

Space Complexity

Lecture 9

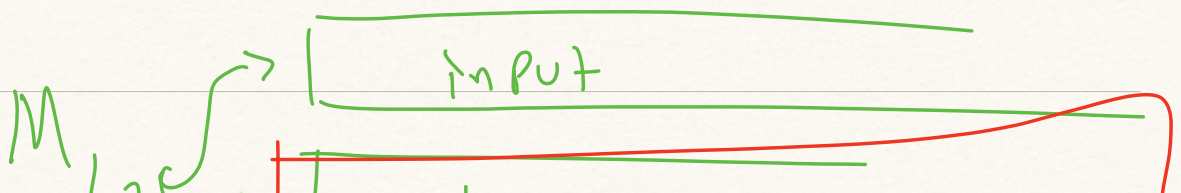
Def. Let $S: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. Then
a language $L \in \text{DSPACE}(S)$
if

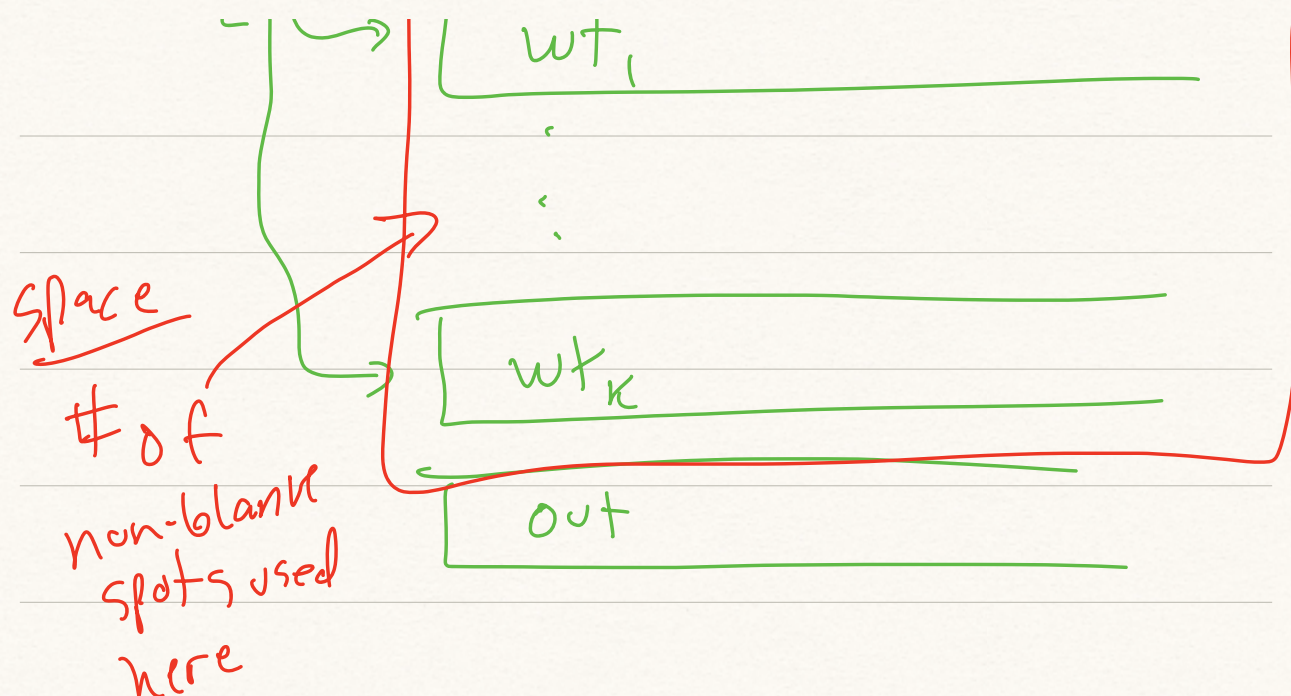
$\exists$ a DTM M_L s.t.

for any $x \in \{0,1\}^*$

$M_L(x)$ decides L using
at most $O(S(|x|))$ additional
space

space on workspace





- Similarly, $L \in \text{NSPACE}(S)$
 if $\exists$ NTM M_L w/
 same space requirements
 $\hookrightarrow$ only uses $O(S(|x|))$
 space for any
 computational path.

• E_x : $\text{SAT} \in \text{DSPACE}(n)$

Let ϕ be a formula

w/ m variables $x_1, \dots, x_m$

and $|\phi| = n$

• Let $\hat{M}$ be a DTM

$\hat{M}(\phi) :$ need $O(m)$ space $m \leq n$

- For all $u_1, \dots, u_m \in \{0, 1\}$

- Test : if $\phi(u_1, \dots, u_m) = 1$

- If yes, output 1

- Else output 0

$O(n)$ space is used

Space Constructible:

$$S: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } S(n) \geq \log(n)$$

is space-constructible, if

$\exists$ DTM M s.t. on input x
 $M(x)$ outputs $S(|x|)$ in
at most $O(S(|x|))$
space.

Theorem: For every space
constructible S :

$$\underline{\text{DTIME}(S) \subseteq \text{DSPACE}(S)}$$

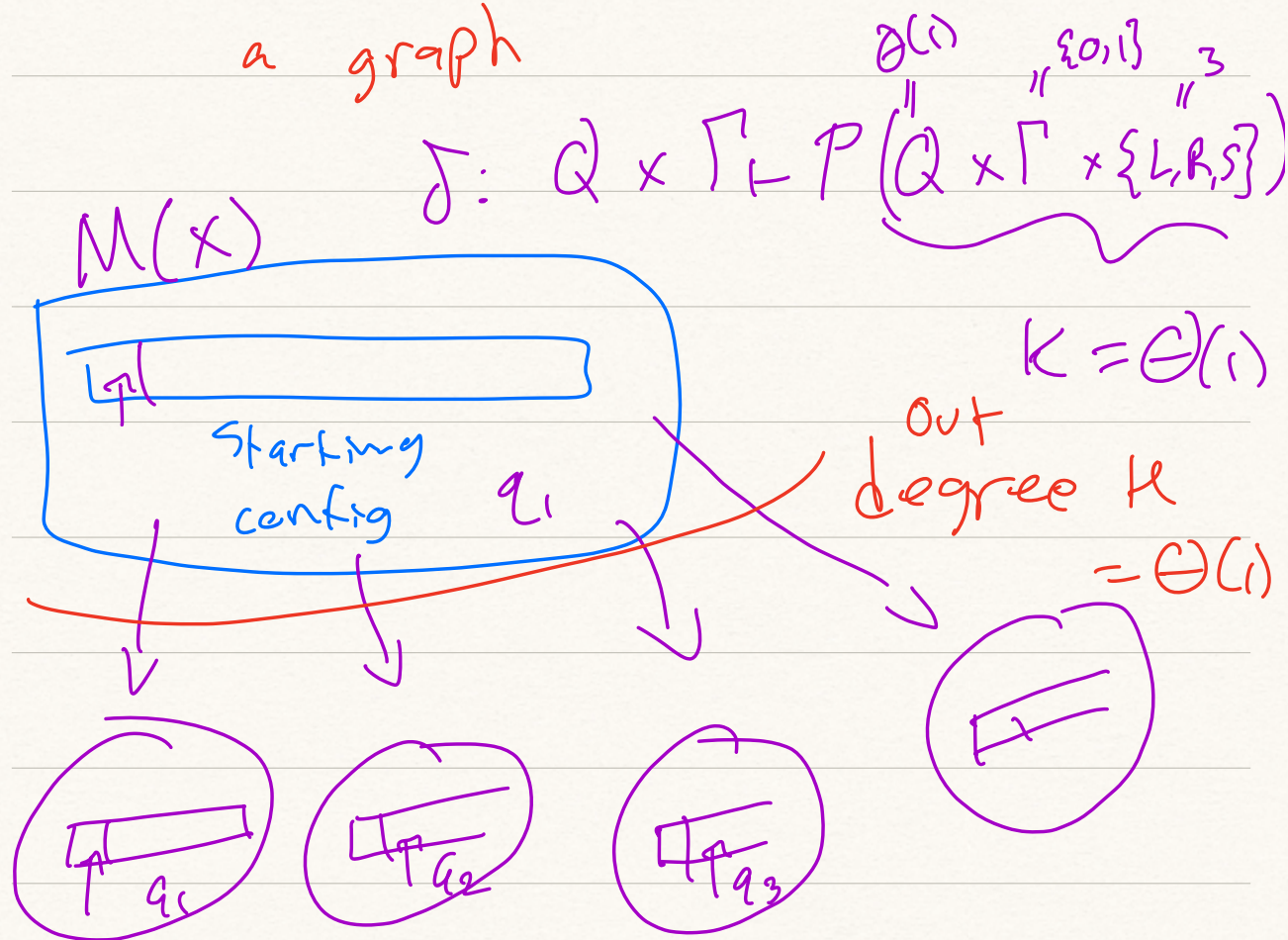
$$\subseteq \underline{\text{NSPACE}(S)}$$

$$\subseteq \text{DTIME}(2^{O(S)})$$



Show: $\text{NSPACE}(E(n)) \subseteq \text{DTIME}(2^{O(n)})$

Turn NTM computation into
a graph

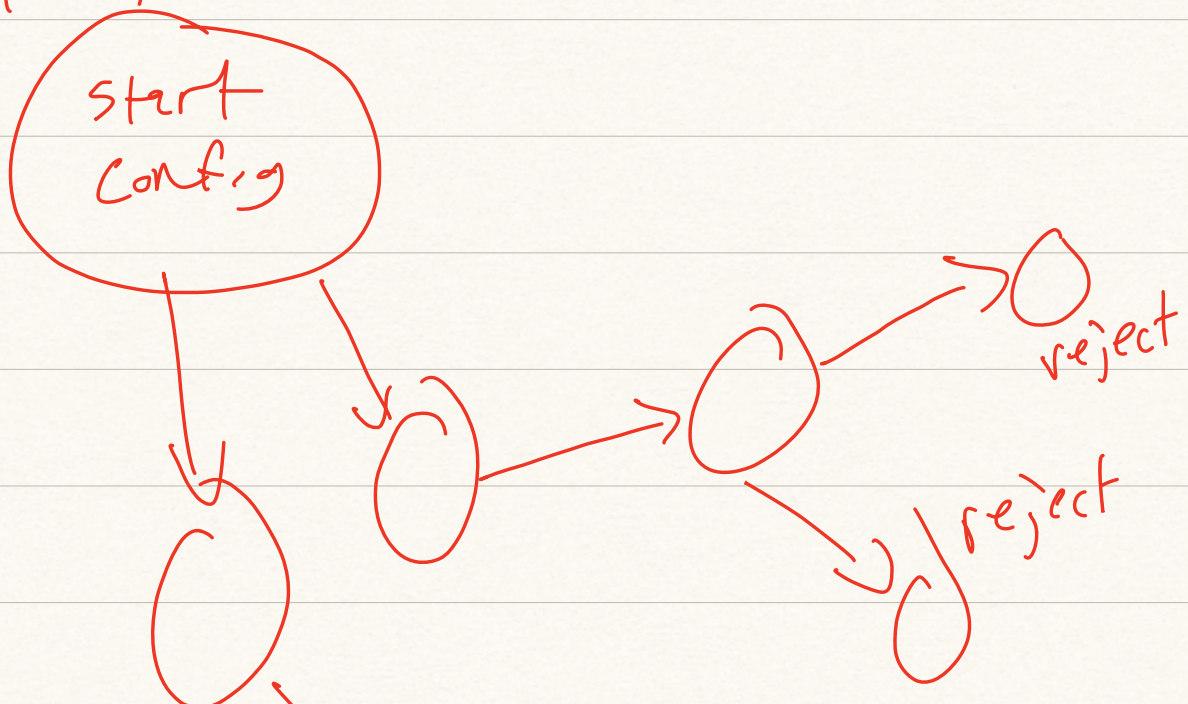


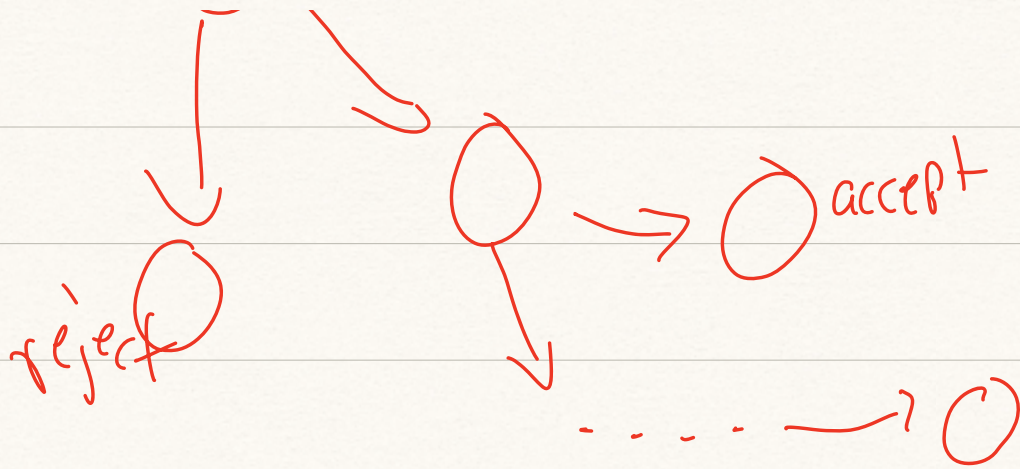
Known: You can convert
any NTM w/ at most
 k outputs of its transition

function to an equivalent
one with at most 2
outputs.

If $G_{M,x}$ (graph representing
 $M(x)$) has a path
from start to accept
then $M(x)$ accepts

$M(x)$





$G_{M,x}$: If M uses $O(s)$
space on any input, then

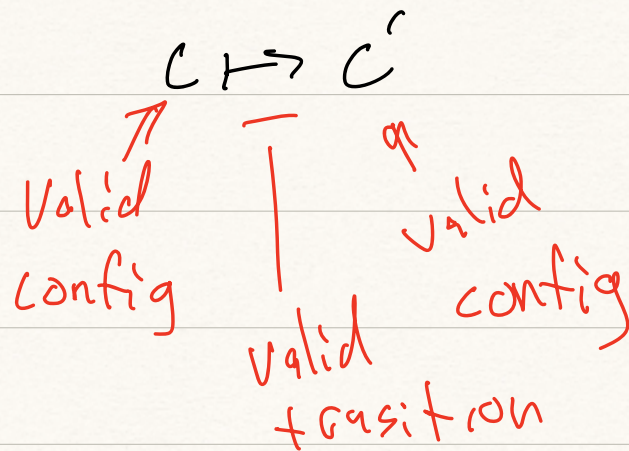
① $G_{M,x}$ has at most
 $2^{O(s)}$ nodes.

$\hookrightarrow$ only need $O(s)$

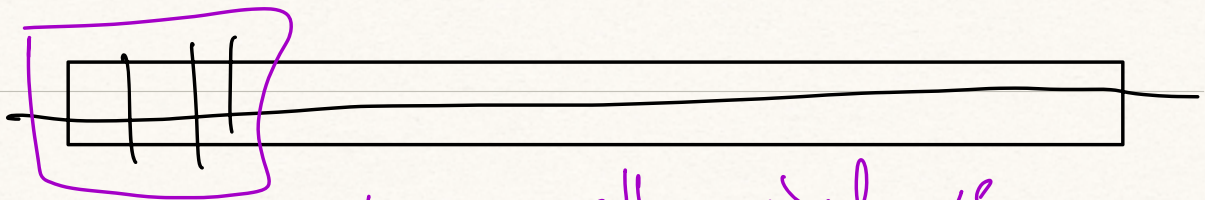
space to encode all
configurations

② There exists an $O(s)$
sized CNF ψ such that

$$\psi(c, c') = 1 \text{ iff}$$



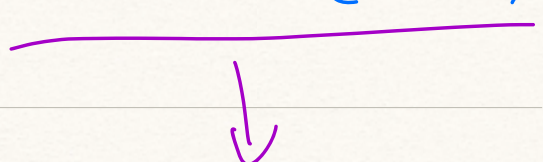
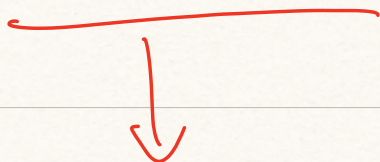
$\Rightarrow$ Cook-Levin



check over all windows
+ check symbols are valid

Back to the point

$$\text{NSPACE}(s) \leq \text{DTIME}(2^{O(s)})$$



TM M
that decides
some lang.
here

- M' gets M ,
- Construct $G_{M,x}$
 $\hookrightarrow 2^{O(s)}$
- Test validity
& find
accept state
w/ ψ
 $\Rightarrow 2^{O(s)}$
time $\square$

Space Hierarchy

Let f, g be space constructible
s.t. $f = o(g)$. Then

$DSPACE(f) \neq DSPACE(g)$.

→ Proof: identical to $DTIME$

EXCEPT: $f = o(g)$

rather than $f = o(g/\log g)$

→ no log overhead b/c

you can do universal
TM simulation w/ only
constant space overhead.

Space Complexity Classes

$$(1) PSPACE = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} DSPACE(n^c)$$

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→ Space analogue of P

$$(2) \text{ NPSPACE} = \bigcup_{c \in \mathbb{N}} \text{NSPACE}(n^c)$$

→ Space analogue of NP

$$(3) L = \text{DSPACE}(\log(n))$$

$$(4) NL = \text{NSPACE}(\log(n))$$

$L = NL?$ Open

$\text{PSPACE} \neq L$

$\text{NPSPACE} \neq NL$

PSPACE

||

NPSPACE

Surprising

$\text{coNL} = NL$

Examples

SAT $\in$ PSPACE

$\rightarrow$ NP $\subseteq$ PSPACE

$\downarrow$

$L \subseteq$ NP

$\rightarrow$ TM M s.t. $\forall x$

$x \in L \iff \exists w \in \{0,1\}^{p(|x|)}$

$M(x, w) = 1$

$\hookrightarrow$ iterate over all w
in poly-space

Langs in L

EVEN = $\{ x \in \{0,1\}^* : x \text{ has even \# 1s} \}$

- $X \in \{0,1\}^n$

$M(x)$:

- Count # 1s in
binary x

Counter max size in

binary: $\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor + 1$

- $MULT = \left\{ (\langle x \rangle_2, \langle y \rangle_2, \langle z \rangle_2) : \right.$
 $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$
 $xy = z$
 $\left. \right\}$

- NL language

PATH = $\{ (G, s, t) : G \text{ is directed} \}$

graph w/
path from
 s to t

Vertices/nodes $= n$

- If $\exists$ a path from $s \rightarrow t$,
it is of length at most

n

- Non-det go down paths
of length n

(BFS)

PSPACE-Completeness

* A language L is

$PSPACE$ complete if

① $L \in PSPACE$

② $\forall L' \in PSPACE$

$$L' \leq_P L$$

$\uparrow$
still poly-time

TQBF

• For now we've only seen "fixed" formulas

$$\phi = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_2)$$

• $\phi \in SAT$

$$\hookrightarrow \exists x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_4 \wedge \neg 1$$

$$\neg (x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_4) = 1$$

$$\exists x_1, x_2, x_3 \phi(\vec{x})$$

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \forall x_3 \phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = 1$$

$$(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_2)$$

0 1
0/1 1

Let ϕ be an m -variable Boolean Formula. Then

$Q_1 x_1 Q_2 x_2 \dots Q_m x_m \phi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$
is a quantified Boolean formula.

$$Q_i \in \{\exists, \forall\} \text{ for all } i.$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_1 x_1 (\psi \wedge \phi)$$

Examples $\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_m$

$$\exists x \phi(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{SAT}$$

$$\forall x \phi(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{UNSAT}$$

$$\forall x \phi(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{UNSAT}$$

$$\forall x \exists y (x \wedge y) \vee (\bar{x} \wedge \bar{y})$$

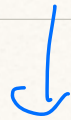
$$(x == y) = \text{TRUE}$$

$$\exists x \forall y (x == y) \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$$

$$\text{TQBF} = \{ \psi : \psi \text{ is a true QBF} \}$$

Thm. TQBF is PSPACE
complete.

Aside Essence of PSPACE



Finding optimal solutions
for 2 player games.

Ex: Chess or Go

X	O	X
O		X

↑

X	O	X
O	O	X
X	X	O

- Run $M(\phi)$ with

$x=0$ and $x=1$.

- If either return 1,

return 1. Else

return 0

③ Else if $\psi = \forall x \phi$

- Run $M(\phi)$ with

$x=0$ and $x=1$

- Return 1 iff both

return 1.

Recursion Depth: at most $m \leq n$

Every level: storing $\leq m$

information

$\Rightarrow \cancel{O(n^2)} \text{ space.}$

$\Rightarrow O(m) \text{ space}$

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