Algorithms & Models of Computation CS/ECE 374, Fall 2017

Circuit satisfiability and Cook-Levin Theorem

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25.1: Recap

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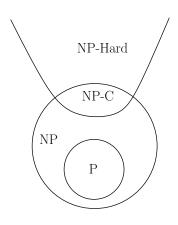
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NP-Completeness of three problems:

- 3-Color
- Circuit SAT

Important: understanding the problems and that they are hard.

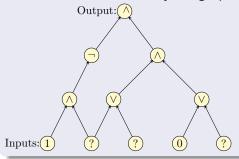
Proofs and reductions will be sketchy and mainly to give a flavor

25.2: Circuit SAT

Circuits

Definition

A circuit is a directed acyclic graph with



- Input vertices (without incoming edges) labelled with0, 1 or a distinct variable.
- ② Every other vertex is labelled ∨, ∧ or ¬.
- Single node output vertex with no outgoing edges.

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Claim

CSAT is in NP.

- Certificate: Assignment to input variables.
- Certifier: Evaluate the value of each gate in a topological sort of DAG and check the output gate value.

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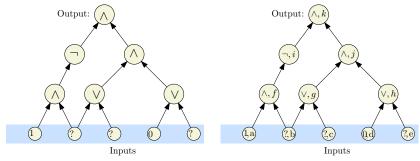
- Inputs to C are the n boolean variables x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n
- Use NOT gate to generate literal $\neg x_i$ for each variable x_i
- For each clause $(\ell_1 \lor \ell_2 \lor \ell_3)$ use two OR gates to mimic formula
- Combine the outputs for the clauses using AND gates to obtain the final output

Example

$3SAT \leq_{P} CSAT$

$$\varphi = \left(x_1 \lor \lor x_3 \lor x_4\right) \land \left(x_1 \lor \neg x_2 \lor \neg x_3\right) \land \left(\neg x_2 \lor \neg x_3 \lor x_4\right)$$

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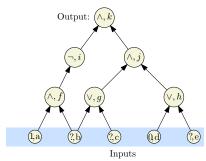


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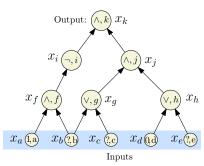
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- Now: $CSAT \leq_P SAT$
- More "interesting" direction.

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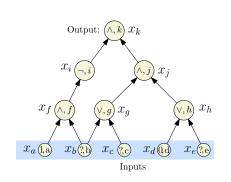


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 $x_g = x_b \vee x_c$
 $x_f = x_a \wedge x_b$
 $x_d = 0$

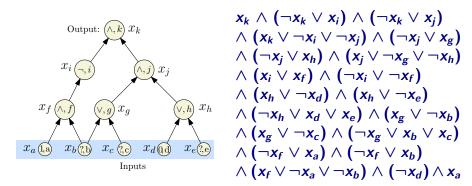
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 $x_{a} = 1$

Convert each sub-formula to an equivalent CNF formula

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$x_j = x_g \wedge x_h$	$(\neg x_j \lor x_g) \land (\neg x_j \lor x_h) \land (x_j \lor \neg x_g \lor \neg x_h)$
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$x_d = 0$	$\neg x_d$
$x_a = 1$	X _a

Take the conjunction of all the CNF sub-formulas



We got a CNF formula that is satisfiable if and only if the original circuit is satisfiable.

Reduction: $CSAT \leq_P SAT$

- For each gate (vertex) \mathbf{v} in the circuit, create a variable $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}$
- **2** Case \neg : ν is labeled \neg and has one incoming edge from u (so $x_{\nu} = \neg x_{u}$). In **SAT** formula generate, add clauses $(x_{u} \lor x_{\nu})$, $(\neg x_{u} \lor \neg x_{\nu})$. Observe that

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 is true \iff $(x_{u} \lor x_{v})$ both true.

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- If v is an input gate with a fixed value then we do the following. If $x_v = 1$ add clause x_v . If $x_v = 0$ add clause $\neg x_v$
- ② Add the clause x_{ν} where ν is the variable for the output gate

Correctness of Reduction

Need to show circuit $m{C}$ is satisfiable iff $m{arphi}_{m{C}}$ is satisfiable

- \Rightarrow Consider a satisfying assignment **a** for **C**
 - Find values of all gates in C under a
 - ② Give value of gate v to variable x_v ; call this assignment a'
 - a' satisfies φ_{C} (exercise)
- \leftarrow Consider a satisfying assignment **a** for φ_c
 - **1** Let a' be the restriction of a to only the input variables
 - 2 Value of gate \mathbf{v} under $\mathbf{a'}$ is the same as value of $\mathbf{x_v}$ in \mathbf{a}
 - Thus, a' satisfies C

List of NP-Complete Problems to Remember

Problems

- SAT
- **2** 3SAT
- CircuitSAT
- Independent Set
- Clique
- Vertex Cover
- Hamilton Cycle and Hamilton Path in both directed and undirected graphs
- 3Color and Color

25.3: NP-Completeness of Graph Coloring

Graph Coloring

Problem: Graph Coloring

Instance: G = (V, E): Undirected graph, integer k. Question: Can the vertices of the graph be colored using k colors so that vertices connected by an edge do not get the same color?

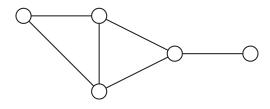
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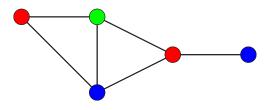
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Graph Coloring and Register Allocation

Register Allocation

Assign variables to (at most) k registers such that variables needed at the same time are not assigned to the same register

Interference Graph

Vertices are variables, and there is an edge between two vertices, if the two variables are "live" at the same time.

Observations

- [Chaitin] Register allocation problem is equivalent to coloring the interference graph with **k** colors
- Moreover, 3-COLOR \leq_P k-Register Allocation, for any k > 3

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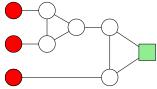
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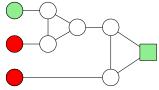


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 - Certificate: for each node a color from $\{1, 2, 3\}$.
 - Certifier: Check if for each edge (u, v), the color of u is different from that of v.
- Hardness: We will show 3-SAT \leq_P 3-Coloring.

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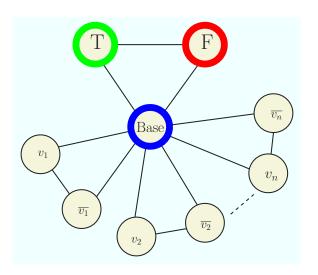
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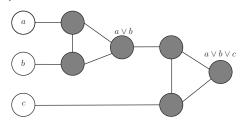


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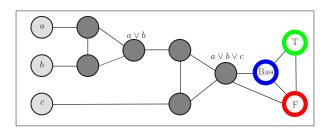
OR-Gadget Graph

Property: if **a**, **b**, **c** are colored False in a 3-coloring then output node of OR-gadget has to be colored False.

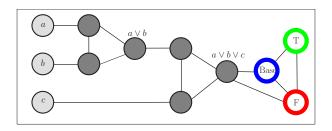
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Reduction

- create triangle with nodes True, False, Base
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- for each clause $C_j = (a \lor b \lor c)$, add OR-gadget graph with input nodes a, b, c and connect output node of gadget to both False and Base



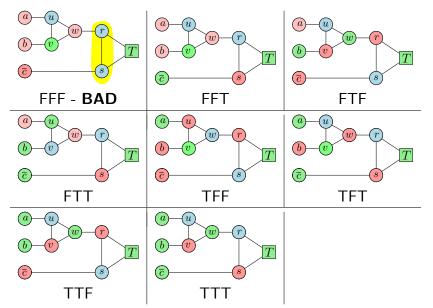
Reduction



Claim

No legal **3**-coloring of above graph (with coloring of nodes T, F, B fixed) in which a, b, c are colored False. If any of a, b, c are colored True then there is a legal **3**-coloring of above graph.

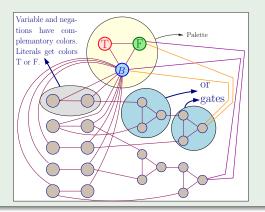
3 coloring of the clause gadget



Reduction Outline

Example

$$\varphi = (u \vee \neg v \vee w) \wedge (v \vee x \vee \neg y)$$



Correctness of Reduction

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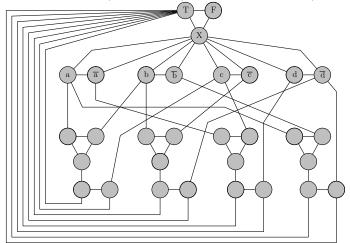
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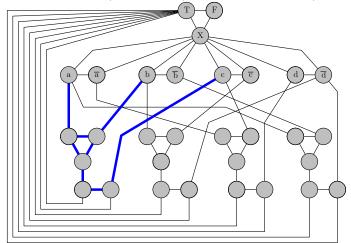
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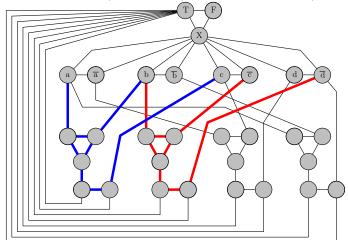
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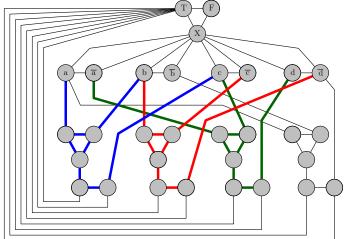
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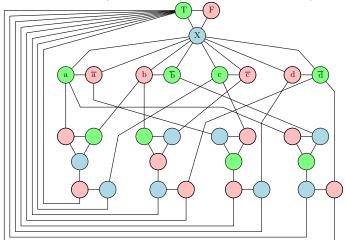


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25.5: Proof of Cook-Levin Theorem

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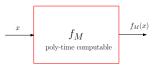
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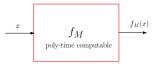
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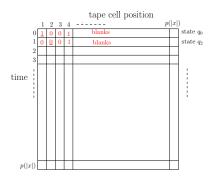
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Tableau of Computation

M runs in time p(|x|) on x. Entire computation of M on x can be represented by a "tableau"



Row i gives contents of all cells at time i. At time 0 tape has input x followed by blanks. Each row long enough to hold all cells M might ever have scanned.

Variable of $f_M(x)$

Four types of variable to describe computation of M on x

- T(b, h, i): tape cell at position h holds symbol b at time i. $1 \le h \le p(|x|), b \in \Gamma, 0 \le i \le p(|x|)$
- H(h, i): read/write head is at position h at time i. $1 \le h \le p(|x|)$, $0 \le i \le p(|x|)$
- S(q, i) state of M is q at time $i \neq Q$, $0 \leq i \leq p(|x|)$
- I(j,i) instruction number j is executed at time i M is non-deterministic, need to specify transitions in some way. Number transitions as $1,2,\ldots,\ell$ where jth transition is $< q_j,b_j,q_j',b_j',d_j>$ indication $(q_j',b_j',d_j)\in\delta(q_j,b_j)$, direction $d_i\in\{-1,0,1\}$.

Number of variables is $O(p(|x|)^2)$ where constant in O() hides dependence on fixed machine M.

Notation

Some abbreviations for ease of notation

$$\bigwedge_{k=1}^m x_k$$
 means $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \ldots \wedge x_m$

$$\bigvee_{k=1}^m x_k$$
 means $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \ldots \vee x_m$

 $\bigoplus (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ is a formula that means exactly one of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m is true. Can be converted to CNF form

Clauses of $f_M(x)$

 $f_M(x)$ is the conjunction of 8 clause groups:

$$f_{M}(x) = \varphi_{1} \wedge \varphi_{2} \wedge \varphi_{3} \wedge \varphi_{4} \wedge \varphi_{5} \wedge \varphi_{6} \wedge \varphi_{7} \wedge \varphi_{8}$$

where each φ_i is a CNF formula. Described in subsequent slides. **Property:** $f_M(x)$ is satisfied iff there is a truth assignment to the variables that simultaneously satisfy $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_8$.

 φ_1 asserts (is true iff) the variables are set T/F indicating that M starts in state q_0 at time 0 with tape contents containing x followed by blanks.

Let
$$x=a_1a_2\ldots a_n$$

$$\varphi_1=S(q,0) \text{ state at time 0 is } q_0$$

$$\bigwedge_{h=1}^n T(a_h,h,0) \text{ at time 0 cells 1 to } n \text{ have } a_1 \text{ to } a_n$$

$$\bigwedge_{h=n+1}^{p(|x|)} T(B,h,0) \text{ at time 0 cells } n+1 \text{ to } p(|x|) \text{ have blanks}$$

$$\bigwedge_{and}$$

$$H(1,0) \text{ head at time 0 is in position 1}$$

φ_2

 $arphi_2$ asserts $oldsymbol{M}$ in exactly one state at any time $oldsymbol{i}$

$$\varphi_2 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \left(\oplus (S(q_0, i), S(q_1, i), \dots, S(q_{|Q|}, i)) \right)$$

 φ_3 asserts that each tape cell holds a unique symbol at any given time.

$$\varphi_3 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} \bigwedge_{h=1}^{p(|x|)} \oplus (T(b_1, h, i), T(b_2, h, i), \ldots, T(b_{|\Gamma|}, h, i))$$

For each time i and for each cell position h exactly one symbol $b \in \Gamma$ at cell position h at time i

 $arphi_4$ asserts that the read/write head of ${\it M}$ is in exactly one position at any time ${\it i}$

$$\varphi_4 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{p(|x|)} (\oplus (H(1,i),H(2,i),\ldots,H(p(|x|),i)))$$

$arphi_5$

 φ_5 asserts that M accepts

- Let q_a be unique accept state of M
- without loss of generality assume M runs all p(|x|) steps

$$\varphi_5 = S(q_a, p(|x|))$$

State at time p(|x|) is q_a the accept state.

If we don't want to make assumption of running for all steps

$$\varphi_5 = \bigvee_{i=1}^{p(|x|)} S(q_a, i)$$

which means M enters accepts state at some time.

 $arphi_{6}$ asserts that $oldsymbol{M}$ executes a unique instruction at each time

$$\varphi_6 = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{\rho(|x|)} \oplus (I(1,i),I(2,i),\ldots,I(m,i))$$

where m is max instruction number.

 φ_7 ensures that variables don't allow tape to change from one moment to next if the read/write head was not there.

"If head is **not** at position h at time i then at time i+1 the symbol at cell h must be unchanged"

$$\varphi_7 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_{\substack{h \ b \neq c}} \left(\overline{H(h,i)} \Rightarrow \overline{T(b,h,i) \bigwedge T(c,h,i+1)} \right)$$

since $\mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is same as $\neg \mathbf{A} \lor \mathbf{B}$, rewrite above in CNF form

$$\varphi_7 = \bigwedge_i \bigwedge_h \bigwedge_{b \neq c} (H(h,i) \vee \neg T(b,h,i) \vee \neg T(c,h,i+1))$$

 φ_8 asserts that changes in tableau/tape correspond to transitions of \pmb{M} (as Lenny says, this is the big cookie).

Let ${\it j}$ th instruction be $<{\it q}_{\it j},{\it b}_{\it j},{\it q}_{\it j}',{\it b}_{\it j}',{\it d}_{\it j}>$

$$arphi_8 = igwedge_i igwedge_j (I(j,i) \Rightarrow S(q_j,i))$$
 If instr j executed at time i then state must be correct to do j $igwedge_i igwedge_i igwedge_j (I(j,i) \Rightarrow S(q_j',i+1))$ and at next time unit, state must be the proper next state for instr j $igwedge_i igwedge_i igwedge_i igwedge_j (I(j,i) igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge_i igwedge_j igwedge$

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Proof of Correctness

(Sketch)

- Given M, x, poly-time algorithm to construct $f_M(x)$
- if $f_M(x)$ is satisfiable then the truth assignment completely specifies an accepting computation of M on x
- if M accepts x then the accepting computation leads to an "obvious" truth assignment to $f_M(x)$. Simply assign the variables according to the state of M and cells at each time i.

Thus M accepts x if and only if $f_M(x)$ is satisfiable