

Solutions to Homework #8

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Sipser 9.8 $R^{\{m,n\}} = R \uparrow m \circ ((R \cup \varepsilon) \uparrow (n - m))$.

Sipser 9.11 *Proof.* Since *CLIQUE* is NP-complete, *CLIQUE* is polynomial time reducible to *SAT*. For any instance $\langle G, k \rangle$ of *MAX-CLIQUE* we simply use the reduction on $\langle G, k \rangle$ and $\langle G, k + 1 \rangle$ and query the oracle for *SAT*. If exactly the former accepts while the latter rejects, *accept*; otherwise, *reject*. \square

Sipser 9.14 We use the linear-size serial adder described in 9.12. Let $n = 2^k$. Then we have an recursive equation for the size of the entire circuit:

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + k$$

Solving for $T(n)$ we have $T(n) = O(2^k)$, which suggests that the circuit is of $O(n)$ size.

Sipser 9.24 *Proof.* Suppose to the contrary that $TQBF \in \text{SPACE}(n^{1/3})$. By the space hierarchy theorem, there is language $L \in \text{SPACE}(n^{1+\varepsilon}) \setminus \text{SPACE}(n)$. Using the reduction in Theorem 8.9 which shows that *TQBF* is NP-complete, any input to L can be reduced to one of length $O(n^{2(1+\varepsilon)})$. Then $L \in \text{SPACE}(n^{\frac{2}{3}(1+\varepsilon)})$. However, if we pick ε such that $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$, we would have $L \in \text{SPACE}(n)$, contradicting our choice of L . \square

Sipser 10.2 $2^{12-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{12}$.

Sipser 10.8 *Proof.* For any language $L \in \text{BPL}$ there is a probabilistic log-space TM M that decides L with error probability greater than $\frac{1}{3}$. On input w of length, let C be the number of configurations of M running on x , starting from any state. Construct a $C \times C$ matrix P such that $P_{c_1, c_2} = \frac{1}{2}$ if c_2 is reachable from c_1 in one step and $P_{c_1, c_2} = 0$ otherwise. For every t , P_{c_1, c_2}^t is the probability of reaching configuration c_2 from configuration c_1 in t steps. By computing all powers of P up to the running time of M we can compute the accepting probability of M starting from q_0 , and decide if $x \in L$. Finally, we accept if $P_{c_0, c_{\text{accept}}}^t > \frac{2}{3}$. \square

Sipser 10.11 *Proof.* Assume $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{BPP}$. Note that $\text{RP} \subseteq \text{NP}$ unconditionally, hence we just need to show that $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{RP}$. Since SAT is NP-complete and RP is closed under polynomial-time mapping reductions, it is enough to show that SAT is in RP.

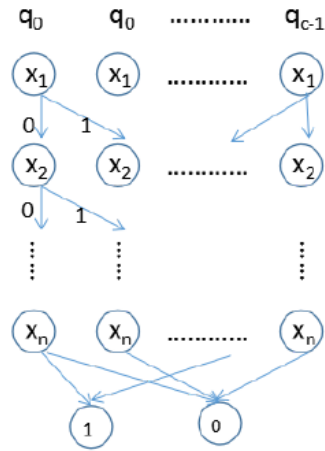
By assumption SAT is in BPP. Let M be a probabilistic Turing machine running in polynomial time and accepting SAT with error at most $1/3$. Using the amplification lemma, we can define a probabilistic Turing machine M' running in polynomial time and accepting SAT with error at most $2^{-\Omega(n)}$, where n is the input length. We will define a probabilistic Turing machine N running in polynomial time, which on input ϕ , accepts with probability at least $1/2$ if ϕ is satisfiable, and accepts with probability 0 if ϕ is unsatisfiable.

The basic idea is to use *downward self-reducibility* to construct a satisfying assignment with high probability for YES instances, and to accept only if a satisfying assignment has been constructed. More precisely, N does the following on an input ϕ . Assume without loss of generality that the variables in ϕ are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m . N first runs M on ϕ . If M rejects, N rejects. Otherwise N sets x_1 to FALSE in ϕ and runs M on the corresponding formula ϕ_0 . If M accepts, N continues to build a satisfying assignment by setting x_2 to FALSE in ϕ_0 and running M on the corresponding formula ϕ_{00} . If M rejects, N runs M on formula ϕ_1 obtained by setting x_1 to TRUE in ϕ , continuing to build an assignment if M accepts on ϕ_1 and rejecting otherwise. This process continues until either N rejects or all variables are set. If the latter, N checks whether the corresponding assignment satisfies ϕ . If yes, it accepts, otherwise it rejects.

N runs in polynomial time since it makes at most a linear number of calls to the polynomial-time probabilistic TM M , and each of these calls is on an input whose length is at most the length of ϕ (setting variables can only decrease the length of a formula). N never accepts on an unsatisfiable formula, hence all we need to show is that N accepts with probability at least $1/2$ on a satisfiable formula. Note that if M always gives correct answers on calls to M , then when ϕ is satisfiable, N constructs a satisfying assignment to ϕ and hence accepts. The probability that this happens is at least $1 - n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(n)}$, which is at most $1/2$ for large enough n , since the probability that M gives at least one wrong answer is at most $n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(n)}$ by the union bound. \square

Sipser 10.12 We construct the branching program as follows. Since A is regular, there is a DFA that recognizes A . Let n be the numbers of states. For each node j of level

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, add transitions to node s and node t of layer $i+1$, corresponding to $\delta(q_j, 0)$ and $\delta(q_j, 1)$. For the last layer, we point each node j to 1 if $\delta(q_j, 0)$ or $\delta(q_j, 1)$ is an accept state and 0 otherwise.



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Sipser 10.23 By Exercise 10.12 we know that A has a size $O(n)$, depth $O(n)$ circuit. We can simply apply the circuit recursively.