

## UNIT - 5

### NP-Hard and NP-complete problems

- Based on Time-complexity;
- The Algorithms are classified into two types
  - ① polynomial time
  - ② Exponential time

### Polynomial Time Algorithm Examples: (P)

Linear Search - n

Binary Search - Log n

Insertion Sort - n<sup>2</sup>

Merge Sort - n log n

matrix multiplication - n<sup>3</sup>

### Exponential Time Taking Algorithm Examples: Non-polynomial (NP)

0/1 knapsack problem - 2<sup>n</sup>

Travelling Salesman problem - 2<sup>n</sup>

Sum of Subsets n - 2<sup>n</sup>

Graph coloring - 2<sup>n</sup>

Hamiltonian cycle - 2<sup>n</sup>

- we want the ~~other~~ Algorithms which are faster i.e order of ~~n~~ time. (polynomial time)

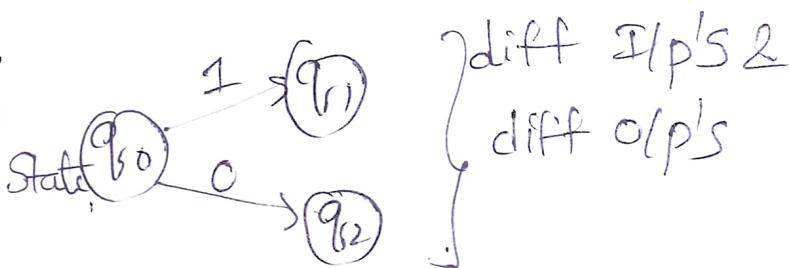
- we want the exponential Algorithms to be solved in polynomial time. ( $2^n$  &  $n^n$ ) is much

bigger than polynomial time)  
even  $n^{10}$  is smaller than  $2^n$  for some large values  
of  $n$ . These are time consuming algorithms.  
we want polynomial time alg for this.

P-class problem: P is a set of problems that can be solved (deterministic) in polynomial (P) time.  
Ex: Linear Search  $O(n)$ , Binary Search  $(O(\log n))$  etc.

Deterministic Alg:

→ we know the working of the algorithm.



→ the algorithm in which every operation is uniquely defined is called "Deterministic Algorithm".

NP class - problem: NP is set of problems that can be solved (non-deterministic) in exponential (NP) time  
→ But these kind of problems can be verified in

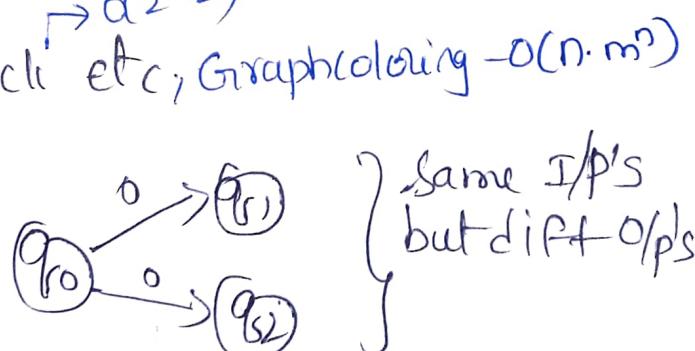
polynomial time.

Ex: TSP, O/I, knapsack etc, Graph coloring -  $O(n \cdot m^n)$

Non-deterministic Alg:

Alg will take more

$\rightarrow O(2^{n/2})$

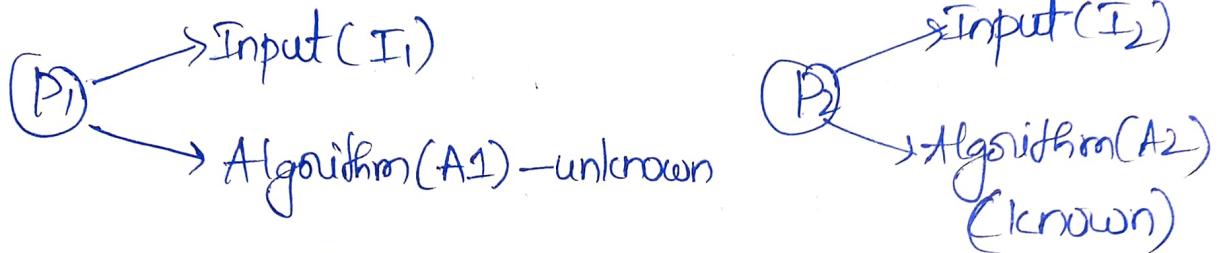


than path, we cannot determine next step of execution. we cannot predict the correct path.

→ In Non-deterministic Alg → we get only approximate solutions, but ~~not~~ exact solutions.

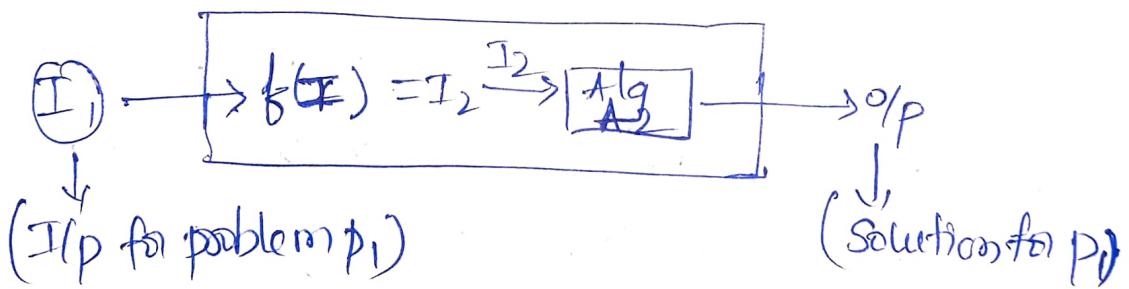
## Reduction :-

→ Consider we have 2 decision problems - P<sub>1</sub> & P<sub>2</sub>



→ If  $P_1$  can be solved with the help of  $A_2$ ,  
 Then we convert I/p  $I_1$  into  $I_2$  and find  
 Solution for  $P_2$ .

$\rightarrow P_1$  is deducible to  $P_2$ .



→ Objective 1: If we are unable to solve exp time problems i.e polynomial time for them then we have to try to find out the similarities between exp time alg, finding the relationship between them such a way that if one problem is solved, then other is also solved based on their similar properties.

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objective 2: when we are unable to write deterministic Algorithm<sup>(P)</sup> for Exponential time Alg  
 why do we can write non-deterministic Alg

### Non-deterministic

Algorithm NSearch(A, n, key)

{

j = choice(); — 1

if (key = A[j])

{ write(j);

    success(); — 1

}

    write(0);

{ failure(); — 1

$O(1)$

A

10	8	6	9	4	2
1	2	3	4	5	6

key = 9

→ choice(), success(), failure() statements are non-deterministic, these are taking order of 1 time.

### Relationship between P and NP class problems

P ⊂ NP



→ Every problem which is P-class is also in NP-class

→ Every problem which is a NP-class is not in P-class.

→ 'P' class problems can be solved efficiently.

→ 'NP' class problems cannot be solved efficiently.

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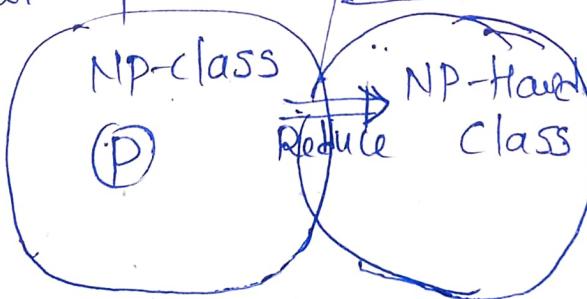
NP-class:  
→ solved in Non-polynomial Time  
→ verified in polynomial Time  
→ Intractable problem

P-class:  
→ solved in polynomial Time  
→ verified in polynomial Time  
→ Tractable problem.

- P class problems are subset of NP-class problem.
- It is not known whether  $P = NP$
- $P \neq NP$  Still research is going on this.

NP-Hard problem:-

→ Every problem in NP class can be reduced into other set using polynomial time, then it is called NP-hard problem.

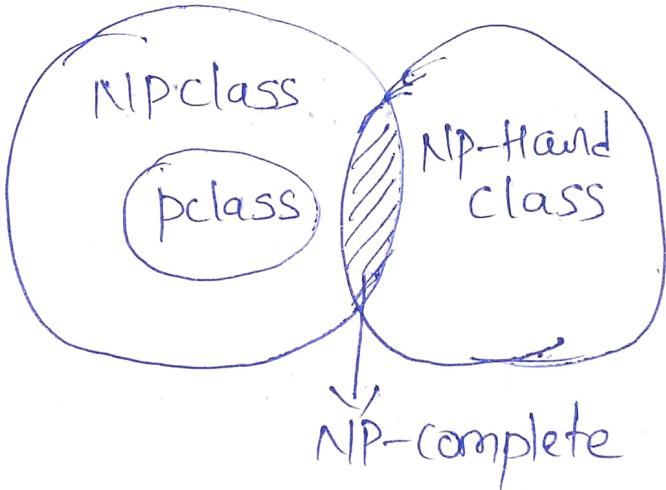


→ NP-class problems are able to solve ~~with the~~ by the Deterministic Algorithms in polynomial time, then those kind of problems are called as NP-Hard problems.

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## NP-Complete problem;

- the group of problems which are both in NP and NP-hard are known as NP-Complete problem.
- All NP-Complete problems are NP-hard but not all NP-hard problems are not NP-Complete problem.



→ A problem  $L_1$  is NP-complete if and only if satisfies two conditions.

- $L_1$  is in NP i.e  $L_1 \in NP$ .
  - Every problem  $L_2$  in NP is polynomial time reducible to  $L_1$  ( $L_2 \leq L_1$ )
- If  $L_1$  is solved in polynomial time, then  $L_2$  is also solved.

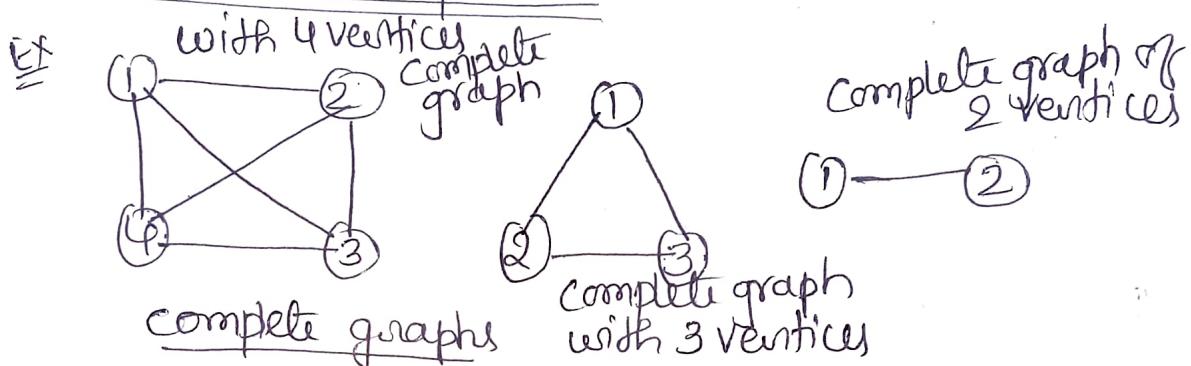
Ex: Determining whether a graph has a

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### Hamiltonian cycle

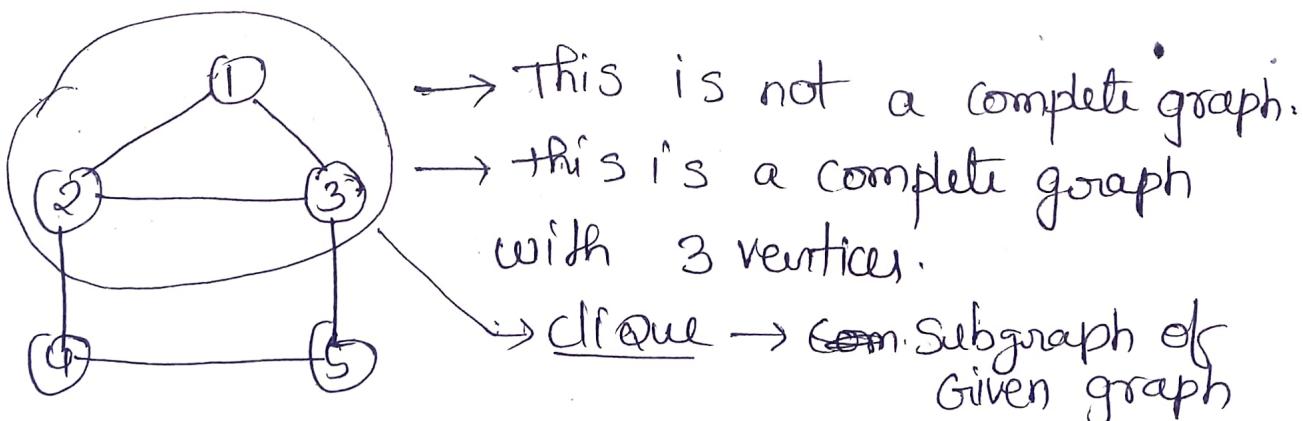
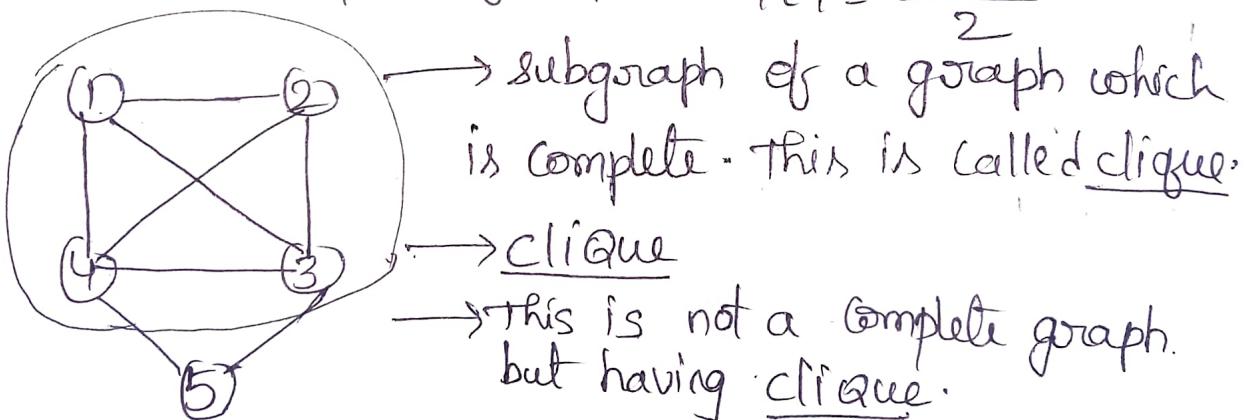
Ex: Determining whether a boolean formulae is Satisfiable.

### Clique - Decision problem

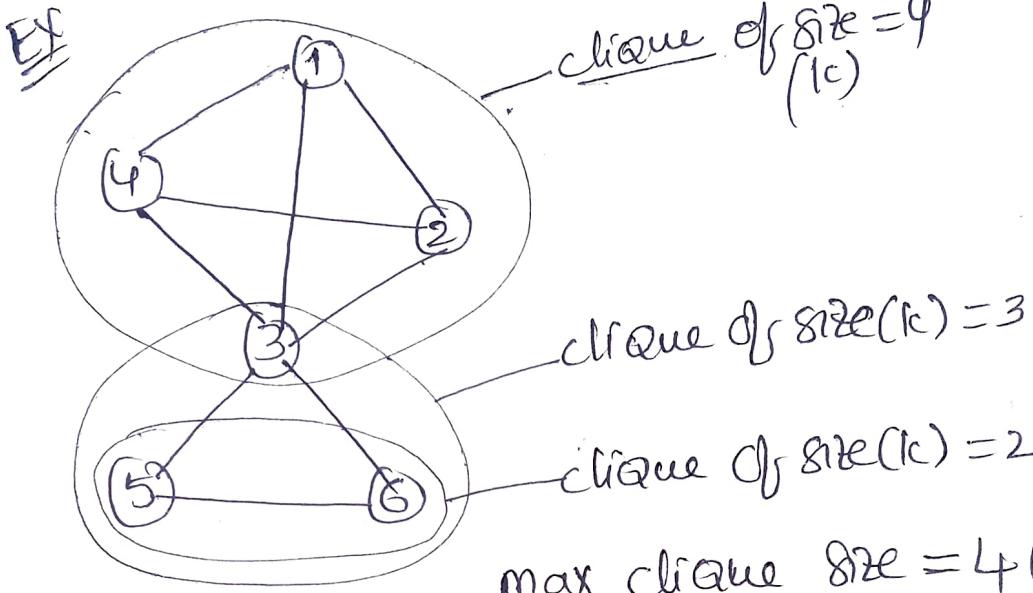


→ From every vertex, there is an edge connecting to all other vertices. These Graphs are called as complete graphs.

$$|V| = n$$
$$|E| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$



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Decision problem: IS there is any clique of size 4. (Yes or no)  
 Finding, if a graph is having a clique of size k.

Optimization problem: what is the maximum clique size in the graph? ( $k=4$ ) finding the maximum clique is a optimization problem.

→ we have to prove that clique - Decision problem as NP-Hard.

→ If any problem  $P = L_2$   
 → we have to prove that  $L_2$  is NP-Hard  
 → For proving this, we select any problem  $L_1$  which is already known as NP-Hard and we have to show that  $L_1 \propto L_2$

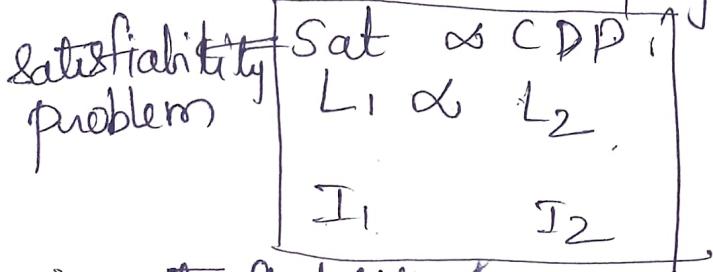
$$L_1 \propto L_2$$

$$I_1 \quad I_2$$

}  $I_1$  &  $I_2$  are example problems of  $L_1$  &  $L_2$

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→ If  $I_2$  is solved in polynomial time, then  
 $I_1$  is also solved in polynomial time.



→ Satisfiability is the known NP-Hard problem.

→ we have to take example of satisfiability i.e Conjunctive Normal form formula, and from this formula, we should prepare a graph having some clique. So, we have to prove that

•  $\text{Sat} \propto \text{CDP}$  (Satisfiability reduces to CDP & hence prove that CDP is also NP-Hard)

→ let us take 3 variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$$F = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3)$$

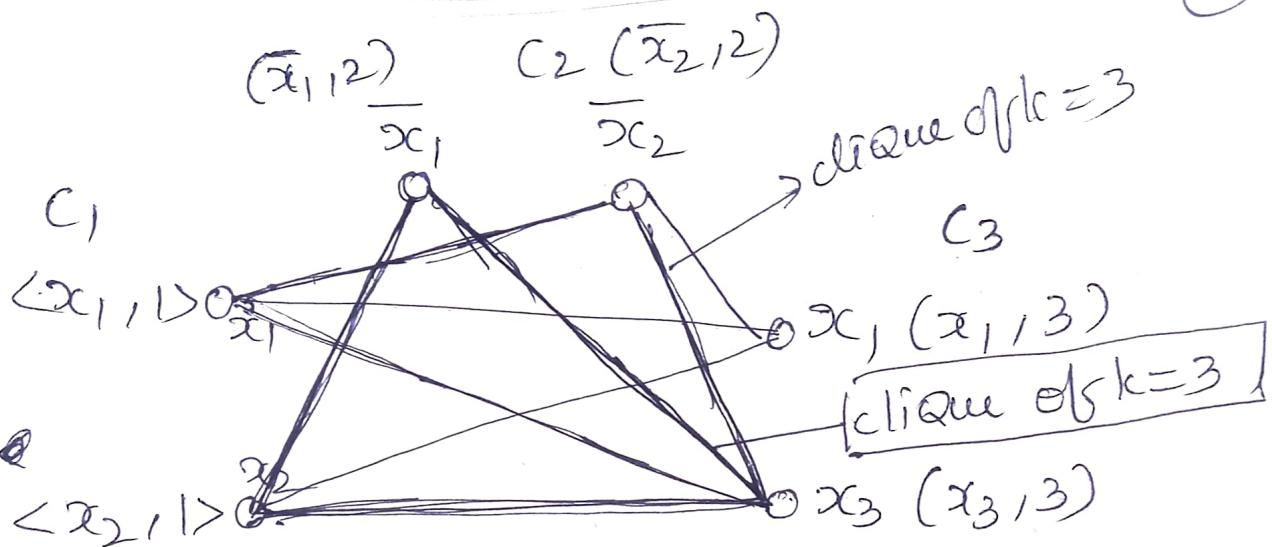
$\downarrow$  clause 1       $\downarrow$  clause 2       $\downarrow$  clause 3

$$F = \bigwedge_{i=1}^K c_i$$

$K=3$  clauses

→ From this formula, we have to prepare a graph, such that which is having clique.

→ All clauses are doing with AND( $\wedge$ ) operation



$$G_1 = V \{ \langle a, i \rangle \mid a \in C_i \}$$

→ we should not connect the vertices of same clause.

→ we cannot connect the clause to its negation.

$x_1 \rightarrow$  is not connected to  $\bar{x}_1$  (Negation)

Forming an edge

$$E = \{ \langle a, i \rangle, \langle b, j \rangle \} \mid \begin{cases} i \neq j \text{ and} \\ b \neq \bar{a} \end{cases}$$

→ If this problem is solved in polynomial time.  
then other CDP is also solved in polynomial time.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$
0	1	1

$$F = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3)$$

$$(0 \vee 1) \wedge (1 \vee 0) \wedge (0 \vee 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 = 1 \quad \text{(True)} \quad \text{formula is}$$

- From this graph, if we take another clique then will also becomes true with formula
- Finally, this is proved that CDP is also NP-Hard.
- CDP is not proved as NP-complete. In order to prove this, we have to write Non-deterministic ~~Algorithm~~ polynomial time Algorithm for CDP, then it can be proved as NP-complete.