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— Worst case Analysis.

Assume $P \neq NP$

3SAT $\notin P$ or any other NP-complete problems.

① Allow run-time larger than polynomial

for example, 3SAT $\in \text{TIME}[1.304^n]$

k-SAT $\in \text{TIME}[2^{n(1-\frac{\epsilon}{k})}]$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$.

"Exact-Algorithms"

② Still run in poly-time but only ask for "approximate" solutions.

Vertex-Cover. $\frac{\text{Solution Size}}{G}$ $\leq 2 \cdot \text{Optimum Size}$.

3SAT — a satisfying assignment satisfies all clauses

approximate solution — an assignment that satisfies "most" of the clauses

$\geq 99\%$

^ "Approximation Algorithms".

- ③ May be you want an algorithm that runs correctly in poly-time on "most" of the instance.
 $\geq 99\%$ (SAT solvers)

"Average Case Complexity".

Approximation - Algorithms "Hardness of Approximation"

want a solution that is close to the optimum solution.

Minimization problem e.g. vertex cover.

Optimum \leq Solution given by the algorithm \leq ϵ \cdot Optimal Solution

Maximization problem; e.g. MaxCut, Max SAT

Optimal Solution \leq Solution given by the algorithm \leq Optimal Solution

(Probabilistically Checkable proofs.)

PCP Thm: $P \neq NP$. Then,

\nexists any poly-time algorithm that finds an assignment that satisfies $\geq 99.99\%$ of the clauses.

[Håstad '99] Assuming $P \neq NP$. \nexists any poly-time algorithm that ^{given 3-CNF formula} finds an assignment that satisfies, $\forall \epsilon > 0$,

$\geq \left(\frac{7}{8} + \epsilon\right)$ fraction of clauses.
↑
Optimal.

\exists a poly-time algorithm that given 3-CNF formula outputs an assignment that satisfies at least $\frac{7}{8}$ fraction of clauses.

Proof: randomized algorithm that
in expectation satisfies $\geq \frac{7}{8}$ fraction
will be working with Exact-3-CNF.

Given ϕ a Exact-3-CNF on
 n -variables.

Let $a \in \{0,1\}^n$ be a random assignment

$$I_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if clause } j \text{ is satisfied} \\ & \text{by } a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\# \text{ Satisfied clauses} = I_1 + \dots + I_m$$

$$E_a[\# \text{ Satisfied clauses}] = \sum_{i=1}^m E[I_i]$$

$$(x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_5) = \sum_{i=1}^m \Pr[I_i \text{ evaluates to True}]$$

$$= \frac{7}{8} m$$

Derandomization: (Method of conditional Expectation)

$$E_a[\# \text{ clauses}] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot E[\# \text{ clauses} | x_1=1] + \frac{1}{2} \cdot E[\# \text{ clauses} | x_1=0]$$

Vertex Cover

Solution $\leq 2 \cdot$ Optimal Solution
from your algo.

Approximating Vertex-cover better than

$\sqrt{2} - \epsilon$ is NP-hard.

~~$\approx 1.414 - \epsilon$~~

Minimum Bisection: Given a graph G

you want to find a subset S of vertices

of size $\frac{|V|}{2}$ s.t. the edges going

across $S \leftrightarrow \overline{S}$ is minimized.

approx. upper bound $\leq (\log n)$

we don't have any approx. lower bound.

Problem:- Given a 3-CNF formula
Output the max. no. of
clauses that can be
satisfied.

Output: Some number $1 \leq \text{output} \leq m$

Suppose you have a polytime algorithm that gives an assignment that satisfies $> \frac{7}{8}$ fraction of clauses.

Then we can use this promised algo to solve 3-SAT in poly-time.

Exact - Algorithms:

$$k\text{-SAT} \in \text{TIME} \left[2^{n(1 - \frac{c}{k})} \right]$$

for some constant $c > 0$.

3-SAT runs in time 1.304^n .

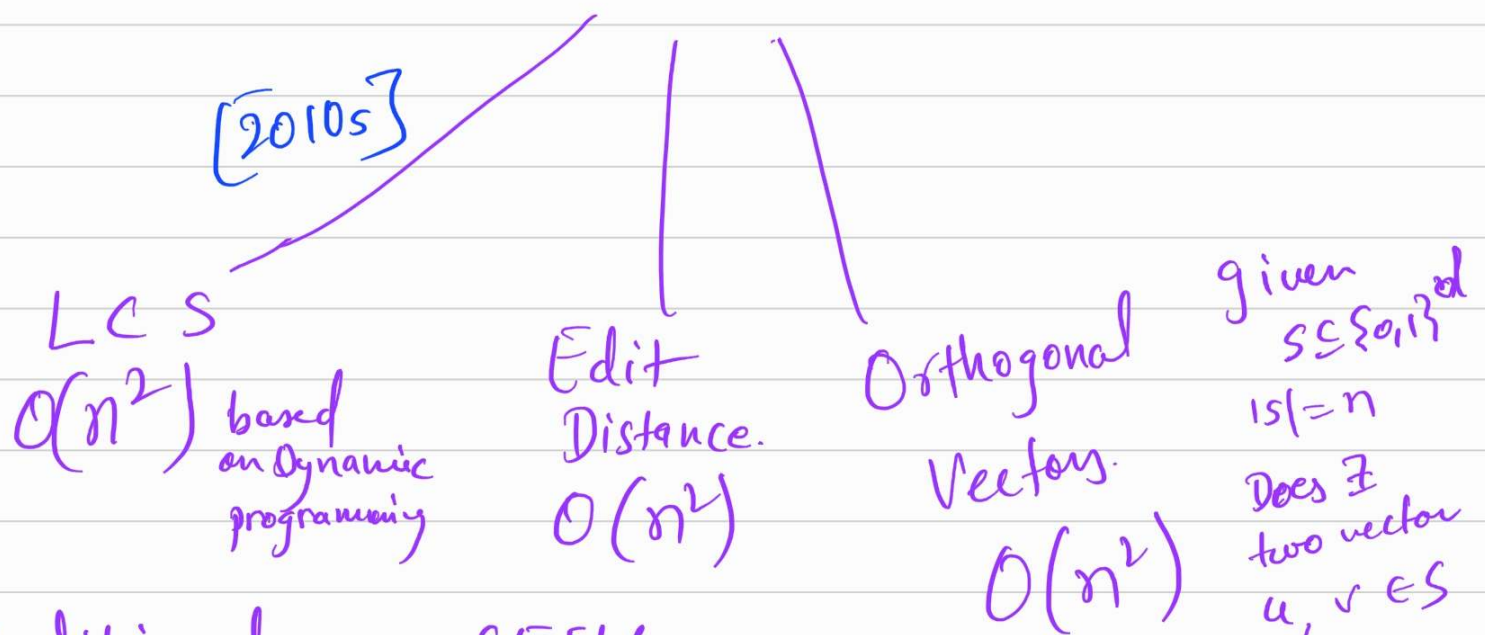
↓ may be.
 $n^{\text{poly}(\log n)}$

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 $n^{\log \log n}$

[Impagliazzo - Paturi - Zane '01]

Strong-Exponential-Time-Hypothesis (SETH)

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists k$ s.t. k -SAT requires $2^{(1-\epsilon)n}$ time.



Conditioned on SETH
you can show that
the above runtime
is optimal.

Contrapositive

if LCS has $O(n^{1.9999})$ -time
algo then SETH false.

Goal: understand the exact complexity

③ "Average Case Complexity"

Applications in Cryptography.

- Average Case Hardness

- One-way functions.

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$$

compute $f(x)$ easily but given y

computing $f^{-1}(y)$ is hard.

- pseudo-random generators

— x — x —

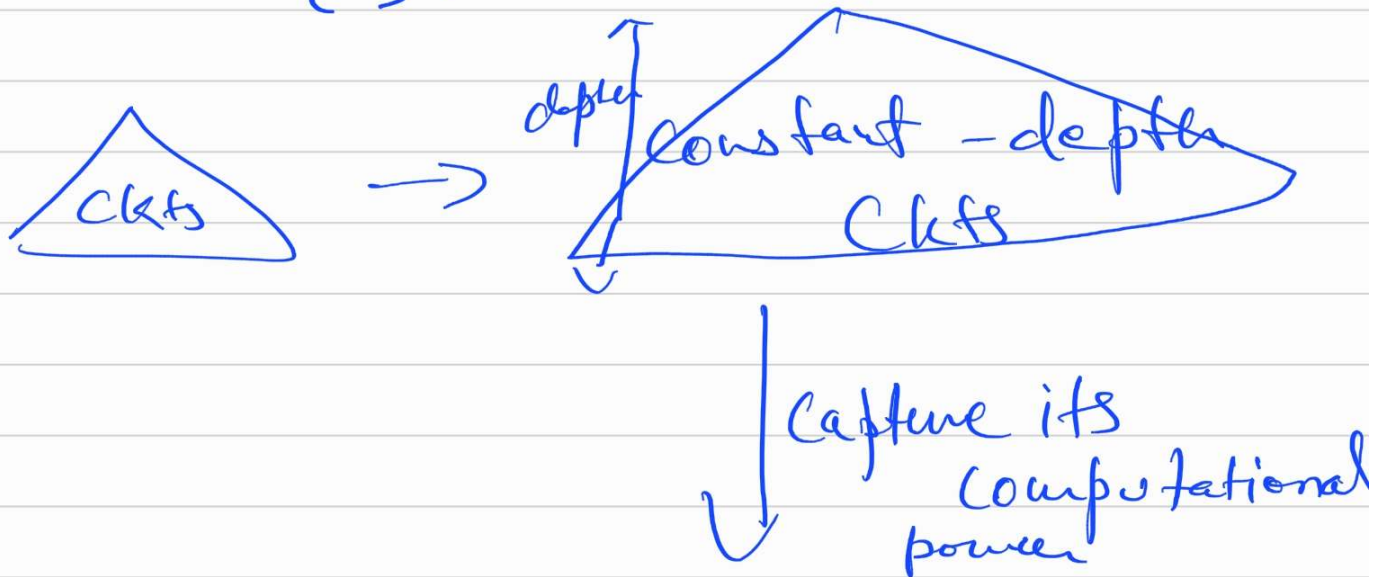
→ lower bounds.

SAT requires linear time
linear size
circuits.

→ Circuit Complexity

→ Communication Complexity.

→ Polynomial methods in
CS.



Multivariate polynomials.

[Razborov-Smolensky]

constant-depth Ckts can be
approximated by a low-degree
polynomials

e.g. $\oplus_n = \text{Parity over } n\text{-bits}$