CSE 421
Algorithms
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Lecture 26
NP-Completeness

NP Completeness: The story so far

Circuit Satisfiability is NP-Complete

Background
- P: Class of problems that can be solved in polynomial time
- NP: Class of problems that can be solved in non-deterministic polynomial time
- Y is Polynomial Time Reducible to X
  - Solve problem Y with a polynomial number of computation steps and a polynomial number of calls to a black box that solves X
  - Notation: Y \textless P X
- Suppose Y \textless P X, if X can be solved in polynomial time, then Y can be solved in polynomial time
- A problem X is NP-complete if
  - X is in NP
  - For every Y in NP, Y \textless P X
- If X is NP-Complete, Z is in NP and X \textless P Z
  - Then Z is NP-Complete

Today
- There are a whole bunch of other important problems which are NP-Complete

Populating the NP-Completeness Universe
- Circuit Sat \textless P 3-SAT
- 3-SAT \textless P Independent Set
- 3-SAT \textless P Vertex Cover
- Independent Set \textless P Clique
- 3-SAT \textless P Hamiltonian Circuit
- Hamiltonian Circuit \textless P Traveling Salesman
- 3-SAT \textless P Integer Linear Programming
- 3-SAT \textless P Graph Coloring
- 3-SAT \textless P Subset Sum
- Subset Sum \textless P Scheduling with Release times and deadlines

Satisfiability
- Literal: A Boolean variable or its negation.
  - \( x_i \) or \( \overline{x_i} \)
- Clause: A disjunction of literals.
  - \( C_j = x_i \lor \overline{x_i} \lor x_j \)
- Conjunctive normal form: A propositional formula \( \Phi \) that is the conjunction of clauses.
  - \( \Phi = C_1 \land C_2 \land C_3 \land C_4 \)
- SAT: Given CNF formula \( \Phi \), does it have a satisfying truth assignment?
- 3-SAT: SAT where each clause contains exactly 3 literals.

Ex.: \( (\overline{x_1} \lor x_2 \lor x_3) \land (x_1 \lor \overline{x_2} \lor x_4) \land (x_2 \lor \overline{x_3} \lor x_5) \land (\overline{x_1} \lor \overline{x_2} \lor \overline{x_3}) \)
Yes: \( x_1 = \text{true}, x_2 = \text{true}, x_3 = \text{false} \).
3-SAT is NP-Complete

Theorem. 3-SAT is NP-complete.

Proof. Sufficient to show that CIRCUIT-SAT ≤p 3-SAT since 3-SAT is in NP.
- Let K be any circuit.
- Create a 3-SAT variable $x_i$ for each circuit element $i$.
- Make circuit compute correct values at each node:
  - $x_2 = \neg x_3$ ⇒ add 2 clauses: $x_2 \lor \neg x_3, \neg x_2 \lor x_3$
  - $x_0 = x_1 \lor x_2$ ⇒ add 3 clauses: $x_0 \lor x_1, x_0 \lor x_2, \neg x_0 \lor x_1 \lor x_2$
- Hard-coded input values and output value.
  - $x_5 = 0$ ⇒ add 1 clause: $x_5$
  - $x_0 = 1$ ⇒ add 1 clause: $x_0$
- Final step: turn clauses of length < 3 into clauses of length exactly 3.

$\Phi = (\neg x_1 \lor x_2 \lor x_3) \land (x_1 \lor \neg x_2 \lor x_4) \land (\neg x_4 \lor x_5 \lor x_6)$

Independent Set

- Independent Set
  - Graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset $S$ of the vertices is independent if there are no edges between vertices in $S$

3 Satisfiability Reduces to Independent Set

Claim. 3-SAT ≤p INDEPENDENT-SET.

Construction:
- $G$ contains 3 vertices for each clause, one for each literal.
- Connect 3 literals in a clause in a triangle.
- Connect literal to each of its negations.

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Vertex Cover

- Vertex Cover
  - Graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset $S$ of the vertices is a vertex cover if every edge in $E$ has at least one endpoint in $S$

IS ≤p VC

- Lemma: A set $S$ is independent iff $V - S$ is a vertex cover
- To reduce IS to VC, we show that we can determine if a graph has an independent set of size $K$ by testing for a Vertex cover of size $n - K$
Find a maximum independent set $S$

Show that $V - S$ is a vertex cover

Graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset $S$ of the vertices is a clique if there is an edge between every pair of vertices in $S$

Defn: $G'=(V,E')$ is the complement of $G=(V,E)$ if $(u,v)$ is in $E'$ iff $(u,v)$ is not in $E$

Lemma: $S$ is Independent in $G$ iff $S$ is a Clique in the complement of $G$

To reduce IS to Clique, we compute the complement of the graph. The complement has a clique of size $K$ iff the original graph has an independent set of size $K$

Hamiltonian Circuit – a simple cycle including all the vertices of the graph

Thm: Hamiltonian Circuit is NP Complete

Reduction from 3-SAT
Traveling Salesman Problem

- Given a complete graph with edge weights, determine the shortest tour that includes all of the vertices (visit each vertex exactly once, and get back to the starting point)

Find the minimum cost tour

Thm: HC \textless^p TSP

Graph Coloring

- NP-Complete
  - Graph K-coloring
  - Graph 3-coloring

- Polynomial
  - Graph 2-Coloring