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of complexity

NP-Completeness

→ Almost all algorithms considered so far in all the lectures (till now 22/11/06) run in worst-case polynomial time

$$T(n) = O(n^k) \text{ for some constant } k$$

$n = \text{input size}$

→ { P class } :-

- The class of algorithms that run in polynomial time is called P

→ A problem Q is a binary relation on a set I of instances and a set S of solutions

Example :- Shortest path problem

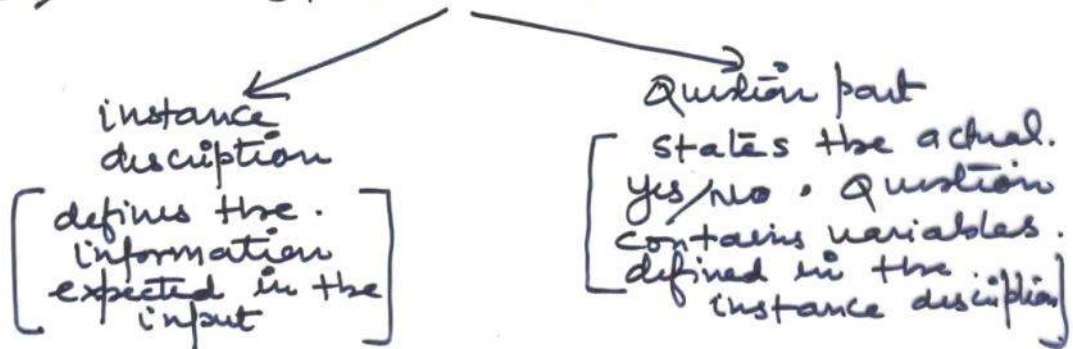
Instance :- graph G
vertices U and V ✓

Solution :- sequence of vertices
(shortest path)

Decision problems -:

→ A decision problem is a question that has two possible answers yes/no. The question is about some input

→ statement of decision problem.



Ex: instance: an undirected graph.

$G = (V, E)$
Question: Does G contain a clique of k vertices.

instance: an undirected graph.

$G = (V, E)$ and an integer k
Question: Does G contain a clique of k vertices

A language L_1 is poly-time reducible to language L_2 , written

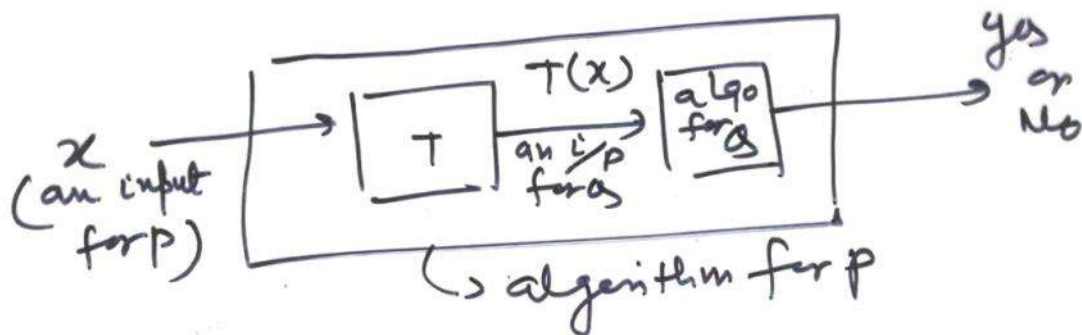
$L \leq_p L_2$ if \exists a poly-time Computable function

$f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$ such that
 $\forall x \in \{0,1\}^*$

$$\boxed{x \in L_1 \iff f(x) \in L_2}$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$
 reduction fn.

Note It's a one way function & will not always reduce to Q_1



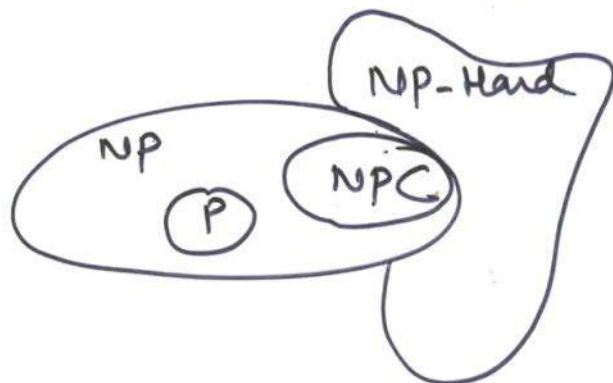
NP Completeness

NP complete problems are the hardest problems in NP i.e. every problem in NP reduces to an NP complete problem

→ a language $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ is NPC if $L \in NP$, and $L' \leq_p L$ for $\forall L' \in NP$

→ ~~the~~ a language $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ is NP hard if $L' \leq_p L$ for every $L' \in NP$.

→ A language that is NP hard is not necessarily in NP.



Strategy for proving $L \in NPC$

step 1:- Prove $L \in NP$ (poly-time verifiable)

step 2:- select $L' \in NPC$

step 3:- Describe a poly-time algorithm
computing a function f that
maps instances of L' to instance
of L


step 4:- Prove that $x \in L'$ iff
 $f(x) \in L \forall x \in \{0,1\}^*$

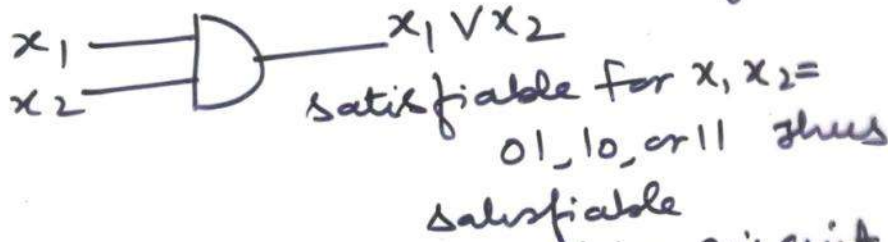
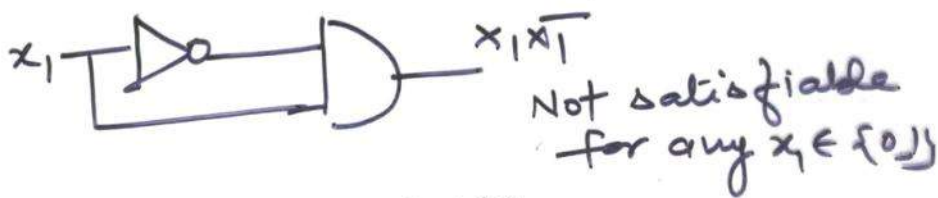
$$L' \leq_p L$$

Circuit satisfiability


and gate


OR gate


Not gate



Given a boolean combination circuit composed of AND, OR and NOT gate is it satisfiable?

$$\text{CIRCUIT-SAT} = \{ \langle C \rangle \mid C \text{ is satisfiable boolean combinational circuit} \}$$

~~$\langle C \rangle$ is a binary string encoding~~

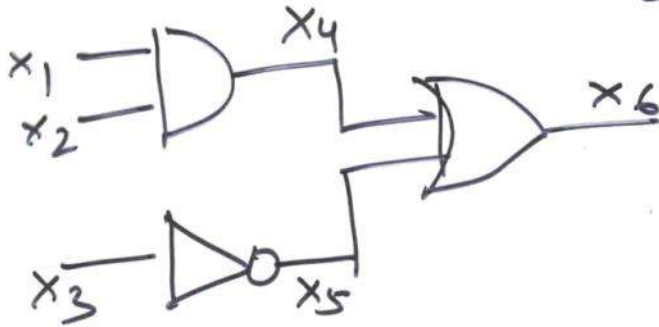
Determining membership in CIRCUIT-SAT would require checking of 2^k possible binary assignment to the k input of a circuit

CIRCUIT SAT $\notin P$

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Reducibility

Circuit

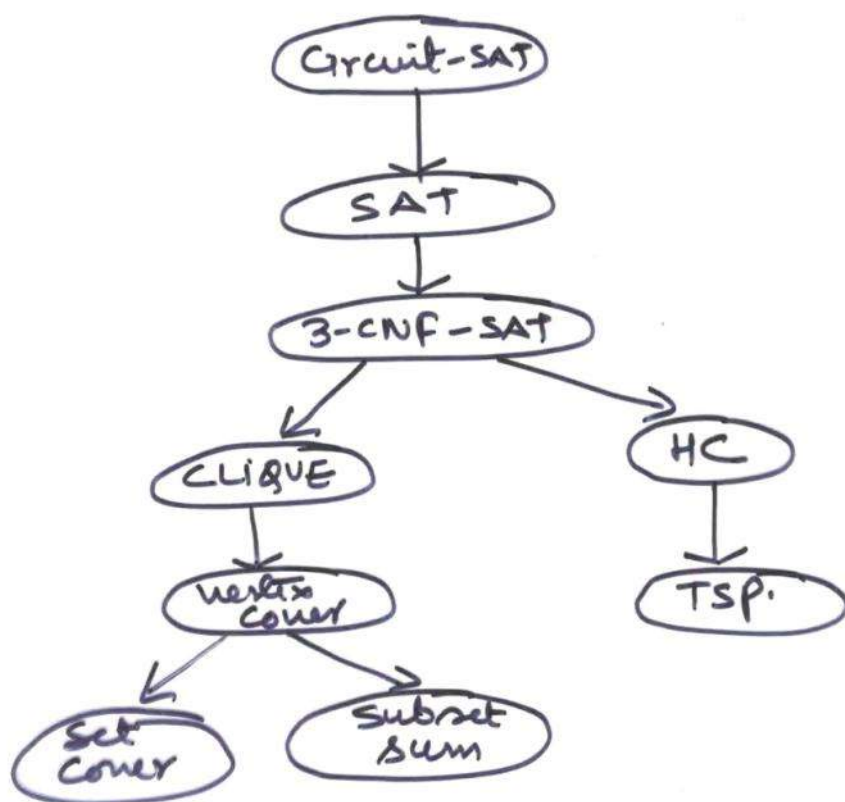


$\Phi \equiv$

formula

$$\Phi = x_6 \wedge (x_4 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge x_2)) \wedge (x_5 \leftrightarrow \neg x_3) \\ \wedge (x_6 \leftrightarrow (x_4 \vee x_5))$$

→ Constructing this formula takes polynomial time



Cook's theorem

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→ Without loss of generality, we assume that languages in NP are over the alphabet $\{0,1\}^*$

Lemma-1 - if $L \in \text{NP}$, then

L is accepted by a 1-Tape NTM N with alphabet $\{0,1\}$ such that for some polynomial $p(n)$, the following properties hold

* N 's computation is composed of two phases, the guessing phase and checking phase

* In the guessing phase, N Nondeterministically writes a string U directly after the input string and in the checking phase, N behaves deterministically

* N uses at most $p(n)$ tape cells, never moves its head to the left of w , and takes exactly $p(n)$ steps in the checking phase

Theorem:- CNFSAT is NP-complete

Proof:- To prove that CNFSAT is NP-complete, we show that for any language $L \in \text{NP}$,

$$L \leq_p \text{CNFSAT}.$$

Note → let $L \in \text{NP}$, and let N be a NTM accepting L that satisfied the properties earlier mentioned.

→ Transition fn = δ .

✓ states of $N = q_0 \dots q_r$

✓ $s_0 = 0$, $s_1 = 1$, $s_2 = \perp$

Note → on input w of length n , how to construct a formula in CNF form ϕ_w , which is satisfiable iff w is accepted by N .

→ The variables of f_w are

<u>variable</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>meaning</u>
✓ $Q[i, k]$	$0 \leq i \leq p(n)$ $0 \leq k \leq r$	At step i of the checking phase, the state of N is q_k
✓ $H[i, j]$	$0 \leq i \leq p(n)$ $0 \leq j \leq p(n)$	At step i of the checking phase, the head of N is at the tape square j
✓ $S[i, j, l]$	$0 \leq i \leq p(n)$ $0 \leq j \leq p(n)$ $0 \leq l \leq 2$	At step i of the checking phase, the symbol in square j is $\underline{s_l}$

→ Goal - To construct f_w so that it's satisfied only by assignments to the variables that corresponds to accepting computations of N on w .

→ The clauses of f_w are constructed to ensure that the following conditions are satisfied

1) At each step i of the checking phase, N is in exactly 1 state

$$Q[i,0] \vee Q[i,1] \vee \dots \vee Q[i,p] \quad O(p(n))$$

Note Need to ensure that N is not both in state q_i and q_j . $O(p(n))$

$$Q[i,j] \vee Q[i,j] \quad \text{---}$$

2) At each step i , the head is on exactly one tape square $O(p(n)^2) + O(p(n)^3)$

3) At each step i , there is exactly 1 symbol in each tape square $O(p(n)^2) + O(p(n)^2)$

4) At step 0 of the checking, the state is the initial state $O(1)$

5) At step $p(n)$ of the checking phase, N is in accepting state $O(1)$

6: The configuration of N at the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ step follows from that at the i^{th} step, by applying the transition function,

→ If at step i , the tape head head of N is pointing to j^{th} tape cell, N is in state q_i , s_i is the symbol under the tape head, $(q_i, s_i, q_{i+1}, s_{i+1}, x) \in \delta$
 $x \in \{L, R\}$

→ then at step $i+1$, the tape head is pointing to $(j+y)^{\text{th}}$ tape cell, where $y = 1$ if $x = R$ and $y = -1$ if $x = L$, N is in the state q_{i+1} and the symbol in the cell j is s_{i+1}

$$O(k^2) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{Q[i, k]} \vee \overline{H[i, j]} \vee \overline{S[i, j, e]} \vee H[i+1, j+y] \\ \overline{Q[i, k]} \vee \overline{H[i, j]} \vee \overline{S[i, j, e]} \vee \overline{S[i+1, j, e']} \end{array} \right.$$

→ All of the clauses for condition 1 to 6 can be computed in

polynomial time
 → is accepted by N iff for α is satisfiable

1 Cook's Theorem

Cook's theorem shows that the satisfiability problem is NP-complete. Without loss of generality, we assume that languages in NP are over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}^*$. Lemma 1, useful for the proof, states that we can restrict the form of a computation of a NTM that accepts languages in NP.

Lemma 1 *If $L \in \text{NP}$, then L is accepted by a 1-tape NTM N with alphabet $\{0, 1\}$ such that for some polynomial $p(n)$, the following properties hold.*

- N 's computation is composed of two phases, the guessing phase and the checking phase.
- In the guessing phase, N nondeterministically writes a string $\sqcup y$ directly after the input string, and in the checking phase, N behaves deterministically.
- N uses at most $p(n)$ tape cells, never moves its head to the left of w , and takes exactly $p(n)$ steps in the checking phase.

A Boolean formula f over variable set V is in conjunctive normal form (CNF) if

$$f = \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \bigvee_{j=1}^{k_i} l_{i,j}$$

for some values of m and k_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, where literal $l_{i,j}$ is either x or \bar{x} for some $x \in V$. For each i , the term $\bigvee_{j=1}^{k_i} l_{i,j}$ is called a clause of the formula. f is satisfiable if there exists a truth assignment to the variables in V that sets f to true. CNFSAT is the set of satisfiable Boolean formulas in CNF.

Theorem 1 (Cook's Theorem) *CNFSAT is NP-complete.*

Proof sketch: It is not hard to show that $\text{CNFSAT} \in \text{NP}$. To prove that CNFSAT is NP-complete, we show that for any language $L \in \text{NP}$, $L \leq_p^{\text{m}} \text{CNFSAT}$.

Let $L \in \text{NP}$ and let N be a NTM accepting L that satisfies the properties of Lemma 1. Let the transition function of N be δ . Let the states of N be q_0, \dots, q_r . Let s_0, s_1, s_2 denote 0, 1, \sqcup , respectively. Assume that the tape cells are numbered consecutively from the left end of the input, starting at 0. On input w of length n , we show how to construct a formula in CNF form f_w , which is satisfiable if and only if w is accepted by N . The variables of f_w are as follows:

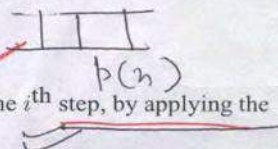
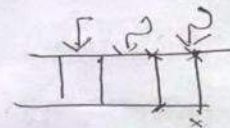
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$$p(n) \times p(n)$$

A computation of N naturally corresponds to an assignment of truth values to the variables. Other assignments to the variables may be meaningless. For example, an assignment with $Q[i, k] = Q[i, k'] = \text{true}$, $k \neq k'$, would imply that N is in two different states at step i , which is impossible.

Our goal is to construct f_w so that it is satisfied only by assignments to the variables that correspond to accepting computations of N on w . The clauses of f_w are constructed to ensure that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. At each step i of the checking phase, N is in exactly 1 state. ✓
2. At each step i , the head is on exactly one tape square. ✓
3. At each step i , there is exactly 1 symbol in each tape square. ✓
4. At step 0 of the checking phase, the state is the initial state of N in its checking phase, and the tape contents are $w \sqcup y$ for some y . ✓
5. At step $p(n)$ of the checking phase, N is in an accepting state. ✓
6. The configuration of N at the $(i+1)$ st step follows from that at the i^{th} step, by applying the transition function of N . ✓



Consider condition 1. For each i , we have the following clause:

$$Q[i, 0] \vee Q[i, 1] \vee \dots \vee Q[i, r].$$

This clause ensures that the machine is in at least 1 state at step i . We also need clauses to ensure that N is not both in state q_j and $q_{j'}$:

$$\overline{Q[i, j]} \vee \overline{Q[i, j']} \text{ for each } j \neq j', 0 \leq j, j' \leq r.$$

Conditions 2 and 3 are handled similarly. Conditions 4 and 5 are quite easy. Finally, consider condition 6. For each (i, j, k, l) we add clauses that ensure the following: If at step i , the tape head of N is pointing to the j^{th} tape cell, N is in state q_k , s_l is the symbol under the tape head, and $(q_k, s_l, q_{k'}, s_{l'}, X) \in \delta$, where $X \in \{L, R\}$ then at step $i+1$, the tape head is pointing to the $(j+y)^{\text{th}}$ tape cell where $y = 1$ if $X = R$ and $y = -1$ if $X = L$, N is in state $q_{k'}$ and the symbol in cell j is $s_{l'}$. The following clauses ensure this:

$$\overline{Q[i, k]} \vee \overline{H[i, j]} \vee \overline{S[i, j, l]} \vee Q[i+1, k'] \quad \checkmark$$

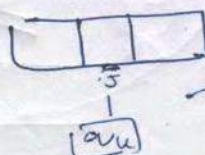
$$\overline{Q[i, k]} \vee \overline{H[i, j]} \vee \overline{S[i, j, l]} \vee H[i+1, j+y] \quad \checkmark$$

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All of the clauses for condition 1 to 6 can be computed in polynomial time (how many clauses are there?). Moreover, w is accepted by N if and only if f_w is satisfiable. \square

$$Q[i, 0] \vee Q[i, 1] \vee \dots \vee Q[i, r]$$

$$\overline{Q[i, j]} \vee \overline{Q[i, j']}$$



$$\overline{Q[i, k]} \vee \overline{H[i, j]} \vee \overline{S[i, j, l]} \vee [\rightarrow]$$