

NP-Complete

Set Cover (Universe $U = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, \dots, S_m\}, k$): return true if

Verifier $SC((U, \mathcal{S}, k), \mathcal{S}' \subseteq \mathcal{S})$: each $S_i \subseteq U$

\mathcal{S}' is a solution of (U, \mathcal{S}, k) // verify that all $x \in U$ is also present in some $S_j \in \mathcal{S}'$

$$S_1, \dots, S_{|k|} \subseteq U$$
$$\bigcup_{j=1}^k S_j = U$$

① Algorithms for reduction **CSE525 Lec21**

→ Signature

→ Correctness of logic (Reduction Lemma)

→ Time complexity

After NP-completeness

② Algorithms for verification of PROBS...

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→ Signature (Input, output)

Input: (i) instance (x) of PROB
(ii) (p) proof / certificate / witness (designed by you)

→ Correctness of logic (verification lemma)

↳ x is a Yes-instance of PROB iff

→ Time complexity \curvearrowright
complexity of verifier in terms of $|x|$

there exists a proof P s.t. $\text{Verifier}(x, P) \rightarrow \text{true}$

Verifier for ~~NP~~ Ham Path

def VerifyHamPath(instance (G,s,t), ^{of HamPath} proof L): // L is a list of vertices (explain proof)

1. return false if L uses a vertex not in G, or does not use every vertex in G, or does not start with s, or does not end with t *exactly once*
2. For every pair (u,v) of subsequent vertices in L:
If (u,v) is not an edge: return false
3. Return true

Correctness claim: G has a HamPath from s to t iff there exists a proof L for which VerifyHamPath returns true.

⇒ Suppose G has a HamPath $(s - v_1 - v_2 - \dots - v_{n-2} - t)$. Consider the following $L = [s, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, t]$.
Line 1 doesn't return false, Loop in 2 doesn't return false. ∴ True is returned.

⇒ Suppose VerifyHamPath returns true. ∴ $L \subseteq V, L = s \dots t$ and uses all vertices of G exactly one, ...

Complexity claim: VerifyHamPath runs in time $\text{poly}(|G|)$. ∴ L must a HamPath
 $O(|V|)$

Verify for SUBSETSUM

**!! Prove that $\{x: x \text{ is a prime number}\}$ is in NP.

def VerifySS(instance (A,T), proof B): B is a set of indices from $\{1..n\}$
return false if B is not a subset of $\{1 \dots n\}$
return false if the elements of A at the indices given in B do not sum to T
return true otherwise



Correctness claim: A has a subarray that sums to T iff there exists a proof B for which VerifySS returns true.

Sudoku (partially filled board) \rightarrow yes if the board can be filled as per rules
Verifier Sudoku (partially filled board, fully filled board) :
① check if fully filled board extends partially filled board
② rules are ok

5	3		7			
6		1	9	5		
9	8				6	
8			6		3	
4		8	3		1	
7			2		6	
6				2	8	
		4	1	9	5	
			8		7	9

Complexity claim: VerifySS runs in time $\text{poly}(|A|, |T|) = \text{poly}(nk, |T|)$ if A consists of k-bit integers.

Non-decision problems

For NP-completeness, need decision problems.

Problems that are not decision problems can be ...

- { Function problems (Find a colouring of a graph using at most 3 colours)
- Counting problems (Count the number of 3-colourings of a graph)
- Optimization problems (Optimize the number of colours needed to colour a graph)

Finding Satisfiable Assignment

SolveSAT(F) := Output a satisfying assignment of F if one exists, NULL o/w

- If **SolveSAT** can be solved in polytime, then **SAT** can be solved in polytime.
- **Show:** If **SAT** can be solved in polytime, then **SolveSAT** can be solved in polytime.

Q: Suppose there is a black-box **B** for solving **SAT** in polynomial-time. Design a polynomial-time algorithm (that uses B **cleverly**, maybe multiple times, maybe on cleverly constructed formulas) that can solve **SolveSAT** in polytime.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_2 = & (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge \\ & (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge \\ & (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge \\ & (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_4)\end{aligned}$$

def SolveSAT(F):

$r \leftarrow B(F)$ ← add a base case

if $r = \text{false}$: return NULL

// r is true \Leftrightarrow F is satisfiable

x_1 : any variable in F

$F_{x_1=T}$ = copy of F with x_1 hardcoded to T

$r_1 \leftarrow B(F_{x_1=T})$

if $r_1 = \text{True}$:

print("x₁ = T")

SolveSAT($F_{x_1=T}$)

else: // $r_1 = \text{false}$

$F_{x_1=F}$ = copy of F with x_1 hardcoded to F

print("x₁ = F")

SolveSAT($F_{x_1=F}$)

$$T(n) = 2 \underbrace{\text{Time}(B)}_{\text{poly}} + T(n-1)$$

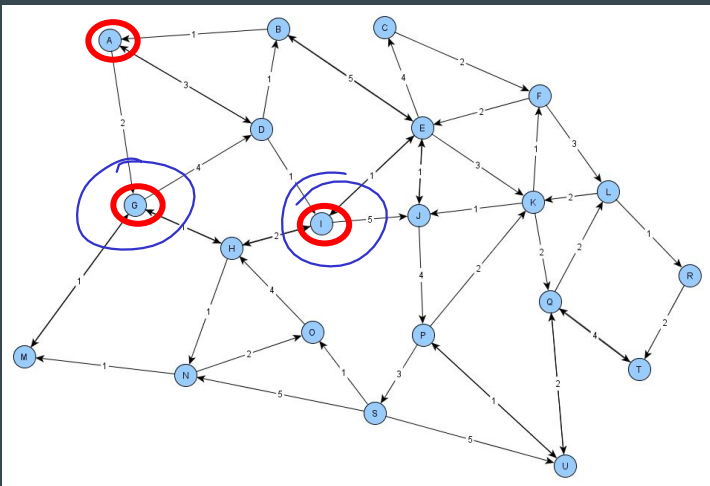
$$\leq 2 \cdot n \cdot \text{Time}(B)$$

Ex. Find a solution to
Sudoku from a solver
for its decision version.

Finding optimal 3-colouring

Q: Suppose there is a black-box B for solving 3COL in polynomial-time. Design a polynomial-time algorithm (that uses B **cleverly**, maybe multiple times, maybe on cleverly constructed graphs) that can find a valid 3-colouring of a graph, if one exists.

decision



x & y : two vertices with an edge

Lemma: x and y must be differently coloured.

x & y : two vertices without an edge. How to colour x and y ?

G_{xy} = merge x and y in G

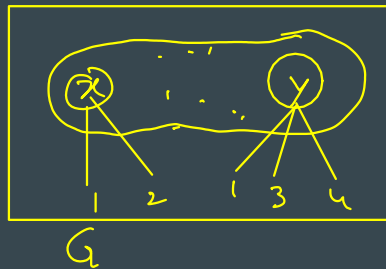
Prove that: G is 3-colourable using same colours for x and y iff G_{xy} is 3-colourable

Q: Show to compute a 3-colouring of G using black-box B.

$r = B(G)$

if $r = \text{false}$: return NULL

// $r = \text{true} \rightarrow G$ is 3-colorable.



if G_{xy} is 3-colorable, then

the same coloring can be used for G .

do { G : Take two vertices x & y without an edge

G_{xy} : merge x & y

$r = B(G_{xy})$

if $r = \text{True}$:

recursively find a coloring for G_{xy}

else: repeat
} until (G is a triangle)



if G has > 3 vertices,
it must have at least
2 vertices that should
be identically coloured.

Verifier Knapsack($(V[1..n], wt[1..n], w, V')$, $B \subseteq \{1..n\}$):

verify that the items in B have total wt $\leq w$ &
total value $\geq V'$