## 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  $f: V \to \{\text{red}, \text{blue}, \text{green}\}$  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  $M' \subset M$  such that |M'| = q and no two elements of M' agree in any coordinate?

## EXACT COVER BY 3-SETS (X3C)

INSTANCE: Finite set X with |X| = 3q, q an integer; collection C of 3-element subset of X.

QUESTION: Does C contain an exact cover for X, i.e., a subcollection  $C' \subset C$  such that every element of X occurs in exactly one member of C'?

#### PARTITION

INSTANCE: A finite set A, and a "size"  $s(a) \ge 0$  defined for each  $a \in A$ . QUESTION: Is there a subset  $A' \subset A$  such that

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

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### KNAPSACK

INSTANCE: Items  $1, \ldots, N$  with  $size(i) \ge 0$  and  $value(i) \ge 0$  defined for each item *i*; integers  $M, K \ge 0$ .

QUESTION: Is there a subset  $S \subset \{1, \ldots, N\}$  such that

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

and

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

# 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  $V' \subset V$  with  $|V'| \geq K$  such that every two vertices of V' 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  $V' \subset V$  such that  $|V'| \geq K$  and such that no two vertices of V' 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  $V' \subset V$  such that  $|V'| \leq K$  and such that for each  $(u, v) \in E$ , either  $u \in V'$  or  $v \in V'$ ?

### 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  $V' \subset V$  with  $|V'| \leq K$  such that for all  $u \in V - V'$  there is a  $v \in V'$  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|?

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