

Question 1.

a) If Y is NP-complete then so is X.

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b) If X is NP-complete then so is Y.

No. We need to show that Y is in NP.

c) If Y is NP-complete and X is in NP then X is NP-complete.

No. We need to show that all other problems in NP, or a known NP-hard problem, can reduce to X.

d) If X is NP-complete and Y is in NP then Y is NP complete.

Yes. Since X is NP-complete, it is also NP-hard, which means that all other problem in Np can reduce to X. Since X can also reduce to Y, Y is NP-hard. Therefore Y is both NP-hard and in NP, and thus is NP-complete

e) if X is in P, then Y is in P.

No. We need to prove that Y can reduce to X.

f) If Y is in P, the X is in P.

Yes. Since we can reduce X to Y, the solution to Y is also a solution to X. And since the solution can be solved in P for Y, it can be solved in P for X.

Question 2.

a) *SUBSET – SUM reduces to COMPOSITE*

Not possible. COMPOSITE is only NP. In order for other NP problems to map COMPOSITE, COMPOSITE must also be NP-hard.

b) If there is a polynomial algorithm for SUBSET-SUM, then there is a polynomial algorithm for COMPOSITE.

Possible. Since SUBSET-SUM is NP-complete, all other problem in NP, including COMPOSITE, can reduce SUBSET-SUM. Since SUBSET-SUM has a polynomial algorithm, COMPOSITE does too.

c) If there is a polynomial algorithm for COMPOSITE, then  $P=NP$ .

Not possible. COMPOSITE is not NP complete. Other problems in NP cannot reduce to COMPOSITE.

d) If  $P \neq NP$ , then no problem in NP can be solve in polynomial time.

P is a subset of NP. Since P can be reduced to NP-complete, the NP-complete problems would not be solvable in polynomial time. However, those NP problems that are not NP-Complete may still be solvable in polynomial time.

### Question 3.

In order to prove that a Hamiltonian-Path is NP-complete, we must prove that:

- HAM-PATH is in NP
- That we can reduce a known NP-complete problem to HAM-PATH, we will use HAM-CYCLE.

#### 1. Prove that HAM-PATH is in NP:

Given a graph  $G = \{V, E\}$  and a certificate  $y = \langle e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \rangle$ , where  $e \in E$ , and the where the edges in the certificate are listed in the order they are to be selected.

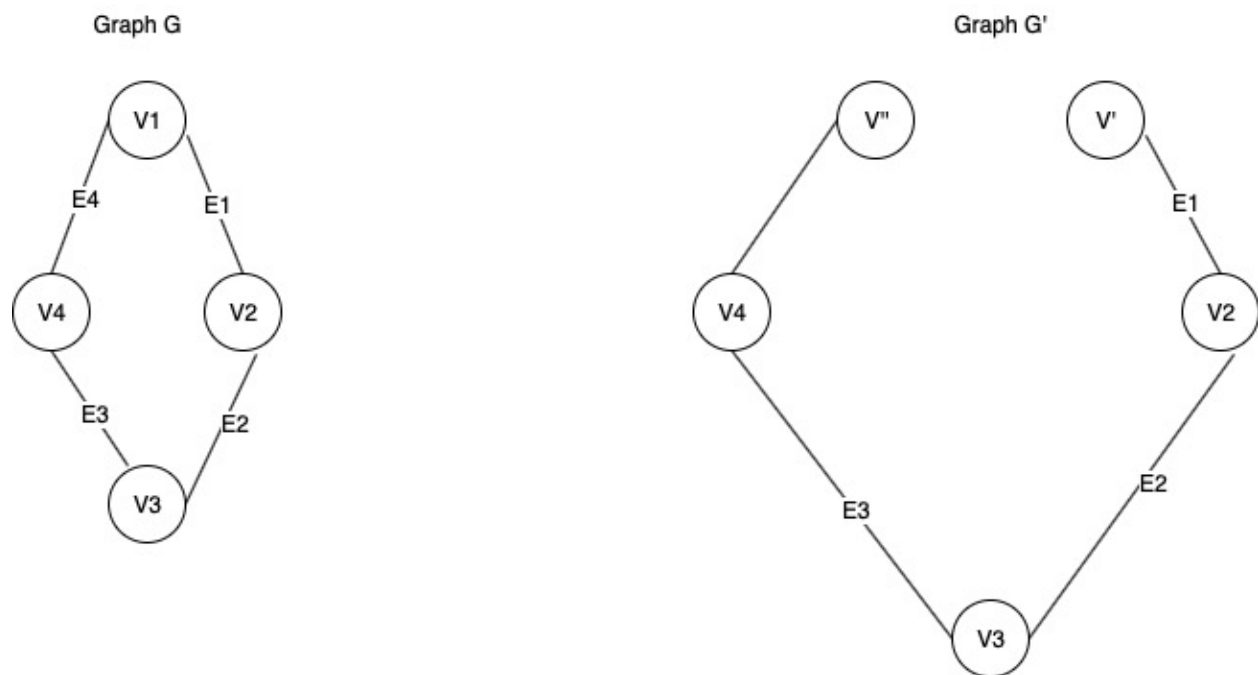
We can verify whether this solution contains a Hamiltonian path.

This takes at most  $O(n)$ , which is polynomial time.

HAM – PATH is in NP.

#### 2. Prove that HAM-CYCLE can be reduced to HAM-PATH.

Suppose  $G$  is graph that contains a HAM – CYCLE, it is true that start and end vertex  $v$  are the same. Our reduction function will split vertex,  $v$  into two vertices,  $v'$  and  $v''$  and will have the same ordering of vertices as in  $G$ , but, instead starting and ending at vertex  $v$ , it will start at vertex  $v'$  and end at  $v''$ , this transformation can be done in polynomial time, adding a vertex  $O(1)$  and re – drawing the edges  $O(E)$ ,  $T(n) = O(E)$ .



If  $G$  is HAM-CYCLE, the transformation function will split start and end vertex,  $v$ , into two vertices,  $v'$  and  $v''$ . Since the ordering of nodes will be the same, the resulting graph,  $G'$  will be a Hamiltonian Path.

If  $G'$  is a HAM-PATH, the transformation function will combine the start and end vertices,  $v'$  and  $v''$ , into one vertex  $v$ . Since the ordering nodes will be the same, the resulting graph  $G$ , will be a Hamiltonian Cycle.

Since we have shown that HAM – PATH is in NP and NP – HARD, it is NP – complete.  
QED.

Question 4.

a.)

Pseudo-Code for 2 Color Decision Problem

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twoColor(G, s){
  isTwoColor = True
  Let notVisited{ } be the set of vertices that have not been visited
  notVisited  $\leftarrow (V - \{s\})$ 
  Let Q be a Queue
  Q  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
  enqueue(Q, s)

  while Q is not empty{
    u = dequeue(Q)
    for each v  $\in G.Adj(u)$ {
      if v.color == u.color{
        isTwoColor = False
        enqueue(Q, v)
      }
    }
    notVisited  $\leftarrow (notVisited - \{u\})$ 
    if Q is empty and notVisited is not empty{
      let x be the first element in notVisited
      enqueue(Q, x)
    }
  }
  return isTwoColor
}
```

Running time:

While loop:

- Each Vertex will be visited, enqueue to Q:  $T(n) = O(V)$
- For each vertex v, the adjacency list will be searched, in the worst case each vertex is connected to every other vertex,  $O(V^2)$ .
- Overall running time for while loop:  $T(n) = O(V^2)$ .

Searching the notVisited set for an already visited vertex:  $T(n) = O(n)$

Removing a visited vertex from the notVisited set:  $T(n) = O(1)$

Overall running time:  $T(n) = O(V^2) + O(n) + O(1) = O(V^2)$ .

b.) Prove that 4-Color is NP Complete.

In order to show that 4-Color is NP complete we need to show that it is in NP and that 3-Color can be reduced to 4-Color

1. Prove that 4-Color is in NP

Given a graph  $G=\{V,E\}$ , and a solution,  $y = \langle (v_1, c_1), (v_2, c_2), \dots (v_n, c_n) \rangle$ , where  $v \in V$ .

*Let  $C$  be the set of colors,  $c \in C$ , and  $|C| \leq 4$ :*

- We color each vertex according to the solution, this takes  $O(V)$
- For each vertex, we check each vertex is connected to every other vertex, this will take  $O(V^2)$ .
- If each parent and child have different colors, then the verification passes.

Our verification algorithm  $O(V^2)$ , therefore the problem is in NP.

2. Prove that 3-Color can be reduced to 4-Color.

Our reduction algorithm will take a Graph,  $G$ , and produce a new graph  $G'$  which is a 4-Color graph if and only if  $G$  is a 3-Color Graph.

$G'$  is created by adding new vertex  $y$ , which is a color not in  $G$ . Every other vertex is then connected to  $y$ . Adding a new vertex is  $O(1)$ , creating an edge from every other vertex to  $y$  is  $O(V)$ . The overall running time of this reduction  $O(V)$  which is polynomial.

If  $G$  is a 3-Color graph, applying the reduction algorithm described above will result in a graph  $G'$  that is 4-Color. This is because the original vertices are copied over and vertex  $y$  is the only node with a new color.  $G'$  is a 4-Color Graph if and only if  $G$  is a 3-Color Graph.

Conversely, if  $G'$  is a 4-Color graph, then  $y$  is the only vertex of its color, removing this vertex and every edge connected to it, will result a 3-Color Graph.  $G$  is a 3-Color Graph if and only if  $G'$  is a 4-Color Graph.

Since we have shown that 4-Color is in NP and NP-hard, it NP-Complete. QED.