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M_1 = “On input $\langle \phi \rangle$, where ϕ is a Boolean formula:

1. For each truth assignment to the variables x_1, \dots, x_m of ϕ :
2. Evaluate ϕ on that truth assignment.
3. If ϕ ever evaluated to 1, *accept*; if not, *reject*.”

Reason: each iteration of the loop can *reuse the same portion* of the tape.

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思路: decides the complement of this language, $\overline{ALL_{NFA}}$

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- Input: configurations c_1 and c_2 of N , and integer t
- Output:
 - *accept*, if N can go from configuration c_1 to configuration c_2 in t or fewer steps along some nondeterministic path.
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2. If $t > 1$, then for each configuration c_m of N using space $f(n)$:
3. Run $\text{CANYIELD}(c_1, c_m, \frac{t}{2})$.
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- So, $2^{df(n)}$ provides an *upper bound* on the *running time* of *any branch* of N

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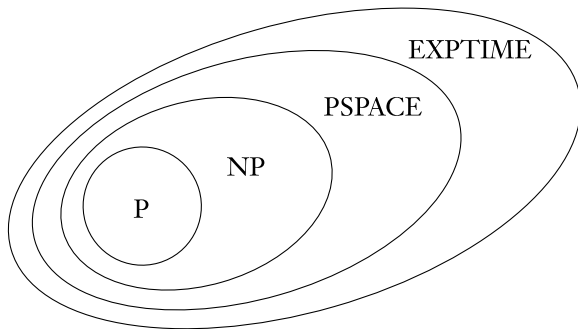
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思路 2: Use a technique related to the *proof* of Savitch's theorem to construct the formula

- *Divide* the tableau into **halves**, and employs the *universal* quantifier to represent *each half* with the same part of the formula

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2. If ϕ equals $\exists x \psi$, recursively call T on ψ , first with 0 substituted for x and then with 1 substituted for x . If either result is *accept*, then *accept*; otherwise, *reject*.
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 - collections of variables c_1 and c_2 representing two configurations
 - number $t > 0$
 - If we assign c_1 and c_2 to actual configurations, the formula is true *iff* M can go from c_1 to c_2 in at most t steps.

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 - Let $f(n) = n^k$

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If $t = 1$, construct $\phi_{c_1, c_2, t}$ using the technique presented in the proof of the Cook–Levin theorem

- c_1 yields c_2 in a single step of M by writing Boolean expressions stating that
 - the contents of each triple of c_1' 's cells *correctly yields* the contents of the corresponding triple of c_2' 's cells

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Analysis: *Too big* formula: every level of the *recursion* involved in the construction cuts t in *half* but roughly *doubles* the size of the formula

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- The number of levels of the recursion is $\log(2^{df(n)})$, or $O(f(n))$.

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 $\{\langle \phi \rangle \mid E \text{ has a } \textit{winning strategy} \text{ in the formula game associated with } \phi\}$

证明思路

Prove FORMULA-GAME = TQBF

- i.e., $\phi \in \text{TQBF}$ exactly when $\phi \in \text{FORMULA-GAME}$
 - case 1: $\phi = \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \exists x_3 \cdots [\psi]$
 - case 2: $\phi = \forall x_1, x_2, x_3 \exists x_4, x_5 \forall x_6 [\psi]$

问: So easy, then is there other PSPACE-complete problem?

答: Yes, e.g., GG for *generalized geography*

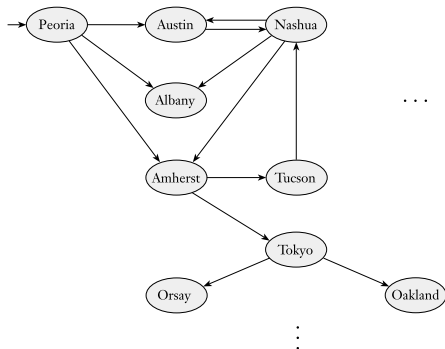
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- Players take turns *naming cities* from anywhere in the world
- Each city chosen must *begin* with the *same letter* that *ended* the *previous* city' s name
- Repetition isn' t permitted
- The game starts with some designated starting city and ends when some player *loses* because he or she is *unable to continue*.



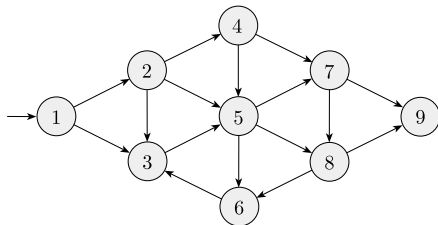
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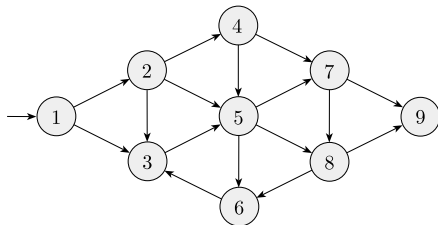
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In this example, Player I has a *winning strategy*:

- Player I starts at node 1, the designated start node
- Player I chooses 3
- Player II chooses 5
- Player I selects 6

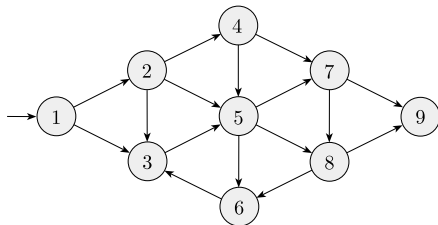
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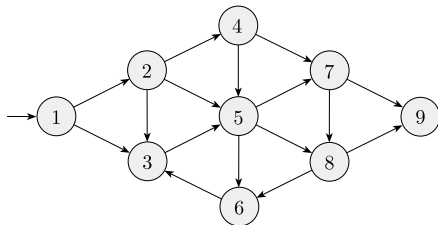
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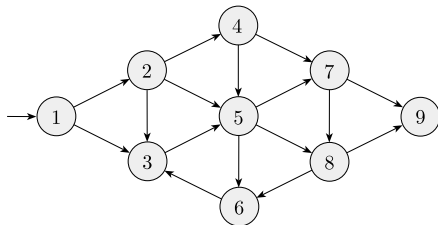
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$M =$ “On input $\langle G, b \rangle$, where G is a directed graph and b is a node of G :

1. If b has outdegree 0, *reject* because Player I loses immediately.
2. Remove node b and all connected arrows to get a new graph G' .
3. For each of the nodes b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k that b originally pointed at, recursively call M on $\langle G', b_i \rangle$.
4. If all of these accept, Player II has a winning strategy in the original game, so *reject*. Otherwise, Player II doesn't have a winning strategy, so Player I must; therefore, *accept*.”

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The only *space* required by this algorithm is for *storing* the recursion *stack*

- Each level of the recursion adds *a single node* to the stack
- at most *m levels* occur, where *m* is the number of nodes in *G*

Hence the algorithm runs in *linear space*.

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Assumption for *simplicity*:

- ϕ' 's quantifiers begin and end with \exists
- They strictly alternate between \exists and \forall

Discussion: A formula that doesn't conform to this assumption may be converted to a slightly larger one

- by adding *extra quantifiers* binding otherwise *unused* or "dummy" variables

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- Player I in the geography game takes the role of Player E in the formula game
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 - If ψ is TRUE, any clause that Player II picks contains a TRUE literal

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问: What can be inferred from the theorem?

答:

- *No polynomial time algorithm* exists for optimal play in generalized geography *unless $P = PSPACE$*
- Such generalizations of *chess*, *checkers*, and *GO* have been shown to be *PSPACE-hard* or hard for even larger complexity classes, depending on the details of the generalization

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A *log space transducer* is a Turing machine with a read-only input tape, a write-only output tape, and a read/write work tape.

- The head on the output tape *cannot move leftward*, so it *cannot read* what it has *written*. The *work tape* may contain $O(\log n)$ symbols.

A log space transducer M computes a function $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$, where $f(w)$ is the string remaining on the output tape after M halts when it is started with w on its input tape. We call f a *log space computable function*.

Language A is *log space reducible* to language B , written $A \leq_L B$, if A is mapping reducible to B by means of a log space computable function f .

回顾: 定义: Polynomial Time Reducibility

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$$w \in A \Leftrightarrow f(w) \in B$$

The function f is called the *polynomial time reduction* of A to B

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定义: NL-complete

A language B is NL-complete if

- $B \in \text{NL}$, and
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回顾: 定义: PSPACE-completeness

A language B is PSPACE-complete if it satisfies two conditions:

- ① B is in PSPACE, and
- ② every A in PSPACE is *polynomial time reducible* to B .

If B merely satisfies condition 2, we say that it is *PSPACE-hard*

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A language B is NL-complete if

- $B \in \text{NL}$, and
- every A in NL is *log space reducible* to B

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Assume: NTM M decides A in $O(\log n)$ space.

Goal: Given an input w , we construct $\langle G, s, t \rangle$ in log space

- where G is a directed graph that contains a path from s to t if and only if M accepts w

Construction:

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Correctness of reduction:

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Space complexity of reduction:

- *Listing the nodes*:
 - *Represent* a node: $c \log n$ space for some constant c
 - *List* nodes: sequentially goes through all possible strings of length $c \log n$, test the legality, and output the legal ones

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Space complexity of reduction:

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 - Tries all pairs (c_1, c_2) in turn to find which qualify as edges of G .
 - by examine M' 's transition function
 - Those that do are added to the output tape.

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推论

$NL \subseteq P$

证明

- Any language in NL is *log space reducible* to PATH
 - A Turing machine that uses space $f(n)$ runs in time $n2^{O(f(n))}$
 - A reducer that runs in *log space* also runs in *polynomial time*
 - Any language in NL is *polynomial time reducible* to PATH
- PATH is in P (Proved in Sec.4.1)
- Every language that is polynomial time reducible to a language in P, is also in P
- Proved

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总结

定义:

- PSPACE, PSPACE-complete, PSPACE-hard
- TQBF, formula game, generalized geography
- L, NL, Log Space Reducibility, NL-complete

定理:

- Savitch's Theorem: $\text{NSPACE}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(f^2(n))$
- PSPACE-complete: TQBF, FORMULA-GAME, GG
- NL: PATH, NL-complete: PATH,
- If $A \leq_L B$ and $B \in L$, then $A \in L$
- NL = coNL (略)

推论:

- If any NL-complete language is in L, then $L = \text{NL}$.
- NL \subseteq P

$L \subseteq \text{NL} \subseteq P \subseteq \text{NP} \subseteq \text{PSPACE} = \text{NPSPACE} \subseteq \text{EXPTIME}$

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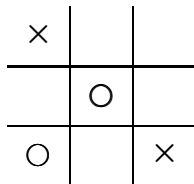
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Homework

8.2 Consider the following position in the standard tic-tac-toe game.



Let's say that it is the \times -player's turn to move next. Describe a winning strategy for this player. (Recall that a winning strategy isn't merely the best move to make in the current position. It also includes all the responses that this player must make in order to win, however the opponent moves.)

8.3 Consider the following generalized geography game wherein the start node is the one with the arrow pointing in from nowhere. Does Player I have a winning strategy? Does Player II? Give reasons for your answers.

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- 8.9** A *ladder* is a sequence of strings s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k , wherein every string differs from the preceding one by exactly one character. For example, the following is a ladder of English words, starting with “head” and ending with “free”:

head, hear, near, fear, bear, beer, deer, deed, feed, feet, fret, free.

Let $LADDER_{DFA} = \{\langle M, s, t \rangle \mid M \text{ is a DFA and } L(M) \text{ contains a ladder of strings, starting with } s \text{ and ending with } t\}$. Show that $LADDER_{DFA}$ is in PSPACE.

- 8.11** Show that if every NP-hard language is also PSPACE-hard, then $PSPACE = NP$.

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定义: Time complexity, Running time

Let M be a *deterministic* Turing machine that *halts* on all inputs.

- The *running time* or *time complexity* of M : is the function $f : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$, where $f(n)$ is the *maximum number* of steps that M uses on *any input of length n* .
- If $f(n)$ is the running time of M , we say that M *runs in time $f(n)$* and that M is an *$f(n)$ time Turing machine*.
- Customarily we use n to represent the *length of the input*.

定义: Running time of a nondeterministic TM

Let N be a *nondeterministic* Turing machine that is a decider. The *running time* of N is the function $f : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$, where $f(n)$ is the *maximum number* of steps that N uses on *any branch* of its computation on *any input of length n* .

定义: Time complexity class

Let $t : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^+$ be a function.

Define the *time complexity class*, $\text{TIME}(t(n))$, to be the collection of all languages that are decidable by an $O(t(n))$ time Turing machine.

定义: NTIME

$\text{NTIME}(t(n)) = \{L \mid L \text{ is a language decided by an } O(t(n)) \text{ time } \textit{nondeterministic Turing machine}\}$

定理: Decidability of E_{DFA}

The language E_{DFA} is decidable, where

$$E_{\text{DFA}} = \{\langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \emptyset\}$$

证明 (Proof by Construction)

Design a TM T

T = "On input $\langle A \rangle$, where A is a DFA:

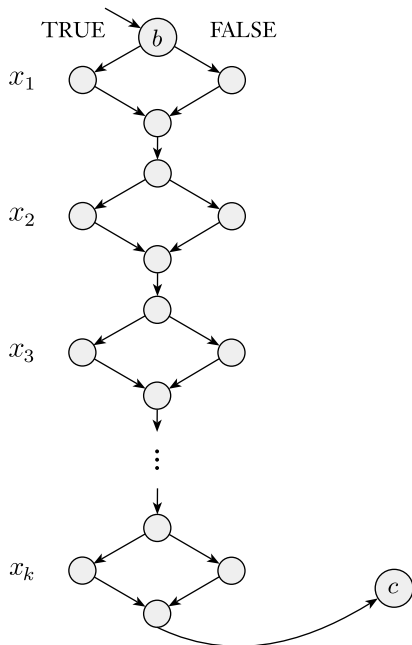
- 1 *Mark* the *start state* of A
- 2 Repeat until no new states get marked
- 3 *Mark any state* that has a *transition* coming into it *from any state* that is already marked.
- 4 If no accept state is marked, accept; otherwise, reject."

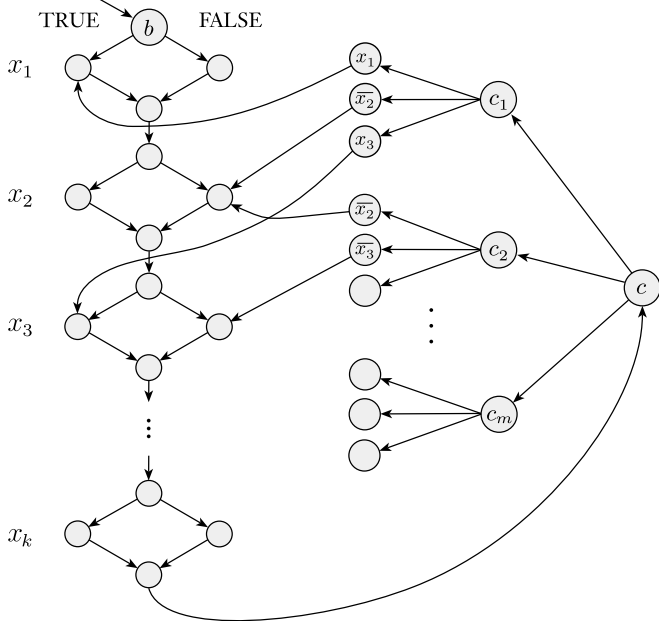
Basics on the *left-hand* side:

- Play starts at node b , which appears at the top *left-hand side* of G
- Underneath b , a sequence of *diamond* structures appears, *one* for each of the *variables* of ϕ

Play Process:

- Play starts at b
- Player I must select one of the two edges going from b
 - i.e., $x_1 = 1$ or $x_1 = 0$
- Forced move for II and then I
- Player II chooses $x_2 = 1$ or $x_2 = 0$
- ...
- Move c , i.e., the *right-hand* side





$$\phi = \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \cdots \exists x_k [(x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3} \vee \cdots) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\quad)]$$

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证明

(1) Prove that SAT is in NP

- A *nondeterministic polynomial* time machine can guess an assignment to a given formula φ
- and *accept* if the assignment satisfies φ

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$$x_{1,3,w_1} \wedge x_{1,4,w_2} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{1,n+2,w_n} \wedge$$

$$x_{1,n+3,\sqcup} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{1,n^k-1,\sqcup} \wedge x_{1,n^k,\#}$$

the *first row* of the table is the *starting configuration* of N on w

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an *accepting configuration* occurs in the tableau

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$$\bigvee_{\substack{a_1, \dots, a_6 \\ \text{is a legal window}}} (x_{i,j-1,a_1} \wedge x_{i,j,a_2} \wedge x_{i,j+1,a_3} \wedge x_{i+1,j-1,a_4} \wedge x_{i+1,j,a_5} \wedge x_{i+1,j+1,a_6})$$

$$\delta(q_1, a) = \{(q_1, b, R)\} \text{ and } \delta(q_1, b) = \{(q_2, c, L), (q_2, a, R)\}$$

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| | | |
|-------|-------|---|
| a | q_1 | b |
| q_2 | a | c |

(b)

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| a | q_1 | b |
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(c)

| | | |
|---|---|-------|
| a | a | q_1 |
| a | a | b |

(d)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| # | b | a |
| # | b | a |

(e)

| | | |
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| a | b | a |
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(f)

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 - Each component of the formula is composed of many nearly identical fragments

