

Problem 7.21. Let G represent an undirected graph. Also let

$$SPATH = \{\langle G, a, b, k \rangle \mid G \text{ contains a simple path of length at most } k \text{ from } a \text{ to } b\},$$

and

$$LPATH = \{\langle G, a, b, k \rangle \mid G \text{ contains a simple path of length at least } k \text{ from } a \text{ to } b\}.$$

Part a. Show that $SPATH \in P$.

Proof.

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Part b. Show that $LPATH$ is NP-complete.

Proof.

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