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To proof that the clique problem is NP-complete we have to proof to statement—

- (i) The clique problem is NP.
- (ii) The clique problem is NP-hard which means ~~that~~ we can reduce another NP-complete problem into this clique problem.

(i) To belong to the NP class, we have to verify ~~the~~ a given solution to the problem in polynomial time.

It is always possible to verify in polynomial time. If ~~we~~ we provide a subset of vertices to verify that if it is the solution to the ~~the~~ clique problem then we first check if its size is at least k . Then we iterate over all pair of the given vertices set and ~~check~~ check if there is an edge between

them. If there exists all the edges then we can say that the solution is verified. It takes $O(n^2)$ time.
Thus the problem is in NP-class.

(ii) We know that Independent set problem is a NP-complete problem. In this problem we have to say that if there exists ~~at least one~~ a subset of vertices where any pair of vertices in the subset does not have an edge and the size ~~is at least~~ of subset is at least k .

Now, if we change the edge set of graph then we can solve the problem with clique problem. We ~~define~~ create a new graph with same vertices and define the edgeset ~~such~~ ~~that~~ with all pair ~~but~~ except the edges that belong to the main graph. Now if the new graph has ~~at least~~ a clique with size at least k then we can say that

there is an ~~independent set~~ independent set with size at least k . Because if the new graph has a clique of size k then all the nodes in that set does not have an edge with another node in that set in the original graph.

Thus,

$$A \leq_p B$$

where, A is independent set problem
 B = clique problem.

Thus, clique problem is NP-hard and it belongs to NP class. hence, clique problem is NP complete.