

# Lab06-NP-Completeness

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1. (Turing Machine) Design a three-tape TM  $M$  that computes the function  $f(x, y) = x \cdot y$ , where both  $x$  and  $y$  belong to the natural number set  $\mathbb{N}$ . The alphabet is  $\{1, \square, \triangleright, \triangleleft\}$ , where the input on the first tape is  $x + 1$  "1"s and  $y + 1$  "1"s (to distinguish "0" from " $\emptyset$ ") with a " $\square$ " as the separation. Below is the initial configurations for input  $(x, y)$ . The result is the number of "1"s on the output tape with the pattern of  $\triangleright 111 \cdots 111 \triangleleft$ . First describe your design and then write the specifications of  $M$  in the form like  $\langle q_s, \triangleright, \triangleright, \triangleright \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_1, \triangleright, \triangleright, R, R, R \rangle$  and explain the transition functions in detail (especially the meaning of each state).

## Initial Configurations

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My design of this problem: First I copy  $x + 1$  "1"s from tape 1 to tape 2. And start doing calculation process next. Then because the initial configurations for input  $(x, y)$  is  $x + 1$  "1"s and  $y + 1$  "1"s, so for convenience, I calculate  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$  first, and then add 1, minus  $(y + 1)$  and minus  $(x + 1)$  sequentially. Because  $x \cdot y = (x + 1) \cdot (y + 1) + 1 - (x + 1) - (y + 1)$ , so my design can get correct answer at last.

In detail, each time I traverse  $x + 1$  "1" in tape 2, I move the reading head in the tape 1 with 1 step right. After  $y + 1$  "1" being used out, the  $x + 1$  "1" has been traversed for  $y + 1$  times. Each time the reading head in tape 2 move in the legal number area, the reading head in tape 3 write 1 and move right so we get  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$ . Then we add a 1 in tape 3. Then we traverse  $x + 1$  "1" and  $y + 1$  "1", we do minus operation. Finally, add a 1 in tape 3 and write  $\triangleleft$  in tape 3.

The specifications of  $M$  are as follows.

- (a)  $\langle q_s, \triangleright, \triangleright, \triangleright \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_c, \triangleright, \triangleright, R, R, R \rangle$
- (b)  $\langle q_c, 1, \square, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_c, 1, \square, R, R, S \rangle$
- (c)  $\langle q_c, \square, \square, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{ml}, \triangleleft, \square, R, L, S \rangle$
- (d)  $\langle q_{ml}, 1, 1, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{ml}, 1, 1, S, L, R \rangle$
- (e)  $\langle q_{ml}, 1, \triangleright, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{mr}, \triangleright, \square, R, R, S \rangle$
- (f)  $\langle q_{mr}, 1, 1, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{mr}, 1, 1, S, R, R \rangle$
- (g)  $\langle q_{mr}, 1, \triangleleft, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{ml}, \triangleleft, \square, R, L, S \rangle$
- (h)  $\langle q_{ml}, \triangleleft, 1, \square, \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusl}, 1, 1, S, S, R \rangle$
- (i)  $\langle q_{mr}, \triangleleft, 1, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusr}, 1, 1, S, S, R \rangle$
- (j)  $\langle q_{minusl}, \triangleleft, 1, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusl}, 1, \square, S, L, L \rangle$
- (k)  $\langle q_{minusl}, \triangleleft, 1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusl}, 1, \square, S, L, L \rangle$
- (l)  $\langle q_{minusl}, \triangleleft, \triangleright, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minus}, \triangleright, 1, L, R, S \rangle$

- (m)  $\langle q_{minusr}, \triangleleft, 1, \square \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusr}, 1, \square, S, R, L \rangle$
- (n)  $\langle q_{minusr}, \triangleleft, 1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minusr}, 1, \square, S, R, L \rangle$
- (o)  $\langle q_{minusr}, \triangleleft, \triangleleft, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minus}, \triangleleft, 1, L, L, S \rangle$
- (p)  $\langle q_{minus}, 1, 1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{minus}, 1, 1, L, S, L \rangle$
- (q)  $\langle q_{minus}, \square, 1, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle q_{over}, 1, \triangleleft, S, S, S \rangle$

Here comes the explanation of the transition functions.(a)-(q) below is symbolic of transition functions above.

- $q_s$ : start status.
    - (a) aims to move all reading head one step right and get into next status  $q_c$ .
  - $q_c$ : copy stage (copy  $x + 1$  “1” to the tape 2).
    - (b) means when meeting 1 in tape 1,write 1 to tape 2 and move right.
    - (c) means when the  $x + 1$  “1” is used out,write  $\triangleleft$  to the tape 2 and move tape 1 right(becoming 1),move tape left(becoming 1) and then get into  $q_{ml}$ .
  - $q_{ml}$ : multiply(calculating  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$ ) towards the left direction which means reading head in tape 2 move left.
    - (d) means when tape 2 is 1 and tape 1 is 1,write 1 to the tape 3(namely add 1) and make tape 1 stay,move tape 2 left and move tape 3 right.
    - (e) means when tape 2 is  $\triangleright$  which means  $(x + 1)$  “1” is used out at this iteration,we write nothing at this step,move reading head in the tape 1 right to get into next iteration and next step we enter  $q_{mr}$  to do multiply towards the right direction.
    - (h) means when tape 1 is used out which means  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$  has completed.We get into status  $q_{minusl}$  which aims to minus  $(x + 1)$  towards the left direction.
  - $q_{mr}$ : multiply(calculating  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$ ) towards the right direction which means reading head in tape 2 move right.
    - (f) means when tape 2 is 1 and tape 1 is 1,write 1 to the tape 3(namely add 1) and make tape 1 stay,move tape 2 right and move tape 3 right.
    - (g) means when tape 2 is  $\triangleleft$  which means  $(x + 1)$  “1” is used out at this iteration,we write nothing at this step,move reading head in the tape 1 right to get into next iteration and next step we enter  $q_{ml}$  to do multiply towards the left direction.
    - (i) means when tape 1 is used out which means  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1)$  has completed.We get into status  $q_{minusr}$  which aims to minus  $(x + 1)$  towards the right direction.
- note that in (h) and (i),I write 1 to the tape 3 and move reading head of tape 3 right which aims to calculate  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1) + 1$  at this step.**
- $q_{minusl}$ : minus  $(x + 1)$  towards the left direction.
    - (j) means when tape 2 is 1,minus 1 to the tape 3,namely doing (S,L,L) to the three tape.
    - (k) means when tape 2 is 1,minus 1 to the tape 3,namely doing (S,L,L) to the three tape which is just the same as (j).(j) is just set for taking special condition into consideration.
    - (l) means when minus $(x + 1)$  over,stay reading head 3 and move reading head 2 right(make it be 1) to cut down next state  $q_{minus}$ ’s consideration conditions.
  - $q_{minusr}$ : minus  $(x + 1)$  towards the right direction.

- (m) means when tape 2 is 1, minus 1 to the tape 3, namely doing (S,R,L) to the three tape.
- (n) means when tape 2 is 1, minus 1 to the tape 3, namely doing (S,R,L) to the three tape which is just the same as (m). (m) is just set for taking special condition into consideration.
- (o) means when minus( $x + 1$ ) over, stay reading head 3 and move reading head 2 left (make it be 1) to cut down next state  $q_{minus}$ 's consideration conditions.
- $q_{minus}$  minus ( $y + 1$ ) towards the left direction. (it's easy to figure out there only exists one direction for minus ( $y + 1$ ) from my above operation)
  - (p) means when tape 1 is 1, minus 1 to the tape 3.
  - (q) means when minus ( $x + 1$ ) completes, write  $\triangleleft$  to the tape 3 and get into  $q_{over}$ .
- $q_{over}$ : all operations complete. Above all, we get  $(x + 1) \cdot (y + 1) + 1 - (x + 1) - (y + 1) = x \cdot y$  and  $x \cdot y$  "1" has been written to the tape 3.

2. (NP-Problems) What is the "certificate" and "certifier" for the following problems?

- (a) *STEINER TREE*: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a weight  $w(e) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  for each  $e \in E$ , a subset  $R \subset V$ , and a parameter  $k$ , is there a subtree of  $G$  that includes all the vertices of  $R$  and its sum of the edge weights is no more than  $k$ ?

**Solution.** Take  $n = |V|, m = |E|$ . The input size is  $O(n + m + n) = O(n + m)$ .

**certificate:** a subtree of  $G$  is of size  $O(n + m)$  is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n + m)$ .

**certifier:** check that the subtree of  $G$  includes all vertices of  $R$  and the sum of this subtree's edge weights is no more than  $k$ . It's  $O(n^2 + m)$  which is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n + m)$ .

Above all, the question is *NP* problem for its certificate and certifier is of polynomial relationship with input size and the certificate and certifier are listed above.  $\square$

- (b) *BIN PACKING*: Given a finite set  $U$  of items, a size  $s(u) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  for each  $u \in U$ , a positive integer bin capacity  $B$ , and a positive integer  $k$ , is there a partition of  $U$  into disjoint sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k$  such that the sum of the sizes of the items in each  $U_i$  is  $B$  or less?

**Solution.** Take  $n = |U|$ . The input size is  $O(n)$ .

**certificate:** a partition of  $U$  into disjoint sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k$ . The overall size of certificate is  $O(n)$  which is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n)$ .

**certifier:** check that the sum of the sizes of the items in each  $U_i$  is  $B$  or less. The time complexity for this operation is  $O(n)$  for checking each Union's sum which is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n)$ .

Above all, the question is *NP* problem for its certificate and certifier is of polynomial relationship with input size and the certificate and certifier are listed above.  $\square$

- (c) *DOMINATING SET*: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a parameter  $k$ , is there a subset  $D \subseteq V$  with no more than  $k$  vertices, such that every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ ?

**Solution.** Take  $n = |V|, m = |E|$ . The input size is  $O(n + m)$ .

**certificate:** a subset  $D, D \subseteq V$  with no more than  $k$  vertices. The size is  $O(n)$  which is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n + m)$ .

**certifier:** check that every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ . The time complexity for the certifier is  $O(n^2 + mn)$  which is of polynomial relationship with input size  $O(n + m)$ .

Above all, the question is  $NP$  problem for its certificate and certifier is of polynomial relationship with input size and the certificate and certifier are listed above.  $\square$

3. (Reduction) Please complete the following polynomial time (many-to-one) reduction.

- (a)  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p 3D\text{-MATCHING}$ . Please convert an instance  $\Phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3})$  of 3-SAT into an instance of 3D-MATCHING. (You can directly write  $X, Y, Z$ , and  $T$  without drawing a picture)

Background knowledge: from the ppt in class, we know  $X, Y, Z$  are disjoint sets and the  $T \subseteq X \times Y \times Z$ .

For this question, we have

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \{g_1^1, g_1^2, g_1^3, g_1^R, g_1^C, g_2^C\} \\ Y &= \{b_1^1, b_1^2, b_1^3, b_1^R, b_1^C, b_2^C\} \\ Z &= \{r_1^1, r_2^1, r_1^2, r_2^2, r_1^3, r_2^3\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T = \{ & \{g_1^1, b_1^1, r_1^1\}, \{g_1^1, b_1^1, r_2^1\}, \{g_1^2, b_1^2, r_1^2\}, \{g_1^2, b_1^2, r_2^2\}, \{g_1^3, b_1^3, r_1^3\}, \{g_1^3, b_1^3, r_2^3\}, \\ & \{g_1^R, b_1^R, r_1^1\}, \{g_1^R, b_1^R, r_2^1\}, \{g_1^R, b_1^R, r_1^3\}, \\ & \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_1^1\}, \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_2^1\}, \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_1^2\}, \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_2^2\}, \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_1^3\}, \{g_1^C, b_1^C, r_2^3\}, \\ & \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_1^1\}, \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_2^1\}, \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_1^2\}, \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_2^2\}, \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_1^3\}, \{g_2^C, b_2^C, r_2^3\} \} \end{aligned} \quad (0.1)$$

The instance  $\Phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3})$  can be converted into a  $3D\text{-MATCHING}$  problem by above  $X, Y, Z, T$ . By finding a proper match in the  $T$  above, we can solve the previous  $3\text{-SAT}$  problem.

- (b)  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{SUBSET SUM}$ . Please convert an instance  $\Phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3)$  of 3-SAT into an instance of SUBSET SUM. (You can directly write the set  $S$  and the integer  $W$  without writing a table)

Background knowledge: with a  $3\text{-SAT}$  problem with two clauses, we can transform 3 variables in this question to 6 number which represent  $x_1, \overline{x_1}, x_2, \overline{x_2}, x_3, \overline{x_3}$ . In addition to 6 number, add  $2 \times 2 = 4$  number. Then, a  $3\text{-SAT}$  problem can be converted to  $\text{SUBSET SUM}$  problem.

$$\text{set } S = \{10010, 10001, 1000, 1011, 101, 110, 10, 20, 1, 2\}$$

$$W = 11144$$

The instance  $\Phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3)$  can be converted into a  $\text{SUBSET SUM}$  problem with the above set and  $W$ . We can solve the previous problem by choosing subset of  $S$  whose sum is exactly  $W$ .

4. (Reduction) Given a collection  $\mathcal{C}$  of subsets of a finite set  $S$ , positive integer  $k \leq |S|$ , the  $\text{HITTING SET}$  problem asks whether there exist a subset  $S' \subset S$  with  $|S'| \leq k$  such that  $S'$  contains at least one element from each subset in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Prove that:  $SET\ COVER \leq_p HITTING\ SET$ .

Given  $SET\ COVER$  instance  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, C = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}, S_i \subseteq U, k$ , we construct a  $HITTING\ SET$  instance.

**\*note that my notation is different from the question statement.**

The construction instance of  $HITTING\ SET$  from the  $SET\ COVER$  instance is shown as follows.

$$S' = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}, \mathcal{C} = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}, U_i = \{S_j \mid u_i \in S_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}\}, k' = k.$$

$X$  is a certificate of  $SET\ COVER$ .  $X \in C, |X| \leq k, X = \{S_{x_1}, S_{x_2}, \dots, S_{x_q}\}$ .

$\Rightarrow Y$  is a certificate of  $HITTING\ SET$ .  $Y \in S', |Y| \leq k'. Y = \{S_{x_1}, S_{x_2}, \dots, S_{x_q}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  s proof is as follows.

**Proof.**  $X$  is yes  $\Rightarrow Y$  is yes.

From the certifier of  $SET\ COVER$  and  $X$  is yes, we know  $|X| \leq k$  and  $X \in C$  and

$$\bigcap X = U$$

We know,  $X=Y$ . Because  $\bigcap X = U$ , for any  $u_i$ , there exist at least one Set  $S_y \in X$  that satisfies  $u_i \in S_y$ .

Then, in  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $HITTING\ SET$  instance, for the same  $i$ , the  $U_i$  contains  $S_y$  for  $U_i$  satisfies  $U_i = \{S_j \mid u_i \in S_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}\}.$  ( $U_i \in \mathcal{C}$ )

That's to say, for any element  $U_i$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , there exist a Set  $S_y$  that satisfies  $S_y \in U_i$  and  $S_y \in Y$ . So  $Y$  contains at least one element from each subset in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

So  $X$  is yes  $\Rightarrow Y$  is yes. □

$\Leftarrow$  s proof is as follows.

**Proof.**  $Y$  is yes  $\Rightarrow X$  is yes.

From the certifier of  $HITTING\ SET$  and  $Y$  is yes, we know  $|Y| \leq k$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{C}$ . Besides, for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , there exists at least one element belonging to  $U_i, U_i \in \mathcal{C}$  that belongs to  $Y$ . Call any of such elements as  $S_y$ .

From the construction principle above  $U_i = \{S_j \mid u_i \in S_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}\}$ , we know  $u_i \in S_y$ .

Then from the statement above, for every  $u_i$ , there is at least one  $S_y$  ( $S_y \in Y$  and  $S_y \in U_i$ ) that satisfies  $u_i \in S_y$ . So we have  $\bigcap Y = U$ . Due to  $X = Y$ , we have  $\bigcap X = U$ . Namely,  $X$  is yes (satisfies  $SET\ COVER$ 's certifier).

So  $Y$  is yes  $\Rightarrow X$  is yes. □

Above all, the  $SET\ COVER \leq_p HITTING\ SET$  is true. Thus, the proof completes.