

Lecture 18

CSE 431  
Intro to Theory of  
Computation

Previously  $A \leq_m^P B$  mapping reduction  
st. map  $f$  is polynomially computable

•  $A \leq_m^P B$  and  $B \in P \Rightarrow A \in P$

•  $A \leq_m^P B$  and  $B \in NP \Rightarrow A \in NP$

Def<sup>n</sup>  $B$  is NP-hard iff  $\forall A \in NP, A \leq_m^P B$

Def<sup>n</sup>  $B$  is NP-complete iff

(1)  $B \in NP$  and

(2)  $B$  is NP-hard



Thm [Cook-Levin] 3SAT is NP-complete

We prove this by first showing a different direct NP-completeness result

$CIRCUIT-SAT = \{ \langle C \rangle : C \text{ is a Boolean Circuit with input } y \text{ s.t. } C(y) = 1 \}$

Thm  $CIRCUIT-SAT$  is NP complete

Proof (1)  $CIRCUIT-SAT \in NP$

Given  $\langle C \rangle$ :

certificate: String  $y$  for input assignment  
length  $\leq | \langle C \rangle |$  ✓

verify: Evaluate  $C$  on input  $y$  and accept iff value = 1  
polynomial ✓

(2) Show all  $A \in NP, A \leq_m^P CIRCUIT-SAT$

Let  $A \in NP$

Goal: reduction  $f$  s.t.

$A \xrightarrow{f} CIRCUIT-SAT$   
 $x \xrightarrow{f} \langle C_{A,x} \rangle$

↑ circuit depends on  $A$  and  $x$

s.t. for all  $x$ :  $x \in A \iff \exists y \text{ s.t. } C_{A,x}(y) = 1$

Since  $A \in NP$   
 $\exists$  verifier  $V_A$  (1-tape TM)

s.t.

$V_A$  is polynomial, say, running time  $T(n)$  that is  $O(n^k)$

$\forall x, x \in A \iff \exists y, |y| \text{ is } O(n^k)$   
s.t.  $V_A$  accepts  $\langle x, y \rangle$

Idea:  
create  $C_{A,x}$

s.t.

$C_{A,x}$  on input  $x$  simulates  $V_A$  on input  $\langle x, y \rangle$

w.l.o.g.  $y \in \{0,1\}^*$  "bits"

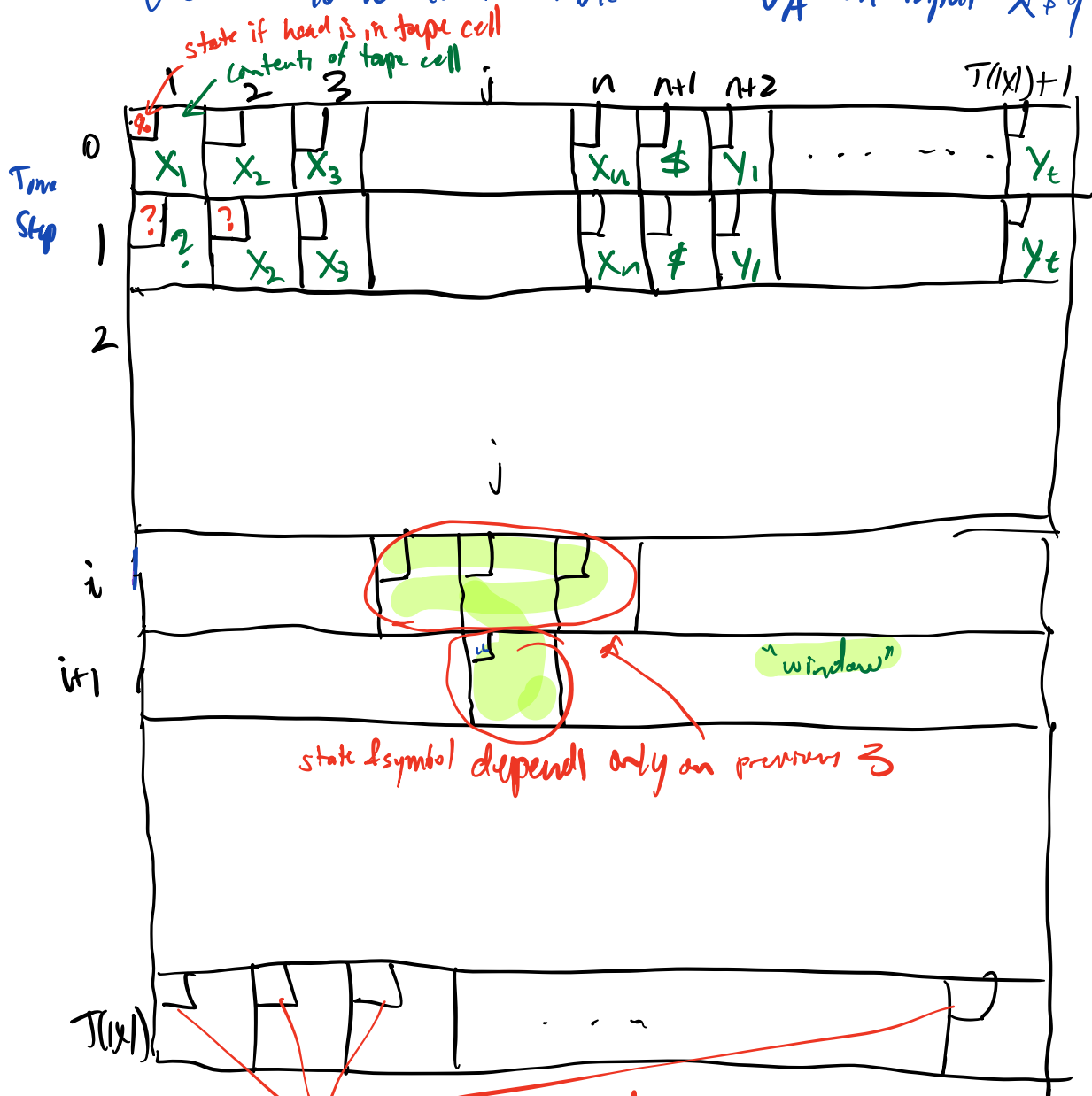
and  $\langle x, y \rangle = x \$ y \quad \$ \notin \Gamma$

← time bound for  $V_A$

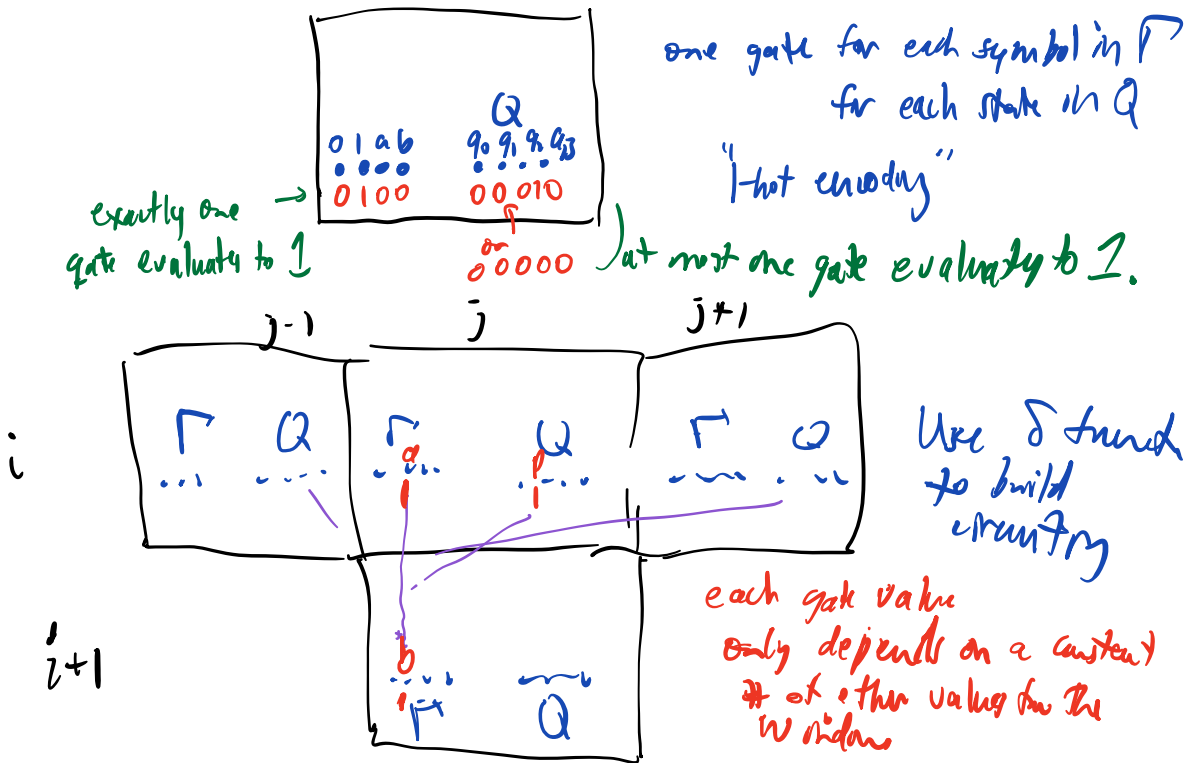
$|y| \leq T(|x|) - |x|$

(any longer  $y$  wouldn't be looked at)

We now look at the "tableau" of  $V_A$  on input  $x \$ y$



Representing each cell in a circuit:



eg. contents are  $b$  iff either

- $Q$  gates are all 0's in cell above and cell above has  $b$
  - $Q$  gate for  $p$  in cell above has a 1
  - $\Gamma$  gate for  $a$  in cell above has a 1
- and  $(p, a) = (q, b, R) \vee (q, b, L)$  for some  $q \in Q$

eg. state is  $q$  iff

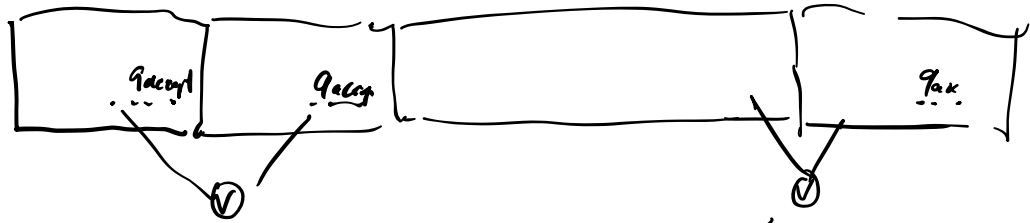
for some  $p \in Q, a \in \Gamma, b \in \Gamma$  either

- cell above and to left has gates for  $p \in Q$  and  $a \in \Gamma$  have value 1 and  $\delta(p, a) = (q, b, R)$
- cell above and to right has gates for  $p \in Q$  and  $a \in \Gamma$  have value 1 and  $\delta(p, a) = (q, b, L)$

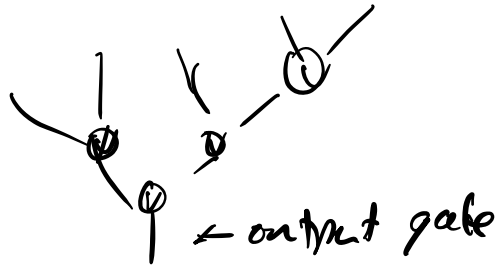
The circuit has this same constant-sized piece repeated and linked in an entire grid of  $(T/|X|+1) \times (T/|X|+1)$  cells (slight change at left end)

Output: We can assume wlog that  $q_{accept}$  values just get copied down to the bottom row (if they exist) as part of this circuit

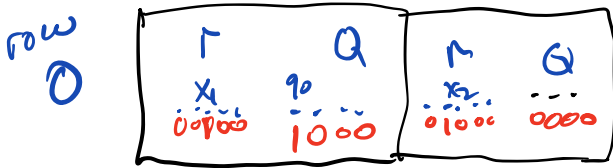
Want output to be 1 iff  $V_A$  accepts  $\langle x, y \rangle$   
 iff  $\exists q_{accept}$  in final row



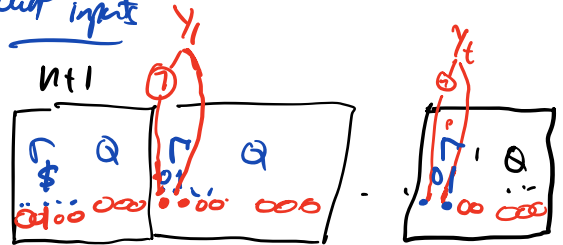
Big fanish tree of  $V$  gates from  $q_{accept}$  gate



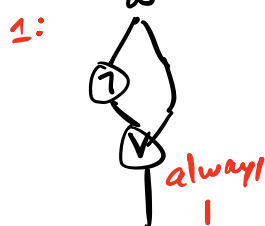
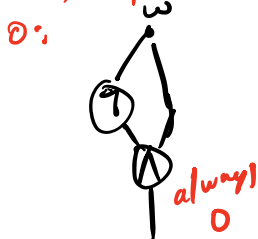
Inputs:  $x \& y$ :



circuit inputs



why input 0/1 constant allowed



Note: only symbols possible are 0 or 1

result:  $0! \dots$   
 $\gamma_i \gamma_i 000$

Resulting circuit satisfies  $C_{A,x}(y) = 1$  iff  $\forall A$  accepts  $x \& y$   
 and is easy to compute:  
 Size for  $|x|=n$  is  $O(T^2(n))$  which is  $O(n^{\text{th}})$   
 polynomial.

$\therefore \forall A \in NP, A \leq_m^P \text{CIRCUIT-SAT}$   $\square$

This is the hard work that makes it easier to prove  
 NP-completeness of everything else:

Claim  $\text{CIRCUIT-SAT} \leq_m^P C \Rightarrow C$  is NP-hard

Proof We showed  $A \leq_m^P B$  and  $B \leq_m^P C$   
 $\Rightarrow A \leq_m^P C$

We simply use CIRCUIT-SAT for  $B$   $\square$

We now prove

Thm 3SAT is NP-complete

Proof: 1. 3SAT  $\in NP$   $\checkmark$  (prev. class)

2. Claim  $\text{CIRCUIT-SAT} \leq_m^P \text{3SAT}$


Want  $f$ :  $\langle C \rangle \xrightarrow{f} \langle \text{3 CNF formula } \varphi \rangle$   
 st.  $C$  is SAT  $\iff \varphi$  is SAT

Now  $C(y) = 1 \iff \exists$  values for each gate of  $C$  consistent  
 with input  $y$  such that  
 output gate has value 1.

Design of  $\varphi$  :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{variables for } y \\ + \text{ variables for each gate of } C \end{array} \right.$   
 clauses represent constraints for gate values being correct  
 • say output value is 1

Note: gate values are carried on wires:  
 we describe constraints for each gate type

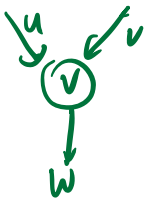
↓ NOT



Want  $\neg u \leftrightarrow v$   
 ie.  $\neg u \rightarrow v$  ie.  $\neg u \vee v$   
 $v \rightarrow \neg u$  etc

Clause:  $u \vee v$   
 $\neg u \vee \neg v$

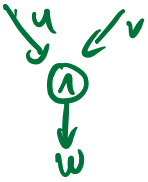
OR



Want  $w \leftrightarrow (u \vee v)$   
 ie.  $w \rightarrow (u \vee v)$   
 $(u \vee v) \rightarrow w$  ie.  $u \rightarrow w, v \rightarrow w$

Clause:  $\neg w \vee u \vee v$   
 $\neg u \vee w$   
 $\neg v \vee w$

AND



Want  $w \leftrightarrow (u \wedge v)$   
 ie.  $w \rightarrow u, w \rightarrow v$   
 $(u \wedge v) \rightarrow w$

Clause:  $\neg w \vee u$   
 $\neg w \vee v$   
 $\neg u \vee \neg v \vee w$

Final formula has clauses like this for each gate this clause of length 1 for output gate var.  
 Easy to compute. Clearly correct  $\square$

Note: The formula above has  $\leq 3$  variables in each clause.

Def<sup>n</sup> EXACT-3SAT is like 3SAT but every clause has length = 3

Thm EXACT 3SAT is NP-complete

$3SAT \leq_p^A$  EXACT 3SAT

Idea: for every clause of size 2

logically equivalent  $(a \vee b) \mapsto (a \vee b \vee z)(a \vee b \vee \bar{z})$   
for any variable  $z$ .

for clause of size 1:

logically equivalent  $a \mapsto (a \vee z_1 \vee z_2)(a \vee z_1 \vee \bar{z}_2)$   
 $(a \vee \bar{z}_1 \vee z_2)(a \vee \bar{z}_1 \vee \bar{z}_2)$   
for any two vars  $z_1, z_2$