

1. Suppose you are given a magic black box that somehow answers the following decision problem in *polynomial time*:

- INPUT: A boolean circuit  $K$  with  $n$  inputs and one output .
- OUTPUT: TRUE if there are input values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}$  that make  $K$  output TRUE, and FALSE otherwise.

Using this black box as a subroutine, describe an algorithm that solves the following related search problem in *polynomial time*:

- INPUT: A boolean circuit  $K$  with  $n$  inputs and one output.
- OUTPUT: Input values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}$  that make  $K$  output TRUE, or NONE if there are no such inputs.

[Hint: You can use the magic box more than once.]

2. Formally, **valid 3-coloring** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $c: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $c(u) \neq c(v)$  for all  $uv \in E$ . Less formally, a valid 3-coloring assigns each vertex a color, which is either red, green, or blue, such that the endpoints of every edge have different colors.

Suppose you are given a magic black box that somehow answers the following problem in *polynomial time*:

- INPUT: An undirected graph  $G$ .
- OUTPUT: TRUE if  $G$  has a valid 3-coloring, and FALSE otherwise.

Using this black box as a subroutine, describe an algorithm that solves the **3-coloring problem** in *polynomial time*:

- INPUT: An undirected graph  $G$ .
- OUTPUT: A valid 3-coloring of  $G$ , or NONE if there is no such coloring.

[Hint: You can use the magic box more than once. The input to the magic box is a graph and **only** a graph, meaning **only** vertices and edges.]