

## Summary: Lecture 2

Summary for the chapters 7.1 Complexity classes and 7.2 Hierarchy problem. [3]

### Complexity classes

#### Background knowledge:

A complexity class is a set which contains problems with similar complexities. The complexities are examined in regards of a specific resource, for example time or space. For the problems the most efficient solution/algorithm is analysed.

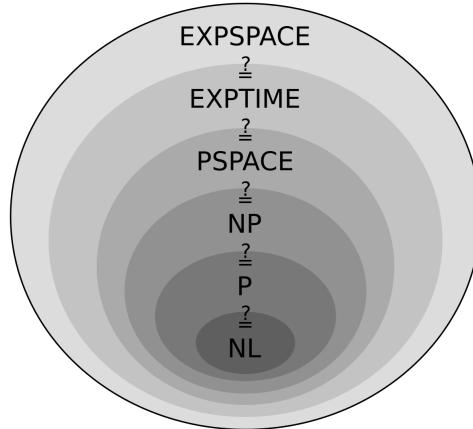


Figure 1: Complexity classes [2]

Usually the complexity depends on the input size. With the asymptotic complexity, classes are build, which are the complexity classes. [4]

#### Summary:

Parameters of complexity classes: [1, 3]

- **Model of computation:**

here: multistring Turing Machine

- **Mode of computation:**

for example: deterministic or non-deterministic (deterministic: the computer will always produce the same output for a given input while going through the same states, non-deterministic: can show different behaviors for the same input)

- **Resources:**

something *expensive* that the machine uses up, for example: time or space

- **Restrictions/Bound:**

for example: upper bound, lower bound as a function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

#### Definition of complexity classes: [3]

The complexity class is the set of all languages which are decided by a Turing Machine  $M$  that is operating in the defined mode and for any input  $x$ ,  $M$  uses at most  $f(|x|)$  units of the defined resource.

**Definition proper complexity function:** [3, 1, 4]

- $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} f(n+1) \geq f(n)$  ( $f$  is non-decreasing)
- It exists a multistring Turing Machine  $M$  that fulfills the following conditions with an input of size  $n$ :
  - $M$  halts after  $O(n + f(n))$  steps (runs in time  $O(n + f(n))$ )
  - $M$  uses  $O(f(n))$  space
  - $M$  maps  $1^n$  to  $1^{f(n)}$

Examples of proper functions: [3]

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \log n^2 \\ f(n) &= n \log n \\ f(n) &= n^2 \\ f(n) &= n^3 + 3n \\ f(n) &= 2^n \\ f(n) &= \sqrt{n} \\ f(n) &= n! \end{aligned}$$

If the function  $f$  and  $g$  are proper,  $f + g$ ,  $f \cdot g$  and  $2^g$  are proper, too.

**Definition precise Turing Machine:** [3, 1]

A multistring Turing Machine  $M$  is called a precise Turing Machine, if there are functions  $f$  and  $g$  such that, for every input  $x$  of length  $n$ ,  $M$  stops after exactly  $f(n)$  steps with exactly  $g(n)$  blanks on strings  $2, \dots, k$ .

If  $M$  is a precise Turing Machine and  $f$  is a proper complexity function such that,  $M$  decides a language in  $f(n)$ , then there exists a precise Turing Machine  $M'$  of the same type as  $M$  which decides the same language in  $O(f(n))$ .

**Complexity classes:** [3, 1]

Class name	Description
TIME( $f$ )	deterministic time
SPACE( $f$ )	deterministic space
NTIME( $f$ )	non-deterministic time
NSPACE( $f$ )	non-deterministic space

( $f$  is a proper complexity function)

Sometimes  $f$  is not a particular function but a family of functions which are parametrized by an integer  $k \geq 0$ .

Class	Function	Description
P	$\bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{TIME}(n^k)$	Polynomial time
NP	$\bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{NTIME}(n^k)$	Non-deterministic polynomial time
EXP	$\bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{TIME}(2^{n^k})$	Exponential time
L	SPACE $\log n$	Logarithmic space
NL	NSPACE( $\log n$ )	Non-deterministic logarithmic space
PSPACE	$\bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{SPACE}(n^k)$	Polynomial space
NPSPACE	$\bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{NSPACE}(n^k)$	Non-deterministic polynomial space

### Complement classes: [3, 1]

For a string that is part of a language, one *yes* input needs to be found. For a string to be not part of a language, all the paths must be a *no*. The complement of a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is the set of all valid inputs that do not belong to  $L$ . It is denoted as  $\bar{L}$  with  $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$ . This can be extended to decision problems. The complement of a decision problem  $A$  is called  $A$  COMPLEMENT. The *yes* and *no* answers on a Turing Machine can be switched to solve the complement problems.

The complement of a complexity class  $C$ , the class of all the complements is denoted as  $coC$ . The deterministic classes are closed under complement, for example  $coP = P$ . That does not hold for non-deterministic classes.

## Hierarchy problem

### Definitions: [3, 1]

Let  $f(n) \geq n$  be a proper complexity function and  $H_f$  a time-bounded version of the HALTING language  $H$  with

$$H_f = \{M; x : M \text{ accepts input } x \text{ after at most } f(|x|) \text{ steps}\}.$$

$M$  is a deterministic multistring Turing Machine. The following can be concluded:

$$H_f \in \text{TIME}(f(n)^3) \quad \text{and} \quad H_f \notin \text{TIME}(f(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor))$$

If  $f(n) \geq n$  is a proper complexity function, then the class  $\text{TIME}(f(n))$  is strictly contained within  $\text{TIME}((f(2n+1))^3)$ . This has the consequence, that there is an infinitely growing proper hierarchy of complexity classes within  $P$ :  $P \neq \text{TIME}(n^k)$  for every  $k$  and  $P \subset EXP$  because  $P \subseteq \text{TIME}(2^n) \subset \text{TIME}(2^{(2n+1)^3}) \subseteq EXP$ .

If  $f(n)$  is a proper complexity function, then the class  $\text{SPACE}(f(n))$  is a proper subset of  $\text{SPACE}(f(n) \log f(n))$

There is a recursive function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\text{TIME}(f(n)) = \text{TIME}(2^{f(n)})$ .

## Questions and problems

- I did not understand the proofs of the hierarchy problem yet but there will be more time and afford put into it.
- What is a parametrized function family? Are they numbered?

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## Summary: Lecture 3

Summary for the chapter 7.5 until page 150. [3, 4]

### Background knowledge

The P vs. NP problem is an unsolved problem in complexity theory. Mathematical problems which are solved by a computer are classified as P or NP problems: All problems that can be solved efficiently by a computer belong to the class P. In the case of NP problems it is unknown whether they can be solved efficiently or not. In this context, efficient means that the required computing time of a solution algorithm grows at most polynomially (e.g. quadratically) with increasing complexity. The only thing that is currently clear is that a correct solution to an NP problem can be checked for correctness in polynomial time.

Developing an algorithm for an NP problem is usually very difficult. Computer scientists and mathematicians do not only try to work out effective algorithms, they also try to determine whether  $P = NP$ . In other words, they are trying to find out whether P and NP are really different problem classes or whether it is possible to solve NP problems in polynomial time as well. Scientists all over the world are trying to prove that  $P \neq NP$ .

The reason why experts wish NP problems to remain almost unsolvable is called cryptography. Unlike many other fields, complexity in cryptography is not only desirable, but necessary. It is important to know that most encryption methods used today are based solely on the fact that the effort to *guess* the key is too high. The problem of *guessing* is therefore an NP problem. Not only theoretically, but also practically, the proof of the solvability of NP problems means the end of all currently used encryption methods.

But there is still hope for cryptography. The NP problem has often been supposedly solved. Both  $P = NP$  and  $P \neq NP$  have been attempted to be proven many times. It turned out that every single solution and every single proof attempt so far turned out to be wrong or incomprehensible. [1, 4, 5]

### Basic relations between complexity classes

The hierarchy theorem shows how deterministic classes of the same kind (time or space) relate to each other. Here are the relationships between classes of a different kind examined: P and NP. If  $f(n)$  is a proper complexity function:

$$\text{SPACE}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{NSPACE}(f(n)) \text{ and } \text{TIME}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{NTIME}(f(n)) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{NTIME}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(f(n)) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{NSPACE}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{TIME}(k^{\log n + f(n)}) \quad (3)$$

#### Proof for (1):

Any deterministic Turing Machine is also a non-deterministic Turing Machine, which leads to  $\text{SPACE}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{NSPACE}(f(n))$  and  $\text{TIME}(f(n)) \subseteq \text{NTIME}(f(n))$ .

#### Proof for (2):

To prove (2), a language  $L \in \text{NTIME}(f(n))$  is considered. It exists a precise non-deterministic Turing Machine  $M$  that decides  $L$  in time  $f(n)$  and for the prove a deterministic Turing Machine  $M'$  has to be designed that decides  $L$  in space  $f(n)$ . Memory space can be reused, time cannot. There are  $d$  choices in every step:  $1, \dots, d$ . For each choice the non-deterministic Turing Machine is simulated and the previous simulations can be deleted to reuse space. Only the currently simulated and the next simulation need to be saved and tracked.

### Configuration of a Turing Machine

*Snapshot* of the computation of  $M$  with an given input  $x$ . For a  $k$ -string Turing Machine  $M$  the configuration is a  $2k + 1$ -tuple with the state, the  $k$  strings and the  $k$  head positions.

#### Proof for (3):

This proof involves a method for space-bounded Turing Machines, which is called **reachability method**.

For this, a multistring non-deterministic Turing Machine  $M$  with input and output is given, which decides a lanugage  $L$  within space  $f(n)$ .

A deterministic method to simulate the nondeterministic computation of  $M$  has to be found and it has to be in time  $c^{\log n + f(n)}$ , where  $n$  is the length of the input and  $c$  is a constand depending on  $M$ . The amount of configurations for  $M$  is at most  $c^{\log n + f(n)}$  with  $c$  being a constand depending on  $M$ .

Then a configuration graph  $G(M, x)$  is defined, the nodes are the possible configurations and the edges is the input. If an accepting configuration can be reached with an input, the word is contained. In this way, the problem was reduces to the REACHABILITY problem, which was already prooved to be in polynomial time.

If the graph is too big to construct, ist must be implicit. (An implicit graph representation is a graph edges are not represented as explicit objects in a computer's memory, but rather are determined algorithmically from some other input, for example a computable function. [2])

Combining the previous knowledge, it can be concluded:

$$L \subseteq NL \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE$$

and

$$L \subset PSPACE$$

This means, that at least one of the inclusions has to be proper.

Questions: Why does the meaning of  $n$  change?

### Problem: GRAPH REACHABILITY

Given a graph  $G$  and two nodes  $n_1, n_2 \in V$ , is there path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$ ?  
(A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a finite set  $V$  of nodes and a set  $E$  of edges (node pairs). )

### Savitch's theorem

$$\text{REACHABILITY} \in \text{SPACE}(\log^2 n)$$

#### Proof:

$\text{PATH}(\text{startnode}, \text{endnode}, m)$  checks if there is a path from startnode to endnode with the length of at most  $2^m$ .

The parameters of the function can be split up (like divide and conquer):

$$\text{PATH}(i, j, m) \Leftrightarrow \exists k : \text{PATH}(i, k, m - 1) \text{ and } \text{PATH}(k, j, m - 1)$$

Some internal node  $k$  is choosen and it is checked recursively if there is a path from  $\text{startnode}$  to  $k$  and from  $\text{endnode}$  to  $n$ . This is then recursively done with the new midpoint.

There can be  $\log n$  many segments to work on – the recursion depth and the record size both are at most  $\log n$ . This leads to a recursion stack of  $O(\log^2 n)$ .

The complexity function is at least  $\log n$ .

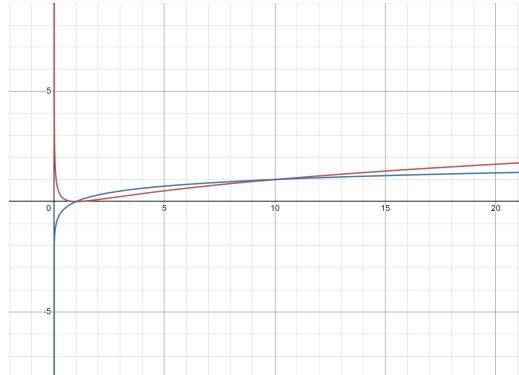


Figure 1: Red graph  $f(n) = \log^2 n$  and blue graph  $g(n) = \log n$

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## Summary: Lecture 4

Summary for the chapter 7.3 from page 150 on. [3]

### Nondeterministic Turing Machine

A nondeterministic Turing machine (*NTM*) has states, which have more than one possible next state for an action. The states are not completely determined by its action and the current symbol it sees, (unlike a deterministic Turing Machine). NTMs are for example used in thought experiments. One of the most important problems in is the P versus NP problem: How difficult it is to simulate nondeterministic computation with a deterministic computer? [1, 3]

## Asymmetry of non-determinism

### Asymmetry of nondeterministic acceptance:

- Example: find out if a formula  $\varphi$  is satisfiable ( $\varphi \in SAT$ ):
  - choose truth values for the variables nondeterministically
  - check if they make  $\varphi$  become true
- this approach seems to be unpractical so check whether  $\varphi$  is not satisfiable ( $\varphi \in \overline{SAT}$ )
- Question whether NP = coNP is a statement about *all* options

### Asymmetry of nondeterministic space:

- Example: REACHABILITY  $\in NL$ 
  - starting at start node 1
  - algorithm walks through nondeterministically chosen edges  $\leq n$  times
  - only current position is remembered ( $\log n$  space)
  - accepts if current node is node  $n$
- this approach seems to be unpractical so check if node  $n$  is *not* reachable from node 1

### log n space

A graph algorithm using  $O(\log n)$  space stores a fixed number of pointers, independent of  $n$ , and manipulates them in some way. [2]

## Nondeterministically computing functions

- A nondeterministic Turing Machine  $M$  computes a function  $f$  if the the following hold for every input  $x$ :
  - one of the computations of  $M$  stops in the halting state  $h$  with the correct result  $f(x)$  on the output tape
  - all computations that do not correctly output  $f(x)$  stop instead in a *no-state* (this path failed then)

### Problem: GRAPH REACHABILITY

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REACHIBILITY can be nondeterministically solved in space  $\log n$ .

## Immerman-Szelepscenyi

### Theorem (Counting problem):

Given a graph  $G$  and a start node  $x$ , the number of nodes that are reachable from  $x$  in  $G$  can nondeterministically be computed in space  $\log n$  (where  $n$  is the number of nodes of  $G$ ).

- can be non-deterministically solved
- solving as an extension to REACHABILITY
- counting of nodes that can *not* be reached similar: subtract result from  $n$   
 $\rightarrow$  counting problem and its complement are identical

### Algorithm:

- nodes  $1, \dots, n$  with start node 1
- $S(i)$  is the set of nodes which are reachable from the startnode with a pathlength of  $i$ 
  - $S(0)$  will contain node 1
  - $s(1)$  will contain all neighbours of 1
- Algorithm consists out of 4 nested for-loops:
  - outer for loop:
    - \* computes number of nodes reachable from initial node (for loop with  $k$  steps) as  $|S(1)|, |S(2)|, \dots, |S(n - 1)|$
    - \*  $|S(n - 1)|$  is the desired answer ( $n$  is the number of nodes)
    - \*  $|S(0)| = 1$  (contains only start node)
    - \*  $|S(k)|$  is computed after producting  $|S(k - 1)|$
    - \* in each step the previous set is overwritten with the next one because the space is limited
  - second for loop:
    - \* it is computed how far the previous steps got and summed up how far it can get
    - \* a counter  $l$  is initialized to 0
    - \*  $l$  gets incremented for each node  $u$  which is in  $S(k)$  (in the end:  $l = |S(k)|$ )
  - third loop:
    - \* deciding if node  $u$  belongs to  $S(k)$
    - \* iterating over all nodes  $v \in V$  one by one to reuse space
    - \* if node  $v$  is in  $S(k - 1)$ , a counter  $m$  is incremented  
 $m$  counts the members of  $S(k - 1)$  that were found so far
    - \* if  $u = v$  or there is an edge from  $u$  to  $v$ :  $u \in S(k)$   
 $\rightarrow$  variable *reply* gets set to true
    - \* if end is reached:
      - \*  $u \notin S(k)$  if end is reached and reply is false:  
 $\text{if } m < |S(k - 1)| \text{ not all members of } S(k - 1) \text{ have been encountered: return } no$
      - \* else return *reply*
  - fourth loop:
    - \* checking whether  $v \in S(k - 1)$  with non-determinism (similar to REACHABILITY)

- nodes can't be marked (this would use linear space)
- runs in space  $\log n$  with a Turing Machine  $M$
- $M$  has separate strings holding each of the variables:  $k, |S(k-1)|, l, u, m, v, p, w_p, w_{p-1}, \text{input}, \text{output}$   
all of those need only to be compared to each other and incremented by 1  
all bounded by  $n$

## REACHABILITY $\in \text{NL}$

- NL = nondeterministic logarithmic space
- REACHABILITY  $\in \text{NL}$

Modify the non-deterministic Turing Machine from above so that it returns *yes* if the innermost subroutine ever reaches the target node  $n$ , otherwise, return *no*.

- run previous algorithm
- if target node is found, yes is returned
- else algorithm continues

Questions:

Did I understand this right?

## NSPACE is closed under complement

$$\text{NSPACE}(f(n)) = \text{coNSPACE}(f(n))$$

for all proper complexity functions  $f(n) \geq \log n$ .

**Proof idea:**

- Language  $L \in \text{NSPACE}(f(n))$  is decided by a non-deterministic Turing Machine  $M$
- $M$  is space bounded in  $f(n)$
- to show: there is a  $f(n)$  space bounded non-deterministic Turing Machine  $\bar{M}$  which decides  $\bar{L}$ :
  - On input  $x$   $\bar{M}$  runs the recursive algorithm of the *Savitch-Theorem-proof* (chooses internal node on the middle) on the configuration graph of  $M$
  - the algorithm decides if two nodes are connected on the basis of  $x$  and the transition function of  $M$
  - if  $\bar{M}$  comes to an accepting configuration  $U$ , it halts and rejects
  - otherwise (if it is computed and no accepting configuration has been found)  $\bar{M}$  accepts

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## Summary: Lecture 5

Summary for the chapter 8.1. [6]

### Reduction

**Examples of NP-problems:**

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

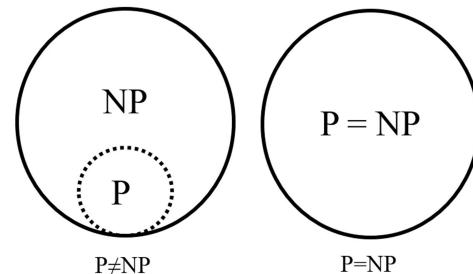


Figure 1: P and NP sets [3]

- 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

Problem  $A$  is at least as hard as problem  $B$  if  $B$  reduces to  $A$ .

### Transformation function:

- transformation function  $R$  should not be too hard to compute  
→  $R$  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 configurations for  $M$  on an input of length  $n$
  - deterministic: no configuration can be repeated
  - computation of length at most  $O(n^k)$

## Reduction HAMILTONIAN PATH to SATISFIABLE

### Problem: HAMILTON PATH

The Hamiltonian Path problem asks whether there is a route in a directed graph  $G$  from a start node to an ending node, visiting each node exactly once. (Is there a path in  $G$  that visits each node one?) [1]

### Problem: SAT

The SAT (satisfiability) problem is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given Boolean formula. [7]

- HAMILTON PATH can be reduced to SAT
  - demonstrates HAMILTON PATH is not significantly harder than SAT
- construct a boolean expression  $R(G)$  that is satisfiable only if  $G$  has a Hamilton path
  - write a logical formula that only becomes true when HP is true
- instance: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  nodes  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$
- $R(G)$  has  $n^2$  boolean variables  $x_{i,j}$  then
- node  $j$  is the  $i$ th node in the HAMILTON PATH
- $R(G)$  is in conjunctive normal form (CNF:  $(a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee c)$ )
- conjuncted clauses of  $R(x)$ :
  - each node  $j$  must appear in the path  $x_{1,j} \vee x_{2,j} \vee \dots \vee x_{n,j}$  – for every node  $j$
  - no node  $j$  appears twice in the path:  $\neg x_{i,j} \vee \neg x_{k,j}$  for all  $i, j, k$  with  $i \neq k$
  - every position  $i$  on the path must be occupied –  $x_{i,1} \vee x_{i,2} \vee \dots \vee x_{i,n}$  for each  $i$
  - no two nodes  $j$  and  $k$  occupy the same position in the path –  $\neg x_{i,j} \vee \neg x_{i,k}$  for all  $i, j, k$  with  $j \neq k$
  - nonadjacent nodes  $i$  and  $j$  cannot be adjacent in the path –  $\neg x_{k,i} \vee \neg x_{k+1,j}$  for all  $(i, j) \notin E$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$

[4]

### Proof idea:

- to show:
  - for any graph  $G$ ,  $R(G)$  has a satisfying truth assignment only if and only if  $G$  has a Hamilton path
  - $R$  can be computed in space  $\log n$
- $R(G)$  contains  $O(n^3)$  clauses:
  - for each node  $j$  exists a unique position  $i$  ( $x_{i,j}$ )
  - for each position  $i$  exists a unique node  $j$  ( $x_{i,j}$ )
  - permutation  $\pi$  of the nodes with  $\pi(i) = j$  if  $x_{i,j}$
  - $(\pi(1), \pi(2), \dots, \pi(n))$  is a hamilton path
  - the truth assignment  $T(x_{i,j}) = \text{true}$  if and only if  $\pi(i) = j$

## Boolean Circuit

A Boolean circuit is a mathematical tree model for logic formulas.

Boolean circuits are defined in terms of the logic gates they contain. For example, a circuit might contain binary AND and OR gates and unary NOT gates, or be entirely described by binary NAND gates.

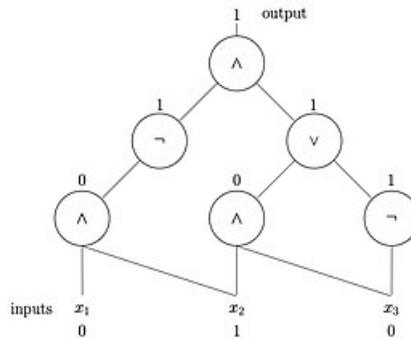


Figure 2: Boolean circuit example [2]

## Reduction REACHABILITY to CIRCUIT VALUE

### Problem: GRAPH REACHABILITY

Given a graph  $G$  and two nodes  $n_1, n_2 \in V$ , is there path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$ ?

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a finite set  $V$  of nodes and a set  $E$  of edges as node pairs.

REACHABILITY can be nondeterministically solved in space  $\log n$ .

### Problem: CIRCUIT VALUE

The CIRCUIT VALUE Problem is the problem of computing the output of a given Boolean circuit on a given input.

In terms of time complexity, it can be solved in linear time (topological sort).

The problem is closely related to the SAT (Boolean Satisfiability) problem which is complete for NP and its complement, which is complete for co-NP.

- REACHABILITY can be reduced to CIRCUIT VALUE  
→ demonstrates REACHABILITY is not significantly harder than CIRCUIT VALUE
- construct a variable-free circuit  $R(G)$  that has *true* as output only if  $G$  has a path from the start node to node  $n$
- $R(x)$  uses no  $\neg$  gates (monotone circuit)
- (both problems are in P)
- idea: use the Floyd-Warshall algorithm (dynamic programming)
- instance: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  nodes ( $1, 2, \dots, n$ )
- the gates:

- $g_{i,j,k}$  with  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and  $0 \leq k \leq n$ 
    - \* there is a path from node  $i$  to node  $j$  without passing through a node bigger than  $k$
    - \*  $g_{i,j,0}$  is true if and only if  $i = j$  or  $i$  and  $j$  are neighbours
  - $h_{i,j,k}$  with  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ 
    - \* there is a path from node  $i$  to node  $j$  passing through  $k$  but not any node bigger than  $k$
  - $h_{i,j,k}$  is an *and* gate with predecessors  $g_{i,k,k-1}$  and  $g_{k,j,k-1}$  where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$
  - $g_{i,j,k}$  is an *or* gate with predecessors  $g_{i,j,k-1}$  and  $h_{i,j,k}$  where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$
  - $g_{1,n,n}$  is the output gate
- [5]

### Proof idea:

- prove by induction on  $k$   
→ prove that the gates work as described
- claim is true for  $k = 0$
- if claim is true for  $k - 1$ : true for  $k$  too
- $g_{1,n,n}$  is true if and only if there is a path from 1 to  $n$  and there is a path from 1 to  $n$  in  $G$
- $R$  can be computed in  $\log n$  space
- circuit  $R(G)$  is derived from the Floyd-Warshall algorithm

### Reduction CIRCUIT SAT to SAT

#### Problem: CIRCUIT SAT

The circuit satisfiability problem (CIRCUIT SAT) is the decision problem of determining whether a given Boolean circuit has an assignment of its inputs that makes the output true.

- CIRCUIT SAT can be reduced to SAT  
→ demonstrates CIRCUIT SAT is not significantly harder than SAT
- given a circuit  $C$ , construct a boolean expression  $R(C)$  such that  $R(C)$  is satisfiable if and only if  $C$  is satisfiable
- the variables of  $R(C)$  are those of  $C$  plus  $g$  for each gate  $g$  of  $C$
- clauses of  $R(C)$ :
  - $g$  is a variable gate  $x$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee x)$  and  $(g \vee \neg x) \equiv g \Leftrightarrow x$
  - $g$  is a *true* gate:  
Add clause  $(g) \rightarrow g$  must be true to make  $R(C)$  true
  - $g$  is a *false* gate:  
Add clause  $(\neg g) \rightarrow g$  must be false to make  $R(C)$  true
  - $g$  is a  $\neg$  gate with predecessor gate  $h$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee \neg h)$  and  $(g \vee h) \equiv g \Leftrightarrow \neg h$

- $g$  is a  $\vee$  gate with predecessor gates  $h$  and  $h'$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg h \vee g)$ ,  $(\neg h' \vee g)$  and  $(h \vee h' \vee \neg g)$ , meaning:  $g \Leftrightarrow (h \vee h')$
- $g$  is a  $\wedge$  gate with predecessor gates  $h$  and  $h'$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee h)$ ,  $(\neg g \vee h')$ , and  $(\neg h \vee \neg h' \vee g)$ , meaning:  $g \Leftrightarrow (h \wedge h')$
- $g$  is the output gate:  
Add clause  $(g)$ , meaning:  $g$  must be true to make  $R(C)$  true

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### Example:

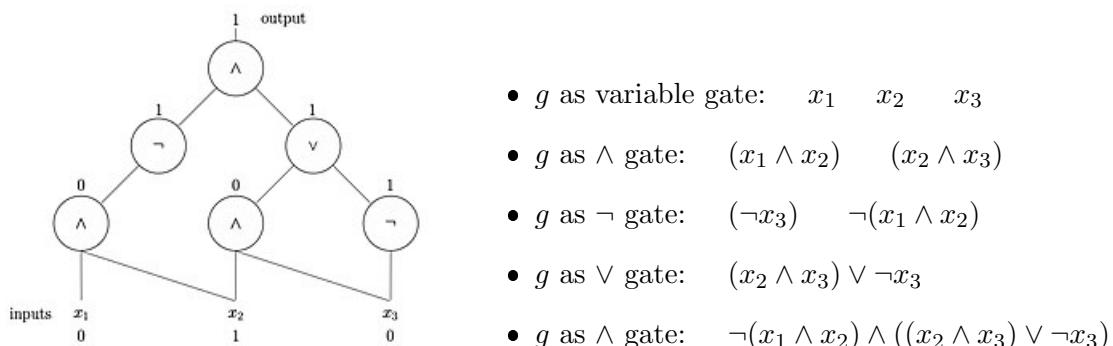


Figure 3: Boolean circuit example [2]

### Generalization

- generalizations are a special form of reductions
- problem  $A$  is a generalization of problem  $B$  if every instance of  $B$  is also an instance of  $A$   
 $\rightarrow B$  can be reduced to  $A$
- inputs of  $A$  are a subset of inputs of  $B$  and on those inputs  $A$  and  $B$  have the same answers

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The inputs of  $A$  are a subset of inputs of  $B$  and on those inputs  $A$  and  $B$  have the same answers.

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If  $R$  is a reduction from a language  $L_1$  to a language  $L_2$  and  $R'$  is a reduction from  $L_2$  to a language  $L_3$ , then the composition  $R \cdot R'$  is a reduction from  $L_1$  to  $L_3$ .  
 $x \in L_1 \equiv R'(R(c)) \in L_3$

**Proof idea:**

- $R \cdot R'$  can be computed in space  $\log n$
- compose two Turing Machines  $M$  and  $M'$
- simulate the machine for  $R$  by keeping on a counter which tape position  $i$  is
- when  $M'$  is about to do the  $i$ th write, jump back to the simulation of  $R$  and use this value

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## Summary: Lecture 6

Summary for the chapter 8.2. [1, 7]

### Completeness

Let  $C$  be a complexity class and let  $L$  be a language in  $C$ .  $L$  is called  $C$ -complete if any language  $L' \in C$  can be reduced to  $L$ .

(Every language of a complexity class can be reduced to  $L$ .)

- reducibility is transitive → problems are ordered by difficulty
- complete problems can capture the difficulty of a class
- problem is seen as completely understood if the problem is complete

### Question:

Which problems can be reduced to a formal language?

SAT can be expressed as formal language. [6]  
⇒ SAT can be reduced to a formal language. (?)  
SAT is in NP. [7]

Because CIRCUIT SAT can be reduced to SAT: CIRCUIT SAT can be reduced to a formal language. (?) CIRCUIT SAT is NP-complete. [3]

Any formal language  $L \in NP$  can be reduced to CIRCUIT SAT? OR the other way around?

### Formal language

Formal languages are abstract languages, which define the syntax of the words that get accepted by that language. It is a set of words that get accepted by the language and has a set of symbols that is called alphabet, which contains all the possible characters of the words. Those characters are called nonterminal symbols. [2, 8]

### Kleene star

The Kleene star  $\Sigma^*$  of an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is the set of all words that can be created through concatenation of the symbols of the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . The empty word  $\epsilon$  is included.

### Formal language

A formal language  $L$  over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a subset of the Kleene star of the alphabet:  
 $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$

Where to set the line between lanugage decisions and other problems? Can every problem be contructed as a formal language?

Is everything that is reducable to SAT reducable to a formal language because of the transitivity?

I assume it does not have an influence on the complexity of a problem if it can be expressed as a formal language? Are formal languages part of specific complexity classes?

### Closed under reduction

The following complexity classes are all closed under reductions:

P   NP   coNP   L   NL   PSPACE   EXP

A class  $C$  is closed under reductions if whenever  $L$  is reducible to  $L'$  and  $L' \in C'$ , then  $L \in C$ .

If a complete problem in  $C$  belongs in a class  $C' \subseteq C$ ,  $C = C'$ .

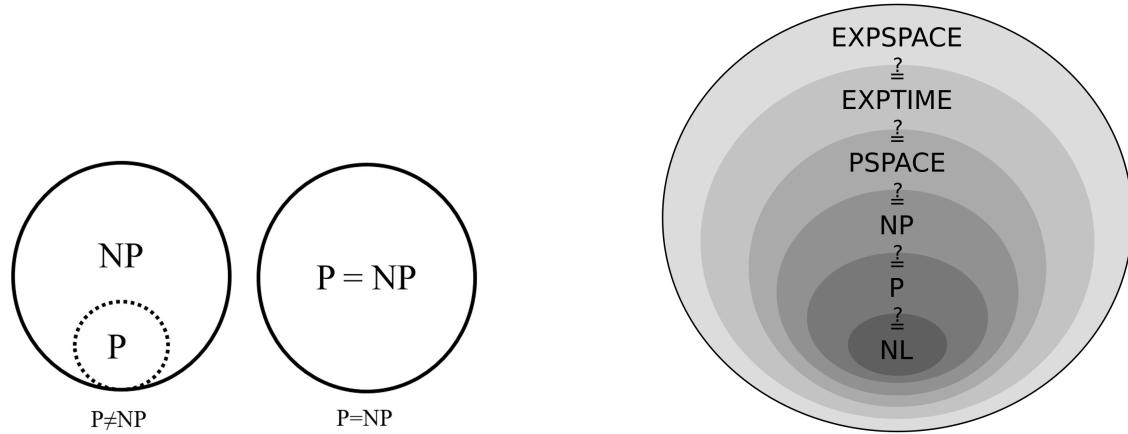


Figure 1: P and NP sets [5] and complexity classes [4]

- examples:
  - if an NP-complete language is in P, then  $NP = P$
  - if a P-complete language is in L, then  $P = L$
  - if a P-complete language is in NL, then  $P = NL$
  - no EXP-complete language can be in P

### Table method – time complexity

- table method to understand time complexity
  - Turing Machine  $M$  decides language  $L$  on an input  $x$
  - computation on input  $x$  as  $|x|^k \times |x|^k$  computation table
- $|x|^k$  is the time bound
- rows  $i$  are the time steps (from 0 to  $|x|^k - 1$ )
  - columns  $j$  are the string positions
  - $T_{ij}$  represents the content of position  $j$  of the string of  $M$  at time  $i$  (after  $i$  steps)

**Example:**

- Turing Machine  $M$  deciding palindromes in time  $n^2$

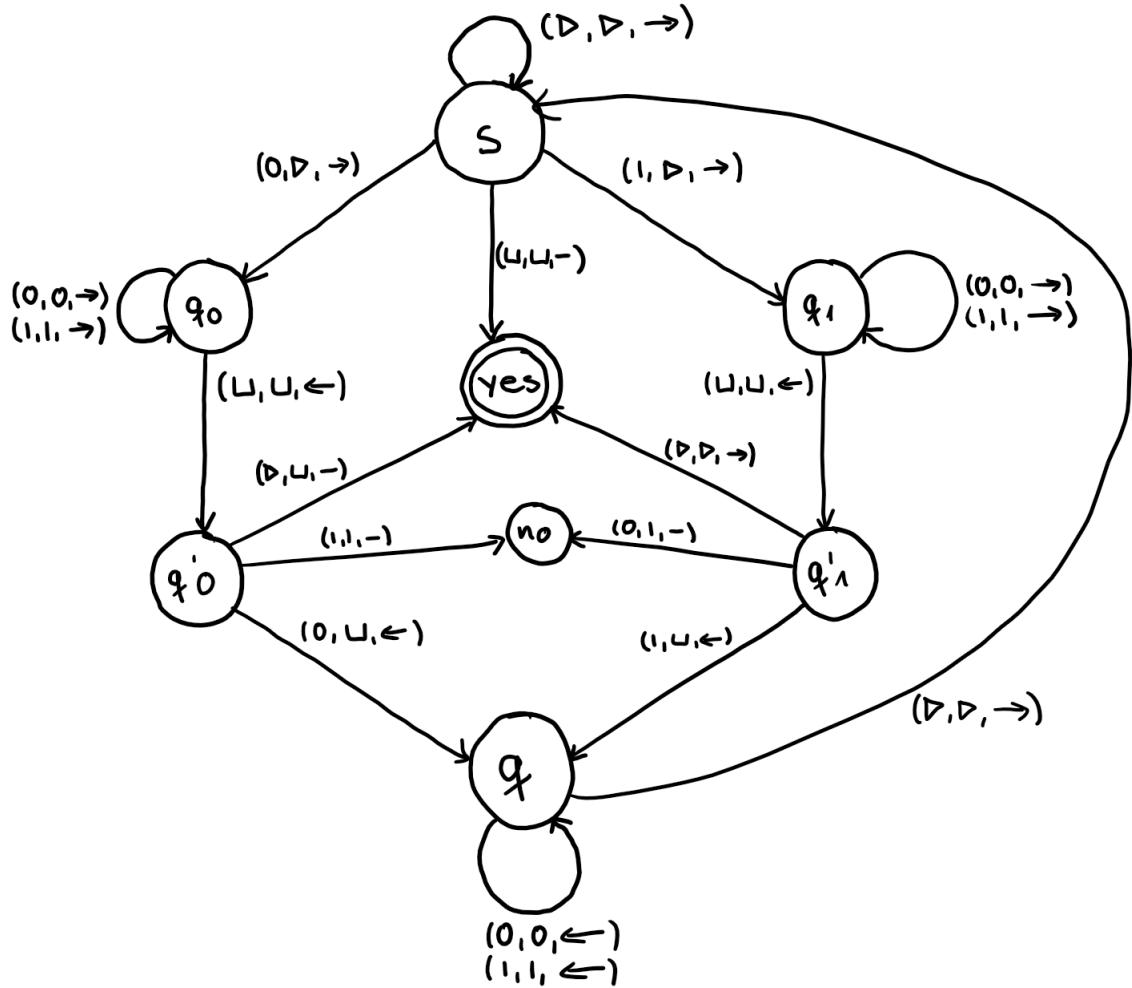


Figure 2: Binary palindrome Turing Machine  $M$  contructed from the definition in example 2.3 in the book [7]

- edges of the Turing machine:  
(input symbol  $\sigma$ , symbol to replace input symbol on tape with, direction in which the head moves)

$p \in K, \sigma \in \Sigma$	$\delta(p, \sigma)$	$p \in K, \sigma \in \Sigma$	$\delta(p, \sigma)$
$s \quad 0$	$(q_0, \triangleright, \rightarrow)$	$q'_0 \quad 0$	$(q, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$
$s \quad 1$	$(q_1, \triangleright, \rightarrow)$	$q'_0 \quad 1$	$(\text{"no"}, 1, \leftarrow)$
$s \quad \triangleright$	$(s, \triangleright, \rightarrow)$	$q'_0 \quad \triangleright$	$(\text{"yes"}, \sqcup, \rightarrow)$
$s \quad \sqcup$	$(\text{"yes"}, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$	$q'_1 \quad 0$	$(\text{"no"}, 1, \leftarrow)$
$q_0 \quad 0$	$(q_0, 0, \rightarrow)$	$q'_1 \quad 1$	$(q, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$
$q_0 \quad 1$	$(q_0, 1, \rightarrow)$	$q'_1 \quad \triangleright$	$(\text{"yes"}, \triangleright, \rightarrow)$
$q_0 \quad \sqcup$	$(q'_0, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$	$q \quad 0$	$(q, 0, \leftarrow)$
$q_1 \quad 0$	$(q_1, 0, \rightarrow)$	$q \quad 1$	$(q, 1, \leftarrow)$
$q_1 \quad 1$	$(q_1, 1, \rightarrow)$	$q \quad \triangleright$	$(s, \triangleright, \rightarrow)$
$q_1 \quad \sqcup$	$(q'_1, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$		

Figure 3: Definition of binary palindrome Turing Machine  $M$  in example 2.3 in the book [7]

On input  $x = 0110$  it results in the following computation table:

$\triangleright$	$0_s$	1	1	0	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$1_{q_0}$	1	0	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	1	$1_{q_0}$	0	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	1	1	$0_{q_0}$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	1	1	0	$\sqcup_{q_0}$	$\sqcup$							
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	1	1	$0_{q'_0}$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	1	$1_q$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$1_q$	1	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright_q$	1	1	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$1_s$	1	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$1_{q_1}$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
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$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$1_{q'_1}$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright_q$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$\sqcup_s$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$
$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	$\triangleright$	"yes"	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$

Figure 4: Computation table of binary palindrome Turing Machine  $M$  on input  $x = 0110$  in the book [7]

- $\sigma$  is the current input symbol
- $q$  is the current state
- $\sqcup$  is the blank symbol
- $\triangleright$  is the first symbol

Questions:

Is the Turing Machine constructed correctly? Does the no-state need a double circle, because it halts or does only the accepting state get a double circle?

## P-completeness of CircuitValue

### Problem: CircuitValue

The CIRCUITVALUE Problem is the problem of computing the output of a given Boolean circuit on a given input.

In terms of time complexity, it can be solved in linear time (topological sort).

- P-complete

Proof idea:

- CIRCUITVALUE is in P (prerequisite for being P-complete)
- show: any language  $L \in P$  can be reduced to CIRCUITVALUE
- $L$  is decided by Turing Machine  $M$  in polynomial time ( $n^k$ )
- show: there is a reduction  $R$  and an input  $x$  to  $M$   
 $R$  puts out a circuit  $C$  without variable gates, whose value is true only if  $M$  accepts  $x$
- computation table  $T$  of  $M$
- if  $i = 0$ : value of  $T_{i,j}$  is the  $j$ th symbol of  $x$  or a  $\sqcup$

- if  $j = 0$ : value of  $T_{i,j}$  is a  $\triangleright$
  - if  $j = |x|^k - 1$ : value of  $T_{i,j}$  is a  $\sqcup$

Figure 5: Initial rows marked on previous palindrome example table

- value of  $T_{i,j}$  is the content of position  $j$  of the string on time  $i$   
 $\rightarrow$  depends on the same position and neighbor position in the previous step  $i-1$ :  $T_{i-1,j-1}, T_{i-1,j}, T_{i-1,j+1}$

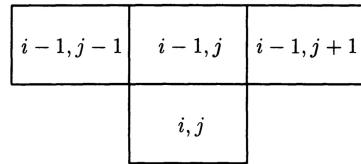


Figure 6: Value of  $T_{i,j}$  depends on values of  $T_{i-1,j-1}, T_{i-1,j}, T_{i-1,j+1}$

- $T_{i-1,j-1}, T_{i-1,j}, T_{i-1,j+1} \in \Sigma \Rightarrow$  cursor not at position  $j-1, j, j+1$ , this concludes to  $T_{i,j} = T_{i-1,j}$
  - set  $\Gamma$  contains all symbols that can appear on the table (symbols from  $\Sigma$  or symbol state combinations)
  - encode each symbol  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  as a vector  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_m)$ 
    - the entries of the vector  $(s_1, \dots, s_m)$  are either 0 or 1
    - the vector has  $m = \log |\Gamma|$  entries
  - computation table can now be constructed as a table  $S_{i,j,l}$  with binary entries (and  $0 \leq i \leq n^k - 1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n^k - 1$  and  $1 \leq l \leq m$ )
  - each binary entry  $S_{ijl}$  depends on previous entries  $S_{i-1,j-1,l'}, S_{i-1,j,l'}, S_{i-1,j+1,l'}$ , where  $l'$  ranges over 1 to  $m$
  - there are  $m$  Boolean functions  $F_1, \dots, F_m$  such that

$$S_{i,j,l} = F_l(S_{i-1,j-1,1}, \dots, S_{i-1,j-1,m}, S_{i-1,j+1,1}, \dots, S_{i-1,j+1,m})$$

- every boolean function can be rendered as a boolean circuit

→ there is a boolean circuit  $C$  with  $3m$  inputs and  $m$  outputs that computes  $T_{i,j}$  with given  $T_{i-1,j-1}, T_{i-1,j}, T_{i-1,j+1}$

- reduction  $R$  from  $L$  to CIRCUITVALUE
- for each input  $x$ ,  $R(x)$  consists of  $(|x|^k - 1) \cdot (|x|^k - 2)$  copies of the circuit  $C$   
→ one for each entry in  $T_{i,j}$
- call  $C_{i,j}$  the  $(i, j)$ th copy of  $C$
- $C_{i,j}$  depends on  $C_{i-1,j-1}, C_{i-1,j}, C_{i-1,j+1}$  (if  $i \geq 0$ )
- first row and first and last column known
- other entries based on these entries
- output circuit of  $R(x)$  is  $C_{|x|^k-1,1}$   
(final step and string position 1, assuming that string position 1 contains *yes* or *no*)
- value of circuit  $R(x)$  is only true if  $x \in L$  because of equivalence of table structure
- $R(x)$  is in  $\log n$  space

CIRCUITVALUE without NOT remains P-complete:

- AND, OR, NOT gate in circuit
- monotone circuit: does not have NOT gates
- move NOT downwards with DeMorgan's law (put negation into brackets and exchange operator) until inputs are changed

MONOTONECIRCUITVALUE is P-complete.

## CircuitSat is NP-complete

### Problem: CircuitSat

The circuit satisfiability problem (CIRCUITSAT) is the decision problem of determining whether a given Boolean circuit has an assignment of its inputs that makes the output true.

Input: a Boolean circuit  $C$

Question: Is there a truth assignment which makes  $C$  output the value true?

- cook's theorem: SAT is NP-complete

### Proof idea:

- CIRCUITSAT  $\in$  NP
- CIRCUITSAT reduces to SAT
- to show: all languages in NP can be reduced to CIRCUITSAT
- let  $L \in$  NP
- describe a reduction  $R(x)$  which constructs a circuit for each input string  $x$  such that  $x \in L$  only if  $R(x)$  is satisfiable
- Turing Machine  $M$  which decides  $L$  nondeterministically in time  $n^k$  exists because  $L \in$  NP

- $M$  acceptst  $x$  only if  $x \in L$
- reminder: Boolean circuits are build like binary trees with only two children to each node
- tranfer  $M$  into the structure of a binary tree with adding more states:

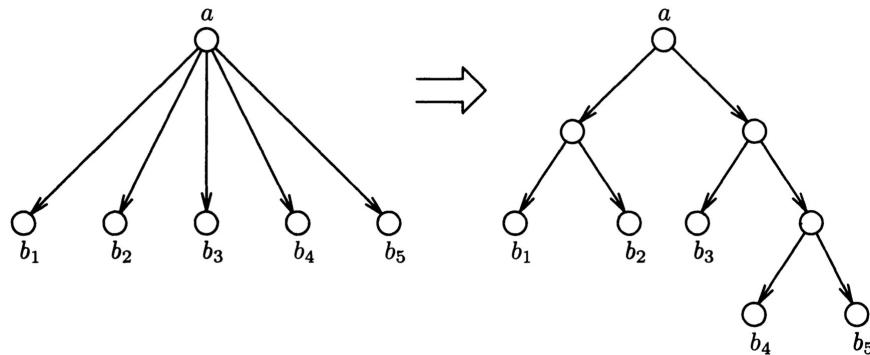


Figure 7: Transformation of  $M$  [7]

- computation table not really possible because computation in nondeterministic machine happens in parallel paths  
→ fix a sequence of choices  $c$
- define computation table  $T(M, x, c)$
- top row and first and last column entries are known
- other entries  $T_{i,j}$  depend on entries in  $T_{i-1,j-1}, T_{i-1,j}, T_{i-1,j+1}$  and choice  $c$  of previous step
- circuit  $C$  has  $3m + 1$  instead of  $3m$  entries because one entry is the nondeterministic choice
- value of circuit  $R(x)$  is only true if  $x \in L$  because of equivalence of table structure
- $R(x)$  is in  $\log n$  space

### Relation between complexity classes

$N \subseteq NL \subseteq NC \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE$

### NP-complete problems

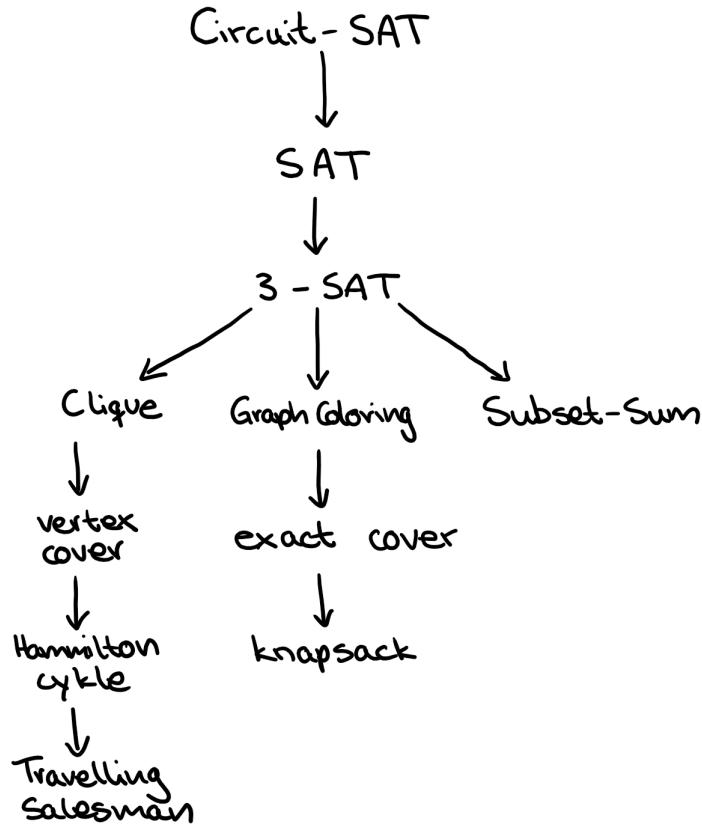


Figure 8: NP-complete problems in relation

- $k$ -SAT for  $k \geq 3$  is NP-complete

### Circuit-SAT

The circuit satisfiability problem (CIRCUIT-SAT) is the decision problem of determining whether a given Boolean circuit has an assignment of its inputs that makes the output true.

### SAT

The SAT (satisfiability) problem is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given Boolean formula. [9]

### 3-SAT

Like the SAT problem, 3-SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most three literals.

### Clique

The CLIQUE problem is the problem of finding cliques (subsets of vertices, all adjacent to each other, also called complete subgraphs) in a graph.

### VertexCover

In graph theory, a VERTEXCOVER (sometimes NODECOVER) of a graph is a set of vertices that includes at least one endpoint of every edge of the graph.

### HamiltonCycle

A HAMILTONCYCLE is a graph cycle (i.e., closed loop) through a graph that visits each node exactly once.

### TravellingSalesman

*Given a list of cities and the distances between each pair of cities, what is the shortest possible route that visits each city exactly once and returns to the origin city?*

### GraphColoring

In graph theory, graph coloring is a special case of graph labeling. It is an assignment of colors to elements of a graph subject to certain constraints.

### ExactCover

Given a collection  $S$  of subsets of set  $X$ , an exact cover is the subset  $S^*$  of  $S$  such that each element of  $X$  is contained in exactly one subset of  $S^*$ .

### Knapsack

*Given a set of items, each with a weight and a value, determine the number of each item to include in a collection so that the total weight is less than or equal to a given limit and the total value is as large as possible.*

### SubsetSum

The SUBSETSUM problem involves determining whether or not a subset from a list of integers can sum to a target value. For example, consider the list of  $nums = [1, 2, 3, 4]$ . If the target is 7, there are two subsets that achieve this sum:  $\{3, 4\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 4\}$ .

## P-complete problems

- CIRCUITVALUE
- LINEARPROGRAMMING
- HORNSAT

## CircuitValue

The CIRCUITVALUE Problem is the problem of computing the output of a given Boolean circuit on a given input.

In terms of time complexity, it can be solved in linear time (topological sort).

The problem is closely related to the SAT (Boolean Satisfiability) problem which is complete for NP and its complement, which is complete for co-NP.

## LinearProgramming

LINEARPROGRAMMING is a method to achieve the best outcome (such as maximum profit or lowest cost) in a mathematical model whose requirements are represented by linear relationships.

## HornSAT

HORN<sub>SAT</sub> is the problem of deciding whether a given set of propositional Horn clauses is satisfiable or not.

A Horn clause is a clause (a disjunction of literals) with at most one positive literal.

## NL problems

- 2-SAT
- REACHABILITY

### 2-Sat

Like the SAT and 3-SAT problem, 2-SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most two literals.

### Reachability

Given a graph  $G$  and two nodes  $n_1, n_2 \in V$ , is there path from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$ ?

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a finite set  $V$  of nodes and a set  $E$  of edges as node pairs.

REACHABILITY can be nondeterministically solved in space  $\log n$ .

## L problems

- 1-SAT

### 1-Sat

Like the SAT and 3-SAT problem, 2-SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most one literal.

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## Summary: Lecture 7

Summary for the chapters 9.1 and 9.2. [5, 1]

### NP-Completeness

#### NP

Class of languages decided by nondeterministic 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  $P \neq NP$  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
- Where is the line between P and NP?

#### Language $L$

$$L = \{x : (x, y) \in R \text{ for some } y\}$$

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

For example: Is there a satisfying assignment ( $y$ ) for a formula ( $x$ )?

#### Polynomially decidable:

- $R$  is polynomially decidable if there is a 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  $k \geq 1$   
→ 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  $L = \{x : (x, y) \in R \text{ for some } y\}$ .

#### Proof idea:

- $L$  is decided by a nondeterministic Turing Machine  $M$
- $M$  guesses a  $y$  for an input  $x$  ( $y$  is of length at most  $|x|^k$ )  
→ polynomially balanced
- $M$  decides whether  $y$  encodes an accepting computation on  $x$  in linear time  
→ polynomially decidable

## 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

## 3Sat is NP-complete

### SAT

The SAT (satisfiability) problem is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given Boolean formula. [7]

### 3SAT

Like the SAT problem, 3SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most three literals.

- $k$ SAT with  $k \geq 1$  is a special case of SAT

### Reduction from SAT to 3SAT: [6]

- the reduction replaces each clause with a set of clauses, each having exactly three literals
- rewrite the clauses of the input
- example:

$$\begin{aligned} & (x_1) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_5) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_4 \vee \bar{x}_6 \vee \bar{x}_7) \wedge (x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \bar{x}_3 \vee x_5 \vee x_7) \\ & \equiv (x_1 \vee x_1 \vee x_1) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_5) \end{aligned}$$

## 3Sat with more restrictions

3SAT remains NP-complete even for expressions in which each variable is restricted to appear at most three times and each literal at most twice.

### Proof idea:

- if a variable appears more often than twice:  
introduce new variables and make sure (with the introduction of new clauses) that they have the same truthvalue as the original variable

## 2Sat in P (graph construction)

### 2-Sat

Like the SAT and 3-SAT problem, 2-SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most two literals.

- let  $\psi$  be an instance of 2SAT (clauses with two literals each)
- construct formula  $\psi$  as graph
- the nodes are the variables (node for  $a$  and  $\neg a$ )
- for clauses  $(\neg a \vee b) \equiv a \rightarrow b$ : edge from the node  $a$  to the node  $b$
- paths in  $G$  are implications (implication is transitiv)
- $\psi$  is unsatisfiable only if there is a variable  $x$  such that there are paths from  $x$  to  $\neg x$  and from  $\neg x$  to  $x$  in  $G$

### Proof idea:

- the transitivity of the implication is proven
- $\psi$  is unsatisfiable only if there is a variable  $x$  such that there are paths from  $x$  to  $\neg x$  and from  $\neg x$  to  $x$  in  $G$
- there are paths from  $x$  to  $\neg x$  and from  $\neg x$  to  $x$
- path from  $x$  to  $\neg x$ :
  - transitivity of implication



leads to clause  $x \rightarrow \neg x \equiv \neg x \vee \neg x \equiv \neg x$

- path from  $\neg x$  to  $x$ 
  - transitivity of implication



leads to clause  $\neg x \rightarrow x \equiv \neg \neg x \vee x \equiv x \vee x \equiv x$

- the two clauses are connected with an logic and (because formula is in CNF) which leads to  $\neg x \wedge x$  which is unsatisfiable
- there are no paths from any  $x$  to  $\neg x$  and back  $x$ : no edge is changing from true to false or the other way around
- whenever a node is assigned to a value, all the successors are assigned to the same value and there can be no edge from true to false or from false to true

## 2Sat in NL

2SAT is in NL.

### Proof idea:

- NL is closed under complement
- show: unsatisfiable expressions can be recognized in NL
- nondeterministically guessing a variable  $x$  and check for paths between  $x$  and  $\neg x$  and back

## MaxSat is NP-complete

### Max2Sat

MAX2SAT is the problem of determining the maximum number of clauses, of a given Boolean formula in CNF with a maximum of 2 variables per clause, that can be made true by an assignment of truth values to the variables of the formula.

MAX2SAT is an optimization problem.

MAX2SAT is NP-complete.

### Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & (x)(y)(z)(w) \\ & (\neg x \vee \neg y)(\neg y \vee \neg z)(\neg z \vee \neg x) \\ & (x \vee \neg w)(y \vee \neg w)(z \vee \neg w) \end{aligned}$$

x	y	z	w	$(\neg x \vee \neg y)$	$(\neg y \vee \neg z)$	$(\neg z \vee \neg x)$	$(x \vee \neg w)$	$(y \vee \neg w)$	$(z \vee \neg w)$	
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	6
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- not all clauses can be satisfied

### Proof idea:

- any truth assignment that satisfies  $x \vee y \vee z$  satisfies 6 or 7 clauses
- the remaining truth assignments  $(\neg x \wedge \neg y \wedge \neg z)$  satisfy 4 or 6 clauses
- reduction from 3SAT to MAXSAT because  $x \vee y \vee z$  needs to be satisfied
- instance  $\psi$  of 3SAT
- instance  $R(\psi)$  of MAXSAT

- for each clause  $C_i = \alpha \vee \beta \vee \gamma$  of  $\psi$ : add the original clauses to  $R(\psi)$  ( $x, y, z, w$  are replaced by  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, w_i$ )
- clauses of  $R(\psi)$  which are corresponding to a clause of  $\psi$  are called a group
- if  $\psi$  has  $m$  clauses,  $R(\psi)$  has  $10m$  clauses
- set constraint  $K = 7$  satisfied clauses
- goal can be achieved in  $R(\psi)$  only if  $\psi$  is satisfiable
- suppose  $7m$  clauses can be satisfied in  $R(\psi)$ :
  - each group can satisfy at most seven clauses
  - there are  $m$  groups
  - seven clauses must be satisfied in each group
- any assignment that satisfies all clauses in  $\psi$  can be turned into one that satisfies  $7m$  clauses in  $R(\psi)$  (by defining the truth value of  $w_i$ )

### NaeSat is NP-complete

#### NaeSat

Like SAT, NAE-SAT consists of a collection of Boolean variables and clauses. NAE-SAT requires that the values in each clause are not all equal to each other (in other words, at least one is true, and at least one is false). [4]

MAX2SAT is NP-complete.

#### Proof idea:

- reduction from CIRCUIT-SAT to MAX2SAT
  - similar to reduction from CIRCUIT-SAT to SAT
- add literal  $z$  to all clauses that have one or two literals
- if a truth assignment  $T$  follows the NAE-SAT-conditions, its complement  $\bar{T}$  does it too
- in one of the truth assignments:  $z$  has the value false
- because of the definition of the gates: true and false included in following clauses

### Reduction CIRCUIT SAT to SAT

#### Problem: CIRCUIT SAT

The circuit satisfiability problem (CIRCUIT SAT) is the decision problem of determining whether a given Boolean circuit has an assignment of its inputs that makes the output true.

- CIRCUIT SAT can be reduced to SAT
  - demonstrates CIRCUIT SAT is not significantly harder than SAT
- given a circuit  $C$ , construct a boolean expression  $R(C)$  such that  $R(C)$  is satisfiable if and only if  $C$  is satisfiable
- the variables of  $R(C)$  are those of  $C$  plus  $g$  for each gate  $g$  of  $C$

- clauses of  $R(C)$ :

- $g$  is a variable gate  $x$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee x)$  and  $(g \vee \neg x) \equiv g \Leftrightarrow x$
- $g$  is a *true* gate:  
Add clause  $(g) \rightarrow g$  must be true to make  $R(C)$  true
- $g$  is a *false* gate:  
Add clause  $(\neg g) \rightarrow g$  must be false to make  $R(C)$  true
- $g$  is a  $\neg$  gate with predecessor gate  $h$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee \neg h)$  and  $(g \vee h) \equiv g \Leftrightarrow \neg h$
- $g$  is a  $\vee$  gate with predecessor gates  $h$  and  $h'$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg h \vee g)$ ,  $(\neg h' \vee g)$  and  $(h \vee h' \vee \neg g)$ , meaning:  $g \Leftrightarrow (h \vee h')$
- $g$  is a  $\wedge$  gate with predecessor gates  $h$  and  $h'$ :  
Add clauses  $(\neg g \vee h)$ ,  $(\neg g \vee h')$ , and  $(\neg h \vee \neg h' \vee g)$ , meaning:  $g \Leftrightarrow (h \wedge h')$
- $g$  is the output gate:  
Add clause  $(g)$ , meaning:  $g$  must be true to make  $R(C)$  true

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**Example:**

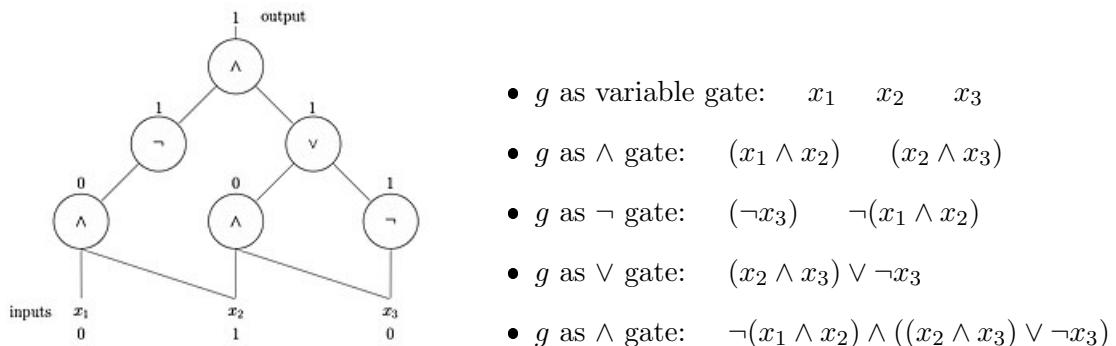


Figure 1: Boolean circuit example [2]

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## Summary: Lecture 8

Summary for the chapters 9.3 and 9.4. [3, 1]

### Undirected graph

An undirected graph  $G$  is a pair of sets  $(V, E)$  where  $V$  is the finite set of nodes and  $E$  is a set of unordered pairs in  $V$  that are symmetric:

$$\forall i, j \in E, i \neq j : (i, j) \in E \Rightarrow (j, i) \in E$$

### IndependentSet

#### IndependentSet

Input: An undirected Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a number  $k$ .

Question: Is there a set  $I \subseteq V$  of  $k = |I|$  nodes with no edges in between? (INDEPENDENTSET)

### 3SAT

Like the SAT problem, 3SAT is determining the satisfiability of a formula in CNF where each clause is limited to at most three literals.

INDEPENDENTSET is NP-complete.

#### Proof idea:

- triangle construction: any independent set can contain at most one node of the triangle

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$$

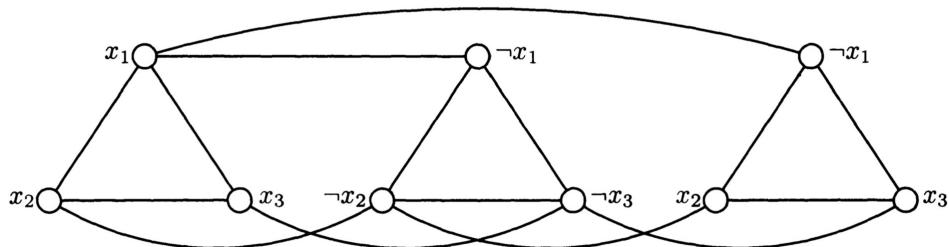


Figure 1: Graph with triangles [3]

- consider only graphs whose nodes can be partitioned in  $m$  disjoint triangles  
→ independent set can contain at most  $m$  nodes (one from each triangle)
- reduction from 3SAT to INDEPENDENTSET
- construct graph of formula  $\phi$ :
  - each literal as a node
  - clauses as triangles
  - edges between nodes in different triangles if they correspond to the same literal (negated)
  - $K = m$  ( $m$  clauses)

- given: instance  $\phi$  of 3SAT with  $m$  clauses  $C_1, \dots, C_m$
- each clause  $C_i = (\alpha_{i1} \vee \alpha_{i2} \vee \alpha_{i3})$  (with  $\alpha$  as boolean variables or negation of those)
- reduction  $R$  constructs a graph:  $R(\phi) = (G, K)$  where  $K = m$  and  $G = (V, E)$
- nodes  $V = \{v_{ij} : i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, 2, 3\}$   
nodes for each of the  $m$  clauses ( $i$ ) for each of the 3 literals ( $j$ )
- edges  $E = \{[v_{ij}, v_{ik}] : i = 1, \dots, m; j \neq k\} \cup \{[v_{ij}, v_{lk}] : i \neq l, \alpha_{ij} = \neg \alpha_{lk}\}$   
edges between the nodes in one clause (triangle edges)  
edges between nodes with the same corresponding literal, but negated
- there is an independent set  $I$  of  $K$  nodes in  $G$  only if  $\phi$  is satisfiable
- $I$  must contain a node from each triangle
- negated literals are connected:  $I$  cannot contain a literal and its negation
- $I$  is a truth assignment of  $\phi$ :
  - true literals: nodes in  $I$
  - one true literal per clause

## HamiltonPath is NP-complete

### HamiltonPath

A HAMILTONPATH is a path in a graph that visits each node exactly once.

HAMILTONPATH is NP-complete.

### Proof idea:

- reduction from 3SAT to HAMILTONPATH
- given: formula  $\phi$  in CNF with  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $m$  clauses  $C_1, \dots, C_m$  with each 3 variables
- construct a graph  $R(\phi)$  that has a hamilton path only if  $\phi$  is satisfiable:
- boolean variables:
  - choice between true and false
  - all occurrences of  $x$  must have the same value (and  $\neg x$  the opposite)
  - use *choice* gadget (like flip flop)
- XOR:

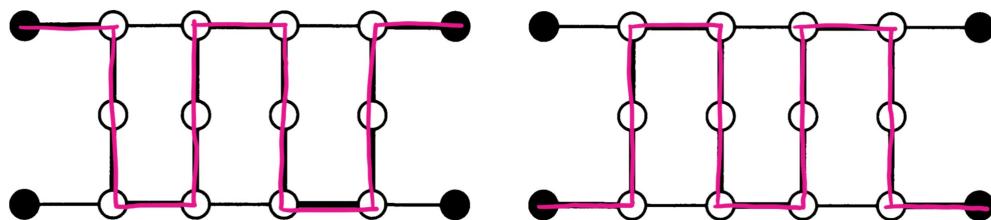


Figure 2: XOR subgraph from the book [3] with the relevant edges marked additionally

- use *consistency gadget*
- because of hamilton path: there are only two ways to traverse through this sub graph (as shown above)
- leads to exclusive or (XOR)

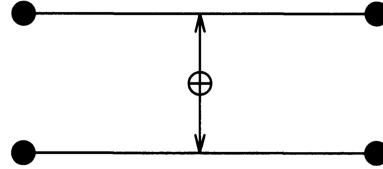


Figure 3: XOR connecting two independent edges (*consistency gadget*) [3]

- clauses:
  - triangles for clause construction
  - one side for each literal
  - if literal is false: hamilton path traverses triangle side
  - at least one literal need to be true: else all three edges of triangle will be traversed and this is not a hamilton path
- put everything together as graph  $G$ :
  - $G$  has  $n$  copies of the *choice* gadget as a chain (one for each variable)

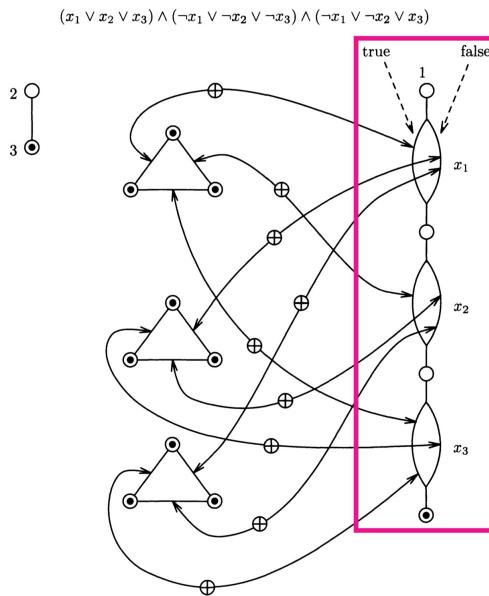


Figure 4: *Choice* gadgets marked in graph from the book [3]

- $G$  has  $m$  triangles (one for each clause) with edges for each clause in the triangle

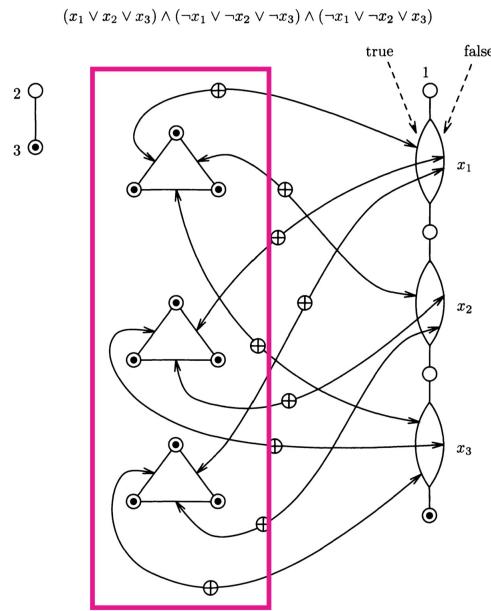


Figure 5: Clauses marked in graph from the book [3]

- finally all  $3m$  nodes of the triangles, the last node of the chain of *choice* gadgets and a new node 3 are connected with all possible edges
- a single node 2 is connectes to the node 3

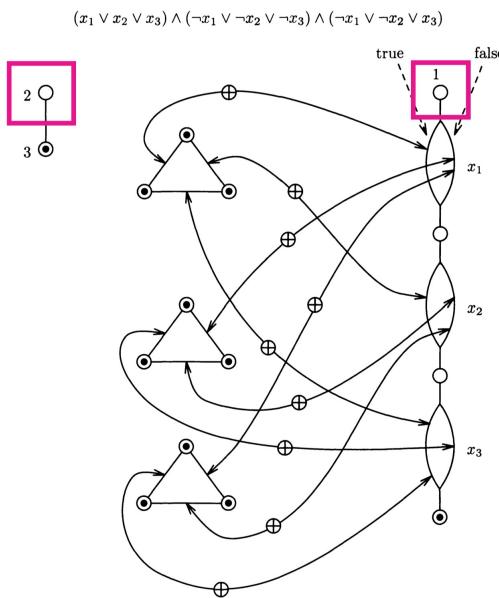


Figure 6: Nodes 1 and 2 marked (start and end node) in graph from the book [3]

- graph has a hamilton path only if  $\phi$  has a satisfying truth assignment
- for hamilton path: start node is node 1 and end node is node 2
- from node 1 it must traverse one of the parallel edges of the *choice* gadget for the first variable
- exclusive ors must be traversed
- whole chain of *choice* gadgets will be traversed  
 $\rightarrow$  in this way a truth assignment  $T$  is created

- then the triangles are traversed and it ends up in node 2 if there is a hamilton path and  $\phi$  is satisfiable

## TSP(D)

### TSP(D)

TSP(D) is a decision version of TSP.

Input: A  $n \times n$  distance matrix and a bound  $B \in \mathbb{N}$

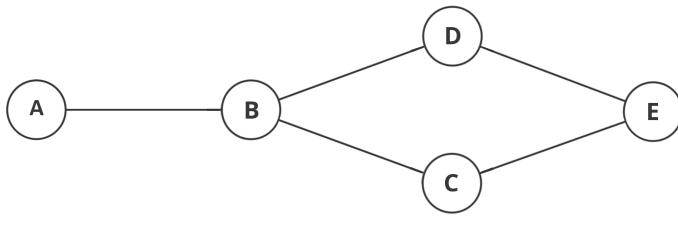
Question: Is there a round tour of length  $\leq B$  that visits all *cities*?

TSP(D) is NP-complete.

#### Proof idea:

- reduce from HAMILTONPATH to TSP
- given: graph  $G$  with  $n$  nodes
- design: matrix  $d_{ij}$  and a budget  $B$  of nodes with  $B = |V| + 1$  such that there is a tour of length  $B$  or less only if the  $G$  has a hamilton path
- $d_{ij}$  usually contains the distance from city  $i$  to city  $j$
- $n$  cities: one node for each city in the graph  
 $\rightarrow n$  nodes
- distance between two cities  $i$  and  $j$  is 1 if there is an edge  $[i, j]$  and 2 otherwise

#### Example:



	A	B	C	D	E
A	—	1	2	2	2
B	1	—	1	1	2
C	2	1	—	2	1
D	2	1	2	—	1
E	2	2	1	1	—

Figure 7: Corresponding table to the graph

- undirected: distances are symmetric, leads to  $d_{ij} = d_{ji}$
- set limit to  $B = |V| + 1 = 6$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n d_{\pi(i), \pi(i+1)}$  is as small as possible
- $\pi$  is a permutation

The following sum for the example can at most be 6:

$$\text{A to B: } d_{\pi(0), \pi(1)} = 1$$

$$\text{B to C: } d_{\pi(1), \pi(2)} = 1$$

$$\text{C to E: } d_{\pi(2), \pi(3)} = 1$$

$$\text{E to D: } d_{\pi(3), \pi(4)} = 1$$

$$\text{D to A: } d_{\pi(4), \pi(0)} = 2$$

$$\sum = 6$$

- the answer to the TSP problem is *yes*
- the graph contains a hamilton path

## Knapsack

### Knapsack

Given is a set of items with a weight and a value. The task is to choose which items to include so that the total weight is less than the given limit of the knapsack and the total value is as large as possible.

Recalling my Dynamic Programming knowledge for the KNAPSACK problem  
The formula for the dynamic programming of this problem is the following:

$$Opt(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq j \leq \text{size} \\ Opt(i - 1, j), & \text{for } j < w[i] \\ \max\{Opt(i - 1, j), v[i] + Opt(i - 1, j - w[i])\}, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- if  $0 \leq j \leq w$ : there are no objects which could be put into the bag
- second case: object  $i$  does not fit into the bag and the optimal solution is found with the objects from index 1 to  $i - 1$
- else: object  $i$  is either part of the optimal solution or it consists out of the objects 1 to  $i - 1$

Table fill-out example:

- left: table of the values and weight of each item with index  $i$  is shown on the left
- right: table that gets filled in with a dynamic programming approach of the formula above, the maximum bag size is 7
- first column in the table represent the objects and the last row the weight
- entries in the table show the maximum value
- maximum value for the size 7 is 10.

$i$	$w[i]$	$v[i]$
1	1	1
2	3	4
3	2	3
4	4	6
5	6	8

5	0	1	3	4	6	7	9	10
4	0	1	3	4	6	7	9	10
3	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	8
2	0	1	1	4	5	5	5	5
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

### ExactCoverBy3Sets

Given a set  $X$ , with  $|X| = 3q$  (so, the size of  $X$  is a multiple of 3), and a collection  $C$  of 3-element subsets of  $X$ . Can we find a subset  $C'$  of  $C$  where every element of  $X$  occurs in exactly one member of  $C'$ ? (So,  $C'$  is an exact cover of  $X$ ). [2]

**Example EXACTCOVERBY3SETS:**

- suppose  $X$  was  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

- if  $C$  was  $\{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 5\}, \{2, 5, 6\}, \{1, 5, 6\}\}$  then  $C' = \{\{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 5, 6\}\}$  is an exact cover because each element in  $X$  appears exactly once
- if instead,  $C$  was  $\{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{2, 5, 6\}\}$ , then any  $C'$  will not be an exact cover (all 3 subsets need to cover all elements in  $X$  exactly once)
- note that an exact cover  $C'$  will contain exactly  $q$  elements. [2]

KNAPSACK is NP-complete.

**Proof idea:**

- special case of KNAPSACK where  $v_i = w_i$  and  $K = W$
- $K$  is the goal value (sum of values  $v_i$  needs to be greater than  $K$ )
- $W$  is the maximum bag size (sum of weights  $w_i$  has to be smaller than  $W$ )
- given: set of  $n$  integers  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and an integer  $K$
- find: subset of the given integers that sums up exactly to  $K$
- reduce from EXACTCOVERBY3SETS to KNAPSACK
- given: instance  $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$  of EXACTCOVERBY3SETS
- Are there disjoint sets among the given ones that cover the set  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 3q\}$ ?
- given sets as bit vectors  $\{0, 1\}^{3q}$
- find a subset of these integers that add up to  $K = 2^n - 1$  (find the all-ones vector)
- but: binary integer addition is different from set union
- example:  $3 + 5 + 7 = 15 \equiv 0011 + 0101 + 0111 = 1111$  but the corresponding sets are  $\{3, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}$
- $\{3, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}$  are not disjoint and not an exact cover of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- vectors not in base 2 but in base  $n + 1$   
set  $S_i$  becomes then  $w_i = \sum_{j \in S_i} (n + 1)^{3m-j}$
- there is a set of integers that adds up to  $K$  only if there is an exact cover among  $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$

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## Summary: Lecture 9

Summary for the chapter 10.3. [6, 2]

### Function problems

#### Function problem

Finding a specific solution to a problem if possible, else return *no*.

In other words: A function problem is defined by a binary relation  $R(x, y)$ . For every input  $x$ , an algorithm that solves the problem must output a  $y$  such that  $R(x, y)$ . If there is no such  $y$ , the answer must be *no*.

- focus so far: languages deciding decision problems
  - give *yes* or *no* as answer
  - now: focus on finding a solution:
    - find satisfying truth assignment for a boolean expression
    - find optimal tour for TSP
  - function problems
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- decision problems are helpful for negative results of function problems
  - complexity of the decision problem helps to specify the complexity of the corresponding function problem

### SAT and FSAT

#### SAT

The SAT (satisfiability) problem is the problem of determining if there exists an interpretation that satisfies a given Boolean formula. [7]

#### FSAT

The FSAT (satisfiability) problem is a function problem.

Given a boolean expression  $\phi$ .

If  $\phi$  is satisfiable, return a satisfying truth assignment and otherwise return *no*.

- for input  $\phi$  there might be no satisfying truth assignment  $\phi \notin \text{SAT}$ 
  - return *no*
- for input  $\phi$  there might be more than one satisfying truth assignment
  - return any satisfying truth assignment
- if SAT can be solved in polynomial time, FSAT can be solved in polynomial time, too

Algorithm for FSAT:

- expression  $\phi$  with variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

- ask if  $\phi$  is satisfiable ( $\phi \in \text{SAT}$ ):
  - if *no*: stop and return *no*
  - if *yes*: come up with satisfying truth assignment
    - \* consider two expressions:  $\phi[x_1 = \text{true}]$  and  $\phi[x_1 = \text{false}]$
    - \* check which one is satisfiable ( $\phi[x_1 = \text{true}] \in \text{SAT}$  or  $\phi[x_1 = \text{false}] \in \text{SAT}$ )  
(if both are, chose one)
    - \* substitute the value of  $x_1$  in  $\phi$
    - \* continue with  $x_2$
    - \* at most  $2n$  calls to find the satisfying truth assignment

Algorithm for FSAT as pseudo code:

### An Algorithm for FSAT Using SAT

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1:  $t := \epsilon$ ; {Truth assignment.}
2: if  $\phi \in \text{SAT}$  then
3:   for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  do
4:     if  $\phi[x_i = \text{true}] \in \text{SAT}$  then
5:        $t := t \cup \{x_i = \text{true}\}$ ;
6:        $\phi := \phi[x_i = \text{true}]$ ;
7:     else
8:        $t := t \cup \{x_i = \text{false}\}$ ;
9:        $\phi := \phi[x_i = \text{false}]$ ;
10:    end if
11:   end for
12:   return  $t$ ;
13: else
14:   return "no";
15: end if

```

Figure 1: FSAT algorithm as pseudo code [5]

### Self-reducibility

A function problem reduces to its corresponding decision problem.

- SAT is self-reducible

Questions:

- Book [6]:

FSAT draws its difficulty precisely from the possibility that there may be no truth assignment satisfying the given expression.

→ Why is the difficulty coming from the possibility that there might be no truth assignment?  
It would in the first check of  $\phi \in \text{SAT}$  return *no* and terminate? Is it because it takes longer for SAT to return *no* on every computation than it takes if a *yes* is found and all variables are substituted and checked with SAT?

## TSP and TSP(D)

### TSP(D)

Given a list of cities and the distances between each pair of cities.

Is there a possible route of length  $k$  that visits each city exactly once and returns to the origin city?

### TSP

Given a list of cities and the distances between each pair of cities.

What is the shortest possible route that visits each city exactly once and returns to the origin city?

- solve TSP with an algorithm for TSP(D)
- find optimum cost  $C$  of the tour with binary search (between 0 and  $2^n$ ) and using TSP(D)
- change one intercity distance at a time to  $C + 1$  to check if it is part of the optimal tour
  - call TSP(D) C and the new distance entry
  - if no: restore old entry  
→ distance is part of the tour
- after  $n^2$  calls only entries of the distance matrix are  $\leq C$  that are used for the optimum tour

## FP and FNP

### Lanugage L

$L = \{x : (x, y) \in R \text{ for some } y\}$

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

### NP

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

Relationship between decision and function problems:

- $L$  is a lanuage in NP
  - **Decision problem:**  
There is a string  $y$  with  $R(x, y)$  only if  $x \in L$ .
  - **Function problem:**  
Given  $x$ , find a string  $y$  such that  $R(x, y)$  if it exists, else return no.

### FNP

Class of all function problems asspciated with languages in NP.

## FP

FP is the subclass of FNP that contains function problems, that can be solved in polynomial time.

### Examples:

- FSAT is in FNP but expected to be in FP
- HORN<sub>SAT</sub> is in FP
- BIPARTITEGRAPH is in FP

### Reductions between function problems

#### Reductions between function problems

A function problem  $A$  reduces to a function problem  $B$  if the following holds:

- $R$  and  $S$  are string functions,  $x$  and  $z$  are strings
- If  $x$  is an instance of  $A$  then  $R(x)$  is an instance of  $B$ .
- If  $z$  is a correct output of  $R(x)$ , then  $S(z)$  is a correct output of  $x$ .

- $R$  produces an instance  $R(x)$  of the function problem  $B$
- $S(z)$  is an constructed output for  $x$  from any correct output  $z$  of  $R(x)$
- translate answers back to the original problem
- reduction is a pair  $(R, S)$ :
  - $R$  translates input  $x$  to input  $x'$
  - $S$  translates result  $z'$  to result  $z$
- a function problem  $A$  is complete for a class  $FC$  if it is in  $FC$  and all problems in that class reduce to  $A$
- FP and FNP are closed under reduction
- reductions of function problems compose

### How to prove $\text{FP} = \text{FNP}$ ?

- $\text{FP} = \text{FNP}$  only if  $\text{P} = \text{NP}$

→ to prove the theorem above: show that  $\text{SAT} \in P$  implies  $\text{FSAT} \in FP$

- this can be shown by constructing a satisfying truth assignment
- $\text{SAT}'$  is a formular  $\varphi$  plus an assignment that satisfies  $\varphi$
- assignment as clauses that connects the single variables or their negation with  $\wedge$
- algorithm for FSAT with the help of SAT already described above

## Cryptography

Cryptography argument [1, 6, 7]:

- P vs. NP problem is an unsolved problem
  - currently clear: a correct solution to an NP problem can be checked for correctness in polynomial time
  - experts wish NP problems to remain almost unsolvable because of cryptography
  - complexity in cryptography is not only desirable, but necessary
  - important to know that most encryption methods used today are based solely on the fact that the effort to *guess* the key is too high  
→ problem of *guessing* is an NP problem
  - proof of the solvability of NP problems means the end of all currently used encryption methods
- cryptographic argument: if P=NP, no safe encoding exists

## Total FNP

### Total functions

Function problems in FNP that are guaranteed to never return *no* are called total problems.

In other words: A problem  $R$  in FNP is called total if for every input string  $x$  there is at least one string  $y$  such that  $R(x, y)$ .

- total problems sound like they are injective (for every input exists at least one output)

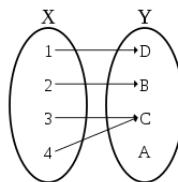


Figure 2: Visualization of injection [3]

### FACTORING

Given an integer  $N$ .

Find its prime decomposition  $N = p_1^{k_1}, p_2^{k_2}, \dots, p_m^{k_m}$  together with the primality certificates of  $p_1, \dots, p_m$ .

- FACTORING is a total function problem

Primality certificate:

- a primality certificate is a formal proof that a number is prime
- allows a number to be rapidly checked without having to run an expensive or unreliable primality test

Example [4]:

- the factors of 15 are 3 and 5
- the factoring problem is to find 3 and 5 when given 15
- prime factorization requires splitting an integer into factors that are prime numbers
- every integer has a unique prime factorization
- FACTORING is in FNP
- no known polynomial algorithm for FACTORING

### TFNP

The subclass of FNP that contains all total functions problems is denoted as TFNP.

Questions:

- Can the terms *total function*, *total problem* and *total function problem* be used interchangeably?

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## Summary: Lecture 10

Summary for the chapters 11.1 up to page 245 and 11.2 (page 258 optional). [5, 1]

### Randomized algorithms

Algorithms based on randomization.

(The algorithm employs a degree of randomness as part of its logic or procedure.)

## Bipartite matching

### Bipartite Graph

A graph  $G = (U, V, E)$  is called bipartite if the vertices can be divided into two disjoint and independent sets  $U$  and  $V$ . (There are no edges between two elements of  $U$  or two elements of  $V$ ).

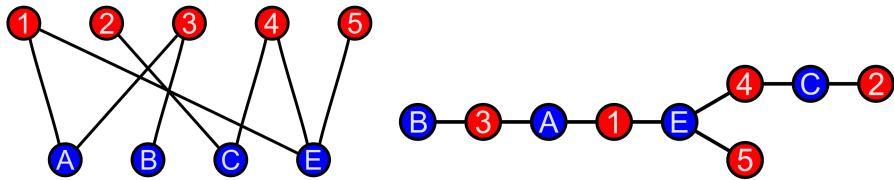


Figure 1: Examples of bipartite graphs with  $U$  and  $V$  marked in red and blue [2]

### Problem: BipartiteMatching

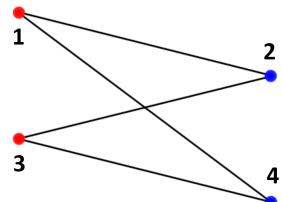
Given: Bipartite graph  $G = (U, V, E)$ .

Is there a perfect matching  $M \subseteq E$  such that for any two edges  $(u, v)$  and  $(u', v')$  in  $M$   $u \neq u'$  and  $v \neq v'$ .

In other words: A matching in a Bipartite Graph is a set of the edges chosen in such a way that no two edges share an endpoint. The matching  $M$  is called perfect if for every node in  $V$  there is some edge in  $M$ . [3, 5, 4]

- construct bipartite graph with  $n$  nodes as  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$
- the element  $A_{i,j}$  is a variable  $x_{i,j}$  if  $(i, j) \in E$
- the element  $A_{i,j}$  is 0 if  $(i, j) \notin E$

### Example:



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_{1,2} & 0 & x_{1,4} \\ x_{2,1} & 0 & x_{2,3} & 0 \\ 0 & x_{3,2} & 0 & x_{3,4} \\ x_{4,1} & 0 & x_{4,3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Questions:

Is EVERY node contained in the subset  $M$  when it is a perfect matching? Does a perfect matching then only exist with an even number of vertices and  $|U| = |V|$ ?

## Determinant calculation

Leibniz-formula:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \quad |A| = a \cdot e \cdot i + b \cdot f \cdot g + c \cdot d \cdot h - g \cdot e \cdot c - h \cdot f \cdot a - i \cdot d \cdot b$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad |B| = 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 9 + 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 8 - 7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 - 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 1 - 9 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 0$$

$$|A| = \sum_{\pi} \sigma(\pi) \prod_{i=1}^n A_{i,\pi(i)}$$

- $\sigma(\pi)$  decides if + or -
  - leads to  $n!$  summands
  - Example:  $n = 3$   
 $3! = 6$  summands  
6 permutations for  $\pi$ 
    - +1: (1 2 3) (2 3 1) (3 1 2)
    - 1: (3 2 1) (2 1 3) (1 3 2)
- $\rightarrow |A| = A_{1,1} \cdot A_{2,2} \cdot A_{3,3} + A_{2,1} \cdot A_{3,2} \cdot A_{1,3} + \dots$

## Gaussian elimination:

- Gauß algorithm for solving LSE (linear systems of equations)
- allowed operations:
  - addition of rwoes
  - subtraction of rows
  - multiply row with integer  $x$
  - divide row by integer  $x$
  - switch to rows
- wanted: upper triangular form (all entries below the diagonal 0)
- determinant is the product of the diagonal entries
- Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 7 & -2 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 2\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 2\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure 2: Examples gaussian elimination [5]

$$|A| = 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 = 196$$

## Symbolic Determinants

Symbolic matrix:

- matrix with variables instead of numerical entries
- Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & w & z \\ z & x & w \\ y & z & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & \frac{w}{x^2-zw} & \frac{z}{wx-z^2} \\ 0 & \frac{zx-wy}{x} & -\frac{zy}{x} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{yz(xz-xw)+(zx-wy)(wx-z^2)}{x(x^2-zw)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure 3: Examples gaussian elimination with symbolic matrix [5]

- subdeterminants have exponentially many terms
- wanted result: know if determinant is 0

## Monte Carlo algorithm

Check if determinant of symbolic matrix is 0:

- use arbitrary integers for the variables  
→ numerical matrix
- calculate determinant of numerical matrix:
  - if not 0:  
determinant of symbolic matrix is not 0
  - if 0:  
determinant of symbolic matrix is probably 0
    - \* numbers could be chosen such that the numerical determinant is 0 even though the symbolic one is not 0

### Monte Carlo algorithm

Randomized algorithm for deciding if a graph  $G$  has a perfect matching with calculating the determinant of the corresponding matrix  $A$  to  $G$ .

- choose  $m$  random integers  $i_1, \dots, i_m$  between 0 and  $2m$
- compute the determinant  $|A|(i_1, \dots, i_m)$  with the Gaussian elimination
- if  $|A|(i_1, \dots, i_m) \neq 0$  reply  $G$  has a perfect matching
- if  $|A|(i_1, \dots, i_m) = 0$  reply  $G$  has probably no perfect matching

- if perfect matching found: decision is reliable and final
- if perfect matching not found: possibility of false negative

### Monte Carlo algorithm

(Algorithm above) decides whether a symbolic matrix is **not** identically to zero.

#### Reducing chance of false negatives:

- perform many independent experiments
- chose each time random integers (independently)
- repeat  $k$  times the evaluation of the determinant of the symbolic matrix
  - answer always zero:  
chance that  $G$  has no perfect matching is higher  $(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^k)$
  - answer different from zero once:  
perfect matching exists

#### Monte Carlo algorithm:

- Monte Carlo algorithm has no false positives
- probability of false negatives is bounded
- time needed always polynomial

### Randomized complexity classes

#### Monte Carlo Turing Machine

A polynomial Monte Carlo Turing Machine  $M$  that decides a language  $L$  is a nondeterministic Turing Machine with exactly two choices in each step and the following conditions:

- if  $x \in L$  then at least half of the computations on  $x$  halt with *yes*
  - if  $x \notin L$  then all computations halt with *no*
- 
- randomized algorithms can be modeled with an ordinary non-deterministic Turing Machine with different interpretation of the meaning of accepting the input
  - no false positive answers+
  - probability of false negatives is at most  $\frac{1}{2}$

#### RP

Complexity class of all languages that are decided with polynomial Monte Carlo Turing Machines is denoted as RP.

- RP lies between P and NP ( $P \subseteq RP \subseteq NP$ )

#### ZPP

#### LasVegas algorithm

The LasVegas algorithm as a Monte Carlo algorithm and its complement (one has no false positives and one has no false negatives). It runs  $k$  independent experiments on both and the right answer will come up. (Either a positive answer from the one with no false positives or a negative answer from the one with no false negatives.)

- RP: no false positive answers but false negative answers possible
  - coRP: no false negative answers but false positive answers possible
  - $RP \cap coRP$  seems interesting:
    - problem in this class has two Monte Carlo algorithms:
      - \* one has no false positives
      - \* one has no false negatives
    - run enough experiments on both: right answer will come up  
(either a positive answer from the one with no false positives or a negative answer from the one with no false negatives)
    - correct answer will be known for sure
    - execute both algorithms independent  $k$  times: probability that the correct answer is not obtained is  $\frac{1}{2^k}$
- called LasVegas algorithm

## ZPP

$RP \cap coRP$

Complexity class of all languages that are decided with LasVegas algorithms is denoted as RP.

## PP

### Problem: MAJSAT

Given: Boolean expression  $\varphi$

Is it true that the majority of the  $2^n$  truth assignments to its variables satisfy it?

- MAJSAT is probably not in NP
- MAJSAT is probably not in RP
- MAJSAT is in PP

## PP

The class PP contains all languages  $L$ , such that there is a nondeterministic polynomial Turing Machine  $M$  such that for all inputs  $x$ :

$x \in L$  only if more than half of the computations end up accepting (*yes*).

$M$  decides  $L$  by majority.

- PP is a syntactic class (not a semantic class)
- $NP \subseteq PP$

Syntactic class:

- has a complete language  $L$
- P and NP

Semantic class:

- no complete problems
- there is no easy way to tell whether a machine always halts with a certified output

## BPP

Answers (*yes* and *no*) are correct with probability  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

- unclear whether  $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{NP}$
- BPP is closed under complement:  $\text{coBPP} = \text{BPP}$
- BPP is a semantic class

### Relations between randomized complexity classes

$$\text{RP} \subseteq \text{NP} \subseteq \text{PP}$$

Figure 4: Relations between classes from the lecture slides [1]

- unclear whether  $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{NP}$

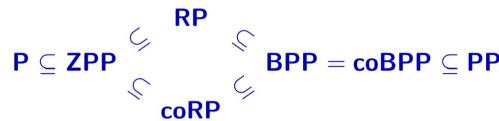


Figure 5: Relations between classes from the lecture slides [1]

- $\text{RP} \subseteq \text{BPP}$ :
    - every language in RP has a BPP algorithm:
      - \* run algorithm twice to assure that the probability of false negatives is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$
      - \* probability of false positives is 0 ( $0 \leq \frac{1}{4}$ )
  - $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{PP}$ :
    - majority of PP:  $> \frac{1}{2}$
    - majority of BPP:  $> \frac{3}{4}$
- $\rightarrow \text{RP} \subseteq \text{BPP} \subseteq \text{PP}$

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## Summary: Lecture 11

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### Approximation

- to solve function problems
- optimization problems: find less than perfect answers
- $\epsilon$  for how many percent are *perfect*
- PTAS: how much do you care about the result? algorithm will adapt time to this

$$\frac{c(M(x)) - \text{OPT}(x)}{c(M(x))} \leq \epsilon$$

#### Node Cover: Decision problem

Given: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Is there a subset  $V' \subseteq V$  with  $|V'| \leq k$  such that every edge  $e \in E$  contains a node from the subset  $V'$ ?

#### Node Cover: Optimization problem

Given: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Something else :D

#### Maximum Cut: Decision problem

Given: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Is there a subset  $V' \subseteq V$  such that there are at least  $k$  edges between  $V \setminus V'$  and  $V'$ ?

#### Maximum Cut: Optimization problem

Given: Graph  $G = (V, E)$

Find the subset  $V' \subseteq V$  such that there is the maximum number of edges between  $V \setminus V'$  and  $V'$ ?

**TODO**

Questions:

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