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Summary: Lecture 5

Summary for the chapters X and X. [2]

Reduction

Examples of NP-problems:

- Travelling Salesman Problem
- SATISFIABLE
- REACHBILITY (in P)
- CIRCUIT VALUE (in P)

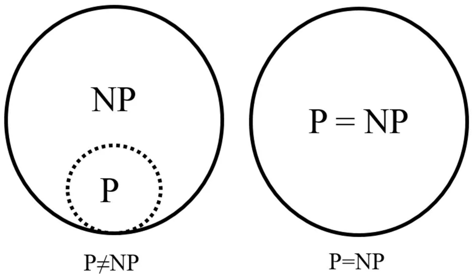

Figure 1: P and NP sets [1]

- reduction: a problem is at least as hard as another
- problem A is at least as hard as problem B if B reduces to A
- B reduces to A if there is a transformation R
  - R produces for every input x of B an equivalent input $R(x)$ of A
  - the answer of input x on B and input $R(x)$ on A have to be the same
- to solve B on input x, A can be solved instead with input $R(x)$

Reduction

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Transformation function:

- tranformation function R should not be too hard to compute
  $\rightarrow$ R should be limited
- efficient reduction R: $\log n$ space bounded

  Transformation function

  A language L_1 is reducible to L_2 if there is a function R computable by a deterministic Turing Machine in space $O(\log n)$ and $x \in L_1 \Leftrightarrow R(x) \in L_2$.

  R is called a reduction from L_1 to L_2.

- A Turing Machine M that computes a reduction R halts for all inputs x after a polynomial number of steps.
  - there are $O(n \cdot c^{\log n})$ possible configurtions for M on an input of length n
  - deterministic: no configuration can be repeated
  - computation of length at most $O(n^k)$

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Reduction HAMILTONIAN PATH to SATISFIABLE

- instance: Graph G
  question: Is there a path in G that visits each node one?
- log space reduction from HP to S
- demonstrates HP not significantly harder that SAT
- write a logical formular that only becomes true when it is HP
- 4, 3, 1, 2 as path
  $x_{1,4} = T, x_{2,3} = T, x_{3,1} = T, x_{4,2} = T,$
- slide is not quite correct
- $(notx_{1,1} ornotx_{2,1}) and (notx_{1,1} ornotx_{3,1})$
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  first index: step, second: node

TODO
Questions:

Boolean Circuits

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Questions:

Reduction REACHABILITY PATH to CIRCUIT VALUE

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Questions:

Further examples

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Questions:

Closedness under Composition

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Questions:

References

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