Homework 8: NP-Completeness

CSE 30151 Spring 2020

Due 2020/04/29 at 5pm (no late penalty during grace period of 72 hours)

Instructions

- Create a PDF file (or files) containing your solutions. You can write your solutions by hand, but please scan them in the library or using a smartphone to get them into PDF.
- Please name your PDF file(s) as follows to ensure that the graders give you credit for all of your work:
  - If you're making a complete submission, name it `netid-hw8.pdf`, where `netid` is replaced with your NetID.
  - If you're submitting some problems now and want to submit other problems later, name it `netid-hw8-123.pdf`, where `123` is replaced with the problem numbers you are submitting at this time.
- Submit your PDF file(s) in Sakai. Don't forget to click the Submit button!

Problems

1. This problem concerns details of the proof of the NP-completeness of *CLIQUE*, which is Theorem 7.32 in the book.
   (a) Convert the formula $\phi = (x \vee x \vee z) \wedge (\bar{x} \vee y \vee y) \wedge (\bar{y} \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{z})$ into a graph $G = (V, E)$ and integer k, using the construction in the proof of Theorem 7.32 (so that ϕ is satisfiable iff G has a clique of size k).
   (b) For each satisfying truth assignment of ϕ,
      - Please write down the truth assignment.
      - How many subsets of V does it correspond to?
      - Please draw one of them.
      - Is it a clique of G?

   (c) Convert $\phi = (x \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (\bar{x} \vee \bar{x} \vee \bar{x}) \wedge (y \vee y \vee y)$ into a graph G and integer k, and explain why ϕ is not satisfiable and G has no clique of size k.

2. In the *knapsack problem*, you are given a knapsack with maximum weight capacity W kilograms, and a set of k items,

$$S = \{\langle w_1, v_1\rangle, \ldots, \langle w_k, v_k\rangle\}$$

where w_i is the weight (in kilograms) of item i and v_i is the value (in dollars) of item i. The decision version of the problem is: Is there a subset of the items with total weight at most W and total value at least V? More formally,

$$\mathit{KNAPSACK} = \left\{ \langle S, W, V\rangle \mid \exists I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, k\} \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i\in I} w_i \leq W \text{ and } \sum_{i\in I} v_i \geq V \right\}.$$

Show that this problem is NP-complete. You can treat k as the problem size, or you can use $|\langle S, W, V\rangle|$ as the problem size if you want to be more precise.

3. In Theorem 5.15, we considered the Post Correspondence Problem (PCP), which is to decide whether a set of dominos

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$$P = \left\{ \left[\frac{t_1}{b_1}\right], \ldots \left[\frac{t_k}{b_k}\right] \right\},$$

has a solution, that is, sequence of indices $i_1, \ldots i_l$ such that $t_{i_1} \cdots t_{i_l} = b_{i_1} \cdots b_{i_l}$. Define the *string-length* of this solution to be $|t_{i_1} \cdots t_{i_l}|$.

Now let us consider the bounded version of this problem, BPCP, which is to decide, on input $\langle P, 1^m\rangle$, where P is a PCP instance and $m > 0$, whether P has a solution with string-length at most m. In this problem, we'll prove that BPCP is NP-complete, by reduction from every language in NP.

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(a) Prove that BPCP is in NP. You can treat m as the problem size. If you want to be more precise, treat $|\langle P, 1^m\rangle|$ as the problem size.

Next, given any language A in NP, there must be an NTM N and a polynomial $p(n)$ such that N decides w in at most $p(n)$ steps, where $n = |w|$. We now need to define a mapping f from strings w to pairs $\langle P, 1^m\rangle$, such that N accepts w iff P has a solution with string-length at most m.

Fortunately, the proof of Theorem 5.15 tells us exactly how to construct P. You may assume without proof that it still works on NTMs, that is, an NTM N accepts w iff the PCP instance P has a solution. We just need to find m.

(b) Prove that for any w, there is a bound m such that N accepts w iff P has a solution with string-length at most m. It's okay to express m using big-O notation.

(c) Prove that f runs in polynomial time.