

# Homework #8

## Analysis of Algorithms

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## Question #1

**Theorem 1.** We take the definition of  $\mathcal{O}$  as such.

For  $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$ , there must exist constants  $c$ , where  $c > 0$ , and there must exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $n_0 \geq 1$ , such that

$$|f(n)| \leq c|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

### Problem #1.1

**Problem Statement.** *Without using limits, but only the definition of  $\mathcal{O}$  prove that  $81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n \in \mathcal{O}(n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3)$ , but that  $n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3 \notin \mathcal{O}(81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n)$ . Show all work.*

*Proof.* In this instance,  $f(n) = 81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n$  and  $g(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3)$ . To prove that  $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$ , first we must find constants  $c$  and  $n_0$ .

Take the following,  $c = 1$ ,  $n_0 = 15\,000$ . Then, for all  $n \geq 15\,000$ ,

$$81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n \ll n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3$$

We see this is true, because

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n \\ &\leq 81n^3 + 1300n^3 + 300n^3 \\ &\leq 1681n^3 \\ g(n) &= n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3 \\ &\geq n^3 - 15000n^3 - 10n^3 \\ &\geq -14991n^3 \end{aligned}$$

From this we, we see that

$$|f(n)| \leq c|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Therefore,  $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$ , and  $81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n \in \mathcal{O}(n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3)$ .  $\square$

*Proof.* Suppose not. That is, suppose that  $\exists c, n_0$  such that

$$|f(n)| \leq c|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

Therefore,  $c, n_0$  must satisfy the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n &\geq c \times (n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3) \\
n^5 &\leq 15000n^4 - 10n^3 + c \times (81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n) \\
&\leq \frac{15000}{n} + \frac{10}{n^2} + c \times \left( \frac{81}{n^2} + \frac{1300}{n^3} + \frac{300}{n^4} \right) \\
&\approx 1 + 3.6 \times 10^{-7}c
\end{aligned}$$

From this, the inequality must be satisfied:

$$n \leq \max(n_0, \delta + 1 + 3.6 \times 10^{-7}c)$$

As we see, there is no values of  $n_0$  and  $c$  that will make this inequality hold for all  $n$ . This has led us to our contradiction. Therefore

$$n^5 - 15000n^4 - 10n^3 \notin \mathcal{O}(81n^3 + 1300n^2 + 300n)$$

□

## Problem #1.2

**Problem Statement.** Let  $f(x) = 2 \sin^3(x) - 4 \sin^2(x)$  and  $g(x) = 2 \cos^4(x) + 5 \cos(x)$ . Determine whether  $f(x) \in \mathcal{O}(g(x))$  or  $g(x) \in \mathcal{O}(f(x))$ . You must show all work and base it directly on the definition of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Proof.* Because both  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  are sinusoidal, we cannot compare them directly. For the purposes of this problem, we will use a Taylor Series expansions (Equation 1).

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n \quad (1)$$

For  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , we get the following expansions.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n &= -4x^2 + 2x^3 + \frac{4x^4}{3} - x^5 - \frac{8x^6}{45} + \frac{13x^7}{60} + \frac{4x^8}{315} + \mathcal{O}(x^9) \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n &= 7 - \frac{13x^2}{2} + \frac{85x^4}{24} - \frac{1093x^6}{720} + \frac{3329x^8}{8064} - \frac{263173x^{10}}{3628800} + \frac{839681x^{12}}{95800320} + \mathcal{O}(x^{14}) \end{aligned}$$

From this, we can clearly see that starting at the third term,  $g(x)$  grows much more rapidly than  $f(x)$ . Furthermore, we see that the exponents of  $g(x)$  grow by increments of 2, while  $f(x)$  only grows by an increments of 1.

Therefore, choosing  $c = 1$  and  $n_0 = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| \leq c|g(x)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0 &\implies f(x) \in \mathcal{O}(g(x)) \\ &\implies 2 \sin^3(x) - 4 \sin^2(x) \in \mathcal{O}(2 \cos^4(x) + 5 \cos(x)) \end{aligned}$$

□

## Question #2

For the proceeding problems, the source code is as follows.

Listing 1: Problem #2

```
1
2
3 class Graph:
4     __adjacency_list = {}
5     is_directed = False
6
7     def __init__(self, is_directed=False):
8         self.__adjacency_list = {}
9         self.is_directed = is_directed
10
11     @property
12     def vertices(self):
13         vertices = set()
14
15         for key, value in self.__adjacency_list.items():
16             vertices.add(key)
17             vertices = vertices.union(value)
18
19         return vertices
20
21     @property
22     def edges(self):
23         edges = set()
24
25         for key, values in self.__adjacency_list.items():
26             for value in values:
27                 edges.add((key, value))
28
29         return edges
30
31     @property
32     def adjacency_list_raw(self):
33         return self.__adjacency_list
34
35     @property
36     def adjacency_list(self):
37         max_dimension = max(self.vertices) + 1
38         adj_list = [[0 for i in range(max_dimension)] for j in range(
max_dimension)]
39
40         for start, value in self.__adjacency_list.items():
41             for destination in value:
42                 adj_list[start][destination] = 1
43
44         return adj_list
45
46     @property
```

```

47     def number_of_edges(self):
48         return len(self.edges)
49
50     @property
51     def number_of_vertices(self):
52         return len(self.vertices)
53
54     @property
55     def number_of_connected_components(self):
56         return len(self.connected_components)
57
58     @property
59     def number_of_components_with_euler_path(self):
60         connected_components = self.connected_components
61
62         number_of_connected_components_with_euler_path = 0
63         for connected_component in connected_components:
64             number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree = 0
65
66             for vertex in connected_component:
67
68                 if vertex in self.__adjacency_list.keys():
69                     if len(self.__adjacency_list[vertex]) % 2 != 0:
70                         number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree += 1
71
72             if number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree == 0 or
number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree == 2:
73                 number_of_connected_components_with_euler_path += 1
74
75         return number_of_connected_components_with_euler_path
76
77     @property
78     def number_of_components_with_euler_circuits(self):
79         connected_components = self.connected_components
80
81         number_of_connected_components_with_euler_circuit = 0
82         for connected_component in connected_components:
83             number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree = 0
84
85             for vertex in connected_component:
86
87                 if vertex in self.__adjacency_list.keys():
88                     if len(self.__adjacency_list[vertex]) % 2 != 0:
89                         number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree += 1
90
91             if number_of_vertices_with_odd_degree == 0:
92                 number_of_connected_components_with_euler_circuit += 1
93
94         return number_of_connected_components_with_euler_circuit
95
96     @property
97     def connected_components(self):

```

```

98         colors = {}
99         for vertex in self.vertices:
100             colors[vertex] = "WHITE"
101
102         connected_components = []
103         for vertex in self.vertices:
104             if colors[vertex] is "WHITE":
105                 colors[vertex] = "GREY"
106                 connected_components += [self.
__dfs_connected_components_visit(vertex, colors, [])]
107                 colors[vertex] = "BLACK"
108
109         return connected_components
110
111     def __dfs_connected_components_visit(self, vertex, colors,
connected_components):
112         connected_components += [vertex]
113
114         if vertex in self.__adjacency_list.keys():
115             for adjacent_vertex in self.__adjacency_list[vertex]:
116                 if colors[adjacent_vertex] is "WHITE":
117                     colors[adjacent_vertex] = "GREY"
118                     self.__dfs_connected_components_visit(
adjacent_vertex, colors, connected_components)
119                     colors[adjacent_vertex] = "BLACK"
120
121         return list(set(connected_components))
122
123     def add_edge(self, start, destination):
124         if start not in self.__adjacency_list.keys():
125             self.add_vertex(start)
126
127         self.__adjacency_list[start].add(destination)
128
129         if not self.is_directed:
130             if destination not in self.__adjacency_list.keys():
131                 self.add_vertex(destination)
132
133             self.__adjacency_list[destination].add(start)
134
135     def add_vertex(self, vertex):
136         if vertex not in self.__adjacency_list:
137             self.__adjacency_list[vertex] = set()
138
139
140     def read_edges_from_file(filename):
141         with open(filename, 'r') as content_file:
142             content = content_file.read()
143
144             content = content.replace("(", "").replace(")", "").replace(" "
, "")
145             vertices_string = content.split("\n")

```

```

146
147     vertices = []
148     for vertex in vertices_string:
149         if vertex != "":
150             vertices += [tuple([int(v) for v in vertex.split(",")])]
151
152     return vertices
153
154     return []
155
156
157 def add_list_of_edges_to_graph(graph, edges):
158     for (start, destination) in edges:
159         graph.add_edge(start, destination)
160
161
162 def dictionary_to_string_description(dictionary):
163     result = ""
164     for key, value in dictionary.items():
165         value_printable = str(value).replace("{", "").replace("}", "")
166         result += "{}: {}\n".format(key, value_printable)
167
168     return result
169
170
171 def main():
172     np.set_printoptions(threshold=np.nan)
173
174     filename = "input/graph-data.txt"
175     vertices = read_edges_from_file(filename)
176
177     graph = Graph(False)
178     add_list_of_edges_to_graph(graph, vertices)
179
180     print("The number of vertices in the graph is {}".format(graph.
181 number_of_vertices))
182     print("The number of edges in the graph is {}".format(graph.
183 number_of_edges))
184     print("Below is the adjacency list for this graph with the vertices
185 sorted.")
186     print(np.matrix(graph.adjacency_list))
187     print("Below is the adjacency list with of the form Vertex:
188 Neighbor1, Neighbor2, ...")
189     print(dictionary_to_string_description(graph.adjacency_list_raw))
190     print("The number of connected components of this graph is {}".
191 format(graph.number_of_connected_components))
192     print("The number of connected components of the graph that have an
193 Euler path is {}".format(graph.number_of_components_with_euler_path
194 ))
195     print("I could not do this part.")

```



```
189     print("The number of connected components of the graph that have an  
        Euler circuit is {}".format(graph.  
        number_of_components_with_euler_circuits))  
190     print("I could not do this part.")  
191  
192  
193 if __name__ == "__main__":  
194     main()
```

## Question #3

### Problem #3.1

**Problem Statement.** *Let function  $q$  be as below:*

```
def q(n):  
    if n <= 0:  
        return 1  
    elif n < 2:  
        return 7  
    else:  
        return q(n - 1) + q(n - 2)
```

*Let function  $sq$  be as below:*

```
def sq(n):  
    if n < 0:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return sq(n - 1) + q(n)
```

*Conjecture a very simple linear relationship between  $q$  and  $sq$ .*

After careful inspection of the sequences, it became quite apparent that there was a relationship between the two sequences is a constant and two terms in the sequence. In other words,

$$s(q) = q(n + 2) - 7 \tag{2}$$

These findings can be summarized by Table 1.

Table 1: The values of  $q(n)$ ,  $sq(n)$ , and  $q(n+2) - 7$

$q(n)$	$sq(n)$	$q(n+2) - 7$
1	1	1
7	8	8
8	16	16
15	31	31
23	54	54
38	92	92
61	153	153
99	252	252
160	412	412
259	671	671
419	1090	1090
678	1768	1768
1097	2865	2865
1775	4640	4640
2872	7512	7512

### Problem #3.2

**Problem Statement.** *Prove, using induction, that the relationship that you conjectured in the previous part is correct. Be sure to set your proof up correctly and to list explicitly the steps of a proof by induction.*

*Proof.* We will prove the following with induction. To prove this, first we must take into consideration that:

$$sq(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} q(n) = q(n+2) - 7 \quad (3)$$

*Define The Problem* For this problem, we wish to prove that  $p \propto q$  by the relation modeled by Equation 2. We map this relationship  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

*Check Base Case Two Other Values* Refer to Table 1 for the first three values, along with 12 more values.

*Prove for all  $n > s$ , that if  $P(n-1)$  is true, then  $P(n)$  is true* Assume the following inductive hypothesis:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q(n) = q(n+1) - 7$$

Then we are going to prove

$$\sum_{i=0}^n q(n) = q(n+2) - 7$$

We prove so by such:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n q(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q(n) + q(n) \\ &= (q(n+1) - 7) + q(n) \\ &= q(n+2) - 7 \end{aligned}$$

*Conclude The proof* Because we have proved the base case and the inductive step, we use induction to conclude  $sq(n) = q(n+2) - 7$ .

□

## Question #4

**Problem Statement.** Let  $Vec_n$  be the set of all vectors of length  $n$  each component of which comes from  $range(n)$ . For example,  $(3, 0, 2, 2) \in Vec_4$ . If  $v \in Vec_n$ , a quirk is defined as a pair  $(i, j)$  such that  $0 \leq i < j \leq n - 1$ , but  $v[i] > v[j]$ .

### Problem #4.1

**Problem Statement.** Create a sample space consisting of the elements of  $Vec_3$ . List all the elements of this space. Turn it into a probability space by using the uniform distribution. Finally, compute the average number of quirks in members of  $Vec_3$ .

The sample space  $S$  as follows,

$$S = (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2), (0, 0, 3),$$
$$(0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2), (0, 1, 3), (0, 2, 0),$$
$$(0, 2, 1), (0, 2, 2), (0, 2, 3), (0, 3, 0), (0, 3, 1),$$
$$(0, 3, 2), (0, 3, 3), (1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 2),$$
$$(1, 0, 3), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 3),$$
$$(1, 2, 0), (1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 0),$$
$$(1, 3, 1), (1, 3, 2), (1, 3, 3), (2, 0, 0), (2, 0, 1),$$
$$(2, 0, 2), (2, 0, 3), (2, 1, 0), (2, 1, 1), (2, 1, 2),$$
$$(2, 1, 3), (2, 2, 0), (2, 2, 1), (2, 2, 2), (2, 2, 3),$$
$$(2, 3, 0), (2, 3, 1), (2, 3, 2), (2, 3, 3), (3, 0, 0),$$
$$(3, 0, 1), (3, 0, 2), (3, 0, 3), (3, 1, 0), (3, 1, 1),$$
$$(3, 1, 2), (3, 1, 3), (3, 2, 0), (3, 2, 1), (3, 2, 2),$$
$$(3, 2, 3), (3, 3, 0), (3, 3, 1), (3, 3, 2), (3, 3, 3)$$

The average number of quirks for  $Vec_3 = 1$ .

## Problem #4.2

**Problem Statement.** *Generalize the results of Part (a) to determine the average number of quirks in members of  $Vec_n$ . You do not need to list the elements of  $Vec_n$ .*

For  $Vec_n$ , we have the following:

$$\text{Number of quirks} \in Vec_n = 0.25(n-1)^2$$

## Question #5

**Problem Statement.** Let  $G$  be defined by the following equations:  $G(0) = 5$ ,  $G(1) = 15$ ,  $G(2) = 40$ , and for  $n > 2$ ,  $G(n) = G(n-1) + G(n-2) + G(n-3)$ . Write a Python program that implements  $G$  directly from the definition. Submit this program as a `.py` in your ZIP file. Try to compute  $G(500)$  with this program. If you can't compute  $G(500)$  directly show how to use dynamic programming to write a more efficient program. Submit this program in your ZIP file.

Let  $H$  be defined by the following equations:  $H(0) = 6$ ,  $H(1) = 7$ ,  $H(2) = 8$ , and for  $n > 2$ ,  $H(n) = H(n-1) - H(n-2) + H(n-3)$ . Write a Python program that implements  $H$  directly from the definition. Submit this program as a `.py` in your ZIP file. Try to compute  $H(500)$  with this program. If you can't compute  $H(500)$  directly show how to use dynamic programming to write a more efficient program. Once you compute  $H(500)$  see if you can discover a more efficient program. Submit all of these programs in your ZIP file.

For the sample input, the following is generated.

```
G(500) = 213 546 417 395 738 934 772 794 111 784 493 777 375 698 990 926 394 537 758 958 705 709
        75 006 915 873 346 065 610 819 405 691 957 713 899 246 806 099 708 361 322 154 885 470 915
H(500) = 6
```

For a  $\mathcal{O}(c)$  solution to  $H(n)$ , the following was produced:

$$H(n) = \begin{cases} 6 & \iff n \bmod 4 = 0 \\ 7 & \iff n \bmod 2 \neq 0 \\ 8 & \iff (n-2) \bmod 4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Listing 2: Problem #5

```
1 def static_vars(**kwargs):
2     def decorate(func):
3         for k in kwargs:
4             setattr(func, k, kwargs[k])
5         return func
6     return decorate
7
8
9 @static_vars(values=[])
10 def G(n):
11     if n > len(G.values) - 1:
12         G.values += [None] * (n - len(G.values) + 1)
13
14     if G.values[n] is not None:
15         return G.values[n]
16
17     if n == 0:
18         return 5
19     elif n == 1:
20         return 15
```

```

21     elif n == 2:
22         return 40
23     elif n > 2:
24         G.values[n] = G(n - 1) + G(n - 2) + G(n - 3)
25         return G.values[n]
26
27
28 @static_vars(values=[])
29 def H(n):
30     if n > len(H.values) - 1:
31         H.values += [None] * (n - len(H.values) + 1)
32
33     if H.values[n] is not None:
34         return H.values[n]
35
36     if n == 0:
37         return 6
38     elif n == 1:
39         return 7
40     elif n == 2:
41         return 8
42     elif n > 2:
43         H.values[n] = H(n - 1) - H(n - 2) + H(n - 3)
44         return H.values[n]
45
46
47 def H_fast(n):
48     if n % 2 != 0:
49         return 7
50     elif (n - 2) % 4 == 0:
51         return 8
52     elif n % 4 == 0:
53         return 6
54
55
56 def main():
57     n = 500
58
59     print("G({}) = {}".format(n, G(n)))
60     print("H({}) = {}".format(n, H(n)))
61     print("H_fast({}) = {}".format(n, H_fast(n)))
62
63
64 if __name__ == "__main__":
65     main()

```



## Question #6

**Problem Statement.** Suppose you are dealing with a dynamic table that follows the following rules:

1. The table size doubles when the table is full and another element is added.
2. The table contracts to  $2/3$  of its size when its load factor falls below  $1/3$ .

Using the potential function

$$\Phi(T) = |2 \times T.num - T.size|$$

show that the amortized cost of a TABLE-DELETE for this strategy is bounded above by a constant. For the definition of all terms, consult your textbook.

*Proof.* We know the amortized cost of the  $i$ th operation to be

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \quad (4)$$

Assuming the  $i$ th operation does not trigger a contraction, using Equation 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_i &= c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \\ &= 1 + (2 \times T.num_i - T.size_i) - (2 \times T.num_{i-1} - T.size_{i-1}) \\ &= 1 + (2 \times T.num_i - T.size_i) - (2 \times T.num_i - T.size_i) + 2 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

However, if the  $i$ th operation does trigger a contraction,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_i &= c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \\ &= T.num_i + 1 + (2 \times T.num_i - T.size_i) - (2 \times T.num_{i-1} - T.size_{i-1}) \\ &= T.num_i + 1 + \left( \frac{2}{3} T.size_{i-1} - 2 \times T.num_i \right) - (T.size_{i-1} - 2 \times T.num_i - 2) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

We see in either situations, the amortized cost of a TABLE-DELETE operation is bounded by  $2 \leq \hat{c}_i \leq 3$ .

□

## Question #7

### Problem #7.1

**Problem Statement.** Consider the following two sets of coin denominations:  $\{1 \text{ cent}, 8 \text{ cents}, 20 \text{ cents}\}$ ,  $\{1 \text{ cent}, 6 \text{ cents}, 18 \text{ cents}\}$ . Describe a greedy algorithm that will express any sum given in pennies in terms of the denominations given in a set. Determine whether the greedy algorithm always produces the optimal solution for these two sets or not. Give a convincing reason for your conclusion.

A greedy algorithm that always produces a solution could be described as follows:

1. Take  $S = \emptyset$  to be the solution set, *coins* to be the input of coins, and  $T$  to be the target to reach.
2. Sort *coins* in ascending order.
3. While  $\sum_{x \in S} x \neq T$ 
  - a) Take the difference  $\delta$  to be  $T - \sum_{x \in S} x$ .
  - b) Pick the largest coin  $c$  such that  $c \leq \delta$ <sup>1</sup>.
  - c) Add this coin to  $S$ .

Although this always produces a solution, it does not always produce an optimal solution. For example, suppose our target  $T = 24$ . With the algorithm described above, then it would take 5 coins ( $1 \times 20\text{¢} + 4 \times 1\text{¢}$ ), while the optimal solution would take 4 coins ( $4 \times 8\text{¢}$ ).

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<sup>1</sup>Because 1 is a valid coin, there will always be a coin to choose from

## Problem #7.2

**Problem Statement.** *Suppose we have an unlimited number of rooms and a finite number of activities, each of which can be staged in any of the rooms. Give an efficient algorithm that can schedule all the activities using the smallest number of rooms.*

A greedy algorithm that always produces solution is as follows:

1. Sort all of the activities in respect to their finish times (i.e., the job that finishes first is the first element). Call this sorted set of activities  $A$ .
2. Take a particular room that is not preoccupied  $R_i$  and map a particular schedule  $S_i$  to it.
3. While not at the end of  $A$ :
  - a) Pick the first activity as just the first element in the  $A$ . Remove this element from  $A$  and add it the schedule  $S_i$ .
  - b) Search  $A$  from beginning, finding the first activity who's start time is after the finish time of the previous job. Add this to schedule  $S_i$ , remove it from  $A$ .
  - c) Repeat the last step.
4. If  $A$  is empty, the algorithm is finished. If not, repeat Step 2.

## Question #8

### Problem #8.1

**Problem Statement.** *Consider the following problem: given a graph, determine whether it can be colored using exactly 4 colors. Prove that this coloring problem is NP-Complete.*

*Proof.* To prove the Four Coloring Problem is NP-Complete, first we must prove that the Four Color Problem is NP. To check a solution in polynomial time, we simply iterate through all edges, and check:

- Make sure that the graph is colored by  $\leq 4$  colors.
- Iterate through all edges, ensuring that every edge's neighbor is colored by a different color.

Because this is a  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  algorithm, we can check a solution in polynomial time.

To prove that this is NP-Complete, we will reduce it to the three coloring problem, as follows.

Supposing we have a graph  $G$ , we wish to create a new graph  $G'$ , such that if  $G$  is colorable in three colors,  $G'$  can be colored in four. To make  $G'$ , then we simply add a new vertex and attach it to all of the vertices in  $G$ . Therefore, if  $G$  is three colorable, then we know  $G'$  to be four colorable.

Because we know the Four Coloring Problem is NP and is reducible from the Three Coloring Problem, we conclude that the Four Coloring Problem is NP-Complete.  $\square$

## Problem #8.2

**Problem Statement.** *Prove that for all  $k > 4$ , determining whether a graph can be colored using exactly  $k$  colors is NP-Complete.*

*Proof.* To prove the Four Coloring Problem is NP-Complete, first we must prove that the  $k$ -Color Problem is NP. To check a solution in polynomial time, we simply iterate through all edges, and check:

- Make sure that the graph is colored by  $\leq k$  colors.
- Iterate through all edges, ensuring that every edge's neighbor is colored by a different color.

Because this is a  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  algorithm, we can check a solution in polynomial time.

To prove that this is NP-Complete, we will reduce it to the three coloring problem, as follows.

Supposing we have a graph  $G$ , we wish to create a new graph  $G'$ , such that if  $G$  is colorable in three colors,  $G'$  can be colored in  $k$ . To make  $G'$ , then we simply add attach  $k$  new vertices and attach it to all of the vertices in  $G$ . Therefore, if  $G$  is three colorable, then we know  $G'$  to be  $k$  colorable.

Because we know the  $k$ -Coloring Problem is NP and is reducible from the Three Coloring Problem, we conclude that the  $k$ -Coloring Problem is NP-Complete.

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