CS 109 Spring 2010 Theory of Computation: Advanced

## Homework 2 Due Mon Apr 19, 5:00pm

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**General Instructions:** Same as in Homework 1. **Honor Principle:** Same as in Homework 1.

5. We proved in class that  $\overline{\mathtt{STCON}} \in \mathsf{NL}$ , thereby concluding  $\mathsf{NL} = \mathsf{coNL}$ . We remarked that our proof in fact shows that  $\mathsf{NSPACE}(f(n)) = \mathsf{coNSPACE}(f(n))$  for any function  $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  with  $f(n) \ge \log_2 n$ . Prove this remark rigorously.

At some point, you will have to take care of the technical difficulty that computing the *value* of f(n) might require more than O(f(n)) space — after all, you have no idea what kind of crazy function f(n) is. Consult the proof of Savitch's theorem in Sipser's book for a hint on how to handle this. [2 points]

6. Prove that  $\{\langle G \rangle : G \text{ is a strongly connected directed graph} \}$  is NL-complete.

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