- 1. Any language in SPACE(f(n)) as defined using the two-tape read-only model can be simulated with a single tape model using at most O(n) space. Similarly, any language in SPACE(f(n)) as defined using a single tape model can be simulated with a two-tape read-only model with an improvement of a most O(n) space. Thus, the complexity classes are equivalent where  $f(n) \geq n$ .
- 2. The winning strategy for X is to move to the top-right position. O can then move to block only either the top-centre or centre-right position. If O moves to the top-centre, X moves to the centre-right. If O move to the centre-right, X moves to the top-centre.
- 3. Player I has a winning strategy as follows:
  - Player I begins at node 1.
  - Player 2 chooses node 2.
  - Player I chooses node 4. Node 3 has only one outgoing edge which connects to node 6. As node 6 has no outgoing edges, this path would guarantee a win for Player II.
  - Player II chooses node 5.
  - Player I chooses node 6. As no unchosen nodes remain, Player I wins.
- 4. Let  $L_i$  be a language decided by PSPACE turing machine  $M_i$ . We define languages  $L_{\cup} = L_i \cup L_j$ ,  $\bar{L}_i = \{w \mid w \notin L_i\}$ ,  $L_i^* = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \mid k \geq 0 \text{ and each } x_i \in L_i\}$ .

We define  $M_{\cup}$ ,  $\bar{M}_i$  and  $M_i^*$  as follows:

 $M_{\cup}$  = "On input w

- 1. Run  $M_i\langle w\rangle$ . If  $M_i$  accepts, accept.
- 2. Run  $M_i\langle w\rangle$ . If  $M_i$  accepts, accept.
- 3. If neither  $M_i\langle w\rangle$ ,  $M_j\langle w\rangle$  accepted, reject."

 $\bar{M}_i$  = "On input w

1. Run  $M_i\langle w \rangle$ . If  $M_i$  accepts, reject, else accept."

 $M_i^* =$  "On input w

- 1. If  $w = \epsilon$ , accept.
- 2. For each m, where  $1 \le m \le n$ , n = |w|.
  - 3. Split w into m pieces, such that  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$ .
  - 4. For all  $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , run  $M_i \langle w_i \rangle$ . If  $M_i$  rejects, go to step 2.

- 5.  $M_i$  has accepted for all i, accept.
- 6.  $M_i$  has rejected for all m, reject."
- 5. Construct a TM M to decide  $A_{DFA}$  When M receives input  $\langle A, w \rangle$ , a DFA and a string, M simulates A on w by keeping track of A's current state and its current head locations, and updating them appropriately. The space required to carry out this simulation is  $O(\log n)$  because M can record each of these values by storing a pointer into its input.
- 6. Construct a language L, such that L is PSPACE-hard. As L is PSPACE-hard, TQBF  $\leq_p L$ . We know SAT  $\leq_p TQBF$ , which gives us SAT  $\leq_p L$ . As SAT is NP-complete, L is NP-hard, and the proof is complete.
- 7. Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be languages that are decided by NL-machines  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . Construct three Turing machines:  $N_{\cup}$  deciding  $A_1 \cup A_2$ ;  $N_{\circ}$  deciding  $A_1 \circ A_2$ ; and  $N_*$  deciding  $A_1^*$ . Each of these machines operates as follows.

Machine  $N_{\cup}$  nondeterministically branches to simulate  $N_1$  or to simulate  $N_2$ . In either case,  $N_{\cup}$  accepts if the simulated machine accepts.

Machine  $N_{\circ}$  nondeterministically selects a position on the input to divide it into two substrings. Only a pointer to that position is stored on the work tape - insufficient space is available to store the substrings themselves. Then  $N_{\circ}$  simulates  $N_1$  on the first substring, branching nondeterministically to simulate  $N_1$ 's nondeterminism. On any branch that reaches  $N_1$ 's accept state,  $N_{\circ}$  simulates  $N_2$  on the second substring. On any branch that reaches  $N_2$ 's accept state,  $N_{\circ}$  accepts.

Machine  $N_*$  has a more complex algorithm, so we describe its stages.

## $N_* =$ "On input w:

- 1. Initialise two input position pointers  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  to 0, the position immediately preceding the first input symbol.
- 2. Accept if no input symbols occur after  $p_2$ .
- 3. Move  $p_2$  forward to a nondeterministically selected position.
- 4. Simulate  $N_1$  on the substring of w from the position following  $p_1$  to the position at  $p_2$ , branching nondeterministically to simulate  $N_1$ 's nondeterminism.
- 5. If this branch of the simulation reaches  $N_1$ 's accept state, copy  $p_2$  to  $p_1$  and go to stage 2. If  $N_1$  rejects on this branch, reject."
- 8. We let  $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k$  be the starting position, and  $s'_1, s'_2, \ldots, s'_k$  the position after the move is made. We define  $\text{NIM}_s$  to be the result of performing an XOR operation on each column in  $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k$ , such that  $\text{NIM}_s = s_1 \oplus s_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus s_k$ . We

note that  $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k$  is balanced if and only if  $NIM_k = 0$ .

Let  $s_l$  denote the pile from which sticks are removed, such that  $s_i = s'_i$  for all  $i \neq l$  and  $s_l > s'_l$ . We then have

$$NIM'_{s} = 0 \oplus NIM'_{s}$$

$$= NIM_{s} \oplus NIM_{s} \oplus NIM'_{s}$$

$$= NIM_{s} \oplus (s_{1} \oplus s_{2} \oplus \ldots \oplus s_{k}) \oplus (s'_{1} \oplus s'_{2} \oplus \ldots \oplus s'_{k})$$

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$$= NIM_{s} \oplus 0 \oplus \ldots \oplus (s_{l} \oplus s'_{l}) \oplus \ldots \oplus 0$$

$$= NIM_{s} \oplus s_{l} \oplus s'_{l}$$

Assume  $\text{NIM}_s \neq 0$ . Let d be the most significant non-zero bit of  $\text{NIM}_s$ . To move to a balanced position, We choose l such that  $s_l \neq 0$ , and set  $s'_l = \text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l$ . Note that we chose d in a way that maintains the constraint that  $s'_l < s_l$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NIM}_s' &= \text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l \oplus s_l' \\ &= \text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l \oplus (\text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l) \\ &= (\text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l) \oplus (\text{NIM}_s \oplus s_l) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $\text{NIM}_s = 0$ . To move to an unbalanced position, choose any l. We then have  $\text{NIM}'_s = s_l \oplus s'_l$ , where  $s_l \neq s'_l$ .

9. Let  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  be the *i*-th digits of a, b, c and  $r_i$  the carry generated for  $c_i$ . We then have

$$r_i = \left(c_{i-1} + \sum_{j+k=i+1} a_j b_k\right) \mod 2$$
$$c_i = \left(\sum_{m=0}^{i-2} \sum_{j+k=i-m} a_j b_k\right) / D$$

We define machine M, which decides  $\text{MULT}\langle a\#b\#c\rangle$ .

M = "On input a # b # c:

- 1. Initialise t = 0.
- 2. Let  $a = a_1 a_2 \dots a_p$ ,  $b = b_1 b_2 \dots b_q$ ,  $c = c_1 c_2 \dots c_{p+q-1}$ .
- 3. For k = 0 to k = p + q 1
  - 4. For j = max(1, k p + 1) to min(k, q).
    - 5. Let i = k j + 1.
    - 6. Update  $t = t + (a_i b_i)$ .

- 7. If  $c_k = t \mod 2$ , continue, else reject.
- 8. Update  $t = \lfloor t/2 \rfloor$ .
- 9. If  $c_{p+q} = t \mod 2$ , accept, else reject.

As M stores i, j, k only as pointers to the input tape, they require only  $O(\log n)$  of worktape space. We note that the sum and carry can never exceed values larger than  $O(\log n)$  bits, meaning that t requires no more than  $O(\log n)$  worktape space, and completing the proof that  $\mathrm{MULT} \in L$ .