

Theorem 7.1 Cook's Thm: SAT is NP-complete.

Proof:

Let $B \in \text{NP}$. By Fagin's theorem,

$$B = \{\mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} \models \Phi\}; \quad \Phi \equiv \exists C_0^{2k} \cdots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k \forall x_1 \cdots x_t (\alpha(\bar{x}))$$

with α quantifier-free and CNF,

$$\alpha(\bar{x}) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^r \bigvee_{j=1}^s \lambda_{i,j}(\bar{x})$$

where each $\lambda_{i,j}$ is a literal.

\mathcal{A} arbitrary, $n = \|\mathcal{A}\|$, Define boolean formula $\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}$:

boolean variables: $C_i(e_1, \dots, e_{2k}), \Delta(e_1, \dots, e_k)$

$i = 1, \dots, g, e_1, \dots, e_{2k} \in |\mathcal{A}|$

literals: $\lambda_{i,j}(\bar{e}), i = 1, \dots, r, j = 1, \dots, s, \bar{e} \in |\mathcal{A}|^t$

$\lambda'_{i,j}(\bar{e})$ is $\lambda_{i,j}(\bar{e})$ with $R(\bar{e})$, replaced by \top or \perp according as $\mathcal{A} \models R(\bar{e})$; $C_i(\bar{e})$, and $\Delta(\bar{e})$ are just boolean variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &\equiv \exists C_0^{2k} \cdots C_{g-1}^{2k} \Delta^k \forall x_1 \cdots x_t \bigwedge_{i=1}^r \bigvee_{j=1}^s \lambda_{i,j}(\bar{x}) \\ \varphi(\mathcal{A}) &\equiv \bigwedge_{e_1, \dots, e_t \in |\mathcal{A}|} \bigwedge_{i=1}^r \bigvee_{j=1}^s \lambda'_{i,j}(\bar{e}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{A} \in B \iff \mathcal{A} \models \Phi \iff \varphi(\mathcal{A}) \in \text{SAT}$$

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Example: Fagin's Theorem implies Cook's Theorem

$$\Phi_{\text{2-color}} \equiv \exists R^1 \exists B^1 \forall x, y [(R(x) \vee B(x)) \wedge (\neg E(x, y) \vee \neg R(x) \vee \neg R(y)) \wedge (\neg E(x, y) \vee \neg B(x) \vee \neg B(y))]$$



boolean variables: r_1, r_2, b_1, b_2

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_G \equiv & (r_1 \vee b_1) \wedge (\top \vee \overline{r_1} \vee \overline{r_1}) \wedge (\top \vee \overline{b_1} \vee \overline{b_1}) \\ & (r_1 \vee b_1) \wedge (\perp \vee \overline{r_1} \vee \overline{r_2}) \wedge (\perp \vee \overline{b_1} \vee \overline{b_2}) \\ & (r_2 \vee b_2) \wedge (\perp \vee \overline{r_2} \vee \overline{r_1}) \wedge (\perp \vee \overline{b_2} \vee \overline{b_1}) \\ & (r_2 \vee b_2) \wedge (\top \vee \overline{r_2} \vee \overline{r_2}) \wedge (\top \vee \overline{b_2} \vee \overline{b_2}) \end{aligned}$$

Simplifies to: $(r_1 \vee b_1) \wedge (r_2 \vee b_2) \wedge (\overline{r_1} \vee \overline{r_2}) \wedge (\overline{b_1} \vee \overline{b_2})$