

**Savitch's Theorem:** For  $s(n) \geq \log n$ ,

$$\mathbf{NSPACE}[s(n)] \subseteq \mathbf{DSPACE}[(s(n))^2]$$

**Immerman-Szelepcsényi Theorem:** For  $s(n) \geq \log n$ ,

$$\mathbf{NSPACE}[s(n)] = \mathbf{co-NSPACE}[s(n)]$$

**Closure Theorem:** Virtually all the classes we've considered are closed downward under logspace reductions.

**Exercise (HW#6):** Logspace reductions are transitive, i.e., if  $A \leq B$  and  $B \leq C$  then  $A \leq C$ .

Consider the input (the object we are working on) to be a finite logical structure, e.g., a binary string, a graph, a relational database, or whatever. Remember that a structure includes a list of the objects and lookup tables for all the variables, constants, relations and functions.

**Definition 18.1** FO is the set of first-order definable decision problems on finite structures. Let  $S \subseteq \text{STRUC}_{\text{fin}}[\Sigma]$ .

$S \in \text{FO}$       iff

$$S = \{\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}_{\text{fin}}[\Sigma] \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi\}, \quad \text{some } \varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$$

Addition

$$Q_+ : \text{STRUC}[\Sigma_{AB}] \rightarrow \text{STRUC}[\Sigma_s]$$

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} A & & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{n-1} & a_n \\ B & + & b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_{n-1} & b_n \\ \hline S & & s_1 & s_2 & \dots & s_{n-1} & s_n \end{array}$$

$$C(i) \equiv (\exists j > i)(A(j) \wedge B(j) \wedge (\forall k. j > k > i)(A(k) \vee B(k)))$$

$$Q_+(i) \equiv A(i) \oplus B(i) \oplus C(i)$$

$$Q_+(c) \in \text{FO}$$

Encode structures  $\mathcal{A} \in \text{STRUC}_{\text{fin}}[\Sigma]$  as binary strings,  $\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Example:**

- binary strings:  $\text{bin}(\mathcal{A}_w) = w$
- graphs:  $G = (\{1, \dots, n\}, E, s, t)$   
 $\text{bin}(G) = a_{11}a_{12} \dots a_{nn}s_1s_2 \dots s_{\log n}t_1 \dots t_{\log n}$

**Theorem 18.2**  $\text{FO} \subseteq \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{DSPACE}[\log n]$

**Proof:**

Given:  $\varphi \equiv (\exists x_1)(\forall x_2) \cdots (\forall x_{2k})\psi$

Build  $\mathbf{DSPACE}[\log n]$  TM  $M$  s.t.,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad M(\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})) = 1$$

By induction on  $k$ .

**Base case:**  $k = 0$ .

$\varphi \equiv E(s, t)$

$\varphi \equiv s \leq t$

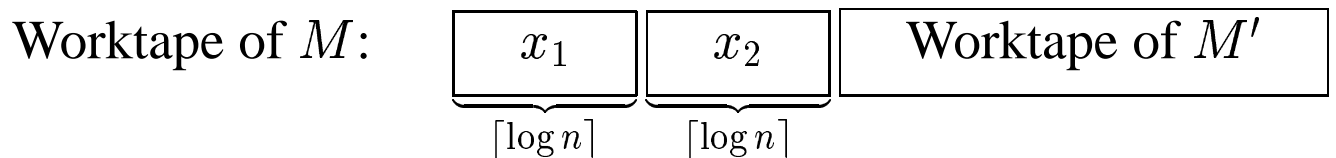
## Inductive step:

$$\varphi' \equiv (\exists x_3)(\forall x_4) \cdots (\forall x_{2k})\psi$$

By inductive assumption, there is logspace TM  $M'$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi' \iff M'(\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})) = 1$$

Modify  $M'$  by adding  $2 \lceil \log n \rceil$  worktape cells.



$M$  cycles through all values of  $x_1$  until it finds one such that for all  $x_2$ ,  $M'$  accepts. ♠

A Java program can easily be written to test whether  $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$ . It has nested `for` loops, one for each quantifier. Since it uses only a constant number of variables of  $\log n$  bits each, it represents a deterministic logspace algorithm.

Second-order logic consists of first-order logic, plus new relation variables over which we may quantify.

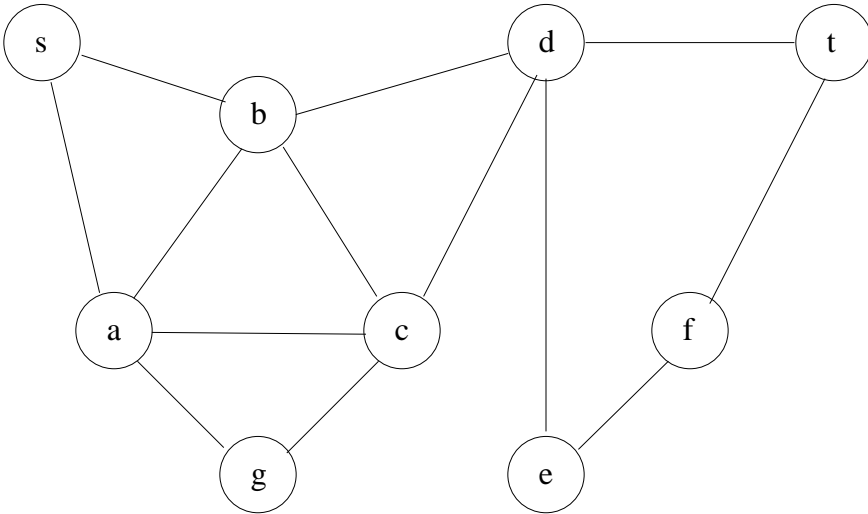
$$(\forall A^r)\varphi$$

For all choices of the  $r$ -ary relation  $A$ ,  $\varphi$  holds.

SO is the set of second-order expressible boolean queries.

SO $\exists$  is the set of second-order existential boolean queries.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_{3\text{-color}} \equiv & (\exists R^1)(\exists Y^1)(\exists B^1)(\forall x)[(R(x) \vee Y(x) \vee B(x)) \\
& \wedge (\forall y)(E(x, y) \rightarrow \\
& \quad \neg(R(x) \wedge R(y)) \wedge \\
& \quad \neg(Y(x) \wedge Y(y)) \wedge \\
& \quad \neg(B(x) \wedge B(y)))]
\end{aligned}$$





SAT is the set of boolean formulas in conjunctive normal form (CNF) that admit a satisfying assignment.

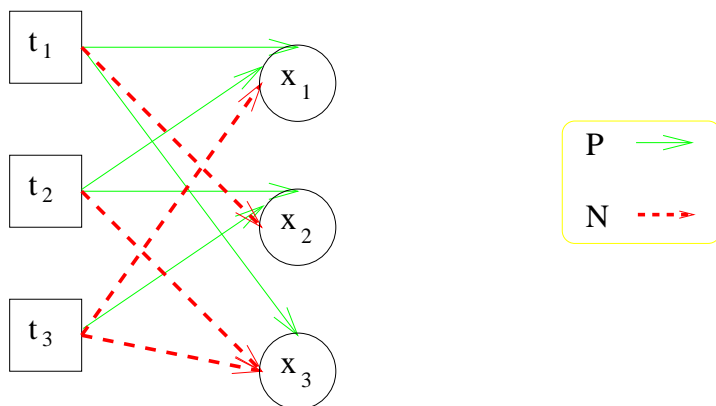
$$\Phi_{\text{SAT}} \equiv (\exists S^1)(\forall t)(\exists x)(C(t) \rightarrow (P(t, x) \wedge S(x)) \vee (N(t, x) \wedge \neg S(x)))$$

$C(t) \equiv$  “ $t$  is a clause; otherwise  $t$  is a variable.”

$P(t, x) \equiv$  “Variable  $x$  occurs positively in clause  $t$ .”

$N(t, x) \equiv$  “Variable  $x$  occurs negatively in clause  $t$ .”

$$\varphi \equiv (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee \overline{x_3})$$



CLIQUE is the set of pairs  $\langle G, k \rangle$  such that  $G$  is a graph that has a complete subgraph of size  $k$ .

Let  $\text{Inj}(f)$  mean that  $f$  is an injective function

$$\text{Inj}(f) \equiv (\forall xy)(f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow x = y)$$

$$\Phi_{\text{CLIQUE}} \equiv (\exists f^1.\text{Inj}(f))(\forall xy)((x \neq y \wedge f(x) < k \wedge f(y) < k) \rightarrow E(x, y))$$

**Theorem 18.3 (Fagin's Theorem)**  $\mathbf{NP}$  is equal to the set of existential, second-order boolean queries,  $\mathbf{NP} = \mathbf{SO}\exists$ .

**Proof:**  $\mathbf{NP} \supseteq \mathbf{SO}\exists$ : We are given a second-order existential sentence

$$\Phi \equiv (\exists R_1^{r_1}) \dots (\exists R_k^{r_k}) \psi \in \mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$$

Build NP machine  $N$  s.t. for all  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{STRUC}_{\text{fin}}[\Sigma]$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \Phi \iff N(\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})) = 1 \quad (18.4)$$

$$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{STRUC}_{\text{fin}}[\Sigma], \quad n = \|\mathcal{A}\|.$$

$N$  nondeterministically writes down a binary string of length  $n^{r_1}$  representing  $R_1$ , and similarly for  $R_2$  through  $R_k$ .

$$\mathcal{A}' = (\mathcal{A}, R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k)$$

$N$  accepts iff  $\mathcal{A}' \models \psi$ .

Since  $\mathbf{FO} \subseteq \mathbf{L}$  (Th 19.2) we can test if  $\mathcal{A}' \models \psi$  in logspace and so certainly in NP. Thus Equivalence 18.4 holds.

$\mathbf{NP} \subseteq \mathbf{SO}\exists$ : Let  $N$  be an  $\mathbf{NTIME}[n^k]$  TM.

Write an  $\mathbf{SO}\exists$  sentence,

$$\Phi = (\exists C_0^{2k} \dots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k) \varphi \quad (18.5)$$

meaning, “There exists an accepting computation  $\bar{C}$ ,  $\Delta$  of  $N$ .”

We will show that:

$$\mathcal{A} \models \Phi \iff N(\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})) = 1$$

**Remark 18.6** *Assume that language has numeric relations:  $\leq$ , SUC and constants 0, max referring to total ordering on the universe, its successor relation, the minimum and maximum elements in this ordering, respectively.*

*Then  $\varphi$  in Equation 18.5 can be made universal,*

$$\varphi \equiv (\forall x_1 \dots x_t) \psi,$$

*with  $\psi$  quantifier free.*

Fix  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $n = \|\mathcal{A}\|$

**Possible contents of a computation cell for  $N$ :**

$$\Gamma = \{\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{g-1}\} = (Q \times \Sigma) \cup \Sigma$$

$C_i(s_1, \dots, s_k, t_1, \dots, t_k)$  means cell  $\bar{s}$  at time  $\bar{t}$  is symbol  $\gamma_i$

$\Delta(\bar{t})$  means the  $\bar{t} + 1^{\text{st}}$  step of the computation makes choice “1”; otherwise it makes choice “0”.

	Space							$\Delta$
	0	1	$\bar{s}$	$n-1$	$n$	$n^k-1$		
<b>Time</b> 0	$\langle q_0, w_0 \rangle$	$w_1$	$\cdots$	$w_{n-1}$	$\sqcup$	$\cdots$	$\sqcup$	$\delta_0$
1	$w_0$	$\langle q_1, w_1 \rangle$	$\cdots$	$w_{n-1}$	$\sqcup$	$\cdots$	$\sqcup$	$\delta_1$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$			$\vdots$		$\vdots$
$\bar{t}$				$a_{-1}$	$a_0$	$a_1$		$\delta_t$
$\bar{t}+1$				$b$				$\delta_{t+1}$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$			$\vdots$		$\vdots$
$n^k-1$	$\langle q_f, 1 \rangle$	$\sqcup$	$\cdots$		$\sqcup$	$\sqcup$	$\cdots$	$\sqcup$

Accepting computation of  $N$  on input  $w_0w_1 \cdots w_{n-1}$

Write first-order sentence,  $\varphi(\bar{C}, \Delta)$ , saying that  $\bar{C}, \Delta$  codes a valid accepting computation of  $N$ .

$$\varphi \equiv \alpha \wedge \beta \wedge \eta \wedge \zeta$$

$\alpha \equiv$  row 0 codes input  $\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})$

$\beta \equiv (\forall \bar{s}, \bar{t}, i \neq j)(\neg(C_i(\bar{s}, \bar{t}) \wedge C_j(\bar{s}, \bar{t})))$

$\eta \equiv (\forall \bar{t})(\text{row } \bar{t} + 1 \text{ follows from row } \bar{t} \text{ via move } \Delta(\bar{t}) \text{ of } N)$

$\zeta \equiv$  last row of computation is accept ID

$$\mathcal{A} \models \Phi \iff N(\text{bin}(\mathcal{A})) = 1$$

$$\Phi \equiv \exists C_0^{2k} C_1^{2k} \dots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k(\varphi)$$

$\equiv$  “ $\exists$  an accepting computation:  $N(\text{me}) = 1$ ”

$$\alpha \equiv \text{row } 0 \text{ codes input bin}(\mathcal{A})$$

Assume  $\Sigma$  has only single unary relation symbol,  $R$ .

$$\left| \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & & n-1 & n & & n^k-1 \\ \hline \langle q_0, w_0 \rangle & w_1 & \cdots & w_{n-1} & \sqcup & \cdots & \sqcup \end{array} \right|$$

$$\gamma_0 = 0; \gamma_1 = 1; \gamma_2 = \sqcup; \gamma_3 = \langle q_0, 0 \rangle; \gamma_4 = \langle q_0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \equiv & R(0) \rightarrow C_4(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \\ & \wedge \neg R(0) \rightarrow C_3(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \\ & \wedge (\forall i > 0)(R(i) \rightarrow C_1(\bar{0}i, \bar{0}) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \wedge \neg R(i) \rightarrow C_0(\bar{0}i, \bar{0})) \\ & \wedge (\forall \bar{s} \geq n)C_2(\bar{s}, \bar{0}) \end{aligned}$$



## Most interesting case: $\eta$

$$\langle a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, \delta \rangle \xrightarrow{N} b$$

Triple  $a_{-1}, a_0, a_1$  leads to  $b$  via move  $\delta$  of  $N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1 \quad \equiv & (\forall \bar{t}. \bar{t} < \overline{max}) (\forall \bar{s}. \bar{0} < \bar{s} < \overline{max}) \\ & \wedge \quad (\neg^\delta \Delta(\bar{t}) \vee \\ & \quad \langle a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, \delta \rangle \xrightarrow{N} b \\ \neg C_{a_{-1}}(\bar{s}-1, \bar{t}) \vee & \neg C_{a_0}(\bar{s}, \bar{t}) \vee \neg C_{a_1}(\bar{s}+1, \bar{t}) \vee C_b(\bar{s}, \bar{t}+1)) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\neg^\delta$  is  $\neg$  if  $\delta = 1$  and it is the empty symbol if  $\delta = 0$ .

$$\eta \quad \equiv \quad \eta_0 \wedge \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2$$

where  $\eta_0$  and  $\eta_2$  encode the same information when  $\bar{s} = \bar{0}$  and  $\overline{max}$  respectively. ♠

## Theorem 18.7 (Cook-Levin Theorem)

*SAT is NP-complete.*

(This theorem was proved roughly simultaneously by Steve Cook in the USA and Leonid Levin in the USSR, before Fagin proved his theorem. We'll prove Cook-Levin as a corollary of Fagin's Theorem, somewhat contrary to history. But note that the proof of Cook-Levin in Sipser, for example, is almost the same as our proof of Fagin.)

**Proof:** Let  $B \in \mathbf{NP}$ . By Fagin's theorem,

$$B = \{ \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} \models \Phi \}$$

$$\Phi = (\exists C_0^{2k} \cdots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k) (\forall x_1 \cdots x_t) \psi(\bar{x})$$

with  $\psi$  quantifier-free and CNF,

$$\psi(\bar{x}) = \bigwedge_{j=1}^r T_j(\bar{x})$$

with each  $T_j$  a disjunction of literals.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be arbitrary,  $n = \|\mathcal{A}\|$

Define formula  $\varphi(\mathcal{A})$  as follows:

**boolean variables:**

$$C_i(e_1, \dots, e_{2k}), \Delta(e_1, \dots, e_k), \quad i = 1, \dots, g, e_1, \dots, e_{2k} \in |\mathcal{A}|$$

**clauses:**

$$T_j(\bar{e}), \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \bar{e} \in |\mathcal{A}|^t$$

$T'_j(\bar{e})$  is  $T_j(\bar{e})$  with atomic numeric or input predicates,  $R(\bar{e})$ , replaced by **true** or **false** according as they are true or false in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Occurrences of  $C_i(\bar{e})$ , and  $\Delta(\bar{e})$  are considered boolean variables.

$$\Phi \equiv (\exists C_0^{2k} \dots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k)(\forall x_1 \dots x_t) \bigwedge_{j=1}^r T_j(\bar{x})$$

$$\varphi(\mathcal{A}) \equiv \bigwedge_{e_1, \dots, e_t \in |\mathcal{A}|} \bigwedge_{j=1}^r T'_j(\bar{e})$$

$$\mathcal{A} \in B \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{A} \models \Phi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \varphi(\mathcal{A}) \in \text{SAT} \spadesuit$$

### Proposition 18.8

$$3\text{-SAT} = \{\varphi \in \text{CNF-SAT} \mid \varphi \text{ has } \leq 3 \text{ literals per clause}\}$$

3-SAT is **NP**-complete.

**Proof:** Show  $\text{SAT} \leq 3\text{-SAT}$ .

**Example:**

$$C = (\ell_1 \vee \ell_2 \vee \dots \vee \ell_7)$$

$$C' \equiv (\ell_1 \vee \ell_2 \vee d_1) \wedge (\bar{d}_1 \vee \ell_3 \vee d_2) \wedge (\bar{d}_2 \vee \ell_4 \vee d_3) \wedge \\ (\bar{d}_3 \vee \ell_5 \vee d_4) \wedge (\bar{d}_4 \vee \ell_6 \vee \ell_7)$$

**Claim:**  $C \in \text{SAT} \iff C' \in 3\text{-SAT}$

In general, just do this construction for each clause independently, introducing separate dummy variables for each clause. The AND of all the new 3-variable clauses is satisfiable iff the AND of all the old clauses is. ♠