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

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NTIME(f(n)) := Languages decidable in time O(f(n)) by a NTM

SPACE(f(n)) := Languages decidable in space O(f(n)) by a DTM (besides the (read only) input and the (write only) output)

NSPACE(f(n)) := Languages decidable in space O(f(n)) by a NTM

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# Important Complexity Classes

$$L \qquad := SPACE(\log n)$$

$$P \qquad := \bigcup_k TIME(n^k)$$

$$NL := NSPACE(\log n)$$

$$NP := \bigcup_k NTIME(n^k)$$
  
 $coNP := P(\Sigma^*) \setminus NP$ 

 $NEXP := \bigcup_k NTIME(2^{n^k})$ 

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$$PSPACE := \bigcup_{k} SPACE(n^{k})$$
$$EXP := \bigcup_{k} TIME(2^{n^{k}})$$
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ELEMENTARY :=  $\bigcup_k k$ -EXP

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 $L(R) := \{x \mid \exists y : (x, y) \in R\}$ is the decision problem related to the function problem R

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### Reductions: Idea

# **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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- Levin:  $\exists f, g, h \in FP :$   $x \in L(R_1) \iff f(x) \in L(R_2)$   $\forall x, z : (f(x), z) \in R_2 \implies (x, g(x, z)) \in L(R_1)$  $\forall (x, y) \in R_1 : (f(x), h(x, y)) \in L(R_2)$

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• L-Reduction: like Karp but preserves approximability

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### A is complete for $C : \iff A \in C \land \forall L \in C : L \leq Ar$ (maximal elements of the preorder given by $\leq$ )

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The conjunction of these clauses is equivalent to the circuit

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

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## Computation Table

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#### Lemma:

 $QSAT_i$  is  $\Sigma_i^P$  complete

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