

Computational Models – Lecture 13¹

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Talk Outline

- ▶ CSAT, 3SAT $\in \mathcal{NPC}$
- ▶ 2SAT
- ▶ CLIQUE, IND-SET $\in \mathcal{NPC}$
- ▶ Integer-Programming is NP-Complete

- Sipser, 7.4–7.5

Section 1

Reminder

Polynomial-time reducibility, reminder

Definition 1 (poly-time computable functions)

A function $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ is **polynomial-time computable**, if there is a poly-time **deterministic** TM that

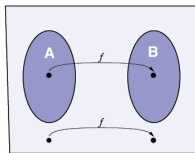
- ▶ starts with input w , and
- ▶ halts with $f(w)$ on tape.

Definition 2 (polynomial-time reduction)

A polynomial-time computable $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ is a **poly-time reduction** from language A to B , if $x \in A \iff f(x) \in B$ for every $x \in \Sigma^*$.

Is such a reduction from A to B exists, we say that A is **poly-time mapping reducible** to B , denoted $A \leq_P B$.

The mapping f **efficiently** converts questions about membership in A to membership in B .



NP completeness, reminder

Definition 3 (\mathcal{NP} -complete)

A language B is **NP-complete**, if

- ▶ $B \in \mathcal{NP}$, and
- ▶ Every $A \in \mathcal{NP}$ is **poly-time** reducible to B (i.e., $A \leq_P B$)

Let \mathcal{NPC} denote the class of all \mathcal{NP} -complete languages.

Section 2

$3SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$

CSAT

It is useful to consider a special version of SAT.

- ▶ A **literal** is a variable or negated variable: x or \bar{x} .
- ▶ A **clause** is several literals joined by \vee s: $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)$
- ▶ A Boolean formula is in **conjunctive normal form** (CNF) if it consists of **clauses**, connected with \wedge s.
- ▶ For example: $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_6)$
- ▶ The language of satisfied CNF formulas:

$$\text{CSAT} = \{ \langle \phi \rangle : \phi \text{ is satisfiable CNF formula} \}$$

- ▶ Clearly, $\text{CSAT} \leq_P \text{SAT}$ (no need Cook-Levin for that).
- ▶ The *proof* of Cook-Levin can be modified to show that **CSAT** is NPC (take home exercise..)

3SAT

Definition 4

A Boolean formula is in **k-CNF form**, if it is a **CNF** formula, and all clauses have **k** literals.

Example of 3CNF: $(x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_5} \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_6} \vee x_4)$

The language of satisfied **3CNF** formulas:

$$3SAT = \{ \langle \phi \rangle : \phi \text{ is satisfiable 3CNF formula} \}$$

- ▶ Clearly $3SAT \leq_P SAT$.
- ▶ and $3SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$.
- ▶ We show next that $CSAT \leq_P 3SAT$, yielding that $3SAT \in \mathcal{NPC}$.
- ▶ Since $3SAT$ has more **structure** than $CSAT$, it is simpler to reduce it to other languages.

1SAT, 2SAT $\in \mathcal{P}$

Question 5

Is 1SAT $\in \mathcal{P}$?

Question 6

Is 2SAT $\in \mathcal{P}$?

Yes...

CSAT \leq_P 3SAT

- ▶ The reduction maps CNF formulae to 3CNF ones “clause by clause”.
- ▶ A clause with $d \leq 3$ literals is mapped to **equivalent** clause with **3** literals.

$$(x_1 \vee x_2) \mapsto (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_2)$$

- ▶ A clause with $d > 3$ literals is mapped to $d - 2$ clauses, built on the original literals together with $(d - 3)$ new variables.

$$\phi = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4 \vee x_8) \mapsto$$

$$\phi_3 = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee y_1) \wedge (\bar{y}_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee y_2) \wedge (\bar{y}_2 \vee x_4 \vee x_8)$$

The reduction works!

Claim 7

ϕ has a satisfying assignment iff ϕ_3 does.

Proof's idea: (for case $d > 3$)

\Leftarrow Given a satisfying assignment for ϕ_3 , use the settings of the x_i 's to get satisfying assignment for ϕ . Why does it work? For each set of clauses that came from a clause in ϕ , note that each y_i sets exactly one clause to true. There are $k - 2$ clauses but only $k - 3$ y_i 's. So at least one clause needs to be satisfied by one of the x_j or \bar{x}_j literals. Set this literal to true in ϕ .

\Rightarrow An assignment satisfying ϕ , makes at least one literal per clause **happy**. In the " ϕ_3 clause" of this literal the new variables are under no constraints. Use the $d - 2$ new variables to set the remaining $d - 2$ clauses to "true".

CSAT \leq_P 3SAT, cont.

$$\phi = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4 \vee x_8) \longmapsto$$

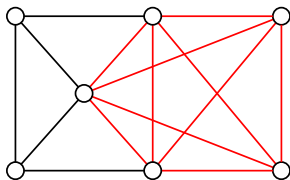
$$\phi_3 = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee y_1) \wedge (\bar{y}_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee y_2) \wedge (\bar{y}_2 \vee x_4 \vee x_8)$$

- ▶ Doing the above mapping to **each** clause of a **CNF** formula, we get a **3CNF** that is satisfied iff the original one is.
- ▶ Since this mapping is polynomial time (?), we get **CSAT \leq_P 3SAT**. ♣.

Section 3

Clique is NPC

3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE



CLIQUE = $\{\langle G, k \rangle : G \text{ is an undirected graph with a } k\text{-clique}\}$

Claim 8

3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE.

Since CLIQUE $\in \mathcal{NP}$, it follows that CLIQUE $\in \mathcal{NPC}$.

Since IND-SET $\in \mathcal{NP}$, and CLIQUE \leq_P IND-SET, it follows that IND-SET $\in \mathcal{NPC}$.

Proof's idea: We'll construct a poly-time reduction f that maps 3CNF formulae ϕ to pairs $\langle G, k \rangle$ of graphs and numbers.

The function f will have the property that ϕ is satisfiable, iff G has a clique of size k .

Proving $3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE$

On input ϕ , a 3CNF formula, the mapping reduction is defined as follows:

let k be the number of clauses in ϕ .

We construct a graph $G = G(\phi)$, see below, and output (G, k) .

The graph G is defined as follows:

- ▶ Nodes in G are organized into triples t_1, \dots, t_k .
- ▶ Each triple corresponds to a clause of ϕ
- ▶ Each node in a triple corresponds to a literal in corresponding clause.

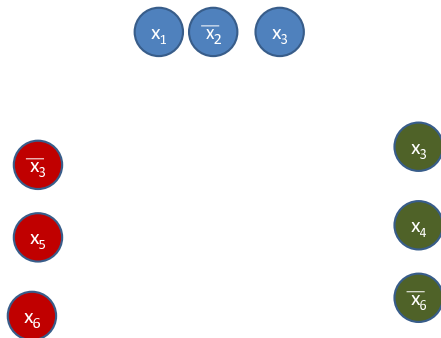
Ongoing example:

$$(x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_3} \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_6} \vee x_4)$$

Nodes of G

$$\phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_3} \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4 \vee \overline{x_6})$$

Add a node per **literal**

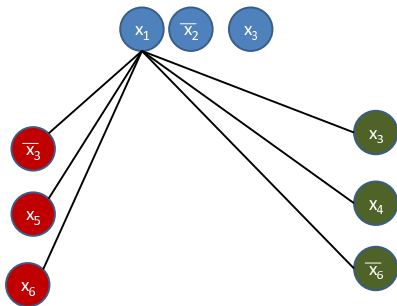


Edges of G

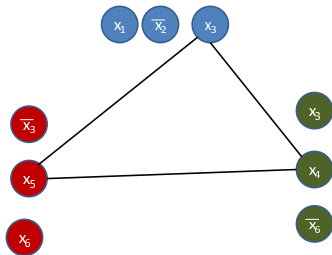
Add edges between **all** vertex pairs, **except**

- ▶ within **same** triple
- ▶ between **contradictory** literals (e.g., x_3 and $\overline{x_3}$)

$$\phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_3} \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4 \vee \overline{x_6})$$



$\phi \in 3SAT \implies \langle G, k \rangle \in CLIQUE$



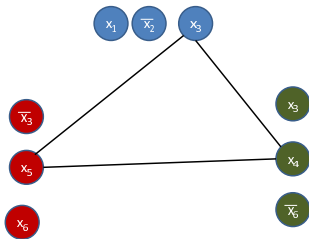
Proof: Suppose ϕ is satisfiable by an assignment ψ .
With respect to ψ :

- ▶ At least one literal is assigned to 1 in every clause (?)
- ▶ Select a 1-literal in every tuple;
- ▶ These literals can be joined by edges (?)

Yielding a k -clique in G .




$\langle G, k \rangle \in \text{CLIQUE} \implies \phi \in \text{3SAT}$



Proof: Suppose G has a k -clique.

- ▶ No two of the clique nodes are in the same triple. (?)
- ▶ G has $3k$ vertices and k clauses, so each triple has exactly one clique node.
- ▶ Assign 1 to each node in clique
- ▶ Assignment has no contradictions (?)
Yielding a satisfying assignment to ϕ .

Recap

- ▶ We've constructed a poly-time computable function f .
- ▶ We saw that f has the property that $\phi \in 3SAT$ iff $f(\phi) \in CLIQUE$.
- ▶ Therefore, f is a poly-time reduction from $3SAT$ to $CLIQUE$
 $\implies 3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE.$ 

Section 4

Integer Programming (IP) is NPC

Integer Programming (IP)

Definition 9

A **linear inequality** has the form

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n \leq b$$

where a_1, \dots, a_n, b are real **numbers**, and x_1, \dots, x_n are real **variables**.

The Integer Programming (IP) problem]:

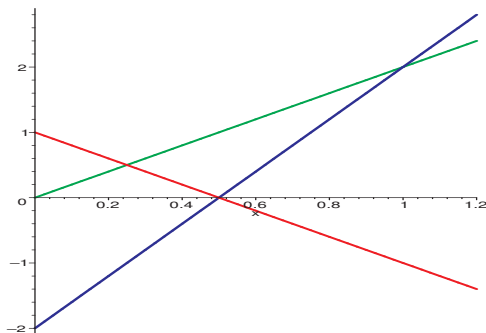
Input: A **set** of linear inequalities with **integer** coefficients in variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

Question: Does this set has an **integer solution** – all x_i are **integers**?

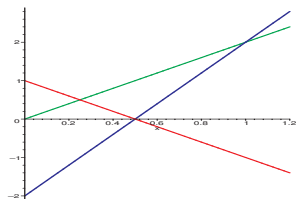
Integer Programming: Example

Consider the following system of linear inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}y &\leq 2x && \text{below green line} \\-2x + 1 &\leq y && \text{above red line} \\4x - 2 &\leq y && \text{above purple line} \\0 &\leq x \leq 1 \\0 &\leq y \leq 2\end{aligned}$$



Integer Programming: Example, 2



This set does have a **unique** (integer) solution: the right hand corner of the solid triangle, $(1, 2)$.

But if we change the constraint on y to $0 \leq y \leq 1$, then we'd have no solution with integer coordinates, even though there are many solutions with **rational**, or **real**, coordinates.

The Language IP

The language of integer linear inequalities with integer solution:

$$\text{IP} = \{ \langle e_1, \dots, e_m \rangle :$$

e_1, \dots, e_m are integer linear inequalities with (joint) integer solution $\}$

Theorem 10

$\text{IP} \in \mathcal{NPC}$.

Question 11

Do we always have a **small enough** certificate?

Consider the following equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 1 \\x_1 &= 2x_0 \\&\vdots \\x_m &= 2x_{m-1}\end{aligned}$$

The solution $x_m = 2^m$!

Question 12

Solving a linear set of m equations with m unknowns: $Ax = b$, where $|a_{i,j}|, |b_j| < M$. How large can $|x_j|$ get?

Answer: Recall Cramer's Rule, using determinants. $|A| < m! \cdot M^m$. (Same holds for inequalities.)

Hence, solution size is polynomial bounded.

CSAT \leq_P IP

CSAT = $\{\langle \phi \rangle : \phi \text{ is a satisfiable CNF Boolean formula}\}$

Let ϕ be a CNF formula with ℓ clauses and k variables x_1, \dots, x_k .

We reduce ϕ to an IP instance E with $2k$ variables $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_k, y_k$, $\ell + 2k$ linear inequalities, and k linear equalities.

- ▶ Each x_i in ϕ corresponds to the variable x_i in E .
- ▶ Each \bar{x}_i in ϕ corresponds to the variable y_i in E .
- ▶ For each i , we add E the inequalities $x_i \geq 0$, $y_i \geq 0$, and the equality $x_i + y_i = 1$ (what do these three express?)
- ▶ For each clause C of ϕ , we add E the inequality $\sum_{z \in C} z \geq 1$ (what does this inequality express?)

For example, $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4)$ is translated to $x_1 + y_2 + y_3 + x_4 \geq 1$.

Reduction Example

$\phi = (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3} \vee x_4) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_5} \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_6})$ is translates to

$$x_1 + y_2 + y_3 + x_4 \geq 1$$

$$x_3 + y_5 + x_6 \geq 1$$

$$x_3 + y_6 \geq 1$$

$$x_1 \geq 0, y_1 \geq 0, x_1 + y_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 \geq 0, y_2 \geq 0, x_2 + y_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 \geq 0, y_3 \geq 0, x_3 + y_3 = 1$$

$$x_4 \geq 0, y_4 \geq 0, x_4 + y_4 = 1$$

$$x_5 \geq 0, y_5 \geq 0, x_5 + y_5 = 1$$

$$x_6 \geq 0, y_6 \geq 0, x_6 + y_6 = 1$$

CSAT \leq_P IP: Validity (sketch)

Should show

1. Reduction, g , is poly-time computable

2. $\phi \in \text{CSAT} \implies g(\phi) \in \text{IP}$

3. $g(\phi) \in \text{IP} \implies \phi \in \text{CSAT}$.

1. Poly time: easy (verify details!).

2. Suppose $\phi \in \text{CSAT}$. Take a satisfying assignment.

If $x_i = 1$, in $g(\phi)$ assign $x_i = 1, y_i = 0$.

If $x_i = 0$, in $g(\phi)$ assign $x_i = 0, y_i = 1$.

- ▶ "Sanity check" constraints (i.e., $x_i \geq 0, y_i \geq 0, x_i + y_i = 1$) are satisfied.
- ▶ "Clause constraints" (i.e., $\sum_{z \in C} z \geq 1$) are satisfied due to at least one literal satisfied in each clause.
- ▶ Implying $g(\phi) \in \text{IP}$.

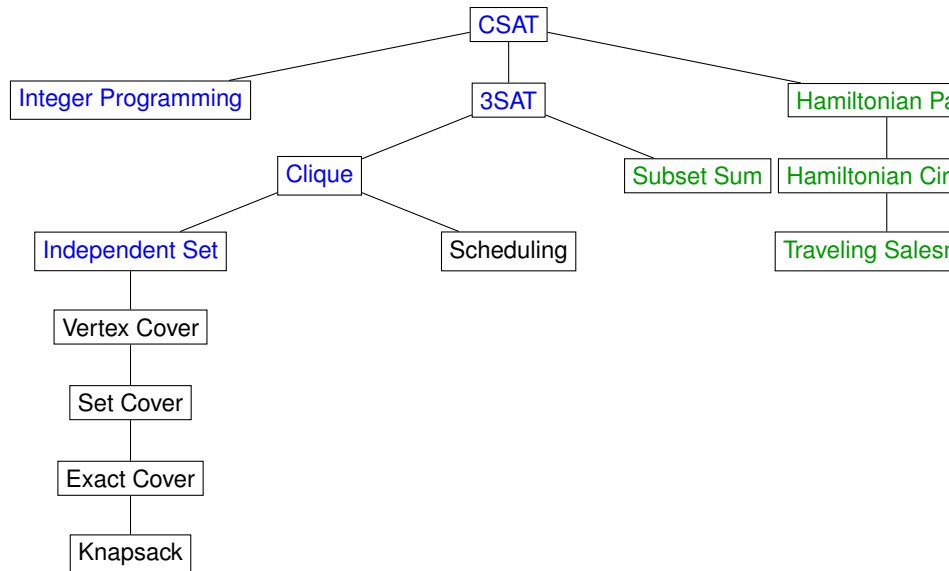
3. $g(\phi) \in \text{IP} \implies \phi \in \text{CSAT}$, is similar.



Section 5

Summary

Chains of reductions: NPC languages



List of NP-complete languages contains thousands of problems from combinatorics, operation research, VLSI design, computational geometry, bioinformatics,

The end

