

# Lab10-NP and Reduction

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1. *PARTITION*: Given a finite set  $A$  and a size  $s(a) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for each  $a \in A$ , is there a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = \sum_{a \in A-A'} s(a)$  ?

*SUBSET SUM*: Given a finite set  $A$ , a size  $s(a) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for each  $a \in A$  and an integer  $B$ , is there a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = B$ ?

*KNAPSACK*: Given a finite set  $A$ , a size  $s(a) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and a value  $v(a) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for each  $a \in A$  and integers  $B$  and  $K$ , is there a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) \leq B$  and  $\sum_{a \in A'} v(a) \geq K$ ?

- (a) Prove  $PARTITION \leq_p SUBSET SUM$ .

**Proof.** Assume that there is an instance of *PARTITION*  $A' \subseteq A$ . First, calculate the the whole size of  $A$ :

$$s(A) = \sum_{a \in A} s(a) \quad (1)$$

This will take  $O(|A|)$  time. To make use of the black box of *SUBSET SUM*, input  $A$  and  $\frac{1}{2}s(A)$  to the black box.

I think that:

$A'$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = \sum_{a \in A-A'} s(a)$  iff the black box of *SUBSET SUM* finds a subset  $A''$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A''} s(a) = \frac{1}{2}s(A)$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ :" If there is a subset  $A'' \subseteq A$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A''} s(a) = \frac{1}{2}s(A)$ , then  $A' = A''$  as  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = \sum_{a \in A-A'} s(a) = \frac{1}{2}s(A)$ .

" $\Rightarrow$ :" If  $A'$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = \sum_{a \in A-A'} s(a)$ , because  $A' \cap (A - A') = \emptyset$  and  $A' \cup (A - A') = A$ ,  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = \sum_{a \in A-A'} s(a) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a \in A} s(a) = \frac{1}{2}s(A)$ . Therefore, there is a subset  $A''$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A''} s(a) = \frac{1}{2}s(A)$ .  $\square$

- (b) Prove  $SUBSET SUM \leq_p KNAPSACK$ .

**Proof.** Assume that there is an instance of *SUBSET SUM*  $A' \subseteq A$ . For each element  $a \in A$ , add a new property "value" where  $v(a) = s(a)$ . This will cost  $O(|A|)$  time.

To make use of the black box of *KNAPSACK*, input  $A$  and set  $K = B$ . I think that:

$A'$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = B$  iff the black box of *KNAPSACK* finds a subset  $A''$  satisfies  $\sum_{a \in A''} s(a) \leq B$  and  $\sum_{a \in A''} v(a) \geq K$ .

" $\Leftarrow$ :" If there is a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) \leq B$  and  $\sum_{a \in A'} v(a) \geq K$ , then  $A'$  satisfies that  $\sum_{a \in A'} s(a) = B$ . Because  $B \geq \sum_{a \in A'} v(a) \geq K$  and  $K = B$ .

" $\Rightarrow$ :" Because  $K = B$  and  $v(a) = s(a)$ , there is at least one subset  $A'' = A'$  can satisfy  $\sum_{a \in A''} s(a) \leq B$  and  $\sum_{a \in A''} v(a) \geq K$ .  $\square$

2. *3SAT*: Given a set  $U$  of variables, a collection  $C$  of clauses over  $U$  such that each clause  $c \in C$  has  $|c| = 3$ , is there a satisfying truth assignment for  $C$ ?

*CLIQUE*: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a positive integer  $K \leq |V|$ , is there a subset  $V' \subseteq V$  with  $|V'| \geq K$  such that every two vertices in  $V'$  are joined by an edge in  $E$ ?

Prove  $3SAT \leq_p CLIQUE$ .

**Proof.** Assume that there is a instance  $\Phi$  of  $3SAT$  with  $N$  variables and  $K$  clauses. I construct a graph  $G$  with the following laws:

- (a) Each variable in each clause is a vertex. If two clauses have the same variable (i.e.  $x_1$  is in  $c_1 = (x_1, \bar{x}_2, x_3)$  and  $c_2(\bar{x}_1, x_2, x_3)$ ), these two vertices should not be the same.
- (b) Connect all the vertices with edges except the vertex and the "complement" of the vertex (i.e  $x_1$  and  $\bar{x}_1$ ). Besides, disconnect the vertices in the same clause.

To make use of the black box of *CLIQUE*, input  $G$  and  $K$ . I think that:

**The 3-SAT  $\Phi$  is satisfied iff the black box of *CLIQUE* finds a clique with input  $G$  and  $K$ .**

" $\Leftarrow$ :" If the black box of *CLIQUE* finds  $K$  vertices that is a clique, then assign the corresponding variable the value (i.e if  $x_1$  is choosen, assign  $x_1$  1; if  $\bar{x}_1$  is choosen, assign  $x_1$  0).

Because for each variable  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$ , there is no edge between them in  $G$ , the property that a variable  $x$  can only be assigned 1 or 0 is satisfied.

It is also obvious that the maximal number of vertices in a clique is  $K$ . Because one vertex can only connect with the vertices of other clauses and there is only  $K$  clauses. Therefore, if  $G(V, E)$  and the black box of *CLIQUE* finds a subset  $V' \subseteq V$  with  $|V'| \geq K$ , then  $|V'| = K$  and each clause has exact one vertex choosen. Because each clause has exact one vertex choosen, each clause is satisfied.

" $\Rightarrow$ :" If the 3-SAT  $\Phi$  is satisfied with an assign  $C$ , it means that at least one variable of each clause is satisfied. Just choose all the vertices in the clauses and in the assign  $C$  as  $V'$ . Because in the assign  $C$  there is not coexist of  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$ , at least one vertex in each clause is in  $C$ , and according to the construction of  $G$  each vertex  $x$  can have an edge with the other vertices in  $V'$  and not in the same clause of  $x$ , there should be a clique of size  $\geq K$  (in fact  $= K$ ).  $\square$

3. **ZERO-ONE INTEGER PROGRAMMING:** Given an integer  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and an integer  $m$ -vector  $b$ , is there an integer  $n$ -vector  $x$  with elements in the set  $\{0, 1\}$  such that  $Ax \leq b$ .

Prove **ZERO-ONE INTEGER PROGRAMMING** is NP-complete. (Hint: Reduce from  $3SAT$ )

**Proof.** First I give my method of proving, then I use the hint to reduce from  $3SAT$ .

Abbreviate **ZERO-ONE INTEGER PROGRAMMING** **ZOIP**, **ZERO-ONE EQUATION** **ZOE**. I prove that **ZOIP** is NP-complete in the following steps.

- (a) **ZOIP** is NP problem.

Given a vector  $x$ , just calculate  $Ax$  (time complexity  $O(mn)$ ) and compare whether  $Ax < b$  (time complexity  $O(n)$ ). The total time complexity of certifier is  $O(mn)$  (polynomial).

- (b) **Subset Sum  $\leq_p$  ZOE.**

Assume that there are  $n$  natural numbers  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  and an integer  $T$ . To make use of the black box of **ZOE**, I construct a zero-one matrix  $A_{t \times n}$ . Transform each  $w_i$  to  $b_i$  as the binary code of  $w_i$  and get  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ . Find the largest element  $b_i$  in  $B$  and set  $t = |b_i|$ . For the rest of element in  $B$ , set the length to  $t$  by adding 0 in the front of the binary code. Set  $\mathbf{c}$  the binary code of  $T$  and make it a column vector.

Therefore, input  $A$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  to the black box of **ZOE**. If the black box of **ZOE** finds a zero-one vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$ , select the element  $w_i$  in  $W$  according to  $\mathbf{x}$  (if  $x_i = 1$ , select  $w_i$  and if  $x_i = 0$ , don't select  $w_i$ ). It is obvious that **Subset Sum** has a solution iff **ZOE** has a solution.

(c) **ZOE** is NP-complete.

Because **Subset Sum** is NP-complete (proved in the class **Subset Sum**  $\leq_p$  **3-SAT**), **ZOE** is NP-complete.

(d) **ZOE**  $\leq_p$  **ZOLP**

Assume that there is a matrix  $A_{n \times m}$  and a column vector  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ . **ZOE** wants to find if there is a column vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

We have the following relationship:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \iff \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Set:

$$\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -A \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ -\mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

To make use of the black box of **ZOLP**, input  $\hat{A}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ . Because **ZOE** is NP-complete, **ZOLP** is NP-complete.

In addition to the above proof, I use the hint to prove that **3SAT**  $\leq_p$  **ZOIP**:

Assume that there is a instance of **3SAT** with  $n$  variables and  $m$  clauses. Construct  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n)^T$ . Construct  $A_{m \times 2n}$  by the laws:

- (a) if variable  $x_j$  appears in clause  $i$ , set  $a_{i,j} = 1$ ;
- (b) if variable  $\bar{x}_j$  appears in clause  $i$ , set  $a_{i,n+j} = 1$ ;
- (c) set the rest of  $A$  0.

Set  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$ . By using the above equation (2) and (3), we input  $\hat{A}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  to the black box of **ZOIP**.

It is obvious that this construction can promise that the instance of **3SAT** has a satisfiable assignment iff the black box of **ZOIP** outputs a solution.

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