

1. A  $d$ -regular graph cannot contain a clique of size  $d + 2$ , since the latter is a  $(d + 1)$ -regular graph. Here's a polynomial algorithm that solves the problem:

Given an instance  $(G, k)$ , we answer *false* if  $k > d + 1$  or  $n = |V| < k$ . Otherwise, we check the  $\binom{n}{k} \leq n^k \leq n^{d+1}$  sets of size  $k$  in  $G$  and answer *true* if any of them is a clique.

**Time Complexity:**  $\leq \binom{k}{2} n^{d+1} = O(n^{d+1})$ .

The result follows for  $d = 2005$ .

*Note:* Can you find a  $\binom{d}{k} \binom{k}{2} n = O(n)$  algorithm?

2. Any single clause  $c$  in a DNF formula is a 1-CNF formula, so we can polynomially check its satisfiability (i.e., verify that if  $x$  appears in  $c$ ,  $\neg x$  doesn't appear and vice versa).

Now, the whole DNF formula  $\phi$  is satisfiable if and only if *any* of its clauses is satisfiable, so we can consider the clauses one by one and return  $\bigvee_{c \in \phi} \text{1-CNF-SAT}(c)$ .

3.  $\text{SAT} \in NP \subset EXP$ , so there exists a deterministic TM  $M$  accepting SAT. Consider the deterministic TM  $M'$  which simulates  $M$  and halts if and only if  $M$  accepts.

Let  $\langle M' \rangle$  be a description of  $M'$ , and consider the reduction  $f(\phi) = (\langle M' \rangle, \phi)$  from SAT to HALT.

**Correctness:**  $\phi \in \text{SAT} \Leftrightarrow M$  accepts  $\phi \Leftrightarrow M'$  halts on  $\phi$ .

**Space Complexity:** Logarithmic, as  $\langle M' \rangle$  is constant and  $\phi$  should be simply copied as-is.

4. (a) Assume we have an oracle for  $\text{CLIQUE}(G, k)$ . Let  $\omega = \omega(G)$  be the size of the maximal clique in  $G$ ; note that  $1 \leq \omega \leq n$ .

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**Algorithm 1** FIND-MAX-CLIQUE( $G$ )

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 $\omega \leftarrow \omega(G)$  {use any search algorithm (naive, linear, binary)}
 $K \leftarrow V$ 
for  $v \in K$  do
    if  $\text{CLIQUE}(G[K - \{v\}], \omega) = \text{true}$  then
         $K \leftarrow K - \{v\}$ 
return  $K$ 

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**Correctness:**

The algorithm erases all vertices not crucial so the survival of the largest clique, so at the end we have  $|K| = \omega(K) = \omega(G)$  and  $K$  is the requested clique.

**Time Analysis:**

The oracle is queried  $\leq 2n$  times.

- (b) The interesting case is of course  $G_1 \sim G_2$ . Denote  $G_1$ 's vertices by  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $G_2$ 's vertices by  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , with the isomorphism being  $v_i \sim u_{\pi(i)}$ .

We need a set of  $n$  distinguishable gadgets  $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^n$  that haven't appeared in  $G_1, G_2$ , for instance  $H_i = K_{n+i}$ .

**Correctness:**

In step  $i$  we recover  $\pi(i)$  assuming we know  $\pi(j)$  for  $j < i$  by checking all possibilities. Any isomorphism  $G_1 \sim G_2$  must have  $\pi(j) = \pi(j)$  for  $j < i$  due to the gadget  $H_j$ . By the end of step  $n$ , we know  $\pi$  entirely.

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**Algorithm 2** FIND-ISOMORPHISM( $G_1, G_2$ )

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
  connect  $H_i$  to  $u_i$  in  $G_1$ 
  for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
     $G'_2 \leftarrow G_2$ 
    connect  $H_i$  to  $v_k$  in  $G'_2$ 
    if ISOMORPHIC( $G_1, G'_2$ ) then
       $\pi(i) \leftarrow k$ 
       $G_2 \leftarrow G'_2$ 
      break from the  $k$  for-loop
  if we got here not by breaking from the loop (can only happen for  $k = 1$ ), return false
return  $\pi$ 
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**Time Analysis:**

The oracle is queried  $\leq n^2$  times.

Note that by erasing vertices (instead of marking them) we might get the wrong permutation (e.g., consider a path of length 3).

5. (a) Let  $L$  be an arbitrary  $NP$  language, accepted by a DTM  $M(x, y)$ .

Recall the reduction  $L \leq_P 3\text{-SAT}$  presented in Cook's theorem:

Given  $x$  we construct  $f(x) = \phi_{M,x}$  in variables  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  that is satisfiable if and only if  $M(x, y)$  accepts. Since the same  $y$  is a witness for both  $x \in L$  and  $f(x) \in 3\text{-SAT}$ , we conclude that 3-SAT is  $NP$ -hard under Levin reductions as  $(f, \text{identity})$  are the requested functions.

- (b) Consider the polynomial self-reduction for SAT presented in class. We needed a SAT oracle, but as  $A$  is assumed to be  $NP$ -hard, we can polynomially reduce every SAT query to an  $A$  query. Thus, there's a polynomial oracle TM  $M^A$  that given a formula  $\phi$ , computes a satisfying assignment  $\rho(\phi)$  for it, if exists.

Consider the Levin reduction  $(f, g)$  from  $A$  to 3-SAT (shown to exist in 5a since  $A \in NP$ ). Given  $x \notin L$ , we have  $f(x) \notin 3\text{-SAT}$  so  $M^A(f(x))$  rejects; Given  $x \in L$ , we have  $f(x) \in 3\text{-SAT}$  so  $M^A(f(x))$  computes the witness  $w = \rho(f(x))$ . Using  $g$ , we can compute  $y = g(w)$ , a witness for  $x \in L$ .

Obviously, all the reductions are done in polynomial time.