

### 3-SAT and Vertex Cover

SAT: Given Boolean formula  $\varphi$ , does it have a satisfying assignment?

$$x_1 \wedge \neg x_2$$

$$\left( \underset{F}{(x_1 \vee \underset{F}{x_2})} \rightarrow \underset{T}{(x_1 \wedge \underset{T}{x_3})} \right) \wedge \underset{T}{\neg x_1} \wedge \underset{T}{\neg x_3}$$

assignment of T/F to vars that makes  $\varphi$  true  
 $x_1 = F \quad x_2 = F \quad x_3 = F$

3-SAT: Given Boolean formula  $\varphi$  in 3-CNF form, is it satisfiable?

$\varphi$  is  $C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$   
 each clause is  $t_1 \vee t_2 \vee t_3$  where  $t_i = x_k$  or  $\neg x_k$

$$(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$$

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$$

3-SAT  $\leq_p$  IND-SET [Goal: given  $\varphi$  in 3-CNF, construct  $G$  and pick  $n, k$  s.t.]

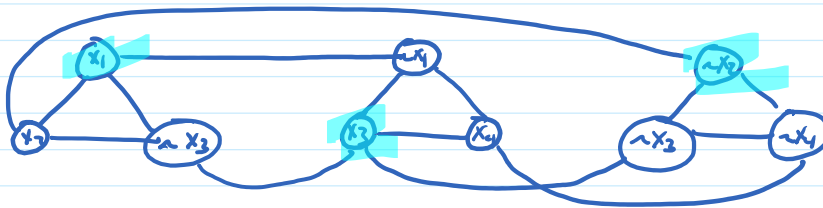
in poly-time

$\varphi$  is satisfiable  $\iff G$  has a IS of size  $\geq k$

- 1) construct  $G$ , pick  $k$
- 2) return IS  $(G, k)$

$$\overset{T}{(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)} \wedge \overset{T}{(\neg x_1 \vee x_3 \vee x_4)} \wedge \overset{T}{(\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= T \\ x_2 &= F \\ x_3 &= T \end{aligned}$$



## P vs NP

P: set of problems w/ poly-time solutions

NP: set of problems w/ poly-time verification algorithms

Ex: TSP (Given  $G, k$ , determine if tour of cost  $\leq k$ )

HVN PVG JAC NUQ FRA GRU BOG HVN  $k=28000$

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Prob  $A$  is in NP means there is a poly-time verification alg  $A'$   
s.t. set of inputs  $x$  to  $A$  for which  $A(x)=\text{YES}$  is exactly the  
set of 1<sup>st</sup> inputs to  $A'$  for there is poly-size  $y$  2<sup>nd</sup> input  
s.t.  $A'(x,y)=\text{OK}$

TSP-VERIFY ( $G, k, t$ ): <sup>original input</sup> compute cost  $c$  of tour  $t$   
<sub>certificate, evidence</sub> if  $c \leq k$  return OK  
else return NOT-OK

VC-VERIFY ( $G, k, C$ ): for each edge  $(u,v)$  in  $G$   
if  $u \notin C$  and  $v \notin C$   
return NOT-OK  
return OK

3-SAT-VERIFY ( $\varphi, A$ ): for each clause  $C$   
for each term in  $C$   
if  $A$  makes  $t$  T sets  $X$   
return NOT-OK  
 $X_i$   
return OK

IND-SET: certificate/evidence is the independent set  
HAM-PATH: evidence is the Hamiltonian path  
MIN-FEEDBACK-ARC-SET: evidence is set of edges

given directed  $G$ , int  $k$   
is there a set of  $\leq k$   
edges that when removed  
makes  $G$  acyclic



NP-complete: hardest problems in NP

DEF:  $A$  is NP-complete means

- 1)  $A \in \text{NP}$
- 2) for all  $B \in \text{NP}$ ,  $B \leq_p A$

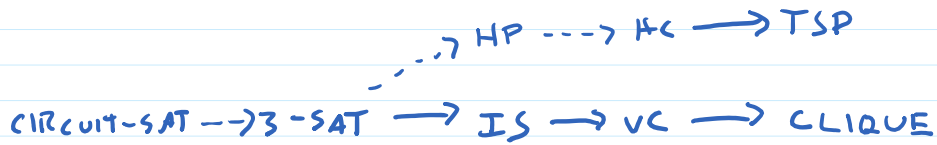
THM: If  $X \in NP$  and  $Y$  is NP-complete and  $Y \leq_p X$  then  $X$  is also NP-complete

Proof: 1)  $X \in NP$

2) Let  $B \in NP$  [need  $B \leq_p A$ ]

Then  $B \leq_p Y$   
So  $B \leq_p X$

$Y$  is NP-complete; part 2 def NP-complete  
transitivity

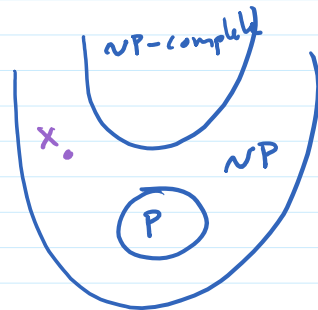


THM:  $P \subseteq NP$

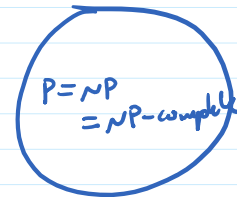
Let  $X \in P$ .

$X\text{-VERIFY}(x, y)$ : if  $X(x) = \text{YES}$  return OK  
else return NOT-OK

poly-time alg for  $X$



or



To show  $P \neq NP$ , it is sufficient to find super-poly lb for some  $X \in NP$

To show  $P = NP$ , it is sufficient to find poly-time for some NP-complete  $X$