

# Approximation for Maximum Acyclic Subset

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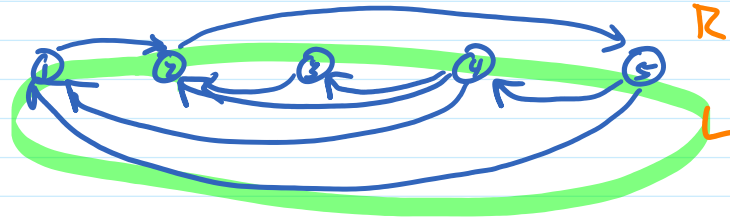
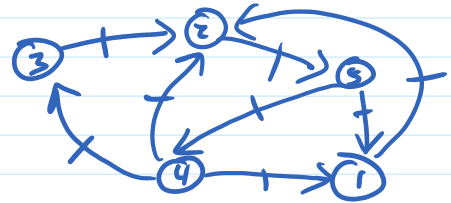
## APPROX-MAX-ACYCLIC(G)

pick a random permutation of vertices  $c$   
 $L \leftarrow$  edges  $(u,v)$   $c(u) > c(v)$   
 $R \leftarrow$  edges  $(u,v)$   $c(u) < c(v)$   
return the larger of  $L$   $R$

$$|E| \geq |E^*|$$

$$\max(|L|, |R|) \geq \frac{1}{2}|E| \geq \frac{1}{2}|E^*|$$

2-approximation



topo-sort: ordering of verts in a line  
so all edges  $\rightarrow$

any acyclic graph has a topo-sort  
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# P-Complete

Why don't we talk about P-complete?

$\rightarrow$   $X$  is P-complete if  
 $\begin{cases} 1) X \in P \\ 2) Y \in P \rightarrow Y \leq_p X \end{cases}$

thm For any  $X, Y \in P$ ,  $X \leq_p Y$

Let  $X, Y \in P$  Then  $\exists A, B$  that solve  $X, Y$  respectively in poly-time

For Karp reductions ( $\leq_m$ ),  $X \leq_m Y$  means

$$\begin{array}{l} X(x) \\ \downarrow \text{poly-time} \\ y \leftarrow f(x) \\ \text{return } Y(y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} X\text{-VIA-}Y(x) \\ \cancel{y \leftarrow B(y \text{ "fred" })} \\ \text{return } A(x) \end{array}$$

For any  $X, Y \in P$  s.t.  $Y$  is non-trivial (not always yes or always no)  
 $X \leq_m Y$

Find  $y_{yes}$  s.t.  $Y(y_{yes}) = Y$   
 $y_{no}$  s.t.  $Y(y_{no}) = N$

$$\begin{array}{l} X\text{-KARP-}Y(x) \\ \text{if } A(x) = Y \\ \quad y \leftarrow y_{yes} \\ \text{else} \\ \quad y \leftarrow y_{no} \\ \text{return } B(y) \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} X\text{-KARP-}Y(x) \\ \text{if } A(x) = Y \\ \quad y \leftarrow y_{yes} \\ \text{else} \\ \quad y \leftarrow y_{no} \\ \text{return } B(y) \end{array}} \right\} f(x)$$

cor: for any  $X \in P$ ,  $X$  is P-complete

cor: If  $P = NP$  then any  $X \in P$  is NP-complete

for all  $Y \in NP$ ,  $Y \leq_p X$  ✓  
 $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } X \in P \\ \text{Then } X \in NP \checkmark \\ \text{Let } Y \in NP \\ \text{So } Y \in P \\ \text{and } Y \leq_p X \\ X \text{ is NP-complete} \end{array} \right.$

NP and PSPACE

$Y$  is NP-complete and  $Y \in P$  Then  $P = NP$  PS NP  $\subseteq$  PSPACE  $\subseteq$  EXPTM

THM: Suppose  $Y$  is PSPACE-complete and  $Y \in NP$ . Then  $PSPACE = NP$   
 defined using Karp  $\leq_m$

Let  $Y$  be PSPACE-complete [want  $PSPACE \subseteq NP$  since we have  $NP \subseteq PSPACE$ ; together  $NP = PSPACE$ ]

Let  $X \in PSPACE$  [want  $X \in NP$ ; in other words there is a poly-time verifier for  $X$ ]

Then  $X \leq_m Y$

Also  $Y \in NP$  so  $\exists$  poly-time verifier  $Y-VERIFY(y, z)$

Consider  $X-VERIFY(x, z)$   
 compute  $y \leftarrow f(x)$  using the  $f$  from  $X \leq_m Y$   
 return  $Y-VERIFY(y, z)$

$X(x) = YES \rightarrow Y(f(x)) = YES \rightarrow \exists z$  s.t.  $|z|$  is poly in  $|f(x)|$   
 and  $Y-VERIFY(f(x), z) = YES$   
 (find that  $z$ )  
 $|f(x)|$  is poly in size of  $x$   
 so  $|z|$  is poly in size of  $x$   
 $X-VERIFY(x, z) = YES$   
 so  $\exists z$  s.t.  $|z|$  is poly in  $|x|$  and  $X-VERIFY(x, z) = YES$

$X(x) = NO \rightarrow Y(f(x)) = NO \rightarrow$  no  $z$  s.t.  $Y-VERIFY(f(x), z) = YES$   
 so no  $z$  s.t.  $X-VERIFY(x, z) = YES$

so  $X-VERIFY$  is a poly-time verifier for  $X$

so  $X \in NP$

## ZPP and NP

ZPP: decision problems with expected poly-time algorithms

NP: decision problems with poly-time verification algorithms

ZPP  $\subseteq$  NP: Let  $X \in$  ZPP and find RAND-X that solves X in expected poly-time ( $p(|x|)$  for some poly  $p$ )

Write X-VERIFY(x, y) ← cut off if no more bits available in y or takes time longer than  $p(|x|)$   
return RAND-X(x) using y as source of random bits

$X(x) = \text{YES} \rightarrow \text{RAND-X}(x) = \text{YES}$  in expected time  $p(|x|)$  for some poly  $p$   
 $\rightarrow$  some execution path of RAND-X(x) runs in time  $\leq p(|x|)$   
 $\rightarrow$  that path consumes  $\leq p(|x|)$  random bits  
let  $y$  that sequence of random bits (so  $|y|$  is poly in  $|x|$ )  
 $X\text{-VERIFY}(x, y) = \text{YES}$  and runs in time  $\leq p(|x|)$

$X(x) = \text{NO}$  let  $y$  be any random bits  $\text{RAND-X}(x) = \text{NO}$  on all paths  
 $X\text{-VERIFY}(x, y) = \text{NO}$

RP: problems w/ poly-time algorithm w/ one-sided error ( $\text{YES} \rightarrow p(\text{YES}) > c$  for some  $c > 0$ )  
( $\text{NO} \rightarrow p(\text{NO}) = 0$ )

co-RP

ZPP  $\subseteq$  RP

ZPP = co-ZPP

ZPP  $\subseteq$  co-RP

ZPP  $\equiv$  RP  $\cap$  co-RP

$\rightarrow$  ZPP  $\subseteq$  RP  $\cap$  co-RP

## Undecidable Problems

HALT : given <sup>program</sup> algorithm  $A$  and input  $x$ , does  $A(x)$  stop? <sub>(halt)</sub>  
undecidable

TOT : given <sup>program</sup> algorithm  $A$ , does it stop on all inputs?  
undecidable

$HALT \leq_T TOT$   
Turing reduction  
Cook reduction  
w/o poly-time restriction

HALT(A, x)

Write program

B(y)

return  $A(x)$

return TOT(B)