

Complexity Classes

Note Title

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Recall: complexity notations

The limit rule:

$$\text{let } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$$

then:

- ① if $L < \infty$, $f(n) = O(g(n))$
- ② if $L > 0$, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
- ③ if $L = c > 0$, $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$
- ④ if $L = 0$, $f(n) = o(g(n))$

Note:

$$f = O(g) : f \leq g$$

$$f = \Omega(g) : f \geq g$$

$$f = \Theta(g) : f \cong g$$

$$f = o(g) : f < g$$

§ 9.2. Class P:

- 1] Defⁿ. Algorithm A is deterministic if it has only one choice (determined) in each step.
- 2] Defⁿ. The Class P: all decision problems that can be solved using a deterministic algorithm in polynomial time $O(n^k)$
e.g.
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|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Sorting: Is-sorted? | $\in P$ | G is 2-colorable iff no odd cycles |
| 2-coloring: Is G 2-colorable? | $\in P$ | |

3] Thm 1: Class P is closed under complementation.

e.g. Not-2-colorable $\in P$

4] The Class NP : all decision problems that can be solved using a nondeterministic algorithm in poly-time.

i.e. the algorithm can "guess" a solution in $O(n^i)$
then "verify" it in $O(n^j)$

Total time: $O(n^i) + O(n^j) = O(n^k)$ poly-time.

e.g. coloring $\in NP$

5] Prove that coloring \in NP

informal: if we are given a coloring assignment $c(x)$,
 $\forall x \in V$, then we can verify it in $O(n^2)$ by examining
each $(x, y) \in E$, $c(x) \neq c(y)$

6] P vs. NP:

P problems can be solved in poly-time } using deterministic
NP ,, can be verified in poly-time } algorithm.

§ 9.4. NP-Complete Problems

"The class of the hardest NP problems"

7] Defⁿ. let A and B be 2 decision problems, then
 $A \alpha_p B$ means: A is reduced to B in poly-time.

"solving B implies solving A"

"A is easier than B" " $A \leq B$ "

8] Thm 2: if $A \alpha_p B$ and $B \alpha_p C$ then $A \alpha_p C$

i.e. " α is transitive"