

**Due: Thursday October 20, 2005**

1. A function  $f$  is  $m$ -enumerable if there exists a polynomial-time computable function  $g$  such that for all  $x$ ,  $g(x) = \langle y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle$  and  $f(x) \in \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ . I.e.,  $g$  generates  $m$  possible outputs and one of them is  $f(x)$ .

Now, define  $\chi_5^{\text{SAT}}$  as follows:

$$\chi_5^{\text{SAT}}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4, \phi_5) = d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 d_5$$

where each  $d_i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $d_i = 1 \iff \phi_i \in \text{SAT}$ . Note that  $\chi_5^{\text{SAT}}$  is trivially 32-enumerable. Show that if  $\chi_5^{\text{SAT}}$  is 5-enumerable, then  $P = NP$  using tree pruning, the self-reducibility of SAT and the following combinatorial lemma:

**Lemma:** Given  $\ell$  distinct bit vectors  $b_1, \dots, b_\ell$  each with  $j$  bits, where  $\ell \leq j$ , there exists a coordinate  $k$  such that the bit vectors can be distinguished without using the  $k$ -th coordinate.

*Hint:* During the tree-pruning of the self-reduction tree of a formula  $\phi$ , if  $g(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4, \phi_5)$  does not contain the bit vector 00000, where the  $\phi_i$ 's are descendants of  $\phi$  in the self-reduction tree for  $\phi$ , then you already know that  $\phi \in \text{SAT}$ .

2. For a class of languages  $\mathcal{C}$ , we define  $\exists\mathcal{C}$  and  $\text{BP}\cdot\mathcal{C}$  as follows:

**Defn:**  $L \in \exists\mathcal{C}$  if there exists a language  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and a polynomial  $p()$  such that

$$x \in L \iff \exists y, |y| = p(|x|) \text{ and } \langle x, y \rangle \in A.$$

**Defn:**  $L \in \text{BP}\cdot\mathcal{C}$  if there exists a language  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and a polynomial  $p()$  such that

$$x \in L \implies \text{Prob}_y[\langle x, y \rangle \in A] \geq 2/3$$

$$x \notin L \implies \text{Prob}_y[\langle x, y \rangle \in A] \leq 1/3$$

where  $y$  is chosen uniformly at random from strings with length  $p(|x|)$ .

Observe that if  $\mathcal{C} = P$  then  $\exists\mathcal{C} = NP$  and  $\text{BP}\cdot\mathcal{C} = BPP$ .

Prove that  $\exists\text{BP}\cdot P \subseteq \text{BP}\cdot\exists P$ .

Justify any amplification claims you make (but you do not have to reprove the Chernoff bounds). Also, when you claim that you have a  $\text{BP}\cdot\exists P$  machine  $M$  for some language  $L \in \exists\text{BP}\cdot P$ , make sure you prove both directions of  $L \subseteq L(M)$  and  $L(M) \subseteq L$ .

Does your proof work for  $\text{BP}\cdot\exists P \subseteq \exists\text{BP}\cdot P$ ? Why or why not?