

19. Show by reduction that if the decision version of the SAT-CNF problem has a polynomial time algorithm then the decision version of the 3-coloring problem has a polynomial time algorithm.

20. In the dominating set problem the input is an undirected graph  $G$ , the problem is to find the smallest dominating set in  $G$ . A dominating set is a collection  $S$  of vertices with the property that every vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is either in  $S$ , or there is an edge between a vertex in  $S$  and  $v$ . Show that the dominating set problem is NP-hard using a reduction from the vertex cover problem.

23. In the disjoint paths problem the input is a directed graph  $G$  and pairs  $(s_1, t_1), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$  of vertices. The problem is to determine if there exist a collection of vertex disjoint paths between the pairs of vertices (from each  $s_i$  to each  $t_i$ ). Show that this problem is NP-hard by a reduction from the 3SAT problem. Note that this problem is not easy.

HINT: Construct one pair  $(s_i, t_i)$  for each variable  $x_i$  in your formula  $F$ . Intuitively there will be two possible paths between  $s_i$  and  $t_i$  depending on whether  $x_i$  is true or false. There will be a component/subgraph  $D_j$  of  $G$  for each clause  $C_j$  in  $F$ . There will be three possible paths between the  $(s_i, t_i)$ 's pairs for each  $D_j$ . You want that it is possible to route any two of these paths (but not all three) through  $D_j$ .

2. You know that lots of famous computer scientists have tried to find a fast efficient parallel algorithm for the following Boolean Formula Value Problem:  
INPUT: A Boolean formula  $F$  and a truth assignment  $A$  of the variables in  $F$ .  
OUTPUT: 1 if  $A$  makes  $F$  true, and 0 otherwise.

Moreover, most computer scientists believe that there is no fast efficient parallel algorithm for the Boolean Value Problem. You want to find a fast efficient parallel algorithm for some new problem  $N$ . After much effort you can not find a fast efficient parallel algorithm for  $N$ , nor a proof that  $N$  does not have a fast efficient parallel algorithm. How could you give evidence that finding a fast efficient parallel algorithm for  $N$  is at least as hard of a problem as finding a fast efficient parallel algorithm for Boolean Formula Value problem? Be as specific as possible, and explain how convincing the evidence is.

Note that “fast and efficient” means poly-log time with a polynomial number of processors. The term “poly-log” means bounded by  $O(\log^k n)$  for some constant  $k$ .

3. Consider the problem of taking as input an integer  $n$  and an integer  $x$ , and creating an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers, where each entry of  $A$  is equal to  $x$ .

Give an algorithm runs in time  $O(\log n)$  on a EREW PRAM using  $n$  processors. What is the efficiency of this algorithm?

Give an algorithm that runs in time  $O(\log n)$  on a EREW PRAM using  $n/\log n$  processors. What is the efficiency of this algorithm?

Give an algorithm that runs in time  $O(1)$  on a CRCW PRAM using  $n$  processors. What is the efficiency of this algorithm?