

1. (a) Consider the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 1** IS-CYCLE-LIMITED-VERSION( $G$ )

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**Require:**  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed graph with  $n$  vertices such that  $\forall u \in V \ d_+(u) \leq 1$ .

**Ensure:** Returns *true* if  $G$  contains a cycle and *false* otherwise.

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
   $u \leftarrow V[i]$ 
   $k \leftarrow 0$ 
  while  $\exists v \in V$  such that  $(u, v) \in E$  do
     $u \leftarrow v$  {there can be only one such  $v$  since  $d_+(u) \leq 1$ }
     $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
    if  $k = n$  then
      return true
return false
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**Space Analysis:**

At any given time, we only need to keep  $i, k, u, v \Rightarrow O(\log n)$ .

**Correctness:**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $G$  contains a cycle  $C$ . When IS-CYCLE-LIMITED-VERSION's for-loop reaches  $i$  such that  $V[i] \in C$ , the while condition will always be *true* since we always pick  $v \in C$ . Thus, after  $n$  steps, we get  $k = n$  and the algorithm will return *true*.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume IS-CYCLE-LIMITED-VERSION returned *true* during the  $i$ th iteration. Then, it has found a directed path  $P$  of length  $n+1$  in  $G$ , starting at  $V[i]$ . Since  $G$  only contains  $n$  vertices,  $P$  is not simple and thus contains a cycle.

- (b) Consider the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 2** IS-CYCLE( $G$ )

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**Require:**  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed graph with  $n$  vertices.

**Ensure:** Returns *true* if  $G$  contains a cycle and *false* otherwise.

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guess  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ 
 $u \leftarrow V[i]$ 
for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n + 1$  do
  guess  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ 
   $v \leftarrow V[j]$ 
  if  $(u, v) \in E$  then
     $u \leftarrow v$ 
  else
    return false
return true
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**Space Analysis:**

$O(\log n)$  for  $i, j, k, u, v \Rightarrow O(\log n)$ .

**Correctness:**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume  $G$  contains a cycle  $C$ . Then, some execution path will begin in some  $u \in C$ ,

follow edges along  $C$ , complete the for-loop and return *true*. Thus, IS-CYCLE returns *true*.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume IS-CYCLE returned *true*. Then, there is a path of length  $n + 1$  in  $G$ . As  $|V| = n$ , this path cannot be simple, thus contains a cycle.

2. Let  $B \in \text{co-}C$ . By definition,  $\overline{B} \in C$ .  $A$  is  $C$ -complete, so there exists a (polynomial, logarithmic, ...) reduction  $f$  from  $\overline{B}$  to  $A$ , mapping  $x \in \overline{B}$  to  $f(x) \in A$  and  $x \notin \overline{B}$  to  $f(x) \notin A$ . In other words,  $f$  maps  $x \notin B$  to  $f(x) \notin A$  and  $x \in B$  to  $f(x) \in A$ . But this makes  $f$  a (polynomial, logarithmic, ...) reduction from  $B$  to  $A$ . Hence,  $A$  is  $\text{co-}C$ -hard.

$A \in C$ , thus  $\overline{A} \in \text{co-}C$ ; Therefore  $\overline{A}$  is  $\text{co-}C$ -complete.

3.  $(S,T)\text{-CON}$  is  $NL$ -complete, so by Question 3,  $\overline{(S,T)\text{-CON}}$  is  $\text{co-}NL$ -complete. If we had  $\overline{(S,T)\text{-CON}} \in NL$ , that would mean  $NL \subseteq \text{co-}NL$ , hence  $NL = \text{co-}NL$  (why?).
4. (a) Consider the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 3** DECIDE-PAL( $x$ )

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**Require:**  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ .

**Ensure:** Returns *true* if  $x \in PAL$  and *false* otherwise.

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
    if  $x[i] \neq x[n + 1 - i]$  then
        return false
return true

```

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**Space Analysis:**

$O(\log n)$  for  $i \Rightarrow O(\log n)$ .

**Correctness:**

( $\Leftrightarrow$ )  $x \in PAL$  if and only if  $\forall i \ x[i] = x[n - i + 1]$ ; DECIDE-PAL returns *true* if and only if  $x[i] = x[n - i + 1]$  for all  $i$ .

- (b) Consider the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 4** DECIDE-NOT-PAL( $x$ )

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**Require:**  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ .

**Ensure:** Returns *false* if  $x \in PAL$  and *true* otherwise.

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guess  $1 \leq i \leq n$  {actually  $i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  is enough}
if  $x[i] \neq x[n - i + 1]$  then
    return true
else
    return false

```

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**Space Analysis:**

$O(\log n)$  for  $i \Rightarrow O(\log n)$ .

**Time Analysis:**

One sweep forward to find  $n$ , one sweep backward to gather  $x[i], x[n - i + 1] \Rightarrow O(n)$ . As we saw in Exercise 1, incrementing a counter from 0 to  $n$  only costs  $O(n)$ .

**Correctness:**

$(\Leftrightarrow) x \notin PAL$  if and only if  $\exists i$  such that  $x[i] \neq x[n - i + 1]$ ; DECIDE-NOT-PAL returns *true* if and only if for some execution path, i.e., a guess for  $i$ ,  $x[i] \neq x[n - i + 1]$ .

*Note:*  $PAL \in L \subseteq NL \Rightarrow \overline{PAL} \in \text{co-NL} = NL$  is a simple result of Immerman-Szelepcsényi theorem, but we needed the algorithm presented to enforce linear running time.

5. Consider the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 5** ADD-BINARY-NUMBERS( $x, y$ )

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**Require:** Two integers  $x, y < 2^n$  in binary representation, least-to-most significant bit order.

**Ensure:** Returns  $x + y$  in binary representation, least-to-most significant bit order.

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carry  $\leftarrow$  0 {can be embodied into the internal state}
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
    output[ $i$ ]  $\leftarrow x[i] \oplus y[i] \oplus \text{carry}$  { assume 0 if  $x[i]$  or  $y[i]$  don't exist }
    carry  $\leftarrow \text{maj}(x[i], y[i], \text{carry})$ 
output[ $n + 1$ ]  $\leftarrow$  carry
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**Space Analysis:**

$O(\log n)$  for  $i$ ,  $O(1)$  for  $\text{carry} \Rightarrow O(\log n)$ .

**Correctness:**

Trivial - we add bit by bit using a full adder.

*Note:* The algorithm shown uses least-to-most significant bit order. If we require most-to-least order, this can be achieved as a composition of this algorithm with a rather trivial  $O(\log n)$ -space REVERSE algorithm, in  $O(\log n)$ -space (as done with composing log-space reductions).