

# Polynomial-Time Computability in Analysis: **A Survey**

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# Computational Theory of Real Analysis

Constructive Analysis      Bishop, Bridges, Ishihara, ...

Intuitionistic Logic

Recursive Analysis (Computable Analysis)

Recursion Theory

Russian School      Šanin, Moschovakis, Ceitin, ...

Polish School      Grzegorzczyk, Mostowski

Lacombe, Pour-El, Richards

Weihrauch, ...

# Polynomial-Time Analysis

## Complexity Theory

Turing machine model Ko, Friedman, Weihrauch, Müller

Rettinger, Zheng, Cook, Braverman, ...

Real-valued circuit model Hoover

Algebraic model Blum, Shub, Smale, Cucker, ...

Information-based complexity theory

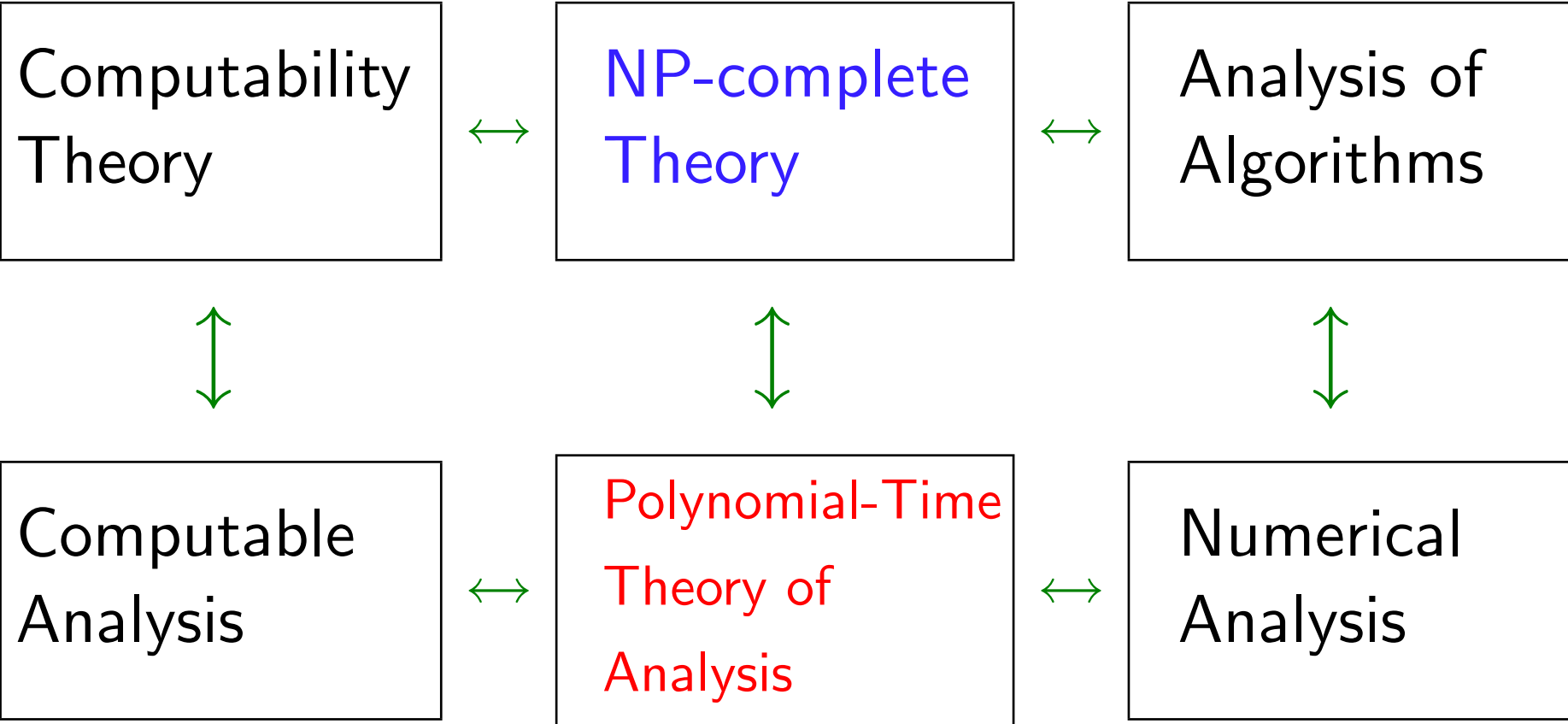
Traub, Wozniakowski, ...

# Numerical Analysis

Classical analysis, Arithmetic complexity theory

Interval analysis, Scientific computing

# Relationship between these theories



## Example: Roots of Polynomials

**Bishop:** Fundamental Theorem of Algebra has a **constructive** proof.

**Specker:** All roots of a computable polynomial function are **computable**.

The mapping from coefficients to roots is **computable**.\*

**Ko-Friedman:** All roots of a polynomial-time computable polynomial function are **polynomial-time computable**.

**Neff:** The mapping from coefficients to roots is in  **$NC$** .

**Schönhage:** The mapping from coefficients to roots is computable in **time  $O(n^3\phi(n))$** .

**Smale:** Newton's method runs in polynomial time on **average**.

**Warning** They may use different models.

⇒ There is **no Church's Thesis** in computational analysis.

The models of the following theories are **consistent**:

Recursive analysis (Polish school)

Polynomial-time analysis (Turing machine model)

Discrete NP-completeness theory

Classical numerical analysis (e.g., interval analysis)

# Real Numbers

A real number is an **infinite** object, and has no finite representations.

Basic representation: **Cauchy functions** with a fixed converging rate

$$\varphi_x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \text{ with } |\varphi_x(n) - x| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}. \quad \left( \text{Why } \frac{1}{2^n} ? \right)$$

$\mathbb{D}$ : dyadic rationals

$x$  is **computable** if  $\exists$  a computable  $\varphi_x$ .

$x$  is **P-time computable** if  $\exists$  a P-time computable  $\varphi_x$ .



# Other Representations?

Dedekind cuts:  $L_x = \{d \in \mathbb{D} : d < x\}$

Binary expansions:  $b_x : \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  and  $b_x(0) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , with

$$x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_x(n) \cdot 2^{-n}.$$

Continued fractions:  $c_x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  with

$$x = c_x(0) + \frac{1}{c_x(1) + \frac{1}{c_x(2) + \frac{1}{\dots}}}$$

For **computable** real numbers, these representations are **equivalent** to Cauchy function representation.

For **P-time computable** real numbers, they are **not** equivalent.

## Real Numbers as Discrete Objects

$P_{\mathbb{R}}$ : Set of P-time computable real numbers

$NP_{\mathbb{R}}$ : Set of NP-time computable real numbers

$\#P_{\mathbb{R}}, PSPACE_{\mathbb{R}}, \dots$

What are the relations between these complexity classes?

### General Observation

Representations of real numbers behave like **selective sets** or **sparse sets**.

$$P_{\mathbb{R}} = NP_{\mathbb{R}} \iff P_1 = NP_1$$

$$\#P_{\mathbb{R}} = ? \#NP_{\mathbb{R}} \text{ (YES if } NP = UP)$$

# Real Functions

**Representation** of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

Type-2 function with a fixed converging rate

$$\Phi_f : \Psi \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}, \text{ with } |\Phi_f(\varphi_x, n) - f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$\Psi$ : set of Cauchy functions  $\varphi_x$

**Computational Model** for type-2 functions:

Oracle Turing machine

$f$  is **computable** if  $\Phi_f$  is computable by an oracle TM  $M$

$$|M^{\varphi_x}(n) - f(x)| \leq 2^{-n}$$

$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **P-time computable** if  $M^{\varphi_x}(n)$  halts in time  $n^{O(1)}$

for every oracle  $\varphi_x$  with  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

**Compute**  $f(x) = x^2$ :

**Input**  $n$  (the output precision)

**Oracle**  $\varphi_x$  (representation of a real  $x$ )

**Algorithm**

- (1) Compute required input precision  $m$  from  $n$   
( $n \mapsto m$  is called **modulus function**);
- (2) Ask oracle to get a rational  $r$  with  $|r - x| \leq 2^{-m}$ ;
- (3) Compute  $s \leftarrow r^2$ ;
- (4) Output first  $n$  bits of  $s$ .

**Note:** Modulus function may also depend on  $x$ . So, Steps (1) and (2) may be repeated to find the right  $m$ .

## An **Alternative** type-1 representation

(with an **additional** continuity requirement)

$(\varphi_f, m_f)$  where  $\varphi_f : \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ ,  $m_f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,

with  $|\varphi_f(d, n) - f(d)| \leq 2^{-n}$ , and

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

$f$  is **computable** iff  $\varphi_f, m_f$  are computable

$f$  is **P-time computable** iff  $\varphi_f$  is P-time computable,  
and  $m_f$  is a polynomial function.

## Warning

In this model, comparison of two real numbers is **noncomputable**.

- $\exists$  oracle TM  $M$  such that  $M^{\varphi_x, \varphi_y}(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x > y, \\ \uparrow & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$
- **No** oracle TM:  $M^{\varphi_x, \varphi_y}(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \neq y, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = y. \end{cases}$
- The problem of determining whether a given polynomial function (represented by its coefficients) has multiple roots is **undecidable**.

# Numerical Operators

$F : C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a **type-3** function.

We can use **Oracle TM** as a computational model.

$F$  is **computable** if  $\exists$  oracle TM  $M$  such that

$$|M^{\Phi f}(n) - F(f)| \leq 2^{-n}.$$

(In the computation,  $M$  may ask the oracle to find an approximate value of  $f(x)$  by asking the oracle for the value of  $\Phi_f^d(n)$ , where  $d \approx x$ .)

## P-Time Computable Operators?

**Weak form:** Consider only P-time invariance

If  $f$  is P-time computable, what is the complexity of  $F(f)$ ?

**Strong form** [Kawamura-Cook, 2010]

Use **regular functions** as representations of  $f$ , a more general notion of P-time computable operator can be defined.

Many **known** results about P-time computability of numerical operators in the weak form can be extended to the strong form.



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# A Complexity Hierarchy of Numerical Operations

Differentiation	Noncomputable
Integral Eq (with local Lipschitz cond)	EXPSPACE-Complete
Ordinary Diff Eq (with Lipschitz cond)	PSPACE-complete
Integration	#P-complete
Minimax	NP <sup>NP</sup> -complete
Maximization	NP-complete
Roots (of 2-dim. functions)	between UP and NP
Fixed Points (of 2-dim. functions)	PPAD-complete
Roots (of 1-1 functions)	P-complete
Differentiation ( $f'$ has poly. modulus)	P

## Maximization:

What is the complexity of finding

$$\max\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K\}?$$

Depending on the representation of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K$ .

(1) Explicit Representation:

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K$  are given as input (input size  $n \approx K$ ):

Input:  $\underbrace{38, 25, 19, 55, \dots, 49}_{\text{find max}}$

Complexity: In  $\mathbf{P}$  (needs  $K - 1$  comparisons)

## (2) Oracle Representation:

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K$  are given by an oracle function  $\Phi$

$$(\Phi(i) = x_i)$$

Oracle: 

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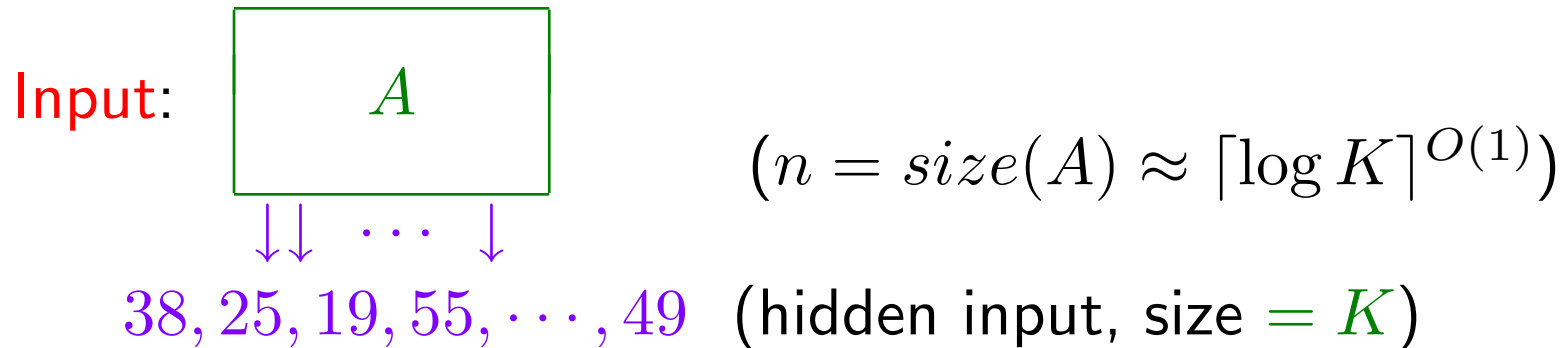
Input:  $K$  (input size  $n = \lceil \log K \rceil$ )

Complexity: Exponential time

(must ask the oracle  $\Phi$  for  $K \approx 2^n$  times)

### (3) Machine Representation:

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K$  are presented by a polynomial-time algorithm  $A$  that computes the function  $\Phi$



**Complexity:** In NP; NP-complete for some  $A$

(Actually, the following variation is in NP: Given  $A$  and an integer  $M$ , determine whether  $M < \max\{\Phi(1), \dots, \Phi(K)\}$ .)

- Most NP-complete optimization problems can be viewed in this form.

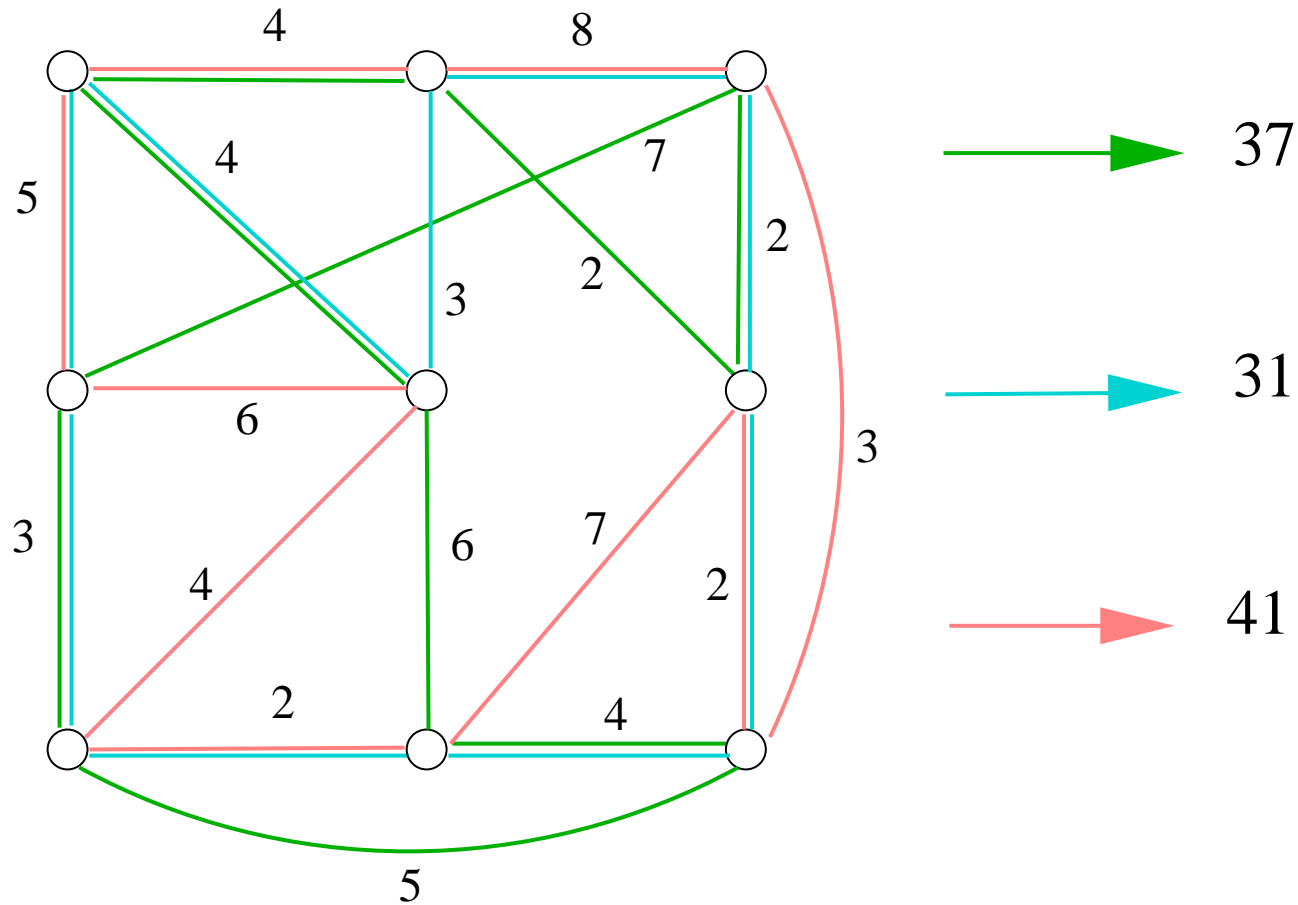
## Traveling Salesman:

**Input:** Graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices; weight  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$

**Question:** Find the min-weight Hamiltonian tour of  $G$

- There are  $K = (n - 1)!$  different Hamiltonian tours of  $G$ , and they can be enumerated as  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_K$ .
- Now, **Traveling Salesman** can be restated as follows:  
Find the minimum of the output from  $A_G$ :

$A_G$ : For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$ , identify  $i$  with a Hamiltonian tour  $H_i$  and output  $\Phi(i) = \text{total weight of } H_i$ .



# Numerical Maximization

Given  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (as an oracle), find  $\max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} f(x)$ .

**Discretize** this problem:

**Assumption:** Function  $f$  has a polynomial modulus:

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

With this assumption, the discretized problem becomes

Find the maximum value of

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2^{n^c}}\right), f\left(\frac{2}{2^{n^c}}\right), \dots, f\left(\frac{2^{n^c}}{2^{n^c}}\right)$$

(For convenience, we use  $c = 1$  in the following discussion.)



## Representation of $f$ :

### (1) Explicit representation

Function values  $f\left(\frac{1}{2^{n^c}}\right), f\left(\frac{2}{2^{n^c}}\right), \dots, f\left(\frac{2^{n^c}}{2^{n^c}}\right)$  are given as input.

**Complexity:** Polynomial in input size, exponential in output precision  $n$

- This is the common practice of **Computational Geometry** (with  $n$  input points, instead of  $2^n$  points).

## (2) Oracle representation

Function  $f$  is given by an oracle. The maximization algorithm may ask for  $f(r)$  for any rational number  $r$ .

**Complexity:** Exponential in the output precision  $n$ .

- This is used in some theoretical study of numerical analysis (e.g., **Information-Based Complexity Theory** of [Traub et al.]).

### (3) Machine representation

Function  $f$  is assumed to be computable by a machine  $M_f$  in polynomial time (polynomial in output precision  $n$ ), and the maximization algorithm may simulate  $M_f$  on any input  $r$ .

**Complexity:** NP-complete.

**Note:** The Machine representation approach is equivalent to the model in the Turing Machine-Based P-Time Theory of Analysis.

**Theorem** [Ko, Friedman]

$P = NP \iff$  For every polynomial-time computable function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\max f \in P$ .

# Ordinary Differential Equations (IVP)

$$y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$
$$y(0) = 0.$$

- $\exists$  computable  $f$ : all solutions  $y$  are not computable on  $[0, \delta]$  for all  $\delta > 0$ . Pour-El, Richards
- $f$  computable, solution  $y$  unique  $\implies y$  computable.
- $\exists$  P-time computable  $f$ : solution  $y$  is unique, but complexity of  $y$  is arbitrary high. Miller

# Lipschitz Condition

$$f \in Lip(\alpha): (\forall x \in [0, 1]) (\forall y_1, y_2 \in [-1, 1]) \\ |f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq \alpha \cdot |y_1 - y_2|.$$

- $f$  P-time computable,  $f \in Lip(\alpha) \implies y$  P-space computable. Ko
- $(\exists$  P-time computable  $f$ ):  $f \in Lip(\alpha)$ ,  $y$  is P-space complete. Ko, Kawamura
- The mapping  $f \mapsto y$  is P-space complete. Kawamura, Cook

## Volterra Integral Equations (of the 2nd kind)

$$y(x) = f(x) + \int_0^x K(x, s, y(s)) ds, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

with  $K \in Lip_3(\alpha)$ :  $|K(x, s, y_1) - K(x, s, y_2)| \leq \alpha \cdot |y_1 - y_2|$

- If  $\alpha$  is independent of  $x$ , then this problem is P-space complete. Ko, Kawamura
- If  $\alpha \leq 2^{n^{O(1)}}$  for  $x \leq 1 - 2^{-n}$ , then  $y$  is EXP-space computable. Ko
- Under the above local Lipschitz condition, this problem is EXP-space complete. Kawamura

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# Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^2$

## Computable sets of real numbers?

Again, there does not seem to be a Church's Thesis.

For discrete  $A \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $A$  is computable if

$$\chi_A(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{if } x \in A, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin A \end{array} \right\} \text{ is computable.}$$

**Try:** For  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S$  is computable if

$$\chi_S(\mathbf{z}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{z} \in S \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{z} \notin S \end{array} \right\} \text{ is computable.}$$

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**Warning** The function  $\chi_S$  is **not** computable for nontrivial  $S$  (i.e.,  $S \neq \emptyset$ ,  $S \neq \mathbb{R}^2$ ).

For an oracle TM, let

$$Err_n(M) = \{\mathbf{z} : M^{\mathbf{z}}(n) \neq \chi_S(\mathbf{z})\}.$$

### **P-time Approximable (Measurable) Sets**

$\exists$  P-time oracle TM  $M$ :  $\mu(Err_n(M)) \leq 2^{-n}$ .

### **P-time Recognizable Sets**

$\exists$  P-time oracle TM  $M$ :

$$\mathbf{z} \in Err_n(M) \Rightarrow \delta(\mathbf{z}, \partial S) \leq 2^{-n}.$$

## Strongly P-time Recognizable Sets

$\exists$  P-time oracle TM  $M$ :

$$\mathbf{z} \in \text{Err}_n(M) \Rightarrow \delta(\mathbf{z}, \partial S) \leq 2^{-n} \text{ and } \mathbf{z} \notin S.$$

## P-time Computable Sets [Weihrauch, ...]

$\exists$  P-time oracle TM  $M$ :

$$\mathbf{z} \in \text{Err}_n(M) \Rightarrow 2^{-n} < \delta(\mathbf{z}, S) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{-n}.$$

$P = NP \iff$  the above two classes are equivalent.

## P-time Computable Sets wrt Hausdorff Distance

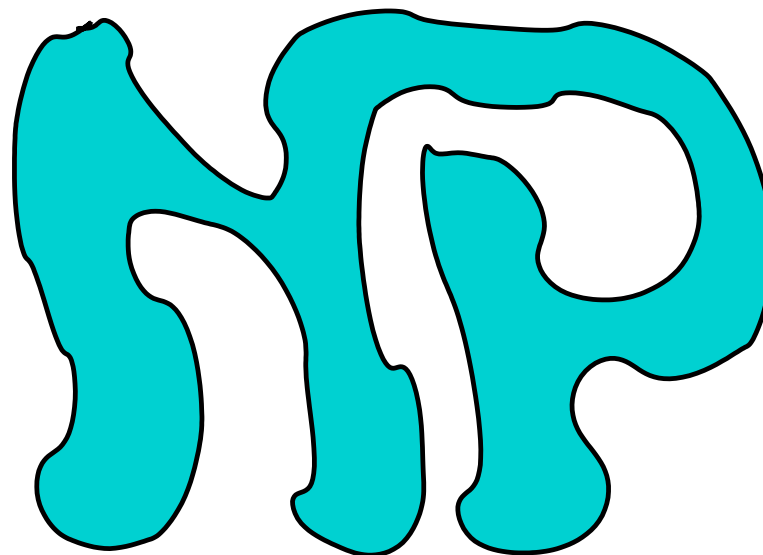
$\exists$  P-time oracle TM  $M$ : [Braverman, Yampolsky]

$$\delta_{\text{HAUS}}(S, \{\mathbf{z} \mid M^{\mathbf{z}}(n) = 1\}) \leq 2^{-n}$$

All of the above definitions are not equivalent.

## Jordan Domains

A Jordan domain is a singly-connected set whose boundary is a Jordan curve  $\Gamma$  (the image of a mapping  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ).



**Computable Curves** — still **no** unique definition

**Monotonically Computable:**  $f$  is one-to-one

**Retraceably Computable:**  $f$  is not necessarily one-to-one

Gu, Lutz, Mayordomo

**Normalizably Computable:** Length of  $f[0, t]$  is proportional to  $t$ , for  $0 < t < 1$  (if  $leng(\Gamma)$  is finite). Rettinger, Zheng

# Continuous Computational Geometry

**Goals:** Resolve the numerical non-robustness problem

Deal with more general geometric objects

Allow efficient implementation of traditional algorithms

E.g. Exact Geometry Computation (EGC)

Yap, Melhorn, ...

## Jordan Domain-Based Approach

### General Question

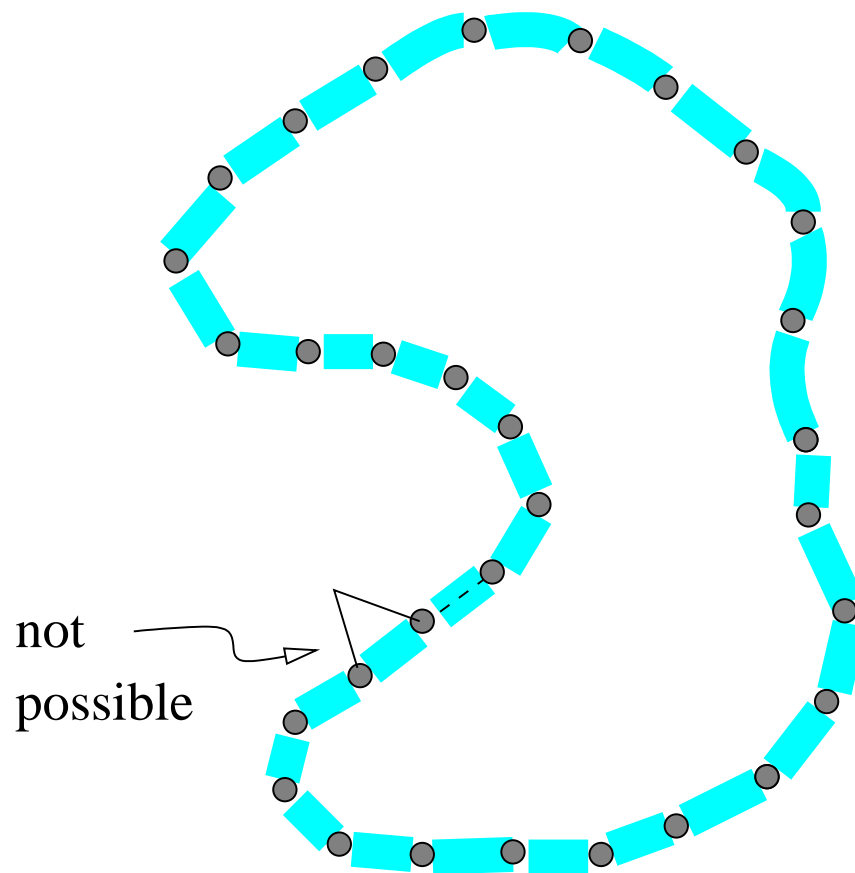
Given a two-dimensional domain  $S$  whose boundary is a P-time computable Jordan curve, what is the complexity of the related problems?

# P-Time Computable Jordan Domains

as an extension of Polygon Representation

If  $\partial S$  is  $P$ -computable, then it has polynomial modulus.

So,  $\partial S$  is represented by an **implicit** polygon of  $2^p(n)$  vertices.



# Complexity of Jordan Domains $S$

Area	Noncomputable (fractal)
Length of $\partial S$	Noncomputable (fractal)
Shortest Paths in $S$	between $\#P$ and $PSPACE$
Pancake Cutting	$\#P$ -complete
Membership ( $x \in S?$ )	between $UP$ and $\#P$
Circumscribed Rectangle	$NP^{NP}$ -complete
Distance of $x$ from $S$	$NP$ -complete
Convex Hull	$NP$ -complete

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## Analytic Functions

If  $f$  is real analytic and P-time computable, then integral  $\int_0^x f$ , derivative  $f'(x)$ , maximum value  $\max f(x)$ , and roots  $\{x : f(x) = 0\}$  are all P-time computable.

## Parallel Complexity

If  $f$  is analytic and is NC (or LOG-space) computable, then integral, derivative, maximum value and roots of  $f$  are all NC (or LOG-space, resp.) computable. Yu



# Zeroes of an Analytic Function $f$

on a Jordan domain  $S$

## Assumptions

- $f$  is analytic on  $S \cup \partial S$
- $f(\mathbf{z}) > 0$  on  $\partial S$
- $f$  and  $\partial S$  are NC computable

# Quadrature Method

(1) Compute the number of zeroes

$$n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial S} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \quad (\text{by principle of argument})$$

(2) Compute the Newton sums

$$s_p = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^p = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial S} z^p \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

(3) Compute the associated polynomial

$$p_n(z) = \prod_{i=1}^n (z - z_i) \quad (\text{by Newton's identity and } s_p, p = 1, \dots, n)$$

(4) Solve the associated polynomial equation [Neff]

All the above calculations can be parallelized.

## Some problems related to **Membership Problem**

- Computing **Winding Number** of a closed curve
- Computing **Single-Valued Analytic Branch** of a multi-valued function

## **Square Root Problem**

On a complex domain,  $\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{|z|} \cdot e^{i \arg(z)/2}$  has 2 single-valued, analytic branches:

$$\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{|z|} \text{ or } \sqrt{|z|} \cdot e^{i\pi}$$

# Logarithm Problem

On a complex domain,

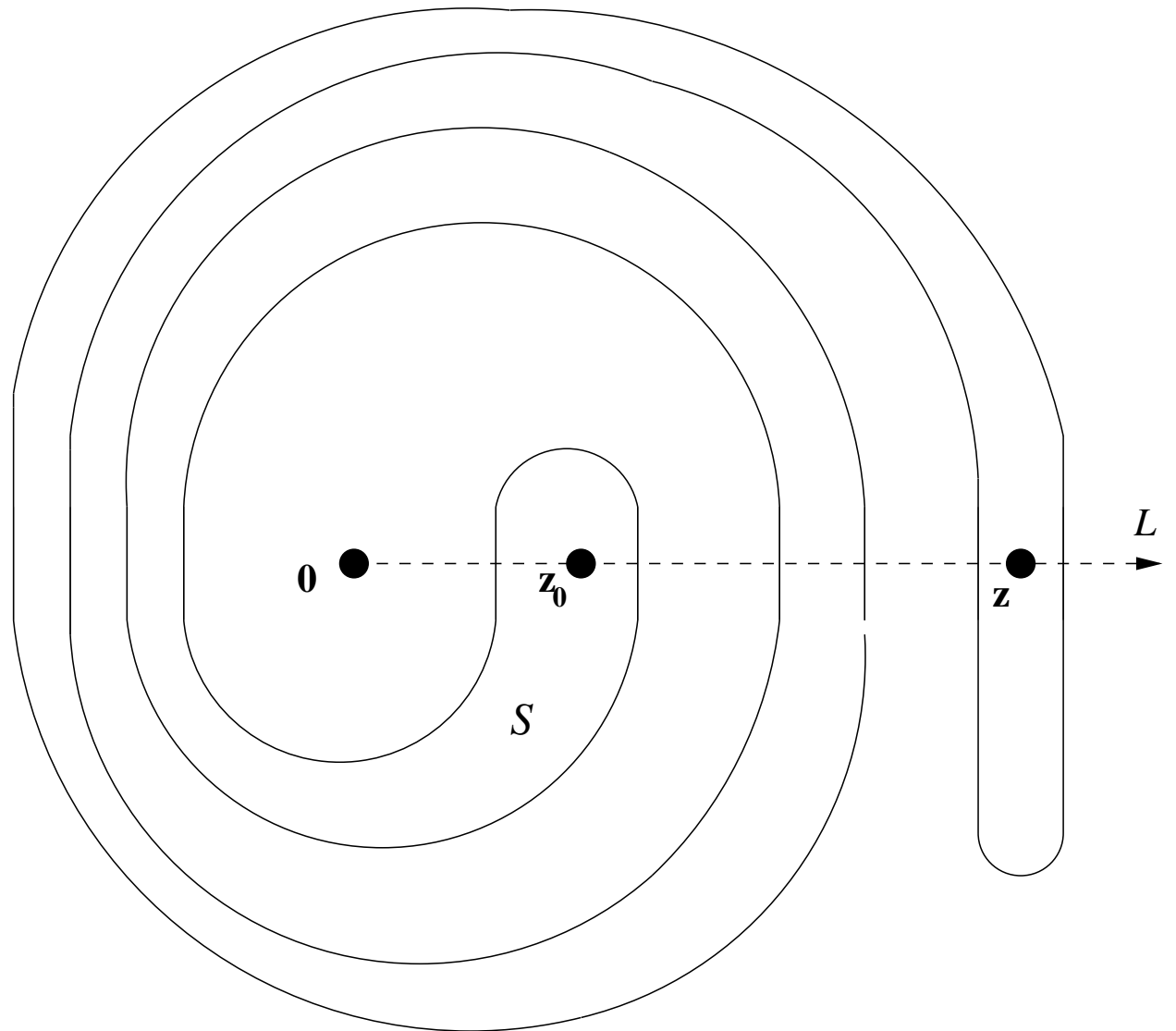
$$\log \mathbf{z} = \log |\mathbf{z}| + i \arg(\mathbf{z})$$

has  $\infty$  single-valued analytic branches:

$$\arg(\mathbf{z}) = \dots, -4\pi, -2\pi, 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$$

corresponding to

$$\arg(\mathbf{z}_0) = \dots, 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, \dots$$



## Analytic Branch Problem

Given a P-time computable closed Jordan curve  $\Gamma$ , what is the complexity of finding a single-valued analytic branch of  $\log z$  or  $\sqrt{z}$  on  $S = \text{Int}(\Gamma)$ ?

**Equivalent Problem:** Given  $\Gamma$ , what is the complexity of computing a continuous argument function  $h(z) \in \text{arg}(z)$  on  $S$ ?

$$\log z \equiv h(z) - h(z_0) \quad \sqrt{z}, \equiv \frac{h(z) - h(z_0)}{2\pi} \text{mod } 2$$

If  $z$  and  $z_0$  are on the boundary of  $S$ ,

$$h(z) \approx \text{winding number about } z.$$

# Complexity

Problem	Lower bound	Upper bound
Winding Number	#P	#P
Logarithm	#P	#P
Square root	$\oplus P$	MP
Membership	UP	MP

NP:  $\{x \mid (\exists^p y) R(x, y)\}$ , where  $R \in P$

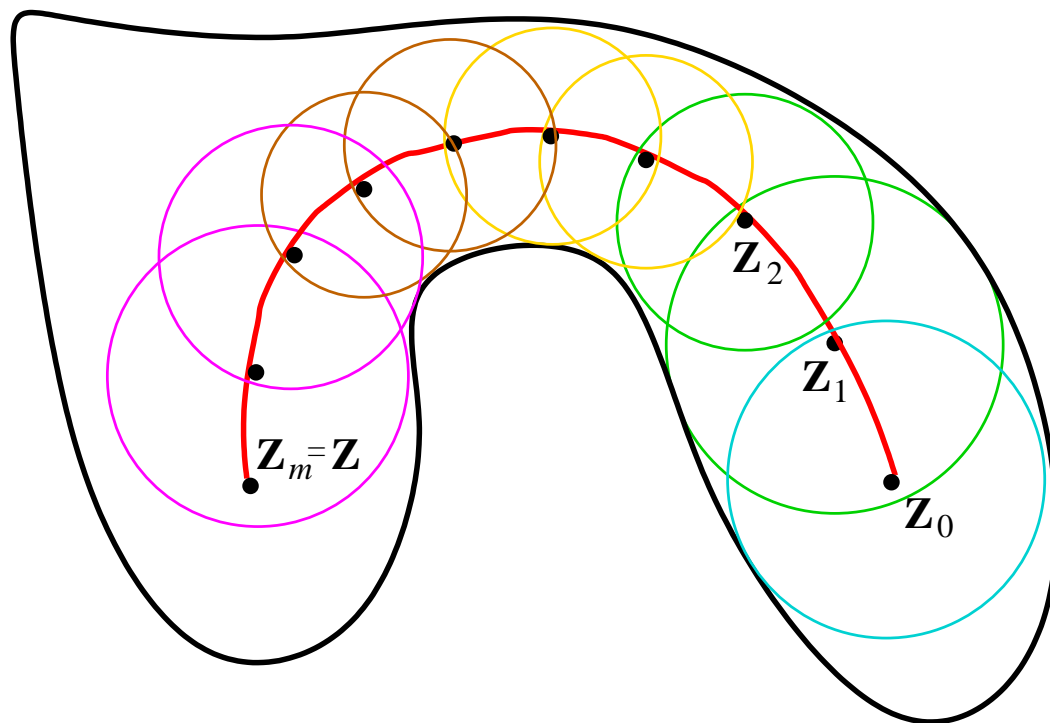
#P:  $f(x) =$  number of  $y$  such that  $R(x, y)$

$\oplus P$  (Parity P):  $f(x)$  is odd

MP (Midbit P): the middle bit of  $f(x) = 1$ .

# Analytic Continuation

Assume that  $f$  is an analytic function defined on a domain  $S$ . Then, the power series of  $f$  at any  $z \in S$  can be computed from that of  $f$  at a starting point  $z_0$ .



**Complexity?**

Depends on geometric properties of  $\partial S$ ?

# Julia Sets

For a function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , define

$$K(f) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid (\exists C > 0)(\forall n) |f^n(z)| \leq C\},$$

$$J(f) = \text{boundary of } K(f).$$

- $\exists$  P-time computable  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $J(f)$  encodes the halting problem of the universal Turing machine.
- Membership problem of  $J_f$  for a **hyperbolic polynomial**  $f$  is P-time computable [Rettinger, Weihrauch, Braverman, Yampolsky]
- A special group of functions:  $f_c(z) = z^2 + c$ ,  $z, c \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
For **most**  $c$  (including all  $c$  outside the Mandelbrot set),  $f_c$  is hyperbolic.



# Conformal Mappings

Given a Jordan domain  $S$ , what is the complexity of the Riemann mapping from  $S$  to the unit disk (relative to the complexity of  $S$ )?

- Under some restrictions on the boundary of  $S$ , the complexity is  **$\#P$ -complete** (if  $S$  is P-time computable). [Braverman, Yampolsky, Rettinger]
- **Open Question:**  
In the general case, when it is only known that  $\partial S$  is P-time computable, is the complexity still  $\#P$ ?

**Thank You**