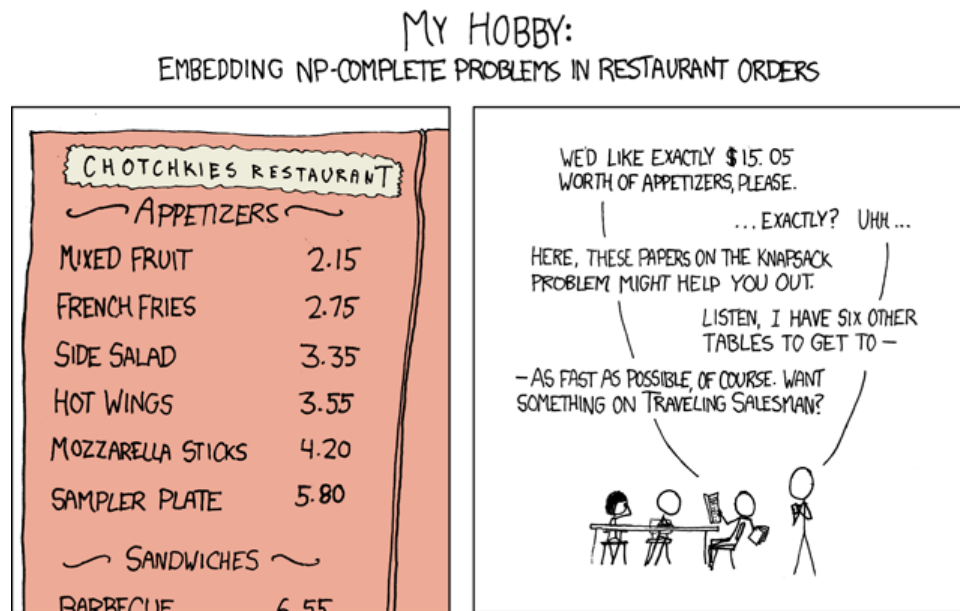


**Today:** NP-completeness, continued. §§ 34.\*.

**Next class:** Catch-up and review.

**Reminders:** Midterm exam soon. Use the class newsgroup.

1. List the members of your group below. Underline your name.
2. In the custom of *good bad jokes*, explain the following, due to Randall Munroe, from <http://xkcd.com/287/>, 2012-08-07.



3. Consider the following KNAPSACK problem: Given a set  $S$  of items, where each item  $s_i \in S$  has a weight (cost) of  $w_i$  and a value (benefit) of  $v_i$ , find the most beneficial (highest aggregate value) subset  $S' \subseteq S$  of items that can be carried in a knapsack of capacity (by weight)  $W$ .

Prove or disprove: KNAPSACK  $\in$  NP.

4. Prove or disprove: KNAPSACK is NP-hard. [Hint: See Question 2.]