

Theorem: dirPath is **NL**-complete

Let $A \in \mathbf{NL}$, decided by $c \cdot \log n$ space-bounded NTM M

Input: \underline{w} ; output: dir.Graph G and vertices s, t such that:

M accepts $\underline{w} \iff$ there is a path in G from s to t

$G = (V, E)$, $V :=$ all configurations of M of size $c \cdot \log |\underline{w}|$

$(K_1, K_2) \in E \iff K_2$ is a successor config of K_1

$s :=$ start config of M on \underline{w} ; $t :=$ accept.config (wlog unique)

- M accepts $\underline{w} \iff$ there is a path in G from s to t ✓
- How large is G ? Constructible in logarithmic space?

qed
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Immerman-Szelepcsényi

L = NL ? =coNL ? = P ? Compare „**P vs. NP**“

L vs. NL: **NL**-complete dirGraph, 2unSAT, nonBipartite

NL vs. P: **P**-complete problems

(probably do not admit an efficient parallelization)

NL vs. coNL: solved in 1987,
ACM Gödel Prize 1995 !

**Theorem (Neil Immerman,
Róbert Szelepcsényi): NL=coNL**

Proof: Show $\text{dirGraph} \in \text{coNL}$

Theorem: For constructible $s(n)$,
NSPACE($s(n)$)=coNSPACE($s(n)$).



dirGraph \in coNL



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Def: NTM **computes** (partial multivalued) $f: \subseteq \Sigma^* \rightrightarrows \Sigma^*$ iff

- \forall inputs $\underline{x} \in \text{dom}(f)$ there is an accepting computation.
- Every accepting computation outputs some $y \in f(\underline{x})$.

FNL is closed under composition! (proof?)

Lemma: For each i , $A_i \in \mathbf{NL}$.

Given (!) c_i , logspace NTM can even enumerate A_i :

- For each $v \in V$, 'guess' whether $v \in A_i$ (1) or not (0)
- If guessed 1: output, verify (**NL**) and increase counter
- In the end, accept iff counter= c_i !!!

dirGraph \in coNL



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Lemma: Given (!) c_i , $A_{i+1} \in \mathbf{coNL}$:

Enumerate A_i and, if no edge to v found, accept.

Lemma: Given c_i , logspace NTM can compute c_{i+1} :

For each v , 'guess' whether $v \in A_{i+1}$ holds, and verify

Proof (Theorem): $1=c_0 \rightarrow c_1 \rightarrow c_2 \rightarrow c_3 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{m-1}$

NL and Parallel Computation



Every problem in **NL** can be solved in parallel time $O(\log^2 n)$ by *polynomially many processors!*

- $\text{dirPath} \leq_L$ Boolean Matrix powering:
 - $G=(V,E) \rightarrow$ adjacency matrix $A \in \{0,1\}^{V \times V}$ of G :
 - $A_{u,v} > 0 \iff v$ reachable from u in ≤ 1 step
 - $(A^k)_{u,v} > 0 \iff v$ reachable from $u \in V$ in $\leq k$ steps
- goal: $(A^k)_{s,t}$ for some $k \geq |V| =: n$.
 - rept.squaring: $A \rightarrow A^2 \rightarrow A^4 \rightarrow A^8 \rightarrow \dots: O(\log n)$
 - each phase = matrix multipl.; n^2 dot products
 - each dot product in parallel time $O(\log n)$

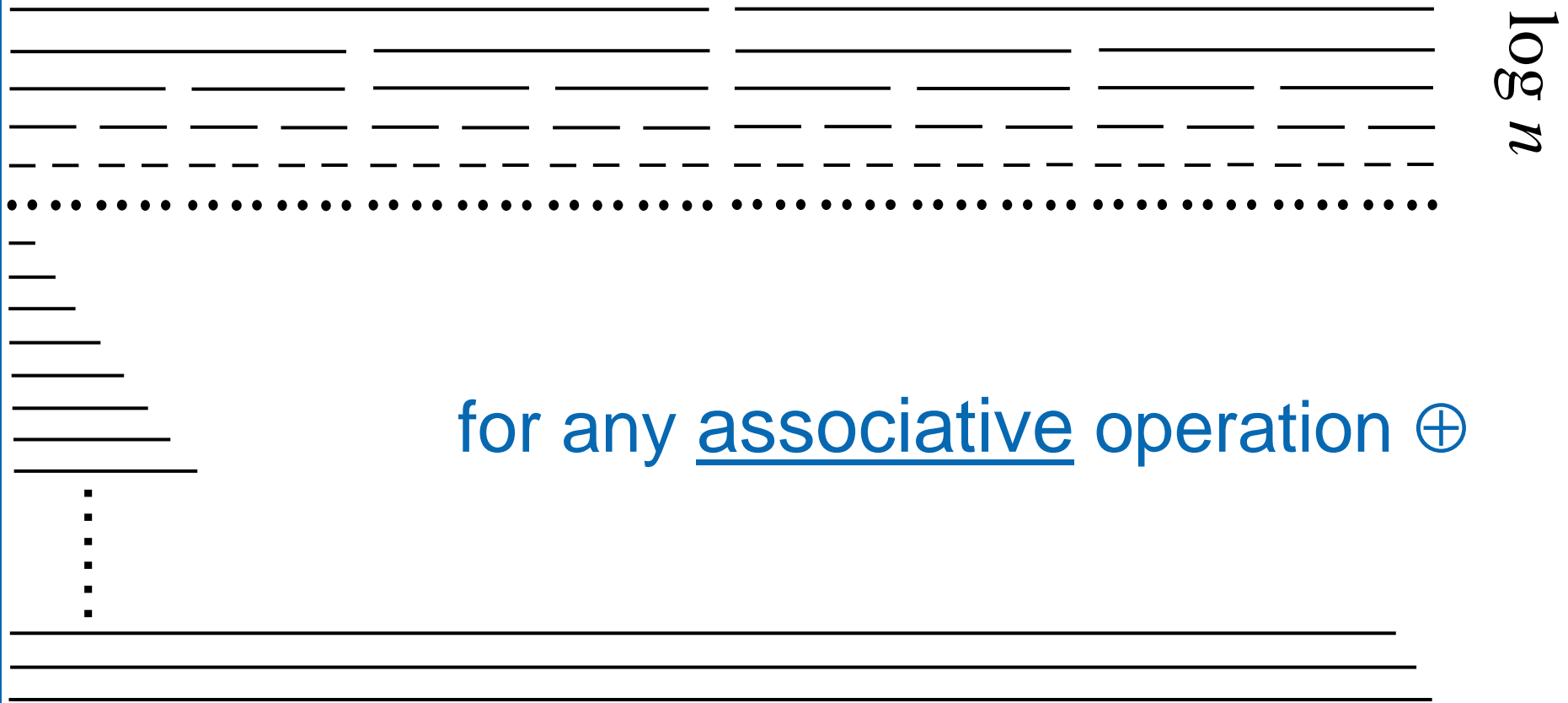
More Parallel Algorithms



Prefix Sum: Given (x_1, \dots, x_n) , calculate all sums

$$x_1, x_1 \oplus x_2, x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3, \dots, x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{n-1}, x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{n-1} \oplus x_n$$

in logarithmic parallel time $\sqrt{}$ using $O(n \cdot \log n)$ gates



Carry Look-Ahead Adder



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in parallel time $O(\log n)$ for any associative operation \oplus

Long Addition: Given (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) and (b_0, \dots, b_{n-1}) ,
calculate $(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}, c_n) := (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) + (b_0, \dots, b_{n-1})$
in logarithmic parallel time? *ripple-carry adder*

i -th carry $z_i = g_i \vee (p_i \wedge z_{i-1})$ 'generate', 'propagate'

where $g_i := a_i \wedge b_i$

and $p_i := a_i \vee b_i$

$$(z_i, 0) = (z_{i-1}, 0) \otimes (g_i, p_i)$$

$$= ((z_{i-2}, 0) \otimes (g_{i-1}, p_{i-1})) \otimes (g_i, p_i)$$

$$(g, p) \otimes (g', p') := (g' \vee (p' \wedge g), p' \wedge p) \text{ associative!}$$