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Class of P and NP problems

Computational problems

1. Solved by algorithms

- ❖ Practically solvable
- ❖ Not practical (due to excessive time requirements)

2. can't be solved by algorithms

Algorithm's time complexity



Logarithmic $\log n$

Polynomial n^c

Exponential 2^n

n	Log n	n log n	n^2	n^3	2^n	
5	3	15	25	125	32	
10	4	40	100	10^3	10^3	
100	7	700	10^4	10^6	10^{30}	
1000	10	10^4	10^6	10^9	10^{300}	

A Turing Machine M is said to be *polynomially bounded* if the machine always halts after $p(n)$ steps.

$p(n)$ is a polynomial function; n is the input size.

A language is polynomially bounded if there exists a polynomially bounded TM that decides it.

The class of polynomially decided languages are denoted by \mathcal{P}

The class of Nondeterministically polynomial (NP) are the languages that are decided by polynomially bounded nondeterministic TMs.

Let p_1 and p_2 are two problems.

A reduction from $p_1 \rightarrow p_2$ is an algorithm which converts instances of p_1 to p_2

, if the time taken by the algorithm is polynomial in terms of length of input to p_1 , then reduction is called polynomial reduction.

Let B be a problem in NP

Then B is NP-Complete if

1. B is in NP
2. for every A in NP there exists a polynomial reduction of A to B

NP-Complete is subclass of NP

Summary



P if there exists a TM with polynomial time to decide that

NP if there exists a Nondeterministic TM with polynomial time to decide that

NP-Complete if there exists a polynomial time reduction algorithm

NP-hard no such algorithm exists

Applications



Finite automata: Lexical analysis, Spell checkers, Spelling advisors, dictionaries.

CFG: language description, Syntax Analysis, Develop XML.

Turing Machines: To model unrestricted language acceptors, Theory of undecidability which tells what problems can't be solved by computers.

Conclusion to TOC



Introduction to ToC

Ch.1

- 1.1 to 1.4 Sets, Relations, Functions
- 1.7 Alphabets & languages
- 1.8 Finite representation of languages

Ch.2

- 2.1 Intro to FA and DFA
- 2.2. NDFA and conversions
- 2.4 Languages not regular & pumping theorem
- 2.5 State minimization

- Ch.3
- 3.1 Intro to CFL and CFG
 - 3.2. parse trees
 - 3.3 PDA
 - 3.4 PDA & CFL
 - 3.5 languages that are not CF
 - 3.7 deterministic parsing (top-down & Bottom-up)
- pumping theorem
- We also discussed-
- Grammar classification, normal forms
and simplification.

Ch. 4	4.1 Intro to TM
	4.2. Computing with TM
	4.3 Extension to TM
	4.4 Random access TM
	4.5 NDTM
	4.6 Grammar
Ch. 5	5.1 Intro to undecidability
	5.2 Universal TMs
Ch. 6&7	Class of P, NP, NP complete and NP hard

Comprehensive examination

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Thanks
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Good Luck..