

# Circuits: Depth and Size



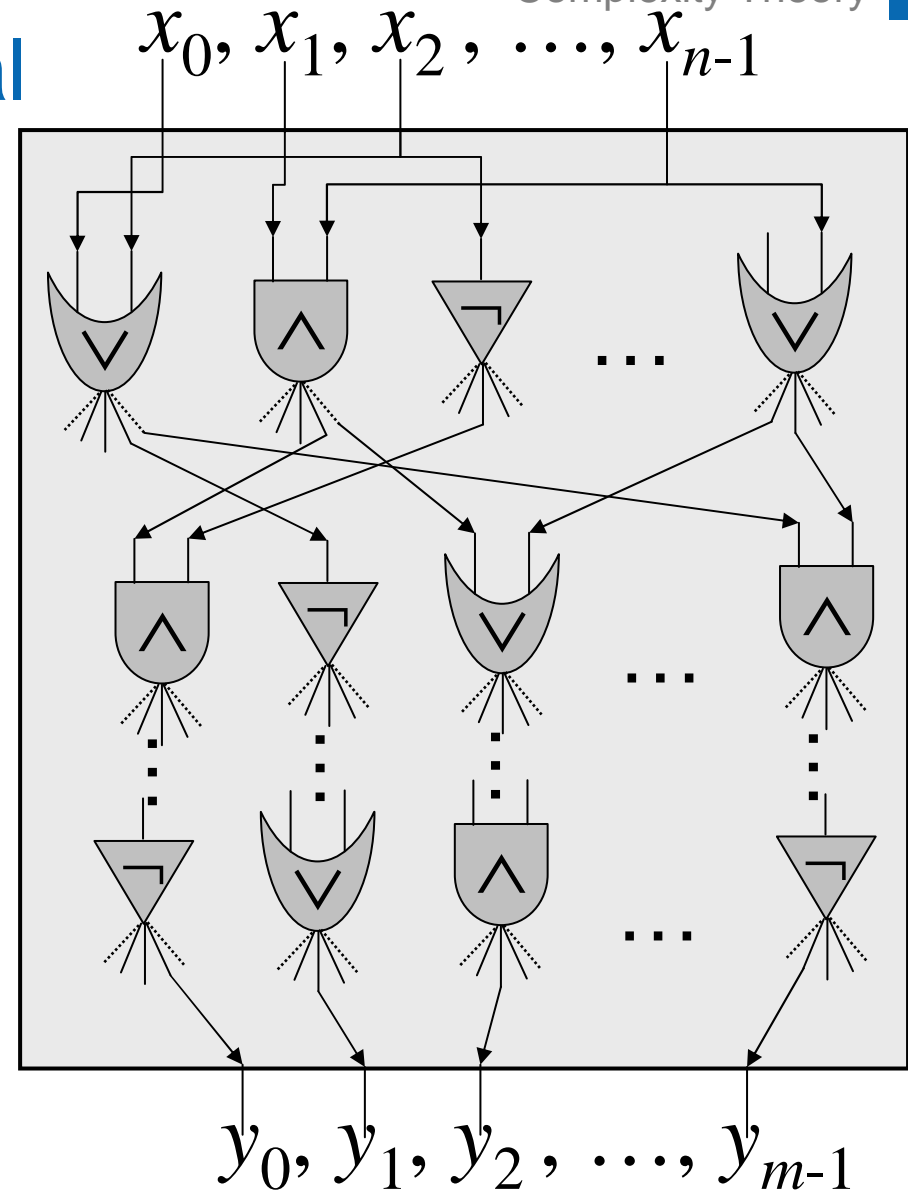
Gates  $\vee, \wedge, \neg$  are universal

unbounded fan-out

fan-in: binary/unary

$N$ -ary: simulate  
in depth  $O(\log N)$

- $n$  inputs,  $m$  outputs
- depth  $d \Rightarrow \text{size} \leq m \cdot 2^d$
- If sorted topologically,  
evaluation on a TM  
in time  $O(\text{size})$



# Uniformity



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Complexity Theory

Each circuit  $C$  has a fixed number of inputs

→ for deciding  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ , consider a family  $(C_n)$

$\{1^n : n = \langle M \rangle \text{ for terminating TM } M\}$  undecidable

to TM, but decidable by some family of circuits:

F. Meyer auf der Heide (1984): knapsack can be decided by circuit family  $C_n$  of polynom.size

New circuit for each  $n$ : nonuniform algorithm

**Def:** Call family  $C_n$  of circuits **uniform** if some logspace-DTM can, on input  $1^n$ , output  $\langle C_n \rangle$

(sorted topologically)

evaluation on a TM  
in time poly(size)



## Circuit vs. Turing Complexity

Can evaluate a given circuit  $C$  on a TM  
in time  $O(\text{size})$  once sorted topologically  
and in space  $O(m+\text{depth})$ :

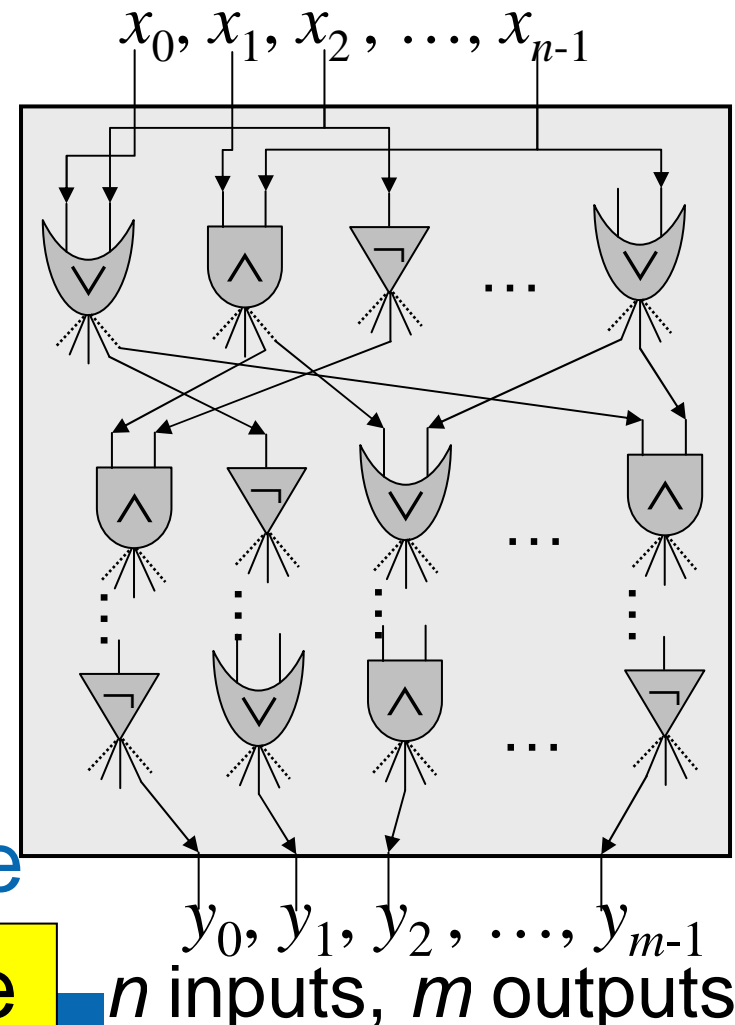
for each gate on level  $d$   
recursively evaluate its 2  
predecessors on levels  $< d$

Can simulate a given TM  $M$   
with input  $\underline{x}$  on a circuit  
of depth  $O(S_M(|\underline{x}|)^2)$

Reachability + Matrix Powering  
of size  $O(T_M(|\underline{x}|)^2)$

: next slide

size  $\approx$  seq. time, depth  $\approx$  space



$n$  inputs,  $m$  outputs

# $\mathcal{P}$ -completeness



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**Reminder:** Every  $A \in \text{NL} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  can be solved in  $\text{NC}^2$  parallel time  $O(\log^2 n)$  on polynomial size circuits.

$B \in \mathcal{P}$  called  **$\mathcal{P}$ -hard** if  $A \leq_L B$  holds for every  $A \in \mathcal{P}$ .

**CircuitVal** :=  $\{ \langle C, \underline{x} \rangle : \text{Circuit } C \text{ evaluates to true on input assignment } \underline{x} \} \in \mathcal{P}$

**Theorem:** **CircuitVal** is  $\mathcal{P}$ -complete. **Exercise**

*$\mathcal{P}$ -vollständige Probleme lassen sich vermutlich nicht effizient parallelisieren.*

# Complexity and Cryptography



A **Public-Key System** with key-pair  $(\underline{e}, \underline{d})$  consists of two functions  $E = E(\underline{e}, \underline{x})$  and  $D = D(\underline{d}, \underline{y})$  such that  $D(\underline{d}, E(\underline{e}, \underline{x})) = \underline{x}$  holds for all  $\underline{x}$ .

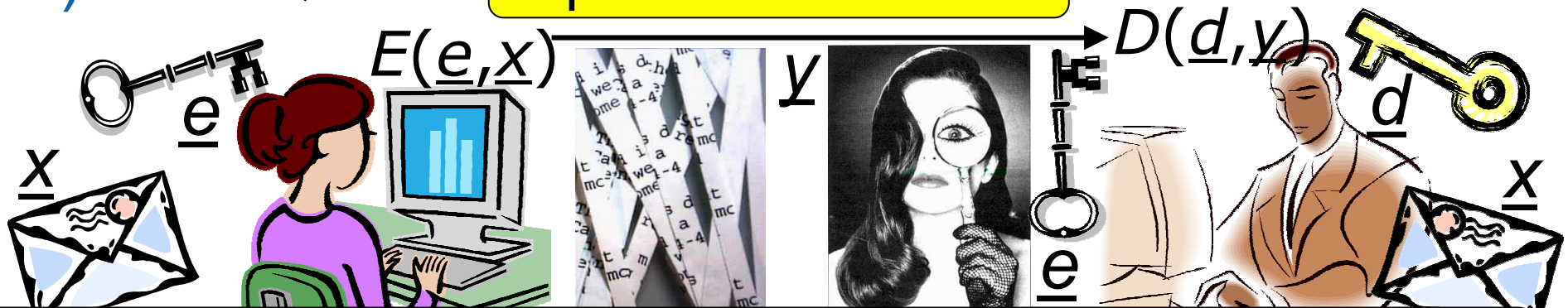
**RSA**

Call  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  a **one-way function** if

i) injective and  $|\underline{x}|^k \geq |f(\underline{x})| \geq |\underline{x}|^{1/k}$  for some  $k$

ii) computable in polynomial time (i.e.  $f \in \mathbf{FP}$ )

iii) but  $f^{-1} \notin \mathbf{FP}$  impossible if  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NP}!$   $\Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \mathbf{FNP}$



encrypt with public key  $\underline{e}$ , decrypt with private key  $\underline{d}$ .

# One-Way Functions and $\mathcal{VP}$



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Complexity Theory

**Definition:** Call a NTM unambiguous if, for any input  $\underline{x}$ , it has at most one accepting computation.  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{VP} \subseteq \mathcal{NP}$

$\mathcal{VP} = \{\text{languages accepted by unambiguous polytime NTMs}\}$

**Theorem:**  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{VP}$  iff one-way functions exist.

**Proof:** a) For one-way  $f$  define  $L := \{ (\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \mid \exists \underline{z} \leq \underline{x}: f(\underline{z}) = \underline{y} \}$

Then  $L \in \mathcal{VP}$ . And  $\underline{y} \rightarrow f^{-1}(\underline{y})$  can be evaluated using binary search with polynomially many queries for  $L$ :  $L \notin \mathcal{P}$

b) Let  $L \in \mathcal{VP} \setminus \mathcal{P}$  be decided by unambiguous NTM  $U$ .

For  $\underline{x}$  an accepting computation of  $U$  on  $\underline{y}$ , let  $f(\underline{x}) := 1\underline{y}$ .

For other arguments

let  $f(\underline{x}) := 0\underline{x}$ .

This is one-way!

Call  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  a **one-way function** if injective and  $|\underline{x}|^k \geq |f(\underline{x})| \geq |\underline{x}|^{1/k}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{FP} \ (\Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \mathcal{FNP})$  but  $f^{-1} \notin \mathcal{FP}$

# Issues with Cryptographic Complexity



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- It might be  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{VP} \neq \mathbf{NP}$
- No complete problem known for  $\mathbf{VP}$
- *worst-case* complexity:

Cannot eff. check whether given NTM is unambiguous

$f$  might be efficiently invertible on *many* practical inputs

- randomized algorithms are not deterministic yet practical

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