

# Complexité avancée - TD 10

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## Exercise 0 : BPP and oracle machines

Prove that  $P^{\text{BPP}} = \text{BPP}$ .

## Exercise 1 : Probabilistic Logarithmic Space

Propose a definition of  $\text{RSPACE}$ .

Let  $\text{RL} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{RSPACE}(k \cdot \log(n), \infty, 0, 1/2)$  be the class of languages that can be decided in probabilistic logarithmic space (the machine does not necessarily halt).

Show that :

1. For  $L$  in  $\text{RL}$  and  $M$  a PTM which decides  $L$ , If  $x \notin L$ , then  $\forall r, M(x, r) \neq \top$
2.  $\text{RL} \subseteq \text{NL}$
3.  $\text{RL} \subseteq \text{RP}$

## Exercise 2 : BPP-completeness

1. Show that the language  $L = \{(M, x, 1^t) \mid M \text{ accepts on input } x \text{ in time at most } t\}$ , where  $M$  is the code of a non-deterministic Turing machine,  $x$  an input of  $M$  and  $t$  a natural number, is NP-complete.
2. Let  $L$  be the language of words  $(M, x, 1^t)$  where  $M$  designates the encoding of a probabilistic Turing machine and  $x$  a string on  $M$ 's alphabet such that  $M$  accepts  $x$  in at most  $t$  steps, for at least  $2/3$  of the possible random tapes of size  $t$ .  
Is  $L$  BPP-hard? Is it in BPP?

**Definition 1** Recall that  $\text{AM}[f]$  for a proper function  $f$  denotes the class of languages  $L$  such that for any  $\ell \geq 0$ , there exists a game of Arthur and Merlin  $(M, A, D)$  such that for any  $x$  of size  $n$ , letting  $\text{prot} = (AM)^{f(n)}$  :

1. *Completeness* : if  $x \in L$  then  $\text{prot}[A, M]_D = \top$  with probability at least  $1 - 1/2^{n^\ell}$
2. *Soundness* : if  $x \notin L$  then for any Merlin's function  $M'$ ,  $\text{prot}[A, M']_D = \perp$  with probability at least  $1 - 1/2^{n^\ell}$

## Exercise 3 : Arthur-Merlin protocols

Prove the following statements, directly from definition of Arthur-Merlin games :

- $\text{M} = \text{NP}$  ;
- $\mathcal{A} = \text{BPP}$  ;
- $\text{NP}^{\text{BPP}} \subseteq \text{MA}$  ;
- $\text{AM} \subseteq \text{BPP}^{\text{NP}}$ .

## Exercise 4 : Collapse of the Arthur-Merlin hierarchy

Recall that, for each  $\Pi \in \{A, M\}^*$ , the class  $\Pi$  is the class of languages recognized by Arthur-Merlin games with protocol  $\Pi$ .

- (a) Without using any result about the collapse of the Arthur-Merlin hierarchy, prove that for all  $\Pi_0, \Pi_1, \Pi_2 \in \{A, M\}^*$ , we have  $\Pi_1 \subseteq \Pi_0 \Pi_1 \Pi_2$ .

- (b) Now assume the fact that for all  $\Pi \in \{A, M\}^*$ , one has  $\mathbf{\Pi} \subseteq \mathbf{AM}$ . Prove the following statement : For all  $\Pi \in \{A, M\}^*$  such that  $\Pi$  has a strict alternation of symbols, and  $|\Pi| > 2$ , we have  $\mathbf{\Pi} = \mathbf{AM}$ .

**Exercise 5 : The BP operator**

We say that a language  $B$  reduces to language  $C$  under a randomized polynomial time reduction, denoted  $B \leq_r C$ , if there is a probabilistic polynomial-time Turing machine such that for every  $x$ ,  $Pr[C(M(x)) = B(x)] \geq \frac{2}{3}$ .

Remember the definition of  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C}$  :

$L \in \mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C}$  iff exists  $A$  a PTM polynomial and a language  $D$  polynomial s.t. for all input  $x$

- if  $x \in L$  then  $Pr[A(x, r) \in D] \geq \frac{2}{3}$
- if  $x \notin L$  then  $Pr[A(x, r) \notin D] \geq \frac{2}{3}$

1. Show that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C} = \{L \mid L \leq_r L', \text{ for some } L' \in \mathcal{C}\}$
2. Show that  $\mathbf{BPP}$  is closed under randomized polynomial time reduction.
3. Deduce that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot (\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C}) = \mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathcal{C}$ .

**Exercise 6 : The class  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathbf{NP}$**

1. Show that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{BPP}$
2. Show that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathbf{NP} = \mathbf{AM}$
3. Show that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathbf{NP} \subseteq \Sigma_3^P$  (give a direct proof, do not use  $\mathbf{AM} \subseteq \Pi_2^P$ ).
4. Show that  $\mathbf{BP} \cdot \mathbf{NP} \subseteq \mathbf{NP}/poly$
5. (bonus) Show that if  $\overline{\mathbf{3SAT}} \leq_r \mathbf{3SAT}$  then  $\mathbf{PH}$  collapses to the third level.

**Exercise 5 (bonus) : One Merlin to rule them all**

Show that the following definition of  $\mathbf{AM}$  is actually equivalent to the one given in introduction :  $L \in \mathbf{AM}$  iff for any  $\ell \geq 0$ , there exists an Arthur  $A$  and a polynomial-time-checkable predicate  $D$  such that for any  $x$  of size  $n$ , letting  $prot = (AM)^{f(n)}$  :

1. Completeness : if  $x \in L$  then there exists some Merlin  $M$  such that  $prot[A, M]_D = \top$  with probability at least  $1 - 1/2^{n^\ell}$
2. Soundness : if  $x \notin L$  then for any Merlin  $M'$ ,  $prot[A, M']_D = \perp$  with probability at least  $1 - 1/2^{n^\ell}$

**Exercise 8 (bonus) : Unreliable Merlin**

Show that allowing Merlin to use randomness (in a private manner) does not change the class  $\mathbf{AM}$ .