

## ASSIGNMENT 5

DUE: Monday, July 29, 6 PM. DO NOT COPY. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SOURCES.

Please read <http://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs341> for general instructions and policies. Also read Assignment section of course outline for clarification of what “justify” means.

**Note:** All logarithms are base 2 (i.e.,  $\log x$  is defined as  $\log_2 x$ ).

**Note:** For all algorithm design questions, you must give the algorithm, argue the correctness, and analyze time complexity.

### 1 Warmup... Decision vs Optimization...

1.1. [5 marks] **Fair split.** Suppose you have a polynomial time algorithm for the **FairSplit** decision problem: given a list of  $n$  integers,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , indexed by  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , is there a partition  $S = A \cup B$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A} a_i = \sum_{i \in B} a_i$ .

Show that you can use this algorithm to find such a partition  $A, B$  (if it exists) in polynomial time. If the **FairSplit** algorithm runs in time  $O(n^p)$ , give a bound on the run time of your algorithm of finding a fair partition.

1.2. [7 marks] **Satisfiability.** Recall that a literal is a variable  $x_i$  or the negation of a variable  $\neg x_i$ . Consider the following variant of satisfiability problem: **Max2-SAT**.

Input: a number  $k > 0$ , a set of  $n$  Boolean variables,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and a set  $C$  of  $m$  clauses, where each clause has the form  $(l_i \vee l_j)$  where  $l_i$  and  $l_j$  are literals.

Question: is there an assignment of truth-values to the variables that makes at least  $k$  of the clauses true?

Suppose you have a polynomial time algorithm for the above **Max2-SAT** decision problem. Show that you can use this algorithm to find the maximum number of clauses that can be made true, and to find a truth-value assignment that satisfies that number of clauses, both in polynomial time.

### 2 P, NP ...

2.1. [3 marks] **Fair split is in NP.** Show that **FairSplit**  $\in$  NP. Be clear about your certificate and about the details of your verification algorithm and its run-time.

2.2 [3 marks] **Max2-SAT  $\in$  NP.** Show that **Max2-SAT**  $\in$  NP. Be clear about your certificate and about the details of your verification algorithm and its run-time.

2.3. [4 marks] In the **Clique4** problem, we are given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with maximum degree 4 and a positive integer  $k$ ; we must determine if  $G$  has a clique of size at least  $k$  or not. (A graph  $G$  has *maximum degree*  $d$  if every vertex in  $G$  is incident to at most  $d$  edges.)

Prove that **Clique4**  $\in$  P.

### 3 NPC ...

3.1. [7 marks] Prove that **FairSplit**  $\in$  NPC.

3.2. [7 marks] Prove that the following problem is NP-complete. Given two graphs,  $H = (V_H, E_H)$ , and  $G = (V_G, E_G)$ , is  $H$  a subgraph of  $G$ , i.e. is there a mapping  $\pi$  of the vertices of  $H$  to the vertices of  $G$  such that  $\pi$  is one-to-one (it never maps two vertices of  $H$  to the same vertex of  $G$ ) and such that for every pair of vertices  $u, v \in V_H$ , we have  $(u, v) \in E_H$  iff  $(\pi(u), \pi(v)) \in E_G$ .

### 4 More NPC.

4.1. [7 marks] Consider the following modification of the **FairSplit** problem: **FairSplit100**

Input: a list of  $n$  integers,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , indexed by  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Question: is there a partition  $S = A \cup B$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A} a_i - \sum_{i \in B} a_i < 100$ ?

Prove that **FairSplit100**  $\in$  NPC.

4.2. [7 marks] Show that the following decision problem is NP-complete: given a graph  $G$  in which every vertex has even degree, and an integer  $k$ , does  $G$  have a vertex cover with at most  $k$  vertices? (The degree of a vertex is the number of edges incident to it.)

Hint: given an arbitrary graph  $G$ , find a way to modify it by adding some vertices and edges so that all the vertices of the new graph have even degree. You can use the following fact without proof: in any undirected graph  $G$ , the total number of vertices of odd degree is always an even number (possibly zero).