

# P/NP, NP Complete, NP Hard concept introduction

NP Completeness (2)  
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Algorithm Design and Analysis

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# Announcement

- Homework 4 released
  - Due on 1/3 (Thur) 14:20 (three weeks later)
- Mini-HW 10 released
  - Due on 12/20 (Thur) 14:20
- Next week
  - Break
  - Watch online videos
- Class 12/27
  - A small test for Christmas (optional)



# Mini-HW 10

橋をかけろ is a game invented by nikoli in the 1990s.

The game is played on a rectangular grid with cells drawn on it. Some cells start out with (usually encircled) numbers from 1 to 8 inclusive; these are the "islands". The rest of the cells are empty.

The goal is to connect all of the islands by drawing a series of bridges between the islands. The bridges must follow certain criteria:

- They must begin and end at distinct islands, travelling a straight line in between.
- They must not cross any other bridges or islands.
- They may only run orthogonally (i.e. they may not run diagonally).
- At most two bridges connect a pair of islands.
- The number of bridges connected to each island must match the number on that island.
- The bridges must connect the islands into a single connected group.

Now given the rules of 橋をかけろ, please prove within which complexity class does this game fall in. (You can claim Karp's 21 NP-complete problems directly, everything else must be proven explicitly before use)

p.s. you can also play the game online here -> <https://www.puzzle-bridges.com/> ↗

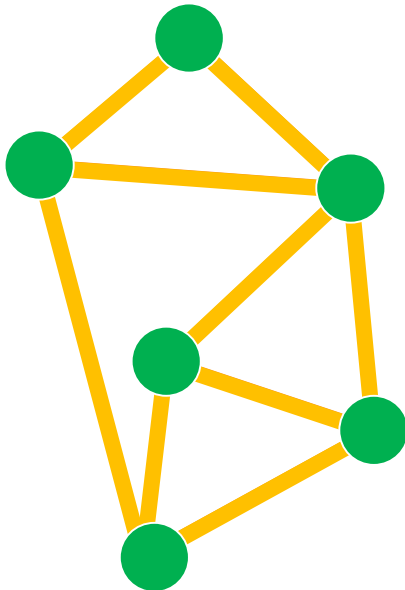


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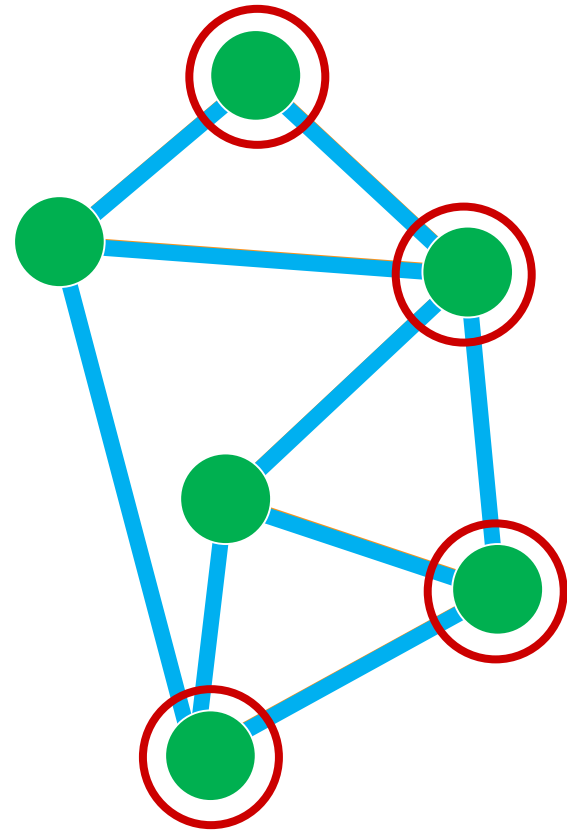
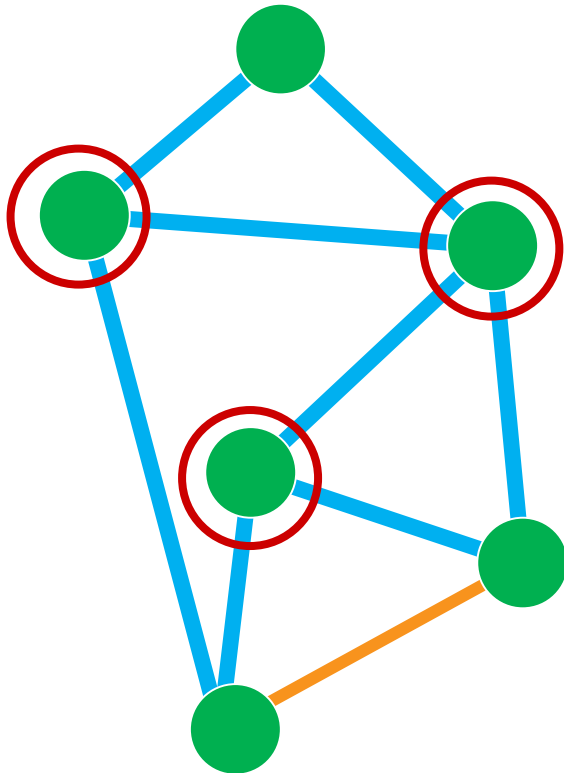
- Complexity Classes
  - P v.s. NP
  - NP, NP-Complete, NP-Hard
- Polynomial-Time Reduction

# Vertex Cover Problem (路燈問題)

- Input: a graph  $G$
- Output: a smallest vertex subset of  $G$  that **covers** all edges of  $G$ .
- Known to be NP-complete



# Illustration



# Vertex Cover (Decision Version)

- Input: a Graph  $G$  and an integer  $k$ .
- Output: Does  $G$  contain a vertex cover of size no more than  $k$ ?
  
- Original problem  $\rightarrow$  optimization problem
  - 原先的路燈問題是要算出放路燈的方法
- Yes/No  $\rightarrow$  decision problem
  - 問 $k$ 盞路燈夠不夠照亮整個公園

# Non-Deterministic Algorithm

```
Non-Deterministic-Vertex-Cover(G, k)
  set S = {}
  for each vertex x of G
    non-deterministically insert x to S
  if |S| > k
    output no
  if S is not a vertex cover
    output no
  output yes
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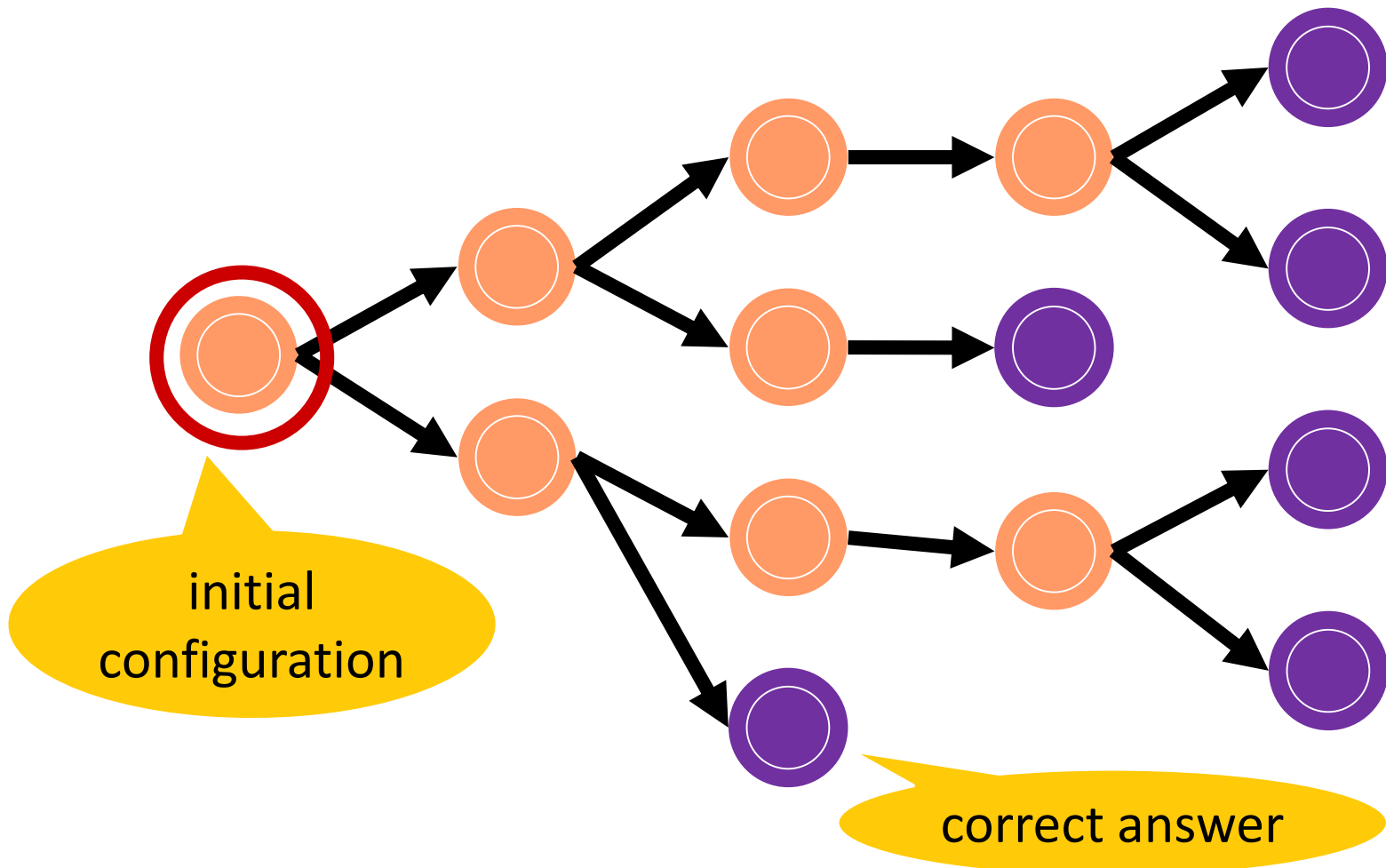


# Algorithm Correctness

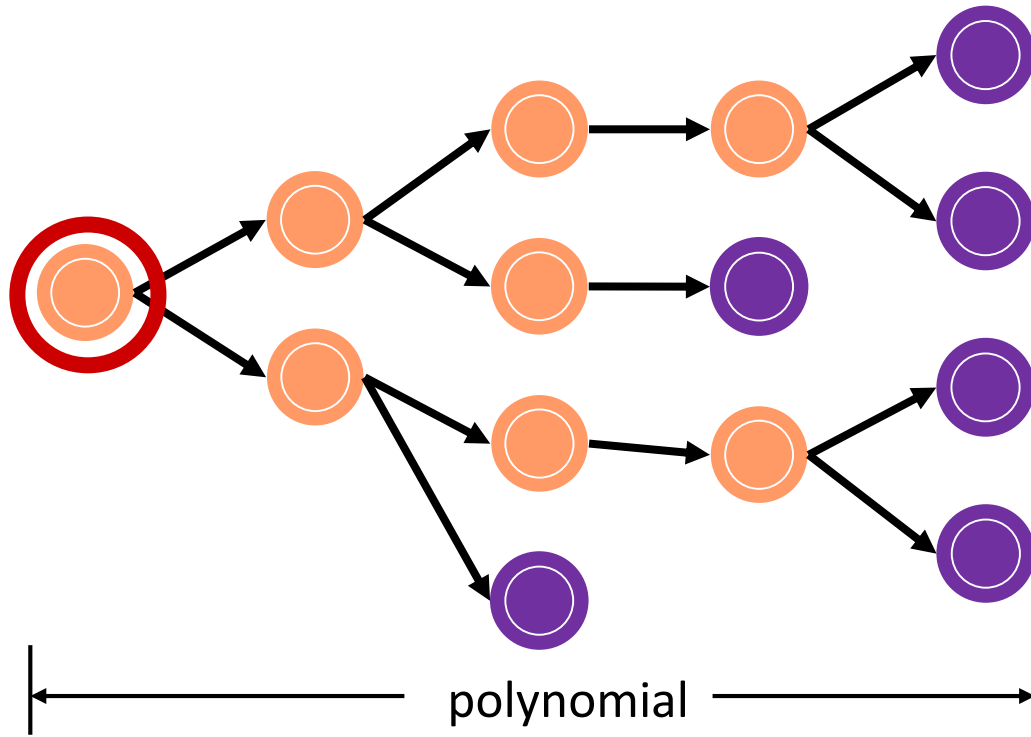
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- If the correct answer is *yes*, then there is a computation path of the algorithm that leads to *yes*.
  - 至少有一條路是對的
- If the correct answer is *no*, then all computation paths of the algorithm lead to *no*.
  - 每一條路都是對的

# Non-Deterministic Problem Solving



# Non-Deterministic Polynomial



“solved” in non-deterministic polynomial time  
= “verified” in polynomial time



# $P \subseteq NP$ or $NP \subseteq P$ ?



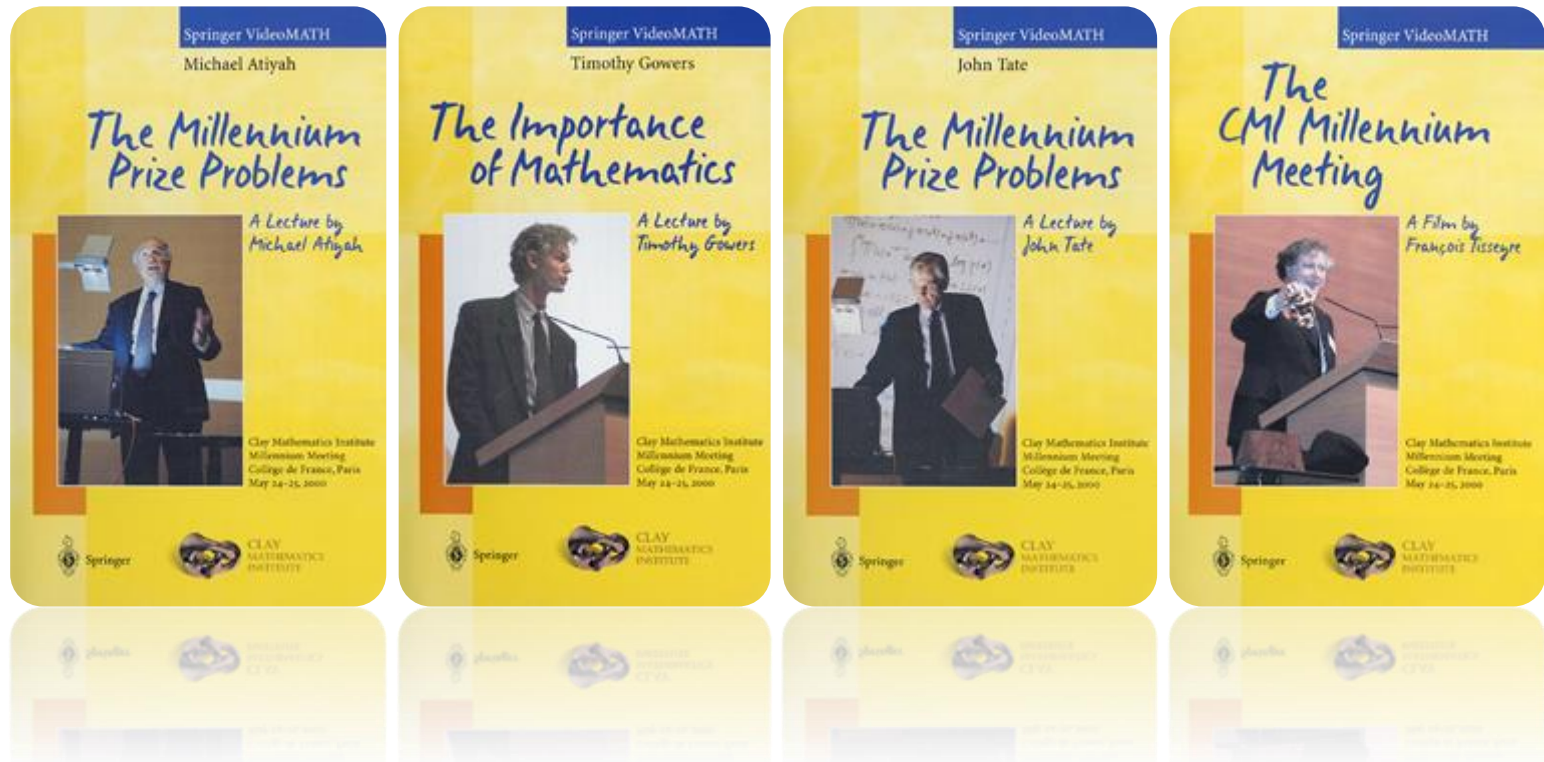
- $P \subseteq NP$ 
  - A problem solvable in polynomial time is verifiable in polynomial time as well
- Any NP problem can be solved in (deterministically) exponential time?
  - Yes
- Any NP problem can be solved in (deterministically) polynomial time?
  - Open problem

Why?



# US\$1,000,000 Per Problem

- <http://www.claymath.org/millennium-problems>



# Millennium Problems

- Yang–Mills and Mass Gap
- Riemann Hypothesis
- **P vs NP Problem**
- Navier–Stokes Equation
- Hodge Conjecture
- Poincaré Conjecture (solved by Grigori Perelman)
- Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture



Grigori Perelman  
Fields Medal (2006), declined  
Millennium Prize (2010), declined

# Vinay Deolalikar

- Aug 2010 claimed a proof of  $P$  is not equal to  $NP$ .



# If $P = NP$



- problems that are verifiable  $\rightarrow$  solvable



- public-key cryptography will be broken

“If  $P = NP$ , then the world would be a profoundly different place than we usually assume it to be. There would be no special value in “creative leaps,” no fundamental gap between solving a problem and recognizing the solution once it's found. Everyone who could appreciate a symphony would be Mozart; everyone who could follow a step-by-step argument would be Gauss...” – Scott Aaronson, MIT

**Widespread belief in  $P \neq NP$**

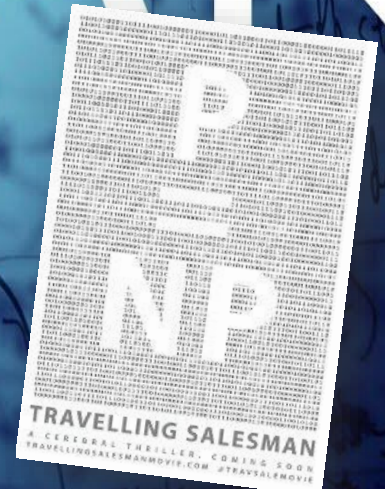


# TRAVELLING SALESMAN

Travelling Salesman (2012)

A movie about  $P = NP$

Best Feature Film in Silicon Valley Film Festival 2012





# NP, NP-Complete, NP-Hard

# NP-Hardness

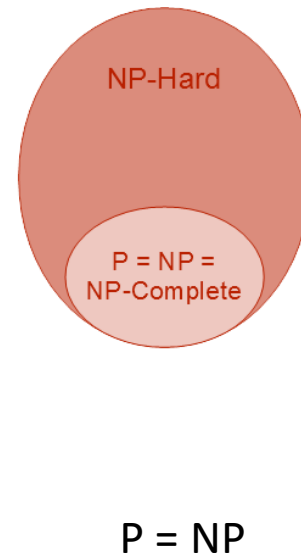
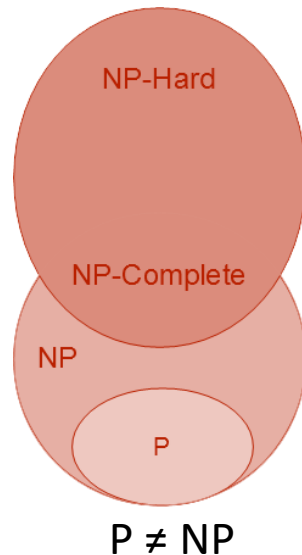
- A problem is NP-hard if it is **as least as hard as** all NP problems.
- In other words, a problem  $X$  is NP-hard if the following condition holds:
  - If  $X$  can be solved in (deterministic) polynomial time, then **all NP problems** can be solved in (deterministic) polynomial time.

# NP-Completeness (NPC)

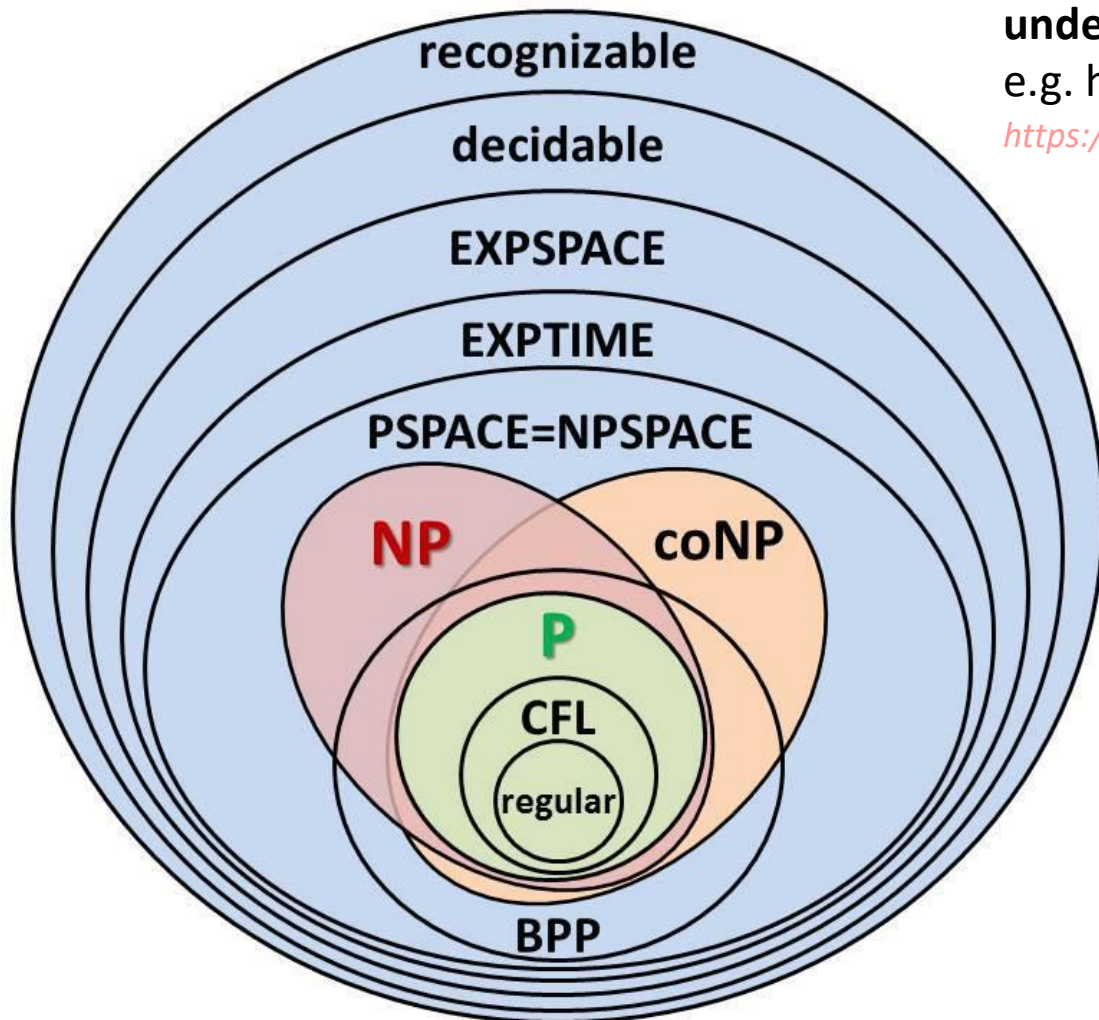
- A problem is NP-complete if
  - it is NP-hard and
  - it is in NP.
- In other words, an NP-complete problem is one of the “hardest” problems in the class NP.
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- Hardest in NP → solving one NPC can solve all NP problems (“complete”)
- It is widely believed that NPC problems have no polynomial-time solution  
→ good reference point to judge whether a problem is in P
  - We can decide whether a problem is “too hard to solve” by showing it is as hard as an NPC problem
  - We then focus on designing approximate algorithms or solving special cases

# Complexity Classes

- Class P: class of problems that can be solved in  $O(n^k)$
- Class NP: class of problems that can be verified in  $O(n^k)$
- Class NP-hard: class of problems that are “at least as hard as all NP problems”
- Class NP-complete: class of problems in both NP and NP-hard



# More Complexity Classes

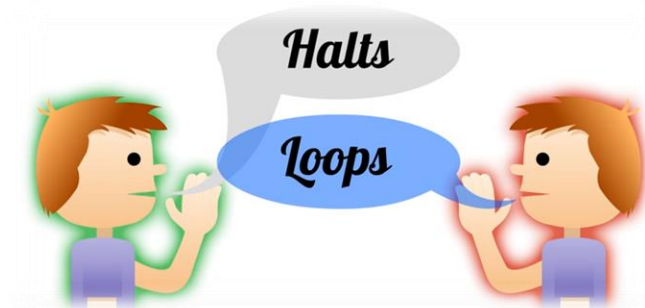


**undecidable:** no algorithm;  
e.g. halting problem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGLQiHXHWnk>

# An Undecidable Problem – Halting Problem

- Halting problem is to determine whether a program  $p$  halts on input  $x$
- Proof for undecidable via a counterexample
  - Suppose  $h$  can determine whether a program  $p$  halts on input  $x$
  - $h(p, x) = \text{return } (p \text{ halts on input } x)$
  - Define  $g(p) = \text{if } h(p,p) \text{ is } 0 \text{ then return } 0 \text{ else HANG}$
  - $\rightarrow g(g) = \text{if } h(g,g) \text{ is } 0 \text{ then return } 0 \text{ else HANG}$
- Both cases contradict the assumption:
  1.  $g$  halts on  $g$ : then  $h(g,g)=1$ , which would make  $g(g)$  hang
  2.  $g$  does not halt on  $g$ : then  $h(g,g)=0$ , which would make  $g(g)$  halt



# Complexity Classes

- Which one is in P?

Shortest Simple Path

Euler Tour

LCS with 2 Input Sequences

Degree-Constrained Spanning Tree

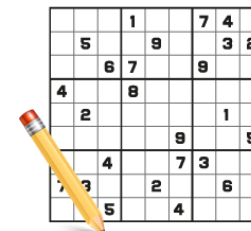


Longest Simple Path

Hamiltonian Cycle

LCS with Arbitrary Input Sequences

Minimal Spanning Tree





# Candy Crush is NP-Hard

## Bejeweled, Candy Crush and other match-three games are (NP-)Hard!

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### What is this all about?

This is an implementation of the reduction provided in the paper [Bejeweled, Candy Crush and other Match-Three Games are \(NP\)-Hard](#) which has been accepted for presentation at the [2014 IEEE Conference on Computational Intelligence and Games \(CIG 2014\)](#). To find more about what NP-Hard means you can read [this blog post](#) or the corresponding [page on Wikipedia](#).

### About the authors

We are an Italian group of three people: [Luciano Gualà](#), [Stefano Leucci](#), and [Emanuele Natale](#). We had the weird idea to spend our weekends proving that Candy Crush Saga is NP-Hard. We also thought that it was nice to put online an implementation of our hardness reduction... so here it is!

### Rules

Swap two adjacent gems in order to match three or more gems of the same kind. The matched gems will pop, and the gems above will fall. It is possible to have chains of pops.

For a complete understanding of what's going on please read the paper on [ArXiv](#).

**In a nutshell (for those "tl;dr" folks):** you can swap one or two gems on each choice wire from the top one to the bottom one, then you have to traverse the goal wire to reach the goal gem. Popping a wire means setting the corresponding variable to true.





Sudoku is NPC

# Minesweeper Consistency is NPC

- Minesweeper Consistency: Given a state of what purports to be a Minesweeper game, is it logically consistent?



	1	2	1	
	1		1	
	1		1	
2	2	2	2	

?	1	?	1	?
?	1	2	1	?
?	1		1	?
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YES

	1	2	1	
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# Polynomial-Time Reduction

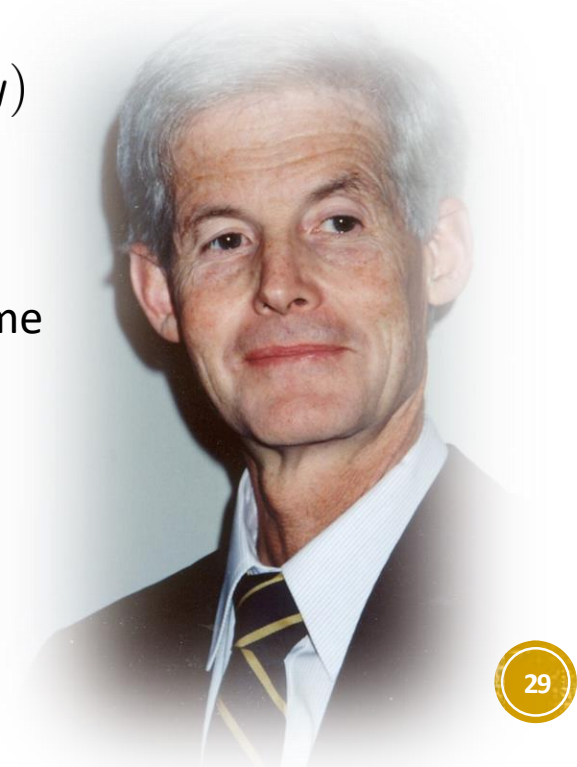
Textbook Chapter 34.3 – NP-completeness and reducibility

# First NP-Complete Problem – SAT (Satisfiability)

- Input: a Boolean formula with variables
- Output: whether there is a truth assignment for the variables that satisfies the input Boolean formula

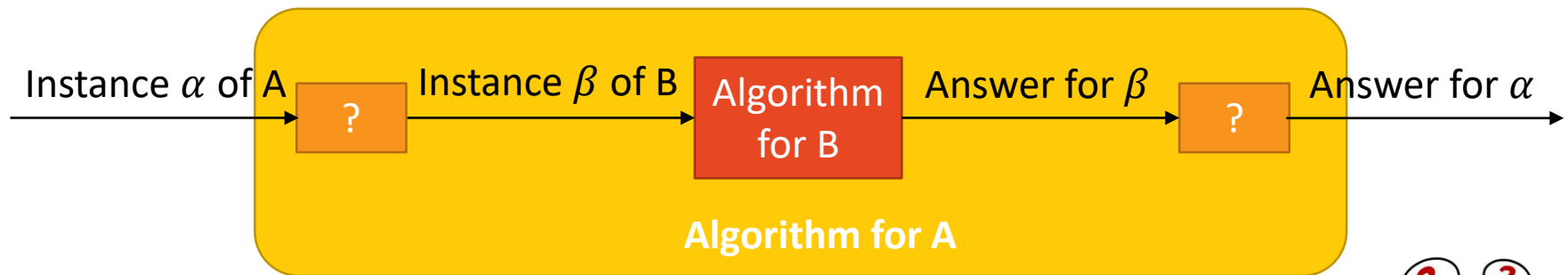
$$(x \vee y \vee z) \wedge (x \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{z}) \wedge (\bar{x} \vee y)$$

- Stephan A. Cook [FOCS 1971] proved that
  - SAT can be solved in non-deterministic polynomial time  
→ SAT ∈ NP
  - If SAT can be solved in deterministic polynomial time, then so can any NP problems → SAT ∈ NP-hard



# Reduction

- Problem A can be reduced (in polynomial time) **to** Problem B  
= Problem B can be reduced (in polynomial time) **from** Problem A
  - We can find an algorithm that solves Problem B to help solve Problem A



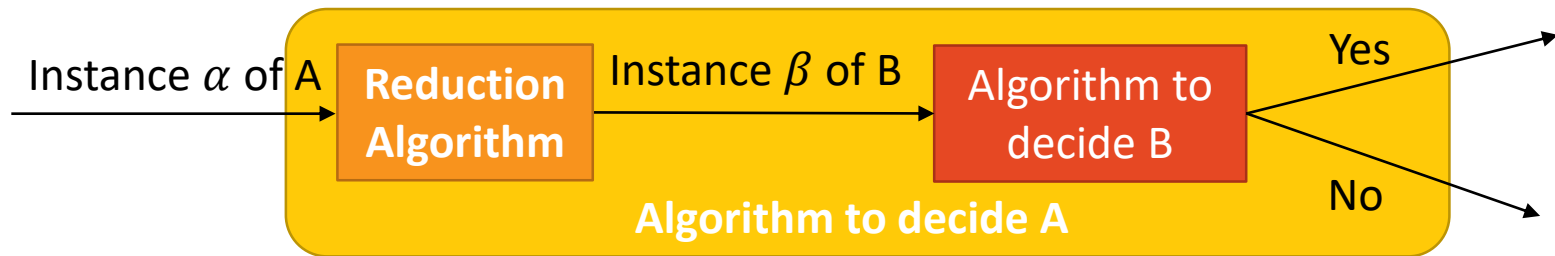
What is the complexity of Algorithm for A?



- If problem B has a polynomial-time algorithm, then so does problem A
- Practice: design a MULTIPLY() function by ADD(), DIVIDE(), and SQUARE()

# Reduction

- A reduction is an algorithm for **transforming a problem instance into another**



- Definition
  - Reduction from A to B implies A is not harder than B
  - $A \leq_p B$  if A can be reduced to B in polynomial time
- Applications
  - Designing algorithms: given algorithm for B, we can also solve A
  - Classifying problems: establish relative difficulty between A and B
  - **Proving limits: if A is hard, then so is B**

This is why we need it for proving NP-completeness!



# Questions

- If  $A$  is an NP-hard problem and  $B$  can be reduced from  $A$ , then  $B$  is an NP-hard problem?
- If  $A$  is an NP-complete problem and  $B$  can be reduced from  $A$ , then  $B$  is an NP-complete problem?
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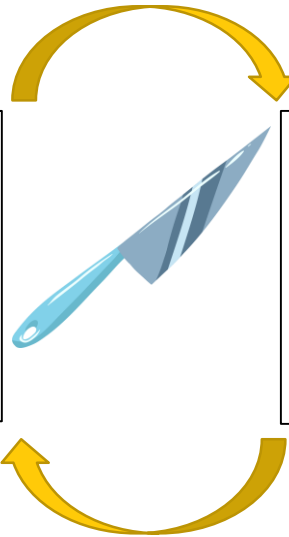


# Problem Difficulty

- Q: Which one is harder?



KNAPSACK: Given a set  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  of non-negative integers, and an integer  $K$ , decide if there is a subset  $P \subseteq [1, n]$  such that  $\sum_{i \in P} a_i = K$ .



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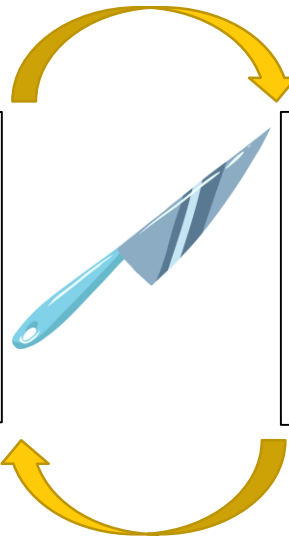
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- A: They have equal difficulty.
- Proof:
  - PARTITION  $\leq_p$  KNAPSACK
  - KNAPSACK  $\leq_p$  PARTITION

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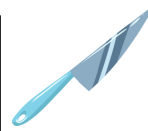
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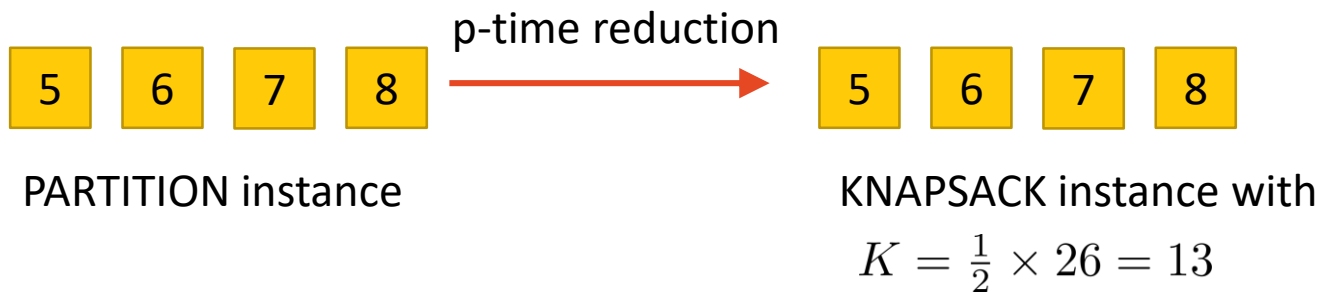


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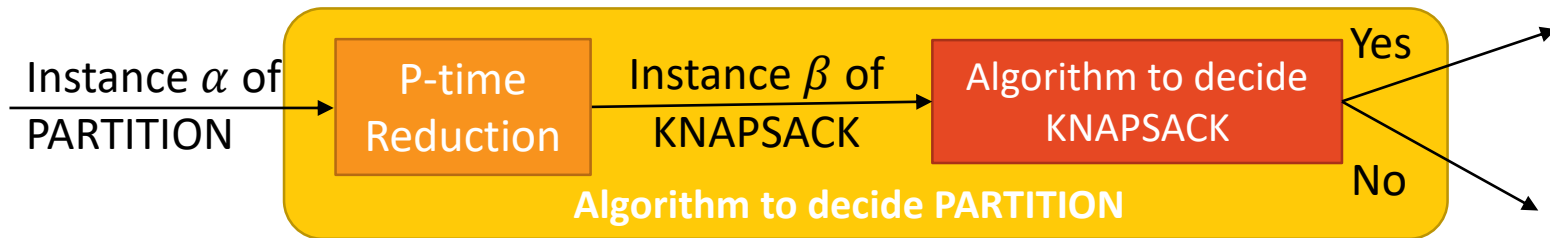


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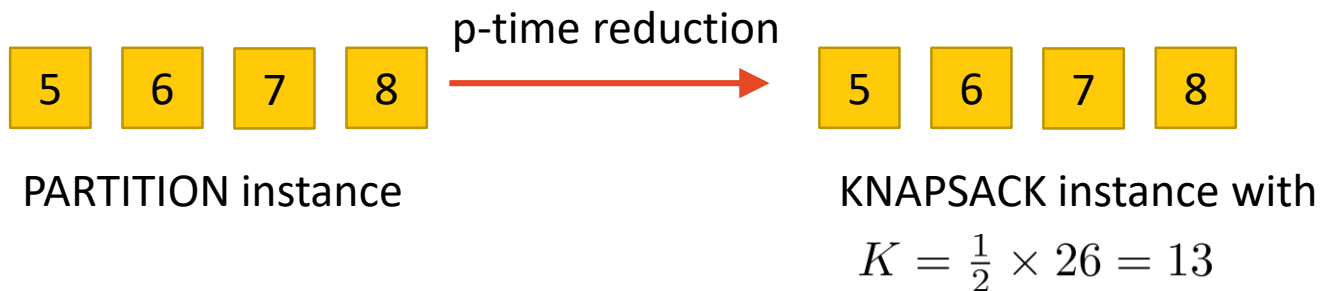
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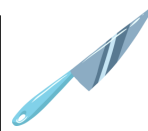


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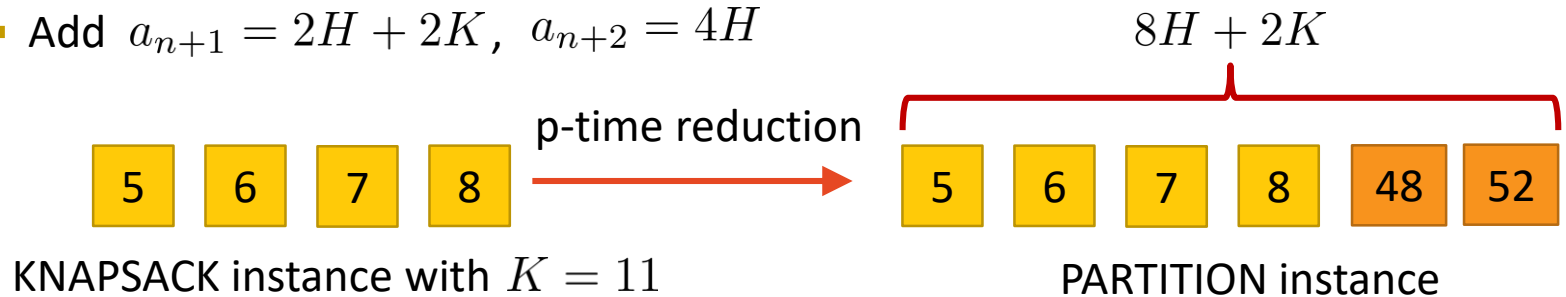


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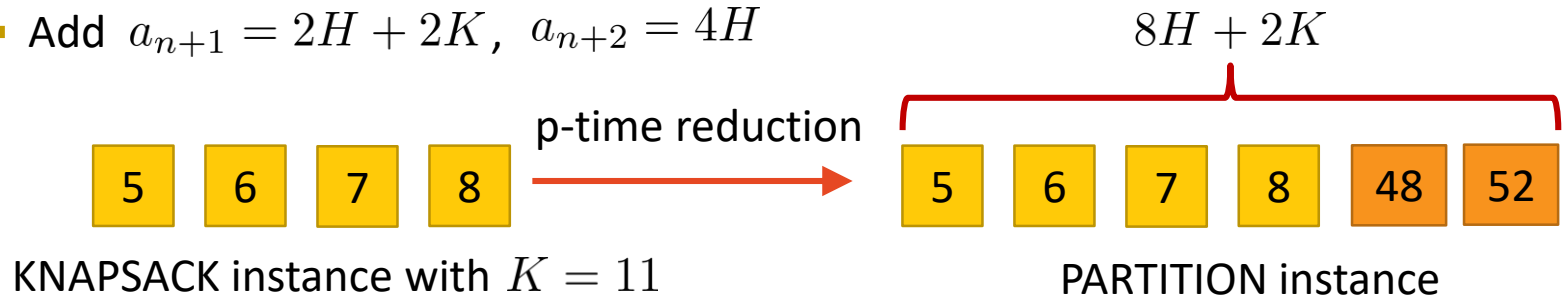
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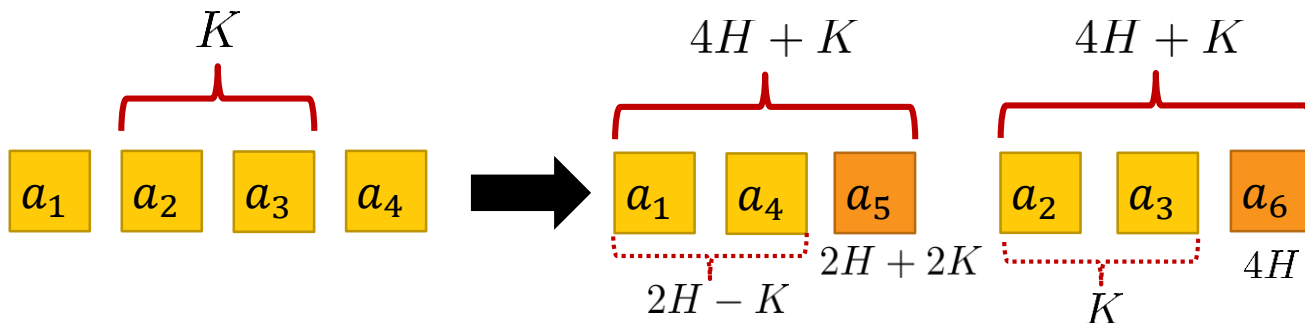


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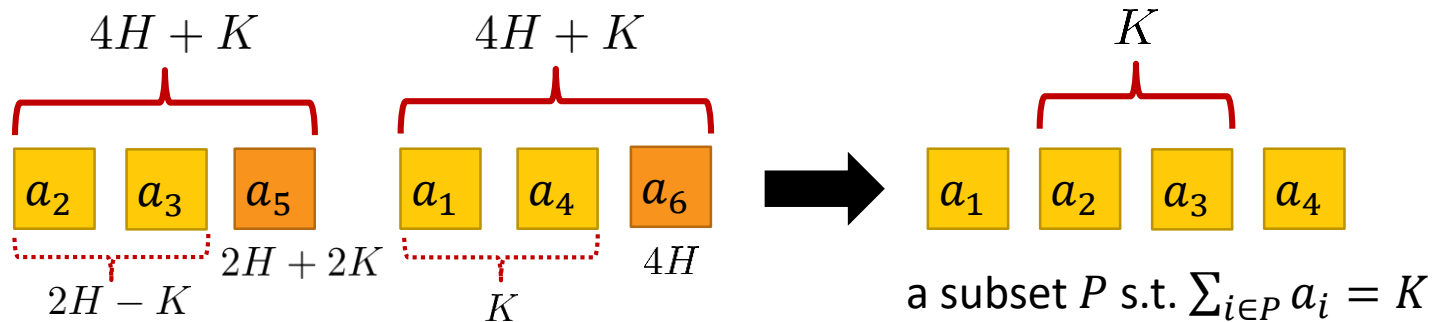
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PARTITION returns yes!

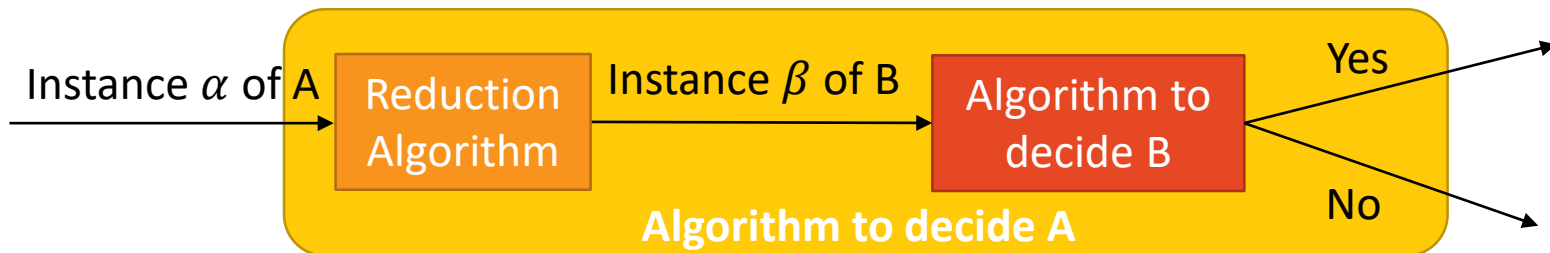
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  - “only if” direction
    - Because  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+2} a_i = 8H + 2K$ , if PARTITION returns yes, each set has  $4H + K$
    - $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  must be divided into  $2H - K$  and  $K$





# Reduction for Proving Limits



- Definition
  - Reduction from A to B implies A is not harder than B
  - $A \leq_p B$  if A can be reduced to B in **polynomial time**
- NP-completeness proofs
  - Goal: prove that B is NP-hard
  - Known: A is NP-complete/NP-hard
  - Approach: construct a polynomial-time reduction algorithm to convert  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$
  - Correctness: if we can solve B, then A can be solved  $\rightarrow A \leq_p B$
  - **B is no easier than A  $\rightarrow$  A is NP-hard, so B is NP-hard**

If the reduction is not p-time, does this argument hold?





# Proving NP- Completeness

# Formal Language Framework

- Focus on decision problems
- A **language**  $L$  over  $\Sigma$  is any set of strings made up of symbols from  $\Sigma$
- Every language  $L$  over  $\Sigma$  is a subset of  $\Sigma^*$

$$\Sigma^* = \{\epsilon; 0; 1; 10; 11; 101; 111; \dots\}$$

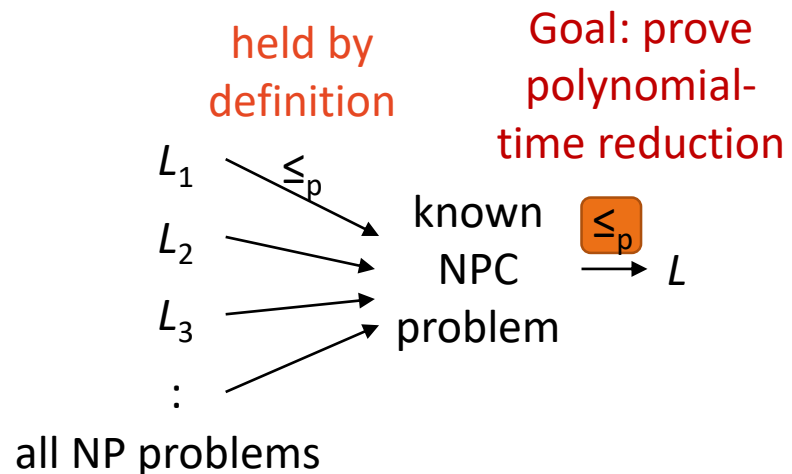
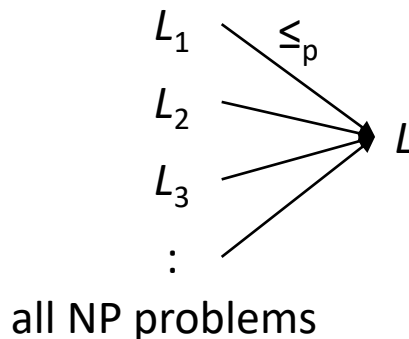
The formal-language framework allows us to express concisely the relation between decision problems and algorithms that solve them.

- An algorithm  $A$  **accepts** a string  $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$  if  $A(x) = 1$
- The language **accepted** by an algorithm  $A$  is the set of strings  
$$L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : A(x) = 1\}$$
- An algorithm  $A$  **rejects** a string  $x$  if  $A(x) = 0$

# Proving NP-Completeness

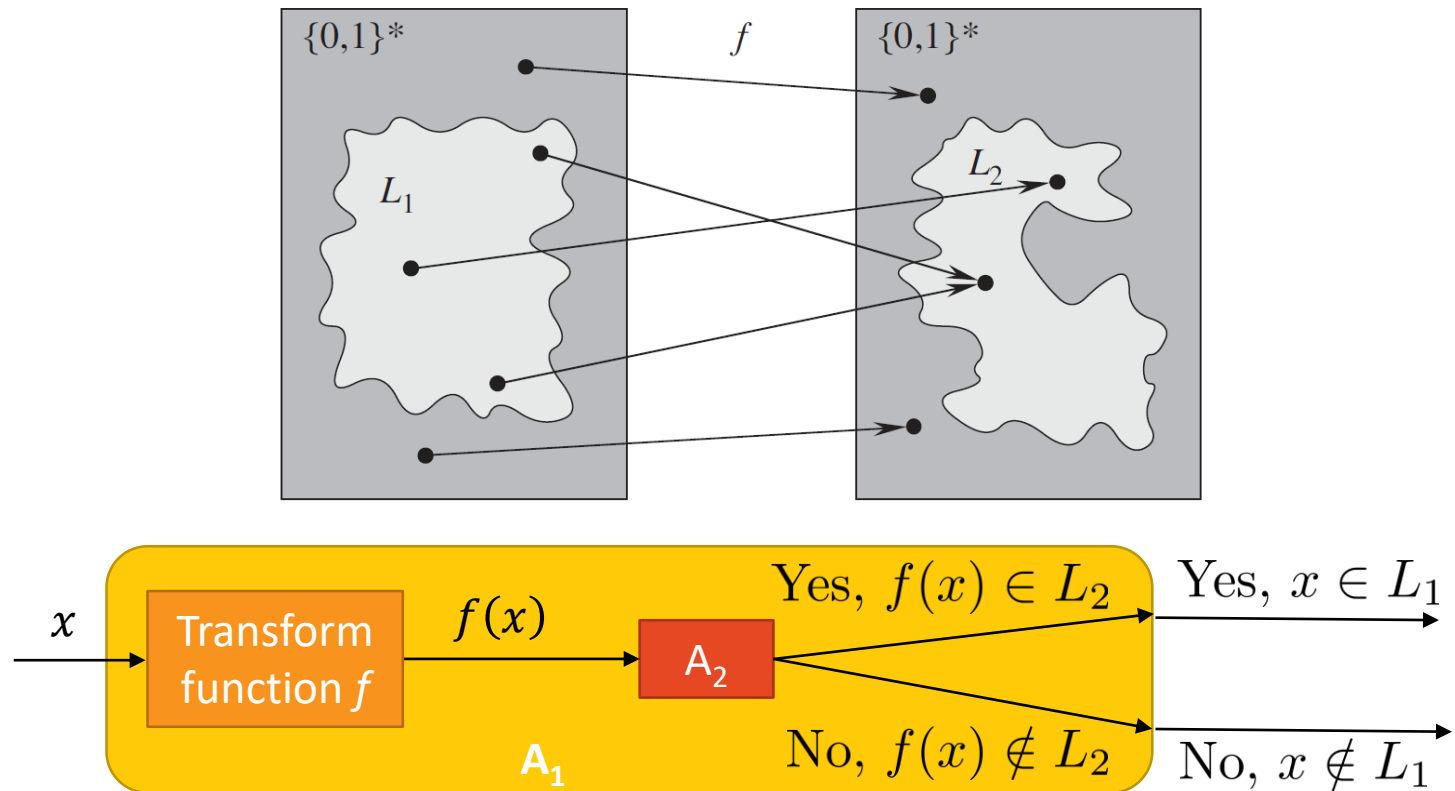
- NP-Complete (NPC): class of decision problems in both NP and NP-hard
- In other words, a decision problem  $L$  is NP-complete if
  1.  $L \in \text{NP}$
  2.  $L \in \text{NP-hard}$  (that is,  $L' \leq_p L$  for every  $L' \in \text{NP}$ )

How to prove  $L$  is NP-hard ?



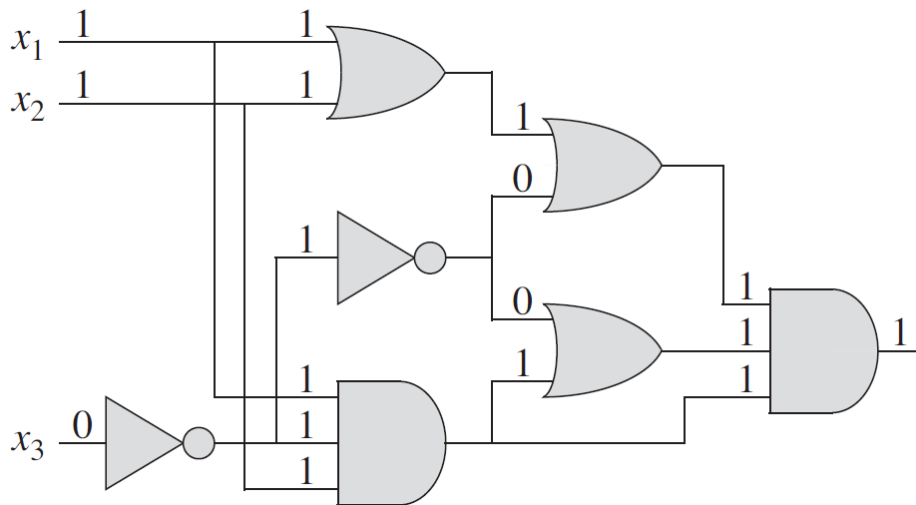
# Polynomial-Time Reducible

- If  $L_1, L_2 \subset \{0, 1\}^*$  are languages s.t.  $L_1 \leq_p L_2$ , then  $L_2 \in P$  implies  $L_1 \in P$ .

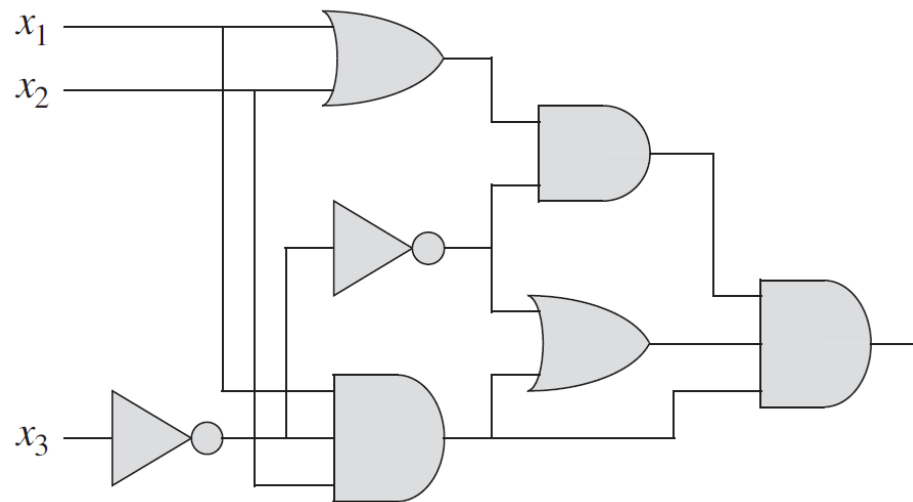


# Circuit Satisfiability Problem

- Given a Boolean combinational circuit composed of AND, OR, and NOT gates, is it satisfiable?
  - Satisfiable: there exists an assignment s.t. outputs = 1



Satisfiable



Unsatisfiable

# CIRCUIT-SAT

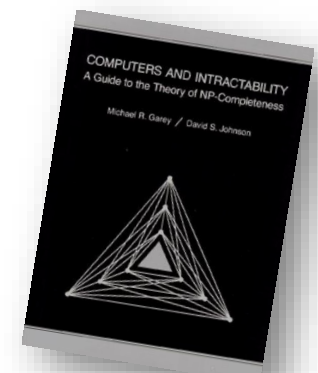
CIRCUIT-SAT =  $\{ \langle C \rangle : C \text{ is a satisfiable Boolean combinational circuit} \}$

- CIRCUIT-SAT can be solved in non-deterministic polynomial time  
→  $\in$  NP
- If CIRCUIT-SAT can be solved in deterministic polynomial time, then so can any NP problems  
→  $\in$  NP-hard
- (proof in textbook 34.3)
- CIRCUIT-SAT is NP-complete

# P v.s. NP

- If one proves that SAT can be solved by a polynomial-time algorithm, then  $NP = P$ .
- If somebody proves that SAT cannot be solved by any polynomial-time algorithm, then  $NP \neq P$ .



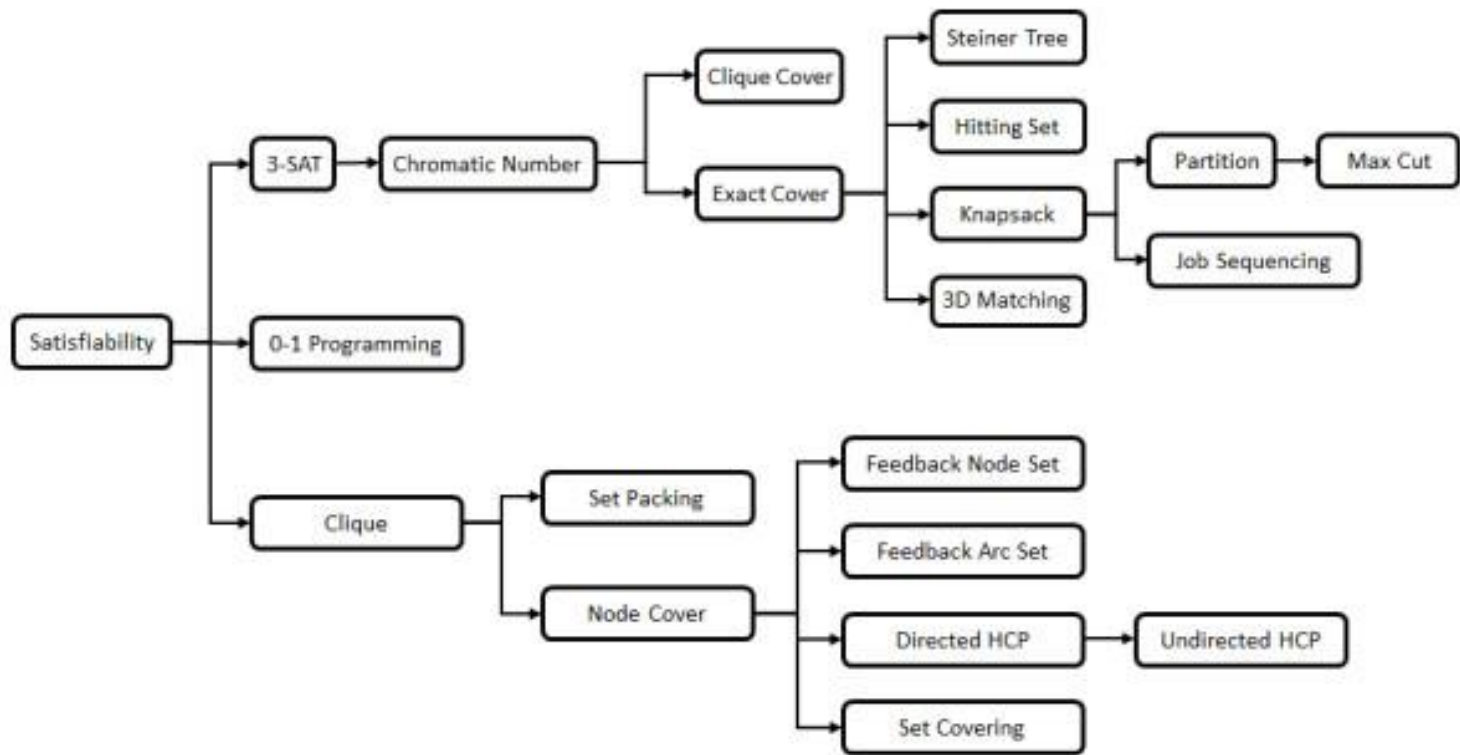


# Karp's NP-Complete Problems

1. CNF-SAT
2. 0-1 INTEGER PROGRAMMING
3. CLIQUE
4. SET PACKING
5. VERTEX COVER
6. SET COVERING
7. FEEDBACK ARC SET
8. FEEDBACK NODE SET
9. DIRECTED HAMILTONIAN CIRCUIT
10. UNDIRECTED HAMILTONIAN CIRCUIT
11. 3-SAT
12. CHROMATIC NUMBER
13. CLIQUE COVER
14. EXACT COVER
15. 3-dimensional MATCHING
16. STEINER TREE
17. HITTING SET
18. KNAPSACK
19. JOB SEQUENCING
20. PARTITION
21. MAX-CUT



# Karp's NP-Complete Problems



# Formula Satisfiability Problem (SAT)

- Given a Boolean formula  $\Phi$  with variables, is there a variable assignment satisfying  $\Phi$

$$\phi = ((x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \vee \neg((\neg x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3) \vee x_4)) \wedge \neg x_2$$

- $\wedge$  (AND),  $\vee$  (OR),  $\neg$  (NOT),  $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$  (if and only if)
- Satisfiable:  $\Phi$  is evaluated to 1

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1$$

$$\phi = ((0 \rightarrow 0) \vee \neg((\neg 0 \leftrightarrow 1) \vee 1)) \wedge \neg 0$$

$$= (1 \vee \neg((1 \leftrightarrow 1) \vee 1)) \wedge 1$$

$$= (1 \vee \neg(1 \vee 1)) \wedge 1$$

$$= (1 \vee 0) \wedge 1$$

$$= 1 \wedge 1$$

$$= 1$$

# SAT

SAT = { $\Phi$  |  $\Phi$  is a Boolean formula with a satisfying assignment }

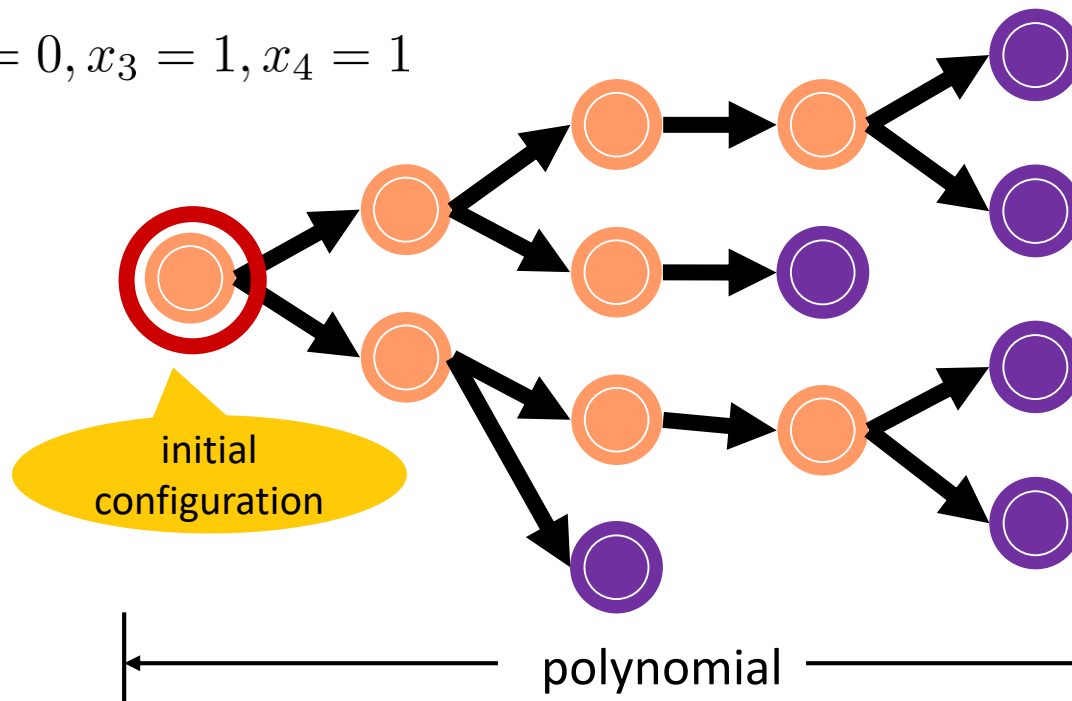
- Is SAT  $\in$  NP-Complete?
- To prove that SAT is NP-Complete, we show that
  - SAT  $\in$  NP
  - SAT  $\in$  NP-hard (CIRCUIT-SAT  $\leq_p$  SAT)
    - 1) CIRCUIT-SAT is a known NPC problem
    - 2) Construct a reduction  $f$  transforming every CIRCUIT-SAT instance to an SAT instance
    - 3) Prove that  $x \in$  CIRCUIT-SAT iff  $f(x) \in$  SAT
    - 4) Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial time transformation

# SAT ∈ NP

- **Polynomial-time verification:** replaces each variable in the formula with the corresponding value in the certificate and then evaluates the expression

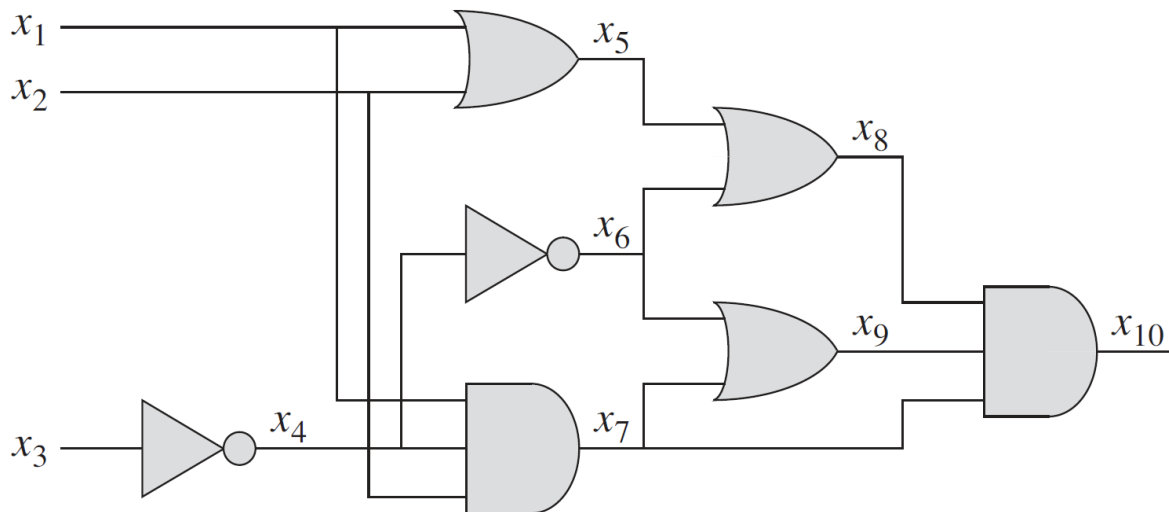
$$\phi = ((x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \vee \neg((\neg x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3) \vee x_4)) \wedge \neg x_2$$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1$$

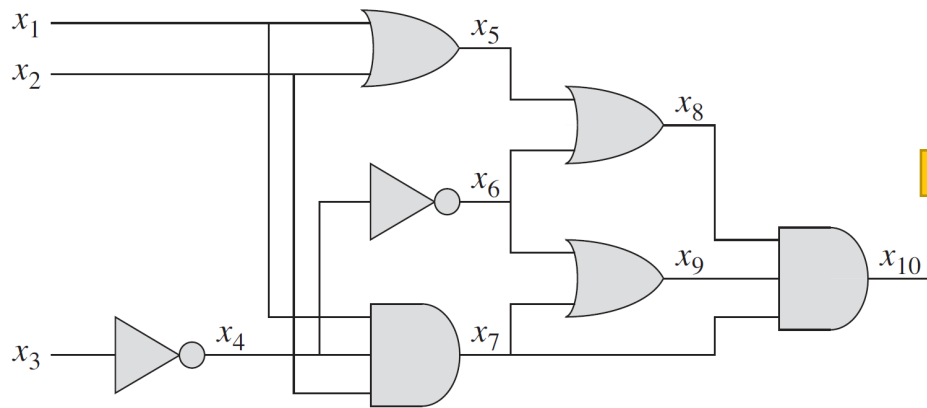


# SAT $\in$ NP-Hard

- 1) CIRCUIT-SAT is a known NPC problem
- 2) Construct a reduction  $f$  transforming every CIRCUIT-SAT instance to an SAT instance
  - Assign a variable to each **wire** in circuit  $C$
  - Represent the operation of each gate using a formula, e.g.  $x_{10} \leftrightarrow (x_7 \wedge x_8 \wedge x_9)$
  - $\Phi = \text{AND}$  the **output variable** and the **operations of all gates**



# SAT ∈ NP-Hard



$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi = & x_{10} \wedge (x_4 \leftrightarrow \neg x_3) \\
 & \wedge (x_5 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \vee x_2)) \\
 & \wedge (x_6 \leftrightarrow \neg x_4) \\
 & \wedge (x_7 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_4)) \\
 & \wedge (x_8 \leftrightarrow (x_5 \vee x_6)) \\
 & \wedge (x_9 \leftrightarrow (x_6 \vee x_7)) \\
 & \wedge (x_{10} \leftrightarrow (x_7 \wedge x_8 \wedge x_9))
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Prove that  $x \in \text{CIRCUIT-SAT} \leftrightarrow f(x) \in \text{SAT}$

- $x \in \text{CIRCUIT-SAT} \rightarrow f(x) \in \text{SAT}$
- $f(x) \in \text{SAT} \rightarrow x \in \text{CIRCUIT-SAT}$

4.  $f$  is a polynomial time transformation

CIRCUIT-SAT  $\leq_p$  SAT  $\rightarrow$  SAT ∈ NP-hard

# 3-CNF-SAT Problem

- 3-CNF-SAT: Satisfiability of Boolean formulas in *3-conjunctive normal form* (3-CNF)

$$(x_1 \vee \neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4)$$

- 3-CNF = AND of clauses, each of which is the OR of exactly 3 distinct literals
- A literal is an occurrence of a variable or its negation, e.g.,  $x_1$  or  $\neg x_1$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1 \rightarrow \text{satisfiable}$$



# 3-CNF-SAT

3-CNF-SAT =  $\{\Phi \mid \Phi \text{ is a Boolean formula in 3-conjunctive normal form (3-CNF) with a satisfying assignment}\}$

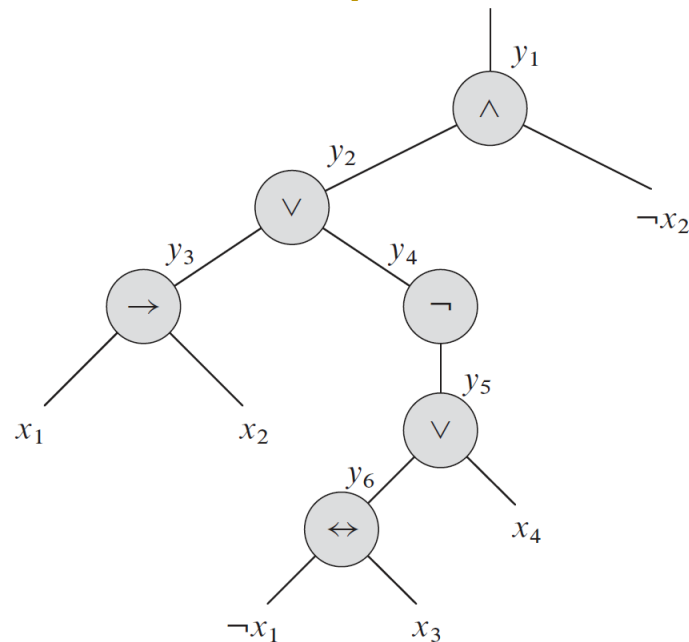
- Is 3-CNF-SAT  $\in$  NP-Complete?
- To prove that SAT is NP-Complete, we show that
  - 3-CNF-SAT  $\in$  NP
  - 3-CNF-SAT  $\in$  NP-hard (SAT  $\leq_p$  3-CNF-SAT)
    - 1) SAT is a known NPC problem
    - 2) Construct a reduction  $f$  transforming every SAT instance to an 3-CNF-SAT instance
    - 3) Prove that  $x \in \text{SAT}$  iff  $f(x) \in \text{3-CNF-SAT}$
    - 4) Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial time transformation

We focus on the reduction construction from now on, but remember that a full proof requires showing that all other conditions are true as well

# SAT $\leq_p$ 3-CNF-SAT

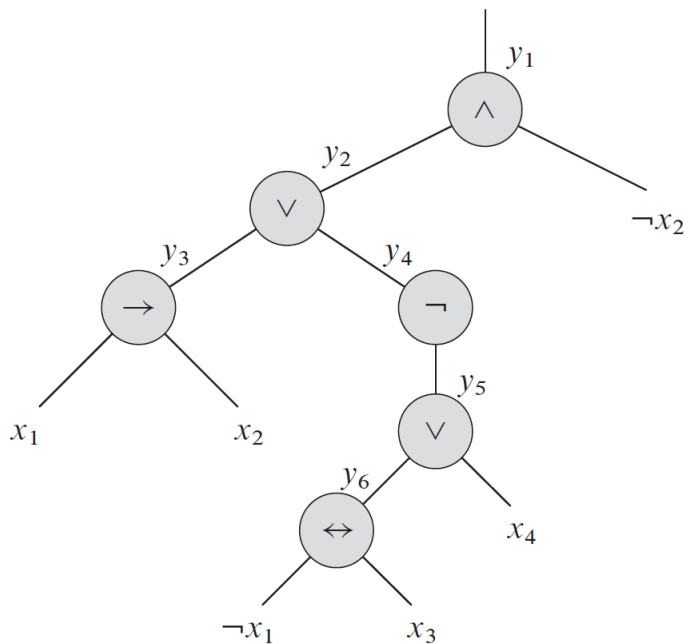
- a) Construct a binary parser tree for an input formula  $\Phi$  and introduce a variable  $y_i$  for the output of each internal node

$$\phi = ((x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \vee \neg((\neg x_1 \leftrightarrow x_3) \vee x_4)) \wedge \neg x_2$$



# SAT $\leq_p$ 3-CNF-SAT

- b) Rewrite  $\Phi$  as the AND of the root variable and clauses describing the operation of each node



$$\begin{aligned}\phi' = & y_1 \wedge (y_1 \leftrightarrow (y_2 \wedge \neg x_2)) \\ & \wedge (y_2 \leftrightarrow (y_3 \vee y_4)) \\ & \wedge (y_3 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge x_2)) \\ & \wedge (y_4 \leftrightarrow \neg y_5) \\ & \wedge (y_5 \leftrightarrow (y_6 \vee x_4)) \\ & \wedge (y_6 \leftrightarrow (\neg x_1 \wedge x_3))\end{aligned}$$

# SAT $\leq_p$ 3-CNF-SAT

c) Convert each clause  $\Phi_i'$  to CNF

- Construct a truth table for each clause  $\Phi_i'$
- Construct the disjunctive normal form for  $\neg\Phi_i'$
- Apply DeMorgan's Law to get the CNF formula  $\Phi_i''$

$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_2$	$\Phi_1'$	$\neg\Phi_1'$
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0

$$\begin{aligned} \phi' = y_1 \wedge & (y_1 \leftrightarrow (y_2 \wedge \neg x_2)) \\ & \wedge (y_2 \leftrightarrow (y_3 \vee y_4)) \\ & \wedge (y_3 \leftrightarrow (x_1 \wedge x_2)) \\ & \wedge (y_4 \leftrightarrow \neg y_5) \\ & \wedge (y_5 \leftrightarrow (y_6 \vee x_4)) \\ & \wedge (y_6 \leftrightarrow (\neg x_1 \wedge x_3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \neg\phi_1' = & (y_1 \wedge y_2 \wedge x_2) \vee (y_1 \wedge \neg y_2 \wedge x_2) \\ & \vee (y_1 \wedge \neg y_2 \wedge \neg x_2) \vee (\neg y_1 \wedge y_2 \wedge \neg x_2) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1'' = & (\neg y_1 \vee \neg y_2 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (\neg y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \neg x_2) \\ & \wedge (\neg y_1 \vee y_2 \vee x_2) \wedge (y_1 \vee \neg y_2 \vee x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\neg(a \wedge b) = \neg a \vee \neg b$$

$$\neg(a \vee b) = \neg a \wedge \neg b$$

# SAT $\leq_p$ 3-CNF-SAT

d) Construct  $\Phi'''$  in which each clause  $C_i$  exactly 3 distinct literals

- 3 distinct literals:  $C_i = l_1 \vee l_2 \vee l_3$

- 2 distinct literals:  $C_i = l_1 \vee l_2$

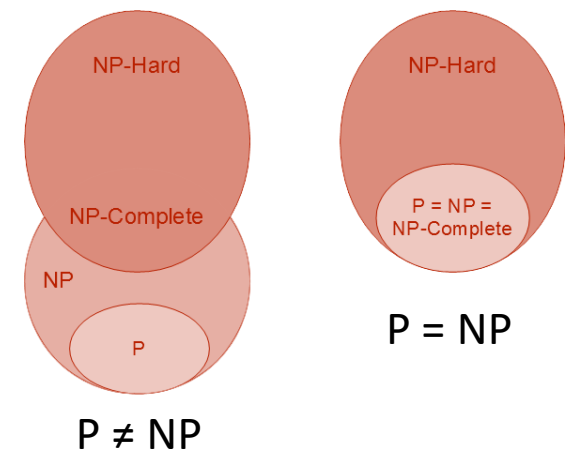
$$C_i = l_1 \vee l_2 = (l_1 \vee l_2 \vee p) \wedge (l_1 \vee l_2 \vee \neg p)$$

- 1 literal only:  $C_i = l$

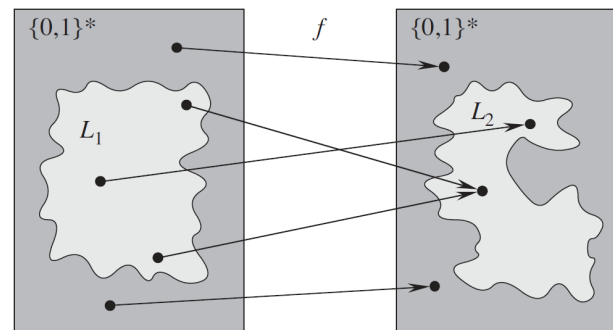
$$C_i = l = (l \vee p \vee q) \wedge (l \vee \neg p \vee q) \wedge (l \vee p \vee \neg q) \wedge (l \vee \neg p \vee \neg q)$$

- $\Phi'''$  is satisfiable iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable
- All transformation can be done in polynomial time
- $\rightarrow$  3-CNF-SAT is NP-Complete

# Concluding Remarks



- Proving NP-Completeness:  $L \in NPC$  iff  $L \in NP$  and  $L \in NP\text{-hard}$
- Step-by-step approach for proving  $L$  in NPC:
  - Prove  $L \in NP$
  - Prove  $L \in NP\text{-hard}$ 
    - 1) Select a known NPC problem  $C$
    - 2) Construct a reduction  $f$  transforming every instance of  $C$  to an instance of  $L$
    - 3) Prove that  $x \in C \iff f(x) \in L, \forall x \in \{0, 1\}^*$
    - 4) Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial time transformation  $L \in NP$





# Question?

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