

Reading: Chapter 8; guide to reductions

Notorious Problem: NP

Last time:

- $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P \text{INDEP-SET}$
- $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P \text{HC}$

Today:

- $\text{NP} \leq_P \text{CIRCUIT-SAT} \leq_P \text{LE3-SAT} \leq_P 3\text{-SAT}$.

input:

- decision problem verifier program VP .
- polynomial $p(\cdot)$.
- decision problem instance: x

output:

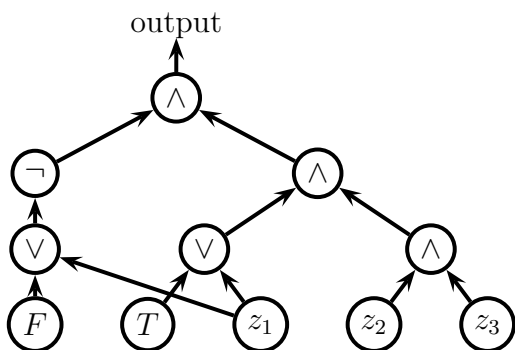
- “Yes” if exists certificate c such that $VP(x, c)$ has “verified = true” at computational step $p(|x|)$.
- “No” otherwise.

Fact: NP is \mathcal{NP} -complete.

Agenda: Find a first simple \mathcal{NP} -complete problem.

Circuit Satisfiability

Example:



Problem 4: CIRCUIT-SAT

input: boolean circuit $Q(\mathbf{z})$

- directed acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$
- internal nodes labeled by logical gates:

“and”, “or”, or “not”

- leaves labeled by variables or constants

T, F, z_1, \dots, z_n .

- root r is output of circuit

output:

- “Yes” if exists \mathbf{z} with $Q(\mathbf{z}) = T$
- “No” otherwise.

Lemma: CIRCUIT-SAT is \mathcal{NP} -hard.

Part I: forward instance construction

convert NP instance (VP, p, x) to CIRCUIT-SAT instance Q

- $VP(\cdot, \cdot)$ polynomial time

\Rightarrow computer can run it in poly steps.

- each step of computer is circuit.
- output of one step is input to next step
- unroll $p(|x|)$ steps of computation

$\Rightarrow \exists$ poly-size circuit $Q'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c}) = VP(x, c)$

- hardcode \mathbf{x} : $Q(\mathbf{c}) = Q'(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{c})$

Part II-III: backward/forward certificate construction

- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{c}$

■ PICTURE

LE3-SAT

“CIRCUIT-SAT \leq_P LE3-SAT \leq_P 3-SAT”

Problem 5: LE3-SAT

“like 3-SAT but at most 3 literals per or-clause”

Note: \leq_P is transitive: if $Y \leq_P X$ and $X \leq_P Z$ then $Y \leq_P Z$.

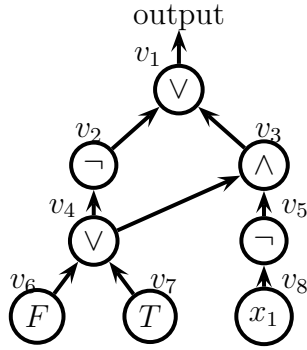
Recall: NP \leq_P CIRCUIT-SAT

Plan: CIRCUIT-SAT \leq_P LE3-SAT \leq_P 3-SAT

■ conclusion: 3-SAT is \mathcal{NP} -hard

Lemma: CIRCUIT-SAT \leq_P LE3-SAT

Example:



Proof: (reduce from CIRCUIT-SAT)

Part I: forward instance construction

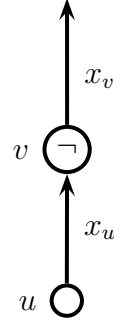
convert CIRCUIT-SAT instance Q into 3-SAT instance f

■ should be f should be satisfiable iff Q has input that makes it's output true

- variables x_v for each vertex of Q .

- encode gates

- **not:** if v not gate with input from u



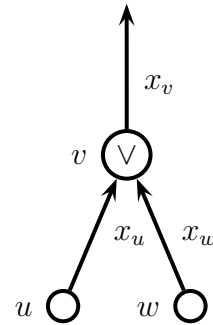
need $x_v = \bar{x}_u$

$x_v \setminus x_u$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

\Rightarrow add clauses $(x_v \vee x_u) \wedge (\bar{x}_v \vee \bar{x}_u)$

- **or:** if v is or gate from u to w

need $x_v = x_u \vee x_w$



$x_v \setminus x_u x_w$	00	01	11	10
0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1

\Rightarrow add clauses $(\bar{x}_v \vee x_u \vee x_w) \wedge (x_v \vee \bar{x}_u) \wedge (x_v \vee \bar{x}_w)$

- **and:** if v is and gate from u to w

- \Rightarrow add clauses $(x_v \vee \bar{x}_u \bar{x}_w) \wedge (\bar{x}_v \vee x_u) \wedge (\bar{x}_v \vee x_w)$. $\Rightarrow Q(\mathbf{z})$ is True.
- **0:** if v is 0 leaf.
need $x_v = 0$
 \Rightarrow add clause (\bar{x}_v)
need $x_v = 1$
 - **1:** if v is 1 leaf.
 \Rightarrow add clause (x_v)
 - **literal:** if v is literal z_j
 \Rightarrow do nothing
[[x_v can be anything]]
 - **root:** if v is root

Part III: forward certificate construction

convert CIRCUIT-SAT assignment \mathbf{z} to LE3-SAT assignment \mathbf{x}

1. simulate Q on \mathbf{z}
2. read \mathbf{x} from values of gates in circuit.

Claim: $Q(\mathbf{z}) \Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$

- by construction, $f(\cdot)$ encodes proper working circuit that evaluates to True.
- Since $Q(\mathbf{z})$ is true, and \mathbf{x} is from simulation of $Q(\cdot)$, $f(\mathbf{x})$ is true.

QED



- need $x_v = 1$
 \Rightarrow add clause (x_v) .

Runtime Analysis: construction is polynomial time.

- at most 3 clauses in f per node in Q .

Part II: backward certificate construction

convert LE3-SAT assignment \mathbf{x} to CIRCUIT-SAT assignment \mathbf{z}

1. read \mathbf{z} from \mathbf{x} corresponding to literals.

Claim: $f(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow Q(\mathbf{z})$

- f constrains variables x_i to “proper circuit outcomes” and root is True.

Lemma: $\text{LE3-SAT} \leq_{\mathcal{P}} \text{3-SAT}$

Note: $\text{3-SAT} \leq_{\mathcal{P}} \text{LE3-SAT}$ is obvious,
 $\text{LE3-SAT} \leq_{\mathcal{P}} \text{3-SAT}$ is not.

Part I: forward instance construction convert LE3-SAT instance f into 3-SAT instance f'

- $f' \leftarrow f$ rename variables to
- add variables w_1, w_2 *[[idea: $w_i = F$]]*
- add w_i to 1- and 2-clauses

$$(l_1) \Rightarrow (l_1 \vee w_1 \vee w_2).$$

$$(l_1 \vee l_2) \Rightarrow (l_1 \vee l_2 \vee w_1).$$

- ensure $w_i = 0$ add variables y_1, y_2 and clauses:

$$(\bar{w}_i \vee y_1 \vee y_2)$$

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- denote $\mathbf{x}' = (\mathbf{x}, w_1, w_2, y_1, y_2)$

Runtime Analysis: construction is polynomial time.

Part II: backward certificate construction

$$\mathbf{x}' \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}$$

1. read \mathbf{x} from \mathbf{x}' (all but last 4 variables).

Claim: $f'(\mathbf{x}') \rightarrow f(\mathbf{x})$

- Let $\mathbf{x}' = (\bar{z}, w_1, w_2, y_1, y_2)$.
- $f'(\mathbf{x}') = \text{True}$

\Rightarrow by construction, $w_i = \text{False}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(\mathbf{x}, F, F, y_1, y_2) \xrightarrow{\text{simplify}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{True}.$$

Part III: forward certificate construction

$$\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}'$$

1. set $\mathbf{x}' = (\mathbf{x}, F, F, F, F)$

Claim: $f(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow f'(\mathbf{x}')$

- $f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{True}$
- $f(\mathbf{x}, w_1, w_2, y_1, y_2) \xrightarrow{\text{simplify}}$
“clauses with only w_i and y_i ”
- with $w_i = F$ and $y_i = F$ (or anything) these are true. **QED**