

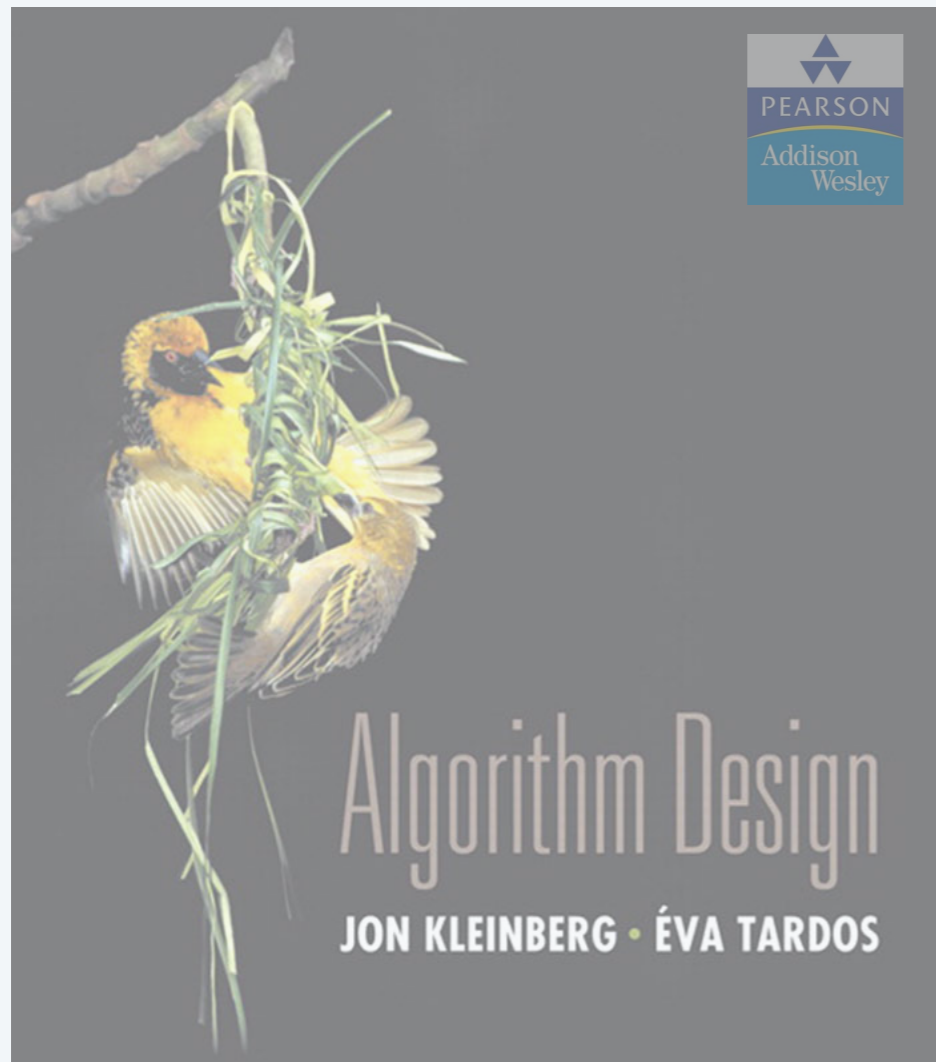
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Algorithm design patterns and antipatterns

Algorithm design patterns.

- Greedy.
- Divide and conquer.
- Dynamic programming.
- Duality.
- **Reductions.**
- Local search.
- Randomization.

Algorithm design antipatterns.

- **NP-completeness.** $O(n^k)$ algorithm unlikely.
- **PSPACE-completeness.** $O(n^k)$ certification algorithm unlikely.
- Undecidability. No algorithm possible.

Classify problems according to computational requirements

Q. Which problems will we be able to solve in practice?

A working definition. Those with poly-time algorithms.



von Neumann
(1953)



Nash
(1955)



Gödel
(1956)



Cobham
(1964)



Edmonds
(1965)



Rabin
(1966)

Turing machine, word RAM, uniform circuits, ...



Theory. Definition is broad and robust.

constants tend to be small, e.g., $3n^2$

Practice. Poly-time algorithms scale to huge problems.

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yes	probably no
shortest path	longest path
min cut	max cut
2-satisfiability	3-satisfiability
planar 4-colorability	planar 3-colorability
bipartite vertex cover	vertex cover
matching	3d-matching
primality testing	factoring
linear programming	integer linear programming

Classify problems

Desiderata. Classify problems according to those that can be solved in polynomial time and those that cannot.

Provably requires exponential time.

- Given a constant-size program, does it halt in at most k steps?
- Given a board position in an n -by- n generalization of checkers, can black guarantee a win?

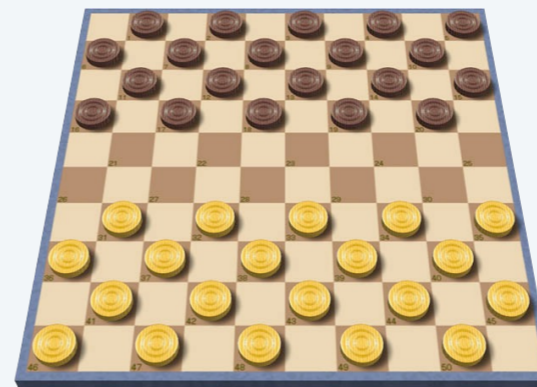
input size = $c + \log k$



using forced capture rule



Alan designed the perfect computer



Frustrating news. Huge number of fundamental problems have defied classification for decades.

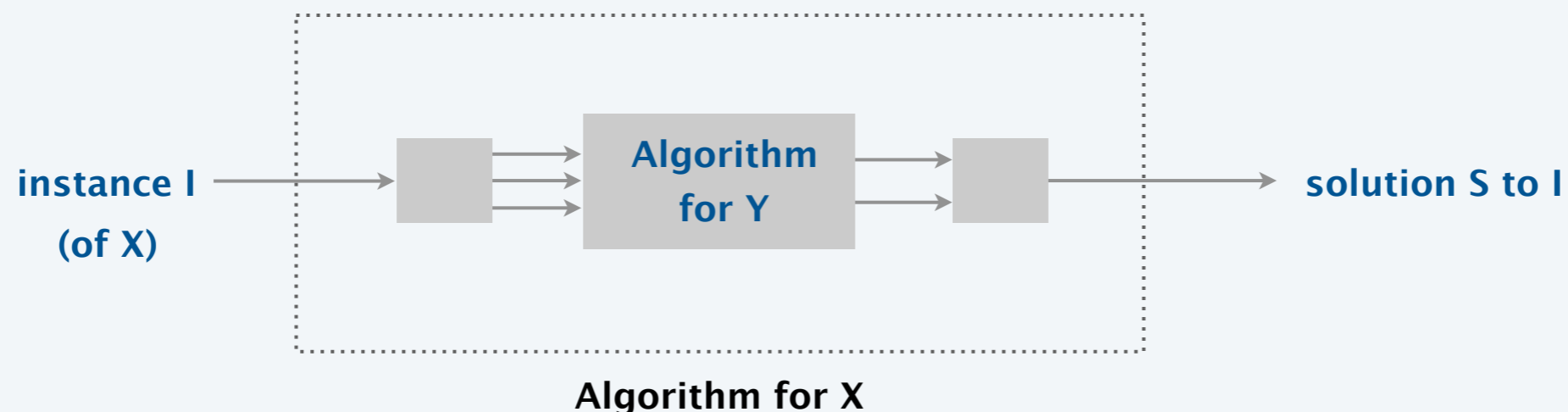
Poly-time reductions

Desiderata'. Suppose we could solve problem Y in polynomial time. What else could we solve in polynomial time?

Reduction. Problem X **polynomial-time (Cook) reduces to** problem Y if arbitrary instances of problem X can be solved using:

- Polynomial number of standard computational steps, plus
- Polynomial number of calls to oracle that solves problem Y .

↑
computational model supplemented by special piece of hardware that solves instances of Y in a single step



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Notation. $X \leq_p Y$.

Note. We pay for time to write down instances of Y sent to oracle \Rightarrow instances of Y must be of polynomial size.

Novice mistake. Confusing $X \leq_p Y$ with $Y \leq_p X$.

Polynomial transformations

Def. Problem X **polynomial (Cook) reduces** to problem Y if arbitrary instances of problem X can be solved using:

- Polynomial number of standard computational steps, plus
- Polynomial number of calls to oracle that solves problem Y .

Def. Problem X **polynomial (Karp) transforms** to problem Y if given any instance x of X , we can construct an instance y of Y such that x is a *yes* instance of X iff y is a *yes* instance of Y .

↑
we require $|y|$ to be of size polynomial in $|x|$

Note. Polynomial transformation is polynomial reduction with just one call to oracle for Y , exactly at the end of the algorithm for X . Almost all previous reductions were of this form.

Open question. Are these two concepts the same with respect to **NP**?

↑
we abuse notation \leq_p and blur distinction



Suppose that $X \leq_p Y$. Which of the following can we infer?

- A.** If X can be solved in polynomial time, then so can Y .
- B.** X can be solved in poly time iff Y can be solved in poly time.
- C.** If X cannot be solved in polynomial time, then neither can Y .
- D.** If Y cannot be solved in polynomial time, then neither can X .



Which of the following poly-time reductions are known?

- A.** FIND-MAX-FLOW \leq_P FIND-MIN-CUT.
- B.** FIND-MIN-CUT \leq_P FIND-MAX-FLOW.
- C.** Both A and B.
- D.** Neither A nor B.

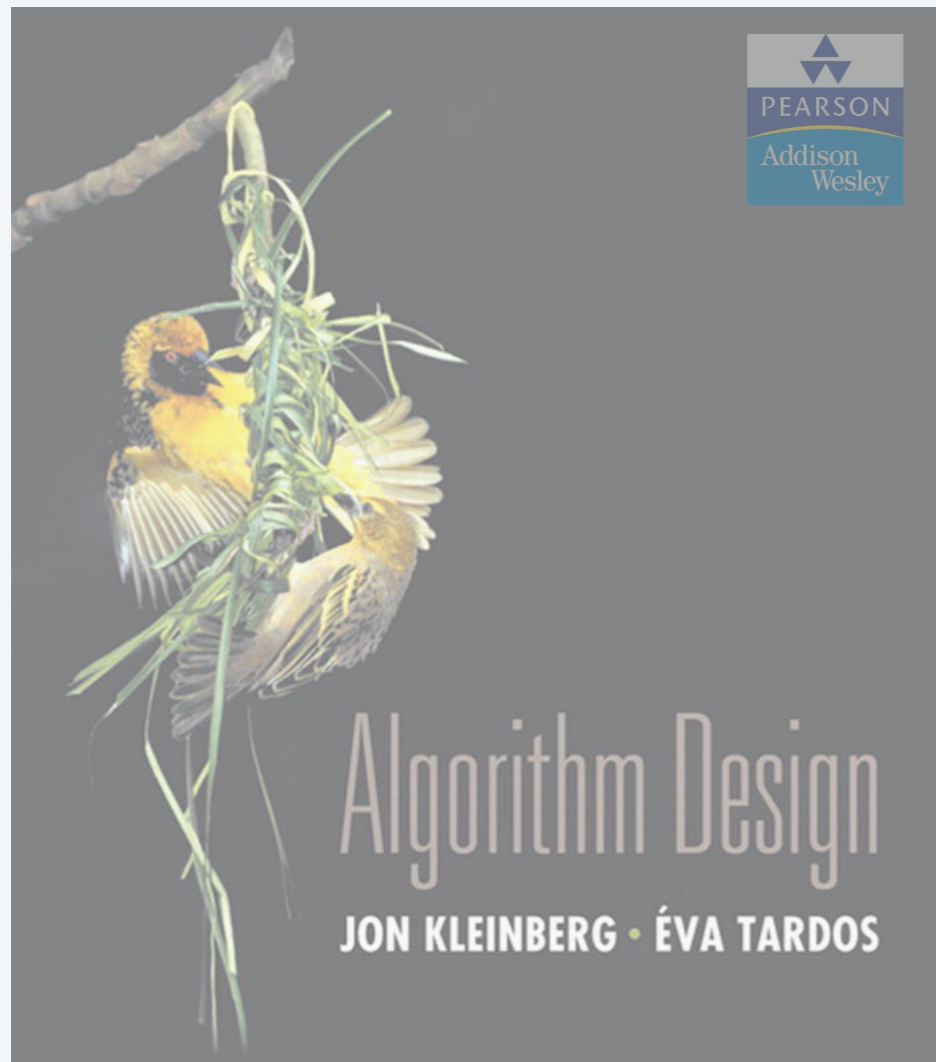
Poly-time reductions

Design algorithms. If $X \leq_p Y$ and Y can be solved in polynomial time, then X can be solved in polynomial time.

Establish intractability. If $X \leq_p Y$ and X cannot be solved in polynomial time, then Y cannot be solved in polynomial time.

Establish equivalence. If both $X \leq_p Y$ and $Y \leq_p X$, we use notation $X \equiv_p Y$. In this case, X can be solved in polynomial time iff Y can be.

Bottom line. Reductions classify problems according to **relative** difficulty.



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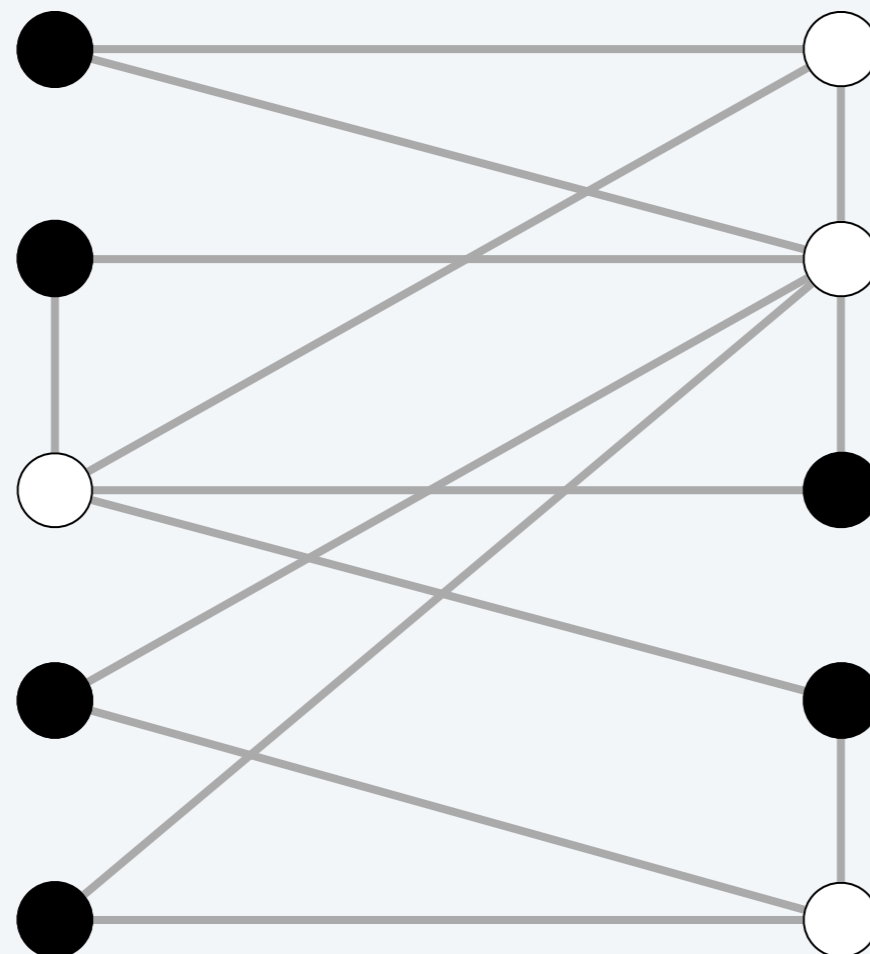
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Independent set

INDEPENDENT-SET. Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and an integer k , is there a subset of k (or more) vertices such that no two are adjacent?

Ex. Is there an independent set of size ≥ 6 ?

Ex. Is there an independent set of size ≥ 7 ?



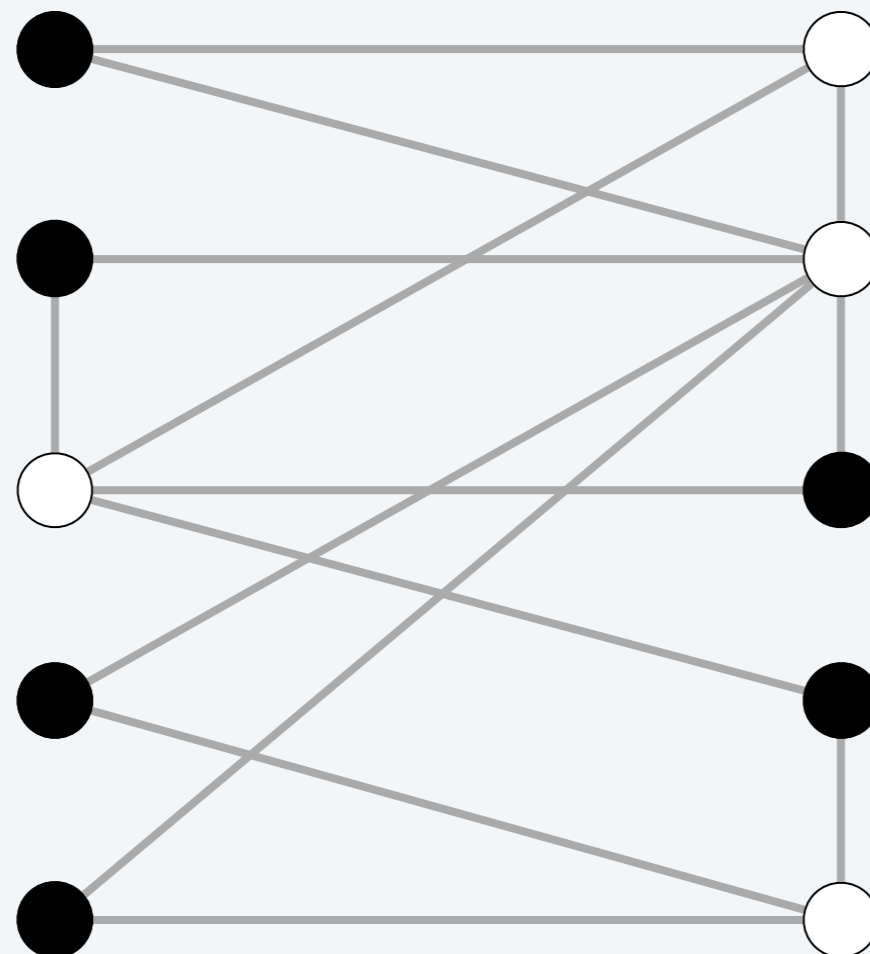
● independent set of size 6

Vertex cover

VERTEX-COVER. Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and an integer k , is there a subset of k (or fewer) vertices such that each edge is incident to at least one vertex in the subset?

Ex. Is there a vertex cover of size ≤ 4 ?

Ex. Is there a vertex cover of size ≤ 3 ?

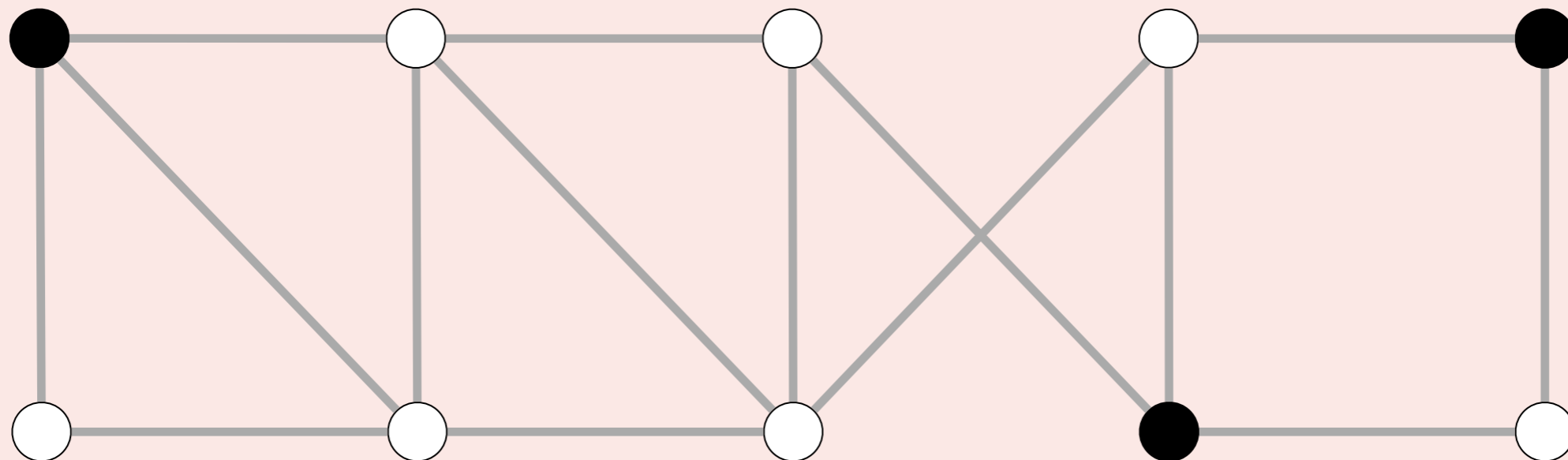


● independent set of size 6
○ vertex cover of size 4



Consider the following graph G . Which are true?

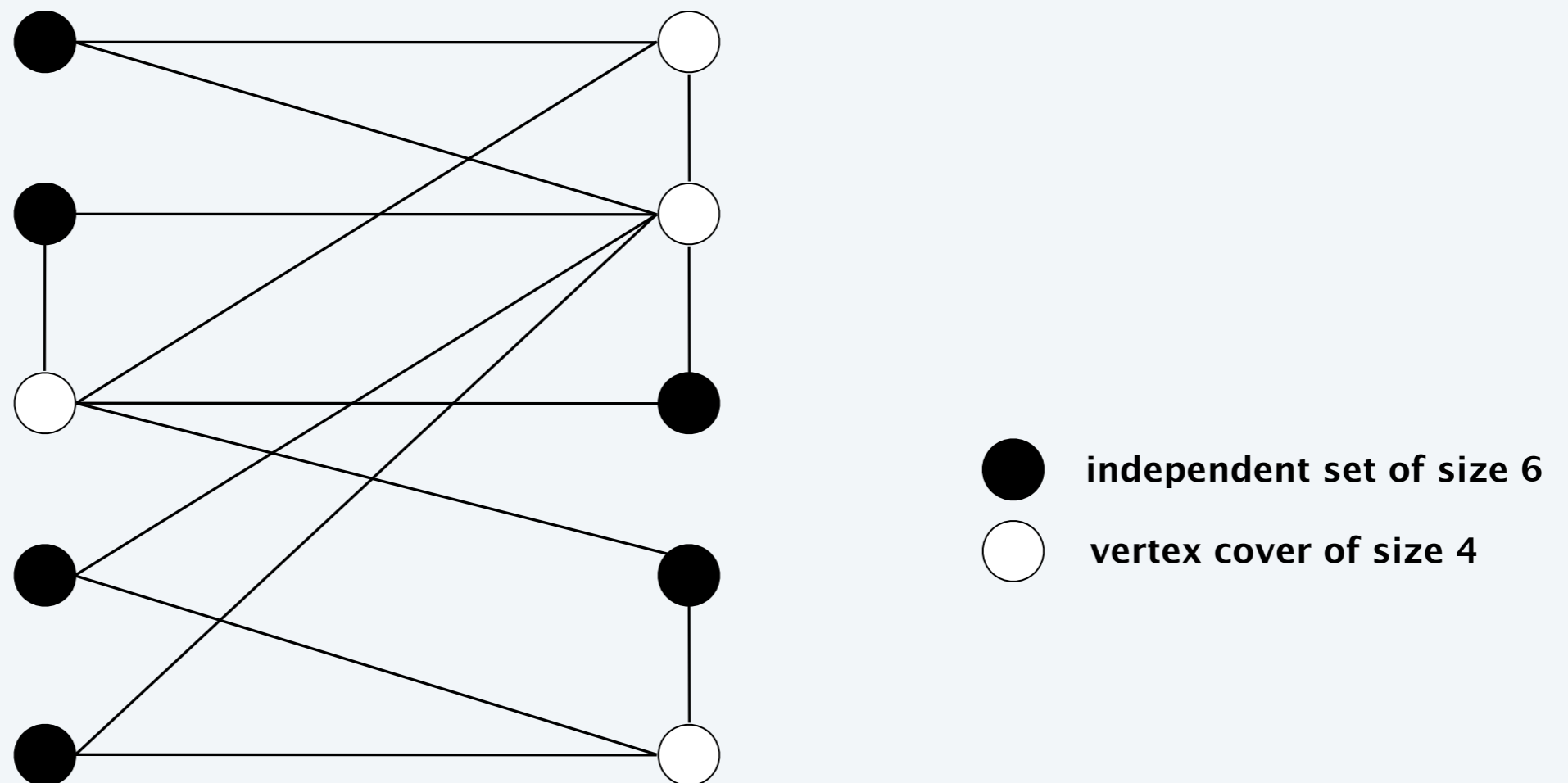
- A.** The white vertices are a vertex cover of size 7.
- B.** The black vertices are an independent set of size 3.
- C.** Both A and B.
- D.** Neither A nor B.



Vertex cover and independent set reduce to one another

Theorem. INDEPENDENT-SET \equiv_P VERTEX-COVER.

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\Rightarrow

- Let S be any independent set of size k .
- $V - S$ is of size $n - k$.
- Consider an arbitrary edge $(u, v) \in E$.
- S independent \Rightarrow either $u \notin S$, or $v \notin S$, or both.
 \Rightarrow either $u \in V - S$, or $v \in V - S$, or both.
- Thus, $V - S$ covers (u, v) . ■

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\Leftarrow

- Let $V - S$ be any vertex cover of size $n - k$.
- S is of size k .
- Consider an arbitrary edge $(u, v) \in E$.
- $V - S$ is a vertex cover \Rightarrow either $u \in V - S$, or $v \in V - S$, or both.
 \Rightarrow either $u \notin S$, or $v \notin S$, or both.
- Thus, S is an independent set. ■

Set cover

SET-COVER. Given a set U of elements, a collection S of subsets of U , and an integer k , are there $\leq k$ of these subsets whose union is equal to U ?

Sample application.

- m available pieces of software.
- Set U of n capabilities that we would like our system to have.
- The i^{th} piece of software provides the set $S_i \subseteq U$ of capabilities.
- Goal: achieve all n capabilities using fewest pieces of software.

$$U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

$$S_a = \{ 3, 7 \}$$

$$S_b = \{ 2, 4 \}$$

$$S_c = \{ 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$$

$$S_d = \{ 5 \}$$

$$S_e = \{ 1 \}$$

$$S_f = \{ 1, 2, 6, 7 \}$$

$$k = 2$$

a set cover instance



Given the universe $U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$ and the following sets, which is the minimum size of a set cover?

- A.** 1
- B.** 2
- C.** 3
- D.** None of the above.

$$U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

$$S_a = \{ 1, 4, 6 \}$$

$$S_b = \{ 1, 6, 7 \}$$

$$S_c = \{ 1, 2, 3, 6 \}$$

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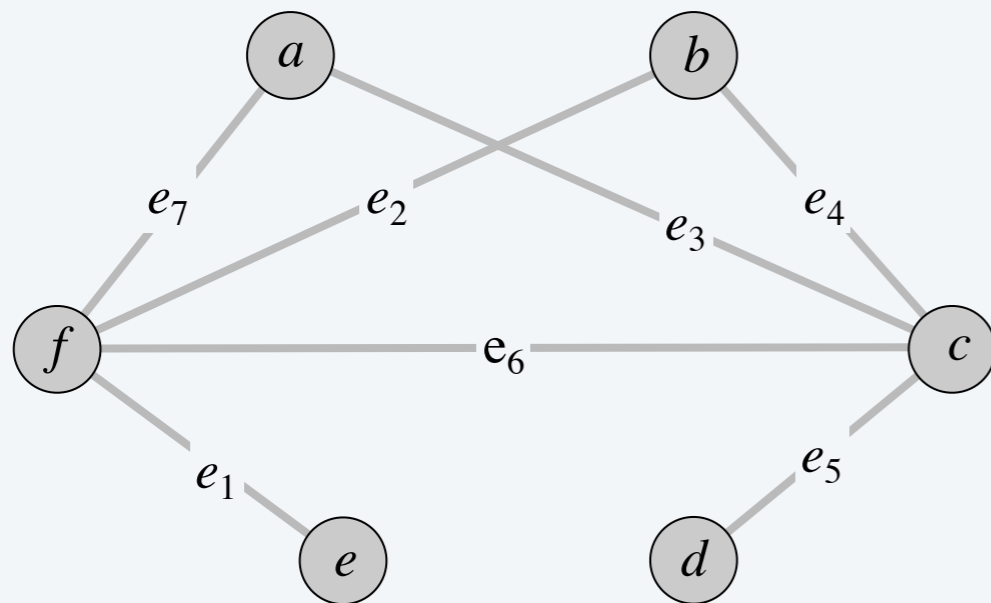
Vertex cover reduces to set cover

Theorem. VERTEX-COVER \leq_p SET-COVER.

Pf. Given a VERTEX-COVER instance $G = (V, E)$ and k , we construct a SET-COVER instance (U, S, k) that has a set cover of size k iff G has a vertex cover of size k .

Construction.

- Universe $U = E$.
- Include one subset for each node $v \in V$: $S_v = \{e \in E : e \text{ incident to } v\}$.



vertex cover instance
($k = 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \} \\ S_a &= \{ 3, 7 \} & S_b &= \{ 2, 4 \} \\ S_c &= \{ 3, 4, 5, 6 \} & S_d &= \{ 5 \} \\ S_e &= \{ 1 \} & S_f &= \{ 1, 2, 6, 7 \} \end{aligned}$$

set cover instance
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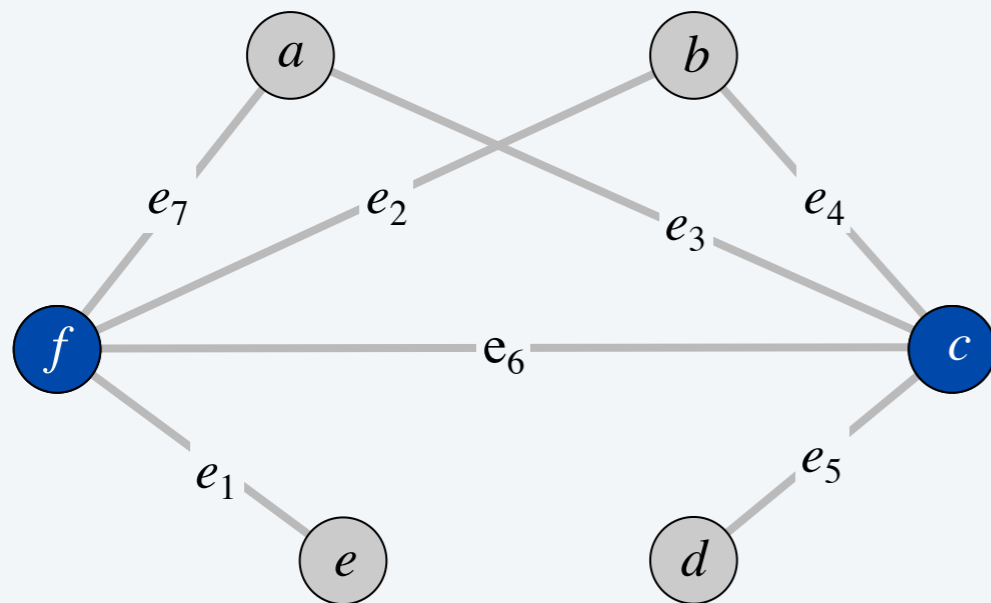
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Lemma. $G = (V, E)$ contains a vertex cover of size k iff (U, S, k) contains a set cover of size k .

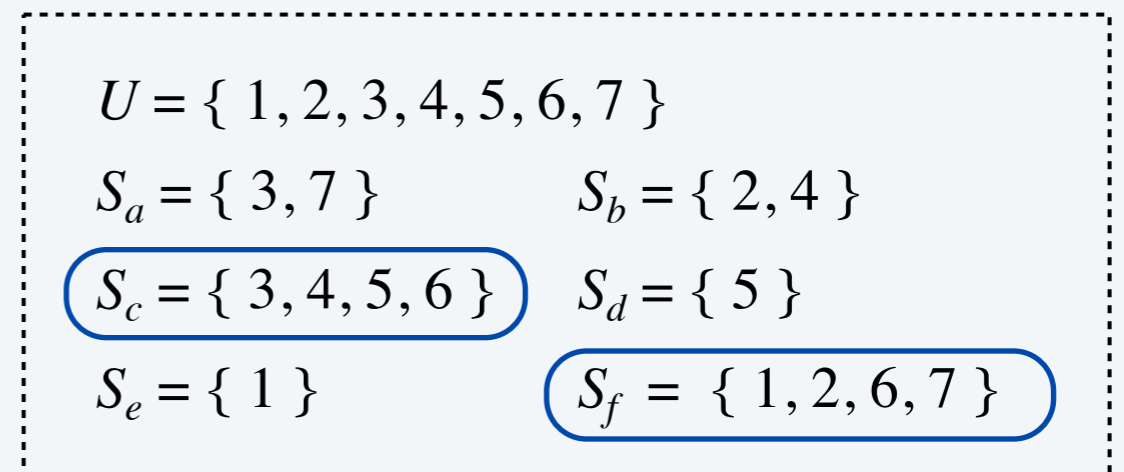
Pf. \Rightarrow Let $X \subseteq V$ be a vertex cover of size k in G .

- Then $Y = \{ S_v : v \in X \}$ is a set cover of size k . ■

“yes” instances of VERTEX-COVER are solved correctly



vertex cover instance
($k = 2$)



set cover instance
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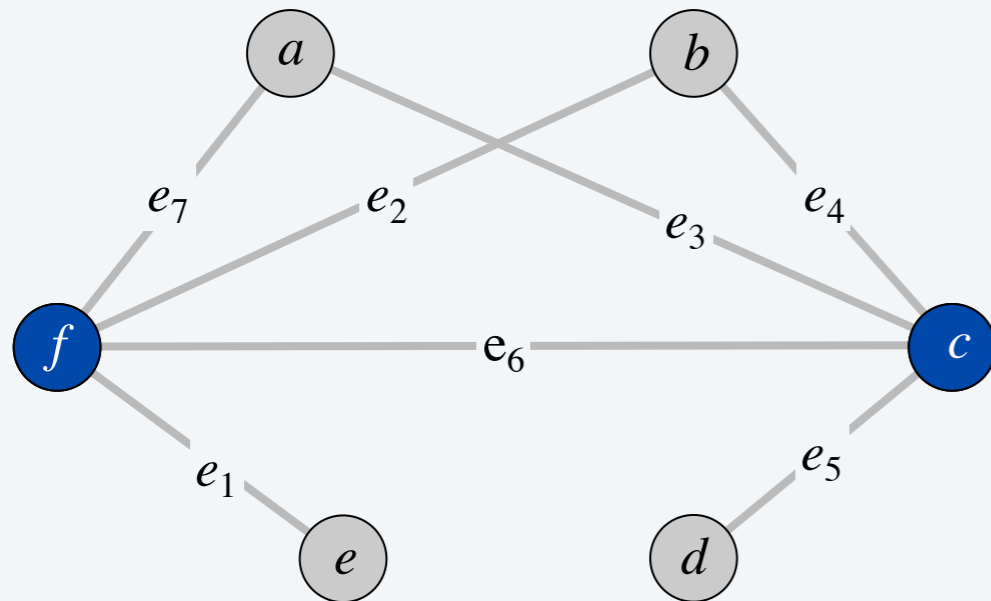
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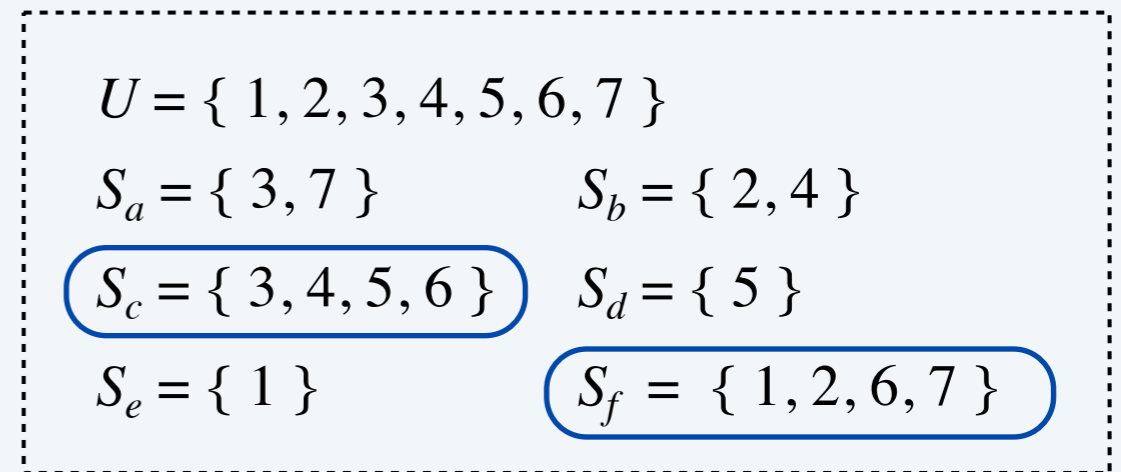
Pf. \Leftarrow Let $Y \subseteq S$ be a set cover of size k in (U, S, k) .

- Then $X = \{v : S_v \in Y\}$ is a vertex cover of size k in G . ■

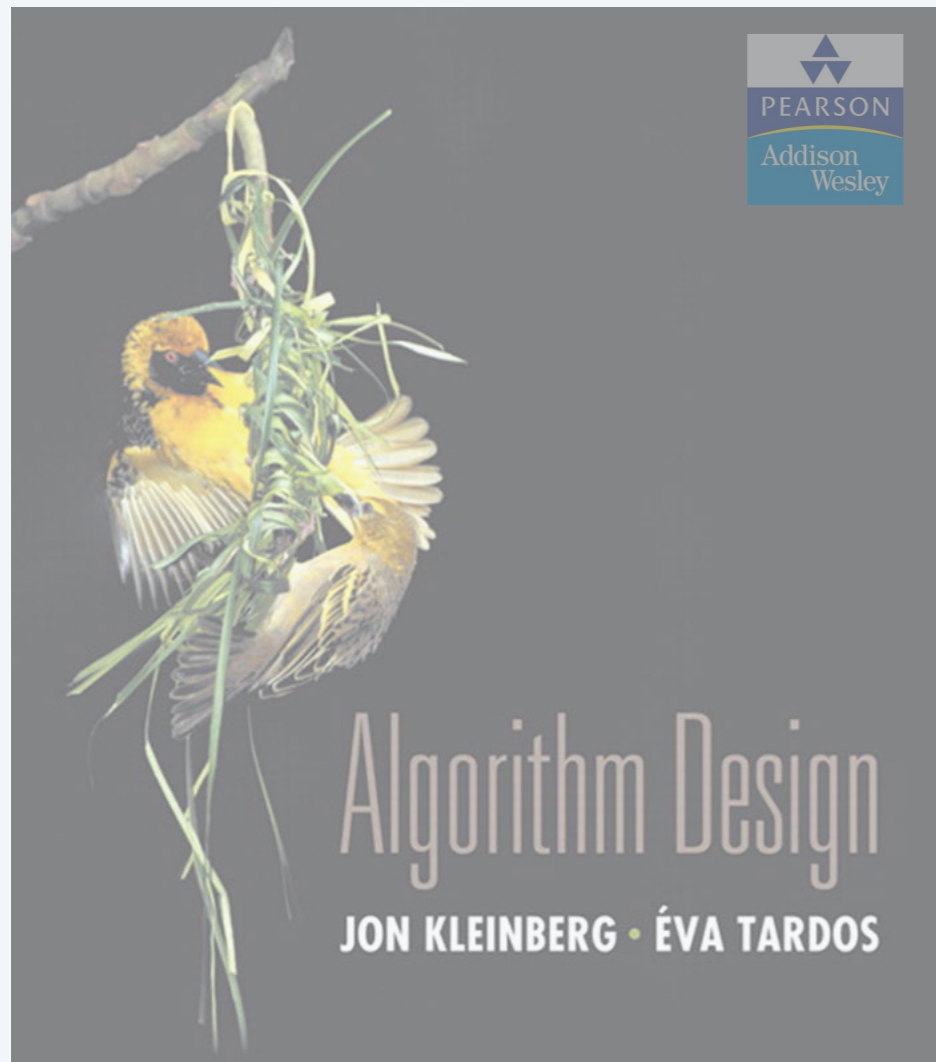
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set cover instance
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Satisfiability

Literal. A Boolean variable or its negation.

$$x_i \text{ or } \overline{x_i}$$

Clause. A disjunction of literals.

$$C_j = x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3$$

Conjunctive normal form (CNF). A propositional formula Φ that is a conjunction of clauses.

$$\Phi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4$$

SAT. Given a CNF formula Φ , does it have a satisfying truth assignment?

3-SAT. SAT where each clause contains exactly 3 literals (and each literal corresponds to a different variable).

$$\Phi = (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$$

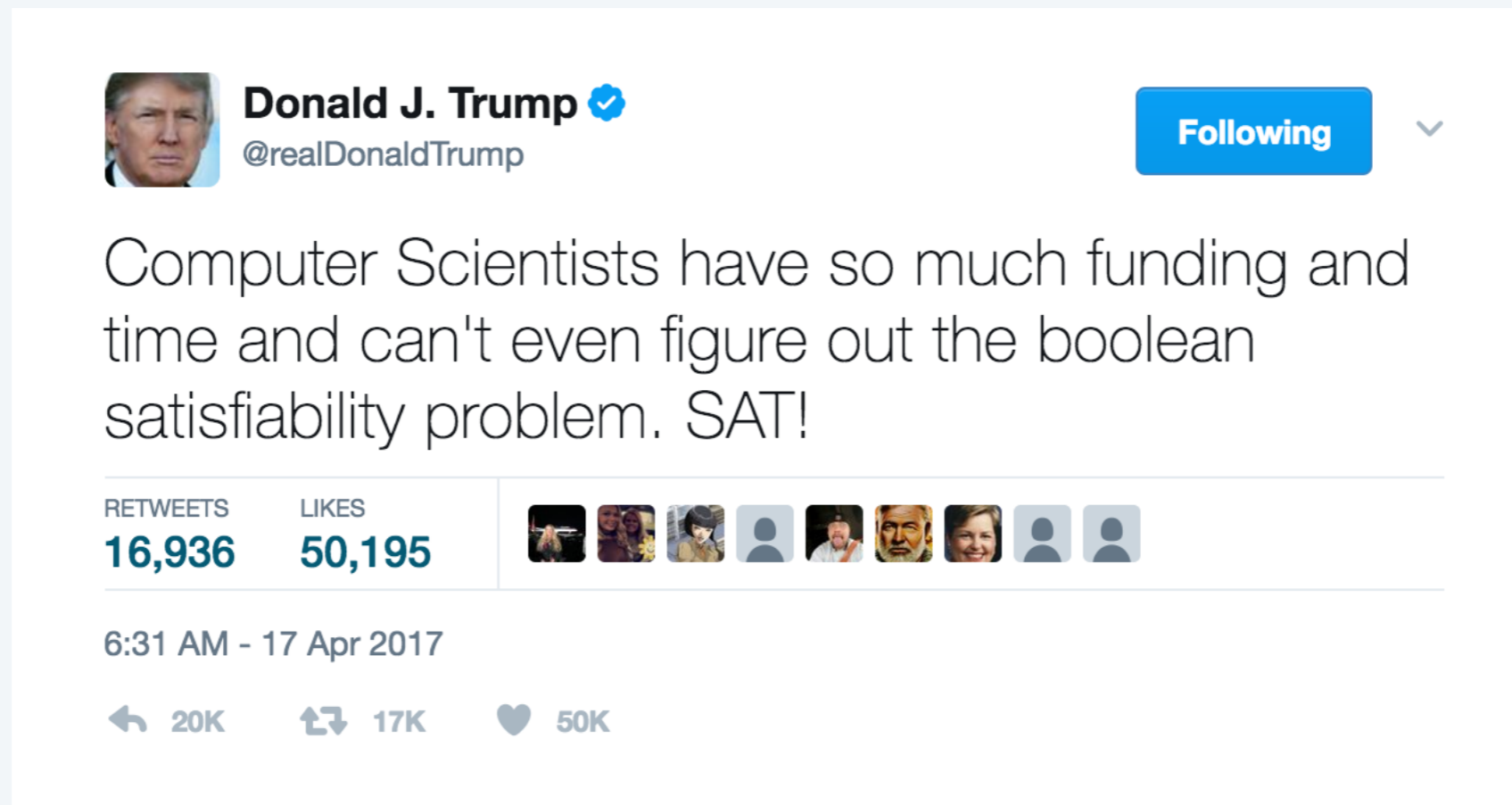
yes instance: $x_1 = \text{true}$, $x_2 = \text{true}$, $x_3 = \text{false}$, $x_4 = \text{false}$

Key application. Electronic design automation (EDA).


Satisfiability is hard


Scientific hypothesis. There does not exist a poly-time algorithm for 3-SAT.

P vs. NP. This hypothesis is equivalent to **P** \neq **NP** conjecture.



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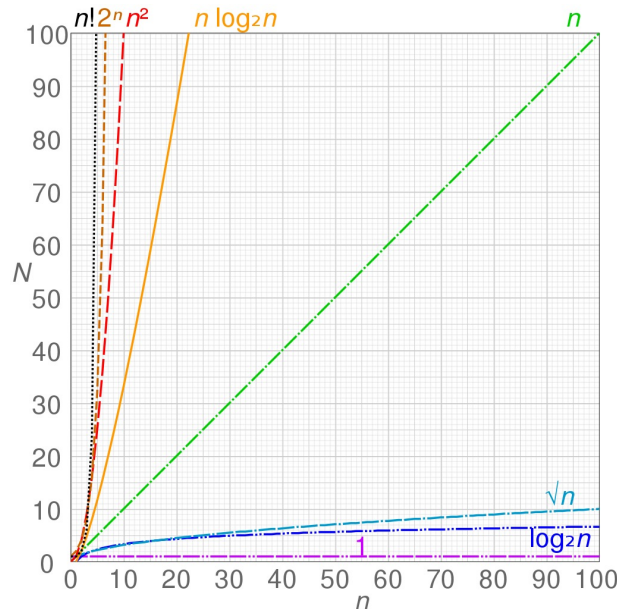
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P vs. NP

P: the existence of an algorithm *solving* the task in polynomial time

NP: an answer to the task that can be verified in polynomial time



Sudoku 数独

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9

$N = NP?$ Is there a problem harder to compute than to verify: could not be solved in polynomial time, but the answer could be verified in polynomial time?

NP complete: any NP problem can be transformed into an NP-complete problem.

First NP complete problem: **Boolean Satisfiability Problem** (Cook-Levin)

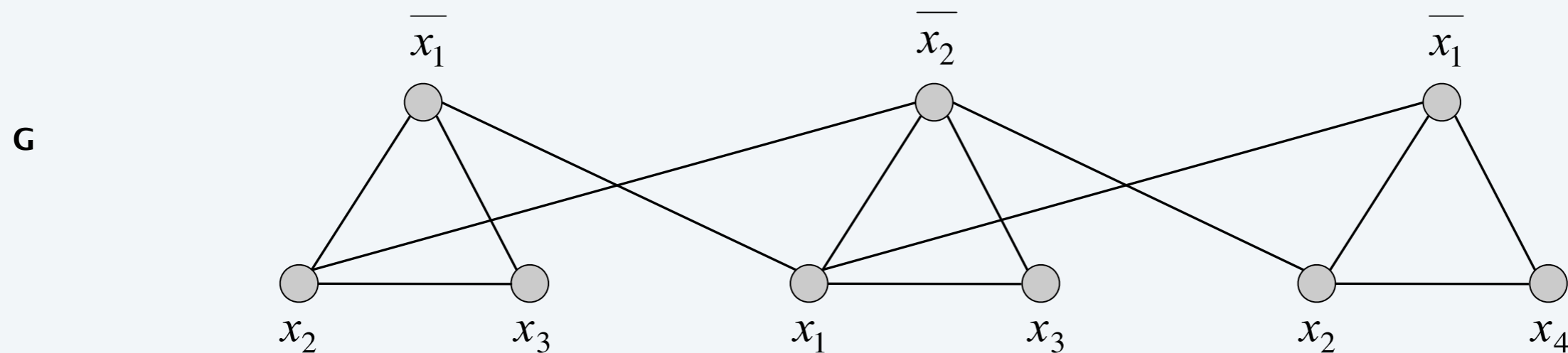
3-satisfiability reduces to independent set

Theorem. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P \text{INDEPENDENT-SET}$.

Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance (G, k) of INDEPENDENT-SET that has an independent set of size $k = |\Phi|$ iff Φ is satisfiable.

Construction.

- G contains 3 nodes for each clause, one for each literal.
- Connect 3 literals in a clause in a triangle.
- Connect literal to each of its negations.



$k = 3$

$$\Phi = (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$$

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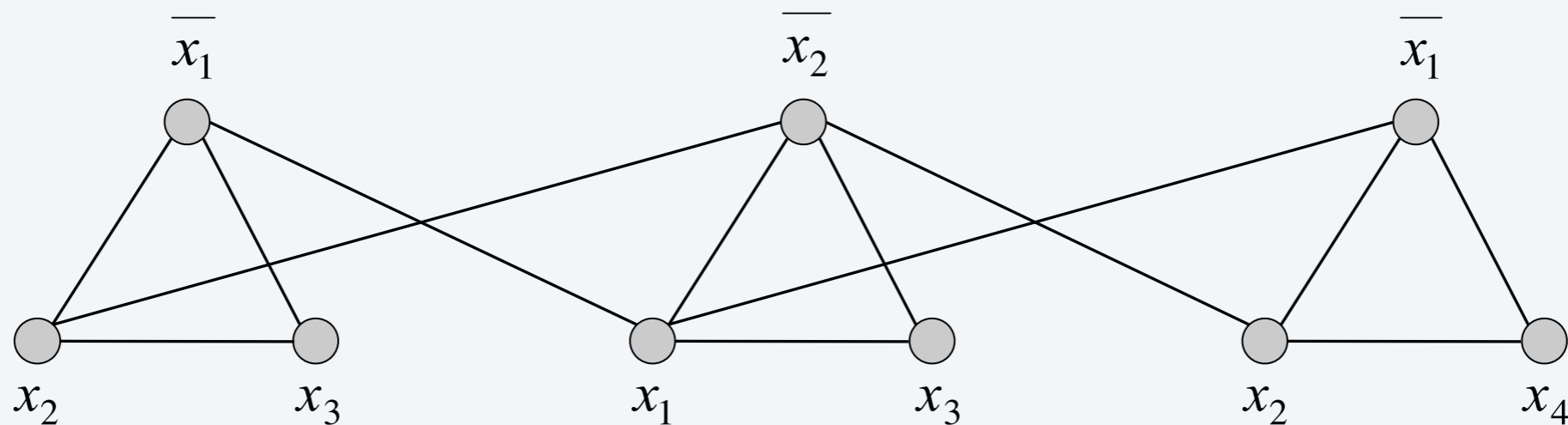
Lemma. Φ is satisfiable iff G contains an independent set of size $k = |\Phi|$.

Pf. \Rightarrow Consider any satisfying assignment for Φ .

- Select one true literal from each clause/triangle.
- This is an independent set of size $k = |\Phi|$. ■

“yes” instances of 3-SAT are solved correctly

G



k = 3

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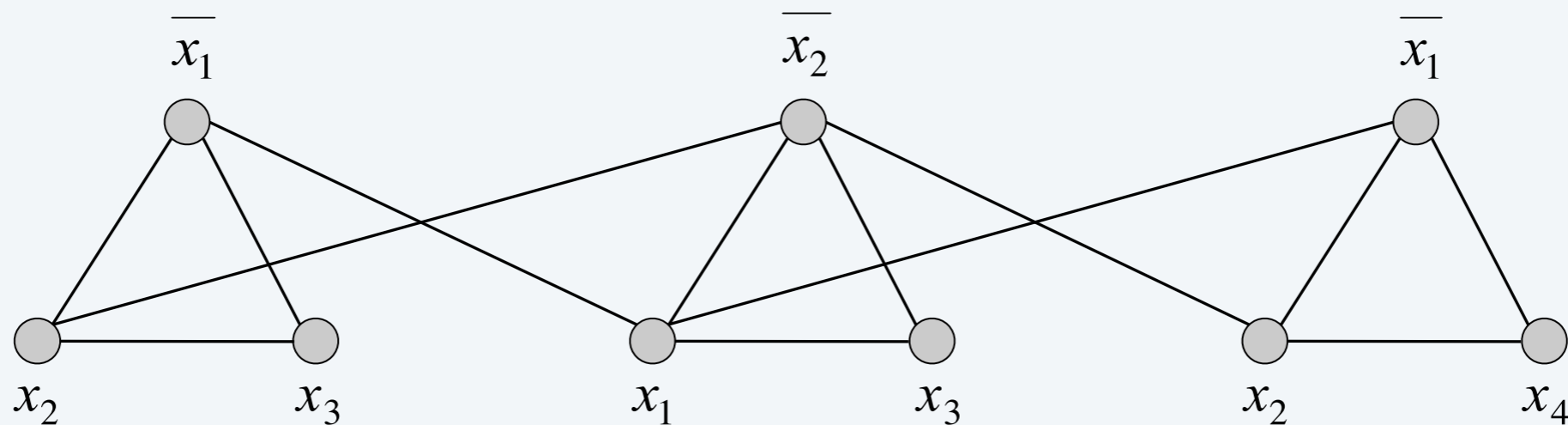
Lemma. Φ is satisfiable iff G contains an independent set of size $k = |\Phi|$.

Pf. \Leftarrow Let S be independent set of size k .

- S must contain exactly one node in each triangle.
- Set these literals to *true* (and remaining literals consistently).
- All clauses in Φ are satisfied. ■

“no” instances of 3-SAT are solved correctly

G



k = 3

$$\Phi = (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$$

Review

Basic reduction strategies.

- Simple equivalence: $\text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \equiv_P \text{VERTEX-COVER}$.
- Special case to general case: $\text{VERTEX-COVER} \leq_P \text{SET-COVER}$.
- Encoding with gadgets: $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P \text{INDEPENDENT-SET}$.

Transitivity. If $X \leq_P Y$ and $Y \leq_P Z$, then $X \leq_P Z$.

Pf idea. Compose the two algorithms.

Ex. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P \text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \leq_P \text{VERTEX-COVER} \leq_P \text{SET-COVER}$.

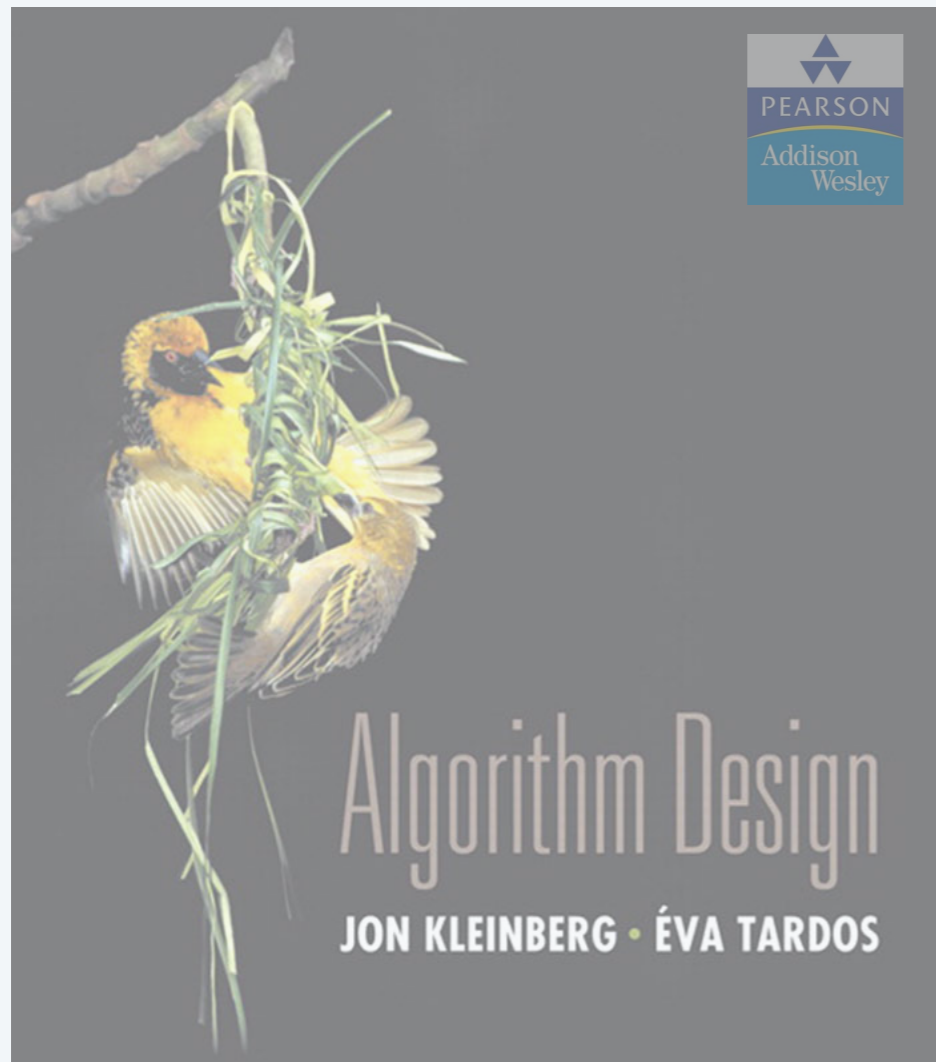


Decision problem. Does there **exist** a vertex cover of size $\leq k$?

Search problem. **Find** a vertex cover of size $\leq k$.

Optimization problem. **Find** a vertex cover of **minimum** size.

Goal. Show that all three problems poly-time reduce to one another.



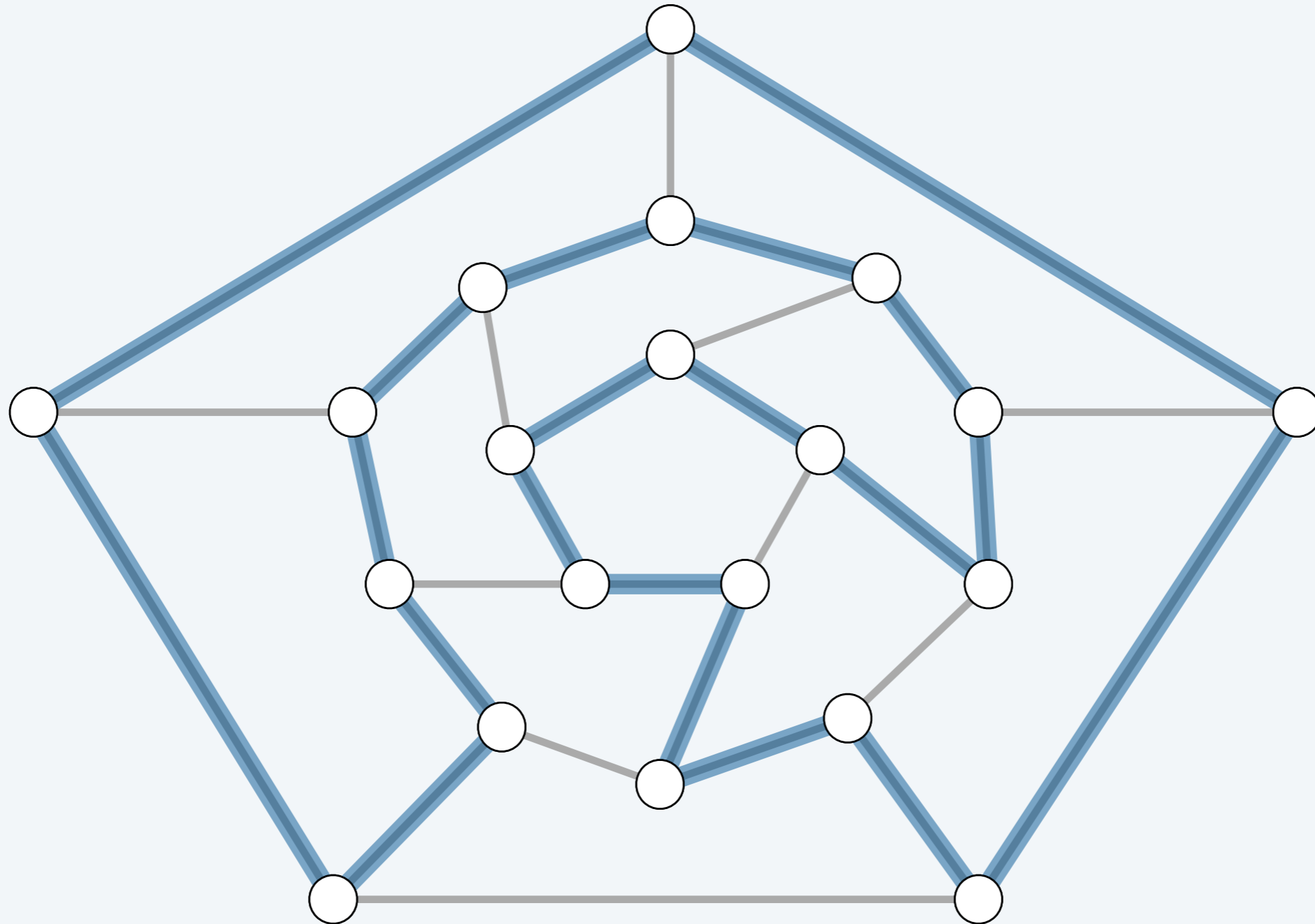
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Hamilton cycle

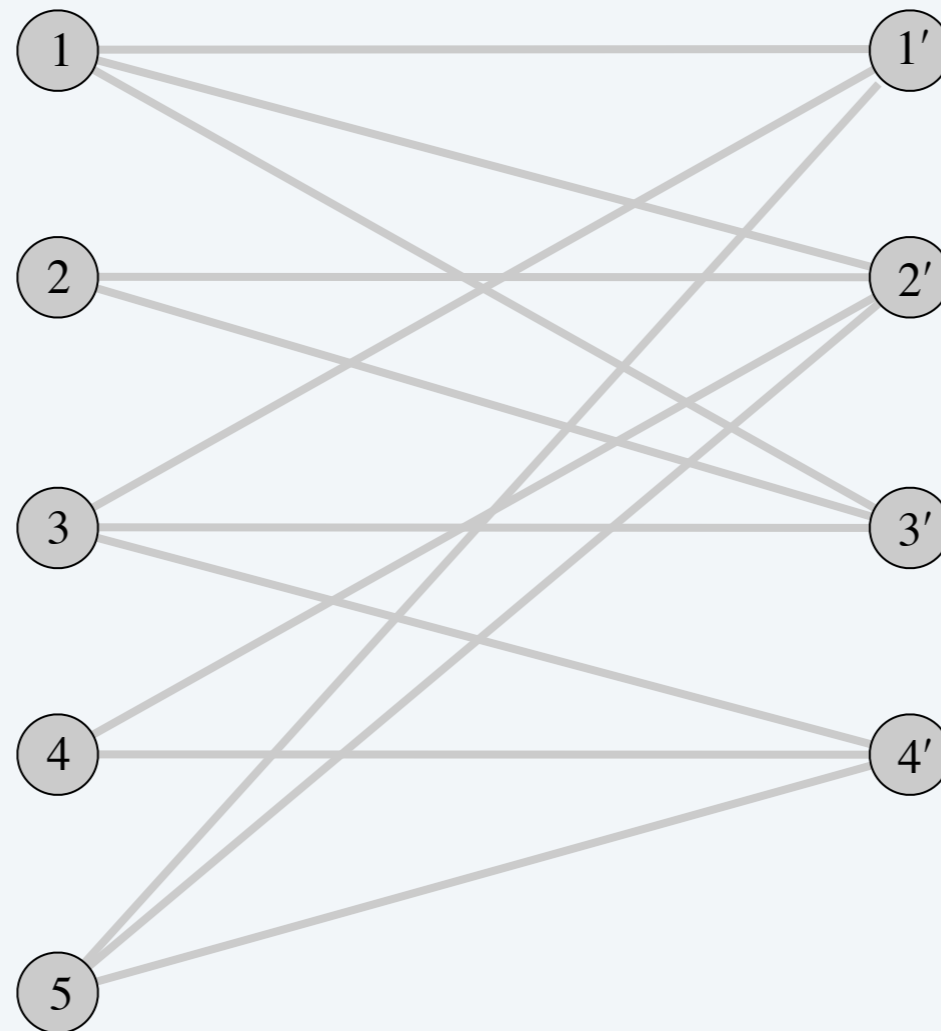
HAMILTON-CYCLE. Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a cycle Γ that visits every node exactly once?



yes

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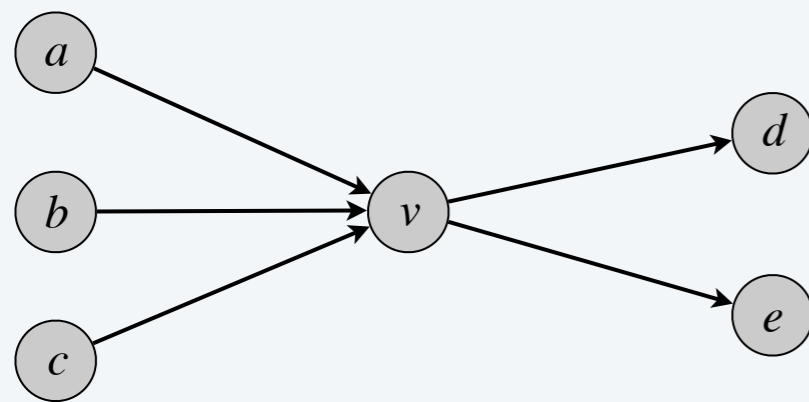
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Directed Hamilton cycle reduces to Hamilton cycle

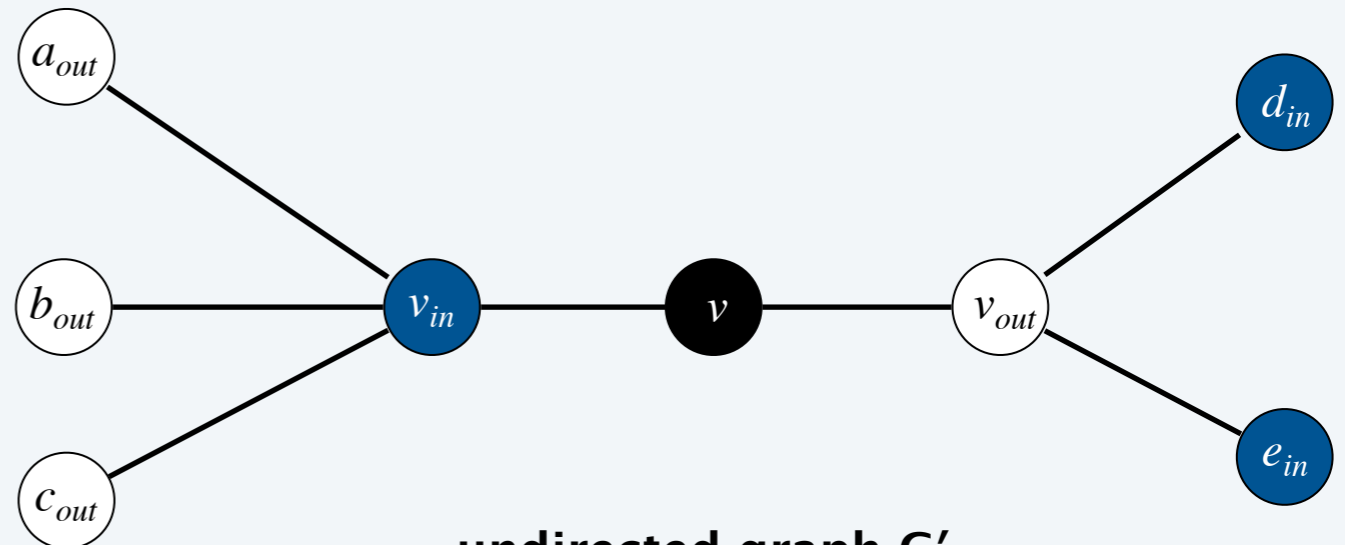
DIRECTED-HAMILTON-CYCLE. Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a directed cycle Γ that visits every node exactly once?

Theorem. $\text{DIRECTED-HAMILTON-CYCLE} \leq_p \text{HAMILTON-CYCLE}$.

Pf. Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, construct a graph G' with $3n$ nodes.



directed graph G



undirected graph G'

Directed Hamilton cycle reduces to Hamilton cycle

Lemma. G has a directed Hamilton cycle iff G' has a Hamilton cycle.

Pf. \Rightarrow

- Suppose G has a directed Hamilton cycle Γ .
- Then G' has an undirected Hamilton cycle (same order). ■

Pf. \Leftarrow

- Suppose G' has an undirected Hamilton cycle Γ' .
- Γ' must visit nodes in G' using one of following two orders:
..., black, white, blue, black, white, blue, black, white, blue, ...
..., black, blue, white, black, blue, white, black, blue, white, ...
- Black nodes in Γ' comprise either a directed Hamilton cycle Γ in G , or reverse of one. ■

3-satisfiability reduces to directed Hamilton cycle

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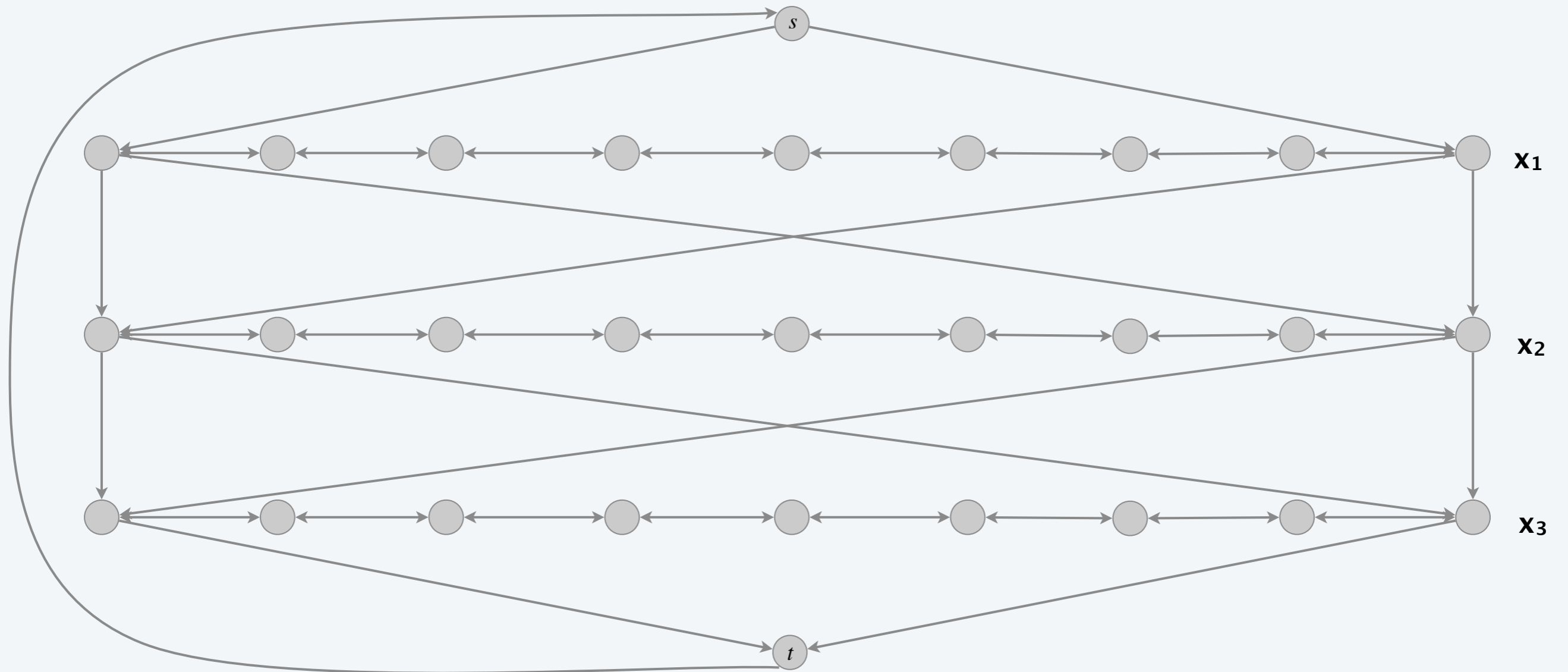
Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance G of DIRECTED-HAMILTON-CYCLE that has a Hamilton cycle iff Φ is satisfiable.

Construction overview. Let n denote the number of variables in Φ . We will construct a graph G that has 2^n Hamilton cycles, with each cycle corresponding to one of the 2^n possible truth assignments.

3-satisfiability reduces to directed Hamilton cycle

Construction. Given 3-SAT instance Φ with n variables x_i and k clauses.

- Construct G to have 2^n Hamilton cycles.
- Intuition: traverse path i from left to right \Leftrightarrow set variable $x_i = \text{true}$.





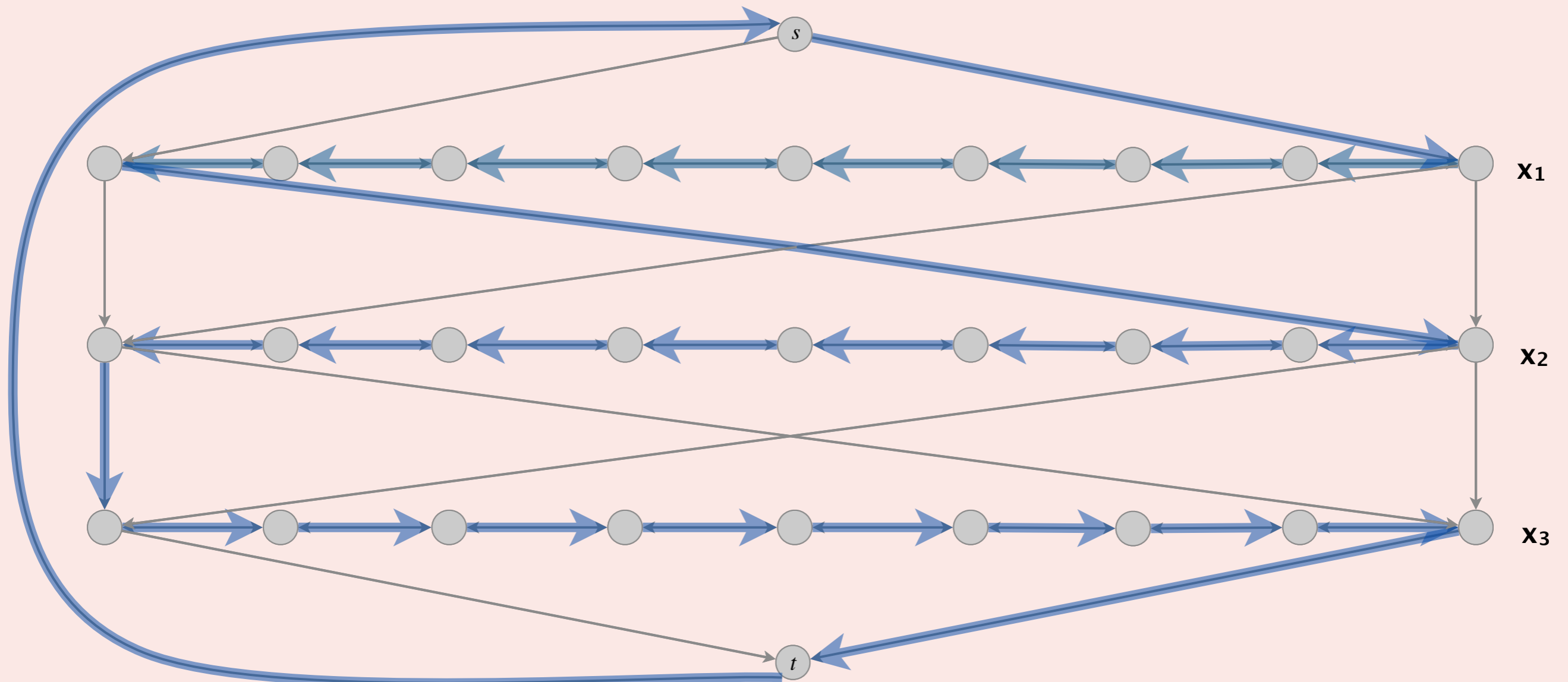
Which is truth assignment corresponding to Hamilton cycle below?

A. $x_1 = true, x_2 = true, x_3 = true$

C. $x_1 = false, x_2 = false, x_3 = true$

B. $x_1 = true, x_2 = true, x_3 = false$

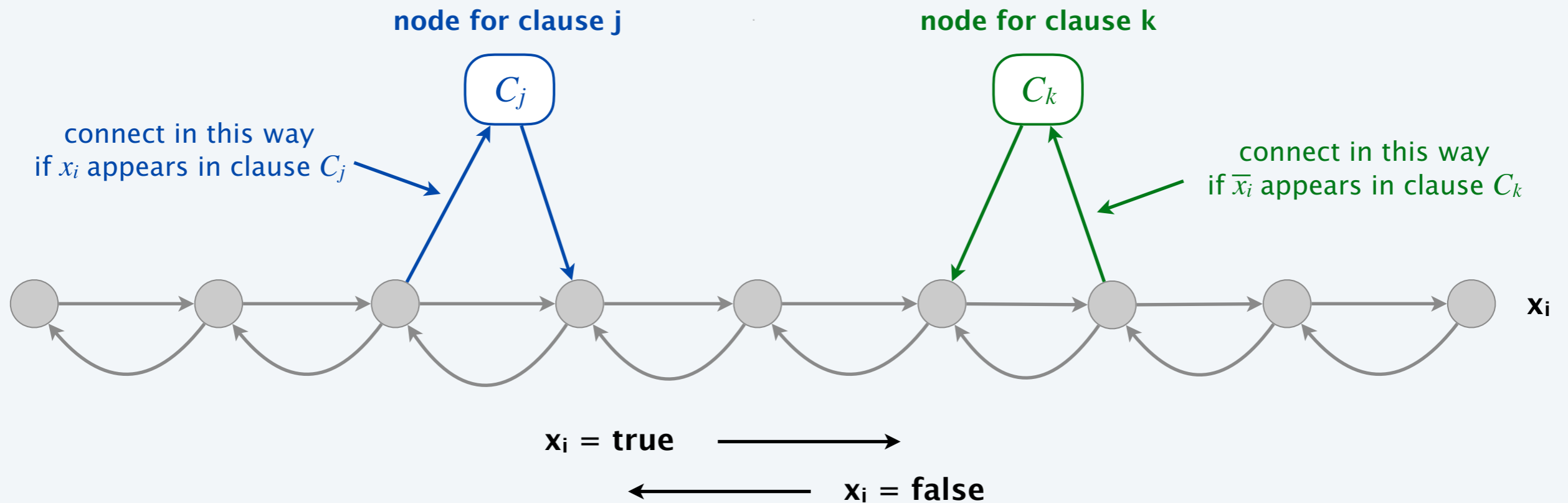
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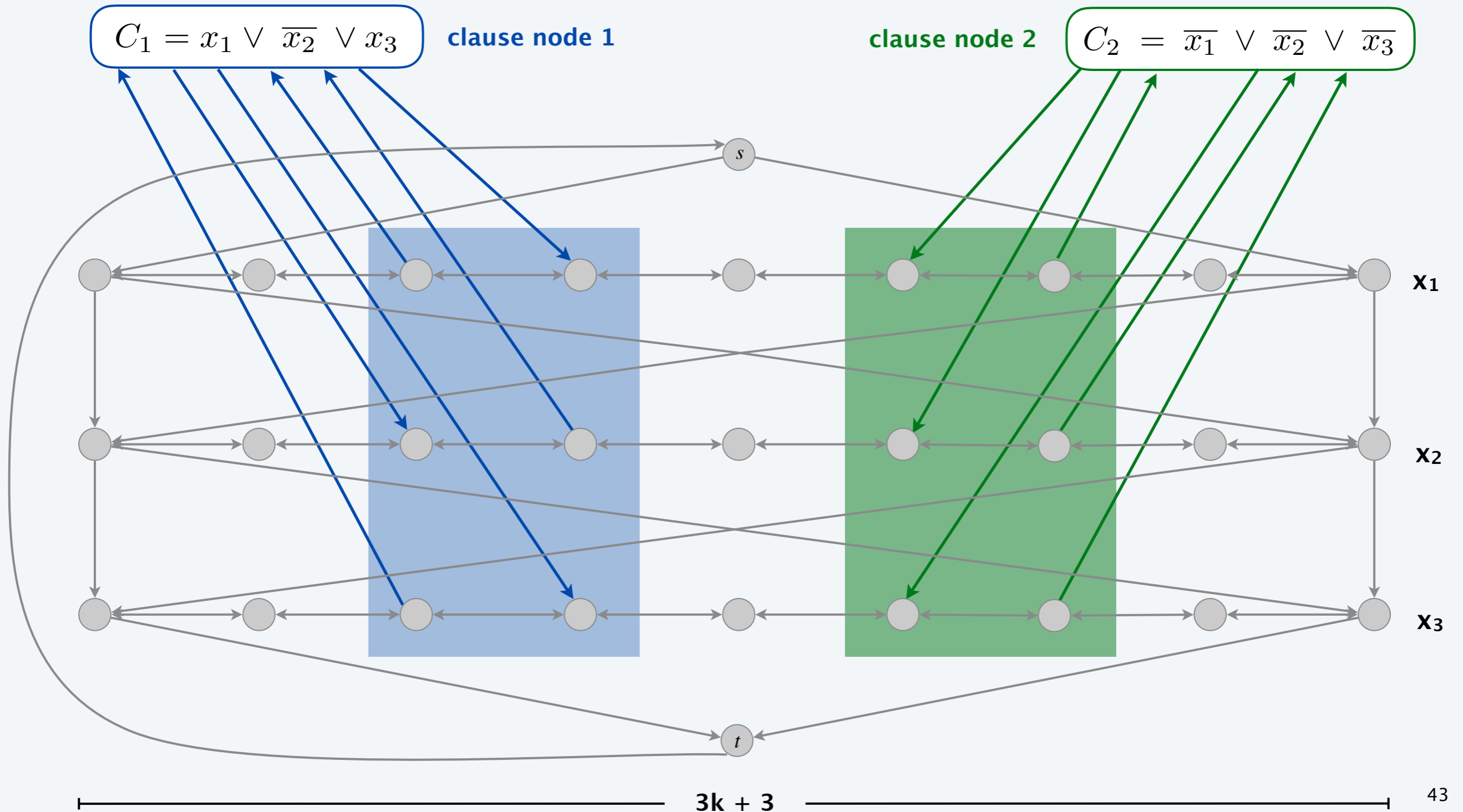
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- Suppose 3-SAT instance Φ has satisfying assignment x^* .
- Then, define Hamilton cycle Γ in G as follows:
 - if $x_i^* = \text{true}$, traverse row i from left to right
 - if $x_i^* = \text{false}$, traverse row i from right to left
 - for each clause C_j , there will be at least one row i in which we are going in “correct” direction to splice clause node C_j into cycle (and we splice in C_j exactly once) ■

3-satisfiability reduces to directed Hamilton cycle

Lemma. Φ is satisfiable iff G has a Hamilton cycle.

Pf. \Leftarrow

- Suppose G has a Hamilton cycle Γ .
- If Γ enters clause node C_j , it must depart on mate edge.
 - nodes immediately before and after C_j are connected by an edge $e \in E$
 - removing C_j from cycle, and replacing it with edge e yields Hamilton cycle on $G - \{ C_j \}$
- Continuing in this way, we are left with a Hamilton cycle Γ' in $G - \{ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k \}$.
- Set $x_i^* = \text{true}$ if Γ' traverses row i left-to-right; otherwise, set $x_i^* = \text{false}$.
- traversed in “correct” direction, and each clause is satisfied. ■

Poly-time reductions

constraint satisfaction

3-SAT

3-SAT poly-time reduces to INDEPENDENT-SET

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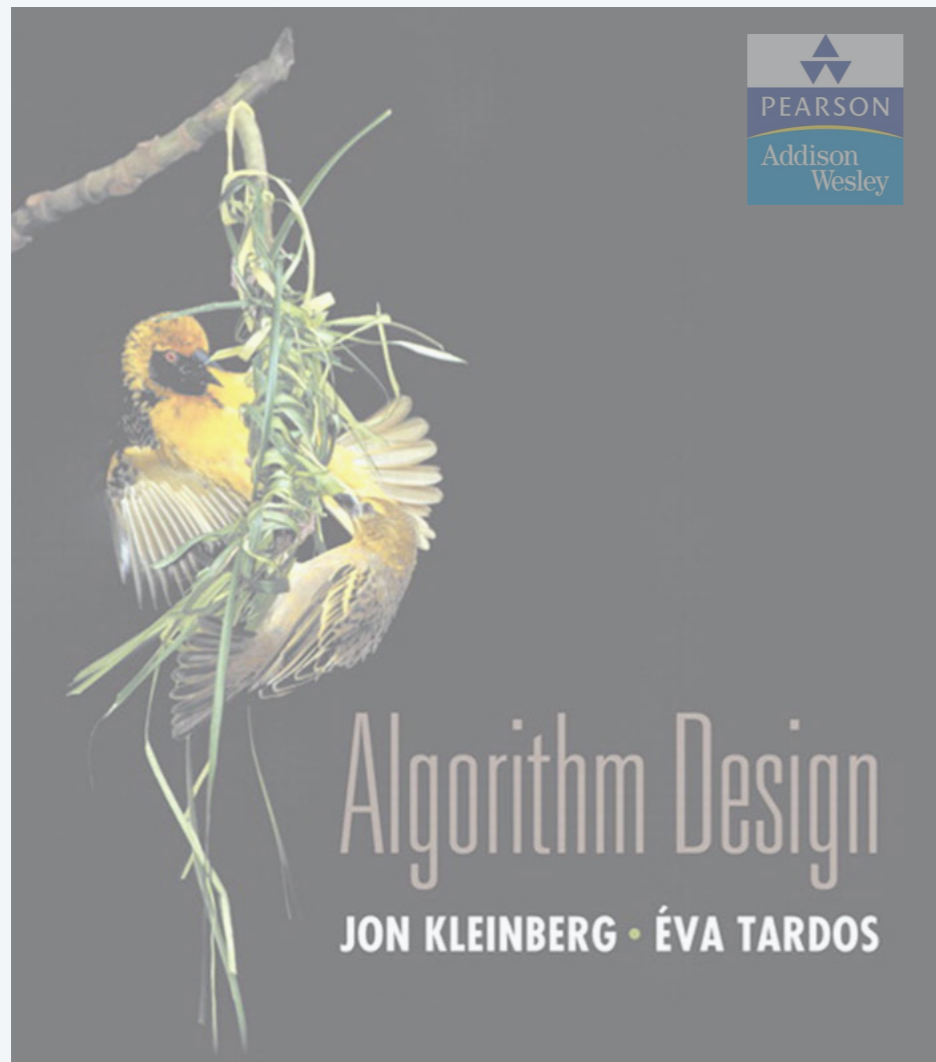
SET-COVER

packing and covering

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SECTION 8.8

8. INTRACTABILITY I

- ▶ *poly-time reductions*
- ▶ *packing and covering problems*
- ▶ *constraint satisfaction problems*
- ▶ *sequencing problems*
- ▶ *partitioning problems*
- ▶ *graph coloring*
- ▶ ***numerical problems***

MY HOBBY: EMBEDDING NP-COMPLETE PROBLEMS IN RESTAURANT ORDERS

CHOTCHKIES RESTAURANT	
~ APPETIZERS ~	
MIXED FRUIT	2.15
FRENCH FRIES	2.75
SIDE SALAD	3.35
HOT WINGS	3.55
MOZZARELLA STICKS	4.20
SAMPLER PLATE	5.80
~ SANDWICHES ~	
BARBECUE	6.55



NP-Complete by Randall Munro

<http://xkcd.com/287>

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Subset sum

SUBSET-SUM. Given n natural numbers w_1, \dots, w_n and an integer W , is there a subset that adds up to exactly W ?

Ex. $\{ 215, 215, 275, 275, 355, 355, 420, 420, 580, 580, 655, 655 \}$, $W = 1505$.

Yes. $215 + 355 + 355 + 580 = 1505$.

Remark. With arithmetic problems, input integers are encoded in binary. Poly-time reduction must be polynomial in **binary** encoding.

Subset sum

Theorem. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{SUBSET-SUM}$.

Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of SUBSET-SUM that has solution iff Φ is satisfiable.

3-satisfiability reduces to subset sum

Construction. Given 3-SAT instance Φ with n variables and k clauses, form $2n + 2k$ decimal integers, each having $n + k$ digits:

- Include one digit for each variable x_i and one digit for each clause C_j .
- Include two numbers for each variable x_i .
- Include two numbers for each clause C_j .
- Sum of each x_i digit is 1;
sum of each C_j digit is 4.

Key property. No carries possible \Rightarrow each digit yields one equation.

$C_1 =$	$\neg x_1$	\vee	x_2	\vee	x_3
$C_2 =$	x_1	\vee	$\neg x_2$	\vee	x_3
$C_3 =$	$\neg x_1$	\vee	$\neg x_2$	\vee	$\neg x_3$

3-SAT instance

dummies to get clause columns to sum to 4

	x_1	x_2	x_3	C_1	C_2	C_3	
x_1	1	0	0	0	1	0	100,010
$\neg x_1$	1	0	0	1	0	1	100,101
x_2	0	1	0	1	0	0	10,100
$\neg x_2$	0	1	0	0	1	1	10,011
x_3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1,110
$\neg x_3$	0	0	1	0	0	1	1,001
	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
	0	0	0	2	0	0	200
	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
	0	0	0	0	2	0	20
	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
W	1	1	1	4	4	4	111,444

SUBSET-SUM instance

3-satisfiability reduces to subset sum

Lemma. Φ is satisfiable iff there exists a subset that sums to W .

Pf. \Rightarrow Suppose 3-SAT instance Φ has satisfying assignment x^* .

- If $x_i^* = true$, select integer in row x_i ;
otherwise, select integer in row $\neg x_i$.
- Each x_i digit sums to 1.
- Since Φ is satisfiable, each C_j digit sums to at least 1 from x_i and $\neg x_i$ rows.
- Select dummy integers to make C_j digits sum to 4. ■

$$\begin{array}{l}
 C_1 = \neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \\
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SUBSET-SUM instance

3-satisfiability reduces to subset sum

Lemma. Φ is satisfiable iff there exists a subset that sums to W .

Pf. \Leftarrow Suppose there exists a subset S^* that sums to W .

- Digit x_i forces subset S^* to select either row x_i or row $\neg x_i$ (but not both).
- If row x_i selected, assign $x_i^* = true$; otherwise, assign $x_i^* = false$.

Digit C_j forces subset S^* to select at least one literal in clause. ■

$$\begin{aligned}
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SUBSET-SUM instance

SUBSET SUM REDUCES TO KNAPSACK



SUBSET-SUM. Given n natural numbers w_1, \dots, w_n and an integer W , is there a subset that adds up to exactly W ?

KNAPSACK. Given a set of items X , weights $u_i \geq 0$, values $v_i \geq 0$, a weight limit U , and a target value V , is there a subset $S \subseteq X$ such that:

$$\sum_{i \in S} u_i \leq U, \quad \sum_{i \in S} v_i \geq V$$

Recall. $O(nU)$ dynamic programming algorithm for KNAPSACK.

Challenge. Prove $\text{SUBSET-SUM} \leq_P \text{KNAPSACK}$.

Pf. Given instance (w_1, \dots, w_n, W) of SUBSET-SUM, create KNAPSACK instance:

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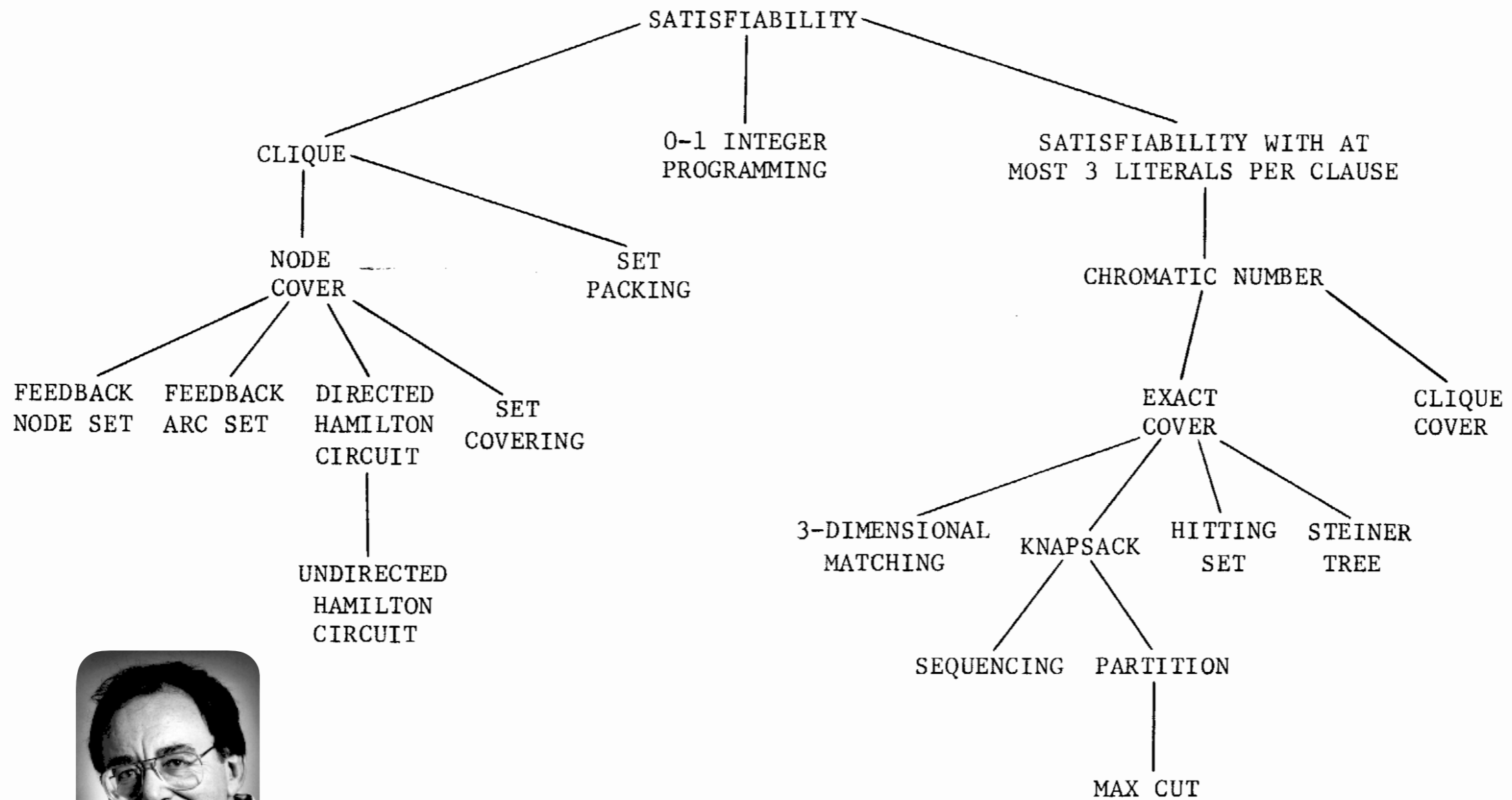
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Karp's 20 poly-time reductions from satisfiability



Dick Karp (1972)
1985 Turing Award

FIGURE 1 - Complete Problems