
Complexity Theory

Due date: May 4, 2014 before class!

Problem 1 (10 Points)

1. One can easily show that the polynomial-time many-to-one reduction \preceq_m^p is reflexive (i.e., $A \preceq_m^p A$ for all languages A) and transitive (i.e., if $A \preceq_m^p B$ and $B \preceq_m^p C$, then $A \preceq_m^p C$). But is it also commutative (i.e., if $A \preceq_m^p B$, then $B \preceq_m^p A$)?
2. Show or disprove: \mathcal{NP} is closed under union or intersection, respectively. (Meaning that if $L_1, L_2 \in \mathcal{NP}$, then $L_1 \cup L_2 \in \mathcal{NP}$ or $L_1 \cap L_2 \in \mathcal{NP}$, respectively.)

Problem 2 (10 Points)

Define the following problems:

- DNF-SAT is the set of all satisfiable boolean formulae in disjunctive normal form.
- 2SAT is the set of all satisfiable boolean formulae in conjunctive normal form where every clause consists of at most two literals.

1. Prove that DNF-SAT is in \mathcal{P} .
2. Prove that 2SAT is in \mathcal{P} .

Problem 3 (10 Points)

Let BINARY LP be the set of satisfiable integer linear programs with solutions in $\{0, 1\}$. Prove that 3SAT \preceq_m^p BINARY LP. Show how your reduction works on the formula

$$(x \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{z}) \wedge (x \vee y \vee \bar{w}) \wedge (\bar{x} \vee y \vee \bar{w}) \wedge (\bar{y} \vee z \vee w).$$

Problem 4 (10 Points)

(Berman 1978) A *unary* language contains strings of the form 1^m , i.e. strings of m ones for some $m > 0$. Show that if an \mathcal{NP} -complete unary language exists, then $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$.