

# 1 Complexity Zoo

## 1.1 P

Informally: all problems that can be solved in polynomial time.

**Definition 1.1.**

$$\mathbf{P} = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{TIME}[n^k]$$

Descriptive Complexity definitions:

**Definition 1.2.**

$$\mathbf{P} = \text{FO}(\text{LFP})$$

(First Order logic extended with the Least Fixed Point operator, with successor)

**Definition 1.3.**

$$\mathbf{P} = \text{SO}(\text{Horn})$$

(Second Order logic restricted with Horn)

Circuit Complexity definition:

**Definition 1.4.**

$\mathbf{P}$  = Set of problems that can be solved by a polynomial-time uniform family of boolean circuits

Notable Problems in  $\mathbf{P}$ :

- 2-SAT
- 2-Colourability
- Reachability

## 1.2 NP

Informally: all problems that can be solved in nondeterministic polynomial time.

**Definition 1.5.**

$$\mathbf{NP} = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{NTIME}[n^k]$$

In terms of a verifier:

Informally: The set of decision problems where a solution can be verified in polynomial time.

Descriptive Complexity Definition:

**Definition 1.6.**

$$\mathbf{NP} = \text{SO}\exists$$

(Existential Second Order)

Notable Problems in **NP**:

- SAT
- 3-Colourability
- TSP
- Subset sum



**1.3**   **FPT**  
**1.4**   **W[1]**  
**1.5**   **FPTAS**  
**1.6**   **PTAS**  
**1.7**   **L**  
**1.8**   **NL**  
**1.9**   **PSPACE**  
**1.10**   **coNP**  
**1.11**    $\Sigma_2^p$   
**1.12**    $\Sigma_i^p$   
**1.13**    $\Pi_2^p$   
**1.14**    $\Pi_i^p$   
**1.15**   **PH**  
**1.16**    $P^{SAT}$   
**1.17**    $NP^{SAT}$   
**1.18**   **P/poly**  
**1.19**   **P-Uniform**  
**1.20**   **EXP**  
**1.21**   **NC**  
**1.22**    $NC_0$   
**1.23**    $NC_1$   
**1.24**    $NC_2$   
**1.25**    $NC_i$   
**1.26**    $AC_i$   
**1.27**    $AC_0$   
**1.28**    $AC_1$   
**1.29**   **BPP**  
**1.30**   **RP**  
**1.31**   **co-RP**  
**1.32**   **ZPP**  
**1.33**   **APX**  
**1.34**   **PO**  
**1.35**   **PCP**