

# Algorithm Design and Analysis: Homework 4

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## Problem 1

### Solutions

1. Firstly, we want to check if the problem is NP problem, we only need to find if the conjunctive normal form formula is true, we can judge that in polynomial time. so problem  $\in$  NP.
2. We assume  $k=n$ , and from 3sat problem we construct instance:  $x \cup y \cup z$ . in that case, it will be satisfied by assignment in which 3 variables are given.
3. Obviously, it is the same. We can deduce 3SAT from this instance and we can deduce this instance from 3-Sat

## Problem 2

You are given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weights  $w_e$  on its edges  $e \in E$ . The weights can be negative or positive. The Zero-Weight-Cycle Problem is to decide if there is a simple cycle in  $G$  so that the sum of the edge weights on this cycle is exactly 0. Prove that this problem is NP-complete.

### Solutions

1. Firstly, given a simple cycle in  $G$ , we can determine whether the weights sum of the edges is zero in polynomial time. So Thus Zero-Cycle-Weight-Cycle  $\in$  NP.
2. We can reduce this problem to Hamilton cycle problem, building a graph  $G_1$  as follows:
  - 1)  $w(e) = -(|V| - 1)$
  - 2)  $w(e') = 1$
 run ZWC on every  $G_e$  if there is at least one return true, then return true for hamiltonian-cycle.
  3. (a) if a run of ZWC returns True, then we have a cycle of weight zero in some  $G'_e$  it must include the only negative edge  $e$  with  $w(e) = -(|V| - 1)$ . as all the other edge  $w(e') = 1$ , the cycle must also contain  $|V| - 1$  edges, indicating in all that is a hamiltonian cycle.
  - (b) if run of hamiltonian cycle is true it means visits every node exactly once, the cycle must have  $V$  edges, the cycle contains  $w(e) = -(|V| - 1)$  and  $w(e') = 1$  so the weight of cycle is zero.
3. if we find a hamilton-cycle with path addition to 0, we find the zero-weight-cycle. If we find the zero-weight-cycle, we can know this graph has the

## Problem 3

### Solutions

1. Firstly, we can determine if we can find a subset of  $K$  nodes in polynomial time.
2. We can reduce this problem is that vertex cover problem to subset problem that we can determine if we have a vertex cover  $S$  with size of  $K$ . we arbitrarily choose an edge  $e$  in  $G$  and it must have one node, it must have one node in  $S$ , and its two nodes must exist at least one node in  $V-S$ , if each two nodes in  $V-S$  doesn't have an edge,  $V-S$  is an independent subset.
3. Suppose we have  $k$  nodes cover  $A$ , each  $A$  will fit the element in  $C$ , making to  $C_1$ , since  $A$  is vertex cover, it covers all the edges, so  $Uc = S$ , and  $|C_1| \leq k$   
 Suppose  $C$  has  $C_1$  and  $Uc = S$ , and  $|C_1| \leq k$ ,  $C_1$  elements making set  $A$ , can cover every edge in  $G$ , and due to  $|C_1| \leq k$ ,  $A$  is  $G$  at least node cover.

## Problem 4

1. Firstly, for each course, if a student has more than one course in the same slot, there exists a collision, it can be found in polynomial time.

2. We can reduce this problem to 3-color problem. Given any 3-color instance with 3 vertices and 2 edges. Scheduling instance like this.

$$K = 0; C = a, b, c; S = 1, 2; R = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$$

Then we can deduce the 3-color to  $n$ -color problem.

3. In an  $n$ -color problem, the number of same color in adjacent nodes equals to the number of collisions in our problem. Since the 3-color problem is NPC, our problem is NP-complete.

## Problem 5

1. We can check if there exists two cycles in polynomial time.

2. We can do the reduction from Hamiltonian Cycle. To be sure the distances will become non-negative integers, we use a reduction from Hamiltonian Cycle so that we define the distances ourselves, depending on the presence of an edge. We can make other drivers busy by including additional vertices with distance  $\frac{k}{2}$  from  $s$  and distance  $K + 1$  to all other addresses.

3. From Graph, we make distance  $d(v, w) = 2$  if there is an edge in the graph,  $d(v, w) = 4$  if there is not. And label on these vertices be the  $s$ . Add vertex 0 let  $d(s, 0) = d(0, s) = n$  and  $d(v, 0) = d(0, v) = 2n + 1$  for  $v \neq s$ .  $K$  is equal to  $2n$ .

## Problem 6

Consider the Knapsack problem. We have  $n$  items, each with weight  $a_j$  and value  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ). All  $a_j$  and  $c_j$  are positive integers. The question is to find a subset of the items with total weight at most  $b$  such that the corresponding profit is at least  $k$  ( $b$  and  $k$  are also integers). Show that Knapsack is NP-complete by a reduction from Subset Sum.

### Solutions

1. Given an input set, it is easy to check if the total weight is at most  $b$  and if the total value is at most  $k$ , it takes linear time to add the weight and the value of all goods in subset to find if the result is true or false.

2. We can reduce the problem to subset problem with  $a_i = c_i = S$ ;  $b = K = t$ , the subset problem is

$$\sum a_i \leq b \iff \sum S_i \leq t$$

$$\sum c_i \geq K \iff \sum S_i \geq t$$

so  $\sum S_i = t$

3. We have a yes answer to the new problem, it means we can find such a subset that satisfied the left part and right part then the subset is a solution to the problem.