Complexity theory and fixed parameter algorithms Winter term 2008

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Exercise II

Problem 1

Show the following inclusions:

- a) TIME(g) \subseteq SPACE($\mathcal{O}(g)$) for all functions $g : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$.
- b) LOGSPACE \subseteq P.
- c) NPSPACE \subseteq PSPACE.

Problem 2

Languages that can be decided by a 1-string input/output TM are called "regular languages".

- a) Recall the restrictions imposed on a 1-string input/output TM.
- b) Show that $L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : x \text{ contains at least two 0s but not two consecutive 0s}\}$ is regular.
- c) Show that for any infinite regular language there exist $x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$ such that $y \neq \epsilon$ and $xy^i z \in L \ \forall i \geq 0$.
- d) Show that $L = {bin(1)bin(2)...bin(n) : n \ge 1} = {1, 110, 11011, 11011100, ...}$ is not regular.

Note: It can be shown that $\text{SPACE}(\mathcal{O}(1))$ is exactly the set of regular languages.

Problem 3

Show that a k-string nondeterministic TM can be emulated by a 2-string nondeterministic TM with the same alphabet and the same running time (up to a constant factor).

Hint: Use the 2nd string to guess the behavior of Δ , then check all k strings independently.