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## Propositional Logic Review II

(SAT Solving and Application)

*Mathematics Modeling*

(Materials drawn from **Chapter 1** in:  
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## Proposition 1.45, p. 57

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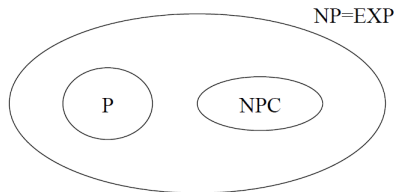
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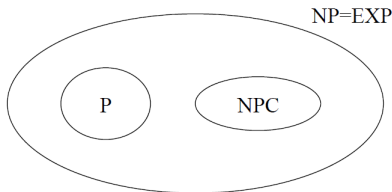
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We regard  $Y \in NPC$  a strong evidence for  $Y$  being hard!



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$$T, \quad x_2, \quad \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3, \quad x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4, \quad \bar{x}_2.$$

where T denotes the value "Truth".

- We are now *forced* to assign  $x_2 = 1$  (as there is a unit-clause), and the formula simplifies to

$$T, \quad T, \quad x_3, \quad x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4, \quad \emptyset,$$

where  $\emptyset$  is the empty clause which denotes contradiction.

- So we have to backtrack to the last *free step*.
- Let's try  $x_1 = 1$ :

$$x_2, \quad T, \quad \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3, \quad x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4, \quad T.$$

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**Complexity:** Let  $n$  denote the number of variables and let  $m$  denote the number of clauses. It is not hard to verify that there are at most  $n$  outer iterations and that each call to UCP takes at most  $O(m)$  time, therefore the running time of Algorithm is  $O(m \cdot n)$ . (HW: Find an implementation in  $O(n + m)$  complexity.)



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$\phi$  is satisfiable iff the graph  $G$  does not contain a “contradiction path” of the form:

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- Simplify formula based on pure literal elimination and unit propagation
- If not done, pick an atom  $p$  and split:  $\phi \wedge p$  or  $\phi \wedge \neg p$

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- Transform formula to tree of conjunctions and negations.



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- Transform formula to tree of conjunctions and negations.
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- If all leaves are marked, check that corresponding assignment makes the formula true.



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