EECS 343: Theoretical Computer Science, Homework Exercise 7 due Monday, March 16, 2020 before class

Problem 1: Show that if K(x) were computable, we could use the following procedure to create a short description for an incompressible string:

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function incompressible(n: integer) { for \mathbf{x} \in \{0,1\}^n if \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}) >= \mathbf{n} then output \mathbf{x} }
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Problem 2: Show that the class of languages P is closed under union, concatenation, and complement.

Problem 3: (Sipser 7.14) A permutation on the set $\{1, ..., k\}$ is a one-to-one, onto function on this set. When p is a permutation, p^t means the composition of p with itself t times. Let

PERM-POWER =
$$\{\langle p, q, t \rangle \mid p = q^t\}$$

where p and q are permutations on $\{1, \ldots, k\}$ and t is an integer represented in binary.

Show that PERM-POWER \in P. (Hint: the obvious algorithm does not have a running time that is polynomial in the size of the input.)