

CS 538
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In this lecture, we continue the proof of $PSPACE = IP$. Ending proof of $PSPACE \subseteq IP$.

It will suffice to have an IP protocol to TQBF. We will do this by arithmetizing QBF as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg x &\rightarrow (1 - x) \\ \alpha \wedge \beta &\rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta \\ \alpha \vee \beta &\rightarrow \alpha + \beta - \alpha \cdot \beta \\ \text{Any } x\alpha(x) &\rightarrow Ax\alpha(x) \\ \text{Exists } x\alpha(x) &\rightarrow Ex\alpha(x) \\ Rx\alpha(x) &\rightarrow \alpha(x) \bmod (x^2 - x)\end{aligned}$$

(Here, $Ex\alpha(x)$ is a short way of expressing $\alpha(0) + \alpha(1)$, and $Ax\alpha(x)$ is a short way of expressing $\alpha(0) \cdot \alpha(1)$.)

Given QBF $\phi = \forall x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \forall x_k \alpha(x_1, \dots, x_k)$.

1) Consider the expression:

$$\psi = Ax_1 Rx_1 Ex_2 Rx_1 Rx_2 Rx_3 Ax_3 \dots Ax_k Rx_1 Rx_2 \dots Rx_k \alpha(x_1, \dots, x_k).$$

2) ψ and ϕ agree on Boolean inputs.

3) Prover wants to prove that $\psi = 1$ (evaluated over $\text{GF}(p)$) for some prime p with n^k bits).

4) At each stage, the prover is trying to prove that some expression α evaluates to c in $\text{GF}(p)$.

If α has NO A , E or R then the verifier can do this directly.

If $\alpha = Ax\beta(x)$, then the prover send the coefficients of $\beta(x) = \sum \beta_i x^i$. Verifier checks that $\beta(0) \cdot \beta(1) = c$. Verifier picks at random $r \in \text{GF}(p)$, and ask the prover to show that $\beta(r) = \sum \beta_i r^i$.

If $\alpha = Ex\beta(x)$. Then same as above. But, Verifier checks $\beta(0) + \beta(1) - \beta(0) \cdot \beta(1) = c$.

If $\alpha = Rx\beta(x)$. Verifier checks $\beta(0) + (\beta(1) - \beta(0)) \cdot r = c$.