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(i) PROB1 can be solved in polynomial time.

algorithm

// A is an array of positive integers  
//  $|A| = n$  [1...n] ( $|A|$  = number of elements in A)  
// A is 2 valued i.e. A has only 2 known integers p and q

def PROB1 ( A ) ~~return~~ :

$A_p = \{ \}$  an empty array

$A_q = \{ \}$  an empty array

    for ( i = 1 to n )

        if (  $A[i] == p$  )

            add  $A[i]$  to array  $A_p$

        else

            add  $A[i]$  to array  $A_q$

condn 1 — if (  $|A_p| == q$     &&     $|A_q| == p$  )

        return True

condn 2 — if (  $|A_p| \% 2 == 0$     &&     $|A_q| \% 2 == 0$  )

        return True

condn 3 — if ( (  $|A_p| \% 2 == 0$     &&     $|A_q| \% 2 != 0$  ) ||  
                    (  $|A_p| \% 2 != 0$     &&     $|A_q| \% 2 == 0$  ) ) )

        return False

condn if (  $|A_p| \% 2 \neq 0$      $|A_q| \% 2 \neq 0$  )  
 $p \neq q$

return True

return False

### time complexity

Time complexity of above algorithm is —

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} T(n) = & O(n) & + & O(c) & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ \text{time complexity} & \text{due to} & & \text{other constant} & \\ \text{of prob1 with} & \text{the for} & & \text{time operations} & \\ \text{array A of n} & \text{loop} & & & \end{array}$$

integers

$T(n) = O(n)$ , which is polynomial time.

PROB1(A) decides if there is a way to split A into 2 disjoint subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  with equal sums. Here A contains only 2 unique elements  $p$  and  $q$ . First we separate out the 2 unique elements in 2 arrays  $A_p$  and  $A_q$  such that  $A_p$  contains only the  $p$  valued elements and  $A_q$  has the  $q$  value elements. Now we will pick the elements from  $A_p$  and  $A_q$  and put them in  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  (in our algorithm we select the elements instead of putting it back to other arrays).

$A_1$  and  $A_2$ ) to achieve equal sum. We assume here that picking up 2 elements from any set  $A_p$  or  $A_q$  means picking 2 elements and putting one to  $A_1$  set and the other to  $A_2$  set. With this assumption, if we have even number of elements in any set  $A_p$  or  $A_q$  then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will have equal number of that element valued  $p$  <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~  $q$  respectively. And if odd number of elements in  $A_p$  or  $A_q$  then any one of  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  will have one element extra ~~at~~ valued  $p$  or  $q$  respectively. ~~Thus~~ So if we have even sized arrays  $A_p$  and  $A_q$  then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will have equal number of  $p$  ~~elem~~ valued elements and  $q$  valued elements and thus their sum would be equal as ~~if~~ each  $p$  valued element in  $A_1$  will have one  $p$  valued element in  $A_2$  and the same for  $q$  valued elements. This case is handled in cond 2 in our algorithm. As explained above if one of  $A_p$  and  $A_q$  has odd number of elements then  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  will have one element extra i.e. if  $A_p$  or  $A_q$ 's length is odd

then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will have ~~extra~~<sup>one</sup>  $p$  and ~~one~~<sup>one</sup>  $q$  valued elements ~~as add~~ ~~1 extra~~ in either  $A_1$  or  $A_2$ . Thus the sum of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  can never be equal as each  $p/q$  valued element (which ever is added) won't have another term to cancel it and make sum equal.

But this condition can be violated only if  $p$  and  $q$  are we have one extra  $p$  and  $q$  valued element in  $A_1$  and/or  $A_2$  which will not have same value and thus sum won't be same. This condition can be violated only when  $p$  and  $q$  have same value then again each of the set  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will have extra element with the same value and thus sum would be same. This is handled in condn 4 of our algorithm. If one of  $A_p$  or  $A_q$  is odd and the other is even then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  can never have equal sum as either  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  will always have one extra element which will not be balanced by the other set. Thus we return False, condn 3 of our code. condn 1 is a special case where we check  $|A_p| \times q == |A_q| \times p$  i.e.  $p$  valued elements are of size  $q$  and  $q$  valued elements are of size  $p$ , then we return True as sum of 2 sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  would be same where  $A_1 = A_p$  and  $A_2 = A_q$ . So we have a partition where  $\text{sum}(A_p) = \text{sum}(A_q)$ .



ii) Prob 2 is NP complete.

to prove Prob 2 is NP complete we need to prove it is NP and NP hard.

proof that Prob 2 is NP.

with the help of verification algorithm we will proof that Prob 2 is NP.

proof P : 2 sets of indices of <sup>input</sup> array A; which are disjoint  $\rightarrow SA1$  and  $SA2$ .

input instance : an array A of n elements.  
 $A[1..n]$

verification algorithm : def verify Prob 2 proof (A, proof P) :

$O(n)$  —————

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sum1 = 0
sum2 = 0
for (i = 1 to n)
    if (i ∈ SA1)
        sum1 = sum1 + A[i]
    else
        sum2 = sum2 + A[i]
if (abs(sum1 - sum2) ≤ 525)
    return True
return False
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## running time

Prob  $P$  will require  $O(n)$  complexity for choosing the indices from array  $A$  which are disjoint and thus it is polynomial ~~in~~ <sup>time</sup> ~~order of~~  $|A|$ . Now as shown in the ~~algorithm~~ algorithm above ~~the~~ time complexity of verifying PROB2Proof is  $O(n) + O(c) \approx O(n)$ .

## Lemma 1

If  $A$  has a Yes instance then there must be a proof  $P$  for which verifying PROB2Proof gives True.

If  $A$  has a Yes instance then  $A$  can be splitted into two disjoint sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that  $|\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \leq 525$ ; then according to our proof we have 2 sets of indices which ~~are~~ are disjoint which satisfies the 1st criteria of our problem. Now after adding the values of these indices ~~if we check~~ ~~the~~ the 2nd condition i.e.  $|\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \leq 525$  ~~then our algorithm will be return False the~~ ~~True~~ will be checked and will give  $\leq 525$  and hence will return True, because our two subset  $SA_1$  and  $SA_2$  are disjoint sets of indices from Array  $A$  itself. Thus a proof exist.

Lemma 2

If  $A$  has a NO instance then for every  $P$  verify PROB2 Proof will return False.

If  $A$  has a no instance i.e.  $A$  cannot be broken down to 2 ~~sets~~ disjoint subsets s.t.

$|\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \leq 525$ . Our Proof has

indices of every ~~subset~~  $A$  which are disjoint.

Thus ~~when~~ when values of these 2 sets will be added it <sup>and then subtracted</sup> will give an answer of ~~525~~ 525

and hence return False as there exist no such combination of indices in  $A$  to form 2 <sup>disjoint</sup> subsets as proof such that  $|\text{sum}(S_{A1}) - \text{sum}(S_{A2})|$  is  $\leq 525$ .

Proof that PROB2 is NP Hard

To prove that PROB2 is NP Hard we need to reduce a known NP Hard problem to PROB2.

We will reduce PARTITION problem to PROB2. <sup>a known</sup> PARTITION algorithm is NP complete and thus a known NP Hard problem.

### reduction algorithm

def reduce ( array A ) :

A' = new empty array A

for ( i = 1 to n )

add  $A[i] \times 526$  to  $A'[i]$

return A'

### explanation

we are taking a new empty array A' and copying all the elements of  $A[i] \times 526$  i.e. element of  $A[i]$  multiplied by a constant 526 to  $A'[i]$ .

A' is my reduced Array i.e. the input instance of PROB 2.

### running time

Running time of reduce is  $O(n)$  due to the for loop which is polynomial in time.

### lemma

we get a yes instance of PARTITION iff we get a yes instance of PROB 2.



If PARTITION returns a yes instance then array A can be broken / split into 2 disjoint subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  s.t.  $| \text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2) | = 0$ . After reduction we get  $A'$  which is  $A' \{1 \dots n\} = 526 \oplus A \{1 \dots n\}$ . Thus as  $A \{1 \dots n\}$  could be broken into 2 parts  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  (disjoint) as mentioned above, here also we have the same set of elements and thus we can split it into 2 disjoint subsets. So in PROB2 we will <sup>also</sup> have 2 disjoint sets  $A'_1$  and  $A'_2$  ~~also~~ after taking 526 as common —

$$| 526 \oplus \text{sum}(A'_1) - 526 \oplus \text{sum}(A'_2) |$$

[ taking 526

$$=) 526 | \text{sum}(A'_1) - \text{sum}(A'_2) |$$

as common from all elements of  $A'$  ]

$$=) 526 ( | \text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2) | )$$

[ as  $A'_1 \neq A'_2$  will be ~~are~~ same as

$A_1 \neq A_2$  with 526 taken

as common ]

$$=) 526 ( 0 ) \quad [ \text{PARTITION always gives } | \text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2) | = 0 \text{ and it is our assumed fact in } \text{lemma} ]$$

$$=) 0$$

which is  $\leq 525$ . Thus PROB2 will give a yes instance.

If PARTITION returns a NO instance then array A cannot be split into 2 disjoint subsets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  s.t.  $|\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \neq 0$  i.e.  $|\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \geq 1$ . Now after reduction we get

$A' \{1 \dots n\} = 526 \oplus A \{1 \dots n\}$ . So if  $A \{1 \dots n\}$  could be broken into 2 parts here also in  $A'$  in prob2 we can split  $A'$  into 2 disjoint sets  $A_1'$  and  $A_2'$ . we can write —

$$|\text{sum}(A_1') - \text{sum}(A_2')|$$

$$2) \quad 526 \mid |\text{sum}(A_1') - \text{sum}(A_2')| \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{taking} \\ 526 \text{ as} \end{array} \right]$$

$$2) \quad 526 \mid |\text{sum}(A_1) - \text{sum}(A_2)| \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{common} \\ \text{as } A_1' \text{ and } A_2' \end{array} \right]$$

is same as  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  after taking 526

$$2) \quad 526 \oplus (\text{min value here can be } 1) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{as common} \\ \text{as shown} \\ \text{above} \end{array} \right]$$

$$2) \quad 526 \oplus \text{greater (min value)}$$

thus  $526 \geq 525$  will return a NO instance in prob2 as well.

② we have proved that PROB2 is also NP Hard.  
and we know that PARTITION is NP Hard.

Thus they can be reducible to each other.

So if PARTITION can be solved in polynomial  
time i.e. if PARTITION is easy then ~~NP Hard~~  
PROB2

will also be easy.