

# Finals Review

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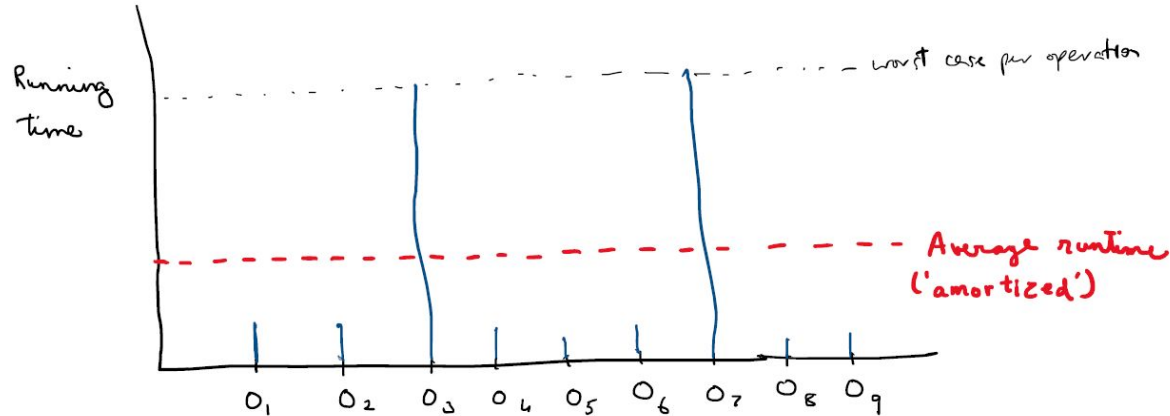
- **Amortized analysis** is a strategy for analyzing a sequence of operations to show that the average cost per operation is small, even though a single operation within the sequence might be expensive.
- Note, ***no probability is involved!***
- An amortized analysis guarantees the average performance of each operation in the worst case.

Do not get confused with the average-case analysis

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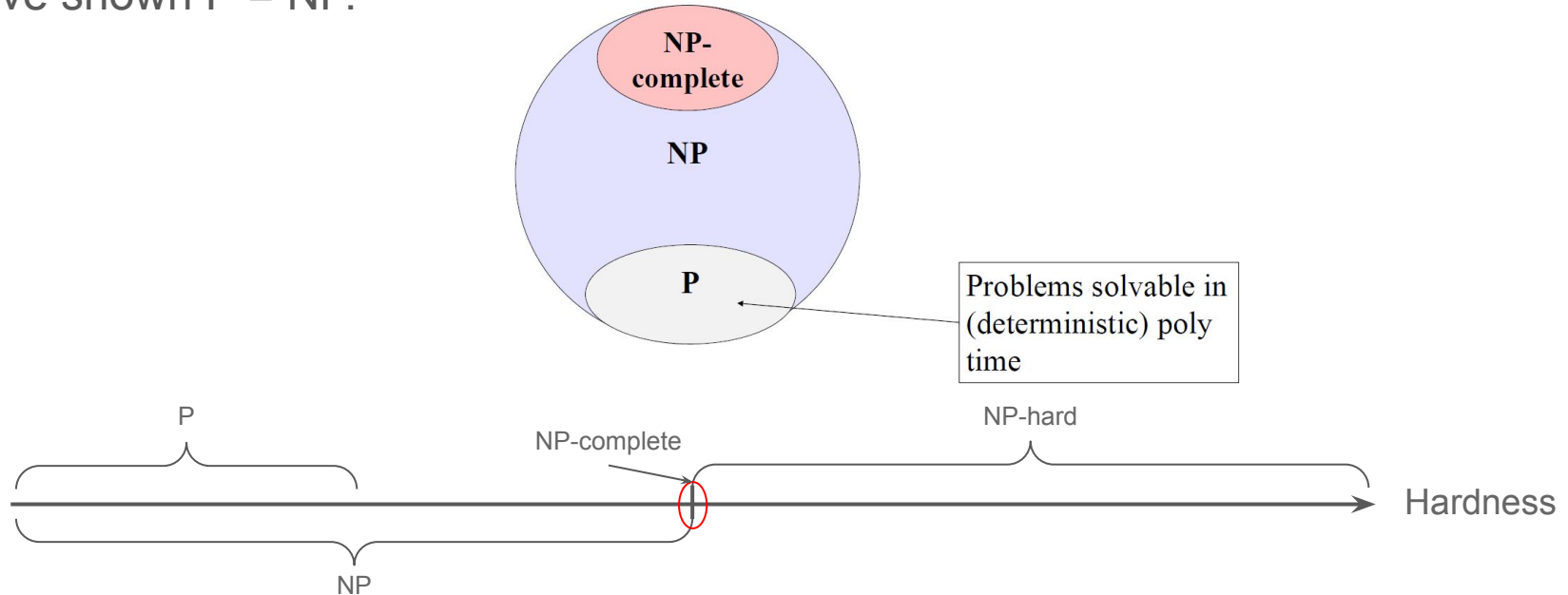


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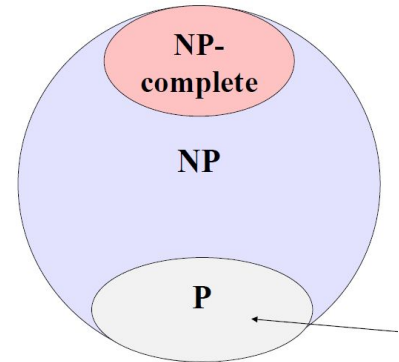
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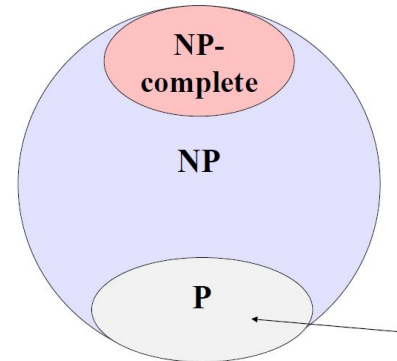


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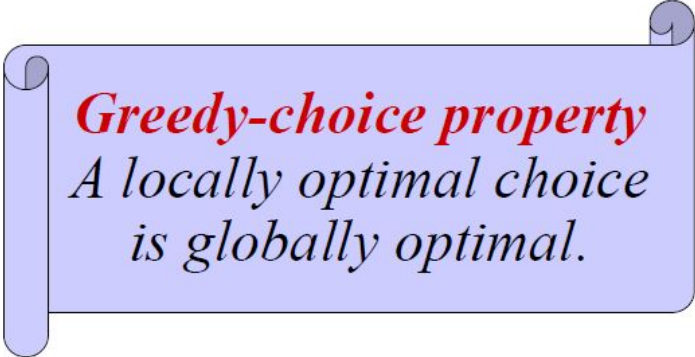
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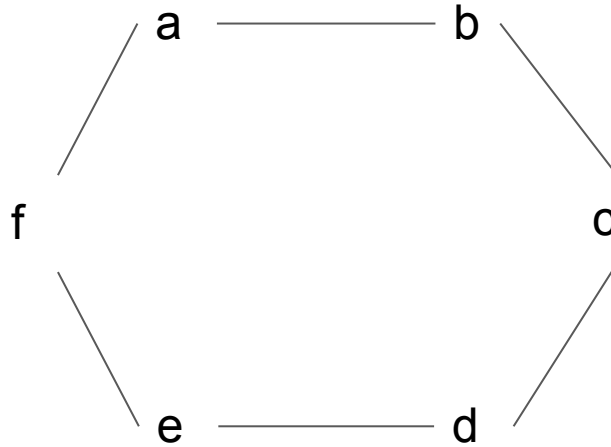
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***Greedy-choice property***  
*A locally optimal choice  
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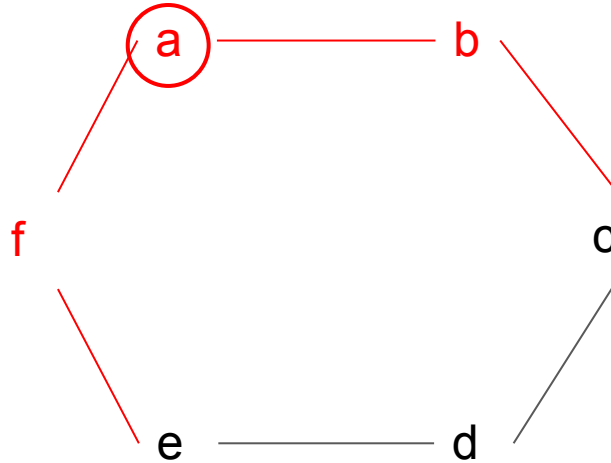




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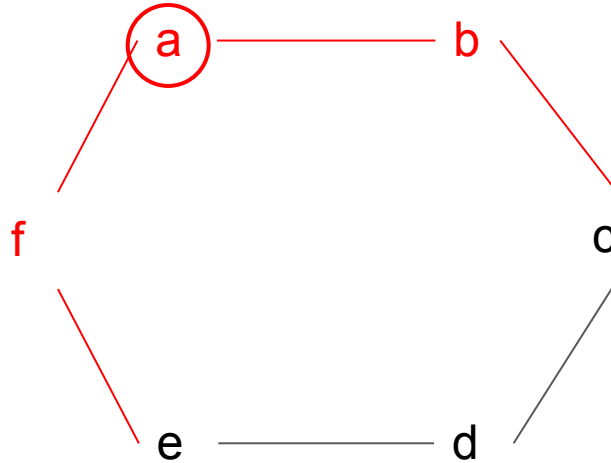
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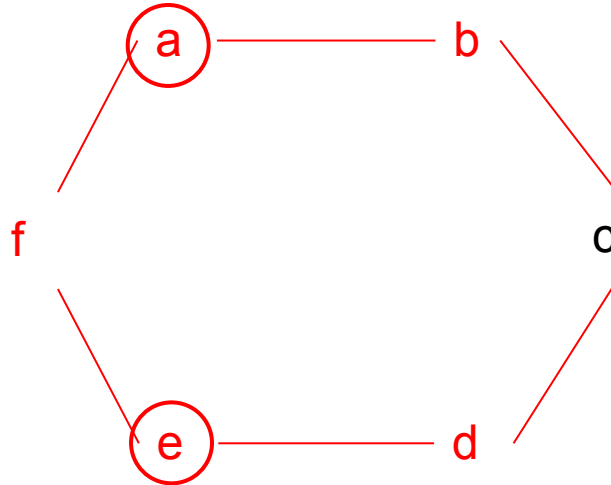
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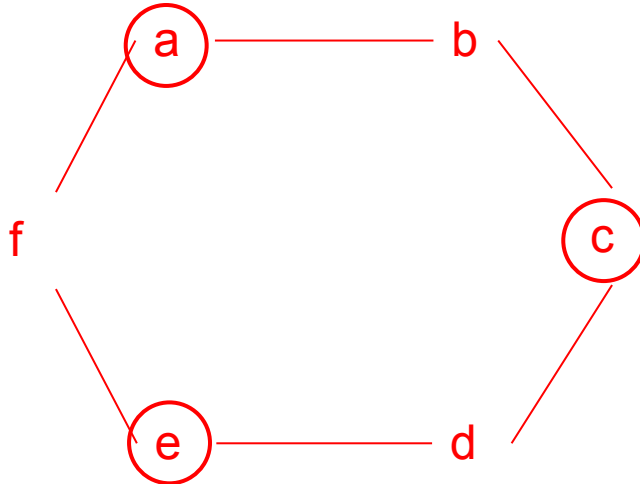
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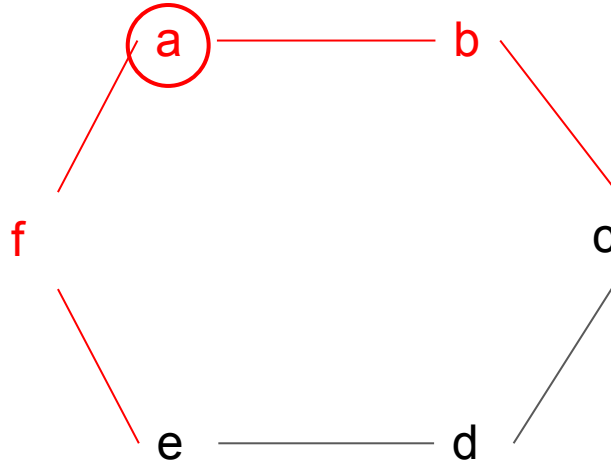
Pick  $c$  and we have found an MIS with size 3. This is correct, how can we force a wrong answer instead?



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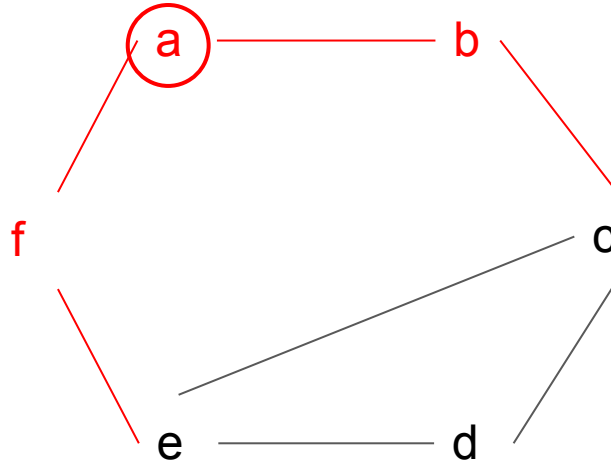
Return to the step before choosing  $e$ . We must make sure  $e, d, c$  are removed at the same time.



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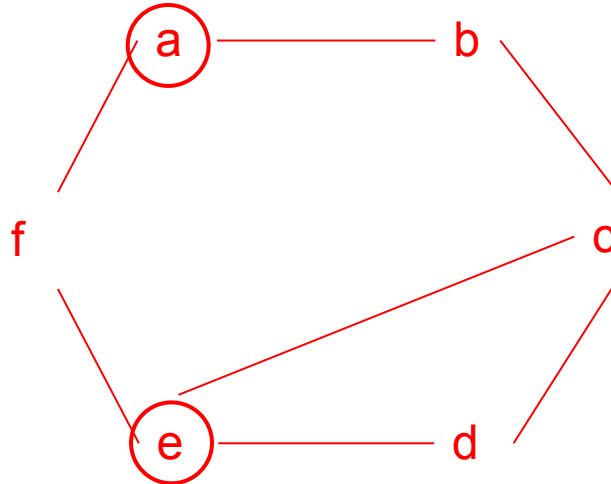
Add an additional edge between  $c$  and  $e$ . Does not affect the first choice of  $a$ .



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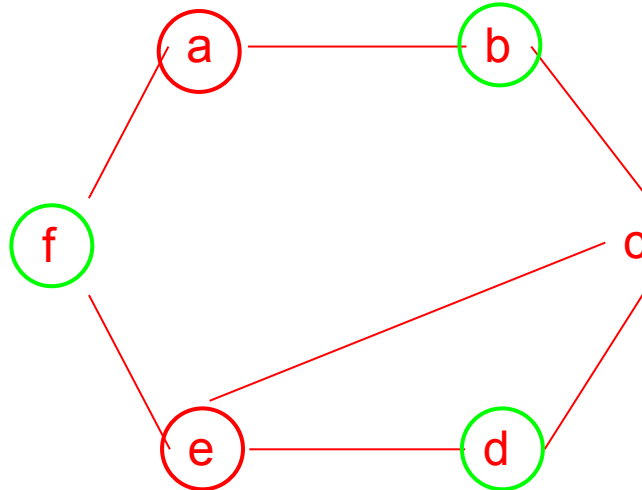
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Then pick  $e$ , and no more vertices will remain.



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a and e give an independent set of **size 2**. But b, d, f forms an independent set of **size 3**.





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Suppose you are given an array of  $n$  integers  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  between 0 and  $M$ . Design and analyze an algorithm for dividing the array indices into two sets  $X$  and  $Y$  such that

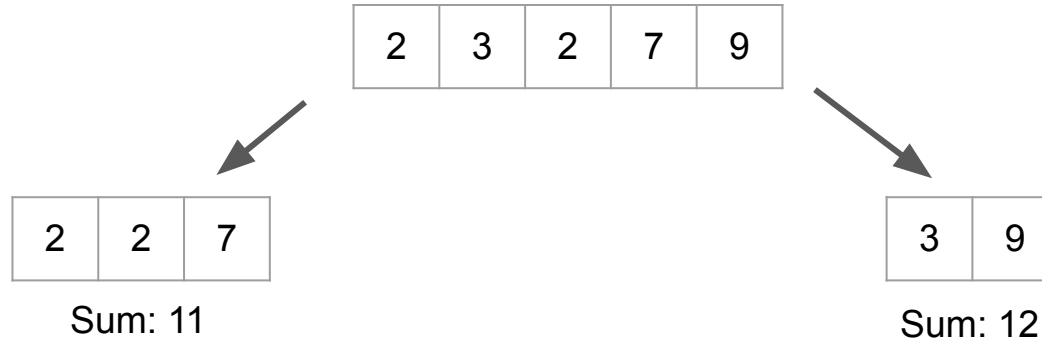
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,the difference of the sum of the integers in each set, is minimized.

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Example: given the array [2, 3, 2, 7, 9], elements at positions 1, 3, 4 sum up to  $2 + 2 + 7 = 11$ , while the elements at positions 2; 5 sum up to  $3 + 9 = 12$ , yielding a difference of 1.



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Easier to maximize one set than two at the same time.

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Recall from lectures:      Formal Definition

#### **KNAPSACK**

##### **Input:**

$(w_1, v_1), (w_2, v_2), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ , and  $W$

**Output:** A subset  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  that maximizes

$\sum_{i \in S} v_i$  such that  $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$

$2^n$  subsets, so  
naïve algorithm is  
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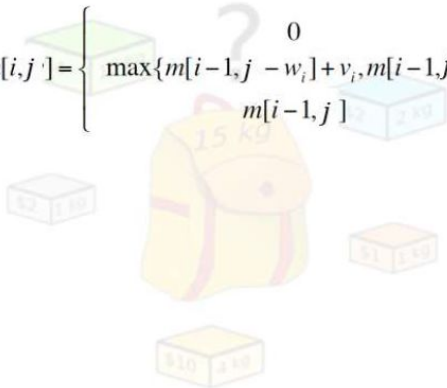
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Table size is  $O(n * \lfloor T/2 \rfloor) = O(n^2M)$ , time per table entry is  $O(1)$ .

The algorithm runs in time  $O(n^2M)$ .

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Can we do better?

You should be able to do a reduction from Partition problem to see that the decision version of this problem is NP-complete (try it out!) so there is no known polynomial time solution to this problem

4. Consider the activity selection problem: You are given a set of  $n$  activities with starting times  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  and finishing times  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  where each  $s_i \leq f_i$ . The goal is to find the largest subset of activities which don't *conflict*, meaning that for any pair of activities selected, the finishing time of one of them is not later than the starting time of the other. Consider each of the following greedy strategies. If it works, give a proof of the greedy-choice property. If it doesn't, show a counterexample.
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Q4).  $n$  activities

For activity  $i$ ,  $[s_i, f_i]$   $\forall i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

Goal: Find the largest subset of  $n$  activities,  
s.t. there is no conflict/overlapping of time

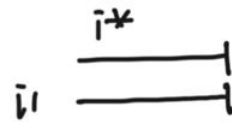
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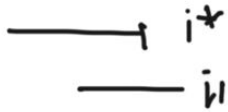
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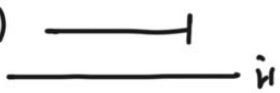
Given an optimal solution  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$ . sorted in order of the end time.



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Case 2:  $i^* < i_1$

(a) 

(b) 

Replacing  $i_1$  with  $i^*$ .

Claim:  $i^*, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_k$  is also an optimal solution

proof: Since  $i_1$  has no conflict with other activities. and  $i_1$  is the first activity.

$\because i^* < i_1$

$\therefore i^*$  has no conflict with others.

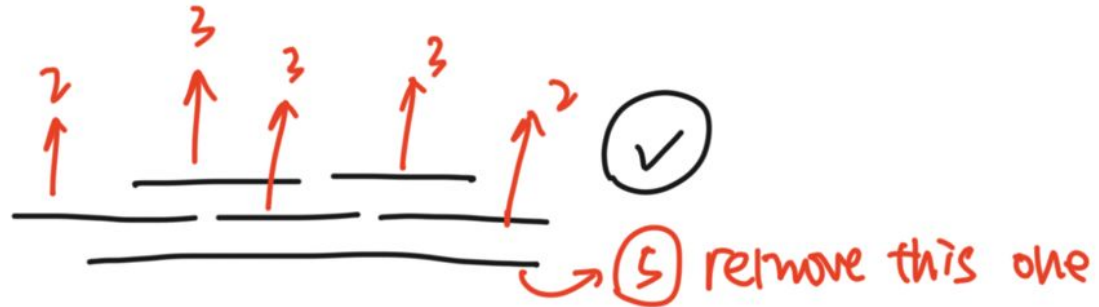
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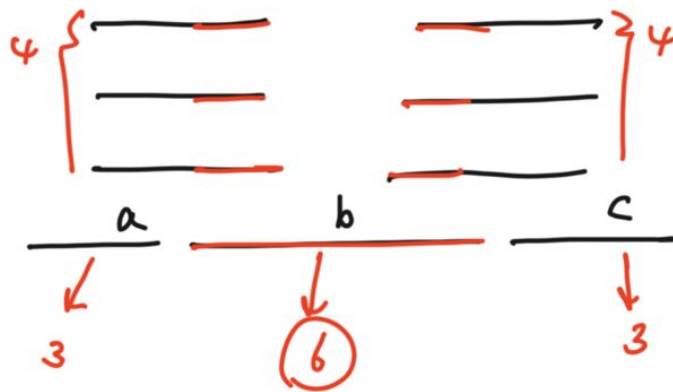
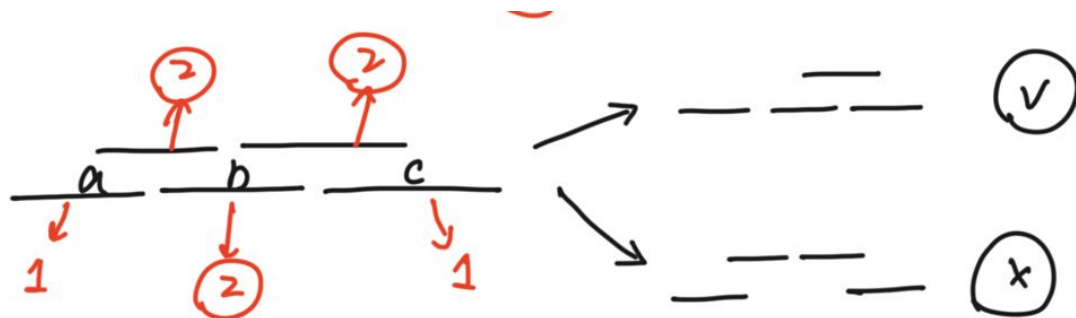
- (b). No conflict  $\rightarrow$  select all  
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FALSE.

Intuitively,



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- (a) Works. Let  $i^*$  be the activity that ends first. Given an optimal solution  $i_1, \dots, i_k$  sorted in order of end time, observe that  $i^*, i_2, \dots, i_k$  is also an optimal solution. The reason is that if  $i_1$  does not conflict with any of the other activities,  $i^*$  can't either, as it doesn't end later than  $i_1$ .
- (c) Doesn't work. Suppose  $s_1 = 1, f_1 = 2, s_2 = 1, f_2 = 3, s_3 = 2, f_3 = 6, s_4 = 5, f_4 = 8, s_5 = 7, f_5 = 8$ . Then, activity 3 conflicts with activities 2 and 4, and two is the highest number of collisions for any activity. If activity 3 is discarded, only two out of the remaining four can be scheduled without conflicts. However, the optimal solution is of size 3: activities 1, 3, and 5.

Q5)

Define the problem PartitionEqual as follows:

Given  $n$  non-negative integers, where  $n$  is even, decide whether they can be partitioned into two parts of size  $n/2$  each, so that both parts have the same sum.

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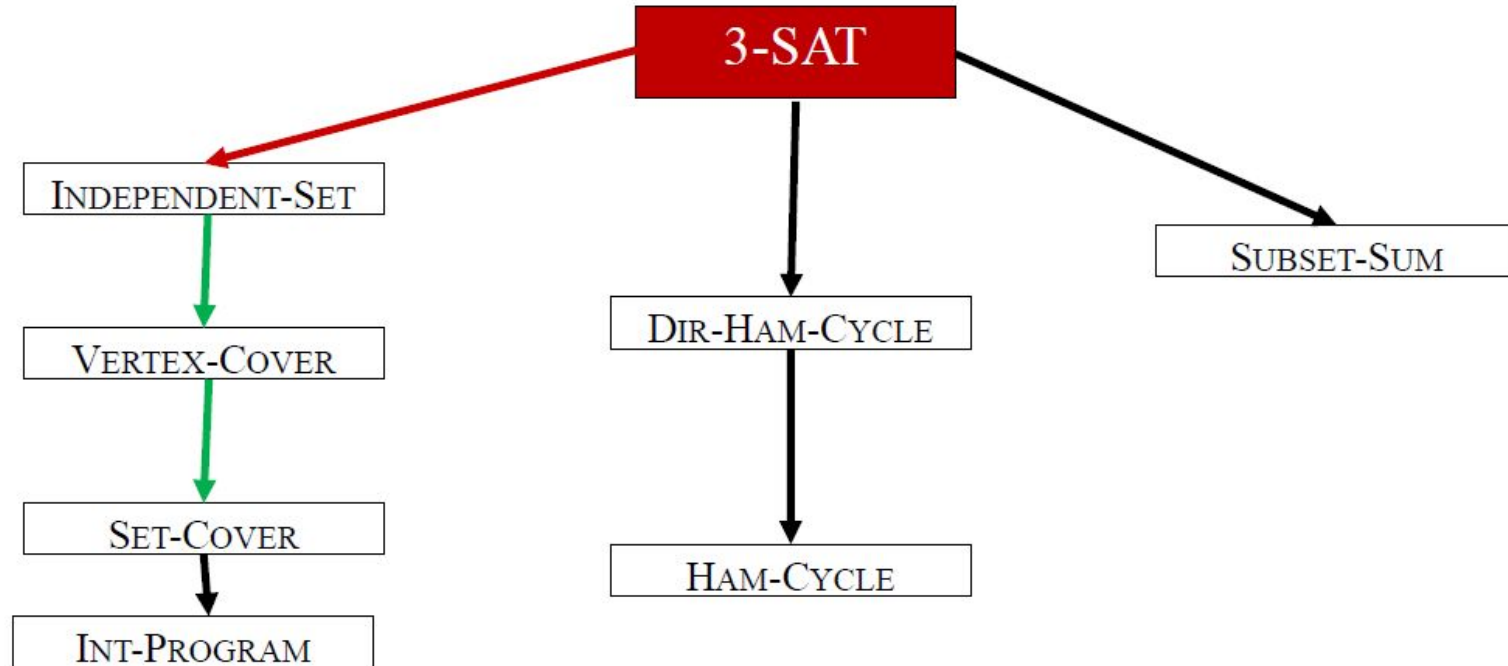
**Add one more known result that:**  
Partition is NP-complete

**Correct the definition:**

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# Reductions



# Some Complements:

Given an array  $A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$  of nonnegative integers, consider the following problems:

- 1 **Partition:** Determine whether there is a subset  $P \subseteq [n]$  ( $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ) such that
$$\sum_{i \in P} a_i = \sum_{j \in [n] \setminus P} a_j$$
- 2 **Subset Sum:** Given some integer  $k$ , determine whether there is a subset  $P \subseteq [n]$  such that  $\sum_{i \in P} a_i = k$

We can show that there exists a polynomial-time reduction from Subset Sum to Partition problem.

And we can show that Partition is NP-complete.



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The time for construction is  $O(n)$ .

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For  $[b(1), b(2), \dots, b(2n)]$ , there exists a collection of  $n$  numbers, whose sum is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total sum by adding  $(n-k)$  zero-value integers to  $C1$ .

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Suppose a YES-instance for EqualPartition. Hence, there exists a collection  $C2$  of  $[b(1), b(2), \dots, b(2n)]$  with  $n$  numbers, whose sum is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total sum.

Remove  $n$  zero-value integers.

There are  $n$  non-negative integers left among original  $2n$  integers. The total sum remains the same.

And the remaining integers in  $C2$  forms a new collection  $C1$ . the sum of  $C1$  remains the same as  $C2$ .  $C1$  is a partition of the  $n$  non-negative numbers.

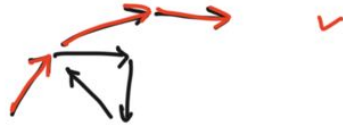
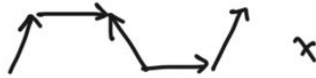
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  - **LONGSIMPLECYCLE**: Given an unweighted **directed** graph  $G$  and a positive integer  $\ell$ , decide whether there exists a simple cycle in  $G$  on at least  $\ell$  vertices.
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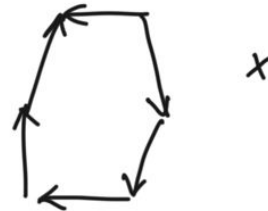
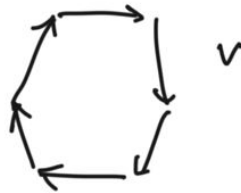
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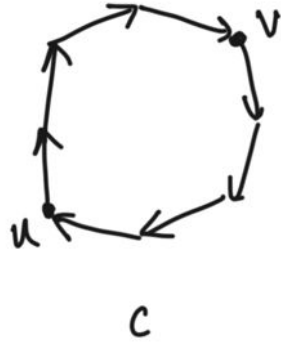


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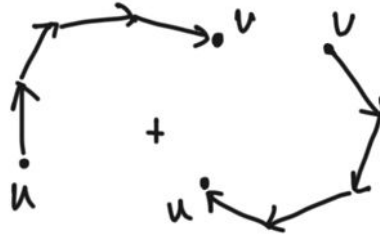
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Relationship: from Observation



$\Rightarrow$

$u, v$  are 2 vtx on the cycle  $C$



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \rightarrow v \text{ path } P_1 \\ v \rightarrow u \text{ path } P_2 \end{array} \right.$

$P_1, P_2$  inner vtx - disjoint  
(there is no same vtx on  $P_1, P_2$   
except  $u$  and  $v$ )

length  $l$

length  $|P_1| + |P_2| = l$

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TWO DECISION PROBLEMS: Given unweighted directed graph  $G$

LongSPath: given two vtx  $(u, v)$ ,  $k > 0$ ,

If there exists a simple path  $u \rightarrow v$  of length  $\geq k$

LongSCycle: given  $l > 0$

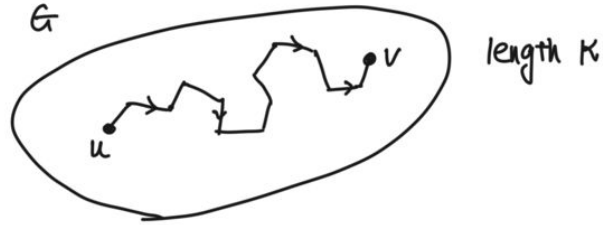
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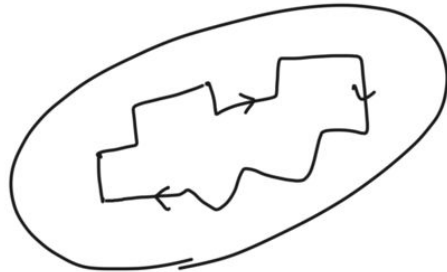
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Intuitively: ① relationship between 2 problems

— Long Simple Path: INPUT:  $G$ .  $v, u, v$ . integer  $K > 0$



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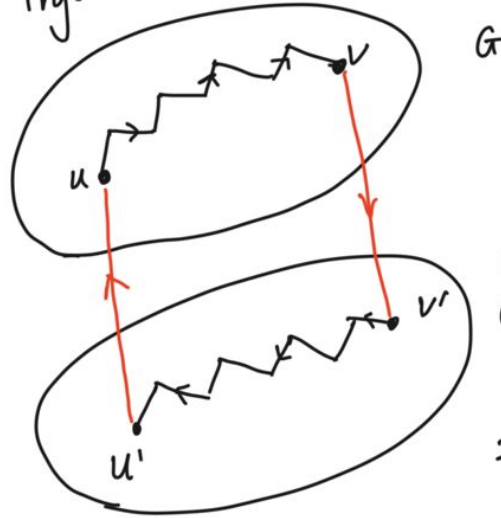
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② PATH  $\rightarrow$  CYCLE.

To check if exists a path  $\rightarrow$  to check if exists a cycle

$\therefore$  construct a cycle based on  $G$  from a path.

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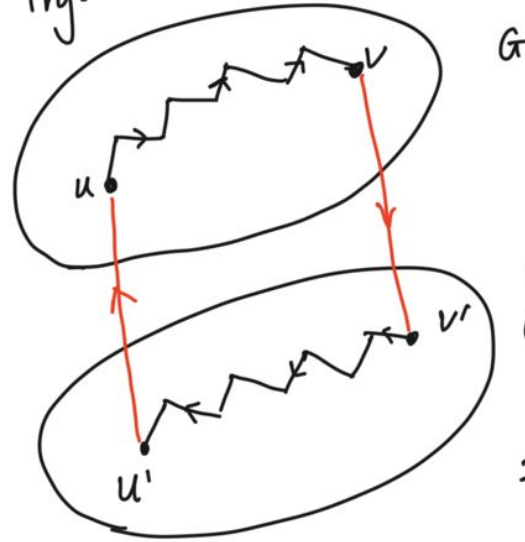
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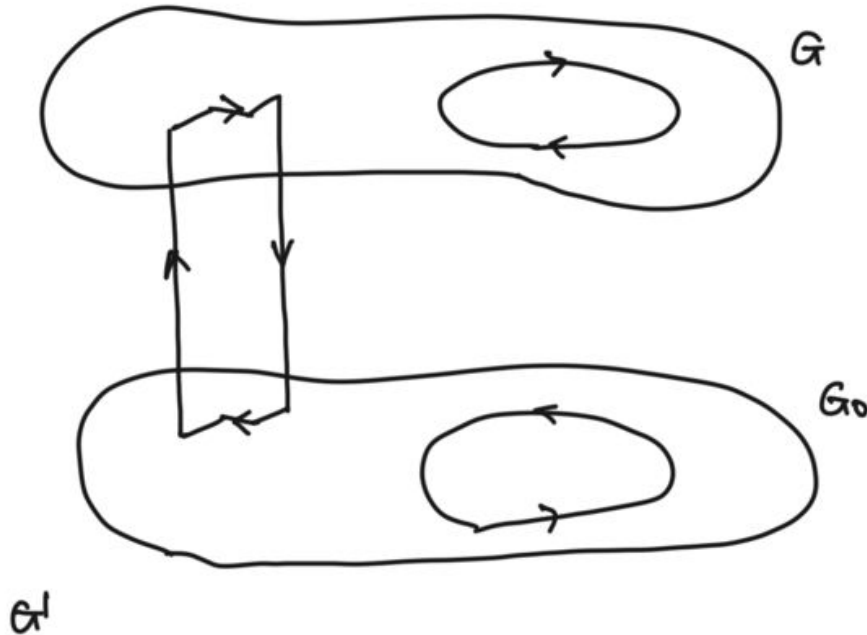
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However, if  $k$  is small,  $2k+2$  is small  
there may exist a small cycle in  $G \sqsubseteq G'$

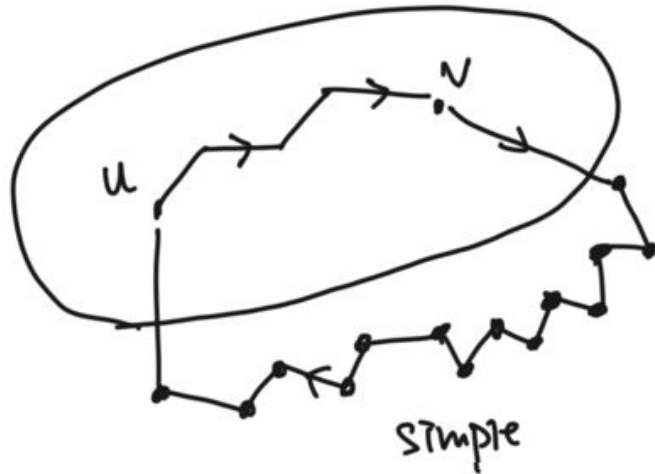


In this case:  
LongSimpleCycle will always  
return TRUE

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Add more vtx on the simple cycle of  $G'$

SECOND TRY: Avoid above situation.



construct another path  $u \rightarrow v$  with another  $n$  new vtxs.

① The simple cycle in a graph with at most  $n$  vtxs

$$|V(G)| = n$$

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## Q6 2)

Given that LongSimplePath is NP-hard. From part 1, show that there is no known polynomial time algorithm for LongSimpleCycle.

Proof by Contradiction.

If there was a known polynomial time algorithm for LongSimpleCycle, then you have a polynomial time algorithm for LongSimplePath:

Step 1: run the reduction in part 1 to convert  $(G; u; v; k)$  to  $(G'; \ell)$ .

Step 2: run the algorithm for LongSimpleCycle on  $(G'; \ell)$ .

This contradicts the fact that there are no polynomial time algorithms known for NP-hard problems.