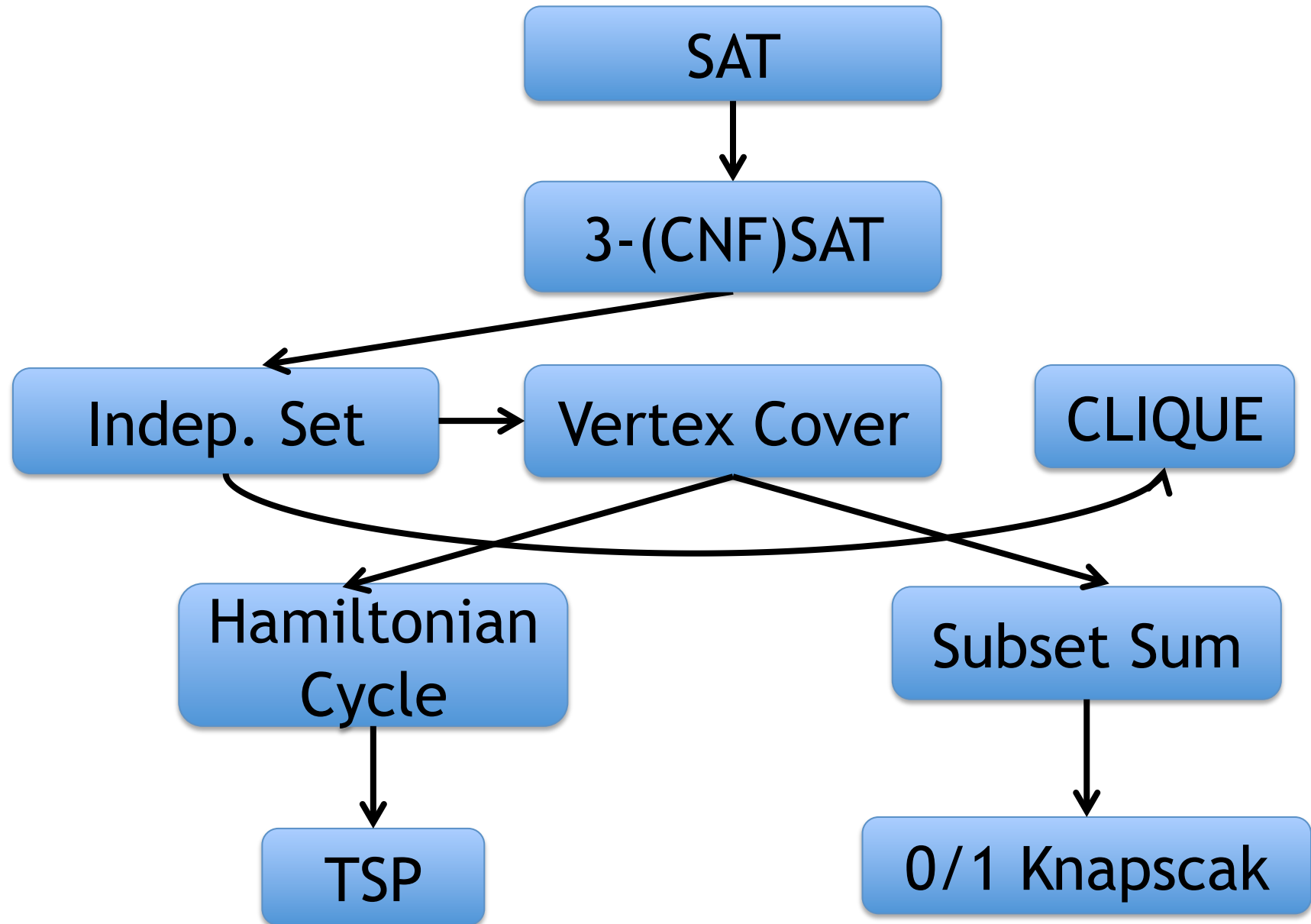


P, NP, NP-completeness 2

Reductions

Thu, March 28th, April 2nd

Overview of the next 2 Lectures



First: A bit of history on SAT

The First NP-Complete Problem

SAT: The First NP-Complete Problem

Input: A boolean formula φ consisting of:

n boolean variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

m boolean connectives: \wedge (AND), \vee (OR), \neg (NOT), \leftrightarrow (iff),
 \rightarrow (implication), ... (can be others)

and parantheses

Output: Is φ satisfiable?

I.e., are there true/false values to x_i that make φ true?

Example SAT Formulas

$$\varphi = (x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \wedge \neg x_2$$

Q: Is this satisfiable?

A: Yes

x_1	x_2	$(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \wedge \neg x_2$
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Example SAT Formula

$$\varphi = ((x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3) \leftrightarrow (\neg x_1 \wedge x_3))$$

Q: Is this satisfiable?

A: No

x_1	x_2	x_3	φ
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
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Recall 2 Criteria For NP-Completeness

1. C^* has to be in NP.
2. Every other NP problem has to reduce to C^* .

Criterion 1: Why is SAT in NP?

Can verify a solution $X^* = (x_1 = 0/1, \dots, x_n = 0/1)$ is
linear time!

Just check if X^* makes φ true!

Criterion 2: Why does every NP problem reduce to SAT?

Method 1: Cook-Levin Theorem (1971)

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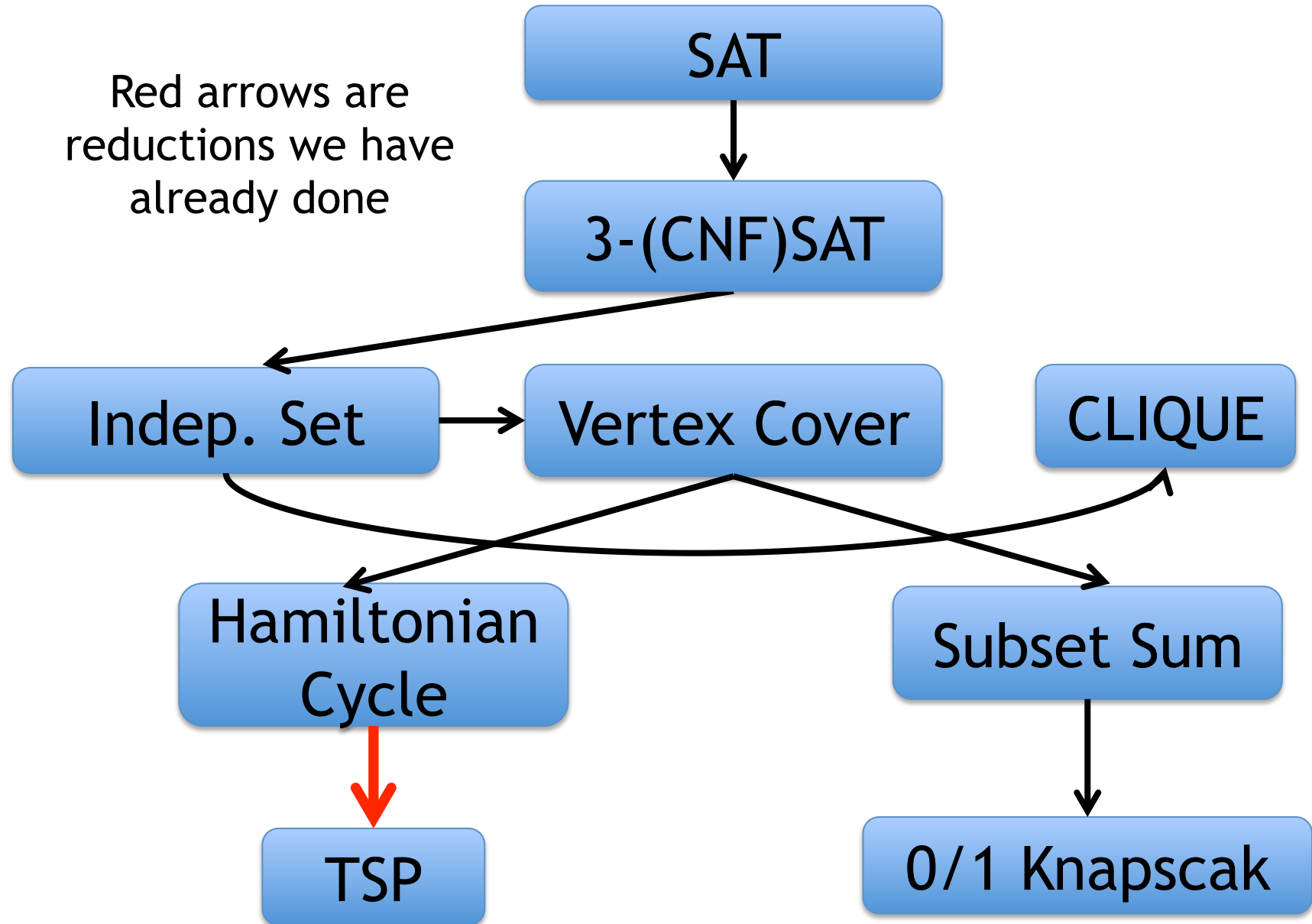
Method 2: Or you can show another known NP-Complete problem, e.g., CIRCUIT-SAT, reduces to SAT

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Instead will show some reductions across another set of problems (all NP-Complete)

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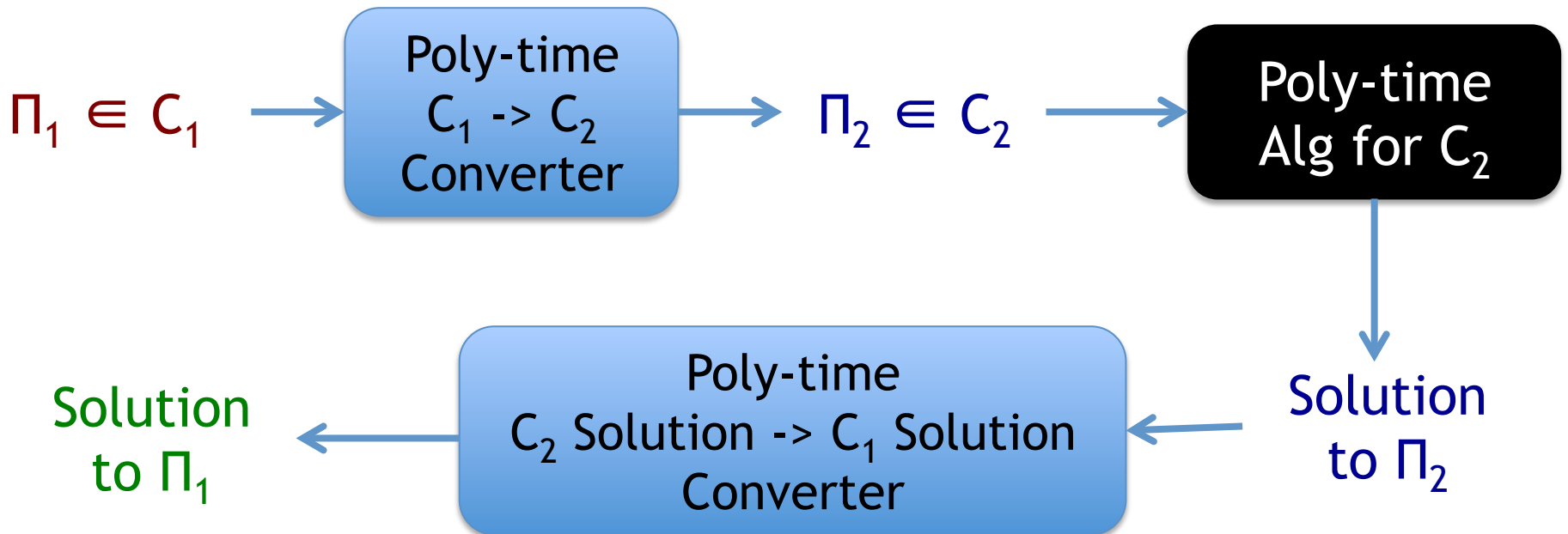


Recall Reductions: Showing C_2 is as hard as C_1

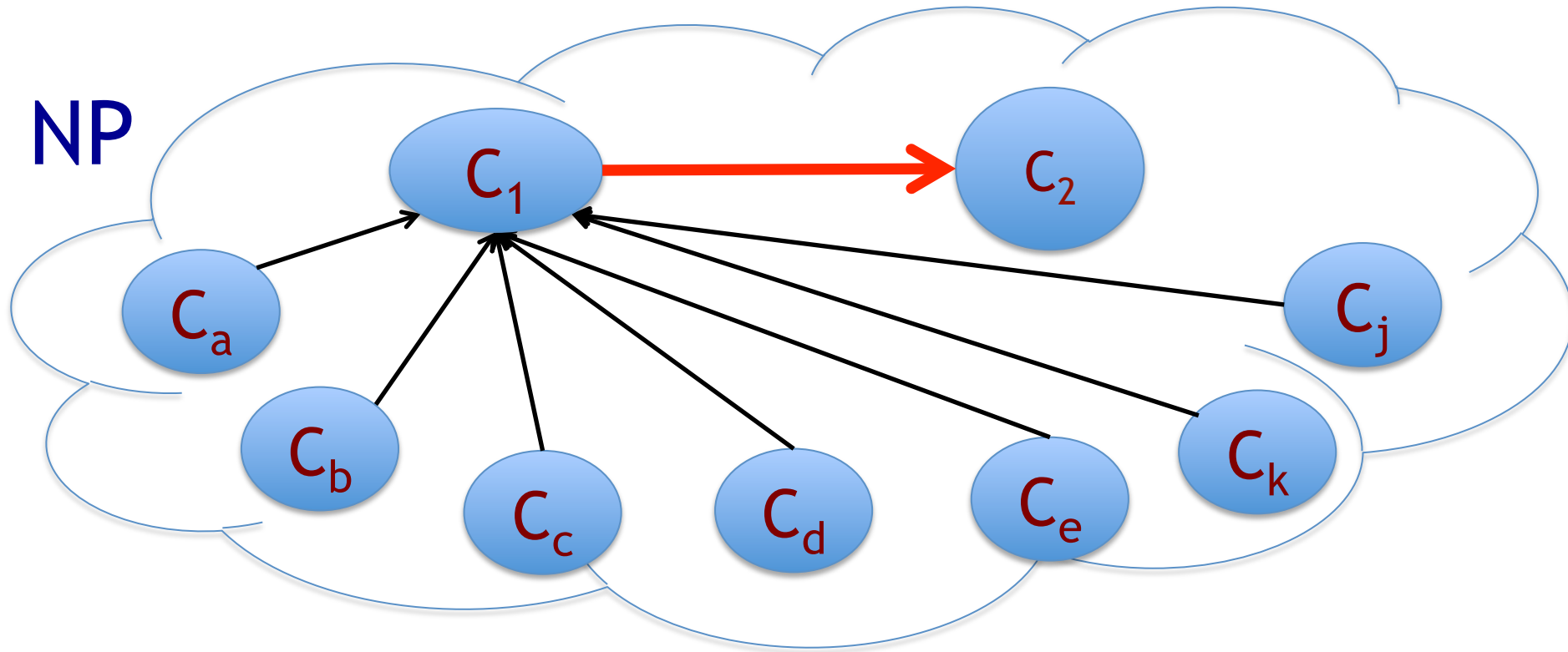
What does it mean for problem C_2 to be as hard as C_1 ?

Definition: C_1 *reduces* to C_2 , ($C_1 \leq_p C_2$), if given a poly-time algorithm for C_2 , we can solve C_1 in poly-time.

If C_1 reduces to $C_2 \Rightarrow C_2$ is “as hard as” C_1



An NP-complete C_1 reducing to C_2

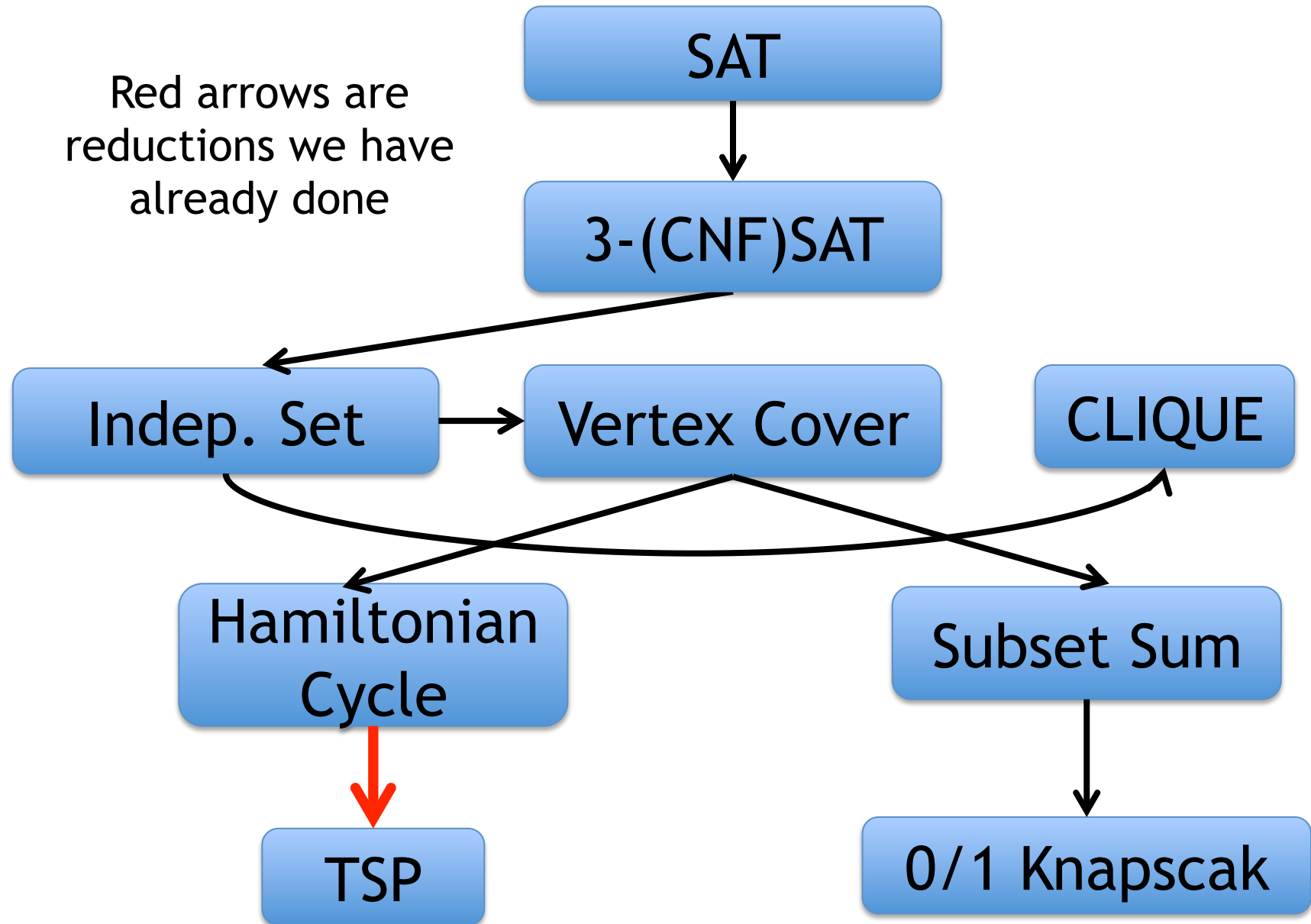


B/c reductions are transitive \Rightarrow All NP problems reduce to C_2

Therefore C_2 is also NP-complete!

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Independent Set (IS)

Input: undirected graph $G=(V, E)$ & an integer k

Output: “yes” iff \exists subset $S \subseteq V$ of size $\geq k$ s.t.

no pair of vertices in S have an edge, i.e.,

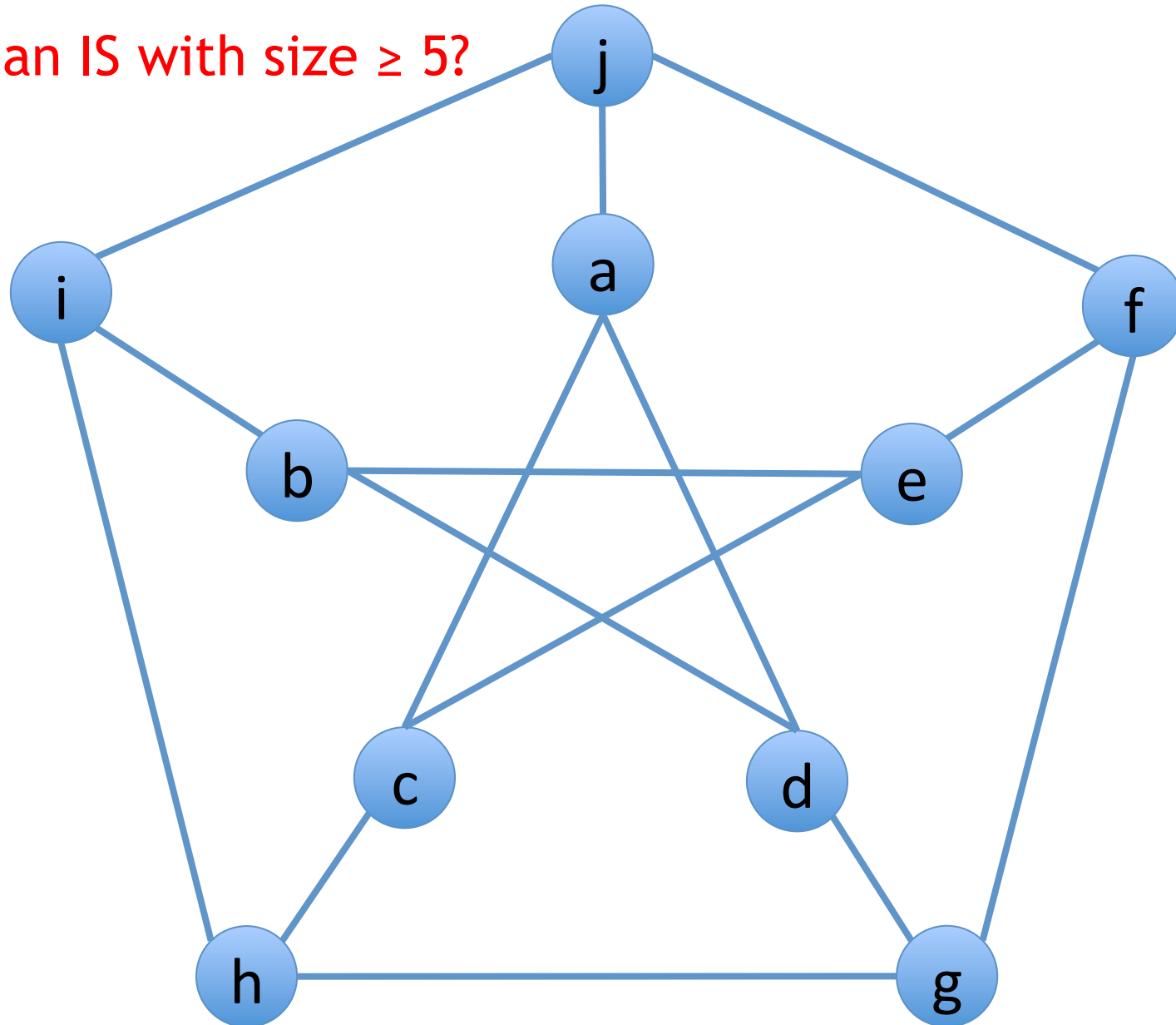
$\nexists (u, v) \in E$ s.t. $u \in S$ and $v \in S$

Recall: We solved this in linear time on line
graphs!

IS Example

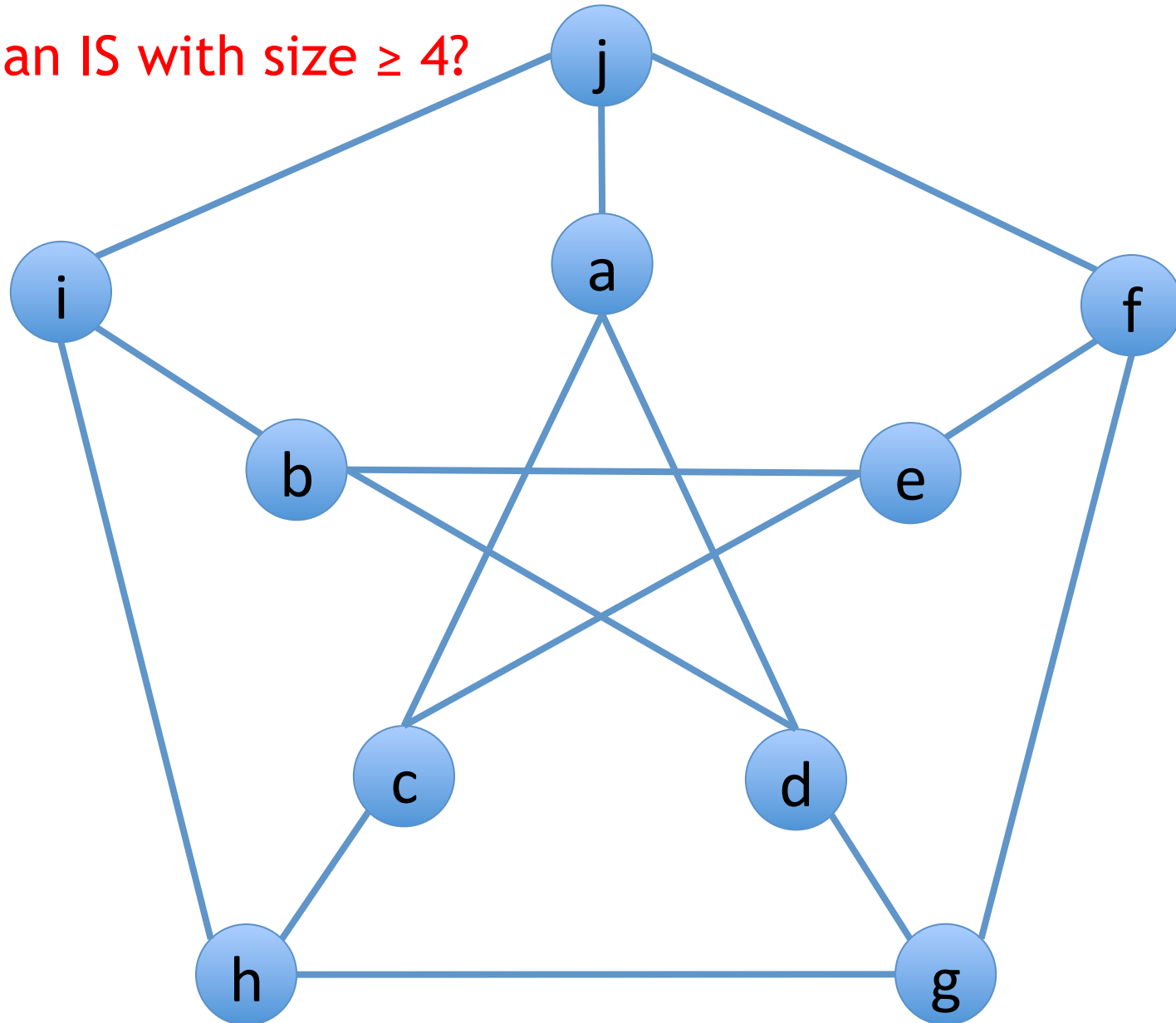
Q: \exists an IS with size ≥ 5 ?

A: No



IS Example

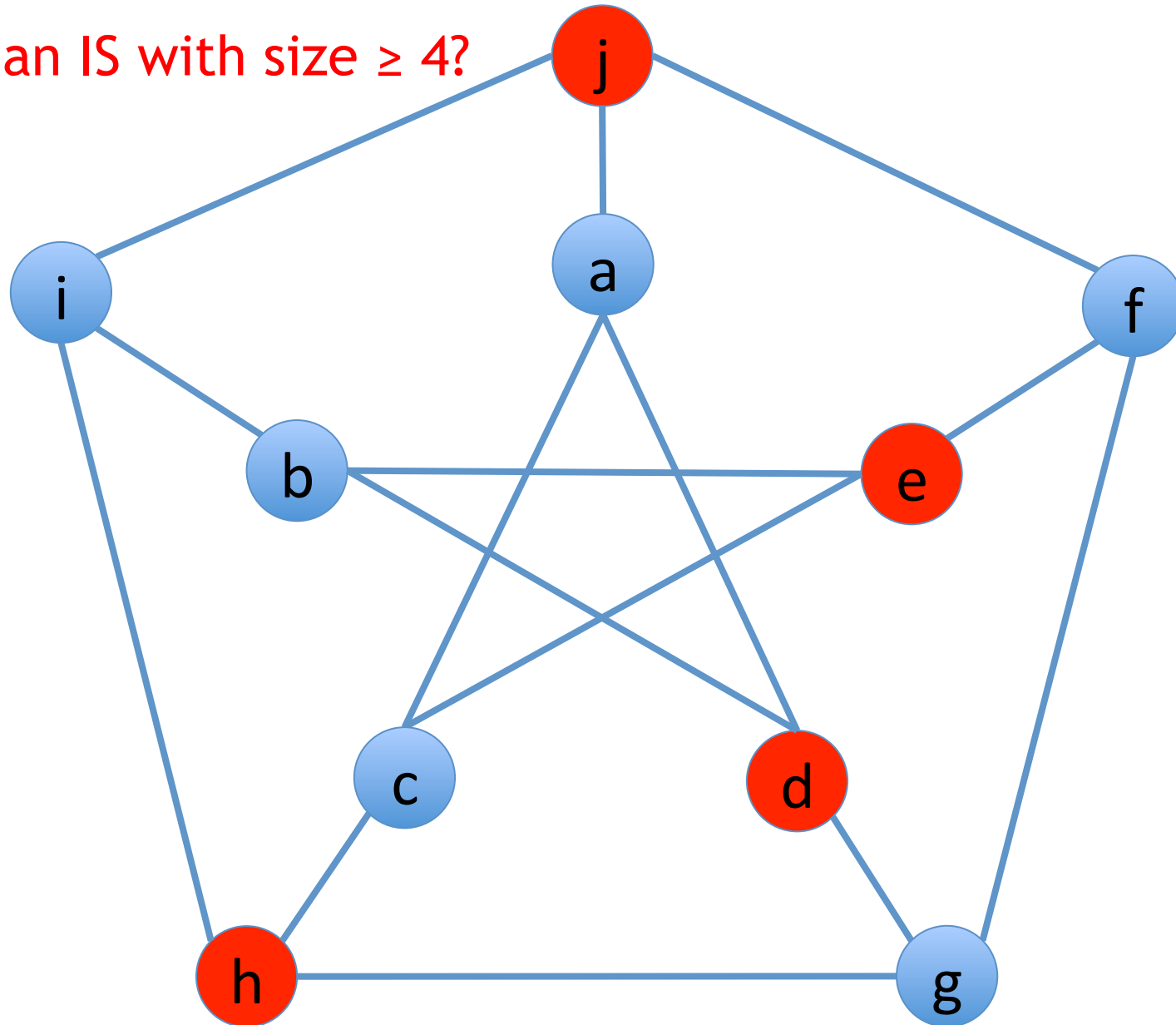
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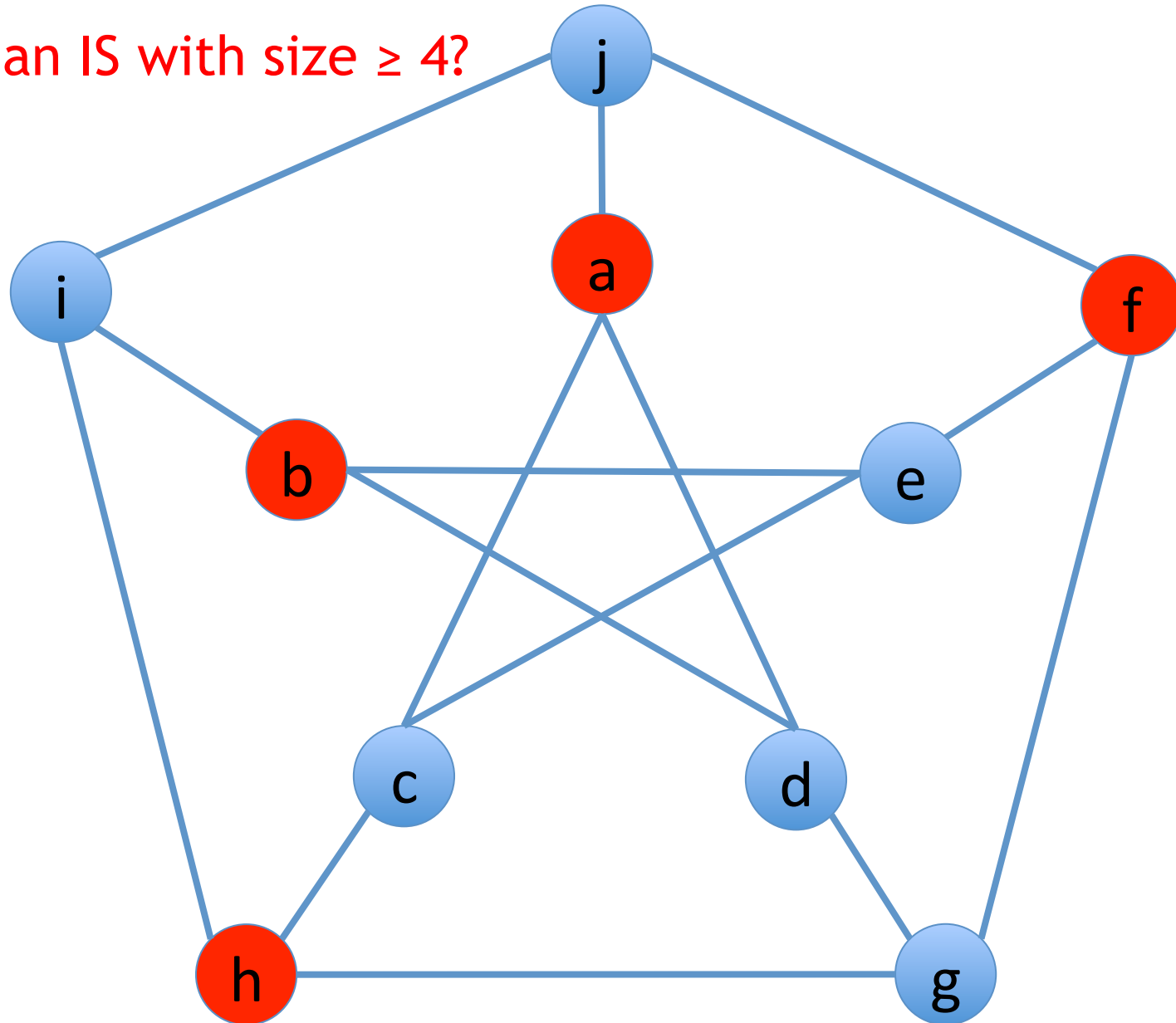
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IS Example

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Vertex Cover (VC)

Input: undirected graph $G=(V, E)$ & an integer k

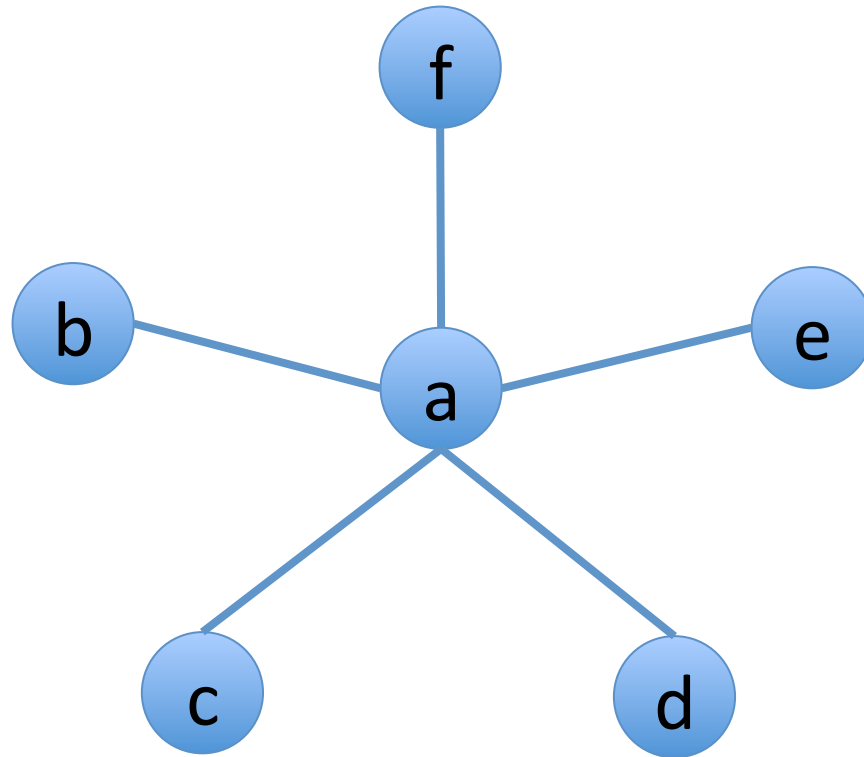
Output: “yes” iff \exists subset $S \subseteq V$ of size $\leq k$ s.t.

$\forall (u, v) \in E$, either $u \in S$ or $v \in S$

(each edge is “covered” by at least one vertex $\in S$)

VC Example

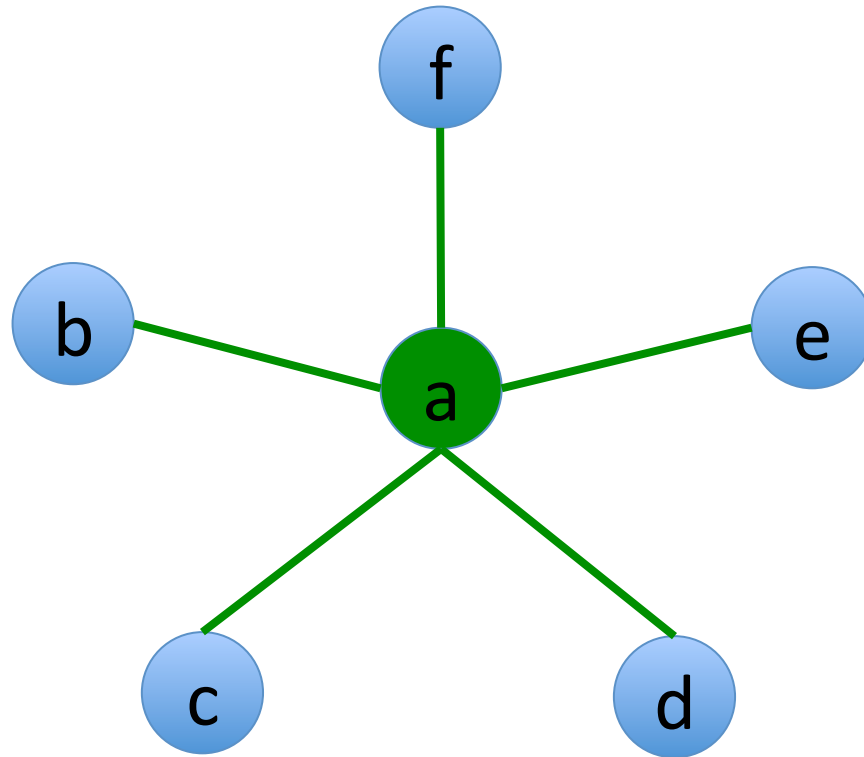
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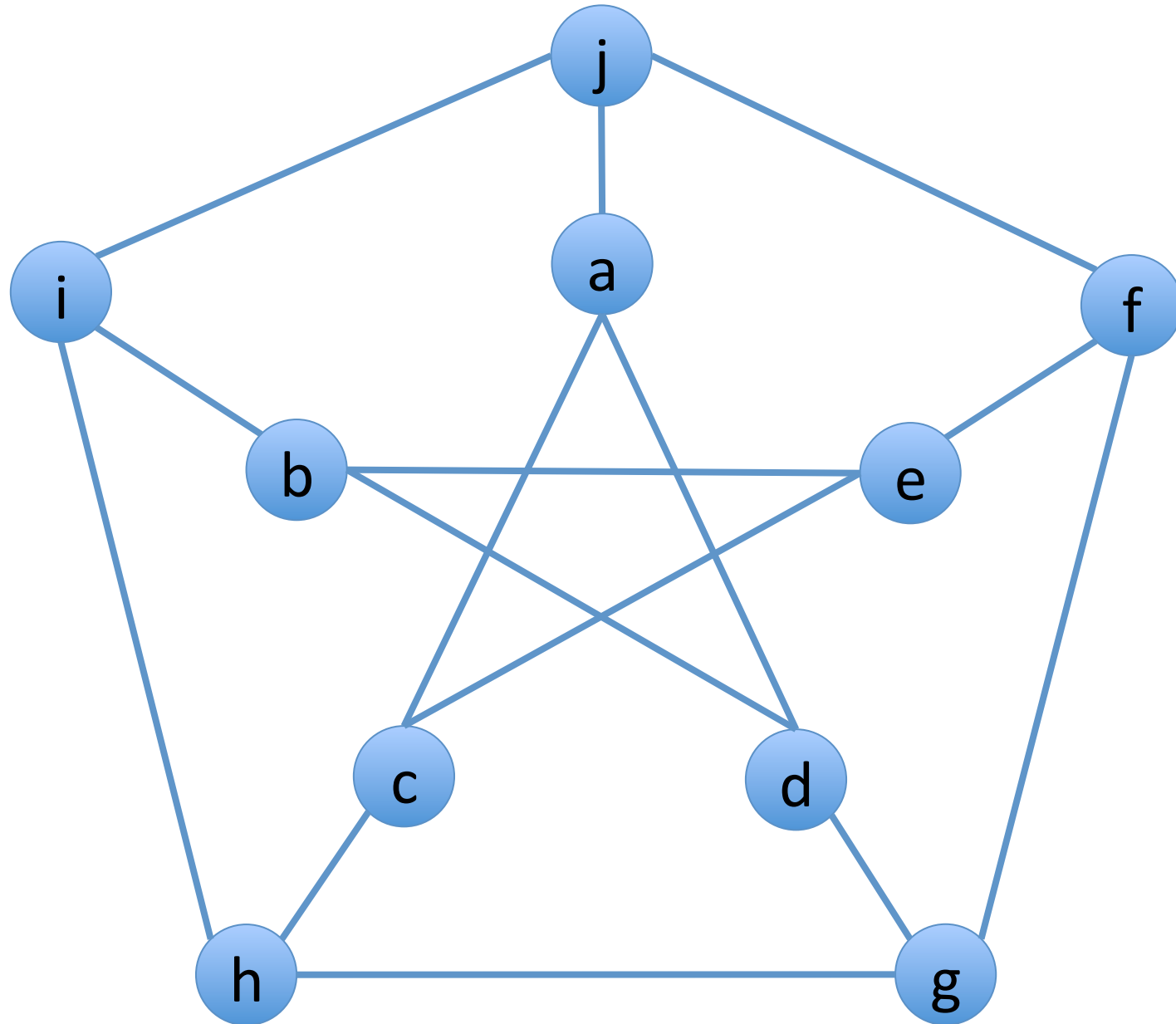
$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof Idea

\exists an IS S with size = k

iff \exists an VC with size = $n-k$

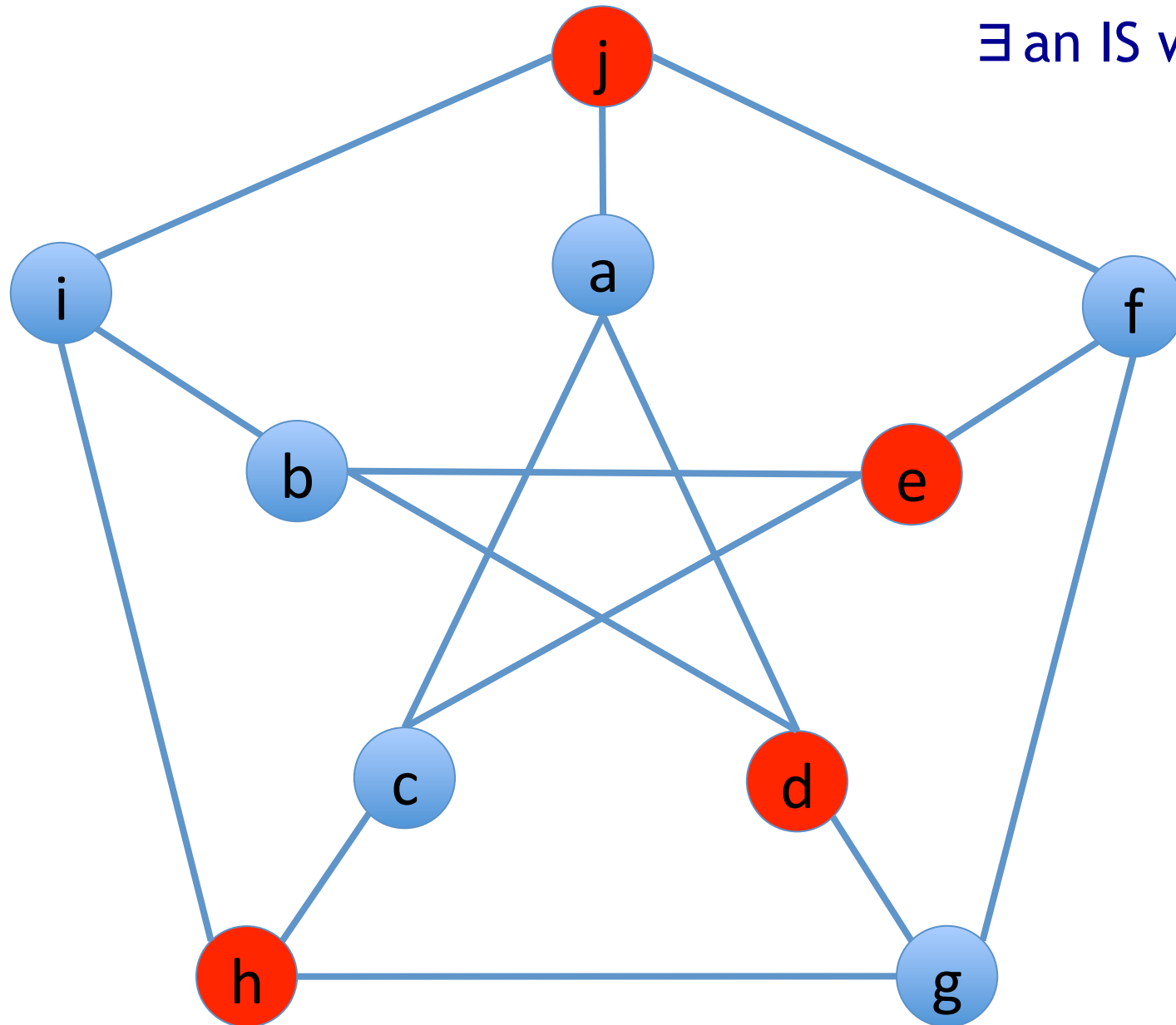
Just take $S^C = V-S$!

$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof by Picture



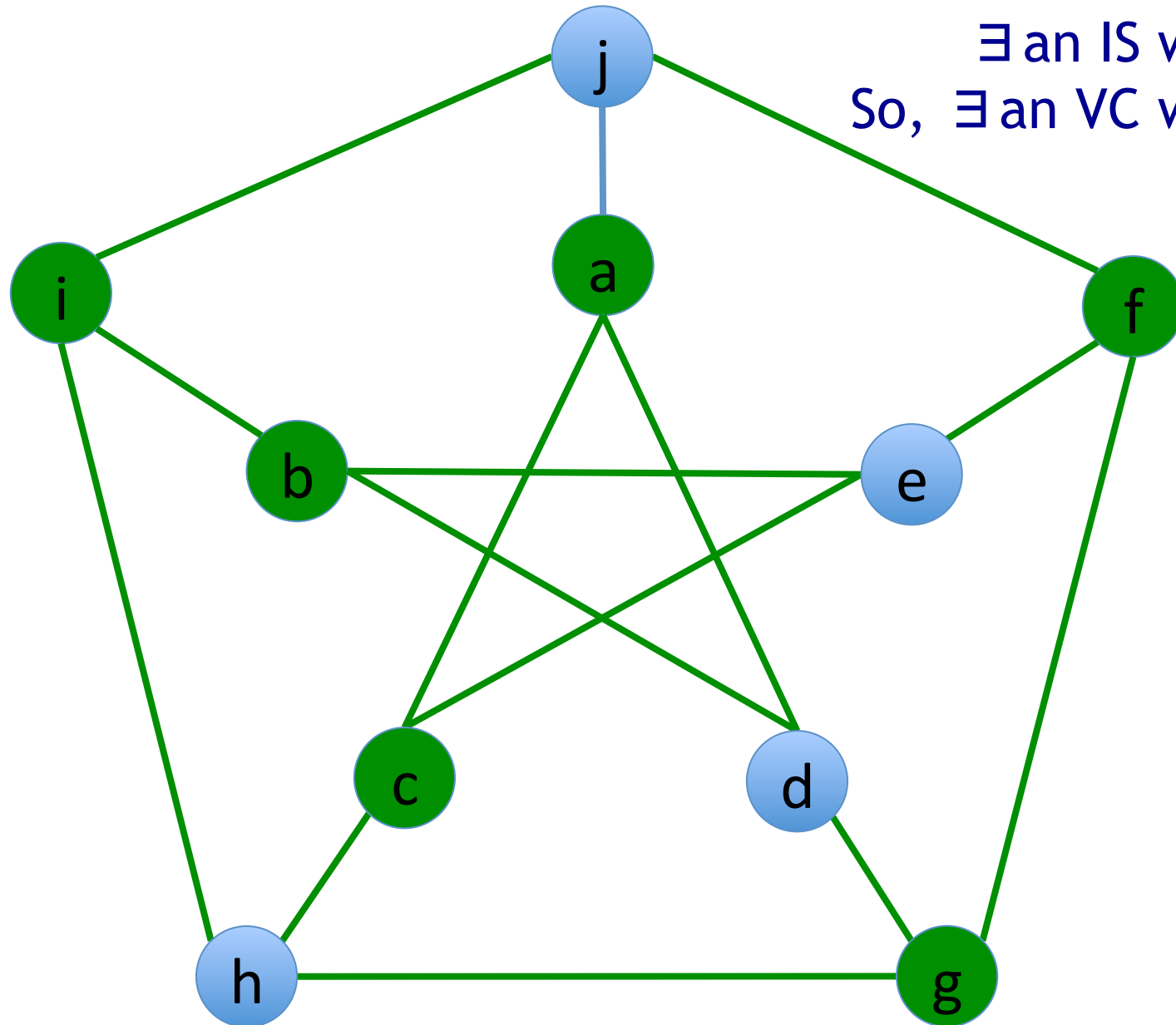
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\exists an IS with size 4



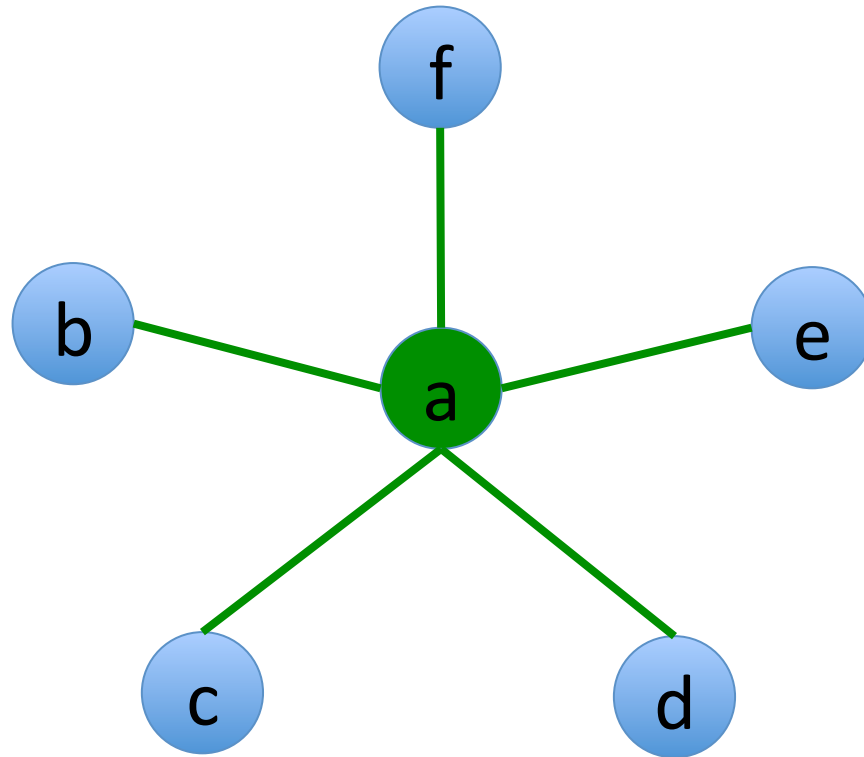
$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof by Picture

\exists an IS with size 4
So, \exists an VC with size 6



$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof by Picture (Reverse)

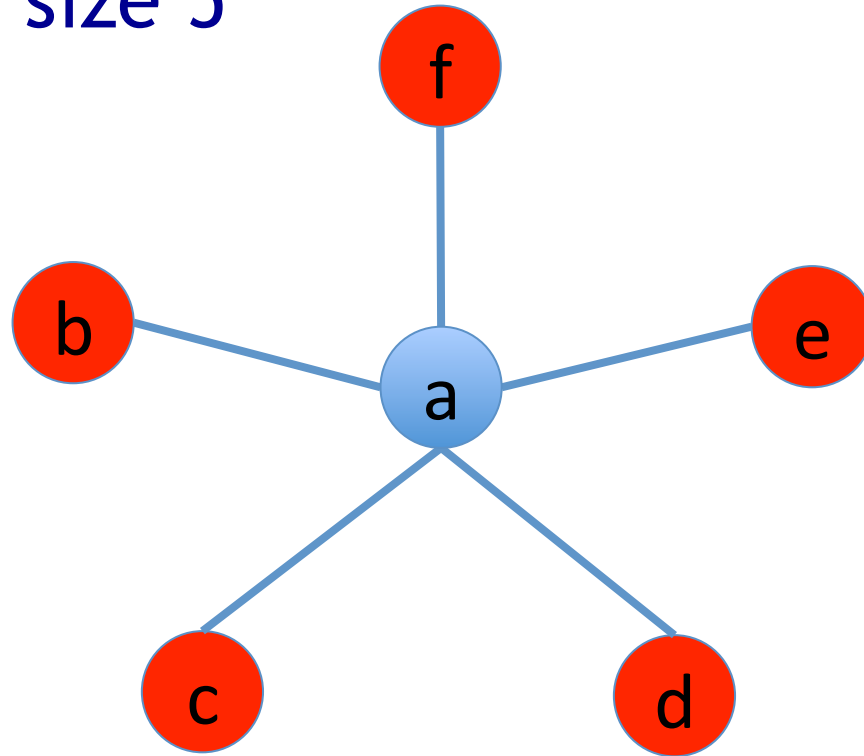
\exists a VS with size 1



$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof by Picture (Reverse)

\exists a VS with size 1

So, \exists IS with size 5



$IS \leq_p VC$ Proof Idea

In general:

\exists an IS S with size $\geq k$

iff \exists an VC with size $\leq n-k$

Just take $S^C = V-S$!

Q: Runtime of our converter from IS to VC?

$O(1)$

Input to IS: $G(V, E)$, k

Input to VC: $G(V, E)$, $n-k$

Converter only replaces k with $n-k$

$IS \leq_p VC$

Let $X = \{G(V, E), k\}$ be an instance of IS.

Then convert it to $X' = \{G(V, E), n-k\}$.

Claim: \exists an IS of size k in $G(V, E)$ iff

\exists a VC of size $n-k$ in $G(V, E)$

Proof: \rightarrow let S be an IS s.t. $|S| = k$

Consider cut $(S, S^c = V-S)$. Since S is an IS

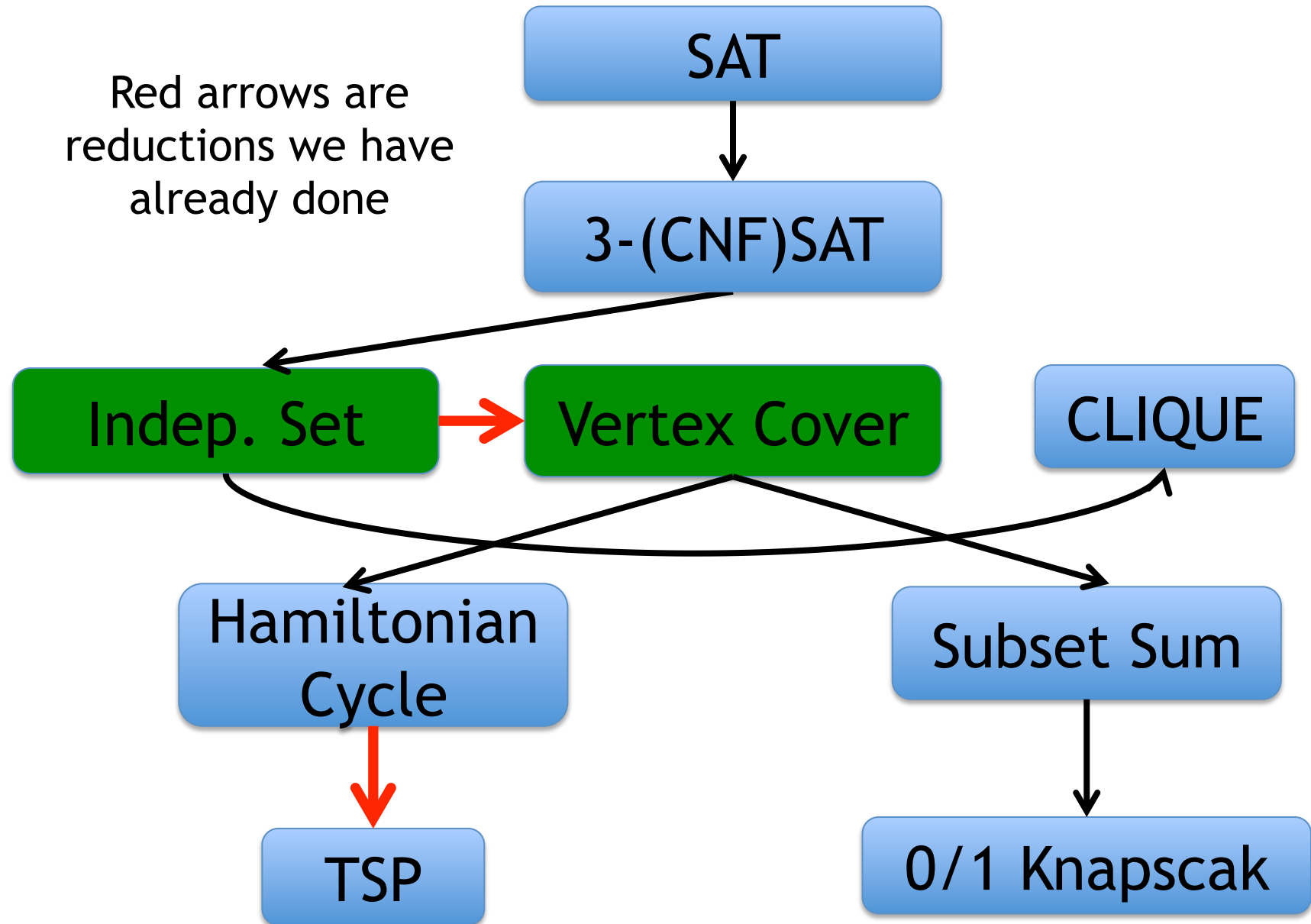
$\forall (u, v) \in E$, at least one of u, v both $\in V-S$ or

Therefore S^c is a VC of size $n-k$

\leftarrow Is similar (exercise)

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CLIQUE

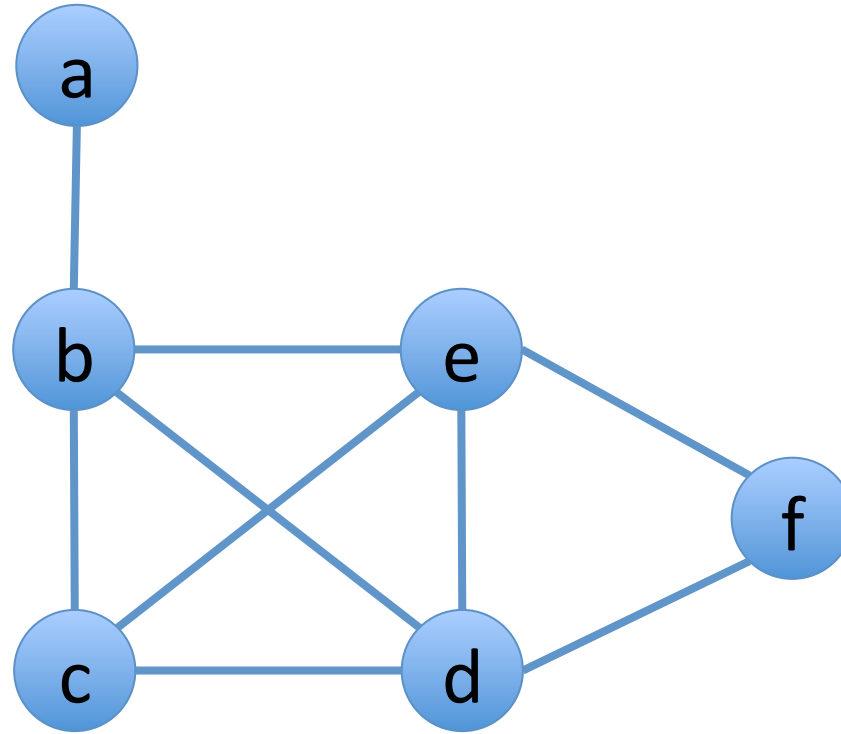
Input: undirected graph $G=(V, E)$ & an integer k

Output: “yes” iff \exists subset $S \subseteq V$ of size $\geq k$ s.t.

$\forall u, v$ s.t u & v both $\in S$: $(u, v) \in E$ i.e.

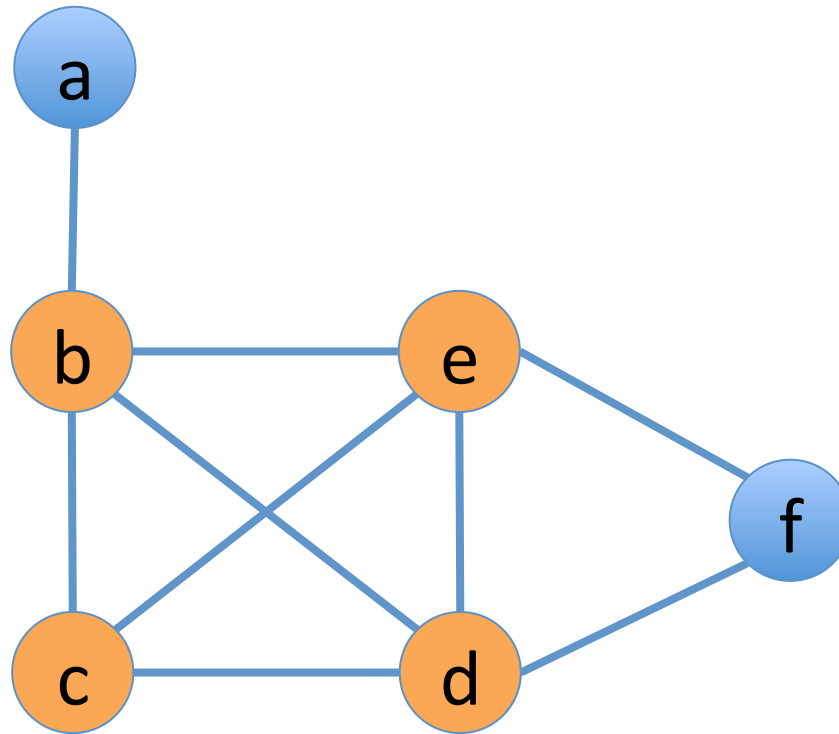
S is a “clique” (all possible edges exist in S)

CLIQUE Example



Q: \exists an CLIQUE of size ≥ 4 ?

CLIQUE Example



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A: Yes

$IS \leq_p$ CLIQUE Proof Idea

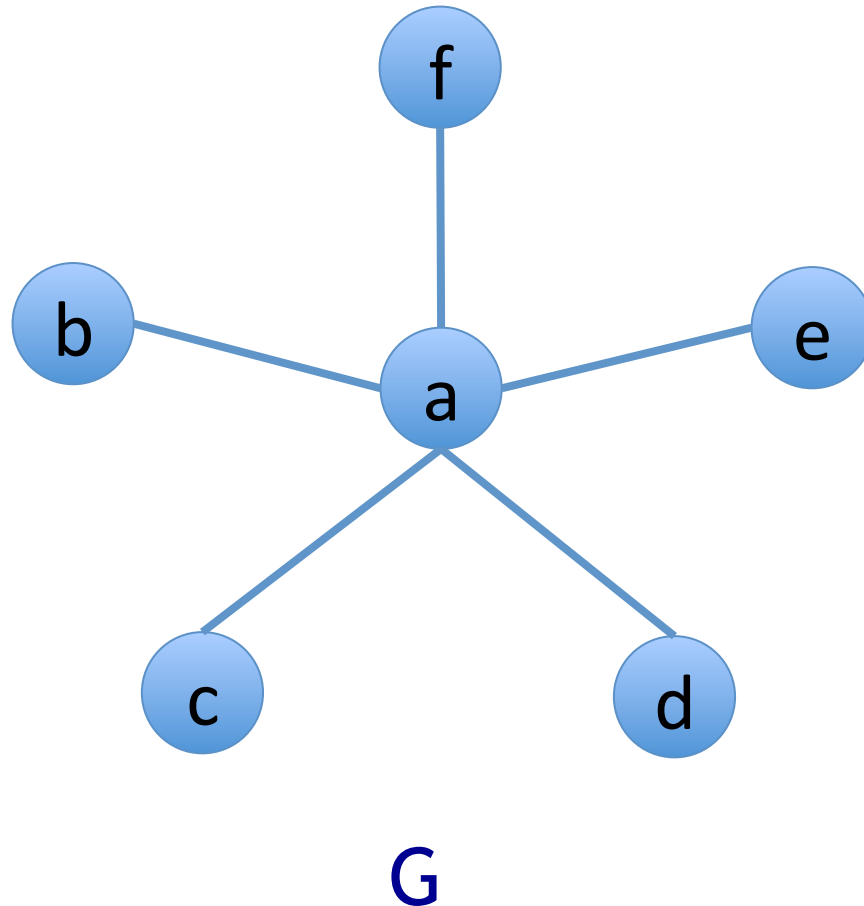
\exists an IS S with size = k in $G=(V, E)$

iff \exists an CLIQUE with size = k in G^C

($G^C=(V, E^C)$, contains missing edges of E)

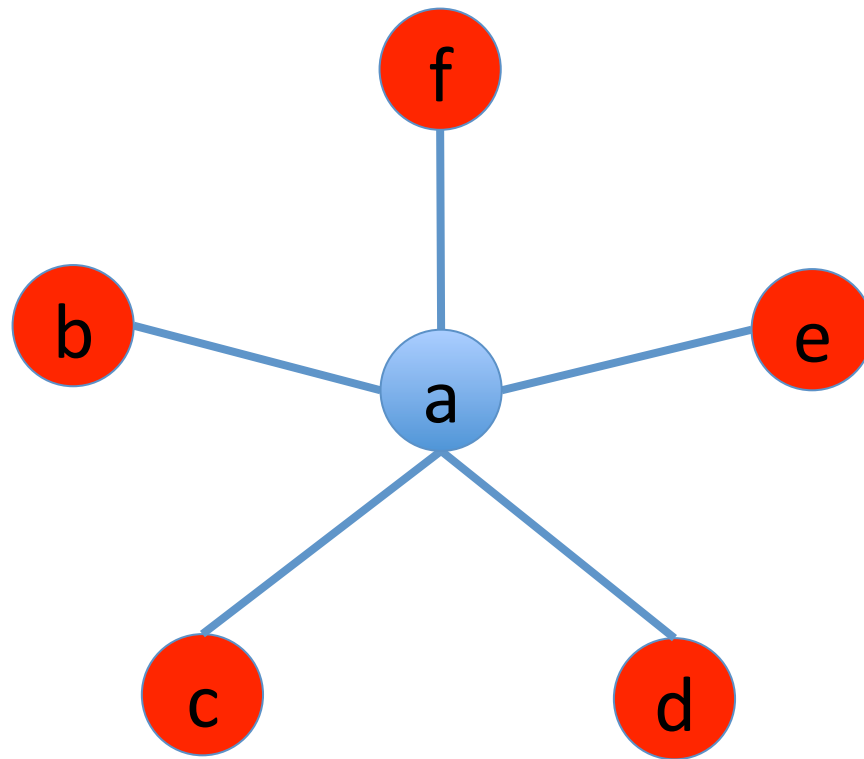
Just take S in G^C !

$IS \leq_p \text{ CLIQUE}$ Proof by Picture



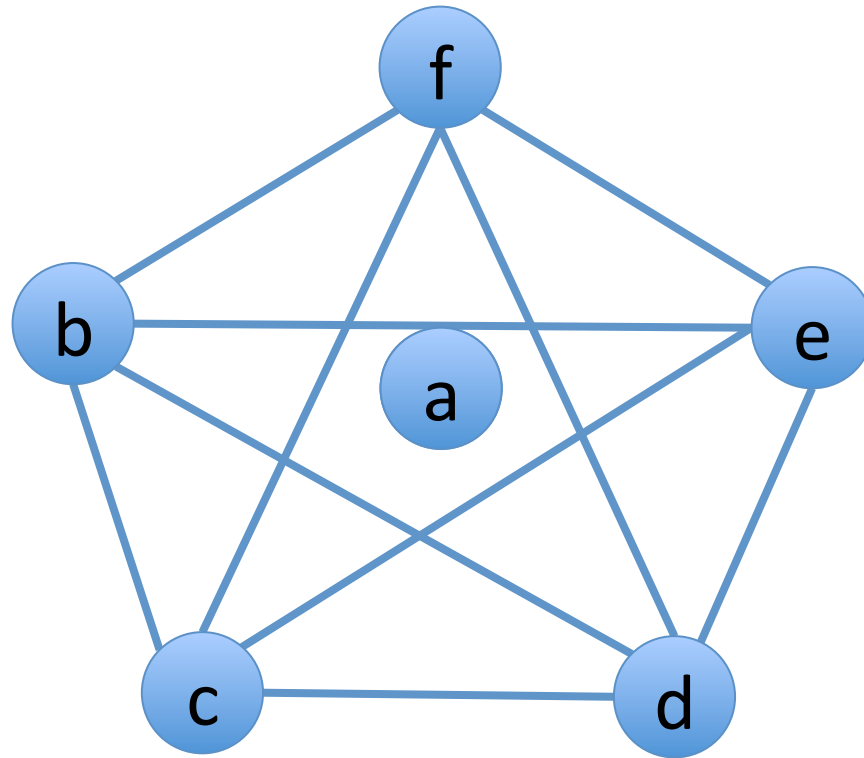
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\exists an IS with size 5 in G



G

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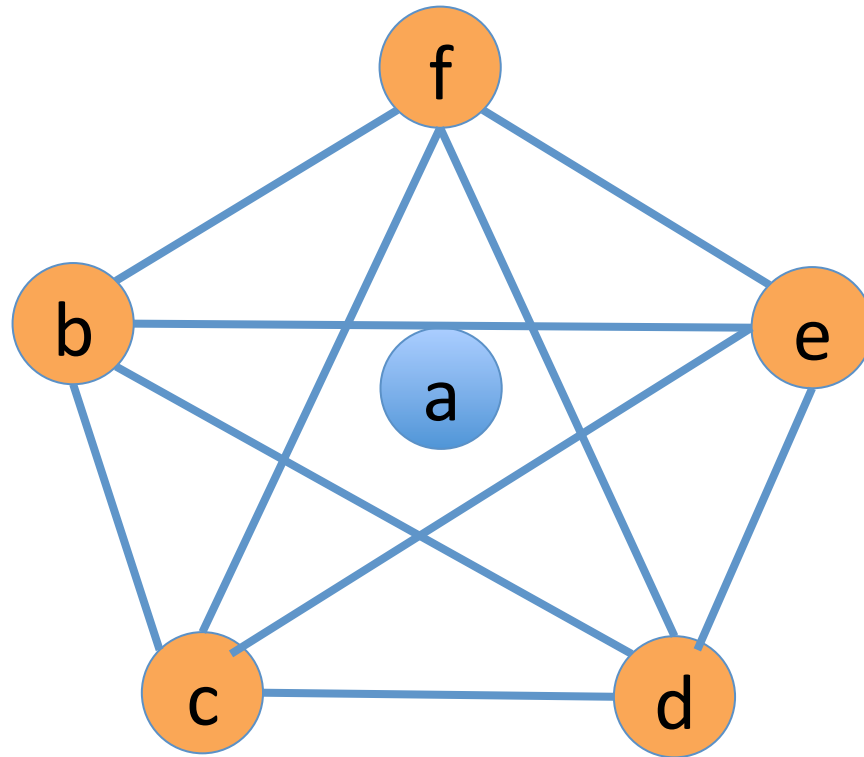


G^c

$IS \leq_p CLIQUE$ Proof by Picture

\exists an IS with size 5 in G

So \exists a CLIQUE of size 5 in G^c



G^c

$IS \leq_p CLIQUE$ Proof Idea

In general

\exists an IS S with size $\geq k$ in $G=(V, E)$

iff \exists an CLIQUE with size $\geq k$ in G^C

Q: Runtime of IS to CLIQUE converter?

$$O(n^2)$$

Input to IS: $G(V, E), k$

Input to CLIQUE: $G^C(V, E^C), k$

Converter constructs E^C by adding missing edges

(there may be at most $O(n^2)$ of it)

$IS \leq_p \text{CLIQUE}$

Let $X = \{G(V, E), k\}$ be an instance of IS.

Then convert it to $X' = \{G^C(V, E^C), k\}$

where E^C is the complement of E

Claim: \exists an IS of size k in $G(V, E)$ iff

\exists a CLIQUE of size k in $G^C(V, E^C)$

Proof: \rightarrow let S be an IS s.t. $|S| = k$

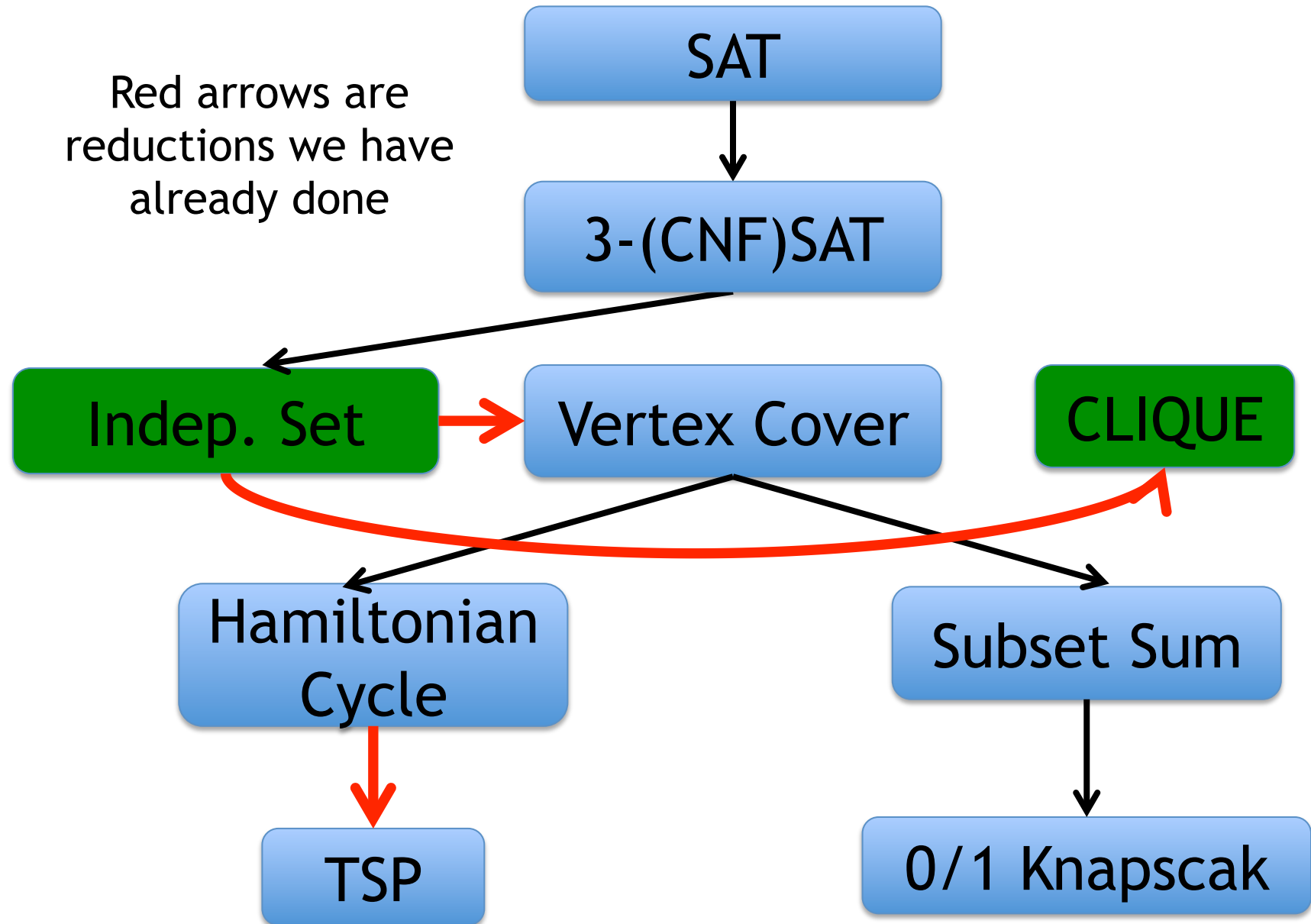
$\Rightarrow \forall u, v \in S, (u, v) \notin E$

$\Rightarrow \forall u, v \in S, (u, v) \in E^C \Rightarrow S$ is a clique in G^C

\leftarrow is similar (exercise) ***Important! The reverse argument has to be done!***

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3-CNFSAT

Input: A boolean formula φ consisting of:

n boolean variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

m clauses connectives: \wedge (AND), \vee (OR), \neg (NOT)

and parantheses s.t.

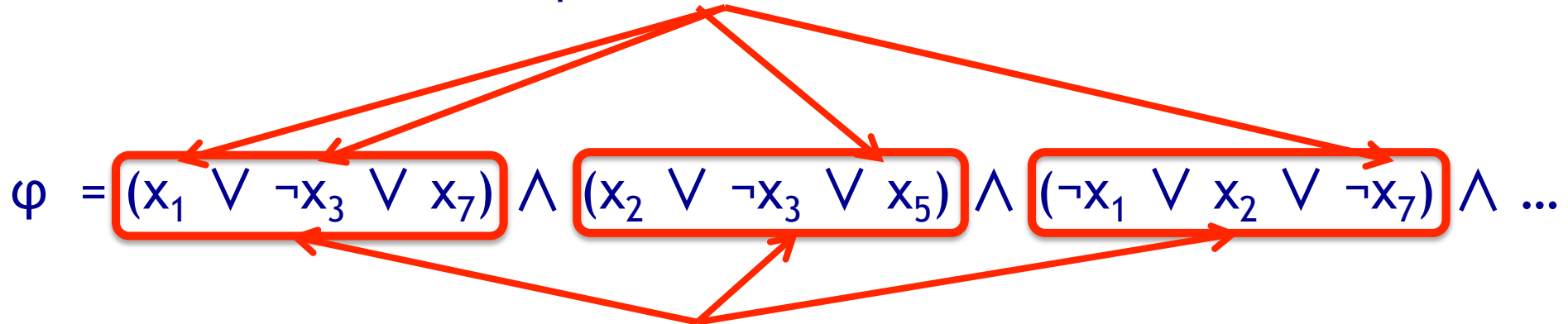
(1) each clause has 3 distinct literals; AND

(2) φ is in Conjunctive Normal Form

Output: Is φ satisfiable?

Conjunctive Normal Form

x_i are literals



Clauses

φ is in CNF: if (1) each clause is an OR of literals or their negations &

(2) φ is an AND of clauses

φ is in 3-CNF: if (1) φ is in CNF &

(2) clauses have 3 distinct literals

3-CNFSAT \leq_p IS

Goal: Convert a 3CNFSAT formula φ into an IS instance (G, k) s.t.

1. Conversion is poly-time; AND
2. IS solution to (G, k) tells us whether φ is satisfiable or not

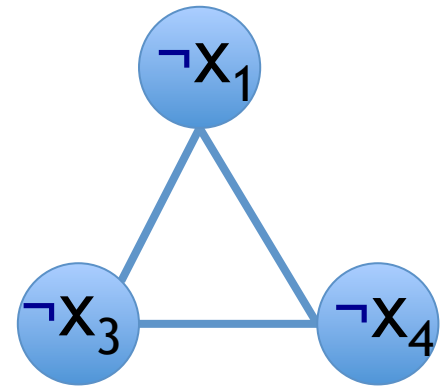
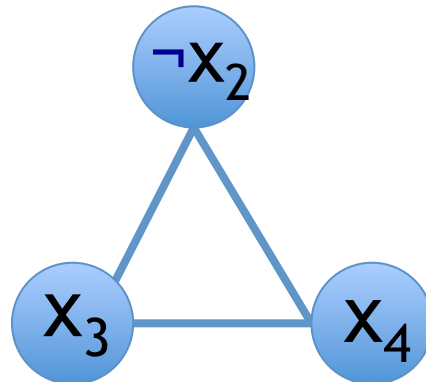
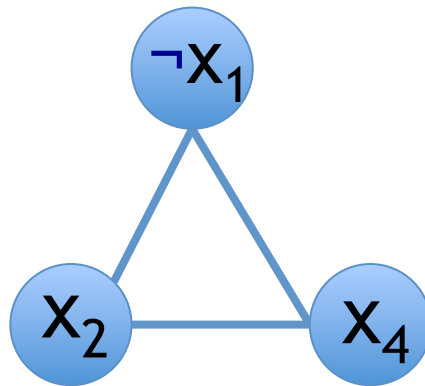
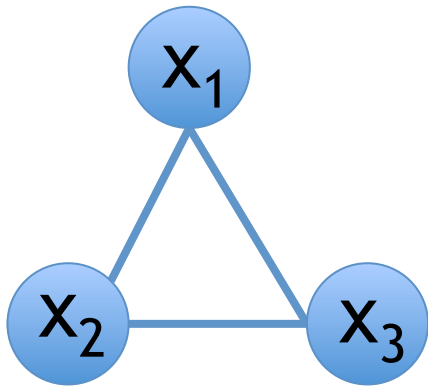
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How to convert φ into a graph?

3-CNFSAT to IS Converter Step 1

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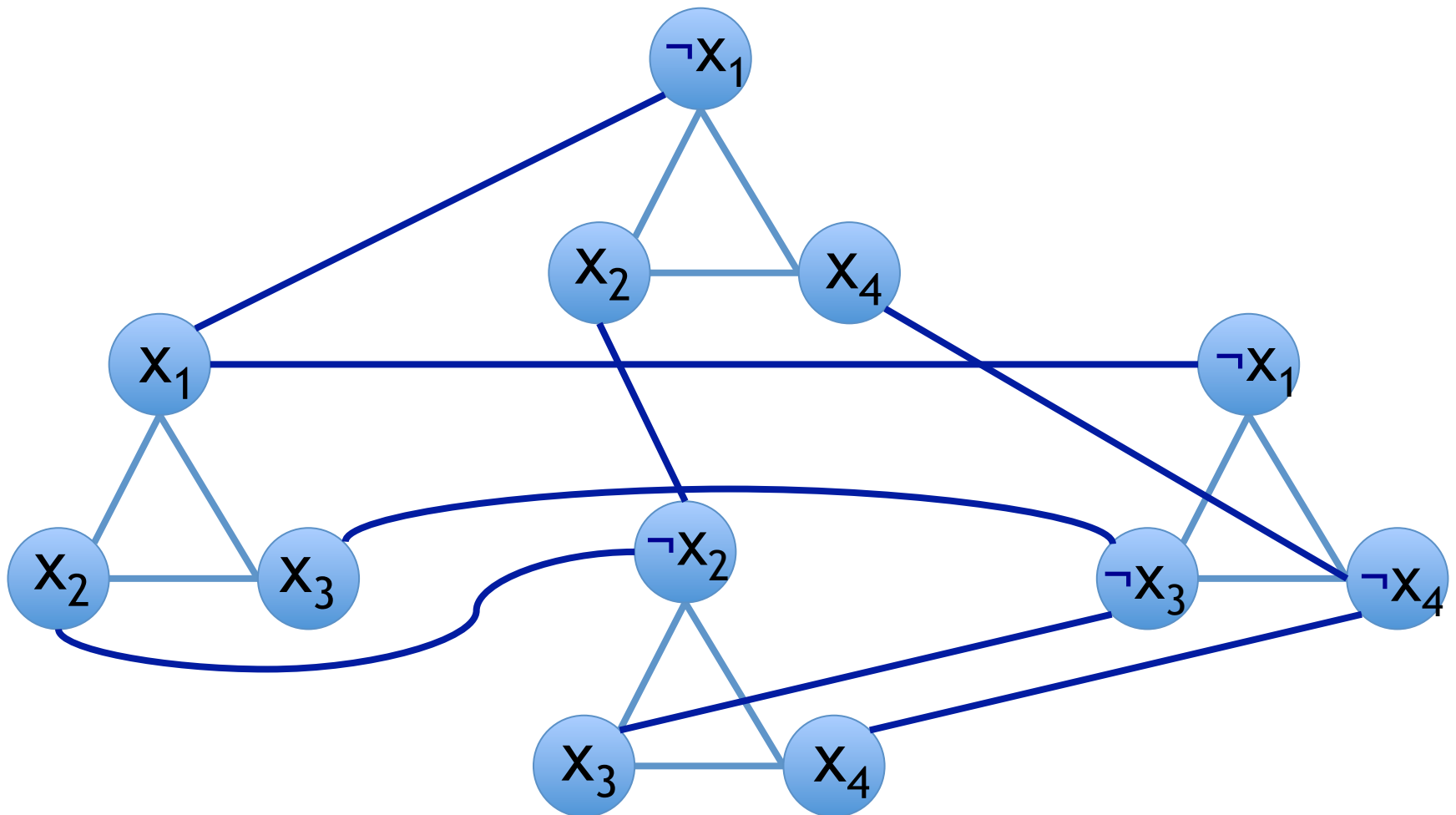
For each clause add 3 vertices with the literals as labels; AND
Add each edge between these labels (called “clause gadget”)



3-CNFSAT to IS Converter Step 2

Ex: $\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge$
 $(\neg x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4)$

For any two vertices with labels x_i and $\neg x_i$: add another edge



Claim about relation of G and φ

Let m be the # clauses in φ

φ is satisfiable

iff \exists an IS with size = m in G

Q: Can there be an IS of size $> m$ in G ?

A: No, b/c there are m clause gadgets in G

Q: Runtime of 3-CNFSAT to IS converter?

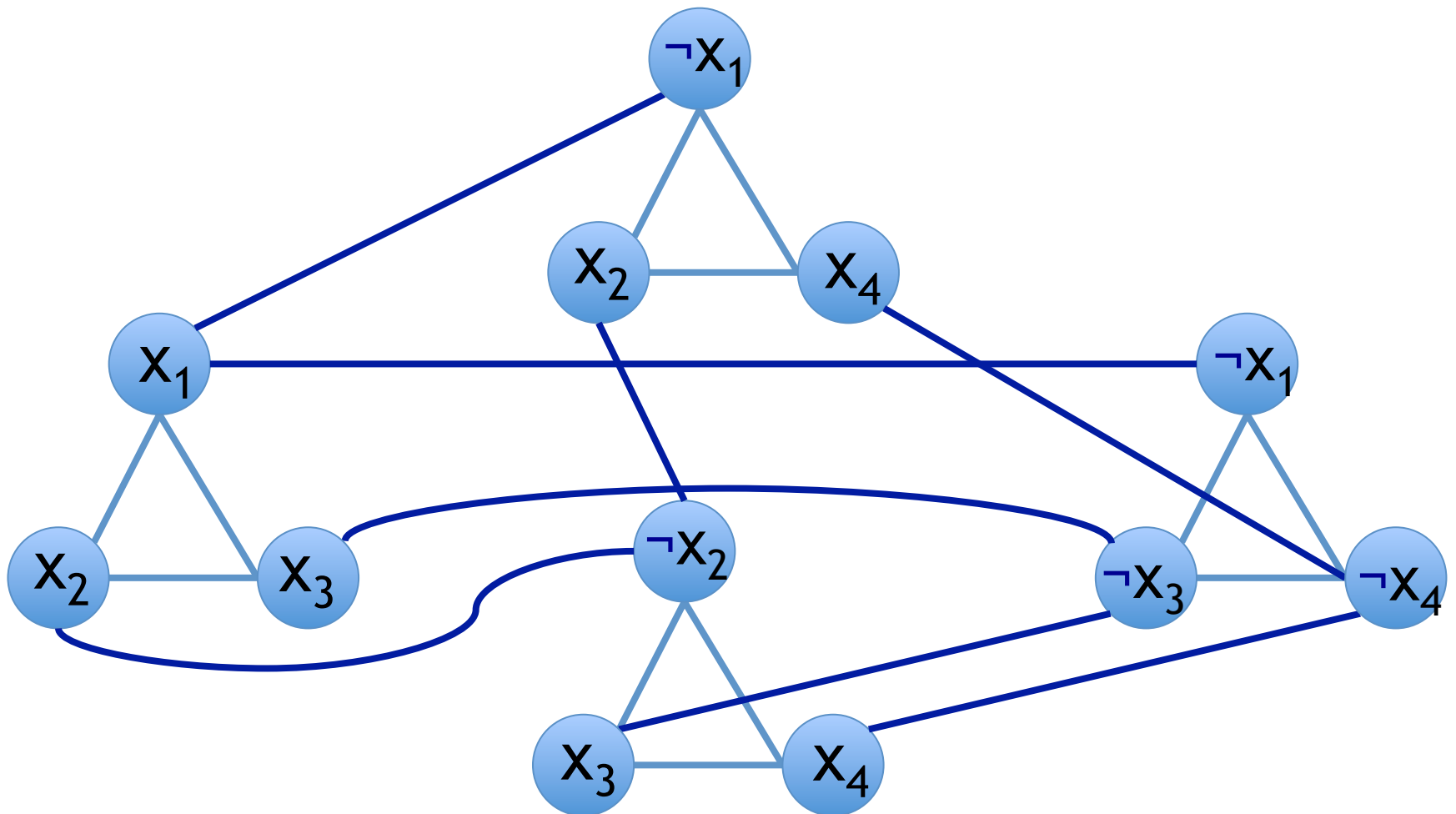
$O(\text{poly}(m))$

Constructing clause gadgets takes $O(m)$ time.

Adding $(x_i, \neg x_i)$ is also poly-time $O(mn)$.

Left Direction: Ex: $A=x_1=f; x_2=t; x_3=t; x_4=f$

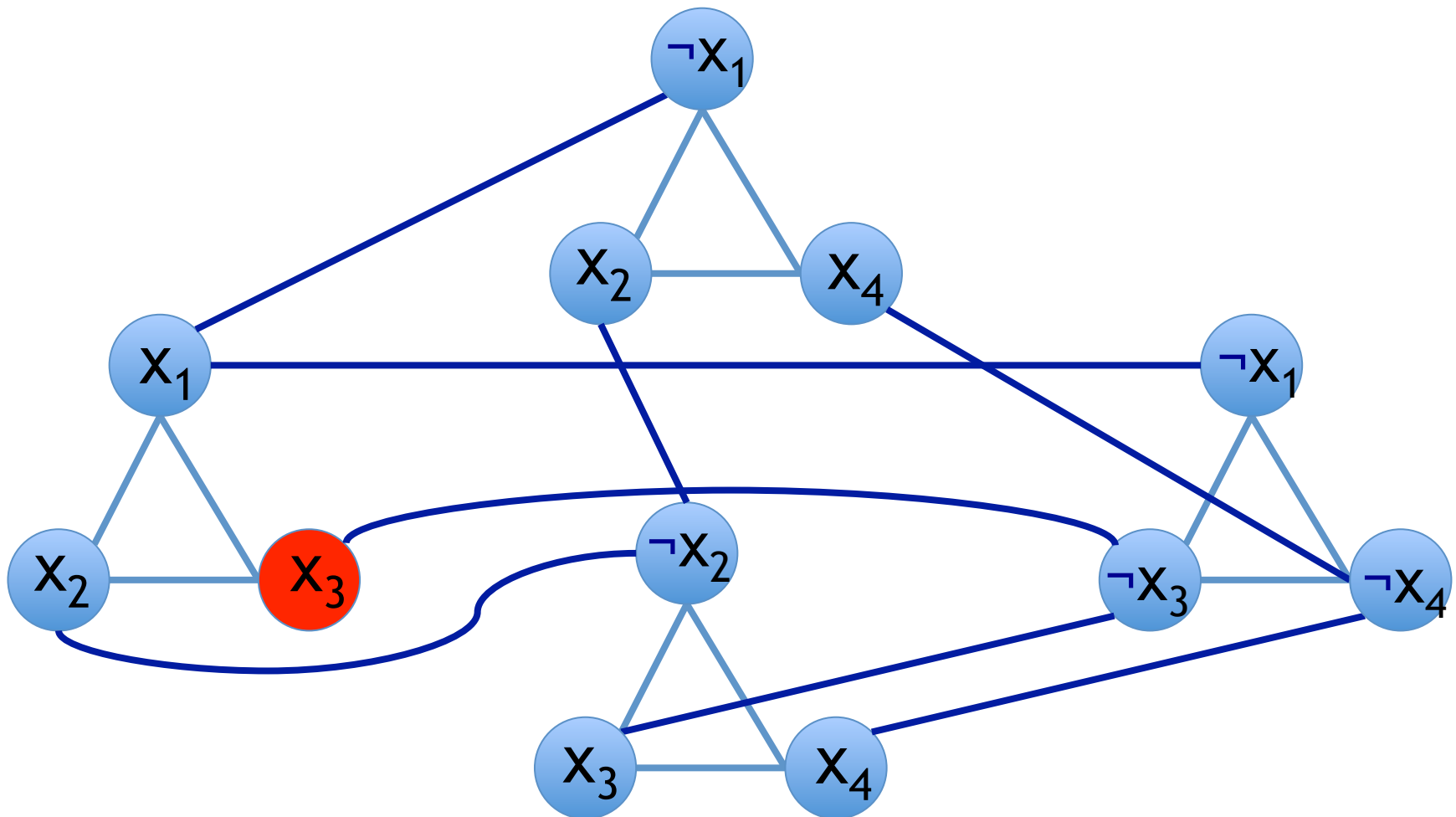
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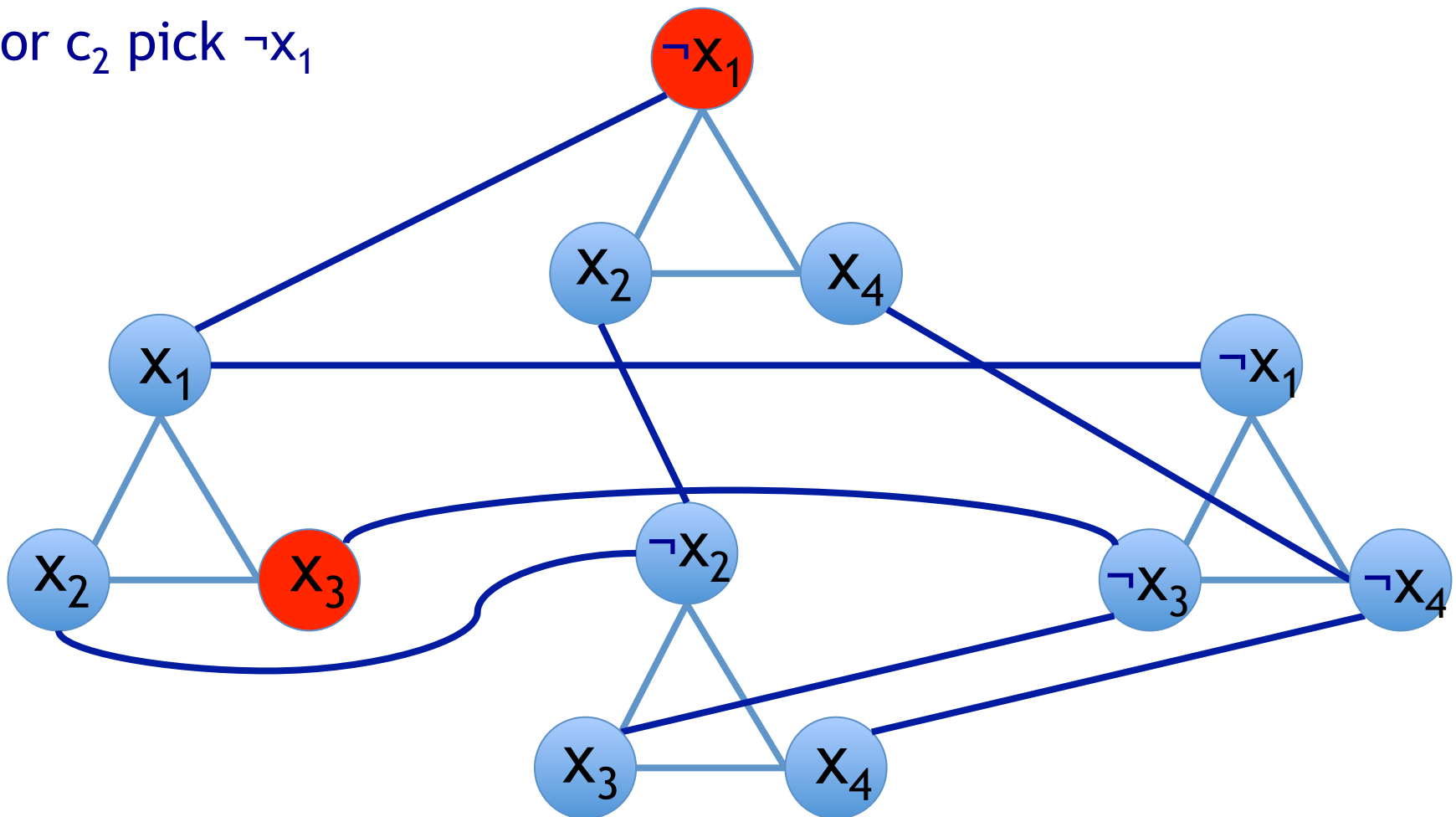


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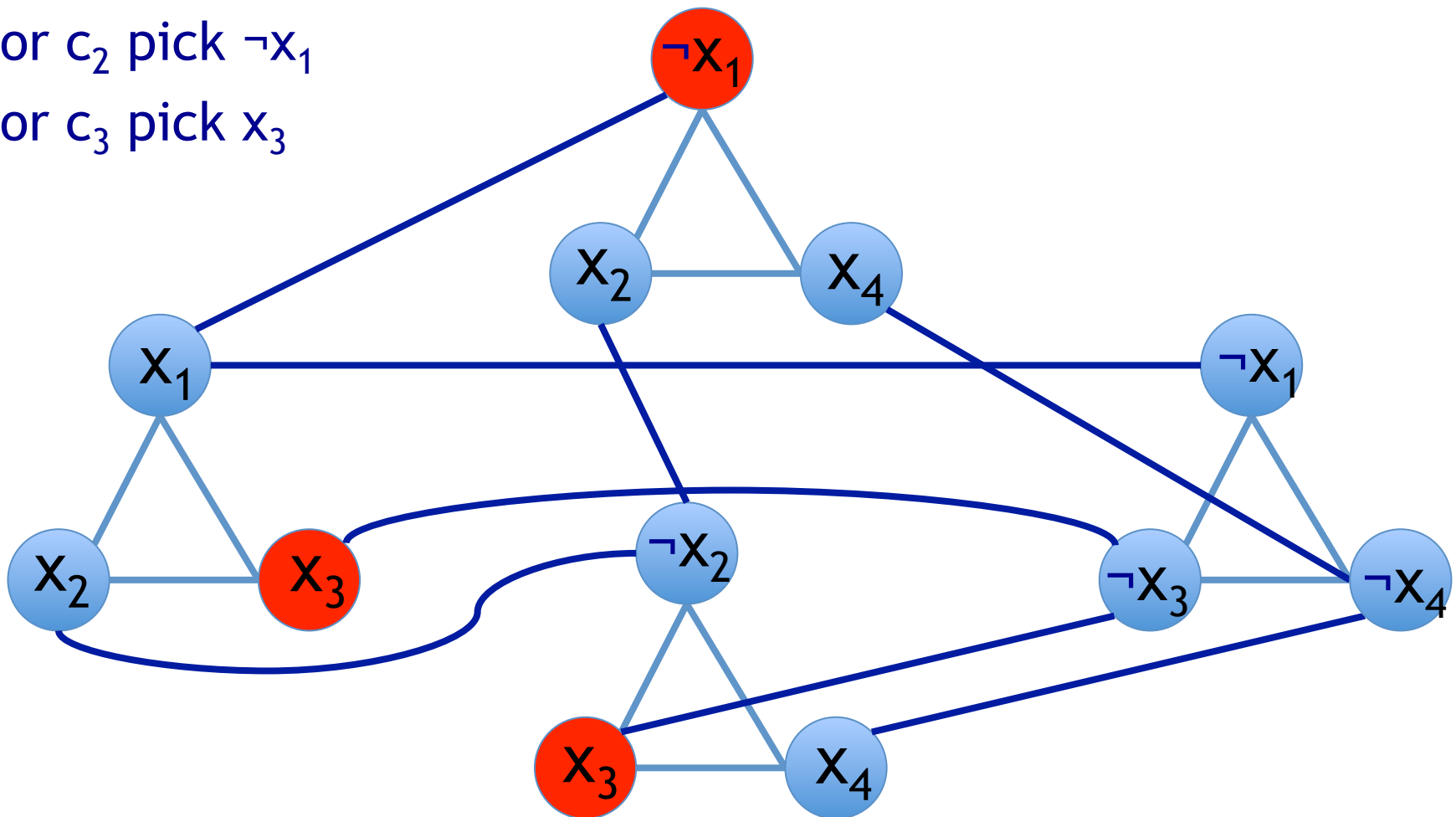
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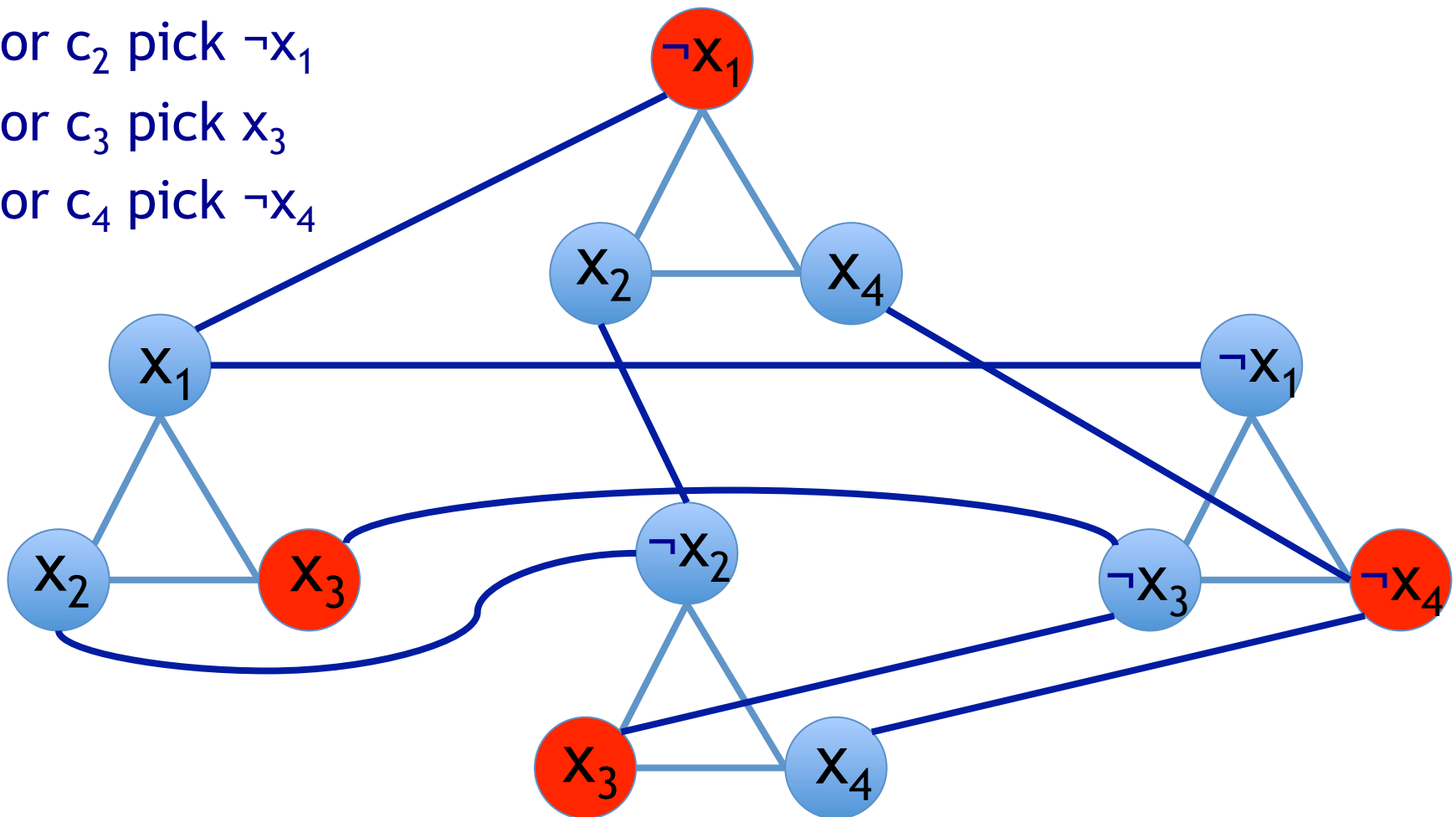
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Left Direction: if φ is sat $\rightarrow \exists$ m-size IS

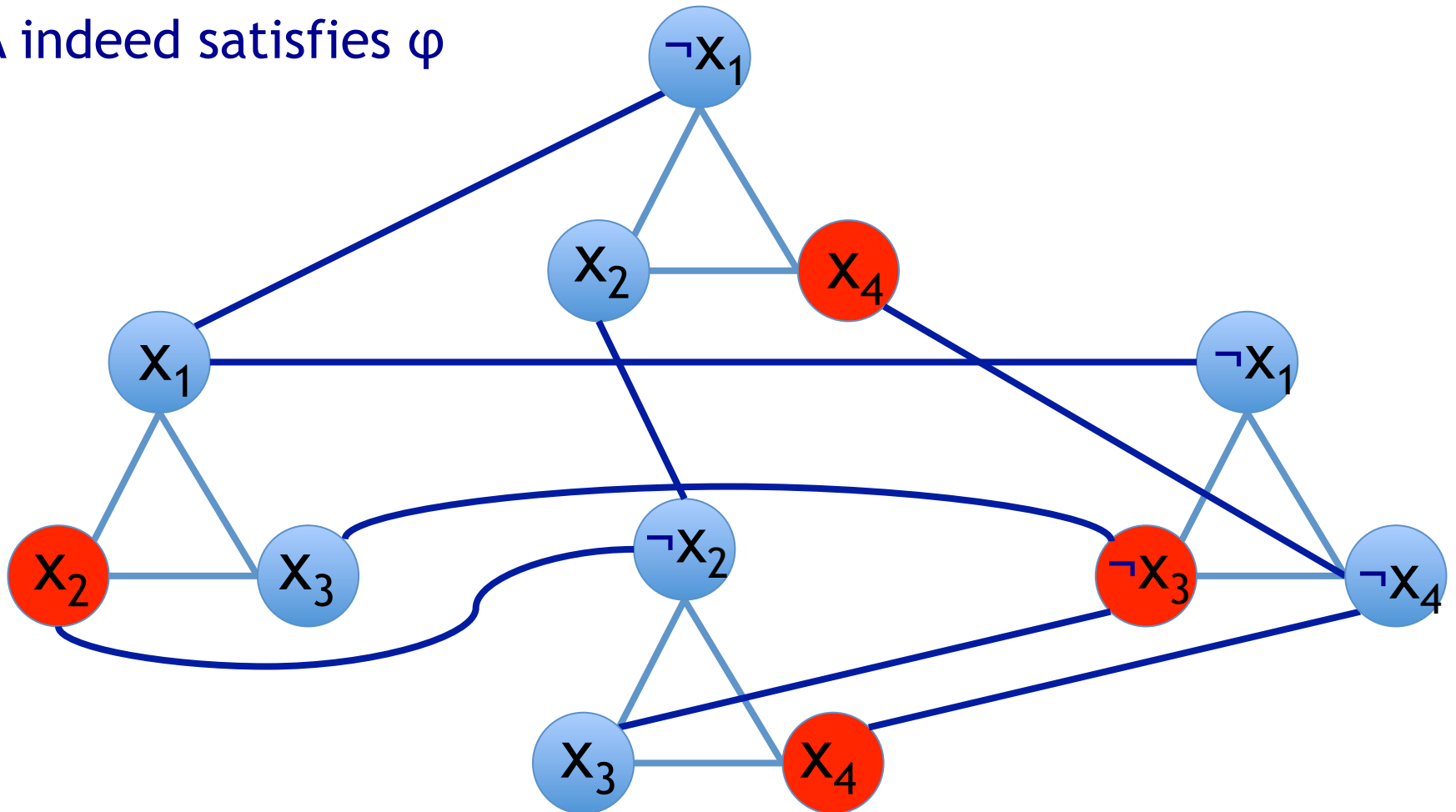
If φ is satisfiable, i.e., \exists assignment A satisfying φ
for each clause: \exists at least one True literal (x_i or $\neg x_j$)
Pick one of those literals arbitrarily in each clause.
Claim: vertices in G of these literals are independent
B/c we picked 1 from each gadget and we cannot
have picked an x_i and $\neg x_i$ at the same time

Right Dir: $IS = \{x_2 \in c_1, x_4 \in c_2, x_4 \in c_3, \neg x_3 \in c_4\}$

Ex: $\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge$
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$A = x_1=t/f; x_2=t; x_3=f; x_4=t;$

A indeed satisfies φ



Right Direction: if \exists m-size IS $\rightarrow \varphi$ is sat

If \exists m-size IS S in G

\Rightarrow Each x_i (or $\neg x_i$) $\in S$ is in separate clause gadget
(b/c within each gadget all vertices are connected)

\Rightarrow Let A be s.t. we set each x_i (or $\neg x_i$) $\in S$ to True

Note we cannot set x_i and $\neg x_i$ to True simultaneously

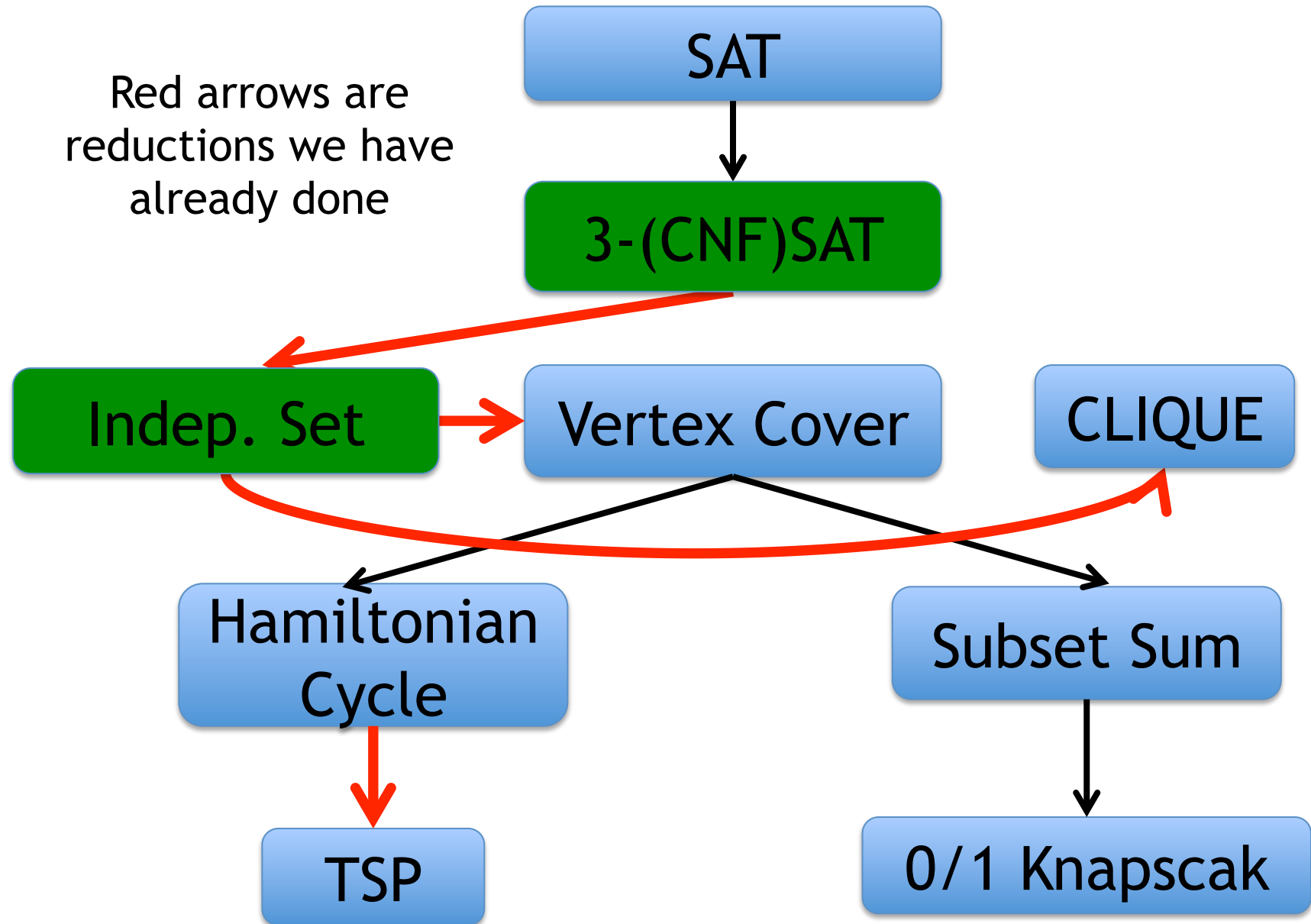
b/c in G , there is an edge between each $(x_i, \neg x_i)$.

\Rightarrow Assign non-assigned literals x_i (or $\neg x_i$) arbitrarily

\Rightarrow Claim: A satisfies φ b/c by construction there is
at least one literal in each clause that's T

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Subset Sum

Input: A set of $X: \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ of integers and a target t

Output: YES if $\exists S \subseteq X$ s.t sum of S 's elements equals exactly t

Example:

$X = \{1, 4, 16, 64, 256, 1040, 1041, 1093, 1284, 1344\}$

$t = 3754$

YES: $S = \{1, 16, 64, 1040, 1093, 1284\}$

Subset Sum \leq_p 0-1 Knapsack

Goal: Take Subset Sum instance $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, t

Turn into a 0-1 Knapsack Instance:

$$A=\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, B=\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}, W$$

Note: 0-1 Knapsack-DECISION: n items, W , V

\exists a set of items with weight $\leq W$

and value $\geq V$

Idea: $A=\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, $B=\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, $W=t$, $V=t$

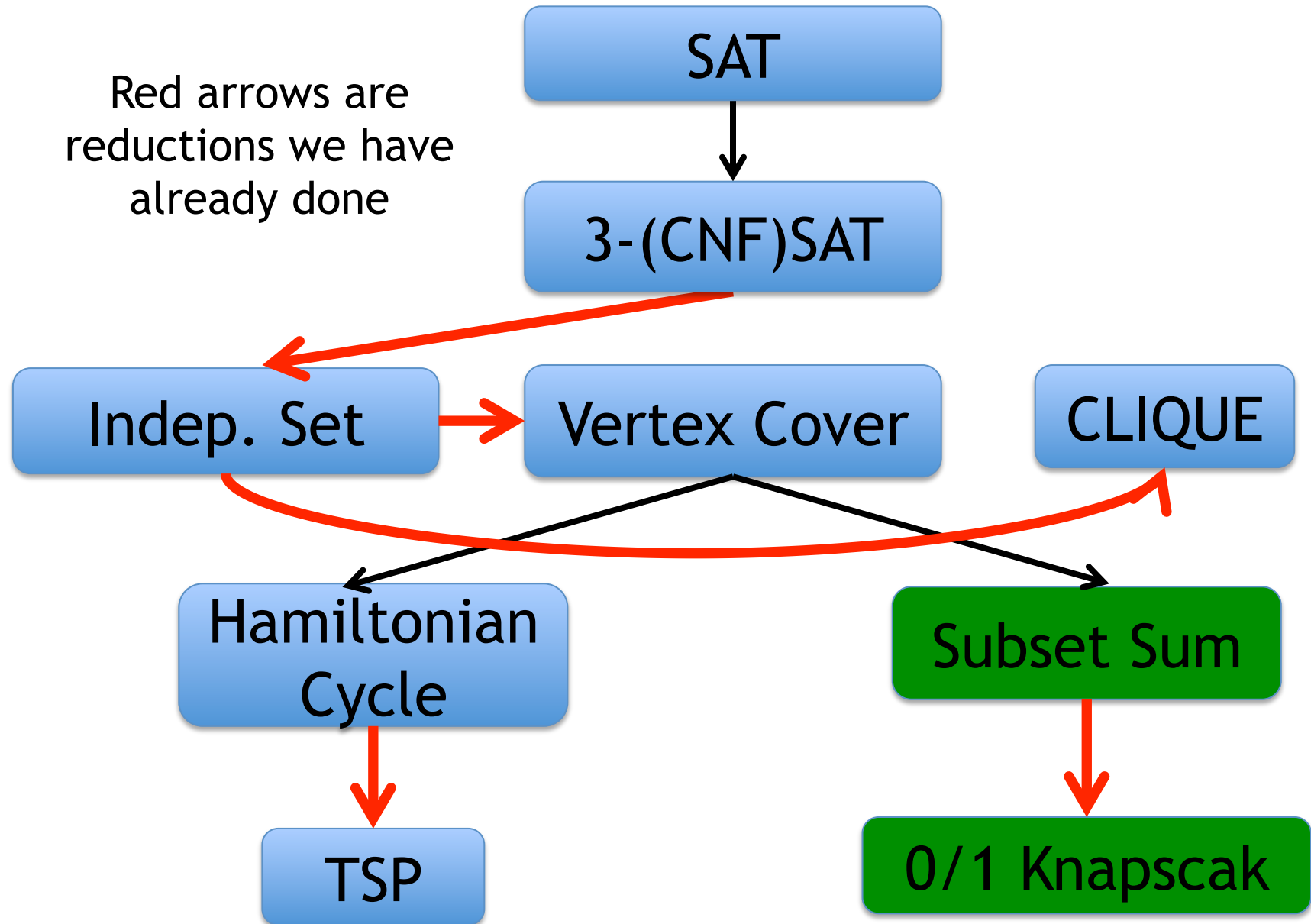
Make each item s.t 1 weight always equal 1 value.

Ask if we can pack into a knapsack of size t , value at least t

Note value can't be $> t$ because each weight has 1 value

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Recall Vertex Cover (VC)

Input: undirected graph $G=(V, E)$ & an integer k

Output: “yes” iff \exists subset $S \subseteq V$ of size $\leq k$ s.t.

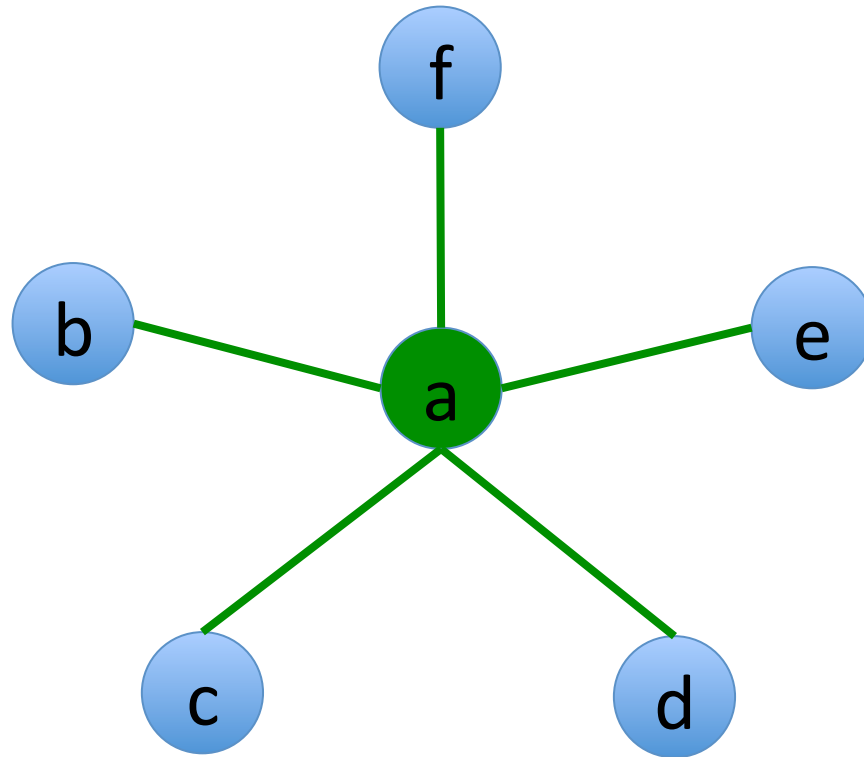
$\forall (u, v) \in E$, either $u \in S$ or $v \in S$

(each edge is “covered” by at least one vertex $\in S$)

VC Example

Q: \exists a VS with size ≤ 1 ?

A: Yes



Vertex Cover \leq_p Subset Sum

Goal: Take VC instance G, k

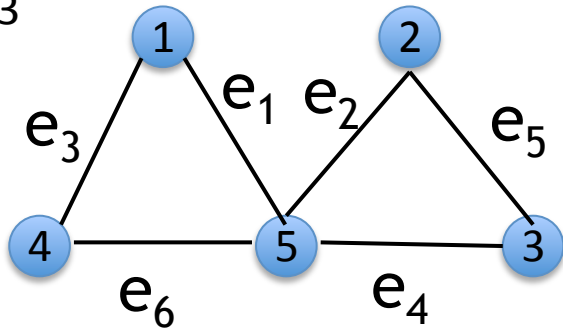
Turn into a Subset Sum Instance:

$$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, t \text{ s.t.}$$

\exists a VC of size $\leq k \Leftrightarrow \exists S \subseteq X$ s.t. sum of S equal exactly t

Vertex Cover \leq_p Subset Sum

$k = 3$



Interpretations:

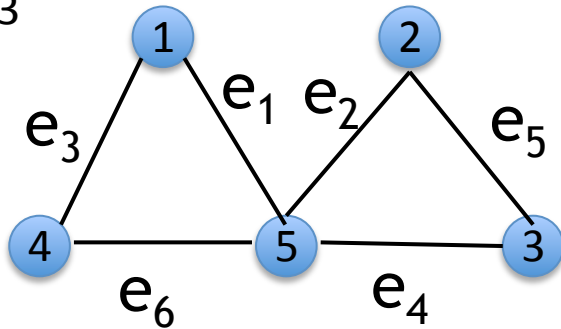
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y_i will be “place holders”

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v_4	1	0	0	1	0	0	4161
v_5	1	1	1	0	1	0	5393
y_1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1024
y_2	0	0	1	0	0	0	256
y_3	0	0	0	1	0	0	64
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t	3	2	2	2	2	2	15018

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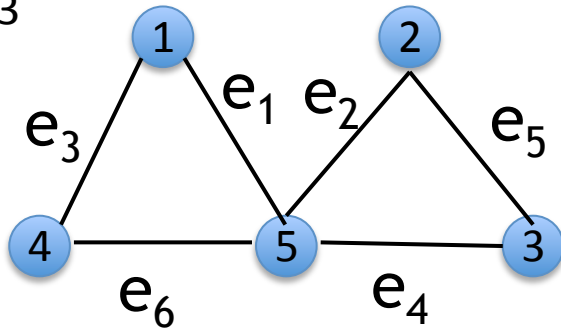
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each v_i row: adjacent
edges of v_i

*Interpret numbers
as base $k+1$ (in
example = 4)*

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Claim

\exists VC C of size $\leq k \leftrightarrow \exists S \subseteq X$ with sum 15018

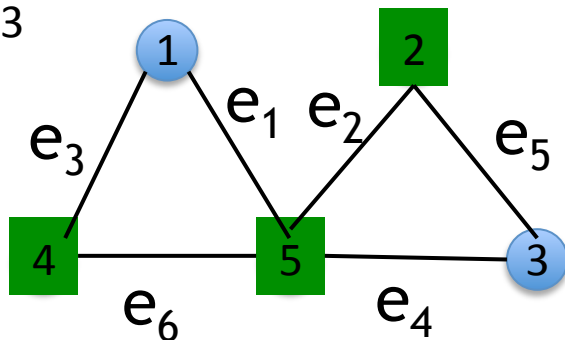
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1) Complete C to size exactly k by adding any $k - |C|$ vertices.

2) Fix missing digits by adding Y rows

$\{4356, 4161, 5393, 1024, 64, 16, 4\}$ add up to 15018

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Suppose S sums to t .

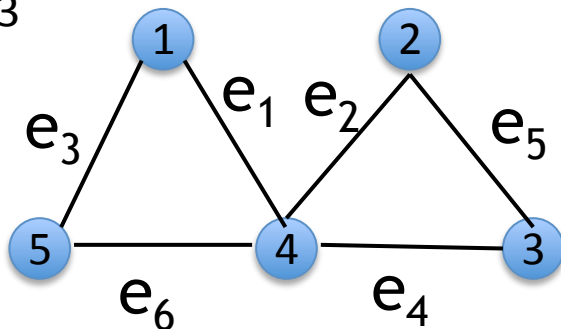
Let $C = S \cap V$ (red rows)

1) each e_i has 3 1's, so no carry overs

2) $|C| = k$ (b/c the first digit is k)

3) C is a VC b/c at least one $v_j \in C$ must contribute a 1 to each "column" e_i , i.e., covers e_i .

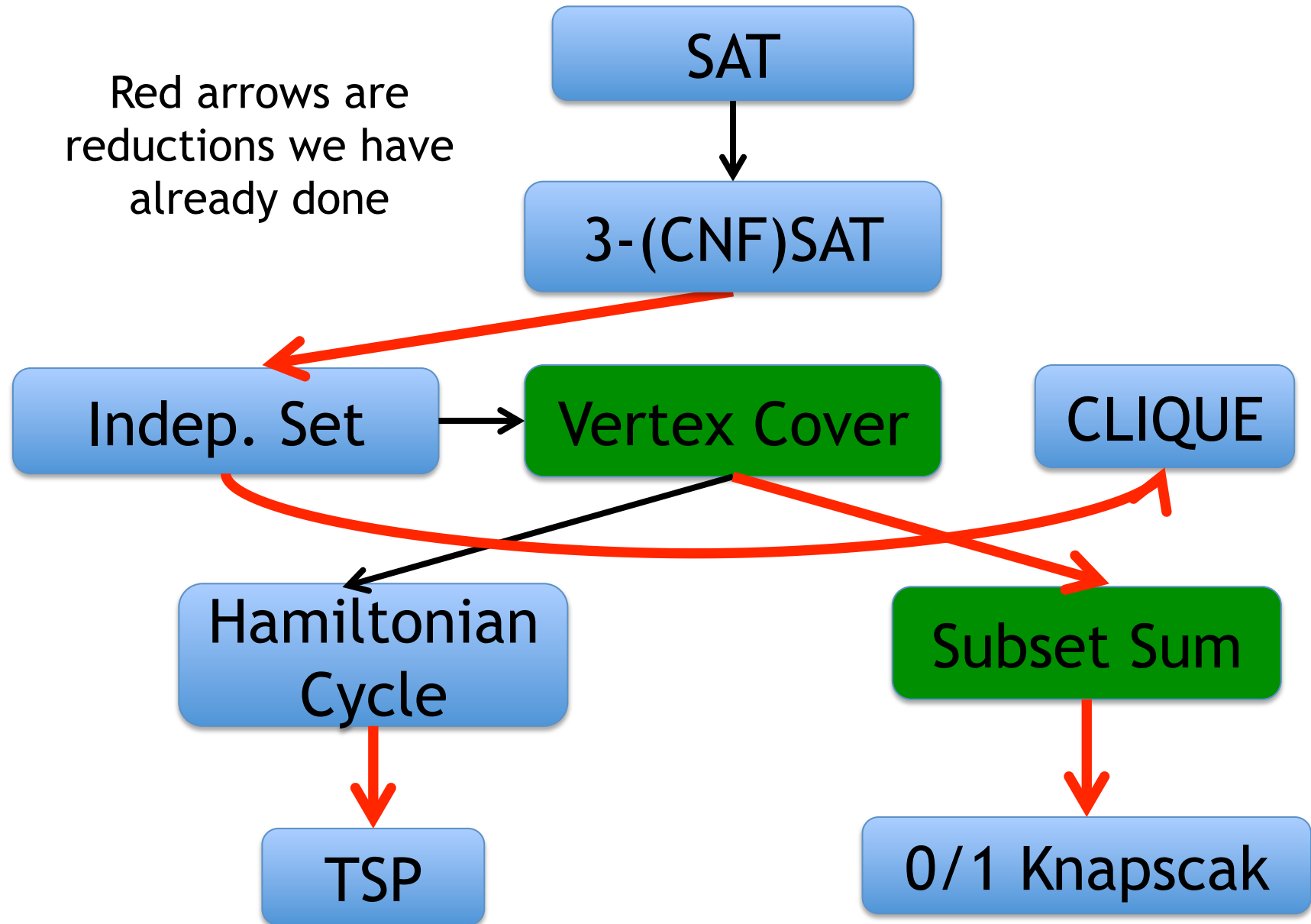
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Your Problem is NP-complete. Now What?

- ◆ Option 1: Focus to special-case inputs.
 - Ex: Independent Set is NP-complete.
 - Focusing on line graphs, had a $O(n)$ DP alg.
- ◆ Option 2: Find an approximate answer.
 - Will show a very simple algorithm for 0-1 Knapsack.
- ◆ Option 3: Be exponential time but better than brute-force search.
 - 0-1 Knapsack $O(nW)$ runtime DP algorithm.
- ◆ Option 4: Heuristics: fast algorithms that are not always correct (or even approximate)
- ◆ Option 5: Mix some of these options

Dealing With NP-complete Problems

For NP-complete Problems

*the algorithmic tools in our toolbox can
be used as is.*

But we have to give up something:

*(1) generality, (2) exactness, or
(3) efficiency.*