CS 254: Computability and Complexity

Problem Set #08

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3. Let CONNECTED = $\{G | G \text{ is a connected undirected graph}\}$.

Step 1 will take O(n) time to scan every nodes and find the starting node since scanning all of them is only dependent on n.

Step 2 in the worst case will run O(n) times because we would only mark one node at a time.

Step 3 uses O(n²) since we need to look at every node and all the nodes adjacent to that node.

Since step 3 runs O(n) times though, this will make steps 2 and 3 run in $O(n) * O(n^2) = O(n^3)$ time.

Step 4. will run in O(n) time, as we just scan all the nodes to ensure they are all marked.

Therefore this algorithm runs in $O(n^3)$ because this is the highest order in all of the steps that we have. Since $O(n^3) \in P$ we know that CONNECTED $\in P$.