Computational Complexity

Lecture 2 in which we talk about NP-completeness (reductions, reductions)





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- CKT-SAT: given ckt, is there a "satisfying" input (output=1). In NP.



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