

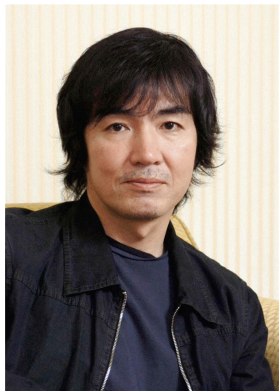
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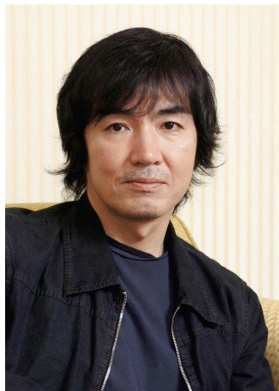
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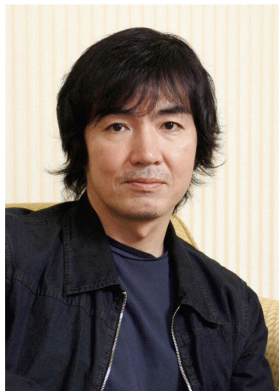
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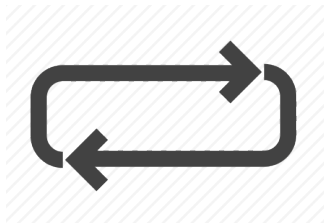
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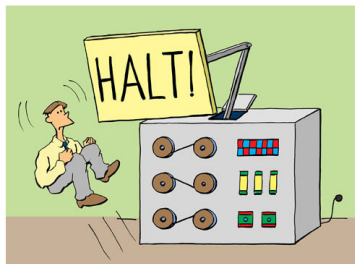
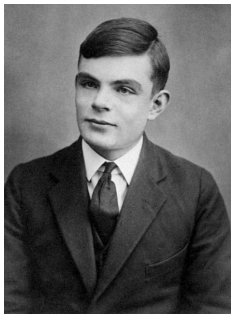
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May loop forever for “NO”
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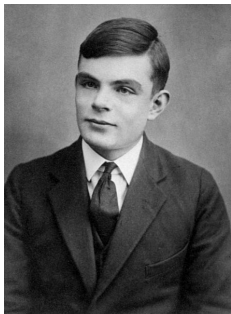


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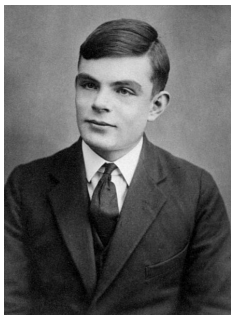
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*You can safely forget “semi-decidable”
in computational complexity theory.*

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$$L \in \text{NP}$$

$$\iff$$

\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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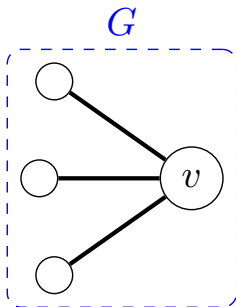
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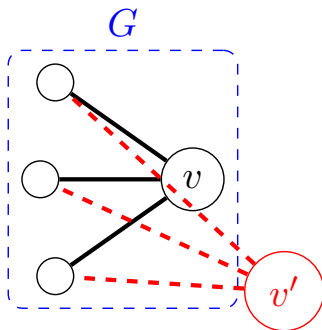
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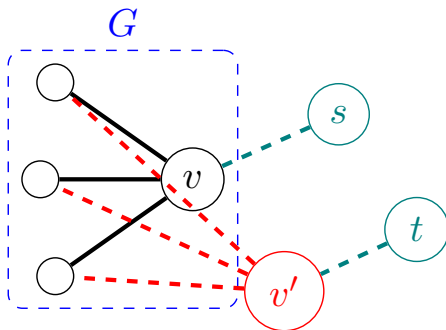
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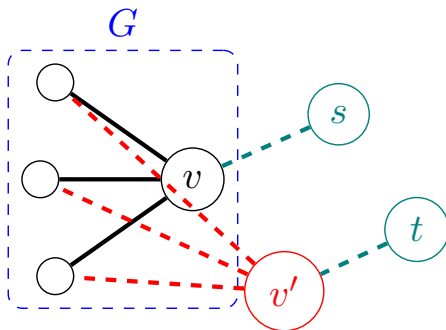


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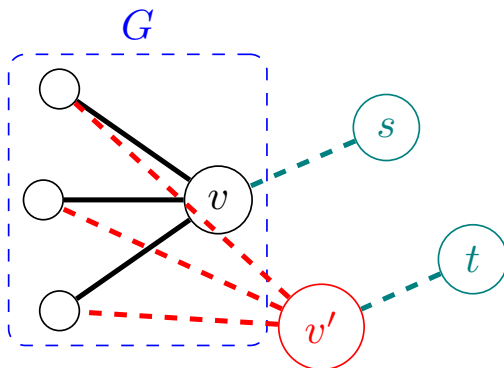
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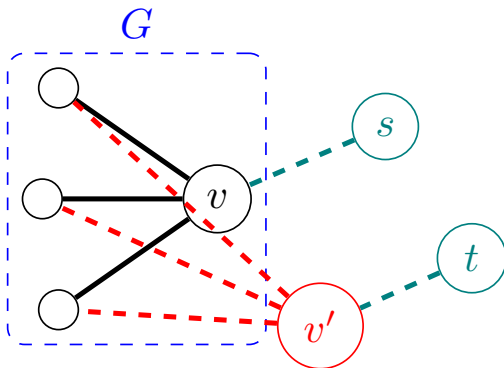
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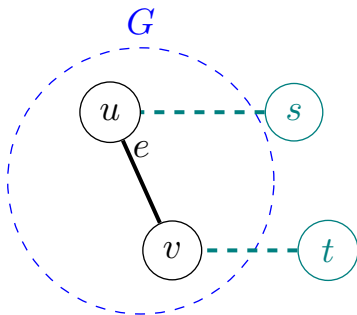
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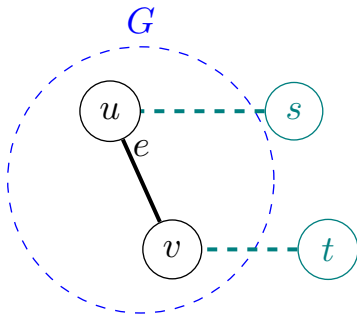
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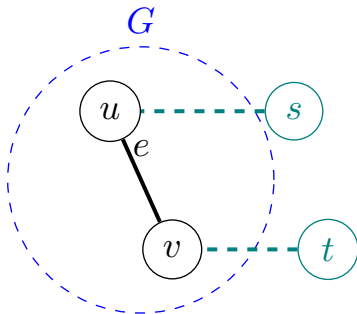
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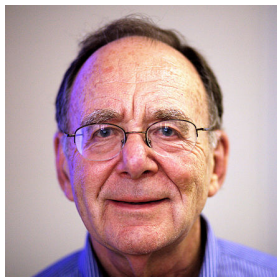
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Richard M. Karp

University of California at Berkeley

(1972)

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Cook Reduction



The Complexity of Theorem-Proving Procedures

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University of Toronto

(1971)

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