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FORMAL LANGUAGES, AUTOMATA AND COMPUTABILITY

Space Complexity: Savitch's Theorem and PSPACE-Completeness

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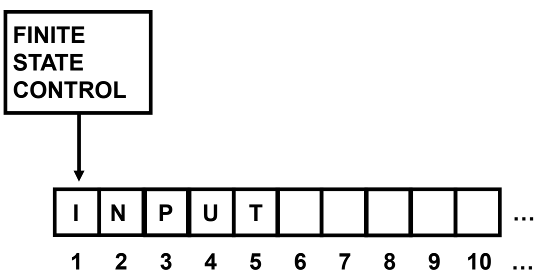
MEASURING SPACE COMPLEXITY



We measure space complexity by looking at the furthest tape cell reached during the computation

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{ L | L is a language decided by a O(s(n)) space deterministic Turing Machine }

Definition: NSPACE(t(n)) =
{ L | L is a language decided by a O(s(n)) space non-deterministic Turing Machine }

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3SAT $\in$ SPACE(n) $\subset$ PSPACE

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Assume a deterministic Turing machine that halts on all inputs runs in space s(n)

Question: What's an upper bound on the number of time steps for this machine?

A configuration gives a head position, state, and tape contents. Number of configurations is at most:

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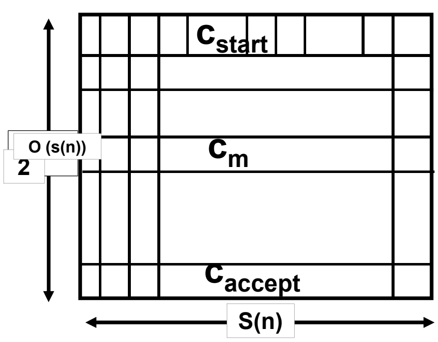

MORAL:
Space S computations can be simulated in at most $2^{O(S)}$ time steps

PSPACE $\subseteq$ EXPTIME

$$\text{EXPTIME} = \bigcup_{k \in N} \text{TIME}(2^{n^k})$$

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There are 2^(O(2^O(s))) branches to keep track of!

We need to simulate a non-deterministic computation and save as much space as possible

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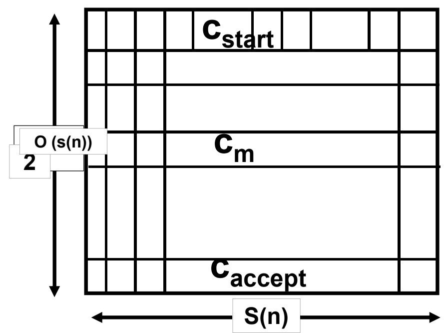

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Procedure CANYIELD(C_1, C_2, t):

If t = 0 then *accept* iff $C_1 = C_2$
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CANYIELD(C_1, C_2, t) has log(t) levels of recursion.
Each level of recursion uses O(s(n)) additional space to store C_m.
So CANYIELD(C_1, C_2, t) uses O(s(n) log(t)) space.

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=> $2^{ds(|w|)}$ is an upper bound on the running time of N(w).

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Why does it take only $s(n)^2$ space?

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Uses log($2^{d\, s(|w|)}$) recursions. Each level of recursion uses O(s(n)) extra space. Therefore uses O($s(n)^2$) space!

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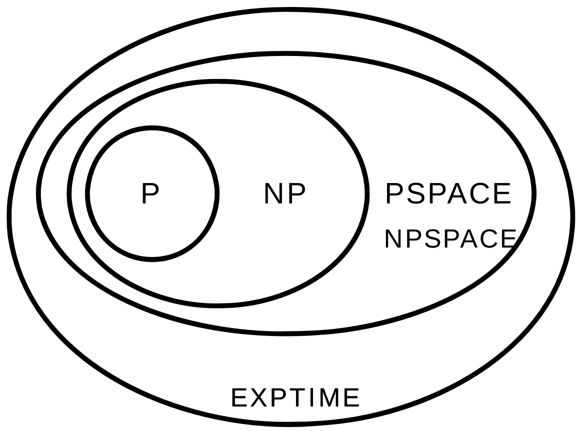

$P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME$

$P \neq EXPTIME$

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So, for all k, since $2^n/n^{2k} \to \infty$,

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Therefore, $TIME(2^n) \not\subset P$

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Make a machine M that works in g(n) time and "does the opposite" of all f(n) time machines on at least one input

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Need $g(n) >> f(n)^2$ to ensure that you can simulate an arbitrary machine running in f(n) time with a single machine that runs in g(n) time.

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