

1. We show that 2-SAT is co- $NL$ -hard by reducing  $\overline{\text{S-T-CON}} \in \text{co-}NL\text{-complete}$  to it. Let  $(G, s, t)$  be a  $\overline{\text{S-T-CON}}$  instance where  $G = (V, E); s, t \in V; s \neq t$ . We regard  $V$  as variables and output the following formula:

$$\varphi(G, s, t) = (s \vee s) \wedge (\neg t \vee \neg t) \wedge \bigwedge_{(u,v) \in E} (\neg u \vee v)$$

Let  $S \subseteq V$  be the set of vertices reachable from  $s$  in  $G$  and  $T \subseteq V$  be the set of vertices reachable from  $t$  in  $G^T$ .

**Correctness:**

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Consider  $\rho : V \mapsto \{true, false\}$ ,  $\rho(v) = true$  for  $v \in S$  and  $\rho(v) = false$  for  $v \notin S$ . If  $t$  is not reachable from  $s$ , then  $\rho$  satisfies  $\varphi(G, s, t)$  since  $s \in S$ ,  $t \in T \subseteq V - S$  and no edge  $(u, v) \in E$  has  $u \in S \wedge v \in V - S$ .
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\rho$  be a satisfying truth assignment for  $\varphi(G, s, t)$ ; consider a potential path  $P$  in  $G$ :  $s = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k = t$ . We have  $\rho(s) = true$ ,  $\rho(t) = false$  so there exists some  $1 \leq i < k$  such that  $\rho(v_i) = true$  and  $\rho(v_{i+1}) = false$ . But  $(\neg \rho(u) \vee \rho(v))$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$ , hence  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \notin E$  and  $P$  is not a path from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G$ .

**Space Complexity:**

Logarithmic, as we pass once over the input and have to remember only indices  $\leq n$ .

2. See Papadimitriou's book.

3. (a) We use dynamic programming:

Let  $m(k, t)$  be the result of SUBSET-SUM( $(a_1, \dots, a_k), t$ ) for  $0 \leq k \leq n, 0 \leq t \leq s$ .

Begin with  $m(0, 0) = true$ ,  $m(0, t) = false$  for  $t > 0$ ;

Calculate the next column  $m(k+1, t) = m(k, t) \vee m(k, t - a_k)$ <sup>1</sup>.

The output is  $m(n, S)$ .

**Time Complexity:** We fill a  $(n+1) \times (S+1)$  matrix, spending  $O(\log S)$  time per cell<sup>2</sup>, so the whole algorithm takes  $\Theta(nS \log S)$  time.

*Note:* space complexity can be reduced from  $O(nS \log S)$  to  $O(S \log S)$  by keeping only the previous and current columns.

- (b) Recall that the size of the input  $(A, S)$  for SUBSET-SUM is  $\log(S) + \sum_{a \in A} \log(a) = O(n \log a_{max} + \log S)$ . The algorithm of 3a uses  $\Theta(nS \log S) = \Theta(n2^{\log S} \log S)$  which is exponential regarding to the size of the input. Moreover, in the reduction that proves SUBSET-SUM  $NP$ -hardness we actually used  $S = 2^{\Omega(n)}$ .

<sup>1</sup>Define  $m(k, r) = false$  for  $r < 0$ .

<sup>2</sup>For adding two numbers.

4. Clearly  $DS \in NP$  since we can check whether  $S \subseteq V$  dominates  $G$  in  $O(|V|^4)$ . We show that  $DS$  is  $NP$ -hard by reducing VERTEX-COVER (VC) to it.

Let  $(G, k), G = (V, E)$  be an instance of VC. Let  $I \subseteq V$  be the set of isolated vertices in  $G$ . Define  $\varphi(G, k) = (G', k)$  where  $G' = (V', E')$ ,  $V' = V \cup E - I$ ,  $E' = E \cup \{(v, e) | v \in e \in E\}$ .

**Correctness:**

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $S \subseteq V, |S| = k$  be a vertex cover of  $G$  and let  $S' = S - I$ . For  $v \in V - I$ , there exists some edge  $(u, v) \in E$  such that either  $u \in S'$  or  $v \in S'$ ; for  $e = (u, v) \in E$ , either  $u \in S'$  or  $v \in S'$ . Hence,  $V'$  is dominated by  $S'$  of size  $\leq k$ .
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $S \subseteq V', |S| \leq k$  be a dominating set of  $G'$  with minimal  $|S \cap E|$ . We claim that  $S \subseteq V$ : if some  $e = (u, v) \in S \cap E$  exists, we could take either  $u$  or  $v$  to  $S$  instead of  $e$ , reducing  $|S \cap E|$ . The set remains a dominating set since  $\{u, v, e\}$  is a triangle in  $G'$ . Now, for  $e = (u, v) \in E \subseteq V'$  we have some  $v \in S$  dominating  $e$ , so  $S$  is a vertex cover of size  $\leq k$  in  $G$ .

**Space Complexity:**

Logarithmic, as we remember only indices  $\leq n$ .

5. Use a padding argument, analogous to the one used to scale up *Savitch's Theorem*.

$$\begin{aligned} L \in NSPACE(n) &= NSPACE(\log 2^n) \Rightarrow L' \in NL \Rightarrow \\ L' \in \text{co-}NL &\Rightarrow L \in \text{co-}NSPACE(\log 2^n) = \text{co-}NSPACE(n) \end{aligned}$$

This actually proves  $NSPACE(f(n)) = \text{co-}NSPACE(f(n))$  for all proper complexity functions  $f(n) \geq \log n$ .

6. (a) We can solve 3-SAT in  $NL^*$ : given a formula  $\varphi$  and a witness  $y$ , we check that  $y$  encodes a valid truth assignment for  $\varphi$  and that each clause of  $\varphi$  is satisfied by  $y$ . We only need logarithmic space for indices, and obviously  $\varphi \in 3\text{-SAT}$  if and only if we accept  $\varphi, y$ . Since any  $L \in NP$  can be logarithmically reduced to 3-SAT,  $NP \subseteq NL^*$ .
- (b) We have  $NL \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq NL^*$ . If  $P \neq NP$ , this containment is strict, so  $NL \neq NL^*$ .