

## Exam Limits to Computing (201300042)

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 8:45 – 11:45

- Use of calculators, mobile phones, etc. is not allowed!
- This exam consists of five problems.
- Please start a new page for each problem.
- The total number of points is  $63+7 = 70$ . The distribution of points is according to the following table.

1a: 6	2: 15	3a: 4	4a: 4	5a: 3
1b: 7		3b: 5	4b: 4	5b: 3
1c: 3				5c: 3
				5d: 3
				5e: 3

### ✓ 1. Decidability and Recursive Enumerability

Consider the following problem:

$$\text{INJECTIVE} = \{g \in \mathcal{G} \mid \varphi_g \text{ is injective}\}.$$

Recall that injective for partial functions means the following: A partial function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is injective if, for all  $x, y \in \text{dom}(f)$ , we have that  $f(x) = f(y)$  implies  $x = y$ .

- ✓ (a) (6 points) Is  $\text{INJECTIVE} \in \text{REC}$ ? Prove your answer.
- ✓ (b) (7 points) Prove that  $\text{INJECTIVE} \in \text{co-RE}$ .
- ✓ (c) (3 points) Is  $\text{INJECTIVE} \in \text{RE}$ ? Prove your answer.

## ✓ 2. NP-Completeness

A 3-uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  consists of a set  $V$  of vertices and a set  $E$  of edges. The difference to a graph is that every edge connects exactly three vertices. This means that if  $e \in E$ , then  $e = \{u, v, w\}$  for distinct  $u, v, w \in V$ .

A 3-coloring of a 3-uniform hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is a function  $\text{col} : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that for all edges  $e \in E$ , all three nodes of  $e$  are colored differently. In other words, if  $e = \{u, v, w\}$ , then  $\{\text{col}(u), \text{col}(v), \text{col}(w)\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

For instance, if  $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $E = \{\{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ , then  $\text{col}(a) = \text{col}(d) = 1$  and  $\text{col}(b) = 2$  and  $\text{col}(c) = 3$  is a 3-coloring of  $H$ .

Let

$$\text{HYPER3COLORING} = \{H \mid H \text{ is a 3-uniform hypergraph and 3-colorable}\}.$$

Prove that HYPER3COLORING is NP-complete.

*Hint:* 3-COLORING =  $\{G \mid G \text{ is a graph and 3-colorable}\}$  is NP-complete.

## ✓ 3. Complexity Classes 1

Let  $A, B \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be two decision problems. A linear-time many-one reduction is a function  $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  with the following properties:

- (i) For all  $x \in \Sigma^*$ , the function value  $f(x)$  can be computed in linear time, i.e., in time  $O(|x|)$ .
- (ii) For all  $x \in \Sigma^*$ , we have  $x \in A$  if and only if  $f(x) \in B$ .

We write  $A \leq_{\text{lin}} B$  if there is a linear-time many-one reduction from  $A$  to  $B$ .

✓ (a) (4 points) Prove the following: For

- all time-constructible functions  $t$  with  $t(n) \geq n$  for all  $n$  and
- all decision problems  $A$  and  $B$

the following holds: If  $A \leq_{\text{lin}} B$  and  $B \in \text{DTime}(O(t))$ , then  $A \in \text{DTime}(O(t))$ .

✓ (b) (5 points) Prove or disprove: there exists a problem  $B \in \text{P}$  such that  $A \leq_{\text{lin}} B$  for all  $A \in \text{P}$ . In other words, there exists a problem  $B$  that is P-complete with respect to  $\leq_{\text{lin}}$ .

## 4. Complexity Classes 2

For this exercise, let  $\text{UnionP} = \text{NP} \cup \text{co-NP}$ .

- (a) (4 points) Is  $\text{UnionP}$  closed under polynomial-time many-one reductions, i.e., is it true that  $A \leq_P B$  and  $B \in \text{UnionP}$  implies  $A \in \text{UnionP}$ ?
- (b) (4 points) Prove the following: If there exists a problem  $Q$  that is  $\text{UnionP}$ -complete with respect to polynomial-time many-one reductions, then  $\text{NP} = \text{co-NP}$ .

## 5. Questions

Are the following statements true or false? Justify your answers.

- (a) (3 points) If  $\text{NP} = \text{NL}$ , then  $\text{P} = \text{PSPACE}$ .
- (b) (3 points) All decision problems in  $\text{NP}$  are decidable.
- (c) (3 points)  $\text{UCONN} \in \text{NL}$ .
- (d) (3 points) For all sets  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , the following holds: If  $A \cup B \in \text{REC}$ , then  $A, B \in \text{REC}$ .
- (e) (3 points) For all sets  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , the following holds: If  $A \in \text{REC}$  and  $B \in \text{RE}$ , then  $A \setminus B \in \text{co-RE}$ .