
Tutorial 9: 3SAT and **NP**-completeness

1 3SAT and INDEPSET

We know that INDEPSET is **NP**-complete since in lectures we saw that

1. INDEPSET \in **NP**, and
2. 3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE \leq_P INDEPSET.

Show (directly) that 3SAT \leq_P INDEPSET.

2 3SAT and DOMSET

A *dominating set* in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a set $S \subseteq V$ of vertices such that every vertex in V is adjacent to at least one vertex in S in the graph G .¹

In the DOMSET problem, we are given as input a graph $G = (V, E)$ and a positive integer k and we must determine whether G has a dominating set of size at most k . For this question, you will show that DOMSET is **NP**-complete.

- (i) Prove that DOMSET \in **NP**.
- (ii) Prove that 3SAT \leq_P DOMSET.

3 3SAT and 3COL

In the 3COL problem, we are given as input a graph $G = (V, E)$ and we must determine if there is a way to colour the vertices in V using at most 3 colours so that each edge $(u, v) \in E$ connects vertices that have different colours. For this question, you will show that 3COL is **NP**-complete.

- (i) Prove that 3COL \in **NP**.
- (ii) Prove that 3SAT \leq_P 3COL.

¹Is this the same as a *vertex cover* of G ? You should be able to construct a small example that convinces you the two notions are quite different.