

## Lab10-Reduction

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1. Define that *Two-Cliques* is a pair  $\langle G, k \rangle$  where  $G$  is an undirected graph that has two vertex-disjoint cliques of size  $k$  and  $k + 1$ . Prove that *Two-Cliques* is NP-Complete. Specifically, you should

- (a) Prove that *Two-Cliques*  $\in$  NP.
- (b) Prove that *Two-Cliques* is NP-Hard.

**Hint.** You can use a polynomial-time reduction from *Clique* to *Two-Cliques*.

### Solution:

Two- Cliques =  $\langle G, k \rangle$  |  $G$  is an undirected graph that contains two disjoint cliques of size  $k$

First, We need to prove that 2-CLIQUE is an NP. A polynomial time verifier for 2-CLIQUE takes  $\langle j, z \rangle$  as inputs.

if  $j \neq$  Have the FORM  $\langle G, k \rangle$  then  
reject

ELSE if ( $c$  = Encoding of two sets of nodes) then  
accept

The sets are both of size  $k$ , then the two sets are disjoint. And both sets define CLIQUES in  $G$  (i.e for both sets, there is an edge connecting every pair of nodes in the set) otherwise it can reject it. This can all be done easily in polynomial time.

Another solution to this problem is that we can show that 2-CLIQUE is in NP by describing a nondeterministic Turing machine that decides it and that runs in polynomial time.

We need to show this in our next step that NP can be reduced in polynomial time to 2-Cliques in every language. By proving that NP-Complete can be reduced to 2-CLIQUE as NP-Complete is also know as a CLIQUE. So by doing that all languages in NP can be reduced to 2-CLIQUE using a reduction method over the CLIQUE. We could reduce the CLIQUE to 2-CLIQUE in several ways.

Two prove the two conditions asked in the question, I have some methods that I will like to explain.

(1) The reduction maps  $\langle G, K \rangle$  to  $\langle G^*, K \rangle$ , where  $G^*$  is the graph consisting of all the nodes and edges of  $G$ , along with another  $K$  nodes that are connected to each other, but not to any of the nodes from  $G$ . This is easy to do in polynomial time.

(2)  $\langle G, K \rangle$  is in CLIQUE if and only if  $\langle G^*, K \rangle$  is in 2-CLIQUE. For the forward direction.

if ( $\langle G, K \rangle$  is in CLIQUE ) THEN  
subset of  $k$  nodes of  $G$  is a CLIQUE.

In this case it states that subset of  $G^*$  is also a CLIQUE and the nodes in  $G^*$  that are not a member of  $G$  also form a CLIQUE.

Hence stating that there will be two disjoints cliques of size  $k$ , and  $\langle G^*, K \rangle$  is in 2-CLIQUE.

On the other hand,

IF ( $\langle G^*, K \rangle$  is in 2-CLIQUE) THEN  
 $G^*$  will have two two disjoints cliques of size  $k$ .

These two cliques can not both be in the  $k$  nodes of  $G^*$  that are not in  $G$ . So there will be a clique of size  $k$  in  $G$

Hence  $\langle G, K \rangle$  is in CLIQUE AS (  $G$  can also not be partly in  $G$  and partly out since there are no edges between these parts).

Reference

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2. A subset  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is triad free if for all triples of distinct vertices  $x, y$  and  $z$  in  $S$ , at least one of the edges  $(x, y)$ ,  $(x, z)$  or  $(y, z)$  is not present in  $G$ . For example in Fig. 1:

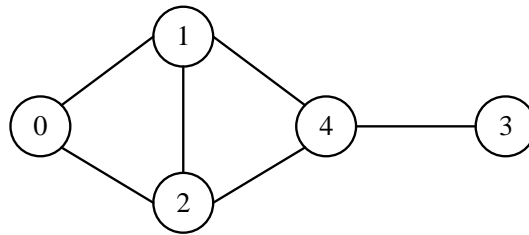


Figure 1: An example for question 2.

the set  $\{0, 1, 3, 4\}$  is triad free, but the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\}$  is not triad free. Given a graph  $G$  and an integer  $k$ , Show that the problem of determining whether  $G$  has a triad free set  $S$  of size  $k$  is NP-hard using the fact the the independent set problem is NP-Complete. Recall that the independent set problem is to determine whether a graph has a independent set of a particular size, where an independent set is a collection of mutually nonadjacent vertices.

### Solution:

Create a new Graph  $G^*$

by Replace each edge  $e = (x, y)$  in  $G$  with  $v_e$

New Edges for  $(x, y)$  will be:

$(x, v_e)$  and  $(y, v_e)$  and  $(y, x)$ .

The Vertex  $v_e$  essentially forces the edge  $e$  to be covered.

Call the Procedure for dominating set to get a minimum cardinality dominating set  $D$ .

IF  $(v_e \in D)$  THEN

REPLACE  $(v_e, x)$  OR  $(v_e, y)$

Call this new Set  $D^*$ .

Note that  $D^*$  is still donimating in  $G^*$ . Then  $D$  is a minimm cardninality vertex cover in  $G$ .

This reduction only handles the case when  $G$  is connected graph and has atleast one edge. If  $G$  is not connected then this reduction can run on each non-trivial connected component.

For Traids we can say that, independent set is like triad-freedom but looking at pairs of nodes instead of triples. So for the reduction, so we should use an operation that turns edges into triads and independent nodes into incomplete triads.

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<https://people.cs.pitt.edu/~kirk/cs1510/reductionhwsolns.pdf> (16)

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3. Suppose you have one machine and a set of  $n$  tasks  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Each task  $a_j$  has a processing time  $t_j$ , a profit  $p_j$ , and a deadline  $d_j$ . The machine can process only one task at a time, and task  $a_j$  must run uninterruptedly for  $t_j$  consecutive time units. If you complete task  $a_j$  by its deadline  $d_j$ , you receive a profit  $p_j$ , but if you complete it after its deadline, you receive no

profit. As an optimization problem, you are given the processing times, profits, and deadlines for a set of  $n$  tasks, and you wish to find a schedule that completes all the tasks and returns the greatest amount of profit.

- (a) State this problem as a decision problem.
- (b) Show that the decision problem is NP-complete.

**Hint.** Reduction from Knapsack problem.

**Solution:**

**(1):** A single machine and with set of  $n$  task  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Each task  $a_j$  has a processing time  $t_j$ , A profit  $p_j$  and a deadline  $d_j$ . The machine can process only one task at a time and task  $a_j$  must run an interruptedly for  $t_j$  consecutive time units, if task  $a_j$  by its deadline  $d_j$ . Then only it receives a profit  $p_j$  Here the discussion problem is can we get a total profit of at least  $K$  **(2):** So now we show that the subset sum reduces to this problem. by letting  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and  $W$  be a subset sum instance. We include the tasks  $a_1 \dots a_n$  and set  $p_i = t_i = w_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $P = d_i = W$ .

Then for any schedule the profit it returns equal  $\sigma_{i \in S} p_i = \sigma_{i \in S} t_i = \sigma_{i \in S} w_i$  where  $S$  is the set of task scheduled to finish before common deadline.

If there is a set of  $S$  of numbers  $w_i$  that adding up  $W$ , Schedule the corresponding tasks before the deadline. and the remaining tasks afterwards.

By the observation above this schedule returns profit  $P = W$ .

If there is a schedule that returns profit at least  $P$  then this profit return is equal to  $P = W$ , Conversely.

So if we select numbers corresponding to tasks scheduled before the deadline they add up exactly  $P = W$ .

Another explanation for this is that we introduce enforcer , The enforcer ensures that if a solution exists then enforcer will always get scheduled in its enforced time slot, if it does not get scheduled in its enforced time slot that would imply that a feasible solution does not exist (or the claim of a feasible schedule is farce). Once the enforcer is in its place, the sum of processing times of the jobs before and after it will have equal total time. Also because of condition four of the RDS problem, these two sets of jobs will be non overlapping thus satisfying the PART problem requirements.

Note: For more details , please check this PDF file link that I am attaching.

[https://cs.wmich.edu/gupta/teaching/cs6320/cs6320sp16web/lectureNotes6320/Lecture6\\_CS6320\\_SP16\\_MuaazGulAwan.pdf](https://cs.wmich.edu/gupta/teaching/cs6320/cs6320sp16web/lectureNotes6320/Lecture6_CS6320_SP16_MuaazGulAwan.pdf)

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