

Final Exam

Two page cheat sheet

Conflict Mon 8-11

Structure

20pt T/F

5x10pt problems

1x NP-hardness

2x Midterm 1

2x Midterm 2

1. Which of the following are a good English specifications of a recursive function that could possibly be used to compute the edit distance between two strings $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..n]$?

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j)$ is the answer for i and j .

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j)$ is the edit distance between $A[i]$ and $B[j]$.

Yes	No
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$$Edit[i, j] = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j = 0 \\ j & \text{if } i = 0 \\ Edit[i-1, j-1] & \text{if } A[i] = B[j] \\ \min \begin{cases} 1 + Edit[i, j-1] \\ 1 + Edit[i-1, j] \\ 1 + Edit[i-1, j-1] \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Yes	No
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$Edit[1..n, 1..n]$ stores the edit distances for all prefixes.

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j)$ is the edit distance between $A[i..n]$ and $B[j..n]$.

Yes	No
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$Edit[i, j]$ is the value stored at row i and column j of the table.

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j)$ is the edit distance between the last i characters of A and the last j characters of B .

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j)$ is the edit distance when i and j are the current characters in A and B .

Yes	No
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$Edit(i, j, k, l)$ is the edit distance between substrings $A[i..j]$ and $B[k..l]$.

Yes	No
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[I don't need an English description; my pseudocode is clear enough!]

(f) Suppose we want to prove that the following language is undecidable.

$$\text{MUGGLE} := \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } \text{SCIENCE} \text{ but rejects } \text{MAGIC} \}$$

Professor Potter, your instructor in Defense Against Models of Computation and Other Dark Arts, suggests a reduction from the standard halting language

$$\text{HALT} := \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on inputs } w \}.$$

Specifically, suppose there is a Turing machine `DETECTOMUGGLETUM` that decides `MUGGLE`. Professor Potter claims that the following algorithm decides `HALT`.

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DECEDEHALT( $\langle M, w \rangle$ ):  
  Encode the following Turing machine:  
  RUBBERDUCK( $x$ ):  
    run  $M$  on input  $w$  — halts  
    if  $x = \text{MAGIC}$   
      return FALSE  
    else  
      return TRUE  
  return DETECTOMUGGLETUM( $\langle \text{RUBBERDUCK} \rangle$ )
```

Which of the following statements is true for all inputs $\langle M, w \rangle$?

Yes	No
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If M rejects w , then `RUBBERDUCK` rejects `MAGIC`.

Yes	No
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If M accepts w , then `DETECTOMUGGLETUM` accepts $\langle \text{RUBBERDUCK} \rangle$.

Yes	No
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If M rejects w , then `DECEDEHALT` rejects $\langle M, w \rangle$.

Yes	No
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`DECEDEHALT` decides the language `HALT`. (That is, Professor Potter's reduction is actually correct.)

Yes	No
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`DECEDEHALT` actually runs (or simulates) `RUBBERDUCK`.

(d) Which of the following languages are *decidable*?

Yes	No
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Binary representations of all perfect squares

TRACECAR

Yes	No
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$\{xy \in \{0,1\}^* \mid yx \text{ is a palindrome}\}$

CATZACE

Yes	No
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$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts the binary representation of every perfect square}\}$

Yes	No
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$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts a finite number of non-palindromes}\}$

Yes	No
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The set of all regular expressions that represent the language $\{0,1\}^*$.
(This is a language over the alphabet $\{\emptyset, \epsilon, 0, 1, *, +, (,)\}$.)

(e) Which of the following languages can be proved undecidable *using Rice's Theorem*?

Yes	No
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$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts a finite number of strings}\}$

Yes	No
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$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts both } \langle M \rangle \text{ and } \langle M \rangle^R\}$

Yes	No
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$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts exactly 374 palindromes}\}$

Yes	No
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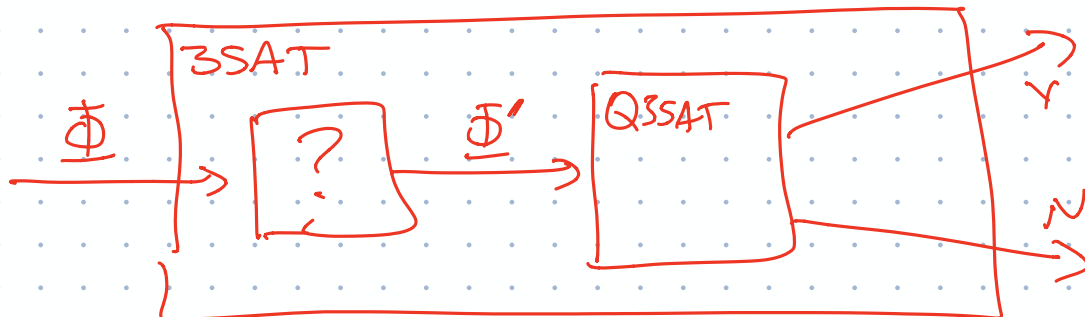
$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts some string } w \text{ after at most } |w|^2 \text{ steps}\}$

$\{\langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ accepts } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\}$

2. A **quasi-satisfying assignment** for a 3CNF boolean formula Φ is an assignment of truth values to the variables such that *at most one* clause in Φ does not contain a true literal. **Prove** that it is NP-hard to determine whether a given 3CNF boolean formula has a quasi-satisfying assignment.

Quasi 3SAT

$$(a \vee b \vee c) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee \bar{c} \vee d) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee c \vee \bar{d}) \wedge \dots$$



Given Φ build $\Phi' = \Phi \wedge (a \vee b \vee c) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee b \vee c) \wedge (a \vee \bar{b} \vee c) \wedge \dots \wedge (\bar{a} \vee \bar{b} \vee c)$

a new variable

\Rightarrow If Φ has sat assignment

add $a=b=c=\text{True}$

\rightarrow quasi sat assignment for Φ'

because all clauses in Φ ok
exactly one new clause bad.

\Leftarrow If Φ' has quasi-sat assignment

exactly one new clause bad

So all old clauses good $\rightarrow \Phi$ satisfied

polynomial \checkmark

\square

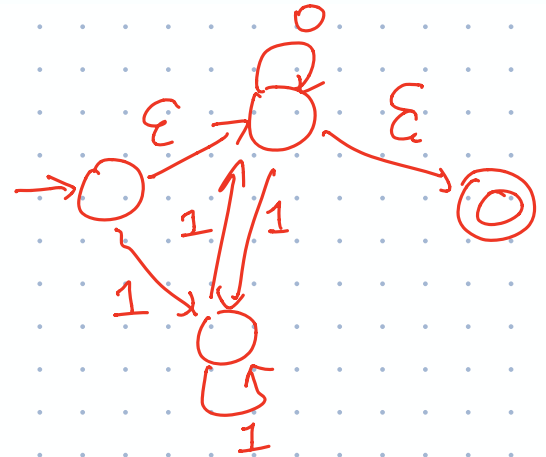
Final Exam 🎵 Problem 5

- (a) Fix the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Describe and analyze an efficient algorithm for the following problem: Given an NFA M over Σ , does M accept at least one string? Equivalently, is $L(M) \neq \emptyset$?
- (b) Recall from Homework 10 that deciding whether a given NFA accepts *every* string is NP-hard. Also recall that the complement of every regular language is regular; thus, for any NFA M , there is another NFA M' such that $L(M') = \Sigma^* \setminus L(M)$. So why doesn't your algorithm from part (a) imply that $P=NP$?

(a) Given M as a ^{dir.} graph
 Is any accept state
 reachable in M
 from start state?

WFS

$$O(V+E) = O(|Q|^2)$$



(b) Changing NFA M
 into NFA M'

where $L(M') = \Sigma^* \setminus L(M)$

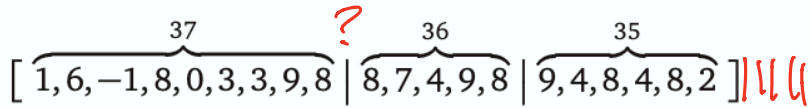
takes exp. time.

(as far as we know)

Final Exam 🎵 Problem 4

Suppose we want to split an array $A[1..n]$ of integers into k contiguous intervals that partition the sum of the values as evenly as possible. Specifically, define the cost of such a partition as the maximum, over all k intervals, of the sum of the values in that interval; our goal is to minimize this cost. Describe and analyze an algorithm to compute the minimum cost of a partition of A into k intervals, given the array A and the integer k as input.

For example, given the array $A = [1, 6, -1, 8, 0, 3, 3, 9, 8, 8, 7, 4, 9, 8, 9, 4, 8, 4, 8, 2]$ and the integer $k = 3$ as input, your algorithm should return the integer 37, which is the cost of the following partition:

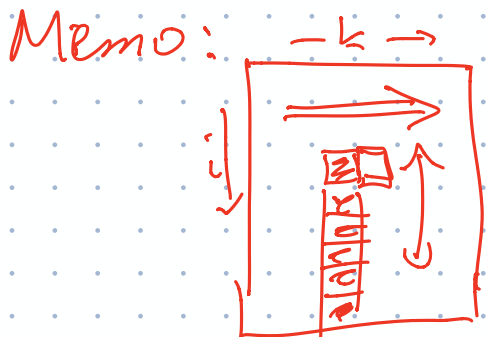
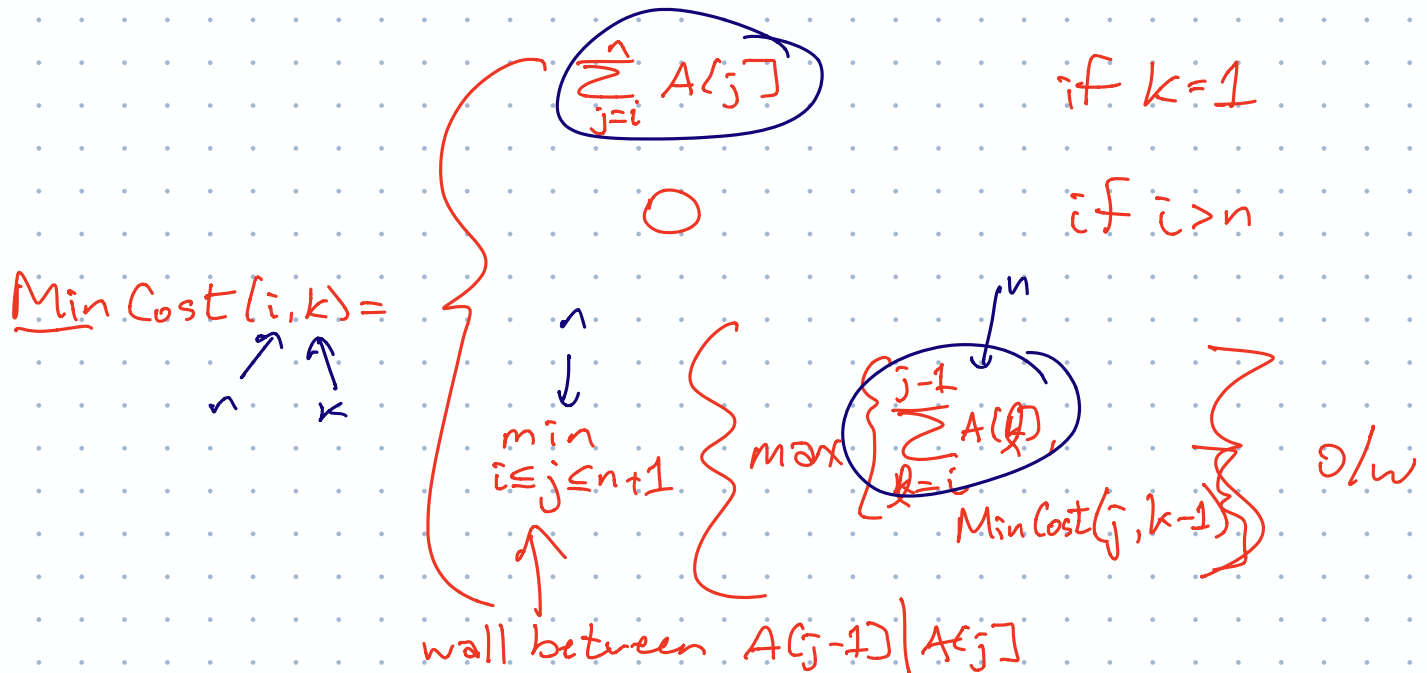


The numbers above each interval show the sum of the values in that interval.

Where is the next wall?

$MinCost(i, k) =$ minimum cost of a partition of $A[i..n]$ into k intervals.

We need $MinCost(1, k)$



$O(n \times k)$ time