

- (a) Decision problems: are those problem, given an instance of the problem, answer will be 'yes' or 'No' ✓

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- (b) The Class P: are those problem, one instance of the problem can be solved in polynomial time (or  $O(n^k)$ , where  $n$  is the size of the input and  $k$  is some fixed constant. What does

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"can be solved" mean? E.g.: is it Ok if the solving happens via a separate algorithm for, say, each input size?

- (c) The class NP: are those problem which can be non-deterministically solved in Polytime. or. What does this mean?

Given an instance of the problem and a certificate to the problem, the certificate can be verified in polynomial time.

By whom? What does verifying mean?

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(d)  $A \leq_p B$  means a general instance of problem A can be ~~poly~~ reduced to a <sup>special</sup> instance of problem B in polynomial time.   
 what does this mean? (a) ①  
special in what way? 0/10

e) The class NP-hard: are those problems which are as hard as any other problems in NP.

or,  
for any problem in NP (say A),

✓  $A \leq_p B$  ~~where B is also in NP, or~~

then B is NP-hard. (Any NP problem can be reduced to an NP-hard problem in poly-time)

The class NP-complete: are those problems which

1) are in NP.

2) are also in NP-hard.

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(a) ① Clique is NP: Given a set of vertices we can ~~only~~ verify if the set has size  $\geq K$  and for every two nodes in the subset, if there exists an edge between them. in polynomial time

So, Clique is NP. ✓

② Clique is NP-hard: will show Vertex cover  $\leq_p$  clique.

~~Given a graph G~~

Input for vertex cover,  $G=(V,E), K$   
 $G'=(V, E')$

let  $G'$  be a graph with  $\bullet$  such that

for any two pairs of vertices  $u, v$  in  $G$  if ~~there~~ there exists an edge between  $u, v$ . then  $G'$  will have no edge between them, else, they have an edge between them.

~~Now if  $G$~~

Also,  $n$  be the number of vertices.

so, Clique  $(G', n-K)$  will be the instance of Clique problem  $(G, K)$

Why? Vertex cover will only have solution iff Clique  $(G', n-K)$

have a solution

and reduction takes polynomial time

so,  $VC \leq_p \text{Clique} \Rightarrow \text{Clique is NP-hard}$

Hence proved

(b) Vertex cover is NP :-

at-most more than  $K$  and, ~~size is~~ if any edge has atleast one endpoint in the given subset. It can be done in poly time. ✓

VC is NP-hard :- will show.  $\text{clique} \leq_p \text{VC}$ .

let  $G$  be a graph. st  $G = V, E$

$G'$  be the the graph  $G' = (V, \bar{E})$

(Similar ~~reduct~~ reduction to  $G'$ )

So, if  $(G, K)$  is an instance of  $\text{clique problem}$

we can reduce the  $G$  to  $G'$  in polytime

and ask Vertex cover  $(G', n-K)$

Why is this reduction correct?

So,  $\text{clique} \leq_p \text{VC} \Rightarrow \text{VC is NP-hard.}$

$\therefore \text{clique is NP-complete}$

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(3) (a)

Assuming set of vertices has an order  $(1 \dots n)$

Global array  $\rightarrow$

number of vertices

$G$  is the graph  
 $P$  is the partition

stone  $[k][n]$  = all empty

length of simple path will store the list of paths.

Simple Path  $(K, G, P)$

if  $(K == 1)$ :

for  $u$  in  $(G.v)$

denotes the set of vertices

~~Simple Path~~

Simple Path  $[1][u] = [u]$

else,

for  $u$  in  $G.v$ :

for  ~~$e$~~   $e$  in  $G.E$ :

if  $u$  in  $e$ :

$u$  be the another ~~point~~ pointing to  $u$

set of paths = Simple Path  $[K-1][u]$

i.e.  $R = (u, u)$  on  $(u, u)$

for path in set of paths:

if  $u$  not in path

then (simple path  $[K][u]$  = append)

$(u + \text{path})$

adding  $u$  to the ~~set~~ <sup>order</sup> of  $P$  vertices in path and then append it

~~for  $(i, j)$  in simplePath~~

for  $j$  in  $1 \dots n$

if simplePath ~~is~~  $[x][j]$  has  $\bullet$   $k$  sized

array,

then return 'Yes'.

(b)