

- SAT or SATISFIABILITY problem probes whether there exists an interpretation of the fed-in input that satisfies (or returns TRUE) a given Boolean formula.
- **P=NP** implies the existence of a polynomial time algorithm to test the decidability of SAT. By decidable, we mean that a Turing Machine (TM) exists for our SAT problem that either outputs ACCEPT or REJECT.
- Consider the below described algorithm:

For a TM U :

U = "on input α , where α is a Boolean formula of variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n ".

1. Run U on α . If our Boolean input α is not satisfiable, reject. This means that no matter what interpretations we might try to achieve for input α , our TM would never return TRUE.
2. For i from 1 to n :
3. Replace all the x_i s in α with 1 and simulate our TM U on that. For example: say, for $\alpha = 0_{x_1} 1_{x_2} 1_{x_3} 0_{x_4} 1_{x_5} 1_{x_6}$, we shall first replace $x_1(0)$ with 1 & then in the next iteration x_2 with 1, & so on.
4. If U accepts, we perform a permanent overwrite for x_i with 1, otherwise write x_i as 0.

This algorithm is deterministically in P, since both the "for loop" & "replacement of α in for loop" have polynomial running times.

Since, polynomial*polynomial = polynomial devised algorithm is polynomial time.