

Course: CSC707, Automata, Computability and Computational Theory

Group Problem: Clique \propto Independent Set.

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Input: A graph $G=(V,E)$, an integer $k \leq |V|$

Output: If there is a subset S of k vertices in G such that no pair of vertices in S is connected by an edge in G ?

Decision Problem:

IS = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle : \text{Graph } G \text{ has a Independent set of size } k \}$

Step 1:

We need to show that Independent Set (IS) \in NP. Suppose we have been given a set of vertices V' . We can verify that V' is IS of Graph G as follows:

1. Verify $|V'| = k$. This is $O(1)$.
2. For each edge $(u,v) \in E(G)$, we check whether $u \in V'$ and $v \in V'$. If none of the edge satisfies this relation, then V' is IS of G , otherwise it is not. This is $O(k^2 |E|)$.

So the verification step is polynomial. Hence IS is in NP.

Step2:

Given the Clique problem is NP-Complete, we show that Clique \propto IS. Given an instance of Clique problem $\langle G, k \rangle$, following steps reduces it to IS problem.

1. We compute the complement \overline{G} of given Graph. This take $\cancel{O(n^2)} O(|V|^2)$. -2
2. Calculate $k' = k$.

The output of reduction algorithm is an instance $\langle \overline{G}, k' \rangle$ of IS problem.

Step3:

~~Graph G has Clique $V' \subseteq V$ has a clique of size k iff \overline{G} has IS $V' \subseteq \overline{G}$ has IS of size k .~~ -1

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~~Suppose G has Clique $V' \subseteq V$. If (u,v) be an edge in G and $u \in V'$ and $v \in V'$, then by definition of Clique and Complement, $(u,v) \notin \overline{E}$. Since u,v were chosen arbitrarily, the vertices that forms a clique in G forms IS in \overline{G} .~~ -8

Consider any two vertices $u, v \in \text{Clique}(G)$, suppose that edge $(u, v) \in \overline{G}$. By the definition of complement graph, $(u, v) \notin G$, which goes contradict with that $u, v \in \text{Clique}(G)$. Therefore for $\forall u, v \in \text{Clique}(G)$, $(u, v) \notin \overline{E}$. \overline{G} has a IS of size k .

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~~Suppose G has IS $V' \subset V$. Take any two vertices u, v in G such that $u \in V'$ and $v \in V'$, then $(u, v) \notin E$ by definition of Independent Set. This implies that $(u, v) \in \bar{E}$. Since u, v were chosen arbitrarily, the vertices that forms a IS in G forms a Clique of same size in \bar{G} . —8~~

Suppose \bar{G} has an IS $V' \subset V, |V'| = k, u \in V', v \in V', \Rightarrow (u, v) \notin \bar{E}$. By the definition of complement graph, $(u, v) \in E$. Therefore, V' is an Clique of $G \Rightarrow G$ has a clique of size k .

This proves that IS is NP-Complete problem.