

CPSC 536F

Feb 10

Valiant! # Perfect Matchings

is complete for #P, i.e.

if you can count the number

of perfect matchings in a

graph in poly time, then

$$P = NP$$

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Valiant's gadgets:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

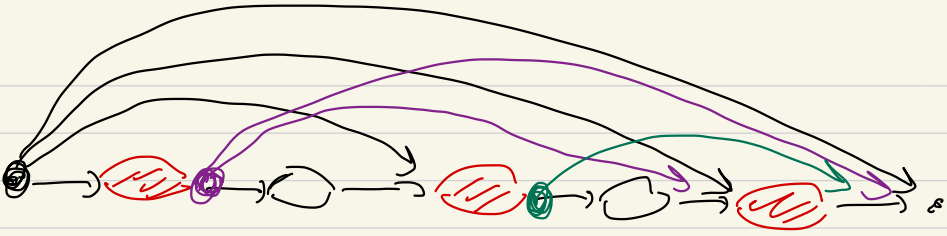
has:  $\text{Perm } X = 0$ ,

$$\text{Perm } X(1;1) = \text{Perm } X(4;4)$$

$$= \text{Perm } X(1,4;1,4) = 0$$

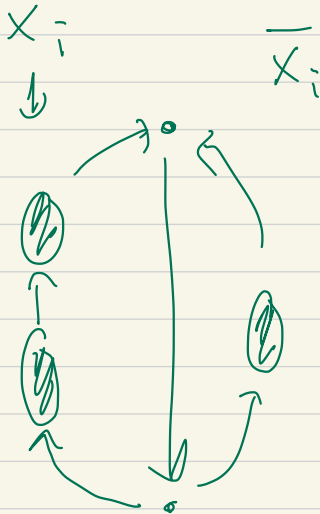
and

$$\text{Perm } X(1;4) = \text{Perm } X(4;1) = 4$$



plus downward arrows

Interchange



"track"

3SAT = { Boolean formulas  
f that are in 3CNF  
form s.t.  
f has a satisfying  
assignment }

3CNF !

$$f = (c_1) \text{ AND } (c_2) \text{ AND} \\ \dots \text{ AND } (c_m)$$

$$c_i = \text{lit}_1^i \text{ OR } \text{lit}_2^i \text{ OR } \text{lit}_3^i$$

literal =  $x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n$

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idea!

$f = (x_1 \text{ OR } x_2 \text{ OR } \bar{x}_3) \text{ AND}$

$(x_5 \text{ OR } \bar{x}_1 \text{ OR } x_2) \text{ AND}$

⋮  
⋮  
⋮

3SAT =  $\left\{ f \text{ in 3CNF} \right\}$  that  
have a satisfying assignment

satisfying assignment!

$x_1, \dots, x_n$  set to T, F

$$\text{s.t. } f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{true}$$

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# 3SAT is the problem of given

$f$  in 3CNF, print out the  
number of satisfying assignments!

$$f = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

# satisfying assignments  $\leq 2^n$

So this # can be expressed

in  $n$ -bits

For many "NP-complete problems"

3COLOUR, ---

If you can determine #3SAT,

then you can determine #3COLOUR

= # legal 3-colourings of a

graph

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Most people guess that

3SAT can't be solved in

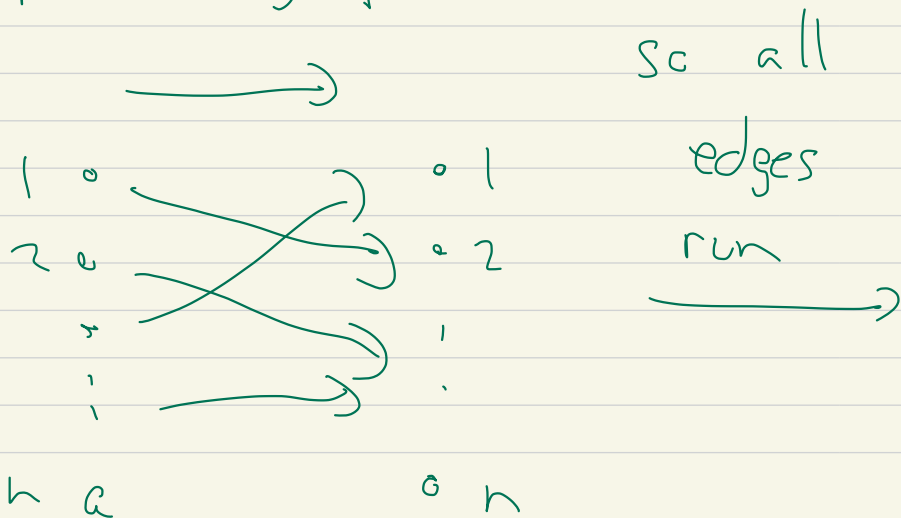
polynomial time (i.e.  $P \neq NP$ )

Certainly!

If you can solve #3SAT, then you can tell if this # is  $> 0$  or  $= 0$ , so you can solve 3SAT.

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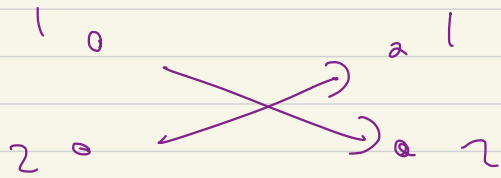
On the other hand, given a bipartite graph





a perfect matching is just

a subgraph



There is a standard "augmenting path algorithm" to do this.

Surprise! if you can

solve

# Perfect Matchings,

i.e. given  $n$  and subset of

pairs  $\{(1, -), n\}$ , and you

have a subroutine to count

perfect matchings, then you

can solve # 3SAT, # 3COLOUR,

etc.

And  $X \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$ , so

$X = (x_{ij})_{i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$  then  $\text{Perm}(X) =$

So if you can count

# Perfect Matchings  $\xrightarrow{NP}$  poly time,

then  $P = NP$ ; most people

think  $P \neq NP$ , then

count # Perfect Matchings should

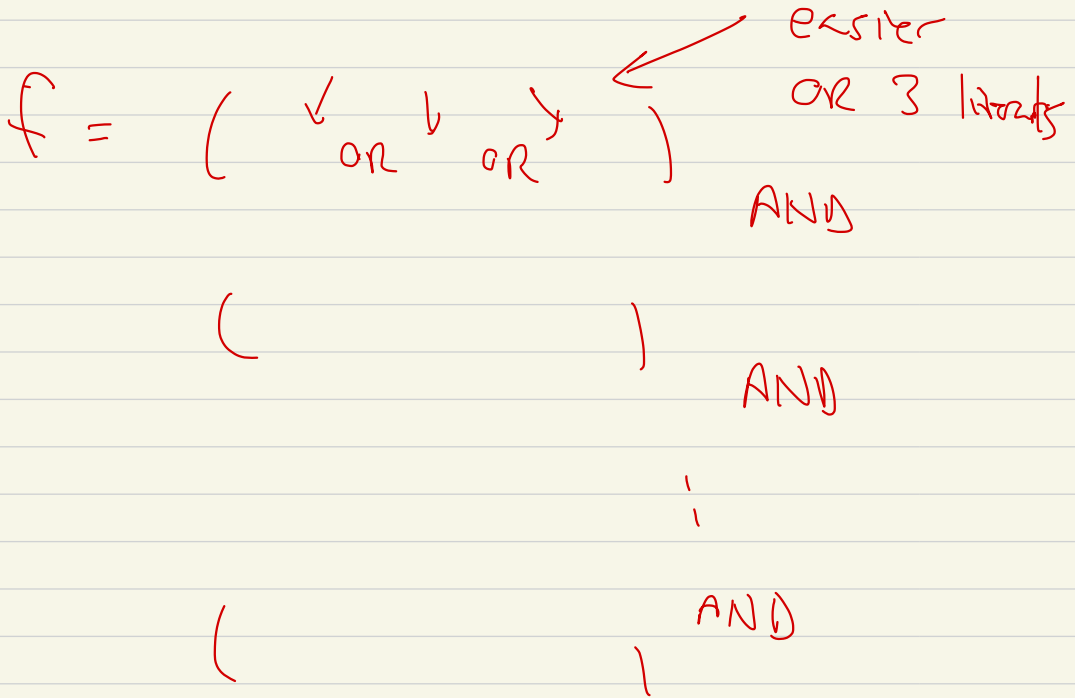
not have a short { formula  
circuit

Today (2022, Feb) we can prove

min formula size for Perm  $\geq c \cdot n^2$ .

Today! Valiant's result!

if you're given an



even

$$\left( \right) \Leftrightarrow \left( \text{OR} \text{ OR} \text{ OR} \dots \text{OR} \right)$$

then  $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n$  s.t.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bar{1}$

Can be solved by solving a  
 poly number of # Perfect Matching  
 problems or computing a

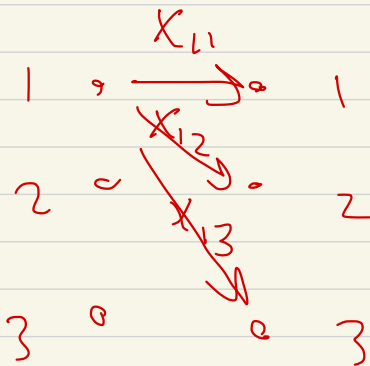
Permanent.

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$$\text{Permanent}(X) : X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

or

$$\{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$$



$$\text{Perm} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \sum X_{1 \sigma(1)} X_{2 \sigma(2)} \dots X_{n \sigma(n)}$$
$$\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$$

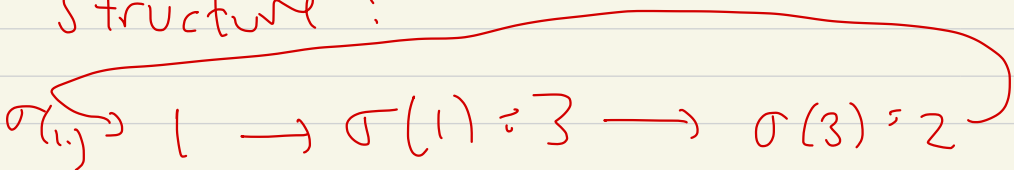
bijections (one-to-one

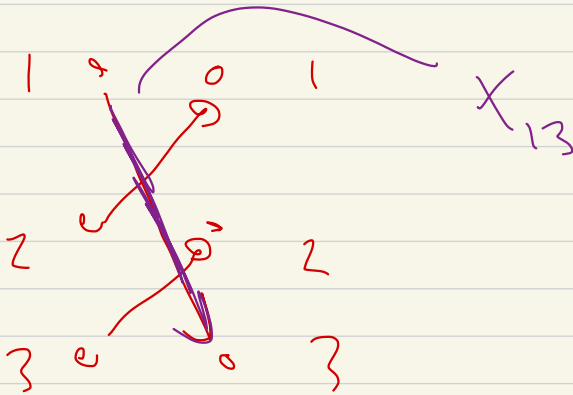
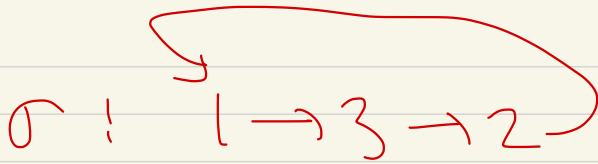
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Here  $\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$

Can view  $\sigma$  as having a cyclic

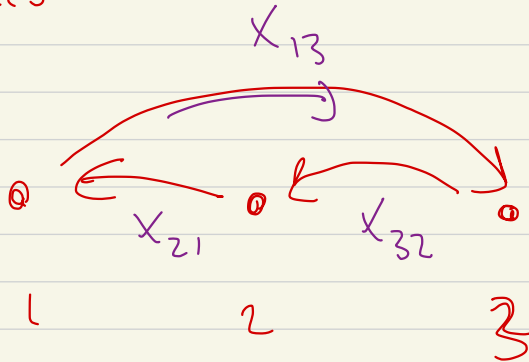
structure:



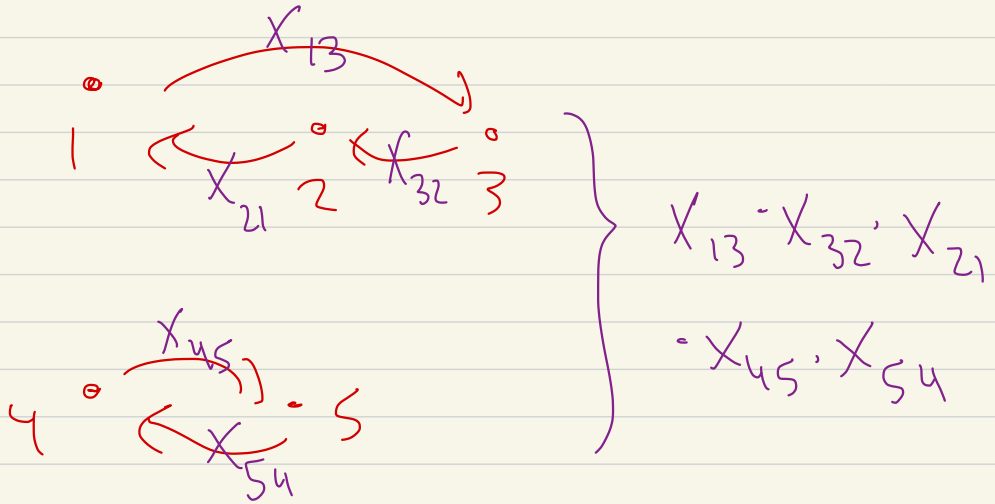


Think of a directed graph on

3 vertices:



$n=5$   $\sigma$  cyclic structure



Each  $\sigma$  gives you a subgraph of the complete digraph on  $n$  vertices that goes into each vertex once and out of each vertex once, covering all vertices as a union of cycles.



1st Observation:

If you can compute

$\text{Perm}(X),$

where entries  $X_{ij} \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

then you can count

# solutions of a Boolean formula,

$f = f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$

form

Take an  $f$  in 3 CNF form:

$(x_1 \text{ OR } x_2 \text{ OR } \bar{x}_3)$  AND

$(\bar{x}_5 \text{ OR } x_9 \text{ OR } \bar{x}_1)$  AND

$(x_1 \text{ OR } \bar{x}_1 \text{ OR } x_7)$  AND

⋮

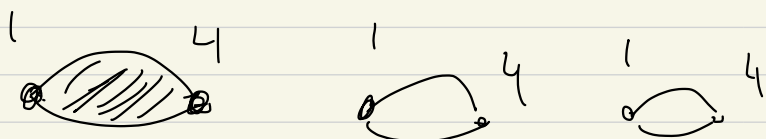
create from this a permanent

question of size roughly the

size of the formula

Construction :

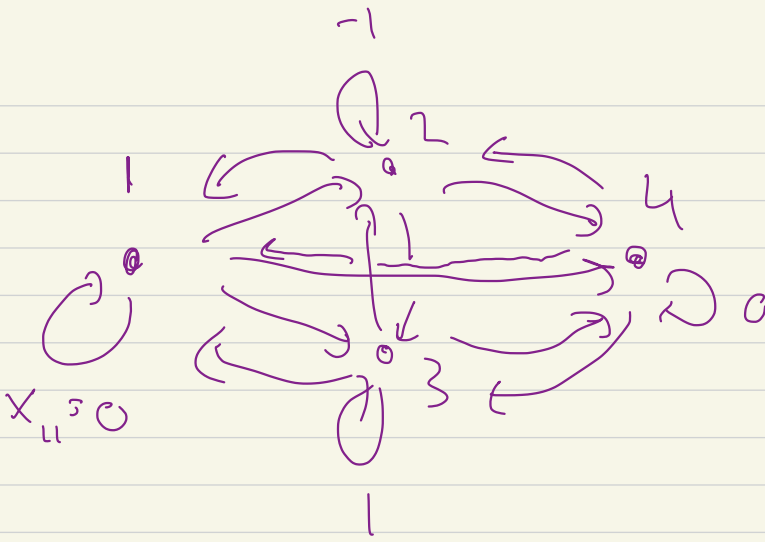
first gadget !



Complete digraph on 4 vertices,

weight the edges as

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Claim!

$$\text{Perm}(X) = 0$$

So

$\text{Perm}(Y)$  and  $Y =$

0	1	-1	1	only
1	-1	1	1	
0	1	1	2	
0	1	3	0	
only				only

if term

$$\text{Perm}(Y) = \sum$$

$$\sigma: \{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, m\}$$

but sum over all

$$\sigma \text{ takes } \{1, \dots, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 4\}$$

then

$$Y_{1 \sigma(1)} Y_{2 \sigma(2)} \dots Y_{m \sigma(m)}$$

is

first few

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Next!

$$\text{Perm} \left( \underbrace{X(1;1)} \right)$$

X with row # 1  
col # 1

deleted,

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Perm} \left( X(4;4) \right)$$

$$\text{Perm} \left( X(1,4;1,4) \right) = 0$$

e.g.,  $X(1,4; 1,4) =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

left nil

$$\text{Perm} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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but

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Perm } X(1; 4) \\ \text{Perm } X(4; 1) \end{array} \right\} = 4$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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HW! The same can't

happen to any square matrix

if Perm <sup>replace</sup>  $\rightarrow$  Det.

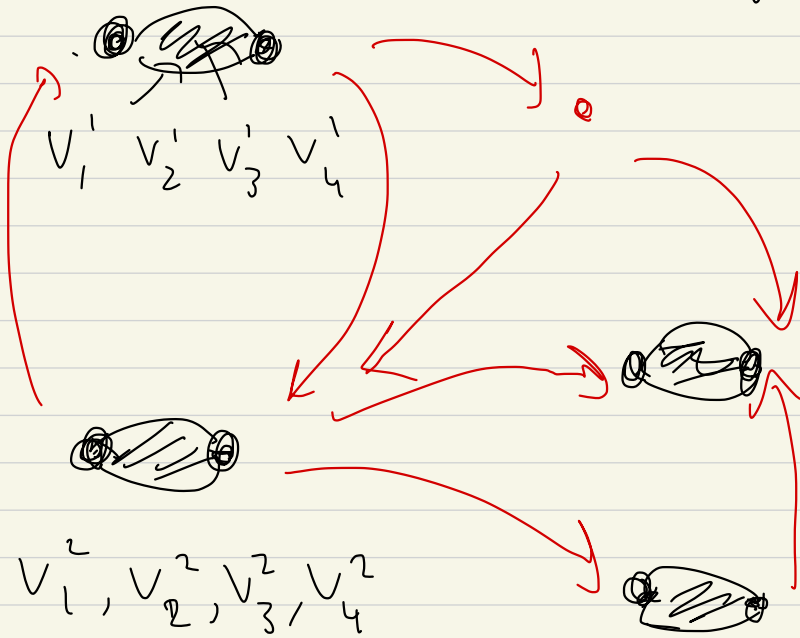
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Claim:



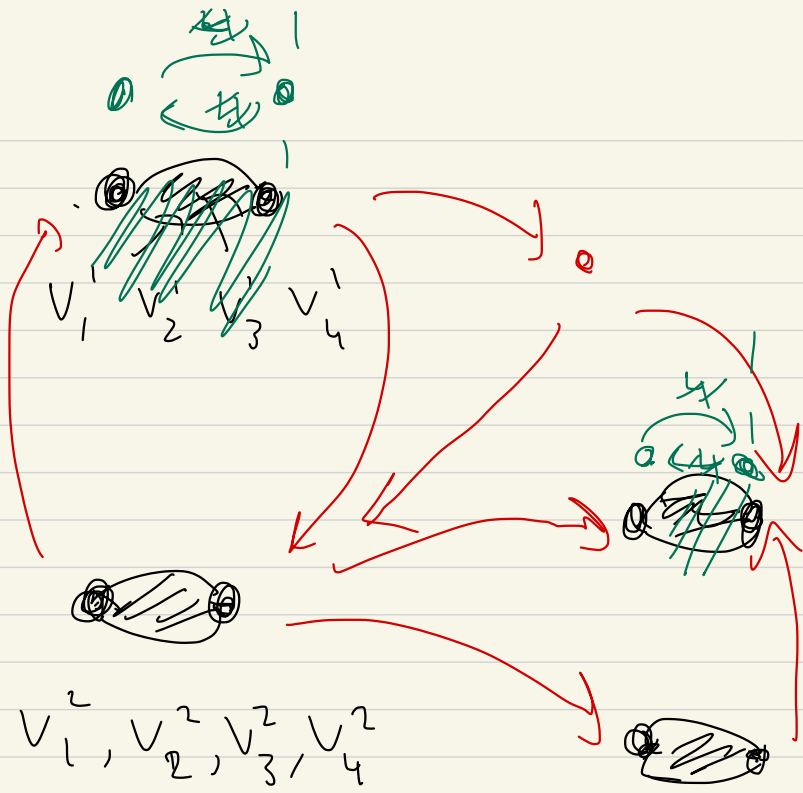
Graph:

with Valiant's weights



plus, then Perm  $\updownarrow$


is

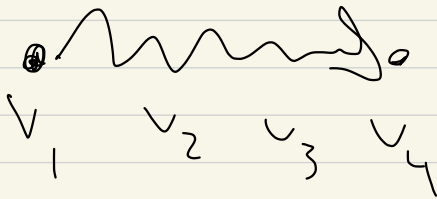


i.e. when we sum over all  $\sigma$  bijections on vertex set, look at cyclic structure,

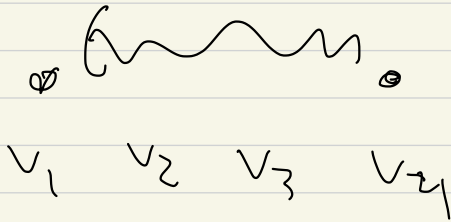
$$\text{Perm}(\text{Big Graph}) = 4^{\text{Vertex Pieces}} \text{Perm}(\text{smaller graph})$$

Perm<sup>1</sup> meaning each

 has to traverse



OR

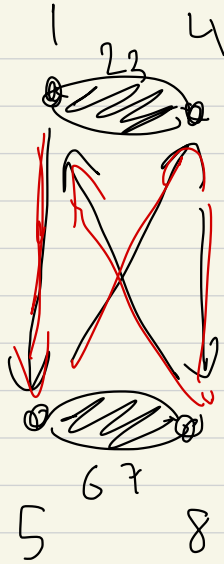


Break!

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Think about this step---

Perm

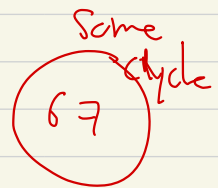
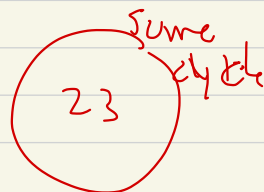
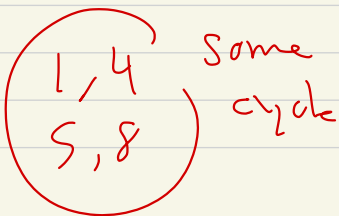


then

cyclic structure of  $\sigma$

break into conn comp,

you can't have



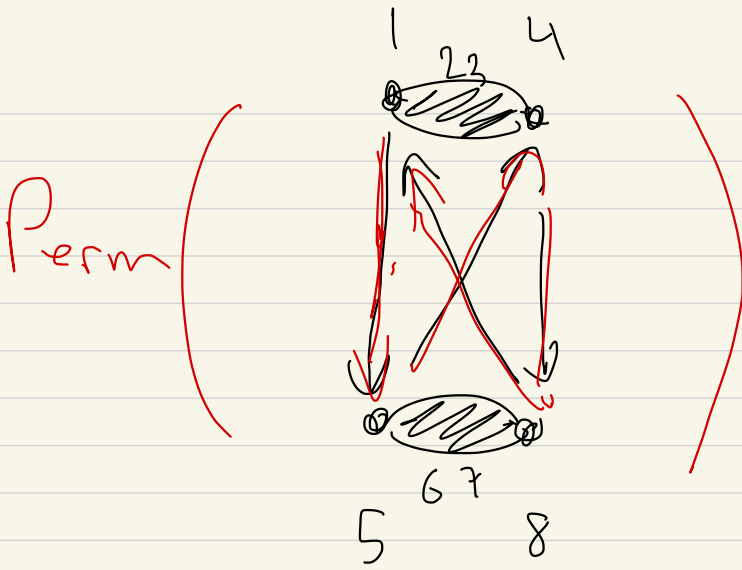
$$\text{Perm} \left( X^{8 \times 8} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \text{'s}}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{partitions}} \sum$$

$\{1, \dots, 8\}$

$\sigma$ 's with  
a given  
partition  
of vertex  
set, each  
part in a cycle



$$= \sum X_{1 \sigma(1)} \dots X_{8 \sigma(8)}$$

$\sigma$  s.t.

cycles break  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$

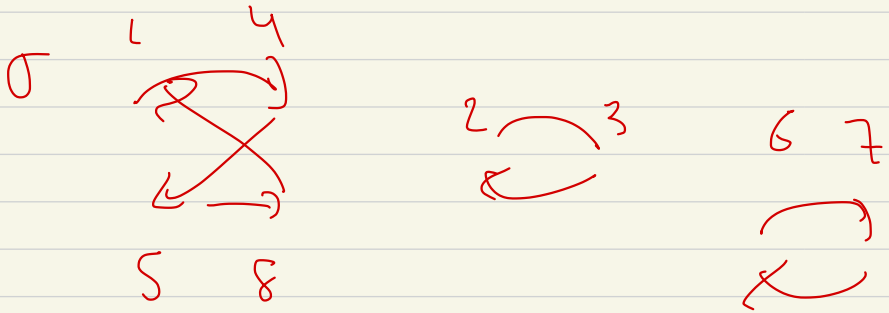
into cycles on 1, 4, 5, 8

" " 2, 3

" " 6, 7

$$+ \sum_{\sigma} \dots \text{all-other partitions}$$

$$\sigma : \{1, \dots, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 8\}$$



partition ~~into~~

$$\{1, \dots, 8\}$$

into

$$\{1, 4, 5, 8\}$$

same cycle

$$\{2, 3\}$$

same  
cycle

$$\{6, 7\}$$

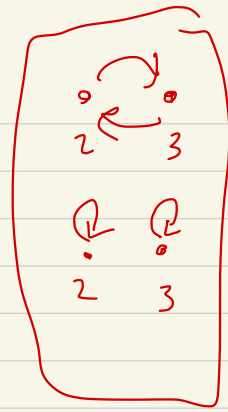
same  
cycle



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cycles on 1, 4, 5, 8

2  
1 → 4 → 5 → 8

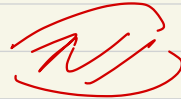
1 → 5 → 8 → 4  
↓  
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Subdivide

$$\sigma : \{1, \dots, 8\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 8\}$$

which parts of



are taken to themselves

The rest:

$$(x_1 \text{ OR } x_2 \text{ OR } \overline{x_3})$$

AND

$$(x_5 \text{ OR } x_7 \text{ OR } \overline{x_9})$$

AND

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produce a graph  $\mathcal{G}$   
that counts # solutions of  
i-  $\text{Perm}(\mathcal{G})$

Part of  $\gamma$ :

Each variable

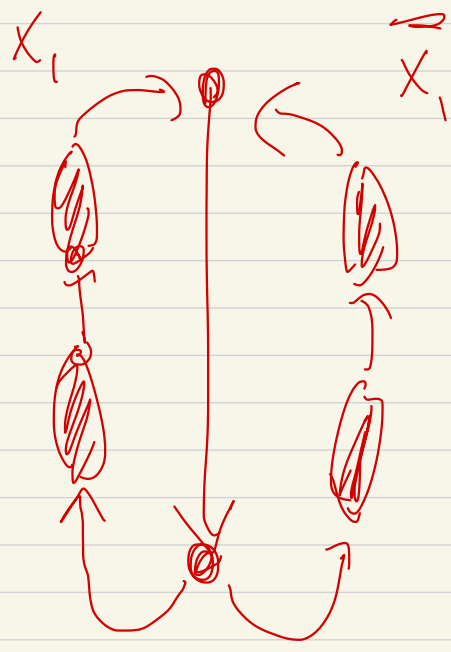
$x_1, \dots, x_n$

Say

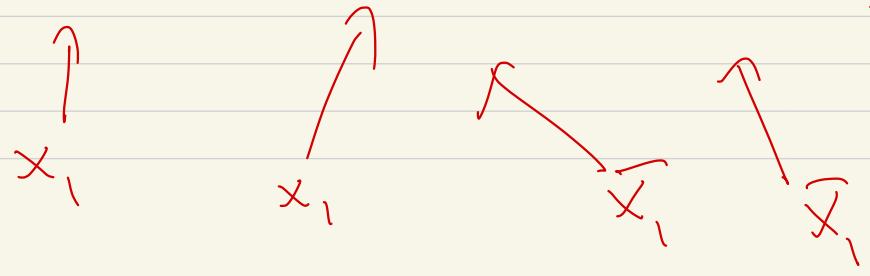
$x_1$

and

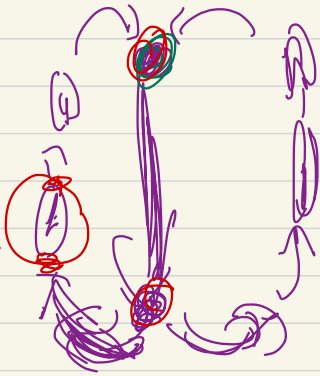
in the clauses



( ) AND ( ) AND ... AND ( )

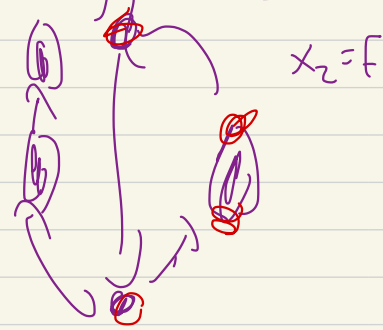


$x_1 = T$        $\overline{x_1} = T$



$x_1$

$x_2 = T$        $\overline{x_2} = T$



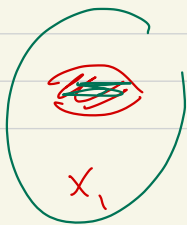
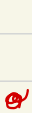
$x_2$

tracks:

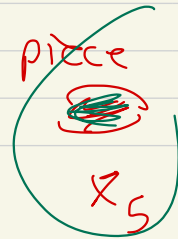
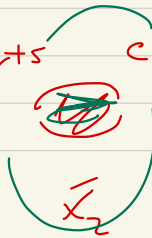
for each clause ( $x_1$  or  $\overline{x_2}$  or  $x_5$ )

interchange!

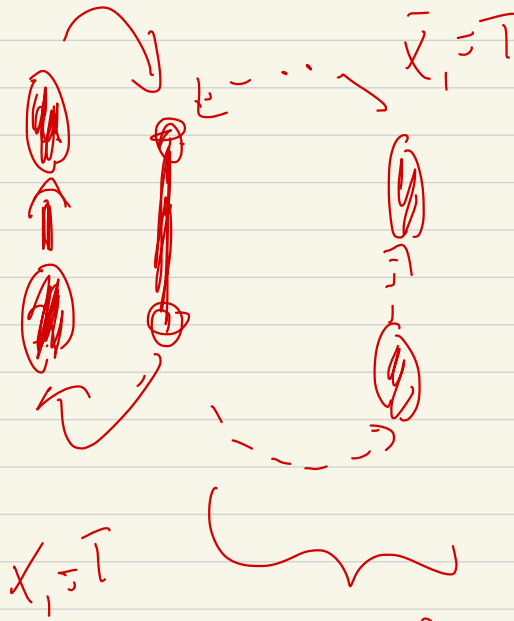
$x_1$  on  $\overline{x_2}$  or  $x_5$



variants clause piece



If you choose  $x_1 = \bar{T}$



none of  
these  
edges  
are  
traversed  
in the

$x_1$  piece

Class ends



The Complexity of Computation

the Permanent

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