

# Computational Models - Lecture 11<sup>1</sup>

## Handout Mode

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## Talk Outline

- Reminder – deterministic and nondeterministic time classes
- Additional NP languages
- The class  $co-NP$
- $P$  Verses  $NP$
- NP-completeness
- Satisfiability
- Reductions
  
- Sipser's book, 7.4–7.5

## Reminder – Deterministic Time

### Definition 1 (deterministic Time)

A **deterministic** TM  $M$  runs in time  $t$ , where  $t : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ , if for **every** input  $w$ , the number of steps that  $M(w)$  uses is **at most**  $t(|w|)$ .

### Definition 2 (DTIME)

For  $t : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\text{DTIME}(t) = \{L \subseteq \Sigma^* : L \text{ is decided by an } O(t)\text{-time single tape TM}\}$

Note that  $t(|w|)$  running time, is also required for  $w$ 's **not** in  $L$ .

### Definition 3 ( $\mathcal{P}$ )

$$\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{c \geq 0} \text{DTIME}(n^c)$$

## Reminder – NonDeterministic Time

### Definition 4 (nondeterministic Time)

A **non-deterministic** TM  $N$  runs in time  $t$ , where  $t: \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ , if for **every** input  $w$ , the **maximum** number of steps that  $N(w)$  uses on **any branch** of its computation tree, is **at most**  $t(|w|)$ .

Notice that **non-accepting** branches must **reject** within  $t(|w|)$  steps.

### Definition 5 (NTIME)

For  $t \mapsto \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$  let  $\text{NTIME}(t) =$   
 $\{L \subseteq \Sigma^* : L \text{ is decided by an } O(t)\text{-time single tape NTM}\}$

### Definition 6 ( $\mathcal{NP}$ )

$$\mathcal{NP} = \bigcup_{c \geq 0} \text{NTIME}(n^c)$$

## Reminder – NonDeterministic Time, cont.

### Definition 7 (verifier)

A **verifier** for a language  $L$ , is an algorithm  $V$  with  $L = \{w : V \text{ accepts } \langle w, c \rangle \text{ for some string } c\}$ .

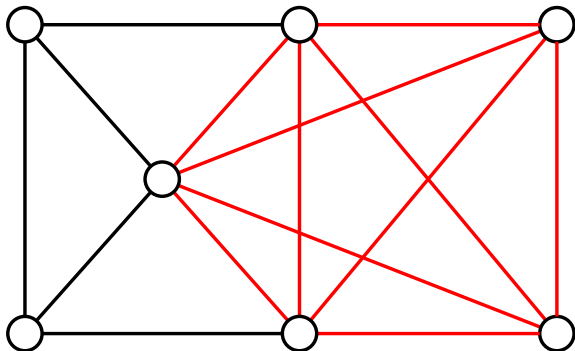
### Theorem 8

A language is in  $\mathcal{NP}$  iff it has a **polynomial time** verifier.

# Section 1

## Additional NP Languages (Monday)

# CLIQUE



A **clique** in a graph is a subgraph where every two nodes are connected by an edge.

A  **$k$ -clique** is a clique of size  $k$ .

## Question 9

What is the **largest**  $k$ -clique in the figure?

## CLIQUE cont.

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

### Theorem 10

$\text{CLIQUE} \in \mathcal{NP}$

Proof's idea: The clique is the certificate.

### Algorithm 11 (V)

On input  $(\langle G, k \rangle, c)$

**Accept** if  $c$  is a  $k$ -clique subgraph of  $G$ ;

Otherwise **Reject**.



# SUBSET-SUM

- A collection of non-negative integers  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
- A target number  $t$

Question: does some subcollection add up to  $t$ ?

## Example 12

- $\{4, 11, 16, 21, 27\}, 25) \in \text{SUBSET-SUM}$  because  $4 + 21 = 25$ .
- $\{4, 11, 16, 21, 27\}, 26) \notin \text{SUBSET-SUM}$  (why?)

## SUBSET-SUM cont.

$$\text{SUBSET-SUM} = \{ \langle S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, t \rangle : \exists \{y_1, \dots, y_\ell\} \subseteq S : \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} y_j = t \}$$

Collections are sets: repetitions not allowed.

### Theorem 13

$$\text{SUBSET-SUM} \in \mathcal{NP}$$

Proof's idea: The **subset** is the **certificate**.

### Algorithm 14 (V)

On input  $(\langle S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, t \rangle, c)$ :

**Accept** if the following holds (otherwise **Reject**):

- 1  $c$  is a collection of numbers summing to  $t$ .
- 2  $c$  is a subset of  $S$

## Pseudo-polynomial algorithm for SUBSET-SUM

### Theorem 15

There is a pseudo-polynomial algorithm for SUBSET-SUM

- Running time  $O(|S| \cdot t)$
- Not  $\text{poly}(\log_2 t)$  but  $\text{poly}(t)$  (i.e., pseudo-polynomial)

Proof's idea: By a reduction from SUBSET-SUM to PATH.

Given input  $\langle S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, t \rangle$ , create an input  $\langle G = (V, E), s, t \rangle$  to PATH of the form:

- $V = V_0 \cup V_1 \dots \cup V_k$
- $V_i = \{v_{i,0}, \dots, v_{i,t}\}$
- $E = \{(v_{i-1,j}, v_{i,j}), (v_{i,j}, v_{i,j+x_i}) : i \in \{1, \dots, k\}, j \in \{0, \dots, t\}\}$
- $s = v_{0,0}$  and  $t = v_{k,t}$ .

Size of  $G$  is  $O(|S| \cdot t)$ , and therefore the resulting algorithm for SUBSET-SUM runs in time  $\text{poly}(|S| \cdot t)$ .

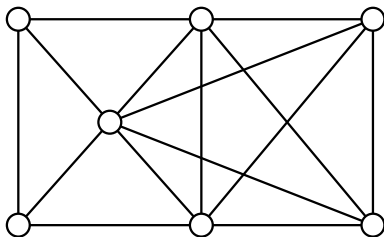
### Claim 16

$v_{i,j}$  is reachable from  $v_{0,0}$ , iff  $\langle \{x_1, \dots, x_i\}, j \rangle \in \text{SUBSET-SUM}$

## Section 2

# Additional NP Languages (Wednesday)

## Independent Set



An **independent set** in a graph is a set of vertexes, no two of which are linked by an edge.

A  **$k$ -IS** is an independent set of size  $k$ .

### Question 17

What is the **largest  $k$ -IS** in the figure?

## IND-SET cont.

$\text{IND-SET} = \{ \langle G, k \rangle : G \text{ contains an independent set of size } k \}$

### Theorem 18

$\text{IND-SET} \in \mathcal{NP}$

Proof's idea: The independent set is the certificate.

### Algorithm 19 (V)

On input  $(\langle G, k \rangle, c)$

**Accept** if  $c$  is a  $k$ -IS of  $G$  (no edges between nodes in  $c$ , and  $|c| = k$ );

Otherwise **Reject**.

# KNAPSACK

- A collection of non-negative integers  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  (size)
- A collection of non-negative integers  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  (benefit)
- A capacity  $B$
- A target number  $t$

Question: does some  $S \subset [1, k]$  has  $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \leq B$  and  $\sum_{i \in S} y_i \geq t$ ?

## Example 20

- $(\{4, 11, 16, 21, 27\}, \{7, 3, 9, 5, 35\}, B = 20, t = 16) \in \text{KNAPSACK}$   
because  $S = \{1, 3\}$ .

## Theorem 21

$KNAPSACK \in \mathcal{NP}$

Proof's idea: The **subset** is the **certificate**.

## Algorithm 22 (V)

On input  $(\langle \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, \{y_1, \dots, y_k\}, B, t \rangle, c)$ :

**Accept** if the following holds (otherwise **Reject**):

- 1  $\sum_{i \in c} x_i \leq B$
- 2  $\sum_{i \in c} y_i \geq t$ .
- 3  $c$  is a subset of  $[1, \dots, k]$



# Pseudo-polynomial algorithm for KNAPSACK

## Theorem 23

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- Running time  $O(k \cdot t)$
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## Algorithm 24 (KNAPSACK)

$A(0, 0) = 0$  and  $A(0, p) = \infty$  for  $p \neq 0$ .

For  $i = 1$  to  $k$  DO

For  $p = 0$  to  $t$  DO

$A(i, p) = \min\{A(i - 1, p), x_i + A(i - 1, p - y_i)\}$

END

Test  $t \leq \max\{p \mid A(k, p) \leq B\}$ .

## Section 3

# The Class $\text{coNP}$

## The Class $\text{co-NP}$

CLIQUE and SUBSET-SUM seem **not** to be members of  $\text{NP}$ .

It is harder to efficiently verify that something does **not** exist than to efficiently verify that something **does** exist..

### Definition 25 ( $\text{co-NP}$ )

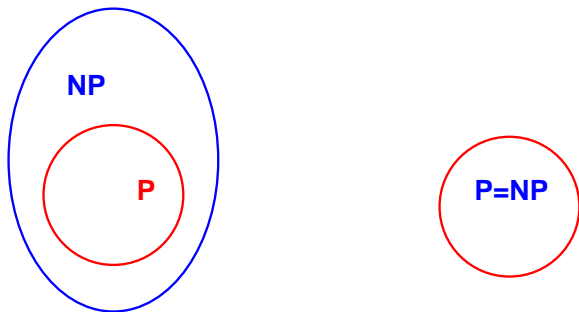
$$\text{co-NP} = \{L : \bar{L} \in \text{NP}\}.$$

So far, no one knows if  $\text{co-NP}$  is distinct from  $\text{NP}$ .

## Section 4

### **P vs. NP**

# $\mathcal{P}$ Vs. $\mathcal{NP}$



The question  $\mathcal{P} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{NP}$  is one of the great unsolved mysteries in contemporary mathematics.

- Most computer scientists believe the two classes are not equal
- Most bogus proofs show them equal (why?)

## Observations

If  $\mathcal{P}$  differs from  $\mathcal{NP}$ , then the distinction between  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{NP} \setminus \mathcal{P}$  is meaningful and important.

- languages in  $\mathcal{P}$  are **tractable**
- languages in  $\mathcal{NP} \setminus \mathcal{P}$  are **intractable**

Until we can prove that  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$ , there is no hope of proving that a **specific** language lies in  $\mathcal{NP} \setminus \mathcal{P}$ .

Nevertheless, we **can** prove statements of the form

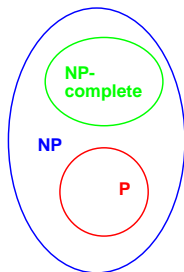
*If  $\mathbf{A} \neq \mathcal{NP}$  then  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{NP} \setminus \mathcal{P}$ .*

*If  $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP} \neq \mathcal{NP}$  then  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$ .*

## Section 5

# NP Completeness

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The class of **NP-complete** languages are

- “hardest” languages in  $\mathcal{NP}$
- “least likely” to be in  $\mathcal{P}$
- If any NP-complete  $L \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\mathcal{NP} = \mathcal{P}$ .

Such languages, “carry on their backs” the burden of all of  $\mathcal{NP}$ .

### Question 26

Are there NP-complete languages?



# Polynomial-Time Computable Functions

## Definition 27 (poly-time computable functions)

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

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

## Polynomial-Time Reducibility

### Definition 28

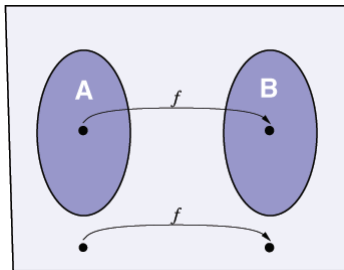
A language  $A$  is **polynomial time mapping reducible** to  $B$ , denoted  $A \leq_P B$ , if exists poly-time computable  $f$  such that

$$w \in A \iff f(w) \in B.$$

for every  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .

The function  $f$  is called a **polynomial-time reduction** from  $A$  to  $B$ .

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



## Reductions to $\mathcal{P}$

### Theorem 29

If  $A \leq_P B$  and  $B \in \mathcal{P}$  then  $A \in \mathcal{P}$ .

Proof:

- Let  $f$  the **reduction** from  $A$  to  $B$ , computed by TM  $M_f$ . On input  $x$ , the TM  $M_f$  makes at most  $c_f \cdot |x|^{a_f}$  steps.
- Let  $M_B$  be the poly-time **decider** for  $B$ . On input  $y$ , the TM  $M_B$  makes at most  $c_B \cdot |y|^{a_B}$  steps.

### Algorithm 30 (Decider $M_A$ for $A$ )

On input  $x$ , return  $M_B(f(x))$

- $M_B$  decides  $B$
- Running time of  $M_B(x)$ , is at most  
$$c_B \cdot (c_f \cdot |x|^{a_f})^{a_B} = (c_B \cdot c_f^{a_B}) \cdot |x|^{a_f \cdot a_B} \in \text{poly}(|x|)$$
Hence,  $A \in \mathcal{P}$

### Question 31

Assume that  $\{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\} \leq_P L$ . Does it yield that  $L \in \mathcal{P}$ ?

$$L = H_{TM}$$

If  $x = 0^n 1^n$  then  $f(x) = M_{stop}$

Otherwise  $f(x) = M_{run}$ .

## NP Completeness, Formal Definition

### Definition 32 ( $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete)

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

- $B \in \mathcal{NP}$ , and
- Every  $A \in \mathcal{NP}$  is **poly-time** reducible to  $B$

We let  $\mathcal{NPC}$  denote the class of all NP-complete languages.

Compare to

### Definition 33 (RE-Complete)

A language  $B$  is **RE-complete**, if

- $B \in \mathcal{RE}$ , and
- Every  $A \in \mathcal{RE}$  is **mapping** reducible to  $B$ .

## Why NP Completeness?

### Theorem 34

If  $B \in \mathcal{NPC}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ .

Proof: Immediately follows by **Thm 29**. ♣

To show  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$  (and make an instant fortune, see [www.claymath.org/millennium/P\\_vs\\_NP/](http://www.claymath.org/millennium/P_vs_NP/)), suffices to find a polynomial-time algorithm for **any** NP-complete problem.

### Question 35

Why is  $\mathcal{NPC}$  Not Empty?

## $\mathcal{NP}$ Is Not Empty

$$A_{\text{NP}} = \{ \langle M, x, 1^n \rangle : M \text{ is a TM} \wedge \exists c \in \Sigma^* \text{ s.t. } M(x, c) \text{ accepts within } n \text{ steps} \}$$

### Theorem 36

$$A_{\text{NP}} \in \mathcal{NP}$$

Proof:

- Clearly  $A_{\text{NP}} \in \mathcal{NP}$
- Let  $L \in \mathcal{NP}$ , let  $V$  be a verifier for  $L$  and let  $p \in \text{poly}$  be a bound on the running time of  $V$  (i.e.,  $V(w, \cdot)$  halts within  $p(|w|)$  steps, for every  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ).
- Define  $f(x) = \langle V, x, 1^{p(|x|)} \rangle$ .
- Clearly  $f$  is poly-time computable and  $x \in L \iff f(x) \in A_{\text{NP}}$ .



## Finding Additional NP-complete Languages

### Theorem 37

Assume that

- 1  $B \in \mathcal{NP}$
- 2  $A \in \mathcal{NPC}$  and  $A \leq_P B$

then  $B \in \mathcal{NPC}$ .

Proof: Home exercise ... ♣

We would like to find  $L \in \mathcal{NPC}$  that is “natural” and “easy” to reduce to.

The most useful such language is the language of satisfied formulas.



## Section 6

# Satisfiability

## Boolean Variables

- A **Boolean** variable assumes values
  - ▶ **TRUE** (written **1**), and **FALSE** (written **0**).
- Boolean operations:
  - ▶ and:  $\wedge$
  - ▶ or:  $\vee$
  - ▶ not:  $\neg$
- Examples:

$$0 \wedge 1 = 0$$

$$0 \vee 1 = 1$$

$$\overline{0} = 1$$

## Boolean Formulas and SAT

A **Boolean** formula is an expression involving Boolean variables and operations.

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

### Definition 38 (satisfiable formula)

A formula is **satisfiable**, if some assignment of 0s and 1s to the variables makes the formula evaluate to 1.

The formula  $\phi = (\bar{x} \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge \bar{z})$  is satisfiable by the assignment

$$x = 0$$

$$y = 1$$

$$z = 0$$

The language of satisfied formulas:

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

$SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$

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### Theorem 39 (Cook-Levin (early 70s))

$SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$ .

- The “most important”  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete language.
- It is easy to see that  $SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$
- For the proof of other part wait for next week . . .

## The Language 3SAT

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:  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_6)$

### Definition 40

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

- Example of 3CNF:  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_6 \vee x_4)$

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

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

## $3SAT \in \mathcal{NPC}$

- It is trivial that  $3SAT \leq_P SAT$
- Clearly  $3SAT \in \mathcal{NP}$
- We later show that  $SAT \leq_P 3SAT$ , yielding that  $3SAT \in \mathcal{NPC}$ .
- Since  $3SAT$  has more **structure** than  $SAT$ , it is simpler to reduce it to other languages
- In the following we prove that several  $\mathcal{NP}$  languages are  $\mathcal{NPC}$ , by showing a reduction from  $3SAT$  to them

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

### Question 41

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

### Question 42

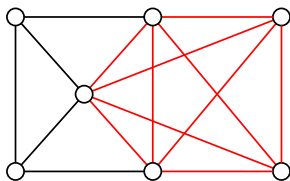
Is 2SAT  $\in \mathcal{P}$  ?

# Section 7

## Clique



## 3SAT $\leq_P$ CLIQUE



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

### Claim 43

## 3SAT $\leq_P$ CLIQUE

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

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

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

## Proving $3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE$

Let  $\phi$  be a 3CNF formula with  $k$  clauses. On going example:

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

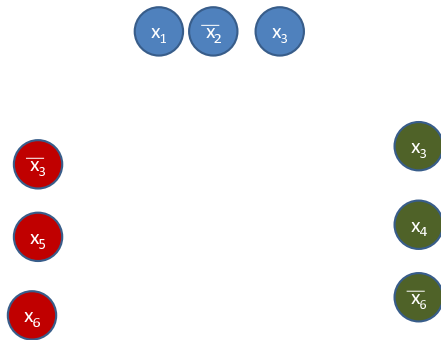
We define a graph  $G = G(\phi)$  as follows:

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

## Nodes of G

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

Add a node per literal

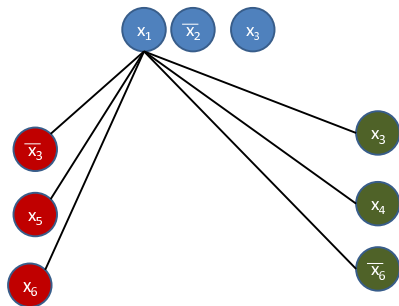


## Edges of G

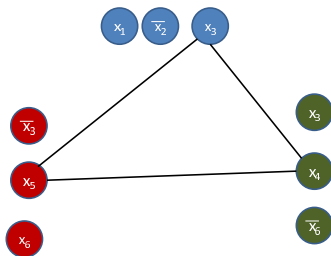
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Add edges between **all** vertex pairs, **except**

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



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

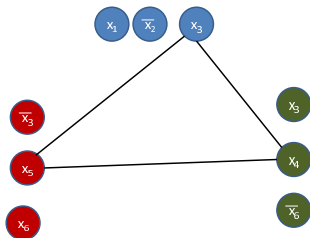


Proof: Suppose  $\phi$  is satisfiable by an assignment  $\psi$ .  
With respect to  $\psi$ :

- At least one literal is assigned to 1 in every clause (why?)
- Select a 1-literal in every tuple;  
These literals can be joined by edges (why?)  
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. (why?)
- $G$  has  $k$  vertices and  $k$  clauses, so each triple has exactly one clique node.
- Assign 1 to each node in clique;  
Assignment has no contradictions (why?)  
Yielding a satisfying assignment to  $\phi$ .



## Recap

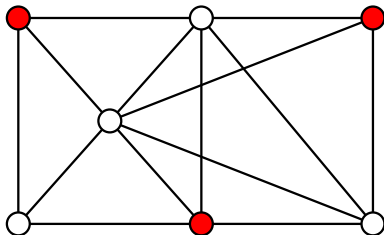
- We've constructed a poly-time computable function  $f$ .
- We saw that  $f$  has the property that  $\phi \in 3SAT$  iff  $f(\phi) \in CLIQUE$ .
- Therefore,  $f$  is a poly-time reduction from  $3SAT$  to  $CLIQUE$   
 $\implies 3SAT \leq_P CLIQUE$ . 

## Section 8

# Independent Set



## Independent Set



### Definition 44

An **independent set** in a graph is a set of vertexes, no two of which are linked by an edge.

The language of independent sets:

$$\text{IND-SET} = \{ \langle G, k \rangle : G \text{ contains an independent set of size } k \}$$

Clearly  $\text{IND-SET} \in \mathcal{NP}$ . We show that  $\text{CLIQUE} \leq_P \text{IND-SET}$  and deduce that  $\text{IND-SET} \in \mathcal{NPC}$

## CLIQUE $\leq_P$ IND-SET

Proof:

### Definition 45

The **complement** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $G^c = (V, E^c)$ , where  $E^c = \{(v_1, v_2) \mid v_1, v_2 \in V \text{ and } (v_1, v_2) \notin E\}$ .

### Claim 46

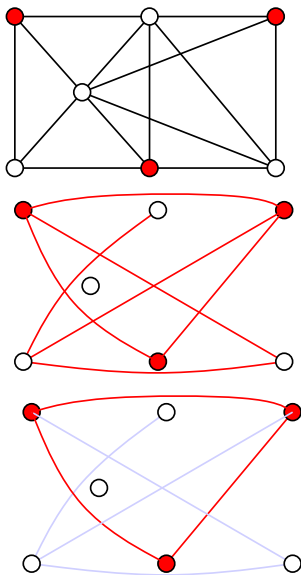
If  $U$  is an **independent set** in  $G$ , then  $U$  is a **clique** in  $G^c$ .

The reduction from **CLIQUE** to **IND-SET** simply compute the complement of the graph. ♣

### Remark 47

Same reduction shows that **IND-SET**  $\leq_P$  **CLIQUE**

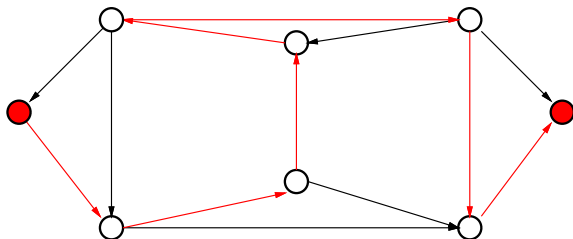
# Independent Set $\mapsto$ Clique



## Section 9

# Hamiltonian Paths and Cycles

## Reminder – Hamiltonian Path



A **Hamiltonian path** in a directed  $G$  visits each node **exactly** once.

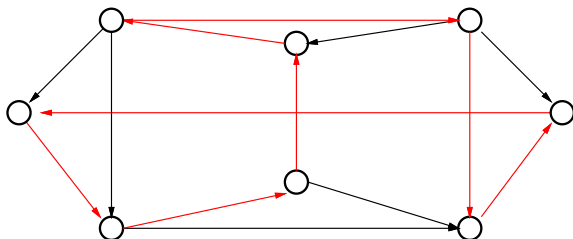
$$\text{HAMPATH} = \{ \langle G, s, t \rangle : G \text{ has Hamiltonian path from } s \text{ to } t \}$$

### Theorem 48

$\text{HAMPATH} \in \mathcal{NP}$ .

Not today ...

## Hamiltonian Circuit



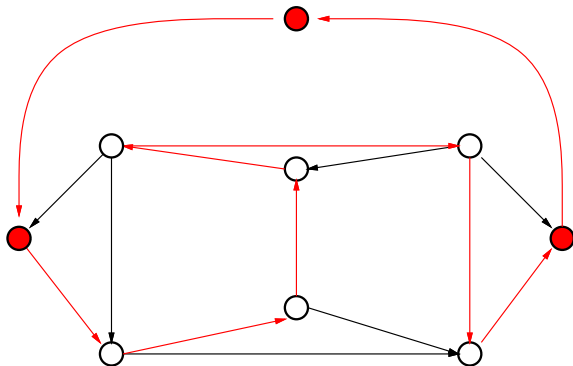
A **Hamiltonian Circuit** in a directed  $G$  visits each node **exactly** once, and end up where it started.

$$\text{HAMCIRCUIT} = \{ \langle G \rangle : G \text{ has Hamiltonian circuit} \}$$

Clearly  $\text{HAMCIRCUIT} \in \mathcal{NP}$ . We will show that  $\text{HAMPATH} \leq_P \text{HAMCIRCUIT}$ , and deduce that  $\text{HAMCIRCUIT} \in \mathcal{NPC}$

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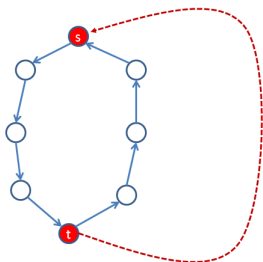
Proof's idea:



Hey, is the new vertex really needed? Why not just add an edge from  $t$  to  $s$ ?

# HAMPATH $\leq_P$ HAMCIRCUIT.

Why the new vertex really needed? Why not just add an edge from  $t$  to  $s$ ?





HAMCIRCUIT  $\leq_P$  HAMPATH.

**Claim 49**

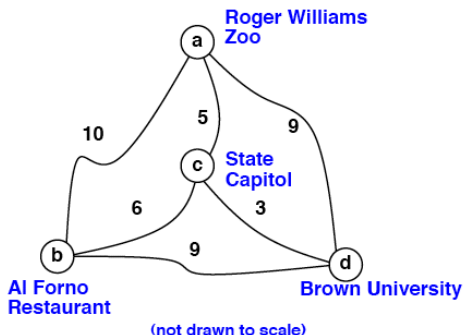
HAMCIRCUIT  $\leq_P$  HAMPATH.

Left as an easy (recommended) exercise.

## Section 10

# Traveling Salesman

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**Input:** set of cities  $C$  and set of inter-city distances  $D$

**Goal:** find a hamiltonian circuit (TS tour) of total distance at most  $k$

TRAVELING-SALESMAN =

$\{\langle C, D, k \rangle : (C, D) \text{ has a TS tour of total distance } \leq k\}$

## HAMCIRCUIT $\leq_P$ TRAVELING-SALESMAN

Proof: Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , construct traveling salesman instance.

- The cities are identical to the nodes of the original graph,  $C = V$ .
- The distance of going from  $v_1$  to  $v_2$  is 1 if  $(v_1, v_2) \in E$ , and 2 otherwise.
- The bound on the total distance of a tour is  $k = |V|$ .
- **correctness:**
  - $\implies$  Suppose  $G$  has a Hamiltonian circuit.  
The distance assigned by the reduction to all edges in this circuit is 1. Thus in  $(C, D)$  there is a traveling salesman tour of total distance  $|V| = k$ , namely  $(C, D, k) \in \text{TRAVELING-SALESMAN}$ .
  - $\impliedby$  Suppose  $(C, D)$  has a traveling salesman tour of total distance  $|V| = k$ .  
Tour cannot contain any edge of distance 2. Therefore it gives a Hamiltonian circuit in  $G$ .
- **Efficiency:** reduction done in quadratic time (filling up distances for all edges of the complete graph).



## Chains of Reductions: NPC Problems

