

**Problem 1: Hamilton Path in DAGs (10 points)**

Show that the Directed Hamilton Path problem can be solved in polynomial time in directed acyclic graphs. Give an efficient algorithm, justify correctness and running time.

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**Problem 2: Decision implies Construction (10 points)**

Suppose that someone gives you a polynomial-time algorithm to decide 3SAT. Describe how to use this algorithm to find a satisfying assignment in polynomial time (if such an assignment exists.)

**Problem 3: Vertex Cover, Greedy Heuristic (10 points)**

Consider the following heuristic to solve the vertex-cover problem. Repeatedly select a vertex of highest degree, and remove all of its incident edges. Give an example to show that this heuristic does not have an approximation ratio of 2.

**Problem 4: Hamilton Cycles in Undirected and Directed Graphs (10 points)**

Recall that a Hamilton Cycle in a directed graph is a cycle that visits all vertices of the graph exactly once. Similarly, a Hamilton Cycle in an undirected graph is a cycle that visits all vertices of the graph exactly once. In class and in DPV book we showed that  $3\text{SAT} \leq_P \text{Directed Hamilton Cycle}$ . Show that  $\text{Directed Hamilton Cycle} \leq_P \text{Undirected Hamilton Cycle}$ .

**Problem 5: Hamilton Paths (10 points)**

Recall that a Hamilton Cycle in a directed graph is a cycle that visits all vertices of the graph exactly once. Similarly, a Hamilton Path in a directed graph is a path that starts from some vertex  $v$ , ends in some vertex  $u \neq v$ , and visits all vertices of the graph exactly once. In class we showed that  $3\text{SAT} \leq_P \text{Directed Hamilton Cycle}$ . Show that  $3\text{SAT} \leq_P \text{Directed Hamilton Path}$ .

**Problem 6: Hardness of TSP Approximation (10 points)**

In class we showed that Undirected Hamilton Cycle  $\leq_P$  TSP.

Define the 2-Approx-TSP problem as follows:

Input:  $G$ , the complete graph on  $n$  vertices, cost  $c(e) > 0$  for every edge of  $G$ .

Let OPT be the cost of a minimum cost cycle that visits every vertex exactly once.

Output: A cycle  $c$  of  $G$  that visits all the vertices of  $G$  exactly once and has cost at most  $2\text{OPT}$ .

Show that Undirected Hamilton Cycle  $\leq_P$  2-Approx-TSP.

**Problem 7: Cliques (10 points)**

Let  $G(V, E)$  be an undirected graph.

Definition: Let  $X \subseteq V$  be a subset of the vertices of  $G$ . We say that  $X$  is a *clique* if and only if, for all vertices  $u \in X$  and  $v \in X$ , the edge  $\{u, v\} \in E$  ie there is an edge from  $u$  to  $v$  in the graph  $G$ . We say that the *size* of the clique is the number of vertices in  $X$ :  $|X|$ .

*Clique* is the following problem:

Input: Unirected graph  $G(V, E)$  and a number  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Output: YES if the graph  $G$  has a clique of size *at least*  $k$ .

NO if all cliques of  $G$  have size strictly smaller than  $k$ .

Show that  $\text{Independent Set} \leq_P \text{Clique}$ .

**Problem 8: Stingy SAT (10 points)**

STINGY SAT is the following problem: given a set of clauses (each a disjunction of literals) and an integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , find a satisfying assignment in which at most  $k$  variables are true, if such an assignment exists. Prove that STINGY SAT is NP-complete. (Hint: Reduce SAT to Stingy SAT.)



**Problem 9: Subgraph Isomorphism (10 points)**

Subgraph Isomorphism is the following problem:

Input: Undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ , and undirected graph  $H(V', E')$ , with  $|V'| \leq |V|$ .

Output: YES if  $G$  has a subgraph isomorphic to  $H$ , ie for some  $V' \subseteq V$ , the subgraph of  $G$  induced by the vertices in  $V'$  is isomorphic to  $G'$ .

NO if  $G$  has no subgraph isomorphic to  $V'$ .

Prove that Subgraph Isomorphism is NP-complete.

**Problem 10: Hardness of Set Cover (10 points)**

Recall the unweighted Set Cover problem.  $X = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is a ground set of  $n$  elements.  $F = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$ , ie  $S_j \subseteq X$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . A *set cover*  $C$  is a subset of  $F$  such that every element of  $X$  belongs to a set in  $C$ . Given  $k$ , such that  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , we want to know if there exists a set cover that has at most  $k$  sets.

Recall the unweighted Vertex Cover (VC) problem.  $G(V, E)$  is an undirected graph. A *vertex cover*  $C_V$  is a subset of  $V$  such that every edge in  $E$  has at least one of its endpoints in  $C_V$ . Given  $k$ , such that  $1 \leq k \leq |V|$ , we want to know if there exists a vertex cover that has at most  $k$  vertices. Show that  $\text{VC} \leq_P \text{Set-Cover}$ .