

HW 9 out later today
due next Tue

HW 10 out next week
due after break

HW 11 out after break
prob. not graded

① Simple computers (DFAs)

What they can and can't do

② Algorithms - what general
purpose computers can do

③ What computers can't
do (well)

well

CIRCUIT SAT

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P — polynomial time

Levin 1971

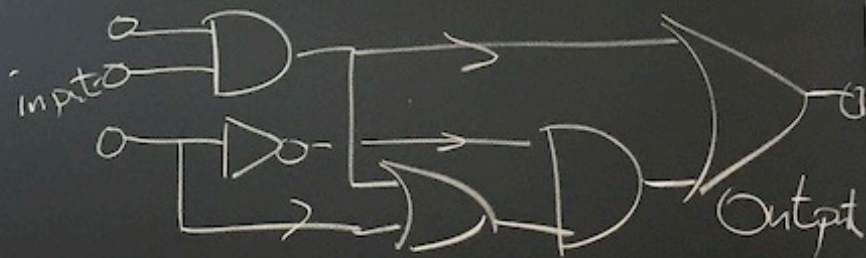
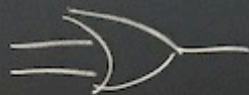
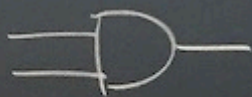
Cook 1972

$$O(n^{173})$$

NP — nondeterministic poly time

For any instance where answer is YES,
there is a proof verifiable in poly time.

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Can we set inputs

so that output = T?

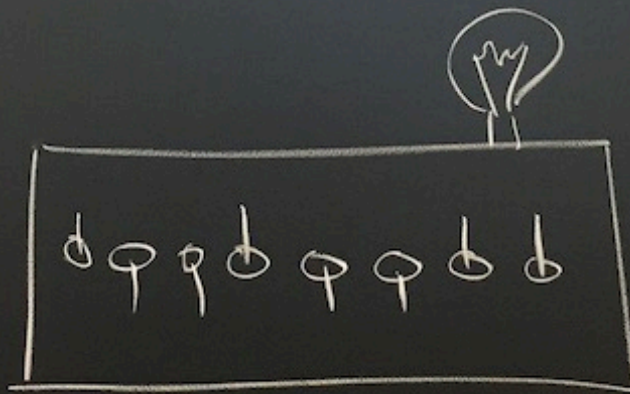
Only algo known: BRUTE FORCE
 $\Theta(2^n)$

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is NP-hard:

Prove that if X can
be solved in poly time,
then so can CIRCUIT SAT.

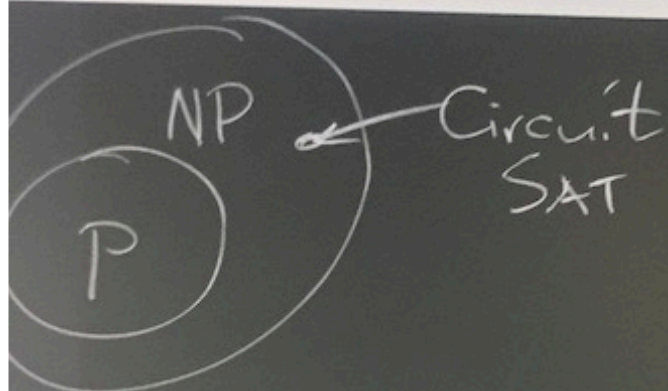
"Reduce CIRCUIT SAT to X in poly time"
Solve Circuit SAT in poly time using subroutine
for X .

NP-hardness



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Only way
to see if it
works is
brute force



$P = NP?$

let's just assume not

NP-hard

IF this problem can be solved in poly time, $P = NP$.

Cook-Levin:

Circuit SAT is NP-hard.

Let's just assume not Circuit SAT
Circuit SAT
NP



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(Formula) SAT

$$(a \wedge (b \Rightarrow c)) \vee (\bar{a} \Rightarrow ((c \vee \bar{d}) \wedge b)) \dots$$

Can we assign values to vars
to make given formula T?

3SAT — Conjunctive Normal Form
with 3 literals per clause

$$\underbrace{(a \vee b \vee c)}_{\text{clause}} \wedge (b \vee \bar{c} \vee \bar{d}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee c \vee d) \wedge (a \vee \bar{b} \vee \bar{d})$$

↑ ↑
literals

Given an arbitrary circuit K



② Transcribe the circuit

$$(c = a \wedge b) \quad (c = a \vee b) \quad (b = \bar{a}) \quad \approx$$

③ Convert to 3CNF

$$(c = a \vee b) \Rightarrow (c \vee \bar{a} \vee \bar{b}) \wedge (\bar{c} \vee a \vee b) \wedge (\bar{c} \vee a \vee \bar{b}) \wedge (\bar{c} \vee b \vee a) \wedge (\bar{c} \vee a \vee \bar{b})$$