

# 4-11 P and NP

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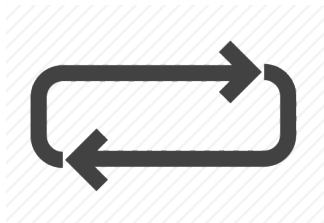
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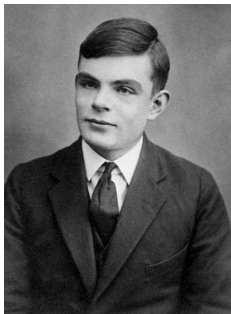
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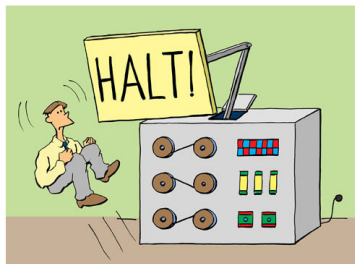
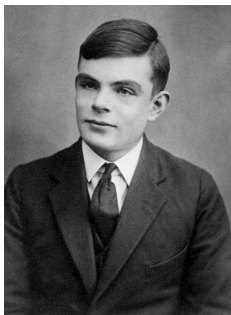


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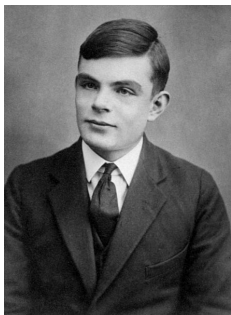
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*You can safely forget “semi-decidable”  
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$\exists$  poly. time verifier  $V(x, c)$  such that

$$\forall x \in \{0, 1\}^* : x \in L \iff \exists c \text{ with } |c| = O(|x|^k), V(x, c) = 1.$$

NP-problems has short **certificates** that are easy to verify.

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“Equivalence of Regular Expressions with Squaring” is  
NEXP-complete:

$$e_1 \cup e_2, \quad e_1 \cdot e_2, \quad e^2$$

## Closure of NP (CLRS 34.2-4)

NP is closed under  $\cup, \cap, \cdot, \star$ .

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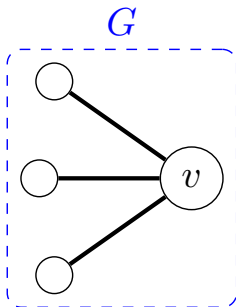
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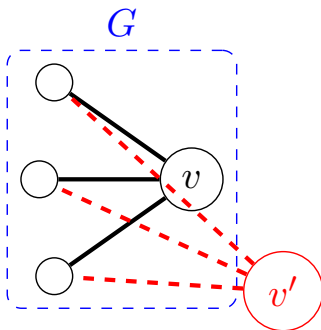
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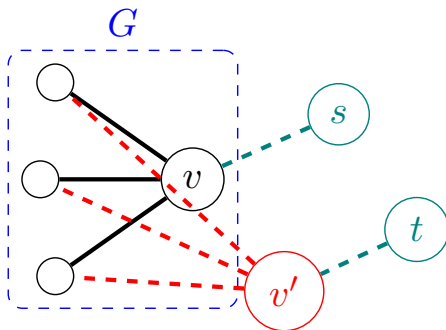
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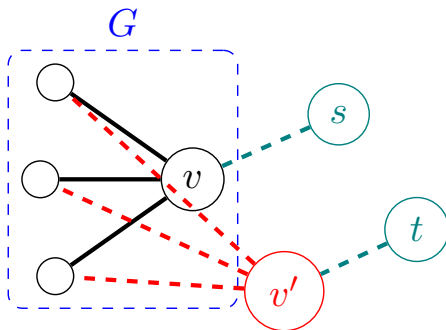
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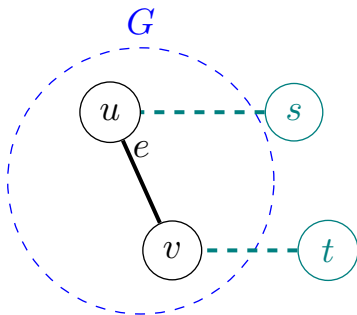
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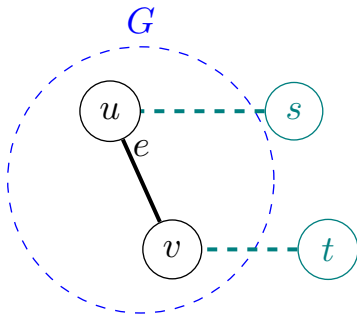
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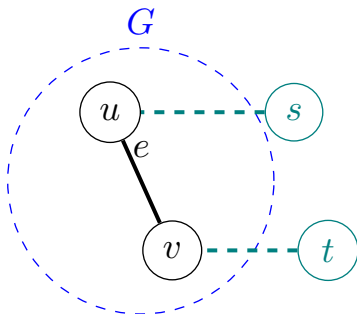
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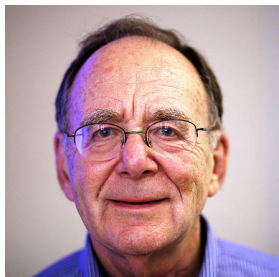
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REDUCIBILITY AMONG COMBINATORIAL PROBLEMS

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# Cook Reduction



The Complexity of Theorem-Proving Procedures

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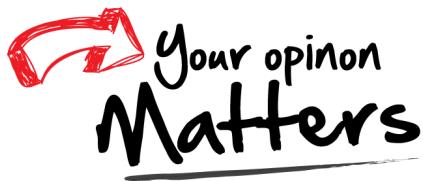
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