

# **Mandatory Exercise 2**

Computationally hard problems

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# 1 Exercise 2.1

## 1.1 A

If we assume that  $C$  is of conjunctive normal form (a conjunction of disjunctions), we can define  $A_o(C)$  in the following manner.

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1 A_o(C):
2     G = graph(C, ∅)
3     for c in C:
4         for x in c:
5             for cr in {c ∉ C}:
6                 for xr in cr:
7                     X = {x, xr}
8                     if x = xr:
9                         X = {x}
10                    if A_d(X, {c, cr}):
11                        edge(x, xr, G)
12     X = clique_o(G, |C|) or ∅
13     for i in |X|:
14         if X_i is negation:
15             X_i = false
16         else:
17             X_i = true
18     return X
```

Where

- `graph( $V$ ,  $E$ )` creates a graph with vertices  $V$  and edges  $E$ .
- `edge( $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $G$ )` creates an edge between vertex  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in graph  $G$ .
- `clique_o( $G$ ,  $k$ )` finds a clique in graph  $G$  of size  $k$ .

We construct a graph containing each element  $x$  in each clause  $c$  in the set of clauses  $C$  as vertices. We then compare each vertex with each other vertex, and if they satisfy  $A_d$  we create an edge between them. We find the clique of size  $|C|$  and assign truth values to the variables  $X$  represented by the vertices, such that they evaluate to true. This set of truth assignments  $X$  is a solution to  $A_d(X, C) = \text{true}$

## 1.2 B

In order to show that our algorithm is correct, we must show that a clique formed from our graph will in fact represent a set of variables  $X$  whose truth assignments are a solution

to  $A_d(X, C) = \text{true}$ .

This is true because we draw edges based on  $A_d$  and we therefore know that the two vertices connected by an edge do not have conflicting truth assignments. Thus if we find a clique with a vertex from each clause, whom all have interconnected edges, the set of vertices in this clique will represent a set of non-conflicting truth assignments. Since we have  $|C|$  clauses, the clique must be of size  $|C|$ .

We are guaranteed to draw edges creating such a clique if it exists, since we try each vertex with each other vertex in the graph.

### 1.3 C

The algorithm consists primarily of four nested loops. The outer most loop is repeated  $|C|$  times, the second loop is repeated  $|X|$  times, the third is repeated  $|C|$  times and the inner most is repeated  $|X|$  times. Thus we have approximately  $|C| \times |X| \times |C| \times |X| = (|C| \times |X|)^2$ . We know that  $|C| + |X|$  is in fact the total length of our input  $n$ , and since we know that *clique* has  $O(n)$  running time, the total running time is  $O(n^2) + O(n^2) = O(2n^2) = O(n^2)$ .