

The class **NP**

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If there is a variable x in $G(\phi)$ such that x is reachable from \bar{x} and vice versa, then ϕ is unsatisfiable.

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Proof.

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Let $\Sigma = \{ (,), 0, 1, ; \}$. The size of p 's certificate in Σ is at most $4 \cdot \log^2 p$.

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- 1 Clearly true for $p = 2$ and $p = 3$.
- 2 $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_k$ are prime divisors of $(p - 1)$ ($k \leq \log p$). Hence,
 $q_2 \cdot q_3 \dots q_k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$.
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