

## Time Hierarchy Thm

- there are some problems that just don't have polynomial solutions

Today



if  $1SET \in P$ ,  $3SAT \in P$   
 if  $MAXCUT \in P$ ,  $3SAT \in P$   
 ...

## 3SAT problem

Input:  $\varphi$  - 3CNF formula  $C_0 \wedge C_1 \wedge C_2 \dots \wedge C_{m-1}$

each clause  $C_j$  = OR of 3 variables/negations

Output:  $3SAT(\varphi) = 1$  iff  $\exists x \in \{0,1\}^n$  satisfying  $\varphi$

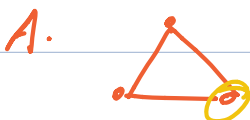
Q. What is  $3SAT((x_0 \vee \bar{x}_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_0 \vee x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2))$ ?

| (ex:  $x = 111$ )

## Independent Set

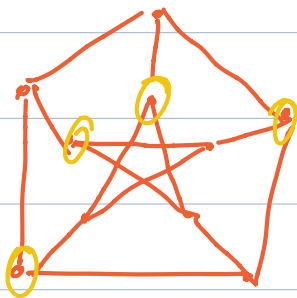
Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and number  $k$

Output: If there are  $k$  vertices with no edges.



A.  $1SET(A, 1) = 1$   $1SET(A, 2) = 0$

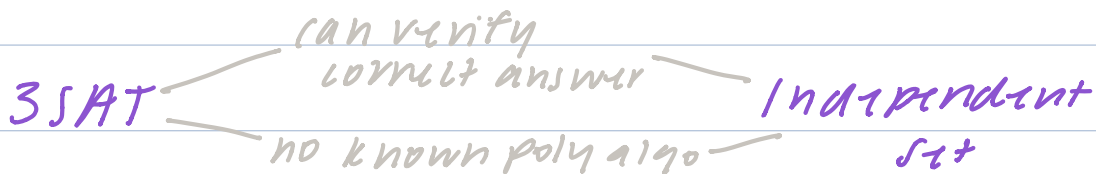
B.



$$ISET(B, 4) = 1$$

$$ISET(B, 5) = 0$$

↳ can have max 2 inside and 2 outside



$$3SAT \leq_p ISET$$

Thm. Suppose  $ISET \in P$ , then  $3SAT \in P$ .

Corollary. Suppose that  $3SAT \notin P$ , then  $ISET \notin P$ .

Proof. We will show poly-time  $R: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$

showing this implies Thm  $R: \{3CNF \text{ formulas}\} \rightarrow \{\text{graphs, numbered}\}$   
 s.t. for every 3CNF  $\varphi$ ,  $3SAT(\varphi) = ISET(R(\varphi))$

↳ because you're comparing polynomials

1. Assume an algo  $A$  that solves  $ISET$  in  $|X|^a$  time.

2. Will show an algo  $B$  that solves  $3SAT$  in  $|X|^b$  time.

3. Intermediate Lemma:  $R$  computable in  $|\varphi|^c$  time  $ISET(R(\varphi)) = 3SAT(\varphi) \neq \varphi$ .

Define Alg  $B(\varphi)$ :

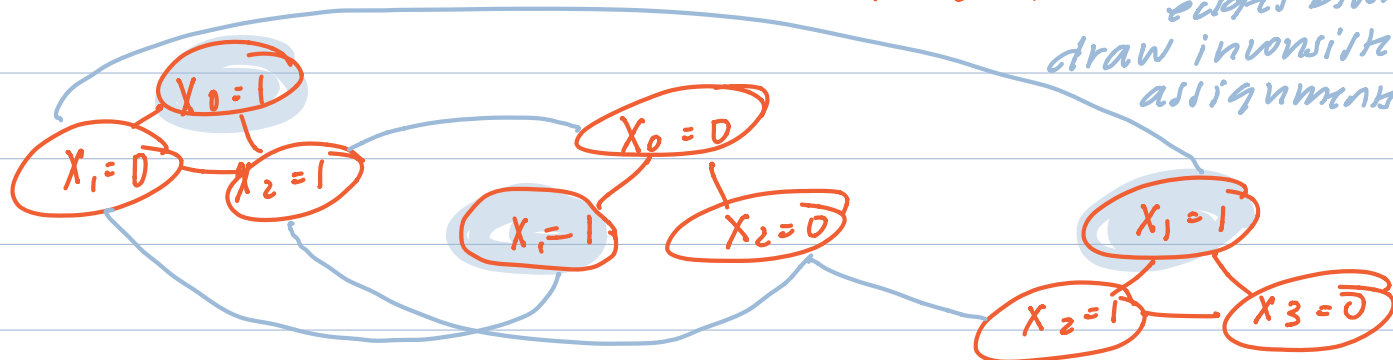
return  $A(R(\varphi))$

① Running time  $\leq |R(\varphi)|^a \leq (|\varphi|^c)^a$

② Actually solves:  $\forall \varphi, B(\varphi) = 3SAT(\varphi)$

$$I_{SET}(R(\varphi))$$

edges between  
draw inconsistent  
assignments



polynomial time algorithm

- Claim 1. Compilers : If  $3SAT(\varphi)=1$ ,  $1SET(b,m)=1$

There is a literal  $(j, a)$  satisfied. Add  $(j, a)$  to  $S \cup S$ . □

PF. Assume  $S$  independent set of size  $m$  in  $G$ .

Q. Show that  $S$  contains exactly one vertex per triangle.

two vertices  $\rightarrow$  means there is an edge.

0 vertices  $\rightarrow m$  vertices for  $m+1$  triangles  
 (by pigeonhole, one triangle will  
 have 2)

Set  $x_i^* = 1$  if  $S$  contains <sup>vertex</sup> tagged " $x_i = 1$ ", o/w  $x_i = 0$ .

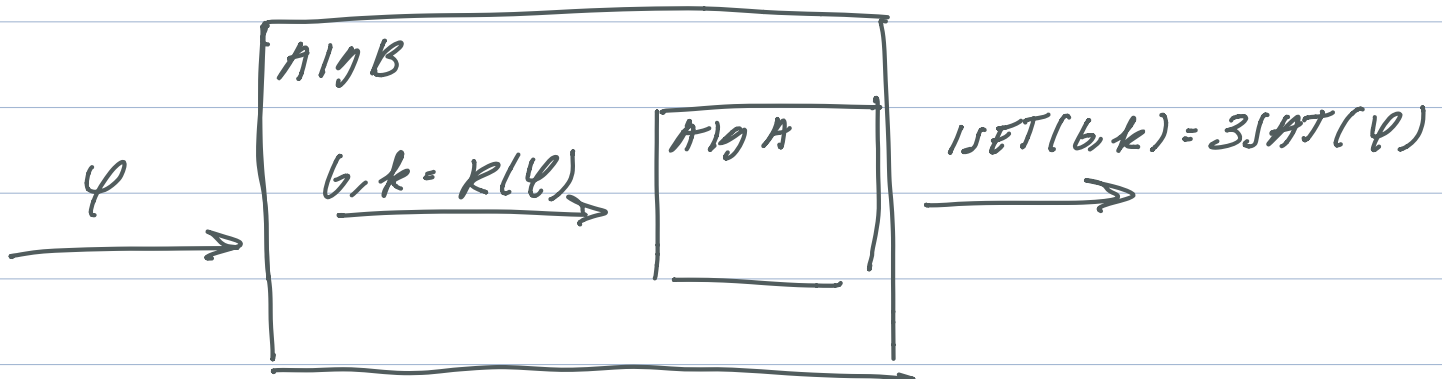
For every clause  $C_j$  there is a vertex in  $S$  tagged " $x_i = b$ "

We claim  $x_i^* = b$ .

- if  $b = 1$ : by definition
- if  $b = 0$ :  $S$  can't contain vertex tagged " $x_i = 1$ "  
 since its independent. □

## Polynomial-time Reduction

We showed: Poly time  $A$  for 1SET  $\rightarrow$  Poly Time  $B$  for 3SAT



Def. Let  $F, G: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ . We say  $F \leq_p G$  if  $\exists$  poly-time  
 $R: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  s.t.  $\forall x \in \{0,1\}^* F(x) = G(R(x))$

Exercise in book:

If  $F \leq_p G$  and  $G \leq_p H$ , then  $F \leq_p H$ .