# Complexity Classes and Reductions JASS 2006 Course One: Proofs and Computers 

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$\operatorname{SPACE}(f(n)):=$ Languages decidable in space $O(f(n))$ by a DTM (besides the (read only) input and the (write only) output)
$\operatorname{NSPACE}(f(n)):=$ Languages decidable in space $O(f(n))$ by a NTM

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## Important Complexity Classes

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\begin{aligned}
& L \quad:=\operatorname{SPACE}(\log n) \quad \text { NL }:=\operatorname{NSPACE}(\log n) \\
& P \quad:=\bigcup_{k} \operatorname{TIME}\left(n^{k}\right) \\
& N P:=\bigcup_{k} \operatorname{NTIME}\left(n^{k}\right) \\
& \operatorname{coNP}:=\mathrm{P}\left(\Sigma^{*}\right) \backslash N P \\
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is the decision problem related to the function problem $R$

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Idea: If problem $A$ reduces to $B$ then $B$ is at least as hard as $A$ We write therefore $A \leq B$

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- L-Reduction: like Karp but preserves approximability

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$A$ is complete for $C: \Longleftrightarrow A \in C \wedge \forall L \in C: L \leq A r$ (maximal elements of the preorder given by $\leq$ )

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- interpret the computation on $x$ as a $|x|^{k+1} \times|x|^{k+1}$ computation table with alphabet $\Sigma \cup \Sigma \times K$
- ...


## Computation Table

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