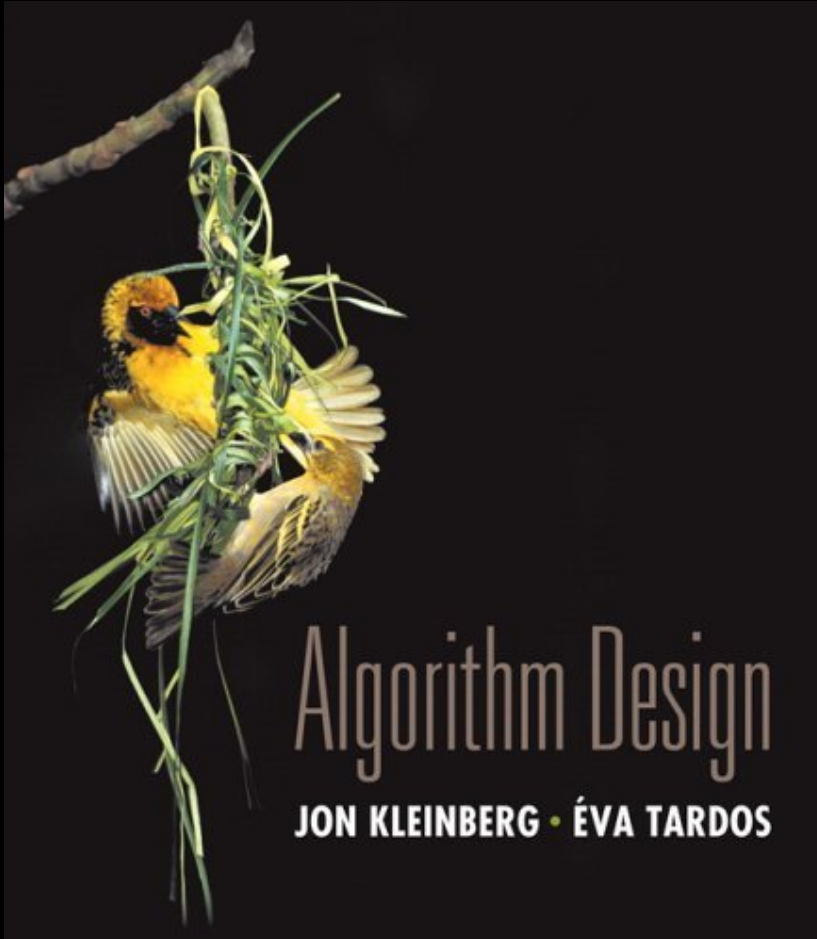


Chapter 8

NP and Computational Intractability



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8.5 Sequencing Problems

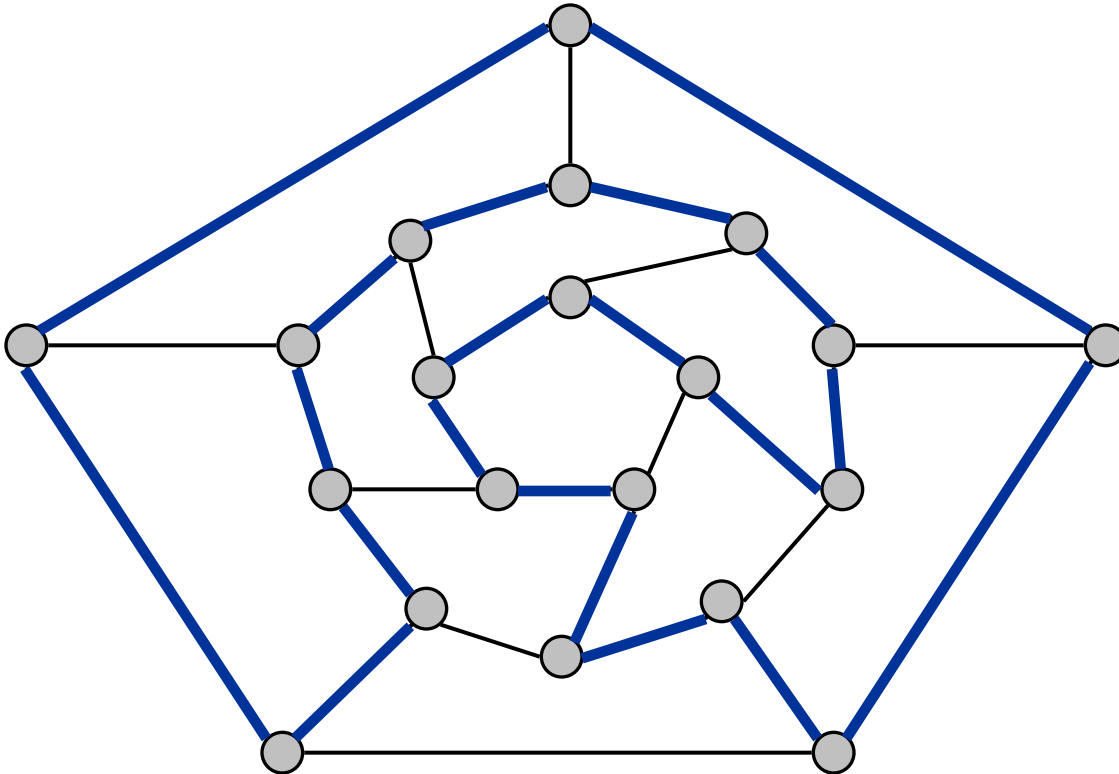
Basic genres.

- Packing problems: SET-PACKING, INDEPENDENT SET.
- Covering problems: SET-COVER, VERTEX-COVER.
- Constraint satisfaction problems: SAT, 3-SAT.
- **Sequencing problems:** HAMILTONIAN-CYCLE, TSP.
- Partitioning problems: 3D-MATCHING, 3-COLOR.
- Numerical problems: SUBSET-SUM, KNAPSACK.



Hamiltonian Cycle

HAM-CYCLE: given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle Γ that contains every node in V .

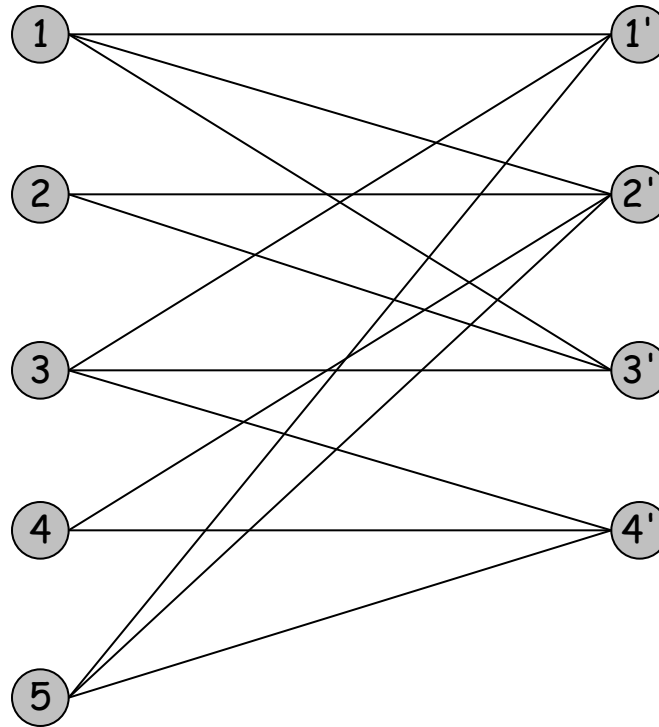


YES Instance: vertices and faces of a dodecahedron.



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NO instance: bipartite graph with odd number of nodes.

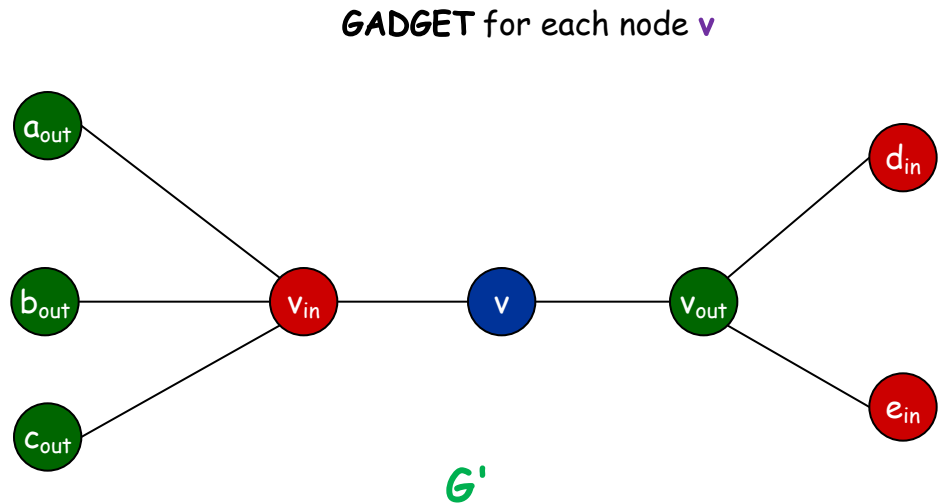
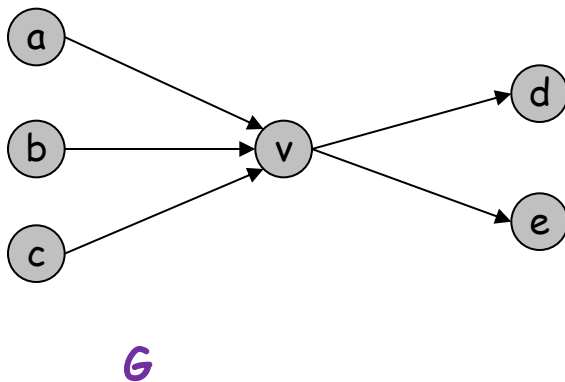


Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

DIR-HAM-CYCLE: given a **digraph** $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple directed cycle Γ that contains every node in V ?

THM 1. DIR-HAM-CYCLE \leq_p HAM-CYCLE.

Pf. Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, construct an undirected graph G' with $3n$ nodes.



Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

Proof of THM 1. G has a Hamiltonian cycle iff G' does.

Pf. \Rightarrow

Suppose G has a directed Hamiltonian cycle Γ .

Then G' has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle (same order).

Pf. \Leftarrow

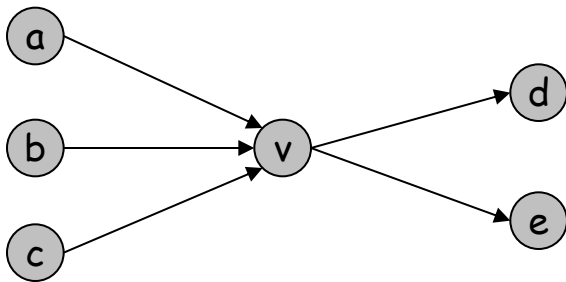
Suppose G' has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle Γ' .

Γ' must visit nodes in G' using one of following two orders:

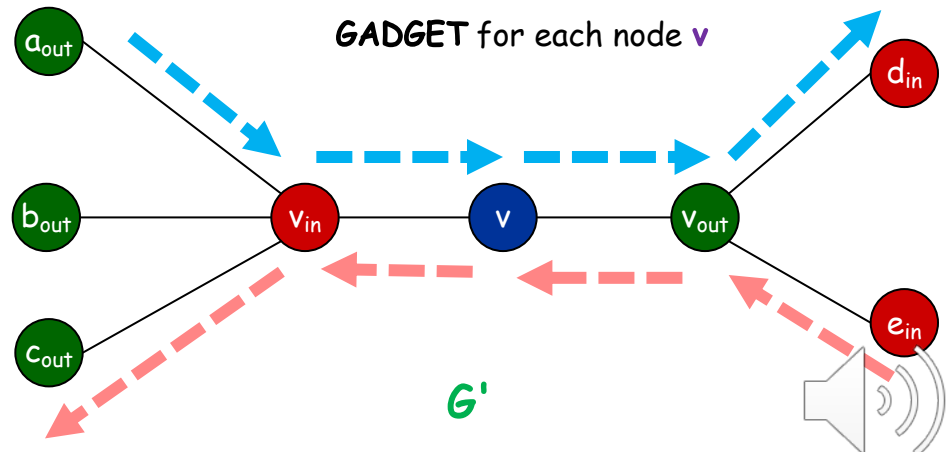
..., B, G, R, B, G, R, B, G, R, B, ... **clockwise** \rightarrow

..., B, R, G, B, R, G, B, R, G, B, ... **counterclockwise** \leftarrow

Blue nodes in Γ' make up directed Hamiltonian cycle Γ in G , or **reverse** of one. \cdot



G



G'

3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

THM 2. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{DIR-HAM-CYCLE}$.

Proof. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance $G(V,E)$ of DIR-HAM-CYCLE such that:

G has a Hamiltonian cycle iff Φ is satisfiable.

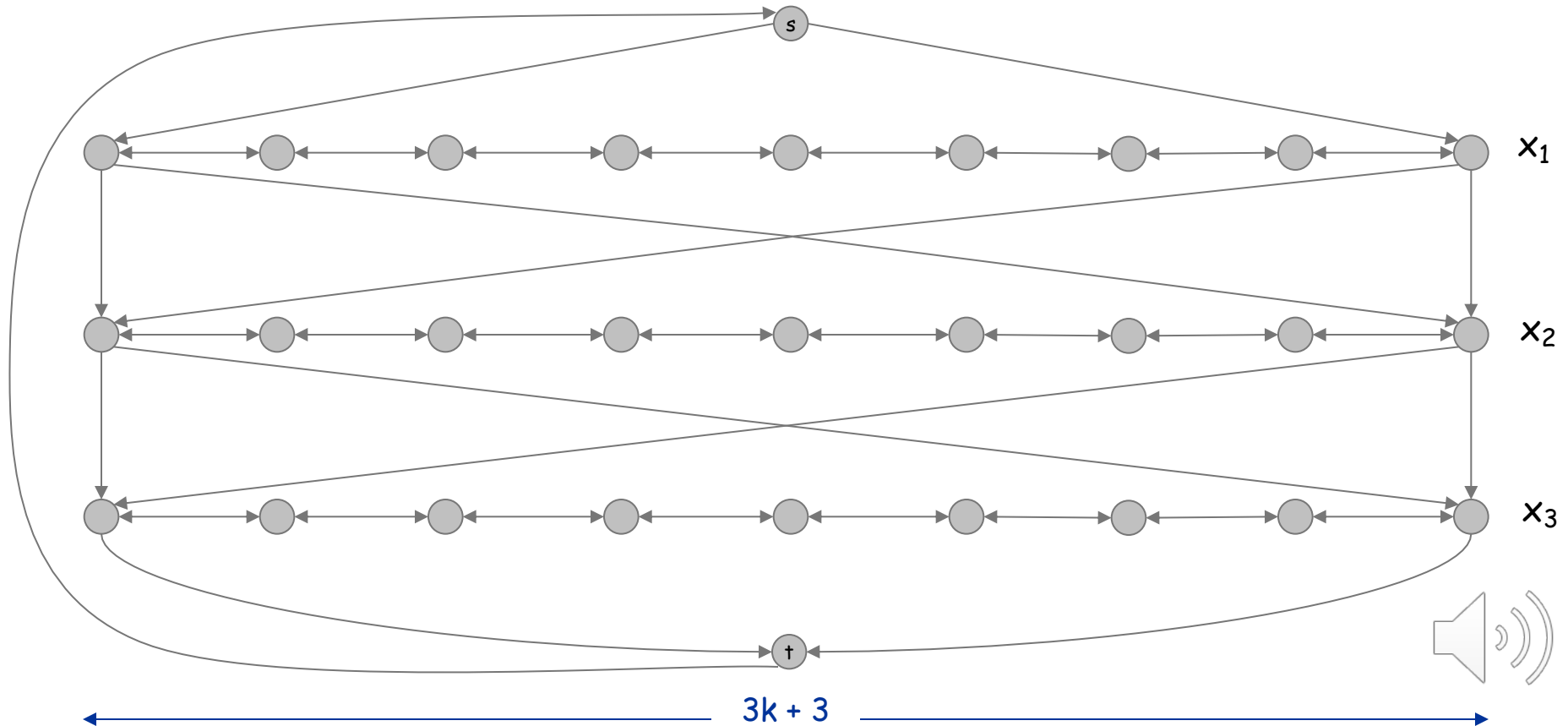
Construction. First, create graph that has 2^n Hamiltonian cycles which correspond in a natural way to 2^n possible truth assignments for Φ .



3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

Construction. Given 3-SAT instance Φ with n variables x_i and k clauses.

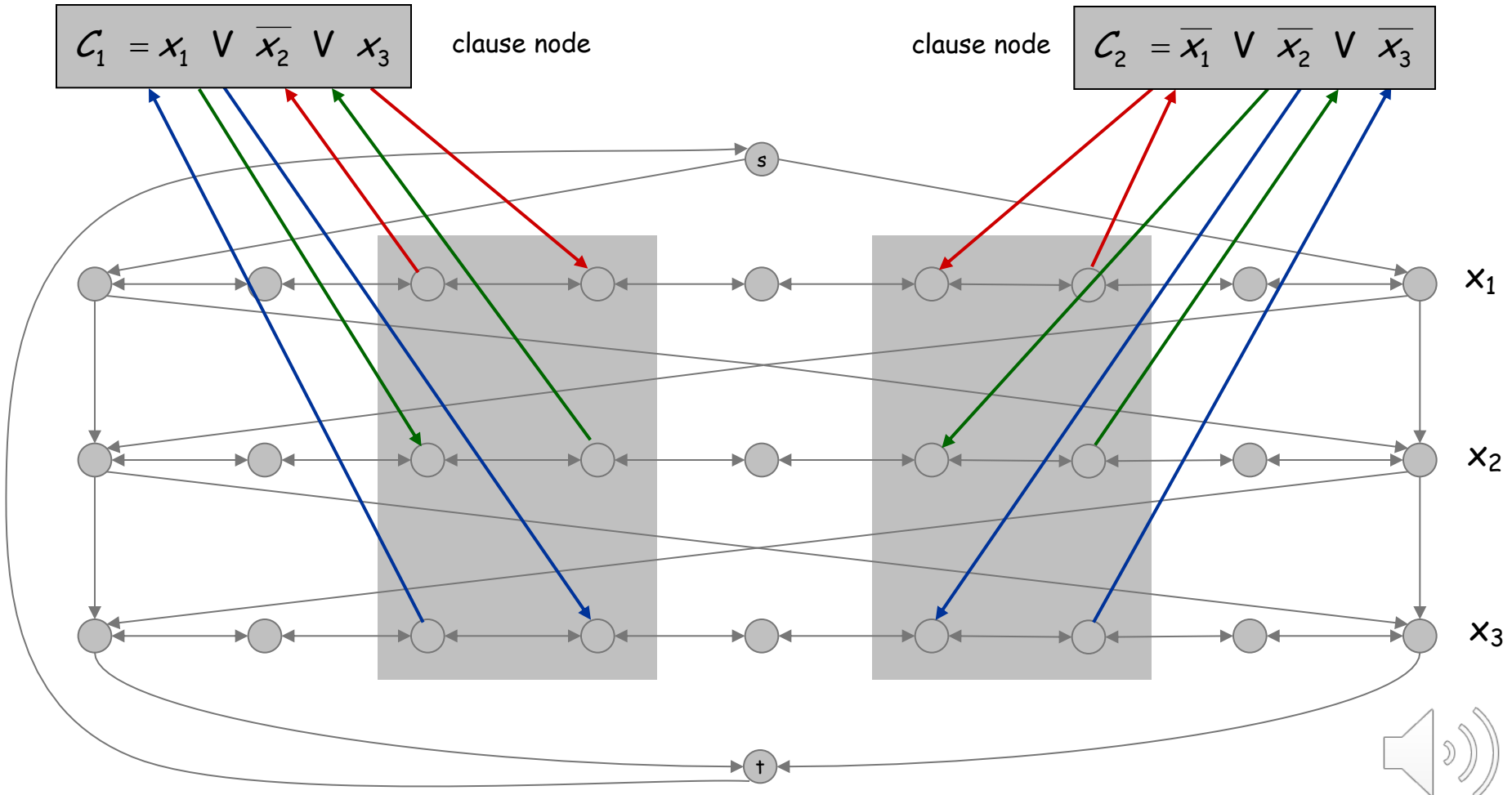
- Construct G to have 2^n Hamiltonian cycles.
- **Intuition:** traverse path i from left to right \Leftrightarrow set variable $x_i = 1$.



3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

Construction. Given 3-SAT instance Φ with n variables x_i and k clauses.

- For each clause C_j : add a gadget with 1 grey node and 6 edges.



THM. HAMILTONIAN-CYCLE \leq HAMILTONIAN PATH

Proof (sketch). $G(V,E)$ has a **Hamilton Cycle** iff $f(G)$ has a **Hamilton Path**.

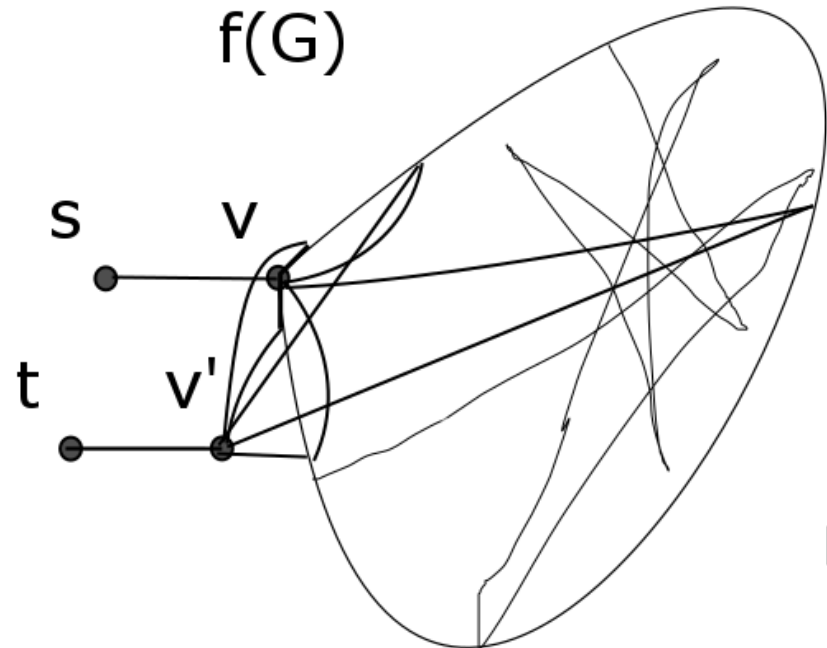
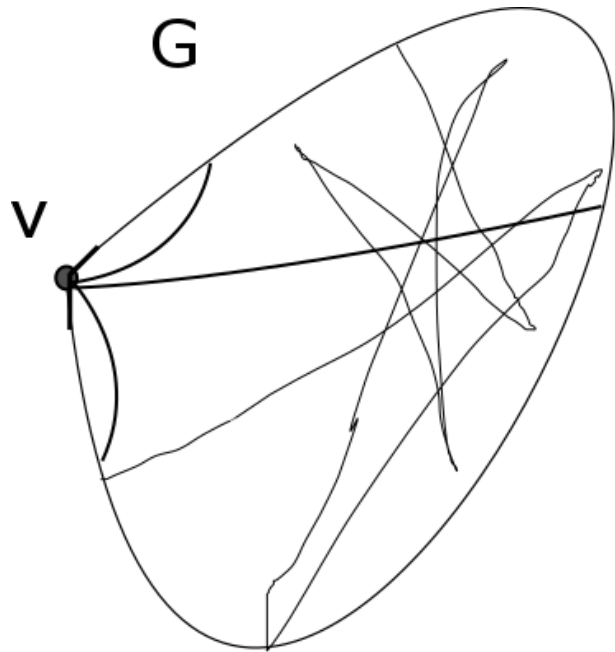
From $G=(V,E)$, construct $G'(V',E') = f(G)$ as follows.

- Fix any $v \in V$ and add 3 **new** nodes: $v', s, t \notin V$.

v' is a "copy" of v , and add a **source** s and a **sink** t , connected to v, v' , respectively. (See Figure)

Add **edges** $\{(v',w) | (v,w) \in E\} \cup \{(s,v), (v',t), (v,v')\}$.

If G has a **Hamiltonian Cycle HC** then it can be transformed into a **Hamiltonian Path** for $G' = f(G)$ starting from s and ending to t and viceversa.



Longest Path

SHORTEST-PATH. Given a digraph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple path of length **at most** k edges?

LONGEST-PATH. Given a digraph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple path of length **at least** k edges?

THM. **LONGEST-PATH** is NP-Complete

Proof.

LEMMA: **HAM-PATH** \leq_p **LONGEST-PATH**:

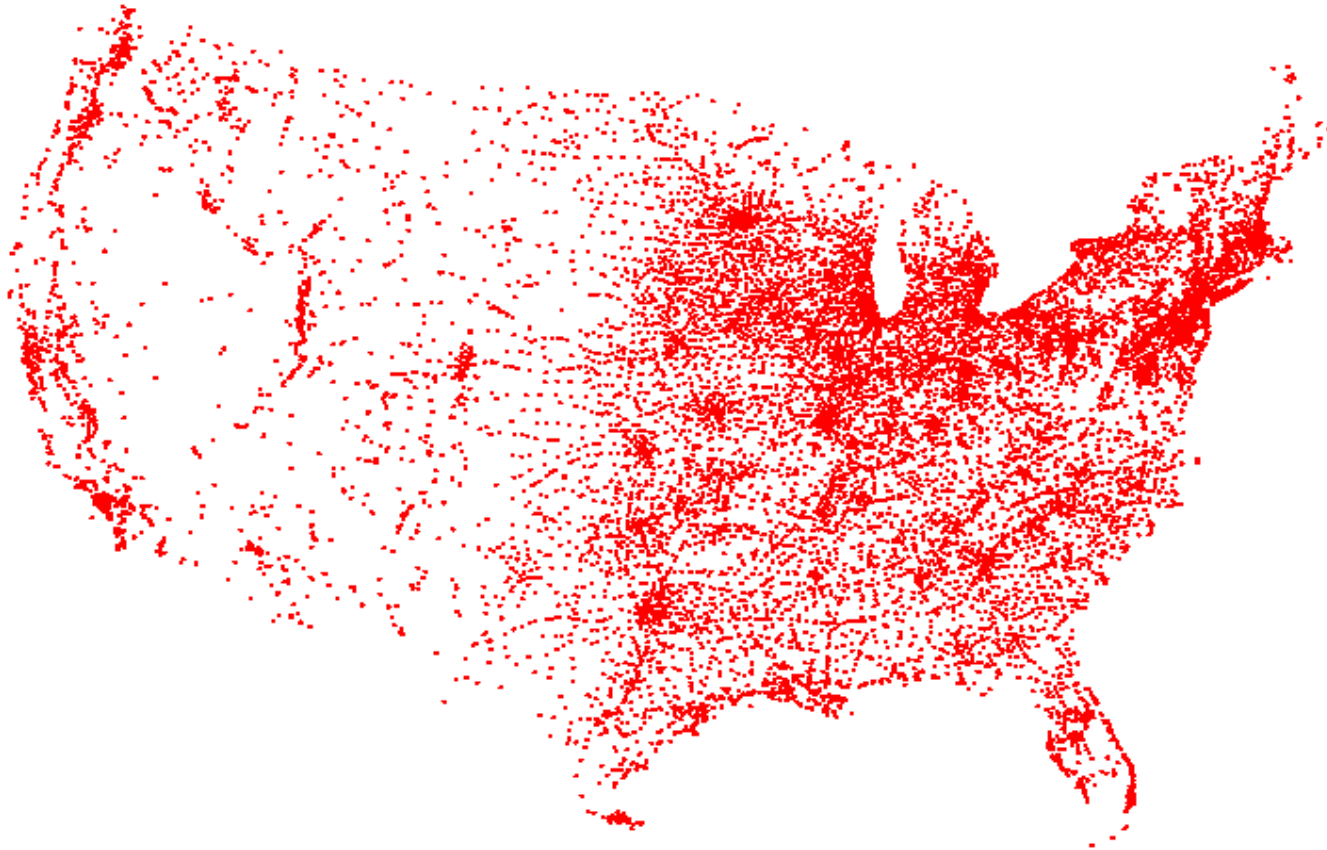
PROOF (of Lemma): Trivial, take: $G(V,E) \rightarrow \langle G(V,E), k=n-1 \rangle$

HOMEWORK: Prove a direct reduction from **DIR-HAM-CYCLE**, ignoring back-edge from t to s .



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TSP. Given a set of n cities and a pairwise distance function $d(u, v)$, is there a tour of length $\leq D$?

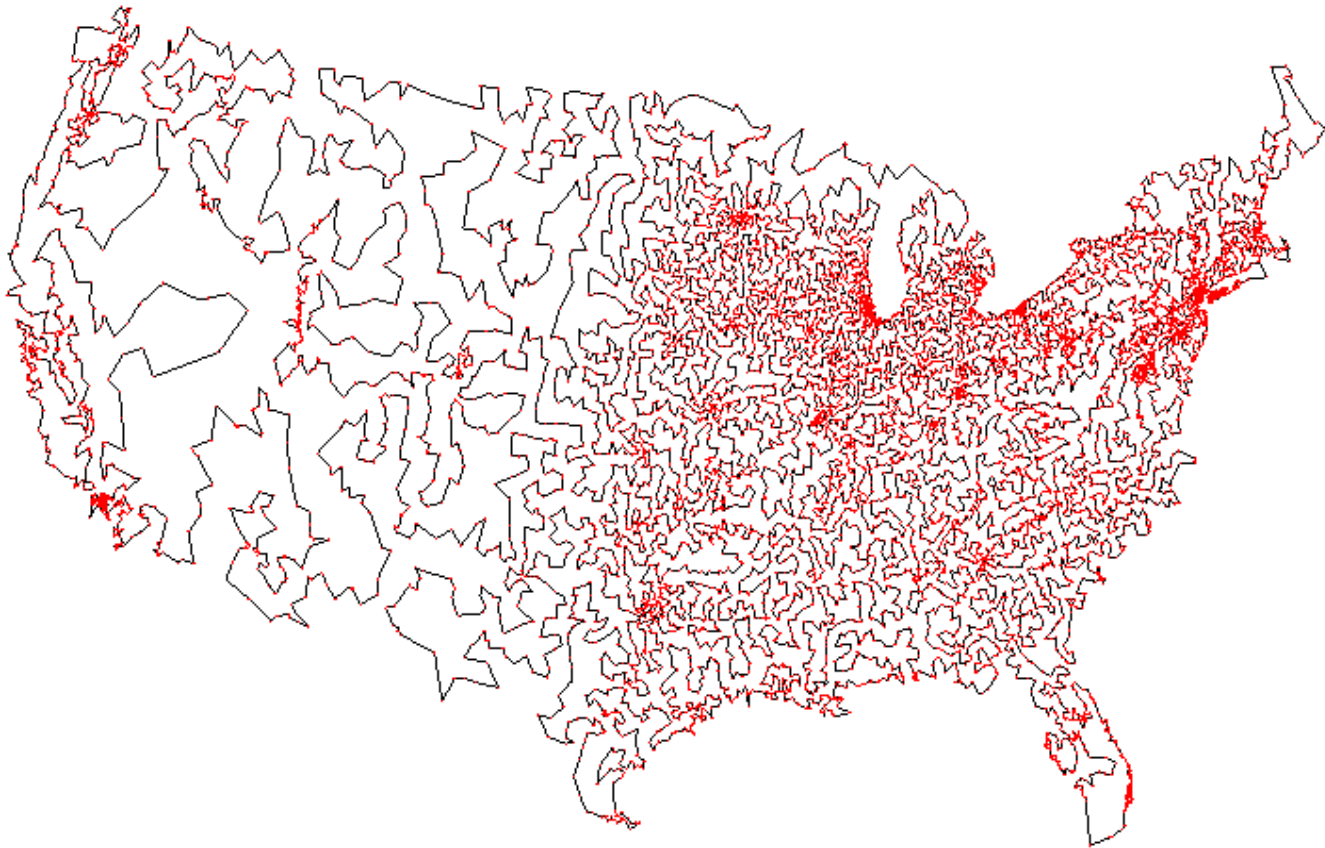


All 13,509 cities in US with a population of at least 500
Reference: <http://www.tsp.gatech.edu>



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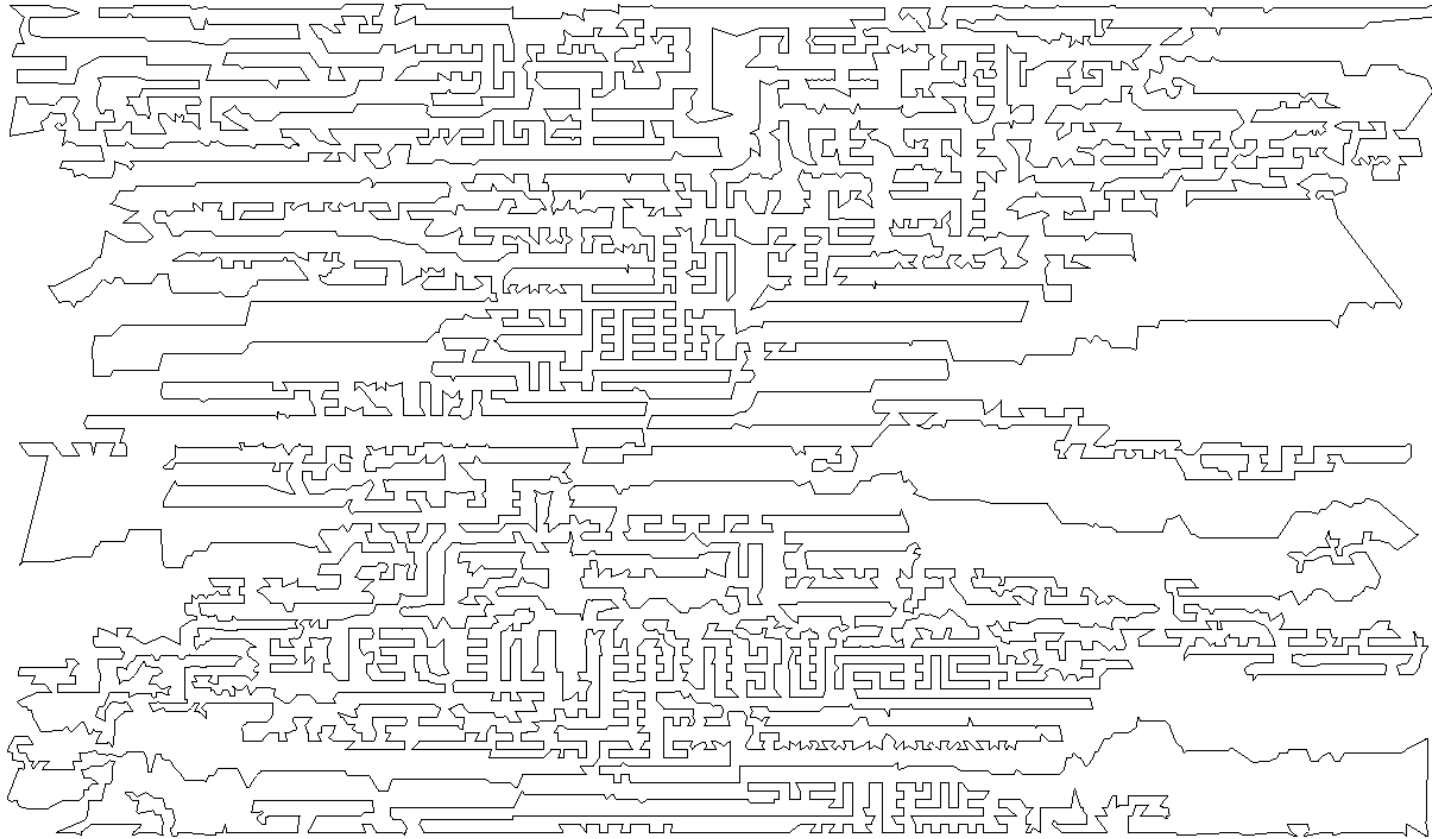


11,849 holes to drill in a programmed logic array
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HAM-CYCLE: given a graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle that contains every node in V (i.e. a Hamiltonian Cycle)?

Claim. **HAM-CYCLE** \leq_p **TSP**.

Proof. Given instance $G = (V, E)$ of **HAM-CYCLE** with $|V| = n$:

- create n cities with **distance** function

$$d(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 2 & \text{if } (u, v) \notin E \end{cases}$$

- **TSP** instance has tour of length $\leq n$ iff G is Hamiltonian. ▪

