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Paper 6
Complexity Theory 2000

1. Time hierarchy theorem: For every constructible function f , $\text{TIME}(f(n))$ is properly contained in $\text{TIME}(f(n)(\log f(n))^2)$.

Space hierarchy theorem: For every constructible function f , $\text{SPACE}(f(n))$ is properly contained in $\text{SPACE}(f(n)(\log f(n)))$.

2. (a) $\text{DSPACE}(n^2)$ — closed under linear time reductions, because a linear time function can always be computed in quadratic space. Also contains complete problems, by construction of the diagonal function.
- (b) L — A linear time function may require more than logarithmic space to compute, so this is unlikely to be closed under such reductions, but proving this would involve separating L from P . It therefore does not contain complete problems.
- (c) P — It is closed under linear time reductions, because linear time is contained in P . It does not contain complete problems with respect to linear time reductions. Suppose there were such a problem A . It would then be computable in time $O(n^k)$ for some k . By composition with the reduction, every problem in P would be computable in time $O(n^k)$, contradicting the time-hierarchy theorem.
- (d) NP — Again closed under linear time reductions, and does not contain complete problems, by arguments analogous to those for P , but this time using the non-deterministic time-hierarchy theorem.