

Example Problem: INDEPENDENT SET:

INSTANCE: A graph  $G$  and a number  $K \geq 0$

QUESTION: Does there exist (at least)  $K$  independent vertices, i.e. no pair connected by an edge?

This is in NP. To show it NP-complete, show  $3SAT \leq_m^{\text{INDSET}}$

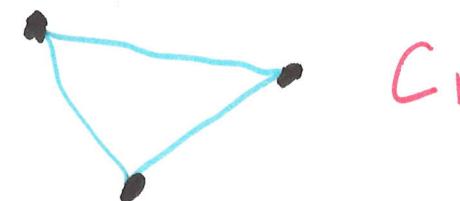
$\phi \xrightarrow{f} \langle G, K \rangle$  I.e. we map

$C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_j \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$  in  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$   $\xrightarrow{f} G = (V, E)$  and a number  $K$  that usually depends on  $n$ .

such that  $\phi$  has a sat. assgt  $\Leftrightarrow G$  has an ind-set of size  $K$ .



$\vdots$



And take  
 $K = m + n$   
which is  
the max  
possible  
ind. set  
size with  
the blue  
edges present.

$C_2$

$C_m$