

1. Show that $\text{subsetSum} \leq_p \text{Partition}$.

Assume there is a TM for partition. Then we can build a machine for subsetSum M
 $M =$ "on input $\langle S, t \rangle$ where S is a set of binary numbers and t is an integer target.

1. Let s be the sum of S . and $S' = S \cup s-2t$.
2. run $TM_{\text{partition}}$ on S'
3. If $TM_{\text{partition}}$ on S' accepts, accept; else reject.

Validation: If $\langle S, t \rangle \in \text{subsetSum}$ iff $\langle S' \rangle \in \text{partition}$.

Since we can assume partition works properly, we can properly solve subsetSum because if

If there is a set in S that sums to t , the remaining set must sum to $s-t$.

Since we unioned S with $s-2t$ to result in S' , S' must contain the integers for t , $s-t$, and $s-2t$.

If we combine t with $s-2t$, we see that S' contains two sets of $s-t$.

Therefore the partition TM accepts, and proves $\langle S, t \rangle \implies \langle S' \rangle \in \text{partition}$.

If there exists a partition of S' into two sets that each sum to $s-t$ then one of the sets contains the number $s-2t$.

If we were to remove the number $s-2t$ from the set, the set remaining would sum to t because $s-2t + t = s-t$.

Therefore this fulfils that any $\langle S' \rangle \implies \langle S, t \rangle \in \text{subsetSum}$.

Therefore we know $\langle S, t \rangle \in \text{subsetSum} \iff \langle S' \rangle \in \text{partition}$.

We can see that this solves our problem $\in \text{NP}$:

step 1 runs in polynomial time because we sum the numbers and create a new set.

step 2 runs $\in \text{NP}$ since we know partition is $\in \text{NP}$

step 3 is $O(1)$ as all we are doing is returning

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Thus: $\text{subsetSum} \leq_p \text{Partition}$