

- Some NP-complete problems :
 - SATISFIABILITY
 - 0/1 Knapsack
 - PARTITION
 - Two-Processor Non-Preemptive Schedule Length
 - CLIQUE : An undirected graph $G=(V, E)$ and a positive integer $J \leq |V|$
Question : Does G contain a clique (complete subgraph) of size J or more?

Proving NP-Completeness Results

- Example 1 : Show that the PARTITION problem is NP-C (NP-complete).

Given a known NP-C problem - Sum of Subset Problem (SS), show that PARTITION problem is NP-C.

SS Problem

Instance : Given a finite set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ of n positive numbers & a positive number M .

Question : Is there a subset $A' \subseteq A$
such that $\Sigma A' = M$

PARTITION Problem

Instance : Given a finite set $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$
of m positive integers.

Question : Is there a subset $B' \subseteq B$ such that
 $\sum B' = \sum (B - B')$

(1) Show that: PARTITION is in NP

step#1: guess a subset B' of B (use one guess
statement for each element) $O(m)$

step#2: verify $\sum B' = \sum (B - B')$? $O(m)$

Total $O(m)$

(2) Show that: $SS \propto \text{PARTITION}$

Given an arbitrary instance of SS,

i.e. $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ and M ,

Construct an instance of PARTITION as follows :

$B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \mathbf{b_{n+1}}, \mathbf{b_{n+2}}\}$ of $\mathbf{m = n+2}$ positive numbers where

$$b_i = a_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$\mathbf{b_{n+1} = M + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{b_{n+2} = \Sigma A + (1 - M)}$$

Note : $\Sigma b_i = 2 \Sigma A + 2$. Also, the transformation can be done in polynomial time (based on input size of A & M)

To show the transformation is correct : The SS problem has a solution **if and only if** the PARTITION problem has a solution.

- If SS problem has a solution, then the PARTITION problem has a solution

assume A' is the solution for SS problem then

$$Z' = A' \cup \{b_{n+2}\} \text{ and } Z - Z' = A - A' \cup \{b_{n+1}\}$$

$$\Sigma Z' = M + \Sigma A + (1 - M) = \Sigma A + 1 = \Sigma (Z - Z')$$

- If the PARTITION problem has a solution then the SS problem has a solution

if Z' is the solution then $\Sigma Z' = \Sigma A + 1$

→ exactly one of b_{n+2} or $b_{n+1} \in Z'$

→ if $b_{n+2} \in Z'$ then $Z' - \{ b_{n+2} \} = A'$ and $\Sigma A' = M$

if $b_{n+1} \in Z'$, then use $Z - Z'$ to obtain A'