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Summary: Lecture 7

Summary for the chapters *9.1* and *9.2*. [1]

NP-Completeness

NP

Class of lanugages decided by nonderteministic Turing machines in polynomial time.
Most problems are in NP.

NP-completeness:

- easiest problems among those we do not know how to solve efficiently
- if P≠NP can be proven: exact border of efficient solvability is found
- best bet for proving P=NP: show that some NP-complete problem is P
- Until then, the NP-complete problems are the least likely ones in NP to be efficiently solved

Lanugage L

$L = \{x : (x, y) \in R \textit{ for some } y\}$
L gets an input x and finds a y with $((x, y) \in R$ and the relation $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$.

Polynomially decidable:

- R is polynomially decidable if there is da deterministic Turing machine deciding the language L in polynomial time
- then the relation R (not the language L) is polynomially decidable

Polynomially balanced:

- R is polynomially balanced if $(x, y) \in R$ implies $|y| \leq |x|^k$ for some $k \geq 1$
  $\rightarrow$ length of the second component is bounded by a polynomial in the length of the first
- then the relation R (not the language L) is polynomially balanced

NP

The language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is in NP only if there is a polynomially decidable and polynomially balanced relation R such that $L = \{x : (x, y) \in R \textit{ for some } y\}$.

For example: Is there a satisfying assignment (y) for a formular (x)?
Why is $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$? Is the input formula and the truth assignment $\in \Sigma^*$?

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proof
Questions:

Succinct certificate (for NP-complete problems)

- *yes* instance of x has a polynomial witness y (certificate)
- *no* instances don't have such a certificate
- Examples:
  - SAT: certificate is the truth assignment
  - HAMILTONPATH: certificate is the hamilton path of a graph

Typical problems in NP

- sometimes the optimum needs to be found
- sometimes any object that fits the specification is enough
- constraints can be added to optimization problems

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Questions:

3Sat is NP-complete

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2Sat in P (graph construction)

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2Sat in NL

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MaxSat is NP-complete

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NaeSat is NP-complete

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References

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