Poly-Time Reductions II

Lecture 23

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Part I

Review: Polynomial reductions

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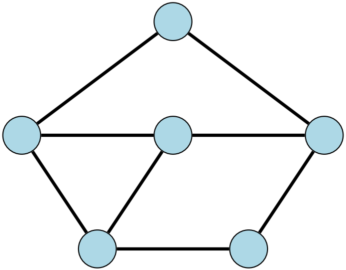

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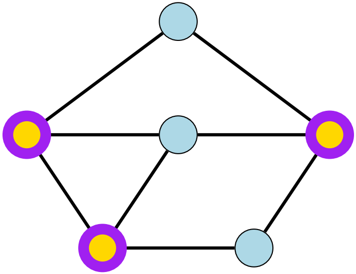

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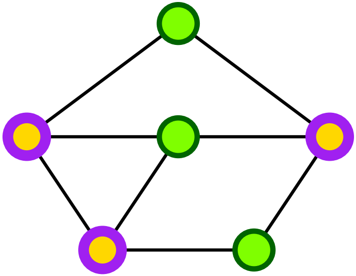

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Proposition

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph.
$S \subseteq V$ is independent set $\iff$ $V \setminus S$ is vertex cover.

Proof.

$(\Rightarrow)$ Let S be an independent set

1. Consider any edge $uv \in E$.
2. Since S is an independent set, either $u \notin S$ or $v \notin S$.
3. Thus, either $u \in V \setminus S$ or $v \in V \setminus S$.
4. $V \setminus S$ is a vertex cover.

$(\Leftarrow)$ Let $V \setminus S$ be some vertex cover:

1. Consider $u, v \in S$
2. uv is not an edge of G, as otherwise $V \setminus S$ does not cover uv.
3. $\implies$ S is thus an independent set. □

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Part III

The Satisfiability Problem (SAT)

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SAT

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Example

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(More on **2SAT** in a bit...)

Importance of SAT and 3SAT

1. **SAT** and **3SAT** are basic constraint satisfaction problems.
2. Many different problems can reduced to them because of the simple yet powerful expressively of logical constraints.
3. Arise naturally in many applications involving hardware and software verification and correctness.
4. As we will see, it is a fundamental problem in theory of **NP-Complete**ness.

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(D) $z \oplus x$.

(E) $(z \vee x) \wedge (\overline{z} \vee \overline{x}) \wedge (z \vee \overline{x}) \wedge (\overline{z} \vee x)$.

$z = x \wedge y$

Given three bits x, y, z which of the following **SAT** formulas is equivalent to the formula $z = x \wedge y$:

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Converting $\mathbf{z = x \wedge y}$ to 3SAT

z	x	y					
0	0	0					
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$z = x \vee y$

Given three bits x, y, z which of the following **SAT** formulas is equivalent to the formula $z = x \vee y$:

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2. Because...
   A **3SAT** instance is also an instance of **SAT**.

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A clause with two literals

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Reduction Ideas: clause with 1 literal

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Breaking a clause

Lemma

For any boolean formulas $\boldsymbol{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{Y}$ and $\boldsymbol{z}$ a new boolean variable. Then

$$\boldsymbol{X} \vee \boldsymbol{Y} \text{ is satisfiable}$$

if and only if, $\boldsymbol{z}$ can be assigned a value such that

$$\left(\boldsymbol{X} \vee \boldsymbol{z}\right) \wedge \left(\boldsymbol{Y} \vee \neg \boldsymbol{z}\right) \text{ is satisfiable}$$

(with the same assignment to the variables appearing in $\boldsymbol{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{Y}$).

SAT $\leq_P$ 3SAT (contd)

Clauses with more than 3 literals

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$$
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Another way to see it — reduce size of clause by one:

$$
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Overall Reduction Algorithm

Reduction from **SAT** to **3SAT**

```
ReduceSATTo3SAT(φ):
    // φ: CNF formula.
    for each clause c of φ do
        if c does not have exactly 3 literals then
            construct c′ as before
        else
            c′ = c
    ψ is conjunction of all c′ constructed in loop
    return Solver3SAT(ψ)
```

Correctness (informal)

φ is satisfiable iff ψ is satisfiable because for each clause c, the new $3\mathrm{CNF}$ formula c' is logically equivalent to c.

What about 2SAT?

2SAT can be solved in polynomial time! (specifically, linear time!)

No known polynomial time reduction from **SAT** (or **3SAT**) to **2SAT**. If there was, then **SAT** and **3SAT** would be solvable in polynomial time.

Why the reduction from 3SAT to 2SAT fails?

Consider a clause $(x \vee y \vee z)$. We need to reduce it to a collection of $2\mathrm{CNF}$ clauses. Introduce a face variable α, and rewrite this as

$$(x \vee y \vee \alpha) \wedge (\neg\alpha \vee z) \qquad \text{(bad! clause with 3 vars)}$$
$$\text{or} \quad (x \vee \alpha) \wedge (\neg\alpha \vee y \vee z) \qquad \text{(bad! clause with 3 vars).}$$

(In animal farm language: **2SAT** good, **3SAT** bad.)

What about **2SAT**?

A challenging exercise: Given a **2SAT** formula show to compute its satisfying assignment...
(Hint: Create a graph with two vertices for each variable (for a variable x there would be two vertices with labels $x = 0$ and $x = 1$).
For ever $2\mathrm{CNF}$ clause add two directed edges in the graph. The edges are implication edges: They state that if you decide to assign a certain value to a variable, then you must assign a certain value to some other variable.
Now compute the strong connected components in this graph, and continue from there...)

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Part IV

NP

P and **NP** and Turing Machines

1. **P**: set of decision problems that have polynomial time algorithms.
2. **NP**: set of decision problems that have polynomial time *non-deterministic* algorithms.

- Many natural problems we would like to solve are in $\boldsymbol{NP}$.
- Every problem in $\boldsymbol{NP}$ has an exponential time algorithm
- $\boldsymbol{P} \subseteq \boldsymbol{NP}$
- Some problems in $\boldsymbol{NP}$ are in $\boldsymbol{P}$ (example, shortest path problem)

Big Question: Does every problem in $\boldsymbol{NP}$ have an efficient algorithm? Same as asking whether $\boldsymbol{P} = \boldsymbol{NP}$.

Problems with no known polynomial time algorithms

Problems

1. **Independent Set**
2. **Vertex Cover**
3. **Set Cover**
4. **SAT**
5. **3SAT**

There are of course undecidable problems (no algorithm at all!) but many problems that we want to solve are of similar flavor to the above.

Question: What is common to above problems?

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

Given $n \times n$ sudoku puzzle, does it have a solution?

Solution to the Sudoku example...

1	8	7	**2**	**5**	6	9	3	4
9	**3**	**6**	7	**4**	1	**8**	5	2
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The string t is called a certificate or proof for s.

Efficient (polynomial time) Certifiers

Definition (Efficient Certifier.)

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- $C(\cdot,\cdot)$ runs in polynomial time.

Example: Independent Set

1. Problem: Does $G = (V, E)$ have an independent set of size $\geq k$?
    1. Certificate: Set $S \subseteq V$.
    2. Certifier: Check $|S| \geq k$ and no pair of vertices in S is connected by an edge.

Example: Vertex Cover

1. Problem: Does G have a vertex cover of size $\leq k$?
    1. Certificate: $S \subseteq V$.
    2. Certifier: Check $|S| \leq k$ and that for every edge at least one endpoint is in S.

Example: **SAT**

1. Problem: Does formula φ have a satisfying truth assignment?
   1. Certificate: Assignment $\boldsymbol{a}$ of $\mathbf{0/1}$ values to each variable.
   2. Certifier: Check each clause under $\boldsymbol{a}$ and say "yes" if all clauses are true.

Example: Composites

Problem: Composite

Instance: A number s.
Question: Is the number s a composite?

1. Problem: **Composite**.
   1. Certificate: A factor $t \leq s$ such that $t \neq 1$ and $t \neq s$.
   2. Certifier: Check that t divides s.

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Why is it called...

Nondeterministic Polynomial Time

A certifier is an algorithm $C(I, c)$ with two inputs:

1. I: instance.
2. c: proof/certificate that the instance is indeed a YES instance of the given problem.

One can think about C as an algorithm for the original problem, if:

1. Given I, the algorithm guesses (non-deterministically, and who knows how) a certificate c.
2. The algorithm now verifies the certificate c for the instance I.

NP can be equivalently described using Turing machines.

Asymmetry in Definition of NP

Note that only YES instances have a short proof/certificate. NO instances need not have a short certificate.

Example

SAT formula φ. No easy way to prove that φ is NOT satisfiable!

More on this and **co-NP** later on.

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2. The above algorithm correctly solves X (exercise).
3. Algorithm runs in $O(q(|s| + |p(s)|)2^{p(|s|)})$, where q is the running time of C. $\square$

Examples

1. **SAT**: try all possible truth assignment to variables.
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Big Question

Is there are problem in **NP** that does not belong to **P**? Is **P** $=$ **NP**?

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If $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NP}$ this implies that...

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(C) $\mathbf{EXP} \subseteq \mathbf{P}$.

(D) All of the above.

P versus **NP**

Status

Relationship between **P** and **NP** remains one of the most important open problems in mathematics/computer science.

Consensus: Most people feel/believe $\boldsymbol{P \neq NP}$.

Resolving **P** versus **NP** is a Clay Millennium Prize Problem. You can win a million dollars in addition to a Turing award and major fame!