

# CS513 HW3

**Notice:** you can use any known NP-hard problems for the polynomial reduction.

1. In a BoxTiling problem, there is a large Box  $R$  (in 3D) with width  $W$ , length  $L$  and height  $H$ , and several small boxes  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  where box  $r_i$  has width  $w_i$ , length  $\ell_i$  and height  $h_i$ . The question is whether there is a subset of the small boxes that can be put inside the large box  $R$  with no gaps or overlaps. Show that BoxTiling is NP-hard.
2. Adam wants to ask if there is a simple path (i.e., not repeating vertices) in a graph  $G$  that goes through at least  $1/3$  of the vertices. Show that this problem is NP-hard.
3. Consider a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a number  $k$ , and a set of paths  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  of  $G$ , is it possible to select at least  $k$  of the paths such that no two of the selected paths share any vertices? Show that this problem is NP-hard.
4. Given a finite set  $U$  of size  $n$  and a collection  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  of subsets of  $U$ . You are also given numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m$ . The question is that, does there exist a subset  $X \subseteq U$  such that the cardinality of  $X \cap A_i$  is equal to  $c_i$ ? Prove that this problem is NP-complete.

(Hint: you may use some variants of 3SAT: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boolean\\_satisfiability\\_problem#3-satisfiability](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boolean_satisfiability_problem#3-satisfiability))