

Lecture 7 — 15 février

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The purpose of this course is to define the concept of interactive proof and apply it on simple examples.

7.1 Definition of the model

Definition 7.1. (*recall*)

$NP = \{L : \exists V \text{ a deterministic and polynomial time algorithm (called verifier) s.t.}$

$\forall x \in L, \exists y \in \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly}(|x|)} \text{ s.t. } V(x, y) = 1 \text{ and } \Pr\{V(x, y, r) = 1\} = 1,$

$\forall x \notin L, \exists y \in \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly}(|x|)} \text{ s.t. } V(x, y) = 0 \text{ and } \Pr\{V(x, y, r) = 0\} \geq \frac{1}{2}\}.$

Extensions

- Interaction $\Rightarrow IP_{det}$
- Randomness \Rightarrow Merlin Arthur (MA)
- Interaction + Randomness \Rightarrow IP

Definition 7.2. *IP*

Let V be a verifier and let P be a prover

$q_1 = V(x, 1), \quad r_1 = P(x, 1, a_1)$

...

$q_i = V(x, i, r_1, \dots, r_{i-1}), \quad r_i = P(x, i, a_1, \dots, a_i)$

The protocol of questions-responses ends after m messages and we note the result:

$\langle P, V \rangle (x)$ accepts or rejects

Definition 7.3.

$IP_{det} = \{L : \exists V \text{ a deterministic and polynomial time verifier } V \text{ with a polynomial number of messages s.t.}$

$\forall x \in L, \exists P \text{ prover s.t. } \text{out } \langle P, V \rangle (x) = 1$

$\forall x \notin L, \forall P \text{ prover s.t. } \text{out } \langle V, P \rangle (x) = 0\}.$

Question: IP_{det} vs. NP ?

- $NP \subseteq IP_{det}$
 Let $L \in NP \rightarrow V_o$
 $V = \{V(x) = 0, \text{no query} \text{ or } (V, P)(x) = V_o(x, P(x))\}$
 if $x \in L$ then $P(x) = y$ s.t. $V_o(x, y) = 1$
 if $x \notin L \forall i, j V_o(x, y) = 0$ and $\forall P V_o(x, P(x)) = 0$
- $IP_{det} \subseteq NP$
 Let $L \in IP_{det} \rightarrow V$ and $V_o = out(x, a_1, a_2, ..)$
 if $x \in L$ then $\exists P$ that produces $a_1, a_2, ..$ s.t. $out(x, a_1, a_2, ..) = 1 \rightarrow y = a_1, a_2, ..$ and $V_o(x, y) = 1$
 if $x \notin L$ then $\forall P out(x, a_1, a_2, ..) = 0 \rightarrow \forall y V_o(x, y) = 0$

Definition 7.4 (Introduce random bits $V \in \{0, 1\}^*$).

(We only use polynomially many of them)

1. r private to $V \rightarrow P$ is deterministic
2. r public to V and $P \rightarrow P$ is deterministic but knows the coins of V

Definition 7.5. IP

Let V be a randomized and polynomial time verifier V , let P be a prover and $r \in \{0, 1\}^*$

$$q_1 = V(x, r), \quad a_1 = P(x, 1, q_1)$$

...

$$q_i = V(x, i, r_1, \dots, r_{i-1}), \quad a_i = P(x, i, q_1, \dots, q_i)$$

Voutput $out(V, P)(x, r) = out(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, r)$

Definition 7.6.

$IP = \{L : \exists V \text{ a randomized and polynomial time verifier with a polynomial number of messages s.t.}$

$$x \in L \Rightarrow \exists P \text{ s.t. } Pr_r(\langle P, V \rangle(x, r) \text{ accepts}) = 1$$

$$x \notin L \Rightarrow \forall P Pr_r(\langle P, V \rangle(x, r) \text{ accepts}) \leq 1/2\}$$

7.2 First examples

We look at problems in coNP.

7.2.1 Non-isomorphic graphs

Definition 7.7.

Let $G = (V, E)$ or $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$ a graph and $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_n$, we define $\pi(G) = (V, E')$ the permuted graph s.t. $(u, v) \in E \Leftrightarrow (\pi(u), \pi(v)) \in E'$.

$G_1 \cong G_2$ if it exists $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_n$ s.t. $\pi(G_1) = G_2$.

$GNI = \{(G_1, G_2) : G_2 \not\cong G_1\}$

Theorem 7.8. $GI \in NP$ and $GNI \in coNP, IP$

Proof: Just give the permutation. □

Definition 7.9.

$H = G_b$ permuted by π , P computes bit c
 $output = 1$ if $b = c$ or $output = 0$ if $b \neq c$.

Lemma 7.10. If $(G_1, G_2) \in GNI$ then the set of permuted graphs

$O_1 = \{G_1 \text{ permuted by } \pi : \pi \in \mathcal{S}_n\}$ and $O_2 = \{G_2 \text{ permuted by } \pi : \pi \in \mathcal{S}_n\}$ are disjoint.
 That means that either $H \in O_1$ or $H \in O_2$.

Definition 7.11.

Let $P(H) = c$ s.t. $H \in O_c$. Since $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$, $P(H)$ is well-defined and $P(H) = b$.
 Therefore $Pr(output = 1) = 1$.

Lemma 7.12. If $(G_1, G_2) \notin GNI$ then G_1, G_2 are isomorphic. Therefore $O_1 = O_2$.

So H is a random graph of $O_1 = O_2$.

As a result, $\forall P \rightarrow Pr_r[out(V, P)(x, r) = 0] = \frac{1}{2}$.

Definition 7.13.

$IP(k) = IP$ with only k messages.

Theorem 7.14. \forall constant k , $IP(k) \subseteq IP(2)$

Theorem 7.15. \forall constant k , $IP[k + 1] \subseteq IP[k]$

Theorem 7.16. $IP = PSPACE$ with poly many messages.

We will prove a restricted version of that theorem.

Definition 7.17. $\#SAT_D = \{(\varphi, k) \text{ where } \varphi = 3\text{-SAT formula and } k = \text{number of positive assignments to } \varphi\}$.

Theorem 7.18. $\#SAT_D \in IP$

7.2.2 Proof of $\#SAT_D \in IP$

Arithmetization. Consider a formula $\varphi = (0, 1)^n \rightarrow (0, 1)$ with n variables. We want to construct in polynomial time a low degree polynomial R_φ in n variables s.t.

$$\forall a \in \{0, 1\}^n, \quad R_\varphi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \varphi(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

Construction by induction over any field:

- $x \rightarrow x$
- $\bar{x} \rightarrow 1 - x$
- $\bar{\varphi} \rightarrow 1 - R_\varphi$

- $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1 \varphi_2$
- $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \rightarrow 1 - (1 - \varphi_1)(1 - \varphi_2)$

Lemma 7.19.

$\deg R_\varphi \leq 3m$ where m is the number of clauses in φ .

$\forall a \in \{0, 1\}^n, \quad \varphi(a) = R_\varphi(a)$.

We can compute a representation of R_φ in linear time.

We now consider the problem of checking that $\sum_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = c \pmod q$, where p is some polynomial of degree at most d . Then $\#SAT_D$ reduces to this problem by letting $p = R_\varphi$ and $q > 2^n$ (since the number of solutions of φ is at most 2^n).

Sumcheck protocol.

Definition 7.20 (IP protocol for $Sumcheck_{q,n}(p, c)$).

- p a polynomial with n variables and c a natural integer.
- If $n = 1$, check that $p(0) + p(1) = c$ (if \neq reject, otherwise accept)
- If $n > 1$, ask from the prover the polynomial $p'(x) = \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}} p(x, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.
- Check that $p'(0) + p'(1) = c$ (if \neq reject, otherwise continue)
- Choose at random $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ and execute $Sumcheck_{q,n-1}(p(r, \dots), p'(r))$.

Theorem 7.21. If $\sum_{x \in \{0, 1\}^n} p(x) = c \pmod q$ then $Sumcheck_{q,n}(p, c)$ accepts.

Otherwise it rejects with probability at least $1 - \frac{nd}{q}$, where $d = \deg p$.

Proof:

Case $\sum_{x \in \{0, 1\}^n} p(x) = c \pmod q$.

The proof is also by induction on n . If $n = 1$ we have $p(0) + p(1) = c$, therefore $\langle P, V \rangle (p, c)$ accepts.

Otherwise:

$$\begin{aligned} p'(0) + p'(1) &= \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}} p(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}} p(1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}} p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c. \end{aligned}$$

And by induction $Sumcheck_{q,n-1}(p(r, \dots), p'(r))$ accepts so $\langle P, V \rangle (p, c)$ accepts.

Case $\sum_{x \in \{0, 1\}^n} p(x) \neq c \pmod q$.

The proof is also by induction on n . If $n = 1$ the verifier always rejects, therefore the result is true.

Let $n > 1$ be an integer. If $p'(x) = \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0,1\}} p(x, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ (ie P is the honest prover) then $p'(0) + p'(1) \neq c$ so the verifier always rejects.

Otherwise $p'(x) \neq \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0,1\}} p(x, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and we deduce:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(\text{Sumcheck}_{q,n}(p, c) \text{ accepts}) \\ \leq & \Pr_r \left(\sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0,1\}} p(r, x_2, \dots, x_n) = p'(r) \right) \\ & + \Pr_r \left(\text{Sumcheck}_{q,n-1}(p(r, \dots), p'(r)) \text{ accepts and } \sum_{x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{0,1\}} p(r, x_2, \dots, x_n) \neq p'(r) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The first probability term is upper bounded by $\frac{d}{q}$ using the Shwartz-Zippel lemma, and the second probability term by $\frac{d(n-1)}{q}$ using the induction hypothesis. Which shows the induction hypothesis for n and completes the proof. \square

Corollary 7.22. $\overline{3 - SAT} \in IP$

Proof: Let q be a prime number $> 2^n$. Then just run $\text{Sumcheck}_{q,n}(P_\varphi, 0)$.

φ not satisfiable $\Rightarrow \text{Sumcheck}_{q,n}(P_\varphi, 0)$ accepts.

φ satisfiable $\Rightarrow \Pr(\text{Sumcheck}_{q,n}(P_\varphi, 0)$ rejects) $\geq 1 - \frac{3mn}{2^n}$. \square

7.3 Program checking

Definition 7.23.

T is a computational task.

A checker for T is a poly time and randomized algo C s.t. given any program P satisfies :

1. if P is correct then $\forall y \rightarrow P(y) = T(y)$ and $\Pr(C^p \text{ accepts } P(x)) = 1$
2. if $P(x) \neq T(x)$ then $\Pr(C^p \text{ rejects } P(x)) \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Complexity of C

- the number of calls to P
- runtime complexity of C (where each call to P has zero cost)
- we want the number of calls to be small
- we want runtime complexity to be negligible to the runtime complexity of any correct program