

Proeftentamen, uitwerkingen

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We give the answers in the form they would be counted as sufficient for the exam. In some problems there could be more than one correct answer.

1. *Define the Satisfiability problem SAT and formulate Cook's theorem.*

Satisfiability problem SAT: Given a boolean formula $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ determine whether there is an assignment of bits 0, 1 to variables x_1, \dots, x_n , such that F evaluates to 1 under this assignment.

Cook Theorem: SAT is a *NP*-complete problem.

2. *Prove using the pumping lemma that the language $L = \{0^n 10^n : n \geq 0\}$ is not regular.*

Let p be the pumping length and consider the word $w = 0^p 10^p$. By pumping lemma $w = xyz$ such that $|xy| \leq p$, $|y| > 0$ and $xy^i z \in L$, for each $i \geq 0$. The part xy must consist only of zeros, hence $xy^2 z$ violates the definition of L .

3. *Is $\overline{HALT} \leq_p HALT$?*

No, this is not the case. For any sets A and B , if $A \leq_p B$ and B is r.e., then so is A . An acceptor for A can be constructed from that for B : given x compute $y = f(x)$ and apply the acceptor for B to y .

4. *Find $d = \gcd(126, 330)$ following Euclid algorithm. Find integers n and m such that $126n + 330m = d$. (Using a calculator is not allowed in this problem.)*

Compute by successive divisions:

$$330 = 126 \cdot 2 + 78$$

$$126 = 78 \cdot 1 + 48$$

$$78 = 48 \cdot 1 + 30$$

$$48 = 30 \cdot 1 + 18$$

$$30 = 18 \cdot 1 + 12$$

$$18 = 12 \cdot 1 + 6$$

$$12 = 6 \cdot 2 + 0$$

Hence, $\gcd(330, 126) = 6$, the last non-zero remainder.

Backwards substitution gives:

$$\begin{aligned}6 &= 18 - 12 \cdot 1 \\ &= 18 - (30 - 18) \\ &= 18 \cdot 2 - 30 \\ &= (48 - 30) \cdot 2 - 30 \\ &= 48 \cdot 2 - 30 \cdot 3 \\ &= 48 \cdot 2 - (78 - 48) \cdot 3 \\ &= 48 \cdot 5 - 78 \cdot 3 \\ &= (126 - 78) \cdot 5 - 78 \cdot 3 \\ &= 126 \cdot 5 - 78 \cdot 8 \\ &= 126 \cdot 5 - (330 - 126 \cdot 2) \cdot 8 \\ &= 126 \cdot 21 - 330 \cdot 8\end{aligned}$$

Answer: $6 = 330 \cdot (-8) + 126 \cdot 21$.

5. *Show that the problem of testing whether a number is composite (not prime) is in the class NP.*

A problem A is in NP, if there exists a polytime computable verifier $V(x, c)$ and a polynomial $p(y)$ such that

$$x \in A \iff \exists c (|c| \leq p(|x|) \& V(x, c) \text{ accepts}).$$

For the problem of compositeness, let $V(x, c)$ accept if c is a number dividing x . Clearly, V is polytime computable. x is composite, if it has a divisor c which is smaller than x , so we can take $p(y) = y$.

6. *Let ISO-CLIQUE be the set of all (codes of) triples $\langle G, m, k \rangle$ such that G is a graph, G has a clique of size k and G has (at least) m isolated points ($k, m \leq |G|$). Show that ISO-CLIQUE is NP-complete. Hint: construct a p -reduction from CLIQUE to ISO-CLIQUE.*

We have to check 1) that ISO-CLIQUE is from NP and 2) that for any language $A \in \text{NP}$, $A \leq_p \text{ISO-CLIQUE}$.

1) As a certificate c we take $c = \langle c_1, c_2 \rangle$, where c_1 is a set of k points and c_2 is a set of m points. A polytime verifier for ISO-CLIQUE $V(c, x)$

checks in polynomial time if c_1 is a clique and if each of the points from c_2 is isolated.

2) It is sufficient to construct a p -reduction from CLIQUE to ISO-CLIQUE. Given an input $\langle G, k \rangle$ of the CLIQUE problem, we count the number m of isolated points of G (which we can do in polytime) and let the reduction function be defined as follows:

$$f(\langle G, k \rangle) := \langle G, k, m \rangle.$$

Then, as required,

$$x \in \text{CLIQUE} \iff f(x) \in \text{ISO-CLIQUE}.$$

7. Is CLIQUE \leq_p TQBF? (Motivate your answer.)

Show: If TQBF \leq_p CLIQUE, then PSPACE = NP.

1) Yes, because CLIQUE is in NP, hence in PSPACE. Any PSPACE problem is reducible to TQBF, because it is PSPACE-complete.

2) Suppose TQBF \leq_p CLIQUE. Since TQBF is PSPACE-complete, any problem A from PSPACE is reducible to it, and by transitivity of \leq_p , $A \leq_p$ CLIQUE. Hence, $A \in \text{NP}$, because CLIQUE $\in \text{NP}$. Thus, we have proved that any problem from PSPACE belongs to NP, that is, PSPACE \subseteq NP. The opposite inclusion holds by Savitch theorem.