

## Time Hierarchy Theorem

Informally, the theorem states that given more time, a Turing machine can solve more problems. Formally, if  $f(n)$  is a time-honest function then

$$\text{DTIME}(f(n)) \subsetneq \text{DTIME}(f(n)^2),$$

with the understanding that this can be restated in more general terms (as in the lecture notes).

As suggested, I will prove a weaker version, showing that  $\text{DTIME}(f(n))$  is smaller than (thus a strict subset of)  $\text{DTIME}(f(2n+1)^3)$ . Following a hint from the lecture notes, let  $A$  be the language that contains all TMs which accept an input after at most  $f(|x|)$  steps.