

1. Consider the following three definitions in a connected undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ :

- **Minimum Vertex Cover** (MVC) is a subset  $V'$  of  $V$  with minimum size such that every edge  $(u, v)$  in  $E$  has at least one end in  $V'$ .
- **Maximum Clique** (MaxCliq) is a complete subgraph of  $G$  that has a maximum size.
- **Maximum Independent Set** (MIS) is a subset  $V'$  of  $V$  with maximum size such that for all  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V'$ , edge  $(u, v)$  is not in  $E$ , called the *independence* property.

- Explain how these problems relate with each other.
- Write the decision problem of each one of the problems.

2. Prove that MIS is NP-complete.
3. Prove the NP-completeness of MaxCliq by a reduction from MVC.
4. The SAT problem is NP-complete, in general. A 2-SAT formula is a conjunction of a set of disjunctions (i.e., clauses) such that each clause has at most two literals. The decision problem of 2-SAT asks whether or not a given 2-SAT formula is satisfiable.
  - Prove that the 2-SAT problem is in P.
  - Now, consider the following decision problem:

**MAX-2-SAT:** Given a 2-SAT formula with  $n$  propositional variables and  $m$  clauses, does there exist a value assignment that satisfies *at least*  $k$  clauses, where  $k \leq m$ ?

Prove that MAX-2-SAT is NP-complete.

5. Consider the  $k$ -cluster problem defined as follows:

- **Input:** A set of points  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  in the Cartesian space (where  $n > 1$ ) and a positive integer  $k \leq n$ .
- **Output:** A partition of the points into  $k$  clusters  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  such that the diameter of the clusters is **minimized**. The *diameter* of the clusters is defined as follows:

$\Delta = \text{Max}_j (\text{Max}_{x,y \in C_j} d(x,y))$  where  $d(x,y)$  is the Euclidean distance of  $x$  and  $y$ .

The  $k$ -cluster is known to be NP-hard. An approximation algorithm for solving this problem is as follows. Let  $d[x]$  denote the distance of any point  $x \in P$  to its closest center.

**Step 1:** For any point  $x \in P$ , set  $d[x]$  to infinity. Also, let  $S$  be the set of the  $k$  center. Initially,  $S = \emptyset$ .

**Step 2:** For  $i := 1$  to  $k$  do

- Let  $x \in P$  be the point with maximum distance;  
i.e.,  $d[x]$  is max amongst all  $n$  points.
- Add  $x$  to  $S$ .
- For  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  
Set  $d[p_i]$  to the minimum of  $d[p_i]$  and distance( $x, p_i$ ).
- Set the diameter of the cluster, denoted  $\Delta$ , to the max of all  $d[x]$ , for any  $x \in P$ .

**Step 3:** return  $S$  and  $\Delta$ .

Prove that the above algorithm gives a 2-approximation solution; i.e., the resulting diameter is at most twice as the optimal diameter.