

The Class PSPACE and Game Theory

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Space Complexity

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In analogy to the classes P and NP, *PSPACE* and *NPSPACE* are defined as:

$$\text{PSPACE} := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{SPACE}(n^k) \qquad \text{NPSPACE} := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{NPSPACE}(n^k)$$

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Surprising result (Savitch):

Fact (Corollary from Savitchs Theorem)
 $\text{PSPACE} = \text{NPSPACE}$

Definition

A language B is *PSPACE-complete*, if:

1. $B \in \text{PSPACE}$
2. $A \leq_p B$ for all $A \in \text{PSPACE}$, also called *PSPACE-hard*

Effects on the Landscape

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$$P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE = NPSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} TIME(2^{n^k})$$

$$P \neq EXPTIME$$

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- *Fully Quantified Boolean Formulas (Statements)*

The TQBF Problem

$\text{TQBF} := \{ \langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a true fully quantified boolean formula} \}$

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TQBF \in PSPACE:

Input: $\langle \phi \rangle$, where ϕ is a fully quantified boolean formula.

Function:

- 1: **if** $\phi = \psi$, no quantifiers **then**
- 2: Evaluate ψ , accept or reject depending on result.
- 3: **else if** $\phi = \exists x: \psi$ **then**
- 4: Recursive call on ψ with $x = \text{true}$, $x = \text{false}$.
- 5: If either accepts, accept. Otherwise, reject.
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\Rightarrow Shorten Formula using \forall (Savitchs Theorem) 

Proving more PSPACE-Completeness

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Corollary

If B is PSPACE-complete and $B \leq_p C$ for $C \in \text{PSPACE}$, then C is PSPACE-complete.

$\text{Player I} \rightarrow \text{Goals} \leftarrow \text{Player II}$
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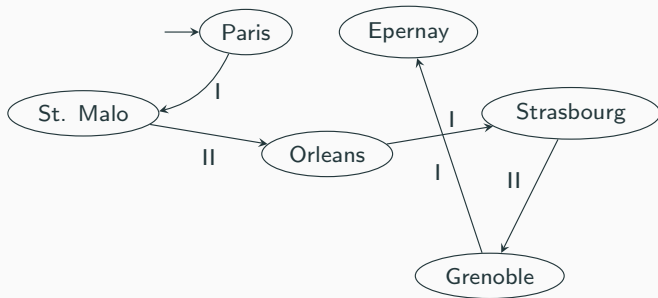
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Want: *Winning strategy*

Corollary

FORMULA-GAME = TQBF and FORMULA-GAME is PSPACE-complete.

A Game of Geography on France



Generalize for any directed graph:

$$GG := \{ \langle G, s \rangle \mid \text{Player I has a winning strategy for the GG game} \\ \text{played on } G, \text{ starting from } s \}$$

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GG \in PSPACE

Input: $\langle G, s \rangle$, where G is a directed graph and s a node from G .

Function:

- 1: **if** $\deg s = 0$ **then**
- 2: Reject, since Player I instantly loses.
- 3: Remove s and its edges from G for a new graph G' .
- 4: For the outgoing neighbors of s , s_1, \dots, s_k , do a recursive call on $\langle G', s_i \rangle$, $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$.
- 5: If all accept, reject. Otherwise, accept.

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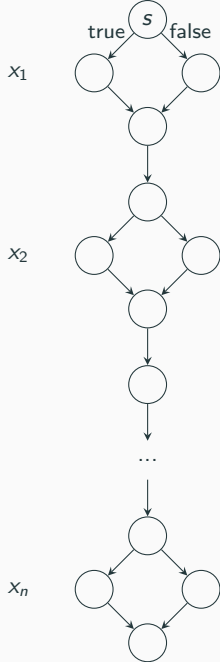
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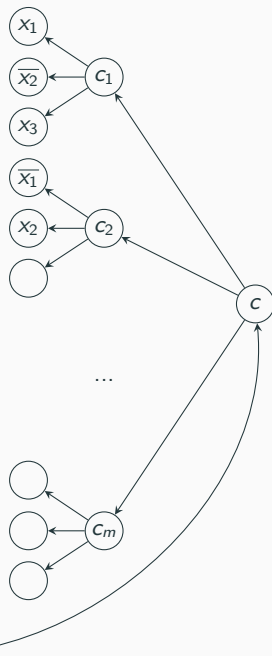
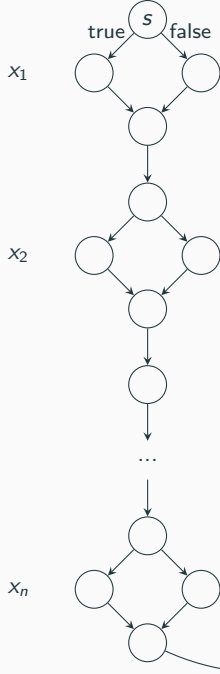
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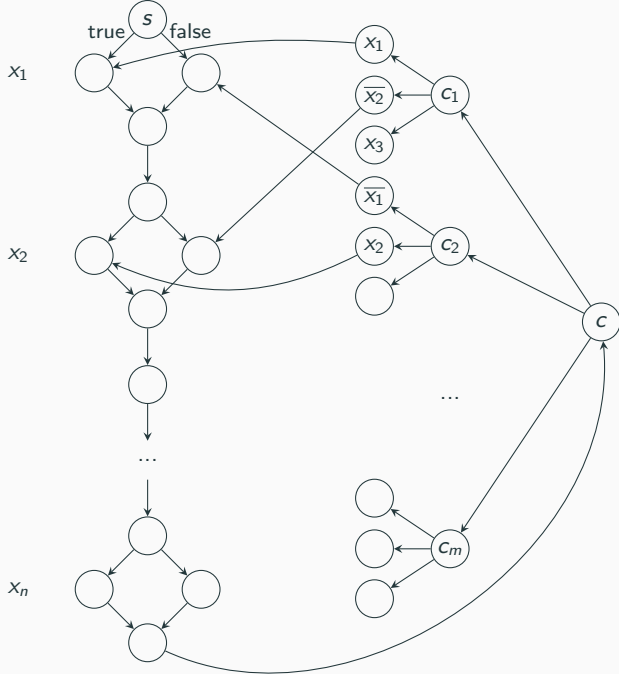
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FORMULA-GAME \leq_p GG

$$\phi = \exists x_1 \forall x_2 \exists x_3 \dots \exists x_n: \psi \mapsto (G, s)$$

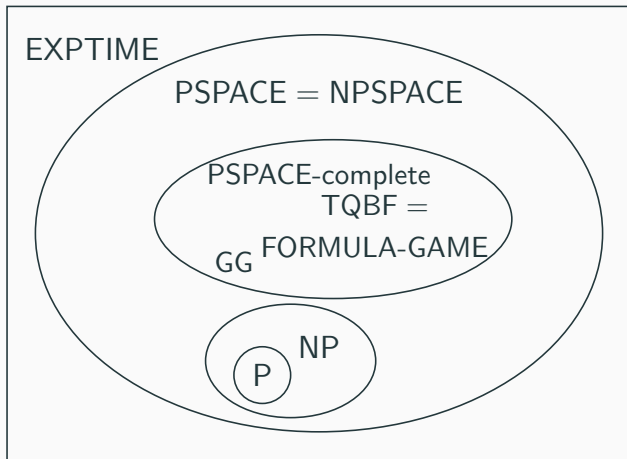






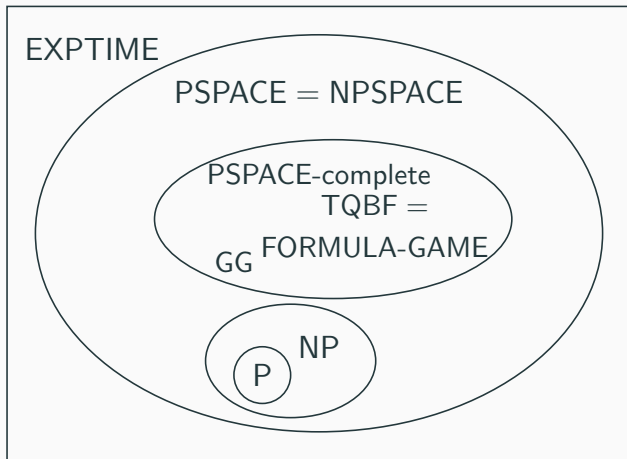
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