

2^{Exp} = lower bound for GF.

Challenging

To encode a binary tree of height 2^n with a formula φ_n of size $\text{poly}(n)$.

Boring

Encoding of AExpSpace
Turing machines
1734-1735p. Grädel
On the Restraining Power
of Guards

Any pair (a,b) of vertices will represent a node in a tree.

There are 2^n different sequences of length n on a, b.

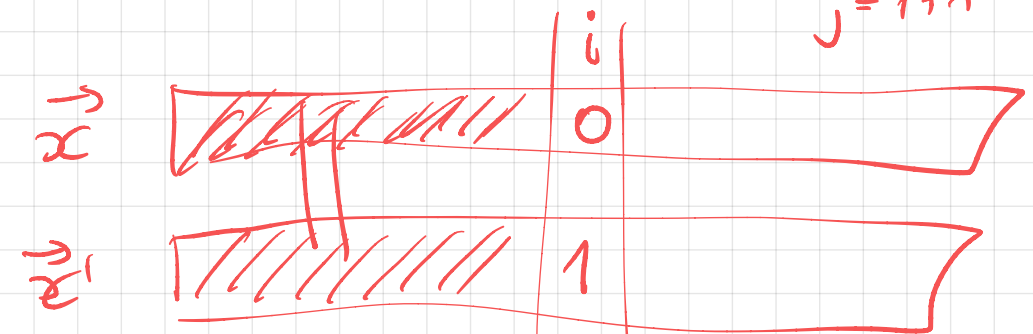
will serve as bits

On 2^n bits we can encode in binary numbers from 0 to $2^{2^n} - 1$.

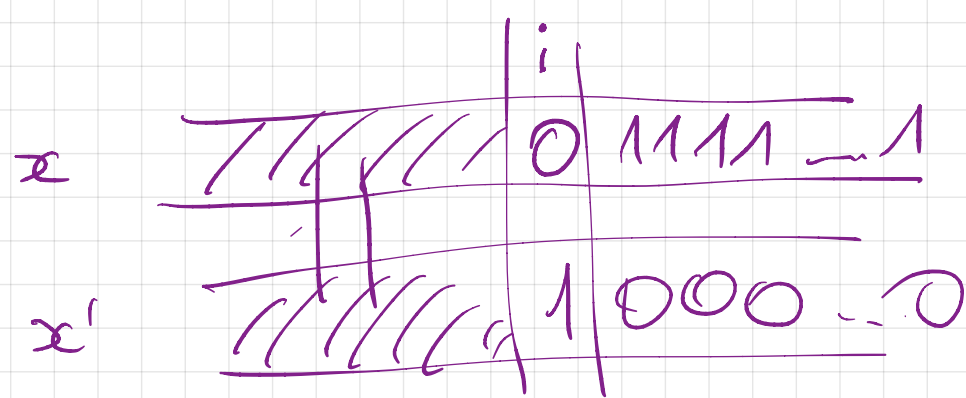
Let \vec{x}, \vec{x}' be n -tuples composed of $\{a, b\}$. $r(\vec{x}) =$ the value encoded by \vec{x}
 e.g. $r(abab) = 5$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$

less(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = $\bigvee_{i=1}^n (x_i = a \wedge x'_i = b \wedge \bigwedge_{j=i+1}^n x_j = x'_j)$
 $r(\vec{x}) < r(\vec{x}')$



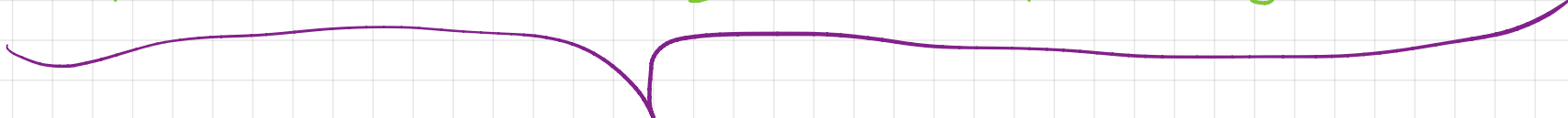
succ(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = $\bigvee_{i=1}^n (x_i = a \wedge x'_i = b \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} (x_j = b \wedge x'_j = a) \wedge \bigwedge_{j=i+1}^n x_j = x'_j)$
 $r(\vec{x}') = r(\vec{x}) + 1$



* We will use an n -ary predicate D to "store" bits of huge numbers
 " " says whether a bit is on or off"

Ex $n=3$

$\overset{D}{a} \overset{\neg D}{a} \overset{D}{a} \leq \overset{\neg D}{a} \overset{D}{a} \overset{D}{b} \leq \overset{D}{a} \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{a} \leq \overset{D}{a} \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{b} \leq \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{a} \overset{D}{a} \leq \overset{\neg D}{b} \overset{D}{a} \overset{D}{b} \leq \overset{\neg D}{b} \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{a} \leq \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{b} \overset{D}{b}$
 $0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7$



$$\begin{matrix} 128 & 64 & 32 & 16 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ (1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1) \end{matrix} = 128 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 1$$

We will employ a $(4n+4)$ -ary relation E with the following meaning:

\vec{x}, \vec{x}' - n -tuples of $\{a, b\}$ \vec{y}, \vec{y}' - n -tuples of $\{c, d\}$

$E(\vec{x}, \vec{x}', a, b, \vec{y}, \vec{y}', c, d)$ holds

iff

$$r(\vec{x}) = r(\vec{y})$$

and

$$r(\vec{x}') = r(\vec{y}')$$

encoded with a, b

encoded with c, d

$D(\vec{x})$ holds iff x^i -th bit is true

$E(\vec{x}, \vec{x}', a, b, \vec{y}, \vec{y}', c, d)$ holds iff $r(\vec{x}) = r(\vec{y})$ and $r(\vec{x}') = r(\vec{y}')$.

Five more relations :

* T (binary) $T(a, b)$ means that a node represented by (a, b) is inside a tree.

* R (binary) $R(a, b)$ means that the node represented by (a, b) is the root of our tree

* U ($n+2$ -ary) $U(\vec{x}, a, b)$ is true (at least) for all $\vec{x} \in \{a, b\}^n$ where (a, b) represents a node in our tree

* D (n -ary) encodes depth

* S_1 (4-ary) $S_1(a, b, c, d)$ means that (c, d) is a left children of (a, b)

* S_2 (4-ary) $S_2(a, b, c, d)$ means that (c, d) is a right children of (a, b) .

How to define φ_n ?

$$\forall \vec{x} a b \quad U(\vec{x}, a, b) \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \begin{matrix} x_i = a \vee \\ x_i = b \end{matrix}$$

$$(a) \quad \exists a \exists b \quad R(a, b) \wedge T(a, b) \wedge \left(\forall \vec{x} \quad U(\vec{x}, a, b) \rightarrow \neg D(x) \right)$$

there is
a position

is a
root

is inside
our tree

the root is on level 0,
thus all D bits should be
switched off.

$$\left[D(a, b) = 0 \right]$$

$$(b) \quad \forall a \forall b \quad T(a, b) \rightarrow a \neq b \wedge U(a a \dots a, a, b)$$

for all
positions

is inside
our tree

is encoded
by two
different elem

start our generator
of n-tuples of $\{a, b\}$

$$\forall \vec{x} \forall a \forall b \quad U(\vec{x}, a, b) \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^n U(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, b, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n, a, b)$$

all possible replacements
are possible [generate]
all

$U(\vec{x}, a, b)$
holds
for
any
n-tuple
of a, b

$$(c) \forall a \forall b \neg T(a,b) \rightarrow \exists c \exists d S_1(a,b,c,d) \wedge$$

$$\exists c \exists d S_2(a,b,c,d)$$

probably
I need to
say that
(a,b) is not
the leaf of
our tree

$$\left(\exists \vec{x} \left(\bigcup (\vec{x}, a, b) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \begin{matrix} x_i = a \\ x_i = b \end{matrix} \right) \right) \rightarrow \right. \\ \left. \wedge \neg D(\vec{x}) \right)$$

(a,b) is
not a leaf

$$(c') \forall a,b,c,d \quad S_1(a,b,c,d) \rightarrow \neg S_2(a,b,c,d)$$

$$S_2(-||-) \rightarrow \neg S_1(-||-)$$

keep
the successors
different

(d) $\bigwedge_{i=1}^2 \forall a \forall b \forall c \forall d \quad S_i(a, b, c, d) \rightarrow$

$T(c, d) \wedge \text{Succ}(a, b, c, d) \wedge \beta$

(c, d) is inside our tree

$\text{depth}(c, d) = \text{depth}(a, b) + 1$

β a formula axiomatising E

$\text{Succ}(a, b, c, d) := \exists \vec{x} \exists \vec{y} \quad E(\vec{x}, \vec{x}, a, b, \vec{y}, \vec{y}, c, d) \wedge \neg D(\vec{x}) \wedge D(\vec{y})$

$\wedge \forall \vec{x}' \forall \vec{y}' \quad E(\vec{x}, \vec{x}', a, b, \vec{y}, \vec{y}', c, d) \rightarrow \text{less}(\vec{x}', \vec{x}) \rightarrow \left(\begin{matrix} D(\vec{x}') \\ \wedge \\ \neg D(\vec{y}') \end{matrix} \right)$

$\wedge \forall \vec{x}' \forall \vec{y}' \quad E(\vec{x}, \vec{x}', a, b, \vec{y}, \vec{y}', c, d) \rightarrow \text{less}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \rightarrow (D(\vec{x}') \leftrightarrow D(\vec{y}'))$

	i	\vec{x}	
(a, b)		0	1 1 1 ... 1
(c, d)		1	0 0 ... 0

(e) Axiomatise E

It remains to axiomatize E . To simplify notation, we abbreviate the concatenation $\vec{x}\vec{x}'$ by \vec{u} and $\vec{y}\vec{y}'$ by \vec{v} , we let \vec{a} and \vec{c} be the tuples (a, a, \dots, a) and (c, c, \dots, c) of length $2n$ and R be the set of all substitutions $[u_i/a, v_i/c]$ or $[u_i/b, v_i/d]$ for $i = 0, \dots, 2n - 1$. Now let

$$\beta(a, b, c, d) := E\vec{a}b\vec{c}cd \wedge (\forall \vec{u}\vec{v}. E\vec{u}ab\vec{v}cd) \bigwedge_{\rho \in R} E\vec{u}ab\vec{v}cd[\rho] \\ \wedge (\forall \vec{u}\vec{v}. E\vec{u}ab\vec{v}cd) \bigwedge_{i < 2n} ((u_i = a \wedge v_i = c) \vee (u_i = b \wedge v_i = d)).$$

There are $4n$ substitutions in R , so the length of β is $O(n \log n)$. It should be obvious that β enforces the required properties for E .