

# Complexité avancée - TD 3

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## Exercise 1 Space hierarchy theorem

Consider two space-constructible functions  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $f(n) = o(g(n))$ . Prove that  $\text{DSPACE}(f) \subsetneq \text{DSPACE}(g)$ .

*Hint: You may consider a language  $L = \{(M, w') \mid \text{the simulation of } M \text{ on } (M, w') \text{ rejects}\}$  with an appropriate restriction on the simulation of  $M$ .*

## Exercise 2 Polylogarithmic space

1. Let  $\text{polyL} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{SPACE}(\log^k)$ . Show that  $\text{polyL}$  does not have a complete problem for logarithmic space reduction.<sup>1</sup>
2. We recall that  $\text{PSPACE} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \text{SPACE}(n^k)$ . Does  $\text{PSPACE}$  have a complete problem for logarithmic space reduction? Why doesn't the proof of the previous question apply to  $\text{PSPACE}$ ?

## Exercise 3 Padding argument

1. Show that if  $\text{DSPACE}(n^c) \subseteq \text{NP}$  for some  $c > 0$ , then  $\text{PSPACE} \subseteq \text{NP}$ .  
*Hint: for  $L \in \text{DSPACE}(n^k)$  one may consider the language  $\tilde{L} = \{(x, 1^{|x|^{k/c}}) \mid x \in L\}$ .*
2. Deduce that  $\text{DSPACE}(n^c) \neq \text{NP}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>From this, we can deduce that  $\text{polyL} \neq \text{P}$ .