

## Solution : Homework 3

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**Problem 5.5.****Solution:**

1.  $PSPACE \subseteq AP$ . Since TQBF can be solved in polynomial-time in AP (just "guess" the values), TQBF  $\in AP$ . Since every PSPACE language reduces to PSPACE,  $PSPACE \subseteq AP$ .
2.  $AP \subseteq PSPACE$ . The traversal of the configuration tree can be done in PSPACE.

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**Problem 5.9.****Solution:**

- (a) As we know  $INDSET = \{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid \text{Graph } G \text{ has an independent set of size } \geq k \} \in NP$  since  $INDSET$  admits a short certificate (i.e.,  $L \in INDSET$  can be done in P).  $\langle G, k \rangle \in EXACT\ INDSET$  iff  $\langle G, k \rangle \in INDSET$  and  $\forall k' > k : \langle G, k' \rangle \notin INDSET$ . Therefore  $EXACT\ INDSET \in \Pi_2^P$ .
- (b)  $\langle G, k \rangle \in EXACT\ INDSET$  iff  $\langle G, k \rangle \in INDSET$  and  $\langle G, k \rangle \notin INDSET$ . Letting  $L = \{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ does not have an } INDSET \text{ of size } k+1 \}$ , we see from the above that  $EXACT\ INDSET = INDSET \cap L$ . It's clear that  $INDSET \in NP$  and  $L \in coNP$ ; hence  $EXACT\ INDSET \in DP$ .
- (c) Pick any  $L \in DP$  we have  $L = L1 \cap L2$ , where  $L1 \in NP$ ,  $L2 \in coNP$ . Let  $\phi_1$  be the formula obtained from reducing  $L1$  to 3SAT, and  $\phi_2$  the formula obtained from reducing  $L2$  to  $\overline{3SAT}$ . We augment the reduction by adding  $k1$  nodes and add edges from each of them to every other node in the graph. Then the reduction will always give a maximum ind set of size  $k$  if the formula of  $k$  clauses is satisfiable, and a maximum  $INDSET$  of size  $k1$  if it's not. Let  $(G1, k1)$  and  $(G2, k2)$  be the results of applying this reduction to  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , respectively. If  $k1$  and  $k2$  are equal, then duplicate an arbitrary clause in  $\phi_1$  and recompute the reduction this will result in different values for  $k1$  and  $k2$ .

Thus we have:  $x \in L1 \Leftrightarrow \phi_1 \in 3SAT \Leftrightarrow (G1, k1) \in EXACT\ INDSET$  and  $x \in L2 \Leftrightarrow \phi_2 \notin 3SAT \Leftrightarrow (G2, k2) \notin INDSET \Leftrightarrow (G2, k2+1) \in EXACT\ INDSET$ . Now define  $G = G1 \cup G2$ , where  $V(G) = V(G1) \cup V(G2)$ , and there's an edge in  $G$  from  $(u1, u2)$  to  $(v1, v2)$  iff there's an edge from  $u1$  to  $v1$  in  $G1$  or an edge from  $u2$  to  $v2$  in  $G2$ . It's not hard to see that, for any  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $(G1, a) \in EXACT\ INDSET \wedge (G2, b) \in EXACT\ INDSET \Leftrightarrow (G, ab) \in EXACT\ INDSET$ . We then can prove  $x \in L \Leftrightarrow (G, k1(k2-1)) \in EXACT\ INDSET$ .

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**Problem 6.3.**

**Solution:** The time hierarchy theorem implies that there exists a language  $L' \in DTIME(2^{|x|^2})$  but  $L' \notin DTIME(T')$  for some larger  $T'$ . In particular,  $L'$  is decidable. Construct the unary variant of  $L'$ :  $L := \{1^n : n = x, x \in L'\}$ . Obviously  $L$  is decidable since  $L'$  is decidable.

1.  $L \in P_{poly}$ . Let  $C_n(x) := x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n$  iff  $n \in L'$ , and  $C_n(x) = 0$  otherwise. Then  $C_n$  form a polynomial-size circuit family that decides  $L$ .
2. Assume that  $L \in P$ . Then there is a polynomial  $p$  and a TM  $M$  that decides  $L$  in time  $p(|x|)$ . We construct the Turing machine  $M'$  : Given input  $x$ , it runs  $b := M(1^n)$  with  $n := |x|$  and returns  $b$ . Since  $M$  decides  $L$ ,  $M'$  decides  $L'$ .

The running time of  $M'$  is:  $O(p(2^{|x|}))$  because it runs  $M$  with an input  $1^n$  of lengths  $2^{|x|}$ . Since  $p$  is a polynomial,  $O(p(2^{|x|})) = O((2^{|x|})^c) = O(2^{c|x|}) \subseteq O(2^{|x|^2})$  for some constant  $c > 0$ . Thus  $M'$  runs in time  $O(2^{|x|^2})$  and decides  $L'$ , in contradiction to the assumption that  $L' \notin DTIME(2^{|x|^2})$ .

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#### Problem 6.4.

#### Solution:

1. Assume  $L \in P$ . We further assume  $M$  is a one tape TM bounded in time by  $T(n) = cn^c$ . We can reduce TM to Circuit as follows  $T_i$  are configurations. The symbols in  $T_i$  only relies on at most 3 symbols in

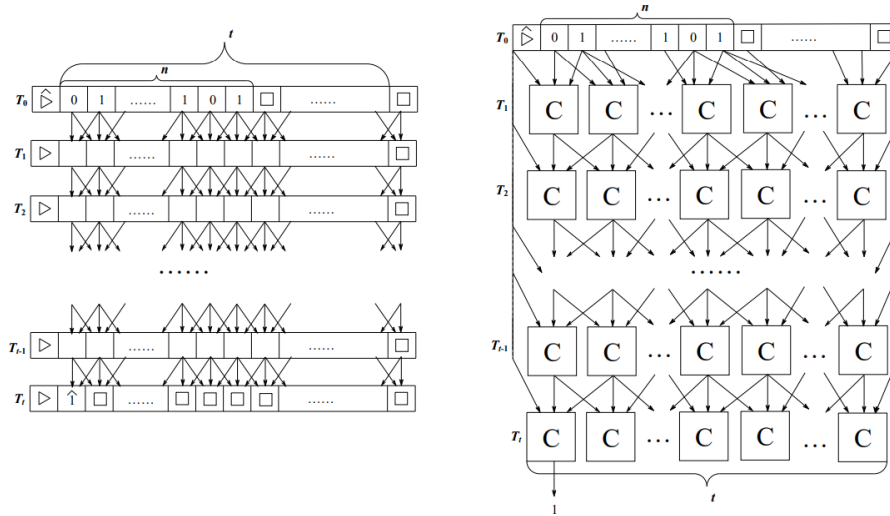


Figure 1.1: Reduction from TM to Circuit

$T_{i-1}$ . Therefore, the reduction can be computed in logspace.

2. If a language has logspace-uniform circuits, then there is an implicitly logspace computable function mapping  $1^n$  to  $C_n$ . Therefore the language is in  $P$ .

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