

Advanced Algorithmic Techniques (COMP523)

NP-Completeness 2

Recap and plan

- **Previous lecture:**
 - Polynomial time reductions
 - Computational classes: P and NP
 - NP-hardness and NP-completeness
 - NP-Complete problems: 3SAT and Vertex Cover
- **This lecture:**
 - Decision vs Optimisation.
 - NP-hardness for Subset Sum and Knapsack.
 - A catalogue of NP-complete problems.
 - A taxonomy of NP-complete problems.

Recall: Vertex Cover

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From optimisation to decision

- We are given an **optimisation problem P** (assume minimisation).
 - E.g., find the minimum vertex cover.
- We introduce a **threshold k** .
- The **decision version P_d** becomes: Given an instance of P and the threshold k as input, is there a solution to P of value at most k ?
 - E.g., is there a vertex cover of size at most k ?

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- Vertex Cover Size (Optimisation)

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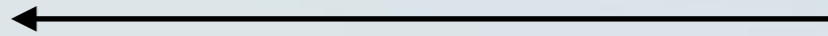
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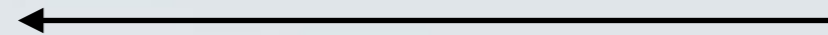
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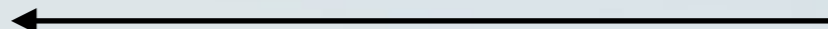
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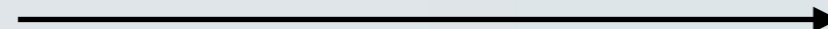
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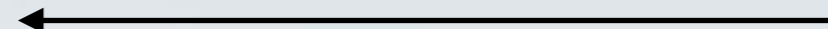
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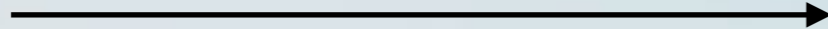


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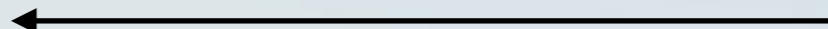
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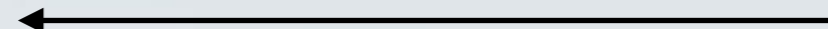
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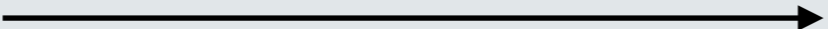


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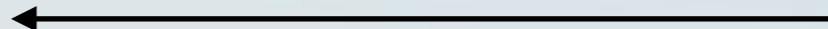
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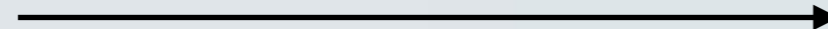
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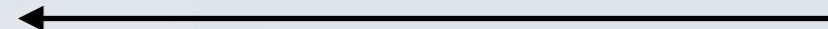
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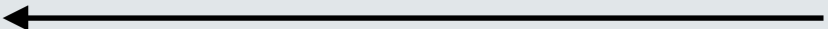


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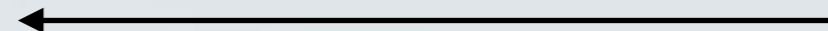
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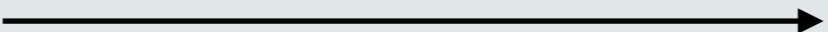
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yes



VC (decision)

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$k = 2 ?$

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$k = l-1 ?$

no

$k = l ?$

yes

...

$k = n ?$

yes

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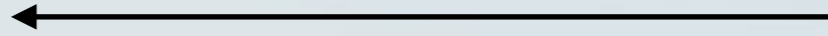
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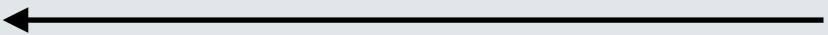


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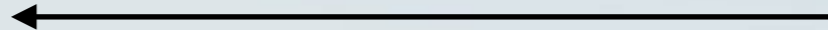


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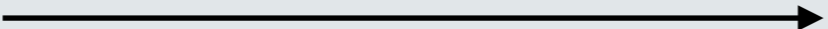


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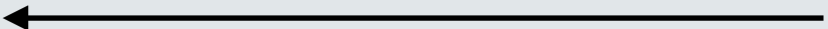


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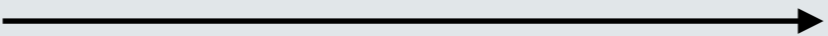
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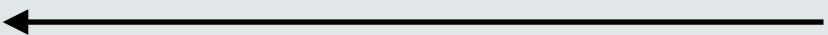
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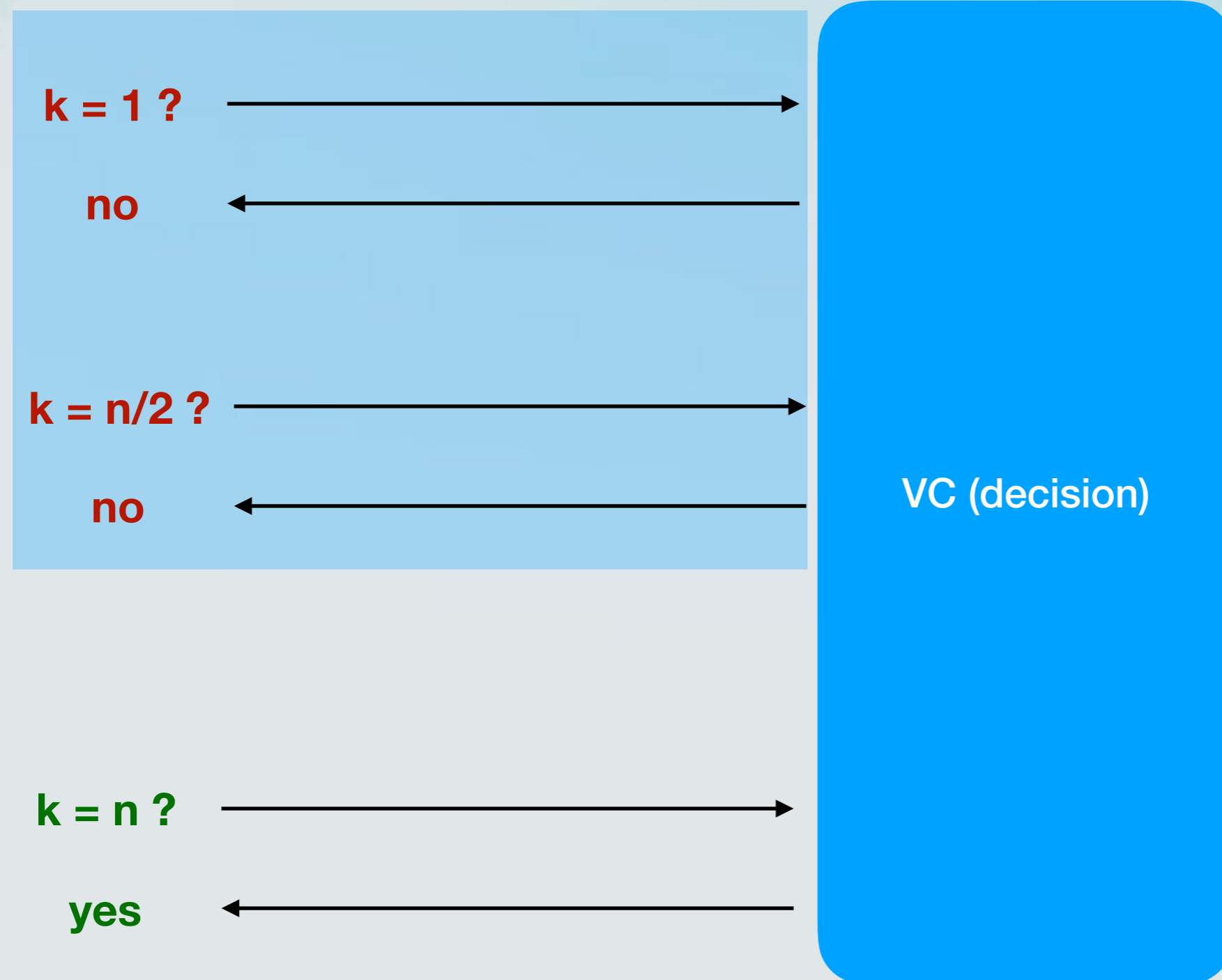


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Vertex Cover

- First, find the value k^* of the minimum vertex cover using the algorithm for VC_d .
- Pick a vertex v in the graph.
 - Remove it (and the incident edges) to get graph $G - \{v\}$.
 - **Property:** If v was in any minimum vertex cover, $G - \{v\}$ has a minimum vertex cover of size k^*-1 .
 - Check if the graph $G - \{v\}$ has a vertex cover of size at most k^*-1 .
 - **Yes:** Include v in the vertex cover.
 - **No:** Do not include v in the vertex cover.
 - Then move to the next vertex.

The subset sum problem

- We are given a set of n items $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.
- Each item i has a non-negative integer weight w_i .
- We are given an integer bound W .
- Goal: Select a subset S of the items such that $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$
and $\sum_{i \in S} w_i$ is maximised.

Equivalent formulation decision version

- We are given a set T of n items $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.
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- Goal: **Decide** if there exists a subset S of the items such that

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i = W$$

Subset Sum is in NP

- If we are given a candidate solution S , we can easily check whether the following holds or not:

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i = W$$

Subset Sum is in NP-hard

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- Assumptions wlog:
 - Every variable appears in some clause.
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z_1		1	0	0				
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y_2		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
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- s_i has a 1 in the corresponding “clause digit”.
- t_i has a 2 in the corresponding “clause digit”.

The reduction

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z_1		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
y_1		1	0	0	0	1	1	0
z_2		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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y_3		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t_1		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
t_3		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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- One direction:

ϕ is satisfiable \Rightarrow there exists a subset S of T whose sum is exactly W .

The reduction

- Let x be a satisfying assignment.
- If $x_1 = 1$, include z_1 .
- Otherwise, include y_1 .
- Include appropriate choices of s_i and t_i .

The reduction

		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄
Z ₁		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Y ₁		1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Z ₂		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Y ₂		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Z ₃		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Y ₃		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
S ₁		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t ₁		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
S ₂		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t ₂		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
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t ₃		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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s ₂		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t ₂		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
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t ₃		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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Since all clauses are satisfied, we get at least one “1” from one of the variables that were set to 0 in x .

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s ₁		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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y ₁		1	0	0	0	1	1	0
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y ₂		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
z ₃		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
y ₃		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
s ₁		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t ₁		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
s ₂		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t ₂		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s ₃		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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z_2		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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z_3		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
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s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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z_1		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
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y_2		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
z_3		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
y_3		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t_1		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
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z_2		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
y_2		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
z_3		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
y_3		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t_1		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
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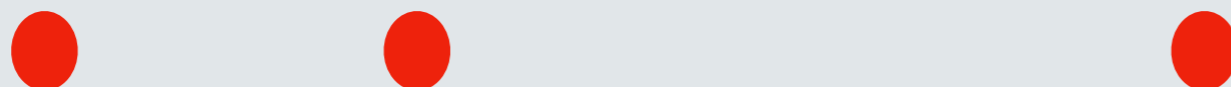
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z_1		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
y_1		1	0	0	0	1	1	0
z_2		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
y_2		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
z_3		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
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s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t_1		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
t_3		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
t_3		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
t_3		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
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The reduction

		x_1	x_2	x_3	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4
z_1		1	0	0	1	0	0	1
y_1		1	0	0	0	1	1	0
z_2		0	1	0	0	0	0	1
y_2		0	1	0	1	1	1	0
z_3		0	0	1	0	0	1	1
y_3		0	0	1	1	1	0	0
s_1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0
t_1		0	0	0	2	0	0	0
s_2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
t_2		0	0	0	0	2	0	0
s_3		0	0	0	0	0	1	0
t_3		0	0	0	0	0	2	0
s_4		0	0	0	0	0	0	1
t_4		0	0	0	0	0	0	2
W		1	1	1	4	4	4	4

S must contain *exactly one* of z and y for each index i , otherwise the sum is not W .

Set $x_i = 1$ if S contains z_i and $x_i = 0$ otherwise.

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Knapsack

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 - Which problem should we reduce from?

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Given disjoint sets X , Y and Z each of size n , and given a set T (which is a subset of $X \times Y \times Z$) of ordered triples, does there exist a set of n triples in T , so that each element of $X \cup Y \cup Z$ is contained in exactly in one of these triples?

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(def Kleinberg and Tardos, p. 474).

NP-completeness, a taxonomy

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