

# Exponential Path Order EPO\*

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Stephen Bellantoni and Stephen Cook

*A new Recursion-Theoretic Characterization of the Polytime Functions.*

CC, pages 97–110, 1992

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Toshiyasu Arai and Naohi Eguchi

*A new Function Algebra of EXPTIME Functions by Safe Nested Recursion.*

TCL, pages 130–146, 2008

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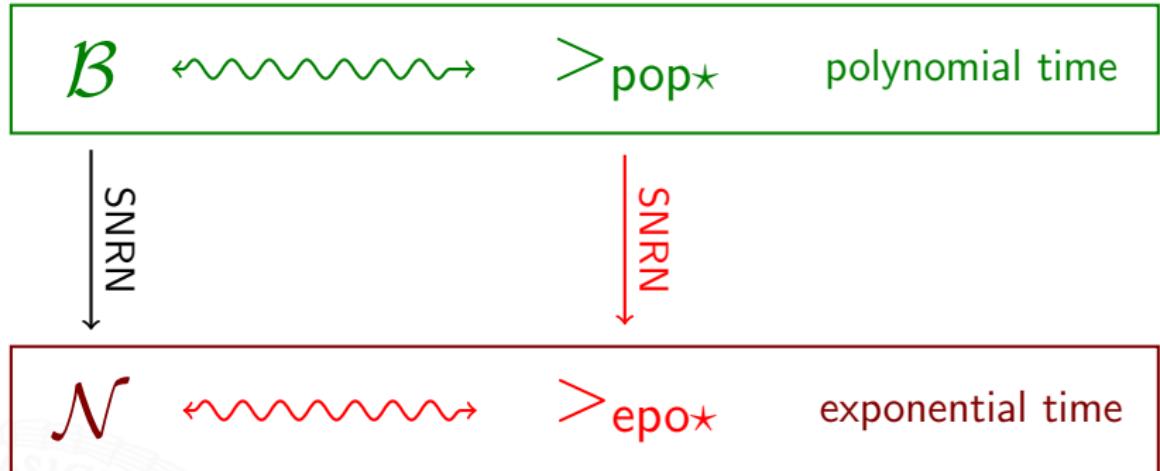
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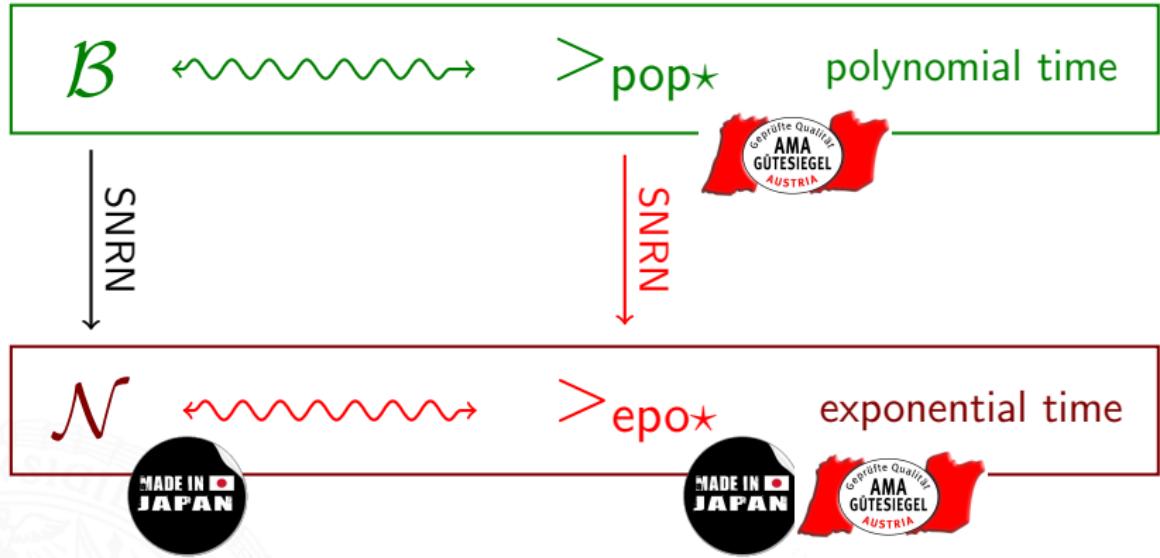
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# The class $\mathcal{B}$

## Recursion Theoretic Characterisation of FP



# Alternative Characterisation of FP

## Safe and Normal Argument Positions

### Idea

break strength of recursion scheme by separation of arguments positions

$$f(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_k}_{\text{normal}}; \underbrace{y_1, \dots, y_l}_{\text{safe}})$$



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$$\text{where } h_i(\epsilon, \bar{x}; \bar{y}) = j_i(\bar{x}; \bar{y})$$

$$h_i(\text{zi}, \bar{x}; \bar{y}) = k_{i,j}(z, \bar{x}; \bar{y}, h_i(z, \bar{x}; \bar{y}))$$

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### Definition (Safe Composition)

Suppose  $h \in \mathcal{B}^{k',I'}$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{B}^{k,0}$  and  $s \in \mathcal{B}^{k,I}$ . Then  $g \in \mathcal{B}^{k,I}$  where

$$g(\bar{x}; \bar{y}) = h(\overline{r(\bar{x};)}, \overline{s(\bar{x}; \bar{y})})$$

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The class  $\mathcal{N}$

$\mathcal{N} \approx \mathcal{B} + \text{safe nested recursion on notation}$



# Alternative Characterisation of FEXP

## Safe Nested Recursion on Notation

- ① nesting of recursive function calls

$$\textcolor{blue}{f}(\textcolor{brown}{\epsilon}; \textcolor{red}{y}) = g(\textcolor{brown}{\epsilon}; \textcolor{red}{y})$$

$$\textcolor{blue}{f}(\textcolor{brown}{x}_i; \textcolor{red}{y}) = r_i(\textcolor{brown}{x}_i; \textcolor{red}{y}, \quad \quad \quad \textcolor{blue}{f}(\textcolor{brown}{x}_i; \textcolor{red}{y}) \quad )$$



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### ③ lexicographic decreasing recursive parameters

$$(xi, yj) >_{\text{lex}}^1 (xi, y) \quad (xi, yj) >_{\text{lex}}^1 (x, yj)$$

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    - $u_j = v_j$  for all  $1 \leq j < k$ , and
    - $u_k >^1 v_k$ , and
    - for each  $k < j \leq n$ ,  $u_i \geq^1 v_j$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$

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Eguchi, 2009

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## Definition (Weak Safe Composition)

$$g(\bar{x}; \bar{y}) = h(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}; \overline{s(\bar{x}; \bar{y})}) \quad \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}\} \subseteq \{\bar{x}\}$$

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Theorem (T. Arai and N. Eguchi, 2008)

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# The order $>_{\text{epo}^*}$

A Path Order based on  $\mathcal{N}$



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> tct -a irc -p -s "pop*" times.trs
YES(?,POLY)
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'Polynomial Path Orders'
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Answer:      YES(?,POLY)
Input Problem: innermost runtime-complexity with respect to
Rules:
{ *(x, s(y)) -> +(x, *(x, y))
, *(x, 0()) -> 0()
, +(s(x), y) -> s(+ (x, y))
, +(0(), y) -> y}
Details:
Rules in Predicative Notation:
{ *(x, s(; y);) -> +(x; *(x, y;))
, *(x, 0();) -> 0()
, +(s(; x); y) -> s(; +(x; y))
, +(0(); y) -> y}
Precedence:
* > +
Safe Argument Positions:
safe(+) = {2}, safe(*) = {}
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$$\text{rc}_{\mathcal{R}}^i(n) = \max\{ \text{dl}(t, \stackrel{i}{\rightarrow}_{\mathcal{R}}) \mid |t| \leq n \text{ and arguments from } \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}) \}$$

where  $\text{dl}(t, \rightarrow) = \max\{\ell \mid \exists(t_1, \dots, t_\ell). t \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_\ell\}$

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# Exponential Path Order $>_{\text{epo}*}$

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Exponential Path Order  $>_{\text{epo}^*}$ The Order  $>_{\text{epo}^*}$ 

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