

Homework Assignment 3 - NP-completeness

Deadline: 29.11.2021, 12:20 in Moodle.

Problem 1. For a set $S \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ design a Boolean formula $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in CNF form such that for each $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$: $\phi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is TRUE if and only if $a \in S$. How large is ϕ relative to n ? For bonus points show that for each $n \geq 10$ and some set $S \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ such a formula must be of size at least $\frac{2^n}{10n}$.

Problem 2. Show that if $P = NP$ then there is an algorithm which for each satisfiable Boolean formula $\phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ finds a satisfying assignment in polynomial time.

Problem 3. Let $SPATH = \{\langle G, s, t, k \rangle, G \text{ is an undirected graph in which } s \text{ and } t \text{ are connected by a path of length at most } k\}$ and let $LPATH = \{\langle G, s, t, k \rangle, G \text{ is an undirected graph in which } s \text{ and } t \text{ are connected by a path of length at least } k\}$. (No vertex can repeat twice on a path.) Show that $SPATH \in P$ and $LPATH$ is NP-complete.

Problem 4. Let $TRIPLE-SAT = \{\langle \phi \rangle, \phi \text{ is a Boolean formula with at least three distinct satisfying assignments}\}$. Show that $TRIPLE-SAT$ is NP-complete.