

# CS21 Decidability and Tractability

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## Outline

- the class NP
  - NP-complete problems: Hamilton path and cycle, Traveling Salesperson Problem
  - NP-complete problems: subset sum

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## Hamilton Path

- Definition: given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a **Hamilton path** in  $G$  is a directed path that touches every node exactly once.
- A language (decision problem):  
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

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- Proof:
  - Part 1:  $\text{HAMPATH} \in \text{NP}$ . Proof?
  - Part 2: HAMPATH is NP-hard.
    - reduce from?

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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

- We are reducing **from the language**:

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**to the language:**

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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

- We want to construct a graph from  $\varphi$  with the following properties:
  - a satisfying assignment to  $\varphi$  translates into a Hamilton Path from  $s$  to  $t$
  - a Hamilton Path from  $s$  to  $t$  can be translated into a satisfying assignment for  $\varphi$
- We will build the graph up from pieces called **gadgets** that “simulate” the clauses and variables of  $\varphi$ .

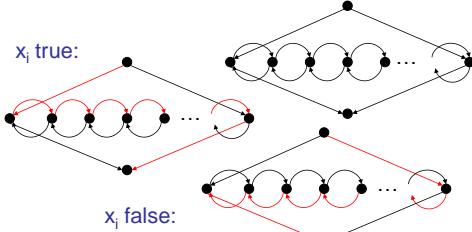
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

- The variable gadget (one for each  $x_i$ ):

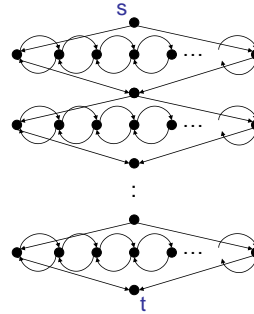


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## HAMPATH is NP-complete



- path from  $s$  to  $t$  translates into a truth assignment to  $x_1 \dots x_m$
- why must the path be of this form?

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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

$$\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_4 \vee x_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (\dots)$$

- How to ensure that all  $k$  clauses are satisfied?
- need to add nodes
  - can be visited in path if the clause is satisfied
  - if visited in path, implies clause is satisfied by the assignment given by path through variable gadgets

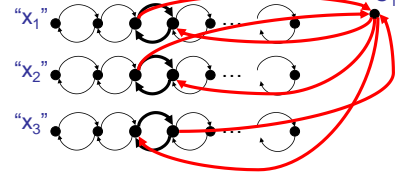
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

- $\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_4 \vee x_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (\dots)$
- Clause gadget allows "detour" from "assignment path" for each true literal in clause



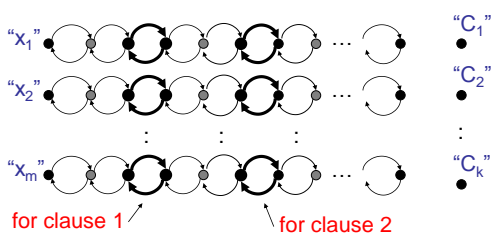
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- One clause gadget for each of  $k$  clauses:

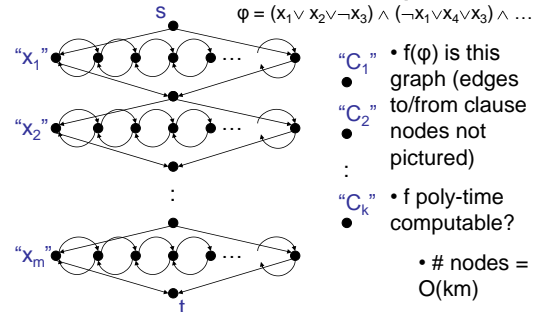


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## HAMPATH is NP-complete



- $f(\varphi)$  is this graph (edges to/from clause nodes not pictured)
- $f$  poly-time computable?
- # nodes =  $O(km)$

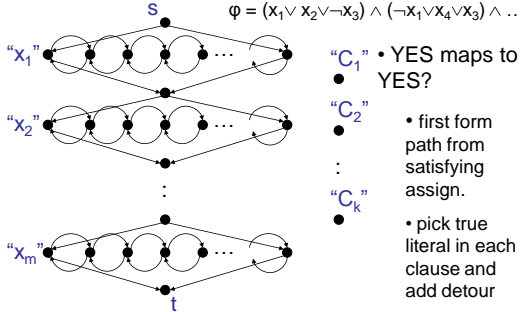
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

$$\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_4 \vee x_3) \wedge \dots$$



- “C<sub>1</sub>” • YES maps to YES?
- “C<sub>2</sub>” • first form path from satisfying assign.
- “C<sub>k</sub>” • pick true literal in each clause and add detour

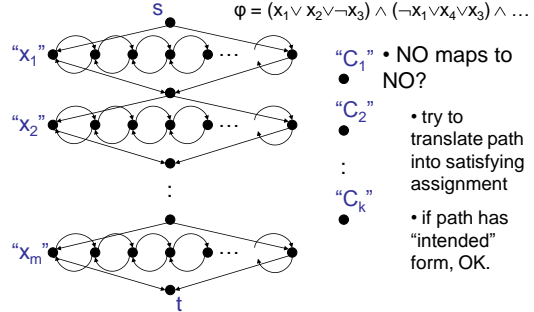
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- “C<sub>1</sub>” • NO maps to NO?
- “C<sub>2</sub>” • try to translate path into satisfying assignment
- “C<sub>k</sub>” • if path has “intended” form, OK.

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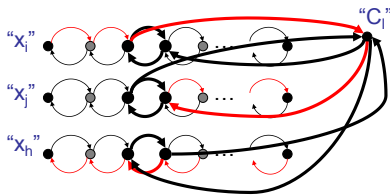
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

- What can go wrong?
  - path has “intended form” unless return from clause gadget to **different** variable gadget

we will argue that this cannot happen:



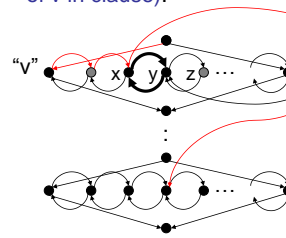
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

Case 1 (positive occurrence of  $v$  in clause):



- path must visit  $y$
- must enter from  $x, z$ , or  $c$
- must exit to  $z$  ( $x$  is taken)
- $x, c$  are taken. can't happen

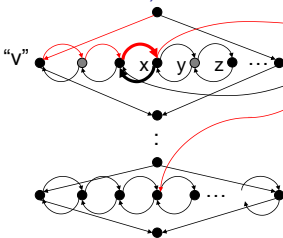
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## HAMPATH is NP-complete

Case 2 (negative occurrence of  $v$  in clause):



- path must visit  $y$
- must enter from  $x$  or  $z$
- must exit to  $z$  ( $x$  is taken)
- $x$  is taken. can't happen

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## Undirected Hamilton Path

- HAMPATH refers to a directed graph.
- Is it easier on an undirected graph?
- A language (decision problem):
  - $\text{UHAMPATH} = \{(G, s, t) : \text{undirected } G \text{ has a Hamilton path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

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## UHAMPATH is NP-complete

**Theorem:** the following language is NP-complete:

$UHAMPATH = \{(G, s, t) : \text{undirected graph } G \text{ has a Hamilton path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

- Proof:
  - Part 1:  $UHAMPATH \in NP$ . Proof?
  - Part 2:  $UHAMPATH$  is NP-hard.
    - reduce from?

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## UHAMPATH is NP-complete

- We are reducing **from the language:**

$HAMPATH = \{(G, s, t) : \text{directed graph } G \text{ has a Hamilton path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

**to the language:**

$UHAMPATH = \{(G, s, t) : \text{undirected graph } G \text{ has a Hamilton path from } s \text{ to } t\}$

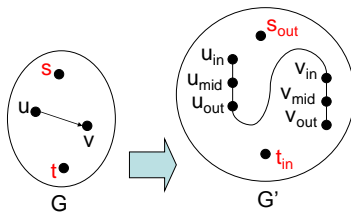
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## UHAMPATH is NP-complete

- The reduction:



- replace each node with three (except  $s, t$ )
- $(u_{in}, u_{mid})$
- $(u_{mid}, u_{out})$
- $(u_{out}, v_{in})$  iff  $G$  has  $(u, v)$

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## UHAMPATH is NP-complete

- Does the reduction run in poly-time?

- YES maps to YES?

– Hamilton path in  $G$ :  $s, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k, t$

– Hamilton path in  $G'$ :

$s_{out}, (u_1)_{in}, (u_1)_{mid}, (u_1)_{out}, (u_2)_{in}, (u_2)_{mid}, (u_2)_{out}, \dots, (u_k)_{in}, (u_k)_{mid}, (u_k)_{out}, t_{in}$

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## UHAMPATH is NP-complete

- NO maps to NO?

– Hamilton path in  $G'$ :

- $s_{out}, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_{k-2}, v_{k-1}, v_k, t_{in}$
- $v_1 = (u_1)_{in}$  for some  $i_1$  (only edges to ins)
- $v_2 = (u_1)_{mid}$  for some  $i_1$  (only way to enter mid)
- $v_3 = (u_1)_{out}$  for some  $i_1$  (only way to exit mid)
- $v_4 = (u_2)_{in}$  for some  $i_2$  (only edges to ins)
- ...
- Hamilton path in  $G$ :  $s, u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, u_{i_3}, \dots, u_{i_k}, t$

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## Undirected Hamilton Cycle

- Definition: given a undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a **Hamilton cycle** in  $G$  is a **cycle** in  $G$  that touches every node exactly once.
- Is finding one easier than finding a Hamilton path?
- A language (decision problem):
  - $UHAMCYCLE = \{G : G \text{ has a Hamilton cycle}\}$

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## UHAMCYCLE is NP-complete

**Theorem:** the following language is NP-complete:

UHAMCYCLE = {G: G has a Hamilton cycle}

• **Proof:**

- Part 1: UHAMCYCLE  $\in$  NP. Proof?
- Part 2: UHAMCYCLE is NP-hard.
  - reduce from?

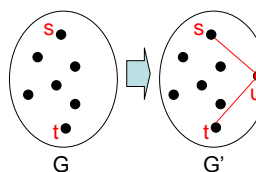
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## UHAMCYCLE is NP-complete

- The reduction (from UHAMPATH):



- H. path from s to t implies H. cycle in G'
- H. cycle in G' must visit u via red edges
- removing red edges gives H. path from s to t in G

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## Traveling Salesperson Problem

- Definition: given  $n$  cities  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and inter-city distances  $d_{ij}$ , a **TSP tour** in  $G$  is a permutation  $\pi$  of  $\{1 \dots n\}$ . The tour's length is  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_{\pi(i), \pi(i+1)}$  (where  $n+1$  means 1).
- A search problem:
  - given the  $\{d_{ij}\}$ , find the **shortest** TSP tour
- corresponding language (decision problem):
  - TSP =  $\{(\{d_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}, k) : \text{these cities have a TSP tour of length} \leq k\}$

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## TSP is NP-complete

**Theorem:** the following language is NP-complete:

TSP =  $\{(\{d_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}, k) : \text{these cities have a TSP tour of length} \leq k\}$

• **Proof:**

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## TSP is NP-complete

- We are reducing **from the language:**

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**to the language:**

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## TSP is NP-complete

- The reduction:

– given  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  nodes

produce:

- $n$  cities corresponding to the  $n$  nodes
- $d_{u,v} = 1$  if  $(u, v) \in E$
- $d_{u,v} = 2$  if  $(u, v) \notin E$
- set  $k = n$

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## TSP is NP-complete

- YES maps to YES?
  - if  $G$  has a Hamilton cycle, then visiting cities in that order gives TSP tour of length  $n$
- NO maps to NO?
  - if TSP tour of length  $\leq n$ , it must have length exactly  $n$ .
  - all distances in tour are 1. Must be edges between every successive pair of cities in tour.

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## Subset Sum

- A language (decision problem):
 
$$\text{SUBSET-SUM} = \{(S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k\}, B) : \text{there is a subset of } S \text{ that sums to } B\}$$
- example:
  - $S = \{1, 7, 28, 3, 2, 5, 9, 32, 41, 11, 8\}$
  - $B = 30$
  - $30 = 7 + 3 + 9 + 11$ . yes.

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- Is this problem NP-complete? in P?
- Problem set: in  $\text{TIME}(B \cdot \text{poly}(k))$

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- Proof:

- Part 1: SUBSET-SUM is in NP.
- Part 2: SUBSET-SUM is NP-hard.
  - reduce from?

our reduction had better produce super-polynomially large  $B$  (unless we want to prove  $P=NP$ )

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## SUBSET-SUM is NP-complete

- $\phi = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_4 \vee x_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (\dots)$
- Need integers to play the role of truth assignments
- For each variable  $x_i$  include two integers in our set  $S$ :
  - $x_i^{\text{TRUE}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{FALSE}}$
- set  $B$  so that exactly one must be in sum

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## SUBSET-SUM is NP-complete

$x_1^{\text{TRUE}}$	=	1	0	0	...	0	• every choice of one from each ( $x_i^{\text{TRUE}}, x_i^{\text{FALSE}}$ ) pair sums to B
$x_1^{\text{FALSE}}$	=	1	0	0	...	0	
$x_2^{\text{TRUE}}$	=	0	1	0	...	0	
$x_2^{\text{FALSE}}$	=	0	1	0	...	0	
...							
$x_m^{\text{TRUE}}$	=	0	0	0	...	1	• every subset that sums to B must choose one from each ( $x_i^{\text{TRUE}}, x_i^{\text{FALSE}}$ ) pair
$x_m^{\text{FALSE}}$	=	0	0	0	...	1	
B	=	1	1	1	...	1	