

# 8.5 Sequencing Problems

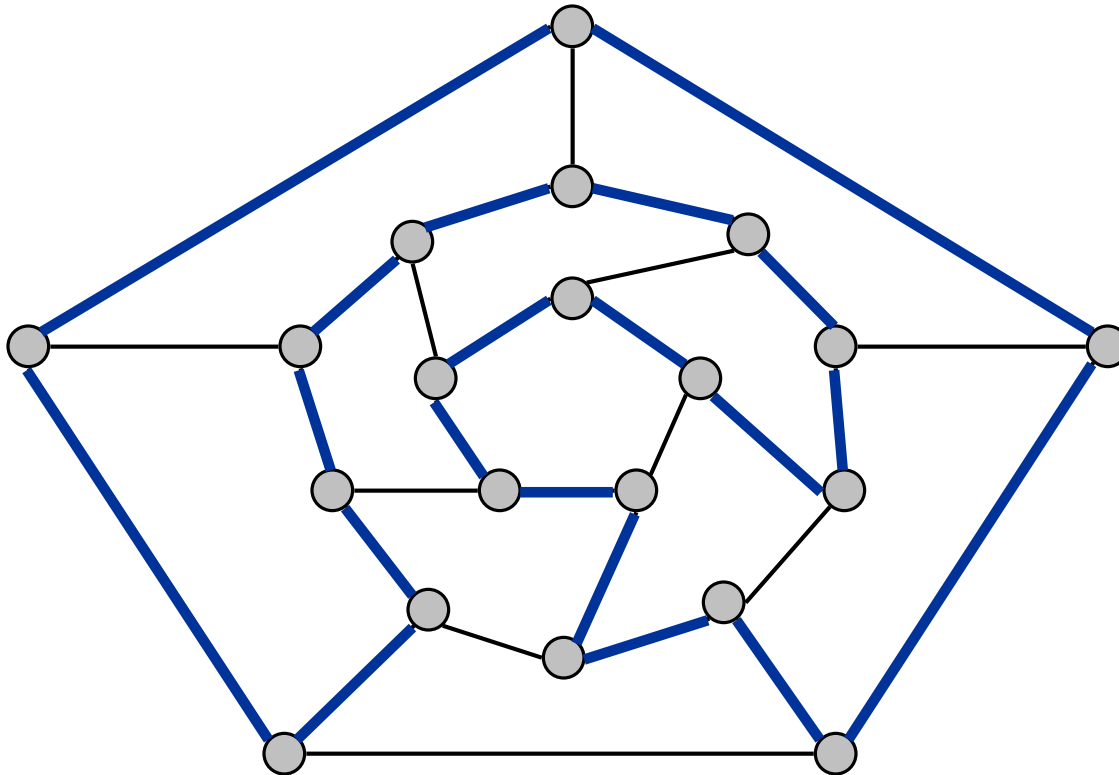
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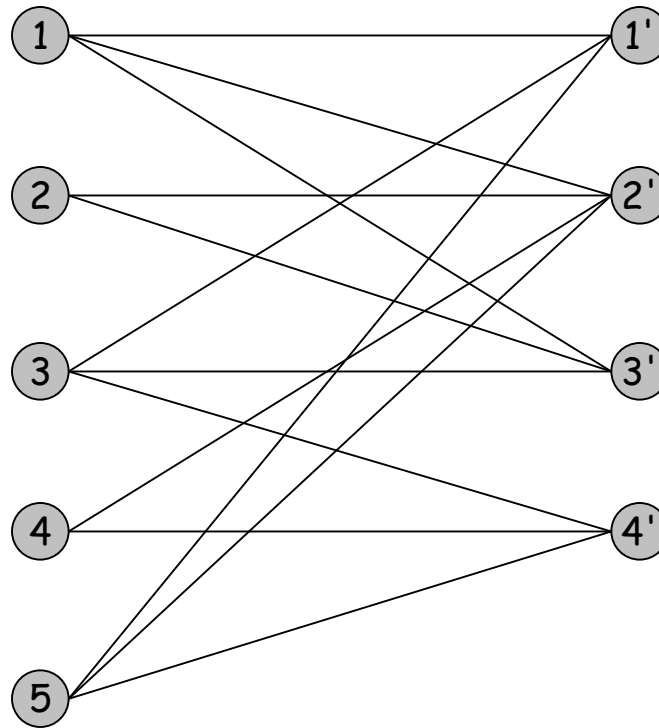
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YES: vertices and faces of a dodecahedron.

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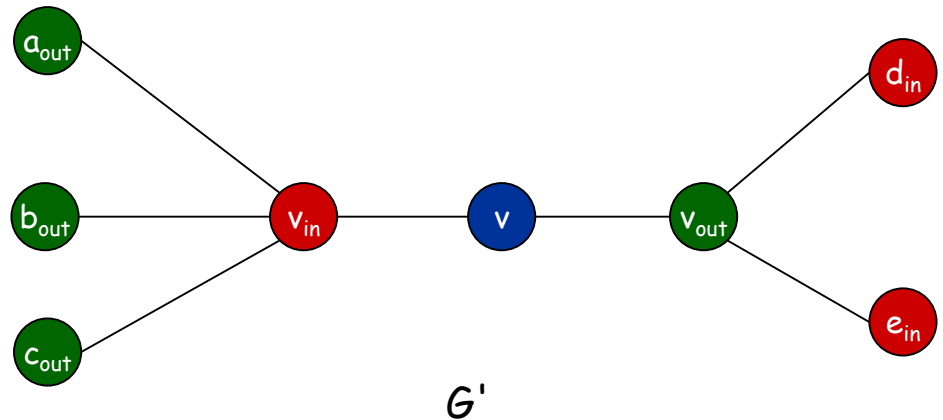
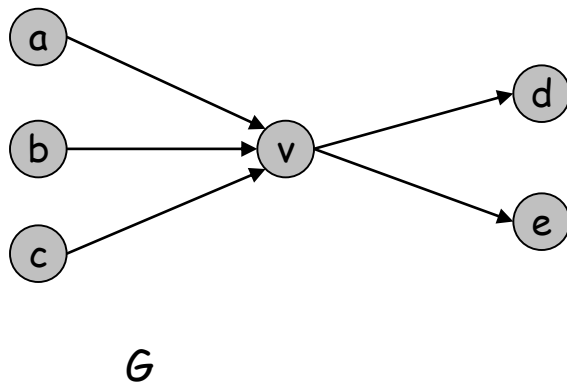
NO: bipartite graph with odd number of nodes.

# Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

**DIR-HAM-CYCLE:** given a **digraph**  $G = (V, E)$ , does there exist a simple directed cycle  $\Gamma$  that contains every node in  $V$ ?

**Claim.**  $\text{DIR-HAM-CYCLE} \leq_p \text{HAM-CYCLE}$ .

**Pf.** Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , construct an undirected graph  $G'$  with  $3n$  nodes.



# Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

**Claim.**  $G$  has a Hamiltonian cycle iff  $G'$  does.

**Pf.**  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose  $G$  has a directed Hamiltonian cycle  $\Gamma$ .

Then  $G'$  has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle (same order).

**Pf.**  $\Leftarrow$

Suppose  $G'$  has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle  $\Gamma'$ .

$\Gamma'$  must visit nodes in  $G'$  using one of following two orders:

..., B, G, R, B, G, R, B, G, R, B, ...

..., B, R, G, B, R, G, B, R, G, B, ...

Blue nodes in  $\Gamma'$  make up directed Hamiltonian cycle  $\Gamma$  in  $G$ , or reverse of one. ■

## 3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

**Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{DIR-HAM-CYCLE}$ .

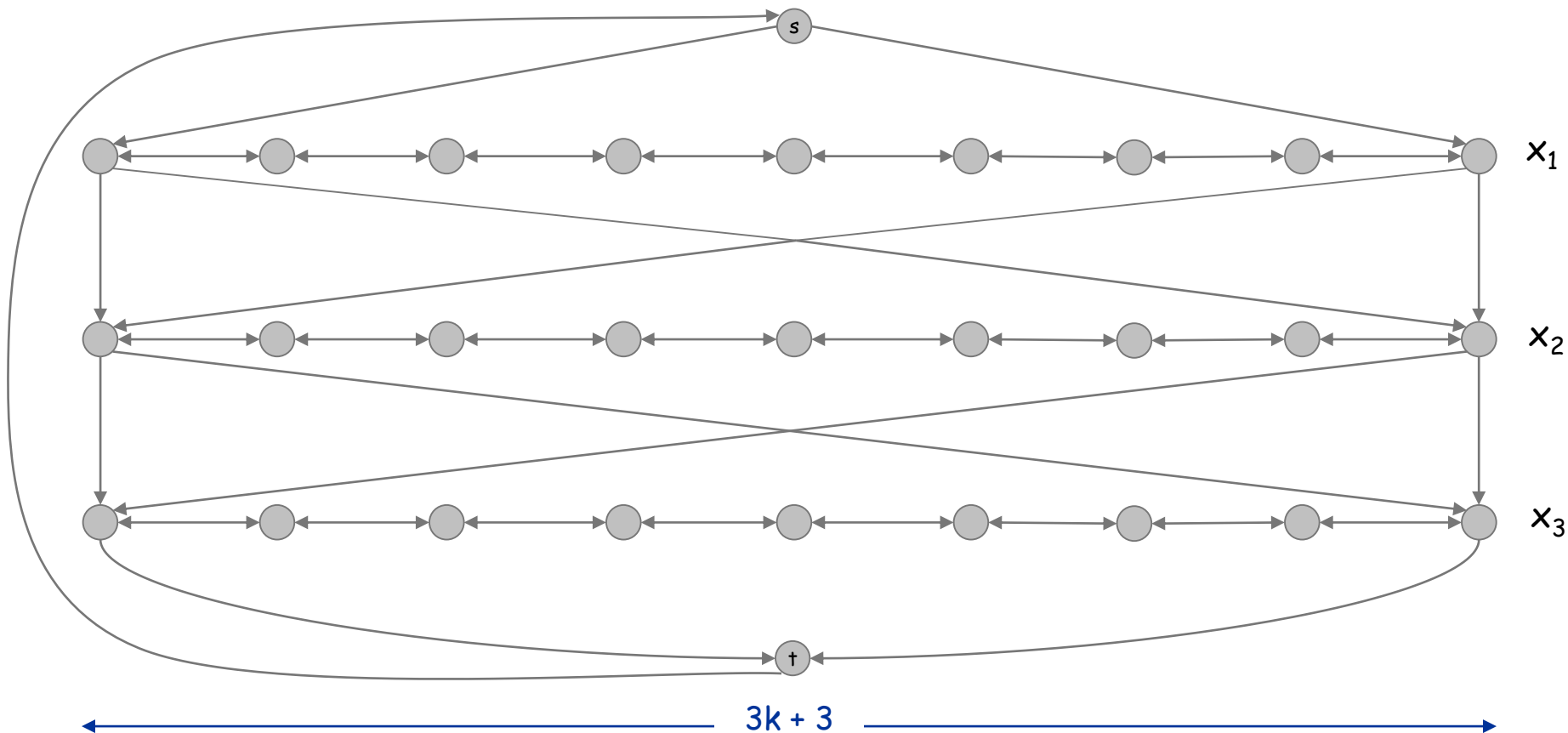
**Pf.** Given an instance  $\Phi$  of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of DIR-HAM-CYCLE that has a Hamiltonian cycle iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable.

**Construction.** First, create graph that has  $2^n$  Hamiltonian cycles which correspond in a natural way to  $2^n$  possible truth assignments.

## 3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

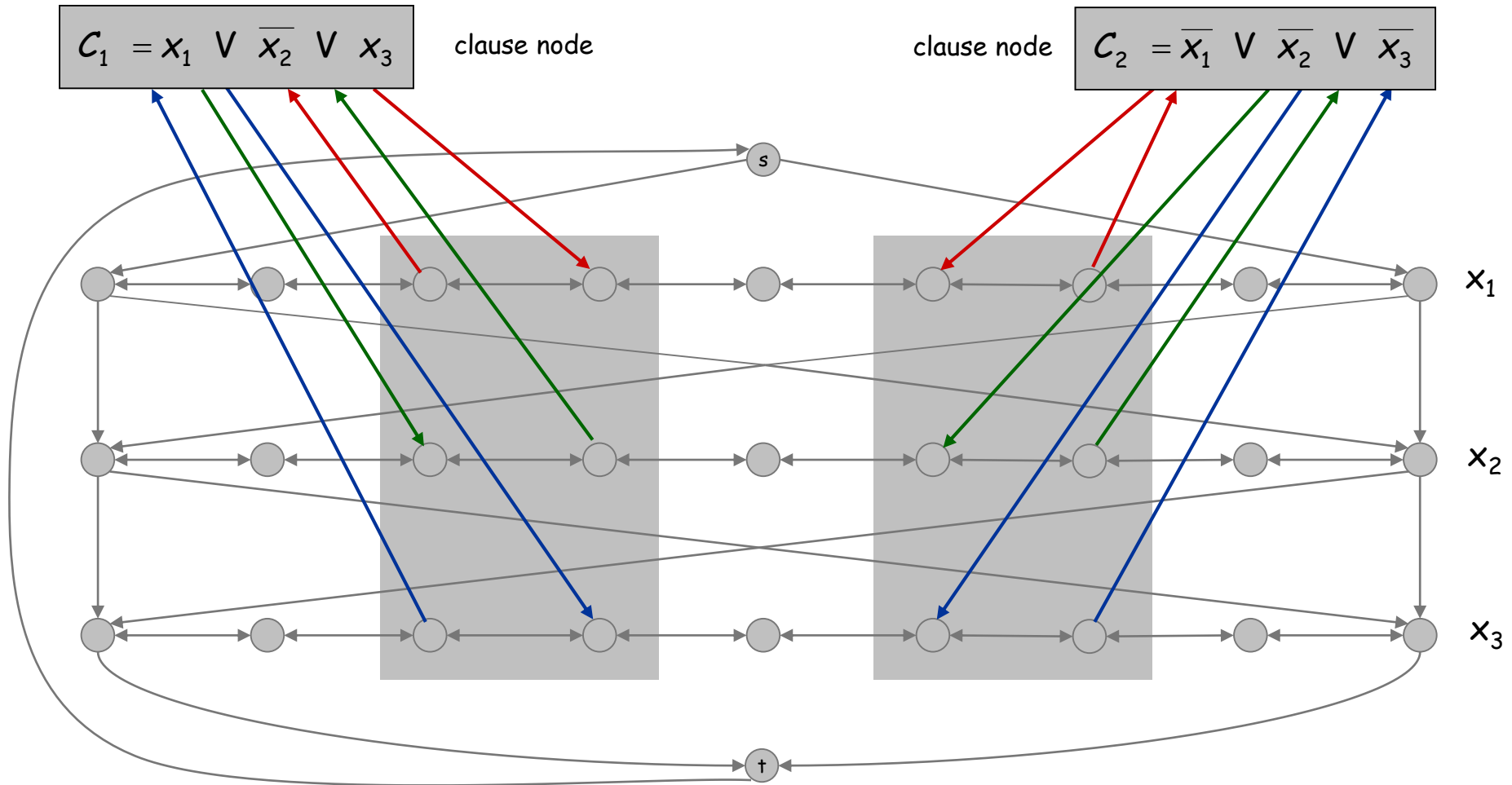
**Construction.** Given 3-SAT instance  $\Phi$  with  $n$  variables  $x_i$  and  $k$  clauses. Construct  $G$  to have  $2^n$  Hamiltonian cycles.

Intuition: traverse path  $i$  from left to right  $\Leftrightarrow$  set variable  $x_i = 1$ .



# 3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

**Construction.** Given 3-SAT instance  $\Phi$  with  $n$  variables  $x_i$  and  $k$  clauses. For each clause: add a node and 6 edges.





## 3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

**Claim.**  $\Phi$  is satisfiable iff  $G$  has a Hamiltonian cycle.

**Pf.**  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose 3-SAT instance has satisfying assignment  $x^*$ .

Then, define Hamiltonian cycle in  $G$  as follows:

- if  $x^*_i = 1$ , traverse row  $i$  from left to right
- if  $x^*_i = 0$ , traverse row  $i$  from right to left
- for each clause  $C_j$ , there will be at least one row  $i$  in which we are going in "correct" direction to splice node  $C_j$  into tour

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Suppose  $G$  has a Hamiltonian cycle  $\Gamma$ .

If  $\Gamma$  enters clause node  $C_j$ , it must depart on mate edge.

- thus, nodes immediately before and after  $C_j$  are connected by an edge  $e$  in  $G$
- removing  $C_j$  from cycle, and replacing it with edge  $e$  yields Hamiltonian cycle on  $G - \{C_j\}$

Continuing in this way, we are left with Hamiltonian cycle  $\Gamma'$  in  $G - \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$ .

Set  $x_i^* = 1$  iff  $\Gamma'$  traverses row  $i$  left to right.

Since  $\Gamma$  visits each clause node  $C_j$ , at least one of the paths is traversed in "correct" direction, and each clause is satisfied. ■

# Longest Path

**SHORTEST-PATH.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , does there exist a simple path of length **at most**  $k$  edges?

**LONGEST-PATH.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , does there exist a simple path of length **at least**  $k$  edges?

**Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{LONGEST-PATH}$ .

**Pf 1.** Redo proof for  $\text{DIR-HAM-CYCLE}$ , ignoring back-edge from  $t$  to  $s$ .

**Pf 2.** Show  $\text{HAM-CYCLE} \leq_p \text{LONGEST-PATH}$ .

# The Longest Path †

**Lyrics.** Copyright © 1988 by Daniel J. Barrett.

**Music.** Sung to the tune of *The Longest Time* by Billy Joel.



Woh-oh-oh-oh, find the longest path!  
Woh-oh-oh-oh, find the longest path!

If you said  $P$  is NP tonight,  
There would still be papers left to write,  
I have a weakness,  
I'm addicted to completeness,  
And I keep searching for the longest path.

The algorithm I would like to see  
Is of polynomial degree,  
But it's elusive 难捉摸的:  
Nobody has found conclusive  
Evidence that we can find a longest path.

I have been hard working for so long.  
I swear it's right, and he marks it wrong.  
Some how I'll feel sorry when it's done:  
GPA 2.1  
Is more than I hope for.

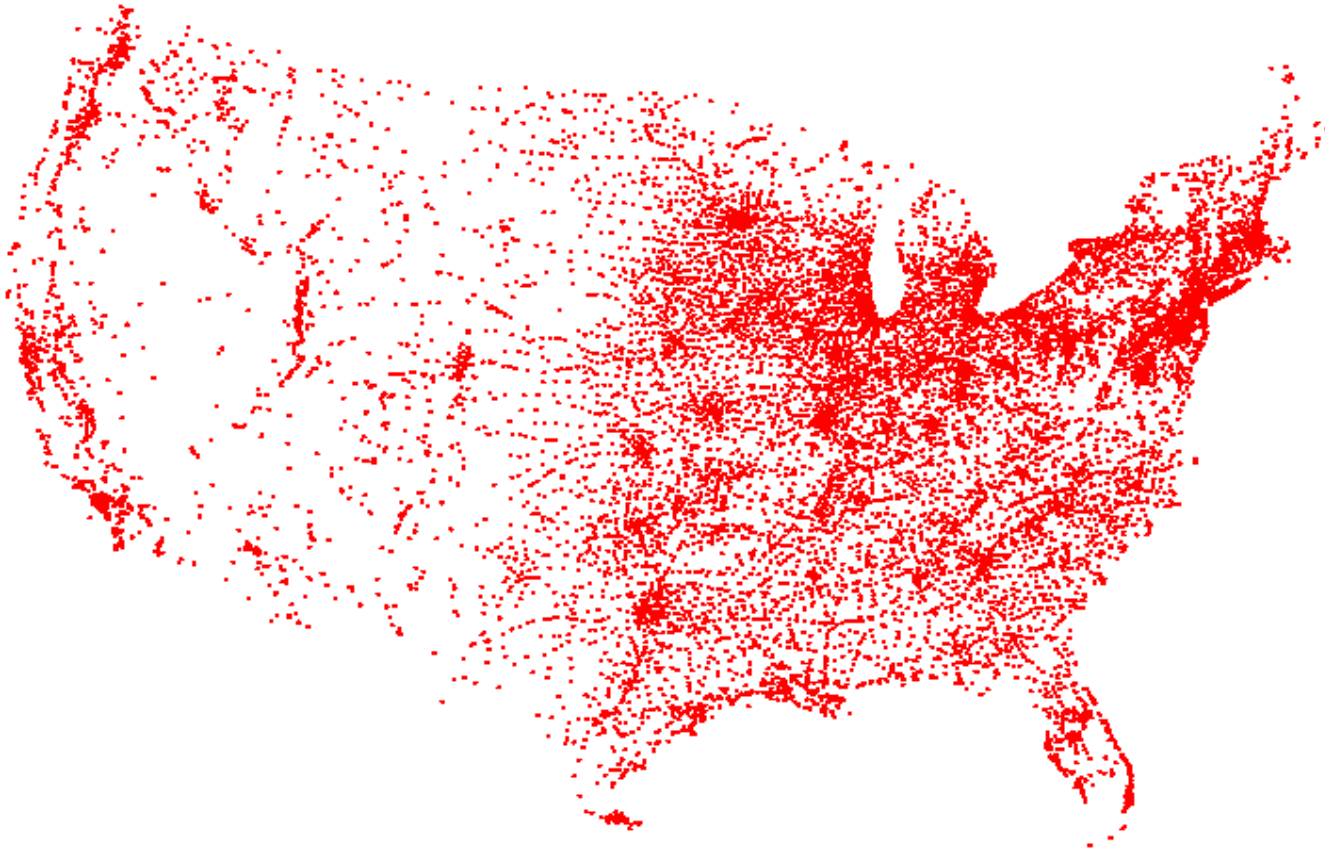
Garey, Johnson, Karp and other men (and women)  
Tried to make it order  $N \log N$ .  
Am I a mad fool  
If I spend my life in grad school,  
Forever following the longest path?

Woh-oh-oh-oh, find the longest path!  
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† Recorded by Dan Barrett while a grad student at Johns Hopkins during a difficult algorithms final.

# Traveling Salesperson Problem

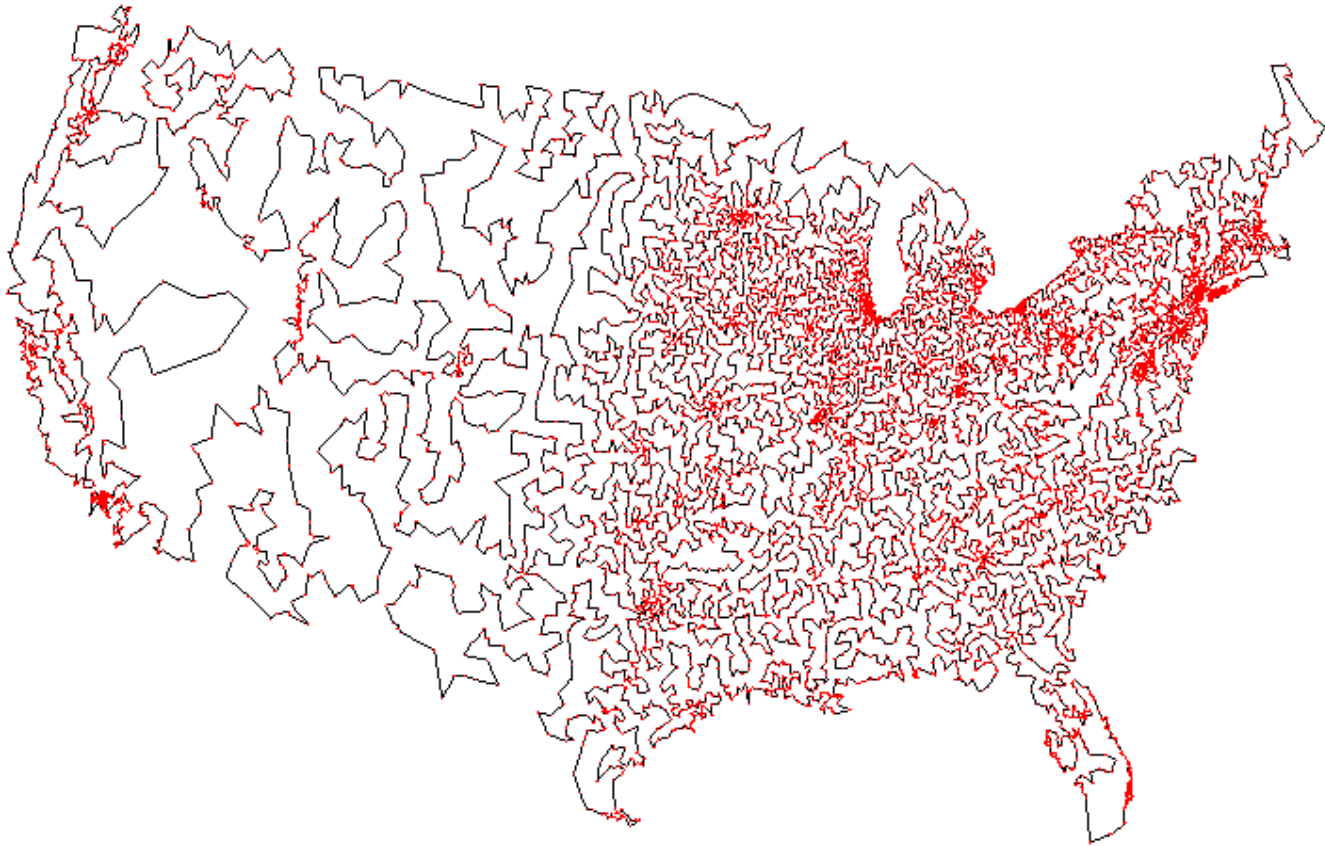
**TSP.** Given a set of  $n$  cities and a pairwise distance function  $d(u, v)$ , is there a tour of length  $\leq D$ ?



All 13,509 cities in US with a population of at least 500  
Reference: <http://www.tsp.gatech.edu>

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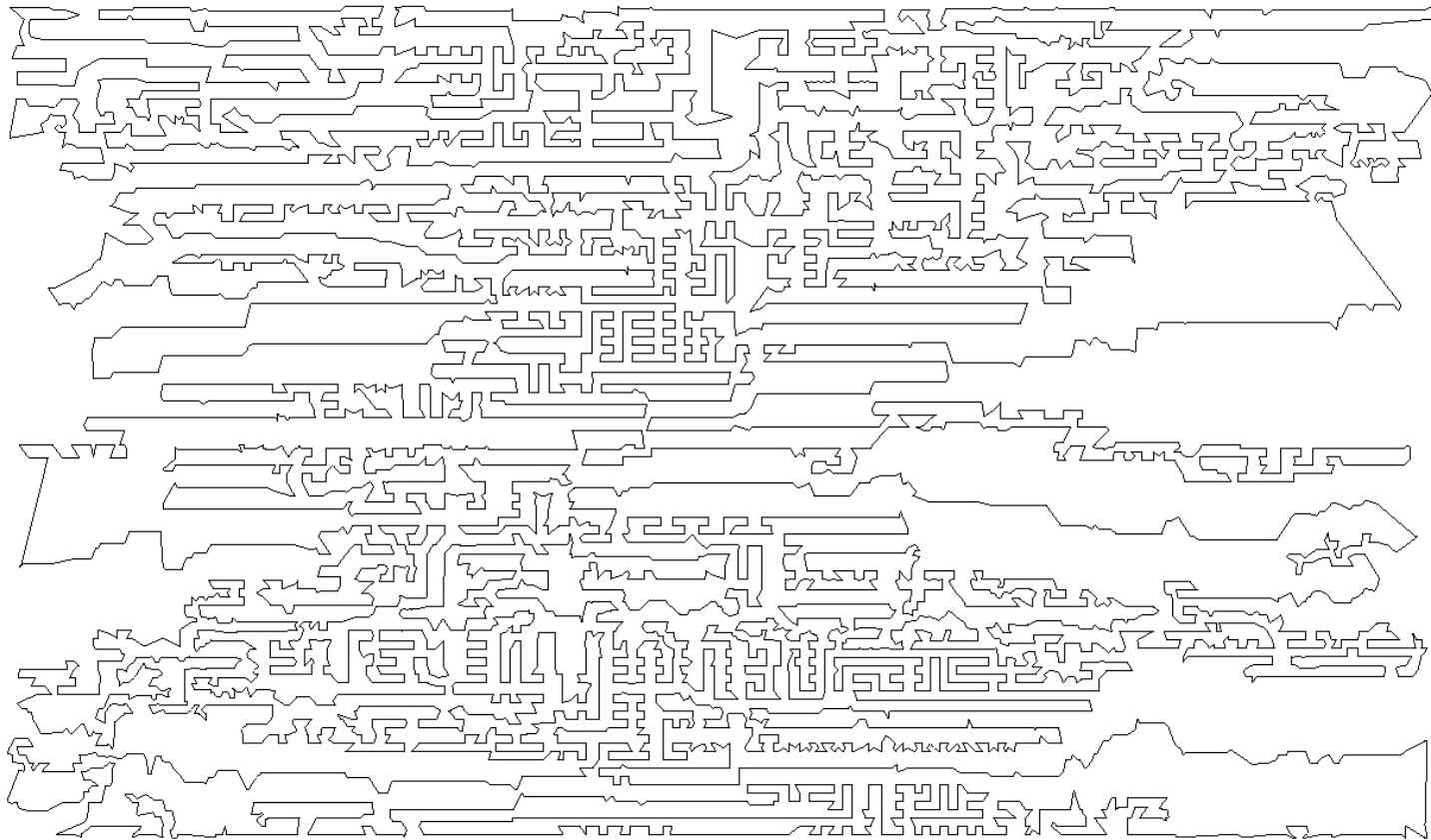
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11,849 holes to drill in a programmed logic array  
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**Claim.**  $\text{HAM-CYCLE} \leq_p \text{TSP}$ .

**Pf.**

Given instance  $G = (V, E)$  of HAM-CYCLE, create  $n$  cities with distance function

$$d(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 2 & \text{if } (u, v) \notin E \end{cases}$$

TSP instance has tour of length  $\leq n$  iff  $G$  is Hamiltonian. ■

**Remark.** TSP instance in reduction satisfies  $\Delta$ -inequality.

## 8.6 Partitioning Problems

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## 3-Dimensional Matching

**3D-MATCHING.** Given  $n$  instructors,  $n$  courses, and  $n$  times, and a list of the possible courses and times each instructor is willing to teach, is it possible to make an assignment so that all courses are taught at different times?

Instructor	Course	Time
Wayne	COS 423	MW 11-12:20
Wayne	COS 423	TTh 11-12:20
Wayne	COS 226	TTh 11-12:20
Wayne	COS 126	TTh 11-12:20
Tardos	COS 523	TTh 3-4:20
Tardos	COS 423	TTh 11-12:20
Tardos	COS 423	TTh 3-4:20
Kleinberg	COS 226	TTh 3-4:20
Kleinberg	COS 226	MW 11-12:20
Kleinberg	COS 423	MW 11-12:20

## 3-Dimensional Matching

**3D-MATCHING.** Given disjoint sets  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$ , each of size  $n$  and a set  $T \subseteq X \times Y \times Z$  of triples, does there exist a set of  $n$  triples in  $T$  such that each element of  $X \cup Y \cup Z$  is in exactly one of these triples?

**Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{INDEPENDENT-COVER}$ .

**Pf.** Given an instance  $\Phi$  of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of 3D-matching that has a perfect matching iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable.

# 3-Dimensional Matching

## Construction. (part 1)

Create gadget for each variable  $x_i$  with  $2k$  core and tip elements.

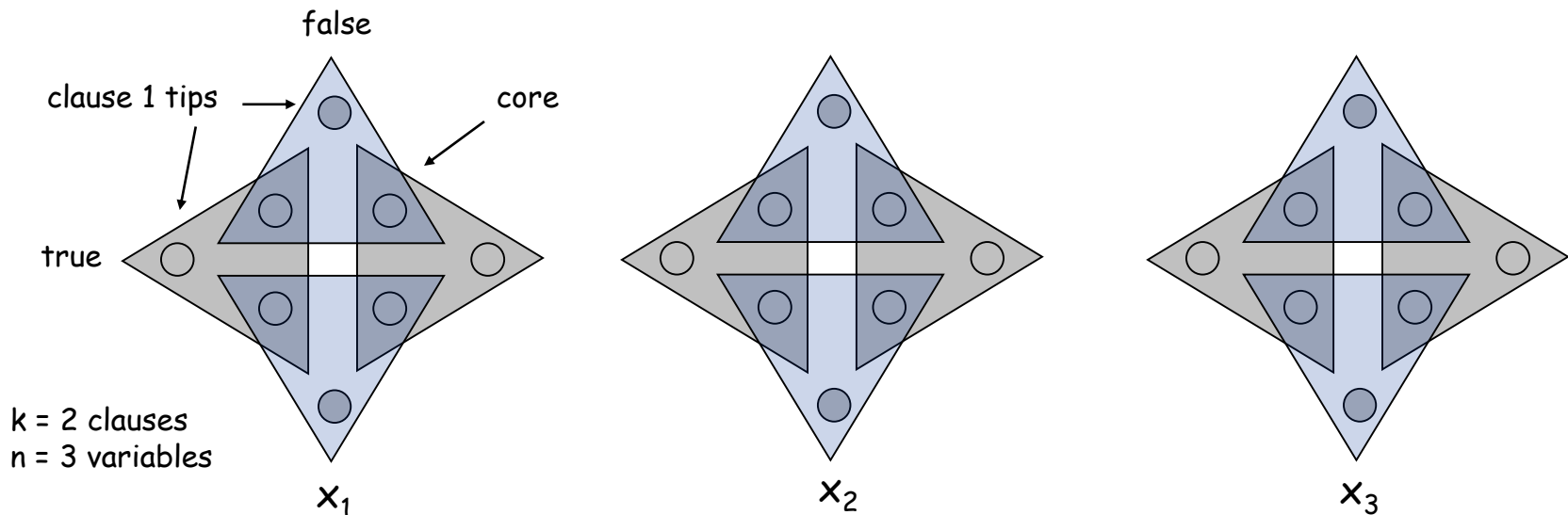
No other triples will use core elements.

In gadget  $i$ , 3D-matching must use either both grey triples or both blue ones.

number of clauses

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set  $x_i = \text{true}$

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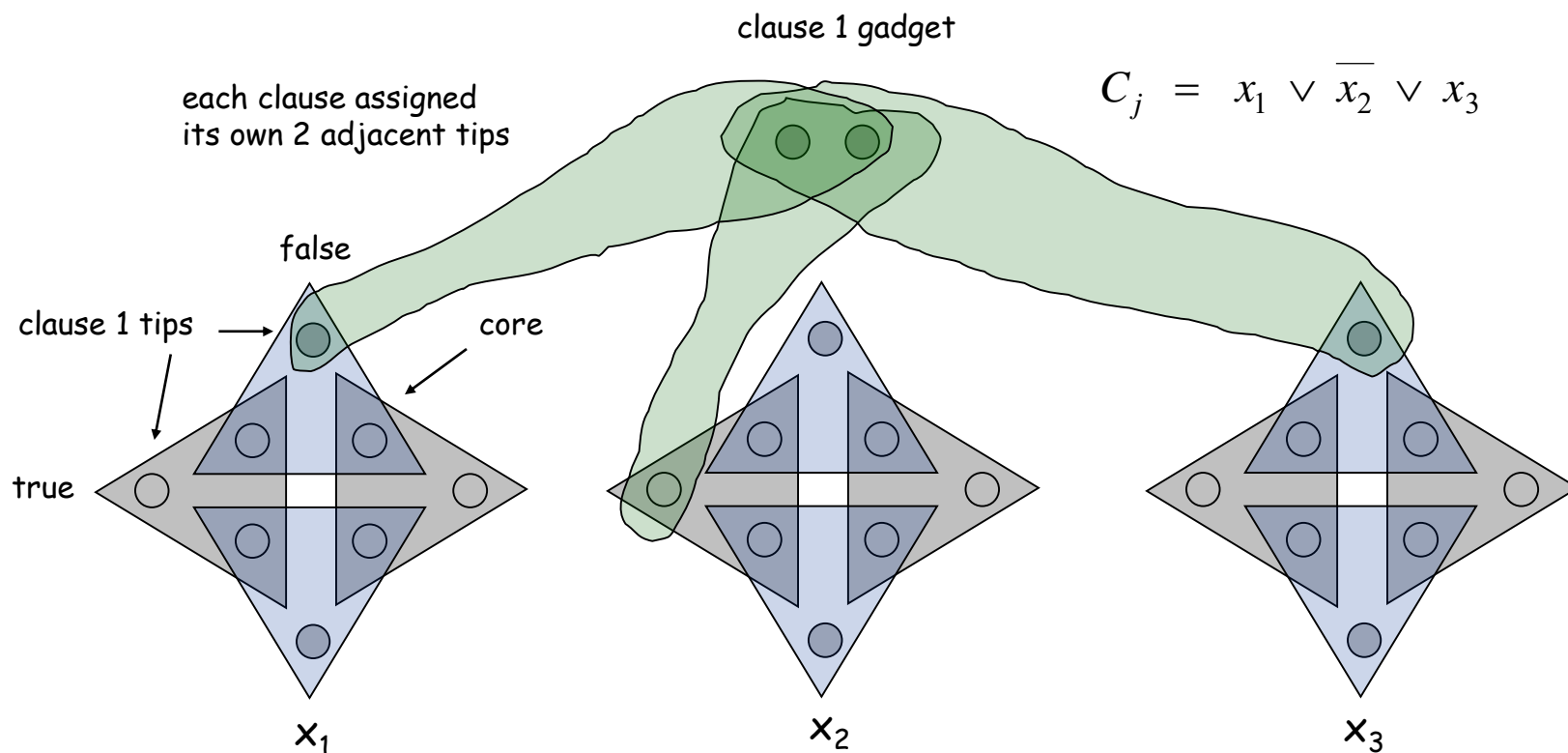
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## Construction. (part 2)

For each clause  $C_j$  create two elements and three triples.

Exactly one of these triples will be used in any 3D-matching.

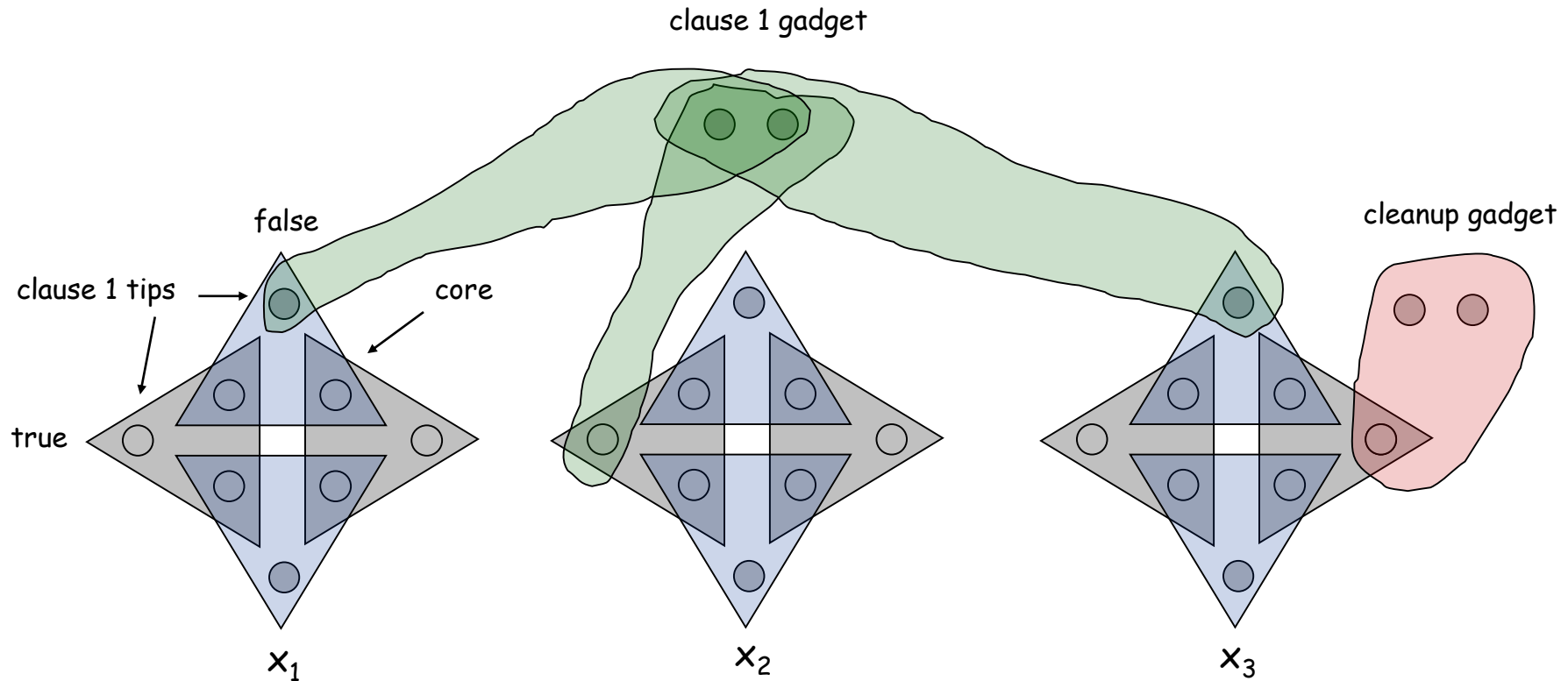
Ensures any 3D-matching uses either (i) grey core of  $x_1$  or (ii) blue core of  $x_2$  or (iii) grey core of  $x_3$ .



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Construction. (part 3)

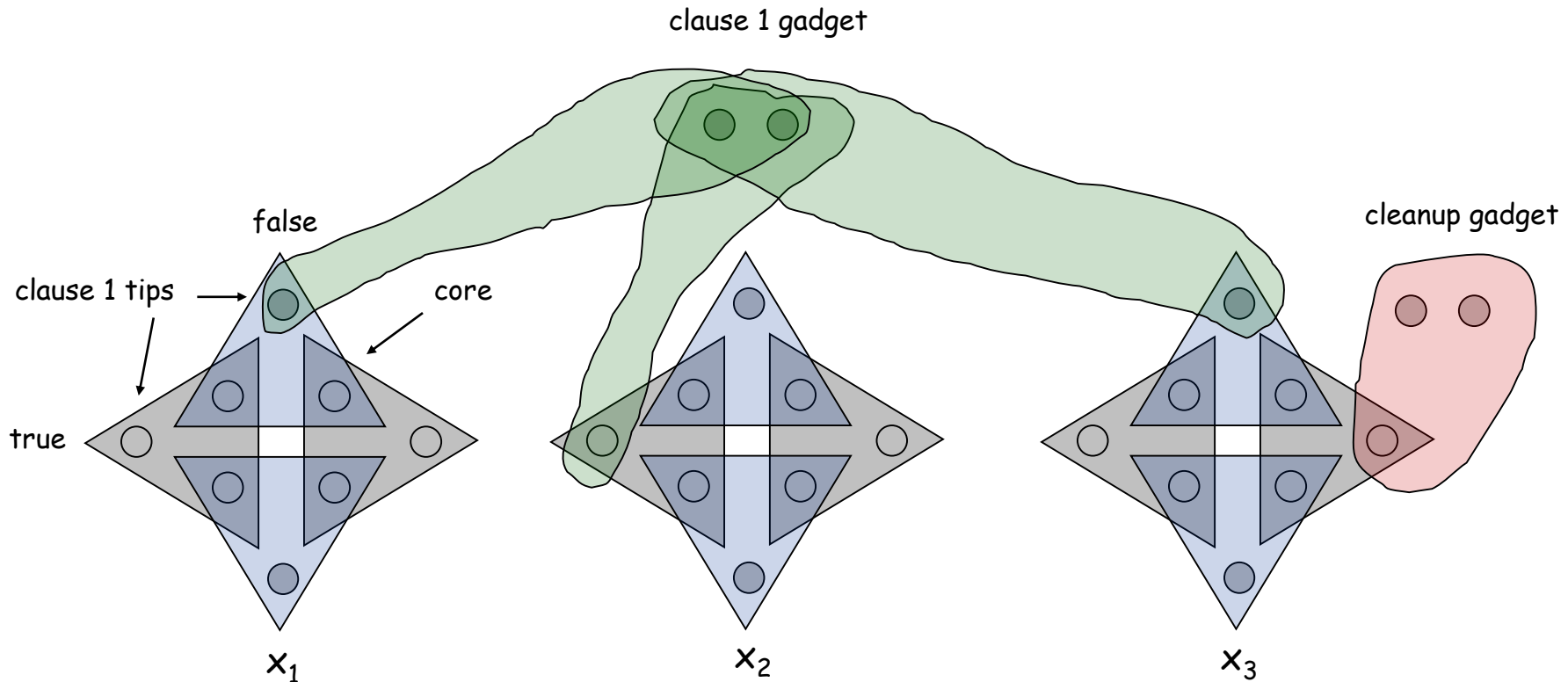
For each tip, add a cleanup gadget.



# 3-Dimensional Matching

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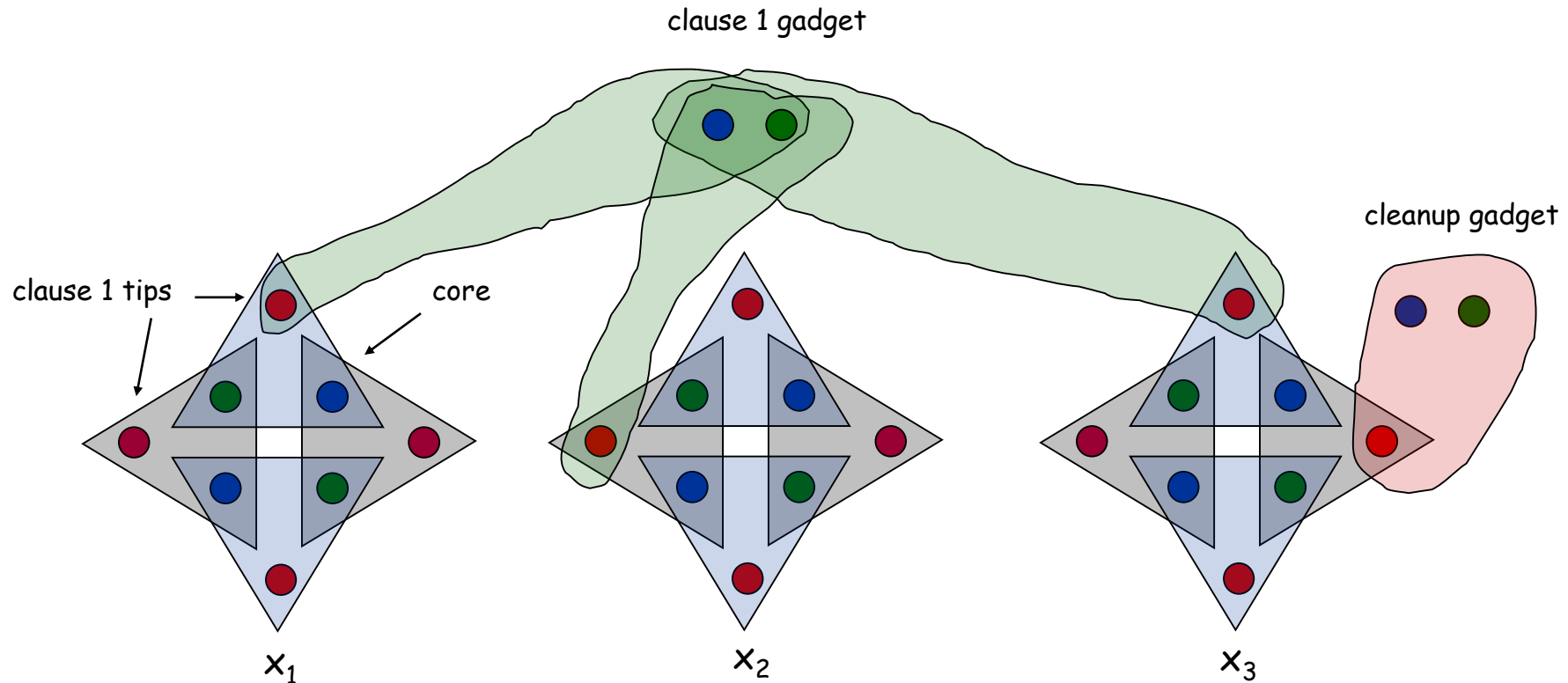




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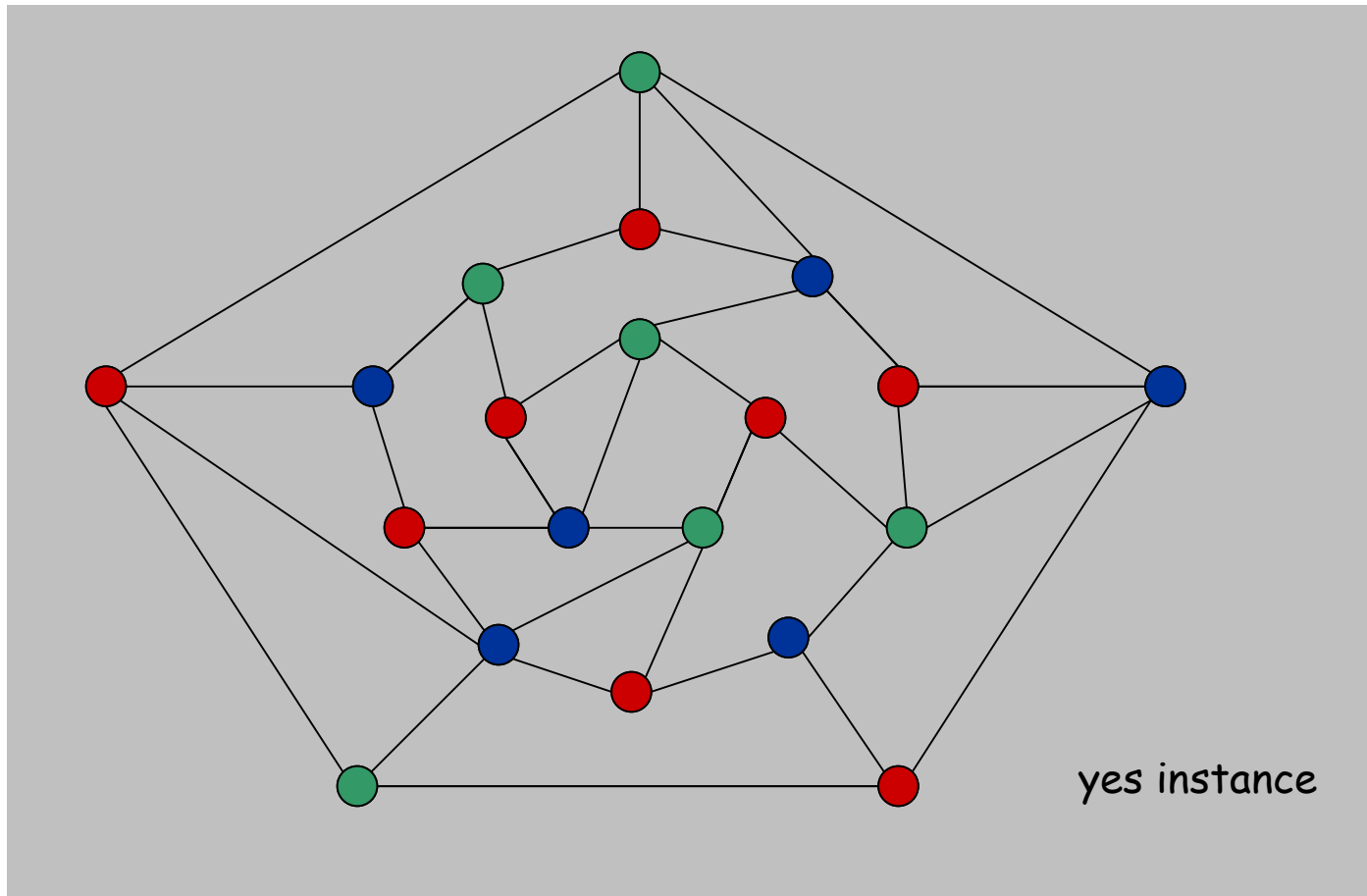
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## 3-Colorability

**3-COLOR:** Given an undirected graph  $G$  does there exist a way to color the nodes red, green, and blue so that no adjacent nodes have the same color?



# Register Allocation

**Register allocation.** Assign program variables to machine register so that no more than  $k$  registers are used and no two program variables that are needed at the same time are assigned to the same register.

**Interference graph.** Nodes are program variables names, edge between  $u$  and  $v$  if there exists an operation where both  $u$  and  $v$  are "live" at the same time.

**Observation.** [Chaitin 1982] Can solve register allocation problem iff interference graph is  $k$ -colorable.

**Fact.**  $3\text{-COLOR} \leq_p k\text{-REGISTER-ALLOCATION}$  for any constant  $k \geq 3$ .

## 3-Colorability

**Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p 3\text{-COLOR}$ .

**Pf.** Given 3-SAT instance  $\Phi$ , we construct an instance of 3-COLOR that is 3-colorable iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable.

### Construction.

- i. For each literal, create a node.
- ii. Create 3 new nodes T, F, B; connect them in a triangle, and connect each literal to B.
- iii. Connect each literal to its negation.
- iv. For each clause, add gadget of 6 nodes and 13 edges.

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to be described next

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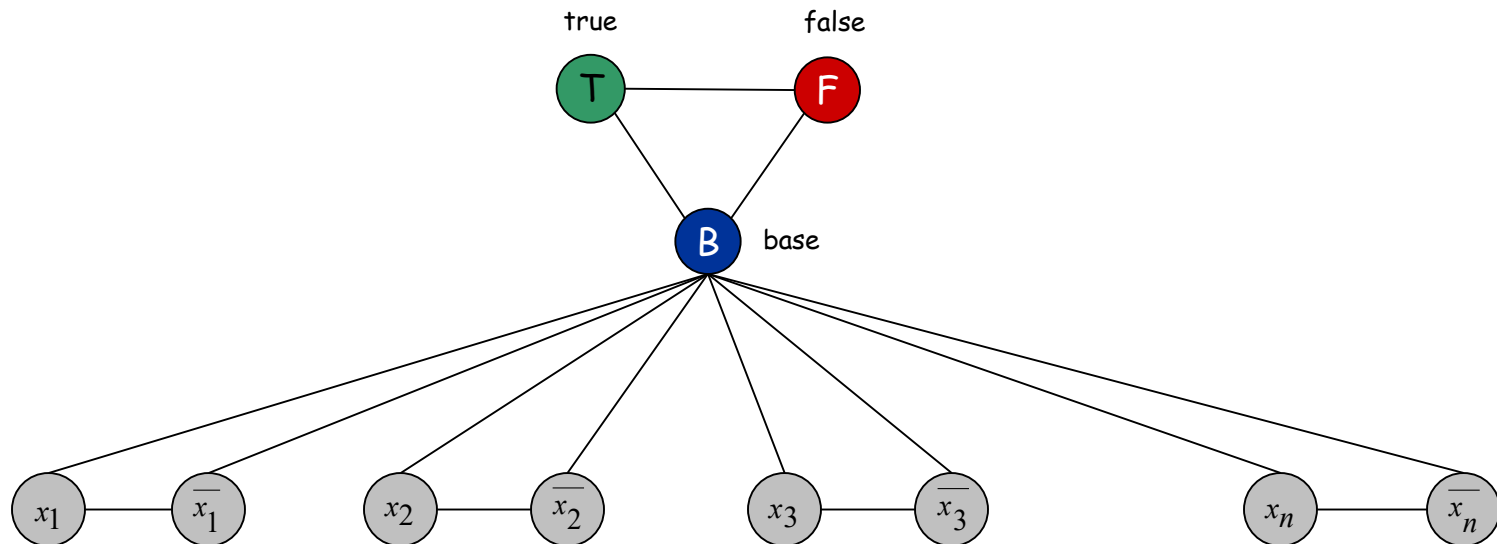
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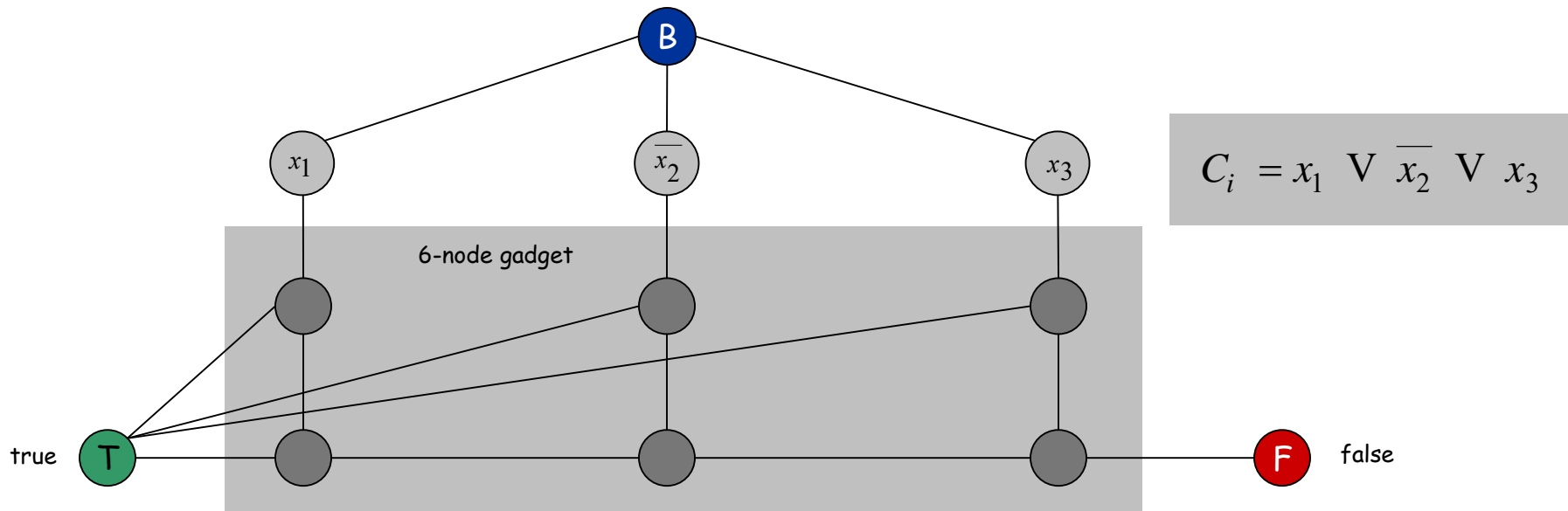
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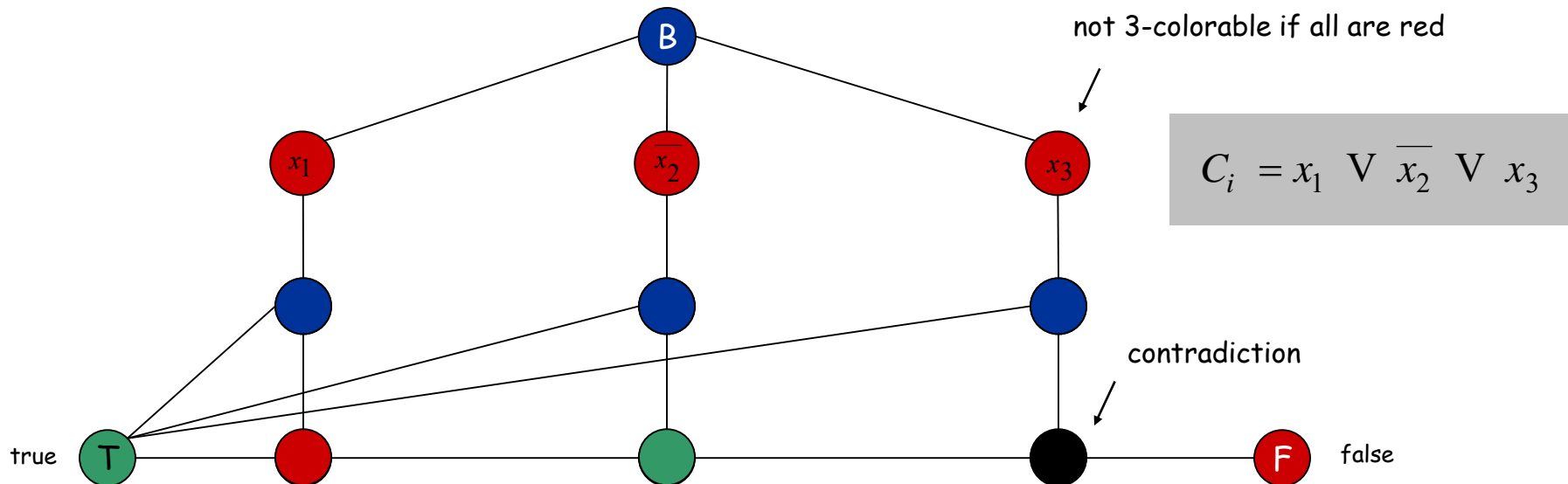
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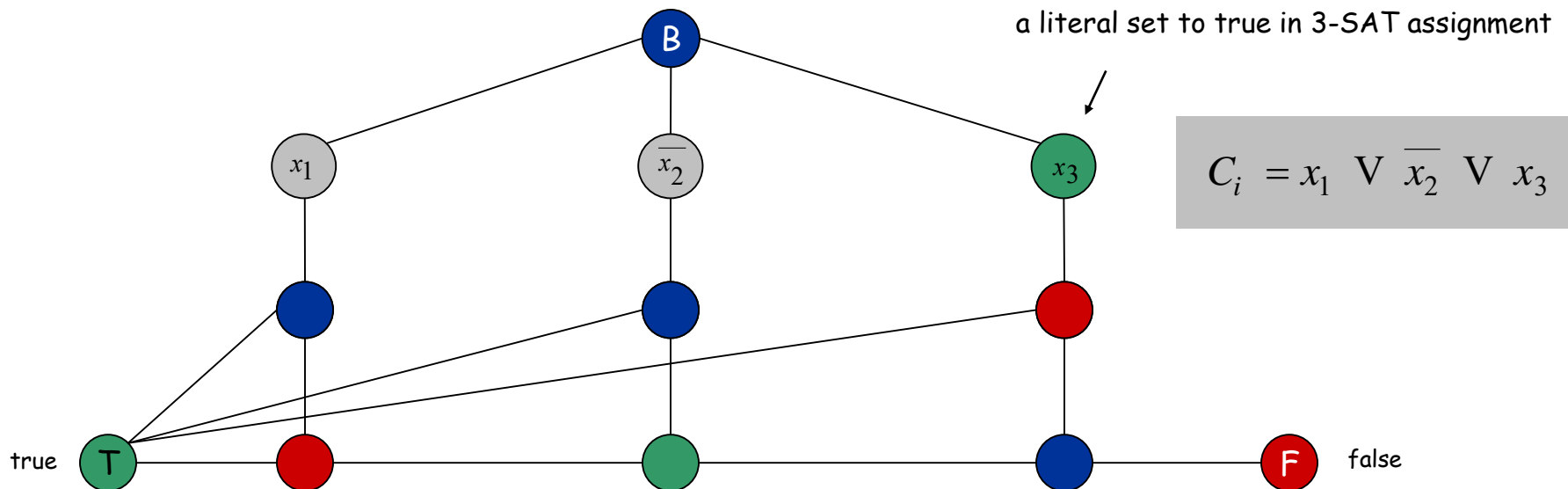
**Pf.**  $\Leftarrow$  Suppose 3-SAT formula  $\Phi$  is satisfiable.

Color all true literals T.

Color node below green node F, and node below that B.

Color remaining middle row nodes B.

Color remaining bottom nodes T or F as forced. ■



## 8.8 Numerical Problems

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## Subset Sum

**SUBSET-SUM.** Given natural numbers  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and an integer  $W$ , is there a subset that adds up to exactly  $W$ ?

**Ex:**  $\{ 1, 4, 16, 64, 256, 1040, 1041, 1093, 1284, 1344 \}$ ,  $W = 3754$ .

**Yes.**  $1 + 16 + 64 + 256 + 1040 + 1093 + 1284 = 3754$ .

**Remark.** With arithmetic problems, input integers are encoded in binary. Polynomial reduction must be polynomial in **binary** encoding.

**Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{SUBSET-SUM}$ .

**Pf.** Given an instance  $\Phi$  of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of SUBSET-SUM that has solution iff  $\Phi$  is satisfiable.

# Subset Sum

**Construction.** Given 3-SAT instance  $\Phi$  with  $n$  variables and  $k$  clauses, form  $2n + 2k$  decimal integers, each of  $n+k$  digits, as illustrated below.

**Claim.**  $\Phi$  is satisfiable iff there exists a subset that sums to  $W$ .

**Pf.** No carries possible.

$$C_1 = \bar{x} \vee y \vee z$$

$$C_2 = x \vee \bar{y} \vee z$$

$$C_3 = \bar{x} \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{z}$$

dummies to get  
clause columns  
to sum to 4

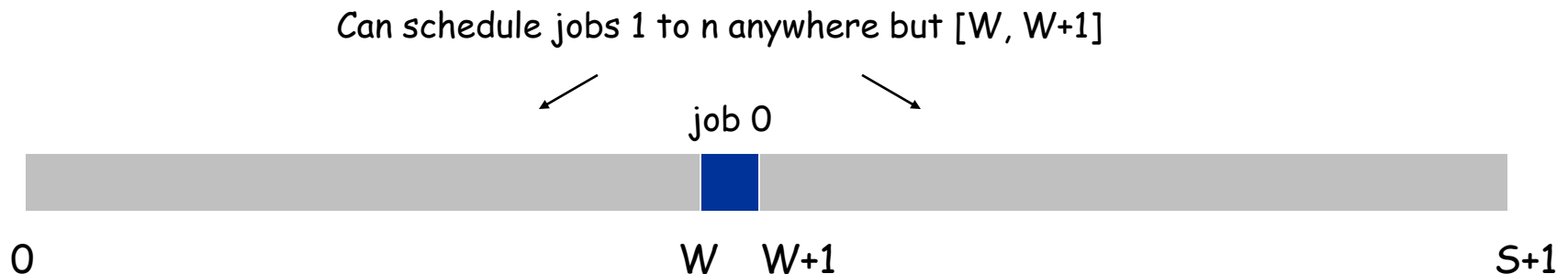
	x	y	z	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	
x	1	0	0	0	1	0	100,110
$\neg x$	1	0	0	1	0	1	100,101
y	0	1	0	1	0	0	10,100
$\neg y$	0	1	0	0	1	1	10,011
z	0	0	1	1	1	0	1,110
$\neg z$	0	0	1	0	0	1	1,001
}	0	0	0	1	0	0	100
	0	0	0	2	0	0	200
	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
	0	0	0	0	2	0	20
	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
W	1	1	1	4	4	4	111,444

## Scheduling With Release Times

**SCHEDULE-RELEASE-TIMES.** Given a set of  $n$  jobs with processing time  $t_i$ , release time  $r_i$ , and deadline  $d_i$ , is it possible to schedule all jobs on a single machine such that job  $i$  is processed with a contiguous slot of  $t_i$  time units in the interval  $[r_i, d_i]$ ?

**Claim.**  $\text{SUBSET-SUM} \leq_p \text{SCHEDULE-RELEASE-TIMES}$ .

**Pf.** Given an instance of SUBSET-SUM  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ , and target  $W$ ,  
Create  $n$  jobs with processing time  $t_i = w_i$ , release time  $r_i = 0$ , and no deadline ( $d_i = 1 + \sum_j w_j$ ).  
Create job 0 with  $t_0 = 1$ , release time  $r_0 = W$ , and deadline  $d_0 = W+1$ .



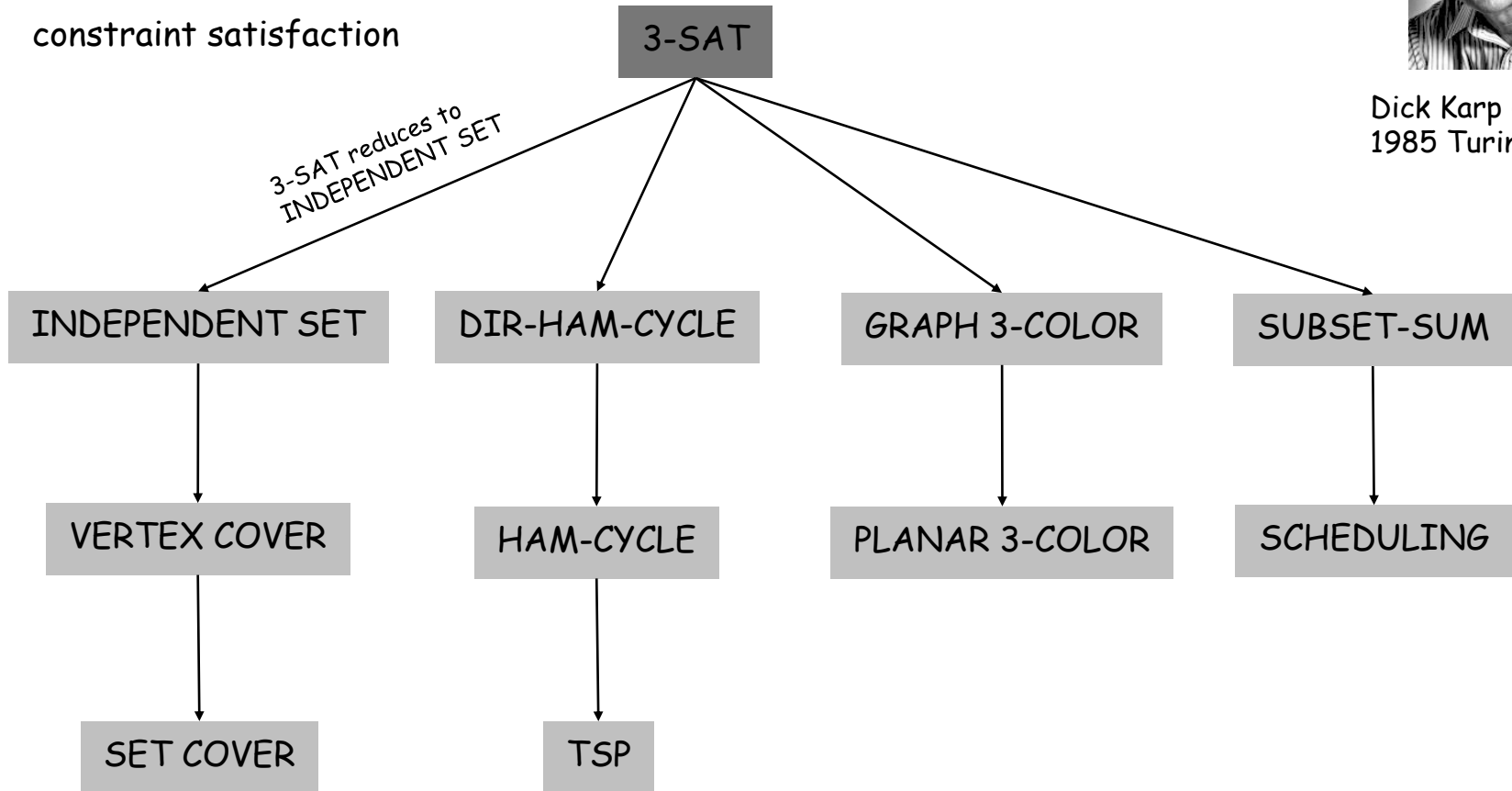
## 8.10 A Partial Taxonomy of Hard Problems

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# Polynomial-Time Reductions



Dick Karp (1972)  
1985 Turing Award



packing and covering

sequencing

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# Homeworks

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Homework: 8.3, 8.5, 8.7, 8.16, 8.39



# Extra Slides

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## Subset Sum (proof from book)

**Construction.** Let  $X \cup Y \cup Z$  be an instance of 3D-MATCHING with triplet set  $T$ . Let  $n = |X| = |Y| = |Z|$  and  $m = |T|$ .

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4\}$ ,  $Z = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4\}$

For each triplet  $t = (x_i, y_j, z_k) \in T$ , create an integer  $w_t$  with  $3n$  digits that has a 1 in positions  $i$ ,  $n+j$ , and  $2n+k$ .

↑  
use base  $m+1$

**Claim.** 3D-matching iff some subset sums to  $W = 111, \dots, 111$ .

Triplet $t_i$			$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	$z_4$	$w_i$
$x_1$	$y_2$	$z_3$	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	100,001,000,010
$x_2$	$y_4$	$z_2$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	10,000,010,100
$x_1$	$y_1$	$z_1$	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	100,010,001,000
$x_2$	$y_2$	$z_4$	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10,001,000,001
$x_4$	$y_3$	$z_4$	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	100,100,001
$x_3$	$y_1$	$z_2$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1,010,000,100
$x_3$	$y_1$	$z_3$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1,010,000,010
$x_3$	$y_1$	$z_1$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,010,001,000
$x_4$	$y_4$	$z_4$	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	100,010,001
															111,111,111,111

# Partition

**SUBSET-SUM.** Given natural numbers  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and an integer  $W$ , is there a subset that adds up to exactly  $W$ ?

**PARTITION.** Given natural numbers  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , can they be partitioned into two subsets that add up to the same value?

$$\nwarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_i v_i$$

**Claim.** SUBSET-SUM  $\leq_p$  PARTITION.

**Pf.** Let  $W, w_1, \dots, w_n$  be an instance of SUBSET-SUM.

Create instance of PARTITION with  $m = n+2$  elements.

$$- v_1 = w_1, v_2 = w_2, \dots, v_n = w_n, \quad v_{n+1} = 2 \sum_i w_i - W, \quad v_{n+2} = \sum_i w_i + W$$

There exists a subset that sums to  $W$  iff there exists a partition since two new elements cannot be in the same partition. ▀

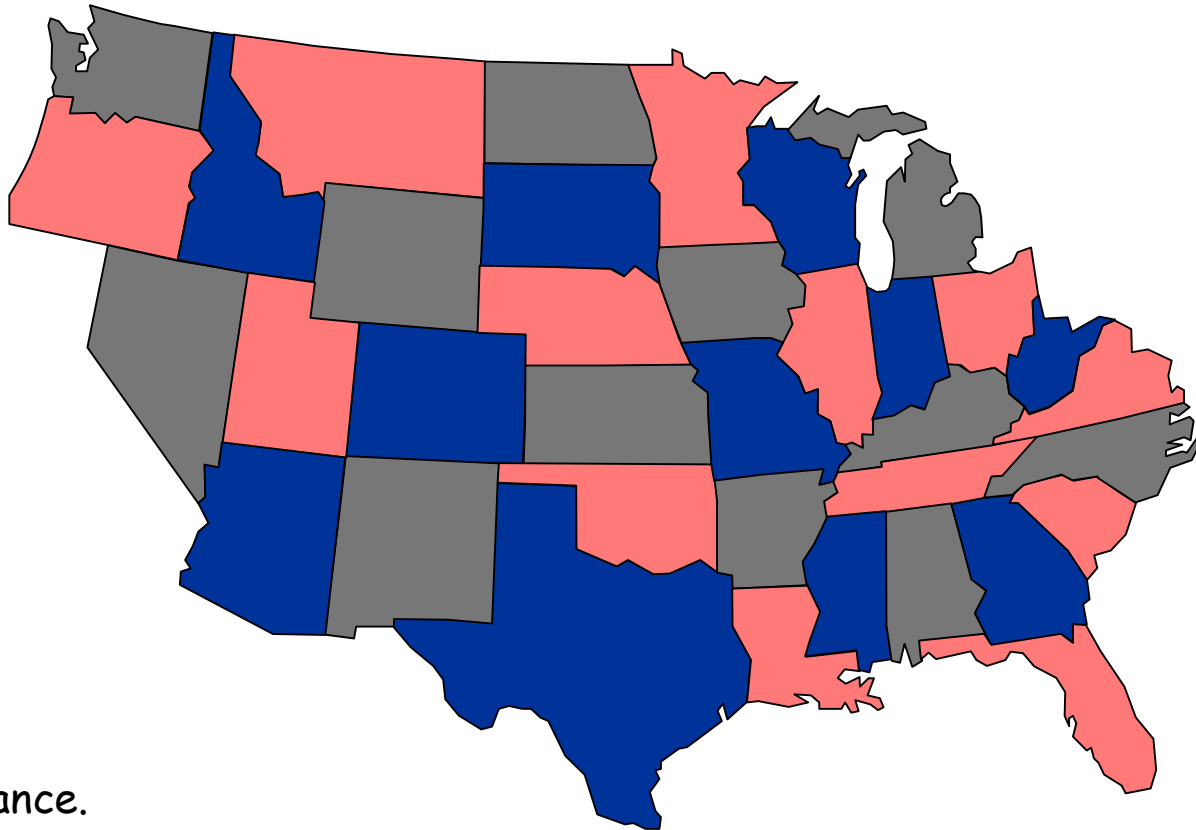
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# Extra Slides: 4 Color Theorem

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# Planar 3-Colorability

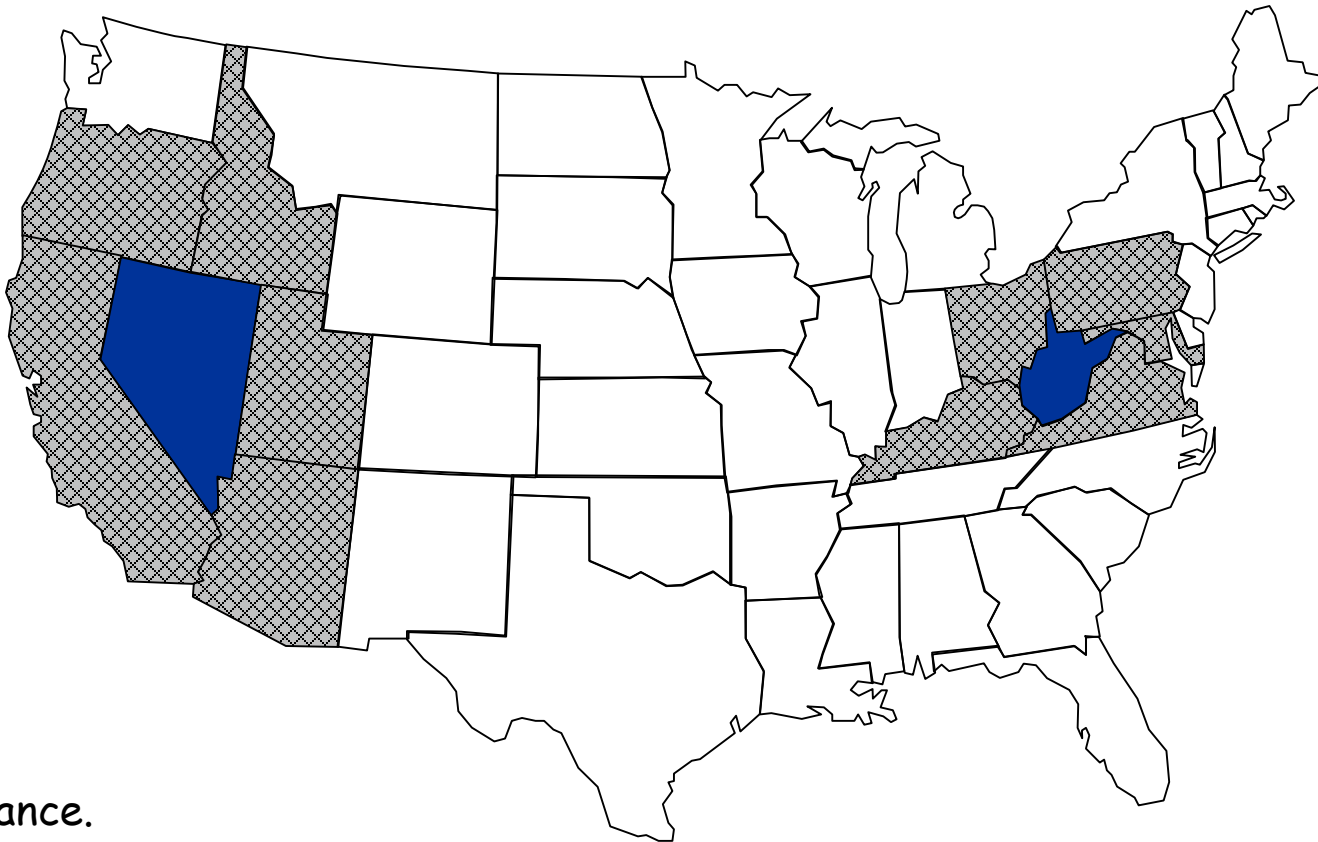
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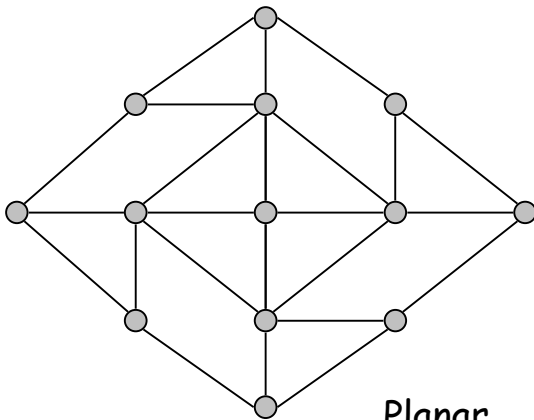


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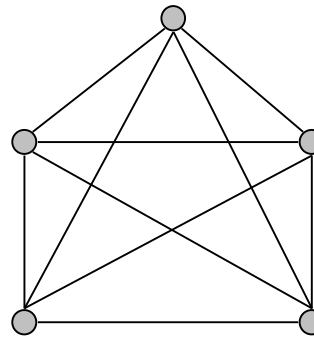
# Planarity

**Def.** A graph is **planar** if it can be embedded in the plane in such a way that no two edges cross.

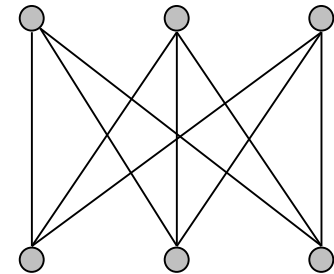
**Applications:** VLSI circuit design, computer graphics.



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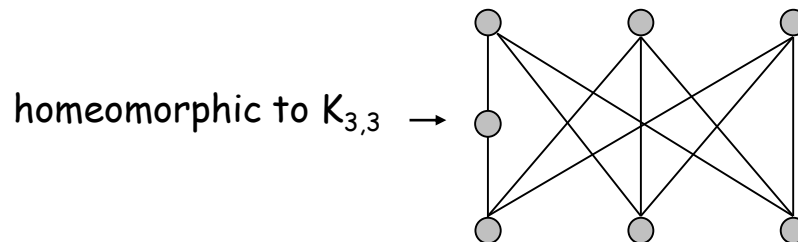


$K_5$ : non-planar



$K_{3,3}$ : non-planar

**Kuratowski's Theorem.** An undirected graph  $G$  is non-planar iff it contains a subgraph homeomorphic to  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ .



# Planarity Testing

Planarity testing. [Hopcroft-Tarjan 1974]  $O(n)$ .

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simple planar graph can have at most  $3n$  edges

**Remark.** Many intractable graph problems can be solved in poly-time if the graph is planar; many tractable graph problems can be solved faster if the graph is planar.



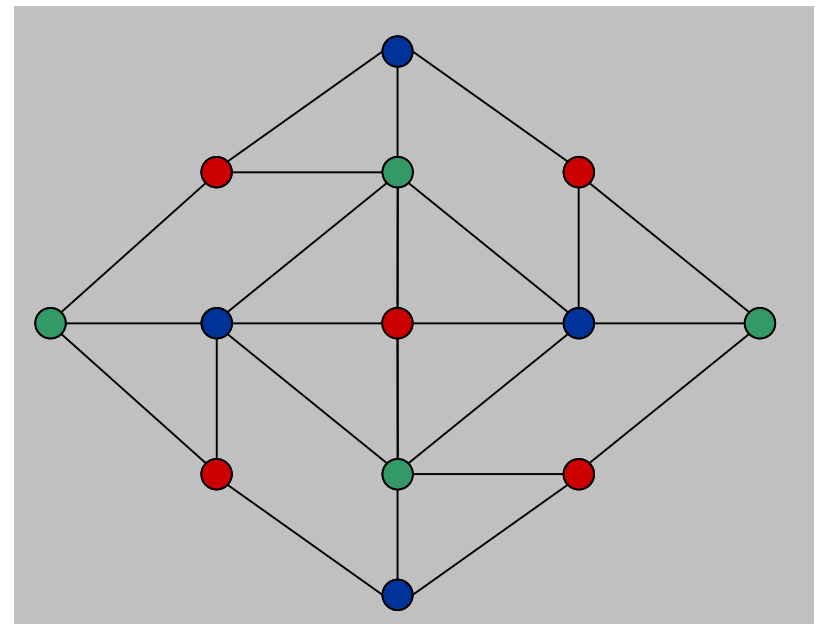
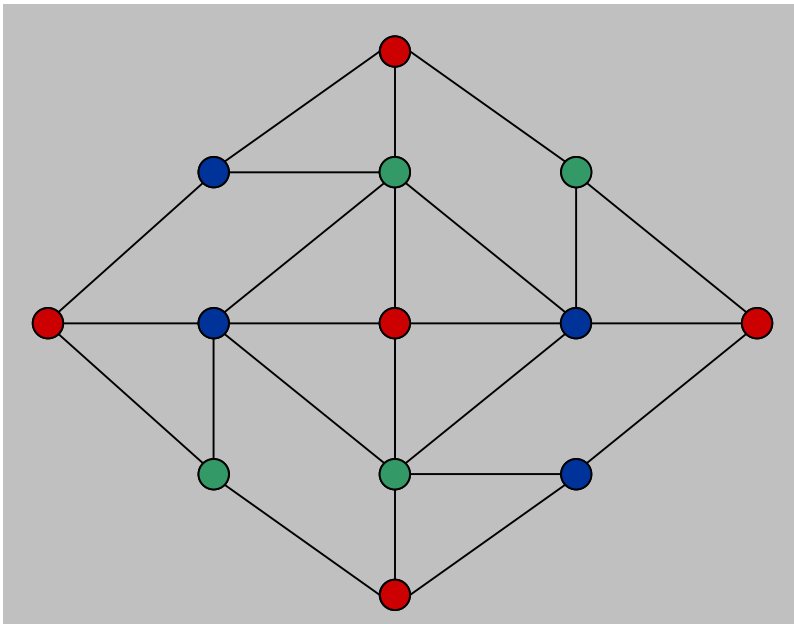
# Planar 3-Colorability

**Claim.**  $3\text{-COLOR} \leq_p \text{PLANAR-3-COLOR}$ .

**Proof sketch:** Given instance of 3-COLOR, draw graph in plane, letting edges cross if necessary.

Replace each edge crossing with the following planar gadget  $W$ .

- in any 3-coloring of  $W$ , opposite corners have the same color
- any assignment of colors to the corners in which opposite corners have the same color extends to a 3-coloring of  $W$

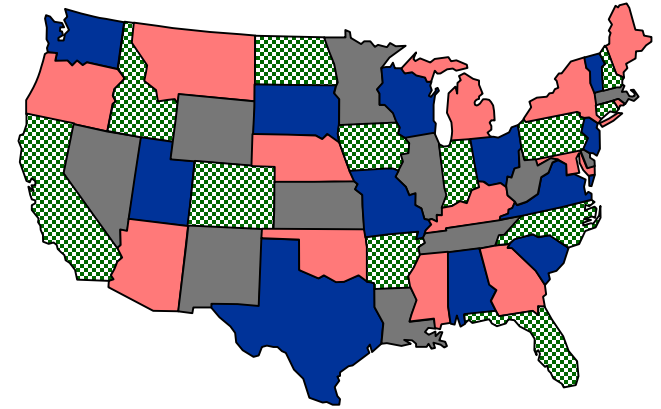


# Planar k-Colorability

PLANAR-2-COLOR. Solvable in linear time.

PLANAR-3-COLOR. NP-complete.

PLANAR-4-COLOR. Solvable in  $O(1)$  time.



**Theorem.** [Appel-Haken, 1976] Every planar map is 4-colorable.

Resolved century-old open problem.

Used 50 days of computer time to deal with many special cases.

First major theorem to be proved using computer.

**False intuition.** If PLANAR-3-COLOR is hard, then so is PLANAR-4-COLOR and PLANAR-5-COLOR.

# Polynomial-Time Detour

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Pf of theorem. Tour de force 绝技.

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Mind boggling fact 1. The proof is highly non-constructive!

Mind boggling fact 2. The constant of proportionality is enormous!

Unfortunately, for any instance  $G = (V, E)$  that one could fit into the known universe, one would easily prefer  $n^{70}$  to even *constant* time, if that constant had to be one of Robertson and Seymour's. - David Johnson

Theorem. There exists an explicit  $O(n)$  algorithm.

Practice. LEDA implementation guarantees  $O(n^3)$ .

# Homeworks

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Homework: 8.3, 8.7, 8.16, 8.39

3. Suppose you're helping to organize a summer sports camp, and the following problem comes up. The camp is supposed to have at least one counselor who's skilled at each of the  $n$  sports covered by the camp (baseball, volleyball, and so on). They have received job applications from  $m$  potential counselors. For each of the  $n$  sports, there is some subset of the  $m$  applicants qualified in that sport. The question is: For a given number  $k < m$ , is it possible to hire at most  $k$  of the counselors and have at least one counselor qualified in each of the  $n$  sports? We'll call this the *Efficient Recruiting Problem*.

Show that Efficient Recruiting is NP-complete.

7. Since the 3-Dimensional Matching Problem is NP-complete, it is natural to expect that the corresponding 4-Dimensional Matching Problem is at least as hard. Let us define *4-Dimensional Matching* as follows. Given sets  $W, X, Y$ , and  $Z$ , each of size  $n$ , and a collection  $C$  of ordered 4-tuples of the form  $(w_i, x_j, y_k, z_\ell)$ , do there exist  $n$  4-tuples from  $C$  so that no two have an element in common?

Prove that 4-Dimensional Matching is NP-complete.

- 16.** Consider the problem of reasoning about the identity of a set from the size of its intersections with other sets. You are given a finite set  $U$  of size  $n$ , and a collection  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  of subsets of  $U$ . You are also given numbers  $c_1, \dots, c_m$ . The question is: Does there exist a set  $X \subset U$  so that for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the cardinality of  $X \cap A_i$  is equal to  $c_i$ ? We will call this an instance of the *Intersection Inference Problem*, with input  $U$ ,  $\{A_i\}$ , and  $\{c_i\}$ .
- Prove that Intersection Inference is NP-complete.



39. The *Directed Disjoint Paths Problem* is defined as follows. We are given a directed graph  $G$  and  $k$  pairs of nodes  $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k)$ . The problem is to decide whether there exist node-disjoint paths  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$  so that  $P_i$  goes from  $s_i$  to  $t_i$ .

Show that Directed Disjoint Paths is NP-complete.