

8. Intractability I

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Polynomial-Time Reductions

Design patterns and anti-patterns

Algorithm design patterns.

- Greedy. Divide and conquer. Dynamic programming.
- Duality.
- Reductions.
- Special structure. Approximation. Local search.
- Randomization.

Algorithm design anti-patterns.

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

Recap: Efficiency

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

A working definition. Those with poly-time algorithms.

Theory. Definition is broad and robust.

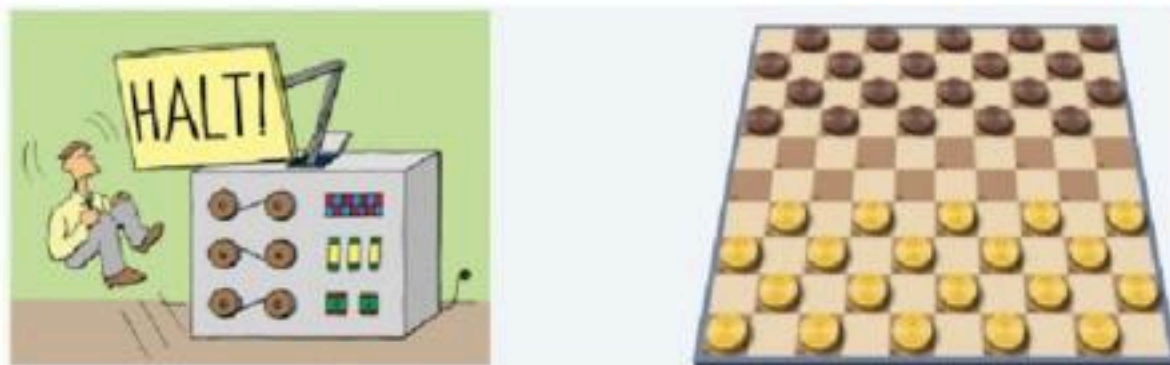
Practice. Poly-time algorithms scale to huge problems.

Conceptual: Classify problems

Idea. Classify problems: can be solved in poly-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 game of n -by- n checkers, can black guarantee a win?



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

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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*.

Common mistake. Confusing $X \leq_P Y$ with $Y \leq_P X$.

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C. contrapositive

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.

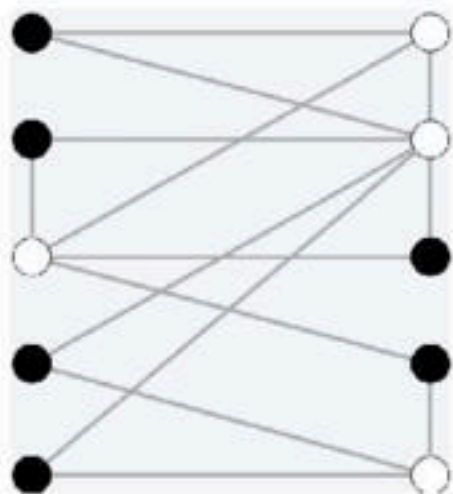
Bottom line. Reductions classify problems according to relative difficulty.

Packing and covering

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 ≥ 7 ?

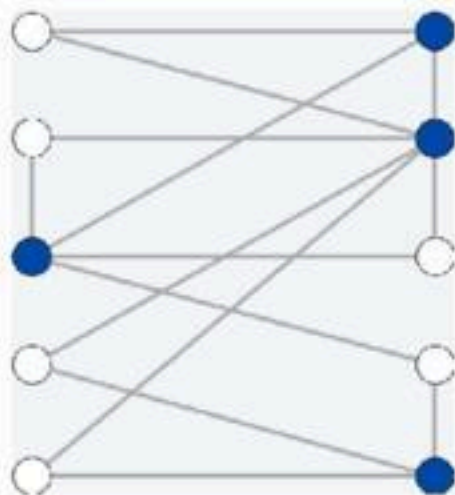


Optimization: [Packing] What is the maximum size independent set?

Vertex cover

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

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

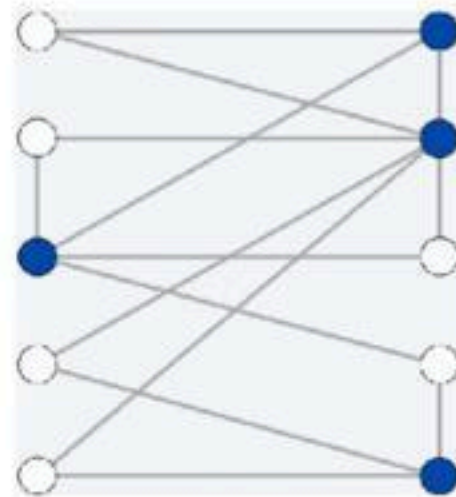
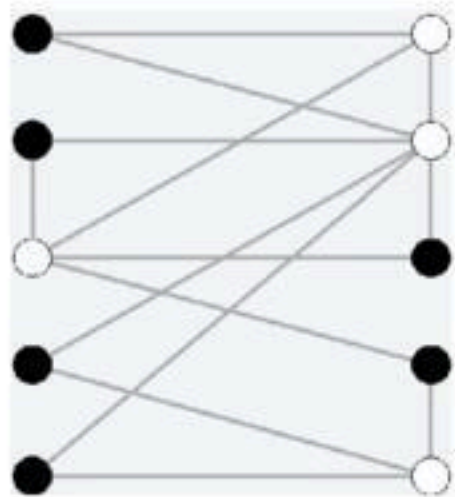


Optimization: [Covering] What is the minimum size vertex cover?

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 - $V - S$ 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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- Thus, S is an independent set.
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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. software-services.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A			+				
B		+		+			
C			+	+	+	+	
D					+		
E	+						
F	+	+				+	+

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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 \leq_P Set Cover: Lemma

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 .

Vertex Cover \leq_P Set Cover: Lemma (cont.)

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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 .

Constraint satisfaction

Recap: Conjunctive normal form (CNF)

Literal. A Boolean variable or its negation: x_i, \bar{x}_i .

Clause. A *disjunction* of literals: eg., $C_j = x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3$.

Conjunctive normal form (CNF). A propositional formula Φ that is a *conjunction* of clauses: eg., $\Phi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3$.

Satisfiability

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).

Ex. $\Phi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$

- yes instance: $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 0$

Key application. Electronic design automation (EDA).

Satisfiability is hard

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

\mathcal{P} vs. \mathcal{NP} . This hypothesis is equivalent to $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$ conjecture.



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Computer Scientists have so much funding and time and can't even figure out the boolean satisfiability problem. SAT!

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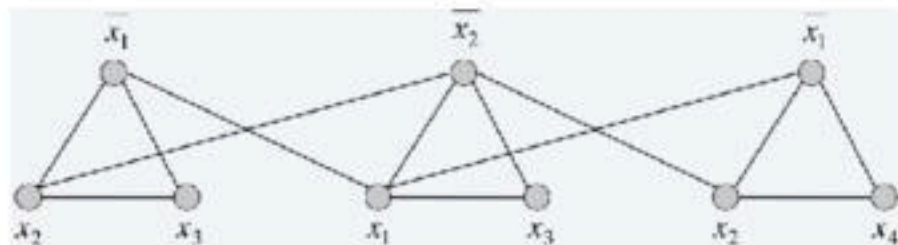
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Construction.

- 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.



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

3-SAT \leq_P INDEPENDENT-SET: Lemma

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 $k = |\Phi|$.

3-SAT \leq_P INDEPENDENT-SET: Lemma

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.

Review

Basic reduction strategies.

- Simple equivalence: $\text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \equiv_P \text{VERTEX-COVER}$.
- Special case to general case: $\text{VERTEX-COVER} \leq_P \text{SET-COVER}$.
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Transitivity. If $X \leq_P Y$ and $Y \leq_P Z$, then $X \leq_P Z$.

Pf idea. Compose those two algorithms.

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

Decision, Search, Optimization

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.

Decision vs. Search

VERTEX-COVER. Does there exist a vertex cover of size $\leq k$?

FIND-VERTEX-COVER. Find a vertex cover of size $\leq k$.

Theorem. VERTEX-COVER \equiv_P FIND-VERTEX-COVER.

Pf. \leq_P Decision problem is a special case of search problem.

Pf. \geq_P To find a vertex cover of size $\leq k$:

- Determine if there exists a vertex cover of size $\leq k$.
- Enumerate V and find a vertex v that $G - \{v\}$ has a vertex cover of size $\leq k - 1$. (any vertex in any vertex cover of size $\leq k$ will suffice)
- Include v in the vertex cover.
- Recursively find a vertex cover of size $\leq k - 1$ in $G - \{v\}$.

Search vs. Optimization

FIND-VERTEX-COVER. Find a vertex cover of size $\leq k$.

FIND-MIN-VERTEX-COVER. Find a vertex cover of minimum size.

Theorem. $\text{FIND-VERTEX-COVER} \equiv_P \text{FIND-MIN-VERTEX-COVER}$.

Pf. \leq_P Search problem is a special case of optimization problem.

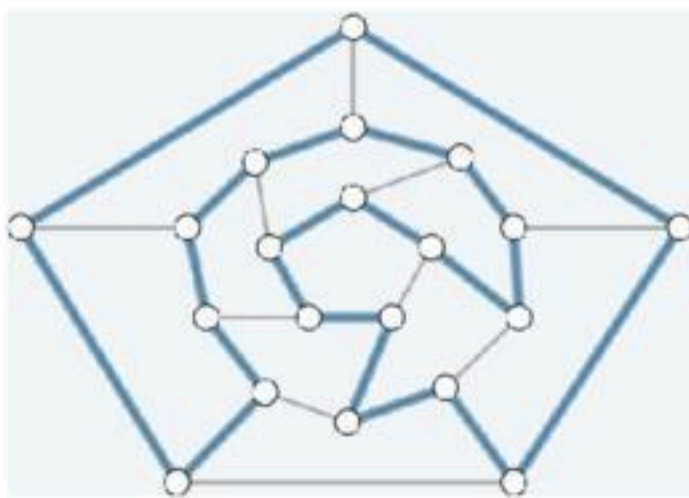
Pf. \geq_P To find vertex cover of minimum size:

- Binary search (or linear search) for size k^* of min vertex cover.
- Solve search problem for given k^* .

Sequencing problems

Hamilton cycle

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



Sequencing Problems. Search over all *permutations* of a collection of objects.

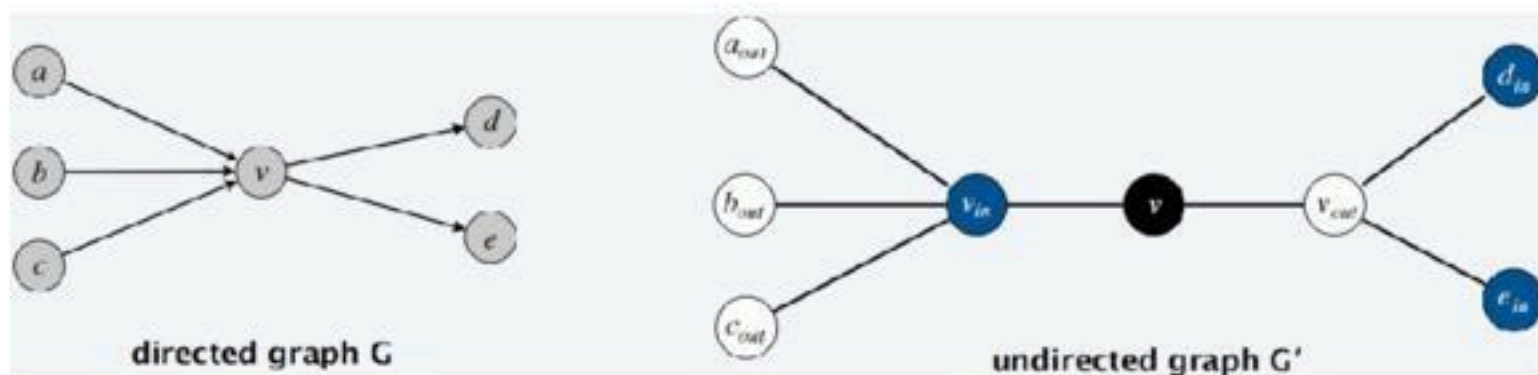
- Ex. Traveling Salesman Problem.
 - missing ordering?

Directed Hamilton cycle

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

Theorem. $\text{DIR-HAM-CYCLE} \leq_P \text{HAM-CYCLE}$.

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



DIR-HAM-CYCLE \leq_P HAM-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 reverse orders:
 - $\dots, B, K, W, B, K, W, B, K, W, \dots$
 - $\dots, W, K, B, W, K, B, W, K, B, \dots$
- Black nodes in Γ' comprise either a directed Hamilton cycle Γ in G , or reverse of one.

3-SAT \leq_P DIR-HAM-CYCLE

Theorem. 3-SAT \leq_P DIR-HAM-CYCLE.

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

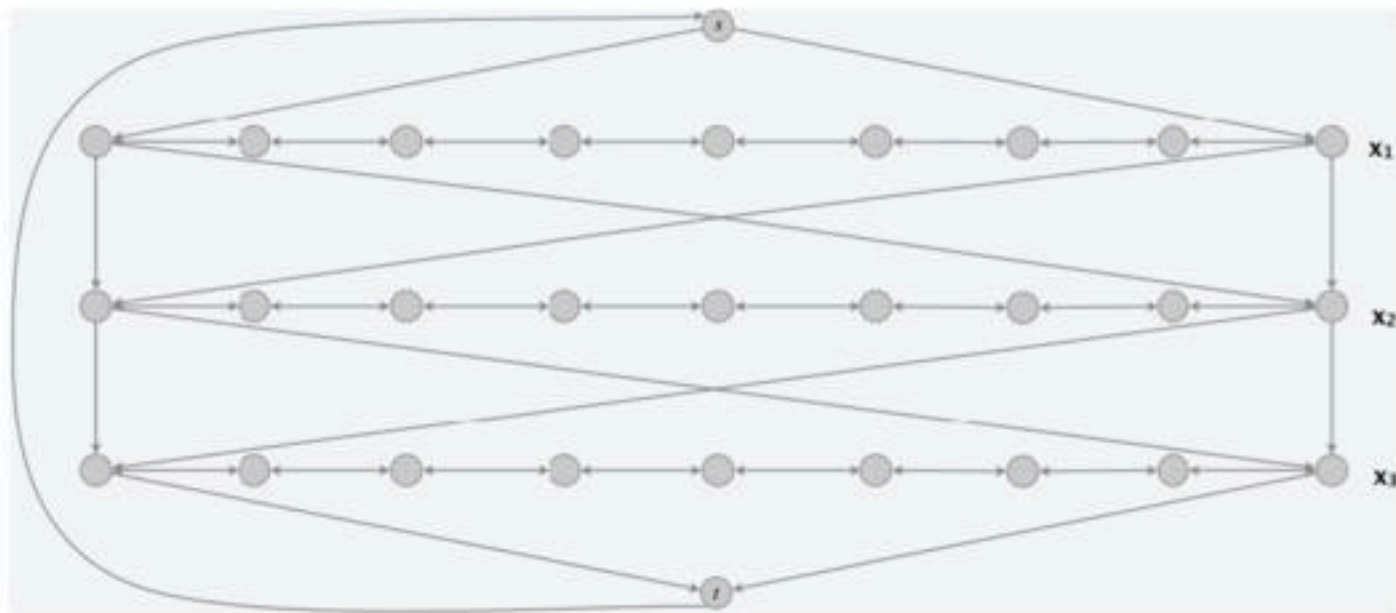
Construction overview. Let n denote the number of variables in Φ .

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.

Construction: variable

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

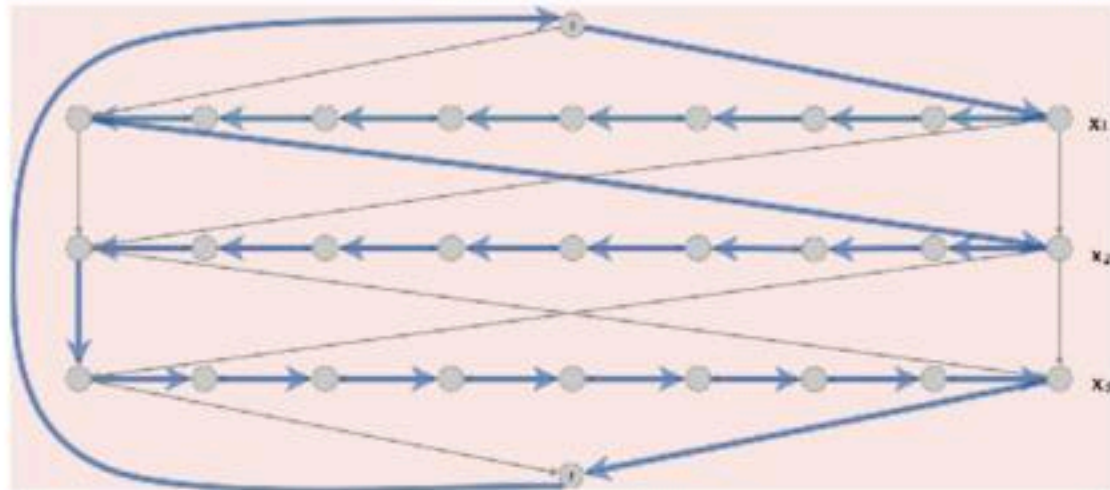
- Construct G to have $2n$ Hamilton cycles.
- Intuition: traverse path i from left to right \Leftrightarrow set variable $x_i = \text{true}$.



Quiz: DIR-HAM-CYCLE

Which is truth assignment corresponding to Hamilton cycle below?

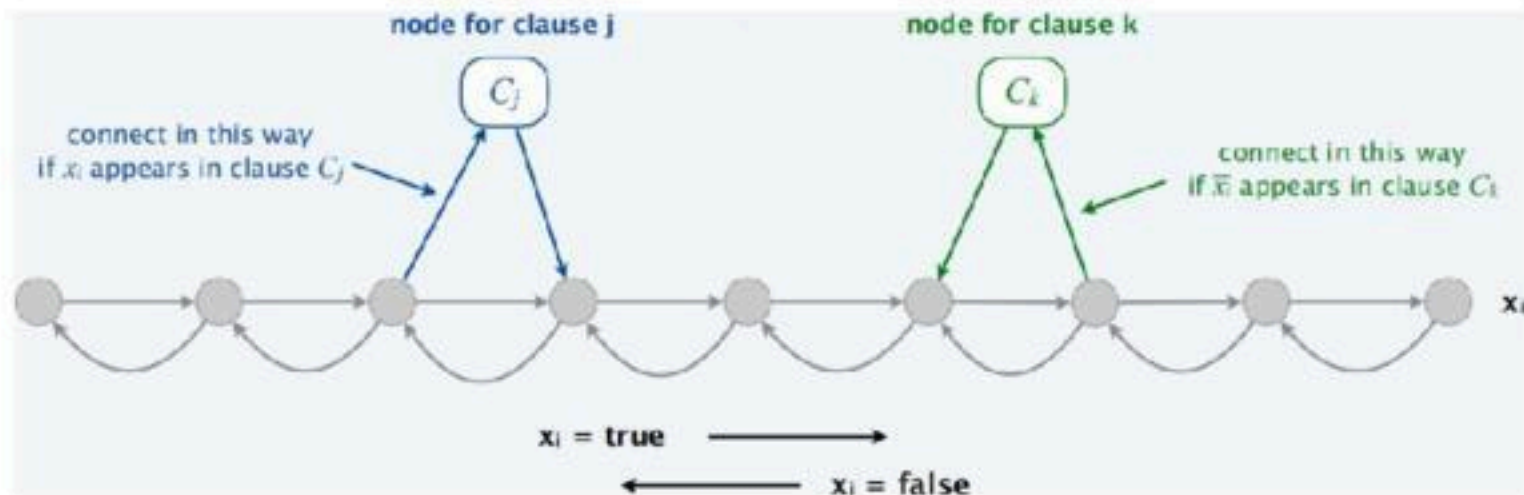
- $x_1 = \text{true}, x_2 = \text{true}, x_3 = \text{true}$
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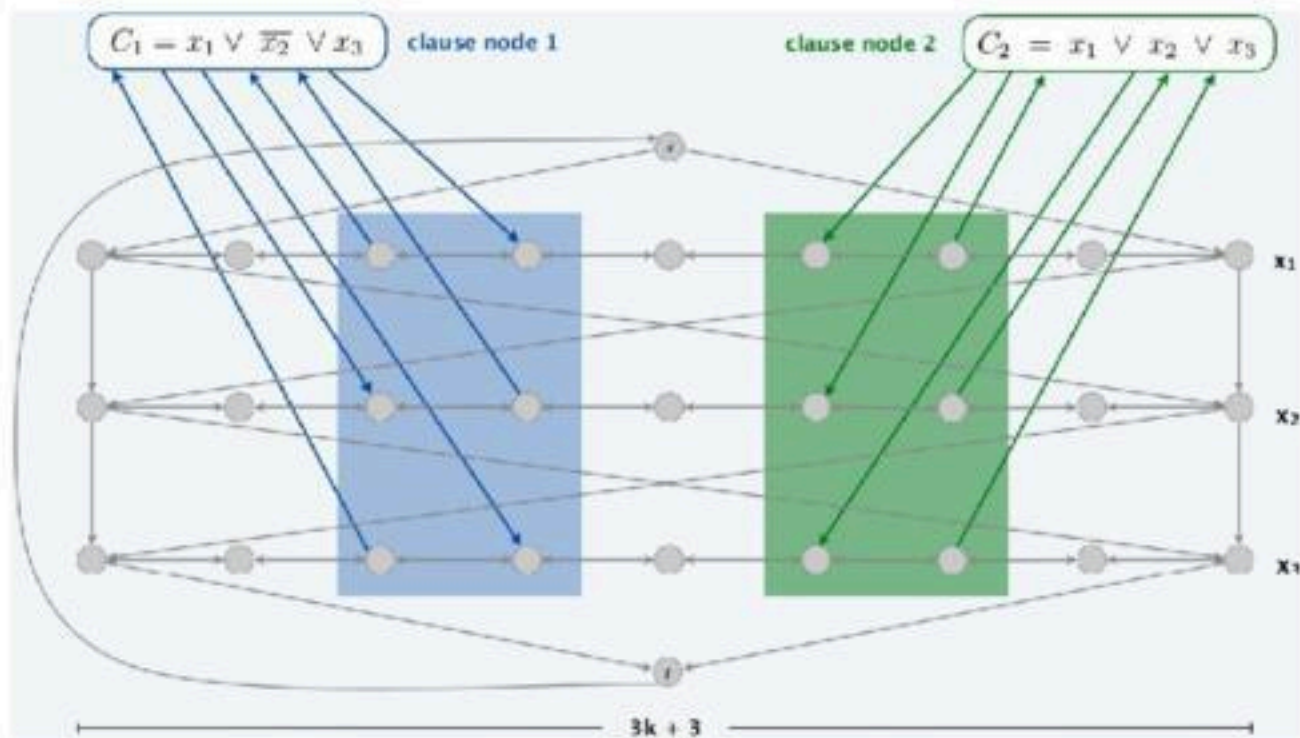
- For each clause: add a node and 2 edges per literal.



Construction: example

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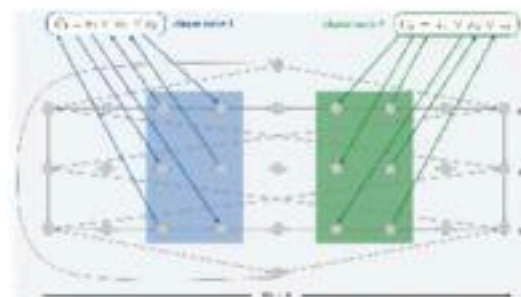


3-SAT \leq_P DIR-HAM-CYCLE: Lemma

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

Pf. \Rightarrow

- Suppose 3-SAT instance Φ has satisfying assignment x^* .
- Then, define Hamilton cycle Γ in G as follows:



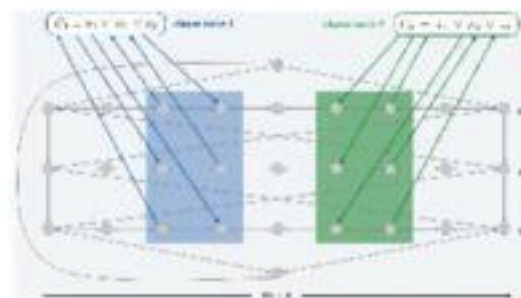
- for each variable x_i^* ,
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- for each clause C_j ,
 - at least one row i in which we are going in “correct” direction
 - splice clause node C_j into cycle (and splice C_j exactly once)

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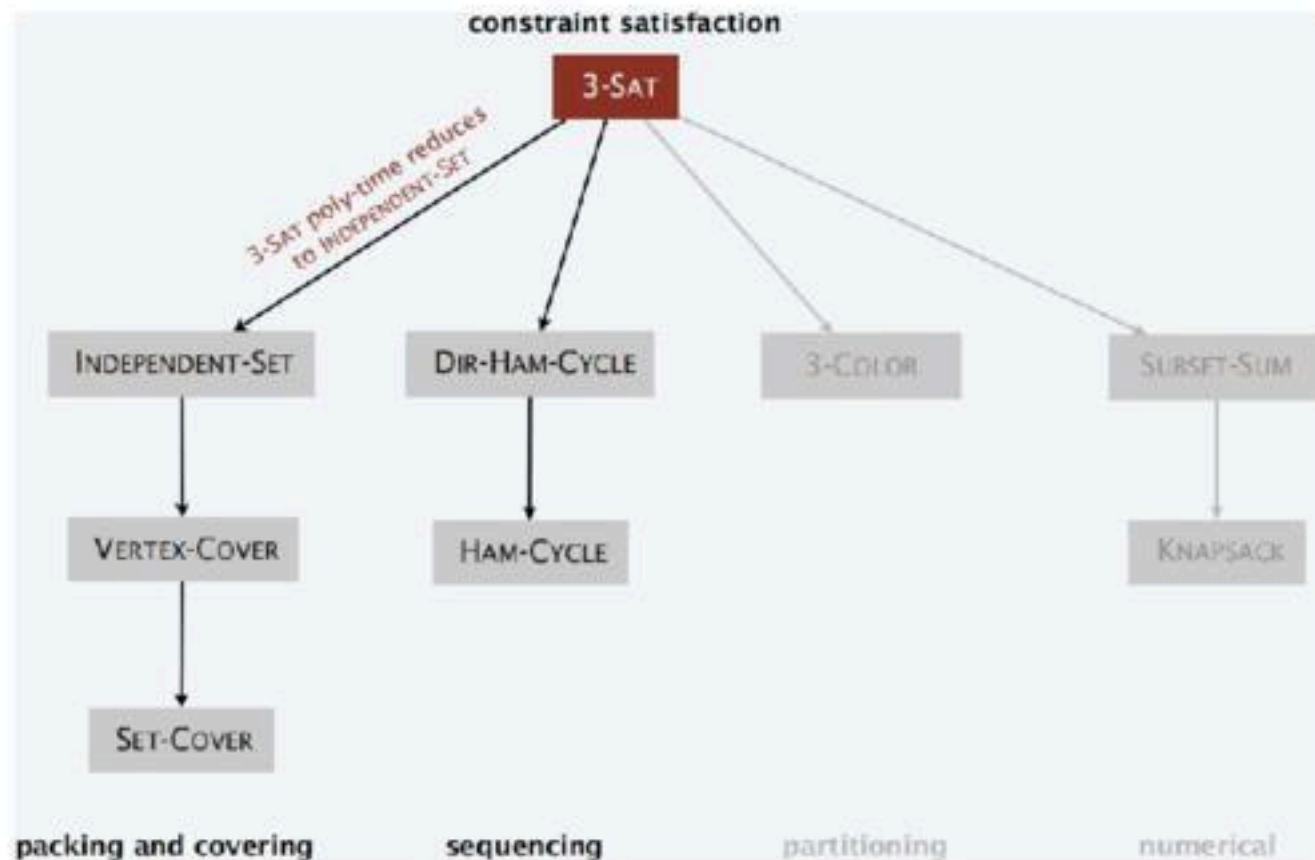
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Pf. \Leftarrow

- Suppose G has a Hamilton cycle Γ .
- If Γ enters clause node C_j , it must depart on a parallel (variable) edge.
 - nodes neighbor to C_j are connected by an edge $e \in E$
- remove C_j from cycle, and replace 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: review I



Partitioning problems

3-dimensional matching

3D-MATCHING. Given n instructors, n courses, and n times, and a list of the possible courses and times each instructor is willing to teach, is it possible to make an assignment so that all courses are taught at different times?

Ex. Three courses, Mon.-Wed. afternoon.

I	M	T	W
A			AI, AD
B	AI	AI, SE	
C	AI, SE		SE

$\{A, AD, W\}, \{B, AI, T\}, \{C, SE, M\}$

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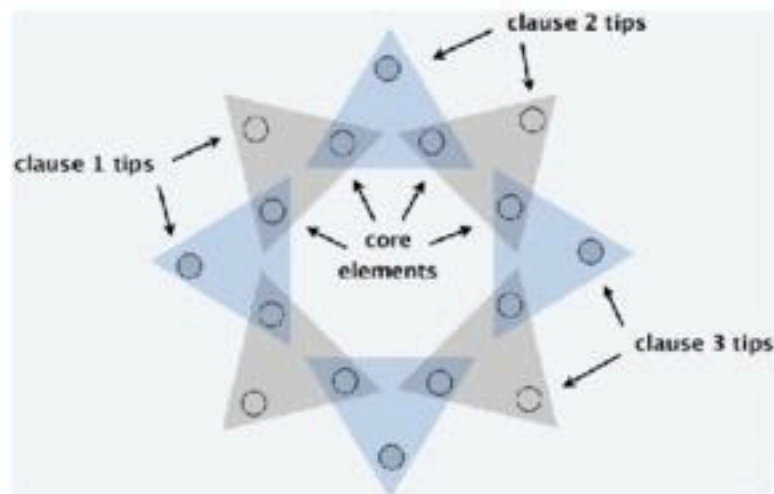
Theorem. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_P 3\text{D-MATCHING}$.

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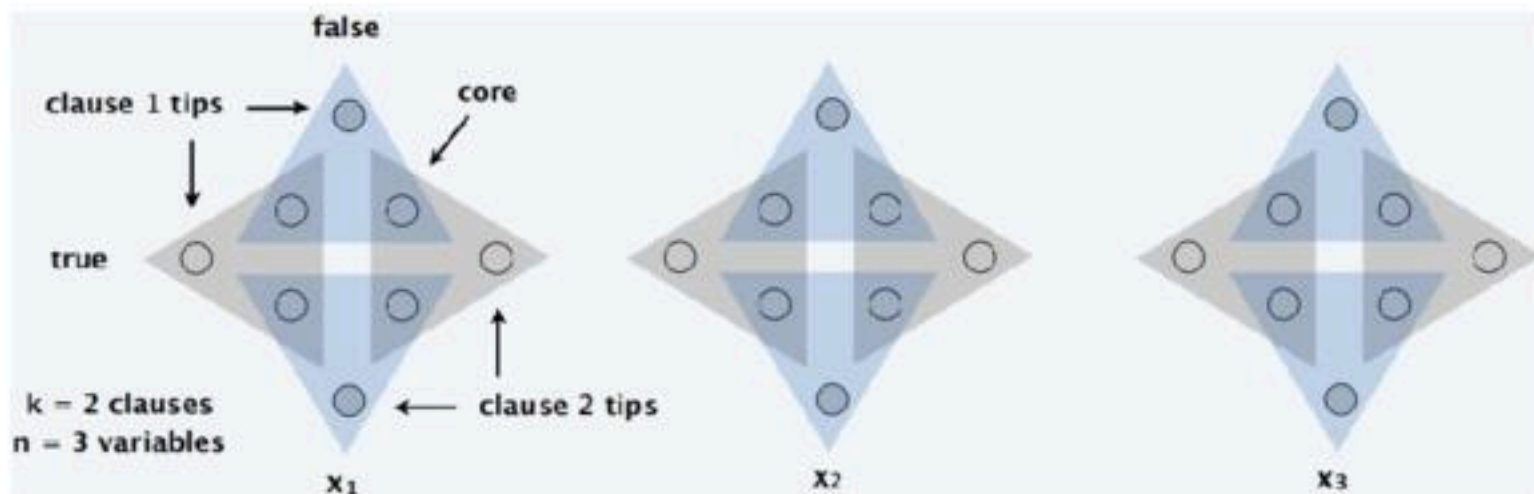
- Create gadget for each variable x_i with $2k$ core elements and $2k$ tip ones.
 - k : number of clauses, or triplets.
 - tip: assignment of one variable.
 - core: one pair in some triplet.



Constructing gadget: variable (cont.)

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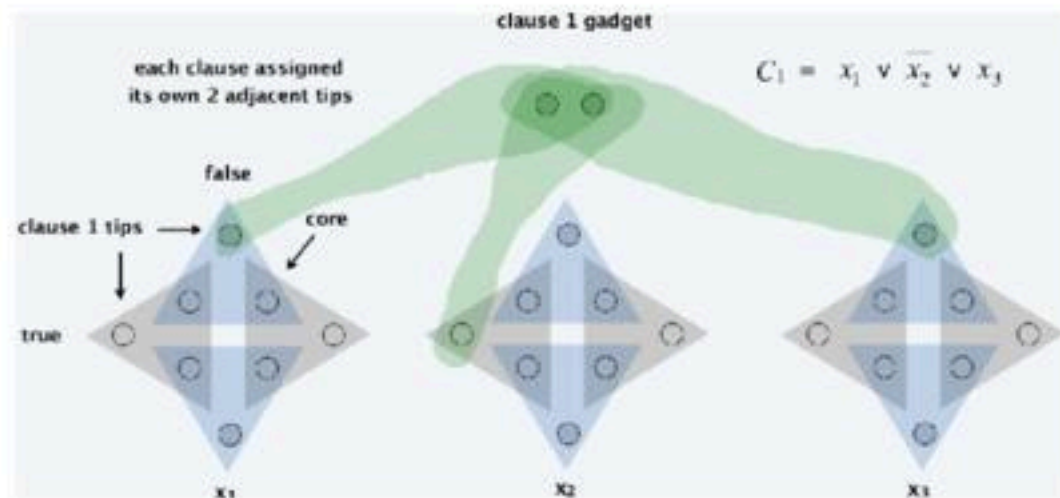
- Create gadget for each variable x_i with $2k$ core elements and $2k$ tip ones.
 - A perfect matching will not use overlapping core elements.
 - In gadget for x_i , must use either all gray triples (*even*: $x_i = \text{true}$) or all blue ones (*odd*: $x_i = \text{false}$).
 - Or view from tips: two possible choices.



Constructing gadget: clause

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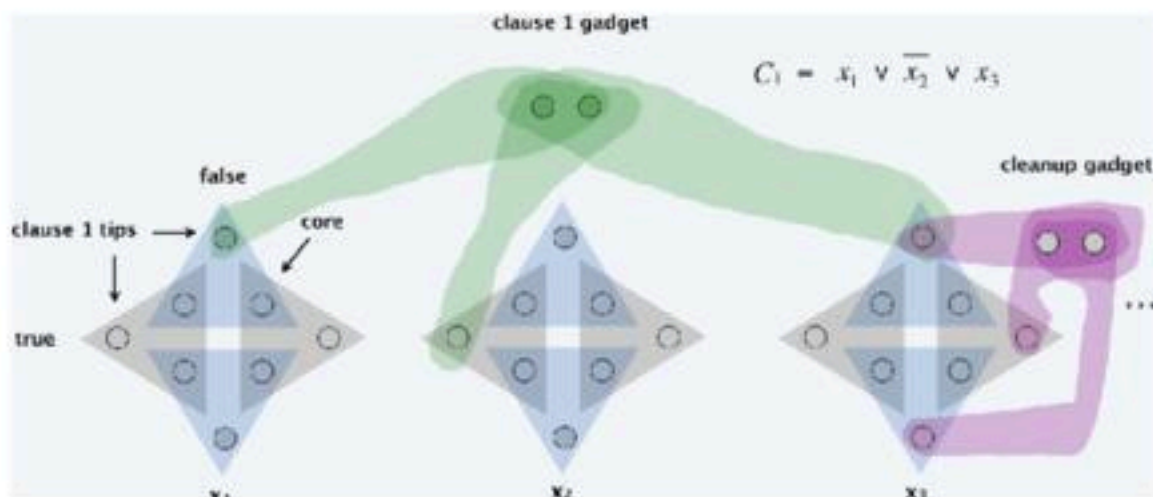
- Create gadget for each clause C_j with two *core* elements and three triples.
 - *Exactly one* of these triples will be used in any 3d-matching.
 - Ensures example perfect matching uses either: (i) grey core of x_1 or (ii) blue core of x_2 or (iii) grey core of x_3 .
 - *Opposite* to truth assignment of variables.



Constructing gadget: cleanup

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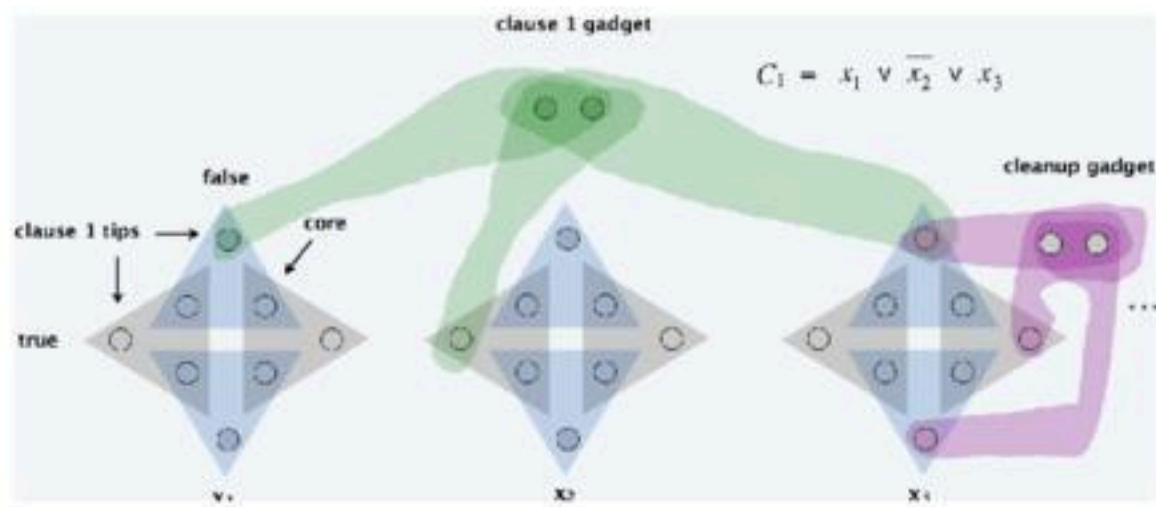
- There are $2nk$ tips: nk covered by blue/gray triples; k by clause triples.
- To cover remaining $(n-1)k$ tips, create $(n-1)k$ “cleanup” gadgets: same as clause gadget but with $2nk$ triples, connected to *every* tip.



3-SAT \leq_P 3D-MATCHING

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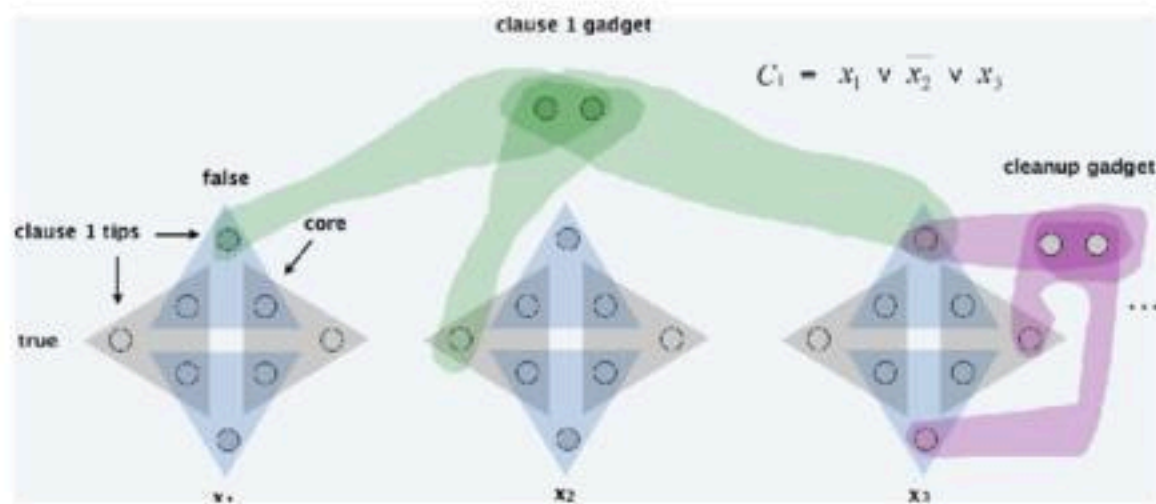


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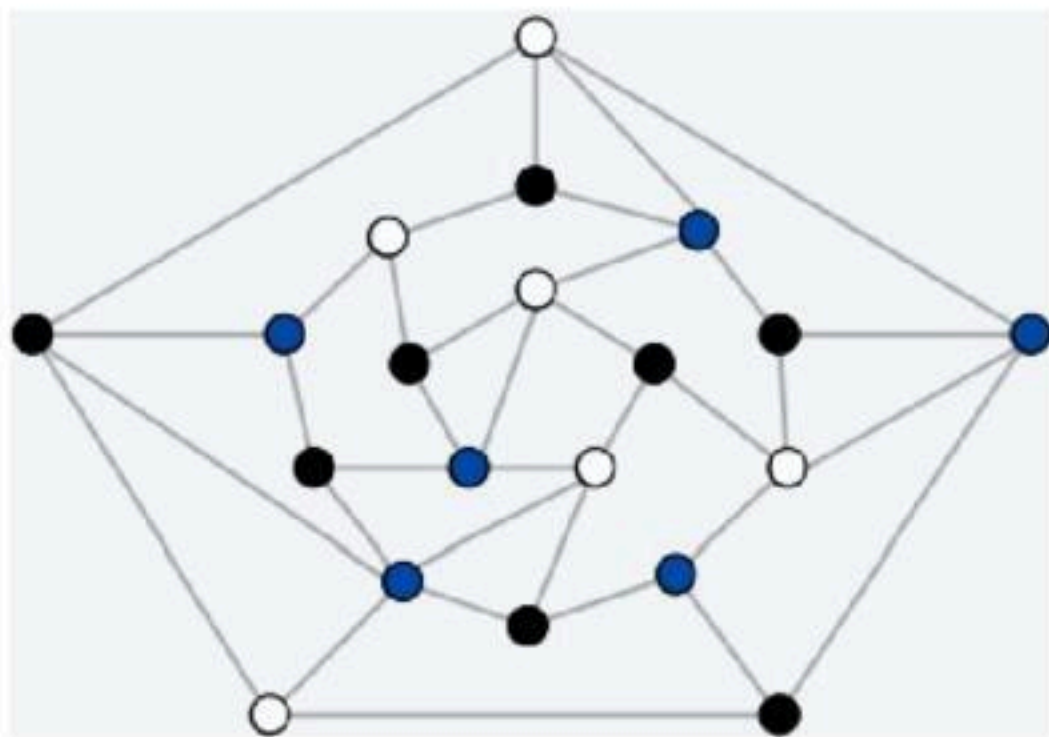
A. $X = \text{black}$, $Y = \text{white}$, and $Z = \text{blue}$.



Graph coloring

3-colorability

3-COLOR. Given an undirected graph G , can the nodes be colored `black`, `white`, and `blue` so that no adjacent nodes have the same color?



Quiz: 2-COLOR

How difficult to solve 2-COLOR?

- A. $O(m + n)$ using BFS or DFS.
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A graph G is 2-colorable if and only if it is bipartite.

- so, $O(m + n)$
- see Section 3.4

Application: register allocation

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Interference graph. Nodes are program variables; edge between u and v if there exists an operation where both u and v are “live” at the same time.

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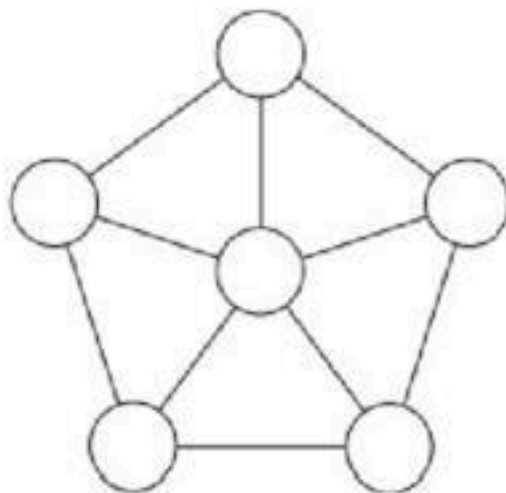
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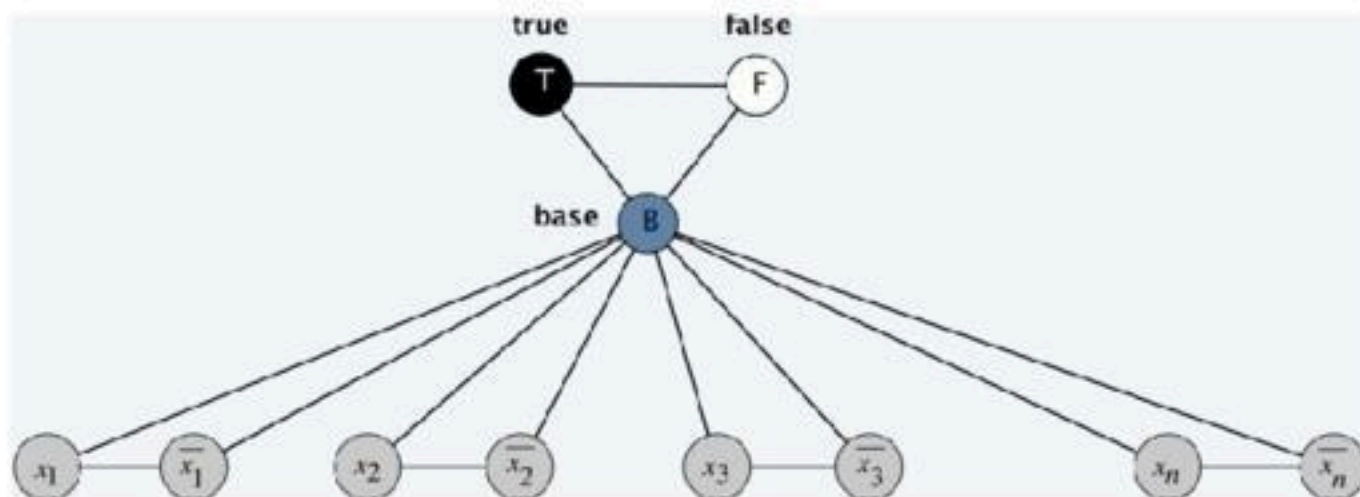
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1. Create a graph G with a node for each literal.
2. Connect each literal to its negation.
3. Create 3 new nodes T , F , and B ; connect them in a triangle.
4. Connect each literal to B .
5. For each clause C_j , add a gadget of 6 nodes and 13 edges.

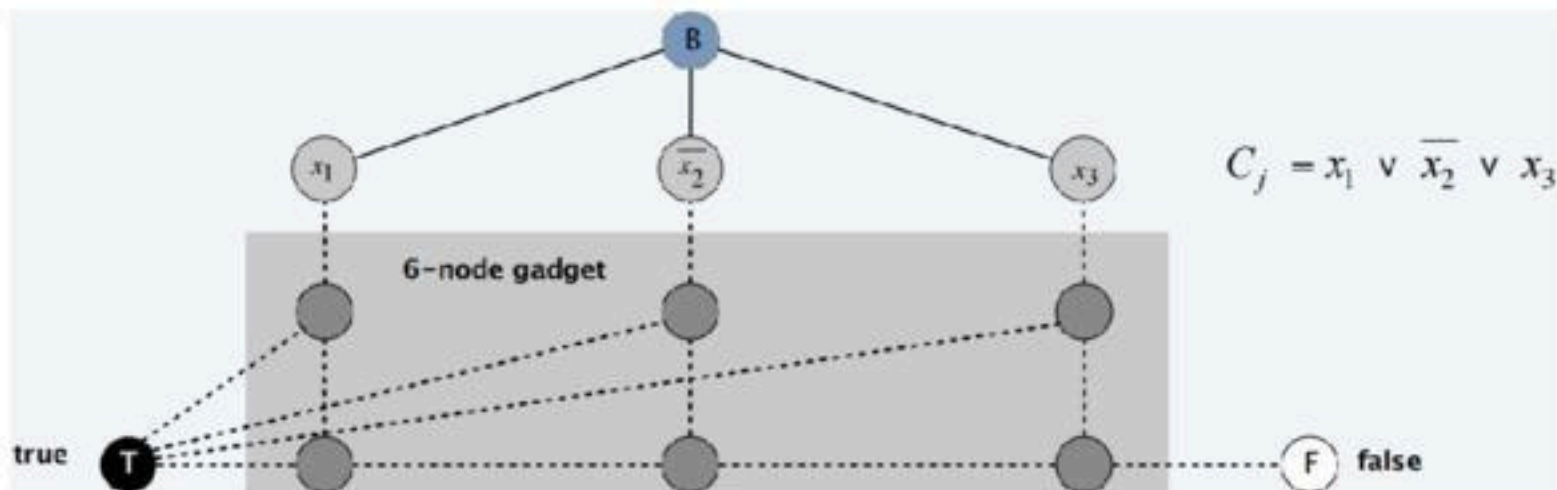


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- WLOG, assume node T is colored `black`, F is `white`, and B is `blue`.
- Consider assignment sets all `black` literals to `true` (and `white` to `false`).
- #4 ensures each literal is colored either `black` or `white`.
- #2 ensures each literal is `white` if its negation is `black` (and vice versa).

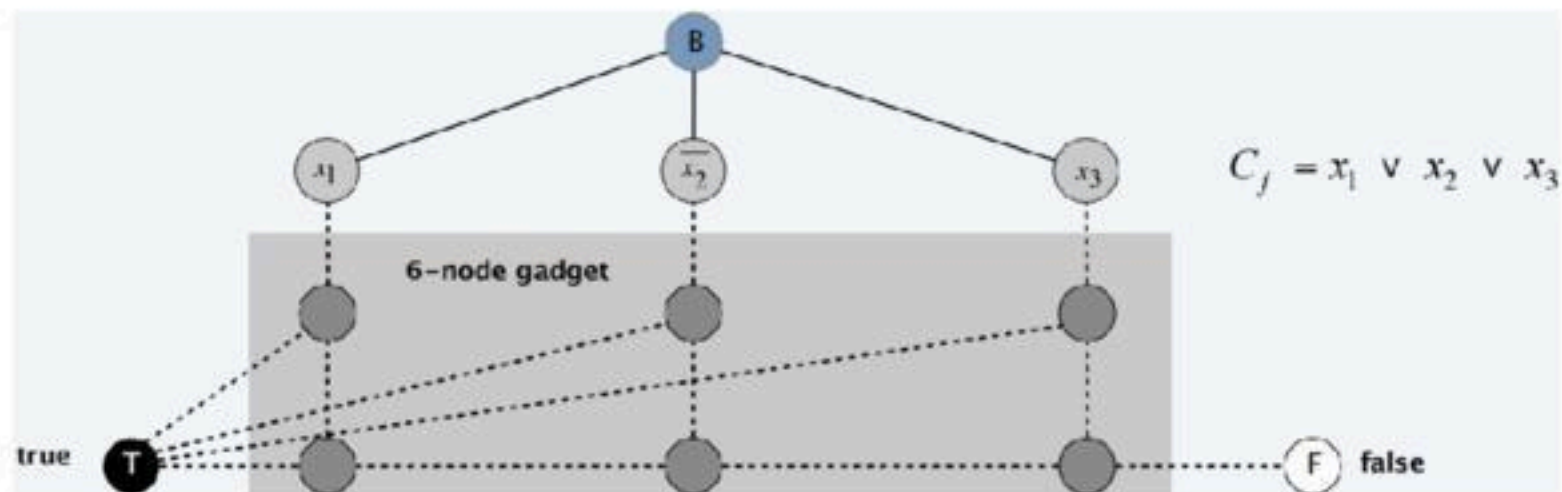


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- #5 ensures at least one literal in each clause is *black*.
 - suppose (for contradiction) all 3 literals are *white* in some 3-coloring
 - then first row must be 3 *blue*,
 - then second row must alternate between *white* & *black*,
 - no possible coloring.

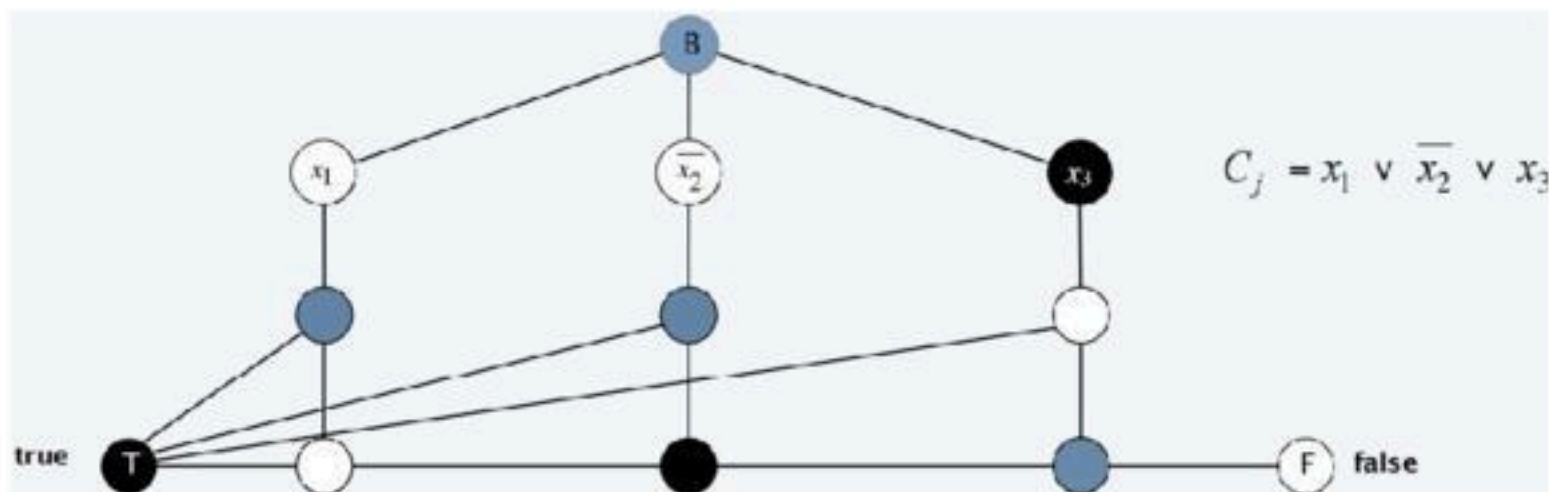


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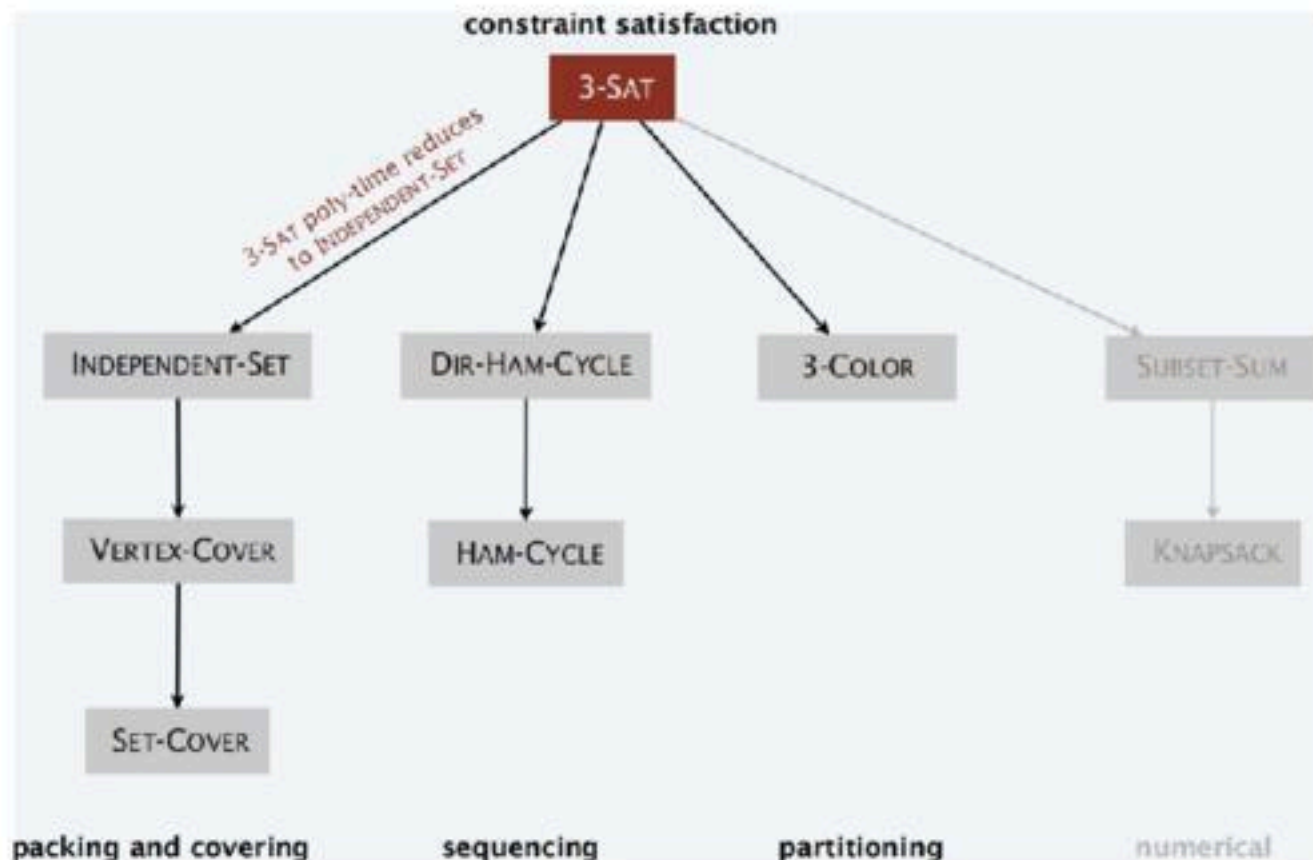
Lemma. Graph G is 3-colorable iff Φ is satisfiable.

Pf. \Leftarrow Suppose 3-SAT instance Φ is satisfiable.

- Color all `true` literals `black` and all `false` literals `white`.
- Pick one `true` literal; color node below that node `white`, and node below that `blue`.
- Color remaining middle row nodes `blue`.
- Color remaining bottom nodes `black` or `white`, as forced.



Poly-time reductions: review II



Numerical problems

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

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We referred to such problem as **Pseudo-polynomial**.

- ran in time polynomial in the magnitude of the input numbers,
- but not polynomial in the size of their representation.

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Theorem. 3-SAT \leq_P 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-SAT \leq_P SUBSET-SUM: construction

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 .
 - two numbers for each variable x_i .
 - two numbers for each clause C_j .
- Sum of x_i column is 1; sum of C_j column 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	$\neg x_3$

	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

3-SAT \leq_P SUBSET-SUM: \Rightarrow

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 $x_i^* = \text{true}$, 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.

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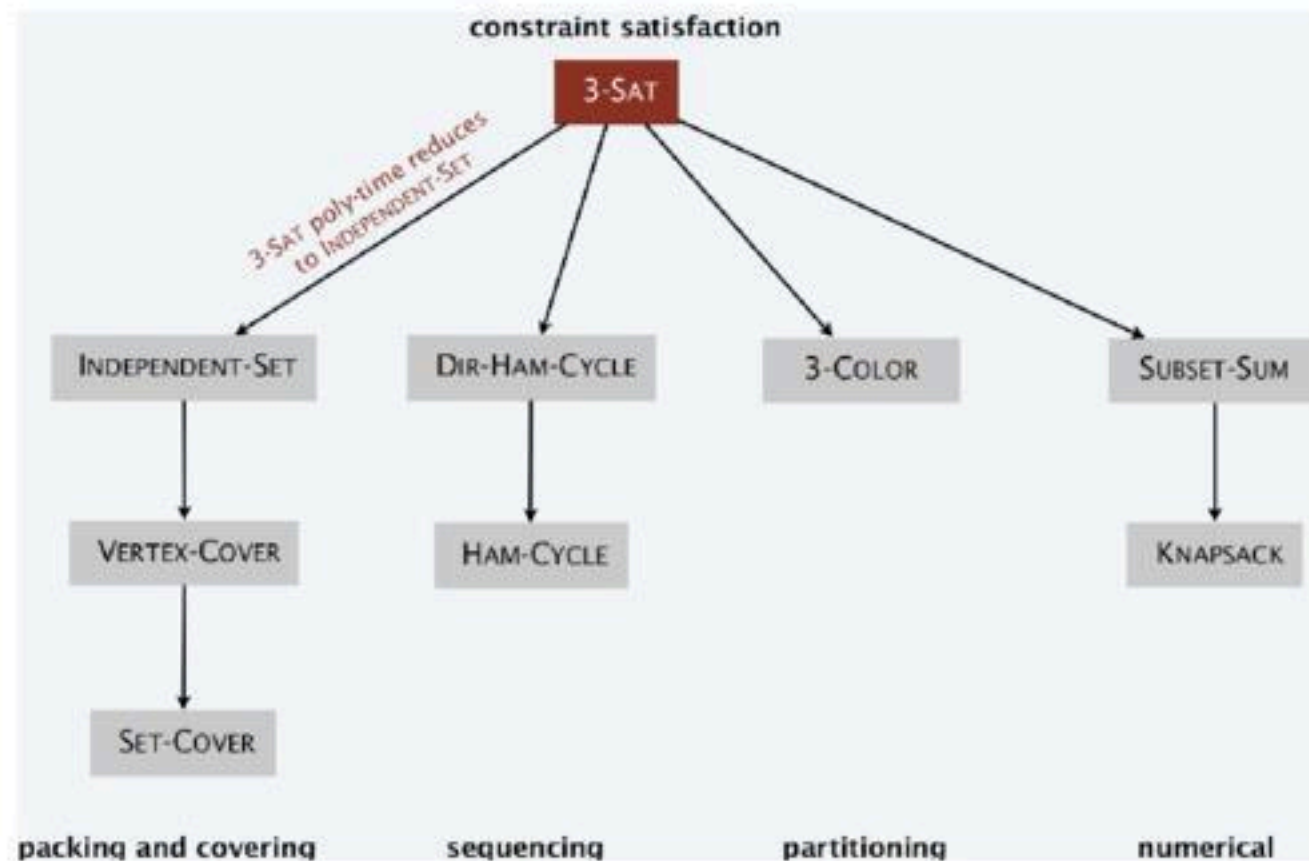
Pf. \Leftarrow Suppose there exists a subset S^* that sums to W .

- 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 $x_i^* = \text{true}$; otherwise, assign $x_i^* = \text{false}$.
- Digit C_j forces subset S^* to select at least one literal in clause.

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Poly-time reductions: review III



Karp's 20 reductions from satisfiability

Karp [1972], 1985 Turing Award.

