

CSC 2401F 2003, Assignment 1

Due: Oct. 16, 10:10 AM

1. Prove that there is a language L decided by a $k+1$ -tape TM running in time T_2 but not decided by any k -tape TM running in time T_1 whenever $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_1(n)}{T_2(n)} = 0$.
2. Use a padding argument to show that $DTIME(n)$ is properly contained in $DTIME(n \log n)$. Is $DTIME(n)$ properly contained in $DTIME(n\sqrt{\log n})$?
3. Complete the proof that $2 - SAT$ is in NL.

Namely, show that if the graph G_F does not have a “bad node x ”, then F is satisfiable. A node x is bad if in G_F there is a directed path from x to \bar{x} and a directed path from \bar{x} to x .

Hint: for any nodes u and v , if there is a directed path from u to v , then there is also a directed path from \bar{v} to \bar{u} .

4. Prove that $2 - SAT$ is hard for NL wrt logspace transformations; that is, show for any $L' \in NL$ that $L' \leq_{logspace} 2 - SAT$.