

Recitation 14 - Homework 7 and Time Complexity

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► Homework 7 Problems and Examples

TRUE or FALSE with explanation.

Big-O Problems

- ▶ $n^2 = O(n)$
- ▶ $3^n = 2^{O(n)}$
- ▶ $2^{2^n} = O(2^{2^n})$

Little-o Problems

- ▶ $n = o(2n)$
- ▶ $1 = o(1/n)$

Big-O Definition

$f(n) = O(g(n))$ if there exists *constants* n_0 and c such that:

$$\text{For all } n \geq n_0, f(n) \leq c * g(n)$$

Big-O Examples

Some other big-O examples.

- ▶ $n = O(n * \log^3 n)$
- ▶ $n^2 = O(n * \log^3 n)$
- ▶ $3^n = O(4^n)$
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Little-o Definition

$f(n) = o(g(n))$ iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$$

Little-o Examples

Some other little-o examples.

- ▶ $2n = o(n^2)$
- ▶ $\frac{1}{2}n^2 = o(n^2)$

Graph Isomorphism Examples

Some Examples also check out
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph_isomorphism

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NP

A set is in *NP* iff an instance can be verified in polynomial time with help of some certificate.

- ▶ Certificate for *COMPOSITE* is two factors
- ▶ Certificate for *HAMPATH* is potential path
- ▶ Certificate for *SUBSET* is a subset of elements

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$V =$ On input $((G, H), c)$.

Use c to verify that G is isomorphic to H in polynomial time.

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- ▶ What should the certificate be?
- ▶ How do you use to verify in polynomial time?

c is a simple path in G from a to b of length at least k .

$V =$ On input $((G, a, b, k), c)$.

1. Verify length of c at least k
2. Verify each pair of nodes is adjacent.
3. Verify no node visited twice along path.
4. Verify path starts with a and end with b .
5. If any condition not met, *reject*, else *accept*.

An aside

Why does this verifier make the problem a member of NP ? The following TM T solves the problem in polynomial time on a nondeterministic TM.

$T =$ On input (G, a, b, k) .

1. If k is larger than $|V|$, *reject*.
2. Nondeterministically pick path of length k to $|V|$.
3. Call this path c , and run V on $((G, a, b, k), c)$

$$MODEXP = \{(a, b, c, p) \mid (a^b \bmod p) = (c \bmod p)\}$$

Demonstrate $MODEXP \in P$. That is some deterministic TM decides $MODEXP$ in polynomial time.

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- ▶ a^b calculation
- ▶ Taking mod of such a large number

Show the following identity holds:

$$((m * n) \bmod p) = (((m \bmod p) * (n \bmod p)) \bmod p)$$

- ▶ Prove this result.
- ▶ Use it to describe a polynomial time algorithm for deciding *MODEXP*.

May also need the following identity, if n is even:

$$b^n = (b^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

Part a.

$$SPATH = \{(G, a, b, k) \mid G \text{ contains a simple path from } a \text{ to } b \text{ of length at most } k\}$$

Show $SPATH \in P$.

- ▶ Show some polynomial time TM decides this set
- ▶ Think of how to utilize a breadth-first search (BFS)

Part b.

$LPATH = \{(G, a, b, k) \mid G \text{ contains a simple (loopless) path from } a \text{ to } b \text{ of length at least } k\}$

Show $LPATH$ is NP-Complete.

- ▶ Show some polynomial time reduction from $UHAMPATH$
- ▶ This would show if you could solve this problem in P time, you could for $UHAMPATH$ also

UHAMPATH requires there exist a path from a given a to b such that every node is visited exactly once, *LPATH* requires the path is of length at least k for a given k . Relate these requirements to find a reduction from *UHAMPATH* to *LPATH*.

Problem 7.28.

$$SETSPLITTING = \{(S, C = \{C_i\}) \mid C_i \subseteq S \text{ \& } (S, C) \text{ colorable}\}$$

S can be colored if each element can be chosen to be *red* or *blue* such that no C_i 's elements are all the same color.

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Problem 6. Show *SETSPLITTING* is NP-complete, i.e. give a polynomial time reduction of some NP-complete problem to *SETSPLITTING*.

Some NP-complete problems *SAT*, *3SAT*, *HAMPATH*, *UHAMPATH*, *CLIQUE*, *VERTEXCOVER*, *SUBSETSUM*, and *LPATH*.

I would pick *3SAT*.

$$\text{Variables} = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

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If you can fix this, then you are half way to a solution, if the coloring ensures x_i and \bar{x}_i have opposite colors, then colorable \implies satisfiable.

There will still be satisfiable formula that are not colorable though. Consider for instance $\{x_1 \vee x_1 \vee x_1\}$. It is not colorable, though it is satisfiable.

Think about ways to modify (add, subtract, split, merge, etc.) the or clauses without changing the meaning to handle this situation.