## lecture

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**Definition 1** (NP-hard). every problem in NP can be efficiently reduced to any other problem in np hard

max cut game: each node is a player, each player decides if they wnat to move to the other side to increase the total score

this is equal to the local search for maxcut

**Definition 2.** ppad complete (?), pls complete (?)

**Definition 3** (pls class). has 3 algos that are efficient over input size.

- 1. initialization
- 2. evaluation
- 3. locally opt checker report local opt or return better

**Definition 4** (pls reduction). start from problem that is hard, transform into new algo in poly time, from  $\pi_1$  to  $\pi_2$ .

w requirements,

- 1. every  $x \in \pi_1$  maps to  $A(x) \in \pi_2$
- 2. maps every local optimum A(x) to x

if you can pls reduce max cut to a new problem and you claim to find local optimum in the new problem, then it would be a contradiction