

CS 579: Computational Complexity: Lecture 3

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rest week: I'm away

Robert: lecturing

extra hours: T2, R1, F2-4

today: NP
 NP completeness

~~NP in the machine~~

Q: what is computing?

decision - primality $\in P$ [AKS04]

search - factoring $\notin P$

verification - multiplication $\in P$

ex: integer n , has proper factorization $n = a \cdot b$? [a, b may not be prime]

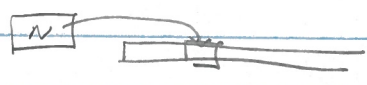
Q (P vs NP): easy verification \Rightarrow easy search?

defn: NP is nondeterministic polynomial time [explain name later]

$$L = \{x : \exists y \in \{0,1\}^{f(n)} \text{ s.t. } (x,y) \in L(M)\}$$

\downarrow witness
 \downarrow time constructible, $f(n) \leq n^{O(1)}$
 $\downarrow \in P$ [verification]

defn: a nondeterministic TM is



Q set of states

Γ tape alphabet

σ_0, σ_1 transition functions

it computes: initial setup [head, state, tape]

applies σ_0 or σ_1 at each step [guess]

$L(N) =$ some choices of σ_0/σ_1 at each step reach q_{acc} $\Rightarrow x \in L$

q_{acc} $\Rightarrow x \in L$ [includes non halting]

$NTIME(f(n)) = \{L = L(N) \mid N \text{ is NTM running in time } \leq O(f(n))\}$

$NSPACE$

all brackets reach q_{acc}, q_{rej}

Prop: $NP = NTIME(\text{poly}(n))$ [original defn] [two vars]

PE: \subseteq : $L = \{x : \exists y \in \{0,1\}^{\text{poly}(n)} \text{ s.t. } (x,y) \in L(M)\}$

$N =$ " on input x :

1) guess y [nondeterministic guess]

2) N acc \Leftrightarrow iff M acc (x,y) [polynomial time verification]

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Σ : NTM N \leftarrow length \leq time $(N) \in \text{poly}(k)$
 $L := \{ (x, y) : y \text{ is a sequence of } \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \text{ that makes } N \text{ accept } x \}$
 \uparrow
 $P \equiv$ universal simulator

Prop: $\text{TIME}(f(n)) \in \text{NTIME}(f(n)) \in \text{TIME}(2^{O(f(n))})$

pf ignore σ_2
 assume $f(n)$ time constructible \square can also work w/out, proof only slightly harder \square

$L \in \text{NTIME}(f(n)) \Rightarrow L = \{ (x) : \exists y \in \{0,1\}^{f(n)} (x,y) \in L(M) \}$
 \uparrow
 $2^{f(n)}$ choices in $\text{TIME}(\text{poly}(f(n)))$

$M' = \{ \text{on input } x :$
 1) find y
 run M on (x,y)
 2) if any \rightarrow acc, succ,
 else reject

defn: $\text{NEXP} = \text{NTIME}(2^{\text{poly}(n)})$
 $\Rightarrow P \subseteq NP \subseteq EXP \subseteq \text{NEXP}$
 \uparrow \uparrow
 \subseteq \subseteq

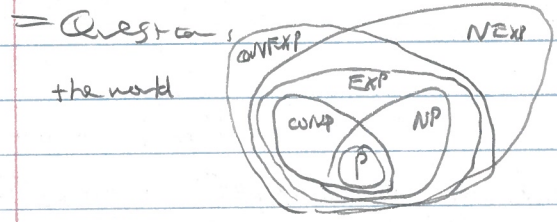
Thm | NTIME hierarchy | $f(n) \ll g(n)$ time constructible $\Rightarrow \text{NP} \neq \text{NEXP}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{NTIME}(f(n)) \subset \text{NTIME}(g(n))$

"Proof" $D = \{ \text{on input } \langle N, 1^k \rangle :$
 1) simulate N on $\langle N, 1^k \rangle$
 2) accept $\langle N, 1^k \rangle$ iff rejects "

problem: how to reduce?
 eg: n not prime $\Rightarrow n = a \cdot b$
 prime \Rightarrow ???

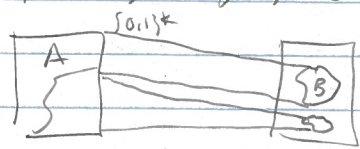
def: coNP is L s.t. $L = \{0,1\}^* \setminus L'$, $L' \in \text{NP}$
 \equiv equiv: $= \{ x : \forall y \in \{0,1\}^{\text{poly}(n)} (x,y) \notin L(M) \}$
 \equiv equiv: $(x,y) \in \overline{L(M)}$
 \uparrow
 P

Q NP vs coNP



\square source centric view \square
 \square problem centric view \square

def: $A, B \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$. A is polynomial time reducible to B , $A \leq_p B$
 if exists $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$ computable in poly time st $\forall x$ use B as way to solve A
 $x \in A \Rightarrow f(x) \in B$
 $x \notin A \Rightarrow f(x) \notin B$
 A easier than B



lem: $A \leq_p B, B \in P \Rightarrow A \in P$
pf: $|f(x)| \leq |x|^{O(1)} \Rightarrow "f(x) \in B"$ takes $f(|x|)^{O(1)} \in |x|^{O(1)}$ time
lem: $\in NP \quad \in NP$
 $\in coNP \quad \in coNP$

lem: $A \leq_p B \iff \bar{A} \leq_p \bar{B}$ Π complements \bar{A}

lem: $A \leq_p B, B \leq_p C \Rightarrow A \leq_p C$

def: A is NP-hard if $\forall L \in NP, L \leq_p A$
 - complete if " $A \in NP$

Prop: L NP-complete, $P = NP$ iff $L \in P$

pf: \Rightarrow : easy

\Leftarrow : $A \in NP \Rightarrow A \leq_p L \Rightarrow A \in P$.

Prop: $coNP = NP$ iff $L \in coNP$ iff $L \in NP$

Q: do NP-complete problems exist?

def: $BA = \{ \langle M, x, 1^w, 1^t \rangle : \exists y \in \{0,1\}^w \text{ M accepts } (x,y) \text{ in } \leq t \text{ steps} \}$
 $\in P$

Prop: BA is NP-complete

pf: $\in NP$:

NP-hard: $L = \{ x : \exists y \in \{0,1\}^{p(n)} (x,y) \in L' \}$

$L \leq_p BA$

$x \mapsto \langle M, x, 1^{f(n)}, 1^{p(n)} \rangle$

M' acc (x,y) in $\leq p(n) = n^{O(1)}$ steps

time constructible $\leq poly(n)$

Q: natural NP-complete problems? Π artificial vs man vs natural \bar{I}

def: a boolean formula is an expression comprised of

- literals: x_i or $\neg x_i$ Π vars I eg: $\neg((x \vee y) \wedge z) \vee \neg w$
- AND
- OR
- NOT

def: SAT = $\{ \langle \phi \rangle : \phi \text{ is a boolean formula that is satisfiable} \}$
 exists $x \in \{0,1\}^n \phi(x) = 1$

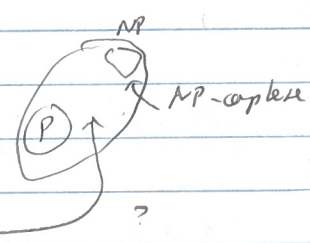
eg: $(x \vee y) \wedge (x \wedge \bar{x}) = 1$ satisfiable
 $x \wedge \bar{x}$ unsat

def: a CNF (conjunctive normal form) formula is AND-OR - levels
 k CNF AND-OR ($\leq k$ levels)

eg: 3CNF: $(x \vee \neg y \vee z) \wedge (x \vee w \vee \neg x) \wedge (\dots)$

Thm [Cook Levin]: 3CNF-SAT is NP-complete [GMP, NP-hard part]

Thm [Karp ...]: 1000's of natural NP problems are NP-complete [done]
hw [idea from SAT]



next time: NP-intermediate problems

space complexity

admin: Robert next week