

# The Iterated Mod Problem

Soham Chatterjee

Chennai Mathematical Institute

November 12, 2023

# Contents

- 1 Iterated Integer Mod (IIM) Problem
  - Circuit Value Problem
  - $NANDCVP \leq_l IIM$
- 2 Super Increasing 0-1 Knapsack Problem
  - Introduction
  - Super Increasing Knapsack Problem is  $P$ -complete
- 3 Polynomial Iterated Mod Problem (PIM)
  - Introduction
  - PIM is in  $NC$
- 4 Open Problem

# Introduction

- This paper is Iterated Mod Problem by Karloff and Ruzzo [KR89]
- Sequential algorithm for computing  $gcd$  is based on Euclidean Algorithm  $r_0 = a, r_1 = b$ . Then

$$r_2 = r_0 \bmod r_1, \quad r_3 = r_1 \bmod r_2, \quad \dots$$

$gcd$  is the last nonzero  $r_i$ .

- But parallel complexity of  $gcd$  is poorly understood. Fastest parallel algorithm takes  $O\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)$  time [CG90]
- The problem we will study related to the  $gcd$  problem. It is given integers or polynomials  $x, m_n, m_{n-1}, \dots, m_1$  find if

$$((x \bmod m_n) \bmod m_{n-1}) \cdots \bmod m_1 = 0$$

# Iterated Integer Mod Problem

## Problem:

Given positive integers  $x, m_n, m_{n-1}, \dots, m_1$  find if

$$((x \bmod m_n) \bmod m_{n-1}) \cdots \bmod m_1 = 0$$

## Theorem

*Iterated Integer Mod*  $\in P$

For any 2 numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a \bmod b$  is in  $P$ . Here we are doing  $n$  iterated mods. So it still takes polynomial time. So  $IIM \in P$ .

# Circuit Value Problem

Theorem ([Lad75])

*Circuit Value Problem is P-complete.*

- Enough to take  $CVP$  for circuits with only  $NAND$  gates,  $NANDCVP$

Gates  $\in [G]$

Input Variables:  $= y_i, i \in [r]$ , Input Bits:  $= Y_i, i \in [r]$

# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM$

## Log-Space Reduction

Let  $n = 2G$ .

- $x$  is  $n + 1$ -bit integer whose  $i$ th bit is  $Y_j$  if the  $i$ th edge is incident from the input  $y_j$ . Otherwise it is 1.
- $1 \leq g \leq G$

$$m_{2g} = 2^{2g} + 2^{2g-1} + \sum_{\substack{j \text{th edge} \\ \text{out-edge from } g}} 2^j \text{ and } m_{2g-1} = 2^{2g-1}$$

**Remark:** Here  $m_{2g}$  and  $m_{2g-1}$  simulate the gate  $g$

# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM$

Correctness

## Theorem

Let  $x_{G+1} = x$ . And for all  $1 \leq g \leq G$

$$x_g = ((\cdots ((x \bmod m_{2G}) \bmod m_{2g-1}) \cdots \bmod m_{2g}) \bmod m_{2g-1}) = 0.$$

Then:

- ① For all  $1 \leq g \leq G + 1$ ,  $x_g \leq 2^{2g-1}$
- ② For all  $1 \leq g \leq G + 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2g - 1$  if the  $j$ th edge is an outgoing edge from an input node or from a gate  $h$  such that  $h \geq g$  then  $x_g$ 's  $j$ th bit is the value carried by  $j$ th edge otherwise 1

# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM II$

Correctness

**Prove by downward induction:**

Base Case ( $g = G + 1$ ): We have  $x < 2^{2(G+1)-1} = 2^{2G+1} = 2^n$ . True as  $x$  is  $n$ -bit number. And second condition follows by construction. Let the theorem holds for all  $g > k$ .



# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM$ III

## Correctness

### Part (a):

$x_k = (x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k}) \bmod m_{2^{g-1}} \cdot m_{2k-1} = 2^{2k-1}$ . So  $x_k$  has  $2k-1$  bits so  $x_k < 2^{2k-1}$ . So Part (a) is proved.

# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM$ IV

## Correctness

### Part (b):

- The only bits differ between  $x_{k+1}$  and  $x_k$  are the bits corresponding to edges incident on  $k$ th vertex (in and out). In  $x_{k+1}$  the  $j$ th bits are 1 if  $j$ th edge going out from gate  $k$ .
- The  $2k$  and  $2k - 1$ th edges are in edges of gate  $k$ . So in  $x_{k+1}$  the  $(2k)$ th and  $(2k - 1)$ th bits are the value carried by the  $(2k)$  and  $(2k - 1)$ th edges. Two cases to consider:

# $NANDCVP \leq_I IIM V$

## Correctness

**Both  $(2k)$  and  $(2k + 1)$ th bits are 1:**

$m_{2k} \leq x_{k+1} < 2m_{2k}$ . So

$$(x_{k+1} \bmod m_{m_{2k}}) \bmod m_{2k-1} = x_{k+1} - m_{2k}$$

So in  $x_{2k}$  at output bits position of  $m_{2k}$  the 1 is replaced by 0

**At least one of the bits is 0:**

$$x_{k+1} < m_{2k} \implies x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k} = x_{k+1}$$

So in  $x_{2k}$  at output bits position of  $m_{2k}$  has 1.

# $IIM$ is $P$ -complete

$x_1 < 2^1$  is the value carried by the 0th edge, value of the  $CVP$  instance.

## Theorem

$NANDCVP \leq_I \text{Iterated Integer Mod}$

## Theorem

*Integer Iterated Mod Problem is  $P$ -complete*

# Super Increasing Knapsack Problem (SIK)

## Introduction

### Definition (0-1 Knapsack Problem)

Given an integer  $w$  and a sequence of integers  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  is there a sequence of 0 – 1 valued variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $w = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i$ .

- 0-1 Knapsack Problem is known to be  $NP$ -complete. [GJ90]
- A knapsack instance is called super increasing (SIK) if each weight  $w_i$  is larger than the sum of the previous weights i.e. for

$$\text{all } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ we have } w_i > \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} w_j$$

# Super Increasing Knapsack Problem (SIK)

## Introduction

### Theorem

*Super Increasing Knapsack Problem  $\in P$*

Greedy strategy considering the  $w'_i$  in decreasing order gives a linear time algorithm for solving super increasing knapsack problem.

# $SIK$ is $P$ -complete I

We will show  $NANDCVP \leq SIK$ . For that we will reduce  $NANDCVP$  to a special instance of  $IIM$  which is reducible to  $SIK$ .

- Let  $x$  is  $n + 1$ -length base 4 number whose  $i$ th digit is  $Y_j$  if the  $i$ th edge is incident from the input  $y_j$ . Otherwise it is 1.
- $1 \leq g \leq G$

$$m_{2g} = 4^{2g} + 4^{2g-1} + \sum_{\substack{j \text{th edge} \\ \text{out-edge from } g}} 4^j$$

$$m_{2g-0.5} = 4^{2g} - 4^{2g-1}, \quad m_{2g-1} = 4^{2g-1}$$

## $SIK$ is $P$ -complete II

Define for all  $1 \leq g \leq G$ ,

$$x_g = (((\cdots (((x \bmod m_{2G}) \bmod m_{2G-0.5}) \bmod m_{2G-1}) \cdots) \bmod m_{2g}) \bmod m_{2g-0.5}) \bmod m_{2g-1} = 0 \text{ and } x_{G+1} = x.$$

- $x_g \leq 4^{2g-1}$  for all  $1 \leq g \leq G+1$



## SIK is $P$ -complete III

### Theorem

*For all  $1 \leq g \leq G + 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2g - 1$  if the  $j$ th edge is an outgoing edge from an input node or from a gate  $h$  such that  $h \geq g$  then  $x_g$ 's  $j$ th bit is the value carried by  $j$ th edge otherwise 1*

## SIK is $P$ -complete IV

- Prove by downward induction. Base case  $g = G + 1$  is true.
- $x_{k+1}$  and  $x_k$  differs at the positions corresponding to the edges incident on  $k$ th vertex.
- $2k$  and  $2k - 1$ th edges are in-edges of vertex  $k$  so they are the values carried by  $2k$  and  $2k - 1$ th edges

# $SIK$ is $P$ -complete $V$

**If both of them 1:**

$$4m_{2k} > x_{k+1} \geq m_{2k} \implies x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k} = x_{k+1} - m_{2k} < 4^{2k-1}$$

$$(x_{k+1} - m_{2k} \bmod m_{2k-0.5}) \bmod m_{2k-1} = x_{k+1} - m_{2k}$$

In  $x_k$  the positions where  $m_{2k}$  has 1 will have 0.

# SIK is P-complete VI

**If at least one of them 0:**

$x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k} = x_{k+1}$ . In  $x_k$  positions where  $m_{2k}$  has 1 will have 1.

$$x_{k+1} = a \times 4^{2k} + b \times 4^{2k-1} + c \text{ where } a, b \in \{0, 1\}$$

- $a = 1, b = 0$ :

$$(x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k-0.5}) \bmod m_{2k-1} = 1 \times 4^{2k-1} + c \bmod m_{2k-1} = c$$

- $b = 0, 1$ :

$$(x_{k+1} \bmod m_{2k-0.5}) \bmod m_{2k-1} = b \times 4^{2k-1} + c \bmod m_{2k-1} = c$$

## $SIK$ is $P$ -complete VII

After  $m_1$ ,  $x_1 < 2^1$  is the value carried by the 0th edge, the value of the CVP.

- **Notice:** The modulus satisfies the super increasing knapsack problem.

Since

$$\sum_{g=1}^k m_{2^g} + m_{2^{g-0.5}} + m_{2^{g-1}} = \sum_{g=1}^k m_{2^g} + 4^{2^g} < 4^{2^{k+1}} = m_{2^{(k+1)-1}}$$

## $SIK$ is $P$ -complete VIII

- 1 Sum of weights till  $m_{2k}$  is strictly  $< m_{2(k+1)-1}$
- 2 Sum of weights till  $m_{2(k+1)-1}$   
 $=$  (sum of weights till  $m_{2k}$ )  $+ m_{2(k+1)-1}$   
 $< 2 \times 4^{2(k+1)-1} < 3 \times 4^{2(k+1)-1} = m_{2(k+1)-0.5}$
- 3 Sum of weights till  $m_{2(k+1)-0.5}$   
 $=$  (sum of weights till  $m_{2k}$ )  $+ m_{2(k+1)-1} + m_{2(k+1)-0.5}$   
 $< 2 \times 4^{2(k+1)-1} + 3 \times 4^{2(k+1)+1}$   
 $= 4^{2(k+1)} + 4^{2(k+1)-1} < m_{2(k+1)}$

## SIK is P-complete IX

### Theorem

If  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are such that  $\forall i \in [n-1] \sum_{k=1}^i w_k < w_{i+1}$  then there is a 0-1 sequence of variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i = w$  iff

$$((\cdots ((w \bmod w_n) \bmod w_{n-1}) \cdots) \bmod w_2) \bmod w_1 = 1$$

# $SIK$ is $P$ -complete X

## Theorem

$NANDCVP \leq_1 \text{Super Increasing Knapsack}$

## Theorem

*Super Increasing Knapsack Problem is  $P$ -complete.*



# Polynomial Iterated Mod Problem

## Introduction

### Definition (Polynomial Iterated Mod Problem)

Given univariate polynomials  $a(x), b_1(x), \dots, b_n(x)$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  compute the residue

$$(((\dots ((a(x) \bmod b_1(x)) \bmod b_2(x)) \dots) \bmod b_{n-1}(x)) \bmod b_n(x))$$

- A polynomial mod can't test for two bits

$$(10)_2 \bmod (11)_2 = (10)_2 \text{ but } (x^2 + 0x) \bmod (x^2 + x) = 0x^2 - x$$

### Theorem

*Polynomial Iterated Mod Problem is in P*

# Lower Triangular Matrix Inversion

Theorem ([Hel74],[Hel78])

*For any field  $\mathbb{F}$ , lower triangular matrix inversion is in Arithmetic – NC*

Theorem ([BvzGH82],[BCP84])

*Lower triangular matrix inversion is in NC over finite fields and  $\mathbb{Q}$*

# Reduction I

Given  $a(x), b_1(x), \dots, b_n(x)$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

$b_0(x) = r_0(x) = a(x)$  and  $d_i = \deg b_i(x)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

Assume  $d_0 \geq d_1 > \dots > d_n$

$$\begin{aligned} a(x) &= q_1(x)b_1(x) + r_1(x) \\ &= q_1(x)b_1(x) + q_2(x)b_2(x) + r_2(x) \\ &\vdots \\ &= q_1(x)b_1(x) + \dots + q_n(x)b_n(x) + r_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

$r_{i-1}(x) = q_i(x) \cdot b_i(x) + r_i(x)$  with  $\deg r_i < \deg b_i = d_i$  or  $r_i = 0$

## Reduction II

The coefficient of  $x^j$  in  $a(x), b_i(x), q_i(x), r_i(x)$  are  $a_j, b_{i,j}, q_{i,j}, r_{i,j}$ .

- $\deg q_1 = d_0 - d_1, \deg q_i \leq d_{i-1} - d_i - 1$
- Compare the coefficients of  $x^j$  in both direction.
- $(d_0 + 1) \times (d_0 + 1)$  matrix  $M$ . Denote the variable matrix for coefficients of  $q_i$  and  $r_n$  as  $X$

## Reduction III

$d_0 - i$ -th entry of  $MX$  is coefficient of degree  $i$ .  $d_k \leq i < d_{k-1}$ .

$r_n(x) + \sum_{i=K+1}^n q_i(x)b_i(x)$  doesn't take part in coefficient of  $x^i$ .

$$i = d_k + (d_{k-1} - d_k - 1 - (d_{k-1} - 1 - i)) = d_k + (i - d_k)$$

Can't go lower  $(d_{k-1} - d_k - 1 - (d_{k-1} - 1 - i))$  for coefficient of  $q_k$

$$d_0 - i = (d_0 - d_1 + 1) + (d_1 - d_2) + \cdots + (d_{k-2} - d_{k-1}) + (d_{k-1} - 1 - i)$$

So  $M$  has at  $(d_0 - i, d_0 - i)$ th entry  $b_{k,d_k}$  and after that all entries are 0 in that row. Hence  $M$  is lower triangular.

Matrix is non-singular since the diagonal entries are the leading coefficients of  $b_i(x)$

## Reduction IV

We need to inverse  $M$  which is in *Arithmetic* – NC for general fields and for finite field and  $\mathbb{Q}$  in NC. So we have

### Theorem

*Iterated Polynomial Mod Problem is in NC for finite field and  $\mathbb{Q}$  and in Arithmetic – NC for general field.*

# Open Problem

- The  $gcd$  problem we still don't know if it is in  $NC$ .
- Modular Powering i.e.  $a^e \bmod b$  where  $a, b, e$  are  $n$ -bit integers are not known to be  $P$ -complete or in  $NC$ .

## References I

- [BCP84] A Borodin, S Cook, and N Pippenger.  
Parallel computation for well-endowed rings and  
space-bounded probabilistic machines.  
*Inf. Control*, 58(1–3):113–136, jul 1984.
- [BvzGH82] Allan Borodin, Joachim von zur Gathem, and John  
Hopcroft.  
Fast parallel matrix and gcd computations.  
*In Proceedings of the 23rd Annual Symposium on  
Foundations of Computer Science, SFCS '82*, page 65–71,  
USA, 1982. IEEE Computer Society.
- [CG90] Benny Chor and Oded Goldreich.  
An improved parallel algorithm for integer GCD.  
*Algorithmica*, 5(1):1–10, 1990.



## References II

- [GJ90] Michael R. Garey and David S. Johnson.  
*Computers and Intractability; A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness.*  
W. H. Freeman & Co., USA, 1990.
- [Hel74] Don Heller.  
A determinant theorem with applications to parallel algorithms.  
*SIAM J. Numer. Anal.*, 11(3):559–568, jun 1974.
- [Hel78] Don Heller.  
A survey of parallel algorithms in numerical linear algebra.  
*SIAM Rev.*, 20(4):740–777, oct 1978.
- [KR89] Howard J. Karloff and Walter L. Ruzzo.  
The iterated mod problem.  
*Information and Computation*, 80(3):193–204, 1989.

## References III

- [Lad75] Richard E. Ladner.  
The circuit value problem is log space complete for p.  
*SIGACT News*, 7(1):18–20, jan 1975.