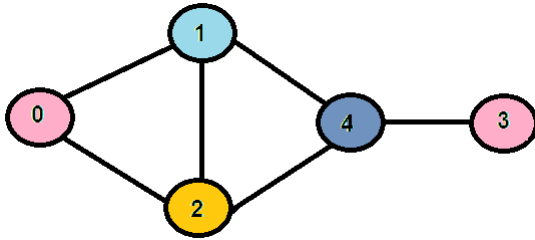


32. (2 points) A subset S of vertices in a graph G is triad free if for all triples of distinct vertices x, y and z in S , at least one of the edges (x, y) , (x, z) or (y, z) is not present in G . So for example, in the following graph:



the set $\{0, 1, 3, 4\}$ is triad free, but the set $\{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ is not triad free. Show that the problem of, given a graph G and an integer k , of determining whether G has a triad free set S of size k is NP-hard using the fact the the independent set problem is NP-complete. Recall that the independent set problem is to determine whether a graph has a independent set of a particular size, where an independent set is a collection of mutually nonadjacent vertices.

33. (4 points) Consider the following problem. The input is a graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset R of vertices of G , and a positive integer k . The problem is to determine if there is a subset U of V such that
- All the vertices in R are contained in U , and
 - the number of vertices in U is at most k , and
 - for every pair of vertices x and y in R , one can walk from x to y in G only traversing vertices that are in U .

Show that this problem is NP-hard using a reduction from Vertex Cover. Recall that the input for the vertex cover problem is a graph H and an integer ℓ , and the problem is to determine whether H has a vertex cover of size ℓ or not. A vertex cover S is a collection of vertices with the property that every edge is incident on at least one vertex in S .

HINT: Let (H, ℓ) be the graph and integer pair instance for vertex cover. Have R consist of a single source vertex plus one vertex for each edge in H . Now have one more vertex in G , but not in R , for each vertex in H . Now add edges to G so that you can connect the vertices in R using few additional vertices if and only if H has a vertex cover of size ℓ .

34. (6 points) In the disjoint paths problem the input is a directed graph G and pairs $(s_1, t_1), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$ of vertices. The problem is to determine if there exist a collection of vertex disjoint paths between the pairs of vertices (from each s_i to each t_i). Show that this problem is NP-hard by a reduction from the 3SAT problem. Note that this problem is not easy.

HINT: Construct one pair (s_i, t_i) for each variable x_i in your formula F . Intuitively there will be two possible paths between s_i and t_i depending on whether x_i is true or false. There will be a component/subgraph D_j of G for each clause C_j in F . There will be three possible paths between the (s_i, t_i) 's pairs for each D_j . You want that it is possible to route any two of these paths (but not all three) through D_j .