

CS 483
Homework 5
due July 20, 2015

The following two problems are both NP-complete:

The Set Partition Problem (SPP) asks the following: Given a set S of integers is it possible (yes or no) to divide S into two disjoint subsets so that the sum of the values in one set equals the sum of the values in the other set?

Another version of the Subset Sum Problem (SSP) asks the following: Given a set S of integers and integers K_1 and K_2 is there (yes or no) a subset $A \subset S$ such that the sum of all of the integers in A is $\geq K_1$ and $\leq K_2$?

In problems 1 and 2 give informal arguments -- you need not use binary encodings.

1. Show that $SPP \leq_p SSP$.
2. Show that $SSP \leq_p SPP$.
3. Write an encoding for graphs.
4. A (formal) problem $p: \mathcal{B}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ has certification $c: \mathcal{B}^+ \times \mathcal{B}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ with the unusual property that $c(s, t)$ is false for all strings s and t . Is this possible? If yes what does it tell us about p and if no explain why not.