

Lecture 13: Wrapping up  $NP$  and Beginning Space Complexity

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**NB:** These notes are from CIS511 at Penn. The course followed Michael Sipser's *Introduction to the Theory of Computation* (3ed) text.

## More $NP$ -Completeness

Other problems are  $NP$ -Complete, the reduction for  $3COLOR$  creates gadgets from each clause and each variable (see any Algorithms book).

There is an obvious reduction from  $3COLOR$  to  $4COLOR$  (and beyond). Add a new vertex, connect it to every vertex in your original graph.

$SUBSETSUM$ , the question of whether a set of numbers contains a subset that sums to a particular value  $k$  is  $NP$ -Complete. The reduction is from  $3SAT$ . Given a formula  $\phi$  with  $m$  clauses and  $n$  variables, we create  $2n$  numbers with  $n + m$  base 7 digits. Each variable gets a 1 in positions indicating the index of the variable and the clauses it appears in.  $\phi$  is satisfiable if and only if there is a subset that sums to  $11 \dots 111$  in the first  $n$  positions, and  $4 \dots 44$  in the remaining  $m$  positions, by introducing some dummy numbers which are all zeros in the first  $n$  positions and 1 or 2 in the corresponding clause position.

We know that  $P \subseteq NP$ ,  $NP$ -Complete  $\subset NP$

**Definition 13.1** A language  $L$  is in  $Co$ - $NP$  if its complement is in  $NP$ . Equivalently, given  $x \notin L$ , a verifier can check non-membership given the right certificate (easy to check that something is not a solution).

**Example:**  $TAUT = \{\phi \mid \phi \text{ is satisfied by every assignment}\}$  is in  $Co$ - $NP$ . If a  $\phi$  is not in  $L$ , then any non-satisfying assignment can be quickly checked.

We don't know if  $NP = Co$ - $NP$ .

If  $P = NP$ , then  $NP = Co$ - $NP$ .

If  $NP \neq Co$ - $NP$ , then  $P \neq NP$ .

## Space Complexity

**Definition 13.2** **Space complexity** refers to the number of cells of tape scanned by the head of a Turing machine in running an input.

**Definition 13.3**  $DSPACE(s(n))$  is the set of languages recognized by a deterministic TM in  $O(s(n))$  space.

**Definition 13.4**  $NSPACE(s(n))$  is the set of languages recognized by a non-deterministic TM in  $O(s(n))$  space.

*Let's look at  $SAT \in NP$ . What is its space complexity? Let's say  $n$  is the length of the input and  $k$  is the number of variables. If we don't care about time, we can represent the assignment as a  $k$ -bit number and try one assignment at a time. We only need  $n + k + c$  (where  $c$  is some small fixed workspace). Therefore,  $SAT \in DSPACE(n)$ .*

*Let  $L_{NANFA} = \{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is an NFA, } L(M) \neq \Sigma^*\}$ .*