## CS300 Homework #6

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Total 100 points

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## 1 True / False (30 points)

Give true or false for each of the following statements. Briefly justify your answer in less than four sentences.

- 1) If 3-CNF-SAT  $\in$  **P**, then CLIQUE  $\in$  **P**. [10 points]
- 2) For decision problems  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathsf{NP}$ , if  $\mathsf{P} \neq \mathsf{NP}$ ,  $L_1 \leq_p L_2$  and  $L_2 \leq_p L_1$ , then  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are  $\mathsf{NP}$ -complete. [10 points]
- 3) For decision problems  $L_1, L_2 \in \mathsf{NP\text{-}complete}$ , if  $L_1 \notin \mathsf{P}$ , then  $L_2 \notin \mathsf{P}$ . [10 points]

## 2 Closest string (70 points)

Given two binary strings  $x = x_1 \cdots x_n$ ,  $y = y_1 \cdots y_n$ , let d(x, y) denote the number of different bit pairs. That is,

$$d(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i \oplus y_i) \quad \text{with } x_i \oplus y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \neq y_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For example, d(0011,0001) = 1 and d(0011,1100) = 4. We define the Closest String Problem as follow.

**Definition** Closest String Problem(CSP) Given a natural number k and m strings  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$  where  $s_i \in \{0, 1\}^n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , is there a string  $t \in \{0, 1\}^n$  such that  $d(t, s_i) \leq k$  for all i?

1) Assuming  $m = O(n^c)$  for some constant c, prove that  $CSP \in NP$ . [10 points]

We'll show that  $CSP \in NP$ -hard by proving 3-CNF-SAT  $\leq_p CSP$ , thus  $CSP \in NP$ -complete.

Given a boolean formula  $\phi = C_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_m$  of variables  $x_1, \cdots, x_n$  in 3-CNF, generate the strings  $s_1, \cdots, s_{6n+m}$  each of length 2n-bit as follow.

For  $i = 1, \dots, 2n$ 

$$s_i = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_{2n}$$
 with  $b_j = \begin{cases} 0 & j = i \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  (1)

For  $i = 2n + 1, \dots, 4n$ ,  $s_i = \overline{s_{i-2n}}$  where  $\overline{s}$  is bit-wise negation of s.

For  $i = 4n + 1, \dots, 5n$ 

$$s_i = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_n c_1 c_2 \cdots c_n \quad \text{with } b_j = c_j = \begin{cases} 0 & j = i - 4n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2)

For  $i = 5n + 1, \dots, 6n$ ,  $s_i = \overline{s_{i-n}}$  where  $\overline{s}$  is bit-wise negation of s.

For  $i = 6n + 1, \cdots, 6n + m$ ,

$$s_i = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_n c_1 c_2 \cdots c_n$$
 with

$$b_{j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } C_{i-6n} \text{ includes the literal } x_{j} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad c_{j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } C_{i-6n} \text{ includes the literal } \neg x_{j} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(3)

For each string  $s = b_1 \cdots b_n c_1 \cdots c_n$ ,  $b_j$  corresponds to  $x_j$ , and  $c_j$  does  $\neg x_j$ . For example, given  $\phi = (x_1 \lor x_2 \lor \neg x_4) \land (x_1 \lor \neg x_3 \lor x_4)$ , we generate

Note that this process runs in polynomial time.

At first, we show that if 3-CNF-SAT produces the positive answer, then so does CSP.

2) Prove that if  $\phi$  has a satisfying assignment, then there exists  $t \in \{0,1\}^{2n}$  such that  $d(t,s_i) \le n+1$  for all i. [15 points]

(Hint: Convert the satisfying assignment  $b_1, \dots, b_n(1 \text{ for TRUE}, 0 \text{ for FALSE})$  into  $t = b_1 \dots b_n c_1 \dots c_n$  with  $c_i = \neg b_i$ )

Next, we show that if CSP produces the positive answer, then so does 3-CNF-SAT. For the problems 3) - 5), assume that there exists  $t \in \{0,1\}^{2n}$  such that  $d(t,s_i) \le n+1$  for all i.

- 3) Prove that t has exactly n 1s and n 0s. [15 points] (Hint: Use (1) to show that t contains at least n 1s)
- 4) Prove that if  $t = b_1 \cdots b_n c_1 \cdots c_n$  (binary string), then  $b_j \neq c_j$  for j. [15 points] (Hint: Use (2) to show that there does not exist k such that  $b_k = c_k = 1$ )
- 5) Prove that  $\phi$  has a satisfying assignment. [15 points] (Hint: Use (3) to show that t and  $s_{6n+i}$  where  $i=1,\cdots,m$  have at least a 1 in a common position.)