

- A. ABAJYAN, A. CHUBARYAN, *Proof complexity of hard-determinable formulas in  $R(lin)$ .*

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The system  $R(lin)$  (Ran Raz and Iddo Tzameret) is an extension of propositional resolution system by allowing it to operate with disjunctions of linear equations instead of clauses. The authors proved that well-known hard tautologies ( $PHP_n^m$ ,  $Clique_{n,k}$ , Tseitin tautologies) have polynomial-size  $R(lin)$ -proofs. Earlier by second author of this abstract the concept of hard-determinable formulas was introduced and it was proved, that the proof complexity of such formulas has exponential lower bounds in "weak" proof systems, but the property of hard-determinability is insufficient for obtaining a superpolynomial lower bound of Frege proof complexities. The above mentioned hard formulas are not hard-determinable and therefore of great interests is the investigation of  $R(lin)$ -proof complexities just for hard-determinable formulas.

Let  $\varphi$  be a propositional formula, let  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  be the set of the distinct variables of  $\varphi$  and let  $P' = \{p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}, \dots, p_{i_m}\}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ) be some subset of  $P$ .

Given  $\sigma = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m\} \in E^m$ , the conjunct  $K^\sigma = \{p_{i_1}^{\sigma_1}, p_{i_2}^{\sigma_2}, \dots, p_{i_m}^{\sigma_m}\}$  is called  $\varphi$ -determinative if assigning  $\sigma_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ) to each  $p_{i_j}$  we obtain the value of  $\varphi$  (0 or 1) independently of the values of the remaining variables.

The minimal possible number of variables in a  $\varphi$ -determinative conjunct is denoted by  $d(\varphi)$ .

Let  $\varphi_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) be a sequence of minimal tautologies and  $|\varphi_n|$  be the size of  $\varphi_n$ . If for some  $n_0$  there is a constant  $c$  such that  $\forall n \geq n_0 \quad (d(\varphi_n))^c \leq |\varphi_n| < (d(\varphi_n))^{c+1}$ , then the formulas  $\varphi_{n_0}, \varphi_{n_0+1}, \varphi_{n_0+2}, \dots$  are *hard-determinable*.

Let

$$\varphi_n = \bigvee_{(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \in E^n} \big\& \bigvee_{j=1}^{2^n - 1} \bigvee_{i=1}^n p_{i_j}^{\sigma_i} \quad (n \geq 1).$$

It is not difficult to see, that the formulas  $\varphi_3, \varphi_4, \dots$  are hard-determinable.

We prove the following statement

**Theorem.** *There is a polynomial-size  $R(lin)$  refutation of  $\neg\varphi_n$ .*