## Algorithms \& Models of Computation

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# Circuit satisfiability and Cook-Levin Theorem 

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## 25.1: Recap

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## Today

NP-Completeness of three problems:

- 3-Color
- Circuit SAT

Important: understanding the problems and that they are hard.
Proofs and reductions will be sketchy and mainly to give a flavor

## 25.2: Circuit SAT

## Circuits

## Definition

A circuit is a directed acyclic graph with

(1) Input vertices (without incoming edges) labelled with 0, $\mathbf{1}$ or a distinct variable.
(2) Every other vertex is labelled $\vee, \wedge$ or $\neg$.
(3) Single node output vertex with no outgoing edges.

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## 3SAT $\leq_{\text {p }}$ CSAT

Given 3CNF formula $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ with $\boldsymbol{n}$ variables and $\boldsymbol{m}$ clauses, create a Circuit $C$.

- Inputs to $\boldsymbol{C}$ are the $\boldsymbol{n}$ boolean variables $\boldsymbol{x}_{1}, \boldsymbol{x}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$
- Use NOT gate to generate literal $\neg x_{i}$ for each variable $x_{i}$
- For each clause ( $\ell_{1} \vee \ell_{2} \vee \ell_{3}$ ) use two OR gates to mimic formula
- Combine the outputs for the clauses using AND gates to obtain the final output


## Example

## 3 SAT $\leq_{\mathrm{p}}$ CSAT

$$
\varphi=\left(x_{1} \vee \vee x_{3} \vee x_{4}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1} \vee \neg x_{2} \vee \neg x_{3}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{2} \vee \neg x_{3} \vee x_{4}\right)
$$

## Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

## Label the nodes


(A) Input circuit


Inputs
(B) Label the nodes.

## The other direction: CSAT $\leq_{\mathrm{p}}$ 3SAT

(1) Now: CSAT $\leq_{P}$ SAT
(2) More "interesting" direction.

## Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

 Introduce a variable for each node
(B) Label the nodes.

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## Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

## Write a sub-formula for each variable that is true if the var is computed correctly.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{k} \quad(\text { Demand a sat' assignment!) } \\
& x_{k}=x_{i} \wedge x_{j} \\
& x_{j}=x_{g} \wedge x_{h} \\
& x_{i}=\neg x_{f} \\
& x_{h}=x_{d} \vee x_{e} \\
& x_{g}=x_{b} \vee x_{c} \\
& x_{f}=x_{a} \wedge x_{b} \\
& x_{d}=0 \\
& x_{a}=1
\end{aligned}
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## Convert each sub-formula to an equivalent CNF formula

| $x_{k}$ | $x_{k}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $x_{k}=x_{i} \wedge x_{j}$ | $\left(\neg x_{k} \vee x_{i}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{k} \vee x_{j}\right) \wedge\left(x_{k} \vee \neg x_{i} \vee \neg x_{j}\right)$ |
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| $x_{d}=0$ | $\neg x_{d}$ |
| $x_{a}=1$ | $x_{a}$ |

## Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

## Take the conjunction of all the CNF sub-formulas



$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{k} \wedge\left(\neg x_{k} \vee x_{i}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{k} \vee x_{j}\right) \\
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& \wedge\left(x_{f} \vee \neg x_{a} \vee \neg x_{b}\right) \wedge\left(\neg x_{d}\right) \wedge x_{a}
\end{aligned}
$$

We got a CNF formula that is satisfiable if and only if the original circuit is satisfiable.

## Reduction: CSAT $\leq_{\mathrm{p}}$ SAT

(1) For each gate (vertex) $\boldsymbol{v}$ in the circuit, create a variable $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$
(2) Case $\neg: \boldsymbol{v}$ is labeled $\neg$ and has one incoming edge from $\boldsymbol{u}$ (so $\boldsymbol{x}_{v}=\neg \boldsymbol{x}_{u}$ ). In SAT formula generate, add clauses $\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{u}} \vee \boldsymbol{x}_{v}\right)$, $\left(\neg x_{u} \vee \neg x_{v}\right)$. Observe that

$$
x_{v}=\neg x_{u} \text { is true } \Longleftrightarrow \begin{aligned}
& \left(x_{u} \vee x_{v}\right) \\
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(1) Case $\vee$ : So $x_{v}=x_{u} \vee x_{w}$. In SAT formula generated, add clauses $\left(x_{v} \vee \neg \boldsymbol{x}_{u}\right),\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{v} \vee \neg \boldsymbol{x}_{w}\right)$, and $\left(\neg \boldsymbol{x}_{v} \vee \boldsymbol{x}_{u} \vee \boldsymbol{x}_{w}\right)$. Again, observe that

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(1) If $\boldsymbol{v}$ is an input gate with a fixed value then we do the following. If $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}=\mathbf{1}$ add clause $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$. If $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}=\mathbf{0}$ add clause $\neg \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$
(2) Add the clause $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$ where $\boldsymbol{v}$ is the variable for the output gate

## Correctness of Reduction

Need to show circuit $C$ is satisfiable iff $\varphi_{C}$ is satisfiable
$\Rightarrow$ Consider a satisfying assignment $\boldsymbol{a}$ for $\boldsymbol{C}$
(1) Find values of all gates in $\boldsymbol{C}$ under $\boldsymbol{a}$
(2) Give value of gate $\boldsymbol{v}$ to variable $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$; call this assignment $\boldsymbol{a}^{\prime}$
(3) $a^{\prime}$ satisfies $\varphi_{C}$ (exercise)
$\Leftarrow$ Consider a satisfying assignment $\boldsymbol{a}$ for $\varphi_{C}$
(1) Let $\boldsymbol{a}^{\prime}$ be the restriction of $\boldsymbol{a}$ to only the input variables
(2) Value of gate $\boldsymbol{v}$ under $\boldsymbol{a}^{\prime}$ is the same as value of $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{v}}$ in $\boldsymbol{a}$
(3) Thus, $\boldsymbol{a}^{\prime}$ satisfies $\boldsymbol{C}$

## List of NP-Complete Problems to Remember

## Problems

© SAT
(2) 3SAT
© CircuitSAT
© Independent Set

- Clique
(0) Vertex Cover
(1) Hamilton Cycle and Hamilton Path in both directed and undirected graphs
(3 3Color and Color


## 25.3: NP-Completeness of Graph Coloring

## Graph Coloring

## Problem: Graph Coloring

Instance: $\boldsymbol{G}=(\boldsymbol{V}, \boldsymbol{E})$ : Undirected graph, integer $\boldsymbol{k}$. Question: Can the vertices of the graph be colored using $\boldsymbol{k}$ colors so that vertices connected by an edge do not get the same color?

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### 25.3.1: Problems related to graph coloring

## Graph Coloring and Register Allocation

## Register Allocation

Assign variables to (at most) $\boldsymbol{k}$ registers such that variables needed at the same time are not assigned to the same register

## Interference Graph

Vertices are variables, and there is an edge between two vertices, if the two variables are "live" at the same time.

## Observations

- [Chaitin] Register allocation problem is equivalent to coloring the interference graph with $\boldsymbol{k}$ colors
- Moreover, 3-COLOR $\leq_{p}$ k-Register Allocation, for any $k \geq 3$


## Class Room Scheduling

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## 3-Coloring is NP-Complete

- 3-Coloring is in NP.
- Certificate: for each node a color from $\{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}\}$.
- Certifier: Check if for each edge ( $\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v}$ ), the color of $\boldsymbol{u}$ is different from that of $\boldsymbol{v}$.
- Hardness: We will show 3-SAT $\leq_{P}$ 3-Coloring.


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## Reduction



## Claim

No legal 3-coloring of above graph (with coloring of nodes $\boldsymbol{T}, \boldsymbol{F}, \boldsymbol{B}$ fixed) in which a, b, colored False. If any of $\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{c}$ are colored True then there is a legal 3-coloring of above graph.

## 3 coloring of the clause gadget



## Reduction Outline

## Example

$$
\varphi=(u \vee \neg v \vee w) \wedge(v \vee x \vee \neg y)
$$



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## Tableau of Computation

$\boldsymbol{M}$ runs in time $\boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|)$ on $\boldsymbol{x}$. Entire computation of $\boldsymbol{M}$ on $\boldsymbol{x}$ can be represented by a "tableau"


Row $\boldsymbol{i}$ gives contents of all cells at time $\boldsymbol{i}$
At time $\mathbf{0}$ tape has input $\boldsymbol{x}$ followed by blanks
Each row long enough to hold all cells $M$ might ever have scanned.

## Variable of $f_{M}(x)$

Four types of variable to describe computation of $\boldsymbol{M}$ on $\boldsymbol{x}$

- $\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{i})$ : tape cell at position $\boldsymbol{h}$ holds symbol $\boldsymbol{b}$ at time $\boldsymbol{i}$.

$$
\mathbf{1} \leq \boldsymbol{h} \leq \boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|), \boldsymbol{b} \in \boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \mathbf{0} \leq \boldsymbol{i} \leq \boldsymbol{p}(|x|)
$$

- $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{i}):$ read $/$ write head is at position $\boldsymbol{h}$ at time $\boldsymbol{i}$.

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- $\boldsymbol{S}(\boldsymbol{q}, \boldsymbol{i})$ state of $\boldsymbol{M}$ is $\boldsymbol{q}$ at time $\boldsymbol{i} \boldsymbol{q} \in \boldsymbol{Q}, \mathbf{0} \leq \boldsymbol{i} \leq \boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|)$
- $\boldsymbol{I}(\boldsymbol{j}, \boldsymbol{i})$ instruction number $\boldsymbol{j}$ is executed at time $\boldsymbol{i}$
$\boldsymbol{M}$ is non-deterministic, need to specify transitions in some way.
Number transitions as $\mathbf{1 , 2}, \ldots, \ell$ where $\boldsymbol{j}$ th transition is $<\boldsymbol{q}_{j}, \boldsymbol{b}_{j}, \boldsymbol{q}_{j}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{b}_{j}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{d}_{j}>$ indication $\left(\boldsymbol{q}_{j}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{b}_{j}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{d}_{j}\right) \in \delta\left(\boldsymbol{q}_{j}, \boldsymbol{b}_{j}\right)$, direction $\boldsymbol{d}_{j} \in\{-\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}$.
Number of variables is $\boldsymbol{O}\left(\boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|)^{2}\right)$ where constant in $\boldsymbol{O}()$ hides dependence on fixed machine $\boldsymbol{M}$.


## Notation

Some abbreviations for ease of notation $\bigwedge_{k=1}^{m} x_{k}$ means $x_{1} \wedge x_{2} \wedge \ldots \wedge x_{m}$
$\bigvee_{k=1}^{m} x_{k}$ means $\boldsymbol{x}_{1} \vee \boldsymbol{x}_{2} \vee \ldots \vee \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{m}}$
$\bigoplus\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)$ is a formula that means exactly one of $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{m}$ is true. Can be converted to CNF form

## Clauses of $f_{M}(x)$

$f_{M}(x)$ is the conjunction of $\mathbf{8}$ clause groups:

$$
f_{M}(x)=\varphi_{1} \wedge \varphi_{2} \wedge \varphi_{3} \wedge \varphi_{4} \wedge \varphi_{5} \wedge \varphi_{6} \wedge \varphi_{7} \wedge \varphi_{8}
$$

where each $\varphi_{i}$ is a CNF formula. Described in subsequent slides. Property: $\boldsymbol{f}_{M}(\boldsymbol{x})$ is satisfied iff there is a truth assignment to the variables that simultaneously satisfy $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{8}$.
$\varphi_{1}$ asserts (is true iff) the variables are set $T / F$ indicating that $M$ starts in state $\boldsymbol{q}_{\mathbf{0}}$ at time $\mathbf{0}$ with tape contents containing $\boldsymbol{x}$ followed by blanks.

## Let $x=a_{1} a_{2} \ldots a_{n}$

$\varphi_{1}=S(q, 0)$ state at time 0 is $q_{0}$
$\bigwedge$ and
$\bigwedge_{h=1}^{n} T\left(\boldsymbol{a}_{\boldsymbol{h}}, \boldsymbol{h}, \mathbf{0}\right)$ at time 0 cells 1 to $n$ have $a_{1}$ to $a_{n}$
$\left.\bigwedge_{\substack{p(|x|}}^{\boldsymbol{h}=\boldsymbol{n}+1}\right) T(B, h, 0)$ at time 0 cells $n+1$ to $p(|x|)$ have blanks
$\bigwedge$ and
$H(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0})$ head at time 0 is in position 1
$\varphi_{2}$ asserts $M$ in exactly one state at any time $\boldsymbol{i}$

$$
\varphi_{2}=\bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)}\left(\oplus\left(S\left(q_{0}, i\right), S\left(q_{1}, i\right), \ldots, S\left(q_{|Q|}, i\right)\right)\right)
$$

$\varphi_{3}$ asserts that each tape cell holds a unique symbol at any given time.

$$
\varphi_{3}=\bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \bigwedge_{h=1}^{p(|x|)} \oplus\left(T\left(b_{1}, h, i\right), T\left(b_{2}, h, i\right), \ldots, T\left(b_{|\Gamma|}, h, i\right)\right)
$$

For each time $\boldsymbol{i}$ and for each cell position $\boldsymbol{h}$ exactly one symbol $\boldsymbol{b} \in \boldsymbol{\Gamma}$ at cell position $\boldsymbol{h}$ at time $\boldsymbol{i}$
$\varphi_{4}$ asserts that the read/write head of $M$ is in exactly one position at any time $\boldsymbol{i}$

$$
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$$

$\varphi_{5}$ asserts that $M$ accepts

- Let $\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{a}}$ be unique accept state of $\boldsymbol{M}$
- without loss of generality assume $\boldsymbol{M}$ runs all $\boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|)$ steps

$$
\varphi_{5}=S\left(q_{a}, p(|x|)\right)
$$

State at time $\boldsymbol{p}(|\boldsymbol{x}|)$ is $\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{a}}$ the accept state.

If we don't want to make assumption of running for all steps

$$
\varphi_{5}=\bigvee_{i=1}^{p(|x|)} S\left(q_{a}, i\right)
$$

which means $\boldsymbol{M}$ enters accepts state at some time.
$\varphi_{6}$ asserts that $M$ executes a unique instruction at each time

$$
\varphi_{6}=\bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \oplus(I(1, i), I(2, i), \ldots, I(m, i))
$$

where $\boldsymbol{m}$ is max instruction number.
$\varphi_{7}$ ensures that variables don't allow tape to change from one moment to next if the read/write head was not there.
"If head is not at position $\boldsymbol{h}$ at time $\boldsymbol{i}$ then at time $\boldsymbol{i}+\mathbf{1}$ the symbol at cell $\boldsymbol{h}$ must be unchanged"

$$
\varphi_{7}=\bigwedge_{i} \bigwedge_{h} \bigwedge_{b \neq c}(\overline{H(h, i)} \Rightarrow \overline{T(b, h, i) \bigwedge T(c, h, i+1)})
$$

since $\boldsymbol{A} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{B}$ is same as $\neg \boldsymbol{A} \vee \boldsymbol{B}$, rewrite above in CNF form

$$
\varphi_{7}=\bigwedge_{i} \bigwedge_{h} \bigwedge_{b \neq c}(H(h, i) \vee \neg T(b, h, i) \vee \neg T(c, h, i+1))
$$

$\varphi_{8}$ asserts that changes in tableau/tape correspond to transitions of $\boldsymbol{M}$ (as Lenny says, this is the big cookie).

Let $\boldsymbol{j}$ th instruction be $<\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{j}}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{j}}, \boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{j}}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{j}}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{d}_{\boldsymbol{j}}>$
$\varphi_{8}=\bigwedge_{i} \bigwedge_{j}\left(I(j, i) \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{S}\left(\boldsymbol{q}_{j}, \boldsymbol{i}\right)\right)$ If instr $j$ executed at time $i$ then state must be correct to do $j$
$\wedge$
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## Proof of Correctness

(Sketch)

- Given $\boldsymbol{M}, \boldsymbol{x}$, poly-time algorithm to construct $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$
- if $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$ is satisfiable then the truth assignment completely specifies an accepting computation of $\boldsymbol{M}$ on $\boldsymbol{x}$
- if $\boldsymbol{M}$ accepts $\boldsymbol{x}$ then the accepting computation leads to an "obvious" truth assignment to $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$. Simply assign the variables according to the state of $\boldsymbol{M}$ and cells at each time $\boldsymbol{i}$.
Thus $\boldsymbol{M}$ accepts $\boldsymbol{x}$ if and only if $\boldsymbol{f}_{\boldsymbol{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$ is satisfiable

