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## 19.1 Measuring Complexity

**Definition 19.1** The running time of a (deterministic) TM is a function  $f: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  given by  $f(n) = \max_{\substack{x \in \Sigma^* \\ |x| = n}}$  (# of steps of M on input x).

Typically we assume M is a decider now.

A class of languages defined by some resource constraint is called a complexity class.

**Definition 19.2**  $TIME(t(n)) = \{language \ L : there exists a \ TM \ with \ running \ time \ O(t(n))\}.mmmm$ 

## 19.2 Define P and EXP

**Definition 19.3**  $P = \bigcup_{c>0} TIME(n^c)$ 

**Definition 19.4**  $EXP = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} TIME(2^{n^k})$  or EXPTIME

 $3COLORMAP \in TIME(4^n) \subseteq EXP$