

Homework 6

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We can prove this by proving the contrapositive. That is, if $P = NP$, then $NP = CoNP$.

Assume $P = NP$.

If $P = NP$, then as P is closed under complement, NP is also closed under complement.

$CoNP$ is the complement of all problems in NP . Therefore $CoNP = NP$.

Since the contrapositive is true, the original statement will be true. Therefore, if $NP \neq CoNP$, then $P \neq NP$.

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First to show that subgraph isomorphism is in NP . Let G be the subgraph of G_2 . We know the mapping between vertices of G_1 and G . We can verify in **polynomial** time that for every edge in G_1 , there is an edge present in G . That means that G_1 is isomorphic to G . This means that this problem is **in NP**.

To show that the problem is NP -Hard, we can reduce to the CLIQUE problem with input (G, k) .

The clique problem is true if the graph G contains a clique of size k (subgraph of G).

Let G_1 be a complete graph of k vertices and G_2 be G , where G_1 and G_2 are inputs to the subgraph isomorphism problem. Then $k \leq |G_2|$. If $k > |G_2|$, a clique of size k cannot be a subgraph of G . Time taken to make G_1 is $O(n^2)$ as the no. of edges in a graph of size $k = {}^kC_2$. G will have a clique of size k iff, G_1 is a subgraph of G_2 . As every graph is isomorphic to itself, if G_1 is a subgraph of G_2 , the result of the subgraph isomorphism is true.

Therefore the Clique problem can be reduced to subgraph isomorphism in **polynomial** time. Therefore subgraph isomorphism is **NP-hard**.

Since the subgraph isomorphism problem is in NP and is NP -Hard, it is **NP-Complete**.

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- a) The certificate will be a set of vertices of at least size k . We can reduce the CLIQUE problem to have input $\langle G, k \rangle$ to show NP -completeness. We can use the complement G' . G will have a CLIQUE of size k iff G' has an independent set of size k . This proves that $Clique \leq_p Independent\ Set$. Since Clique is NP -complete, the Independent Set problem is also NP -complete.
- b) We can run the subroutine on $\langle G, k \rangle$ for $k = 1, \dots, n \rightarrow (|V|)$ to find the largest $k = k_0$, such that the subroutine will return true. We can pick a vertex V in G and denote the subgraph of G constructed by removing V and its induced edges by $G(V')$. We can run the subroutine on $(G(V'), k_0)$. If the subroutine returns true, we

can recursively find an independent set of size $k-1$ in $G(V')$ $\rightarrow (|E|)$. This runs in polynomial time.