

Problem 1:[15 marks] In the Hamiltonian path problem (HP), the input is an undirected graph G , and two vertices u, v of G . The goal is to decide if G contains a path from u to v which passes through every vertex exactly once. Show that $HP \leq_K ILP$. It is sufficient if you specify what different inequalities/equalities you will assert, you do not need to put them into a matrix form.

Hint: Consider defining variables x_{wj} which must take the value 1 if w is at distance j from u along the path, and 0 otherwise, where $1 \leq j \leq n - 2$. Suppose (w, z) is not an edge; then for any j , the vertices w, z should not be the j th and $j + 1$ th vertices in the path respectively. How do you express this constraint? What other kinds of constraints do you need to put on x_{wj} ?

Consecutive vertices on the path must have an edge between them:

$$\forall w, z \text{ s.t. } (w, z) \notin E : x_{wj} + x_{z,j+1} \leq 1. \quad 5 \text{ marks}$$

Each vertex must be at a unique distance:

$$\forall w : \sum_j x_{wj} = 1. \quad 3 \text{ marks}$$

At any distance there must be a unique vertex

$$\forall j : \sum_w x_{wj} = 1 \quad 3 \text{ marks}$$

Unless there is an edge (u, w) , w cannot be at distance 1

$$\forall w \text{ s.t. } (u, w) \notin E : x_{w1} = 0 \quad 2 \text{ marks}$$

Unless there is an edge (w, v) w cannot be at distance $n - 2$

$$\forall w : (u, w) \notin E : x_{w,n-2} = 0 \quad 2 \text{ marks}$$

$$\forall w, j : x_{wj} \in \{0, 1\}$$

Given an assignment to x_{wj} we can decide which vertices must be at what distance. Likewise if a path exists, we can set $x_{wj} = 1$ if w is placed at distance j – this will satisfy inequalities/equations above. And the reduction can clearly be done in polytime.

Problem 2:[13 marks] The construction version (CHP) of the Hamiltonian path problem is same as HP, except that it returns the said path (i.e. a path that passes through each vertex exactly once) if it exists, and "False" otherwise. Show that $CHP \leq_C HP$.

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CHP(G,u,v){
  If G consists of a single vertex v, return the empty path // base case
  For each edge (u,w) in G
    G' = G - remove u and incident edges.
    If HP(G',w,v) return w || CHP(G',w,v)
  end for
  return " False"
}

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7 marks

CHP calls itself on graphs with fewer vertices, and so at most $|V|$ times. Over all the calls, HP is called at most once per edge, so $|E|$ times, i.e. polynomial in input size. Additional work per recursive call is removal of a vertex, clearly polynomial.

6 marks.

You may lose upto 3 marks if you do not clearly estimate the number of times HP gets called.

Problem 3: The advertisement layout problem AL, takes as inputs (a) integers p,n, the number of pages and the number of advertisements, (b) h,w, the height and width of each page, (c) $H[1..n], W[1..n]$, where the ith advertisement has height $H[i]$, width $W[i]$. The goal is to decide if the given advertisements (rectangles of the given dimensions) can be layed out in p pages. Specifically, each advertisement must be assigned a position inside some page such that no two advertisements overlap.

(a)[7 marks] Show that $AL \in NP$.

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Verify(x[1..n], y[1..n], p[1..n] = top left corner coordinates and page no for each advertisement){
  check that the advertisements to not overlap and stay on the page.
  Return true if all checks succeed, and 0 otherwise.
}

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4 marks

runs in polytime.

1 mark

If x has solution y will exist and Verify will return true.

1 mark

If verify returns true for some y, then y must be a solution.

1 mark

(b)[15 marks] Let AL_i denote AL with $p=i$ pages. Show AL_1 is NP-hard. Partial credit for

showing that AL2 is NP-hard.

Reduction from Partition.

$IM(a_1, \dots, a_n)\{$

for $i=1..n$ $H[i]=a_i, W[i] = 1$

$h = \sum_i a_i/2, w = 2$

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10 marks

Instance map runs in polytime.

1 mark

AL1 \Rightarrow items stacked in two columns \Rightarrow heights in column i in i th partition.

1 mark

implication is 2 way.

1 mark

overall structure: reduction from something, IM arguments:

2 marks

If you reduce to AL2 you get upto 10 marks.