

Before solving the problems,  
I'd love to note the definition for NP problem ahead.

A problem is in NP if there exists a NTM  
that can verify a candidate solution in polynomial time.

Thus, for proving task, I think the main idea would be  
figuring out the candidate solution  
and proving that the testing task would be done by NTM in poly-time.

## Question 1

Call graphs  $G$  and  $H$  **isomorphic** if the nodes of  $G$  may be reordered so that it is identical to  $H$ . Let  $ISO = \{\langle G, H \rangle \mid G \text{ and } H \text{ are isomorphic graphs}\}$ . Show that  $ISO \in NP$ .

To show  $ISO \in NP$ :

1. **Candidate Solution:** A bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  (a reordering of  $G$ 's nodes to match  $H$ 's nodes).
2. **Verification Process:**
  - **Non-deterministic Guess:** A non-deterministic Turing machine (NTM) guesses a bijection  $f$  in one step.
  - **Deterministic Check:** For every edge  $(u, v) \in G$ , check if  $(f(u), f(v)) \in H$ ; for every non-edge  $(u, v) \notin G$ , check if  $(f(u), f(v)) \notin H$ . This check runs in polynomial time (proportional to the number of nodes and edges in  $G$  and  $H$ ).

Since an NTM can verify  $ISO$  in polynomial time,  $ISO \in NP$ .

## Question 2

Show that if  $P = NP$ , you can factor integers in polynomial time.

1. **Establish that Integer Factorization is in NP**

The integer factorization problem can be defined as: given a composite integer  $N$ , determine if there exist integers  $a, k \geq 2$  such that  $n = a \times k$ .

This problem belongs to  $NP$  because:

- For any candidate factors  $a$ , we can **verify** the solution in polynomial time by testing whether  $N \% a == 0$ , which fits the definition of NP problem.

## 2. **Apply the Assumption $P = NP$**

If we assume  $P = NP$ , then integer factorization is also in  $P$ .

## 3. **Conclusion**

By definition of  $P$ , if  $P = NP$ , there exists a deterministic polynomial-time algorithm for integer factorization.