

2 ways to represent variables in 3SAT:

① Dual-rail logic:

- variable gadget forces exclusive OR of 2 "semiwires" (true & false)
- semiwire connects to clauses  $\exists$  variable  
↪ active only when chosen

(e.g. Nintendo, pushing blocks, Phutball — most 3SAT reductions we've seen)

② Binary logic: (not just Circuit SAT)

- wire gadget has 2 (types of) solutions
- split gadget to make copies of wire  
(e.g. flat-foldable crease patterns)
- not gadget (for 3SAT, not 1-in-3/NAE 3SAT)
- terminator gadget (for ending unused wires without constraints e.g. Circuit SAT inputs)

- Circuit SAT needs true terminator to constrain output = true

↔ in both cases, may need

- turn gadget to route (semi)wires
- crossover gadget to cross (semi)wires
- shift gadget to adjust/fix parity/mod-k spacing

## Akari / Light Up: [Nikoli 2001]

- given square grid with some obstacles
- some obstacles have a number
  - how many (0-4) edge-adjacent lights
- light illuminates like rook, up to obstacles
- goal: place lights in blanks so that
  - black space lit
  - no lights light each other
  - satisfy numbers

## NP-complete by reduction from Circuit SAT: [McPhail 2005]

- wire, turn gadgets
- split/negation gadget
- split & negation gadgets (via terminators)
- OR/XNOR gate
- crossover gadget: just XORs!

Minesweeper: given square grid of numbers & unknowns & possibly mines

Consistency: does there exist a solution?

- e.g. see whether mine at  $x$  is consistent with (consistent) info so far: if not, play  $x$   
→ special case of interest

NP-complete by reduction from Circuit SAT [Kaye 2000]

- wire, terminator
- split/NOT/turn
- phase changer (shift by 2) via 2 NOTs
- AND
- crossover gadget: just use NANDs!

[Goldschlager 1977]

Planar Circuit SAT: given noncrossing circuit

- only NAND or - only NOR
- or any functionally complete gate set

[McColl - IEEE Trans. Computers 1981]

(& splitters for fan-out)

Winning: can I force a win? (no guessing)  
i.e. figure out all squares?

[Hearn 2006]

Inference: can I figure out any squares?  
[Scott, Stege, van Rooij 2011]

CoNP: proof of NO = 2 differing solutions

CoNP-complete by reduction from  
Circuit UNSAT:  $\neg \exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  s.t.  $f(\vec{x})$   
 $\equiv \forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n: \neg f(\vec{x})$

- wire, turn, terminator
- NOT, OR, shifter
- split
- crossover: just use NORs!
- special care to ensure equal # mines  
in all cases (# mines part of puzzle)  
& ports aligned (middle of 3)
- unsatisfiable  $\Leftrightarrow$  output forced to be F

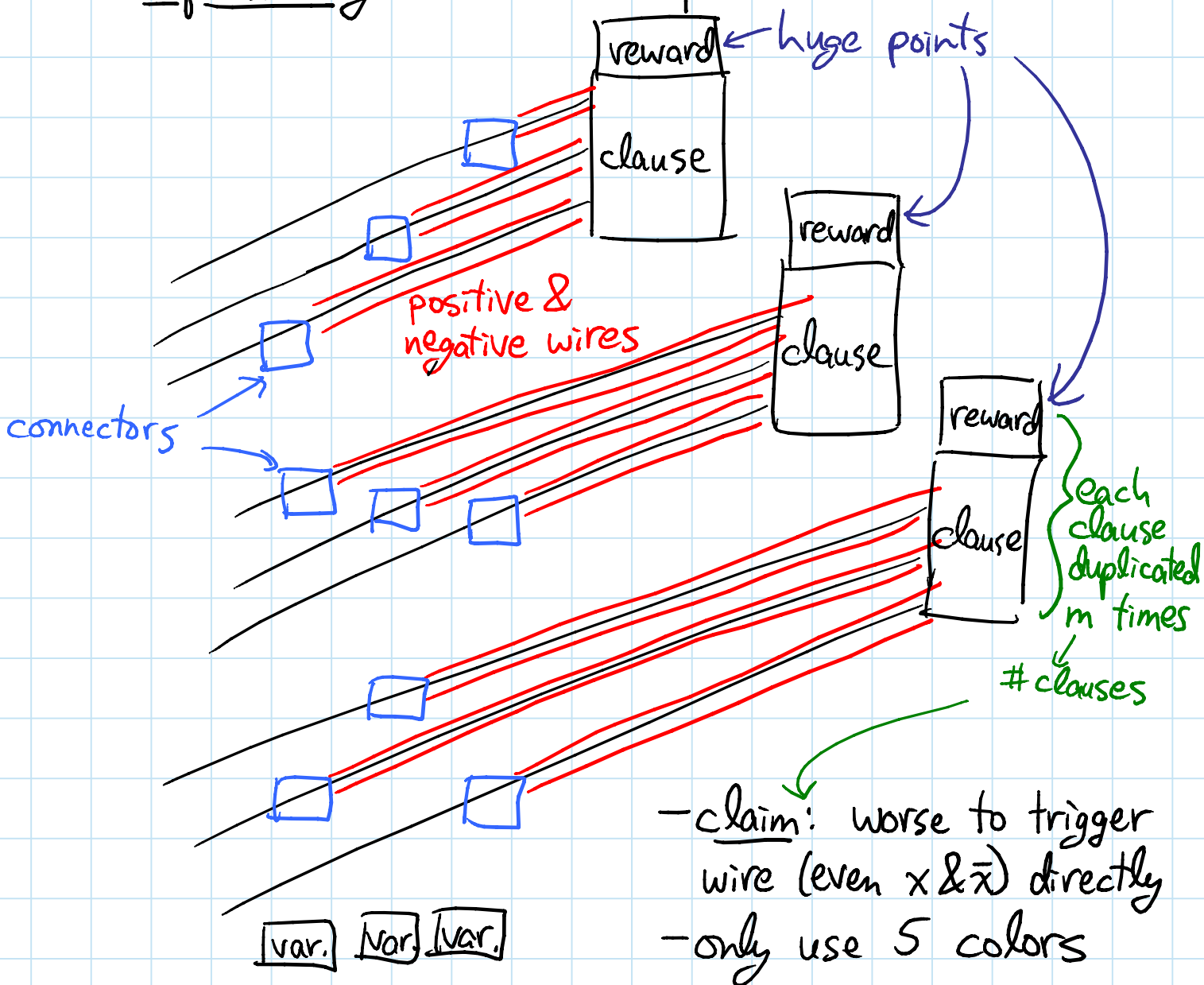
# Candy Crush / Bejeweled

(perfect information)

- given square grid of colors (among 6)
- move = swap two edge-adjacent squares
- whenever 3 equal colors in a row/column:  
3 squares disappear & columns fall  
↳ "pop"

NP-complete to get  $p$  points with  $k$  moves  
by reduction from 3SAT [Walsh 2014]

... in model where pops happen  
sequentially bottom to top



NP-complete with simultaneous pops  
by reduction from 1-in-3SAT

[Gualà, Leucci,  
Natale 2014]

- works for many goals:
  - $p$  points in  $k$  moves
  - $p$  points
  - pop  $p$  gems
  - $p$  moves
  - pop a specific gem