

# Circuit satisfiability and Cook-Levin Theorem

## Lecture 24

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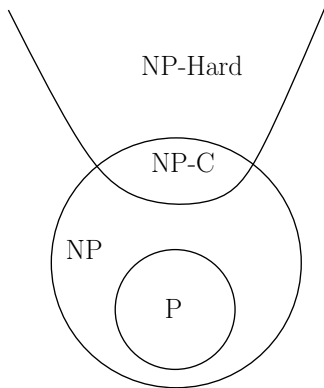
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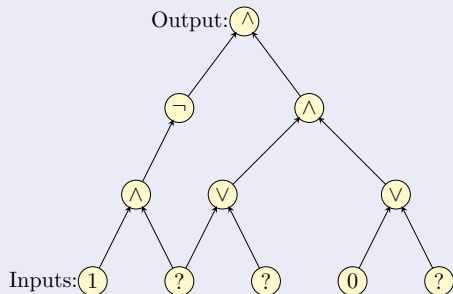
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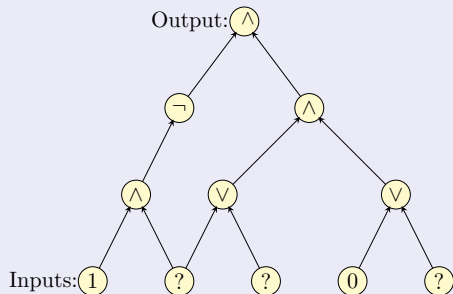
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Given 3CNF formula  $\varphi$  with  $n$  variables and  $m$  clauses, create a Circuit  $C$ .

- ▶ Inputs to  $C$  are the  $n$  boolean variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
- ▶ 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

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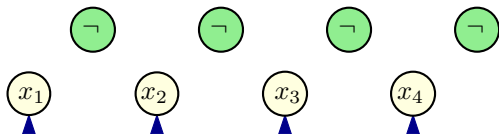
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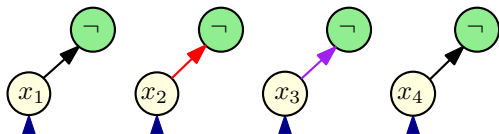




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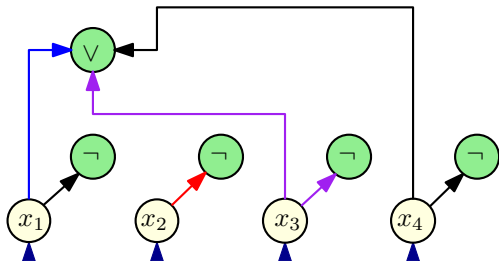
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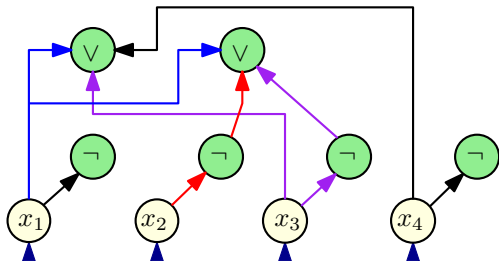
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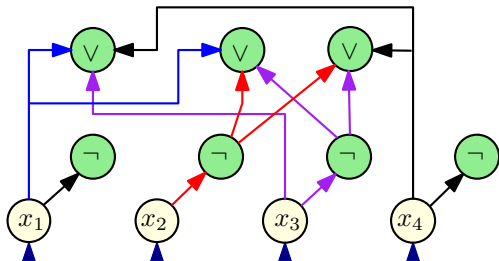
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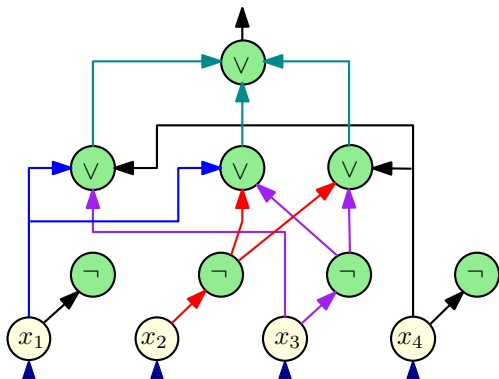
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### Towards reducing CSAT to 3SAT

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$\equiv$

$$(z \vee \bar{x} \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee x \vee y) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee x \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee \bar{x} \vee y)$$

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$z$	$x$	$y$			
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			
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0	0	0	1		
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## Converting $z = \bar{x}$ to CNF

### Lemma 24.7.

$$z = \bar{x} \quad \equiv \quad (z \vee x) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee \bar{x}).$$

## Summary of formulas we derived

### Lemma 24.8.

*The following identities hold:*

$$1. z = \bar{x} \quad \equiv \quad (z \vee x) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee \bar{x}).$$

$$2. (z = x \vee y) \quad \equiv \quad (z \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (z \vee \bar{x}) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee x \vee y)$$

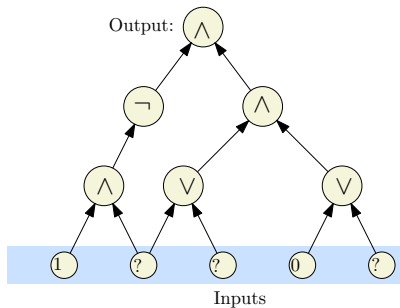
$$3. (z = x \wedge y) \quad \equiv \quad (z \vee \bar{x} \vee \bar{y}) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee x) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee y)$$

## 24.2.3

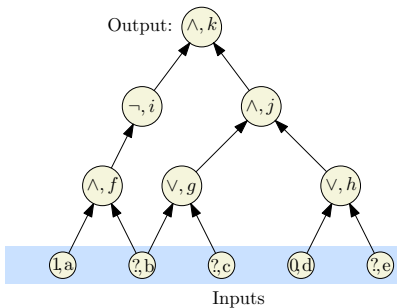
### Reduction from CSAT to SAT

# Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

Label the nodes



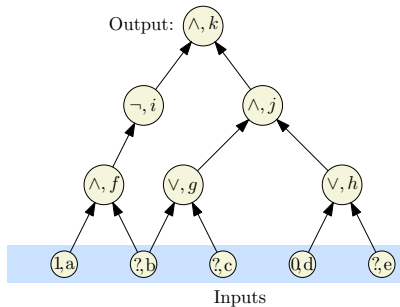
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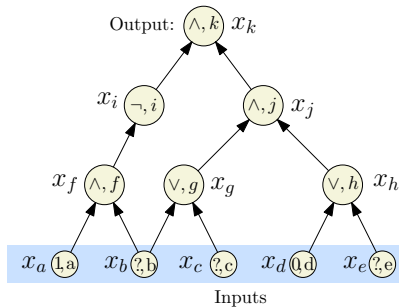
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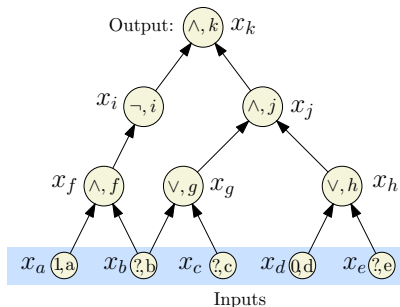


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$x_k$  (Demand a sat' assignment!)

$$x_k = x_i \wedge x_j$$

$$x_j = x_g \wedge x_h$$

$$x_i = \neg x_f$$

$$x_h = x_d \vee x_e$$

$$x_g = x_b \vee x_c$$

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$x_k$	$x_k$
$x_k = x_i \wedge x_j$	$(\neg x_k \vee x_i) \wedge (\neg x_k \vee x_j) \wedge (x_k \vee \neg x_i \vee \neg x_j)$
$x_j = x_g \wedge x_h$	$(\neg x_j \vee x_g) \wedge (\neg x_j \vee x_h) \wedge (x_j \vee \neg x_g \vee \neg x_h)$
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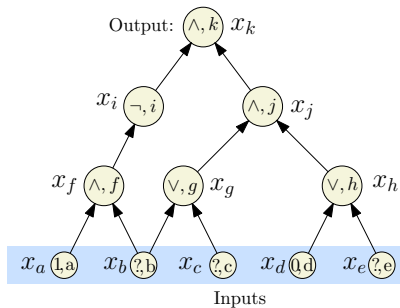
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# Converting a circuit into a CNF formula

Take the conjunction of all the CNF sub-formulas



$$\begin{aligned} & x_k \wedge (\neg x_k \vee x_i) \wedge (\neg x_k \vee x_j) \\ & \wedge (x_k \vee \neg x_i \vee \neg x_j) \wedge (\neg x_j \vee x_g) \\ & \wedge (\neg x_j \vee x_h) \wedge (x_j \vee \neg x_g \vee \neg x_h) \\ & \wedge (x_i \vee x_f) \wedge (\neg x_i \vee \neg x_f) \\ & \wedge (x_h \vee \neg x_d) \wedge (x_h \vee \neg x_e) \\ & \wedge (\neg x_h \vee x_d \vee x_e) \wedge (x_g \vee \neg x_b) \\ & \wedge (x_g \vee \neg x_c) \wedge (\neg x_g \vee x_b \vee x_c) \\ & \wedge (\neg x_f \vee x_a) \wedge (\neg x_f \vee x_b) \\ & \wedge (x_f \vee \neg x_a \vee \neg x_b) \wedge (\neg x_d) \wedge x_a \end{aligned}$$

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

# Correctness of Reduction

Need to show circuit  $C$  is satisfiable if and only if  $\varphi_C$  is satisfiable

$\Rightarrow$  Consider a satisfying assignment  $a$  for  $C$

1. Find values of all gates in  $C$  under  $a$
2. Give value of gate  $v$  to variable  $x_v$ ; call this assignment  $a'$
3.  $a'$  satisfies  $\varphi_C$  (exercise)

$\Leftarrow$  Consider a satisfying assignment  $a$  for  $\varphi_C$

1. Let  $a'$  be the restriction of  $a$  to only the input variables
2. Value of gate  $v$  under  $a'$  is the same as value of  $x_v$  in  $a$
3. Thus,  $a'$  satisfies  $C$

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# NP-Completeness of Graph Coloring



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### The coloring problem

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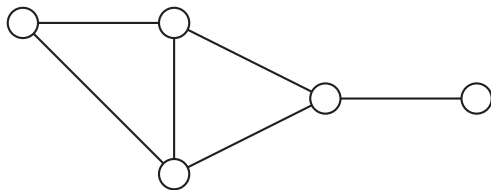
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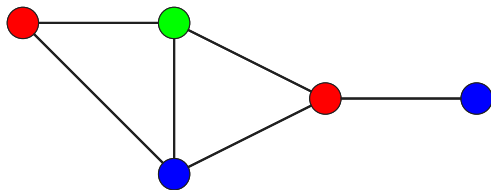


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### Problems related to graph coloring

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# Graph Coloring and Register Allocation

## Register Allocation

Assign variables to (at most)  $k$  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  $k$  colors
- ▶ Moreover,  $3\text{-COLOR} \leq_P k\text{-Register Allocation}$ , for any  $k \geq 3$

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# Showing NP-Completeness of **3** **COLORING**

## 24.3.3.1

### The variable assignment gadget

## 3-Coloring is NP-Complete

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

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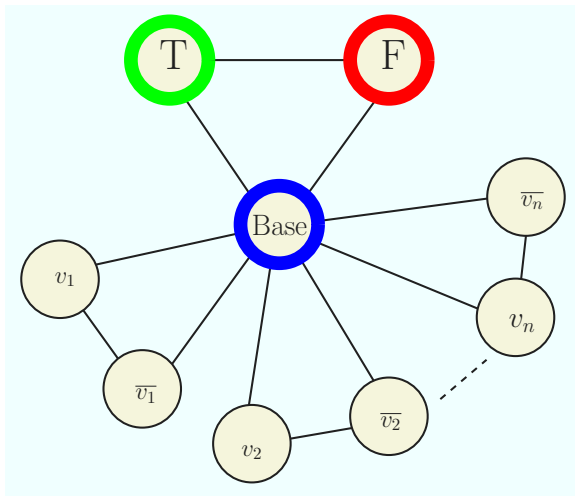
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## Assignment encoding using **3**-coloring



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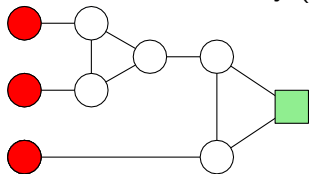
### The clause gadget



## 3 color this gadget.

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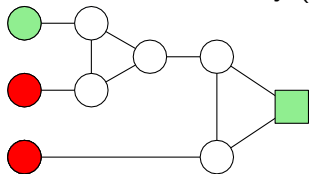


- (A) Yes.
- (B) No.

## 3 color this gadget II

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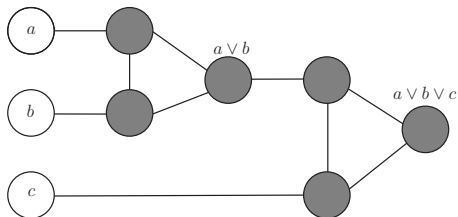
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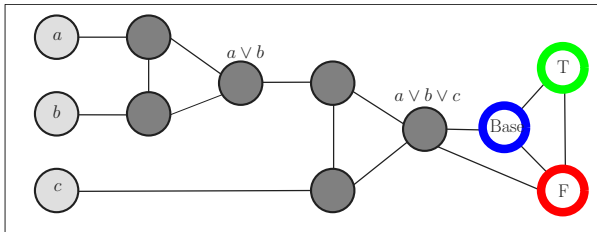
## OR-Gadget Graph

**Property:** if  $a, b, c$  are colored False in a 3-coloring then output node of OR-gadget has to be colored False.

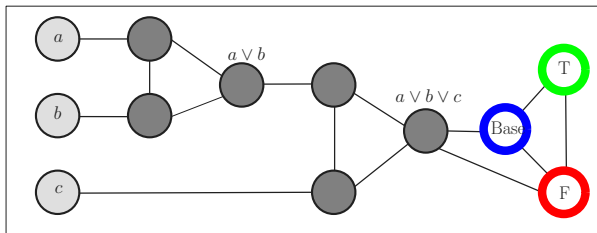
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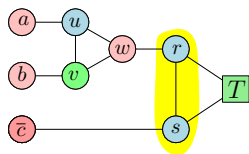
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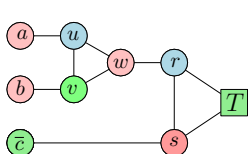
## Claim 24.1.

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

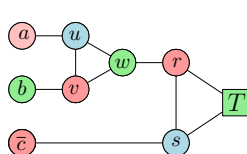
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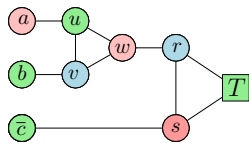
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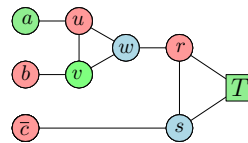
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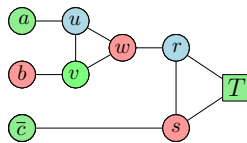
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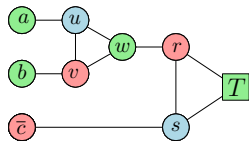
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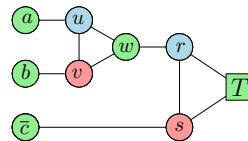
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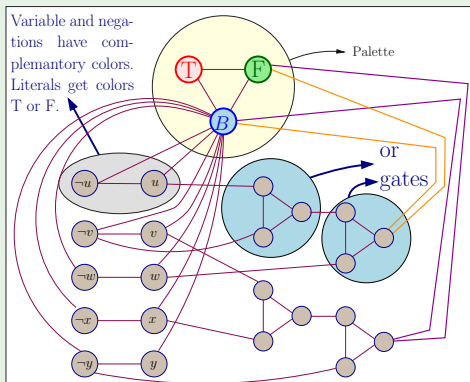
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# Reduction Outline

## Example 24.2.

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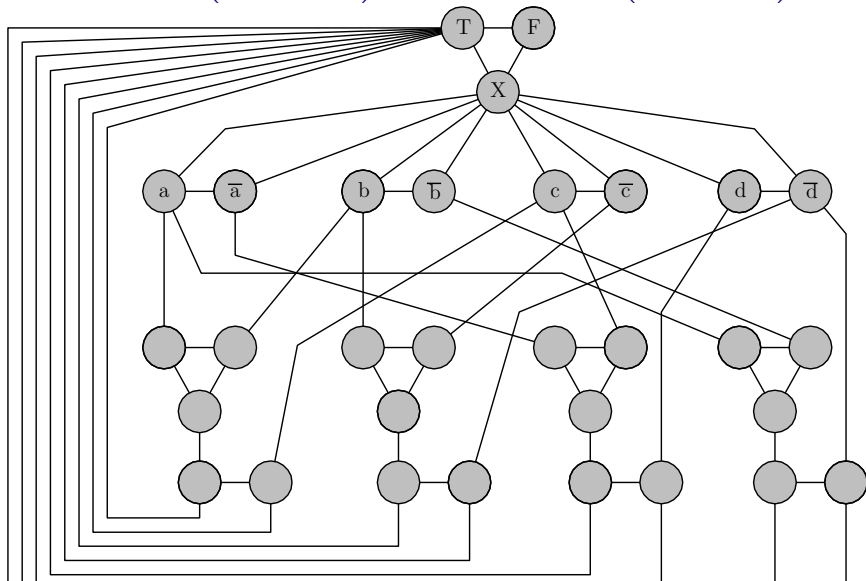
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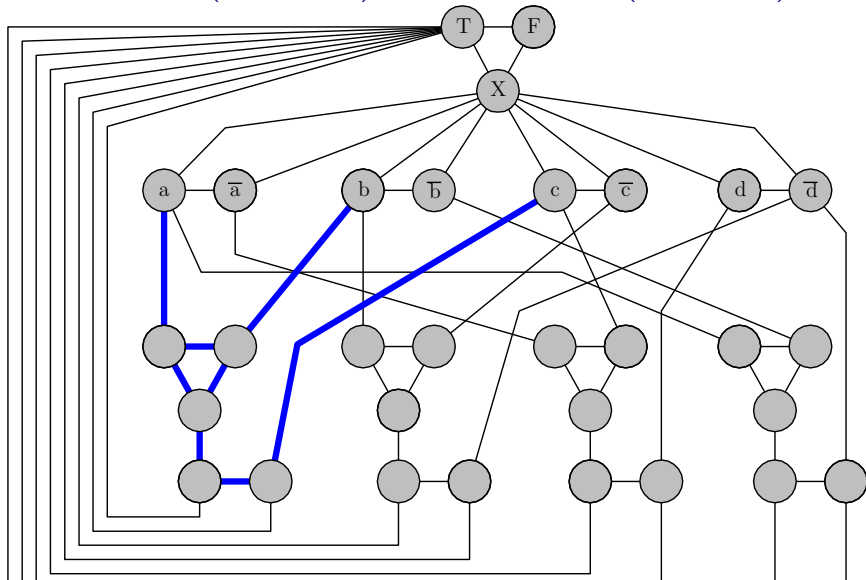
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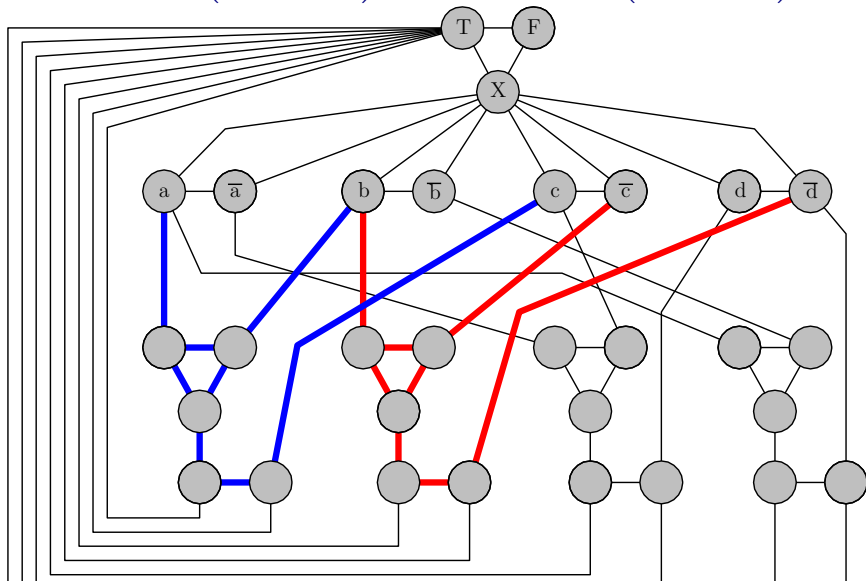




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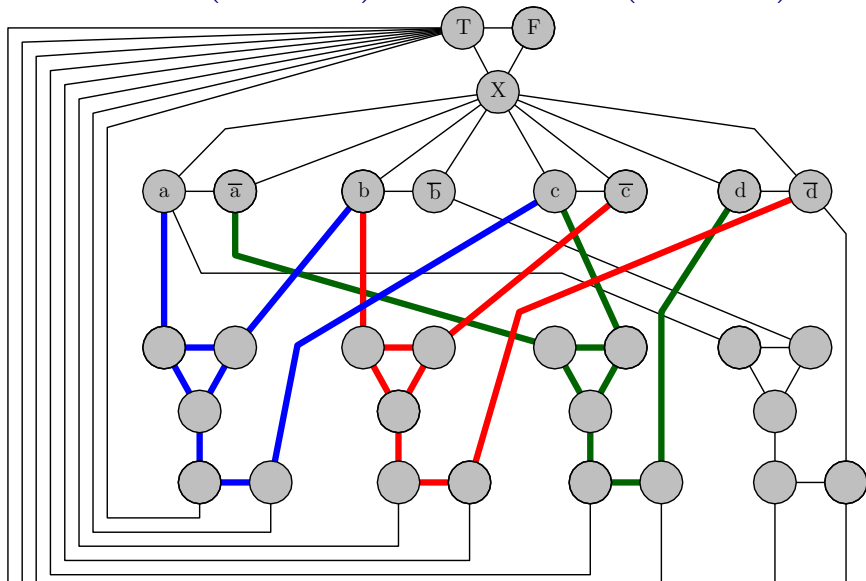
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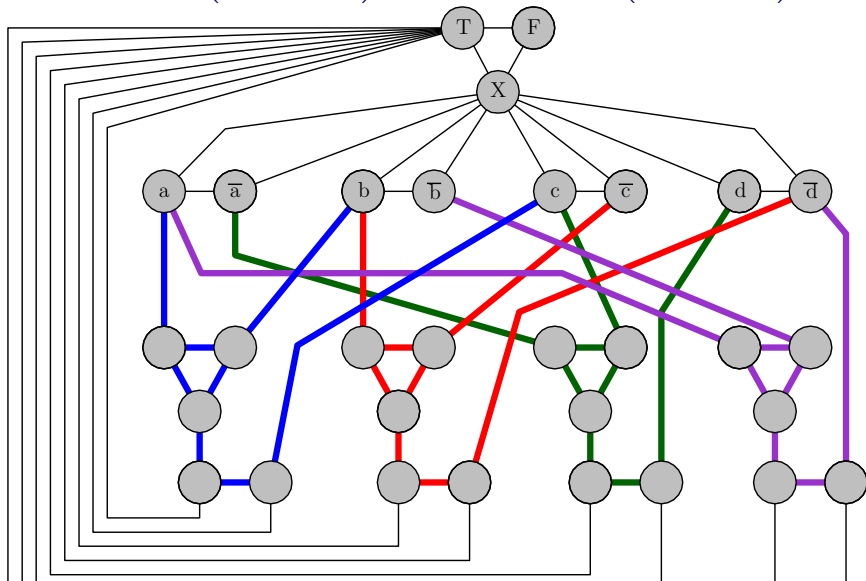
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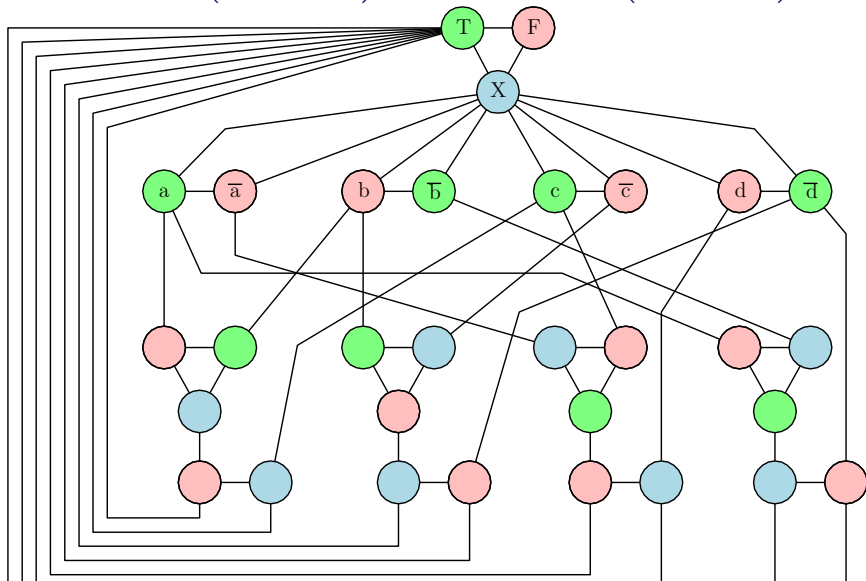
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## 24.4

# Proof of Cook-Levin Theorem

## 24.4.1

Statement and sketch of idea for the proof

# Cook-Levin Theorem

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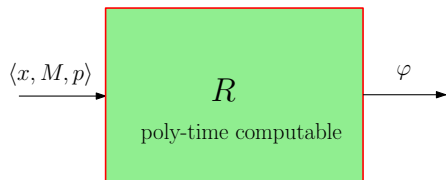
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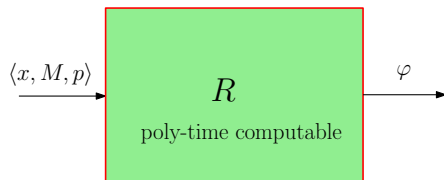
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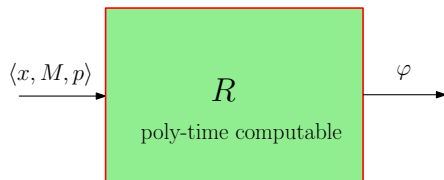
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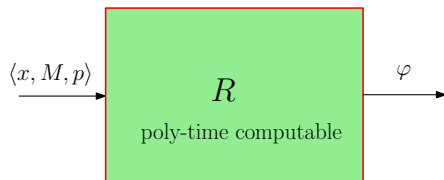
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## Variables of $\varphi$

Four types of variables to describe computation of  $M$  on  $x$

- ▶  $T(b, h, i)$  : tape cell at position  $h$  holds symbol  $b$  at time  $i$ .  
For  $h = 1, \dots, p(|x|)$ ,  $b \in \Gamma$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p(|x|)$ .
- ▶  $H(h, i)$ : read/write head is at position  $h$  at time  $i$ .  
For  $h = 1, \dots, p(|x|)$ , and  $i = 0, \dots, p(|x|)$
- ▶  $S(q, i)$  state of  $M$  is  $q$  at time  $i$ .  
For all  $q \in Q$  and  $i = 0, \dots, p(|x|)$  .
- ▶  $I(j, i)$  instruction number  $j$  is executed at time  $i$   
 $M$  is non-deterministic, need to specify transitions in some way. Number transitions as  $1, 2, \dots, \ell$  where  $j$ th transition is  $\langle q_j, b_j, q'_j, b'_j, d_j \rangle$  indication  $(q'_j, b'_j, d_j) \in \delta(q_j, b_j)$ , direction  $d_j \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ .

Number of variables is  $O(p(|x|)^2 |M|^2)$

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## Clauses of $\varphi$

$\varphi$  is the conjunction of **8** clause groups:

$$\varphi = \bigwedge_{i=1}^{12} \varphi_i$$

where each  $\varphi_i$  is a **CNF** formula. Described in subsequent slides.

**Property:**  $\varphi$  is satisfied  $\iff$  there is an execution of  **$M$**  on  **$x$**  that accepts the language in  **$p(|x|)$**  time.

## 24.4.2

### The consistency of execution

# The variables of $\varphi$

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## Variables:

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## $\varphi_1$ : The input is encoded correctly

$\varphi_1$  asserts (is true iff) the variables are set T/F indicating that  $M$  starts in state  $q_0$  at time  $0$  with tape contents containing  $x$  followed by blanks. Let  $x = x_1x_2 \dots x_n$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1 = & S(q_0, 0) && // \text{ state at time } 0 \text{ is } q_0 \\ & \bigwedge_{h=1}^n T(x_h, h, 0) && // \text{ at time } 0 \text{ cells } 1 \text{ to } n \text{ have value } x_1 \text{ to } x_n \\ & \wedge \bigwedge_{h=n+1}^{p(n)} T(\_, h, 0) && // \text{ all remaining cells are blank} \\ & \wedge H(1, 0) && // \text{ The head is at time } 0 \text{ at start of tape}\end{aligned}$$

$\varphi_2$ :  $M$  is in exactly one state at any point in time

$\varphi_2$  asserts  $M$  in exactly one state at any time  $i$ :

$$\varphi_2 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \left( \bigoplus (S(q_0, i), S(q_1, i), \dots, S(q_{|Q|}, i)) \right)$$

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$\varphi_3$ : Each tape cell holds a unique symbol at any time

$\varphi_3$  asserts that each tape cell holds a unique symbol at any given time.

$$\varphi_3 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \bigwedge_{h=1}^{p(|x|)} \oplus (T(b_1, h, i), T(b_2, h, i), \dots, T(b_{|\Gamma|}, h, i))$$

For each time  $i$  and for each cell position  $h$  exactly one symbol  $b \in \Gamma$  at cell position  $h$  at time  $i$

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$\varphi_4$ : tape head of  $M$  is in exactly one position at any time  $i$

$\varphi_4$  asserts that the read/write head of  $M$  is in exactly one position at any time  $i$

$$\varphi_4 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} (\oplus (H(1, i), H(2, i), \dots, H(p(|x|), i)))$$

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$\varphi_5$ :  $M$  accepts the input

$\varphi_5$  asserts that  $M$  accepts

- ▶ Let  $q_a$  be unique accept state of  $M$
- ▶ without loss of generality assume  $M$  runs all  $p(|x|)$  steps

$$\varphi_5 = S(q_a, p(|x|))$$

State at time  $p(|x|)$  is  $q_a$  the accept state.

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

$$\varphi_5 = \bigvee_{i=1}^{p(|x|)} S(q_a, i)$$

which means  $M$  enters accepts state at some time.

$\varphi_6$ :  $M$  executes a unique instruction at each time

$\varphi_6$  asserts that  $M$  executes a unique instruction at each time

$$\varphi_6 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \bigoplus (I(1, i), I(2, i), \dots, I(m, i))$$

where  $m$  is max instruction number.

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## $\varphi_7$ : Tape changes only because of the head writing something

$\varphi_7$  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  $h$  at time  $i$  then at time  $i + 1$  the symbol at cell  $h$  must be unchanged”

$$\varphi_7 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_h \bigwedge_{b \neq c} \left( \overline{H(h, i)} \Rightarrow \overline{T(b, h, i) \wedge T(c, h, i + 1)} \right)$$

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

$$\varphi_7 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_h \bigwedge_{b \neq c} (H(h, i) \vee \neg T(b, h, i) \vee \neg T(c, h, i + 1))$$

$\varphi_8$ : Transitions are done from correct states

$j$ th instruction of  $M$ :  $\langle q_j, b_j, q'_j, b'_j, d_j \rangle$

$$\varphi_8 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_j (I(j, i) \Rightarrow S(q_j, i))$$

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$\varphi_9$ : Transitions are done into correct state

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$$\varphi_9 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_j (I(j, i) \Rightarrow S(q'_j, i + 1))$$

If instruction  $j$  was performed at time  $i$ , then state at time  $i + 1$  must be  $q'_j$ .

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$\varphi_{10}$ : The character written on tape that triggered an instruction, is the correct one

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$$\varphi_{10} = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_h \bigwedge_j [(I(j, i) \wedge H(h, i)) \Rightarrow T(b_j, h, i)]$$

If instruction  $j$  was executed at time  $i$  and head was at position  $h$ , then cell  $h$  has the symbol needed to issue instruction  $j$  is written under the head location on the tape.

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$\varphi_{11}$ : The correct symbol was written to the tape at time  $i$

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$$\varphi_{11} = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_j \bigwedge_h [(I(j, i) \wedge H(h, i)) \Rightarrow T(b'_j, h, i + 1)]$$

If instruction  $j$  was executed time  $i$  with head at  $h$ , then at next time step symbol  $b'_j$  was written in position  $h$

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$\varphi_{12}$ : Head was moved in the right direction at time  $i$

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$$\varphi_{12} = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_j \bigwedge_h [(I(j, i) \wedge H(h, i)) \Rightarrow H(h + d_j, i + 1)]$$

The head is moved properly according to instr  $j$ .

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### Proof of correctness

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(Sketch)

- ▶ Given  $M$ ,  $x$ , poly-time algorithm to construct  $\varphi$
- ▶ if  $\varphi$  is satisfiable then the truth assignment completely specifies an accepting computation of  $M$  on  $x$
- ▶ if  $M$  accepts  $x$  then the accepting computation leads to an "obvious" truth assignment to  $\varphi$ . Simply assign the variables according to the state of  $M$  and cells at each time  $i$ .

Thus  $M$  accepts  $x$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is satisfiable

## 24.5

# NP-Complete problems to know and remember

# List of NP-Complete Problems to Remember

## Problems

1. **SAT**
2. **3SAT**
3. **CircuitSAT**
4. **Independent Set**
5. **Clique**
6. **Vertex Cover**
7. **Hamilton Cycle** and **Hamilton Path** in both directed and undirected graphs
8. **3Color** and **Color**