

## CSE 421 Algorithms

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Lecture 29  
Complexity Theory

## Announcements

- Final exam,
  - Monday, December 14, 2:30-4:20 pm
  - Comprehensive (2/3 post midterm, 1/3 pre midterm)
- Review session
  - Today, 2:30-4:30 pm. Lowe 101
- Online course evaluations available

## NP Complete Problems

1. Circuit Satisfiability
2. Formula Satisfiability
  - a. 3-SAT
3. Graph Problems
  - a. Independent Set
  - b. Vertex Cover
  - c. Clique
4. Path Problems
  - a. Hamiltonian cycle
  - b. Hamiltonian path
5. Partition Problems
  - a. Three dimensional matching
  - b. Exact cover
6. Graph Coloring
7. Number problems
  - a. Subset sum
8. Integer linear programming
9. Scheduling with release times and deadlines

## Karp's 21 NP Complete Problems

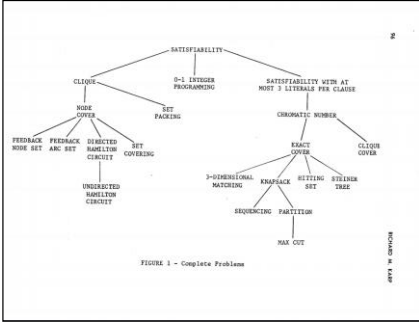
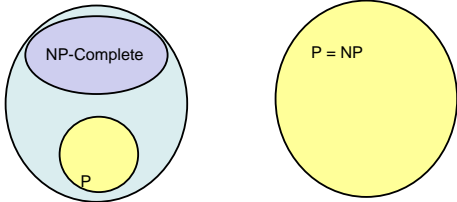


FIGURE 1 - Complete Problems  
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## What we don't know

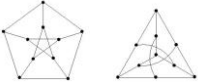
- P vs. NP



## If P != NP, is there anything in between

- Yes, Ladner [1975]
- Problems not known to be in P or NP Complete
  - Factorization
  - Discrete Log
  - Graph Isomorphism

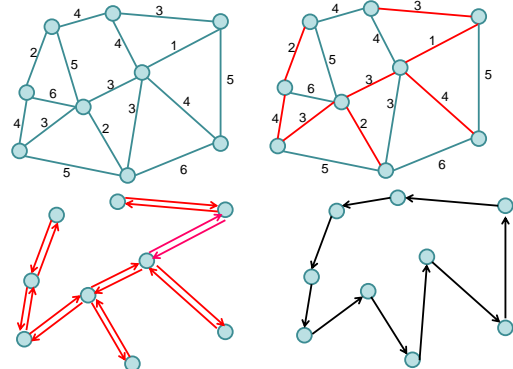
Solve  $g^k = b$  over a finite group



## Coping with NP Completeness

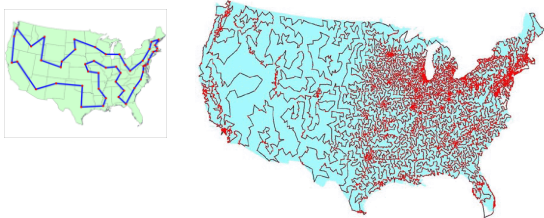
- Approximation Algorithms
  - Christofides algorithm for TSP (Undirected graphs satisfying triangle inequality)
- Solution guarantees on greedy algorithms
  - Bin packing

## Christofides Algorithm (simplified)



## Coping with NP-Completeness

- Branch and Bound
  - Euclidean TSP

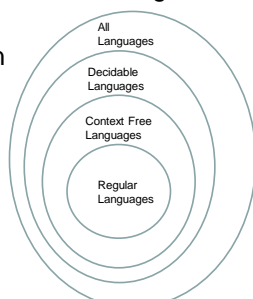


## Coping with NP-Completeness

- Local Search
  - Modify solution until a local minimum is reached
    - Interchange algorithm for TSP
    - Recoloring algorithms
  - Simulated annealing

## Complexity Theory

- Computational requirements to recognize languages
- Models of Computation
- Resources
- Hierarchies



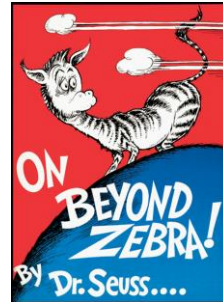
## Time complexity

- P: (Deterministic) Polynomial Time
- NP: Non-deterministic Polynomial Time
- EXP: Exponential Time

## Space Complexity

- Amount of Space (Exclusive of Input)
- L: Logspace, problems that can be solved in  $O(\log n)$  space for input of size  $n$ 
  - Related to Parallel Complexity
- PSPACE, problems that can be required in a polynomial amount of space

## So what is beyond NP?



## NP vs. Co-NP

- Given a Boolean formula, is it true for some choice of inputs
- Given a Boolean formula, is it true for all choices of inputs

## Problems beyond NP

- Exact TSP, Given a graph with edge lengths and an integer  $K$ , does the minimum tour have length  $K$
- Minimum circuit, Given a circuit  $C$ , is it true that there is no smaller circuit that computes the same function as  $C$

## Polynomial Hierarchy

- Level 1
  - $\exists X_1 \Phi(X_1), \forall X_1 \Phi(X_1)$
- Level 2
  - $\forall X_1 \exists X_2 \Phi(X_1, X_2), \exists X_1 \forall X_2 \Phi(X_1, X_2)$
- Level 3
  - $\forall X_1 \exists X_2 \forall X_3 \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3), \exists X_1 \forall X_2 \exists X_3 \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3)$

## Polynomial Space

- Quantified Boolean Expressions
  - $\exists X_1 \forall X_2 \exists X_3 \dots \exists X_{n-1} \forall X_n \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3 \dots X_{n-1}, X_n)$
- Space bounded games
  - Competitive Facility Location Problem
- Counting problems
  - The number of Hamiltonian Circuits in a graph