

Problem

Call graphs G and H **isomorphic** if the nodes of G may be reordered so that it is identical to H . Let $ISO = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G \text{ and } H \text{ are isomorphic graphs} \}$. Show that $ISO \in NP$.

Step-by-step solution

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Class NP :

NP is a class of languages that are nondeterministic polynomial time on a non – deterministic single – tape Turing Machine.

From the definition 7.19 NP is the class of languages that have polynomial time verifies

Consider the given expression:

$$ISO = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G \text{ and } H \text{ are isomorphic graphs} \}$$

- If the nodes of G may be reordered so that it is identical to H then Graphs G and H are said to be isomorphic.
- Now it must be proved that $ISO \in NP$
- Let $G = (V_G, E_G)$ and $H = (V_H, E_H)$ be the two graphs
- Let $V_G = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$, $V_H = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be the sets of vertices of G and H .

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Isomorphism:

An isomorphism is defined by a mapping $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$ with the property that it is a one – to – one correspondence. That means it is both one – to – one and onto.

- This one – to – one correspondence is possible only if $m = n$ and for all $u, v \in V_G$ we have $(u, v) \in E_G$ if and only if $(f(u), f(v)) \in E_H$.
- Thus, the correspondence takes edges into edges and non – edges into non – edges.
- A mapping f can be represented. By a sequence $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m)$ of indices with the property that $f(u_i) = v_{S_i}$, that is i^{th} point of G is mapped into the S_i^{th} point of H .
- This sequence S can be taken as certificate.

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Now N is the non – deterministic Turing machine (NTM) that decides ISO in polynomial time.

$N = \text{"On input } (\langle G, H \rangle, S) :$

Where G and H are graph as defined above S is the certificate.

1. Check whether G and H have same number of points.
2. If G and H have same number of points then checks that for each pair i, j

$$\Rightarrow (v_{s_i}, v_{s_j}) \in E_U \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (u_i, u_j) \in E_U \dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$f(u_i) = v_{s_i} = E_U$$

i. E_U can be derived from the above mapping procedure,

ii. have $S_i \neq S_j$ and that $(u_i, u_j) \in E_U$ if and only if $(v_{s_i}, v_{s_j}) \in E_U$

iii. If the above condition satisfies, then "accept".

3. Otherwise "reject".

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All these checking can be done in time $O(m^2)$, so in time polynomial in the description of (G, H) . **Therefore** $ISO \in NP$.

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