

Complexity Theory

SS 2016

Class Handout 3

Exercise 1:

Prove the statement of Corollary 2.32 from the lecture:

$$\mathbf{PSPACE} = \mathbf{NPSPACE} .$$

Exercise 2:

We have shown that $\text{TQBF} \in \mathbf{DSPACE}(n)$ and that TQBF is \mathbf{PSPACE} -complete. Can we deduce that for every language $L \in \mathbf{PSPACE}$ it holds $L \in \mathbf{DSPACE}(n)$, that is $\mathbf{DSPACE}(n) = \mathbf{PSPACE}$?

Exercise 3:

Consider our current definition of space constructibility. Is the function

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{N} &\rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ n &\mapsto \lfloor \log(n) \rfloor \end{aligned}$$

space constructible according to this definition?

Prove furthermore that if f and g are space constructible, then the following functions are space constructible too:

$$f + g, \quad f \cdot g, \quad f \circ g .$$

Exercise 4:

Prove that the language

$$3\text{SAT} = \{ \langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable 3CNF-formula} \}$$

is \mathbf{NP} -complete. At first argue that $3\text{SAT} \in \mathbf{NP}$. In order to prove that any language in \mathbf{NP} is polynomial time reducible to 3SAT proceed as follows:

- Consider the Boolean formula constructed in the Cook-Levin Theorem and show that this formula can be transformed into an equivalent CNF-formula of appropriate size.
- Show that every CNF-formula can be converted into one of appropriate size with three literals per clause (using further variables).