

算法设计 HW06

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Q1 To prove it is NP-complete, we first prove it is in NP. As a clique S can be a certificate, and we can verify whether S is a clique and whether $|S| = \frac{n}{2}$ in polynomial time. So, it is in NP.

Then, we want to prove it is NP-complete. We can make a reduction from Clique. We have a clique $G_1 = (V, E), k$, so we can make a similar $G' = (V', E')$ in G .

If $k \leq \frac{|V|}{2}$, we can add $|V| - 2k$ vertices to V' , and add edges between them and all vertices in V' . So, the G' has a $|V'|$ of size $2|V| - 2k$. So, if there is a clique of size k in G , so there is at least a clique of size $|V| - k \geq \frac{|V'|}{2}$ in G' . And if there is a clique of size $\frac{|V'|}{2}$ in G' , so there is also a clique of size $|V| - k - (|V| - 2k) = k$ in G .

If $k > \frac{|V|}{2}$, we can add $2k - |V|$ vertices to V' , and all of them have no edges connected to them. So, the G' has a $|V'|$ of size $2k$. So, if there is a clique of size k in G , then there is a clique of size $k > \frac{|V|}{2}$ in G' . And if there is a clique of size $k > \frac{|V|}{2}$ in G' , then there is a clique of size k in G .

Therefore the problem is NP-complete.

Q2 (a) First when $k = 1$, it is trivial.

Then, when $k \geq 2$. We first prove it is in NP. We can use a spanning tree T with maximum degree k , and it is easy to prove that we can use polynomial time to verify whether T is a spanning tree and whether the maximum degree of T is k .

So, we just want to prove it is NP-complete. We can make a reduction from Hamiltonian Path. Given a Hamiltonian Path $P \subset G = (V, E)$. We

can make a spanning tree $T \subset G' = (V', E')$ with maximum degree at most k by following steps: We add $(k - 2)|V|$ new vertices from G to G' and connect each node in G with $k - 2$ different new vertices. So, if there is a Hamiltonian Path P in G , then there is a spanning tree with maximum degree $k=2$ in G' .

If the vertices in G connect to $k-2$ new vertices have degree at most k in G' , the vertices in G have degree at most 2 in G . So, if there is a spanning tree with maximum degree k in G' , then there is a spanning tree with maximum degree at most 2 in G . SO, there is a Hamiltonian Path in G .

So, the problem is NP-complete.

(b) Similarly, it is easy to prove it is in NP.

So, just like (a), we can make a reduction from Hamiltonian Path. Given a Hamiltonian Path $P \subset G = (V, E)$. We can make a spanning tree $T \subset G' = (V', E')$ with maximum degree at most k in G' by the same way in (a) when k is fixed.

So, if there is a Hamiltonian Path in G , then there is a spanning tree with maximum degree at most 2 in G . So, we can add $k-2$ edges from each vertices in G to the new vertices in G' , and the maximum degree of the vertices in G is at most k . So, if there is a spanning tree with maximum degree at most k in G' .

What's more, if the vertices in G connected to $k-2$ new vertices have degree at most k in G' , then the vertices in G have degree at most 2 in G . So, there is a spanning tree with maximum degree at most k in G' . So, there is a spanning tree with maximum degree at most 2 in G , so there is a Hamiltonian path in G .

So the problem is NP-complete.

Q3 Amazing idea!!!!

First, prove it is in NP, as a color c of each vertex can serve as a certificate, and we can verify whether the color is legal in polynomial time.

Then, we can make a reduction from 3-SAT. Given a 3-SAT formula $\phi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$, and the variables are x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . So, we can construct a graph $G=(V, E)$ in the problem as follows:

We can first create a triangle in G with 3 vertices T , F , A and T stands for true and F stands for false. What's more, it is a triangle, so we can use three colors to color. Then, for each variables, we can add a triangle with 3 vertices x_i , $\neg x_i$, A and x_i stands for the i -th variable. And we can use 3 colors to color them. So, the graph is like below:

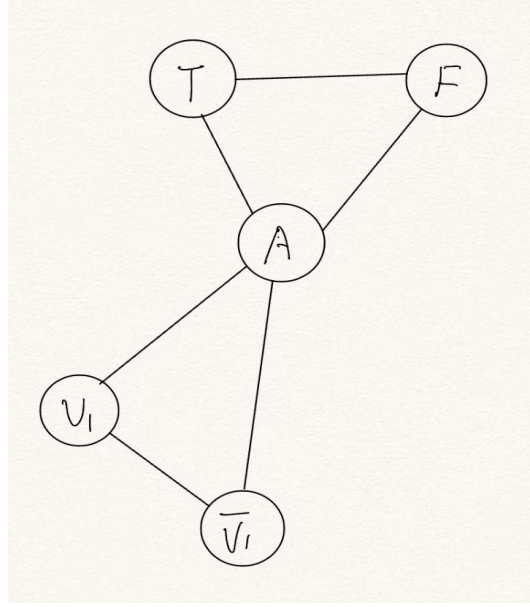


图 1: sample

If G is 3-color, then either v_i or $\neg v_i$ gets true as they are connected to A . and the other gets F . So, we can use the color to replace the value of v_i . Also, if the formula is satisfiable, then we can use the value of v_i to color the graph. And the color is 3-color.

So, we next need to draw the clauses. For each clause $\phi_i = a \vee b \vee c$, we can draw a graph by OR-gadget as below:

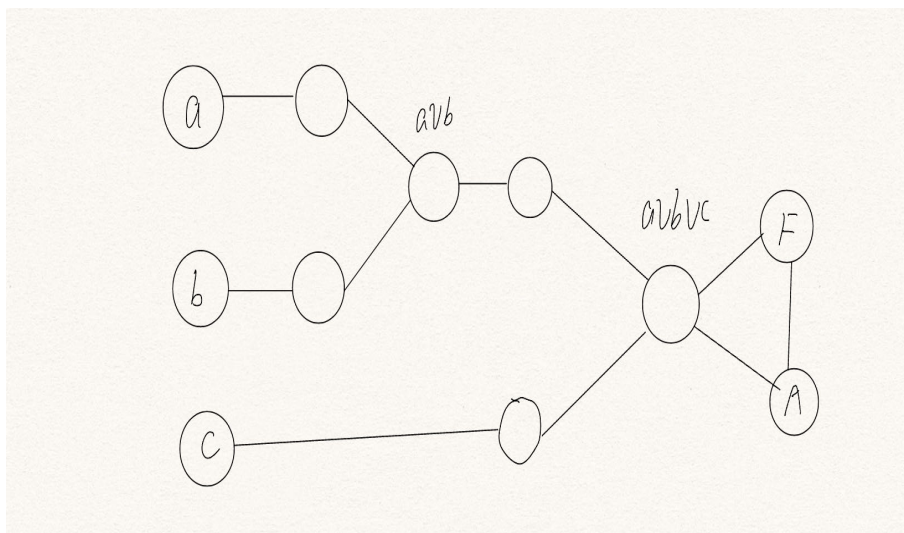


图 2: sample

If a and b are all F in 3-color, then $a \vee b$ must be F, so it is an or gate. So, if a, b, c are all F, the graph cannot be colored by 3-color, which means the formula cannot be satisfied.

If a or b or c has at least one T, WLOG, we assume a is T, then the $a \vee b$ is T, so $a \vee b \vee c$ is T, and the graph is 3-color. So, the formula is satisfied.

As a result, for each C_i , we can draw a graph, we can connect the last $a \vee \dots \vee e$ to the O and F node in the triangle. So, if there is a 3-coloring in the graph, then the formula is satisfied and the value is the color.

On the other hand, if ϕ is satisfied, then, we can color $x_i, \neg x_i$ according to the assignment of x_i , and the color is unique. Then, we can color the OR-gadget according to the assignment of the variables, and the color is unique. So, the graph is 3-color.

Therefore, the problem is NP-complete.

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difficulty: 1 and 2 is normal, 3 is very, very, very hard.