

Hamiltonian cycle/tour/circuit: (default)
 = cycle visiting each vertex exactly once

Hamiltonian path
 = path visiting each vertex exactly once

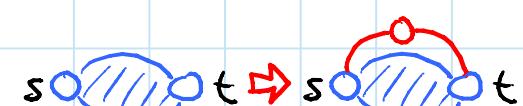
History: Icosian Game [Sir William Rowan Hamilton 1857]
 ↳ Astronomer Royal of Ireland

Polynomial for (always YES)

- cubes of graphs [Karaganis 1968]
- planar 4-connected graphs [Tutte - Trans. AMS 1956]

NP-complete even:

[Garey & Johnson book]

- (P) - given start & end vertices
 - reduction from Ham. cycle: 
- for planar 3-regular 3-connected graphs with min. face degree 5 [Garey, Johnson, Tarjan 1976]
- for bipartite graphs [Krishnamoorthy 1975]
- (C) - for squares of graphs [Chvátal 1976]
- (C) - Ham. Cycle given a Ham. path [Papadimitriou & Steiglitz 1976]

NP-complete for planar directed max-degree-3 graphs $\xrightarrow{\text{in+out}}$
[Plesník - IPL 1979]

- reduction from 3SAT
- clause gadget
- XOR gadget
- crossover gadget

NP-complete for planar bipartite max-degree-3 graphs
[Itai, Papadimitriou, Szwarcfiter - SICOMP 1982]

- reduction from previous problem

Grid graph = vertices on square lattice
+ edges for all pairs at unit distance
[Itai, Papadimitriou, Szwarcfiter - SICOMP 1982]

- Solid grid graphs: Hamiltonicity polynomial
 \hookrightarrow no holes [Umans & Lenhart - FOCS 1997]
- (with holes) Hamiltonicity NP-complete [Itai et al. 1982]
- reduction from previous problem
 - parity-preserving grid embedding (via 3x scale)
 - edge (& turn) gadget "tentacles"
 - vertex gadget
 - \exists Ham. path from p_i to p_j visiting e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4
 - vertex-edge connections (parity dependent)

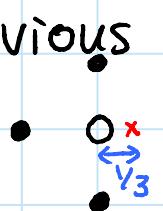
Euclidean TSP: NP-hard special case

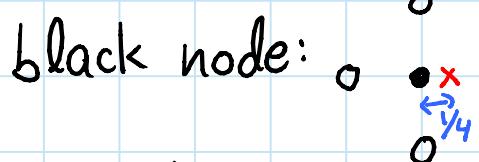
Platform games with coins & time limit [Forišek - Fun 2010]

Max-degree-3 grid graphs: [Papadimitriou & Vazirani 1984]

- similar reduction from Planar 3SAT
- turn gadget \rightarrow hole (but topologically same)
- vertex gadget = dumbbell
- vertex-edge connections:
 - degree-2 vertex: opposite ends of dumbbell
 - degree-3 vertex:
 - nonforced edges on opposite ends
 - forced edge on both ends via "fork"

Euclidean degree-3 MST: [Papadimitriou & Vazirani 1984]

- reduction from previous problem
- at white node:
- must connect added nodes to nearest neighbors
 \Rightarrow remainder is Ham. path

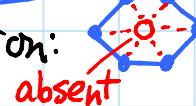


Δ & hex grid graphs: [Arkin, Fekete, Islam, Meijer, Mitchell, Núñez-Rodríguez, Polishchuk, Rappaport, Xiao 2009]

- solid $\Rightarrow \Delta$ & \square polynomial  OPEN
- Superthin $\Rightarrow \square$ &  polynomial, Δ NP-hard
 \hookrightarrow all faces are holes/outside

- thin Δ & \square NP-hard
 \hookrightarrow every vertex on boundary  OPEN
- max-deg. 4 Δ NP-hard
- max-deg. 3 \square &  & Δ NP-hard

$\square \rightarrow \Delta$ grid conversion:



[Aviv Adler & Mikhail Rudoy 2014]

- polygonal: Δ polynomial,  NP-hard  OPEN
 \hookrightarrow no holes/outside face share a vertex (anti superthin)

Settlers of Catan:

[Klaus Teuber 1995]

- hex grid
- longest road \rightarrow 2 Victory Points
- mate-in-1 is NP-hard [Demaine, van Eycke, McKay 2011]
 - opponents serve as obstacles
 - enough resources to buy all roads
 - get longest road \Leftrightarrow Hamiltonian
- "mate-in-0" is NP-hard [Demaine, van Eycke, McKay 2011]
 - have longest road \Leftrightarrow Hamiltonian

Slitherlink

[Nikoli 1989]

- given grid of squares each blank or 0-4
- goal: find cycle on grid lines such that numbered squares have that many incident edges
- reduction from Planar Ham. cycle [Yato - IPSJ 2000]
 - optional vertex gadget
 - required vertex gadget ↗
 - (non)edge connections ↘
- reduction from Hamiltonicity in grid graphs

Hashiwokakero: [Nikoli 1990]

"build bridges"

- given nodes with desired degrees
- goal: build orthogonal (multi)edges to connect nodes & satisfy degrees
- reduction from Hamiltonicity in grid graphs
[Andersson - IPL 2009]
 - 1s for boundary
 - internal node = $2 + \# \text{ boundaries}$

Milling: (NC milling) [Arkin, Fekete, Mitchell - CGTA 2000]

cut given region with given tool

using shortest path staying inside region

- NP-hard for grid polygon & unit \square tool

- reduction from Hamiltonicity in grid graphs:

Minkowski sum of vertices with unit \square

↳ set of all pairwise sums

Lawn mowing: (laser/waterjet/sign cutting)

path can go outside region

- NP-hard for grid polygon & unit \square tool

- same reduction: hurts length to leave region

- can even remove holes [Arkin, Fekete, Mitchell 2000]

3D printing: each layer is lawn mowing

Unit orthogonal segment intersection graphs:

- includes all grid graphs (rotated 45°)
- ⇒ Hamiltonicity NP-complete

[Arkin, Bender, Demaine, Fekete, Mitchell, Sethia – SICOMP 2005]

Minimum-turn milling: [Arkin et al. 2005]

- motivation: need to slow down for turns
- reduction from previous problem
 - segment → superthin rectangle
→ Minkowski sum with unit \square
 - need 4 turns per segment
 - + 1 turn per transition
 - $5n$ turns achievable \Leftrightarrow Hamiltonian

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