Lab Assignment 8: CS2233

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A boolean formula is called CNF (conjunctive normal form) if it is represented via conjunction (boolean-AND) of several clauses such that each clause is a disjunction (boolean-OR) of literals (variables or negation of variables). Following is an example of the CNF formula

$$(x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_1).$$

Further, a boolean formula is called 2-CNF if each clause consists of exactly two literals.

$$(x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2).$$

A boolean formula is called **satisfiable** if there exists an assignment of the boolean variables that makes the formula evaluate to **True**.

Problem statement: Suppose a 2-CNF formula over n variables and m clauses is given as input, write a program that determines whether the formula is satisfiable or not. If the formula is satisfiable, then output the assignments of the variables that satisfy the formula. The running time of the algorithm should be polynomial in n, m.

Hint: Search 2-CNF is in P.