

6.1400 Cheat Sheet (Computability & Complexity) Gatlen Culp (gculp@mit.edu) · 2025-05-21

1 Legend

Monospace = Turing Machines
Sans-serif = Languages
CAPS = Language Classes

2 Regular Languages

Closure under:

$$A \cup B, \quad A \cap B, \quad A^R, \quad A^*, \quad \neg A, \\ A \cdot B, \quad A - B = A \cap (\neg B)$$

Order of Operations: $\cdot \rightarrow \cdot \rightarrow +$

3 DFA

$$\text{DFA} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

3.1 DFA \rightarrow MinDFA

3.1.1 Defining MinDFA and Ideas

Note: The minimum DFA is unique

A MinDFA requires (1) no indistinguishable states, (2) no unreachable states

$$M_p := M \text{ but starting on state } P$$

$w \in \Sigma^*$ distinguishes states p, q

$\vdash M_p$ and M_q have different outputs on w

$p \sim q \vdash$ states p, q are distinguishable

$\vdash \exists w$ distinguishing p, q

Distinguishable states form a partitions of equivalence on Q . These can be simplified after removing unreachable states.

3.1.2 Table-Filling Algorithm (DFA \rightarrow MinDFA)

Computing equivalent states in a DFA Table Filling Algorithm

Pass #0: Mark accepting states ≠ non-accepting states

Pass #1: 1. Compare every pair of states
2. Distinguish by one symbol transition
3. Mark ≠ or blank (tbd)

Pass #2: 1. Compare every pair of states
2. Distinguish by up to two symbol transitions (until different or same or tbd)

(keep repeating until table complete)

4 NFA

$$\text{NFA} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$$

4.1 NFA \rightarrow DFA

Create a table with $n + 1$ columns – one for the DFA state and one for each of n transitions. List out the transitions in each column. Add rows for each new possible set of states reachable.

State	a	B
q0	{q0,q1}	q0
{q0,q1}	{q0,q1}	{q0,q2}
{q0,q2}	{q0,q1}	q0

• Note: No bijection between $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and $\underbrace{2^{\{1, \dots, n\}}}_{\text{powerset}}$

4.2 NFA \rightarrow GNFA \rightarrow RegExp

- if $|\text{states}| = 2$:
- | return $R(q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{acc}})$
- $G' \leftarrow G.\text{copy}()$
- pick $q_{\text{rip}} \in (Q - \{q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{acc}}\})$
- $Q' \leftarrow Q \setminus q_{\text{rip}}$
- $\forall q_i, q_j \in (Q' \setminus q_{\text{acc}}, Q' \setminus q_{\text{start}})$:

$$7 \quad R'(q_i, q_j) \leftarrow \left[R(q_i, q_{\text{rip}}) \cdot \underbrace{R(q_{\text{rip}}, q_{\text{rip}})^*}_{\text{Self-loops}} \cdot R(q_{\text{rip}}, q_j) \right] \\ 8 \quad + R(q_i, q_j) \\ \text{Repeat from the top}$$

5 Streaming Algorithms

- Initialize vars and their assignments on vars
- When next symbol $= \sigma$:
- | Run pseudocode for σ
- Accept/reject based on vars

6 Myhill-Nerode Theorem

$\forall L \in \text{Langs} : \text{either}$

$\exists \text{ DFA recognizing } L$

or

There are infinite strings to

trick DFA attempting to recognize L

ie: equiv classes of \equiv_L is finite $\Leftrightarrow L$ is regular

6.1 Distinguishing Set

Strings w_1, \dots, w_n, \dots s.t. $\forall i \neq j$:

possibly infinite

$$\exists z \text{ s.t. } (w_i z \in L) \text{ xor } (w_j z \in L)$$

Ex: For $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

take $S = \{0, 00, \dots, 0^n, \dots\}$ where $z = 1^i$

Then $\forall w_i, w_j \in S : [(0^i 1^i) \in L] \wedge [(0^j 0^i) \notin L]$

6.2 Streaming Distinguisher

Streaming Distinguisher D_n : Distinguishing set when limiting the concatenated strings to length n .

$(\forall \text{ distinct } x, y \in D_n)(\exists \text{ word } z)$

$(xz \in L) \text{ xor } (yz \in L)$

$\wedge (|xz|, |yz| \leq n)$

If $\forall n, \exists D_n$ s.t. $|D_n| \geq 2^{S(n)}$

then all streaming algs must also use $\geq s(n)$

7 Communication Complexity

7.1 Protocol

$$A, B : \Sigma^* \times (\Sigma^* \cup \text{STOP})$$

Which collectively compute f

If \exists streaming alg using $\leq S(m)$ space on $2m$ inputs then:

$$\text{cc}(f) \leq O(s(m))$$

7.2 Switcheroo Lemma

(x, y) and (x', y') share comms pattern P ,

then so do (x, y') and (x', y)

7.2.1 Example: ALICE-HAS-MORE Lower Bound

For ALICE-HAS-MORE(A, B), create set $S = \{(1^{i+1}0^{n-i-1}, 1^j0^{n-j}) : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}$.

All pairs in S have ALICE-HAS-MORE = 1.

If protocol uses $< \log_2 n$ bits, by pigeonhole, two pairs share same pattern: $(1^{i+1}0^{n-i-1}, 1^j0^{n-j})$ and $(1^{j+1}0^{n-j-1}, 1^i0^{n-i})$.

By switcheroo: $(1^{i+1}0^{n-i-1}, 1^j0^{n-j})$ and $(1^{j+1}0^{n-j-1}, 1^i0^{n-i})$ also share same pattern.

This implies $i+1 > j$ and $j+1 > i$, contradiction when $i \neq j$.

8 Turing Machines

$$(M \in \text{TMs}) = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{acc}}, q_{\text{rej}})$$

- Read σ (2) Write σ (3) Move left/right (4) Change states

9 Equivalence Classes

$$(x \equiv_L y) := (\forall z \in \Sigma^*) [xz \in L \Leftrightarrow yz \in L]$$

$\Leftrightarrow x, y$ are L equivalent

$\Leftrightarrow x, y$ are distinguishable to L

This is similar to equivalence relation of DFA states. "Further transitions are identical."

Note: Equivalence classes require (1) Symmetric, (2) Transitive, (3) Reflexive

9.1 Under TMs

$$\Delta_M : \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$$

\vdash State you end up in after reading a string

$$x \approx_M y \Leftrightarrow \Delta(x) = \Delta(y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \equiv_L y$$

$\Leftrightarrow x$ and y are distinguishable strings under M

Where I'm pretty sure M is the machine recognizing L

10 Formal Systems & Their Limits

Formal system F

• finite language, notion of **proof**, notion of **truth**

"Interesting" iff

- Expressive** – each TM-input pair (M, w) maps (computably) to a sentence $S_{M,w}$ with $S_{M,w}$ **true** $\Rightarrow M$ accepts w .
- Checkable** – the set $\{(S, P) \mid P \text{ is a proof of } S \text{ in } F\}$ is **decidable**.
- Halting-deciseive** – if M halts on w , then F proves either $S_{M,w}$ or $\neg S_{M,w}$.

Consistency – no statement S with both S and $\neg S$ provable.

Completeness – every statement S has either S or $\neg S$ provable.

Limit theorems

- Gödel (1931)**: any consistent, interesting F is **incomplete** (true but unprovable statements exist).
- Gödel (1931)**: F cannot prove its own consistency.
- Church-Turing (1936)**: deciding whether a sentence of F has a proof is **undecidable**.

11 Recursion Theorem

WLOG, a program can reference its own code

$$\forall t : \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$$

(Write t as if it already has recursion)

$$\exists R : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^* \text{ s.t. } \forall R(w) = t(\langle R \rangle, w)$$

12 Turing Machine Minimization

(UNDECIDABLE)

Where $M \in \text{TMs}$:

Minimal($\langle M \rangle$) $\Leftrightarrow M$ is a minimal state TM

13 Fixed Point Theorem

If $t : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ is computable:

$\exists F \in \text{TMs}$ s.t.

$t(\langle F \rangle)$ outputs $\langle G \rangle$ where $L(F) = L(G)$

ie: We can make a copy that is behaviorally identical to the input for any string-to-string function t .

14 Rice's Theorem

"Program analysis is hard"

let $P \vdash$ Property

$\vdash \text{TMs} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$\wedge P$ is Non-Trivial (Not all acc/rej)

$\wedge P$ is Semantic ($L(M) = L(M') \Rightarrow P(M) = P(M')$)

then $\{\langle M \rangle \mid P(M) = 1\} \in \text{UNDECIDABLE}$

15 Decidable Predicates

$R \in \text{Predicates}, \quad M \in \text{TMs}$

$R(x, y)$ is **True** $\Leftrightarrow M(x, y)$ **accepts**

Vaguely:

NTMs = RECOGNIZABLE

TMs = DECIDABLE.

16 Computational Complexity

$T(n) \vdash$ Time complexity of $M \in \text{TMs}$

on strings up to length n

$\text{TIME}(t(n)) := \{L \mid L \text{ has time complexity } O(t(n))\}$
 $\text{NTIME}(t(n)) := \{L \mid L \text{ is decided by } O(t(n)) \text{ time complexity NTM}\}$

$P \vdash$ Poly Time $= \cup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{TIME}(n^k)$

NP := Non-Deterministic Poly Time $= \cup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{NTIME}(n^k)$

17 Universal Turing Machines

($U \in \text{UTMs}$) = Universal TM

U : Code \times Input \rightarrow Output

U on $\langle m, x \rangle$, **accept** if (M **accepts** x) else **reject**

(A) Input tape, (B) State Tape, (C) Code Tape, (D) Simulation Tape

18 Time Hierarchy Theorem

"You can solve strictly more problems /w more time"

$$\text{if } g(n) > n^2 f(n)^2$$

then $\text{TIME}(f(n)) \subset \text{TIME}(g(n))$

19 Extended Church Turing Thesis

All intuitions about efficient algs = Poly-time TMs

20 Mapping Reduction

$$A \leq_m B := (\exists f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow E^*)$$

s.t. $w \in A \Leftrightarrow f(w) \in B$

20.1 Poly-Time Reduction \leq_p

Same as mapping reduce, but in poly-time (uses partial order)

21 NP-HARD and NP-COMPLETE

NP-HARD := $\{L \mid \forall A \in \text{NP}, A \leq_p L\}$

NP-COMPLETE := $\{L \mid L \in \text{NP} \wedge$
 $L \in \text{NP-HARD ie: not EXPTIME or smthn}\}$

22 Non-Deterministic TMs (NTMs)

- May proceed according to several possible transitions
- Accepts if there is any accepting condition

23 Verifier Characterization of NP

$L \in \text{NP}$

\Leftrightarrow

$\exists k \in \mathbb{R}, V(x, y) \in \{\text{Poly-time predicates}\} \text{ s.t.}$
 $L = \{x \mid \exists y \in \Sigma^* [|y| \leq k|x|^k \wedge V(x, y)]\}$

ie: Guess and check with some poly-time verifier

something something

V ran in $\text{poly}(n)$ time $\Leftrightarrow L \in \text{TIME}(2^{O(n)} \cdot \text{poly}(n))$

24 Oracles

X^Y := Problems
 solvable using any TM in X with an
 using an oracle for the language Y
 (or selecting any oracle from Y)

25 BPP & Error-Reduction

BPP := $\{L \mid L \text{ is decided by a}$

poly-time probabilistic TM with error $\leq \frac{1}{3}\}$

Any constant $< \frac{1}{2}$ works: once the error is bounded away from $\frac{1}{2}$ by
 $\frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$ we can **amplify**.

Error-reduction lemma Let $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. If machine M_1
 runs in $t(n)$ and

$\Pr(M_1(x) \neq L(x)) \leq \frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon$,

there exists M_2 with

$$\Pr(M_2(x) \neq L(x)) < \frac{1}{2^{nk}},$$

$$\text{time}(M_2) = O\left(n^k \cdot \frac{t(n)}{\varepsilon^2}\right).$$

Construction: run M_1 independently $m := \Theta(\frac{n^k}{\varepsilon^2})$ times and output the majority vote.

Chernoff bound (additive form) For independent $\frac{0}{1}$ X_i , let $X = \sum_i X_i$, $\mu = E[X]$:

$$\Pr(X < (1 - \delta)\mu) \leq \exp\left(-\delta^2 \frac{\mu}{2}\right).$$

With $X_i = 1$ iff M_1 is correct $\Rightarrow \mu \geq (\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon)n$. Choose $\delta = 2\frac{\varepsilon}{1+2\varepsilon}$
 to obtain

$$\Pr(\text{majority wrong}) \leq \exp(-2\varepsilon^2 m)$$

$$< 2^{-\varepsilon^2 \frac{m}{2}}.$$

Setting $m = 10 \frac{n^k}{\varepsilon^2}$ yields error $< 2^{-n^k}$.

A *monotone clause* in a CNF formula is a clause consisting of all positive literals or all negative literals. For example, $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$ and $(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$ are monotone clauses, but $(x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$ is not. The *clause-monotone SAT problem* is to decide the satisfiability of a CNF formula that consists only of monotone clauses. Prove that the clause-monotone problem is NP-complete.

The clause-monotone SAT problem is clearly in NP, so it remains to prove that it is NP-hard. We reduce from 3SAT as follows:

Let $\phi = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$ be a 3CNF formula on variables x_1, \dots, x_n .

We introduce a new variable y_i for each x_i . For each $C_i = (l_1 \vee l_2 \vee l_3)$, we let the clause D_i be $(m_1 \vee m_2 \vee m_3)$, where $m_i = x_j$ if $l_i = x_j$, and $m_i = y_j$ if $l_i = \neg x_j$.

Take $\phi' = D_1 \wedge \dots \wedge D_n \wedge (x_1 \vee y_1) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (x_n \vee y_n) \wedge (\neg x_n \vee \neg y_n)$.

$\phi \mapsto \phi'$ is a computable in polynomial time.

Note that any satisfying assignment for ϕ' is also a satisfying assignment for ϕ , and that any satisfying assignment for ϕ can be extended to a satisfying assignment for ϕ' by setting $y_i = \neg x_i$. In particular, ϕ is satisfiable iff ϕ' is satisfiable.

26 Problems

PRIMES := $\{n \mid n \text{ is prime}\}$

in P

PATH := $\{(G, s, t) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has a path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

in P

SAT := $\{\phi \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable boolean formula}\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

3SAT := $\{\phi \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable 3-CNF formula}\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

CIRCUIT-SAT := $\{C \mid \text{Boolean circuit } C \text{ is satisfiable}\}$

in NP-HARD

HALT := $\{(\text{TM}(M), w) \mid M \text{ halts on input } w\}$

in RECOGNIZABLE but UNDECIDABLE

NHALT := $\{(\text{TM}(M), w) \mid M \text{ does not halt on input } w\}$

in UNRECOGNIZABLE

CLIQUE := $\{(G, k) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has a clique of size } \geq k\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

MAX-CLIQUE := $\{(G, k) \mid \text{Max clique size in graph } G \text{ is exactly } k\}$

in P^{NP}

IS := $\{(G, k) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has an independent set of size } \geq k\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

VERTEX-COVER := $\{(G, k) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has a vertex cover of size } \leq k\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

SUBSET-SUM := $\left\{ (S, t) \mid \exists S' \subset S \text{ s.t. } \sum_{x \in S'} x = t \right\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

KNAPSACK := $\{(I, v, w, W, V) \mid \text{Item set } I \text{ with values } v \text{ and weights } w\}$

has subset with weight $\leq W$ and value $\geq V$

in NP-COMPLETE

HOM := $\{(G, H) \mid \text{Exists homomorphism from graph } G \text{ to graph } H\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

HOM-EDGE := $\{(G, H) \mid \text{Exists edge-preserving homomorphism from } G \text{ to } H\}$

in P

PARTITION := $\left\{ S \mid \exists S' \subset S \text{ s.t. } \sum_{x \in S'} x = \sum_{x \in S - S'} x \right\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

BIN-PACKING := $\{(S, k, B) \mid \text{Items } S \text{ can fit in } k \text{ bins of capacity } B\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

SHORTEST-PATH := $\{(G, s, t, k) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has path from } s \text{ to } t \text{ of length } \leq k\}$

in P

LONGEST-PATH := $\{(G, s, t, k) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has path from } s \text{ to } t \text{ of length } \geq k\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

HAM-PATH := $\{(G, s, t) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has Hamiltonian path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

NO-HAMPATH := $\{(G, s, t) \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has no Hamiltonian path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

in coNP-COMPLETE

HAM-CYCLE := $\{G \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has a Hamiltonian cycle}\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

MIN-WEIGHT-2SAT := $\{(\phi, k) \mid 2\text{-CNF formula } \phi \text{ has satisfying assignment with } \leq k \text{ true variables}\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

MIN-WEIGHT-2SAT := $\{(\phi, k) \mid \text{Min weight of satisfying assignment for 2-CNF formula } \phi \text{ is } k\}$

in P^{NP}

+1-LI := $\{(A, b) \mid \text{System } Ax = b \text{ has a solution with entries in } \{-1, 0, 1\}\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

TAUT = TAUTOLOGY := $\{\phi \mid \phi \text{ is a tautology}\}$

in coNP-COMPLETE

UNSAT := $\{\phi \mid \phi \text{ is unsatisfiable}\}$

in coNP-COMPLETE

FACTORING := $\{(n, k) \mid n \text{ has non-trivial factor } \leq k\}$

in NP \cap coNP

FIRST-SAT := $\{\phi \mid \text{First assignment in lex order satisfies } \phi\}$

in P^{NP} -COMPLETE

MIN-FORMULA := $\{(\phi, k) \mid \phi \text{ has equivalent formula of size } \leq k\}$

in coNP^{NP}-COMPLETE

MIN-CNF := $\{(\phi, k) \mid \phi \text{ has equivalent CNF formula of size } \leq k\}$

in coNP^{NP}-COMPLETE

TQBF := $\{\phi \mid \text{Quantified boolean formula } \phi \text{ is true}\}$

in PSPACE-COMPLETE

GG := $\{\text{Generalized Geography game}\}$

in PSPACE-COMPLETE

FG := $\{\text{Formula Game}\}$

in PSPACE-COMPLETE

NEQUIV := $\{(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \mid M_1 \neq M_2\}$

in NP-COMPLETE

EQUIV := $\{(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \mid M_1 = M_2\}$

in coNP-COMPLETE

A_{DFA} := $\{(\langle M \rangle) \mid M \text{ is a DFA that accepts some string}\}$

in DECIDABLE

A_{NFA} := $\{(\langle M \rangle) \mid M \text{ is an NFA that accepts some string}\}$

in DECIDABLE

EQ_{DFA} := $\{(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \mid M_1, M_2 \text{ are DFAs and } M_1 = M_2\}$

in DECIDABLE

EQ_{NFA} := $\{(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \mid M_1, M_2 \text{ are NFAs and } M_1 = M_2\}$

in DECIDABLE

A_{TM} := $\{(\langle M \rangle) \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts some string}\}$

in RECOGNIZABLE but UNDECIDABLE

HALT_{TM} := $\{(\langle M \rangle) \mid M \text{ is a TM that halts on some input}\}$

in RECOGNIZABLE

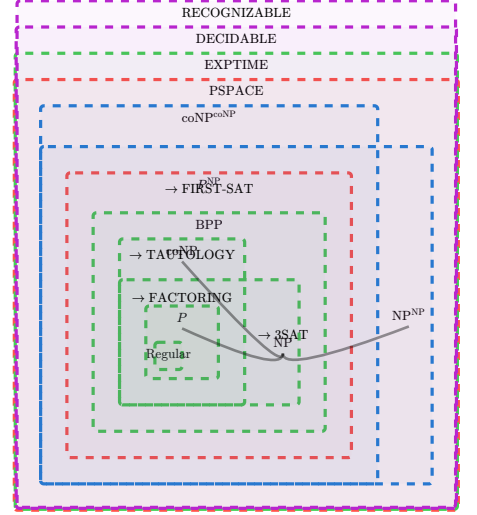
EMPTY_{TM} := $\{(\langle M \rangle) \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M = \{\}\}$

in UNRECOGNIZABLE

EQ_{TM} := $\{(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \mid M_1, M_2 \text{ are TMs and } M_1 = M_2\}$

in UNRECOGNIZABLE

27 Complexity Classes



Let $EMPTY_{TM} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a Turing machine and } L(M) \text{ is empty}\}$.

- (a) Prove that $EMPTY_{TM}$ is decidable with A_{TM} : that is, there is a Turing reduction from $EMPTY_{TM}$ to A_{TM} .

PROOF: First, we give a decider for $EMPTY_{TM}$ using an oracle for A_{TM} :

Let M be a given TM. Let M' be the following TM:

"On input x , for all pairs (y, z) in lex order, do:

If M reaches an accept state on y in at most $|z|$ steps, then accept."

If $(\langle M' \rangle, \varepsilon) \in A_{TM}$ then reject, else accept.

Why does this work? Observe that $L(M) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if there is some input y and some t such that, if M is run on y for t steps, then M accepts. This condition is true if and only if M' accepts ε (by definition of M'). And that is true if and only if $(\langle M' \rangle, \varepsilon) \in A_{TM}$. So the above decider correctly if $L(M) = \emptyset$ or not. \square

- (b) Prove that there is no mapping reduction from $EMPTY_{TM}$ to A_{TM} .

PROOF: If there were such a reduction, then $EMPTY_{TM}$ would be recognizable because A_{TM} is recognizable. However, the complement of $EMPTY_{TM}$ is also recognizable, because it can be written in the form:

$\{M \mid (\exists y)(\exists t)[M \text{ reaches an accept state on input } y \text{ in at most } t \text{ steps}]\}$,

where the [...] is a decidable predicate. That would mean $EMPTY_{TM}$ is decidable, which we have shown is not true in lecture. (You could also prove it's undecidable by Rice's theorem.) \square

- (a) Let M be a deterministic Turing machine that, on inputs of length n , uses space $O(n^2)$. Then for every input x , and every configuration C of the computation of M on input x , $K(C) \leq O(|x|)$ where K is Kolmogorov complexity and $|x|$ is the length of x .

The claim is false.

PROOF: Let M' be the following TM:

On input x :

Count to 2^{n^2} (in binary).

Reject.

First note that for any word w and any prefix v of w , $K(v) \in O(K(w) + \log |v|)$. Now let w be a string of length $|x|^2 - 1$. Since v is a prefix of some configuration C of M on input $|x|$, $K(w) \in O(K(C) + \log |x|)$. There exist incompressible strings of every length, so there is some configuration C such that $K(C) \in \Omega(|x|^2)$. \square

- (b) Let M be a deterministic Turing machine that, on inputs of length n , uses space $O(n^2)$ and time $O(n^3)$. Then for every input x , and every configuration C of the computation of M on input x , $K(C) \leq O(|x|)$, where K is Kolmogorov complexity and $|x|$ is the length of x .

The claim is true.

PROOF: Let M' be the following TM:

On input M, x, i :

Simulate M on input x for i steps.

Output the simulated configuration of M .

Let C be a configuration of M on input x . Then since M takes time $O(n^3)$, C is the i th configuration for some i represented as a binary string of length $O(\log |x|)$. Then since $|M|$ and $|M'|$ are fixed, $(M', (M, x, i))$ is a representation of C of length $O(|x|)$. \square

28 Complexity/Computability Relationships

Given five languages with these properties:

A : in P
 B : in NP
 C : is NP-complete
 D : is decidable
 E : is recognizable but not decidable

Determining whether the following reductions are ALWAYS, MAYBE, or NEVER true:

$E \leq_D C$: NEVER true
 $B \leq_C A$: ALWAYS true
 $A \leq_B B$: MAY BE true
 $B \leq_{\leq} C$: MAY BE true
 $D \leq_C A$: ALWAYS true