

CSS79 Computational Complexity: Lecture 18

admin: ps 3 back [end of class] submit project reports!  
 ps 4 due  
 ps 5 out soon [next few days]

last time:  $EQ, RP \in coRP$   
 via polynomial identity testing

today: counting problems [no proofs] permanent

$M(x, y)$  poly time TM  $|y| \leq poly(|x|)$

Q:  $M(x, y) = 1$  P [different computational questions]

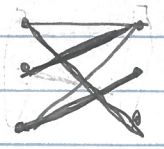
$\exists y M(x, y) = 1$  NP

"for most"  $y$ :  $M(x, y) = 1$  BPP

#  $y$ :  $M(x, y) = 1$  #P [count] today

output random  $y$ :  $M(x, y) = 1$  sampling

~~Q~~:  $G = (L \cup R, E)$  bipartite graph [project partners]

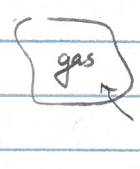


Q: is there a perfect matching? recall  $\in P$

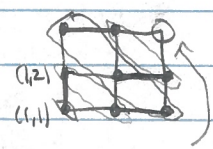
Q: how many matchings?

Q: what does a random matching look like? [why?]

Statistical physics dimer model



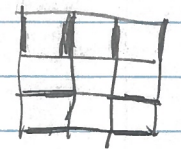
two atom gas



(1,2)  
(1,1)

not matched

vs



matched

in general:  $n \times n$  grid

- is there a matching? [gas fills whole space]

-  $\Pr$  [edge (1,1)-(1,2) in matching]  $\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty}$   $1/2$ ?

random matching

model of gas

real limit: valdety

discretization



(5.4)

bipartite graph  $\Rightarrow$  no matching

lem:  $G = (V, E)$   $e \in E$

$$\Pr [e \text{ matched in } M] = \frac{\# \text{ matchings in } G \setminus \{e\}}{\# \text{ matchings in } G}$$

PF:



$G \setminus \{e\}$  has matching

Punchline: many natural physics / learning / econ problems reduce to counting

= Questions

Q: how hard is counting?

how to formalize?  $\mathbb{R}$  function  $P \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

def. a function  $f: \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$  is in FP if exists polytime TM s.t.  $f(x) = \text{tape contents when M halts on } x$

ex: polynomial mappings reduce  
 $P = \{ f: \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \{0,1\} \mid f \in FP \}$

def.  $f: \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is in #P if polytime TM  $M$  s.t.  $f(x) = |\{y \in \{0,1\}^{\text{poly}(|x|)} : M(x,y) = 1\}|$

def. #SAT( $\langle \varphi \rangle$ ) =  $|\{x : \varphi(x) = 1\}|$

cor.  $FP = \#P \Rightarrow P = NP$   $\mathbb{R}$  can count to see if  $\geq 0$

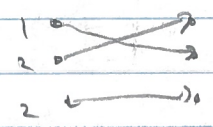
def. #BIPARTITE MATCHING =  $|\{\text{perfect matchings in bipartite graph } G\}|$

permanent  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \boxed{X} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{non symbolic matrix} \end{array} \right) = \sum_{\sigma: [n] \rightarrow [n]} x_{1,\sigma(1)} x_{2,\sigma(2)} \dots x_{n,\sigma(n)}$   
 $\sigma$  permutation

Chm:  $\text{perm}(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i,\sigma(i)}$  for  $A \in \{0,1\}^{k \times k}$  adjacency matrix of  $G = (V,E)$

Pf:  $A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (i,j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

$A_{1,\sigma(1)} A_{2,\sigma(2)} \dots A_{n,\sigma(n)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \sigma: L \rightarrow R \text{ is valid matching} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$



sign of permutation  $\in \{1, -1\}$

vs. determinant  $|X| = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sgn}(\sigma) x_{1,\sigma(1)} \dots x_{n,\sigma(n)}$

Fact:  $\#P \in FP$

Q: determinant is permanent?  $\mathbb{R}$  how to approach this

Thm [Cook Levin]:  $L = \{x : \exists y M(x,y) = 1\} \in NP$

then  $L \in CKT-SAT \in \#SAT$

$x \mapsto C_x(y) \mapsto \varphi_x(y,z)$

$M(x,y) = 1 \iff C_x(y) = 1 \iff \exists z \varphi_x(y,z)$

$\Rightarrow |\{y : M(x,y) = 1\}| = |\{y : C_x(y) = 1\}|$  and:  $C_x$  is unique

$= |\{y,z : \varphi_x(y,z) = 1\}|$  eg:  $a \oplus b = c = a \wedge b$

$\Rightarrow \#P \leq FP^{\#CKT-SAT}, FP^{\#SAT}$  [Tracy]  $a \oplus b = c = a \wedge b$   
 $\wedge(\bar{c} \vee a \vee \bar{b})$   
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def -  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is #P-complete if  $f \in \#P$

ex - #SAT, #3SAT are #P-complete -  $\#P = FP^{\#P}$

Remark: this is the "right" notion of reduction

i.e. structure matters, exist, but do not - provide more explanatory power  
 if NP vs coNP? - capture all known reductions  
 if restricted inputs?

Thm [Valiant-7] permanent<sub>0,1</sub> is #P-complete

Remark: finding some bipartite matching is P  
 counting all #P-complete

pf - in Arora Barak II class

Q: easy counting problem? if rather rare

Thm [Fischer Kostelny Tenenly 6.167]: # bipartite matching - planar is FP

idea: # match = perm(A(G)) = det A-hat(G)

bipartite  $\rightarrow$   $\sum_{0,1}^{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R}}$   $\rightarrow$   $\sum_{0, \pm 1}^{\mathbb{Z}}$   
 use planarity to orient  $\rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \nearrow \epsilon = 1 \\ \searrow \epsilon = -1 \end{cases}$   
 (e.g.  $x_{1,0,1}, x_{2,0,2}, \dots, x_{n,0,n}$ )  
 $= \text{sgn} \sigma \cdot x_{1,0,1}^{\epsilon_1} \dots x_{n,0,n}^{\epsilon_n}$

Q: approx counting

def:  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   $\alpha \geq 1$ .  $g: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is an  $\alpha$ -approximation  
 $f \leq f$  if  $\forall x, \frac{1}{\alpha} g(x) \leq f(x) \leq \alpha \cdot g(x)$  multiplicative

Prop - 2-approx to #SAT is NP-hard

pf:  $\text{SAT}(\phi) = \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 \text{#SAT}(\phi) \geq 1$   
 $\rightarrow 0$

$g$  2-approx to #SAT  $\Rightarrow g(\phi) = \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$   $\phi \in \text{SAT}$

Remark: this is trivial but connects easily "fixed"

def:  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  has (fully) polynomial approximation scheme

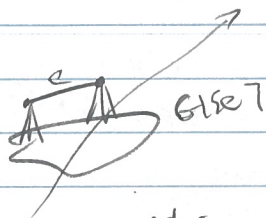
(F)PTAS: if a  $(1+\epsilon)$ -approx can be computed in  
 $(\text{poly}(n, 1/\epsilon)) \cdot \text{poly}(n)^{O(1/\epsilon)}$  time  $\mathbb{R}$ , depends on  $\epsilon$

also: (F)PTRAS is randomized, succeed w.p.  $\geq 1-\epsilon$   
 runs in time  $(\text{poly}(n, 1/\epsilon, \ln 1/\epsilon)) \cdot \text{poly}(n, \ln 1/\epsilon)^{O(1/\epsilon)}$

Thm [Jerum Valiant Vazirani 86] for "natural" counting problems

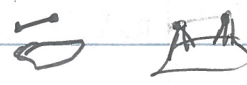
FTRAS  $\equiv$  approximate sampling  $y$  st  $M(x,y) = 1$   
 $\uparrow$  polynomial  $\hookrightarrow$  sample from dist  $D \subseteq U_{\{y: M(x,y)=1\}}$

Sketch:  $\Rightarrow P \text{ of } e \text{ marked in } G = \frac{\text{# match in } G[\epsilon]}{\text{# match}}$



Flip  $\sim$  coin  $\Rightarrow$   $e$  is/isn't matched in  $G$

$\rightarrow$  recur on  $G \setminus \{e\}$  or  $G - e$



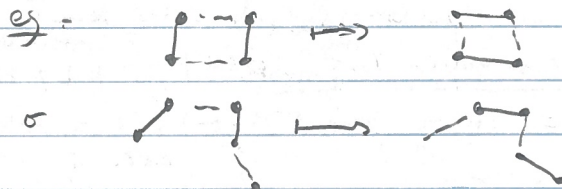
$\Leftarrow$  : reduces computing # match in  $G$  to

$\underbrace{\# \text{ match in } G \setminus \{e\}}_{\text{smaller prob}} \cdot \underbrace{\Pr[e \text{ matched in } G]}_{\text{solved by sampling}}$

Thm [Jerrum, Sinclair, Vigoda 01] perm.  $\pi$  has FPRAS

idea: sample random matchings + JVV

$\hookrightarrow$  via poly-many random local modifications



Markov Chain  
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Q: how to fit #P into decision theory?

lem:  $NP \subseteq P^{\#P}$   $\nexists$  SAT

lem:  $P^{\#P} \subseteq PSPACE$

PF:  $|\{y \in \{0,1\}^{P(x)} : M(x,y) = 1\}| = \sum_y M(x,y)$   
 $\in PSPACE$

next time - complexity of unique SAT

implications for counting:  $PH \subseteq P^{\#P}$