

# (九) 图论: 路径与圈 (Paths and Cycles)

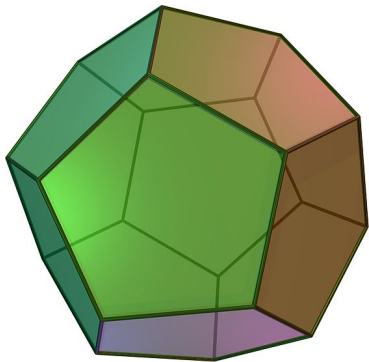
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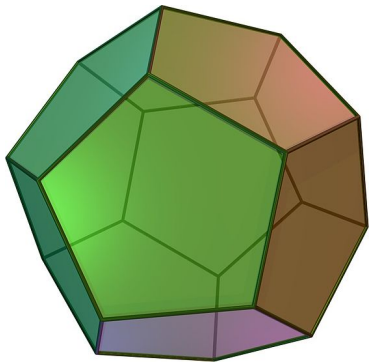
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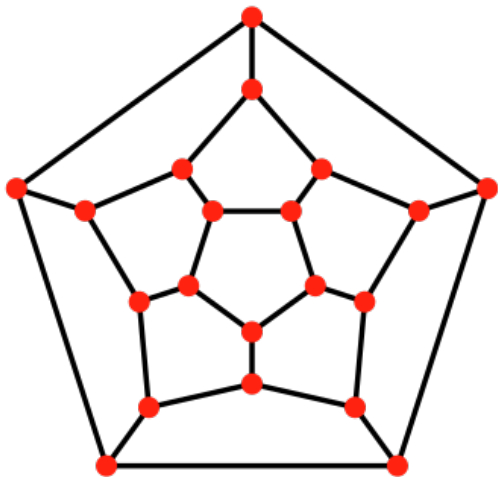
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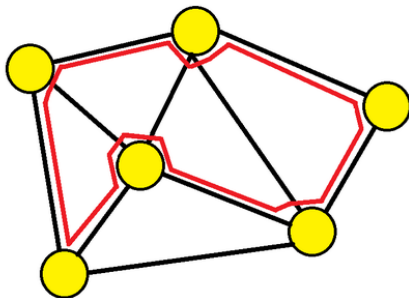
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A **Hamiltonian cycle** is a **Hamiltonian path** that is a **cycle**.

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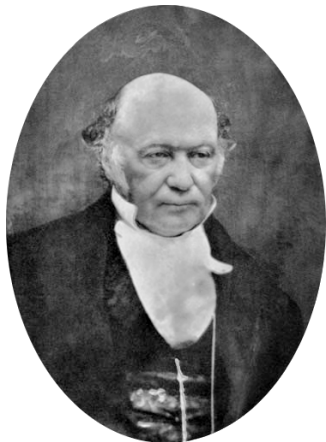
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A **non-Hamiltonian** graph is **semi-Hamiltonian** if it has a **Hamiltonian path**.



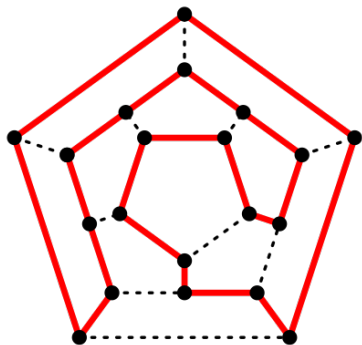
William Rowan Hamilton  
(1805 ~ 1865)

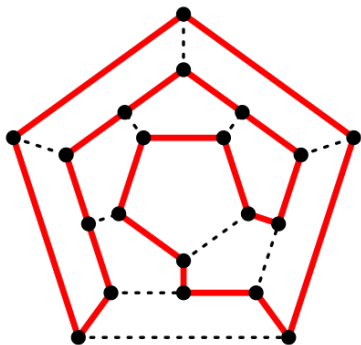


(October 16, 1843)

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We will probably never know it.



## Theorem

*The Hamiltonian Path/Cycle problem is NP-complete.*

# Typical (Positive/Negative) Graph Examples

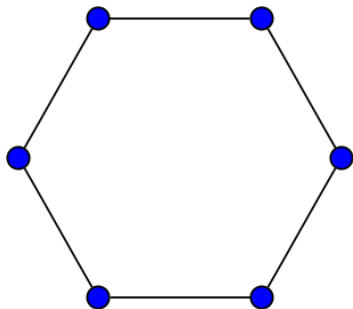
Sufficient Conditions

Necessary Conditions





- Every **cycle** is Hamiltonian



$C_6$

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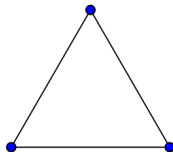
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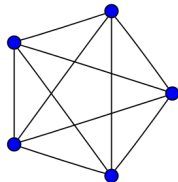
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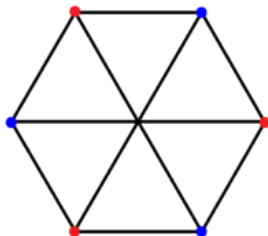
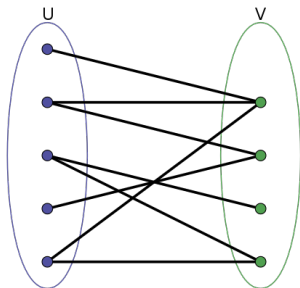
$K_5$

- ▶ A complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is Hamiltonian iff  $m = n$ .



## Definition (Bipartite Graph (Bigraph; 二部图))

A **bipartite graph**  $G = (U, V, E)$  is a graph whose **vertices can** be divided into two disjoint sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that every edge connects a vertex in  $U$  to one in  $V$ .



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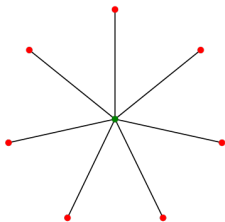
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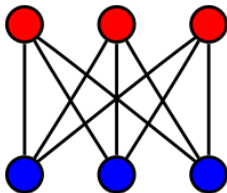
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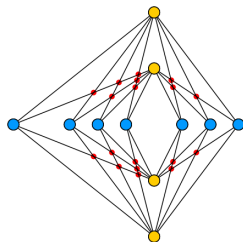
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$K_{1,5}$  (star)



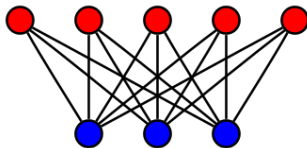
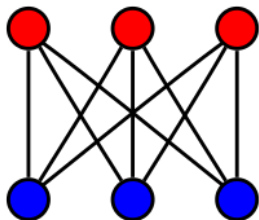
$K_{3,3}$  (utility graph)



$K_{4,7}$

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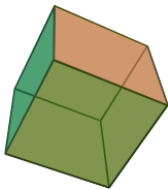


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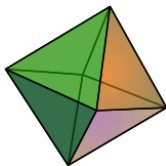
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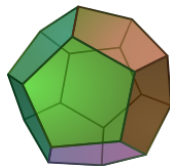
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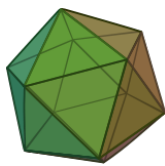
Cube



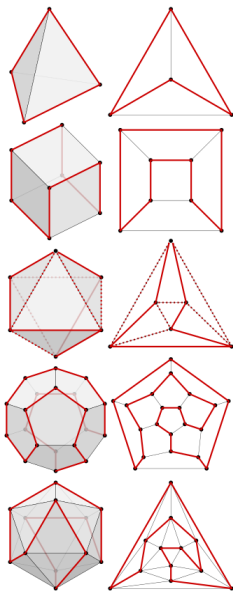
Octahedron



Dodecahedron



Icosahedron



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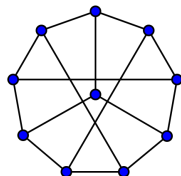
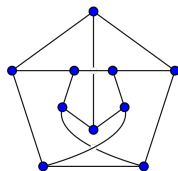
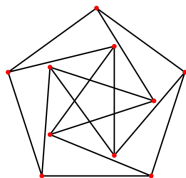
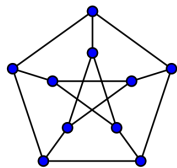
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“If  $G$  has enough edges, then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.”

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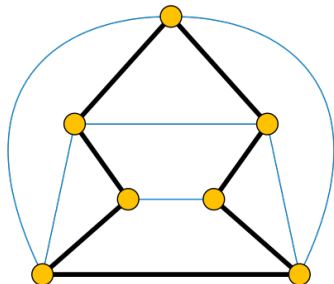
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Thus we may consider only *maximal* non-Hamiltonian graphs:  
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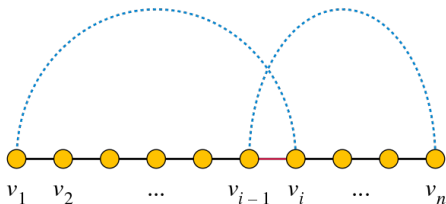
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There must be some vertex  $v_i$  adjacent to  $v_1$   
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## Family [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

He was born Balázs Gábor in Budapest, to Richárd Balázs, a military officer and businessman, and Margit "Manci" Wigner (sister of Eugene Wigner).<sup>[5]</sup> 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.<sup>[6]</sup>



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





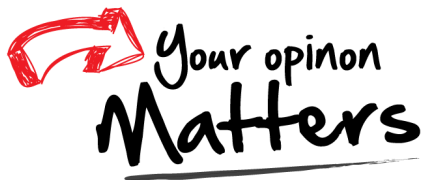








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