JACM, vol. 58, issue 2, April 2011.
- [FOCS 2010 Tutorial](#) based on this overview.

GCT Papers

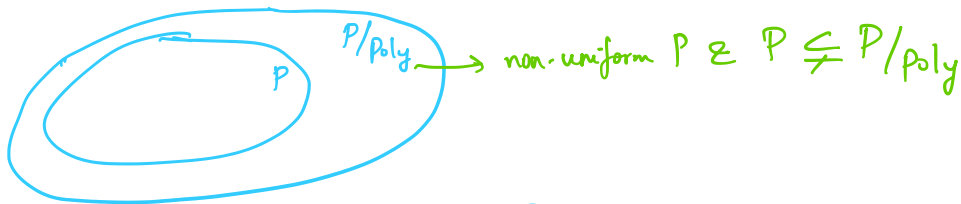
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- [Geometric complexity theory, P vs. NP and explicit obstructions \(with M. Sohoni\)](#), in "Advances in Algebra and Geometry", Edited by C. Musili, the proceedings of the International Conference on Algebra and Geometry, Hyderabad, 2001.
- [Geometric complexity theory III: on deciding nonvanishing of a Littlewood-Richardson coefficient \(with H. Narayanan and M. Sohoni\)](#), Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics, pages 1-8, November, 2011.
- [Geometric complexity theory IV: nonstandard quantum group for the Kronecker problem \(with J. Blasiak and M. Sohoni\)](#), to appear in Memoirs of American Mathematical Society, Preprint available as [arXiv:cs/0703110\[cs.CC\]](#), June 2013.
- [Geometric Complexity Theory V: Efficient algorithms for Noether normalization](#), to appear in the Journal of the AMS.
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- [Geometric Complexity Theory VIII: On canonical bases for the nonstandard quantum groups](#), Technical Report TR-2007-15, computer science department, The University of Chicago, September, 2007.

Lecture notes on GCT

- [On P vs. NP, Geometric Complexity Theory, and the Riemann Hypothesis](#), Technical Report, Computer Science department, The University of Chicago, August, 2009, [cs.ArXiv preprint cs.CC/0908.1936](#).
- [Geometric Complexity Theory: Introduction \(with M. Sohoni\)](#), Technical Report TR-2007-16, computer science department, The University of Chicago, September, 2007. Lecture notes for an introductory graduate course on geometric complexity theory in the computer science department, the university of Chicago.
- [On P vs. NP, Geometric Complexity Theory, and The Flip I: a high-level view](#), Technical Report TR-2007-13, computer science department, The University of Chicago, September, 2007.

Introduced by Mulmuley-Sohoni

* GCT-ish approach viable P vs NP



Thus if $NP \not\subseteq P/poly \Rightarrow P \neq NP$

Example of an alg. in $P/poly$ (Miller-Rabin primality test)

1. ^a ^b Miller, Gary L. (1976), "Riemann's Hypothesis and Tests for Primality", *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, **13** (3): 300–317, doi:10.1145/800116.803773 ^c, S2CID 10690396 ^c

2. ^a ^b Rabin, Michael O. (1980), "Probabilistic algorithm for testing primality", *Journal of Number Theory*, **12** (1): 128–138, doi:10.1016/0022-314X(80)90084-0 ^c

Testing against small sets of bases ^[edit]

When the number n to be tested is small, trying all $a < 2(\ln n)^2$ is not necessary, as much smaller sets of potential witnesses are known to suffice. example, Pomerance, Selfridge, Wagstaff^[4] and Jaeschke^[11] have verified that

- if $n < 2,047$, it is enough to test $a = 2$;
- if $n < 1,373,653$, it is enough to test $a = 2$ and 3 ;
- if $n < 9,080,191$, it is enough to test $a = 31$ and 73 ;
- if $n < 25,326,001$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3$, and 5 ;
- if $n < 3,215,031,751$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5$, and 7 ;
- if $n < 4,759,123,141$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 7$, and 61 ;
- if $n < 1,122,004,669,633$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 13, 23$, and 1662803 ;
- if $n < 2,152,302,898,747$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7$, and 11 ;
- if $n < 3,474,749,660,383$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$, and 13 ;
- if $n < 341,550,071,728,321$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13$, and 17 .

Using the work of Feitsma and Galway enumerating all base 2 pseudoprimes in 2010, this was extended (see OEIS: A014233), with the first result shown using different methods in Jiang and Deng:^[12]

- if $n < 3,825,123,056,546,413,051$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19$, and 23 .
- if $n < 18,446,744,073,709,551,616 = 2^{64}$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31$, and 37 .

Sorenson and Webster^[13] verify the above and calculate precise results for these larger than 64-bit results:

- if $n < 318,665,857,834,031,151,167,461$, it is enough to test $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31$, and 37 .

high-level overview of GCT: Consider NP vs P/poly as a means towards P vs NP. Construct, for each n , alg. varieties

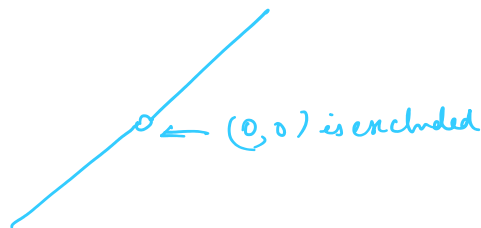
$$X_{NP,n} \supseteq X_{P,n}, \text{ such that}$$

$$P \geq NP \iff X_{NP,n} \subseteq X_{P,n^k} \quad \forall n \geq n_0 \geq \text{some } k$$

Make sure $X_{NP,n} \supseteq X_{P,n}$ are symmetric under the action of G_n , so use tools from representation theory

Orbit closures Consider the action of \mathbb{R}^x on \mathbb{R}^2
 $\underset{\mathbb{R}^x}{a} \cdot (x,y) = (ax, ay)$

What is the orbit of $(1, 1)$



Orbit is not an alg. set.

CLASSICAL COMPLEXITY	GCT
A problem/ funt. to be computed	pt. on an alg. variety

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$f \sim g$	$Pt_f \approx Pt_g$ lie in the same GL -orbit
Reduction b/w $f \approx g$	action of a group element
Reduction b/w arbitrary elems	actions of limits of group elements
$f \leq g$	f lies in $\overline{G \cdot g} \rightarrow$ orbit closure

$V = (\mathbb{C}^{m^2})^*$, $\text{End}(V)$ acts on $\text{Sym}^m(V)$ ← degree m hom. poly in m^2 vars.
 $L. p(x) = P(L^T x)$

$\text{End}(V)$ is not a group!

Defn [padded n -perm] $\zeta^{m-n} \text{perm}_n \in \text{Sym}^m(V)$

Prop $\text{dc}(\text{perm}_n) \leq m = n^{o(1)} \iff \text{End}(V) \cdot \text{det}_m \ni \zeta^{m-n} \text{perm}_n$

$GL(V)$ ← group of invertible linear transformations $\subseteq \text{End}(V)$, dense in $\text{End}(V)$, i.e. $\overline{GL(V)} = \text{End}(V)$

↓
 $A \in \text{End}(V) \setminus GL(V)$, there exists $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in GL(V)$ s.t.
 $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = A$

$GL(V) \cdot \text{det}_m$ is dense in $\text{End}(V) \cdot \text{det}_m$
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 group orbit

$$\text{DET}_m := \overline{GL(V) \cdot \text{det}_m} = \overline{\text{End}(V) \cdot \text{det}_m}$$

$$\text{PER}_m^n := \overline{GL(V) \cdot \zeta^{m-n} \text{perm}_n}$$

Conjecture [Strengthening of Valiant's conjecture] when $m = n^{o(1)}$, then

$$\zeta^{m-n} \cdot \text{perm}_n \notin \text{DET}_m \iff \text{PER}_m^n \not\subseteq \text{DET}_m$$

∴ This conjecture implies Valiant's Conjecture

Fact This conjecture implies Valiant's Conjecture

Q Orbit closures why?

Ans ① They are closures of group orbits

② By defn, they are alg. varieties

(LATER) we can use any two forms. Complete for ^{any} complexity classes and

ask inclusion b/w orbit closures

↑
helps us talk about ^{actual} P vs NP in GCT

Why is "orbit closures" interesting?

because:-

- ① Perm & det are special.. "characterized by their symmetries"
- ② Perm & det satisfy a notion called "partial stability"

⇓ + Luna's cite slice thm

You can look at multiplicities of irreps in the isotypic decomp of the representations obtained by considering $GL(X)$ action on the \mathbb{C} -ordinate rings of the orbit closures of the determinant & the Padded permanent.

examples to see how representation theory comes up

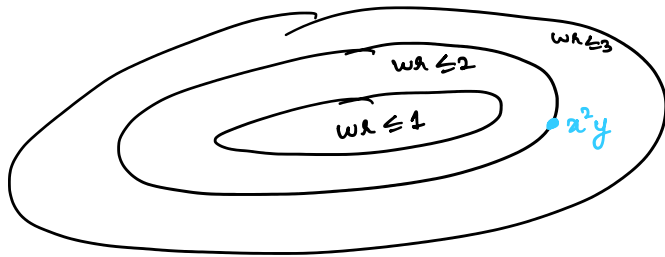
Consider the poly x^2y .

$$x^2y = \frac{1}{6} [(x+y)^3 + (y-x)^3 - 2y^3] \implies \text{wr}(x^2y) \leq 3$$

$$\text{In fact } \text{wr}(x^2y) = 3$$

$$\text{Check that: } \frac{1}{3\epsilon} ((x+\epsilon y)^3 - x^3) = x^2y + \epsilon xy^2 + \frac{\epsilon^2}{3} y^2$$

$\downarrow \epsilon \rightarrow 0$
 x^2y



Because of continuity, any poly that vanishes on $w_R \leq 2$ must also vanish at $x^2 y$. Thus we define border waring rank, denoted \underline{w}_R
 $\underline{w}_R(x^2 y) = 2$

- ① We can define border $*$ \rightarrow any complexity measure
- ② Border complexity measure are convenient to work with because the corresponding sets are closed (Euclidean & Zariski), thus finding a GLT-style separating polynomial is feasible. Also GL acts on such sets.

$$x^2 y = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{3\epsilon} \left((x + \epsilon y)^3 - x^3 \right). \quad s_\epsilon = \left(\frac{1}{3\epsilon} \right)^{1/3}, \quad \omega^3 = -1, \text{ then}$$

$$x^2 y = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[(s_\epsilon x + \epsilon s_\epsilon y)^3 + (\omega s_\epsilon x)^3 \right]$$

This can be thought of as evaluating the polynomial $x^3 + y^3$ at the pt $(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} s_\epsilon & \omega s_\epsilon \\ \epsilon s_\epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Generalising, we can say

$$M_2(\mathbb{C}) \circ (x^3 + y^3) \leftarrow \text{exactly the set of poly of } w_R \leq 2$$

$$x^2 y \in \frac{\text{monoid orbit}}{M_2(\mathbb{C}) \circ (x^3 + y^3)} = \overline{GL_2(\mathbb{C}) \circ (x^3 + y^3)}$$

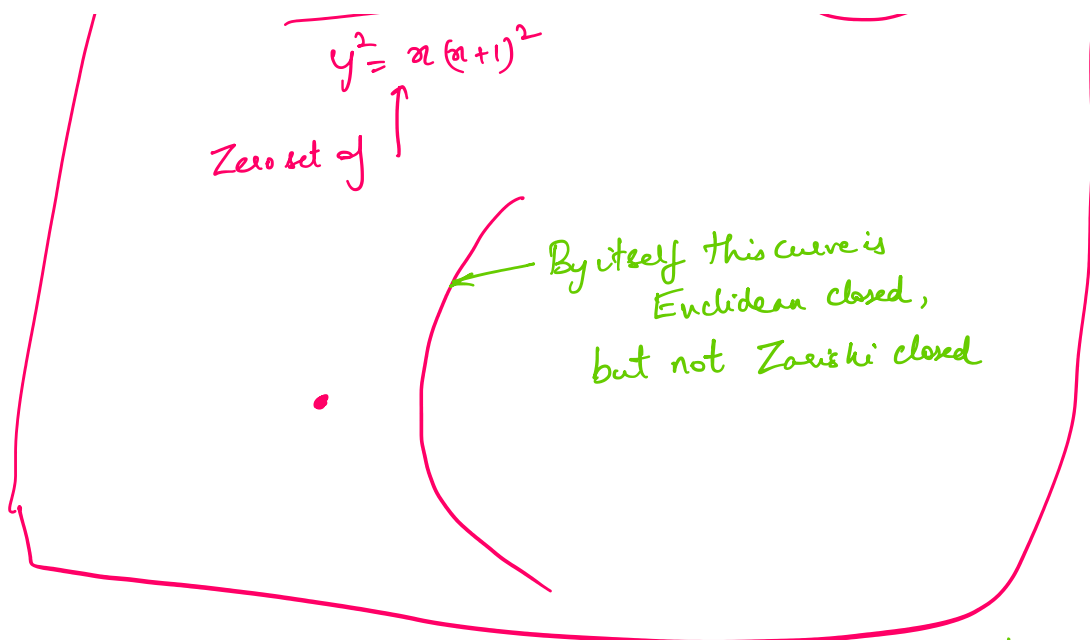
Proof sketch that such closures are alg. varieties

$$\overline{V^Z} \supseteq \overline{V} \supseteq V$$

$$\overline{V^Z} \not\supseteq \overline{V} \text{ over Reals}$$

$$y^2 = x(x+1)^2$$

(aside)



Chevalley's thm tells that orbit closures (alg. closed fields) are varieties \square

Concrete example for vanishing polynomials.

$\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2) \rightarrow 3$ dim space with basis x^2, xy, y^2
(degree 2 homogeneous polys in 2 vars)

$$X_1 := \left\{ h \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]_2 \mid \text{wt}(h) = 1 \right\}$$

$$h = (\alpha x + \beta y)^2$$

$$\iff X_1 := \left\{ ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 \mid b^2 - 4ac = 0 \right\}$$

$b^2 - 4ac \in \text{Sym}^2(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2))$ is a separating polynomial

Claim $\text{wt}(xy) > 1$

$$\text{Proof } xy = \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ a & b & c \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} x^2 + \\ 2xy + \\ y^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac \neq 0 \quad \square$$

— Can define border complexity for any measure

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— Can define border complexity for any Σ

— We can define \overline{VP}

— Strengthening of Valiant conjecture: $\overline{VP} \neq VNP$

— We don't even know if $\overline{VP} \neq VP$ are diff.

$\overline{VP} \supseteq VP$, but we don't know if containment is strict

— $VP \subseteq VNP$ but don't know $\overline{VP} \subseteq VNP$

Recap

① Vec-space of polys, has GL -action

② We have a Zariski closed X inside v.s.

③ need suitable func that help test membership in X

④ GL_n action on X carries over to func on X , so it is a representation of GL_n

⑤ Use multiplicities

e.g. Consider $\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$ and action of S_2 $e \neq \rho \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

Thus $\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$ is a 3-dim representation of S_2

↓ basis
 $\{x^2, y^2, xy\}$ or $\{x^2+y^2, x^2-y^2, xy\}$

$\rho(x^2+y^2) = x^2+y^2$, $\rho(xy) = xy$, $\rho(x^2-y^2) = -(x^2-y^2)$
invariants under S_2 & skew-invariant under S_2

$$\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2) = \langle xy, x^2+y^2 \rangle \oplus \langle x^2-y^2 \rangle$$

↑
this subspace is
closed under action of S_2
Called a subrepresentation

$$\dim_{\text{inv}}(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)) = 2 \quad \& \quad \dim_{\text{skew-inv}}(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)) = 1$$

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e.g. 2 Representations of S_2 ($\text{Sym}^2(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2))$)

Basis for $\text{Sym}^2(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2))$ is

$$\{a^2, ab, ac, b^2, bc, c^2\}$$

Action of S_2 on $\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$ gives action on $\text{Sym}^2(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2))$

$$\text{Sym}^2(\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)) = \underbrace{\langle ac, b^2, a^2+c^2, ab+bc \rangle}_{\text{invariants under } S_2} \oplus \underbrace{\langle a^2-c^2, ab-bc \rangle}_{\text{skew-invariants}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Alt}_2 \end{array} g \circ (b^2 - 4ac) = (\det(g))^2 (b^2 - 4ac)$$