

Theoretical Computer Science

Exercise 4 - NP and NP-Completeness

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Showing that the language:
 $DoppelSAT = \{\langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a Boolean formula and } \phi \text{ has at least two satisfiable variable assignments.}\}$ is NP-Complete.

(1) First to establish that $DoppelSAT \in NP$, we show that we can verify a solution in polynomial time:

- Check the evaluation result of ϕ for all variable assignments.
- If ϕ evaluates to TRUE in 2 or more assignments accept, otherwise reject.

(2) Next, to show that we can reduce SAT^1 to $DoppelSAT$:

- Let $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ be the results of ϕ for first, second, \dots , n -th variable assignment respectively.
- Let ϕ' be a Boolean formula
- Next, let $\phi' = (x_0 \wedge x_1) \vee (x_0 \wedge x_2) \vee (x_0 \wedge x_3) \vee \dots \vee (x_{n-1} \wedge x_n)$
- Polynomial time reduction is: $f(\langle \phi \rangle) = \langle \phi' \rangle$

Now we can show that: $\phi \in DoppelSAT \iff \phi' \in SAT$. This is because ϕ' is formed so that the results of ϕ are paired each with each in a way that the result of ϕ' is TRUE if and only if two of its inputs (i.e. outputs of ϕ) are TRUE. And the other way around, if ϕ evaluates to TRUE for at least two variable assignments it is a part of $DoppelSAT$ (by definition) and ϕ' is a part of SAT (as explained before).

From (1) and (2) we can conclude that $DoppelSAT$ is NP-Complete.

¹ $SAT = \{\langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable Boolean formula.}\}$