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The Lower Border of Complexity of Algorithm of the Elementary NP-Complete Task (The Most Condensed Version)

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Abstract: Complexity of any mass task (and, consequently, the minimal computational complexity of algorithm) is proportional to minimal quantity of operations made by algorithm which are necessary and sufficient for reception of the required answer of any individual case of this task. Complexity of the most elementary NP-complete task TSP ("Traveling Salesman Problem") it is estimated proceeding from features of a structure of its goal function (power of this set, quantity of domains of this dependence etc.). It is shown, that the most effective algorithm of the decision of the mass task TSP is exponential algorithm "exhaustive search". It concerns also to all other tasks of class NP. In other words, the class P doesn't coincide with class NP.

Key words: Complexity • NP-complete task • Traveling Salesman Problem • Problem P vs NP • Primes

INTRODUCTION

For last 40 years hundreds of mass NP-complete tasks which have the vital applied importance are found out. The whole meaning of arisen questions consists in the following. Let for some discrete task it is not possible to design polynomial algorithm despite of serious efforts of many mathematicians. In what the reason of these failures? In that, that such algorithm does not exist in nature, or polynomial algorithm exists but to find him very difficultly? This unsolved till now fundamental problem got a name "problem P versus NP" [1, 2, 3].

Does polynomial algorithm of solution at least one NP-complete task is exist? If yes, then it would be possible successfully and quickly to solve any tasks from class NP by means of their reduction to this successful NP-complete task. There is a large variety of the points of view on this question (for example, [4], [5], [6]).

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Preliminary Remarks: How dimension hereinafter understands a certain parameter of a mass task which anyhow defines or quantity of examined objects, or quantity of actions which essentially should be present at

algorithm of the solution of a task. Algorithms are understood only as algorithms, which allow to receive exact answers of tasks. In square brackets there are words which are clear from a context and can be missed.

It's often that there is no difference between noncepts "variable" and "value of variable" in mathematic practice. In general case such unification of comprehension isn't fair. That's why here and than such comprehensions as "variable" and "value of variable" will be strongly differ from each other and mean respectively "set which members define or change any dependence" and "separate member of such set".

Even more rarely taken note of the fact that such "separate set members, which is a variable" can be defined by more than one parameter. Hereinafter let's assume that every i-th set member of any set is completely determined by the parameter P_0 (which has a only one value p_0 as "this set member belongs to a given set") and by the finite subset of parameters.

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ...\} \text{ or } X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n\}$$

$$x_i = \{P_0, P_{i1}, P_{i2}, ..., P_{ii}, ..., P_{ik}\} = \{p_0, p_{i1}, p_{i2}, ..., p_{ii}, ..., p_{ik}\}$$

Uncertainty [about answer] - it's a fact that there are two or more options for answer in the task.

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Definitions: N-dimensional space of a task - the Descartes product of N sets. Each of these N sets is the set of all the values of one of the N (where $N \ge n$) variables that exist in the task (n is the quantity of unknowns).

"Oracle", "from the point of view of the oracle" is a paraphrases of a short formal wording of "objective reality existing in the real world. Similarly, "customer", "developer" and "user" of algorithm (all these roles can be united the term "detached onlooker") – is convenient paraphrase of the wording "a man trying to solve a task".

Possible answer [of a task] - any point of N-dimensional space of this task.

Forbidden answer - any point of N-dimensional space which does not belong to any of limitations declared by the developer of algorithm.

Allowable answer - any point of N-dimensional space which is not the forbidden answer.

Exact answer - a subset of allowable answers; each set member of this subset completely satisfies to all those conditions which contain in initial data of this task.

Set of FPR $_i$ of objective virtual limitations of the mass task T_i – the subset of all necessary and sufficient parameters, which in terms of the oracle should be stipulated in algorithm in order to completely define the exact answer of T_i .

Obligatory value of parameter of a task T_i – value of any member of set FPR_i.

Correct algorithm – an algorithm applied to solve the tasks for which it is destined, from the point of view of the oracle.

Exhaustive search – algorithm using detection of any and all set members of the set and determining the value (s) of each member of this set.

Set of subjective limitations of FPA_i of a task T_i—the set members of FPR_i which values can specify the developer of algorithm.

Set of obligatory operations OPR_i of a mass task T_i – set of all necessary and sufficient (from point of view of oracle) actions without fulfilment of which the correct algorithm of the decision of T_i is incompetent.

Set of prospective operations OPA_i of mass task T_i – a subset of all obligatory operations which the developer of algorithm can provide.

Criterion of competence of algorithm ACr_i – the expression defining possibility of receiving by means of this algorithm exact answers of the mass task T_i .

If $FPA_i = FPR_i$ (i.e. these two sets consist of the same elements) and simultaneously $OPA_i = OPR_i$, then $ACr_i = 1$.

 $Acr_i = 0.5 \times (|FPA_i|/|FPR_i| + |OPA_i|/|OPR_i|)$

Competent algorithm [of task T_i] - correct algorithm which $ACr_i = 1$.

Axiom 1: Any mass task T_i is completely and uniquely defined by the set of objective virtual limitations of FPR_i without the indication of values?? which define individual cases of T_i .

More than obvious disadvantages of using definitions of "polynomial" and "exponential" as a criterion for the feasibility of something in real world sometimes brings mess in the term "efficient algorithm". Therefore, the concept of "accessibility" are using for further convenience, simplicity and unambiguity of the question of the efficiency of algorithms (see also [8], [9]).

Definition: Accessibility of parameter A - opportunity for developer to realize application for all possible values of parameter A in order to get an exact answer for any of the individual cases of the mass task.

Effective can be only such algorithm, which the process of obtaining the required answer fit into the frameworks of astronomical time within which the receipt of this answer still has at least some practical sense.

In addition to well-known terms of "mass task" and "individual [case of] task" relation to some of the tasks on discrete structures it is convenient to use concepts "group [case of] task" and "domain [case of] task", "domain" algorithm", "mass algorithm" etc (Fig. 1).

Consequently, the complexity of the algorithm ALG_i for solving of some mass task T_i is determined by three parameters:

- Quantity of obligatory values of parameters which such algorithm must process to get the exact answer of any individual case of T_i;
- Quantity of obligatory operations which such algorithm must commit to get an exact answer of any individual case of T_i;
- Power of set "mass algorithm"

$$|ALG_i| = |\{ALG_{i1}, ALG_{i2}, ALG_{i3}, ...\}|$$

For the analysis of structure of the task TSP it is convenient to consider the measuring parameters (quantitative sets) separately from the topological properties (matrixes).

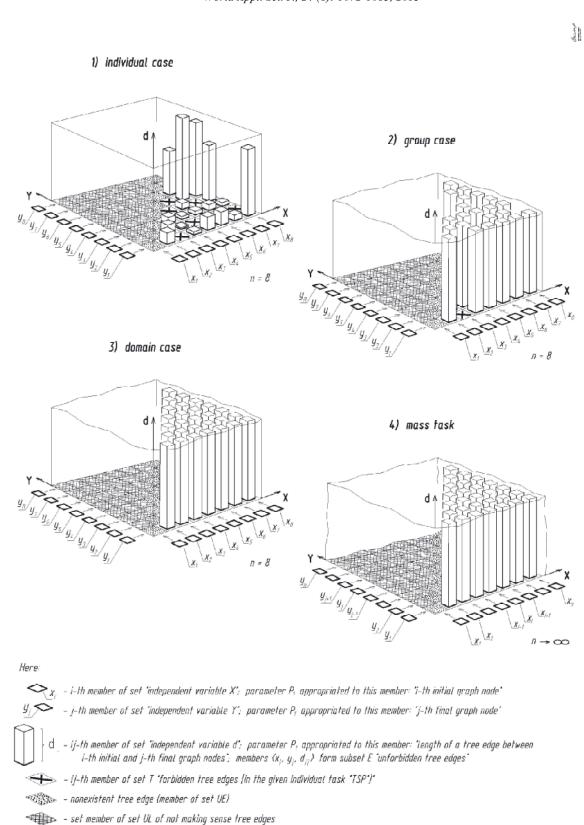


Fig. 1: Individual, group and domain cases of the mass task TSP for n = 8 and the mass task TSP

About Independent Variables: How often, a set A "independent variable" is some series of numbers or the set of quantitative values of some function. But at many tasks on discrete structures this set can be the set, where parameter P_{1i} of an element a_i is not quantitative value (an example – the task TSP).

And, in theory, nothing prevents the fact that the value of parameter P_{1i} of element a_i in a set A subject to more than one functional dependency.

Consequently, the situation when as the parameter of values of variables numbers from any numerical series appear, values of any functions, etc., represents only special case of a special case.

Independent Variables and Arguments of Goal Function in the Task TSP: In the task TSP independent variables declared by the user and those parameters, which are arguments of goal function is not same (otherwise the

problem P vs NP would not exist). Moreover, they are connected (or, perhaps, are divided) by combinatory dependence. This dependence a priori does not submit to the compact quantitative (analytical, functional, calculated) laws and leaves very few chances of creation of polynomial algorithms.

Hereinafter under arguments of goal function of considered (individual, group, domain, mass) task TSP are understood all those arguments of this dependence, which the developer is obliged to set for the successful decision of all without exception of the individual cases forming considered task.

Theorem 1: All quantitative values except for quantity of graph nodes, declared by the user of algorithm in initial data of any individual case of the task TSP (i.e. values of independent variables), represent functions which are differed from each other and are not depended on each other.

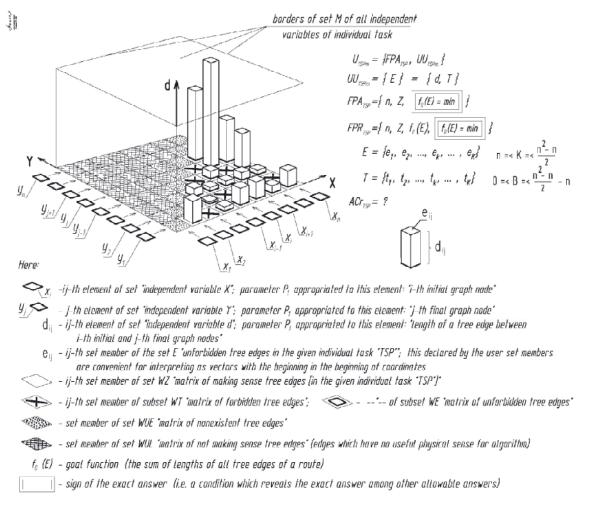


Fig. 2: Set of all independent varibles in the taks TSP (interpretation as the three-dimensianal ordered space)

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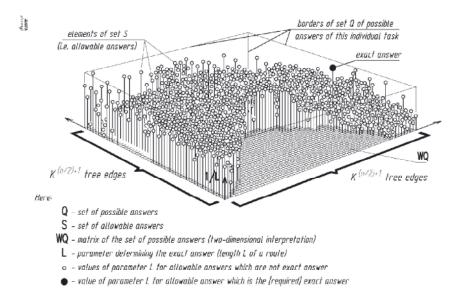


Fig. 3: Set of allowable anwers in the task TSP (interpretation as the three-dimensional ordered space)

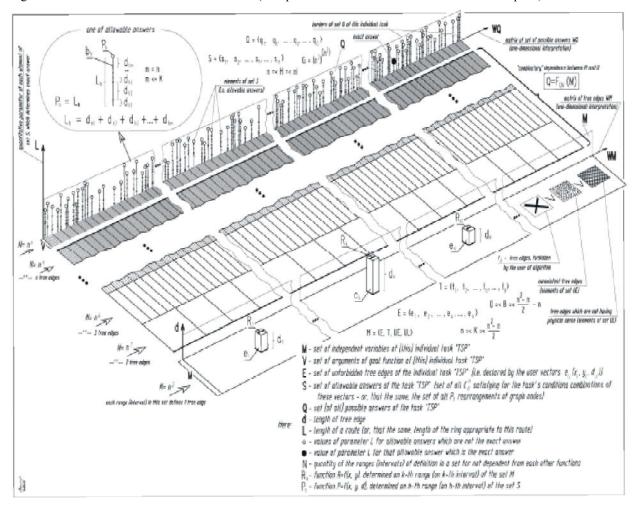


Fig. 4: Set of independent variables and set of allowable answers in a task TSP with n graph nodes (interpretation in form of two-dimensional ordered spaces)

Proof:

- The user of algorithm has the right to declare any positive constant (quantitative item d_{ij}) as length of any unforbidden tree edge (topological item, named "(x_i, y_i)").
- Any constant d_{ij} can be considered as the single value of a certain single-valued function of qw_{ij}(x_i, y_j) defined on a point interval (point range) with coordinates (x_i, y_i).
- Determined by the graph nodes unforbidden tree edges in any individual case by definition is not related to each other by any quantitative and/or other functional dependencies.
- Therefore, functions d_{ij} = qw_{ij}(x_i, y_j) in any individual case of the task TSP in general case represent unique (i.e. existing only on its point ranges in considered individual case) dependences.
- Consequently, from the point of view of the oracle in TSP the declaration by the user unforbidden tree edge and the length of d_{ij} of this edge means declaration of one function $d_{ij} = qw_{ij}(x_i, y_j)$ which in general case:

- Differs from any other dependence in this and in any other individual case of TSP;
- Doesn't depend on any other dependence in this and any other individual case of TSP;
- Exists (is declared) only on one point interval (range) with coordinates x_i and y_j (this interval doesn't depend on any other such interval "tree edge" in a n-node graph in this and in any other individual case).

It is easily possible to prove also the following obvious statements:

Theorem 2: The values of independent variables of each individual case of [mass] task TSP are polynomial set of unique (i.e. existing only for this very individual case) different from each other and independed on each other functions.

Theorem 3: The values of independent variables of each group case of TSP are infinity set of existing only for this very group case different from each other and independed on each other functions.

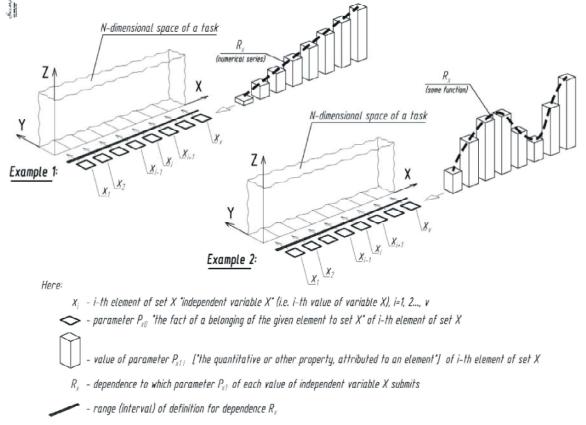


Fig. 5: Discrete independent variable in a task: parameter P, od eash value of this variable submits to 1 dependence R_x

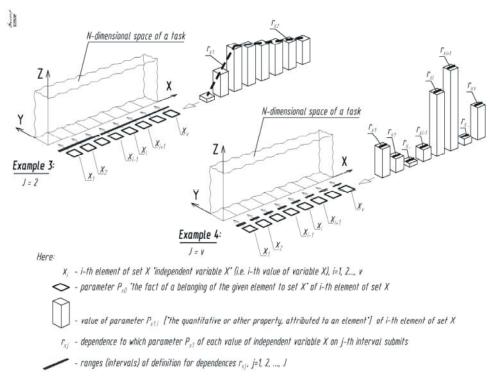


Fig. 6: Discrete independent variable in a task: parameter P, of ech value of this variable not submits to 1 dependence

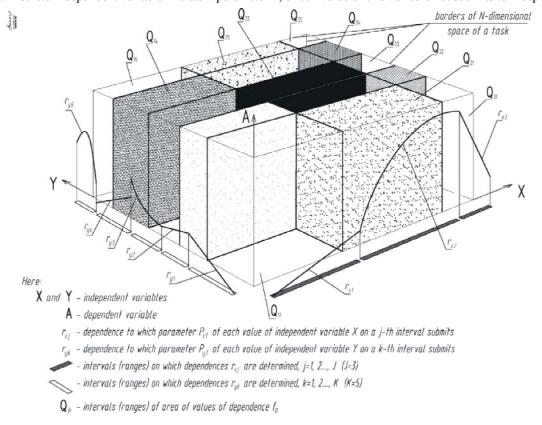


Fig. 7: Intervals (ranges) of area of values of dependence f₀ in N-dimensianal space of a task (N=3, independent variables X and Y are determined on 3 and 4 intervals accordingly

Theorem 4: The values of independent variables of each domain case of TSP are infinite set of existing only for this very domain case different from each other and independed on each other functions.

Theorem 5: The values of independent variables of TSP represent the infinite set of existing only for the TSP different from each other and independend on each other functions.

Features of Goal Function of the Task TSP

Theorem 6: In each individual case of the task TSP goal function is the unique (i.e. not repeating in one other individual case of TSP) finite set consisting of exponential quantity of different from each other and independed on each other functions:

$$\begin{split} L_{a} &= fw_{a}(E_{a}) = fw_{a}(e_{a1},\,e_{a2},\,...,\,e_{ak},\,...,\,e_{aK}\,) = \{fw_{a1}(E_{a}),\,fw_{a2}(E_{a}),\\ ...,\,fw_{ah}(E_{a}),\,...,\,fw_{aH}(E_{a})\} \\ n &\leq |\{fw_{a1}(E_{a}),\,fw_{a2}(E_{a}),\,...,\,fw_{ah}(E_{a}),\,...,\,fw_{aH}(E_{a})\}| \leq n!,\,n \rightarrow + 0. \end{split}$$

Here: $fw_a(E_a)$ – goal function (minimum of this dependence is the required exact answer).

 E_a – independent variables (finite set declared by the user of unforbidden tree edges of a-th individual case)

K – power of the set E_a , $n \le K \le (n^2-n)/2$

n – quantity of graph nodes

H – quantity of allowable answers, $n \le H \le n!$

 $d_{ij}(x_i, y_j)$ – the function defined on a point interval with limits of range [with interval's borders] (x_i, y_i)

 x_i – i-th initial graph node y_j – j-th final graph node $fw_{ah}(\)$ – h-th argument of goal function d_{iihm} – m-th argument of function $fw_{ah}(\)$

Proof:

- The set E_a can be viewed as a matrix of independent variables of WE_a, each k-th point of that matrix is not forbidden and correspondence to length of this tree edge.
- The set S_a can be viewed as a matrix of WS_a of allowable answers. Each h-th matrix's element is delivered in uniquely compliance length of L_{ah} of passing only one time through each of n graph's

nodes of h-th closed route (is unique combination of n not repeating in h-th closed route unforbidden tree edges).

 WS_a represents a set of all swaps of P_n of n-node graph

$$|S_a| = |WS_a| = H = P_n = n!$$

- As it is known from combinatorial theory, dependence of S_a=F_{SE}(E_a) isn't the functional measuring dependence.
- According to the theorem 2 set members of E_a is unique functions, which are differed from each other and are not depended on each other

$$\begin{split} qw_a &= \{d_{ij}(x_i,\,y_j)\,/\,\,i=1,\,2,\,3,\,...,\,n;\,j=1,\,2,\,3,\,...,\,n;\,(x_i,\,y_j)\,\varepsilon\\ WE_a\}\\ n &< \mid qw_a\mid \leq (n^2\text{-}n)/2 \end{split}$$

- It doesn't require the proof that any combinations of unique elements of the initial set always form unique combinations. Therefore each of H set members of S_a by definition is unique, not repeating in S_a, set consisting of n not repeating set members of E_a.
- The exponential quantity of items, each of which represents polynomial value, is exponential value.

$$L_{ah} = fw_{ah}(), h = 1, 2, 3, ..., n!$$

 Therefore, goal function of L_a=fw_a(E_a) is unique exponential set of dependences differing from each other and are not depending on each other.

Each member of set $fw_a(E_a)$ "goal function" has the unique set of values of its arguments. Thus, any individual case of TSP has polynomial set of values of independent variables (they declare by user) and exponential set of values of arguments of goal function (they are created by laws of combination theory and should be taken beforehand into account in algorithm by the developer).

In the similar way it is possible to prove statements for group, domain and mass task TSP:

Theorem 7: In each group case of TSP dependence between a set of independent variables and exact answers of each individual case of this group case (i.e. goal function of this group case) is not repeating in other group cases infinite set of different from each other and independed on each other functions,

Section 1

independent variables

subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	values of functional dependence 'series of real numbers '	functional dependence on one point interval (point range)
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	functional dependence on one point interval
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	functional dependence on one point interval
[as a whole] in mass task:	values of functional dependence 'series of real numbers '	functional dependence on one point interval
QUANTITY of SET	MEMBERS in the set of all independent variable	es:
ubset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	Infinite quantity of numbers	polynomial set
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times$	infinite quantity of polynomial sets
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	exponential quantity of infinite sets
/ as a whole) in mass task:	infinite quantity of numbers	Infinite quantity of infinite sets
DISTINCTION BET	TWEEN SET MEMBERS in the set of all indepe	endent variables:
subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	elements of any numerical series always differ from each other	in general case all members of such set differ from each other
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	in general case all members of such set differ from each other
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	in general case all members of such set differ from each other
[as a whole] in mass task:	elements of any numerical series always differ from each other	in general case all members of such set differ from each other
DEPENDENCE FROM	EACH OTHER of SET MEMBERS in the set of	f all independent variables:
subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	elements of any numerical series always submit to one common law	in general case members of such set do not depend from each other
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times \times \times \times$	in general case members of such set do not depend from each other
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	in general case members of such set do not depend from each other
	elements of any numerical series always submit to one common (aw	in general case members of such set do not depend from each other

dependence between independent variables and the exact answer (i.e. goal function of a task)

subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	is functional dependence on one interval	exists on exponential set of intervals and is not function
in each group case:	\times \times \times \times \times	exists on exponential set of intervals and is not function
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	exists on exponential set of intervals and is not function
[as a whole] in mass task:	is the same functional dependence	exists on exponential set of intervals and is not function
QUANTITY of SET	MEMBERS in such set:	
subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	the set consists of one element	exponential set
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	infinite quantity of exponential sets
in each domain case	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	expanential quantity of infinite sets
[as a whole] in mass task:	the set consists of one element	infinite quantity of infinite sets
DISTINCTION BET	TWEEN SET MEMBERS in such set:	·
subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	the set consists of one element	in general case members of this set differ from each other
in each group case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	members of this set differ from each other
in each domain case:	\times \times \times \times \times	members of this set differ from each other
[as a whole] in mass task:	the set consists of one element	members of this set differ from each other
DEPENDENCE FROM	NEACH OTHER of SET MEMBERS in such	set:
subset: task:	task OAP	task TSP
in each individual case	the set consists of one element	elements of such set never depend from each other
in each group case:	\times \times \times \times \times	elements of such set never depend from each other
in each domain case:	$\times \times \times \times \times \times$	elements of such set never depend from each other
	the set consists of one element	elements of such set never depend from each other

Table 8: Comparison of fundamental properties of various subsets of individual cases of mass task OAP and mass task TSP

$$\begin{split} L_b &= fv_b(E_b) = fv_b(E_{b1}, E_{b2}, ..., E_{ba}, ...) = \{fv_{b1}(E_{b1}), fv_{b2}(E_{b2}), ..., \\ fv_{ba}(E_{ba}), ... \} \ a &= 1, 2, 3, ... \\ |fv_b(E_b)| &= |\{fv_{b1}(E_{b1}), fv_{b2}(E_{b2}), ..., fv_{ba}(E_{ba}), ... \}| = +\infty \end{split}$$

Theorem 8: In each domain case of TSP goal function of this case is not repeating in other domain cases infinite set of different from each other and independed on each other functions.

$$\begin{split} L_c &= fu_c(E_c) = fu_c(E_{c1}, E_{c2}, ..., E_{ca}, ...) = \{fu_{c1}(E_{c1}), \, fu_{c2}(E_{c2}), \, ..., \\ fu_{ca}(E_{ca}), \, ... \} \ a = 1, 2, 3, \, ... \\ |fu_c(E_c)| &= |\{fu_{c1}(E_{c1}), \, fu_{c2}(E_{c2}), \, ..., \, fu_{ca}(E_{ca}), \, ... \}| = + \infty \end{split}$$

Theorem 9: In the mass task TSP goal function of this task is not repeating in other mass tasks infinite set of different from each other and independed on each other functions.

$$L = f_0(E) = \{fu_1(E), fu_2(E), fu_3(E), ..., fu_c(E), ...\}$$
$$|f_0(E)| = |\{fu_1(E), fu_2(E), fu_3(E), ...\}| = +8$$

Complexity of Algorithm of the Task TSP: Simple proofs of theorems 10 ... 17 are based that complexity [of solution] of a task are directly proportional to the following values:

- The quantity of obligatory parameter's values, which should process algorithm;
- The quantity of obligatory operations which must make algorithm.

Theorem 10: Algorithm's complexity of exact solution of individual case of the task TSP is an exponential function from the quantity of graph nodes in this individual case.

Theorem 11: Any individual algorithm of TSP is unique finite set of data and descriptions of operations over this data the implementation of which lead to the getting exact answer only of this individual task.

Theorem 12: Complexity of algorithm of the exact solution of any group case of TSP is equal to infinity.

Theorem 13: Any group algorithm of TSP is unique infinite set of unique individual algorithms.

Theorem 14: Complexity of algorithm of the exact solution of any domain case of TSP is equal to infinity.

Theorem 15: Any domain algorithm of TSP is unique infinite set of unique individual algorithms.

Theorem 16: Complexity of algorithm of the exact solution of the mass task TSP is equal to infinity.

The most effective algorithm for the task TSP is exponential exhaustive search.

Effective Algorithms for Other NP-Complete Tasks: Theorem 18: There is no effective (including any polynomial) algorithm of guaranteed reception in general

case the exact answer for one NP-complete task, P≠NP

Proof:

- All NP-complete tasks polynomially reduces to the task TSP.
- $FPA_{TSP} \neq FPR_{TSP}$, $ACr_{TSP} < 1$
- Uncertainty that exists in the task TSP can only be removed by adding new members to FPA_{TSP} .
- Let's suppose that for a certain task T_{mg} possible to create an efficient algorithm.

$$FPA_{Tmg} = FPR_{Tmg}$$
, $ACr_{Tmg} = 1$

- TSP can not be reduced to T_{mg}: it's impossible polynomially (or otherwise) to convert the member that is not in the set FPA_{TSP} into member that is in the set FPA_{Tmg} (Fig. 8).
- If T_{mg} can not be reduce to a NP-complete task TSP, that means that T_{mg} is not NP-complete task.
- Consequently, NP-complete tasks for which it is possible to create effective algorithm, don't exist.
- Other tasks, that belong to the class NP and are not the task of the class P, polynomially reduced to TSP.
- Consequently, for this tasks holds everything said here about NP-complete tasks.
- For the tasks of the class P there exist polynomial exact algorithms.
- It means, that the class NP does not coincide with the class P: P≠NP.

Comment: Using of concept "availability" give the obvious illustrations of affinity of problems "P vs NP" and "primes".

In Closing: Irregularity is the lack of a uniform law (or, equivalently, a law that is the set of many independent from each other laws).

Accident is law inaccessible to the detached onlooker.

The chaos is an irregular accident.

Essence of the problem P vs NP: it is inalienable chaos in the discrete sets with exponential (i.e. as much as big) quantity of set members.

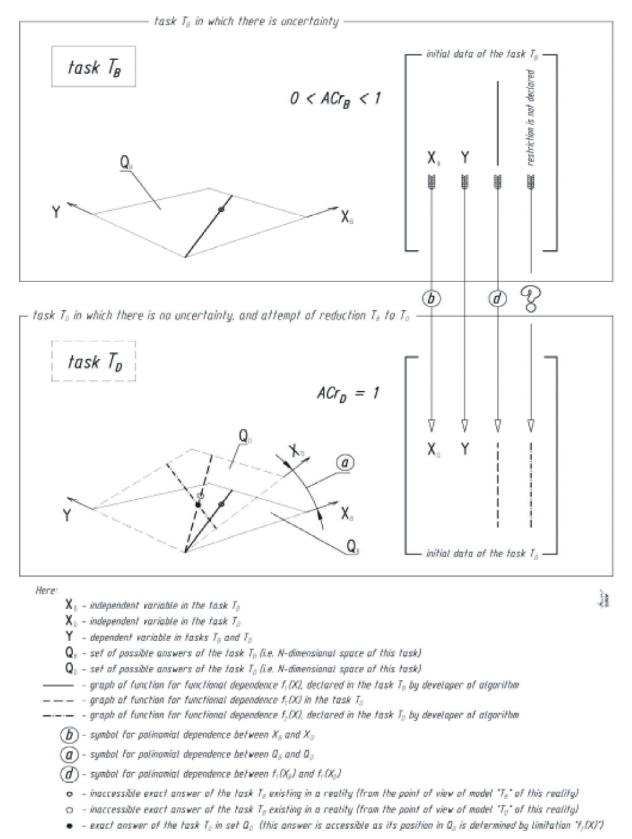


Fig. 8: The simplified graphic interpretation of polinomial reduction of one task to another

CONCLUSIONS

- P≠NP
- "Concierge's key" is not existing.
- There is a much more interesting problem "P[ersonal] C[omputer] vs NP".
- The reason of fact "P≠NP" is fundamental and in general case this reason cannot be removed irrespective of a level of development of a science and technologies.

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