

CS/Math 387 Homework for Friday, Week 12

PROBLEM 1. Prove that  $\text{SPACE}(n^k) \subsetneq \text{SPACE}(n^{\log(n)})$ .

PROBLEM 2. Show that if  $\text{NP} = \text{P}^{\text{SAT}}$ , then  $\text{NP} = \text{coNP}$ .

PROBLEM 3. Is  $\text{NTIME}(n^2) \subsetneq \text{PSPACE}$ ? Explain.

PROBLEM 4. To prove that  $\text{P}^{\text{TQBF}} = \text{NP}^{\text{TQBF}}$  we use the following flag of complexity classes

$$\text{NP}^{\text{TQBF}} \subseteq \text{NPSpace} = \text{PSPACE} \subseteq \text{P}^{\text{TQBF}}.$$

Justify each step.

PROBLEM 5.

- (a) Construct AND and OR gates using BPs.
- (b) Consider the arithmetized versions of the BP you created for AND and OR gates. Let the label  $a$  of the starting node be 1, as in Sipser's lecture. Considering the Boolean variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  as indeterminates, what is the output polynomial of each of your BPs?
- (c) Check that each polynomial gives the right values when the variables are assigned bit values.

PROBLEM 6. Show that  $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{PSPACE}$ .