

**COMP 3721 Design and Analysis of Algorithms**  
**Assignment 4**  
**For self-practice. No need to submit your answers.**

**1. Multiple Choice**

For each of the following statements, indicate whether it is (a) true, (b) false, or (c) unknown based on our current scientific knowledge. *For any statements that you mark “false”, please give a brief explanation why it is wrong.* You do not need to justify the “true” and “unknown” answers.

- 1.1  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{NP}$ .
  - 1.2  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ .
  - 1.3 If we can solve any  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete problem in polynomial time, we can solve all the  $\mathcal{NP}$ -hard problems in polynomial time.
  - 1.4 If it is not possible to solve SAT in polynomial time, then it is not possible to solve DVC (decision version of vertex cover) in polynomial time.
2. Define  $coNP$  to be the following class of languages  $\{\bar{L}: L \in NP\}$ . Show that if  $NP \neq coNP$ , then  $P \neq NP$ .
3. Show that the Decision Knapsack problem is NP-complete. You may use the fact that the Set Partition problem is NP-complete.

Here are the definition of the problems:

**Knapsack:** there is a knapsack of capacity  $W$  (a positive integer) and  $n$  object with weight  $w_1 \dots w_n$  and value  $v_1 \dots v_n$ , where  $w_i$  and  $v_i$  are positive integers. Given  $k$  is there a subset of the objects that fits in the knapsack and has total value at least  $k$ ? (Note: This problem is sometimes called the 0-1 Knapsack problem because one is allowed to take either 0 or 1 copy of any object. )

**Set Partition:** Given a finite set  $S$  of positive integers, can the set  $S$  be partitioned into two subsets  $A$  and  $\bar{A} = S - A$  such that  $\sum_{x \in A} x = \sum_{x \in \bar{A}} x$ ?

4. A *dominating set* for a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a subset  $D \subseteq V$  such that every vertex  $u \in V - D$  is pointed to from at least one vertex in  $D$  by some edge. For example, the shaded vertices in the graph below form a dominating set of size 3. The decision dominating set problem (DDS) is the decision problem where we are given a directed graph  $G$  and an integer  $k$ , and the goal is to decide whether  $G$  contains a dominating set of size  $k$ . Prove that  $DDS \in \mathcal{NPC}$  by reducing from *Set Cover* problem. Recall that the Set Cover problem is defined as follows: Given a finite set  $X$  and a collection of sets  $F = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$  whose elements are chosen from  $X$ , and given an integer  $k$ , determine if there exist  $k$  sets from  $F$  such that their union covers all elements in  $X$ . [Hint: Construct one vertex for each element in  $X$  and one vertex for each set  $S_i$  in  $F$ , and build appropriate edges among them.]

