

Algorithms (6470) HW05

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Answers

Q1

- (a) Verifier: Determine whether all k sets have a total less than or equal to 1.

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def verifier(subset, k):  
    for each subset:  
        total = 0  
        for each element of subset:  
            total = total + element  
        if total > 1:  
            return False  
    return True
```

- (b) Runtime Analysis: This verifier runs through k subsets, and then sums across each subset n times where n is the number of elements in each subset. We can find an upper bound here by saying n is equal to the largest size of a subset. The check if $\text{total} > 1$ is constant time. So this runs in $O(k) * (O(n) + O(1)) = O(kn)$. Given k is a positive integer constant, this verifier runs in polynomial time and this problem is in NP .
- (c) This verifier goes through each subset, finds the total of that subset, and returns False if a subset's total is ever over 1.

Q2

(a) Independent-Set Verifier

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def verifier(G,V.prime,k):  
    for size(V.prime) != k:  
        return False  
  
    for vert1 in V.prime:  
        for vert2 in V.prime:  
            if vert1 != vert2:  
                if edge(vert1,vert2) in G.E:  
                    return False  
  
    return True
```

- (b) Runtime Analysis: This verifier first checks the size of $V.prime$ (V'). Checking the size of a set is $O(|V'|)$ in the worst case where you need to iterate through every element. Then the algorithm checks that size against the constant value K . This check is constant time $O(1)$. Next, there is a nested for loop iterating through the vertices in V' and checking whether the edge between 2 vertices is present in the edges of Graph G . This nested for loop will have a runtime of $O(|V'|^2)$. Next, there is a check of whether $vert1$ and $vert2$ are the same, this is constant time $O(1)$. Lastly, we are looking to determine if the edge between $vert1$ and $vert2$ is in $G.E$, this search will take $O(|E|)$ to complete.
- (c) So, in totality, this algorithm takes: $O(|V'|) + O(1) + O(|V'|^2) * (O(1) + O(|E|)) = O(E * |V'|^2)$. This verifier algorithm is in polynomial time, and thus the Independent-Set algorithm is part of NP .

Q3

- (a) Reduce the CLIQUE problem to the INDEPENDENT-SET problem and use the solution to problem 2.
- (b) The CLIQUE problem implies that a set of vertices V' , size k , exists within Graph G , such that all vertices within V' are connected to one another.
- (c) The complement of Graph G , is Graph G' . The complement of a graph includes that same vertices, but has all the edges that are not present in G , and none of the edges that are present in G .
- (d) For this G' , all the vertices of V' are NOT connected to one another, given they were in G , and thus form an independent set.
- (e) This shows that we can reduce the CLIQUE problem to the INDEPENDENT-SET problem. Since we know that the CLIQUE problem is NPC, we can also say that the INDEPENDENT-SET problem is NPC.

- (f) The transformation from Graph G to Graph G' would require looping through each vertex and creating an edge if one doesn't exist, or removing it if it does exist.
- (g) This transformation is polynomial time, so we can conclude that $\text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \leq_p \text{CLIQUE}$.

Q1 (Graduate students only)

- (a) First we can see that $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM}$ is part of NP as we can find a verifier that is polynomial time to determine if G is isomorphic to G_2 . We would simply need to loop through the vertex/edge combinations in G , and confirm they are present in H as well.
- (b) We can reduce the CLIQUE problem for this $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM}$ as well.
- (c) The CLIQUE problem implies that a set of vertices V' , size k , exists within Graph G , such that all vertices within V' are connected to one another.
- (d) The CLIQUE problem, can be reduced to a Graph G , and a Graph H , where H is the complete graph of V' vertices, representing the clique, size k .
- (e) So, we are left with 2 graphs and trying to determine if Graph H is an isomorphic subgraph of G .
- (f) This now imitates the $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM}$ problem. So to solve $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM}$ in this case, you would need to get the decision from the CLIQUE problem.
- (g) Since we know that CLIQUE is NP-Complete, we can now conclude that $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM}$ is also NP Complete. $\text{SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM} \leq_p \text{CLIQUE}$.
- (h) The transformation from G to H is $O(k^2)$ given that you will need to draw a line from each vertex to another in the set. This is a polynomial time transformation.