

# Hypercomputing Minds

## New Numerical Evidence

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Hao Wang: Gödel's notion of “*the number of mind's states converging to infinity*” is a complicated requirement [...] , [3] :

## Problem

- *How can this be made more precise ?*

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- It is known [6], [7] that:  $\Sigma(1) = 1$   $\Sigma(2) = 4$   $\Sigma(3) = 6$   $\Sigma(4) = 13$  and  $\Sigma(5) \geq 4098$

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- We now proceed to present new **numerical evidence for Hypercomputing (Gödel) Minds**

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is a 5-state Turing machine, published by Marxen and Buntrock, [9].  
When started on an all-0-tape it halts after **47,176,870** steps and  
leaves **4098** 1's on the tape. Hence  $\Sigma(5) \geq 4098$

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- ltpn = '11010' = 26 rtpn = '1110101**1**' = 235 hence : T = (26,235)

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- When started in  $s = 1$  on tape =  $(0,0)$ , this TM reaches  $s = 3$  with tape =  $(4^1 - 1, 0) = (3,0)$  after 2 steps:

Step 0 :  $\langle 1,0,0 \rangle$

Step 1 :  $\langle 2,1,0 \rangle$

Step 2 :  $\langle 3,3,0 \rangle$ , which establishes the case for  $n = 0$ .

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- $\langle 3, 4^n - 1, 0 \rangle$

↓ fixed, 20 Steps

$$\langle 2, 4^{n-k} - 1, 2^{2k+1} - 5 \rangle$$

↓ 10 Steps for  $k \rightarrow k + 1$ .

$$\langle 2, 0, 2^{2n+1} - 5 \rangle$$

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$$\langle 2, 0, 4^{n+1} - 6 \rangle$$

↓ fixed, 15 Steps

$$\langle 3, 4^{k+1-1} - 1, 4^{n-k} - 1 \rangle$$

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**Note: Length of Proof:  $14n + 40$  Steps**

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