## Some NP-Complete Problems

## SATISFIABILITY(SAT)

INSTANCE: A Boolean expression $E$ over variables $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}$ in conjunctive normal form.
QUESTION: Is there an assignment of truth values to $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}$ making $E$ true?

## 3-SAT

INSTANCE: A Boolean expression $E$ in conjunctive normal form such that each clause contains exactly 3 literals.
QUESTION: Is there a satisfying assignment for $E$ ?

## 3-COLORABILITY

INSTANCE: Graph $G=(V, E)$.
QUESTION: Is $G$ 3-colorable, that is, is there a function $f: V \rightarrow\{$ red, blue, green $\}$ such that $f(u) \neq f(v)$ whenever $(u, v) \in E$ ?

## 3-DIMENSIONAL MATCHING (3DM)

INSTANCE: A set $M \subset W \times X \times Y$ where $W, X$, and $Y$ are disjoint sets having the same number $q$ of elements
QUESTION: Does $M$ contain a matching, i.e., a subset $M^{\prime} \subset M$ such that $\left|M^{\prime}\right|=q$ and no two elements of $M^{\prime}$ agree in any coordinate?

## EXACT COVER BY 3-SETS (X3C)

INSTANCE: Finite set $X$ with $|X|=3 q, q$ an integer; collection $C$ of 3-element subset of X
QUESTION: Does $C$ contain an exact cover for $X$, i.e., a subcollection $C^{\prime} \subset C$ such that every element of $X$ occurs in exactly one member of $C^{\prime}$ ?

## PARTITION

INSTANCE: A finite set $A$, and a "size" $s(a) \geq 0$ defined for each $a \in A$.
QUESTION: Is there a subset $A^{\prime} \subset A$ such that

$$
\sum_{a \in A^{\prime}} s(a)=\sum_{a \in A-A^{\prime}} s(a) ?
$$

## KNAPSACK

INSTANCE: Items $1, \ldots, N$ with $\operatorname{size}(i) \geq 0$ and $\operatorname{value}(i) \geq 0$ defined for each item $i$; integers $M, K \geq 0$.
QUESTION: Is there a subset $S \subset\{1, \ldots, N\}$ such that

$$
\sum_{i \in S} \operatorname{size}(i) \leq M
$$

and

$$
\sum_{i \in S} \operatorname{value}(i) \geq K ?
$$

## CLIQUE

INSTANCE: Undirected graph $G=(V, E)$, positive integer $K \leq|V|$.
QUESTION: Does $G$ have a clique of size $K$ or more, i.e., a subset $V^{\prime} \subset V$ with $\left|V^{\prime}\right| \geq K$ such that every two vertices of $V^{\prime}$ are adjacent?

## INDEPENDENT SET

INSTANCE: Undirected graph $G=(V, E)$; positive integer $K \leq|V|$.
QUESTION: Does $G$ contain an independent set of size $K$ or more, i.e., a subset $V^{\prime} \subset V$ such that $\left|V^{\prime}\right| \geq K$ and such that no two vertices of $V^{\prime}$ are adjacent?

## VERTEX COVER (VC)

INSTANCE: Undirected graph $G=(V, E)$; positive integer $K \leq|V|$.
QUESTION: Is there a vertex cover of size $K$ or less for $G$, i.e., a subset $V^{\prime} \subset V$ such that $\left|V^{\prime}\right| \leq K$ and such that for each $(u, v) \in E$, either $u \in V^{\prime}$ or $v \in V^{\prime}$ ?

## DOMINATING SET

INSTANCE: Undirected graph $G=(V, E)$; positive integer $K \leq|V|$.
QUESTION: Does $G$ contain a dominating set of size $K$ or less, i.e., a subset $V^{\prime} \subset V$ with $\left|V^{\prime}\right| \leq K$ such that for all $u \in V-V^{\prime}$ there is a $v \in V^{\prime}$ for which $(u, v) \in E$ ?

HAMILTONIAN CIRCUIT (HC)
INSTANCE: Undirected graph $G=(V, E)$.
QUESTION: Does $G$ contain a Hamiltonian circuit, i.e., a simple cycle of length $|V|$ ?

