

Cook vs Karp Reductions

Cook Reduction:

Karp Reduction:

CLIQUE reduces to IND-SET

Clique: A set S of vertices in a graph $G = (V, E)$ such that for all $u, v \in S$, $\{u, v\} \in E$.

Independent set: A set S of vertices in a graph $G = (V, E)$ such that for all $u, v \in S$, $\{u, v\} \notin E$.

CLIQUE

Input: $\langle G, k \rangle$ where G is a graph and k is a positive int.

Output: Yes iff G contains a clique of size k .

IND-SET

Input: $\langle G, k \rangle$ where G is a graph and k is a positive int.

Output: Yes iff G contains an independent set of size k .

Theorem: CLIQUE Karp reduces to IND-SET

Intuition:

Steps needed to establish a Karp reduction:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Test Your Intuition

kCOL

Input: $\langle G \rangle$ where G is a graph.

Output: Yes iff G is k -colorable.

Which of the following are true?

- $3\text{COL} \leq_m^P 2\text{COL}$ is known to be true.
- $3\text{COL} \leq_m^P 2\text{COL}$ is known to be false.
- $3\text{COL} \leq_m^P 2\text{COL}$ is open.
- $2\text{COL} \leq_m^P 3\text{COL}$ is known to be true.
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- $2\text{COL} \leq_m^P 3\text{COL}$ is open.

3SAT reduces to CLIQUE

3SAT

Input: $\langle \varphi \rangle$, where φ is a Boolean formula in “conjunctive normal form” in which every clause has exactly 3 literals.

Output: Yes iff φ is satisfiable.

To show a Karp reduction from 3SAT to CLIQUE, we need to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

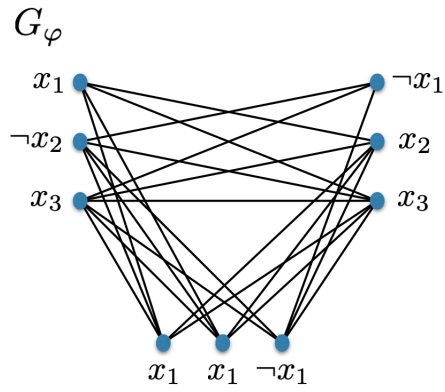
Strategy:

What is a “good” proof that $\langle \varphi \rangle \in 3\text{SAT}$?

1. Construction of the map $f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$.

$$\varphi = (x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_1 \vee \neg x_1)$$

The construction of G_φ :



2. φ is satisfiable iff G_φ contains an m -clique.

3. Creation of G_φ is poly-time.

Proof of Cook-Levin Theorem (Super High Level)