

CSC373 Worksheet 7 Solution

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1. My Work

The longest simple cycle problem is the problem of finding a cycle of maximum length in a graph [5].

The decision problem is, given k , to determine whether or not the instance graph has a simple cycle of length at least k . If yes, output 1. Otherwise, output 0.

My Work

The language corresponding to the decision problem is as follows:

LONGEST-SIMPLE-CYCLE = $\{ \langle G, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k, k \rangle : G = (V, E) \text{ is an undirected graph}$
 $k \geq 3 \text{ is an integer,}$
 $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \in V \text{ are distinct,}$
 $v_0 = v_k,$
There should exist a simple cycle in G
with at least k edges }

Correct Solution:

The problem LONGEST-SIMPLE-CYCLE is a relation that associates each instance of a graph with the longest simple cycle in that graph .

The decision problem is, given k , to determine whether or not the instance graph has a simple cycle of length at least k . If yes, output 1. Otherwise, output 0.

The language corresponding to the decision problem is as follows:

LONGEST-SIMPLE-CYCLE = $\{\langle G, k \rangle : G = (V, E) \text{ is an undirected graph}$
 $k \geq 0$ is an integer,
 There should exist a simple cycle in G
 with at least k edges $\}$

Notes

- **A Cycle in an Undirected Graph**

- A path $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ forms a cycle if $k \geq 3$, and $v_0 = v_k$.

- **Simple Cycle**

- A cycle is simple if v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k are distinct

- **Decision Problem**

- Is the problem with yes/no solution

- **Alphabet**

- Is a finite set of symbols
 - Is denoted Σ

Example:

For decision problem, its alphabet is: $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

- * 1 means 'yes'
- * 0 means 'no'

- **Language**

- Is any set of strings made of symbols from Σ
 - Is denoted L

Example:

$L = \{10, 11, 101, 111, 1011, 1101, 10001\}$

- Is denoted Σ^* for language of all strings over Σ plus empty string ϵ .

Example:

$\Sigma^* = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 11, 000, \dots\}$

Example 2:

The decision problem PATH has the corresponding language

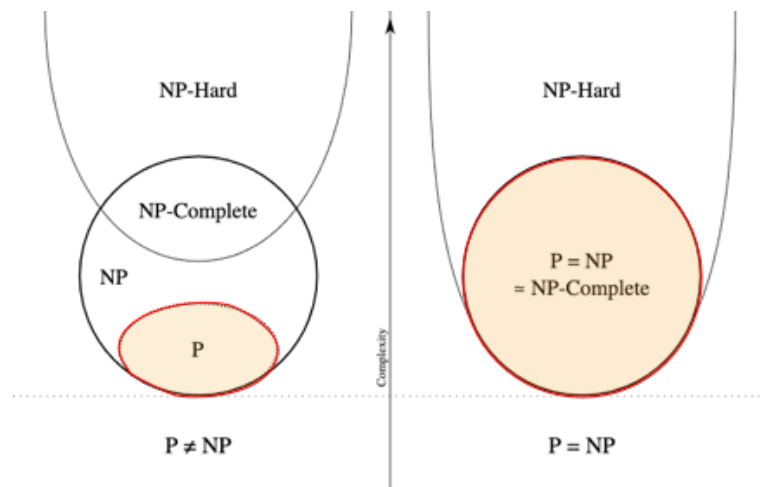
$$\text{PATH} = \{ \langle G, U, v, k \rangle : G = (V, E) \text{ is an undirected graph,} \\ u, v \in V, \\ k \geq 0 \text{ is an integer, and} \\ \text{there exists a path from } u \text{ to } v \text{ in } G \\ \text{consisting of at most } k \text{ edges} \}$$

- **P**

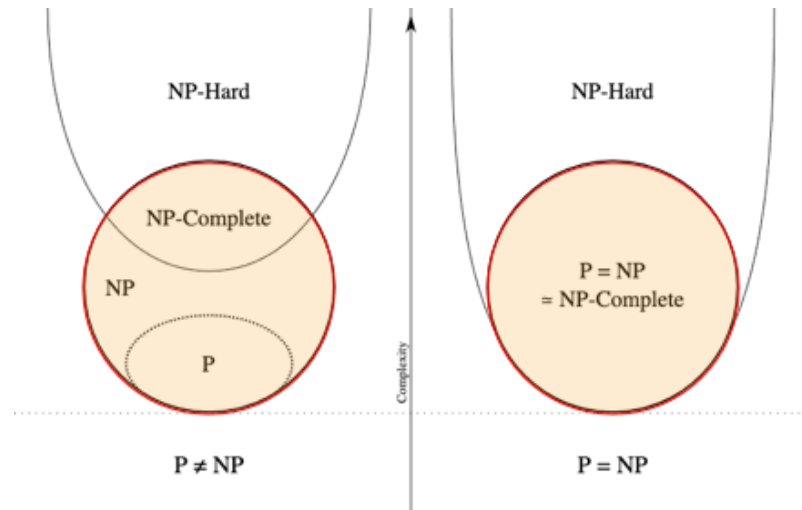
- Is set of problems that can be solved by a deterministic Turing machine in Polynomial time (i.e. $\mathcal{O}(n^k)$) [2].

Example:

- 1) Shortest path problems
- 2) Calculating the greatest common divisor
- 3) Finding maximum bipartite matching



- **NP (Non-deterministic Polynomial):**

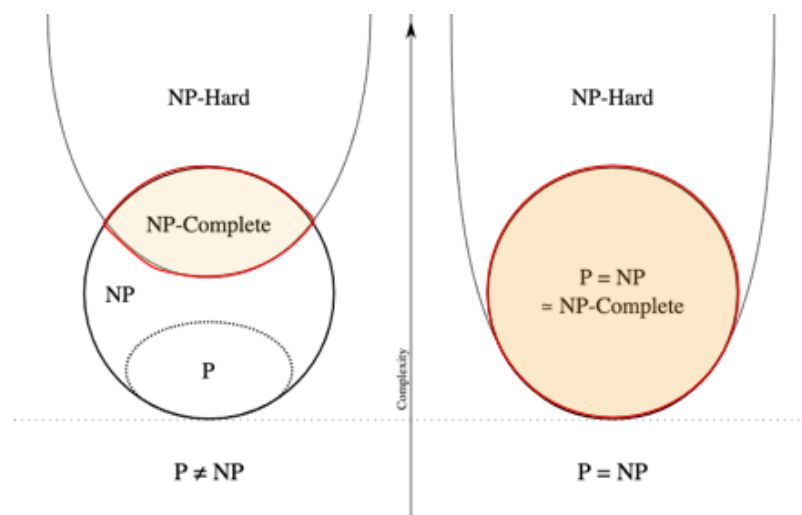


- Is set of decision problems that can be solved by a Non-deterministic Turing Machine in Polynomial time.^[2]
- Has no particular rule is followed to make a guess ^[1].
- Can be solved in polynomial time via a “lucky algorithm”, a magical algorithm that always make a right guess ^[2]
- $P \subseteq NP$

Examples:

- Longest-path problems
- Hamiltonian Cycle
- Graph coloring

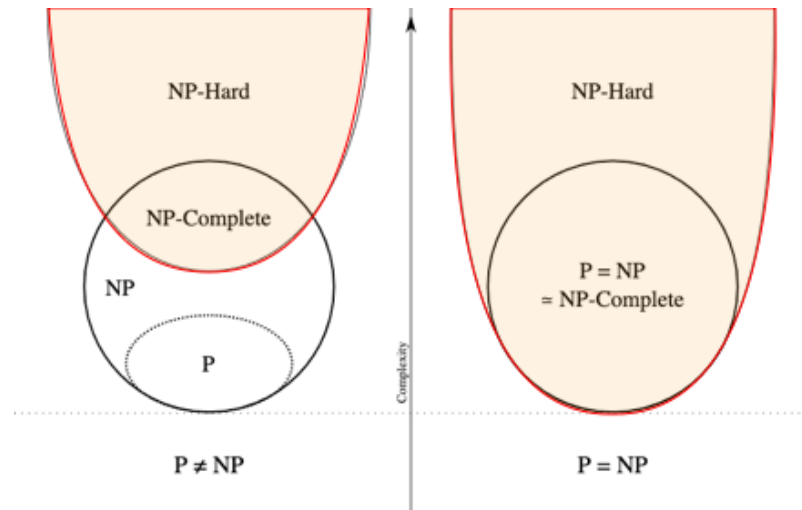
• NP-Complete Problems:



- A decision problem A is NP-complete (NPC) if

- 1) $A \in NP$ and
 - 2) Every (other) problems A' in NP is reducible to A
- Has no efficient solution in polynomial number of steps (not yet) ^[3]
 - Is not likely that there is an algorithm to make it efficient ^[3]

• **NP-Hard:**



- A decision problem A is NP-hard if
 - 1) $A \in NP$ (Not necessarily) and
 - 2) Every (other) problems A' in NP is reducible to A
- NP-Hard means “at least as hard as any problems in NP”
- Does not have to be about decision problems

Example:

- 1) Alan Turing’s Halting Problem

References

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2. **Notes**

- I need help from professors on the meanings behind formalization, and how its done :(.
 - I am having a lot of difficulty answering this question.
 - Some of the questions that comes to my mind are
 1. What does it mean when asked to give a formal x of something?
 2. How can I make x formal? What are some thought processes involved in making it formal?
 3. What is the end the first two parts of the problem are looking for?
 4. What does it mean when two are polynomially related?
- **Encoding**
 - Represents problem instances in a way that the program understands
 - Encoding of a set S is a mapping e from S to the set of binary strings.

Example

Given natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$,

it's encoding is $\{0, 1, 10, 11, 100, \dots\}$.

Using this encoding, $e(17) = 10001$.

3. Notes

- **Polynomial Time**
 - Is expressed in the format $\mathcal{O}(n^k)$.