

- (a) Yes: choose the route  $d, e, f, g, i, a, b$  and the reversing loop  $b, c, h, b$ .
- (b) Given a graph  $G$ , find all 3-cycles in  $G$ . If there are no 3-cycles, return No. For each 3-cycle, conduct a depth-first search on each vertex in that cycle to find a Hamiltonian path through the rest of  $G$  (not including the vertices in this 3-cycle). If a Hamiltonian path is found at any point, return Yes. If every vertex in every 3-cycle is checked without finding a Hamiltonian path, return No.
- (c) To show NP-membership, we need to construct a polynomial-time verifier. Given a graph  $G$  and a proposed witness solution  $w$ , we first check that  $w$  is connected and is a subgraph of  $G$ . If either is false, return No. Count all the 3-cycles in  $w$ . If this number is not 1, return No.
- Checking connectedness, subgraph-ness, and counting 3-cycles are all polynomial-time in the number of vertices, so this verifier is polynomial-time and SANTA-SERVICE  $\in$  NP.
- SANTA-SERVICE requires finding a Hamiltonian path, which is known to be an NP-hard problem. Therefore SANTA-SERVICE is NP-hard, and therefore SANTA-SERVICE is NP-complete.
- (d) FIND-SANTA-SERVICE is not a decision problem, so cannot be in NP and therefore cannot be NP-complete. However, it is NP-hard, using the same logic we used in part (c).
- (e) If the graph contains a known Hamiltonian cycle, then we only need to check each vertex for a 3-cycle, which makes the algorithm polynomial time.