

2. Let 2-CNF-SAT be the set of satisfiable boolean formulas in CNF with exactly 2 literals per clause. Show that 2-CNF-SAT is P. Make your algorithm as efficient as possible.  
(Hint: Observe that  $x \vee y$  is equivalent to  $\neg x \rightarrow y$ . Reduce 2-CNF-SAT to an efficiently solvable problem on a directed graph).

Let us construct a digraph

$D = (V, A)$  as follows

- i) For each literal  $x$ , we can use two vertices to represent T or F.

So  $V_x$  can represent T

$V_{\neg x}$  can represent F

- ii) Similarly for each clause  $a \vee b$ , we can add two arcs  $(V_{\neg a}, V_b)$ ,  $(V_{\neg b}, V_a)$  to  $A$ .

The 2-CNF-SAT is satisfiable iff there is no literal  $x$  such that  $x = \text{True} \wedge \hat{x} = \text{True}$ .

This is in  $\mathcal{D}$  and there is a path from  $V_x$  to  $V_{\hat{x}}$  and  $V_{\hat{x}}$  to  $V_x$ .  $V_x, V_{\hat{x}}$  are in the same strong connected component.

The reason is, if  $A \rightarrow B$  is true then either  $A = \text{False}$  or  $A = \text{True}$  and  $B = \text{True}$ .

So, if  $A \rightarrow \hat{A}$  is true then we should have

~~$A = \text{False}$  and  $A = \text{False}$~~  and  $A = \text{False}$  and this contradicts with the fact that  $\hat{A} \rightarrow A$  is true.

So, the algorithm is,

- i) Construct the graph  $\mathcal{D}$
- ii) Find the strong connected component (SCC) of  $\mathcal{D}$
- iii) For each SCC, we should check if there is some  $x$  such that  $V_x$  and  $V_{\hat{x}}$  are both in it.
- iv) So if we find any then return FALSE else return TRUE.



TIME COMPLEXITY: Suppose that there are  $n$  literals and  $m$  clauses. The construction of graph  $D$  costs  $O(m+n)$ . The cost to find SCC is  $O(m+n)$ . To check whether some  $V_x, V_{\hat{x}}$  are in one SCC cost  $O(n)$ .  
Totally the time  $O(m+n)$ .

3. a) Label all the variables, operators and clauses in Figure 10 in the Tipover article.





4. Prove the claim on page 3 of the graph coloring slides (regarding the colorability of the 'or' gadget).

Claim:  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{GRAPH 3 COLORING}$

Proof: Given 3-SAT instance  $\phi$ , we construct an instance of 3-COLOR that is 3-colorable iff  $\phi$  is satisfiable.

Construction:

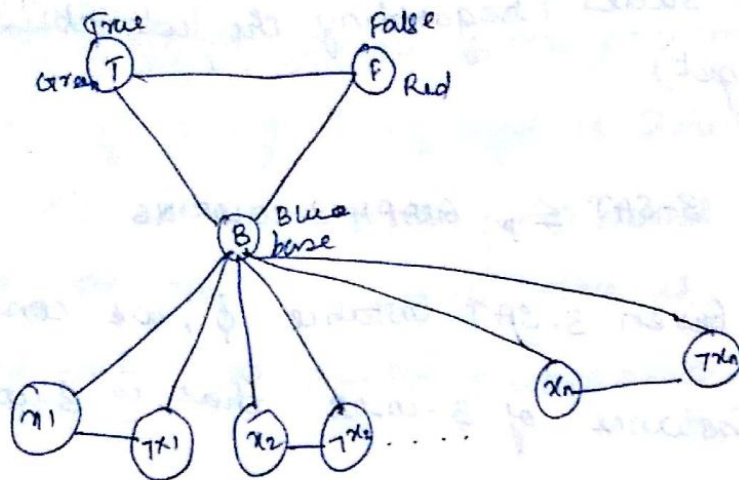
- i) Create one vertex for each literal
- ii) Create 3 new vertices T, F and B.  
Connect them in a triangle and connect each literal to B.
- iii) Connect each literal to its negation.
- iv) For each clause, attach a gadget of 6 vertices and 13 edges.

Claim: Graph is 3 colorable iff  $\phi$  is satisfiable

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose graph is 3 colorable

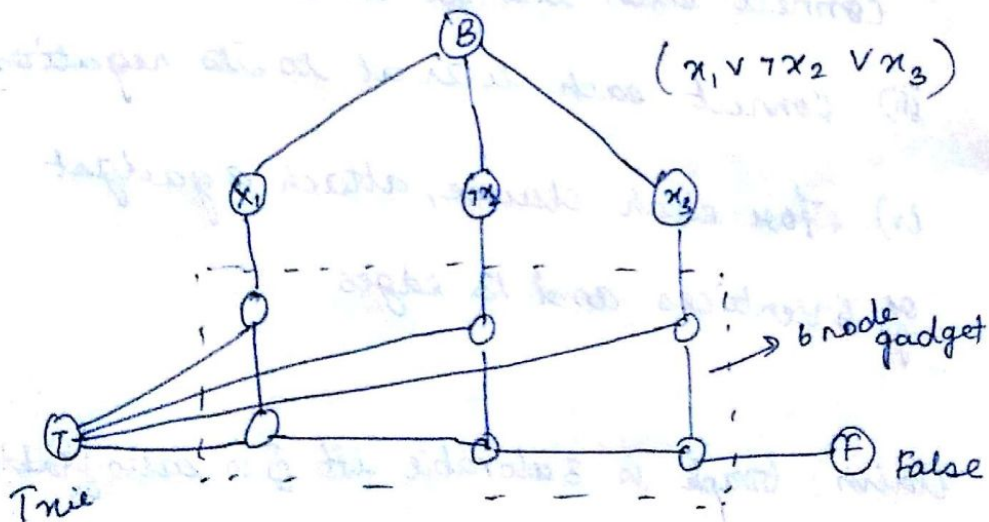
Consider assignment that sets all T literals to true.

(Triangle) ensures each literal is T or F



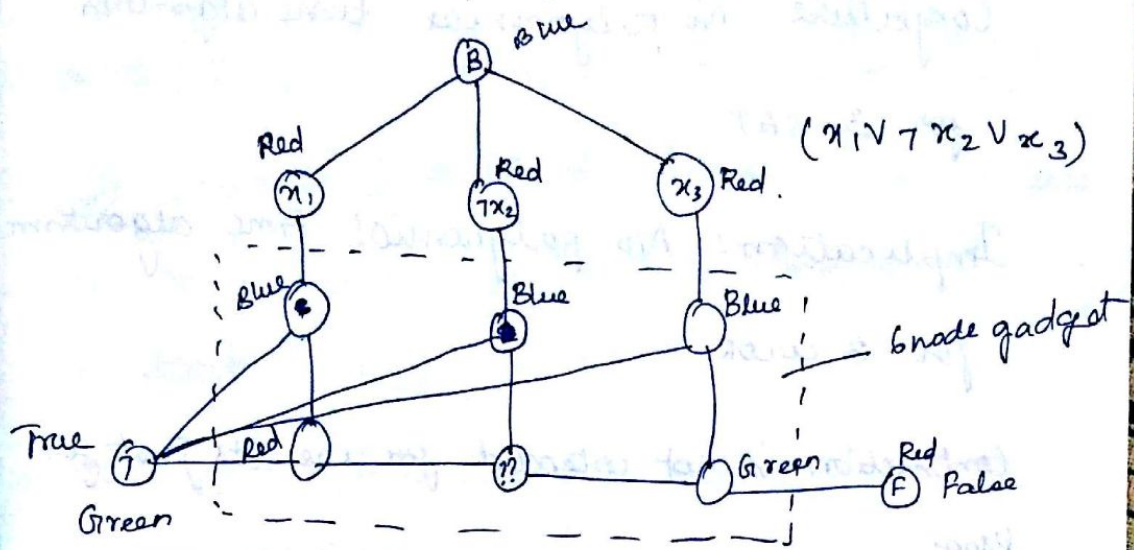
Ensure a literal and its negation are opposites.

[Gadget] ensures atleast one literal in each clause is T





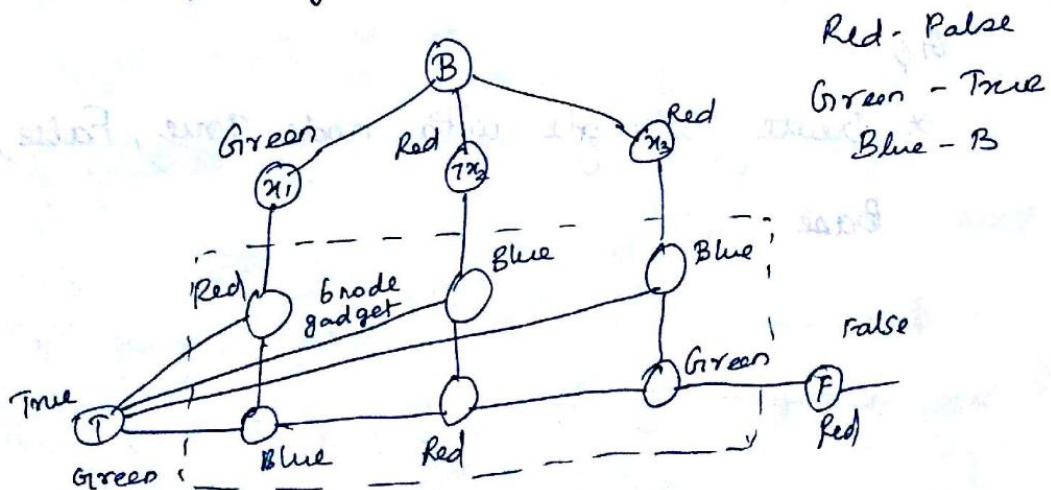
Therefore,  $\Phi$  is satisfiable



Suppose 3-SAT formula  $\Phi$  is satisfiable

- i) color all true literals T and false literals F.
- ii) color vertex below one green vertex F and and vertex below that B
- iii) color remaining middle row vertices B.
- iv) color remaining bottom vertices T or F as forced.

Therefore graph is 3-colorable.



Conjecture : No polynomial time algorithm  
for 3-SAT

Implication: No polynomial time algorithm  
for 3 COLOR

Construction is not intended for use, its just for  
proof.

Hence Proved.

3-coloring is in NP.

Reduction Idea:

Start with 3-SAT formula  $\Phi$  with  $n$ -  
variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and  $m$  clauses

$C_1, \dots, C_m$ . Create graph  $G_\Phi$  such that  $G_\Phi$   
is 3 colorable iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable

\* Need to establish truth assignment for  
 $x_1, \dots, x_n$  via colors for some nodes in  
 $G_\Phi$

\* Create triangle with node True, False,  
Base.



- \* For each variable  $x_i$  two nodes  $v_i$  and  $\bar{v}_i$  connected in a triangle with common Base.
- \* If graph is 3-colored, either  $v_i$  or  $\bar{v}_i$  gets the same color as True. Interpret this as a truth assignment to  $v_i$
- \* For each clause  $C_j = (a \vee b \vee c)$ . create small gadget graph.

Gadget graph connects to nodes corresponding to  $a, b, c$ .

Needs to implement OR

OR-Gadget Graph.

Property : If  $a, b, c$  are colored False in a 3-coloring then output node of OR-gadget has to be colored False.

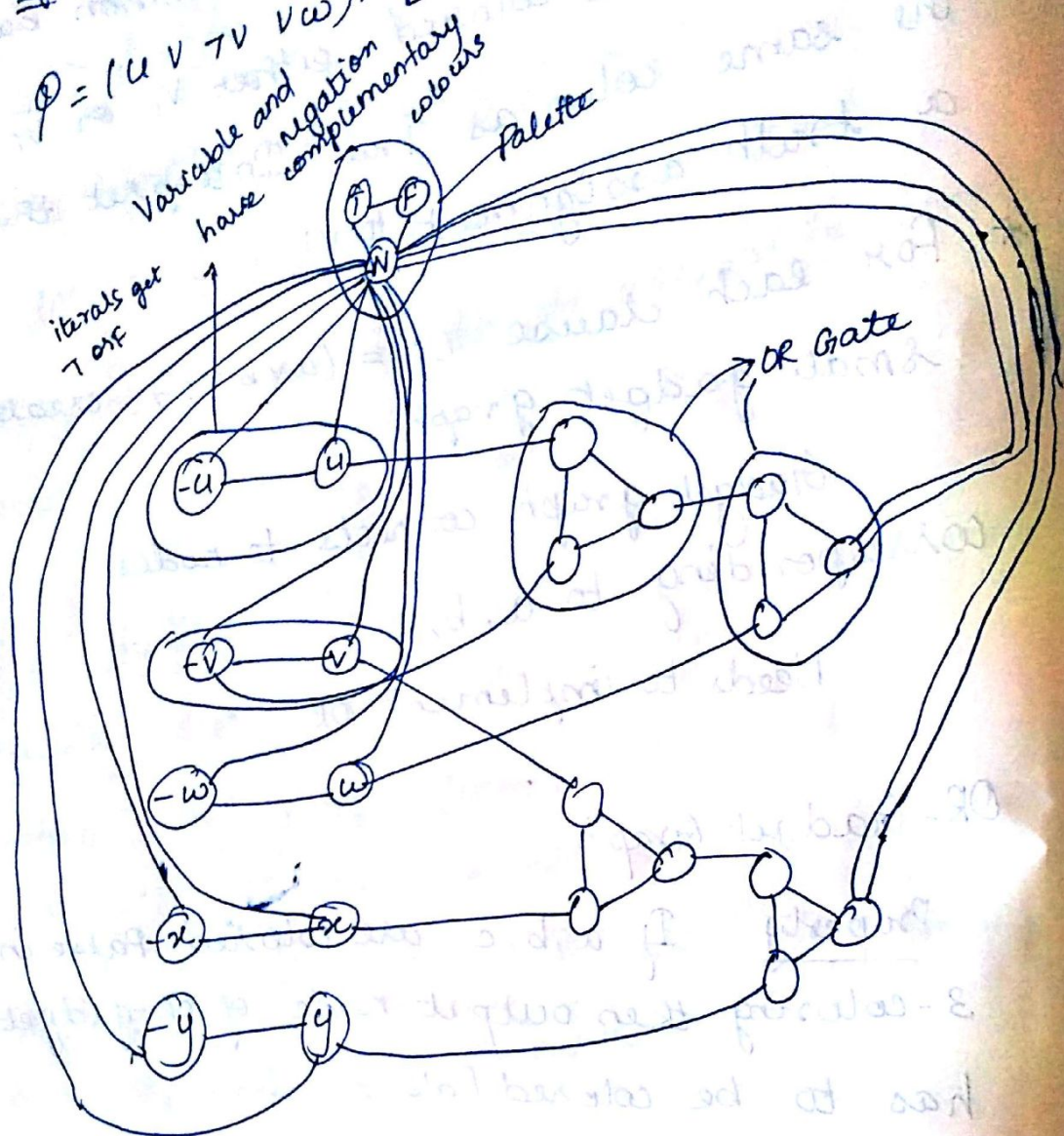
If one of  $a, b, c$  is colored True then OR-gadget can be 3-colored such that output node of OR-gadget is colored True.

Reduction:

For each clause  $C_j = (a \vee b \vee c)$ , add OR-gadget graph with input nodes  $a, b, c$  and connect output node of gadget to both False and Base.

eg:

$$\phi = (u \vee \neg v \vee w) \wedge (\neg u \vee \neg w \vee y)$$



Correctness of Reduction:

$\phi$  is satisfiable implies  $G_\phi$  is 3 colorable

\* if  $x_i$  is assigned True, color  $v_i$  True and  $\bar{v}_i$  False

\* For each clause  $C_j = (a \vee b \vee c)$  at least



one of  $a, b, c$  is colored True. OR-gadget for  $C_j$  can be 3 colored such that output is True.

$G_\phi$  is 3 colorable implies  $\phi$  is satisfiable

- \* If  $v_i$  is colored True then set  $x_i$  to be True, this is legal truth assignment
- \* Consider any clause  $C_j = (a \vee b \vee c)$ , it cannot be that all  $a, b, c$  are False. If so, output of OR-gadget for  $C_j$  has to be colored False but output is connected to Base and False!  
Hence proved.

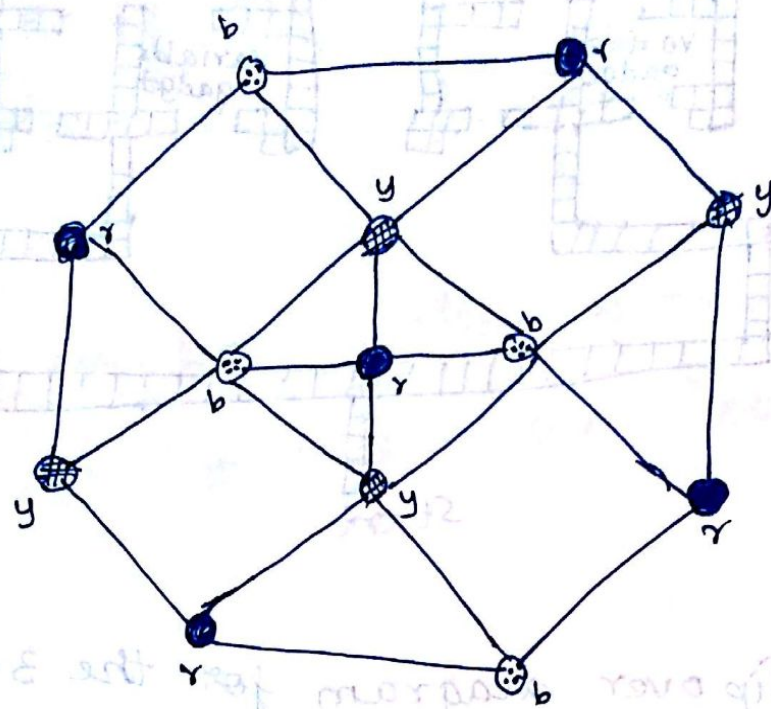
5. Use the following cross over gadget to prove that determining whether a planar graph is 3-colorable is an NP-complete problem.

We can reduce 3-colorability of an arbitrary graph to the planar case. Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  ~~is~~ possibly non planar, embed the graph in the plane arbitrarily, letting edges cross if necessary. We will replace each edge crossing with the planar widget  $w$ .

The given cross over gadget should have the properties.

- i) Any legal 3 coloring of  $w$ , the opposite corners are forced to have same color.
- ii) Assignment of colors to the corners such that opposite corners have the same color extends to a 3-coloring of all  $w$ .

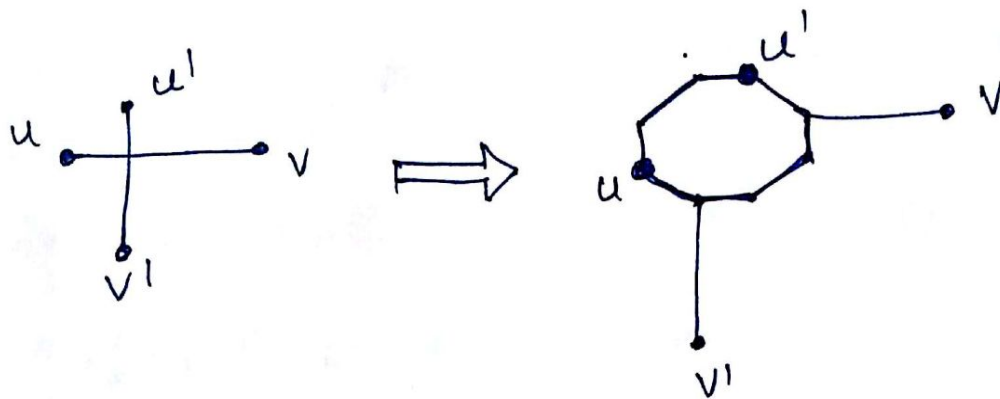




3-colorable gadget.

It is easy to show that the gadget itself is 3 colorable. This gadget also has a symmetric property, which is the color of the node at the 11:00 clock position could always be same as the node at 5:00 clock position. The color of the node at 1:00 clock position ~~be~~ could be same as the node at 7:00 clock position and so on.

So we can always replace a crossed edge  $(u, v)$  with  $u$  embedded at a corner of the gadget and  $v$  connected to the opposite corner with an edge.



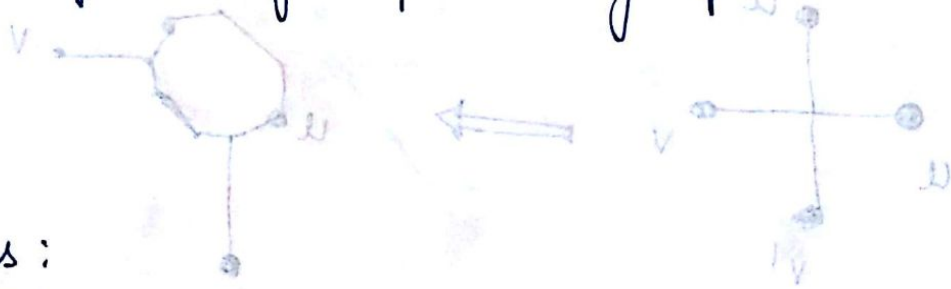
Replacing a cross with the gadget.

This takes  $O(|E|^2)$  time. The resulting graph is planar and the symmetric property of the gadget implies that  $u$  and  $v$  cannot be assigned the same color.



A reduction of the 3-colorability for an arbitrary graph to the same problem for a planar by using this gadget is shown.

3 colorable is NP complete for general graphs, so we can prove that 3-colorable is NP-complete for planar graphs also.



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