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CS-E4530 Computational Complexity Theory (5 cr)
Second Midterm Exam, Tue 9 Apr 2019, 1–4 p.m.

Write down on each answer sheet:

- Your name, degree programme, and student number
- The text: “CS-E4530 Computational Complexity Theory 9.4.2019”
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Note: You can write down your answers in either Finnish, Swedish, or English.

1. Order the complexity classes P, NPSPACE, NP, EXP, RP, PSPACE, Σ_1^P , NL and ZPP by set inclusion (that is, write enough set inclusion statements of the form

$$X \subseteq Y$$

where X and Y are complexity classes given above such that all known set inclusions follow from the statements). 6p.

2. Show that if $P = NP$, then $EXP = NEXP$. 8p.
3. (a) Define the complexity classes Σ_k^P ($k \geq 0$) and PH.
(b) Prove that $PH \subseteq PSPACE$. (*Hint:* Induction.) 8p.
4. Show that the following problem is NP-complete:

At-Least-2-SAT

Instance: A Boolean formula in conjunctive normal form (general CNF, i.e. not restricted to k -CNF for any fixed k) such that in each clause all the literals are distinct. (Thus, a clause such as e.g. $(x \vee \neg y \vee \neg y \vee z)$ is not allowed.)

Question: Is there a truth assignment τ to the variables in the formula such that for each clause *at least two* literals in it are satisfied by τ ? 8p.

Total 30p.