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- You may use any of the following known NP-complete problems to show that a given problem is NP-complete: 3-SAT, INDEPENDENT-SET, VERTEX-COVER, SET-COVER, HAMILTONIAN-CYCLE, HAMILTONIAN-PATH, SUBSET-SUM, 3-COLORING, CLIQUE.

There are 5 questions for a total of 100 points.

1. (20 points) Consider the following problem:

F-SAT: Given a boolean formula in CNF form such that (i) each clause has exactly 3 terms and (ii) each variable appears in at most 3 clauses (including in negated form), determine if the formula is satisfiable.

Answer the following questions with respect to the above problem under the assumptions (i) $P = NP$, and (ii) $P \neq NP$. Give reasons.

- Is F-SAT $\in NP$?
- Is F-SAT NP-complete?
- Is F-SAT NP-hard?
- Is F-SAT $\in P$?

(a) $P = NP$

Clearly F-SAT belongs to NP since given an assignment of variables we can check in polynomial time if it is satisfying the formula or not.

(b) * We will also prove it to be NP complete by reducing 3-SAT to F-SAT i.e. to prove $3-SAT \leq_p F-SAT$.

- For this we have to convert an arbitrary instance of 3-SAT to F-SAT. Consider an arbitrary instance of 3-SAT.
- If a clause of 3-SAT has less than 3 terms then we do the following:-

Case-1) If clause has only 1 term (x_1) then we create 2 dummy (new) variables q_1 & q_2 & add 4 clauses for each such clause with 1 term given by

$$(x_1 \vee q_1 \vee q_2) (x_1 \vee q_1 \vee \bar{q}_2) (x_1 \vee \bar{q}_1 \vee q_2) (x_1 \vee \bar{q}_1 \vee \bar{q}_2)$$

This ensures that whatever value a_1, a_2 , takes the and of these terms will evaluate to x_1 . Proof: If $x_1 = 1$ then clearly each clause is 1 & and is 1. If $x_1 = 0$ then at least one clause where a_1, a_2 are both zero (since we have considered all possible ways of disjunction of a_1, a_2) & hence and of the clauses will be zero. Hence 3-SAT is satisfiable only if conjunction of these 4 clauses is satisfiable i.e. iff $x_1 = 1$. So another way of tackling this could be to just remove singleton clauses & assign them 1 but this way there may be a 1 generated in other clauses as well.

Case-2) If there exist a clause of size 2 in 3-SAT say $(x_1 \vee x_2)$ then we create a new dummy variable say α & make 2 clauses as $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \alpha) (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \alpha)$. Clearly conjunction of these clauses is one iff $x_1, x_2 = 1$ irrespective of α since α must be true to satisfy second clause.

- Now we have an instance with all clauses having exactly 3 terms. But a variable may be present in more than 3 clauses say x_i is present in C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k clauses where $k > 3$.
- We will create k variables f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k corresponding to x_i & they must be replaced in k clauses instead of x_i . But we want all of them to be simultaneously true or simultaneously false since they represent a single variable. Thus we add clauses

$$(f_1 \Rightarrow f_2) (f_2 \Rightarrow f_3) \dots (f_{k-1} \Rightarrow f_k) (f_k \Rightarrow f_1)$$

Conjunction of these clauses will be true only when either All f_i 's are true or all f_i 's are false i.e. all are same.

$$(\neg f_1 \vee f_2) (\neg f_2 \vee f_3) \dots (\neg f_k \vee f_1)$$

- each 2 variable clause will be converted to 2 new clauses. Hence each f_i $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ will appear in exactly 3 clauses.

Claim \rightarrow \exists -sat instance is satisfiable iff F -sat instance is satisfiable.

- It's evident since we plug values of x_i 's \in 3-sat to corresponding y_i 's in F -sat (Note if x_i appeared in k clauses we have k corresponding y_i 's for it) & give arbitrary values to rest, F -sat will be satisfiable.
- Similarly if F -sat is satisfiable we plug value of y_i 's $\in F$ -sat to corresponding x_i 's of 3-sat then 3-sat will be satisfiable.

- (c) Since all problems in NP are reducible to F -sat \therefore
By defn F -sat is NP hard.
- (d) F -sat $\in P$. since $P = NP \& \therefore P \subseteq NP$ & we know
 F -sat $\in NP$.

Case-II $P \neq NP$

- (a) F -sat $\in NP$
 (b) F -sat is NP complete
 (c) F -sat is NP hard
 (d) F -sat $\notin P$ since $P \neq NP$ & F -sat $\in NP$ complete i.e.
 belongs to hardest problems in NP & it's assumed
 that they are not solvable in polynomial time
since otherwise $P = NP$

2. (15 points) Consider the following problem:

LONG-PATH: Given a weighted, directed graph $G = (V, E)$, two vertices $s, t \in V$ and a number W , determine if there is a simple path between s and t such that the sum of weights of edges in this path is $\geq W$.

Recall that a simple path is a path that does not have any vertices repeated. Show that LONG-PATH is NP-Complete.

- Let's denote Longpath by LP. Since given a path we can check in polynomial time if it's a simple path with sum of edge weights $\geq W \therefore LP \in NP$
- We will denote Hamiltonian Path by HP & show that it's reducible to LP i.e To prove $HP \leq_p LP$
- Now we give each directed edge in HP a weight of 1. We call this graph G' .

Claim: G has a hamiltonian path iff G' has a simple path of length $|V|-1$ (sum of weights) $|V|-1 = k$ (say)

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- Let G has a hamiltonian path. $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{|V|}$. Since it visits each vertex exactly once it is a simple path of length $= |V|-1$ (\equiv no. of edges.)
 - Let G' has a simple path of weight $|V|-1$ $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{|V|}$. Since it's simple path, no vertex is visited twice & since weight of edges is $1 \Rightarrow$ there exists $|V|-1$ edges in this simple path (since each edge has wt 1) & no edge is repeated. Thus nodes $|V| = |V| + 1 = |V|$ & hence a hamiltonian path in G . Note G' can't have simple path of length $> |V|-1$ because otherwise we have visited more than $|V|-1$ edges \Rightarrow more than $|V|$ vertices (not poss) or repeated a vertex (not poss).

- Therefore to solve G₁ we can create G' in polynomial time by making weights of each edge = 1 & we will call long path with $|V'| = N-1$
- We want to determine s, t to give as input to long-path problem. Since we don't know S, t we try all possible pairs = $O(|V|^2)$ calls to long path problem that are polynomial number of calls. (exact calls $|V| C_2$)
- Hence we have reduced HP \leq_p LP. Thus LP is NP-Complete since we know HP is NP-complete.

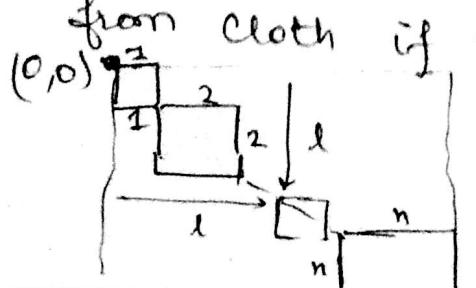
3. (15 points) Consider the following problem:

CUT: Given a rectangular piece of cloth sheet of dimension $h \times w$, n rectangular items with dimension $h_1 \times w_1, \dots, h_n \times w_n$ and profits p_1, \dots, p_n , and an integer P , determine whether it is possible to cut these rectangular items from the sheet such that the total profit is exactly P . You are allowed to cut at most one copy of any item from the sheet. You may assume that arbitrary cuts are possible.

Show that CUT is NP-complete.

$\text{CUT} \in \text{NP}$ since given a set of items we can check if the sum of their profits is P & that it is possible to cut them from the cloth in polynomial time.

- To prove $\text{SUBSET SUM} \leq_p \text{CUT}$. let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ be an arbitrary instance of subset sum where we have to check if \exists a subset $A' \subseteq A$ s.t $\sum_{a_i \in A'} a_i = S$.
- We will construct an instance CUT problem as follows.
 - Consider n clothes with profits p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n s.t $p_i = a_i \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
 - Set $P = S$
 - Set the dimensions of i th cloth as $(i \times i)$ & Dimension of rectangular piece of cloth to be $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ i.e a square of $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- Note that given any subset P' of n clothes it's always possible to cut them from above square cloth. In fact all the n clothes can be easily cut from cloth if we cut i th cloth as follows.



$l = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (k-1)$ • Move l units right & down from $(0,0)$ & cut a cloth of $(i \times i)$.

Claim: Subset Sum is satisfied iff \exists soln to CUT problem

Proof: \Rightarrow Let subset sum is satisfied s.t. $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in$
are s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i = S$. Then we pick corresponding

Clothes with profits p_1, \dots, p_k & we will have
Satisfying sum of profits $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = P$. Also these
clothes can be easily cut from larger cloth by
method mentioned before.

\Leftarrow Let there exist a possible cut P_1, \dots, P_k s.t.
 $\sum_{i=1}^k P_i = P$ & they are cuttable from cloth.

~~Note: $P_i \neq 0$~~ Then if we pick corresponding
numbers from set A say u_1, \dots, u_k they
will satisfy $\sum_{i=1}^k u_i = S$ since we had

Set $a_i^\circ = P_i + l^\circ$ & $P = S$.

Thus CUT Problem is NP-complete.

4. (25 points) Consider the following problem:

SPAN-TREE: Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, determine if there is a spanning tree of G that has at most 10 leaves.

Either show that this problem is NP-complete or give a polynomial time algorithm (along with correctness proof and running time).

SpanTree is NP complete.

Given a G & Spanning Tree we can check in polynomial time if it's a spanning-tree of G and has ≤ 10 leaves.

To Prove

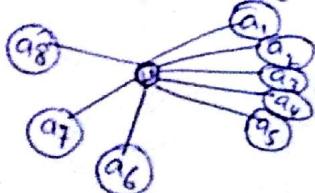
Undirected Hamiltonian Path \leq_p Span-tree

- Consider an undirected graph G .
- Claim: G has Hamiltonian path iff G has a spanning tree with 2 leaves.
- Let G has hamiltonian path a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .
Clearly $a_1 - a_2 - \dots - a_n$ is a spanning tree with 2 leaves a_1 & a_n .
- Let G has spanning tree with 2 leaves say T .
 \rightarrow Since T has only 2 leaves \Rightarrow by defn there are only 2 vertices of degree 1
 \rightarrow Claims all other vertices of T has degree 2.
Suppose for contradiction v has degree 3 then each branch from v will end up at a leaf giving us atleast 3 leaves which is a contradiction.
Thus T has all nodes with degree 2 except leaf nodes which give us a straight chain type tree covering all nodes and will be a hamiltonian path for G .

- If G_i has no NON DEGREE 1 vertex i.e. it has all vertices of degree 1 then G_i can either be O or $O-O$ which clearly have spanning tree with ≤ 10 leaves.

- Construct G'_i from G_i in the following way.

Pick an arbitrary vertex say $v \in G_i$ & add 8 new nodes to it a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8 as follows.



$$\text{Let } G_i = (V, E)$$

$$\text{then } G'_i = (V', E') \text{ where}$$

$$E' = \{V \cup (v, a_i) \} \quad \forall i \in 1, 2, \dots, 8$$

$$V' = \{V \cup a_i\} \quad \forall i \in 1, 2, \dots, 8$$

Claim: G_i has hamiltonian path iff G'_i has a spanning tree of at most 10 leaves.

Proof:

\Rightarrow Let G_i has hamiltonian path $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \quad n \equiv \text{no. of vertices} \equiv |V|$

Case-I $v \notin \{x_1, x_n\}$ i.e. not an end point of hamiltonian path
Let $x_i = v$, then we can construct following spanning tree in G'_i with 10 leaves.



Case-II $v \in \{x_1, x_n\}$ i.e. end point of hamiltonian path
then we can construct a spanning tree in G'_i of 9 leaves.



\Leftarrow Let G'_i has a spanning tree of at most 10 leaves say T

- Since all a_i 's $i \in 1, 2, \dots, 8$ must be spanned all of them will be present as leaves in T since they were only connected with just one vertex in G'_i itself & had degree 1. Thus T has atleast 8 leaves.

Note: All nodes of degree 1 in G_1 were remain untouched in G' & hence $\text{No. of leaves in } T \geq 8 + \text{no. of nodes in } G_1 \text{ of degree 1.}$

Case-I T' has 8 leaves $\Rightarrow G_1$ had only 1 node v & trivially had a hamiltonian path.

Case-II T' has 9 or 10 leaves. Removing all s. take remaining tree T' span all nodes of G_1 and has ~~0 or 1~~ 1 or 2 leaves. 1 leaf again means single node in G_1 . If T' has 2 leaves then we get a spanning tree of G_1 , T' that has 2 leaves \Rightarrow hence \exists a hamiltonian path in G_1 .

Therefore, Span-Tree is NP-complete.

(Note) T has > 10 leaves $\Rightarrow G_1$ had > 2 vertices of degree 1 & can't be spanned by a single hamiltonian path.)

Hence Span-Tree is NP-complete.

5. (25 points) A cycle cover of a given directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is a set of vertex disjoint cycles that cover all the vertices. Consider the following problem:

CYCLE-COVER: Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, determine if there is a cycle cover of G .

Either show that this problem is NP-complete or give a polynomial time algorithm (along with correctness proof and running time).

The problem is not NP complete

- Given $G = (V, E)$ we construct $G' = (V', E')$ where

$V' =$ for each vertex $v_i \in G$ we create 2 vertices l_i & r_i in V' for $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ $n = \text{no. of vertices in } G$.

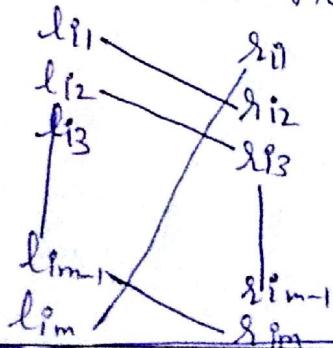
$E' =$ Set $V_L = l_i$'s & $V_R = r_i$'s. ~~edges~~
for each edge (v_i, v_j) in G we add 2 edges in E' that are $(l_i, r_j) \times (r_i, l_j)$

- Clearly G' is a bipartite graph. (Undirected)

- There is vertex disjoint cycle cover of G iff there exist a maximum matching in $G' (V_L, V_R, E')$.

→ Let there is a cycle cover of G say $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$
let C_i is a cycle given by $v_{i1} \rightarrow v_{i2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{im} \rightarrow v_{i1}$

In G' we have a corresponding subgraph with perfect matching of nodes $l_{i1}, l_{i2} \rightarrow l_{im} \& r_{i1}, r_{i2} \rightarrow r_{im}$ corresponding to above m nodes as follows. Hence doing this



for each C_i will find a max matching of G' . Since C_i 's cover all vertices of G max matching will be matching between all vertices of G' . *contd.*

Algorithm

- From G create G' as described above
- Find maximum matching in G'
- If max matching is $= |V|$ ie no. of vertices of G then return True else return False.

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Time Complexity

- Creating G' $O(V+E)$
- Max matching $O(VE)$ by Ford-Fulkerson
- $O(VE + V + E) = O(VE)$

Let there is a maximum matching in G' .

- If (l_i, r_j) edge \in max matching $\Rightarrow (v_i, v_j)$ was directed edge in G'
- ~~If (l_j, l_i) edge \in max matching $\Rightarrow (v_j, v_i)$ was directed edge in G'~~
- Since all l_i are matched with some r_j , this implies all $v_i \in G$ has an outgoing edge.
- Since all l_i are mapped to different r_j 's this implies all $v_i \in G$ has an outgoing edge to a different vertex, (i.e. No 2 v_i 's have outgoing edge $\star^{(Pmp)}$) hence all the vertices of G has an incoming edge too.
- Consider graph $G'' \nearrow$ as a subgraph of G corresponding to i.e containing only edges as given by maximum matching of G' . In G'' as proved above each vertex will have exactly one incoming edge & one outgoing edge. G'' will have all vertices of G .

Claim: G'' will be a cycle cover of G .

Proof: G'' will have atleast 1 cycle since say v_{i_1} has outgoing edge v_{i_2} then v_{i_2} must have an outgoing edge to either v_{i_1} or a new vertex v_{i_3} . Continuing this way v_{i_k} has

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either an outgoing edge to $v_{i_{k+1}}$ (new vertex) or ~~one of the vertices v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k}~~ . In latter case we have found the cycle. Otherwise we continue till v_{i_m} ($m = \text{total nodes}$) which must have an

~~edge to one of the $v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{ik}$ & we will get a cycle~~

or v_{ik} will have an edge to v_{i1} . Note v_{ik}

can't have an edge to v_{i2}, \dots, v_{ik-1} since these vertices already have some incoming edge from a vertex other than v_{ik} & different vertices have outgoing edges to different vertices i.e. no two vertex have an outgoing edge to same vertex.

If v_{ik} has edge to v_{i1} then we get a cycle $(v_{i1} \rightarrow v_{i2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{ik} \rightarrow v_{i1})$ else we continue till v_{in} ($n = \text{no. of vertices in } G$). Now since every vertex has an outgoing edge v_{in} must have 1 outgoing edge & that too would be towards v_{i1} (By above argument). Hence there always exist a cycle.

- Now, remove cycle $v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{ik}$ from G'' . Remaining vertices again have exactly 1 outgoing edge & 1 incoming edge & different vertices have outgoing edges to different vertices. So we find another cycle $v_{ik+1}, v_{ik+2}, \dots, v_{im}$ & we remove it from G'' . - \otimes

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- Repeating \otimes we will get vertices of G divided into disjoint cycles.

- Note: Cycles formed from G'' will be disjoint is obvious since otherwise some vertex will have more than 1 outgoing/incoming edge.