

Theoretical Computer Science - WS13/14
Exercise Sheet 8 (due: 24.03.14, 45 points)

Organizational notes:

- This is the last exercise sheet!

Exercise 1: (O notation) (5 points)

Show that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = O(1).$$

Exercise 2: (constructible functions) (5 + 5 points)

Prove the following statements.

1. Function $f(n) = n^2 \cdot \lceil \log n \rceil$ is time constructible.
2. Let $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ and $g : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$. If both $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are time constructible, then the functions $f(n) + g(n)$ and $\max(f(n), g(n))$ are also time constructible.

Exercise 3: (Blum's theorem for space) (5 points)

In the proof of the Blum's speedup theorem for space we defined the function $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ as

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & s(n) \text{ defined and } \phi_s(n) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that

$$\phi_i = f \rightarrow (\beta_i(n) \geq r_{n-i} \text{ faa } n)$$

Exercise 4: (speedup function) (5 points)

Let $r : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ be a total, computable function. Explain how one computes a total, space constructible function $r' : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$, which is greater or equal than r :

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : r'(i) \geq r(i).$$

Exercise 5: (pebble game) (10 points)

In the lecture we have defined the rules of the so-called *pebble game*. Let $P(n)$ be the smallest number of pebbles which suffices to play the game successfully on any tree of size n with degree 2. Proof that

$$P(n) \leq \max\{1, \lceil \log(n) \rceil\}$$

Exercise 6: (complexity classes) (10 easy points)

Reproduce the proof from the lecture (in detail). For every total computable function $t : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ it holds

$$DTAPE(t(n)) \subseteq DTIME(2^{O(t(n))})$$