

P and NP

1. Suppose $P \neq NP$. Could there exist a polynomial-time algorithm for translating a CNF into an equivalent DNF?
2. *Reducibility*. Recall that, for two decision problems, $A \leq_m^P B$ if there exists a polynomial time computable function f such that $x \in A \iff f(x) \in B$, for any x .

Consider the following decision problems:

- **INDSET**: given a graph G and a number k , decide whether G contains an independent set of k vertices (that is, k vertices, none of which are connected);
- **CLIQUE**: given a graph G and a number k , decide whether G contains a clique of k vertices (that is, k vertices, which are connected pairwise);
- **VERTEXCOVER**: given a graph G and a number k , decide whether G has a vertex cover of k vertices (that is, a set of k vertices such that every other vertex is connected by an edge to a vertex from this set).

Show that: (a) $\text{INDSET} \leq_m^P \text{CLIQUE}$; (b) $\text{INDSET} \leq_m^P \text{VERTEXCOVER}$.

3. Show that if $NP \neq \text{coNP}$, then $P \neq NP$.
4. (a) Suppose $\text{SAT} \in P$. Show that there exists an algorithm which checks satisfiability of Boolean formulae and, if a given formula is satisfiable, yields a satisfying assignment.
(b) Does the same work for 2-SAT?
5. (a) Does there exist an polynomial time algorithm that, given a 2-CNF, yields *all* its satisfying assignments?
(b) Does there exist an algorithm for generating all satisfying assignments of a given 2-CNF with *polynomial delay*? That means that the algorithm should produce the answers (satisfying assignments) gradually, one by one, spending a polynomially bounded amount of time before the first answer and between answers.