

Computational Complexity Exercise 11

1. Recall that CNFSAT is the decision problem of determining whether a boolean formula in conjunctive normal form is satisfiable. The 3SAT problem puts an additional constraint that the formula is 3 conjunctive normal form - i.e., each clause contains at most 3 literals. Show that $\text{CNFSAT} \preceq_m^p \text{3SAT}$. □
2. The CLIQUE/VC/IS problem takes as input a graph $G(V, E)$ and a number k and asks whether G contains a clique/vertex cover/independent set of size k . Show that $\text{3SAT} \preceq_m^p \text{CLIQUE} \preceq_m^p \text{VC} \preceq_m^p \text{IS}$. □
3. Reading Assignment: Read the chapter on NP completeness from Sipser's book. Read the section on PSPACE completeness from Sipser's book. Study the proof that Generalized Geography problem is PSPACE complete. □
4. A directed graph G is strongly connected if there is a (directed) path from every vertex to every other vertex in G . The problem SCONN takes as input a graph G and asks whether G is strongly connected. Show that the problem is NL complete. (Reduce from s-tREACH). □
5. Show that the problem of deciding whether a graph is bipartite is in NL. (A bit of graph theory reading bipartite graphs will be needed - if you are non-CS) □
6. Show that $\text{NC}_1 \subseteq \text{L}$. □
7. Let $s(n) \geq \log n$ be space constructible and $t(n) \geq n$ be time constructible. Define $\text{UDepth}(s(n))$ as the set of languages for which uniform circuits of $O(s(n))$ depth exists. Similarly $\text{USize}(t(n))$ is the class of languages for which uniform circuits of size $O(t(n))$ exists. □
 - Show that $\text{NSPACE}(s(n)) \subseteq \text{Udepth}(s^2(n))$.
 - $\text{UDepth}(s(n)) \subseteq \text{DSPACE}(s(n))$.
 - $\text{DTIME}(t(n)) \subseteq \text{USize}(t^2(n))$.
 - $\text{USize}(t(n)) \subseteq \text{DTIME}(t(n))$.
8. Show that if $\text{NC}_{i+1} \subseteq \text{NC}_i$ for some $i \geq 2$ then $\text{NC} = \text{NC}_i$. What conclusion can be made about AC from the above? Show that if a P-complete problem is in NC, then $\text{NC} = \text{NC}_i$ for some i . □
9. If PH has a complete language L , then $\text{PSPACE} = \text{PH}$. □
10. Suppose we define the following hierarchy $\Sigma_1^L = \text{NL}$, $\Sigma_2^L = \text{NL}^{\text{NL}}$, .. $\Sigma_{i+1}^L = \text{NL}^{\Sigma_i^L}$. Show that the hierarchy collapses to NL. □
11. Reading Assignment: Read the section of **alternating Turing machines** from Sipser's book. Prove that $\text{ATIME}(t(n)) \subseteq \text{DSPACE}(t(n)) \subseteq \text{ATIME}(t^2(n))$ for $t(n) \geq n$ time constructible. For $s(n) \geq \log n$ space constructible, prove that $\text{ASPACE}(s(n)) \subseteq \text{DTIME}(2^{O(s(n))}) \subseteq \text{ASPACE}(s(n))$. Show that Σ_i^p and Π_i^p presented in the book are equivalent to the definitions presented in the class. □