

proper k -coloring of undirected

$G = (V, E)$ is a function

$C: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ assigning
one of k "colors" to the
vertices of G

s.t. $C(u) \neq C(v)$ for any
edge $uv \in E$.

3Color: Given graph $G = (V, E)$,
does it have a proper 3-
coloring?

3Color \in NP: What is C ?

Claim: 3Color is in NP-complete.

Proof: Reduce from 3SAT.

We're given a 3CNF Φ .

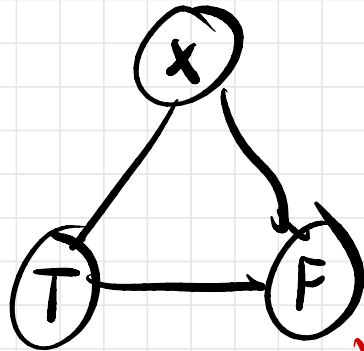
We'll build some gadgets.

1) Truth gadget:

A triangle:

Any proper coloring
uses different

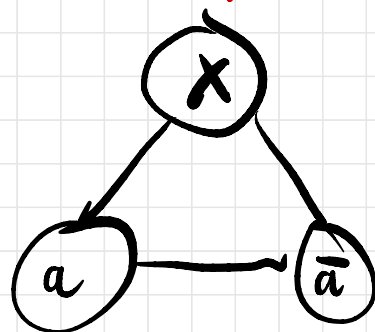
colors, True, False, & other.



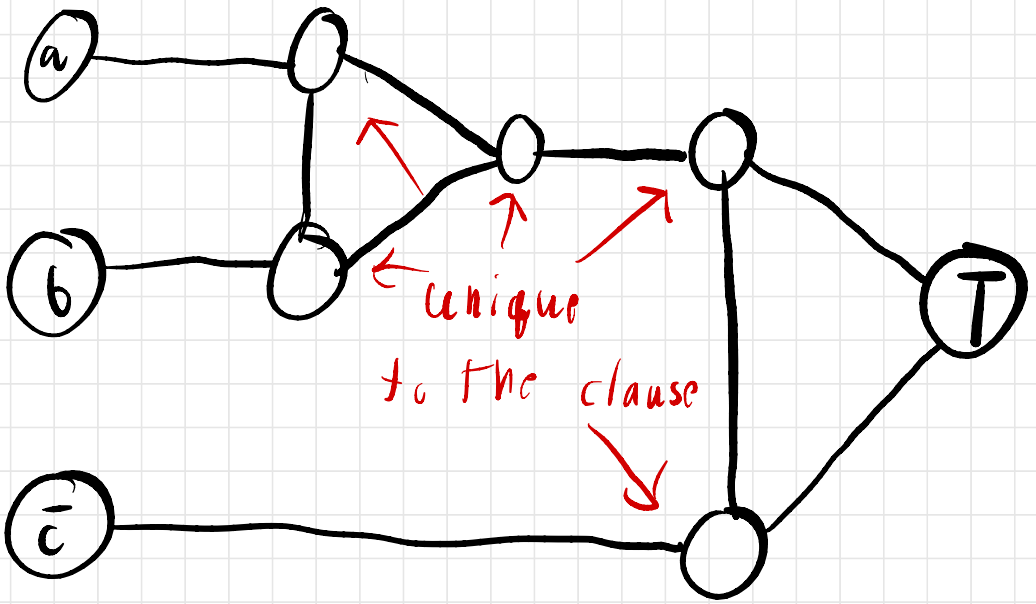
same
X as before
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2) Variable gadget:

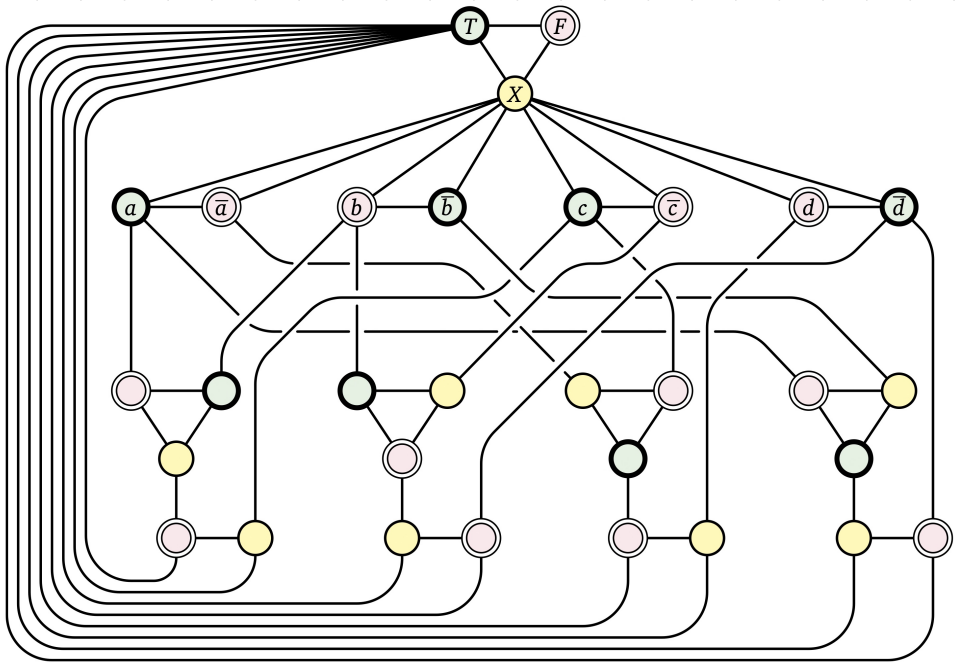
$a \rightarrow$



3) Clause gadget: Use the literal vertices from step 2 + vertex T
 $(a \vee b \vee \bar{c}) \rightarrow$



Any proper 3-color of the gadget assign's T 's color to one or more of a , b , or \bar{c} , + vice versa.



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

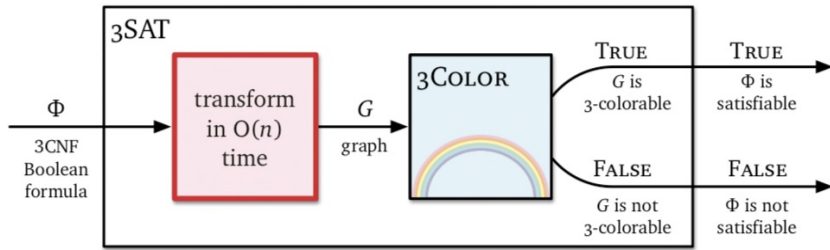
That's G .

Claim: Φ is sat. iff

G has a proper 3-coloring

Proof: \Leftarrow Use the literals colored as T to sat. Φ

\Rightarrow True literals get T color & False ones get F color.
Color clause gadgets as needed.



For any $k \geq 3$, k -Color is
NP-complete.

Min Color is NP-hard.

A Hamiltonian cycle in a graph visits each vertex exactly once.

(Visit each edge exactly once for an Eulerian Tour)

Directed HamCycle: Given directed $G = (V, E)$. Does G contain a Hamiltonian cycle?

In NP.

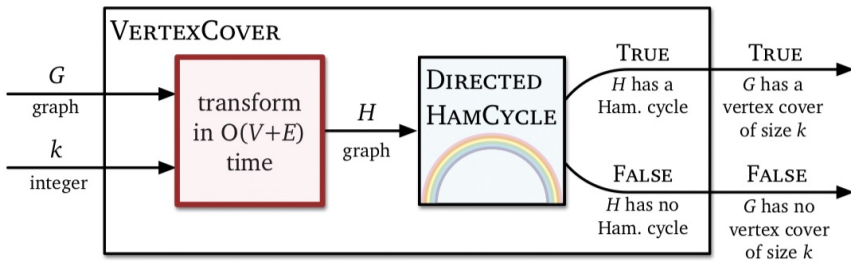
Also NP-complete.

(Eulerian Tour \in P)

Reduction from Vertex Cover.

Given undirected G + an integer k . Is there a vertex cover of size k ?

Build graph H ...



Edge gadget:

$uv \in G \rightarrow$

four vertices in H

$(u, v, in), (u, v, out),$
 $(v, u, in), (v, u, out)$

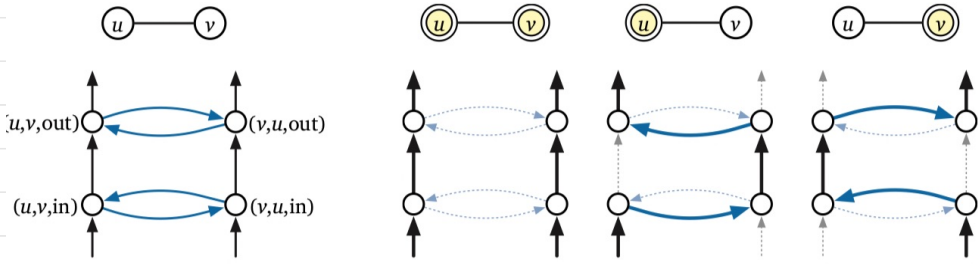
† six edges in H

$(u, v, in) \rightarrow (u, v, out)$

$(u, v, in) \rightleftarrows (v, u, in)$

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Way (a) through describes how to cover uv .

Vertex gadget.

Vertex u in $G \Rightarrow$

Say u has d neighbors

v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d .

Add edge $(u, v_{i-1}, out) \Rightarrow$

in H

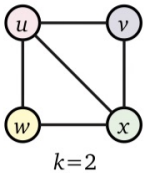
(u, v_i, in) for all $2 \leq i \leq d$.

Called a vertex chain.

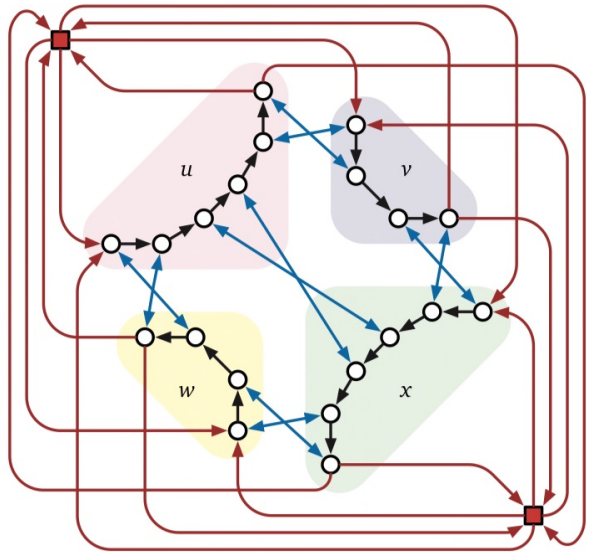
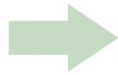
Add k cover vertices

x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} + edges

$x_i \rightarrow (u, v, in)$ for all
vertices $u,$
 $(u, v, out) \rightarrow x_i$



G



H

Suppose there is a vertex cover u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{k-1} .

There is cycle...

For each $i \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$

$x_i \rightarrow (u_i, v_i, in) \rightarrow \dots$

$\dots \rightarrow (u_i, v_d, out) \rightarrow x_{i+1 \pmod{k}}$

Suppose \exists a Ham cycle C_{\dots}

Undirected Ham Cycle

\in NP-complete

(Un)directed Ham Path \in NP-complete

\Rightarrow Longest (simple) Path
is NP-hard

Subset Sum: Given a set X of positive integers & an integer T . Is there a subset of X summing to T ?

in NP

in NP-complete...

Reduce from Vertex Cover.

Given undirected $G = (V, E)$ & integer k .

Edge gadgets: Number edges from 0 to $|E|-1$.

X gets $b_i := 4^i$.

Vertex gadgets:

For each vertex v

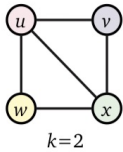
X gets $a_v := 4^{|E|} + \sum_{i \in \Delta(v)} 4^i$

$i \in \Delta(v)$

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incident edges

$$T := k \cdot 4^{|E|} + \sum_{i=0}^{|E|-1} 2 \cdot 4^i.$$

$O(E^2)$ time reduction.



$$a_u := 111000_4 = 1344$$

$$a_v := 110110_4 = 1300$$

$$a_w := 101101_4 = 1105$$

$$a_x := 100011_4 = 1029$$

$$b_{uv} := 010000_4 = 256$$

$$b_{uw} := 001000_4 = 64$$

$$b_{vw} := 000100_4 = 16$$

$$b_{vx} := 000010_4 = 4$$

$$b_{wx} := 000001_4 = 1$$

$$T = 222222_4$$

Suppose G has a vertex cover C of size k .

$$X_c := a_v \text{ for each } v \in V$$

$$+ b_u \text{ for each edge}$$

covered exactly

once

Other direction

But there's a

$O(nT)$ time alg?
pseudo-poly time.

Subset Sum is weakly-
NP-hard.

Uses exponentially large
numbers.

Other examples were strongly
NP-hard.

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