

# CS 240 Homework 3

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TOTAL POINTS

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## QUESTION 1

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- 0.5 pts construction is unclear

- 1 pts 3SAT  $\rightarrow$  4SAT  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$

## QUESTION 2

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- 0.1 pts K--?

- 0.2 pts K coloring problem needs the parameter k = 0  $\rightarrow$  Refers to the k in problem2

- 0.2 pts Edges is defined wrongly

- 0.3 pts  $\rightarrow$  problem2  $\rightarrow$  NP

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- 0.8 pts Problem2  $\rightarrow$  K+k coloring? And 3-coloring

$\rightarrow$  K coloring?  $\neq$  3-coloring  $\rightarrow$  Problem2

- 0.3 pts  $\rightarrow$

- 0.5 pts  $\rightarrow$

- 0.8 pts  $\rightarrow$

- 0.4 pts edges and vertices are defined wrongly

## QUESTION 3

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- 0.3 pts Please show TA cycle is in NP

- 0.7 pts Only show TA cycle is in NP

- 0.2 pts Inaccurate construction

- 0.3 pts mapping function not in polynomial time.

- 1 pts Wrong

- 0.5 pts wrong construction

## QUESTION 4

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✓ - 0 pts Correct

- 0.2 pts Without proof that Knapsack is NP

- 0.2 pts Wrong construction of reducing

- 1 pts No answer or totally wrong

- 0.3 pts Only show one direction of equivalence

- 0.1 pts Unclear constuction

- 0.6 pts Not showing the equivalence of answer to two problems

## QUESTION 5

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✓ + 1 pts Correct

- 0.1 pts the value of b is wrong

- 0.1 pts wrong when handling  $Ax \leq b$  and  $Ax \geq b$

+ 0.4 pts wrong, but not totally, and for your hard work

+ 0.2 pts np

+ 0.5 pts hard work

+ 0 pts Wrong, or can not find your solution

+ 0.5 pts construct

+ 0.3 pts proof

- 0.2 pts you can not constraint that  $x_i = 1 - x_j$

- 0.1 pts small mistake

QUESTION 6

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✓ - **0 pts** Correct

- **0.1 pts** "In NP" step is wrong

- **0.1 pts** "mention mapping takes polynomial time"

step is missing. Or the construction is not from a Independent Set "Instance" to Pairwise Disjoint "instance".

- **0.4 pts** "Instance Construction" step is wrong or missing.

- **0.4 pts** "Proof Instances Yes/No Equal" step is wrong or missing.

- **1 pts** Wrong.

## Problem 1

### Solution

#### 1. 4-SAT $\in$ NP

If the clauses  $\Phi$  with size  $k$  is given, and the truth assignment is also given, we can check it by directly evaluate the expression, and if the evaluation answer is True, then it's a true instance, otherwise it's a false instance. It will take  $O(k)$  time, which is polynomial, so 4-SAT  $\in$  NP.

#### 2. 3-SAT $\leq_p$ 4-SAT

##### • Construction

If an arbitrary 3-SAT problem with size  $k$  is given, we write it as  $\Phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \dots \wedge \phi_k$ ,  $\phi_1$  to  $\phi_k$  are clauses like  $x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3$ , we can convert it to a 4-SAT problem by following steps: For each clause  $\phi_i$ , split it two 4-SAT clauses with adding another variable  $x$ , for example,  $x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3$ , will be transformed to  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee x) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x})$ . Hence we transformed a 3-SAT problem  $\Phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \dots \wedge \phi_k$  to a 4-SAT problem (with size  $2k$ )  $\Phi' = (\phi_1 \wedge x) \wedge (\phi_1 \wedge \bar{x}) \dots \wedge (\phi_k \wedge x) \wedge (\phi_k \wedge \bar{x})$ . It's obviously that if the problem size of 3-SAT is  $k$ , then the reduction to 4-SAT will take  $O(k)$  time, which is polynomial.

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## Problem 2

### Solution

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## Problem 3

### Solution

1. TA-Cycle  $\in$  NP

If an arbitrary solution of TA-Cycle  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$  is given, we can check it in polynomial time by traversing  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$ , and check whether  $A_i$  and its neighbor has a TA relationship.

2. Directed Hamilton Cycle  $\leq_p$  TA-Cycle

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We need to prove that  $G$  is a yes instance of directed hamilton Cycle iff  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_K$  is yes instance of TA-Cycle

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2. Subset sum  $\leq_p$  Knapsack

- Construction

If an instance of Subset sum  $(S, t)$  is given (where  $t$  is the target). We can construct an instance of Knapsack  $(A, C, b, k)$  by following steps:

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–  $(\Leftarrow)$

Suppose that  $(A, C, b, k)$  is a yes-instance, thus we have following equations:

$$\sum_{s \in S'} s \leq b = t$$

and

$$\sum_{s \in S'} s \geq k = t$$

Hence, we have  $t = \sum_{s \in S'} s$ . Therefore  $(S, t)$  is a yes instance of Subset sum.

## Problem 5

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In more formal terms, for 3-SAT formula  $\Phi$ , containing  $n$  variables and  $m$  clauses, construct  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that:

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{If variable } j \text{ only occurs without negation in clause } i \\ 1, & \text{If variable } j \text{ only occurs with negation in clause } i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then, constructs  $b$  by

$$b_i = -1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \max(A_{i,j}, 0)$$

(i.e.  $b_i$  = the number of negated literals in clause  $i$ ) Also, constructs  $x$  by:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{If variable } i \text{ is assigned to True} \\ 0, & \text{If variable } i \text{ is assigned to False} \end{cases}$$

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If  $(A, x, b)$  is a yes instance of Binary quadratic programming problem, then we have  $\forall i, y_i \leq b_i$ . Then, in 3-SAT problem, we have, the sum of satisfied literals in clause  $i$  is  $\geq 1$ , which indicates clause  $\phi_i$  is satisfied. Hence, we can get all clauses are satisfied, hence  $\Phi$  is a yes instance of 3-SAT problem.

## Problem 6

### Solution

1. Set packing problem  $\in$  NP

Lemma: we can find the intersection of two sets with size  $m$  and  $n$  in polynomial time. (By traversing or using a hash set are both OK)

If an arbitrary solution of Set packing problem is given (with size= $k$ ), we can traverse the  $k$  sets and calculate  $\cap_{i=0}^k S_i$ , and determine whether the intersection is an Empty set. By the lemma, it can be done in polynomial time.

2. Independent set  $\leq_p$  Set packing problem

- Construction

If an instance of independent set is given (i.e. a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a set of vertices  $S$ ), we can construct an instance of Set packing problem by following steps:

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In more formal terms, for 3-SAT formula  $\Phi$ , containing  $n$  variables and  $m$  clauses, construct  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  such that:

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{If variable } j \text{ only occurs without negation in clause } i \\ 1, & \text{If variable } j \text{ only occurs with negation in clause } i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then, constructs  $b$  by

$$b_i = -1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \max(A_{i,j}, 0)$$

(i.e.  $b_i$  = the number of negated literals in clause  $i$ ) Also, constructs  $x$  by:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{If variable } i \text{ is assigned to True} \\ 0, & \text{If variable } i \text{ is assigned to False} \end{cases}$$

This reduction can be done in polynomial time  $O(mn)$

- Proof

We need to prove that  $(A, x, b)$  is a yes instance of Binary quadratic programming problem if and only if  $\Phi$  is a yes instance of 3-SAT.

– ( $\Rightarrow$ )

If  $\Phi$  is a yes instance of 3-SAT, which means all clauses  $\phi_i$  is satisfied. That means the sum of satisfied literals in clause  $\phi_i$  is  $\geq 1$ . That indicates  $y_i \leq b_i$  in Binary quadratic programming problem. If all  $\phi_i$  is satisfied, then we have  $\forall i, y_i \leq b_i$ , which means  $y \leq b$ . Hence,  $(A, x, b)$  is a yes instance of Binary quadratic programming problem.

– ( $\Leftarrow$ )

If  $(A, x, b)$  is a yes instance of Binary quadratic programming problem, then we have  $\forall i, y_i \leq b_i$ . Then, in 3-SAT problem, we have, the sum of satisfied literals in clause  $i$  is  $\geq 1$ , which indicates clause  $\phi_i$  is satisfied. Hence, we can get all clauses are satisfied, hence  $\Phi$  is a yes instance of 3-SAT problem.

## Problem 6

### Solution

1. Set packing problem  $\in$  NP

Lemma: we can find the intersection of two sets with size  $m$  and  $n$  in polynomial time. (By traversing or using a hash set are both OK)

If an arbitrary solution of Set packing problem is given (with size= $k$ ), we can traverse the  $k$  sets and calculate  $\cap_{i=0}^k S_i$ , and determine whether the intersection is an Empty set. By the lemma, it can be done in polynomial time.

2. Independent set  $\leq_p$  Set packing problem

- Construction

If an instance of independent set is given (i.e. a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a set of vertices  $S$ ), we can construct an instance of Set packing problem by following steps:

– For each vertex  $v$  in  $S$ , Initialize  $S_v = \{v\}$  in Set packing problem.

- For each vertex  $v$  in  $S$ , add all edges adjacent to  $v$  to  $S_v$ :  
For all  $S_i$ , if there exists an edge from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ , then add  $j$  to  $S_i$  (i.e.  $S_i := S_i + \{j, \text{ if there exists an edge from } v_i \text{ to } v_j\}$  ) For example, if  $v_3$  connects to  $v_1$  and  $v_4$ , then  $S_3 = \{1, 4\}$

This reduction can be done in polynomial time  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

- Proof

We need to prove that  $G$  is a yes instance of independent sets if and only if  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  is a yes instance of Set packing problem.

- ( $\Rightarrow$ )

If graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a set  $S$  is a yes instance of independent set, then for each pair of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , there does not exist edges connects  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . Hence the subset  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  will contain no overlaps (pairwise disjoint). Therefore,  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  is a yes instance of Set packing problem.

- ( $\Leftarrow$ )

If  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  is a yes instance of Set packing problem, which means  $S_1, \dots, S_k$  are pairwise disjoint. That indicates for each pair of vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  in  $S$ , there does not exist edges connects  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , hence the set of vertices  $S$  is an independent set.



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✓ - 0 pts Correct

- 0.1 pts "In NP" step is wrong
- 0.1 pts "mention mapping takes polynomial time" step is missing. Or the construction is not from a Independent Set "Instance" to Pairwise Disjoint "instance".
- 0.4 pts "Instance Construction" step is wrong or missing.
- 0.4 pts "Proof Instances Yes/No Equal" step is wrong or missing.
- 1 pts Wrong.