

## REVIEWS

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JAN KRAJÍČEK. *Forcing with random variables and proof complexity*. London Mathematical Society Lecture Note Series, vol. 232. Cambridge University Press, 2011, xvi + 247 pp.

Bounded arithmetic has many intimate connections with feasible computational complexity and questions related to the P versus NP problem. Indeed, the original definition of bounded arithmetic, in the form of  $I\Delta_0$ , by R. Parikh was motivated by connections with linear space computation. It was subsequently recognized that the  $\Delta_0$ -definable sets are exactly the sets computable in the linear time hierarchy (a subclass of linear space, but not known to be a proper subclass). The early research by C. Dimatracopoulos, J. Paris, A. Wilkie, and others found many connections between bounded arithmetic and computational complexity. With the definition of the bounded arithmetic theories PV by S. Cook, and  $S_2^i$  and  $T_2^i$  by this reviewer, and many subsequent works, the connections between bounded arithmetic and computational complexity became central. In these theories, the core motivations were to characterize the provably total functions of logical theories in terms of computational complexity: the complexity classes considered are feasible, or near-feasible, such as log space, polynomial time, non-deterministic polynomial time, polynomial space, etc.

Bounded arithmetic is also closely connected to propositional proof complexity. There are two primary connections. First, J. Paris and A. Wilkie showed that certain proofs in bounded arithmetic can be translated into polynomial size, or quasipolynomial size, constant depth propositional proofs. A different kind of correspondence between PV (and  $S_2^1$ ) and