

(九) 图论: 路径与圈 (Paths and Cycles)

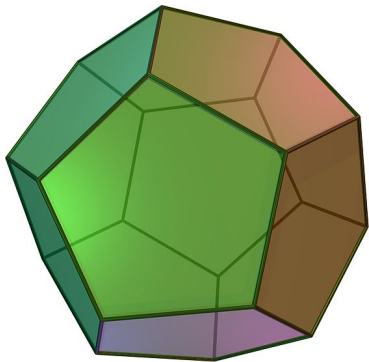
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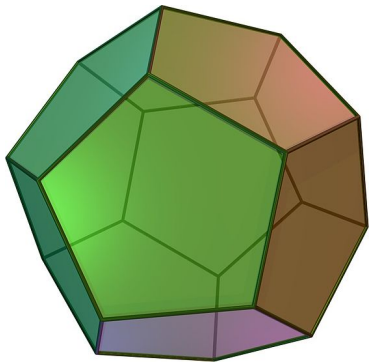
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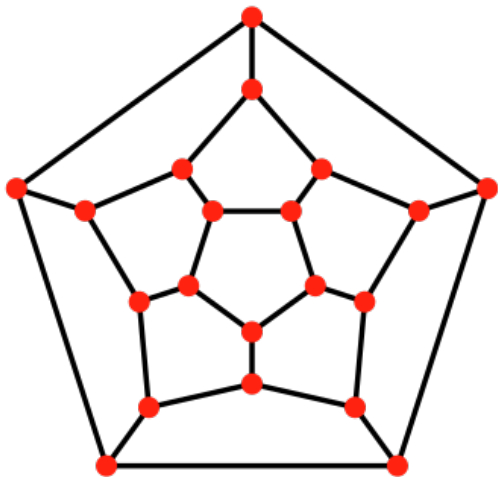
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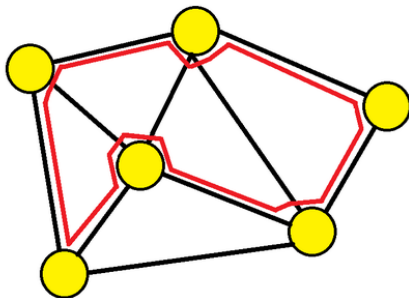
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A **Hamiltonian cycle** is a **Hamiltonian path** that is a **cycle**.

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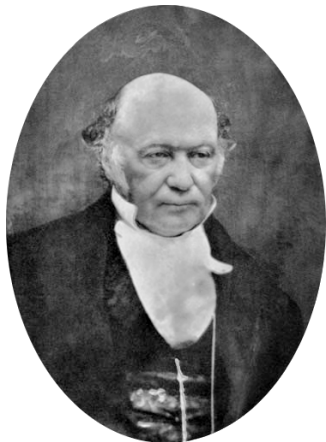
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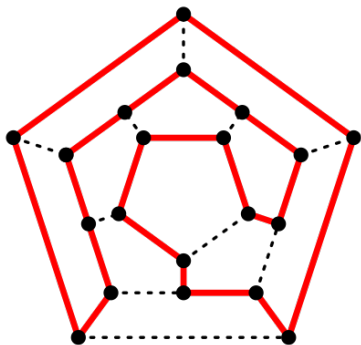


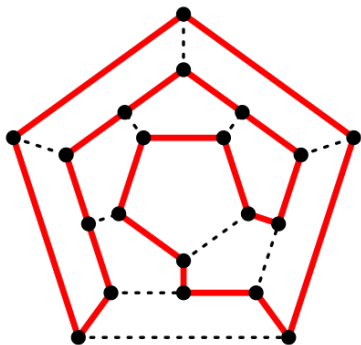
William Rowan Hamilton
(1805 ~ 1865)



(October 16, 1843)

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Theorem

The Hamiltonian Path/Cycle problem is NP-complete.

Typical (Positive/Negative) Graph Examples

Sufficient Conditions

Necessary Conditions

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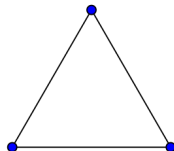
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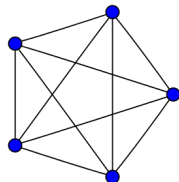
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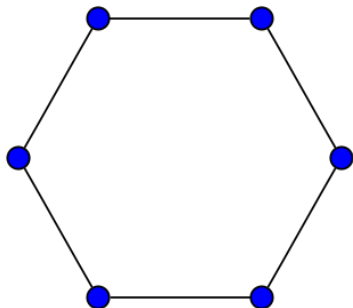


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K_5

- Every **cycle** is Hamiltonian



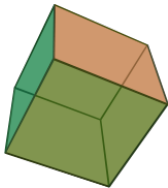
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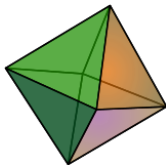
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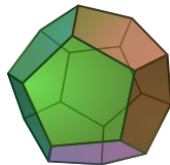
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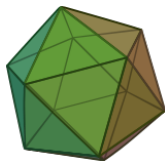
Cube



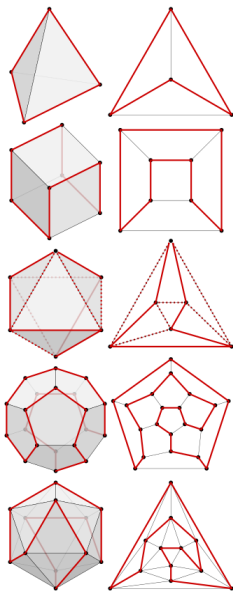
Octahedron



Dodecahedron



Icosahedron



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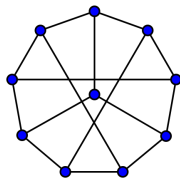
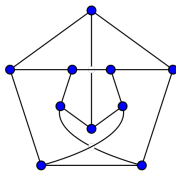
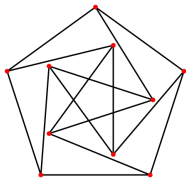
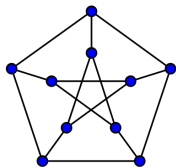


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“If G has enough edges, then G is Hamiltonian.”

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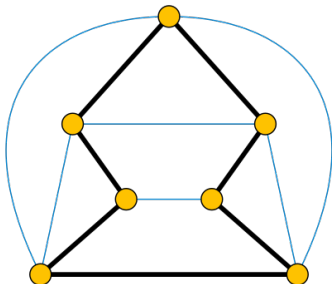
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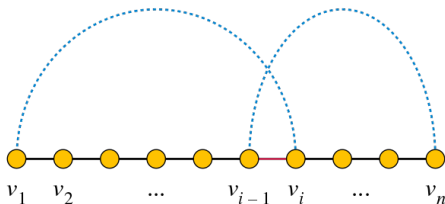
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There must be some vertex v_i adjacent to v_1
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Family [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

He was born Balázs Gábor in Budapest, to Richárd Balázs, a military officer and businessman, and Margit "Manci" Wigner (sister of Eugene Wigner).^[5] When his mother married Paul Dirac in 1937, he and his sister resettled in England and were formally adopted, changing their family name to Dirac.^[6]

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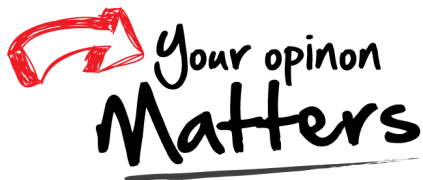
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Counterexample: $C_{\lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor}$ and $C_{\lceil (n+1)/2 \rceil}$ sharing a vertex

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