

Chapter 8

NP and Computational Intractability



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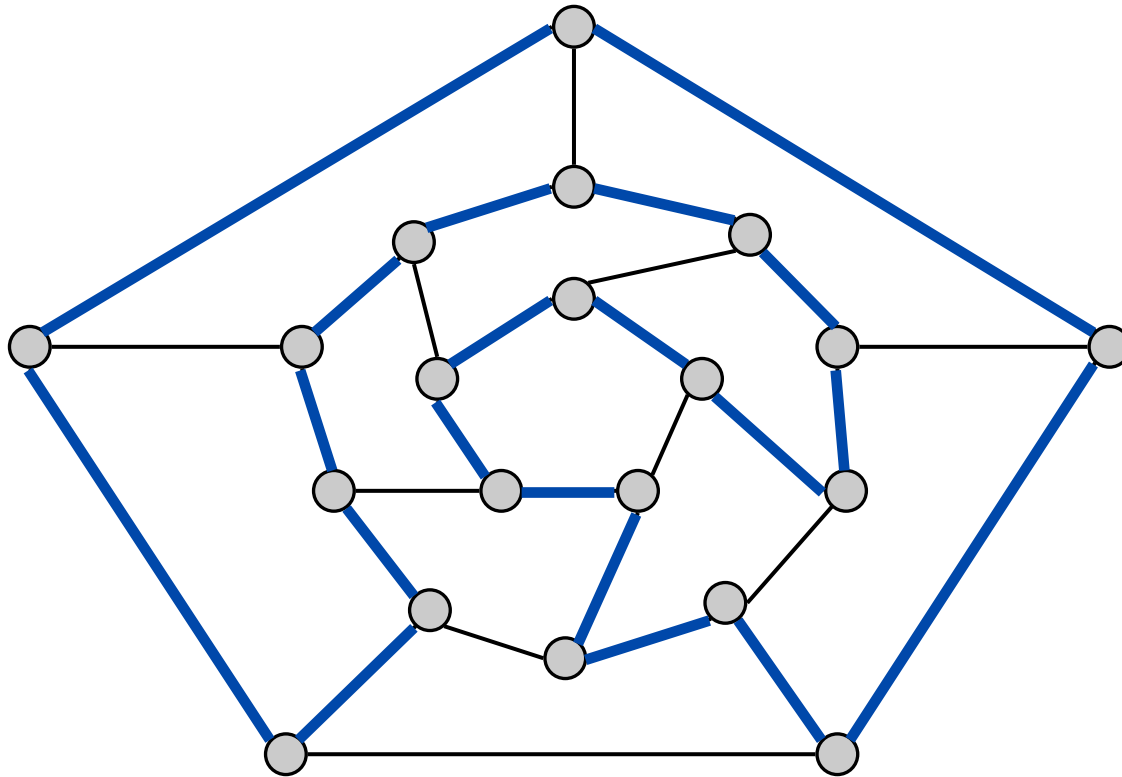
8.5 Sequencing Problems

Basic genres.

- Packing problems: SET-PACKING, INDEPENDENT SET.
- Covering problems: SET-COVER, VERTEX-COVER.
- Constraint satisfaction problems: SAT, 3-SAT.
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- Partitioning problems: 3D-MATCHING, 3-COLOR.
- Numerical problems: SUBSET-SUM, KNAPSACK.

Hamiltonian Cycle

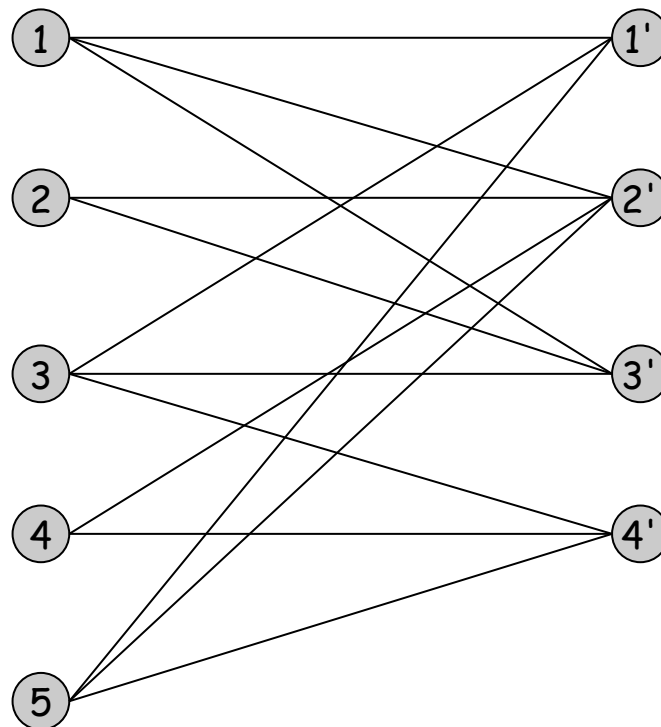
HAM-CYCLE: given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle Γ that contains every node in V .



YES: vertices and faces of a dodecahedron.

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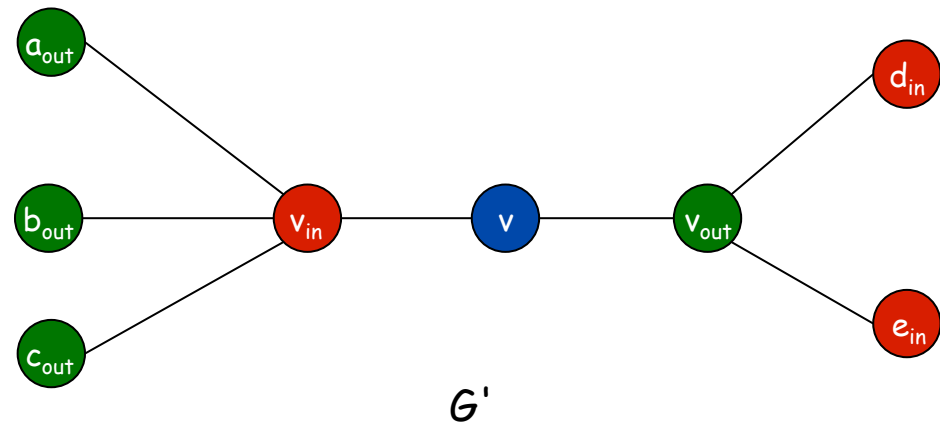
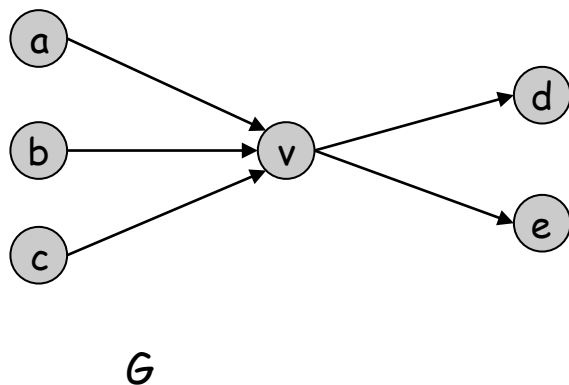
NO: bipartite graph with odd number of nodes.

Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

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

Claim. DIR-HAM-CYCLE \leq_p 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 Γ .
- Then G' has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle (same order).

Pf. \Leftarrow

- Suppose G' has an undirected Hamiltonian cycle Γ' .
- Γ' 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 Γ' make up directed Hamiltonian cycle Γ in G , or reverse of one. ▪

3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

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

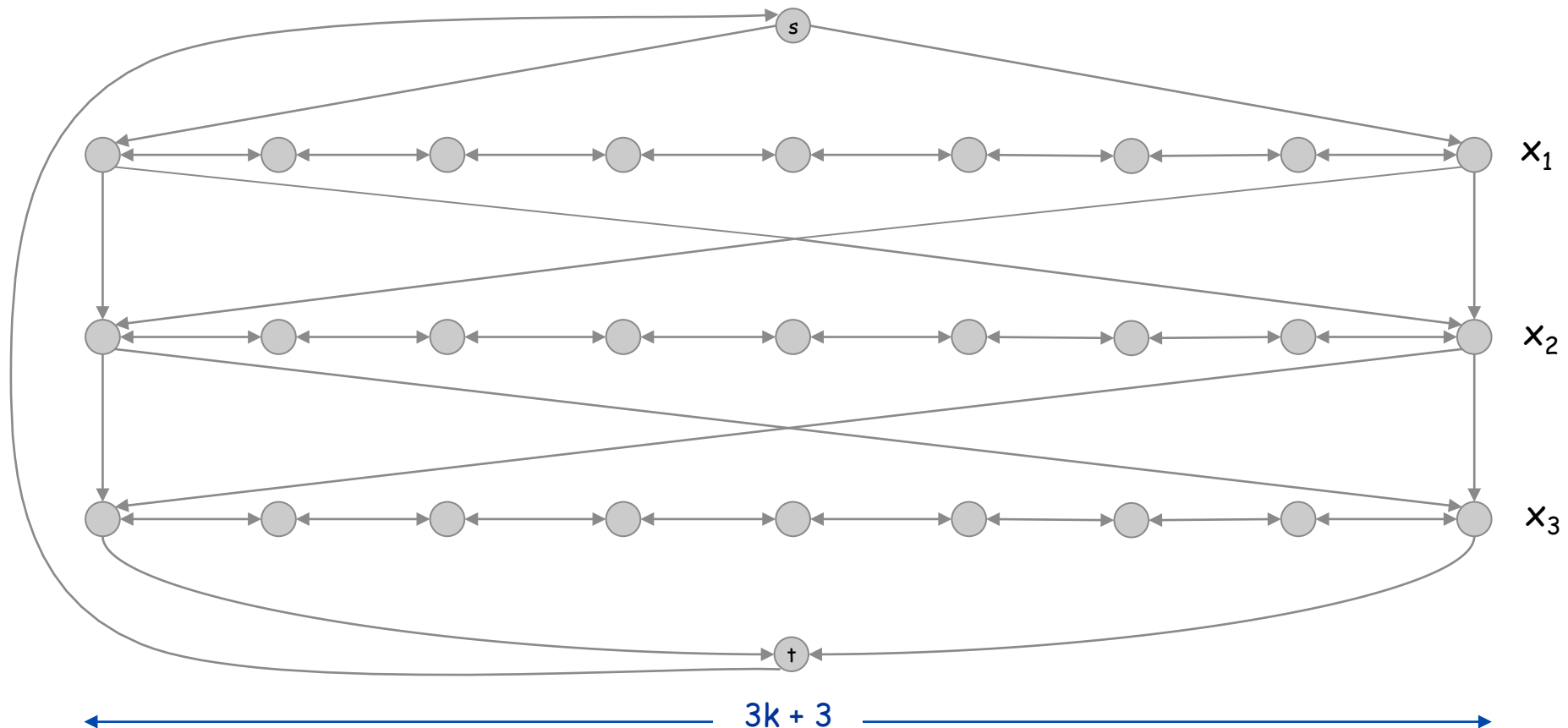
Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of DIR-HAM-CYCLE that has a Hamiltonian cycle iff Φ is satisfiable.

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 Φ with n variables x_i and k clauses.

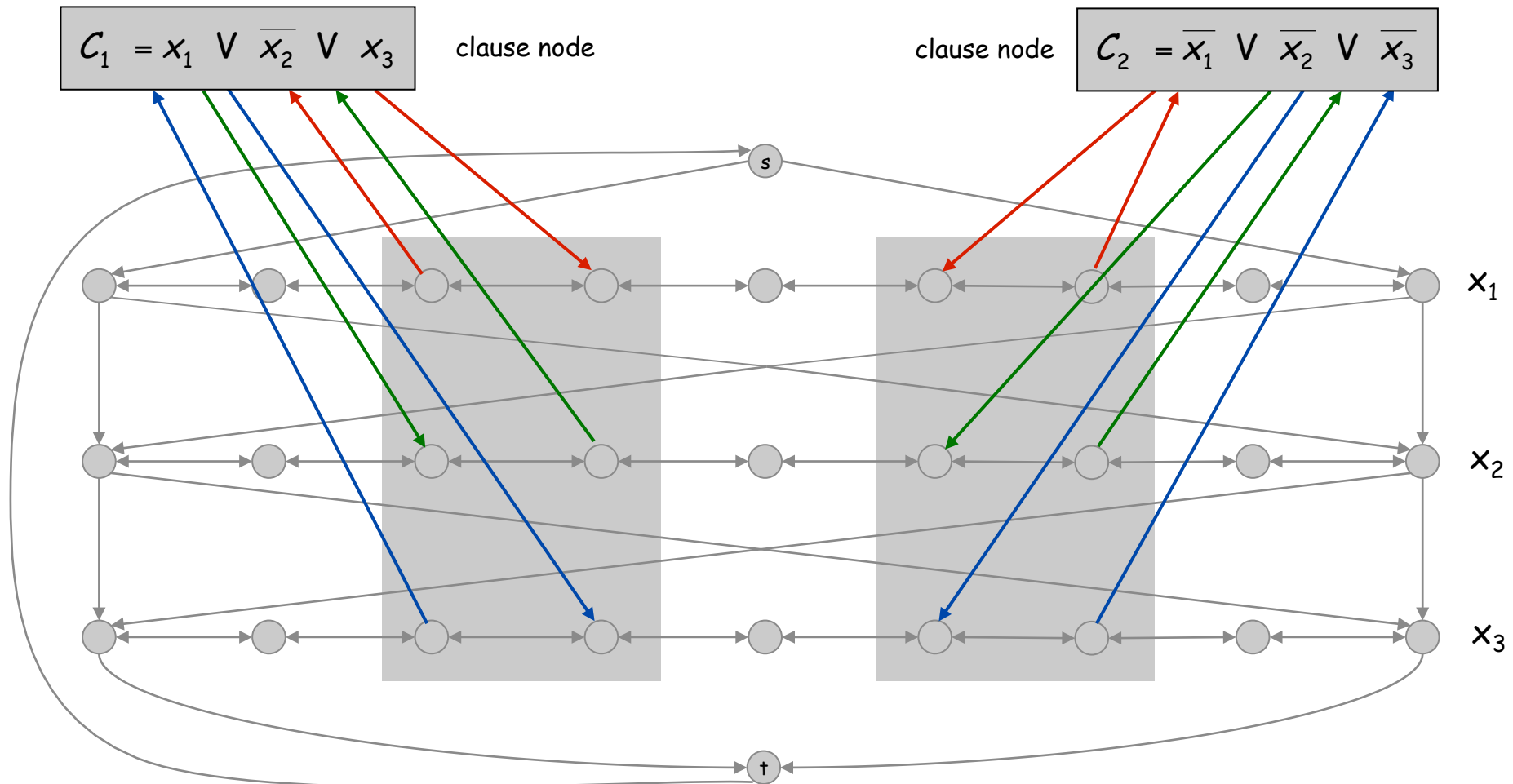
- Construct G to have 2^n Hamiltonian cycles.
- Intuition: traverse path i from left to right \Leftrightarrow set variable $x_i = 1$.



3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

Construction. Given 3-SAT instance Φ 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. Φ 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 visit node C_j into tour

3-SAT Reduces to Directed Hamiltonian Cycle

Claim. Φ is satisfiable iff G has a Hamiltonian cycle.

Pf. \Leftarrow

- Suppose G has a Hamiltonian cycle Γ .
- If Γ enters clause node C_j , it must depart on **same-colored** 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 Γ' in $G - \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$.
- Set $x^*_i = 1$ iff Γ' traverses row i left to right.
- Since Γ 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 DIR-HAM-CYCLE , ignoring back-edge from t to s .

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

The Longest Path †

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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:
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.

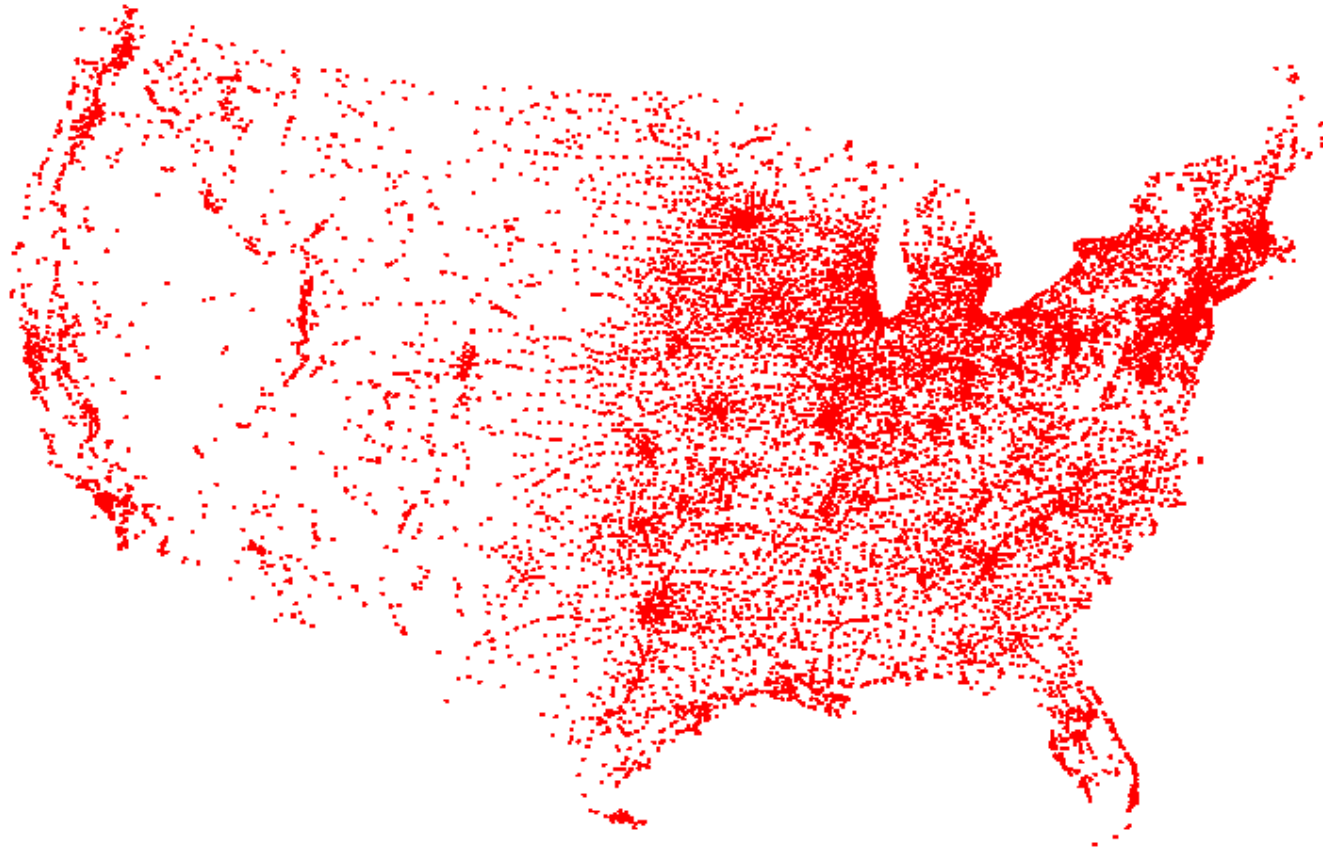
Garey, Johnson, Karp and other men (and women)
Tried to make it order $N \log N$.
Am I a mad fool
If I spend my life in grad school,
Forever following the longest path?

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

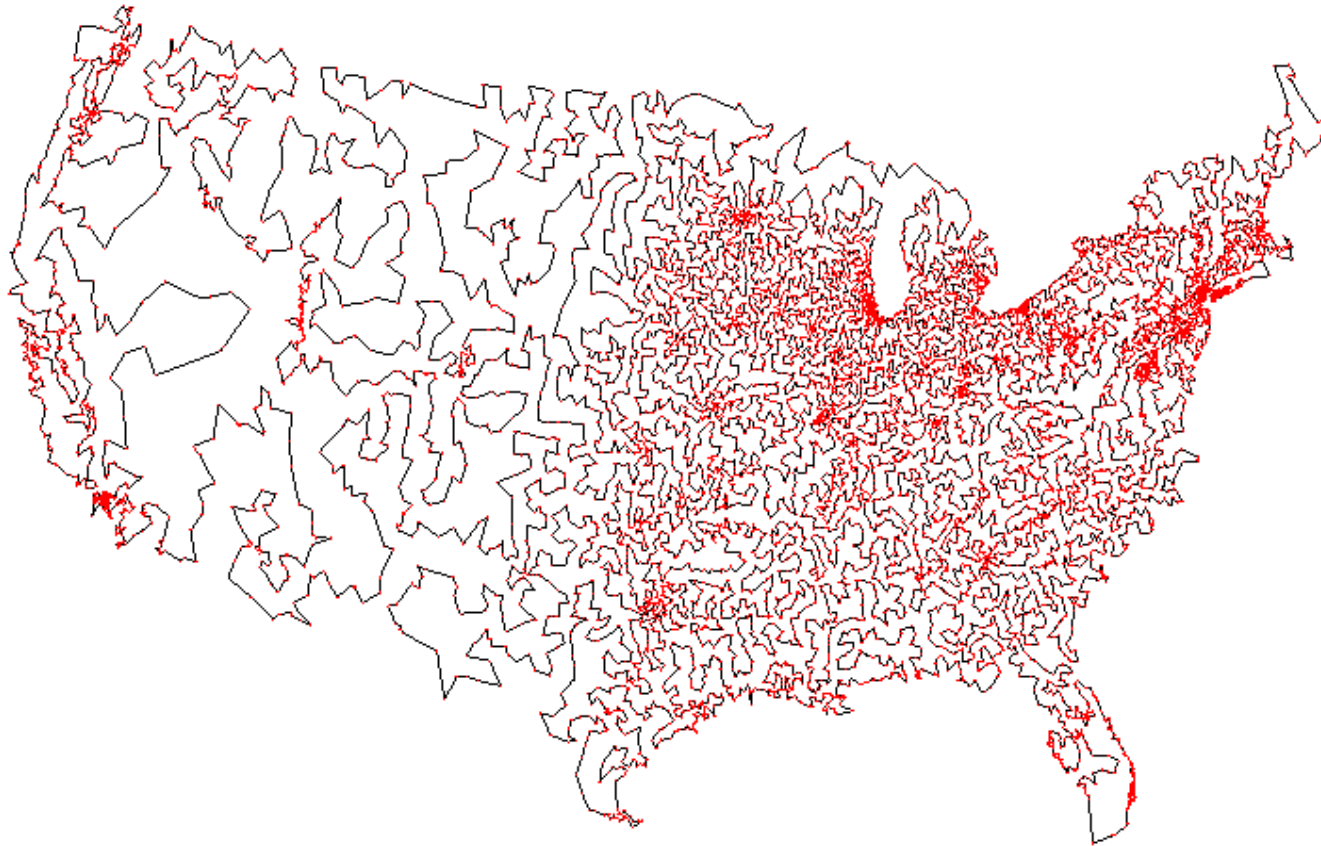
TSP. Given a set of n cities and a pairwise distance function $d(u, v)$, is there a tour of length $\leq D$?



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

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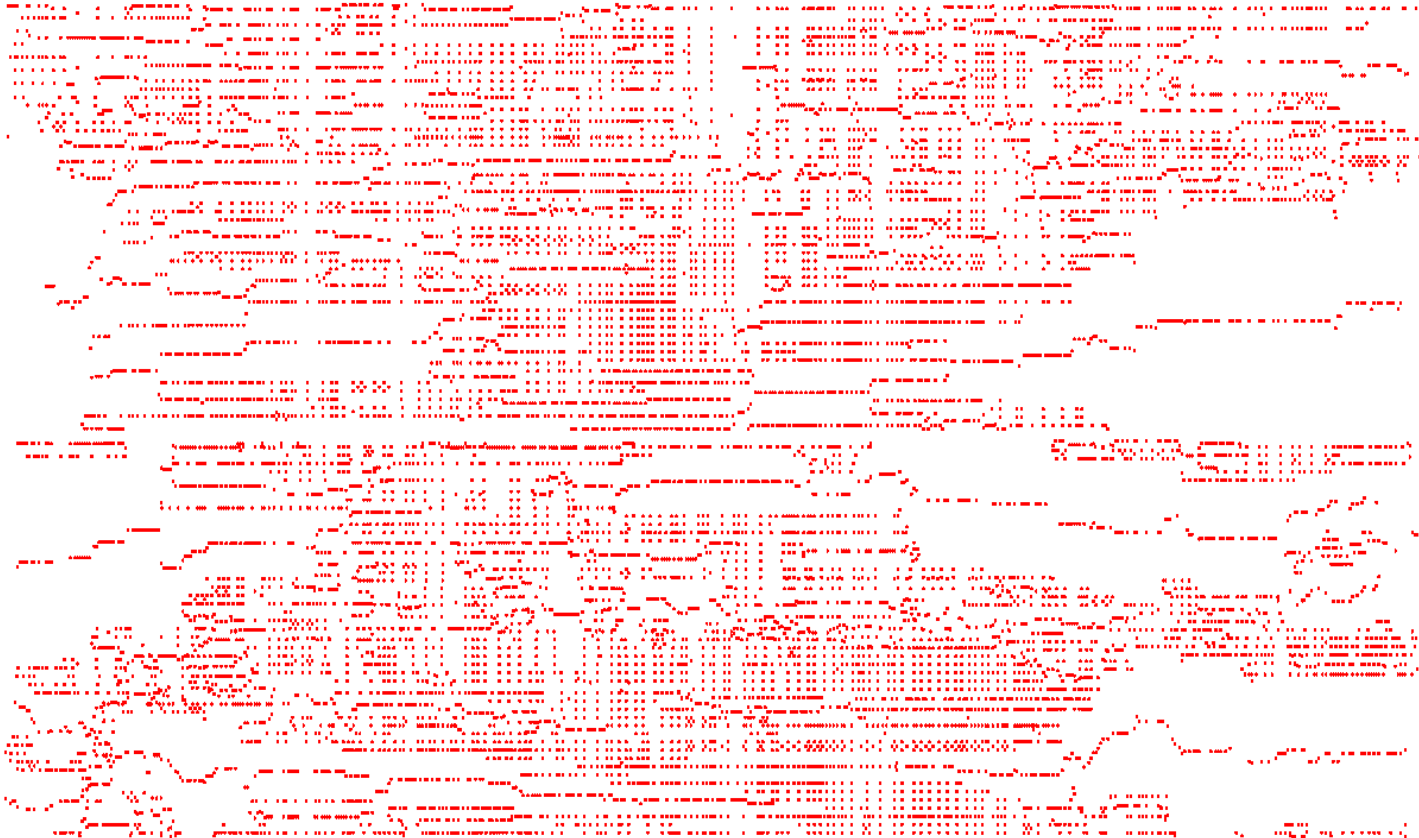
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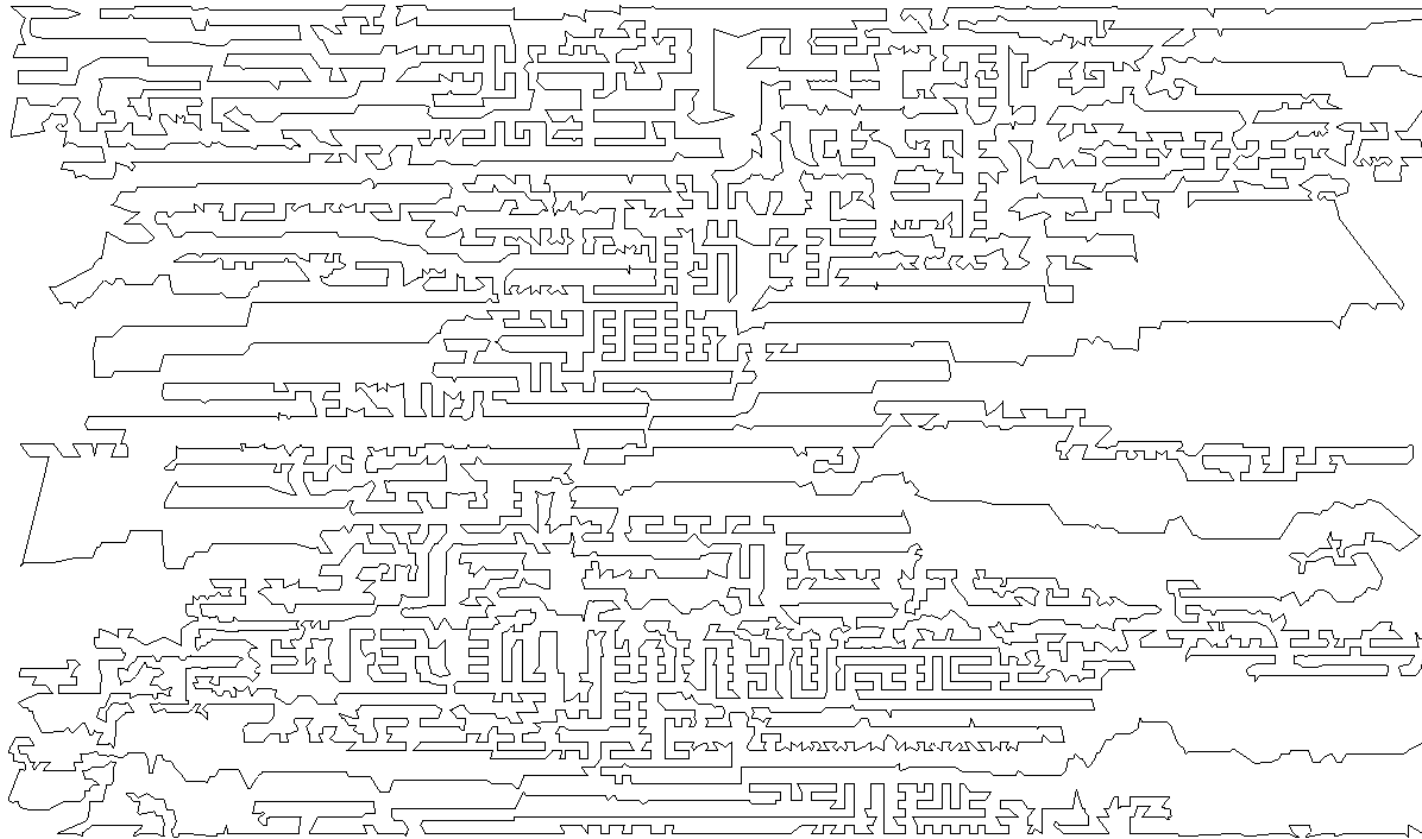
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11,849 holes to drill in a programmed logic array
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HAM-CYCLE: given a graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle that contains every node in V ?

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 Δ -inequality.

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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 Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of 3D-matching that has a perfect matching iff Φ is satisfiable.

3-Dimensional Matching

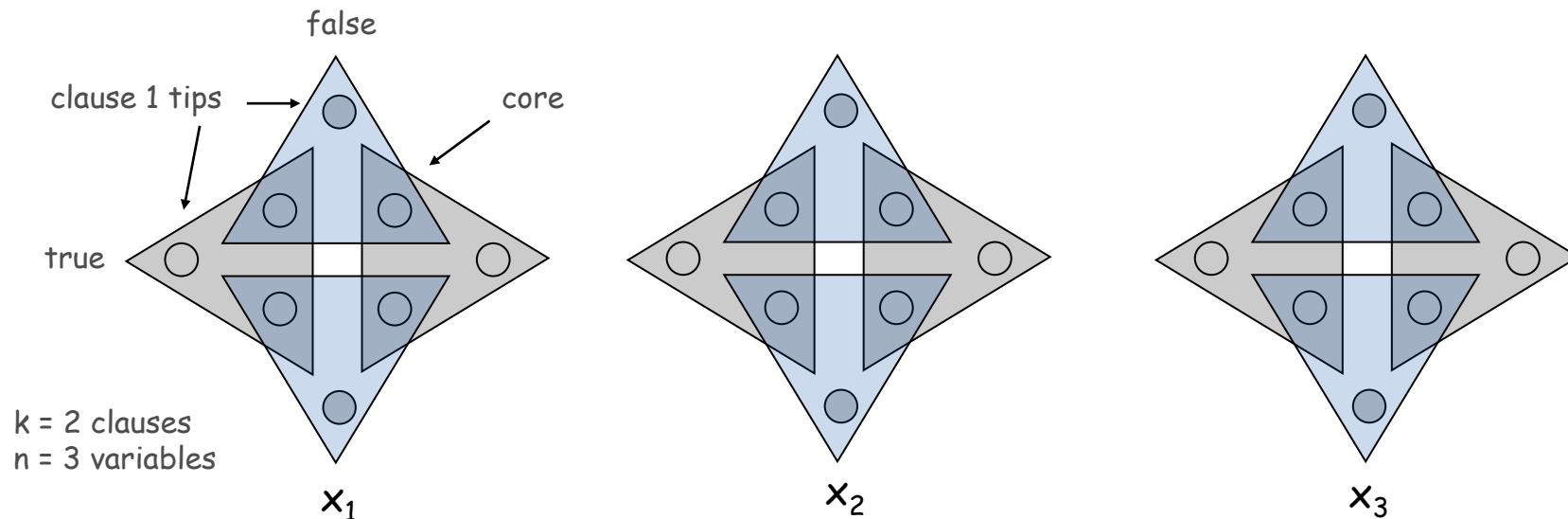
Construction. (part 1)

- 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

set $x_i = \text{true}$

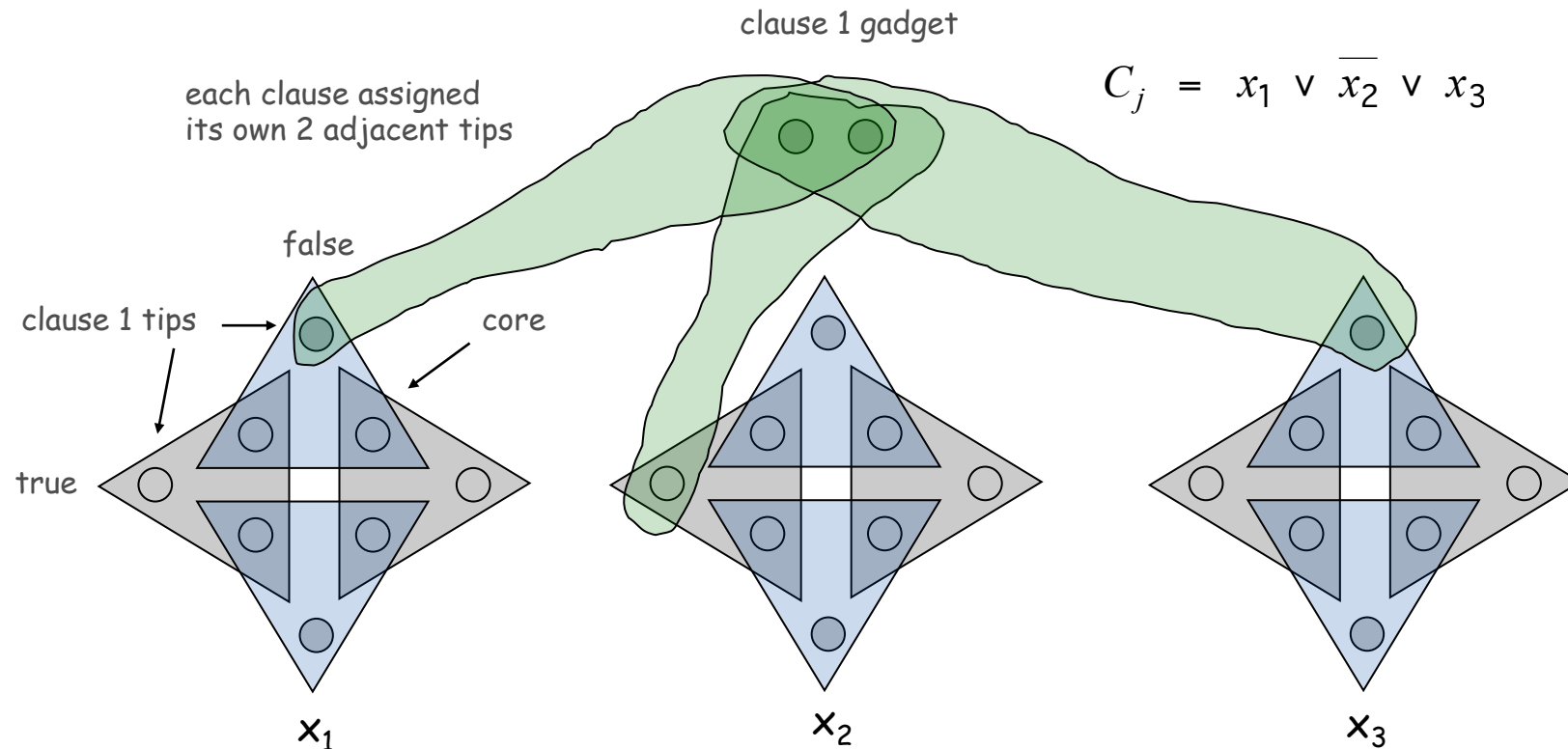
set $x_i = \text{false}$



3-Dimensional Matching

Construction. (part 2)

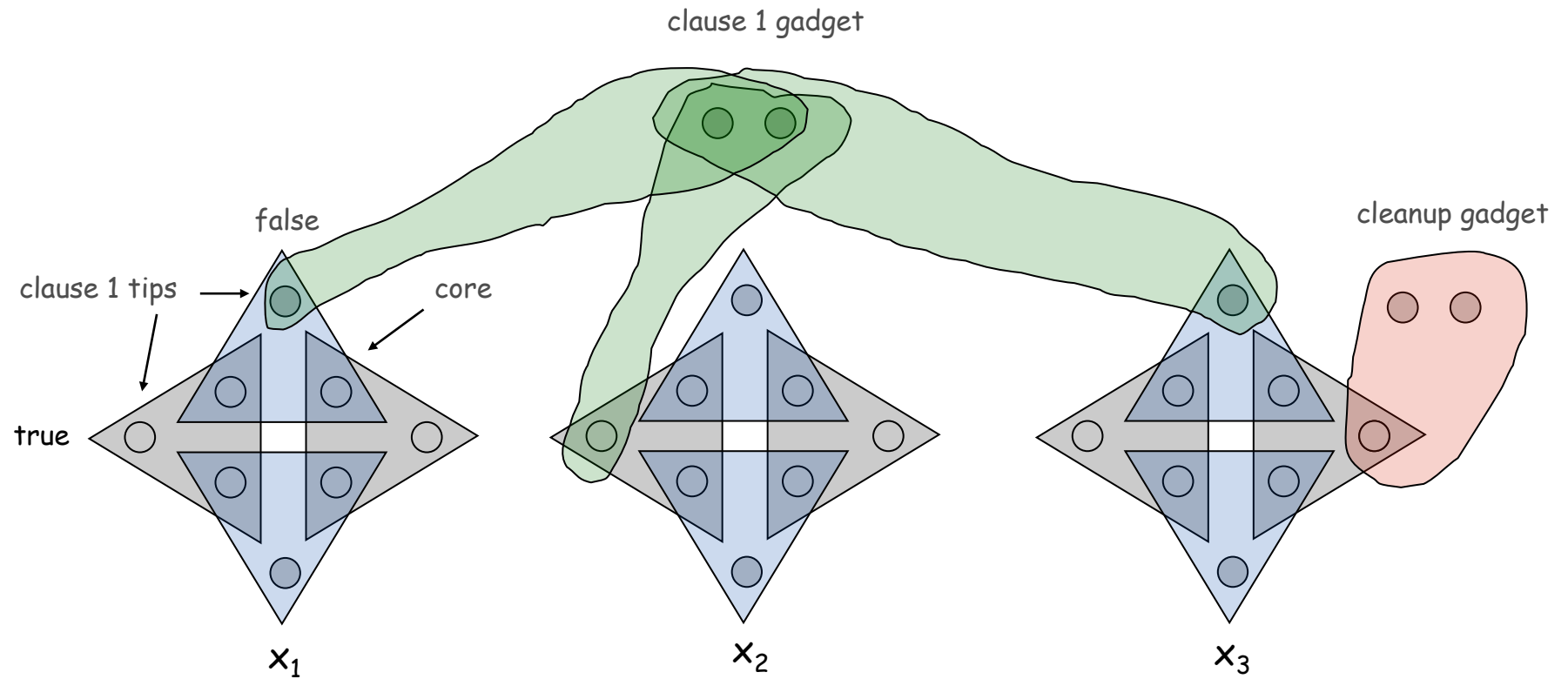
- For each clause C_j create two elements and three triples.
- Exactly one of these triples will be used in any 3D-matching.
- Ensures any 3D-matching uses either (i) grey core of x_1 or (ii) blue core of x_2 or (iii) grey core of x_3 .



3-Dimensional Matching

Construction. (part 3)

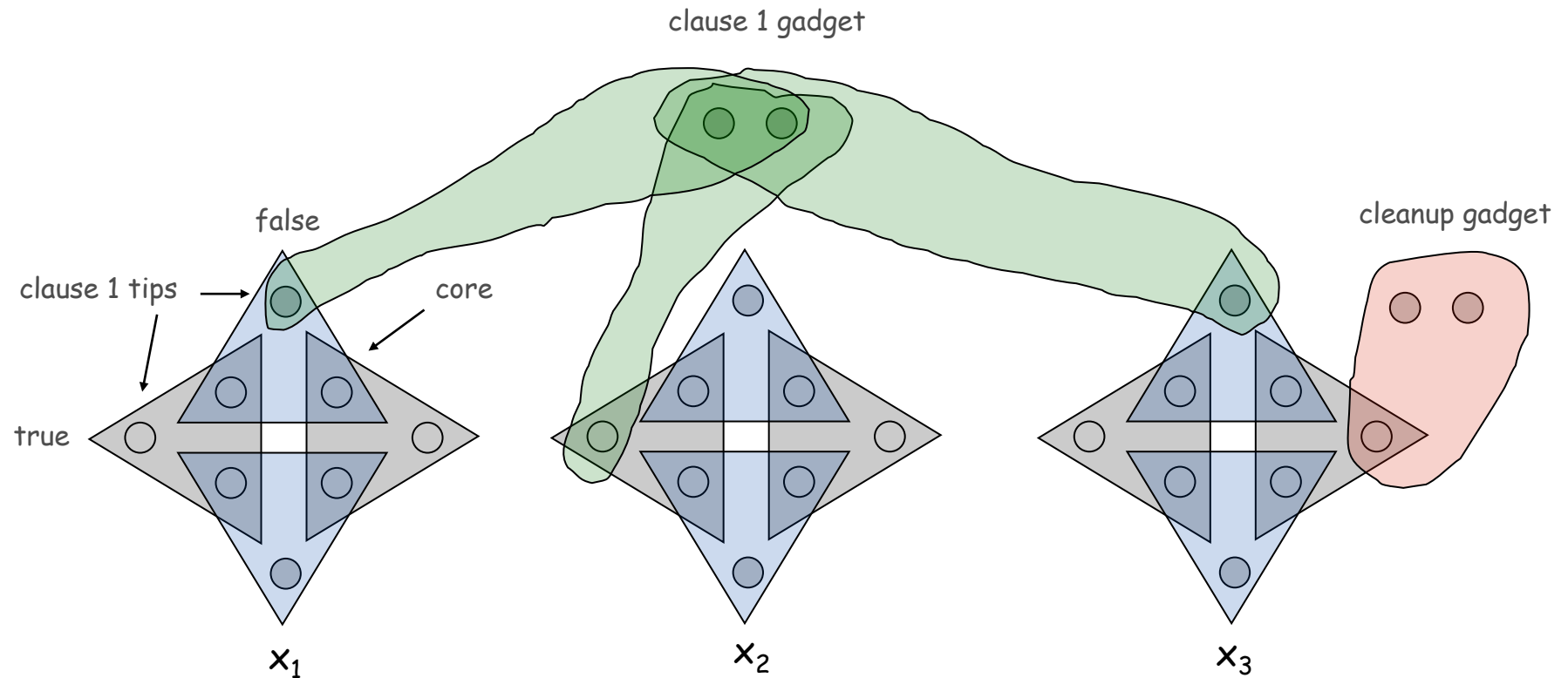
- For each tip, add a cleanup gadget.



3-Dimensional Matching

Claim. Instance has a 3D-matching iff Φ is satisfiable.

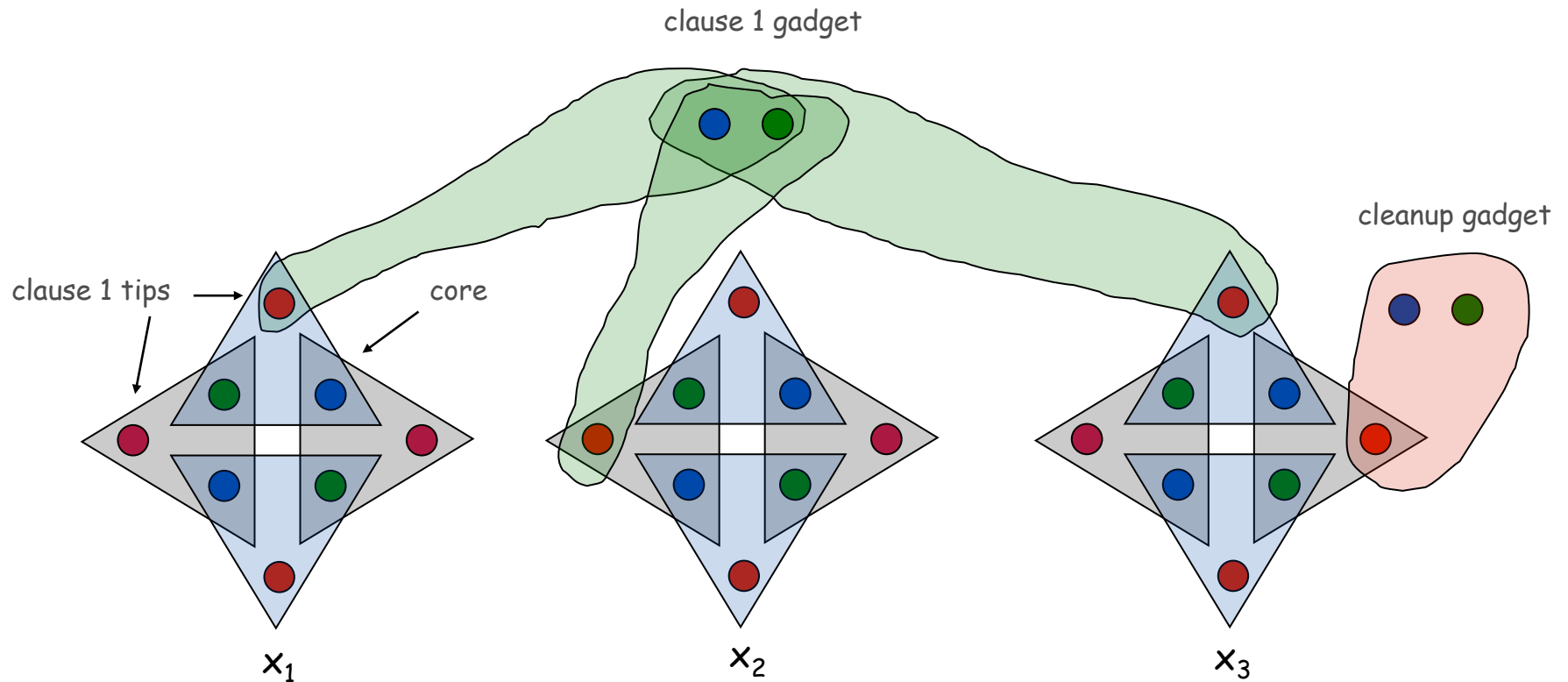
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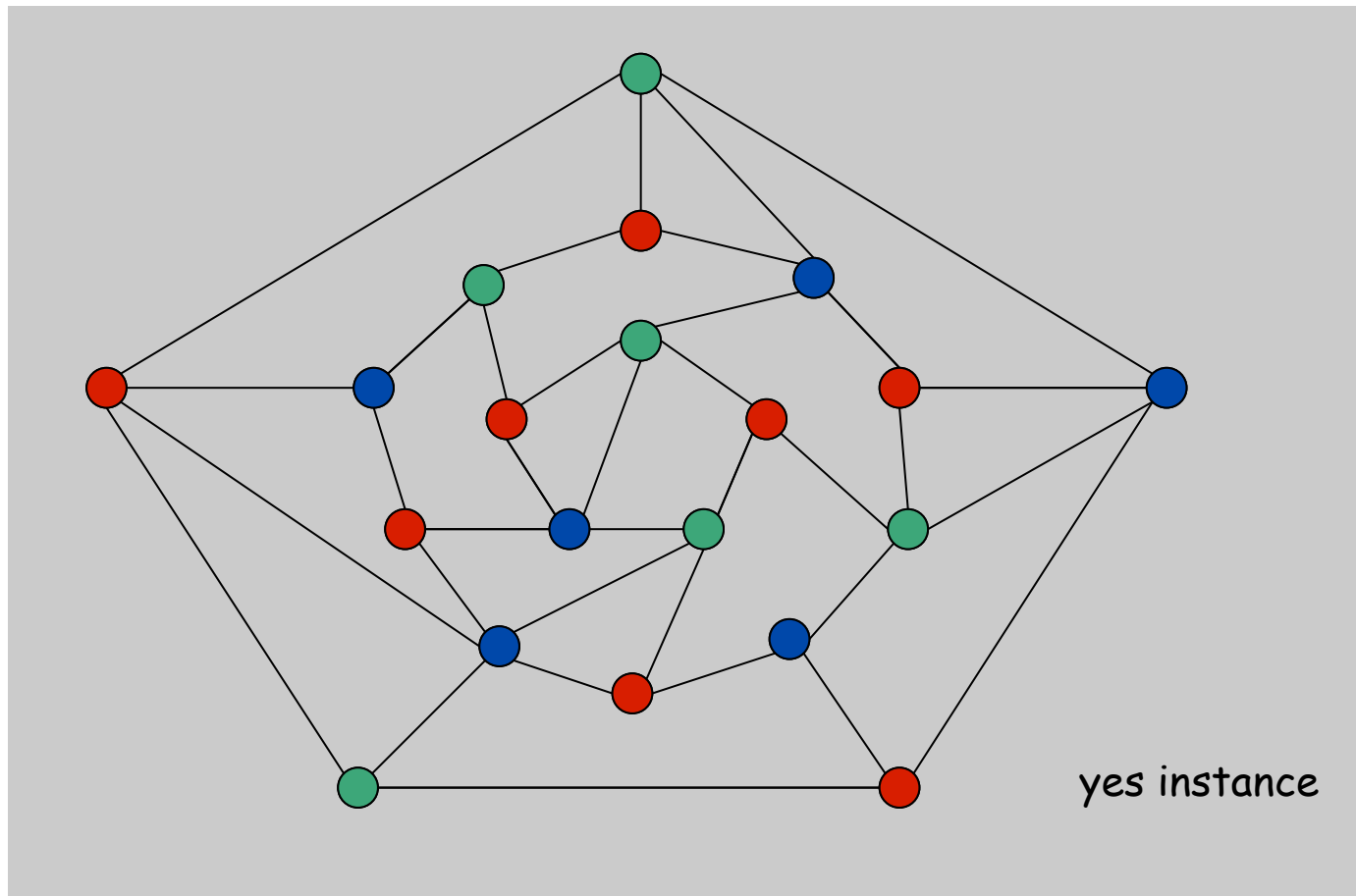
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3-Colorability

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?



Applications

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 Φ , we construct a graph G that is **3-colorable iff Φ is satisfiable**.

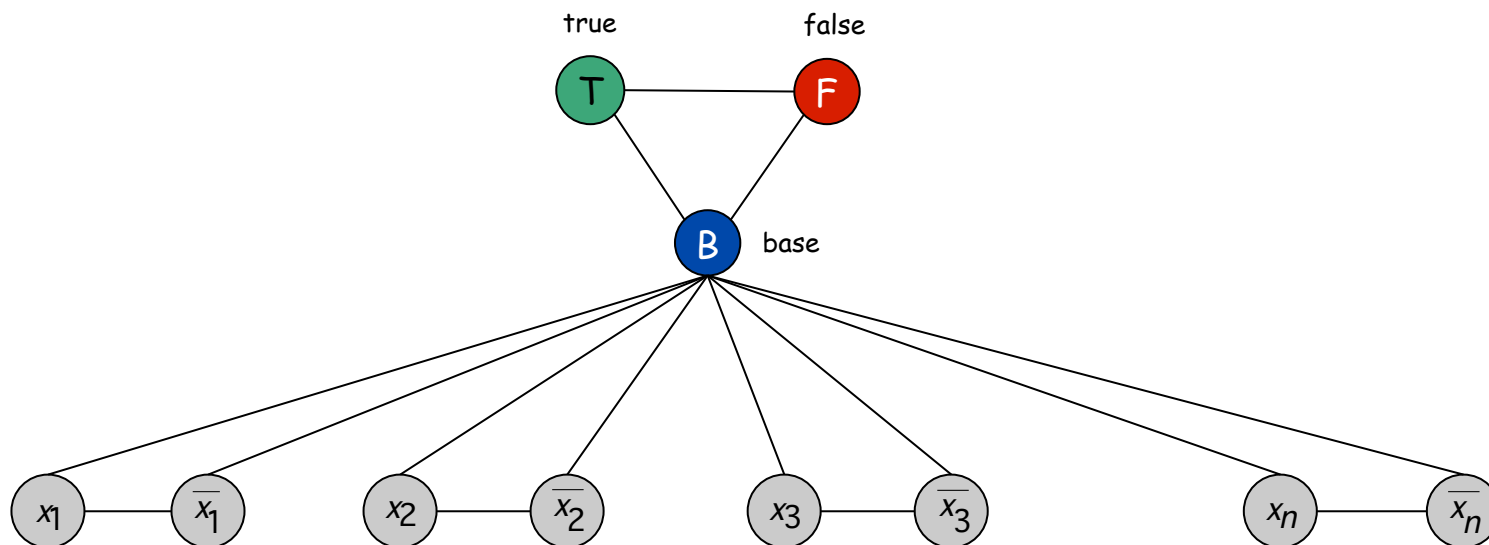
Construction.

- 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.

↑
to be described next

3-Colorability

Gadget 1: Literals and their T/F coloring

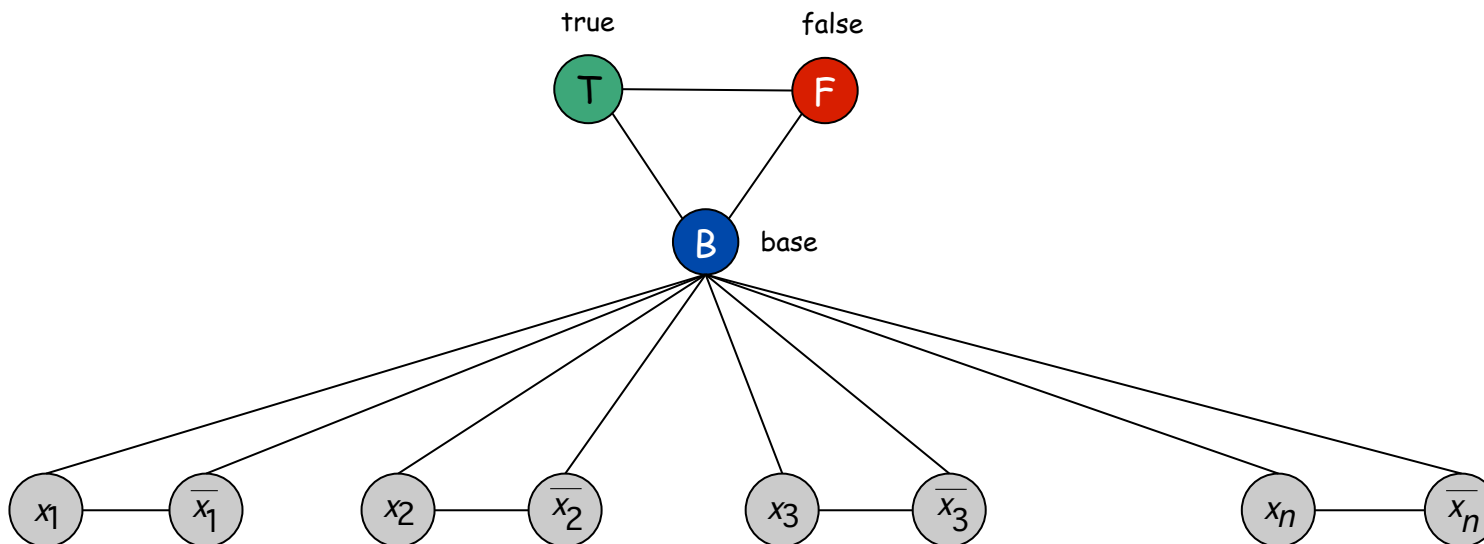


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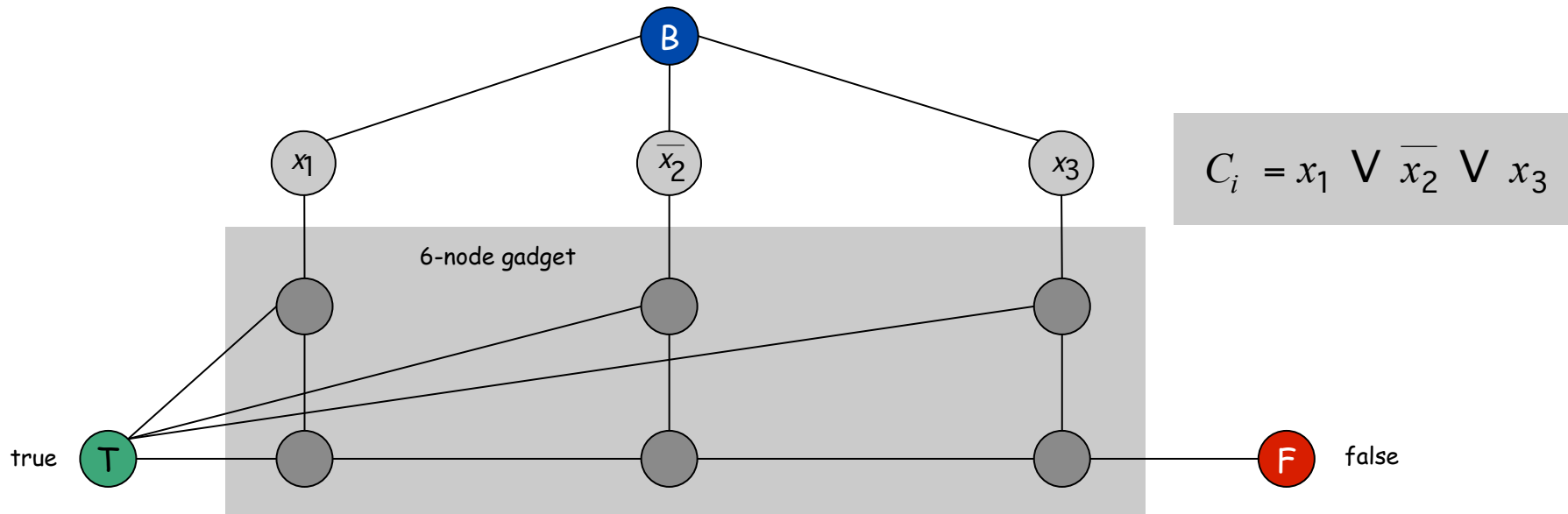
Pf. \Rightarrow Suppose G is 3-colorable.

- Consider assignment that sets all **T-colored** literals to **true**.
- (ii) ensures each literal is T or F.
- (iii) ensures a literal and its negation are opposites.

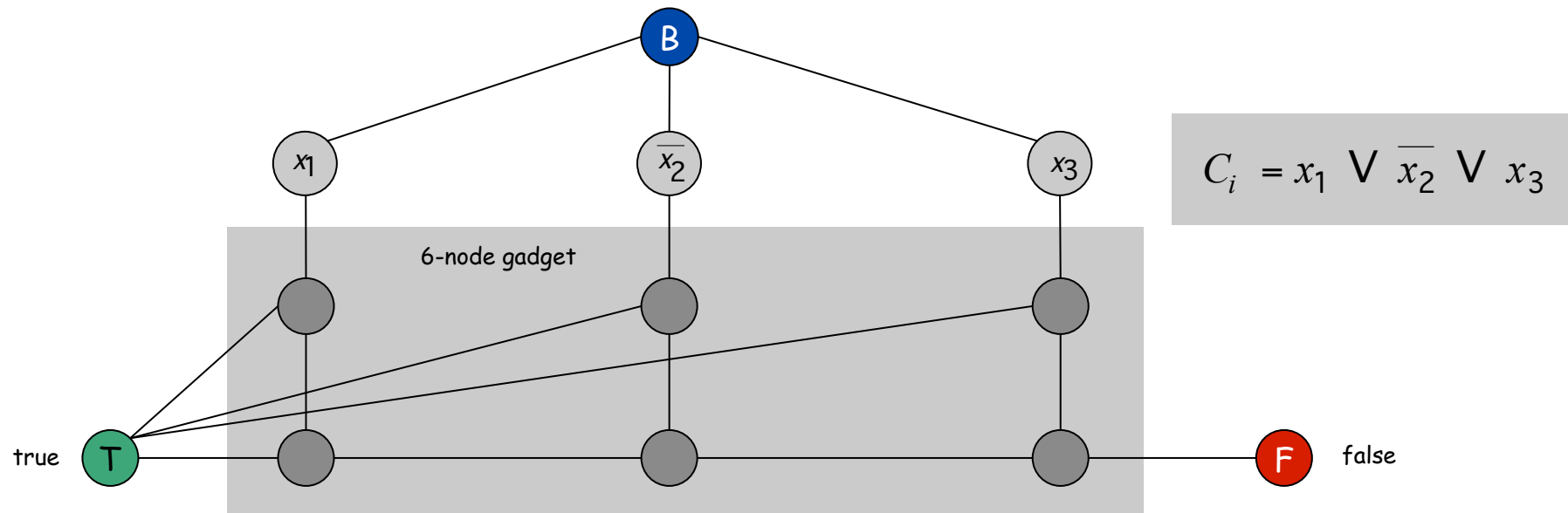


3-Colorability

Gadget 2: **Clause-Gadget** forces at least one literal in C be colored with **green**.

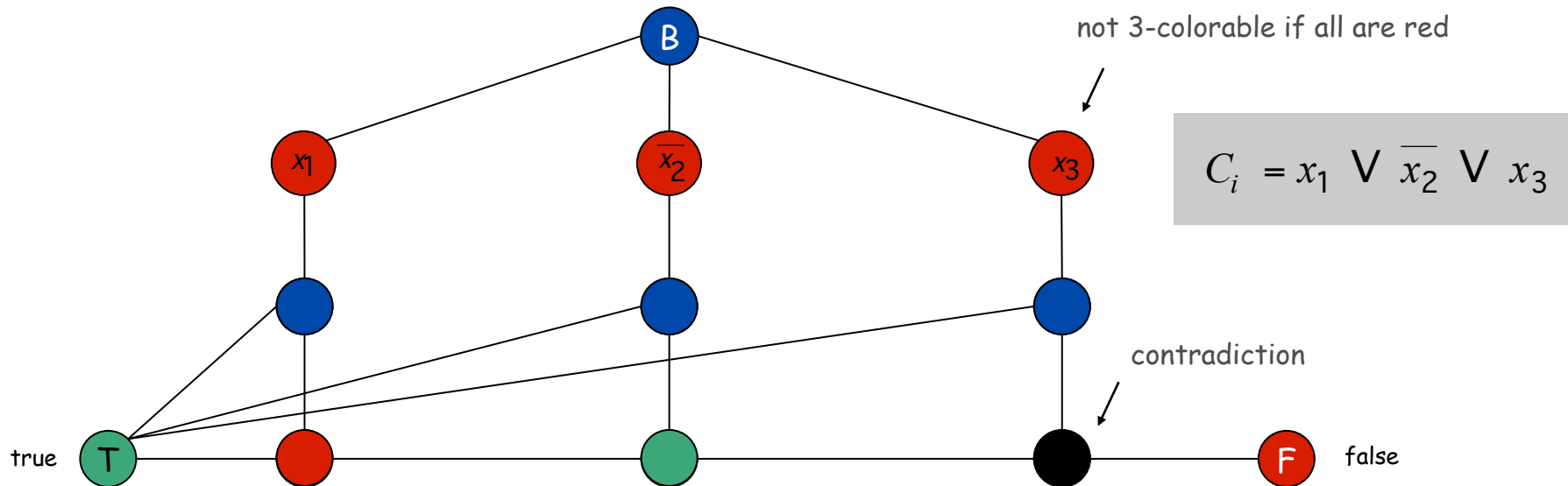


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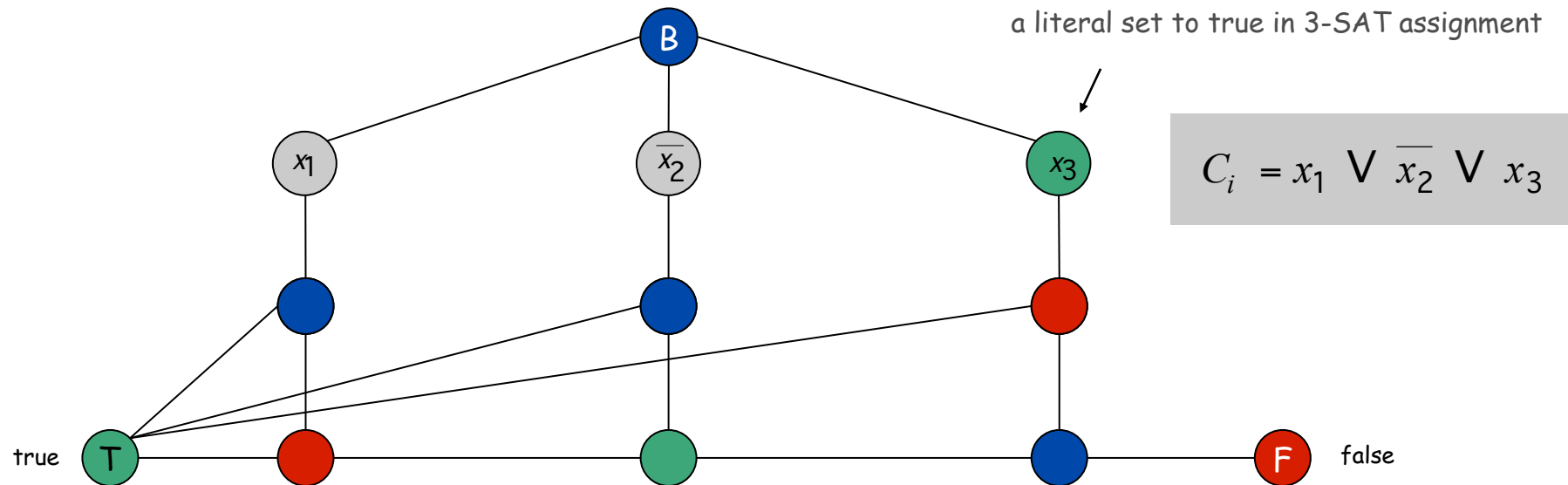
3-Colorability

PROP. 1. If all literals of C are red, then 3-coloring of the Gadget 1-2 is not possible.



3-Colorability

PROP. 2. If one literal of the Clause is colored **green**, then 3-coloring is possible!

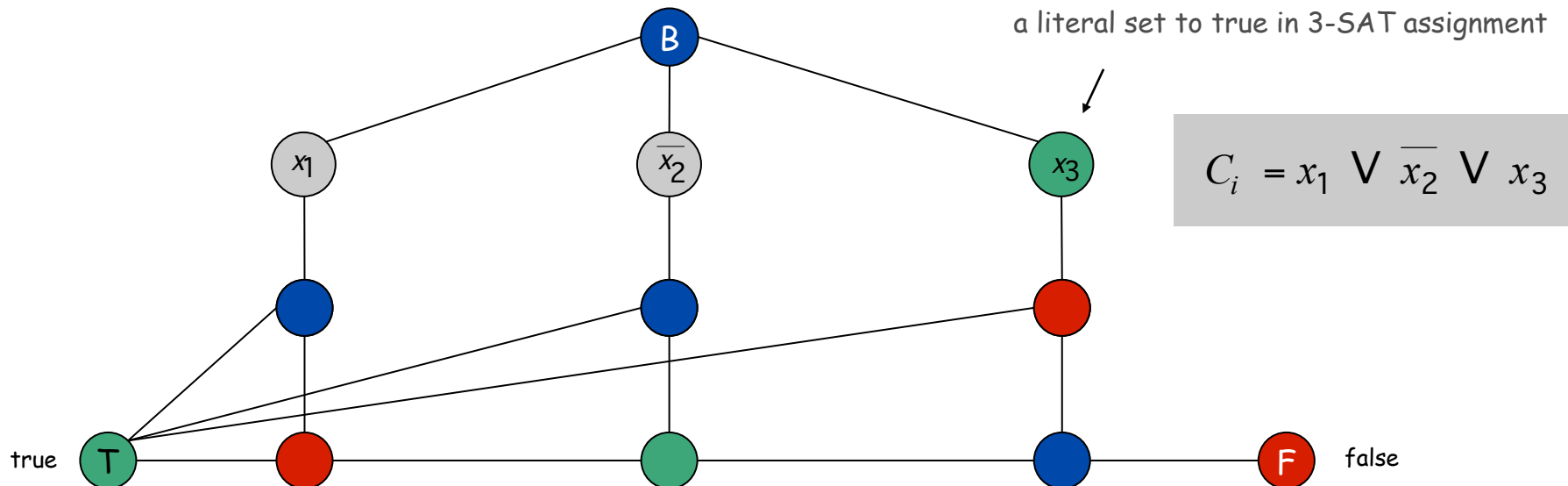


3-Colorability

Claim. Graph is 3-colorable iff Φ is satisfiable.

Pf. \Leftarrow Suppose 3-SAT formula Φ 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 Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance of SUBSET-SUM that has solution iff Φ is satisfiable.

Subset Sum

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

Claim. Φ is satisfiable iff there exists a subset that sums to W .

Pf. No carries possible.

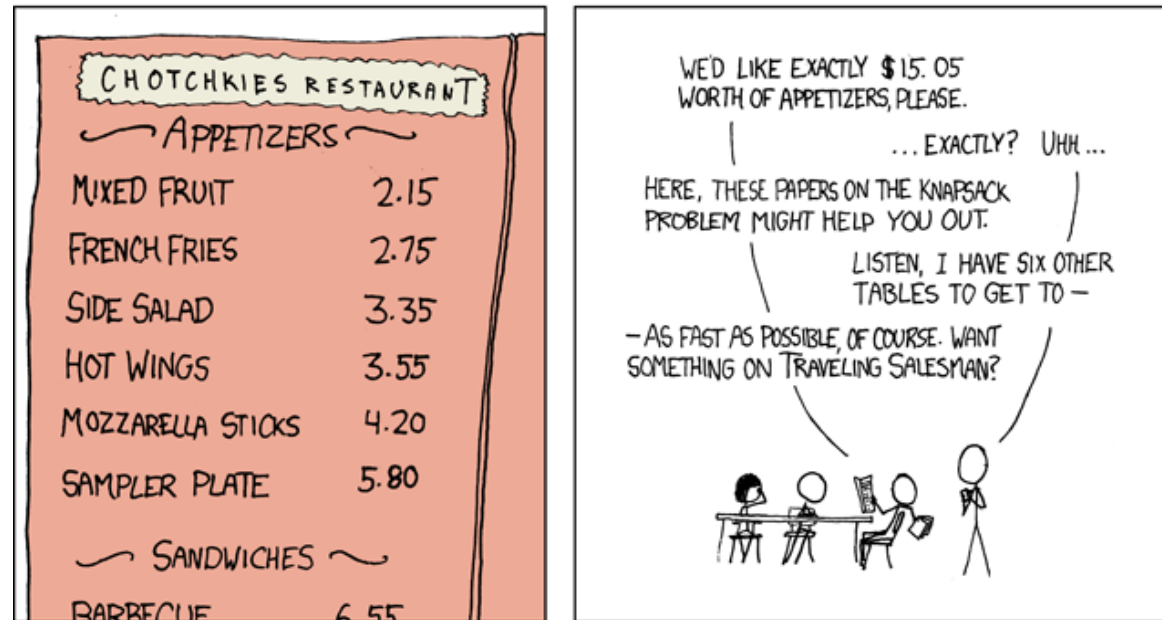
$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 &= \bar{x} \vee y \vee z \\
 C_2 &= x \vee \bar{y} \vee z \\
 C_3 &= \bar{x} \vee \bar{y} \vee \bar{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

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	100,010
$\neg x$	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
W	1	1	1	4	4	4	111,444

My Hobby

MY HOBBY:
EMBEDDING NP-COMPLETE PROBLEMS IN RESTAURANT ORDERS



Randall Munro
<http://xkcd.com/c287.html>

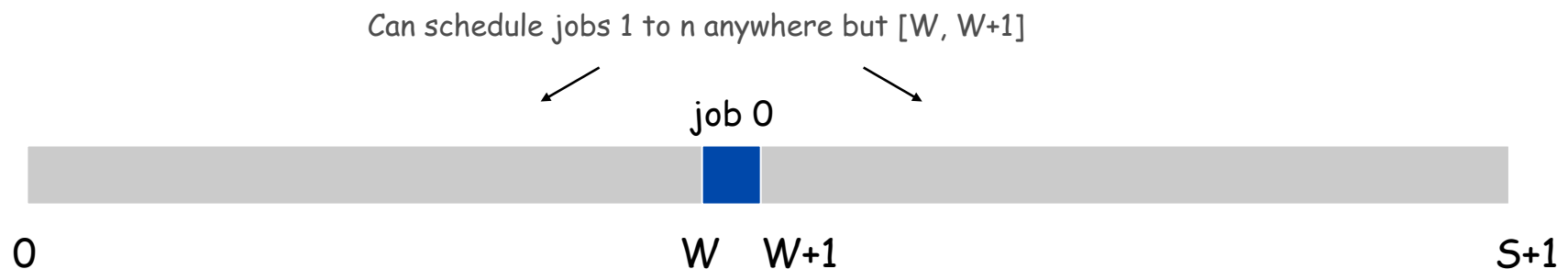
Scheduling With Release Times

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 $d_0 = W+1$.

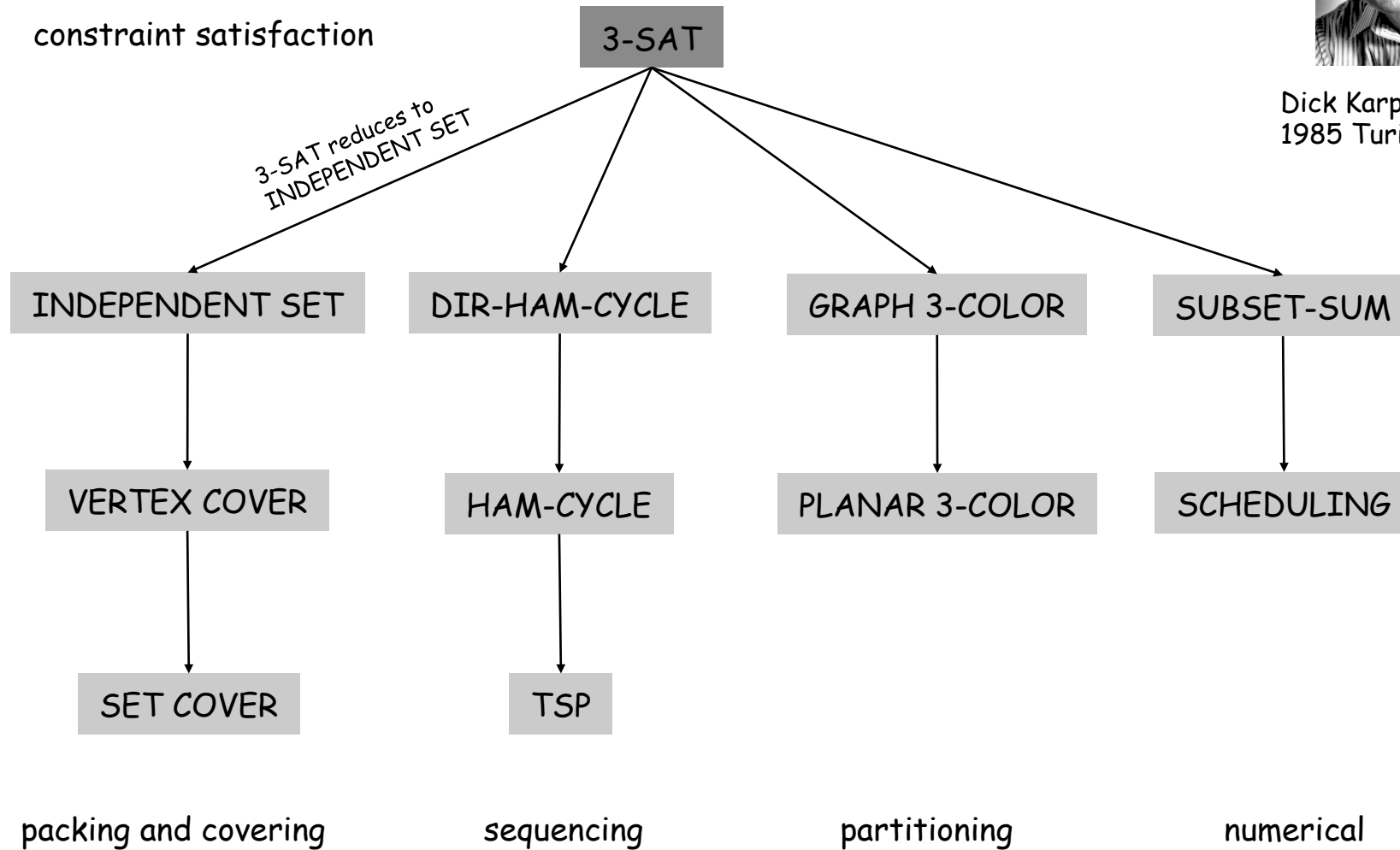


8.10 A Partial Taxonomy of Hard Problems

Polynomial-Time Reductions



Dick Karp (1972)
1985 Turing Award



Extra Slides

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	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	100,010,001,000	
x_2	y_2	z_4	0	1	0	0	0	1	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	1	100,100,001	
x_3	y_1	z_2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1,010,000,100	
x_3	y_1	z_3	0	0	1	0	1	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	1,010,001,000	
x_4	y_4	z_4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	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.

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

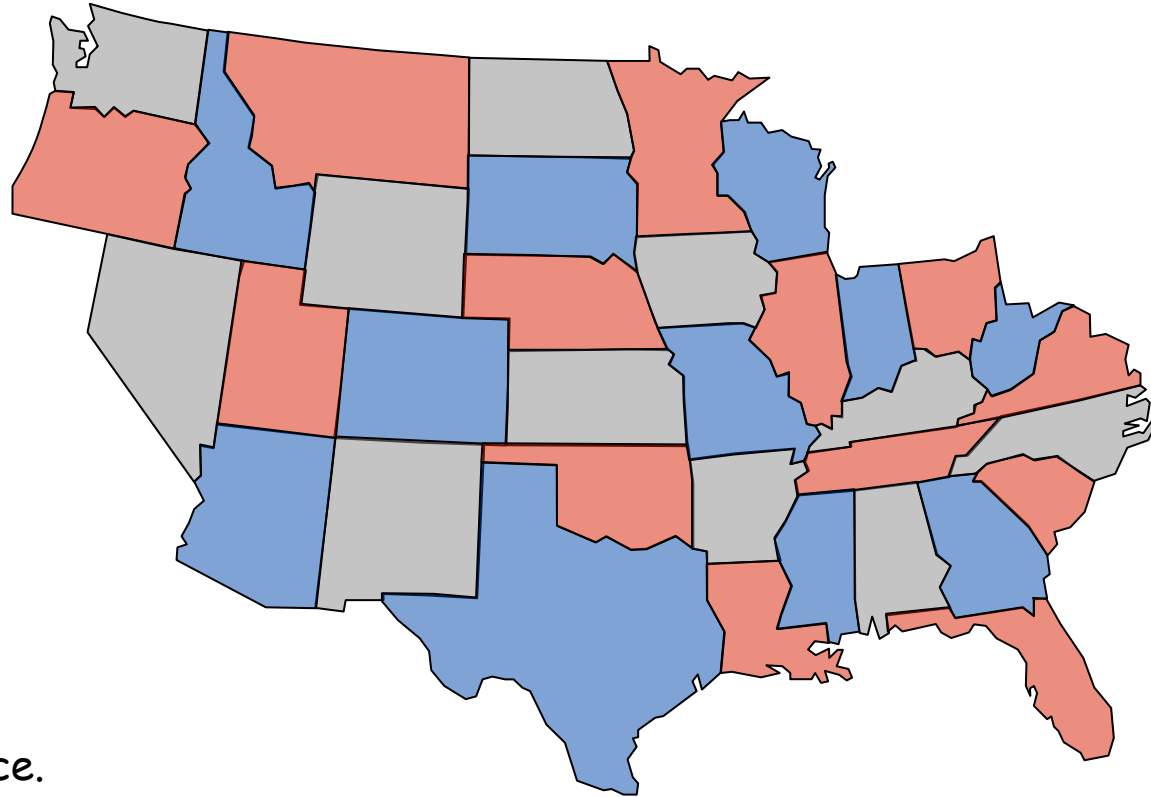
- There exists a subset that sums to W iff there exists a partition since two new elements cannot be in the same partition. ▪

$v_{n+1} = 2 \sum_i w_i - W$	W	subset A
$v_{n+2} = \sum_i w_i + W$	$\sum_i w_i - W$	subset B

4 Color Theorem

Planar 3-Colorability

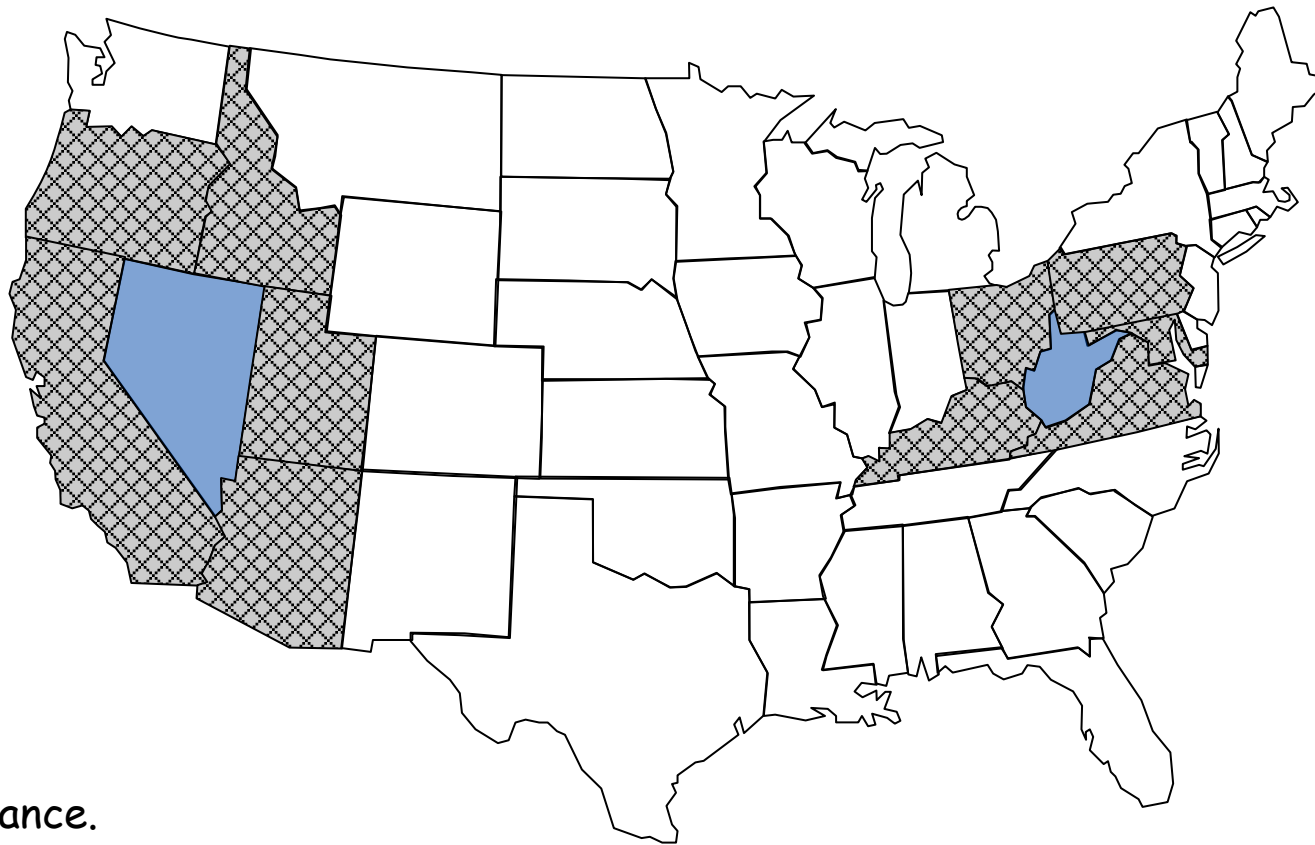
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YES instance.

Planar 3-Colorability

PLANAR-3-COLOR. Given a planar map, can it be colored using 3 colors so that no adjacent regions have the same color?

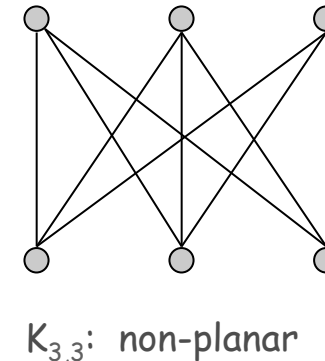
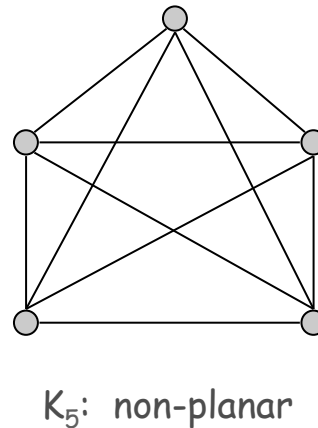
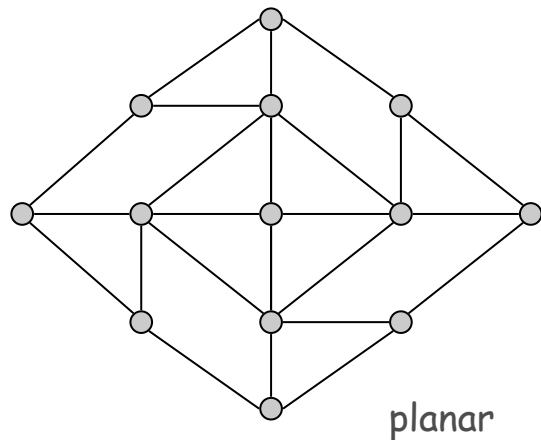


NO instance.

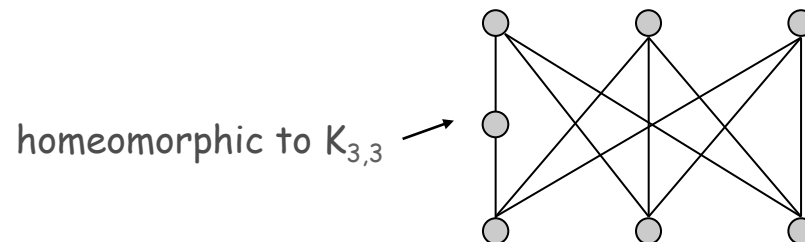
Planarity

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.



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

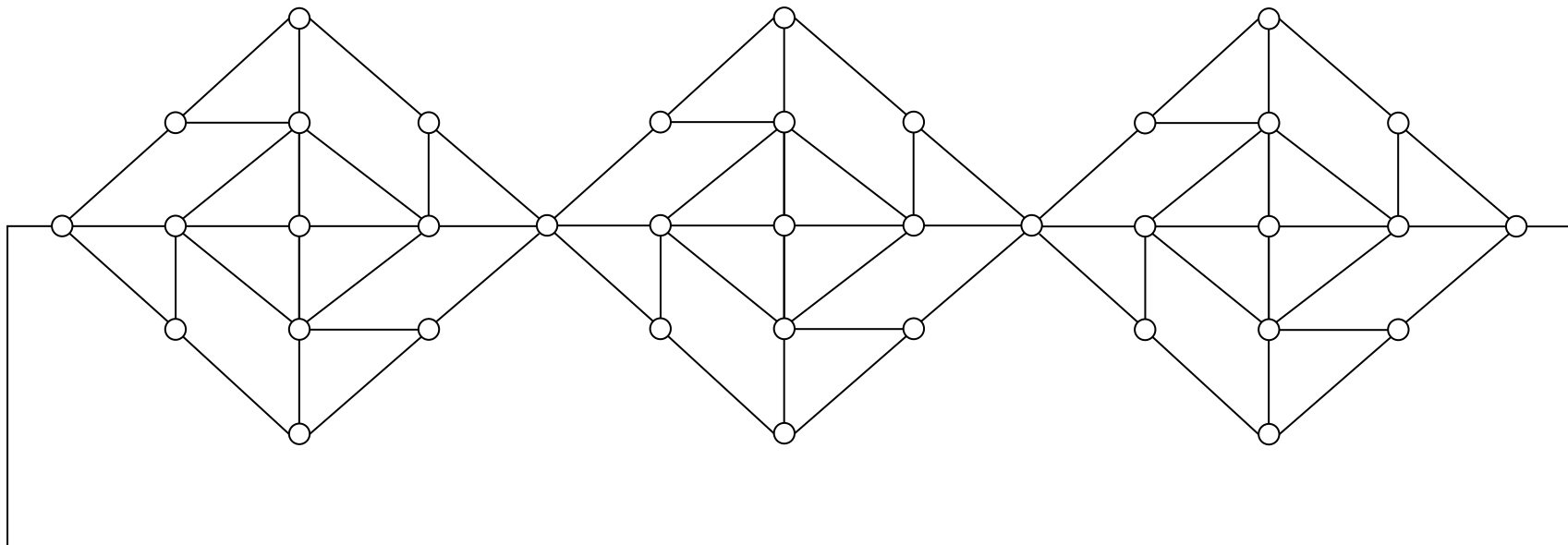
Planarity testing. [Hopcroft-Tarjan 1974] $O(n)$.

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 Graph 3-Colorability

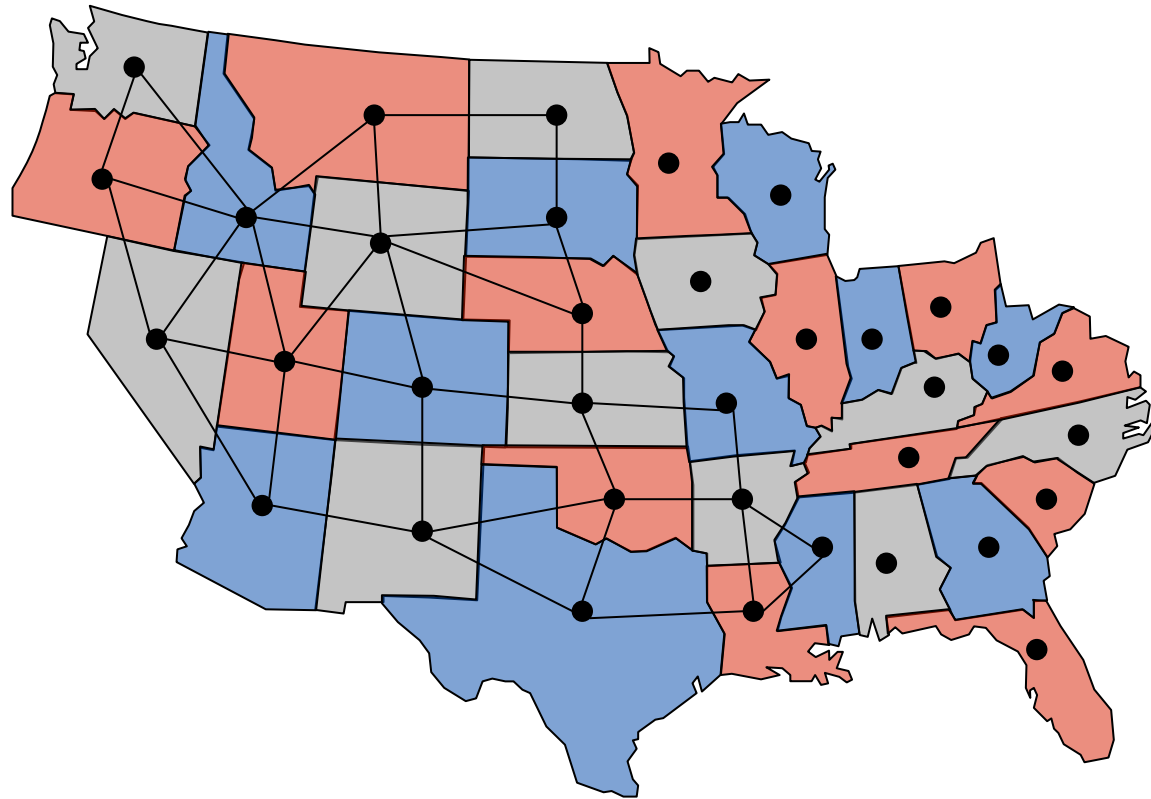
Q. Is this planar graph 3-colorable?



Planar 3-Colorability and Graph 3-Colorability

Claim. PLANAR-3-COLOR \leq_p PLANAR-GRAPH-3-COLOR.

Pf sketch. Create a vertex for each region, and an edge between regions that share a nontrivial border.

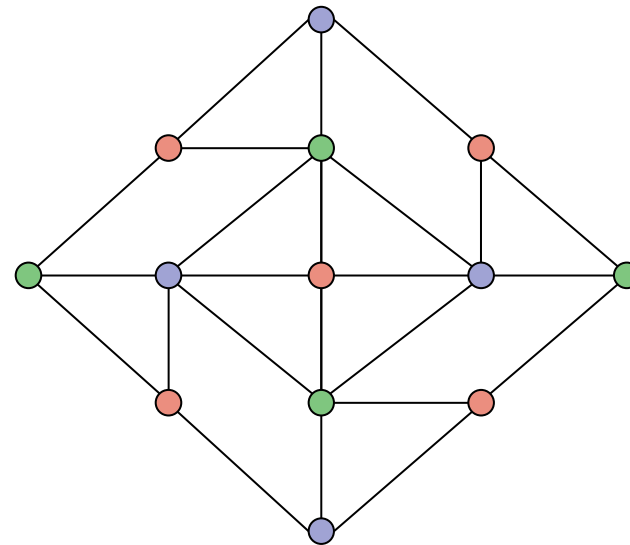
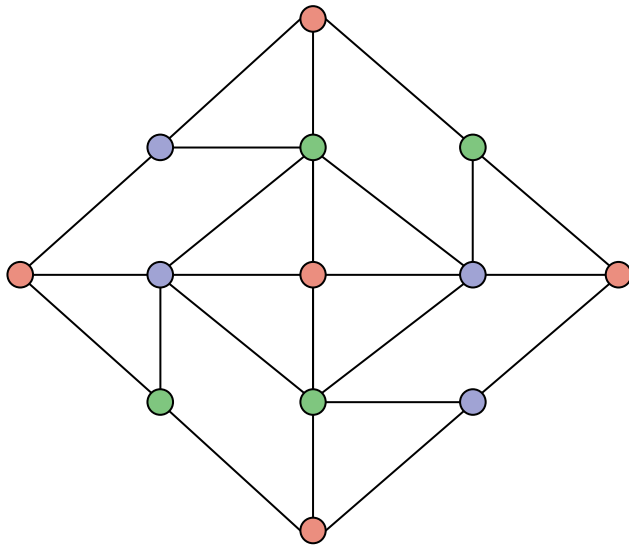


Planar Graph 3-Colorability

Claim. W is a planar graph such that:

- 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 .

Pf. Only 3-colorings of W are shown below (or by permuting colors).

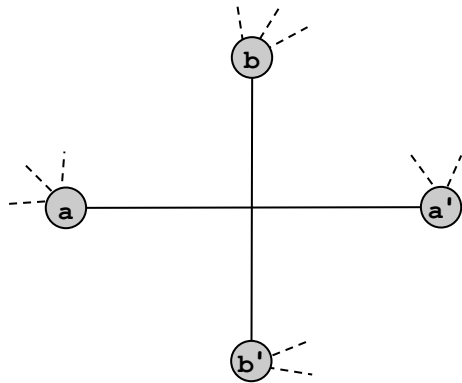


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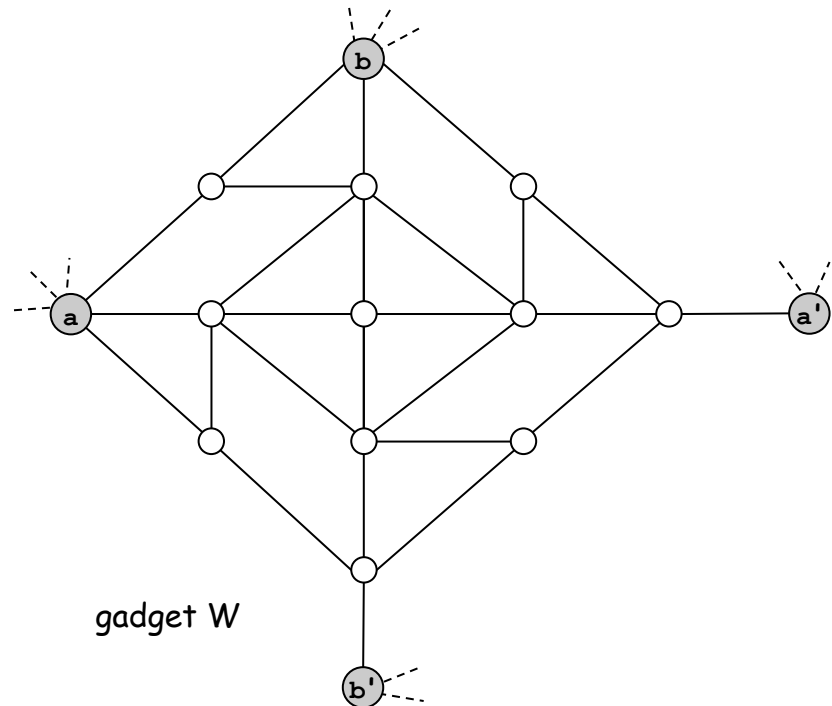
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Pf. Given instance of 3-COLOR, draw graph in plane, letting edges cross.

- Replace each edge crossing with planar gadget W .
- In any 3-coloring of W , $a \neq a'$ and $b \neq b'$.
- If $a \neq a'$ and $b \neq b'$ then can extend to a 3-coloring of W .



a crossing



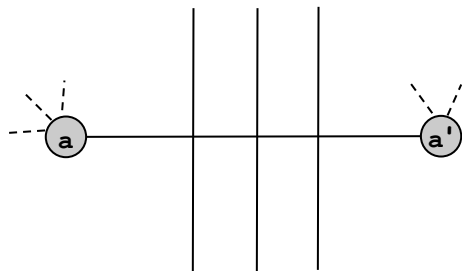
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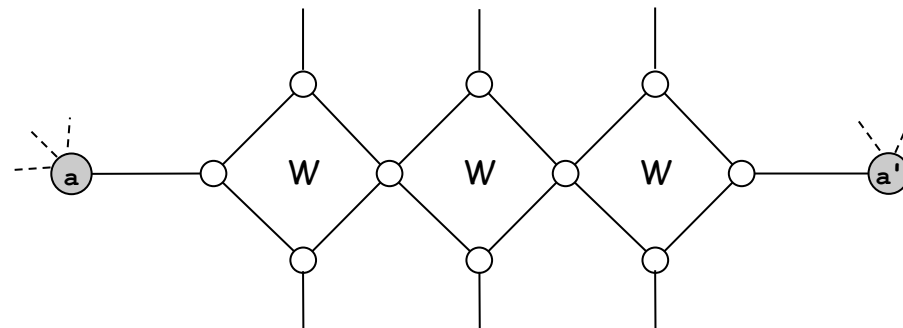
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multiple crossings



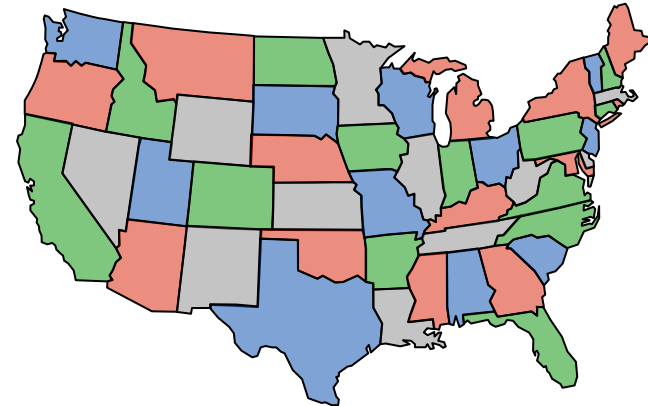
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Planar k-Colorability

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.

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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 $O(n^3)$.