

Homework 30

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1 Instructions

- The solutions **should be typed**, using proper mathematical notation. We cannot accept hand-written solutions. Here's a short intro to \LaTeX .
- You should submit your work through the **class Gradescope page** only (linked from Canvas). Please submit one PDF file, compiled using this \LaTeX template.
- You may not need a full page for your solutions; pagebreaks are there to help Gradescope automatically find where each problem is. Even if you do not attempt every problem, please submit this document with no fewer pages than the blank template (or Gradescope has issues with it).
- You are welcome and encouraged to collaborate with your classmates, as well as consult outside resources. You must **cite your sources in this document**. **Copying from any source is an Honor Code violation. Furthermore, all submissions must be in your own words and reflect your understanding of the material.** If there is any confusion about this policy, it is your responsibility to clarify before the due date.
- Posting to **any** service including, but not limited to Chegg, Reddit, StackExchange, etc., for help on an assignment is a violation of the Honor Code.
- You **must** virtually sign the Honor Code (see Section 2). Failure to do so will result in your assignment not being graded.

2 Honor Code (Make Sure to Virtually Sign)

- My submission is in my own words and reflects my understanding of the material.
- Any collaborations and external sources have been clearly cited in this document.
- I have not posted to external services including, but not limited to Chegg, Reddit, StackExchange, etc.
- I have neither copied nor provided others solutions they can copy.

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3 Standard 30: Computational Complexity: Problems in NP

3.1 Problem 1 (4 Points)

Problem 1. Consider the Vertex Cover problem. A *vertex cover* in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a subset of vertices, $C \subseteq V$, such that every edge touches at least one vertex in C .

Input: An undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ and a positive integer k

Decide: Does G have a vertex cover of $\leq k$ vertices?

Show that this problem belongs to NP

Answer. We start by checking if all vertices in C are in V . We iterate through C once and iterate through V until we reach our target. The runtime for this will be $\Theta(n \log n)$. Now we check if each vertex is connected to an vertex in C . We now compare the edges in E to C . This gives us a runtime of $\Theta(n^2)$. We get a runtime of $\Theta(n \log n + n^2)$ which simplifies to $\Theta(n^2)$ which shows us that this problem belongs to NP. \square