# The Complexity of Theorem-Proving Procedures

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 T-computation set of strings T TM in query state, s in query tape

$$s \in T \Rightarrow \mathsf{TM}$$
 in "yes" state

 $s \notin T \Rightarrow \mathsf{TM}$  in "no" state

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M nondeterministic, accepts a set S of strings in time Q(n)input w, |w| = n $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l\}$  tape alphabet of M  $\{q_1, \dots, q_r\}$  states of M T = Q(N) number of steps of the computation

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$$P_{s,t}^i$$
,  $i \in [1, I]$ ,  $s, t \in [1, T]$   
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 $B_t = (S_{1,t} \vee \cdots \vee S_{T,t}) \land (\bigwedge_{1 \leq i,j \leq T} (\neg (S_{i,t} \vee S_{j,t})) \text{ is true iff at step } t \text{ M scans exactly one cell}$  $B = B_1 \land \cdots \land B_T$ 

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$$C_{s,t} \text{ true iff at step } t \text{ there exists exactly one symbol in cell } s$$
  

$$C = \bigwedge_{1 \le s,t \le T} C_{s,t}$$

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$$\begin{split} B_t &= (S_{1,t} \vee \cdots \vee S_{T,t}) \wedge (\bigwedge_{1 \leq i,j \leq T} (\neg (S_{i,t} \vee S_{j,t})) \text{ is true iff at step } t \text{ M scans exactly one cell} \\ B &= B_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge B_T \\ C_{s,t} \text{ true iff at step } t \text{ there exists exactly one symbol in cell } s \\ C &= \bigwedge_{1 \leq s,t \leq T} C_{s,t} \\ D \text{ true iff at every step M is in exactly one state} \\ E &= Q_1^1 \wedge S_1^1 \wedge P_{1,1}^{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge P_{n,1}^{i_n} \wedge P_{n+1,1}^1 \wedge P_{T,1}^1 \\ w &= \sigma_{i_1} \cdots \sigma_{i_n}, \ q_1 \text{ initial state, } \sigma_1 = \epsilon \\ E \text{ true iff initial conditins for M are met} \\ F, G, H \text{ true iff truth values of P,Q,S are updated properly} \end{split}$$

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Obviously, {DNF tautologies} is P-red to {tautologies}.

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This process is time-bounded by a polynomial in the length of A

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