

# homework 5

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## Problem 1

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This is a P problem.

The given DNF Boolean formula is  $DNF$ .

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for each clause in DNF:
    for each term in clause:
        if term conflicts with any other terms in this clause:
            then: jumpout this for loop
        else:
            if current term is the last term in this clause:
                return here is a truth assignment for X, such that DNF evaluates
to be 1
```

## Problem 2

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This is a **NP-complete problem**.

1. Prove it is in **NP**

The given graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Suppose the test solution is  $S$ .

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k = 5
for each node n in S:
    remove every edge adjacent to v from set E
    k = k - 1
    if k >= 0 and E is empty:
        then: S is a vertex cover in G
    else: S is not a vertex cover in G
```

2. Prove it is in **NPC**

I have read note "16 Some Examples on Polynomial Reduction" when I solve this problem.

We'll use a polynomial-time reduction from Independent Set to Vertex Cover.

- Input reduction

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , independent set's parameter is  $k$  and vertex cover's parameter is  $k' = n - k$ .

- Proof of "equivalence"

→: Suppose that  $S$  is an independent set in  $G$ . For any edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$ , we know that  $u$  and  $v$  will not be both in  $S$ . Namely, for any edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$ , either  $u$  in  $V - S$  or  $v$  in  $V - S$ , which means that  $V - S$  is a vertex cover.

←: Suppose that  $V - S$  is a vertex cover in  $G$ . Suppose that there is an edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$ , and both  $u, v$  are in  $S$ . Then there is a contradiction, because at least one of the nodes on either side of any edge should be in  $V - S$ . Only this way,  $V - S$  will be a vertex cover. As a result,  $S$  is an independent set.

## Problem 3

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1. Prove it is in **NP**

Suppose the test solution is  $C$  and the length of  $C$  is larger than  $K$ . The verification algorithm is very simple:

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for each product in store:
    for each customer in C:
        if there are more than one customers in C buy this product:
            return wrong solution
return true solution
```

2. Prove it is in **NPC**

We'll use a polynomial-time reduction from Independent Set to this problem.

- Input Reduction

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , each customer has a vertex. For each product, connect customers who have bought this product with each other in  $G$ . The parameter is  $k$ .

- Proof of "equivalence"

→: Suppose that  $S$  is an independent set in  $G$ . For any two vertexes  $a, b$  in  $S$ , we know that there will not be an edge between  $a$  and  $b$ , which means that for any two customers in  $S$ , they have not bought same products.

←: Suppose that  $S$  is a solution of this problem. For any two customer in  $S$ , we know that there will not be an edge between them, which means that this is an independent set.

## Problem 4

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1. Prove it is **NP**

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Suppose the test solution is  $S$ .

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for each node n in S:
    for each node n' in V:
        if e = (n, n') in E:
            for each node n'' in S:
                if e = (n', n'') in E:
                    return wrong solution
return true solution

```

## 2. Prove it is in **NPC**

For every edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$ , we can find a set  $S_v \in V$  that for every  $s_{vi}$  in  $S_v$ , there exist  $e_i = (v, s_{vi}) \in E$ . Then for every  $s_{vi}$  in  $S_v$ , we'll add an edge  $(u, S_{vi})$  to  $E$ . Finally we will have a new graph  $G' = (V, E')$ .

Then apparently, when we try to find an independent set in  $G'$ , we are finding a strongly independent set in  $G$ .

## Problem 5

### 1. Prove it is **NP**

Suppose the test solution is  $S$ .

1. Check if  $S$  contains more than  $k$  jobs.
2. Check if any two jobs in  $S$  have a contradiction.

### 2. Prove it is in **NPC**

We'll use a polynomial-time reduction from Independent Set to this problem.

#### ◦ Input Reduction

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , each jobs has a vertex. For each job, connect it to every other jobs in  $G$  which has contradiction with this job. The parameter is  $k$ .

#### ◦ Proof of "equivalence"

→: Suppose that  $S$  is an independent set in  $G$ . For any two vertexes  $a, b$  in  $S$ , we know that there will not be an edge between  $a$  and  $b$ , which means that for any two jobs in  $S$ , they will not have contradiction.

←: Suppose that  $S$  is a solution of this problem. For any two jobs in  $S$ , we know that there will not be an edge between them, which means that this is an independent set.

## Problem 6

### • Algorithm

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a black-box function  $f(g)$ , that  $g$  is a graph as a parameter of  $f$  and  $f(g)$  return if there exist a Hamiltonian cycle in  $g$ .  $|V| = m, |E| = n$

```

G = (V, E)
E' = E
G' = (V, E')
for each edge e in E:
    // in this case, G' is a Hamiltonian cycle.
    if |E'| == |V|:
        then return G' = (V, E')

    // try to remove every edge and test if there still exist a Hamiltonian
    cycle.
    G_test = (V, (E-e))
    if f(G_test) == true:
        then: remove e in E'
    else: continue to next round

```

- Time complexity

Suppose the black box function  $f(g)$ 's time complexity is  $x$ . Then the overall time complexity is  $O(nx)$ .