

Resource Bounded TM's

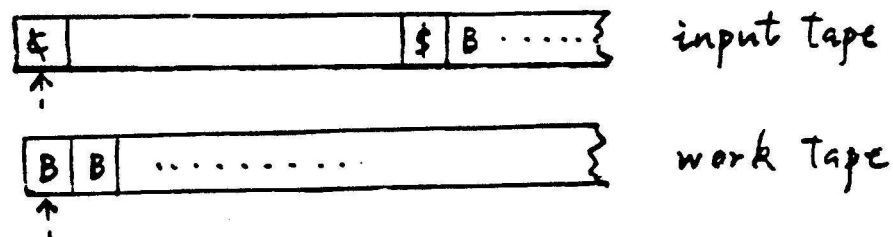
△ A TM has unlimited resources:
time and space.

In practice, we need to restrict them.

△ TMs with restricted resources are the topic of complexity theory. Here, we briefly introduce the basic concepts of P , NP , etc. .

△ We use the off-line DTMs and NTMs which have been introduced before. An off-line TM (DTM or NTM) has

- a read-only input tape;
- a read-write work tape; (storage)



Note:

1. There are two end-markers at the two ends of the input word. The read-only head never moves out of the two ends.
2. Both heads can make three kinds of moves, i.e., L , R , λ .
3. The work tape is initially blank.

\triangle Given an off-line DTM M , if each accepted word of length n causes M to visit at most $S(n)$ distinct cells on the work tape, then M is said to be an $S(n)$ space-bounded DTM.

Note:

- (1) We only consider accepted words.
- (2) $S(n)$ is a function from N to N .
- (3) We only count the cells used on the work tape.

△ Given an off-line DTM M , if each accepted word of length n causes M to compute at most $T(n)$ steps before M accepts, then M is said to be a $T(n)$ time-bounded DTM.

△ Given an off-line NTM M , if each accepting configuration sequence visits at most $S(n)$ distinct cells on the work tape, then M is said to be an $S(n)$ space-bounded NTM.

△ Similarly, we define $T(n)$ time-bounded NTMs.

△ A language L is of

(1) deterministic–space complexity $S(n)$, if $L = L(M)$ and M is $S(n)$ space-bounded off-line DTM.

(2) deterministic-time complexity $T(n)$.

(3) nondeterministic-space complexity $S(n)$.

(4) nondeterministic-time complexity $T(n)$.

Attention has focused on polynomial functions, since these appear to be the the most practical.

Example:

n		1	10	20	...
$100n^2$		100	10000	40000	...
2^n		2	1024	1048576	...

We define the following
four families of languages:

- (1) $\mathcal{L}_{DPSPACE} = \{L \mid L \text{ has det.-space complexity } S(n), \text{ for some polynomial } S(n)\}$
- (2) $\mathcal{L}_{DPTIME} = \{L \mid L \text{ has deterministic-time complexity } T(n), \text{ for some polynomial } T(n)\}$
- (3) $\mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE} = \{L \mid L \text{ has nondet.-space complexity } S(n), \text{ for some polynomial } S(n)\}$
- (4) $\mathcal{L}_{NPTIME} = \{L \mid L \text{ has nondet.-time complexity } T(n), \text{ for some polynomial } T(n)\}$

△ We know that

$$\mathcal{L}_{DPSPACE} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_{DPTIME} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{NPTIME}$$

Why?

△ We also know that

$$\mathcal{L}_{DPTIME} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{DPSPACE}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_{NPTIME} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE}$$

Why?

△ It has been proven that

$$\mathcal{L}_{DPSPACE} = \mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE}$$

and that

$$\mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE} \subset \mathcal{L}_{REC}$$

△ So, we have

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{DPTIME}}_P \subseteq \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{NPTIME}}_{NP} \subseteq \overbrace{\mathcal{L}_{DPSPACE}}^{\mathcal{L}_{NPSPACE}} \subset \mathcal{L}_{REC}$$

Corresponding to these four families of languages, we have four classes of problems:

- (1) PSPACE : the class of all problems that can be solved in deterministic polynomial space.
- (2) P : the class of all problems that can be solved in deterministic polynomial time.
- (3) NPSPACE : ... in nondeterministic polynomial space
- (4) NP: ... in nondeterministic polynomial time.

$$P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE = NPSPACE$$

problems \Leftrightarrow decision problems \Leftrightarrow languages

$$P? =? NP$$

△ We define a relation \prec on problems (languages).

For L_1, L_2 in \mathcal{L}_{REC} ,

$$L_1 \prec L_2$$

If L_1 requires no more time than L_2 to accept.

△ α is transitive and reflexive.

It is a pre-order.

△ L is said to be NP-hard if $L' \alpha L$ for all L' in \mathcal{L}_{NPTIME} .

△ L is said to be NP-complete if it is also in \mathcal{L}_{NPTIME} .

A clear concept of NP-completeness was given by Steven Cook. He showed that satisfiability problem is NP-complete.

SATISFIABILITY PROBLEM (SAT)

INSTANCE : A set U of variables and a collection C of clauses over U .

QUESTION : Is there a satisfying truth assignment for C ?

SAT is NP-complete.