

## Warm-up Exercises

1. Prove that for any language  $L$  and any class of languages  $C$ ,  $L$  is  $C$ -complete if and only if  $\bar{L}$  is  $\text{co}C$ -complete.
2. For two languages  $L_1, L_2$  define  $L_1 \Delta L_2 = (L_1 \setminus L_2) \cup (L_2 \setminus L_1)$ .  
We say that a class  $C$  is closed under  $\Delta$  if  $L_1, L_2 \in C$  implies  $L_1 \Delta L_2 \in C$ .  
For each class decide if it is closed under  $\Delta$  (if known):  $P, P/\text{poly}, NP, NP \cap \text{coNP}$ .
3. Prove that the following problems are self reducible by a polynomial Cook reduction from the search version to the decision version of the same problem.
  - (a)  $\text{Clique} = \{ (G, k) \mid G \text{ contains a clique of size } k \}$ .<sup>1</sup>
  - (b)  $\text{GraphIsomorphism} = \{ (G_1, G_2) \mid G_1 \text{ and } G_2 \text{ are isomorphic} \}$ .<sup>2</sup>

## Exercises for Submission

1. Let  $\text{UpToOneSat}$  be the following language:  
 $\text{UpToOneSat} = \{ \phi \mid \phi \text{ is a CNF formula that has at most one satisfying assignment} \}$ .  
Prove that  $\text{UpToOneSat} \in NP$  if and only if  $NP = \text{coNP}$ .
2. We say that a non-deterministic machine is *nice* if for every input  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$  the following holds: Every computation path returns either 'accept', 'reject' or 'quit'. There is at least one non-quit path, and all non-quit paths have the same value.  
Let  $\text{NICE}$  be the class of all languages that are accepted by some non-deterministic, polynomial time, nice machine. Prove that  $\text{NICE} = NP \cap \text{coNP}$ .
3. The class  $\text{DP}$  is defined as the set of all languages  $L$  for which there are two languages  $L_1 \in NP$  and  $L_2 \in \text{coNP}$  such that  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$ . Define:  
 $\text{SAT-UNSAT} = \{ (\phi_1, \phi_2) \mid \phi_1 \text{ and } \phi_2 \text{ are CNF formulas; } \phi_1 \text{ is satisfiable and } \phi_2 \text{ is not} \}$ ,  
 $\text{MAX-IndSet} = \{ (G, k) \mid \text{the largest independent set in } G \text{ has size } k \}$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\text{DP} \subseteq \Sigma_2^P$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\text{SAT-UNSAT}$  is  $\text{DP}$ -complete, i.e.,  $\text{SAT-UNSAT} \in \text{DP}$  and every language in  $\text{DP}$  is polynomial-time reducible to it.
  - (c) Is  $\text{DP} = NP \cap \text{coNP}$ ? (prove or disprove or show that it is equivalent to a well-known open question).
  - (d) (Bonus) Show that  $\text{MAX-IndSet}$  is  $\text{DP}$ -complete.
4. Prove that  $P \subseteq P/\text{poly}$ .  
Hint: Similar to the proof of Cook-Levin Theorem (and actually simpler).
5. Prove that if every unary  $NP$ -language is in  $P$  then  $\text{EXP} = \text{NEXP}$ , and conclude that if  $\text{EXP} \neq \text{NEXP}$  then there exists a language  $L \in NP \setminus P$  that is not  $NP$ -complete.  
Remark: It is known that there exists a language  $L \in NP \setminus P$  that is not  $NP$ -complete assuming the weaker assumption  $P \neq NP$  (Ladner's Theorem).

<sup>1</sup>The decision version is "Given a pair  $(G, k)$  does  $G$  contain a clique of size  $k$ ?" and the search version is "Given a pair  $(G, k)$  find a clique of size  $k$  in  $G$  if exists, and reject otherwise".

<sup>2</sup>Two graphs are *isomorphic* if there is a way to label the vertices of one graph, such that the two graphs become identical.