

How to Prove NP-Completeness

- A problem B is NP-complete if
 - (membership) $B \in NP$
 - (NP-hard) For all $A \in NP$, $A \leq_P B$
- **Theorems**
 - SAT is NP-complete.
 - If B is NP-complete and $B \leq_P C$ then C is NP-hard.
 - The 3SAT problem is polynomial time reducible to CLIQUE.

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7.5 Additional NP-Complete Problems

VERTEX-COVER is NP-complete

- VERTEX-COVER is in NP.
- VERTEX-COVER is in NP-hard.
 - Proof1: Using graph properties.
 - Proof2: Reduce 3SAT to VERTEX-COVER.

Other NP-complete Languages

To show that C is NP-complete, we provide a polynomial time reduction from 3SAT to C .

- $VERTEX-COVER = \{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph that has a } k\text{-node vertex cover} \}$.

Proof 2: VERTEX-COVER is NP-hard

Theorem 7.44 $3SAT \leq_P$ VERTEX-COVER.

- $f(\Phi) = \langle G, m + 2n \rangle$, where Φ is a set of n clauses on m variables.
- $G = (V, E)$, where
 $V = \{x_i, \bar{x}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{l_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and
- $E = \{(l_{1,j}, l_{2,j}), (l_{1,j}, l_{3,j}), (l_{2,j}, l_{3,j}) \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(x_i, l_{j,k}) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq 3, 1 \leq k \leq n, \text{ the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ literal of clause } k \text{ is } x_i\}$.

Proof 1: VERTEX-COVER is NP-hard

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, for any $X \subseteq V$,

- X is a vertex-cover iff $V - X$ is an independent set of G .
- X is a clique of G iff X is an independent set of \bar{G} , which is the complement of G .

NP-hardness proof:

- **CLIQUE** \leq_P **INDEPENDENT**: $f(\langle G, k \rangle) = \langle \bar{G}, k \rangle$.
- **INDEPENDENT** \leq_P **VERTEX-COVER**:
 $f(\langle G, k \rangle) = \langle G, |V| - k \rangle$.

NP Completeness Proofs

Theorem 7.46 HAM-PATH is NP-complete.

To show that C is NP-complete, we can provide a polynomial time reduction from $3SAT$ to C .

Theorem 7.55 UHAM-PATH is NP-complete.

Other NP-complete Languages

Suppose G is a directed graph:

- **HAM-PATH** = $\{\langle G, s, t \rangle \mid G \text{ has a Hamiltonian path from } s \text{ to } t\}$.
- **HAM-PATH0** = $\{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ has a Hamiltonian path}\}$.
- **HAM-CYCLE** = $\{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ has a Hamiltonian cycle}\}$.

G can be also an undirected graph (UHAM-PATH, UHAM-PATH0, UHAM-CYCLE).

SUBSET-SUM is NP-hard

Theorem 7.56 $3\text{SAT} \leq_P \text{SUBSET-SUM}$.

$f(\Phi) = \langle X, t \rangle$, where Φ is a set of n clauses on m variables, X contains $2(m+n)$ numbers of upto $m+k$ digits, and t is a $(m+n)$ -digit number whose first m digits are 1's and the rest are 3's.

SUBSET-SUM

• $\text{SUBSET-SUM} = \{ \langle S, t \rangle \mid S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \text{ and for some } \{y_1, \dots, y_t\} \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_k\} \text{ we have } \sum y_i = t \}$.