

# Lecture 7 (Ulrich Complexity)

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How do you resolve  $\text{VP vs VNP}$  (so far):

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

To day we will see Ulrich Complexity Can prove  $\text{VP} = \text{VNP}$  Can be thought of in Co-ordinate free way

Defn [Ulrich Complexity (Blaszczyk, 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  $N^M$  of linear forms s.t.

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

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

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

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

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

Conjecture  $\text{uc}(f) \geq 2^{\frac{(\lceil \text{codim sing } f \rceil)_2 - 2}{\text{Singularity}}}$  for all  $f$ .

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 $u_C(\det_n) \geq 1$

Conjectured  $\text{codim Sing } \text{perm}_n = 2^n$ . This gives:

Conjecture  $u_C(\text{perm}_n) \geq 2^{n-2}$  (true for  $n=2, 3, 4, 5$ )

Then  $\text{Poly}(n)$  u.b. on  $u_C(\text{perm}_n) \implies \text{VP} = \text{VNP}$   
 ↑ "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 <sup>smooth</sup> proj. variety, of degree  $d$ .  
 A rank  $r$  vector bundle  $E$  on  $X$  is Ulrich if any of the foll. <sup>equiv.</sup> cond. 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]  $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  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 factorizations]  $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  has a matrix factorization of degree  $\geq 2$ .  
 'f' has a matrix factorization of size 'm' if  $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d \in M_m(k)$  with entries as linear forms

$$f|_{I_m} = \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_d$$

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

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

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

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{ch(f)} l_{i,1} \cdots l_{i,n}$$

$$\text{Chow rank} = \dots$$

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

- Thm
- ①  $f$  has a linear matrix factorization of size  $d^{w(f)-1}$ , and of size  $d^{\text{Ch}(f)-1}$
  - ②  $f$  has linear mat. fact. of size  $m \Rightarrow$  hyp supports an U1. bundle of rank  $\leq \frac{m}{d}$

U.C. can be studied by looking at second 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

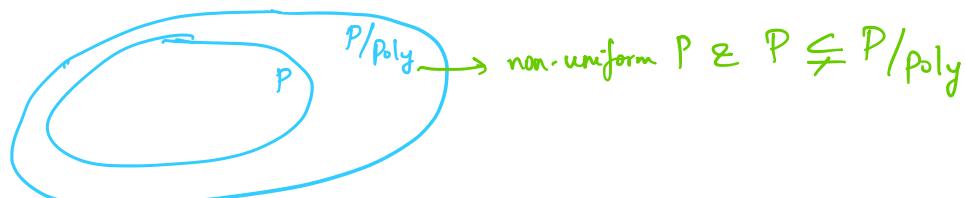
- Lower Bounds in a Parallel Model without bit operations, SIAM J. Comput., 28, (1999), pp. 1460-1509.
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- Geometric complexity theory. P vs. NP and explicit obstructions (with M. Sohoni), in "Advances in Algebra and Geometry", Edited by C. Musili, the 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.
- Explicit Proofs and The Flip, Technical Report, Computer Science Department, The University of Chicago, September 2010.
- Geometric Complexity Theory VI: the flip via positivity, Technical Report, computer science department, The University of Chicago, January 2011.
- Geometric Complexity Theory VII: Nonstandard quantum group for the plethysm problem, Technical Report TR-2007-14, computer science department, The University of Chicago, September 2007.
- 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, 2000, cs.ArXiv preprint cs.CC/00081936
- This overview is based on a series of three lectures. Video lectures in this series are available [here](#).
- 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  $P \neq NP$



Thus if  $NP \notin P/poly \Rightarrow P \neq NP$

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

1. <sup>a b</sup> 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 ↗, S2CID 10690396 ↗
2. <sup>a b</sup> 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 ↗

#### 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. For example, Pomerance, Selfridge, Wagstaff<sup>[4]</sup> and Jaeschke<sup>[11]</sup> 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:<sup>[12]</sup>

- 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<sup>[13]</sup> 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

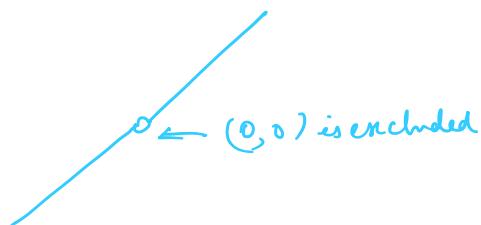
$$X_{NP,n} \supseteq X_{P,n}, \text{ such that}$$

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

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

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

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



Orbit is not an alg. set.

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

A problem / funct. to be computed

	$r \vdash \cdots \vdash s \vdash u$
$f \sim g$	$\text{pt}_f \approx \text{pt}_g$ 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

$$V = (\mathbb{C}^{m^2})^*, \quad \text{End}(V) \text{ acts on } \text{Sym}^m(V) \quad \leftarrow \text{degree } m \text{ hom. poly in } m^2 \text{ vars.}$$

$$L_p(x) = P(L^T x)$$

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

Defn [Padded  $n$ -perm]  $\mathbb{Z}^{m-n} \text{perm}_n \in \text{Sym}^m(V)$

Prop  $\text{dc}(\text{perm}_n) \leq m = n^{O(1)} \iff \text{End}(V). \det_m \supset \mathbb{Z}^{m-n} \text{perm}_n$

$GL(V) \leftarrow$  group of invertible linear transformations  $\subseteq \text{End}(V)$ , dense in

$\text{End}(V)$ , i.e.  $\overline{GL(V)} = \text{End}(V)$

$\downarrow$   
 $A \in \text{End}(V) \setminus GL(V)$ , there exists  $(A_i)^{e_{GL(V)}}$  s.t  
 $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} A_i = A$

$GL(V). \det_m$  is dense in  $\text{End}(V). \det_m$

$$\text{DET}_m := \overline{GL(V). \det_m} = \overline{\text{End}(V). \det_m}$$

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

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

$$\mathbb{Z}^{m-n} \text{perm}_n \notin \text{DET}_m \iff \text{PER}_m^n \notin \text{DET}_m$$

$\Leftarrow$  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 any two forms. complete for complexity classes and  
are inclusion b/w orbit closures

↑  
helps us talk about <sup>actual</sup> P vs NP in GCT

Why is "orbit closures" inviting?

because:-

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

↓ + Luna's étale slice theorem

You can look at multiplicities of irreps in the isotypic decomp of  
the representations obtained by considering  $GL(n)$  action on  
the coordinate rings of the orbit closures of the determinant & the  
Padded permanent.

examples to see how representation theory comes up

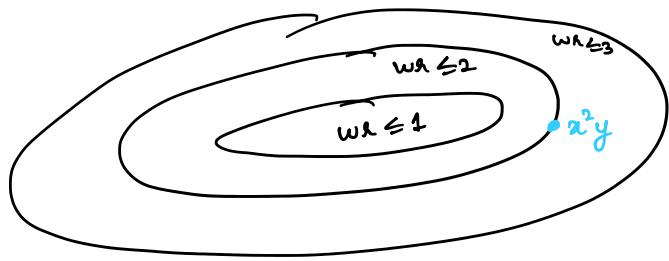
Consider the poly  $x^2y$ .

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

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

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

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



Because of continuity, any poly that vanishes on  $wx \leq 2$  must also vanish at  $x^2y$ . Thus we define border waring rank - denoted  $\underline{wr}$

$$\underline{wr}(x^2y) = 2$$

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

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

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

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

Generalising, we can say

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

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

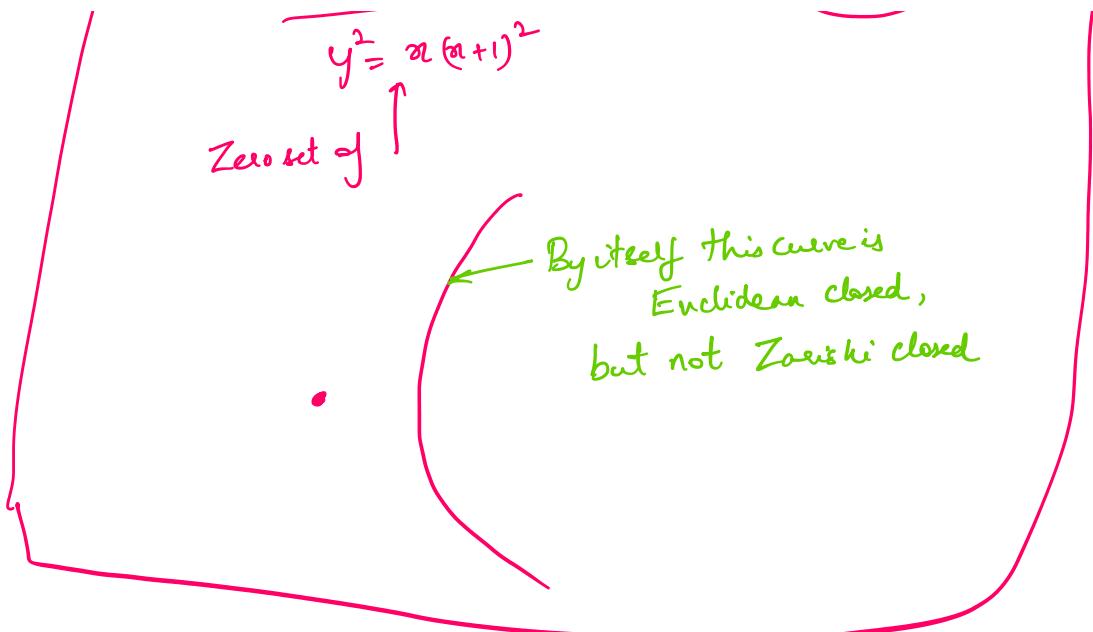
Proof sketch that such classes are alg. varieties

$$\bar{Y}^Z \supseteq \bar{Y} \supseteq Y$$

$\bar{Y}^Z \supsetneq \bar{Y}$  over Reals

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

and



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

Concrete example for vanishing polynomials.

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

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

$\downarrow$

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

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

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

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

Proof  $ny = \underbrace{x^2}_a + \underbrace{2xy}_b + \underbrace{y^2}_c$

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

— Can define border complexity for any measure  
 $\overline{\text{nn}}$

- Can define border complexity for any language
- We can define  $\overline{VP}$
- Strengthening of Valiant conjecture:  $\overline{VP} \neq VNP$
- We don't even know if  $\overline{VP} \subset VP$  are diff.
- $\overline{VP} \geq VP$ , 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 Garski closed  $X$  inside v.s.
- ③ need suitable func that help test membership in  $X$
- ④ GL action on  $X$  carries over to func on  $X$ , so it is a representation of GL
- ⑤ Use multiplicities

e.g. Consider  $\text{Sym}^2(\mathbb{C}^2)$  and action of  $S_2$   $\begin{matrix} x & y \\ \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & \xleftarrow{\quad S_2 \quad} \\ y & x \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ y & x \end{pmatrix}$

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

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

$$\underbrace{f(x^2+y^2) = x^2+y^2, f(xy) = xy}_{\text{invariants under } S_2}, \underbrace{f(x^2-y^2) = -(x^2-y^2)}_{\text{skew-invariant under } S_2}$$

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

$\uparrow$   
this subspace is  
closed under action of  $S_2$   
Called a subrepresentation

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

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

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

$$g \circ (b^2 - 4ac) = (\det(g))^2 (b^2 - 4ac)$$

↑  
GL<sub>2</sub>