

Sixth Week

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We know that P is not the same class as $DSPACE(n)$. To prove this result we use padding as well as the space hierarchy theorem. The assumption $P \subseteq DSPACE(n)$ implies $P = PSPACE$ (prove using a padding argument). So, assuming that P and $DSPACE(n)$ are identical (for the sake of contradiction), implies $P = PSPACE = DSPACE(n)$.

Exercise 1 Show that $NP \neq NSPACE(n)$.

Exercise 2 Show that $P = NP$ implies $DEXT = NEXT$.

Exercise 3

Exercise 4

For the L_{cfe} problem note that rule set 4 fixes the basis $t=0$, requiring all the $p(n)$ cells to have symbols of the initial ID for input x . Rule set 2 is the generic deterministic execution, giving $W = f(X, Y, Z)$ from three consecutive cells having X, Y, Z at time $t - 1$ to the cell at t getting W . Rule set 3 is used we deal with the last or the first cell ! The induction on t requires showing for all i in $[1, p(n)]$ that $A_{W,i,t}$ derives the empty string if and only if W is the i th symbol of the ID at time t . For the ‘only if’ part, the empty string must be derived by each of the three non-terminals in rule 2. Further, by induction hypothesis, X, Y, Z must be in the three positions at time $t - 1$, and by the machine’s execution, W must be in the i th place at time t , as given by $f(X, Y, Z)$. For the ‘if part’, W is at the i th position at time t and therefore, X, Y, Z are in appropriate positions at time $t - 1$ given by $W = f(X, Y, Z)$. [Note that it does not matter even if f is an onto function.] But by induction, the three non-terminals on the RHS of rule 2 derive empty strings, thereby forcing the LHS to also do so. Rest follows from rule one, proving P-completeness of L_{cfe} .