

Exercises

Time complexity

1 P

Exercise 1 : *Connections.*

Prove that $L_C = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a connected undirected graph} \}$ is in P.

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Exercise 2 : *Isoceles.*

Prove that $L_\Delta = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph containing a triangle} \}$ is in P.

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Exercise 3 : *Modular exponentiation.*

Prove that $L_{\text{mod}} = \{ \langle b, e, c, p \rangle \mid b, e, c, p \text{ are binary integers and } b^e \equiv c \pmod{p} \}$ is in P.

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Exercise 4 : *Unary is more efficient than binary?!*

In the class, we saw that SUBSET-SUM is NP-complete. However, consider UNARY-SUBSET-SUM, an instance of SUBSET-SUM where the numbers are written in unary. Prove that UNARY-SUBSET-SUM is in P.

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2 NP-completeness

Exercise 5 : *Double-SAT.*

Prove that D-SAT = $\{ \langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a boolean formula with at least two satisfying assignments} \}$ is NP-complete.

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Exercise 6 : *Partition.*

Prove that PARTITION = $\{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a set of integers such that there exists } A' \subseteq A \text{ s.t. } \sum_{a \in A'} a = \sum_{a \in A \setminus A'} a \}$ is NP-complete.

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Exercise 7 : *Half-clique.*

Prove that HALF-CLIQUE = $\{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph with a complete subgraph of order } \frac{|V(G)|}{2} \}$ is NP-complete.

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Exercise 8 : *Two cliques.*

Prove that TWO-CLIQUE = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph with two disjoint cliques of order at least } k \}$ is NP-complete.

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Exercise 9 : *Stable.*

Prove that STABLE = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ has an independent subgraph of order at least } k \}$ is NP-complete.

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Exercise 10 : *Subgraphs.*

Prove that SUBGRAPH-ISOMORPHISM = $\{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid H \text{ is a subgraph of } G \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 11 : *0-1-matrices.*

Let M be a square matrix that has values in $\{0, 1\}$. We say that M is *simplifiable* if it is possible to transform 1's to 0's such that every row and column of M contains exactly one 1.

Prove that SIMPLIFIABLE = $\{ M \mid M \text{ is a simplifiable matrix} \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 12 : *Domination.*

Prove that DOMINATING-SET = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ has a dominating set of size at most } k \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 13 : *≠-assignments.*

For a given boolean formula in 3-CNF, a \neq -assignment of its variables is an assignment where, in every clause, there are at least two literals with unequal truth values. Equivalently, a \neq -assignment satisfies ϕ without having all three literals set as true in any clause.

1. Prove that the negation of a \neq -assignment is also a \neq -assignment.
2. Let \neq -3-SAT be the language of all boolean formulas in 3-CNF that have a \neq -assignment. Find a reduction of 3-SAT to \neq -3-SAT.
3. Prove that \neq -3-SAT is NP-complete. □

Exercise 14 : *Cutting as much as we can.*

Prove that MAX-CUT = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ has a cut of size at least } k \}$ is NP-complete (hint: reduce from \neq -3-SAT, G may contain multiedges). □

Exercise 15 : *Cutting exactly as much as we need.*

Prove that EXACT-CUT = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ has a cut of size exactly } k \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 16 : *3-color.*

Prove that 3-COLOR = $\{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph that has a 3-colouring} \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 17 : *Clique in a restricted family.*

Prove that REG-CLIQUE = $\{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is a regular undirected graph with a clique of order at least } k \}$ is NP-complete. □

Exercise 18 : *A small break.*

This is not an exercise. Give a read to the paper *Minesweeper is NP-complete*, available here:

<http://www.minesweeper.info/articles/MinesweeperIsNPComplete.pdf>

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