

# CS 341: ALGORITHMS

Lecture 22: Intractability V – More NPC Transformations

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## LAST TIME

- Polynomial transformations
  - Poly transformation from Clique to Vertex Cover
- NP Completeness
  - SAT is NP complete (NPC)
  - Got part way through showing 3SAT is NPC
    - Did poly transformation from SAT to 3SAT
    - Need to also show 3SAT is in NP

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## LET'S DO A BRIEF REVIEW

of NPC, poly transformations, and showing a problem is in NP

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## COMPLEXITY CLASS NP-COMPLETE (NPC)

The complexity class **NPC** denotes the set of all decision problems  $\Pi$  that satisfy the following two properties:

$\Pi \in \text{NP}$

For all  $\Pi' \in \text{NP}$ ,  $\Pi' \leq_p \Pi$ .

**Mechanics of proving  $\Pi \in \text{NPC}$**

1. Show  $\Pi$  is in NP
2. Show a poly transformation from some NPC problem to  $\Pi$

**NPC** is an abbreviation for **NP-complete**.

Note that the definition does not imply that NP-complete problems exist!

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## MECHANICS OF SHOWING A PROBLEM IS IN NP

- How to show  $\Pi \in \text{NP}$
1. Define a yes-certificate
  2. Design a poly-time  $\text{verify}(I, C)$  algorithm
  3. Correctness proof
    - **Case 1:** Let  $I$  be any yes-instance; Find  $C$  such that  $\text{verify}(I, C) = \text{true}$
    - **Case 2:** Let  $I$  be any no-instance, and  $C$  be any certificate; Prove  $\text{verify}(I, C) = \text{false}$

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## POLYNOMIAL TRANSFORMATION FOR PROVING $\Pi_2$ IS IN NPC

Known NPC problem

Problem you want show is NPC

- Let  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  be decision problems
- $\Pi_1 \leq_p \Pi_2$  iff there exists  $f : \mathcal{I}(\Pi_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(\Pi_2)$  such that:
  - $f(I)$  is computable in poly-time, for all  $I \in \mathcal{I}(\Pi_1)$
  - If  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{yes}}(\Pi_1)$  then  $f(I) \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{yes}}(\Pi_2)$
  - If  $f(I) \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{yes}}(\Pi_2)$  then  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{yes}}(\Pi_1)$

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## LET'S FINISH SHOWING 3SAT ∈ NPC

- Already poly transformed SAT to 3SAT
- Need to show 3SAT in NP

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## PROVING 3SAT IS IN NP

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  - **Contrapositive of case 2:** Suppose  $verify(I, C) = true$ ; Prove  $I$  is a yes-instance

**3SAT input  $I = (Clauses[1..m], n)$ :**  
 a list of  $m$  clauses, and the number  $n$  of variables. Each clause contains literals. Each literal is a pair (var, neg): a variable  $∈ \{1..n\}$  & a negation bit

YES-certificate  $C =$  array with one bit per variable in  $\{1..n\}$  representing a satisfying assignment

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1 verify3SAT(I=(Clauses[1..m], n), C)
2   if C is not an array of n bits return false
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4   numSat = 0
5   for each c in Clauses
6     for each literal (var, neg) in c
7       if (C[var] == neg) or ! (C[var] == neg)
8         numSat++
9       break
10
11  return (numSat == m)
        
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This takes  $O(m \cdot |Clauses|)$  time, which is polynomial in  $Size(I)$

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Let  $I$  be a yes-instance of 3SAT. Then it has a satisfying assignment  $A_s$ . And,  $verify(I, A_s)$  will see that each clause contains a literal satisfied by this assignment, so  $verify$  will see  $numSat = |Clauses|$  and return true.

Suppose  $verify(I, C)$  returns true. Then  $numSat = |Clauses|$ , so  $numSat$  was incremented in each iteration of the loop over clauses, so each clause contains a satisfied literal, so the 3SAT formula in  $I$  is satisfied by  $C$ , so  $I$  is a yes-instance.

It follows that **3SAT is in NP**. Since we have already shown  $SAT \leq_p 3SAT$ , we now know that **3SAT is NP-COMPLETE**.

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## Summary of Polynomial Transformations

Every problem in NP can be poly transformed to SAT

SAT can be poly transformed to 3-SAT

Since SAT is NP-complete, so is 3-SAT!

Today and next time let's start filling out a hierarchy of reductions that prove several problems are NP complete

But first, since you need to know NP hardness for your assignment...

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## NP-HARDNESS

*Intuitively: problems that are at least as hard as NP-complete (but are not necessarily decision problems)*

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## NP-hard Problems

TSP-Optimal Value is also NP-hard (and not in NP)

This version returns the total weight of an optimal Hamiltonian cycle

A problem  $\Pi$  is NP-hard if there exists a problem  $\Pi' \in NPC$  such that  $\Pi' \leq_p \Pi$ .

Every NP-complete problem is automatically NP-hard, but there exist NP-hard problems that are not NP-complete.

Typical examples of NP-hard problems are optimization problems corresponding to NP-complete decision problems. Reduction from lecture 19/20

For example, TSP-Decision  $\leq_p$  TSP-Optimization and TSP-Decision  $\in NPC$ , so TSP-Optimization is NP-hard.

Returns an optimal Hamiltonian cycle

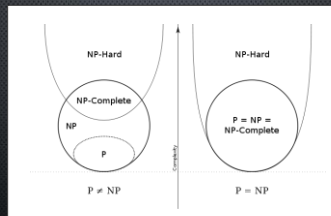
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### COMPARING NPC AND NP HARD

- $\Pi \in \text{NPC}$ 
  - Must be a decision problem
  - Must poly transform some NPC problem to  $\Pi$
  - Must show  $\Pi$  in NP
- $\Pi \in \text{NPHard}$ 
  - Does not need to be a decision problem
  - Can use either poly transform or poly Turing reduction
  - Does not need to be in NP (and can't be if not decision)

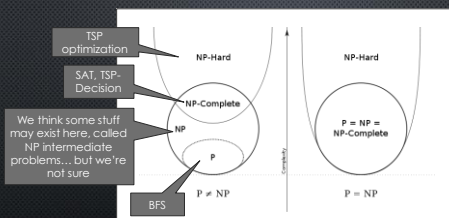
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### TWO POSSIBLE REALITIES...



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### SOME PROBLEMS IN EACH



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### ESTABLISHING ANOTHER NPC PROBLEM ... BY TRANSFORMING 3-SAT TO CLIQUE

(Proving  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{Clique}$ )

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### SHOWING $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{CLIQUE}$

- Let  $I$  be an instance of 3-SAT with  $n$  variables  $x_1 \dots x_n$  and  $m$  clauses  $C_1 \dots C_m$
- E.g.,  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_5) \wedge (\bar{x}_3 \vee x_4 \vee \bar{x}_5)$  [ $n = 5, m = 4$ ]
- We construct **Clique** input  $f(I) = (G, k)$ :
  - Node  $v_{ij}^c$  for each literal  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  in each clause  $1 \leq c \leq m$  (so  $|V| = 3m$ )
  - Edges between all **non-contradictory** pairs of nodes (no  $x_i \wedge \bar{x}_i$ ) in **different clauses**
  - $k = m$  (can we find an  $m$ -clique?)
  - Must prove this is a **polynomial transformation**

**Reasonable 3-SAT representation:**  $\text{array}[1..m]$  of clauses  $\langle l_1, l_2, l_3 \rangle$  of literals  $\langle v, \text{neg} \rangle$  where  $v \in \{1..n\}$ .

Note  $O(m) \subseteq O(\text{Size}(I))$ .

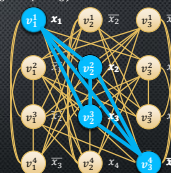
So runtime  $O(m^2) \subseteq O(\text{Size}(I)^2) \rightarrow \text{polynomial}$

**Runtime:** create  $3m$  nodes,  $O(m^2)$  edges, at  $O(1)$  time each

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- **Case 1:** Suppose  $I$  is a **yes**-instance of 3-SAT, and show  $f(I)$  is a **yes**-instance of  **$m$ -clique**
- Since  $I$  is a yes-instance,  $\exists$  a **satisfying** assignment
  - E.g.,  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0, x_5 = 0$
- For each clause  $C_i$ , let  $s_i$  be a **satisfied literal** in  $C_i$ 
  - E.g.,  $s_1 = x_1, s_2 = x_2, s_3 = x_3, s_4 = \bar{x}_3$
- **Claim:** the corresponding nodes form an  **$m$ -clique**
  - There are  $m$  of these nodes, each in a different clause
  - None of them represent contradictory truth assignments
  - So, there are edges between all pairs of them  $\rightarrow$  they form an  $m$ -clique

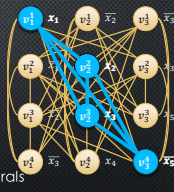


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### SHOWING 3-SAT $\leq_P$ CLIQUE

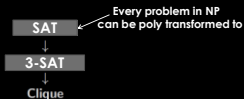
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- Case 2:** Suppose  $f(I)$  is a **yes**-instance of  $m$ -clique, and show  $I$  is a **yes**-instance of **3-SAT**
- Since  $f(I)$  is a yes-instance, it contains an  $m$ -clique
- Clique contains edges between all pairs of nodes
- There are no edges between nodes in same clause, so clique contains **one node from each clause**
- Set the corresponding **literals** to be **satisfied**
- Clique contains **no edges** between contradictory literals (i.e., no edge connects  $x_i$  and  $\bar{x}_i$  for any  $i$ )
- So, truth assignment is consistent and satisfies each clause (and the formula)



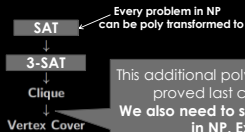
### LAST STEP: SHOW CLIQUE IS IN NP

- YES-certificate: array of  $k$  nodes forming a clique
- Verify(I,C):
  - Check certificate is array of length  $k$ , containing vertex IDs
  - Check all-to-all edges to verify these vertices form a clique
  - $O(k^2) \subseteq O(|V|^2)$  runtime  $\rightarrow$  polytime
- Correctness: exercise!** Need to prove:
  - if  $I$  is a yes instance, verify returns yes, and
  - if verify returns yes then  $I$  is a yes instance

### Summary of Polynomial Transformations



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### REDUCING VERTEX-COVER TO SUBSET-SUM

(Proving Vertex-Cover  $\leq_P$  Subset-Sum)

(if we have time)

### SUBSET-SUM (SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE)

**Problem 7.18**  
**Subset Sum**  
**Instance:** A list of sizes  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ ; and a target sum  $W$ . These are all positive integers.  
**Question:** Does there exist a subset  $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in J} s_i = W$ ?

- Earlier, we defined Subset-Sum with a **target sum of 0**
- Here we add a **target sum  $T$**  and take **positive integers** as input

**Goal:** transform instance  $I$  of VC into instance  $f(I)$  of SS (in poly time) such that  $I$  is a yes-instance of VC iff  $f(I)$  is a yes-instance of SS

**Idea:** turn nodes and edges into a list of integers and a target sum  $W$ . Sum  $W$  should be achievable iff there is a  $k$ -vertex cover.

Somehow want the array of integers to encode which edges are covered by various nodes, and target sum to encode that every edge is covered if  $W$  is achieved

### Vertex Cover $\leq_p$ Subset Sum

Suppose  $I = (G, k)$ , where  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $|V| = n$ ,  $|E| = m$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .  
 Suppose  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E = \{e_0, \dots, e_{m-1}\}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$ , let  $C = (c_{ij})$ , where

$$c_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_j \text{ is incident with } v_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Sort of like an adjacency matrix, but instead of storing which node-pairs are adjacent, store **which edges are incident to each node**

$c_{ij}$  = Is edge  $j$  covered by node  $i$ ?

Input to Vertex Cover

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Define  $n + m$  ints and a target sum  $W$  as follows:

$$b_j = 10^j \quad (0 \leq j \leq m-1)$$

Each edge becomes a **unique** number in the array: edge  $e_j$  becomes  $10^j$

E.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= 1 \\ b_1 &= 10 \\ b_2 &= 100 \\ b_3 &= 1000 \\ b_4 &= 10000 \end{aligned}$$

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Each **node** becomes a number in the array:  $10^m$  + the integers for **all edges incident to the node**

Each **edge** becomes a **unique** integer in the array: edge  $e_j$  becomes  $10^j$

+ $10^m$  means the integer for a **node** is at least **one digit longer** than the integers for **all edges**

E.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} b_0 &= 1 \\ b_1 &= 10 \\ b_2 &= 100 \\ b_3 &= 1000 \\ b_4 &= 10000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 100011 \\ a_2 &= 110110 \end{aligned}$$

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Why twice? If both endpoints of  $e_j$  are in the vertex cover, it's counted twice. Otherwise once, and can add  $b_j$ .

Each **node** becomes a number in the array:  $10^m$  + the integers for **all edges incident to the node**

Each **edge** becomes a **unique** integer in the array: edge  $e_j$  becomes  $10^j$

This target weight asks for **k nodes** and for **all edges** to be included **twice**

$$W = k \cdot 10^m + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} 2 \cdot 10^j$$

Then define  $f(I) = (a_1, \dots, a_n, b_0, \dots, b_{m-1}, W)$ .

### EXAMPLE

Looking for **2 nodes**. All 5 edges counted twice.

Is there a 2-VC? Use subset sum to search for  $W = 222222$

Subset sum looks for a subset of  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4\}$  that sums to  $W$

It finds  $W = a_2 + a_3 + b_0 + b_1 + b_3 + b_4$

$a_2 + a_3 = 211211$

Edge  $e_2$  counted twice, other edges once. Sum uses  $b_0, b_1, b_3, b_4$  to get all to be counted twice.

Sum of edge sizes incident to  $v_1$ , plus  $10^m$

Note: no "carrying" can occur even if we sum **everything**

Most significant digit(s) of  $W$  accurately capture # of nodes

Other digits are in  $[0,3]$ . An edge is **definitely covered** by a node if its digit is 2.

$$W = 222222 = a_2 + a_3 + b_0 + b_1 + b_3 + b_4$$

### Correctness of the Transformation

**Case 1:** Suppose  $I$  is a **yes-instance** of Vertex-Cover. There is a vertex cover  $V' \subseteq V$  such that  $|V'| = k$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $E^i$  denote the edges having exactly  $i$  vertices in  $V'$ . Then  $E = E^1 \cup E^2$  because  $V'$  is a vertex cover.

Let  $A' = \{a_i : v_i \in V'\}$  and  $B' = \{b_j : e_j \in E^1\}$ .

Contains node ints      Contains edge ints

The sum of the ints in  $A'$  is

$$k \cdot 10^m + \sum_{\{j: e_j \in E^1\}} 10^j + \sum_{\{j: e_j \in E^2\}} 2 \times 10^j$$

$e_j$  has **one endpoint** in  $V'$ , so nodes in  $V'$  contribute  $1 \times 10^j$  to  $W$

$e_j$  has **both endpoints** in  $V'$ , so nodes in  $V'$  contribute  $2 \times 10^j$  to  $W$

The sum of the ints in  $B'$  is

$$\sum_{\{j: e_j \in E^1\}} 10^j$$

Add another  $1 \times 10^j$  for each  $e_j$  with **one endpoint** in  $V'$

Therefore the sum of all the chosen ints is

$$k \cdot 10^m + \sum_{\{j: e_j \in E^1\}} 2 \cdot 10^j = k \cdot 10^m + \sum_{j=1}^m 2 \cdot 10^j = W.$$

To get  $2 \times 10^j$  for all  $e_j$ , plus  $10^m$  for each node.

**Case 2:** Suppose  $f(I)$  is a **yes**-instance of Subset Sum.

- We show  $I$  is a **yes**-instance of Vertex-Cover
- Since  $f(I)$  is a yes-instance, there exists  $A' \cup B'$  that sums to  $W$ 
  - where  $A'$  contains node ints and  $B'$  contains edge ints
- Define  $V' = \{v_i : a_i \in A'\}$ . We claim  $V'$  is a vertex cover of size  $k$ .
  - We must have  $|V'| = k$  for the coefficient of  $10^m$  to be  $k$  (no carrying)
  - Suppose (for contra.)  $V'$  does **not** cover some edge  $e_j = (u, v)$
  - Then the coefficient of  $10^j$  is **zero** for every  $a_i \in A'$
  - But the coefficient of  $10^j$  is 2, so a subset of  $B'$  must sum to  $2 \times 10^j$
  - But this is impossible (so  $e_j$  is covered, so all edges are covered)

**Vertex Cover  $\leq_p$  Subset Sum**

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Then define  $f(I) = (a_1, \dots, a_n, b_0, \dots, b_{m-1}, W)$ .

**Complexity of the transformation: Easy! Included for your notes.**

- Assume adjacency matrix and unit cost model for simplicity
- Compute  $C$  with trivial algorithm in  $O(nm)$  time
- Compute  $a_i$  by visiting all incident edges. Trivial algorithm yields  $O(m)$  time for each  $a_i$ , totaling  $O(nm)$  over all  $i$
- Trivial to compute all  $b_j$  in  $O(m)$  time
- Trivial to compute  $W$  in  $O(m)$  time
- Total  $O(nm)$  time. This is polynomial in the input graph size!

**Summary of Polynomial Transformations**

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    graph TD
      NP[Every problem in NP] -- "can be poly transformed to" --> CNF_SAT[CNF-SAT]
      CNF_SAT -- "can be poly transformed to" --> 3_CNF_SAT[3-CNF-SAT]
      3_CNF_SAT --> Clique
      Clique --> Vertex_Cover[Vertex Cover]
      Vertex_Cover --> Subset_Sum[Subset Sum]
  
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Technically need to also show SubsetSum with target T is in NP (exercise) to know it is in NPC

**IS 2-SAT ALSO HARD?**  
(IF WE HAVE TIME – VERY UNLIKELY)

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**2-SAT EXAMPLES**

- $(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (\neg r \vee \neg p)$ 
  - Satisfiable:  $p = 0, q = 1, r \in \{0,1\}$
- $(p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (\neg r \vee \neg p) \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$

Logical refresher:  
 $p \Rightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $\neg p \vee q$ .

Therefore,  $p \vee q$  is equivalent to  $\neg p \Rightarrow q$  and equivalent to  $\neg q \Rightarrow p$

Edges (implications of clauses)...

$\neg p \Rightarrow q$	$p \Rightarrow r$	$r \Rightarrow \neg p$	$\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$
$\neg q \Rightarrow p$	$\neg r \Rightarrow \neg p$	$p \Rightarrow \neg r$	$q \Rightarrow p$

$q \Rightarrow p \Rightarrow \neg r \Rightarrow \neg p \Rightarrow \neg q \dots$  so  $q$  cannot be true

$\neg q \Rightarrow p \Rightarrow \neg r \Rightarrow \neg p \Rightarrow q \dots$  so  $q$  cannot be false

Therefore the formula **cannot** be satisfied!

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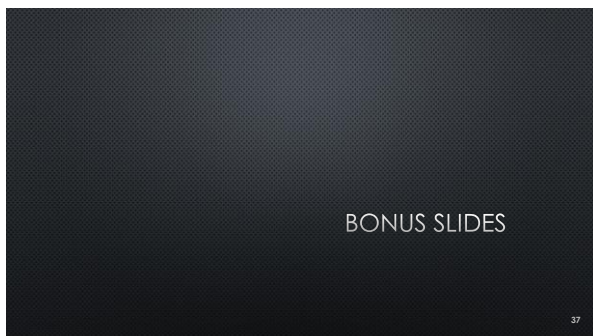
**2-SAT** can be solved in polynomial time. Suppose we are given an instance  $I$  of **2-SAT** on a set of boolean variables  $X = \{1..|X|\}$

(variable names are integers in  $1..|X|$ )

- For every clause  $x \vee y$  (where  $x$  and  $y$  are literals), construct two directed edges  $\bar{x}y$  and  $\bar{y}x$ . We get a directed graph on vertex set  $X \cup \bar{X}$ .
- Determine the strongly connected components of this directed graph.
- $I$  is a yes-instance if and only if there is no strongly connected component containing  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$ , for any  $x \in X$ .

Suppose no variable  $x$  is in the same SCC as  $\bar{x}$ , then to get a satisfying assignment do the following:  
For each  $x$ , if  $\exists$  path from  $x$  to  $\bar{x}$ , then set  $x = \text{false}$  else set  $x = \text{true}$ .

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### SUMMARY OF COMPLEXITY CLASSES See this slide's notes

- **P** (Poly-time) E.g., (decision problem variants of) BFS, Dijkstra's, some DP algorithms
  - **Decision** problems that can be solved by algorithms with runtime  $\text{poly}(\text{input size})$
- **NP** (Non-deterministic poly-time) All of P, and e.g., vertex cover, clique, SAT, subset sum
  - **Decision** problems for which **certificates** can be **verified** in time  $\text{poly}(\text{input size})$
  - Equivalently: decision problems that can be solved in poly-time if you have access to a non-deterministic oracle that returns a yes-certificate if one exists
- **NPC** (NP-complete) E.g., vertex cover, clique, SAT, subset sum, TSP-decision
  - **Decision** problems  $\Pi \in NP$  s.t. every  $\Pi' \in NP$  can be **transformed** to  $\Pi$  in poly-time
- **NP-hard** (at least as hard as NPC) All of NPC, and e.g., TSP-optimization, TSP-optimal value
  - problems  $\Pi$  s.t. every  $\Pi' \in NP$  can be **reduced** to  $\Pi$  in poly-time

• Note: P, NP and NPC problems are **decidable**

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