

Reiknirit, rökfræði og reiknanleiki

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1 Exercise 10.7 bls 378

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

For a given input x , enumerate all random strings of polynomial size, and count how many of these strings are accepted by the BPP algorithm on the given input x . If more than half strings are accepted, then Accept; otherwise, Reject. Since both enumeration and counting can be done in polyspace, we have that BPP is in PSPACE. (There are only $2^{\text{poly}(n)}$ possible random strings of given polynomial size; this number can be written down using only $\text{poly}(n)$ bits.)

2 Exercise 10.11 bls 378

Let M be a probabilistic polynomial time Turing machine and let C be a language where, for some fixed $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < 1$,

A) $w \notin C$ implies $\Pr[M \text{ accept } w] \leq \varepsilon_1$, and

B) $w \in C$ implies $\Pr[M \text{ accept } w] \geq \varepsilon_2$

Let the algorithm A for L be such that, for $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < 1$, if $x \in L$, then the algorithm accepts with probability at least ε_2 , and if $x \notin L$, then the algorithm accepts with probability at most ε_1 . There are three cases.

1) $\varepsilon_1 < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\varepsilon_2 > \frac{1}{2}$. Then the algorithm has error $\varepsilon \leq \max\{\varepsilon_1, 1 - \varepsilon_2\} < \frac{1}{2}$. By Lemma 10.5, we can make this error probability exponentially small.

2) $\frac{1}{2} \leq \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < 1$. Then define $\delta = \frac{1}{(\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)}$. Consider the new algorithm B where, on input x , B flips a biased coin whose probability of "heads" is δ . If the coin falls "heads", then B simulates A , accepting iff A accepts. If the coin is "tails", then B Rejects. Note that, for $x \in L$, B accepts x with probability $\delta\varepsilon_2$, and for $x \notin L$, B accepts x with probability $\delta\varepsilon_1$. Also note that, by the choice of δ , we have $\delta\varepsilon_1 < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\delta\varepsilon_2 > \frac{1}{2}$. Thus, the new algorithm B satisfies case (1) above and B has the error probability $\delta\varepsilon_1 < \frac{1}{2}$. Thus, we can apply Lemma 10.5 to B and reduce the error probability to an exponentially small value.

3) $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < \frac{1}{2}$. In this case, by reversing the roles of Accept and Reject for the algorithm A , we obtain the algorithm A for the complement of L so that the new algorithm A satisfies case (2) above. Hence, we can reduce the error probability for recognizing the complement of L . Let us call the resulting algorithm C . By exchanging the roles of Accept and Reject in C , we obtain an algorithm for L , which still has an exponentially small error probability.

Thus, in all three cases, we conclude that $L \in \text{BPP}$.