

Handout 15a: Quiz 3, II

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**Problem 1: Trick Questions: (3 points each)**

1. True or false: If  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$  then the problem of determining whether or not a given integer is prime is solvable in polynomial time. Explain briefly.
2. True or false: If  $L$  is polytime reducible to a finite language, then  $L$  is in  $P$ . Explain briefly.
3. True or false: There is no language in  $\mathcal{NP}$  that is recognizable in less than linear time. (That is, requiring less than  $n$  steps for inputs of length  $n$ .) Explain briefly.
4. If the complement of the reverse of a language  $L$  is recognizable in polynomial time, and if  $L$  is in  $\mathcal{NP}$ , then the set of palindromes in  $L$  is recognizable in polynomial time. (A palindrome is equal to its reversal.) Explain briefly.
5. It is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete to determine if a given input formula has two or more satisfying assignments. Explain briefly.

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**Problem 2: (15 points)** Show the following language to be  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete:

$$SETPACK = \left\{ \langle S, C, k \rangle : \begin{array}{l} S \text{ is a finite set, } C \text{ is a collections of subset of } S, \\ \text{and } k \text{ is an integer such that } C \text{ contains } k \text{ mutually} \\ \text{disjoint sets} \end{array} \right\}$$

Hint: Consider  $X3C$ .

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**Problem 3: (15 points)** The *SQUARESUM* problem is as follows: you are given a set of integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , an integer  $K$  and an integer  $J$ . You must determine if you can put the integers  $a_1$  through  $a_n$  into disjoint sets  $A_1$  through  $A_K$  so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^K \left( \sum_{a \in A_i} a \right)^2 \leq J$$

Show that *SQUARESUM* is  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete. (Hint: consider the case where  $K = 2$ .)

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**Problem 4: (15 points)** Show that if  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ , there exists a polynomial time algorithm that takes in a boolean formula  $\phi$  and returns either

- An assignment that satisfies  $\phi$ , if one exists, or
- A special output  $\perp$  if one does not.

Note that your algorithm must return the assignment itself!

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**Problem 5: (15 points)** We say that two languages,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are *polynomial time isomorphic* if there exists a mapping  $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  such that:

1.  $f$  is a bijection,
2.  $f$  is a poly-time mapping from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , and
3.  $f^{-1}$  is a poly-time mapping from  $L_2$  to  $L_1$ .

It is conjectured that every  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete language is polynomial time isomorphic to every other  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete language. Prove that if this were the case, then  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ .