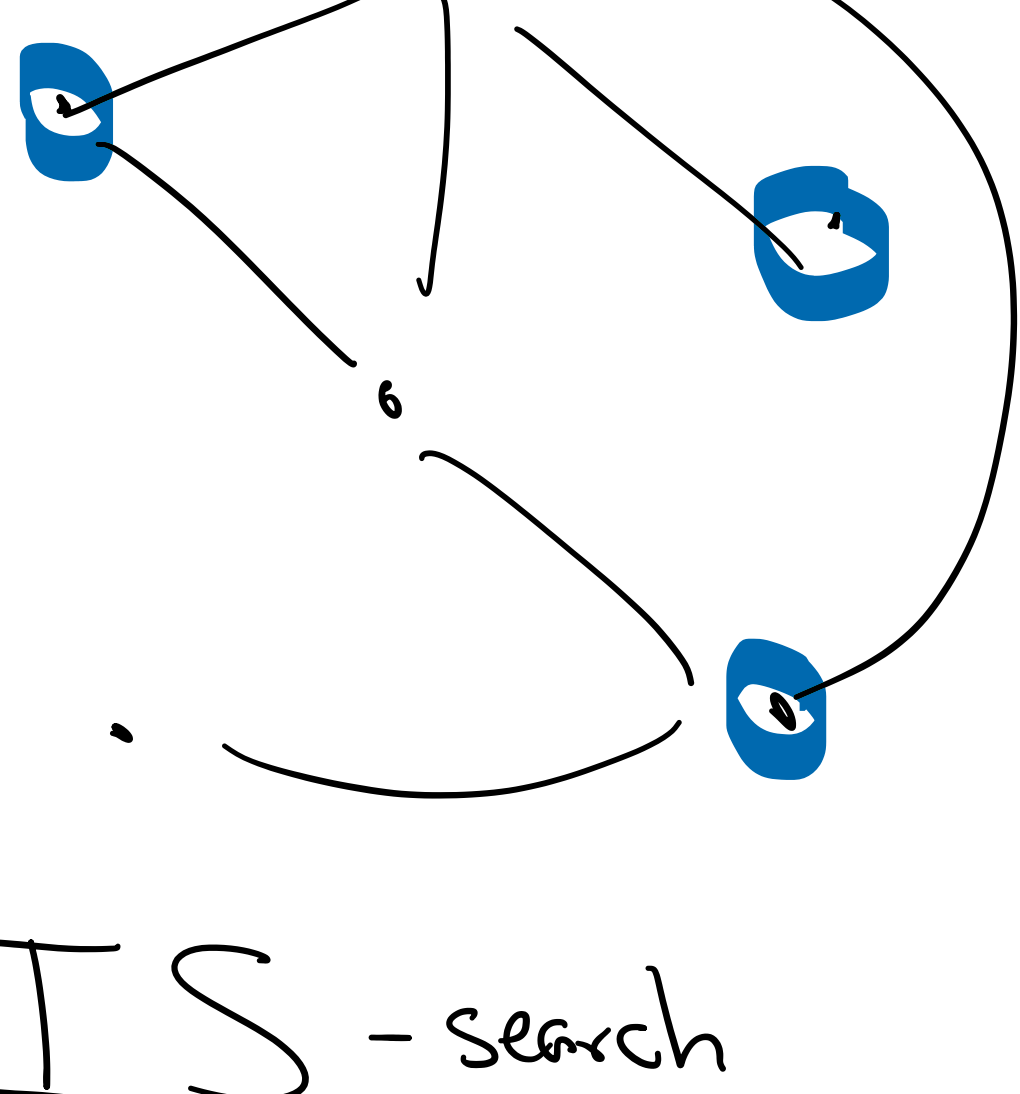


Def: Given a graph  $G=(V,E)$  a set  $S \subseteq V$  is said to be an Independent Set if there are no edges connecting any two vertices in  $S$ .



IS-search

Input:  $G=(V,E)$  ;  $g \geq 0$

Output: an IS of maximal size  $\geq g$ .

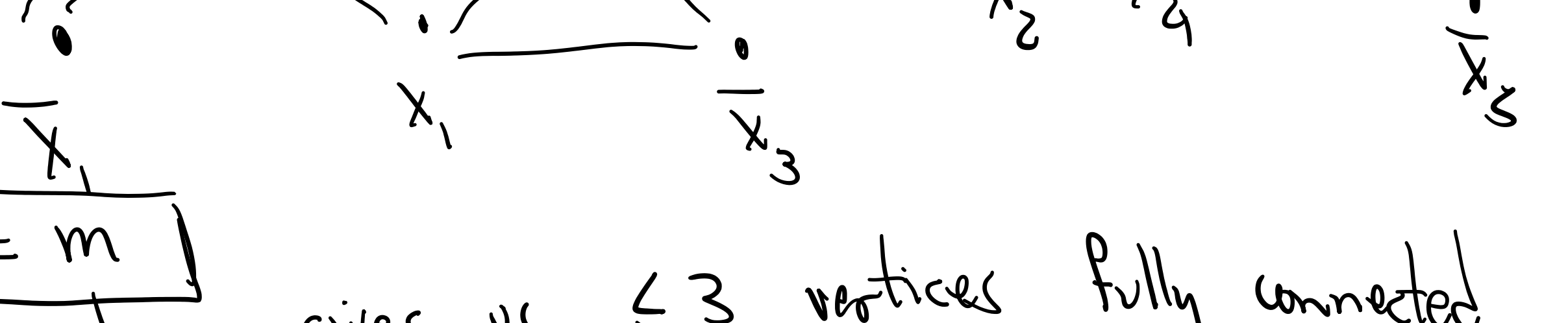
IS-search  $\in$  NP

• Check the candidate sol. is IS  $O(|V|^2)$

• Check |candidate sol.|  $\geq g$   $O(|V|)$ .

3 SAT  $\rightarrow$  IS-search

$$f = (\bar{x}_1) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_4 \vee \bar{x}_5)$$



$$g = m$$

• Every clause gives us  $\leq 3$  vertices fully connected

$O(m)$  where  $m = \#$  of clauses.

• Connect all <sup>pairs of</sup> vertices  $(x, \bar{x})$

$O(m^2)$

Claim 1: If  $S$  is an IS then there is at most

one vertex per clause.

$$\Rightarrow |S| \leq m.$$

Claim 2: If  $S$  is an IS of size  $\geq m$  then

$|S|=m$  and there exactly one vertex

associated to each clause!

Recovering a sol of 3SAT:

Given an IS  $|S|=m$ . Make the literals

associated to the vertices in  $S$  TRUE.

$O(n)$   $n$  is  $\#$  of variables!

If the input  $f$  for 3-SAT has @ least one

sol. then IS-search also has a sol.

• Take a valid assignment for  $f$ . Pick one

True literal in each clause. The set of corresponding

vertices is IS !!!

2-SAT  $\rightarrow$  IS-search

IS-search  $\rightarrow$  2-SAT (?)

Def: Given a graph  $G=(V,E)$ . A set  $S \subseteq V$

is said to be a clique if:

$$\forall u,v \in S : (uv) \in E.$$



Clique-search

Input:  $G=(V,E)$  ;  $g \geq 0$

Output: A clique  $S$  of size  $\geq g$ .

Def: Given  $G=(V,E)$ , we define  $G^c=(V,E^c)$

$$V(G^c) = V(G)$$

$$(uv) \in E^c \iff (uv) \notin E.$$

Claim:  $S$  is a clique in  $G$  iff  $S$  is

an IS on  $G^c$ .

IS-search  $\rightarrow$  Clique-search

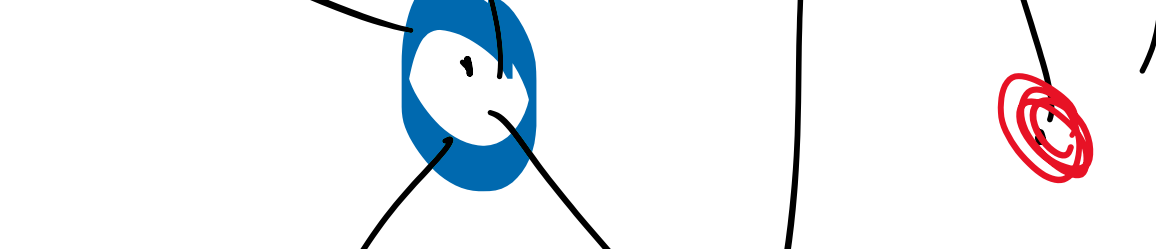
$$G=(V,E) ; g \rightsquigarrow G^c=(V,E) ; g$$

(\*Details left to the reader.)

Def: Given a graph  $G=(V,E)$ . A set  $S \subseteq V$

is called a Vertex Cover (VC) if

$$\forall e=(uv) \in E : \{u \in S\} \text{ OR } \{v \in S\}$$



VC-search

Input:  $G=(V,E)$  ;  $b$

Output:  $S$ , a vertex cover of size  $\leq b$ .

Claim: Let  $S$  be a VC. Then  $V-S$  is

an IS!

\proof: If  $u,v \in V-S$  and  $(uv) \in E$  then

$S$  is not "covering" this edge, which

contradicts that  $S$  is a VC.  $\square$

IS-search  $\rightarrow$  VC-search

$$G=(V,E) ; g \rightarrow G=(V,E) ; b = |V| - g$$

Read (\*)

SAT

$\downarrow$

3 SAT

IS-search

$\swarrow$

VC-search

Clique-search

\*Reducing\* IS-search to IS.

The max-size IS is a sol. of IS-search if

$$\geq g.$$

Otherwise, there is no sol. for IS-search!!

Solving IS from a black-box for IS-search

Linear (or binary!) search!