

More NP-complete problems from Sipser 7.5 and Corollary 34.5

3-SAT \leq_p Vertex-cover

We have already seen that $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{Clique} \leq_p \text{Independent set} \leq \text{Vertex-cover}$
 Here we give a direct reduction from 3-SAT to Vertex-cover

Given an instance $F = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$ of 3-SAT with variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

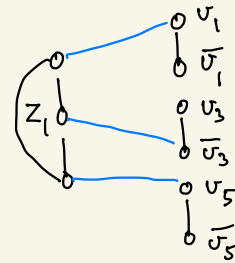
Let $K = n + 2m$ and construct a graph $G = G(F)$ with $2n + 3m$ vertices

Each variable x_i is represented by v_i and \bar{v}_i in G

Each clause C_j is represented by z_j in G

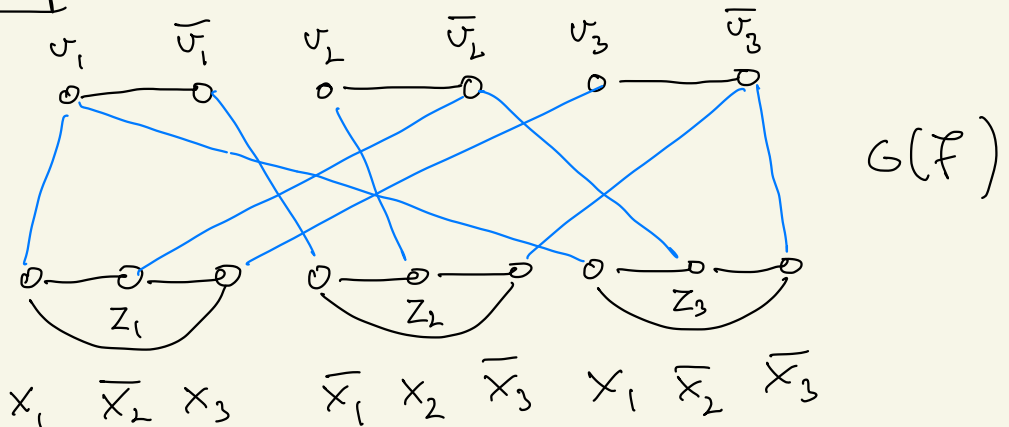
Connections between these in G :

suppose $C_1 = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_5)$, then


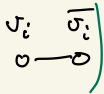


do this for each clause

Example: $F = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)$

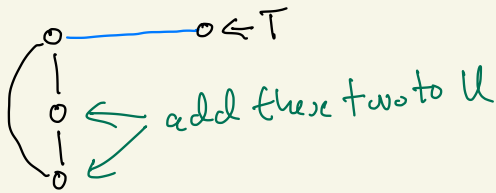


Claim $G(F)$ has a VC of size $n+2m$
 \Downarrow Φ is satisfiable

Easy: Every vertex cover has size at least $n+2m$
 (2 pr clause triangle  and 1 pr variable edge )

\Uparrow suppose Φ is satisfied by the truth assignment $t: \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{T, F\}^n$
 Construct $U \subseteq V(G)$ by adding v_i to U if $t(x_i) = T$
 adding \bar{v}_j to U if $t(x_j) = F$ ($t(\bar{x}_j) = T$)
 Now U covers all edges of the kind $v_i - \bar{v}_i$ $i \in [n]$

For each clause triangle Z_j at least one of the blue edges e leaving it is now covered by U as C_j is satisfied by t



Now U is a vertex cover and $|U| = n+2m$

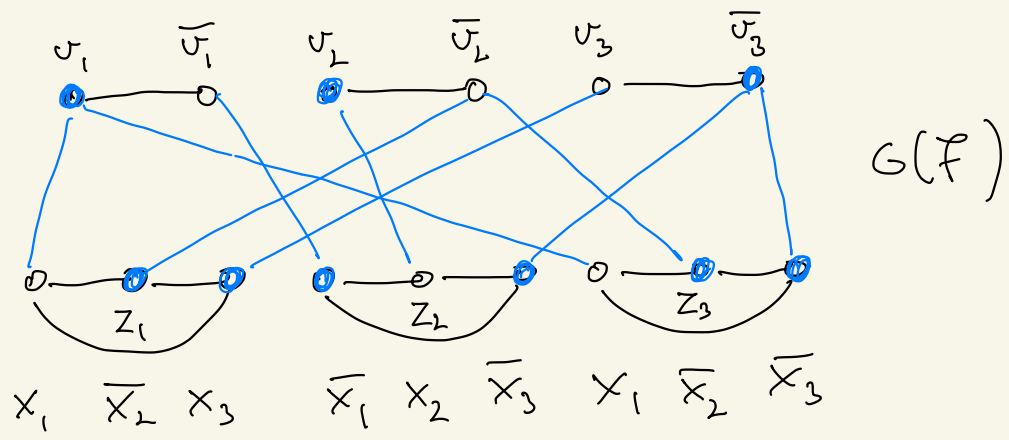
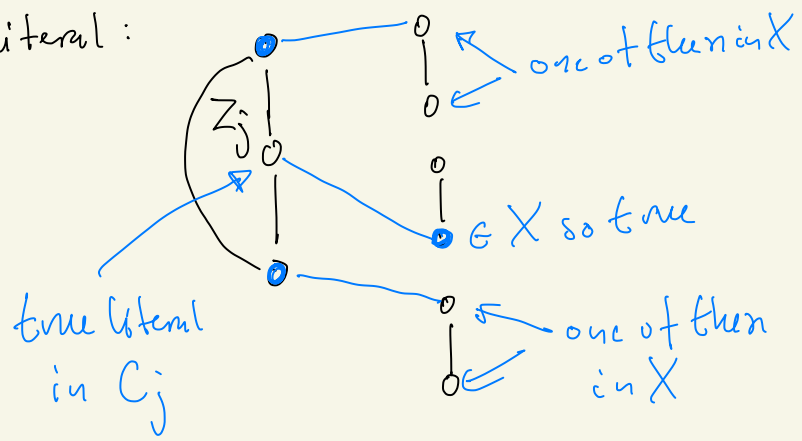
Suppose G has a VC X s.t. $|X| = n + 2m$

Then $|X \cap \{v_i, \bar{v}_i\}| = 1$ for $i \in [n]$

and X has exactly 2 vertices from Z_j for $j \in [m]$

Set $\varphi(x_i) = T$ iff $v_i \in X$ $i \in [n]$

Then φ is a satisfying truth assignment, that is, each clause C_j has at least one true literal:



Subset-sum:

Input: $\langle S, t \rangle$ where S is a set of non-negative integers and $t \geq 0$ is an integer

Question: Does there exist $S' \subseteq S$ such that $\sum_{x \in S'} x = t$?

Theorem Subset-sum is NP-Complete

P: 1. Subset-sum \in NP: certificate is a set $S' \subseteq S$ s.t. $\sum_{x \in S'} x = t$

2. we show $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{Subset-sum}$

Let $F = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$ be a 3-SAT instance with variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

We construct an instance $\langle S, t \rangle$ of Subset-sum such that F is satisfiable $\Leftrightarrow \langle S, t \rangle \in \text{Subset-sum}$ ($\exists S' \subseteq S: \sum_{x \in S'} x = t$)

Consider numbers between 0 and set $t = \underbrace{11\dots1}_n \underbrace{44\dots4}_m$

Each variable x_i of F is represented by v_i with

$$v_i = \begin{matrix} x_i & C_j \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}$$

1 in pos j if x_i literal of C_j

$$v_i' = \begin{matrix} C_{j'} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}$$

1 in pos j' $\Leftrightarrow \bar{x}_i$ literal of $C_{j'}$

Each clause C_j is represented by S_j, S_j' when

$$S_j = \begin{matrix} C_j \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$S_j' = \begin{matrix} C_j \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 2 & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}$$

idea: v_i can make a 4 in column j if and only if at least one of the rows corresponding to the literals in C_j is in S'

Example $f = (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_1 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)$

	x_1	x_2	x_3	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4	
v_1	1			1		1		$\leftarrow x_1 \leftarrow T$
v_1'	1				1		1	$\leftarrow x_2 \leftarrow T$
v_2		1			1			
v_2'		1		1		1		
v_3			1	1				$\leftarrow x_3 \leftarrow F$
v_3'			1		1	1	1	
s_1				1				
s_1'				2				
s_2					1			
s_2'					2			
s_3						1		
s_3'						2		
s_4							1	
s_4'							2	
t	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	

Claim f is satisfiable $\Leftrightarrow \langle S, t \rangle \in \text{Subint-sum}$

\Rightarrow For $i \in [n]$: if $x_i = T$ add v_i to S' else add v_i' to S'

For $j \in [m]$ if C_j has 1 true literal add s_j, s_j' to S'

if C_j has 2 true literals add s_j' to S'

if C_j has 3 true literals add s_j to S'

\Leftarrow assume $S' \subseteq S$ satisfies $\sum_{x \in S'} x = t$

set $x_i \leftarrow T$ if $v_i \in S'$

$x_i \leftarrow F$ if $v_i' \in S'$

This is a satisfying truth assignment since we must have at least one 1 in upper part of column for C_j . \square .

Hamilton cycle

input: a graph $G = (V, E)$

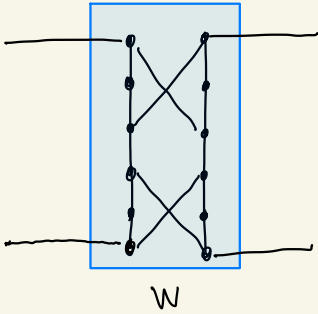
Question: does G have a cycle C with $V(C) = V$?

Theorem Hamilton cycle is NPC

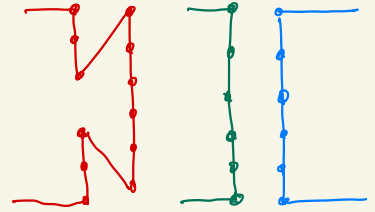
Proof 1. Hamilton cycle \in NP: certificate is a permutation v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n s.t. $v_i v_{i+1} \in E$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ and $v_1 v_n \in E$

2. Vertex-cover \leq_p Hamilton cycle

We will use the following so-called gadget W

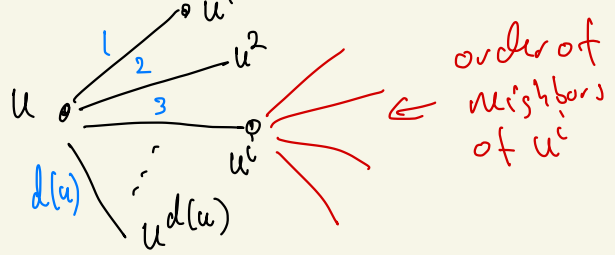


exactly 2 ways
to traverse all
12 vertices of W

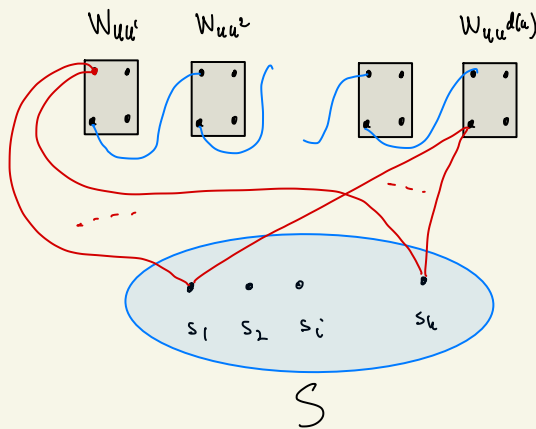


- Let $\langle G, k \rangle$ be an instance of Vertex-cover where $G = (V, E)$
- For each edge $uv \in E$ take a copy W_{uv} of W

Fix an ordering of the neighbors around each vertex $u \in V$



For all $u \in V$ connect $W_{u^1}, W_{u^2}, \dots, W_{u^d(u)}$ as follows.

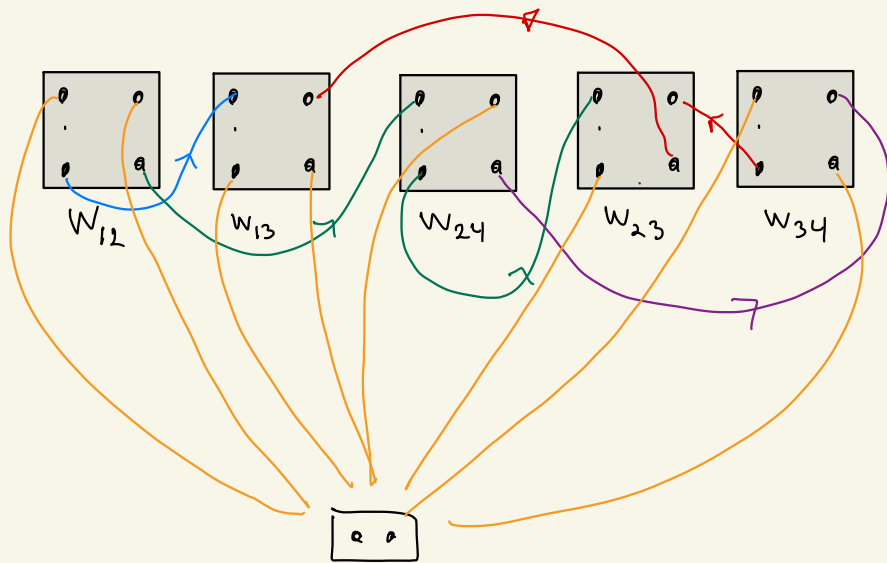
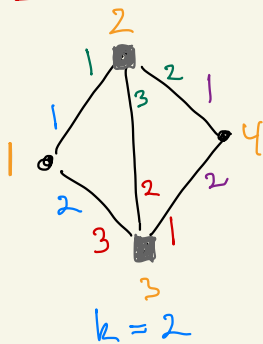


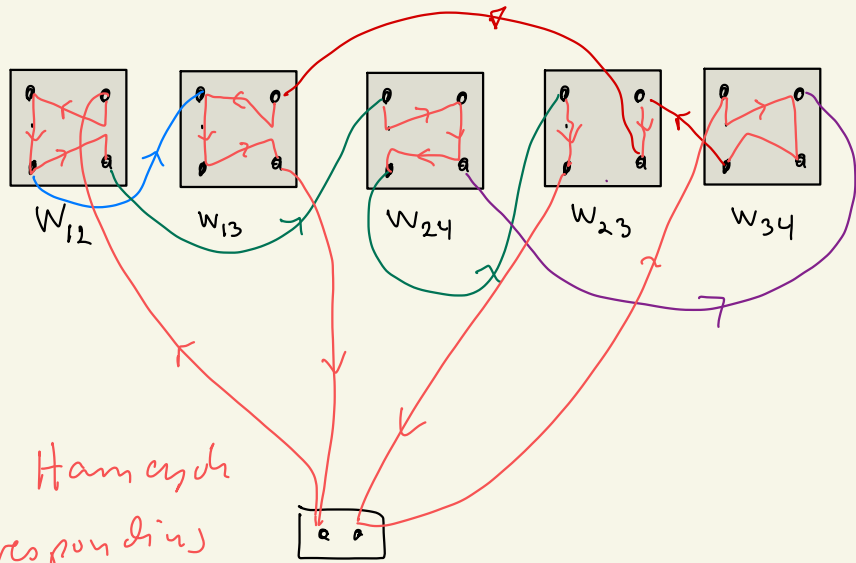
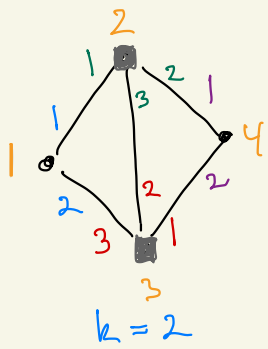
S is a fixed set of k vertices same for all u

Note that $W_{u^i} = W_{u^i}$ so it appears in the chain for u and in the chain for u^i

Claim resulting graph G' has a Hamiltonian cycle $\Leftrightarrow G$ has a vertex cover of size k

Example





$P_k W$ is a Hamiltonian cycle in G' corresponding to the VC $\{2, 3\}$ in G .

Suppose $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ is a vertex cover in G . Let $C = s_1 P_1 s_2 P_2 \dots s_{k-1} P_{k-1} s_k P_k s_1$ be the cycle we obtain as indicated in the example above, that is

P_i traverses the subsets $W_{u_i v_i^1}, W_{u_i v_i^2}, \dots, W_{u_i v_i^{d(u_i)}}$ in that order and inside $W_{u_i v_i^j}$ P_i uses all vertices if $v_i^j \notin U$ and otherwise P_i uses only one side of $W_{u_i v_i^j}$.

Suppose now that G' has a Hamiltonian cycle C

The set S has no edges so C is of the form

$$s_1 Q_{i_1} s_{i_2} Q_{i_2} \dots s_{i_k} Q_{i_k} s_1$$

- C picks up all vertices inside each W_{uv}
- W_{uv} is only connected to other $W_{uv'}$ or $W_{u'v}$ via the edges of the chain corresponding to the neighbors of either u or v
- So each $Q_{ij} \leftrightarrow$ chain for some vertex u_j
- By symmetry we can assume that Q_{ij} starts at the first of the W 's for u_i and ends at the last one
- $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ is a vertex cover of G

TSP input: A complete graph K_n and $w: E(K_n) \rightarrow$ non negative integers
and an integer K

Question: Does there exist a Hamilton cycle of weight $\leq K$?

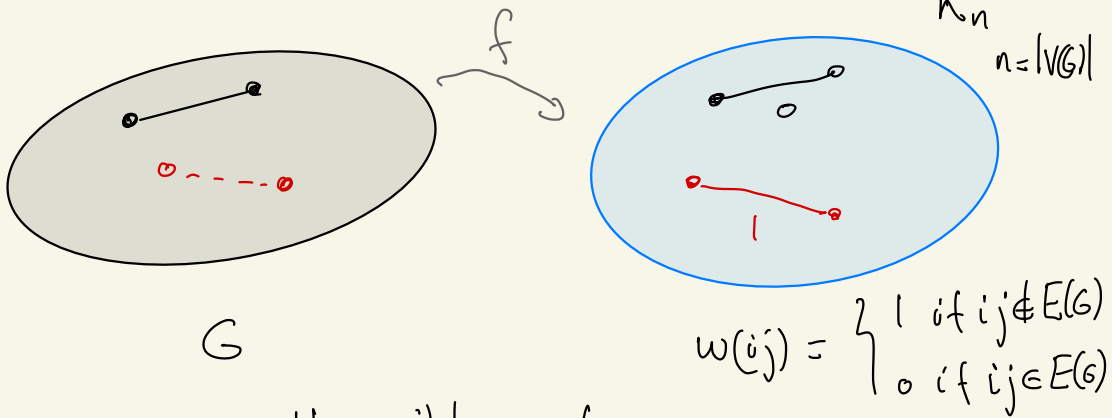
Theorem TSP is NP-complete

Proof

1. TSP \in NP

Certificate is a permutation of the vertices corresponding to a Hamilton cycle of weight $\leq K$

2. Hamilton cycle \leq_p TSP



G has a Hamiltonian cycle

$K = 0$

\Rightarrow Hamilton cycle of weight 0
in (K_n, w)