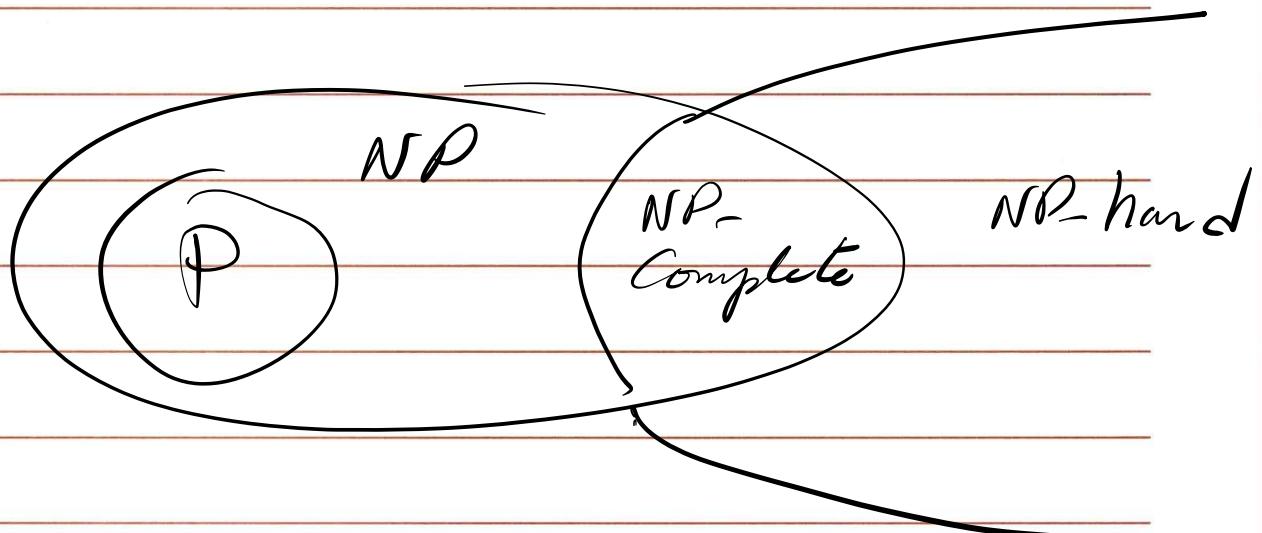
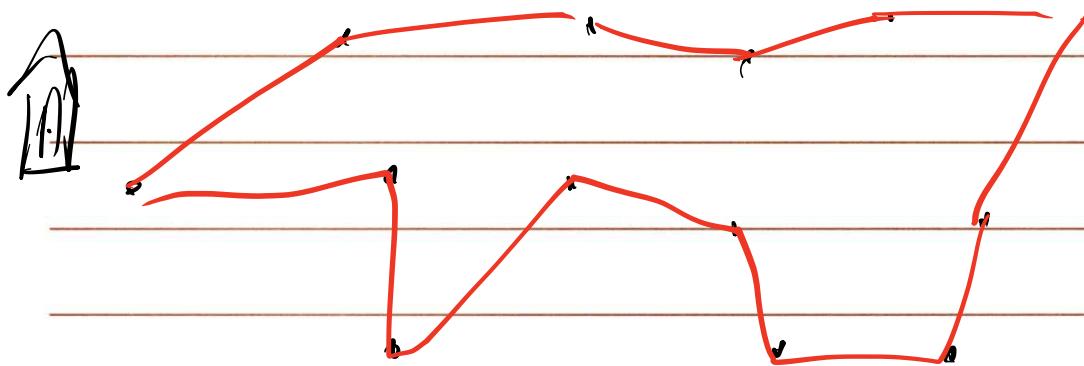


# Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) & Hamiltonian Cycle



## Problem Statement

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Connected  
graph

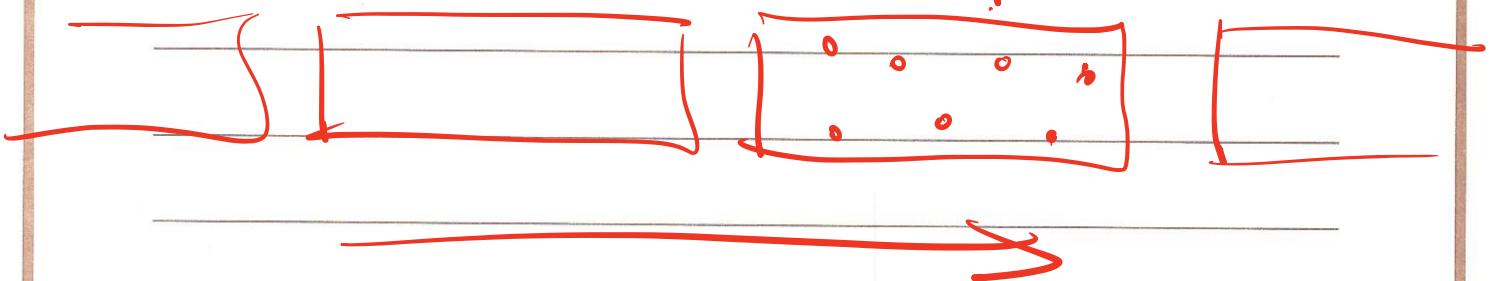
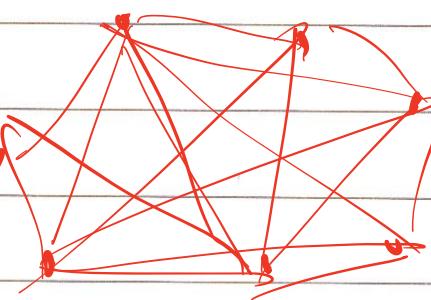
Given the set of distances, order  $n$  cities in a tour  $V_{i_1}, V_{i_2}, \dots, V_{i_n}$  with  $i_1 = 1$ , so it minimizes

opt. version

$$\sum d(V_{i_j}, V_{i_{j+1}}) + d(V_{i_n}, V_{i_1})$$

Vanilla

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Decision version of TSP:

Given a set of distances on  $n$  cities and a bound  $D$ , is there a tour of length/cost at most  $D$ ?

Def. A cycle  $C$  in  $G$  is a

Hamiltonian Cycle, if it visits each vertex exactly once.

Problem Statement:

Given an undirected graph  $G$ , is there a Hamiltonian cycle in  $G$ ?

Show that the Hamiltonian Cycle

Problem is NP-complete

1- Show that HC is in NP

a. polyn. length certificate

- ordered list of nodes on the HC

b. polyn. time verifier

- Check that every node is in the list

& no node is repeated

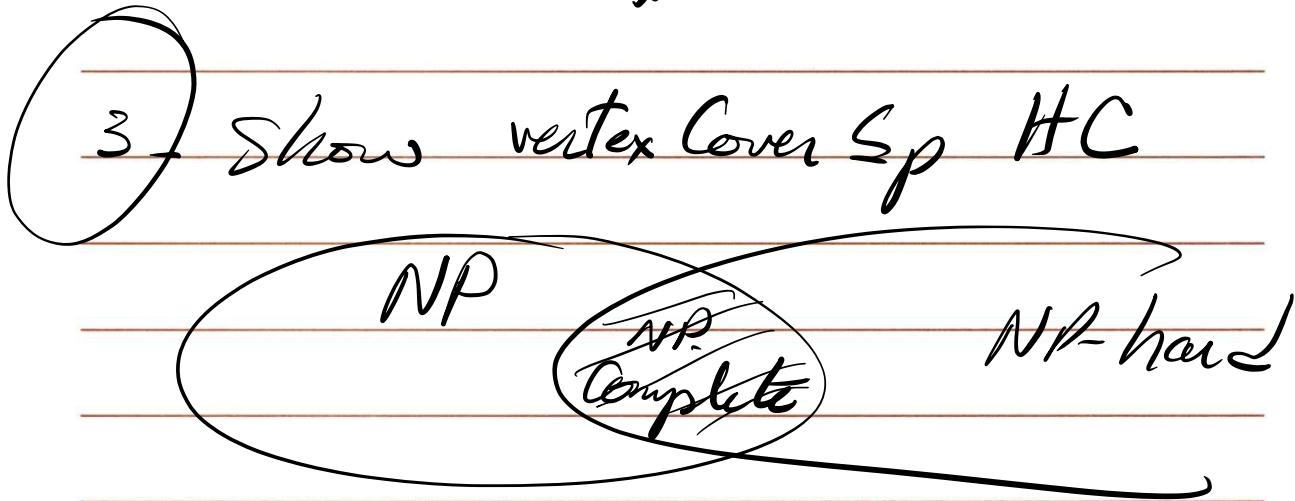
- Check that there is an edge between

- every pair of adjacent nodes in the list

- last node & first node.

2. choose a problem that we already know is NP-complete

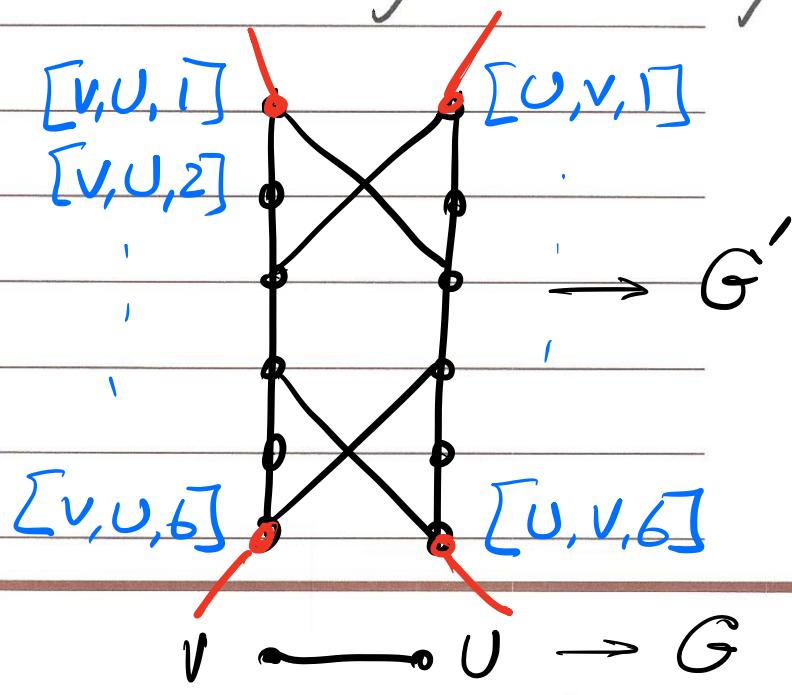
choose vertex cover

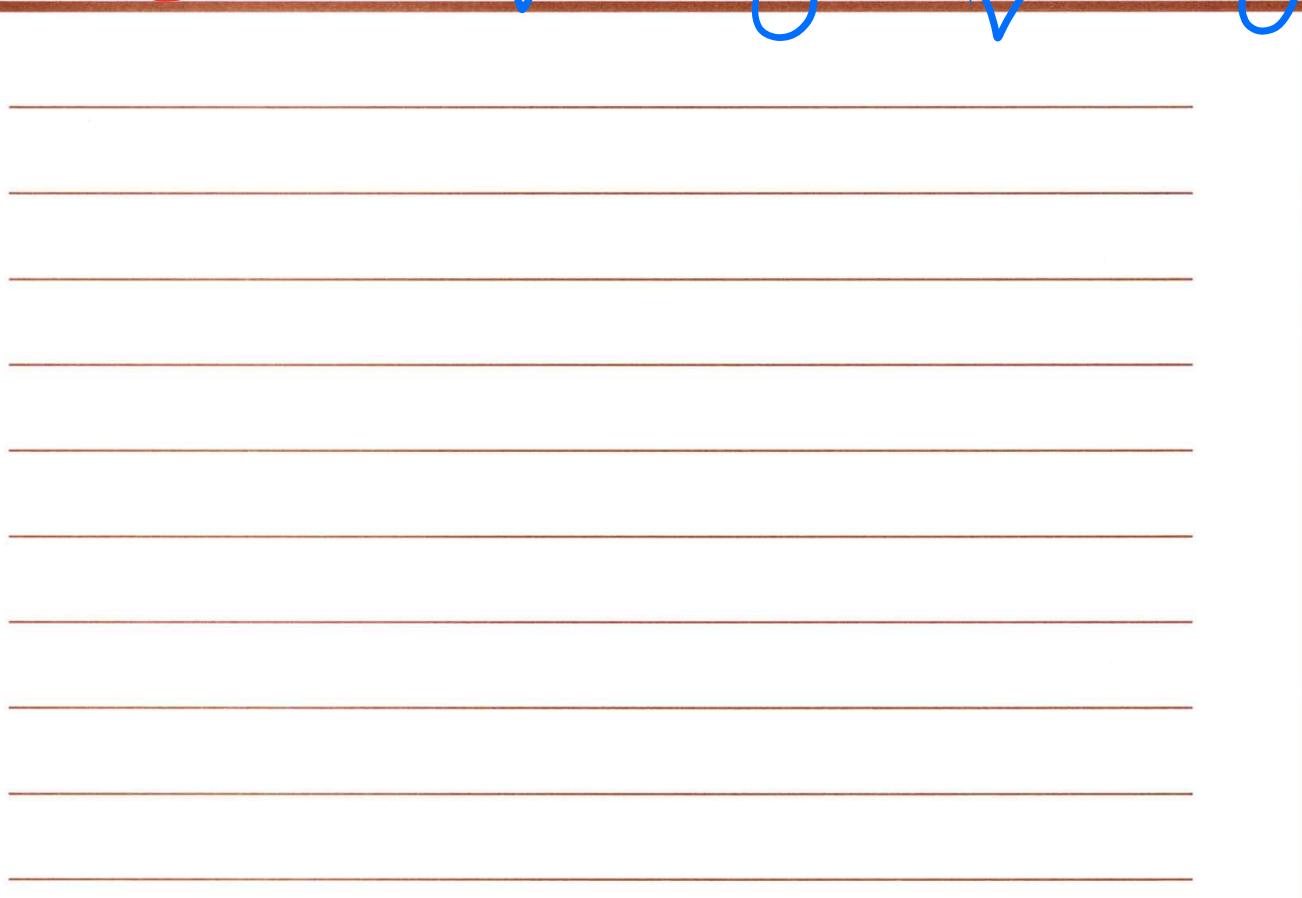
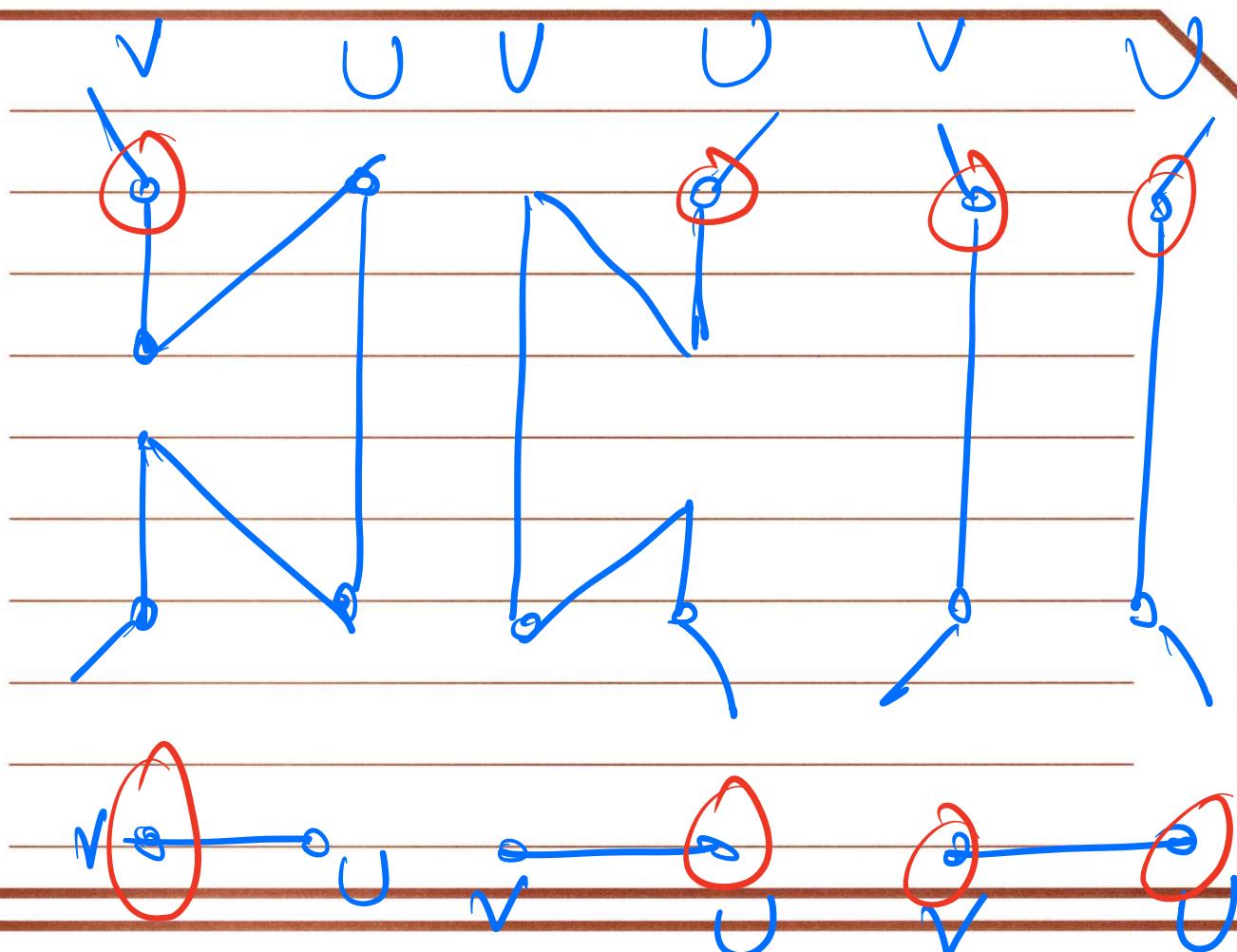


Plan: Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  and an integer  $k$ , we construct  $G' = (V', E')$  that has a Hamiltonian Cycle iff  $G$  has a vertex cover of size at most  $k$ .

### Construction of $G'$

For each edge  $(v, u)$  in  $G$ ,  $G'$  will have one gadget  $w_{vu}$  with following node labeling:



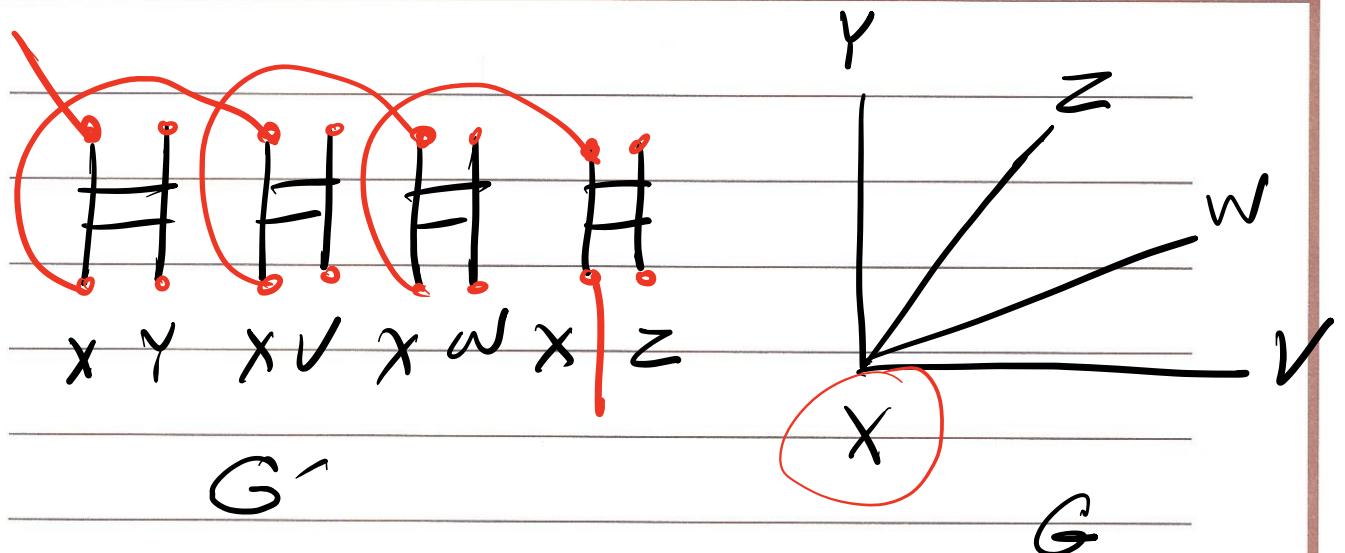


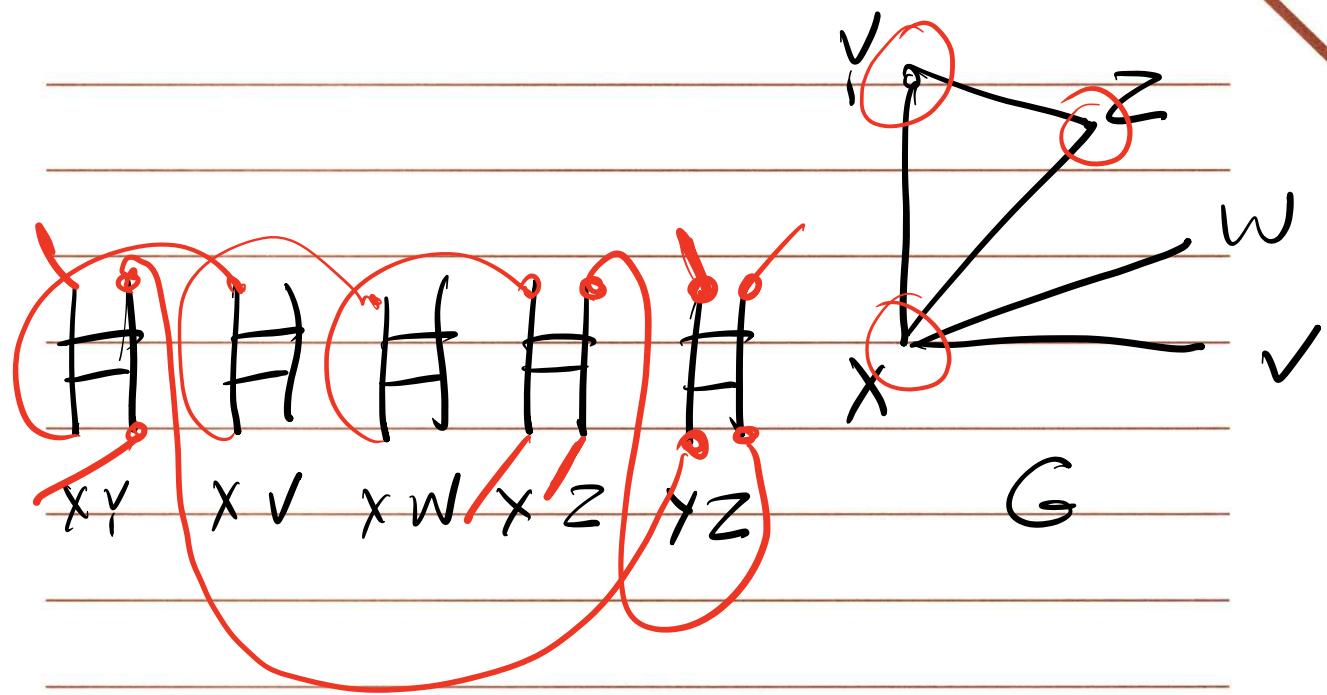
Other vertices in  $G'$

- Selector vertices: There are  $k$  selector vertices in  $G'$ ,  $s_1, \dots, s_k$

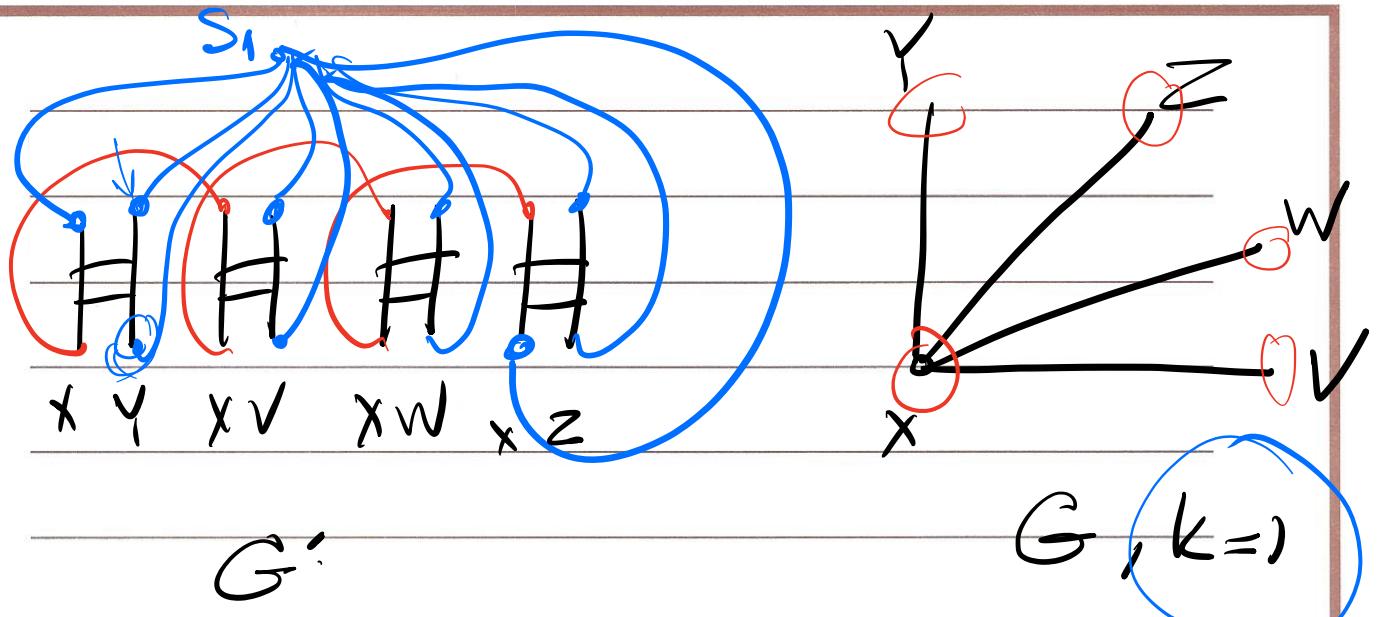
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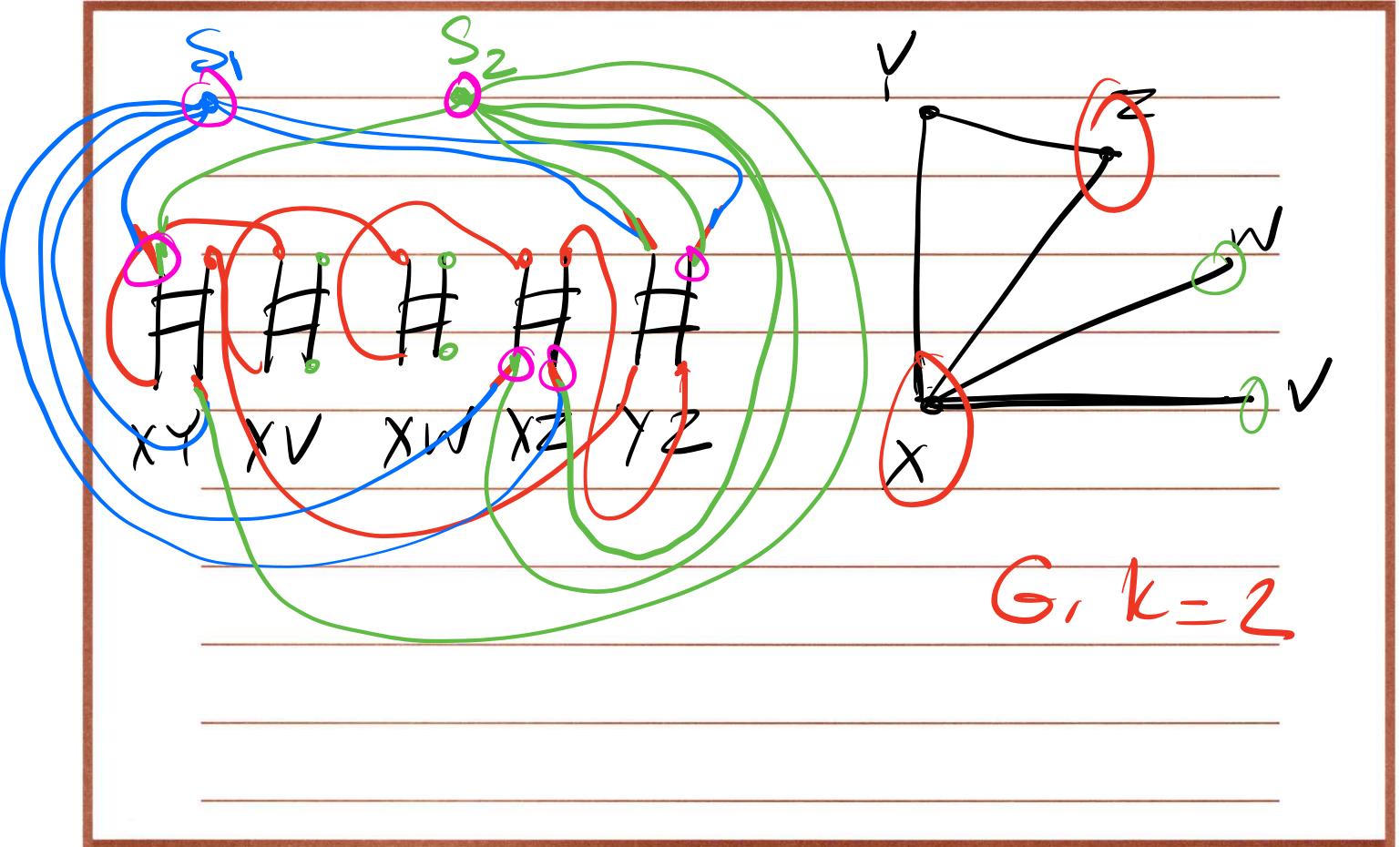
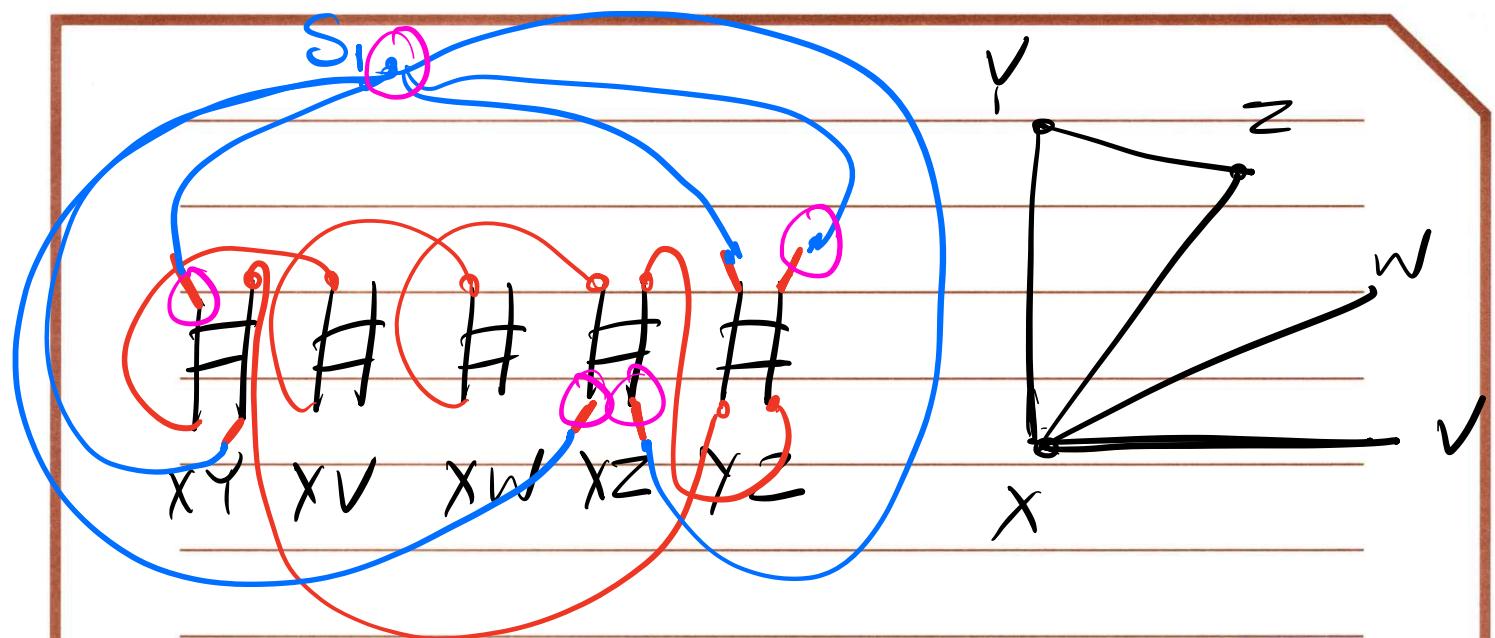
1. For each vertex  $v \in V$  we add edges to join pairs of gadgets in order to form a path going through all the gadgets corresponding to edges incident on  $v$  in  $G$ .

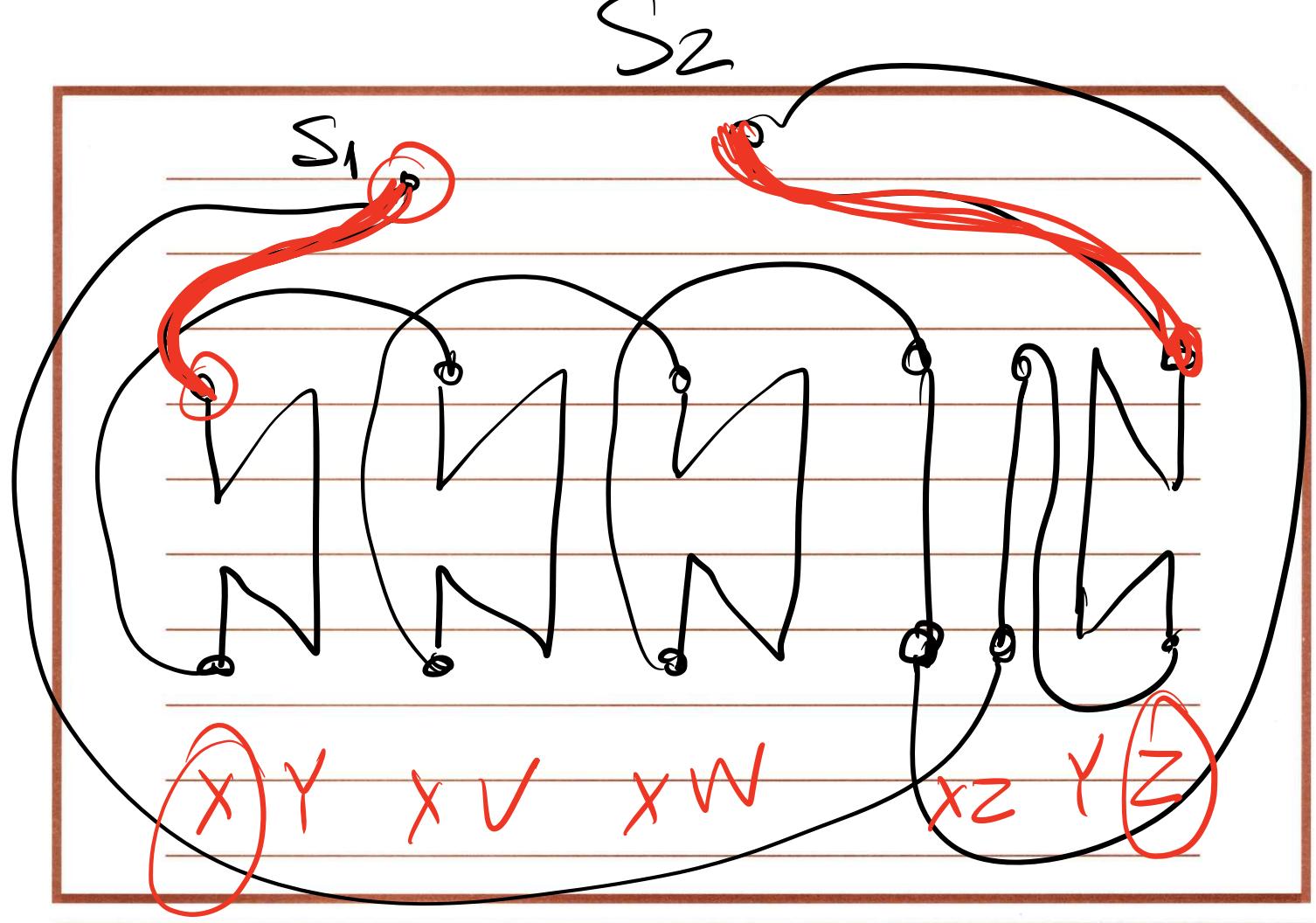




2- Final set of edges in  $G'$  join the first vertex  $[x, Y, 1]$  and last vertex  $[x, Y(\deg(x)), 6]$  of each of these paths to each of the selector vertices.



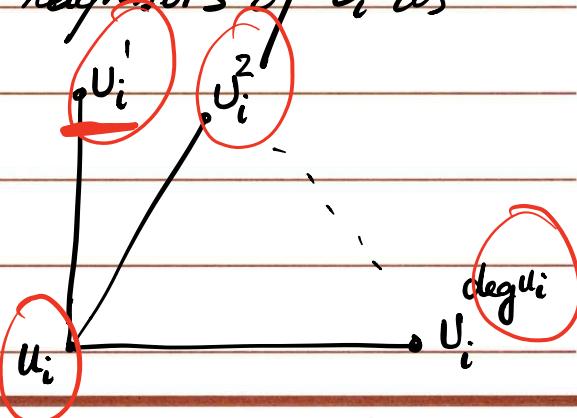




Proof: A) Suppose that  $G = (V, E)$  has a vertex cover of size  $k$ . Let the vertex cover set be

$$S = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$$

We will identify neighbors of  $U_i$  as shown here:



Form a Ham. Cycle in  $G'$  by following the nodes in  $G$  in this order:

start at  $S$ , and go to

$$[U_1, U_1^1, 1] \dots [U_1, U_1^1, 6]$$

$$[U_1, U_1^2, 1] \dots [U_1, U_1^2, 6]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$[U_1, U_1^{\deg u_i}, 1] \dots [U_1, U_1^{\deg u_i}, 6]$$



Then go to  $S_2$  and follow the nodes

$$[U_2, U_2^1, 1]$$

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Then go to  $S_3$

$$[U_2, U_2^{\deg U_2}, 6]$$

so to  $S_k$

$$[U_k, U_k^1, 1]$$

$$[U_k, U_k^2, 1]$$

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$$[U_k, U_k^{\deg U_k}, 1]$$

$$[U_k, U_k^1, 6]$$

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Then return back to  $S_1$ .

B) Suppose  $G'$  has a Hamiltonian cycle  $C$ , then the set

$$S = \{v_j \in V : (s_j, [v_j, v'_j, i]) \in C \\ \text{for some } 1 \leq j \leq k\}$$

will be a vertex cover set in  $G$ .



We Prove that TSP is NP-Complete

1. Show that  $TSP \in NP$

a. Certificate

a tour of cost at most D.

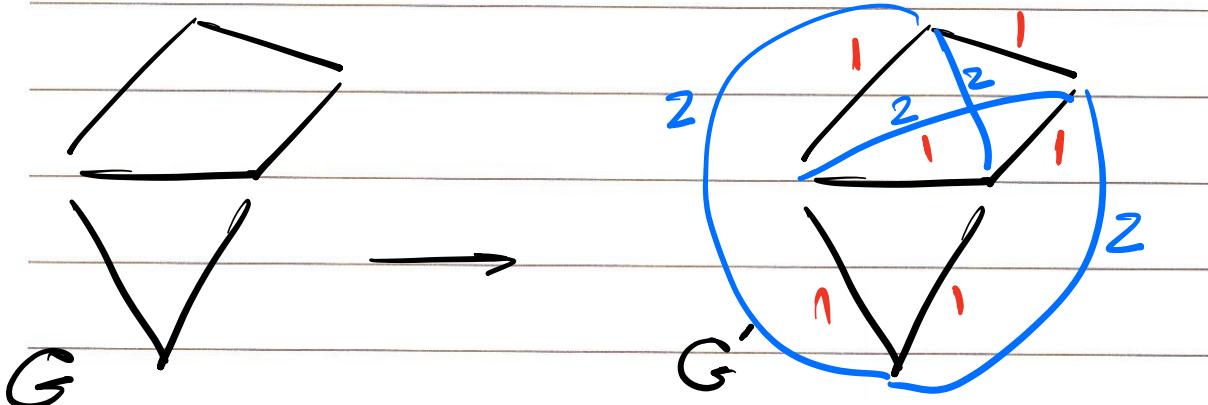
b. Certifier:

- all checks we did for HC
- + check that cost of tour  $\leq D$

2. Choose an NP-Complete problem:

Hamiltonian Cycle.

3. Prove that Ham. Cyc  $\leq_p$  TSP



$n = \text{no. of nodes in } G$ .

if there is a HC in G

→ we can have a tour of  
Cost 1 in  $G'$

if there is a tour of Cost 2  
in  $G' \rightarrow$  there is a HC  
in G.

3SAT, indset, vertex Cover,

Set Cover, Ham. Cycle, TSP

0/1 knapsack, subset sum

Given a set of  $n$  items where item  $i$  has weight  $w_i$  and value  $v_i$ , is there a subset of these items with total weight  $\leq W$  and total value  $\geq V$

Decision version of  
0-1 knapsack

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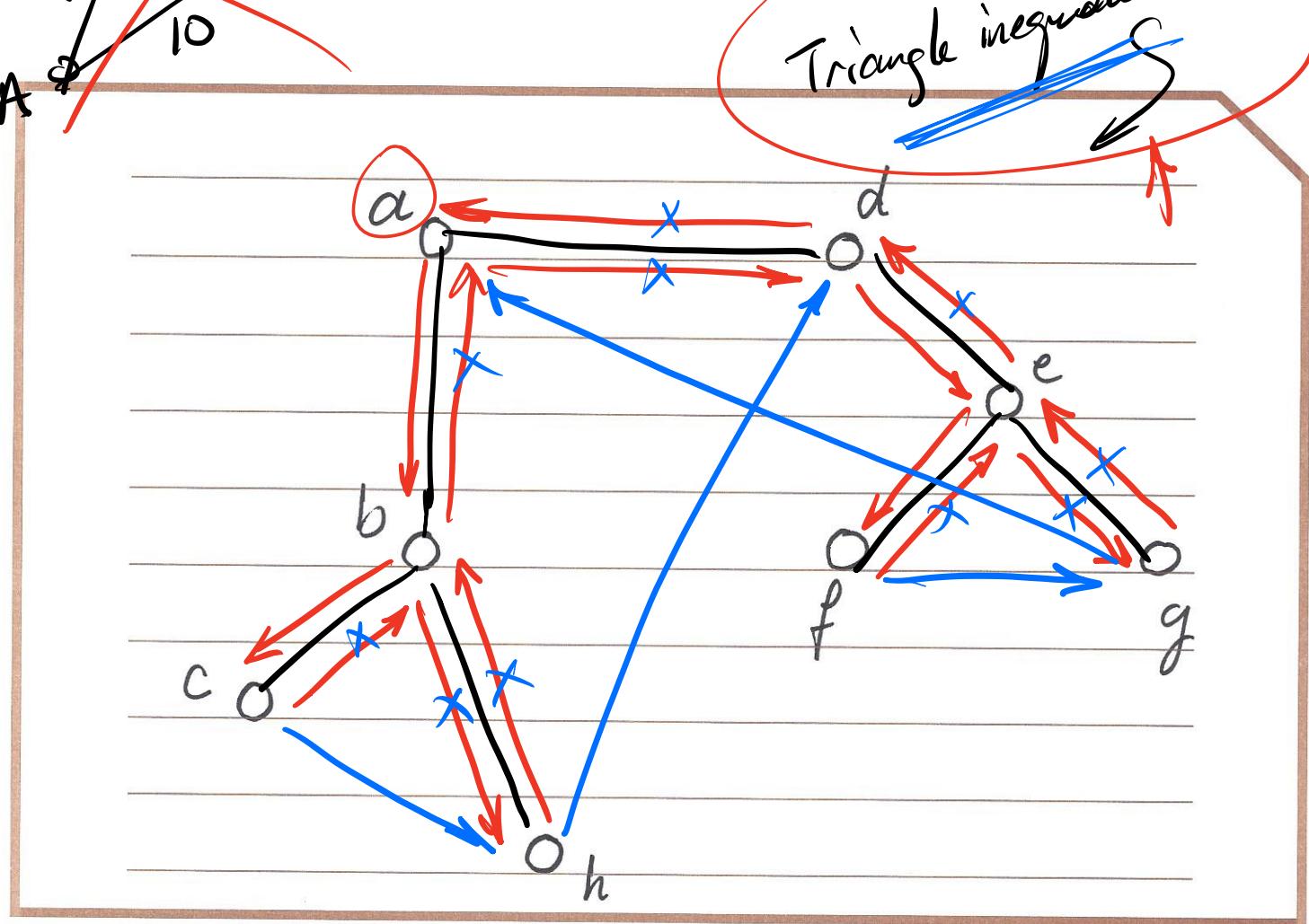
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initial four has cost = Cost of MST \* 2

Cost of our approx. sol.  $\leq 2 * \text{cost of RSI}$

Cost of MST  $<$  Cost of opt TSTour

Cost of our approx. sol.  $\leq 2 * \text{Cost of opt tour}$

This is a 2-approximation alg.

## General TSP

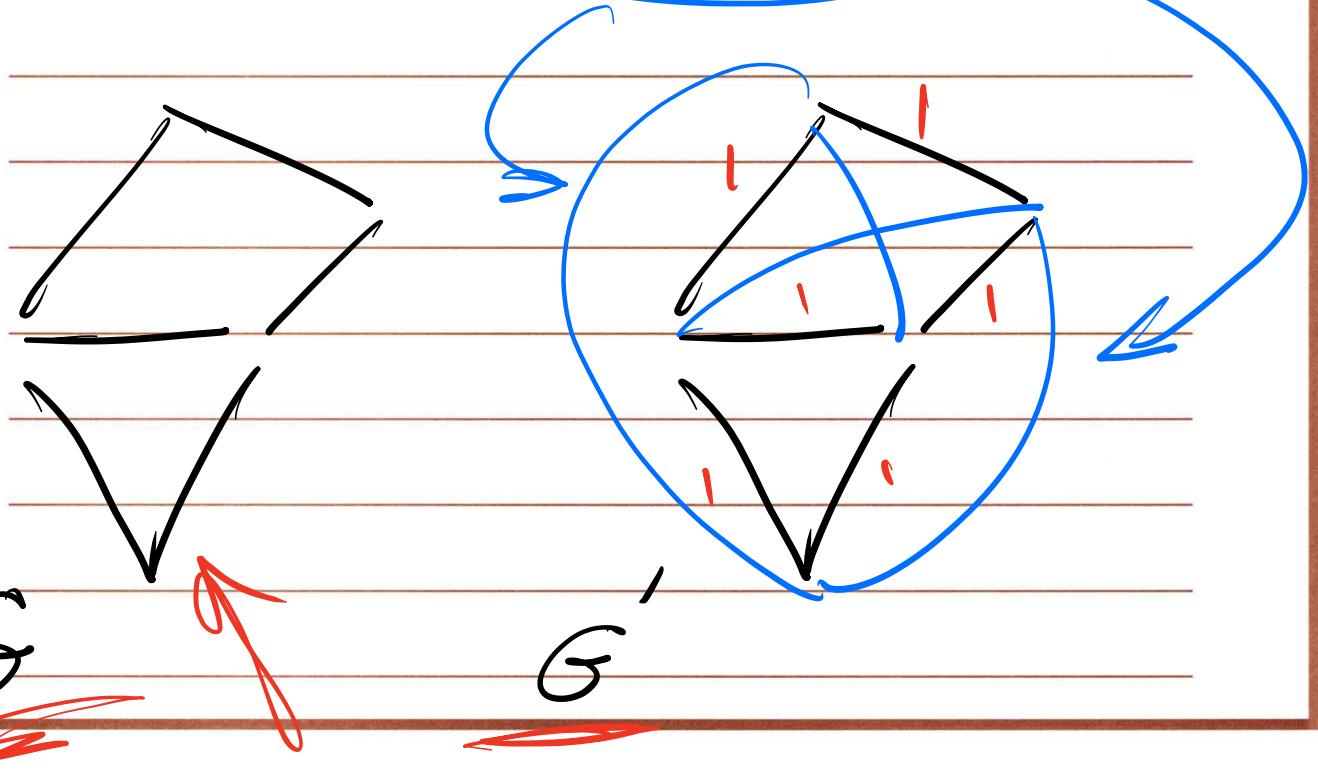
Theorem: if  $P \neq NP$ , then for any constant  $f \geq 1$ , there is no polynomial time approximation algorithm with approximation ratio  $f$  for the general TSP

Plan: We will assume that such an approximation algorithm exists. We will then use it to solve the HC problem.

Given an instance of the HC problem on graph  $G$ , we will construct  $G'$  as follows.

- $G'$  has the same set nodes as in  $G$
- $G'$  is a fully connected graph.
- Edges in  $G'$  that are also in  $G$  have a cost of 1.
- Other edges in  $G'$  have a

cost of  $|V| + 1$

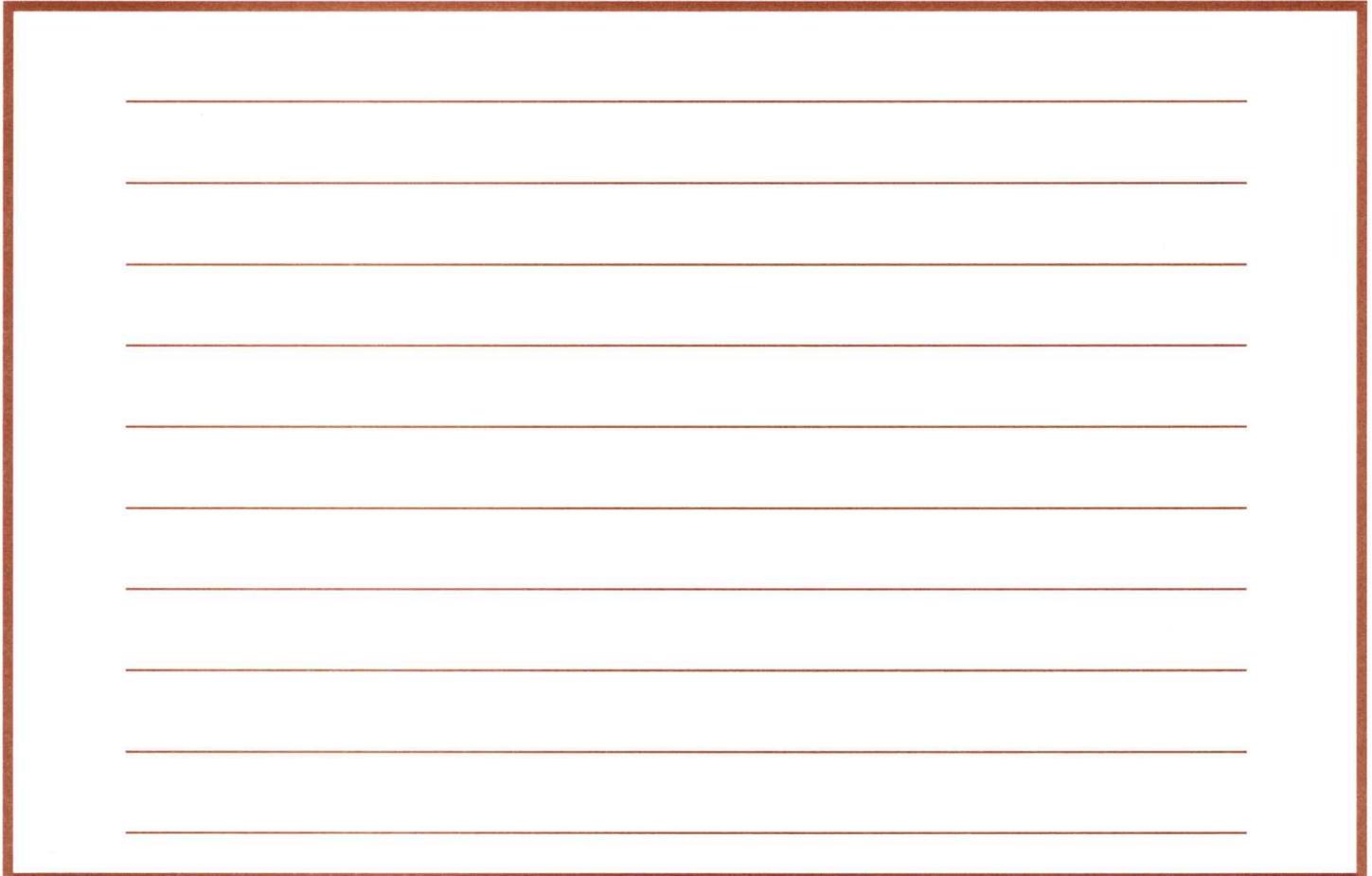
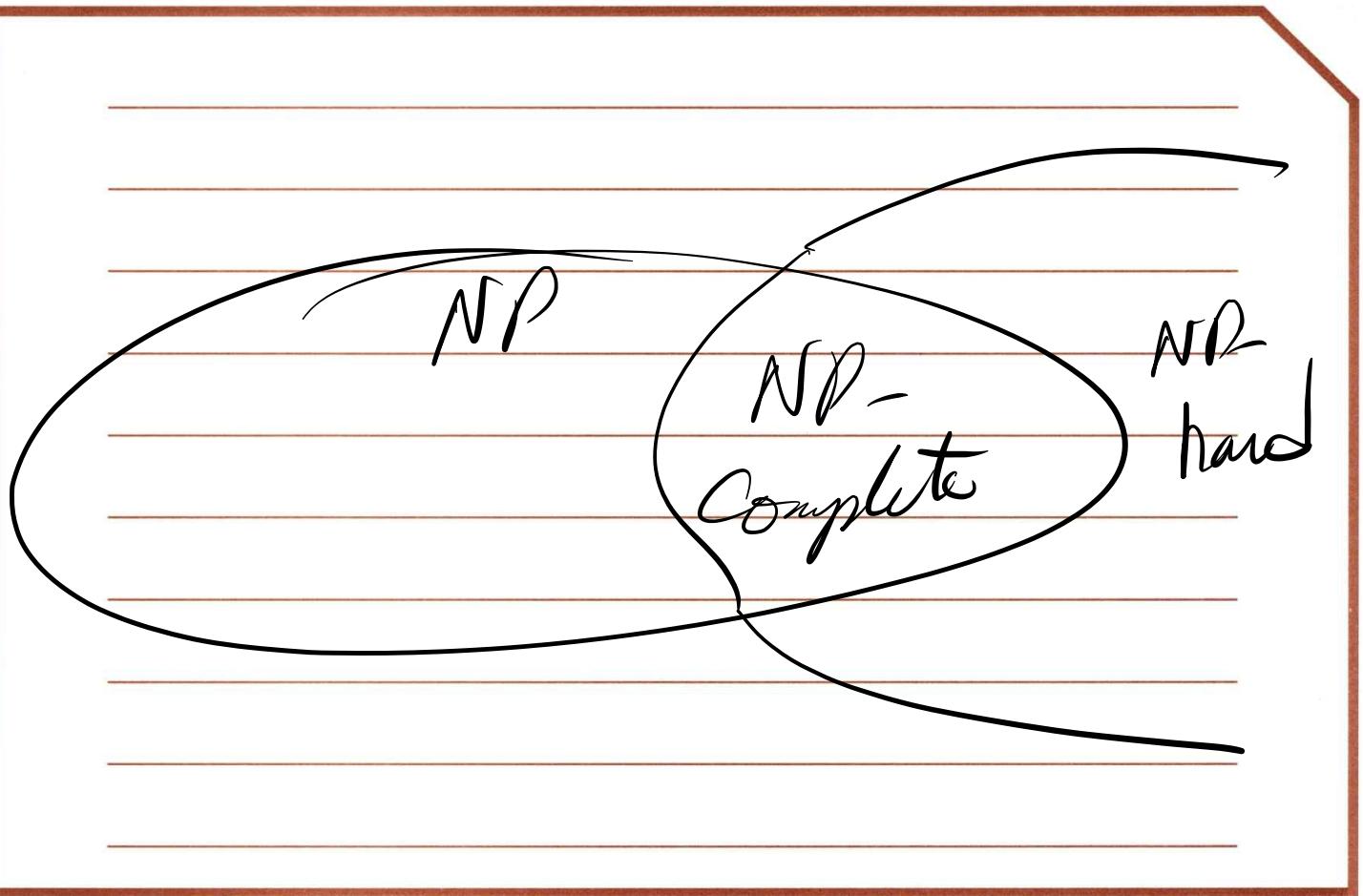


~~i) If  $G$  has a HC then  
 $G'$  will have a tour of  
Cost  $|V|$~~

~~ii) If  $G'$  has a tour of cost~~



$G$  must have a HC.



## Discussion 11

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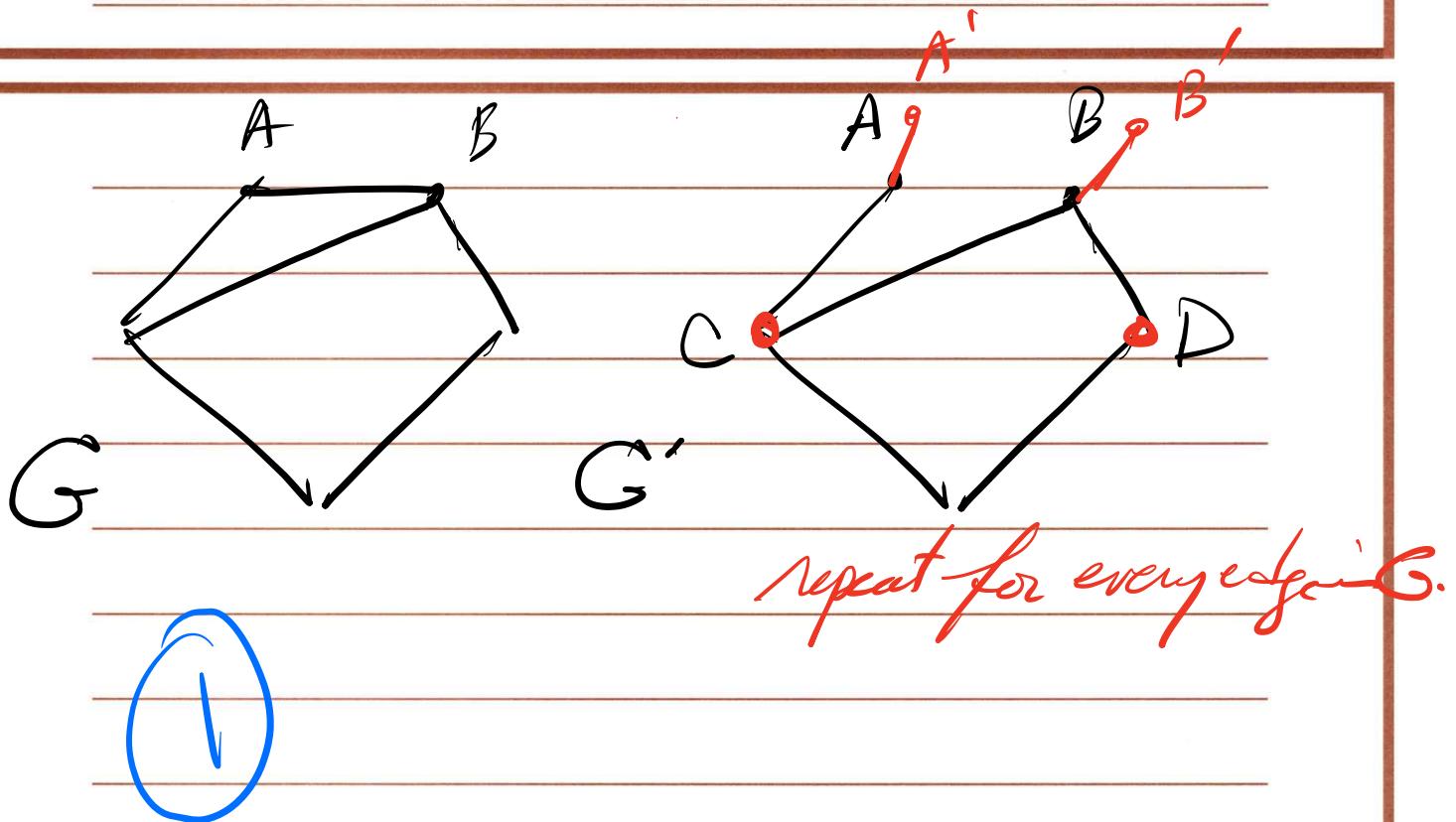
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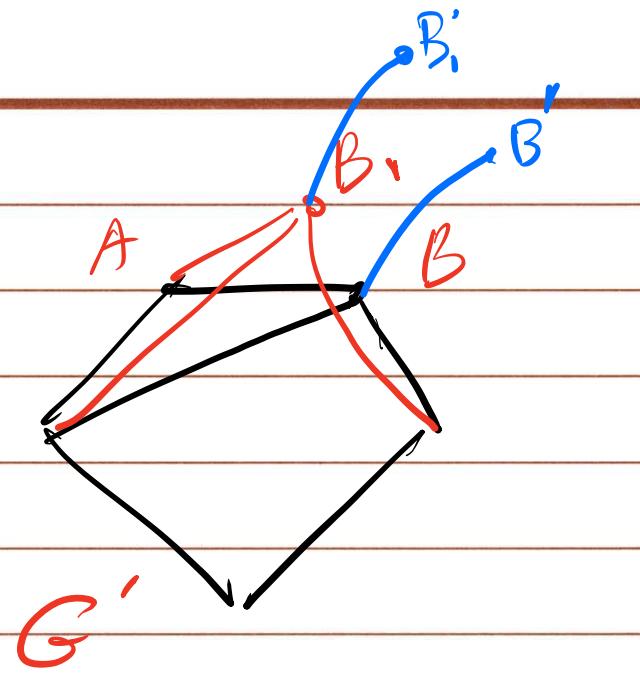
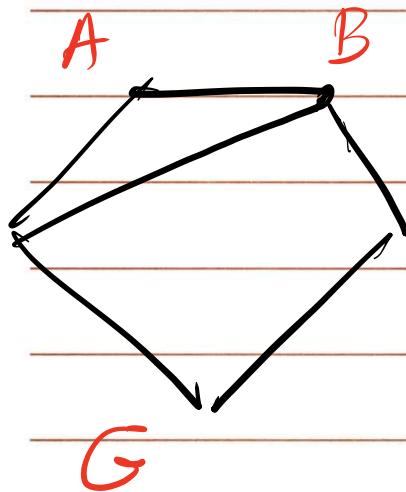
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1. Skip no credit

2. choose HC.

3.  $HC \leq_p HP$





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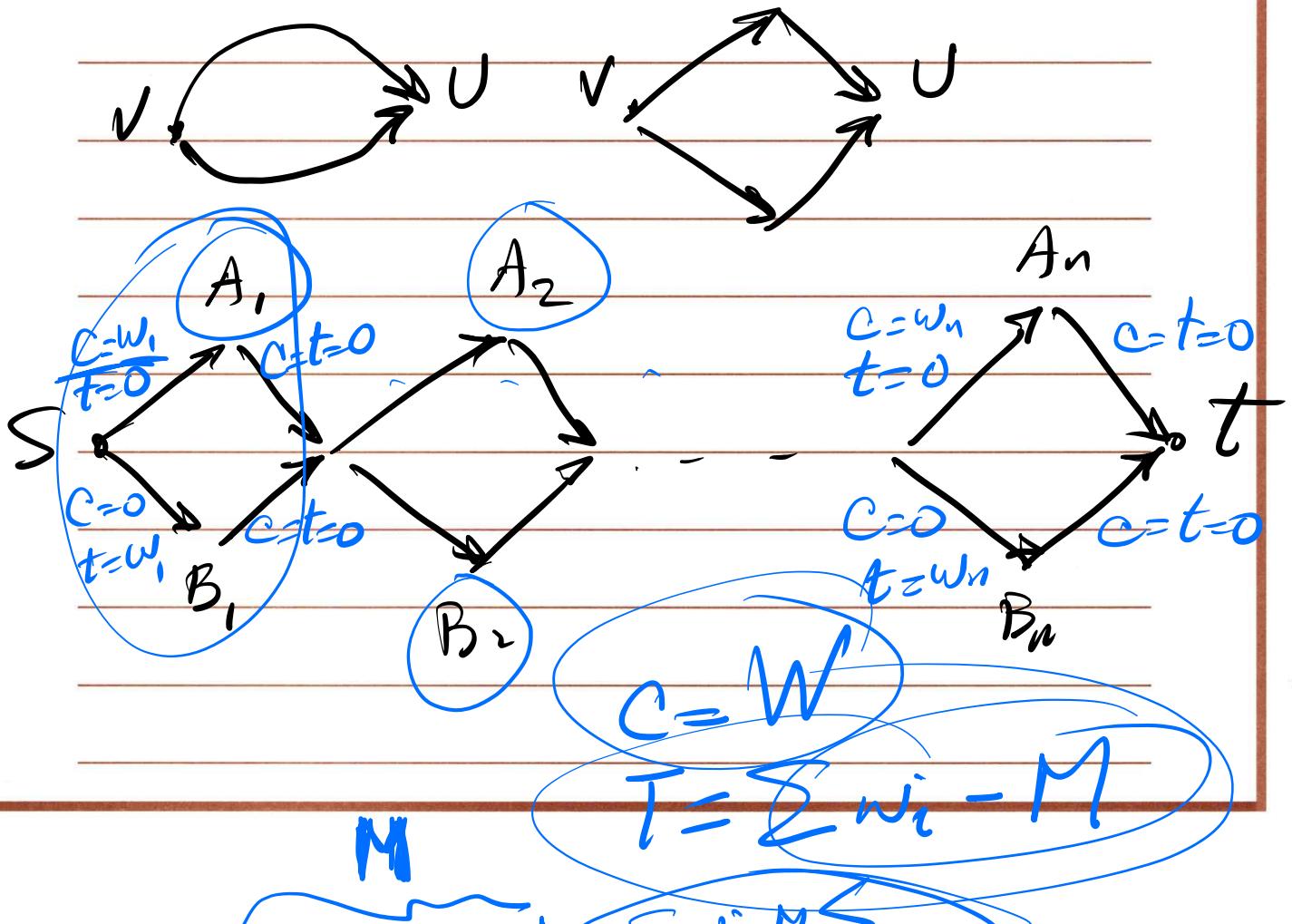
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1 - Skip

2 - Choose Subset Sums

3 - Subset sums  $\leq_p$  MCFP

Given a set of items where item  $i$  has weight  $w_i$ ,  
 is there a subset of them with total weight  $\leq W$   
 &  $c \leq M$



$\sum w_i \cdot t_i$

total weight of object

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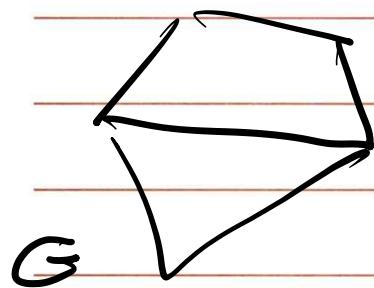
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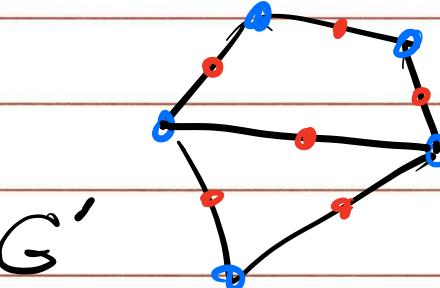
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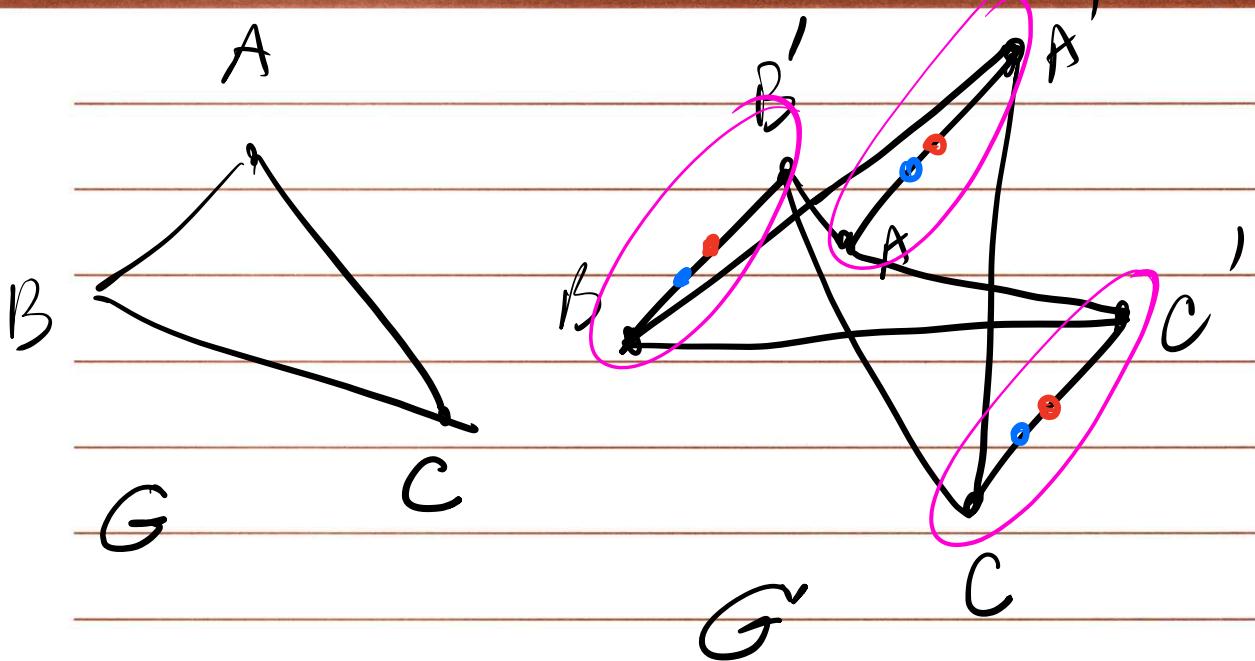
2- choose HC

3-  $HC \leq_p HC$  in a Bipartite Graph



$G'$





$B C A B$

$BB'C'C'AA'B$

?

$BC'A B C - - B$

node  $\circ A$   
in  $G$

