

# CS314 - NP-Hardness

Note Title

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## Announcements

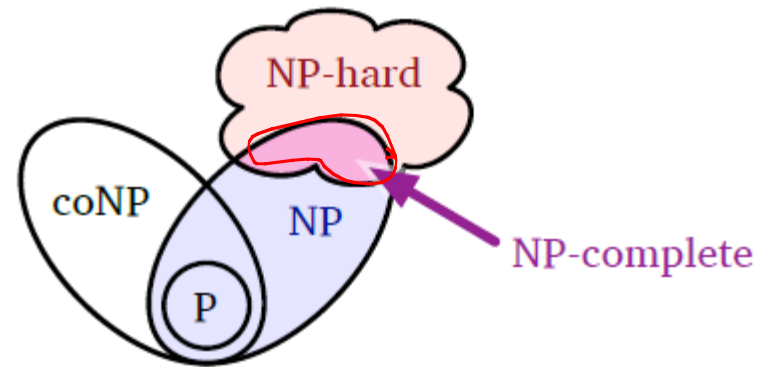
- Next hw up tonight  
due 1 week from Mon/Tues  
(oral grading)

# NP-Completeness

A problem is NP-Complete if  
it is both:

- in NP

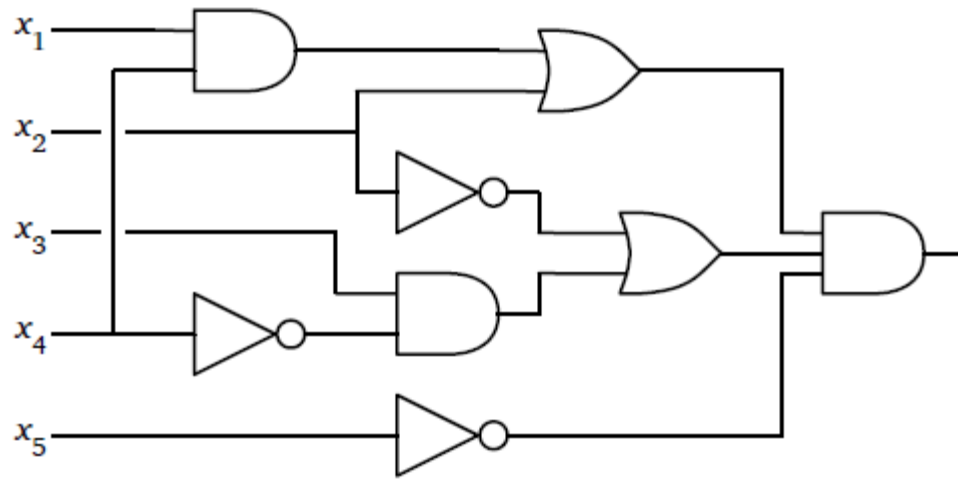
- NP-Hard



More of what we think the world looks like.

polynomial hierarchy

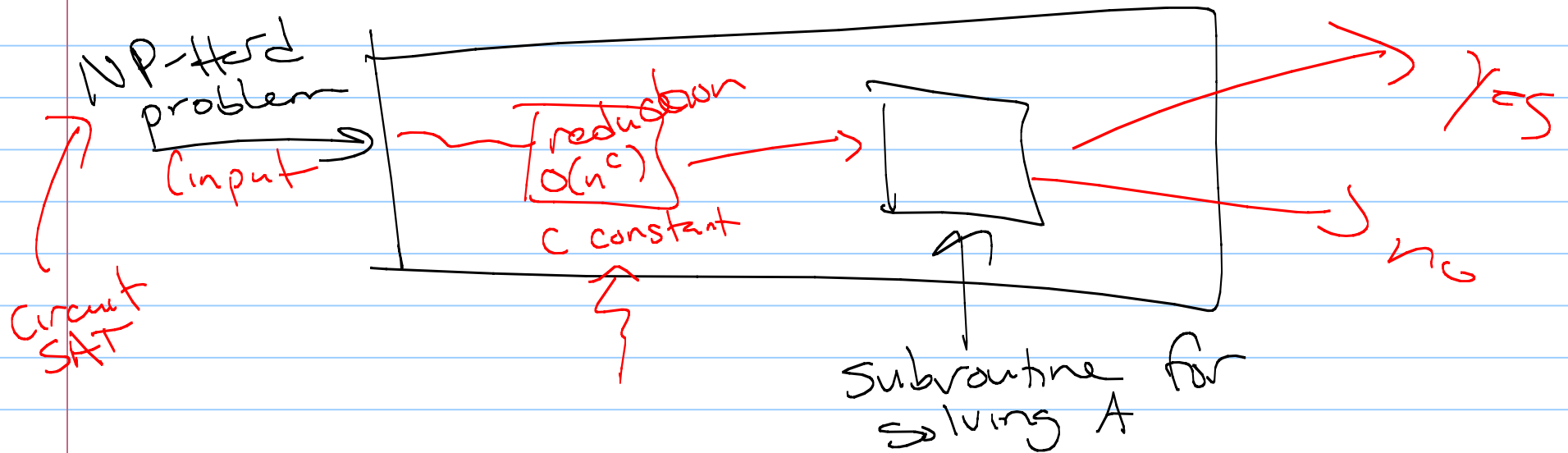
Thm (Cook-Levin) : (The first known NP-Hard problem)  
Circuit Satisfiability is NP-Complete.



"pf": any turing machine can be turned  
into a circuit

To prove NP-Hardness of A:

~~Reduce~~ Reduce a known NP-Hard problem to A.

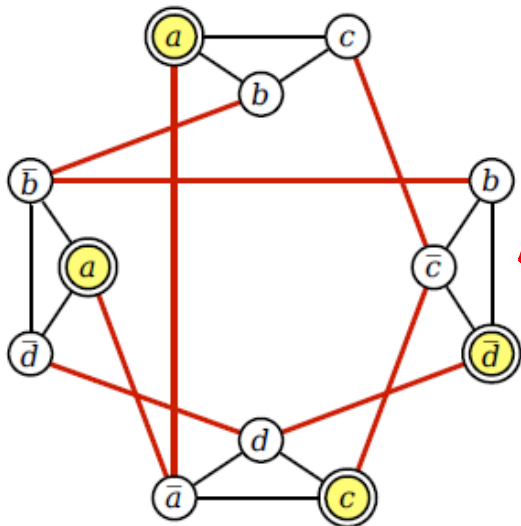


## Last time: NP-Hard Problems

- SAT (from circuit SAT)
- 3SAT (from circuit SAT)
- Independent Set (from 3SAT)

How? Transform known hard problem to new one!

Ex:  $(a \vee b \vee c) \wedge (b \vee \bar{c} \vee \bar{d}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee c \vee d) \wedge (a \vee \bar{b} \vee \bar{d})$

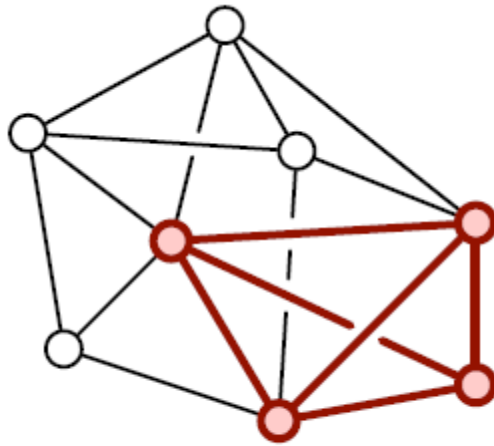


Another : Clique

A clique in a graph is a subgraph which is complete - all possible edges are present.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$\approx O(n^k)$$



A graph with maximum clique size 4.

Decision version: Does  $G$  have a clique of size  $k$ ?

NP-Complete:

① In NP. Why?

How to verify a "yes"?

Given a set  $k$  vertices, takes  $O(nk)$  time to check if all edges are present.

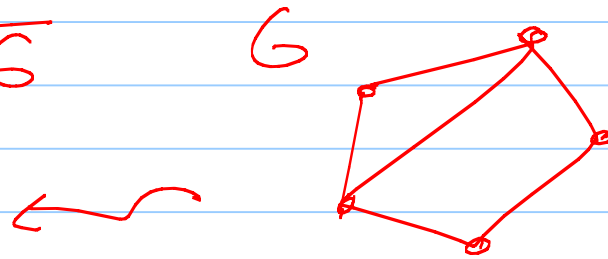
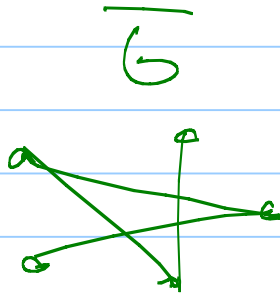


② What should we reduce to  $k$ -Clique?

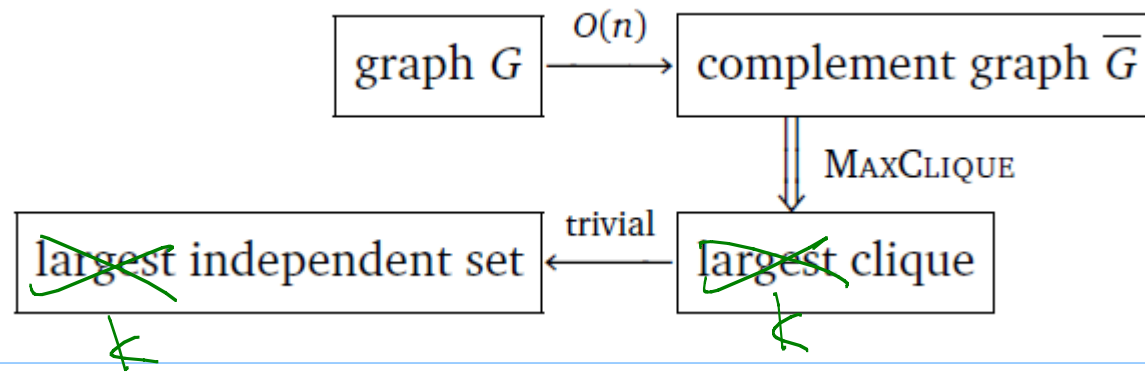
Ind Set  $\rightsquigarrow$   $k$ -Clique

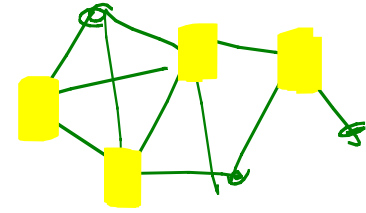
Given  $G$ , answer if ind. set of size  $k$  is present.

Transform  $G$  to  $\bar{G}$



So:





Next: Vertex Cover:

A set of vertices that touches every edge

$k$ -Vertex Cover: Does  $G$  have a vertex cover of size  $k$ ?

In NP:

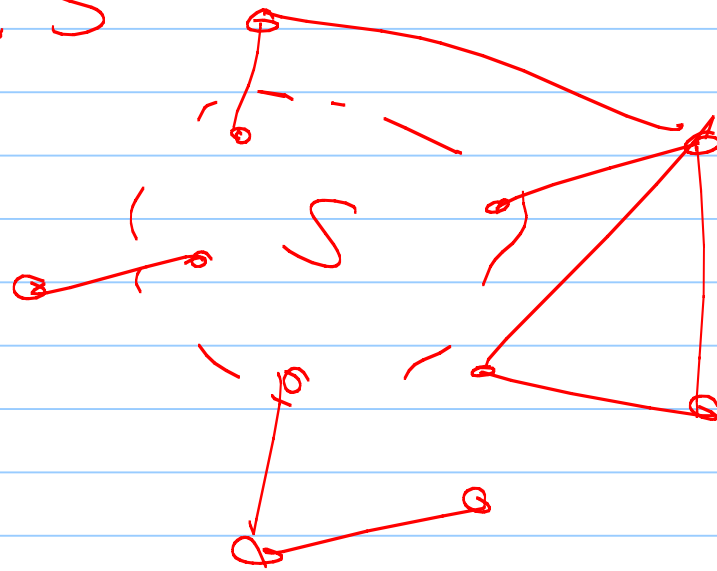
- Given a vertex set of size  $k$ ,  
- Make a list of edges,  $O(n^2)$

- Check that each edge has endpoint in the set.

$\Rightarrow O(n^2k)$

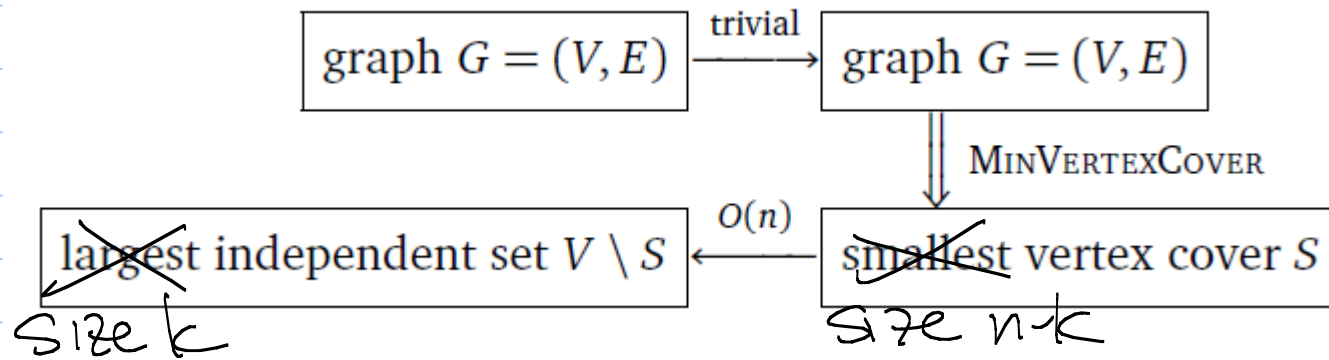
NP-Hardness: reduce what to this?  
Ind set,  $S$

Key:  $V-S$  is  
a vertex  
cover, since  
no edges  
"inside"  $S$



Given  $G$  &  $k$ , answer: is the ind. set  
of size  $k$ ?

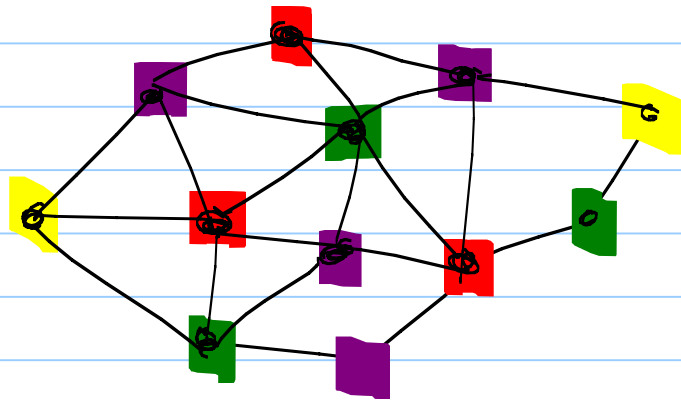
Ask: is there a vertex cover of size  $n-k$ ?



## Next: Graph Coloring

A k-coloring of a graph  $G$  is a map  $C: V \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$  that assigns one of  $k$  "colors" to each vertex so that every edge has two different colors at endpoints.

Goal: use few colors.



← 4 colors

2-coloring? polynomial

Decision version: 3-Colorable: Can  $G$   
be 3-colored?

In NP:

Given a coloring,  
check no edge has  
same color at both endpoints.

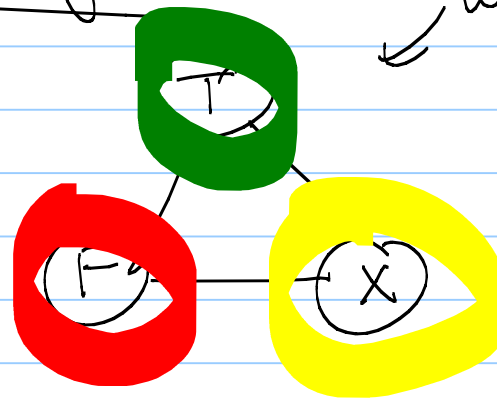
$O(n^2)$

NP-Hard: Reduce 3-SAT.

Given a formula  $\Phi$ , make  $G_\Phi$ .

We'll use gadgets, which each incorporate bits of the clause.

① Truth gadget

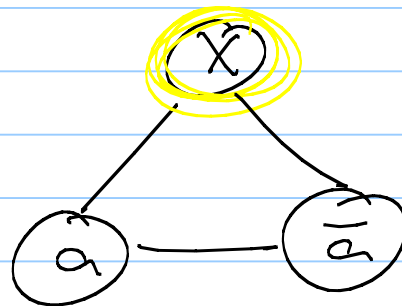


will use 3 colors, since all edges present.



(2) Variable gadget:

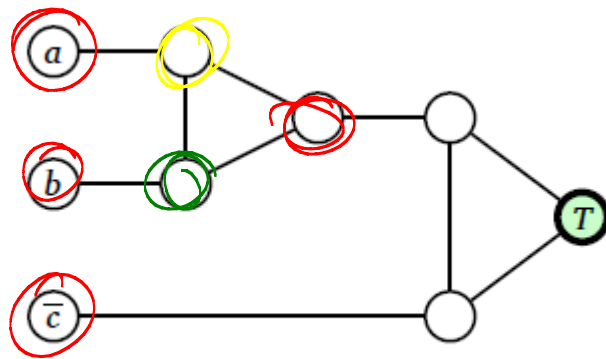
Also - for each variable, make a  $\Delta$  with vertex  $X$ :



both  $a$  &  $\bar{a}$  can't be colored "true"

(So  $a$  &  $\bar{a}$  are set to T/F or F/T, by coloring.)

③ Clause gadget : joins 3 of the variable vertices together to the T vertex:

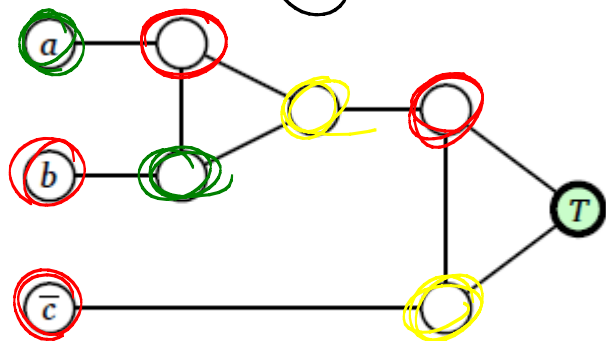


T vertex  
from original  
Δ

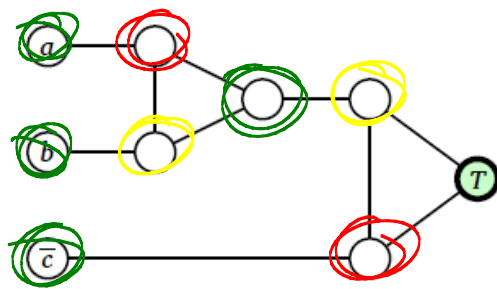
A clause gadget for  $(a \vee b \vee \bar{c})$ .

If all variables are colored false,  
can't 3-color  
(some cases...)

3-coloring  $\Leftrightarrow$  Satisfiable:



A clause gadget for  $(a \vee b \vee \bar{c})$ .

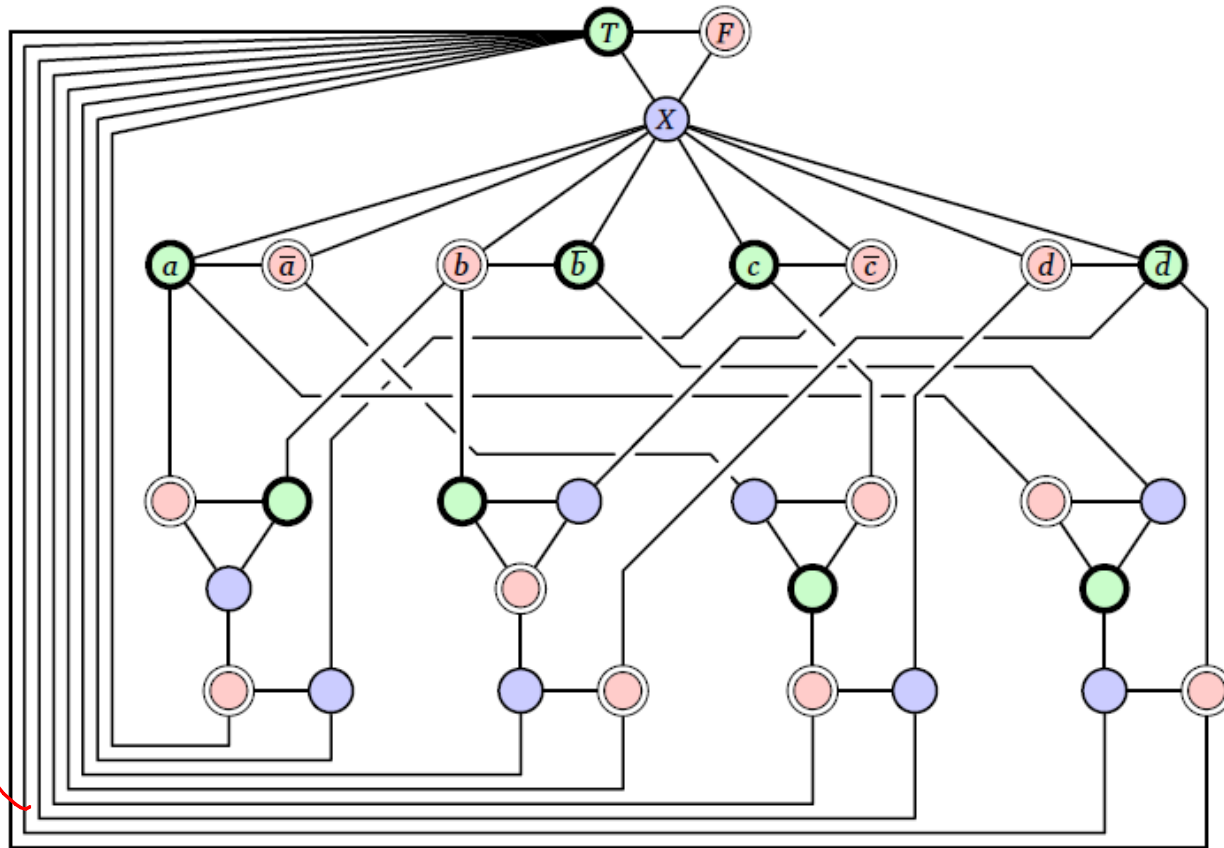


A clause gadget for  $(a \vee b \vee \bar{c})$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : if  $\phi$  satisfiable, then each clause has "true" variable  $\rightarrow$  valid 3-coloring

$\Rightarrow$ : if 3-coloring, gives satisfying assignment.

Picture:



So:

