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Real Complexity Theory: a numerical view on " \mathcal{P} vs. \mathcal{NP} "



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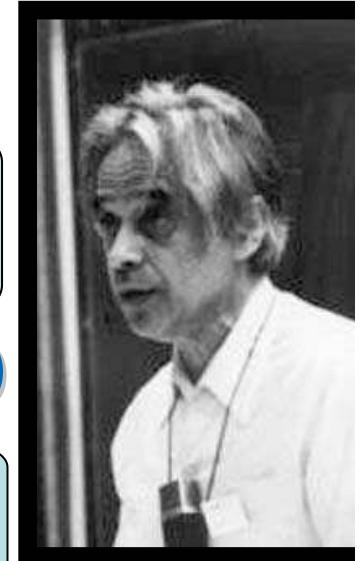


Computable Real Numbers

Theorem: For $r \in \mathbb{R}$,
Call $r \in \mathbb{R}$ **computable** if
the following are equivalent:

- a) r has a computable binary expansion
- b) There is an algorithm printing, on input $m \in \mathbb{N}$, some $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $|r - a/2^{m+1}| \leq 2^{-m}$
- c) There is an algorithm printing two sequences $(q_n) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ and (ε_n) with $|r - q_n| \leq \varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$

There is an algorithm
which, given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prints
 $b_n \in \{0,1\}$ where $r = \sum_n b_n 2^{-n}$



$$\Leftrightarrow r \in [q_n \pm \varepsilon_n]$$

numerators+
denominators

b) \Leftrightarrow c) holds *uniformly*,
 \Leftrightarrow a) does not [Turing'37]

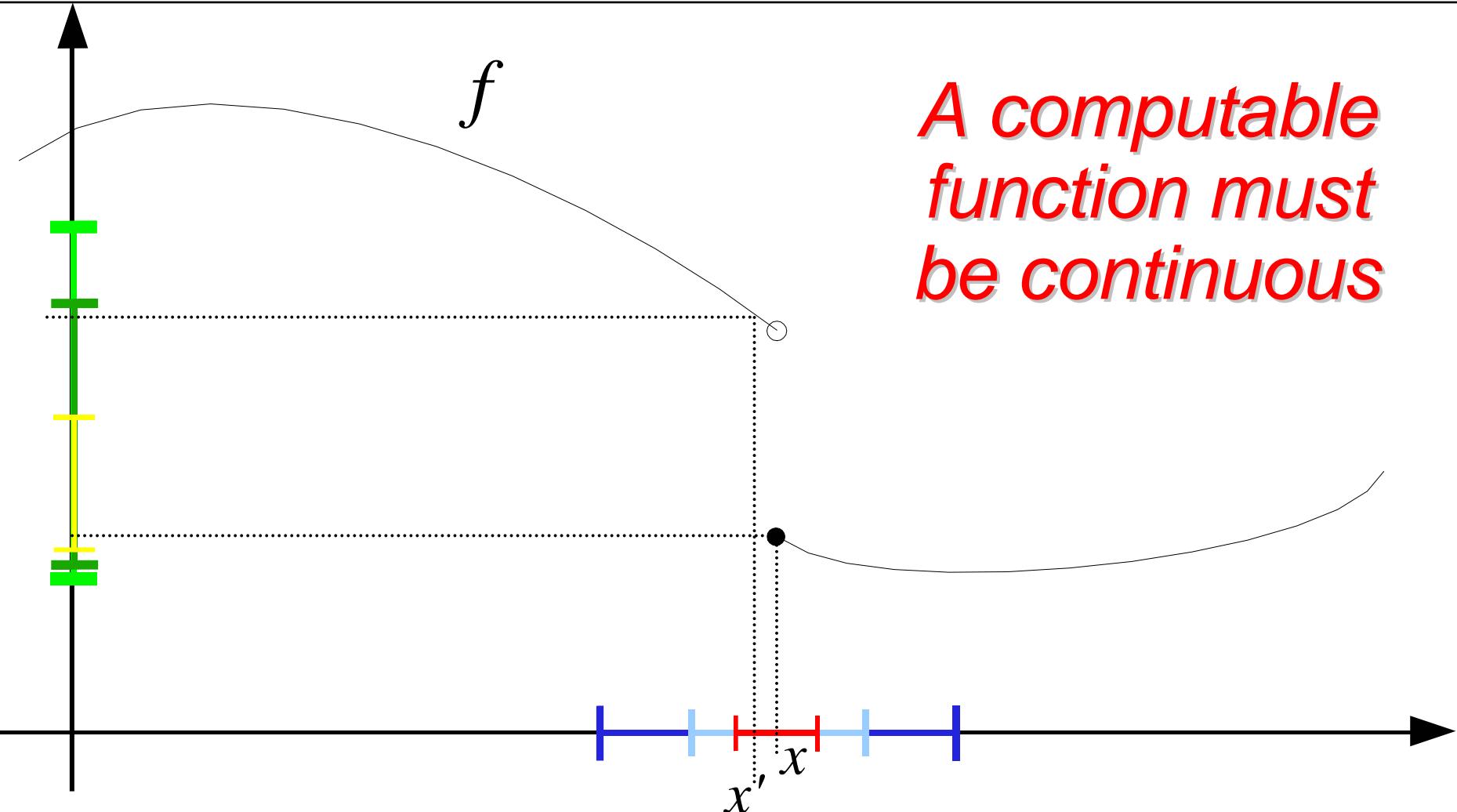
interval
arithmetic

Ernst Specker (1949): (c) \Leftrightarrow Halting problem plus (d)
d) There is an algorithm printing $(q_n) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ with $q_n \rightarrow r$.

$$H := \{ \langle B, \underline{x} \rangle : \text{algorithm } B \text{ terminates on input } \underline{x} \} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$$



Uniformly Computable Real Functions



$x \in \mathbb{R}$ computable $\Leftrightarrow |x - a_n/2^{n+1}| \leq 2^{-n}$ for recursive $(a_n) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$

Real Function Complexity



Function $f:[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ **computable in time $t(n)$**

if some TM can, on input of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and of

$(a_m) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ with $|x - a_m|/2^{m+1} \leq 2^{-m}$

in time $t(n)$ output $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $|f(x) - b|/2^{n+1} \leq 2^{-n}$.

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Examples: a) $+, \times, \exp$ **polytime** on $[0;1]!$

b) $f(x) \equiv \sum_{n \in L} 4^{-n}$ iff $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ **polytime-decidable**

c) $\text{sign}(e^x)$ **not polytime computable**

$$|x - y| \leq 2^{-t(n)} \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| \leq 2^{-n}$$

Observation i) If f **computable** \Rightarrow **continuous**.

ii) If f **computable in time $t(n)$** , then

$t(n)$ is a **modulus of uniform continuity** of f .



On the Complexity of Operators

$f:[0;1] \rightarrow [0;1]$ polytime computable (\Rightarrow continuous)

- Max: $f \rightarrow \text{Max}(f): x \rightarrow \max\{ f(t): t \leq x \}$

$\text{Max}(f)$ computable in exponential time;
polytime-computable iff $\mathcal{P}=\mathcal{NP}$

- $\int: f \rightarrow \int f: (x \rightarrow \int_0^x f(t) dt)$

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" $\#\mathcal{P}$ -complete"

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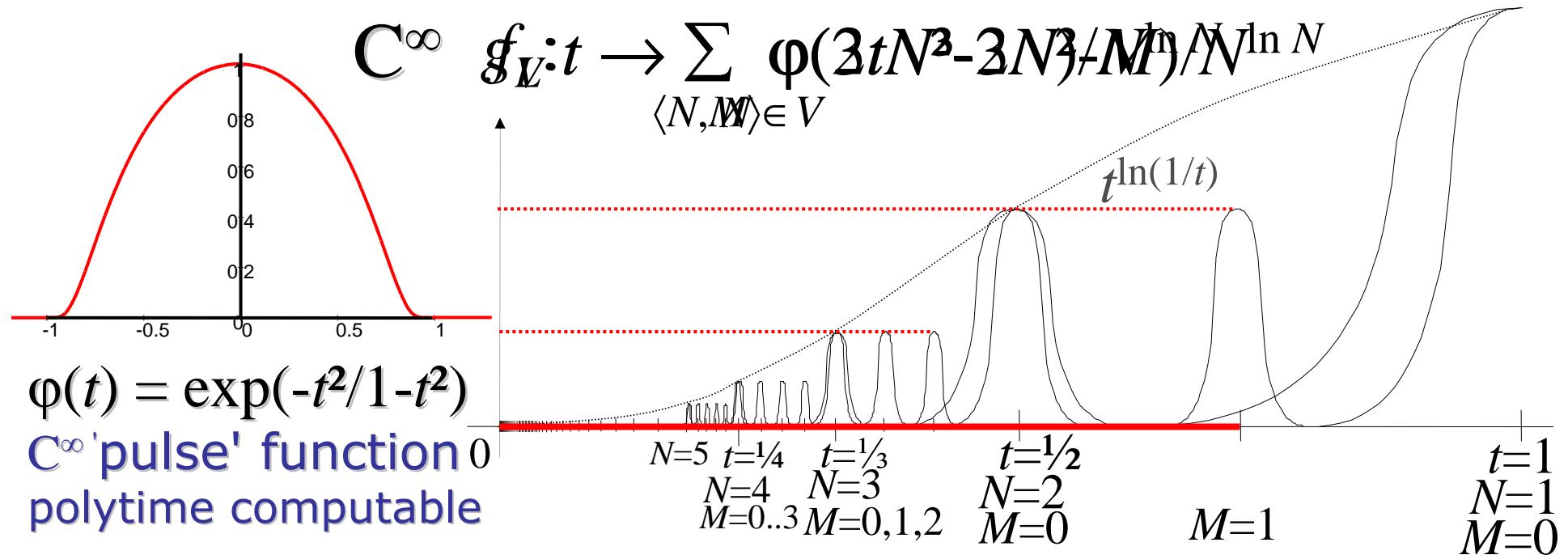
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 - in general no computable solution $z(t)$
 - for $f \in C^1$ $PSPACE$ -"complete" [Kawamura'10,
 - for $f \in C^k$ CH -"hard" Kawamura et al]

[Friedman&Ko'82]

'Max is \mathcal{NP} -hard'

Introduction to Real Complexity Theory

$\mathcal{NP} \ni L = \{ N \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists M < N : \langle N, M \rangle \in V \text{ polytime} \}$



To every $L \in \mathcal{NP}$ there exists a polytime computable C^∞ function $g_L : [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.:
 $[0,1] \ni t \mapsto \max_{\langle N, M \rangle \in V} g_L|_{[0,t]}$ again polytime iff $L \in \mathcal{P}$



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Three Effects in Real Complexity

that numerical scientists might be interested in / should be aware of

Introduction to Real Complexity Theory

- a) natural emergence of multivaluedness
(aka non-extensionality) → ε -semantics of " $<$ "
- b) Uniform computation may require discrete advice
or otherwise 'enriched' representations (TTE)
— which yield canonical C++ declarations
- c) Parameterized uniform upper complexity bounds

Example (Brattka&Z, *Computable Spectral Thm*)

Finding an eigenvector (basis) to a given real

Example: $+$, \exp computable in time polynomial

in n on $[0;1]$; on $[0;2^k]$: $+$ in time polynomial in

$n+k$, \exp in time polynomial in $n+2^k$.

independent of x
on compact dom

Obstacles to a Uniform Complexity Theory of Operators

Evaluation $\text{Eval}:(f,x) \rightarrow f(x)$

a) requires $\geq \mu(n)$ steps, $\mu:\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ mod. of continuity to f .

"Parameter" $\mu(f)$ is not \mathbb{N} -valued but $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ -valued!

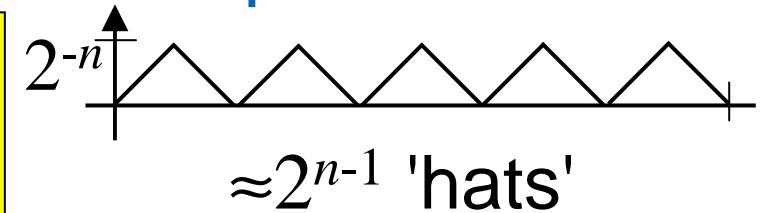
b) Even restricted to the compact domain *sequent.
access*

$\mathcal{L}_1 := \{ f:[0;1] \rightarrow [0;1] \text{ 1-Lipschitz} \}$ (Arzela-Ascoli)

there exists no representation $\delta: \subseteq \{0,1\}^\omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$

rendering Eval computable in *subexponential* time.

$\geq 2^{2^{n-1}}$ functions pairwise differing
when evaluating up to error 2^{-n}
but only $2^{t(n)}$ different initial
segments of δ -names that can
be read within $t(n)$ steps. q.e.d.





Conclusion, Work in Progress, Open Questions

- Computing maxima, integrals, and ODEs is hard; and smoothness presumptions kicks in late.
- Discrete advice/enrichment and multivaluedness
 - uniform complexity theory of operators
 - and of higher type objects
(Calculus of Variation, Optim.Control, Shape Opt.)
 - complexity of Euclidean subsets
 - complexity of analytic ODEs
 - complexity of PDEs
 - characterize more complexity classes numerically
- Why do numerical algorithms work so well in practice? → formalization / smoothed analysis
- Transfer from theory to practice: **iRRAM**