

Problems:

1. Let $\text{EMPTY-DFA} = \{D \mid D \text{ a deterministic finite automaton and } \mathcal{L}(D) = \emptyset\}$ and
 $\text{EMPTY-NFA} = \{N \mid N \text{ a nondeterministic finite automaton and } \mathcal{L}(N) = \emptyset\}$
 and
 $\text{EQIV-DFA} = \{(D, E) \mid D, E \text{ DFAS; } \mathcal{L}(D) = \mathcal{L}(E)\}$

Show that EMPTY-DFA, EMPTY-NFA and EQIV-DFA are all NL complete.

2. A Horn formula is a CNF formula such that each clause has at most one positive literal. For example, the following clauses are Horn clauses: (x_1) , $(\overline{x_1})$, $(\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3})$, $(\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3} \vee x_4)$; but the following are not: $(x_1 \vee x_2)$, $(\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$, $(\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3} \vee x_4 \vee x_5)$

Show that HORNSAT is P complete.

[Hint: there is a linear-time algorithm for Horn-Sat. For a given Horn formula, φ , start with the truth assignment that makes all the variables false. If this doesn't satisfy φ , then there must be a unit, positive clause, (x_i) . Assign x_i true, thus forever satisfying this clause which you may now delete. Continue.

For the hardness of HornSAT, look at the analogy of Fagin's Theorem where the $\text{TIME}[n^k]$ TM is deterministic. What's different? Do something similar to the proof of Cook's Theorem from Fagin's Theorem.]

3. Show that the following problem is PSPACE-complete:

$$\Sigma^*\text{NFA} = \{N \mid N \text{ is an NFA; } \mathcal{L}(N) = \Sigma^*\}$$