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Examples of problems $P \leq NP$:

SATisibility: INST: A Boolean formula $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

eg. $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$ Bar $\bar{x}_i \equiv \neg x_i$.

QUESTION: Is there a truth assignment $\vec{a} \in \{0, 1\}^n$ such that $\phi(\vec{a}) = \text{true}$? I.e., \vec{a} satisfies ϕ .

In the example, any assignment a_1, a_2, a_3 with $a_3 = 1$ works. So do $a = 110$ and 000 . But not 010 or 100 .

3SAT is the special case where $\phi = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$ and each clause C_j is a disjunction of up to three literals x_i or \bar{x}_i .

SAT and 3SAT belong to NP. Design a verifier V that takes both $\langle \phi \rangle$ and a as inputs.

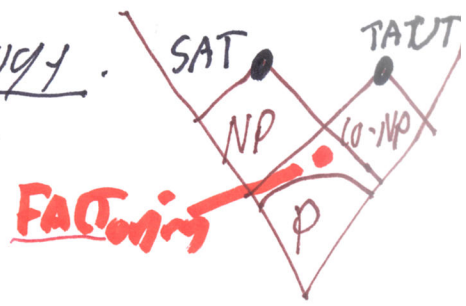
$$V(\phi, a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \phi(a) = 1 \\ \text{reject} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

* We can evaluate a Boolean formula p on one given assignment Φ .

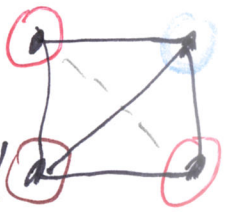
Quickly - in $O(n+m)$ time in the case of 3SAT. \sim means ignore log n or log m factors

An NTM N , given only ϕ , can guess an assignment a that works and then run $V(\phi, a)$ to verify. Then N , too, runs in $O(n+m)$ time, which is linear, hence polynomial, time.

The complement \overline{SAT} is (essentially) $\{\langle \phi \rangle : \phi \text{ is not satisfiable?}\}$
 ϕ is not satisfiable $\Leftrightarrow \neg \phi$ is a tautology.
 $TAUT = \{\phi' : \phi' \text{ is a tautology}\}$.



2. Graph 3-coloring: INST $G = (V, E)$
 see Ex 7-38 QUES = Can you assign colors R, G, B to each node so that G has no monochromatic edges?



3. FACTURING: INST: A number N and another number $k < \sqrt{N}$.
 QUES: Does N have a prime factor p st $p < k$?

Yes case: Verify by guessing the unique prime factorization of N and seeing if p is part of it and $p < k$.

No case: Ditto! verify no prime in the factorization is $< k$.

FACT: that $p_1^{b_1} \dots p_r^{b_r} = N$ can be verified quickly and that each p_i is prime.

\therefore FACTURING is in NP and in coNP.

And if you could solve this language, you could find factors in polynomial time by Binary Search.

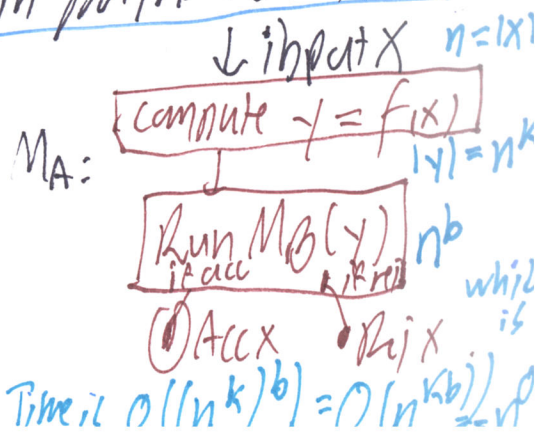
Defn: A language A many-one-reduces to a language B in polynomial time, written $A \leq_m^p B$, if there is a function $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ that is computable in polynomial time s.t.

$$fx = x \in A \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in B.$$

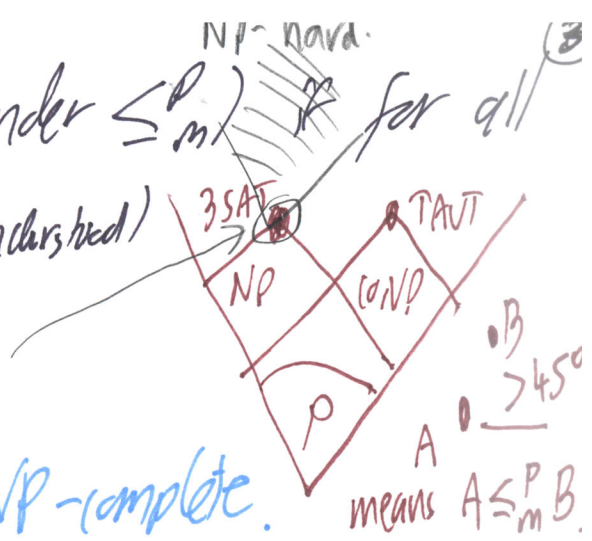
Theorem: If $A \leq_m^p B$ and $B \in P$, then $A \in P$.

\therefore Contrapositive: If $A \leq_m^p B$ and $A \notin P$, then $B \notin P$.

\therefore If A is NP-hard and $A \leq_m^p B$, then B is NP-hard.



Defn: A language B is NP-hard (under \leq_m^P) if for all $A \in NP$, $A \leq_m^P B$. (under \leq_m^P always understood)
 If also $B \in NP$, then B is NP-complete.



Cook-Levin Theorem: SAT and 3SAT are NP-complete.

Proof: We've shown 3SAT $\in NP$. Let any $A \in NP$ be given. Take a det^c poly-time verifier V that recognizes $\{ \langle x, y \rangle : y \text{ is a witness for } x \in A \}$.

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_n \quad y_1 \quad y_2 \quad \dots \quad y_{p(n)}$

$x \in A \iff \exists y \in \{0,1\}^{p(n)}$
 st. V accepts $\langle x, y \rangle$.
 $\iff C_n$ accepts xy
 \iff every NAND gate g functions correctly and $w_0 = 1$



w_0

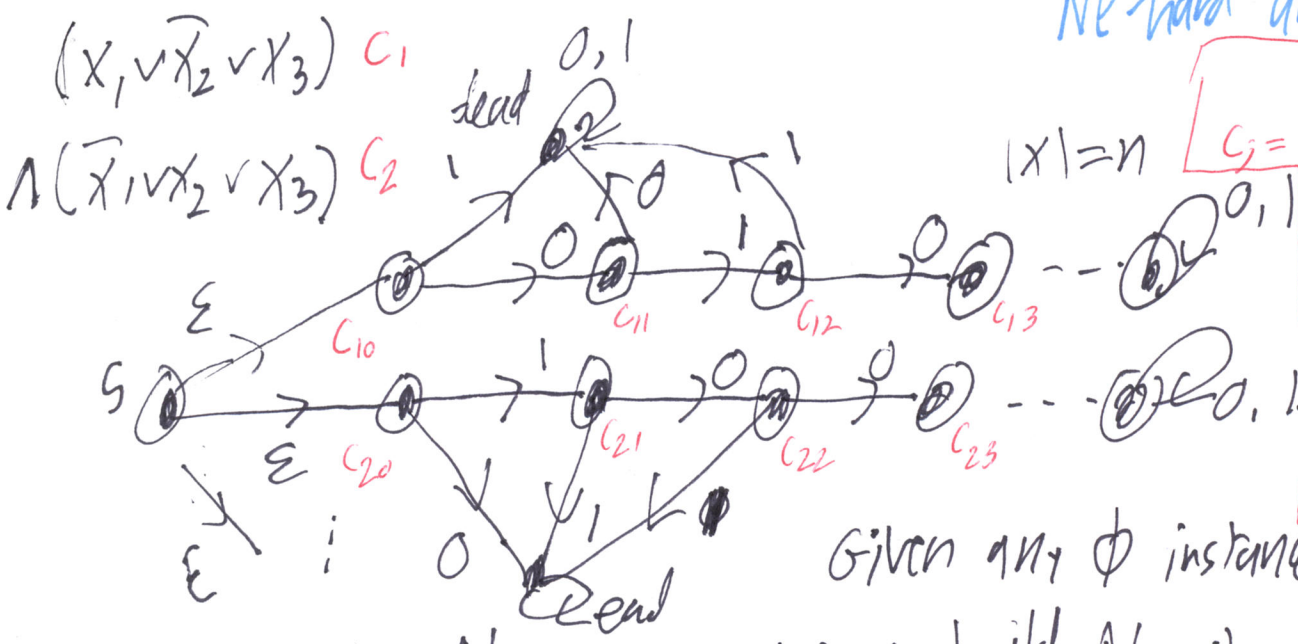
By the principle that ~~software~~ can be buried into hardware there is a poly-sized circuit C_n of NAND gates st.
 $C_n(x, y) = 1 \iff V(x, y) = 1$
 And we can build C_n in $n^{O(1)}$ time.

$(u \vee w) \wedge (v \vee w) \wedge (\bar{u} \vee \bar{v} \vee \bar{w})$ is satisfied.

Make $f(x) = \left(\bigwedge_{\text{NAND gates } g} \phi_g \right) \wedge (w_0) \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \wedge \bar{x}_2 \wedge \bar{x}_3 \wedge x_4) \wedge \dots}_{\text{single clauses that set the } x_i \text{ inputs to the actual bits of } x.}$
 $= \phi_x$

Then $x \in A \iff \exists y \phi(x, y) = \text{true}$
 $\iff \exists y \phi_x(y) = \text{true} \iff \phi_x \in \text{the language SAT, indeed 3SAT.}$
 So $A \leq_m^P \text{3SAT}$ via f , where $f(x)$ is computable in $n^{O(1)}$ time.

Furthermore, $3SAT \leq_m^p GRAPH\ 3-COLORING$, so G3C is also NP-hard and NP-complete

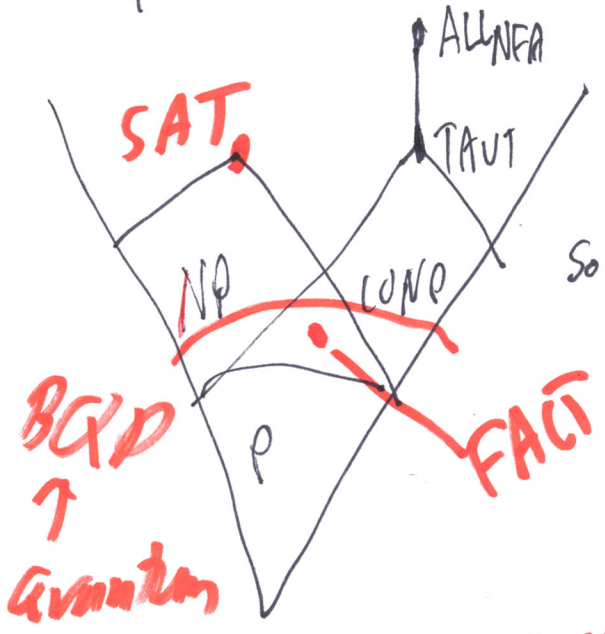


For clauses like $C_j = (x_i \vee \bar{x}_4 \vee x_5)$ we would use arcs a both out to go across for absent val

Other arcs go to dead.

Curmudgeon NFA N_ϕ :
branches to a clause and goes dead if the clause gets satisfied.

$L(N_\phi) = \Sigma^* \Leftrightarrow \phi \notin SAT.$



Given any ϕ instance of $3SAT$, we can build N_ϕ in $n^{O(1)}$ time.

If $\phi \in SAT$ then there is some \vec{a} that satisfies ϕ , which makes N_ϕ go dead on all branches, so $\vec{a} \notin L(N_\phi)$ so $L(N_\phi) \notin ALLNFA$.
But if $\phi \notin SAT$, then every \vec{a} makes at least one clause not satisfied, so $\vec{a} \in L(N_\phi)$.

so $TAUT \leq_m^p ALLNFA$.

Added:

In fact, $SAT \leq_m^p ALLNFA$ too, but that is much harder to show.

We can build N_ϕ for any ϕ in Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF) by this means in linear time because the arcs directly translate the clauses one-by-one.

Because FACT is in NP-coNP, if it were NP-complete then we would get NP=coNP. Not quite as far down as P, but close. Unlike RE=coRE=DEC, "NP=coNP=P" is not believed true. Quantum computers can solve FACT in Bounded-energy Quantum Polynomial time (BQP).