

A PROOF OF $P \neq NP$

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ABSTRACT. My proof that $P \neq NP$.

I denote $s(X)$ the size of data X (in bits).

Whether there is or there is no at-most w -size proof of a statement X are two NP-problems, because it can be non-deterministically verified in polynomial time using the merkle tree of execution of a proof-checking algorithm (like as in Cartesi crypto).

Assume $P = NP$.

Then whether there is a w -size proof of a statement X is an NP and therefore P problem.

Fix some formal system such as ZF.

I will call a statement X *coherent* when there is a proof of X or $\neg X$.

Let E be the set of set definitions X such that members of X have polynomial-size (regarding $s(X)$) proofs of coherence of X .

Let M be the set defined by the set-definition

{set definition X with polynomial-size proofs of coherence | $X \notin E(X)$ }.

M has polynomial-size proofs of coherence, because $X \notin E(X)$ means X is not having polynomial-size proofs of coherence, what can be proved by checking that there exists a proof of “ X has no polynomial-size proofs of coherence” with the maximum length $2^{s(X)}$ (that’s a P problem in our assumption, therefore the proof of the existence of the proof is polynomial-size) of every X . (That fails for small sizes of X , but they can be solved individually in constant size.)

Therefore:

$$M \in E(M) \Leftrightarrow M \notin E(M).$$

Contradiction.

$P \neq NP$.

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