

Summary: Lecture 7

Summary for the chapters 9.1 and 9.2. [2, 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 $(x, y) \in R$ and the relation $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$.

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

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

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. [4]

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: [3]

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

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

3Sat with more restrictions

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Questions:

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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Questions:

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