

CS46, Swarthmore College, Spring 2014

Homework 8 – due 24 April

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1. The complexity class  $coNP$  consists of languages whose complement is in  $NP$ . It is currently an open question if  $coNP = NP$ . Show if  $NP \neq coNP$  then  $P \neq NP$ .
2. Show that if  $P = NP$  then any language  $A \in P$  where  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \neq \Sigma^*$  is  $NP$ -complete.
3. Give a reduction from  $3-COLOR$  to  $3-SAT$ . If we know  $3-SAT$  is  $NP$ -complete, what do we know about  $3-COLOR$  based on this reduction?
4. (L&P 6.3.3) Consider a Boolean formula in 2-CNF. Any clause  $(x \vee y)$  can be thought of as two implications  $\bar{x} \implies y$  and  $\bar{y} \implies x$ . The clause  $(x)$  can be thought of as  $\bar{x} \implies x$ . If we then consider  $x \implies y$  as a directed edge from a vertex  $x$  to a vertex  $y$ , we can construct an implication graph from any 2-CNF formula. Show that a 2-CNF formula is unsatisfiable if and only if there is a variable  $x$  such that there is a path in the constructed graph from  $x$  to  $\bar{x}$  and a path from  $\bar{x}$  to  $x$ . Design an algorithm based on this observation to show  $2-SAT \in P$ .