

# CSE 100: DISJOINT SET, MST, NP-COMPLETENESS

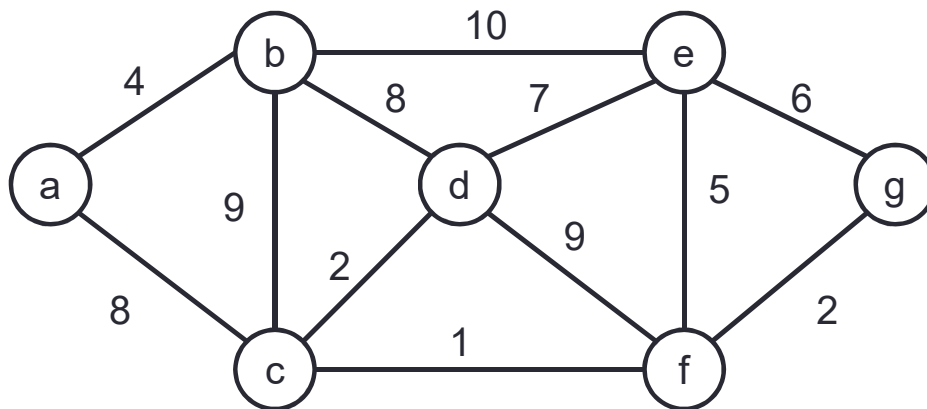
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# Announcements

- PA3
  - Final submission deadline 11:59pm on Thursday, December 6 (slip days allowed)
- HW5
  - Due next Wednesday!

# Minimum spanning trees: Kruskal's algorithm

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What is the worst case running time of Kruskal's algorithm?

- A.  $O(|E|)$
- B.  $O(|E| \log(|E|))$
- C.  $O(|V| * |E|)$
- D. Other

Assume the graph is *connected* (i.e. no nodes are "floating")

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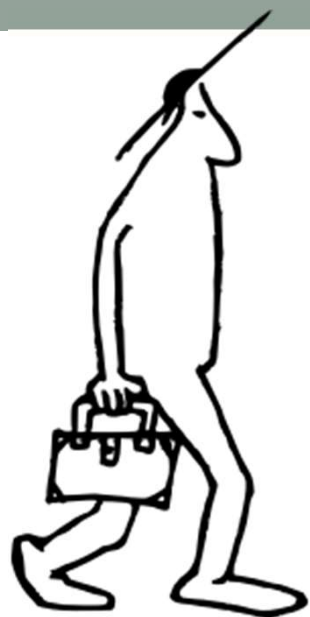
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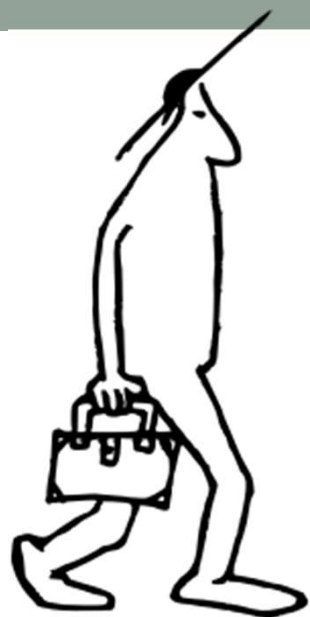
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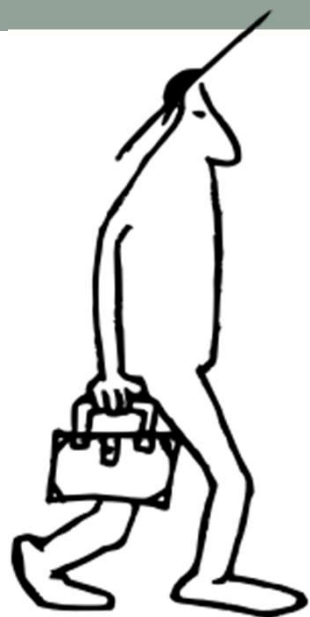
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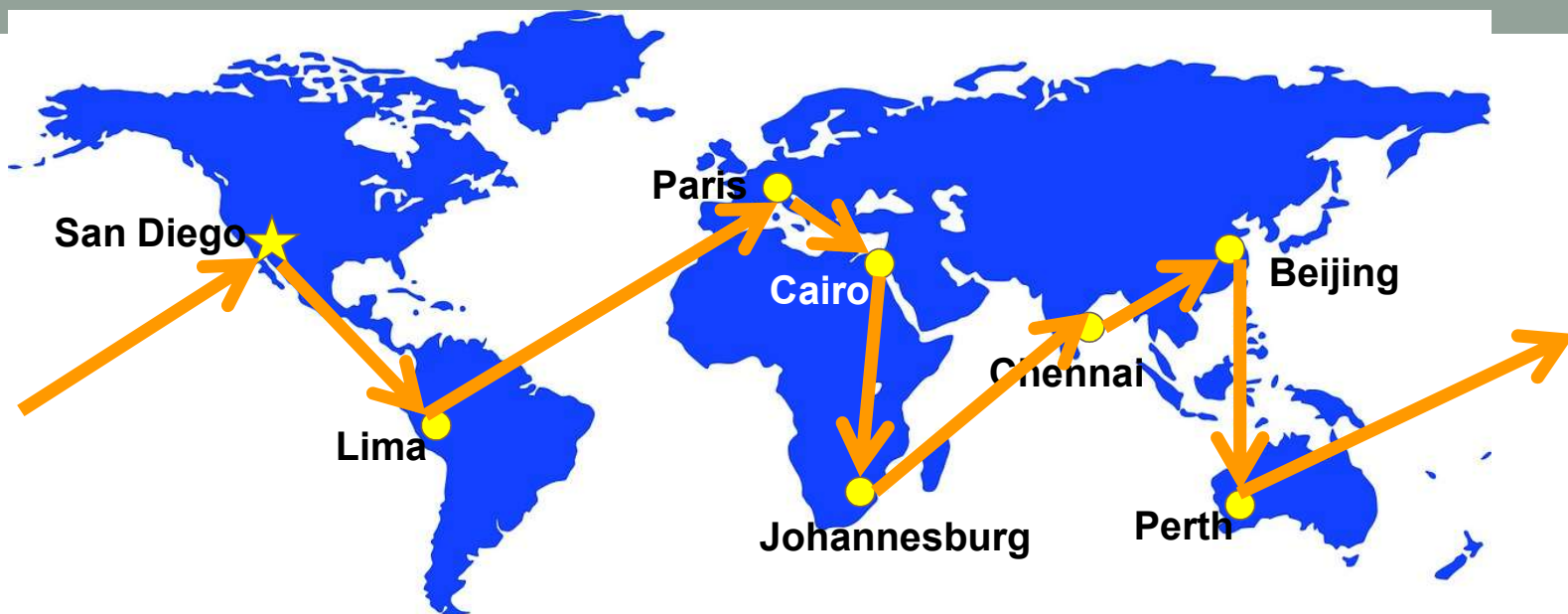
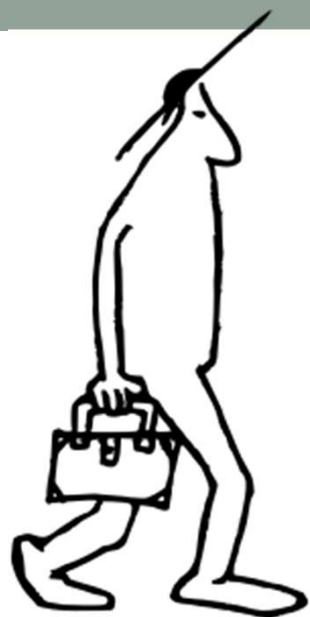
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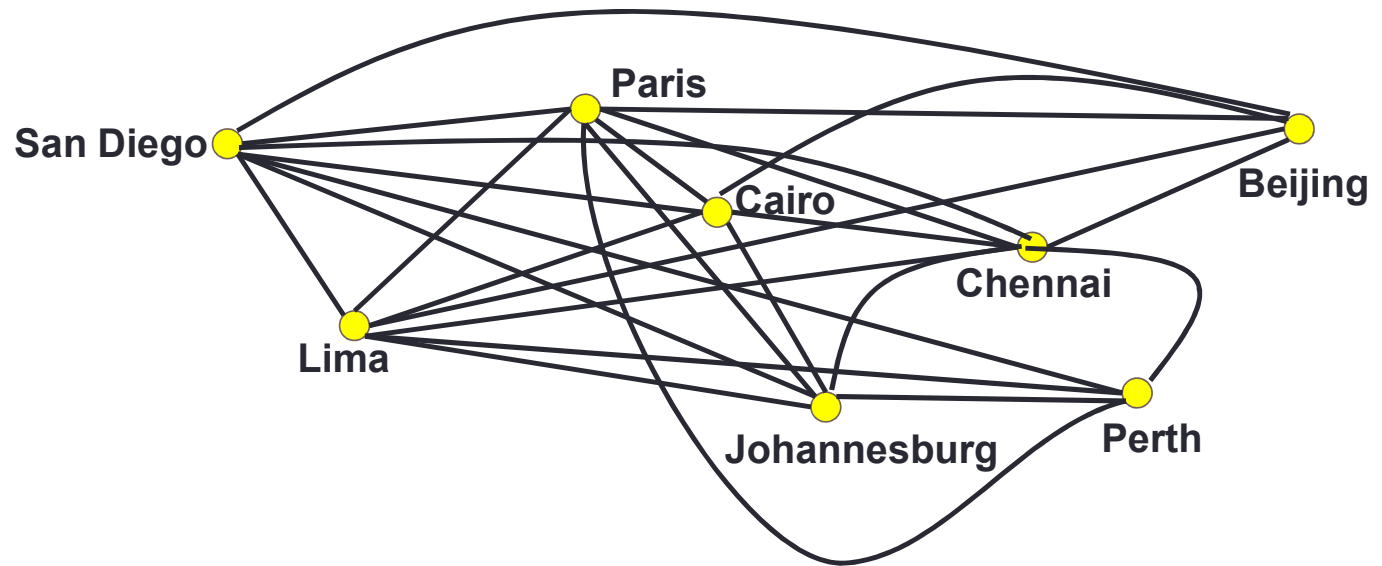












Is this graph sparse or dense?

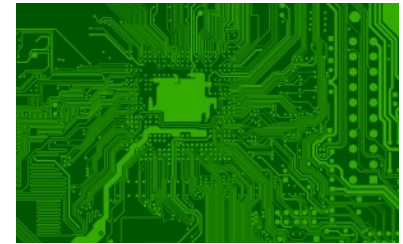
- A. Sparse
- B. Dense

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Lots of applications!

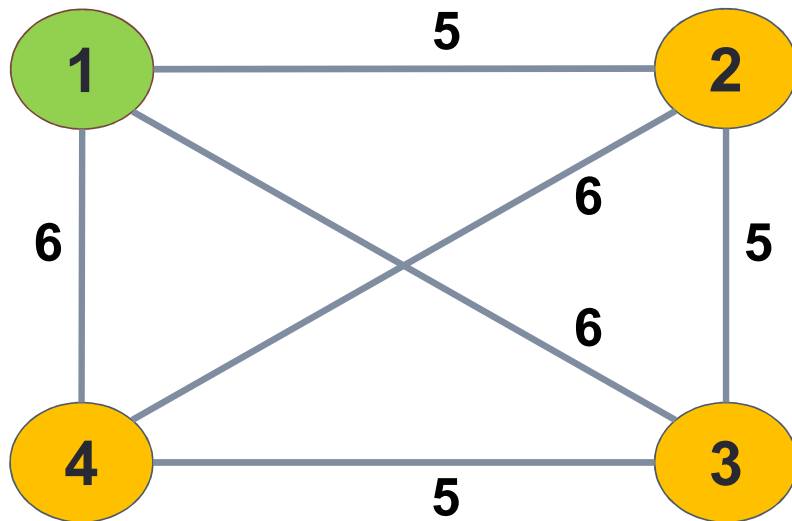


<http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/tsp/index.html>

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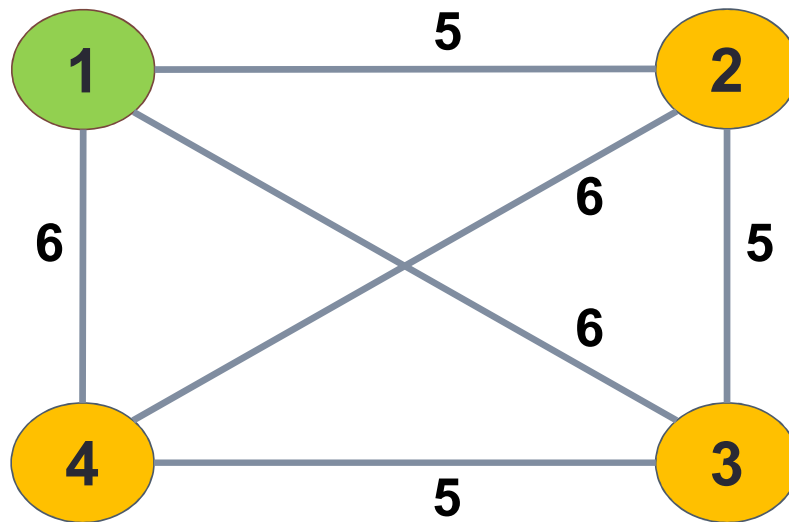
**Warmup: What tour does the Greedy algorithm construct for this graph?**



- A.  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$
- B.  $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$
- C.  $1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$
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Is this the best possible tour for this graph?



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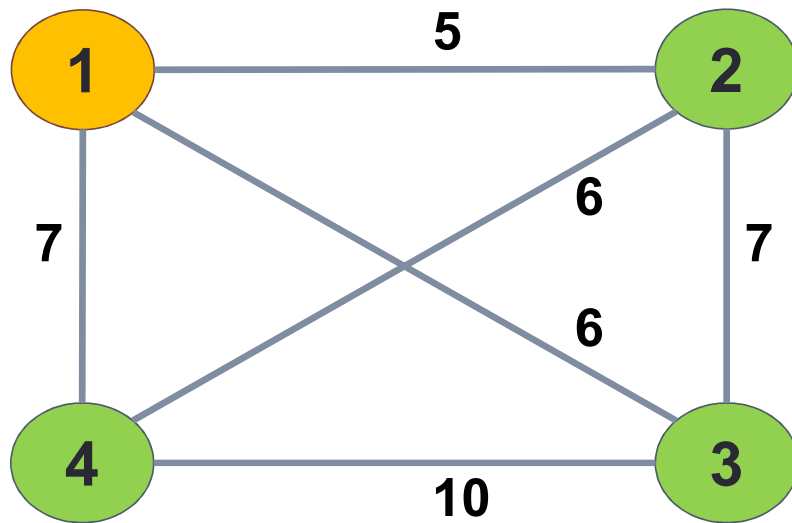
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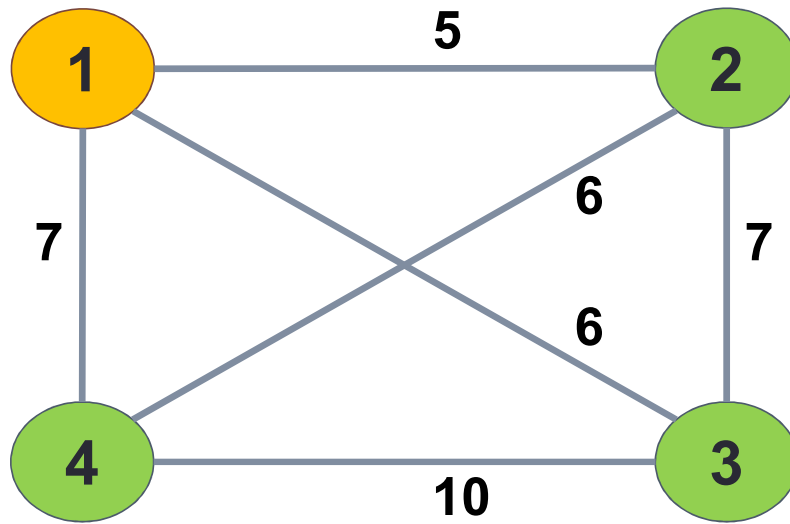
**Will the greedy algorithm always work?**

*If yes, why?*

*If no, find counterexample.*

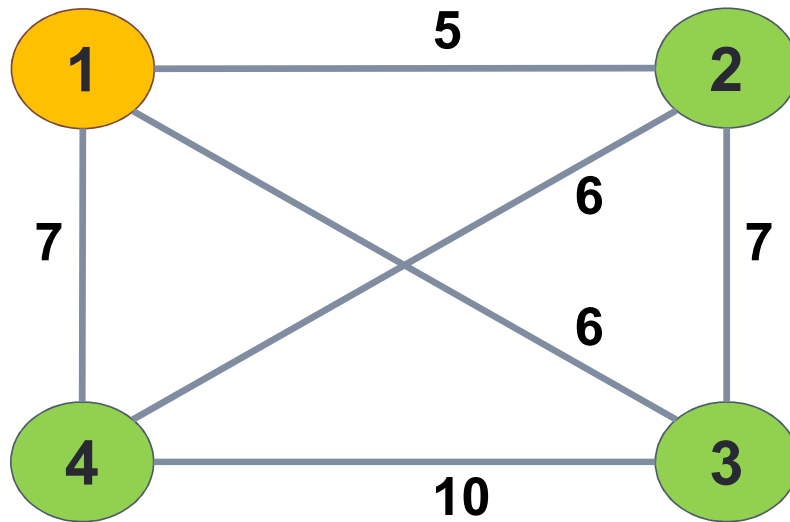
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**Greedy:**

**$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$**



Greedy: **1 → 2 → 4 → 3 → 1** **27**

Optimal: **1 → 3 → 2 → 4 → 1**

$$6+7+6+7 = 26$$

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**Just try all paths and choose the shortest!**

**Brute force approach**

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**But how long does it take...?**

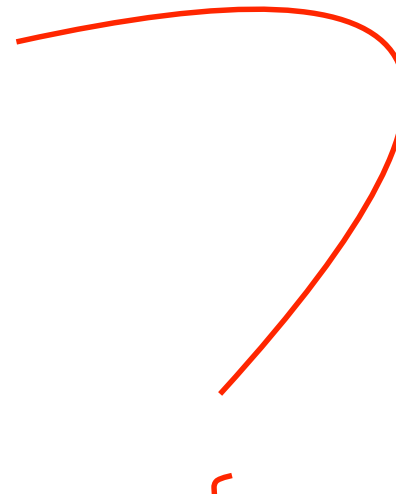
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Permutations coming next

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**How many permutations for a TSP starting with San Diego?**

San Diego  
Cairo  
Johannesburg  
Chennai  
Lima  
Paris  
Beijing  
Perth

How many permutations are there for the tour?

- A.  $7!$
- B.  $7^n$
- C.  $2^7$
- D.  $2 \cdot 8$



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**How many permutations?**

San Diego	How many choices for the first city? 1 (San Diego)
Cairo	How many choices for the next city? 7
Johannesburg	How many choices for the next city? 6
Chennai	How many choices for the next city? 5
Lima	How many choices for the next city? 4
Paris	How many choices for the next city? 3
Beijing	How many choices for the next city? 2
Perth	How many choices for the next city? 1
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**In general we have  $(n-1)!$  permutations to try!**

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$(n-1)! * n = O(n!)$

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## Greedy algorithm: pick best next choice

```
bestPath = []
current = Hometown
cities to visit = all other cities
while (more cities to visit)
    select city closest to current and add to bestPath
    remove current city from cities to visit
    current = selected city
return bestPath
```

What is the running time of the greedy algorithm?

A.  $O(n)$

B.  $O(n^2)$

C.  $O(n^3)$

D.  $O(n!)$

## TSP Brute Force

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What do we do now?

Think really hard about a faster solution?

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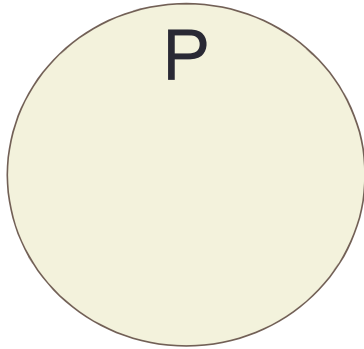
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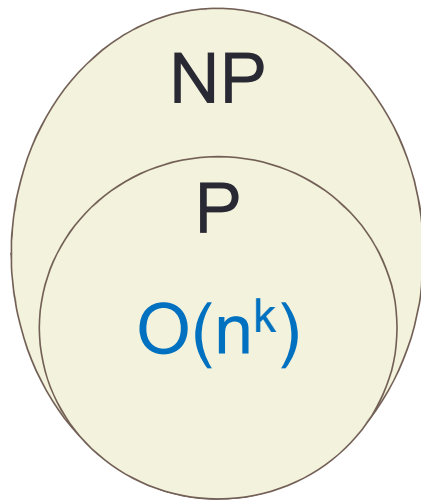
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# Running Times

(or why people worry about algorithm complexity)

problem size 							
complexity	n =	10	100	1,000	10,000	100,000	1,000,000
$\log n$	3.3219	6.6438	9.9658	13.287	16.609	19.931	
$\log^2 n$	10.361	44.140	99.317	176.54	275.85	397.24	
$\text{sqrt } n$	3.162	10	31.622	100	316.22	1000	
$n$	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>100000</b>	<b>1000000</b>	
$n \log n$	33.219	664.38	9965.8	132877	$1.66 \cdot 10^6$	$1.99 \cdot 10^7$	
$n^{1.5}$	31.6	$10^3$	$31.6 \cdot 10^4$	$10^6$	$31.6 \cdot 10^7$	$10^9$	
$n^2$	100	$10^4$	$10^6$	$10^8$	$10^{10}$	$10^{12}$	
$n^3$	1000	$10^6$	$10^9$	$10^{12}$	$10^{15}$	$10^{18}$	
$2^n$	1024	$10^{30}$	$10^{301}$	$10^{3010}$	$10^{30103}$	$10^{301030}$	
$n!$	3 628 800	$9.3 \cdot 10^{157}$	$10^{2567}$	$10^{35659}$	$10^{456573}$	$10^{5565710}$	
<b>O</b>							Running times

Running times of different big-O algorithms for larger and larger inputs.

# P ?= NP How to get rich and famous



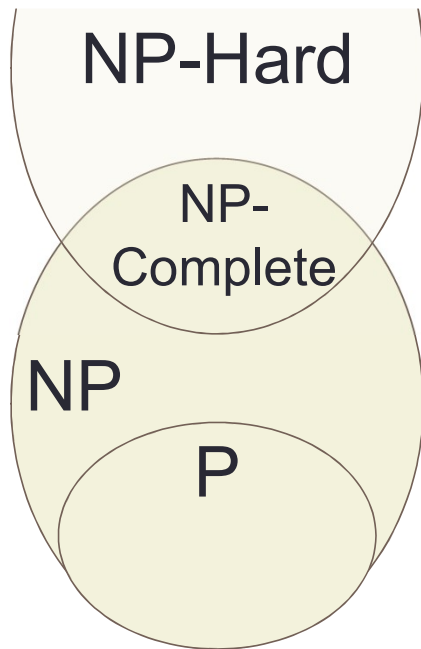
## The Millennium Prize Problems

Following the decision of the Scientific Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of CMI designated a \$7 million prize fund for the solutions to these problems with \$1 million allocated to the solution of each problem.

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<http://www.claymath.org/millennium-problems>

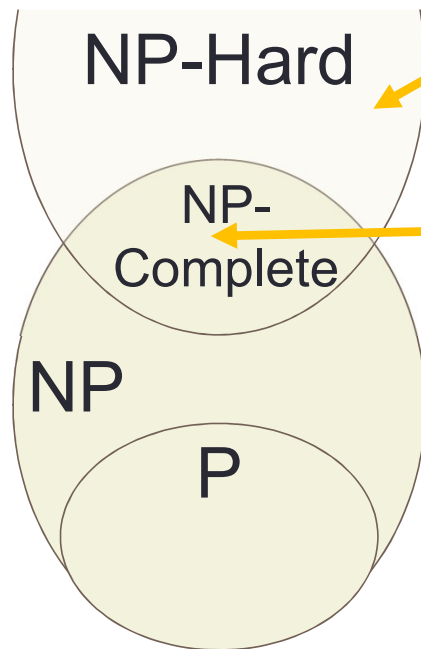
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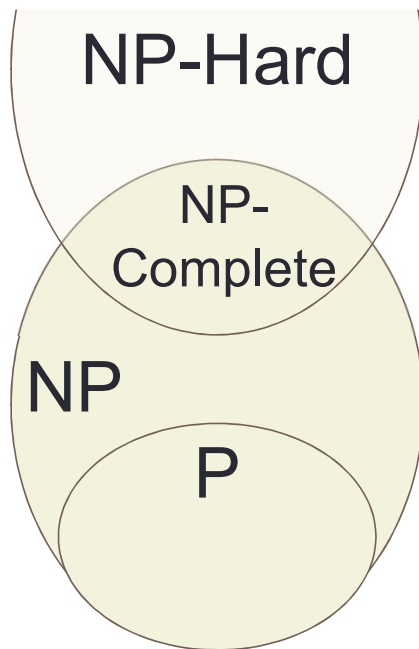
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**NP-Hard:** Problems are *at least* as difficult to solve as hardest problems in NP

**NP-Complete:** No known polynomial time algorithm to find a solution, but can check a solution in polynomial time

A polynomial time solution for *any* NP-Complete problem would solve *all* NP-Complete problems

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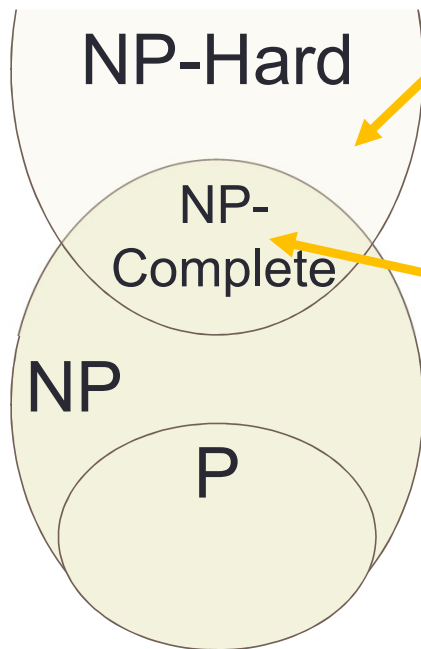


**TSP "optimization":** given  $n$  cities with one Hometown and all pairwise distances, plan a tour starting and ending at Hometown that visits every city exactly once and **has minimum distance**.

Where does (do you think) the TSP optimization problem fit into this diagram?

- A. In P (there is a polynomial time way to find a solution)
- B. In NP/NP-Complete (we might not know a polynomial time way to find a solution, but if someone gives us a proposed solution, we can verify whether or not it's correct)
- ☒ C. NP-Hard (neither of the above is true)
- D. I have no idea! I'm so confused!

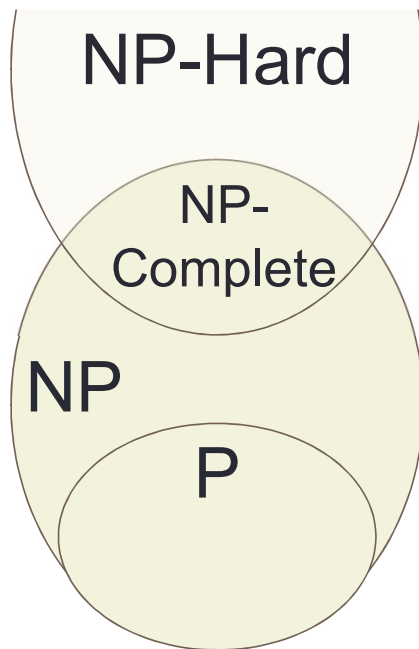
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TSP "**decision**": given  $n$  cities with one Hometown and all pairwise distances, plan a tour starting and ending at Hometown that visits every city exactly once and **has a distance less than  $L$** .

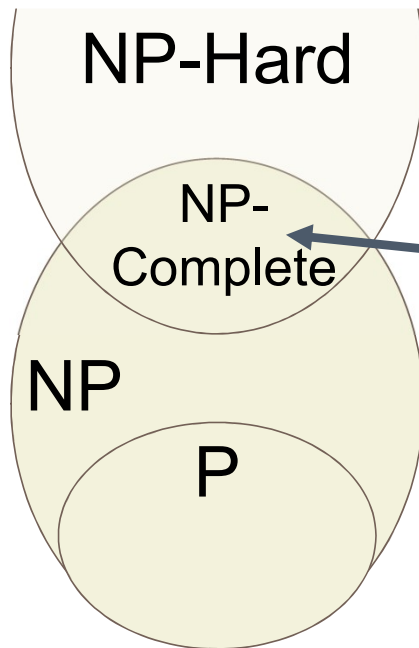
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**Since TSP (both versions) is NP-Hard, solving it in polynomial time may be difficult (if not impossible)**

Next time... how to prove a problem is NP-Hard.

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For all problems in NP, there exists an algorithm that can verify whether a solution to the problem is correct or not in polynomial time.

To show a problem is in NP, you must give such an algorithm.

# TSP-decision is in NP



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1. **Prove it is in NP**
2. **Prove it is NP-Hard**

Given a path  $v_0 \dots v_n$ , you can verify whether it visits each node and has distance less than  $L$  in polynomial time:

dist = 0

For  $k = 0 \dots n-1$ :

    If  $v_k$  previously marked as visited, fail

    Mark  $v_k$  as visited

    dist += weight ( $v_k, v_{k+1}$ )

    If  $v_0 \neq v_n$  fail

    If any vertices are not marked as visited, fail

    If dist  $\geq L$ , fail

Else Success

# Is TSP-decision NP-Hard?

To prove a problem is NP-Complete you must do two things:

1. Prove it is in NP
2. **Prove it is NP-Hard**



To prove a problem is NP-Hard, you must prove it is *at least* as hard as any problem in NP.

So we should choose a problem that we know is "as hard as any other problem in NP" and show that TSP-decision is at least as hard.

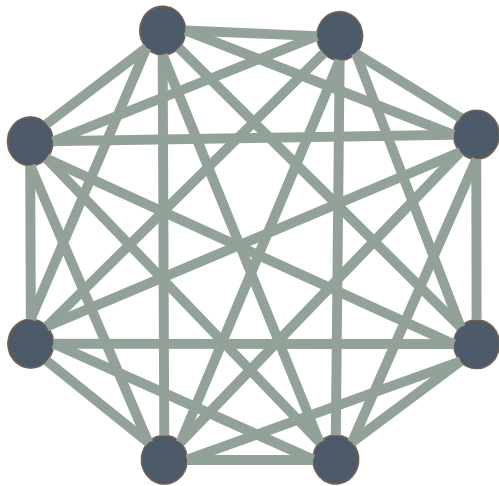
We'll choose a problem called "Hamiltonian Cycle"

(You have to trust me that Hamiltonian Cycle is "as hard as any other problem in NP". It's somewhat involved to prove it.)

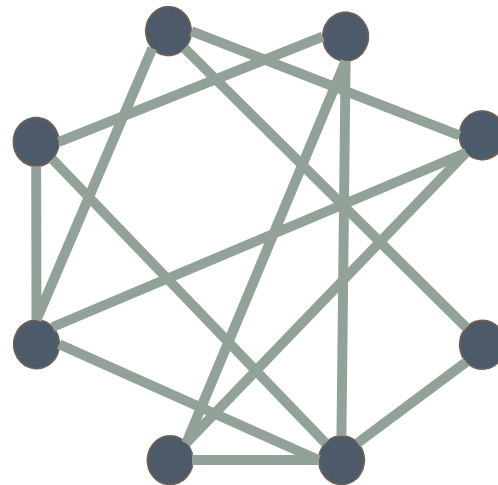
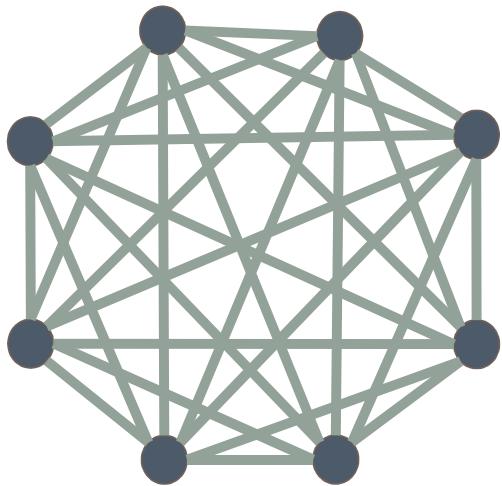


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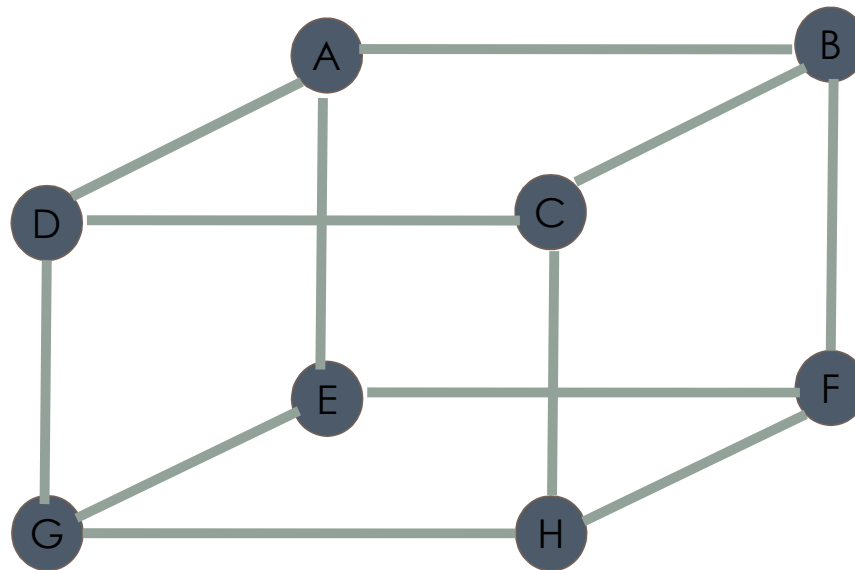
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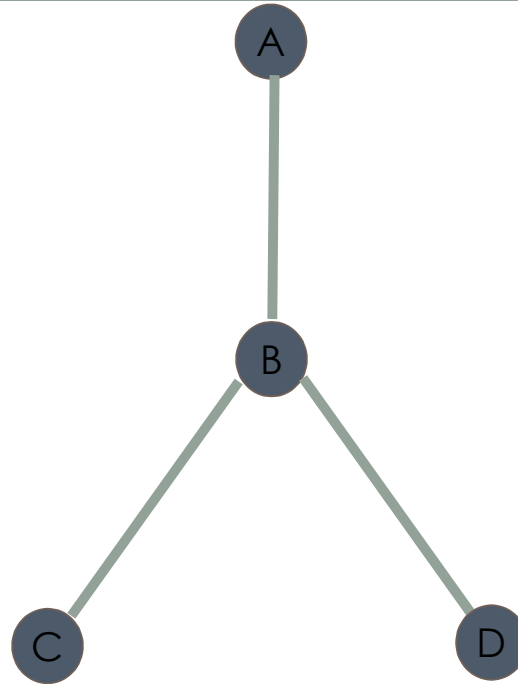


**A graph is Hamiltonian if there is a path (or cycle) through the graph which visits each vertex exactly once.**



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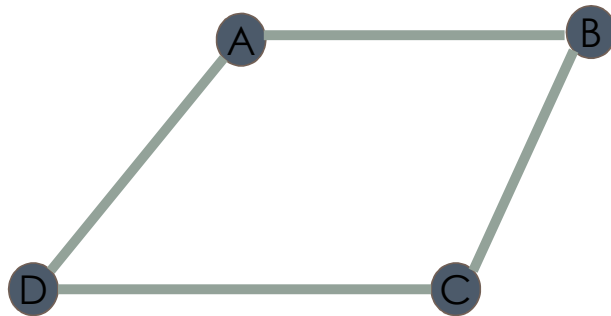
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To prove a problem is NP-Hard, you must prove it is *at least* as hard as any problem in NP.

So we should choose a problem that we know is "as hard as any other problem in NP" and show that TSP-decision is at least as hard.

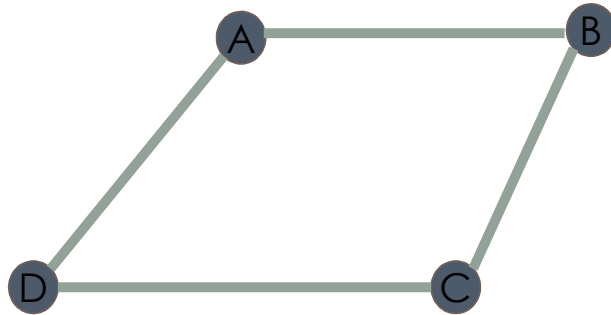
We'll choose a problem called "Hamiltonian Cycle"

(You have to trust me that Hamiltonian Cycle is "as hard as any other problem in NP". It's somewhat involved to prove it.)

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Goal: Show TSP-decision is at least as hard as Hamiltonian Cycle.

But how?

We will use something called a reduction where we reduce Hamiltonian Cycle to a version of TSP-decision in polynomial time.

$\text{Hamiltonian Cycle} \leq_p \text{TSP-decision}$

"Hamiltonian Cycle is polynomial time reducible to TSP-decision"

"TSP-Decision is at least as hard as Hamiltonian Cycle"

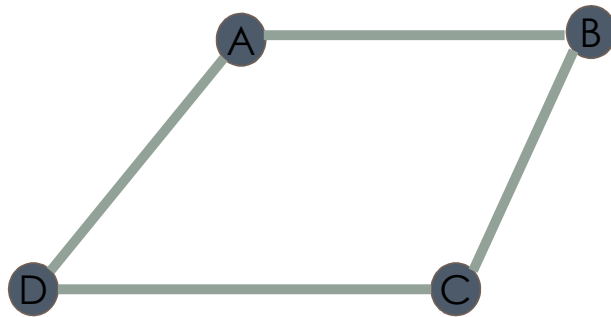
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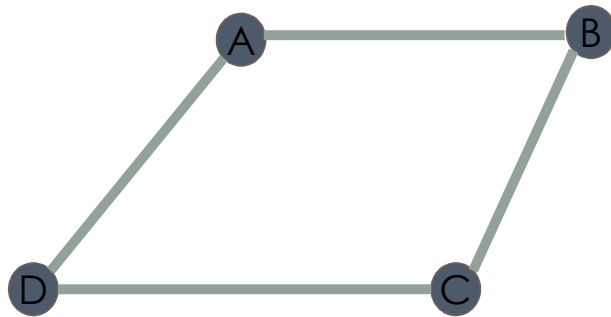
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Then if the black box turns out to be polynomial time,  
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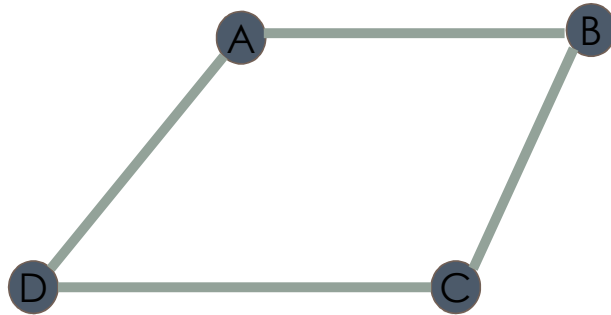
Can you directly pass this graph into TSP-decision?

- A. Yes
- B. No

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HamiltonianCycle(G):

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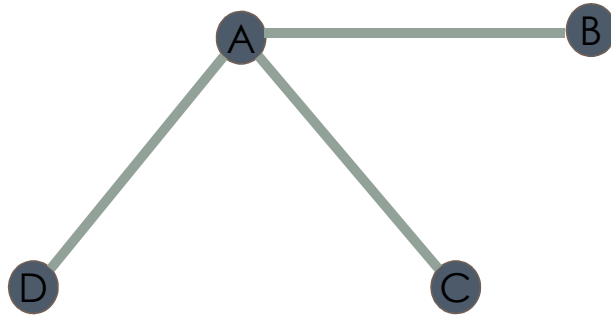
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Choose an arbitrary vertex  $v$  in  $G'$  as the hometown  
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# Clicker question break

- Reducing problem X to problem Y in polynomial time means:
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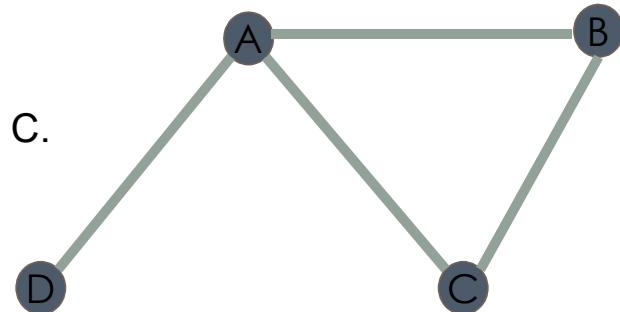
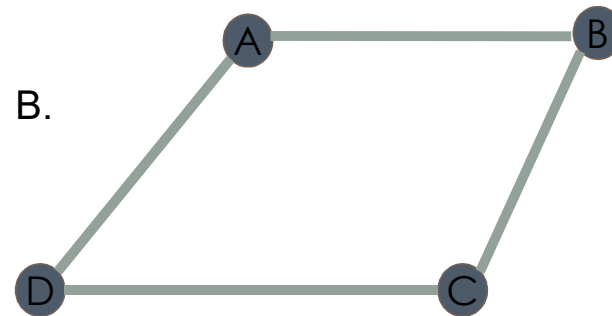
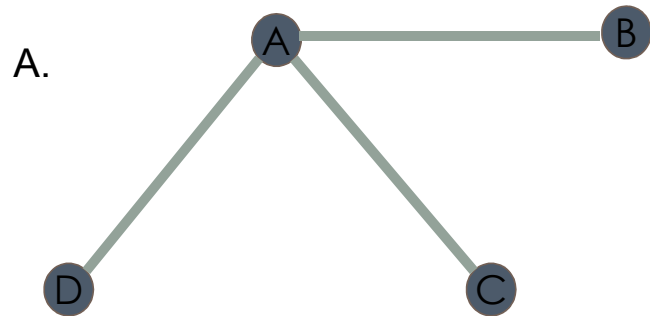
- Assume you know that problem C is NP-Complete. You want to show that problem D is NP-Hard. Should you:
  - A. Assume you have a black box for problem C and use it to solve problem D
  - B. Assume you have a black box for problem D and use it to solve problem C

## Clicker question break

- If we know problem A is "at least as hard as any problem in NP" then we can show problem B is NP hard by:
  - A. Reducing problem A to problem B ( $A \leq_p B$ )
  - B. Reducing problem B to problem A ( $B \leq_p A$ )

# Hamiltonian Path

A Hamiltonian path is a path that visits each vertex exactly once, but doesn't return to the starting vertex  
Which of the following graphs have Hamiltonian Paths?

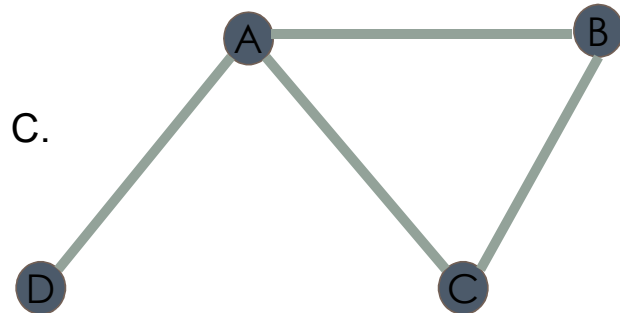
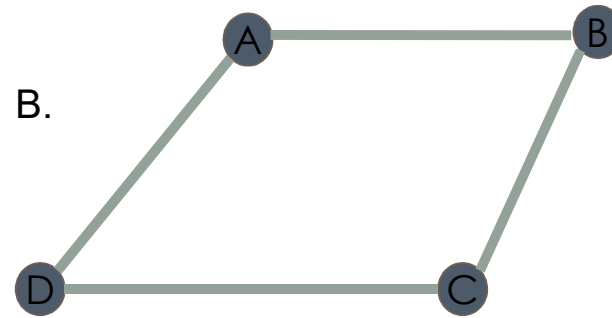
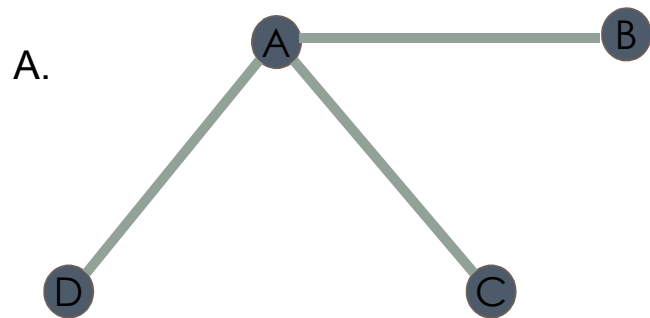


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# Hamiltonian Path vs. Hamiltonian Cycle

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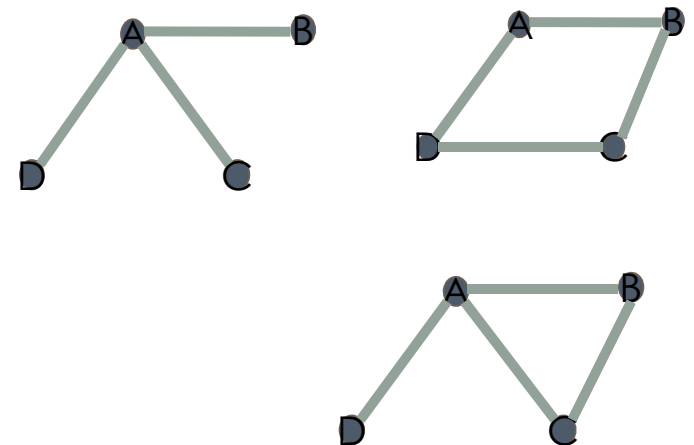


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# Prove Hamiltonian Path is NP-Complete

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**Your goal, convert an instance of a Hamiltonian path problem to an instance of a Hamiltonian Cycle (in poly-time)**



**To prove a problem is NP-Complete you must do two things:**

- 1. Prove it is in NP**
- 2. Prove it is NP-Hard**

# Prove Hamiltonian Path is NP-Complete

Hamiltonian Cycle  $\leq_p$  Hamiltonian Path

"Hamiltonian Cycle reduces to Hamiltonian Path"

HamiltonianCycle(G):

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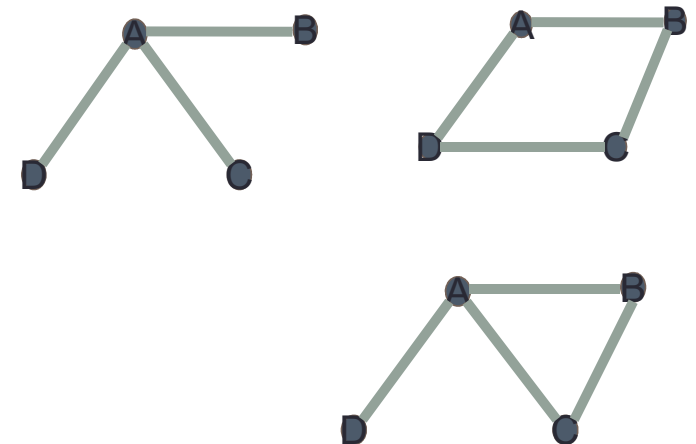
Arbitrarily choose a vertex  $v$  and make a copy  $v'$  such that  $v'$  has all the same edges to all the same vertices as  $v$ .

Then add two new vertices to  $G'$ ,  $w$  and  $w'$  such that there is a single edge between  $w$  and  $v$  and a single edge between  $w'$  and  $v'$ .

return HamiltonianPath( $G'$ ).

If  $G$  has a Ham cycle, then  $G'$  has a Ham Path that starts in  $w$  and ends in  $w'$ .

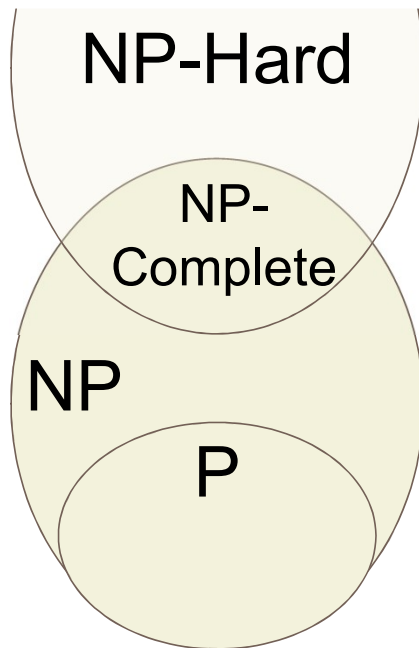
If  $G$  did not have a Ham cycle, then  $G'$  cannot have a Ham path. Any Ham path in  $G'$  must start in  $w$  and end in  $w'$  (or vice versa). This means it must get from  $v$  to  $v'$  via a Hamiltonian path, which is only possible if there was a Hamiltonian cycle in the original graph.



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# Complexity Theory



# How you might use this?

You are given a new problem.

You want to know if it's hard to solve...

Is it similar to known NP-complete problems?

# Satisfiability problem (SAT)

Given a set of boolean values  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , does there exist an interpretation which satisfies a Boolean formula  $N$ ?

Example formula:

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Is there a solution to the equation above?

A. Yes

B. No

# Satisfiability problem (SAT) $\rightarrow$ 3SAT

Notice each clause has 3 literals?

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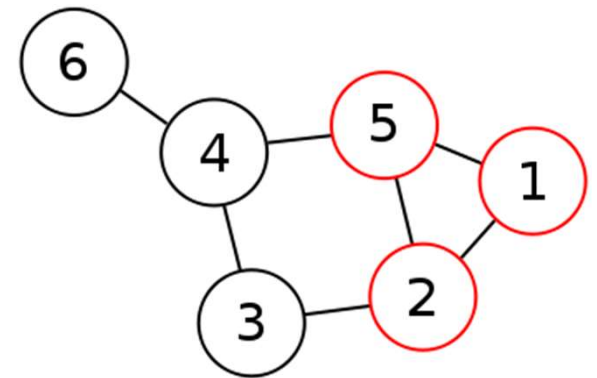
$$(\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$$

Any more than 3 literal problem can be converted to 3 literal.



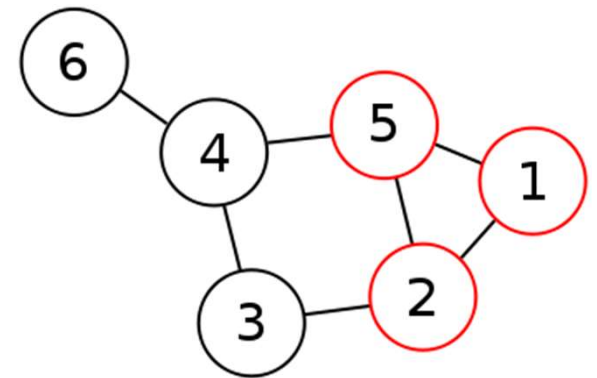
# Clique

A clique in a graph  $G$  is a complete subgraph of  $G$ . It is a subset  $K$  of the vertices such that every two vertices in  $K$  are connected by an edge in  $G$ .



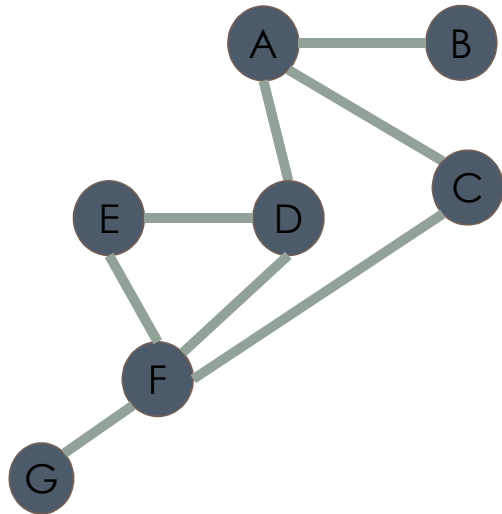
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In this example above, what is the smallest vertex cover?

## Set Cover

Given a set of elements  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  (the universe) and a collection  $S$  of  $m$  sets whose union equals the universe, the set cover problem is to identify the smallest sub-collection of  $S$  whose union equals the universe.

For example, consider the universe  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and the collection of sets

$S = \{ \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{4, 5, 6\}, \{3, 4, 5\} \}$

What is the smallest sub-collection whose union is the universe?

# Knapsack

Given a set of items, each with a value and weight, determine the elements to add to the collection such that the weight is below a limit  $w$  and the value is as large as possible.

A: 1 lbs, \$2

B: 12 lbs, \$14

C: 4 lbs, \$9

D: 2 lbs, \$1

E: 1 lbs, \$1

F: 3 lbs, \$4

**Assuming you have as many of each item in set A-F as you desire, what is the best solution to keep the weight at  $\leq 19$  lbs?**

## Subset Sum

Given a set of integers, is there a non-empty subset of those integers whose sum is 0?

-20, -8, -4, -2, 5, 9

Is there a solution to this problem above?

- A. Yes
- B. No

# Sudoku

Given an  $n \times n$  matrix, is there a solution?

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

3x3 puzzle

## If you can reduce to 3-SAT...

There are powerful known 3SAT solvers. If they succeed, they can solve “hard” problems quickly. But if they can’t, runtimes explode.



# Many, many more problems

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_NP-complete\\_problems](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_NP-complete_problems)