



Complexity Theory, WS 13/14: Solution Hints 3.

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Exercise 3.1 a) We can just have different conjunctions for $a_{ij} \wedge b_{jk}$ which we connect with a tree of \vee s. We do this for every c_{ij} but don't duplicate the input nodes. This gives us a depth of $O(\log n)$ as our c_{ij} are done parallel. We also have a size of $n^2 + n^2 \cdot (2^{\log n} + n) \in O(n^3)$.

b) We use a similar technique as square and multiply. Let $b_1 \dots b_m$ be the bit representation of n . We now construct a circuit of size $m \in O(\log n)$ in the following way. We take m copies of our multiply circuit and connect them in order on the first input. On the second input we either connect a if $b_i = 1$ or the output of the circuit c_{i-1} if $b_i = 0$. It is easy to see that this computes the right value. The first circuit c_1 is connected to a and b and the last to our output.

Trivially our depth is $O(m \cdot \log n) = O(\log^2 n)$ and the size $O(n^3 \cdot m) = O(n^3 \log n)$.

Exercise 3.2 a) We are given a binary tree T rooted at r . We denote subtree rooted at a node u by T_u . For any node u with children v, v' , we say v is a *big* child of u iff $|T_v| \geq |T_{v'}|$. Let $P = (r = u_1, \dots, u_d)$ be a path such that u_d is a leaf, and u_{i+1} is a big child of u_i .

Note that $|T_r| = n$, $|T_{u_d}| = 1$ and $|T_{u_{i+1}}| < |T_{u_i}| \leq 2|T_{u_{i+1}}| + 1$ because u_{i+1} is a big child of u_i . Therefore, there is k where $n/3 \leq |T_k| \leq 2n/3$. Otherwise, there exists i where $|T_{u_i}| \geq 2n/3 + 1$ and $|T_{u_{i+1}}| \leq n/3 - 1$ which contradicts $|T_{u_i}| \leq 2|T_{u_{i+1}}| + 1$. Removing the edge (u_{k-1}, u_k) will do a job.

b) By a), given a boolean formula F , we can split F into F' and F_{sub} where $F' = F \setminus F_{sub}$ containing the output gate, and both have size at most $2n/3$. Let F'_0 and F'_1 be the formulas obtained by plugging 0 and 1 into F , respectively, at the gate which was the output gate of F_{sub} .

The formula $(F'_0 \wedge \neg F_{sub}) \vee (F'_1 \wedge F_{sub})$ computes the same function as F . We apply the construction recursively to F'_0, F'_1 and two copies of F_{sub} . Therefore the resulting formula has depth $D(n) = 3 + D(2n/3) = O(\log n)$ and size $S(n) = O(1) + 4S(2n/3) = n^{O(1)}$.

