

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: $Y <_p X$
- Suppose $Y <_p X$. 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, $Y <_p X$
- If X is NP-Complete, Z is in NP and $X <_p Z$
 - 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 $<_p$ 3-SAT
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Independent Set
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Vertex Cover
- Independent Set $<_p$ Clique
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Hamiltonian Circuit
- Hamiltonian Circuit $<_p$ Traveling Salesman
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Integer Linear Programming
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Graph Coloring
- 3-SAT $<_p$ Subset Sum
- Subset Sum $<_p$ Scheduling with Release times and deadlines

Satisfiability

Literal: A Boolean variable or its negation. x_i or \bar{x}_i

Clause: A disjunction of literals. $C_j = x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3$

Conjunctive normal form: A propositional formula Φ that is the conjunction of clauses. $\Phi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4$

SAT: Given CNF formula Φ , does it have a satisfying truth assignment?

3-SAT: SAT where each clause contains exactly 3 literals.

Ex: $(\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)$

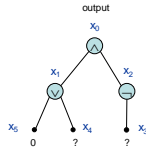
Yes: $x_1 = \text{true}, x_2 = \text{true}, x_3 = \text{false}$.

3-SAT is NP-Complete

Theorem. 3-SAT is NP-complete.

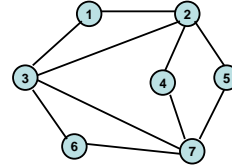
Pf. Suffices to show that CIRCUIT-SAT \leq_P 3-SAT since 3-SAT is in NP.

- 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:
 - $x_2 = \neg x_3 \Rightarrow$ add 2 clauses: $x_2 \vee \overline{x_3}, \overline{x_2} \vee x_3$
 - $x_1 = x_4 \vee x_5 \Rightarrow$ add 3 clauses: $\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_4}, \overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_5}, \overline{x_1} \vee x_4 \vee x_5$
 - $x_0 = x_1 \wedge x_2 \Rightarrow$ add 3 clauses: $\overline{x_0} \vee x_1, \overline{x_0} \vee x_2, x_0 \vee \overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2}$
- Hard-coded input values and output value.
 - $x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow$ add 1 clause: $\overline{x_5}$
 - $x_0 = 1 \Rightarrow$ add 1 clause: x_0
- Final step: turn clauses of length < 3 into clauses of length exactly 3. •



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



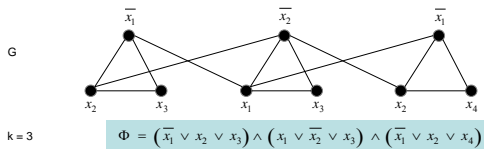
3 Satisfiability Reduces to Independent Set

Claim. 3-SAT \leq_P INDEPENDENT-SET.

Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance (G, k) of INDEPENDENT-SET that has an independent set of size k iff Φ is satisfiable.

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.



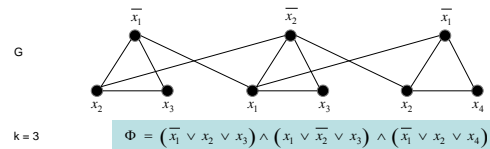
3 Satisfiability Reduces to Independent Set

Claim. G contains independent set of size $k = |\Phi|$ iff Φ is satisfiable.

Pf. \Rightarrow Let S be independent set of size k .

- S must contain exactly one vertex in each triangle.
- Set these literals to true. \leftarrow and any other variables in a consistent way
- Truth assignment is consistent and all clauses are satisfied.

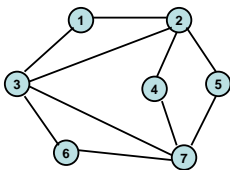
Pf. \Leftarrow Given satisfying assignment, select one true literal from each triangle. This is an independent set of size k . •



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

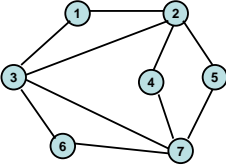


IS \leq_P VC

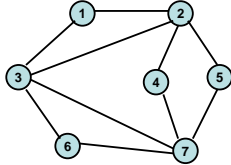
- Lemma: A set S is independent iff $V-S$ is a vertex cover
- To reduce IS to VC, we show that we can determine if a graph has an independent set of size K by testing for a Vertex cover of size $n - K$

IS \leq_p VC

Find a maximum independent set S

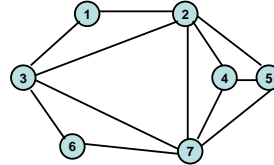


Show that V-S is a vertex cover



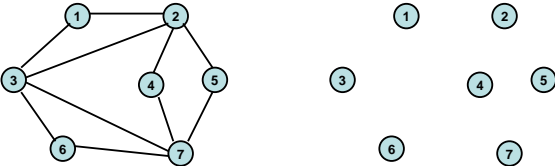
Clique

- **Clique**
 - 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



Complement of a Graph

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

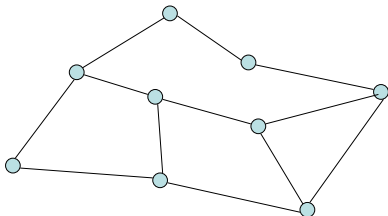


IS \leq_p Clique

- **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 Problem

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

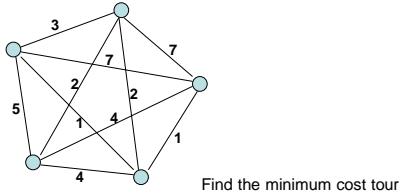


Thm: Hamiltonian Circuit is NP Complete

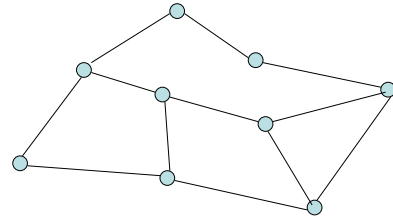
- Reduction from 3-SAT

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)



Thm: $HC \leq_p TSP$



Graph Coloring

- NP-Complete
 - Graph K-coloring
 - Graph 3-coloring
- Polynomial
 - Graph 2-Coloring

