

# More NP-Complete Problems

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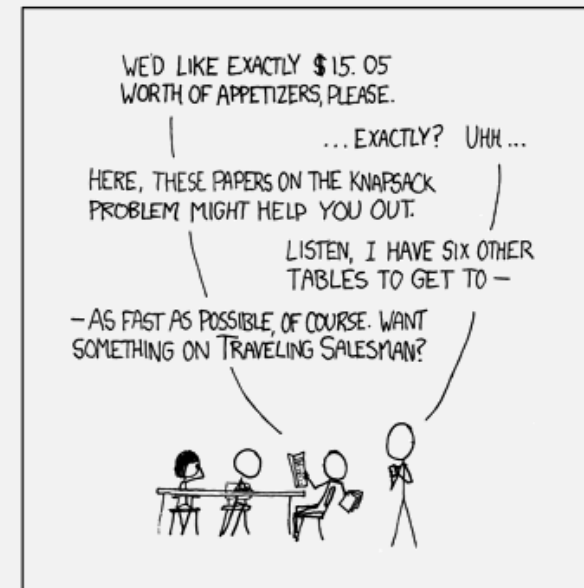
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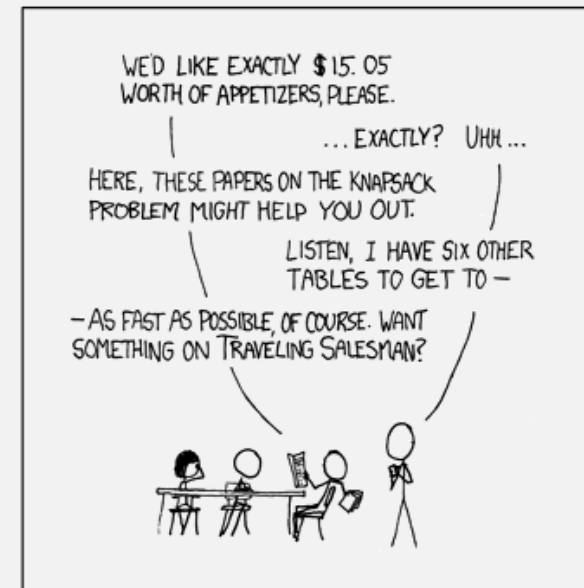


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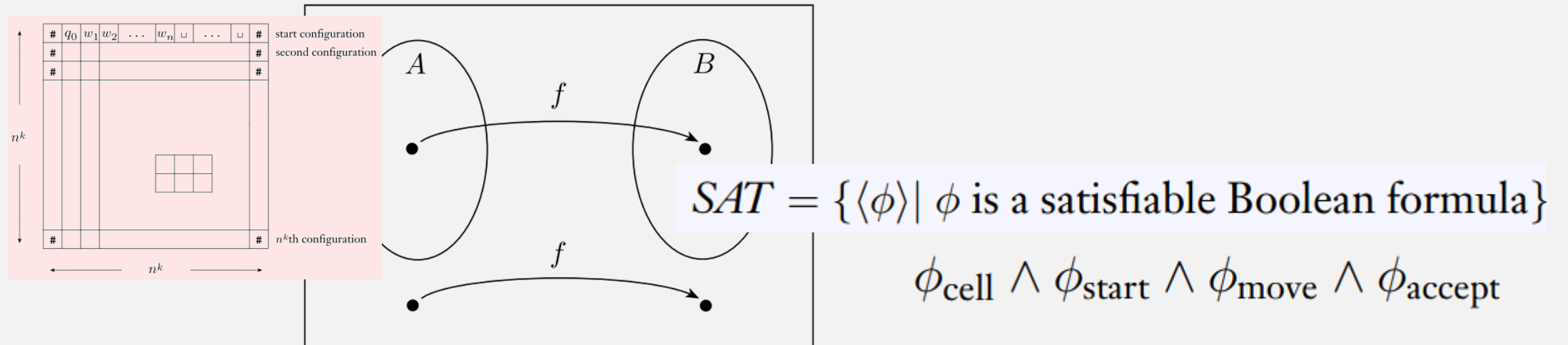
- HW11 due 11:59pm EST tonight
- HW12 out
  - Due Wed 5/12 11:59pm EST
  - Last hw

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# Last Time: *SAT* is NP-complete



**Now it will be much easier to prove that other languages are NP-complete**

## THEOREM 7.36

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Key Thm: If  $B$  is NP-complete and  $B \leq_P C$  for  $C$  in NP, then  $C$  is NP-complete.

To use this theorem,  
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### Proof:

- Need to show:  $C$  is **NP-complete**, i.e., (Def 7.34):
  - it's in **NP** (given), and
  - every lang  $A$  in **NP** reduces to  $C$  in poly time (must show)
- For every language  $A$  in **NP**, reduce  $A \rightarrow C$  by:
  - First reduce  $A \rightarrow B$  in poly time
    - Can do this because  $B$  is **NP-Complete**
  - Then reduce  $B \rightarrow C$  in poly time
    - This is given
- Total run time: Poly time + poly time = poly time

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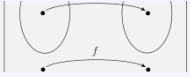
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- ... by constructing poly time reduction from:
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  - to 
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• Reduction: Given an arbitrary SAT formula:

1. Convert to conjunctive normal form (CNF), ie an AND of OR clauses

• Use DeMorgan's Law to push negations onto literals  $O(n)$

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \iff (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q) \quad \neg(P \wedge Q) \iff (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$$

• Distribute ORs to get ANDs outside of parens  $O(n)$

$$(P \vee (Q \wedge R)) \iff ((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R))$$

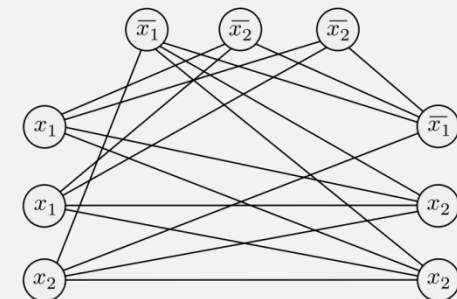
2. Then split clauses to 3cnf by adding new variables  $O(n)$

$$(a_1 \vee a_2 \vee a_3 \vee a_4) \quad (a_1 \vee a_2 \vee z) \wedge (\bar{z} \vee a_3 \vee a_4)$$

Remaining Step  
(on your own):  
show iff relation holds

# NP-Complete problems, so far

- $SAT = \{\langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable Boolean formula}\}$  (Cook-Levin Theorem)
- $3SAT = \{\langle \phi \rangle \mid \phi \text{ is a satisfiable 3cnf-formula}\}$  (just now: reduced  $SAT$  to  $3SAT$ )
- $CLIQUE = \{\langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph with a } k\text{-clique}\}$ 
  - $CLIQUE$  is in NP (Thm 7.24)
  - $3SAT$  is polynomial time reducible to  $CLIQUE$ . (Thm 7.32)

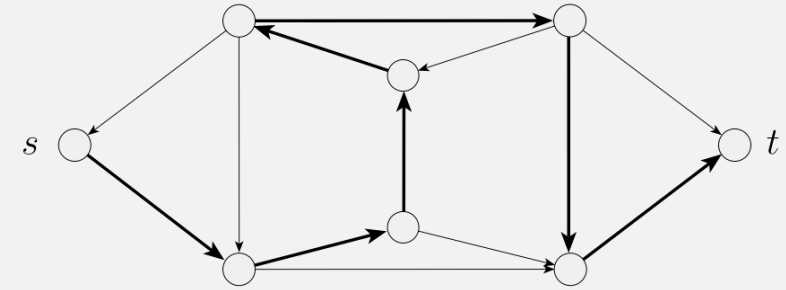


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# Other **NP** (not shown complete yet) Problems, so far

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- A Hamiltonian path goes through every node in the graph

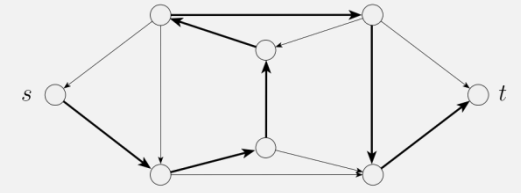
**All NP-Complete!**  
(will prove it today)

- $SUBSET-SUM = \{\langle S, t \rangle \mid S = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, \text{ and for some } \{y_1, \dots, y_l\} \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, \text{ we have } \sum y_i = t\}$

- Some subset of a set of numbers sums to some total
- e.g.,  $\langle \{4, 11, 16, 21, 27\}, 25 \rangle \in SUBSET-SUM$



# Theorem: *HAMPATH* is NP-complete



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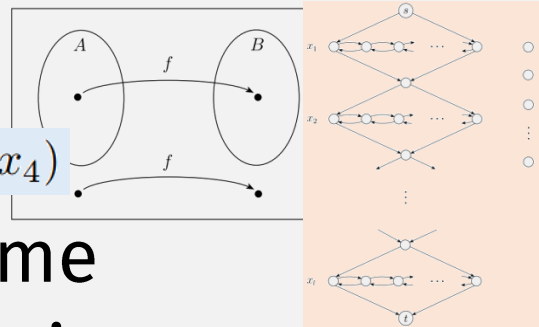
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Strategy: Use Proof Parts (5):

- ✓ 1. Show *HAMPATH* is in **NP** (done in prev class)
- ✓ 2. Choose **NP**-complete problem to reduce from: *3SAT*
- ➔ 3. Create the computable function:

Coming up next!

$$(x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_5} \vee x_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \overline{x_6} \vee x_4)$$



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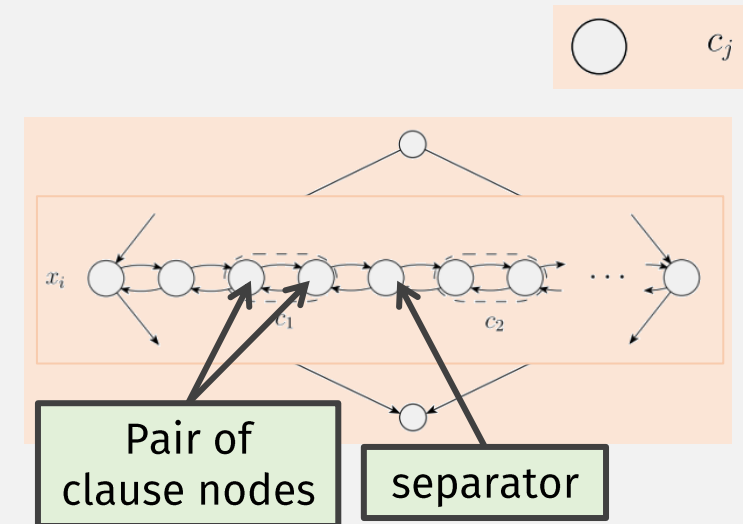
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  - Satisfiable 3cnf formula  $\iff$  graph with Hamiltonian path

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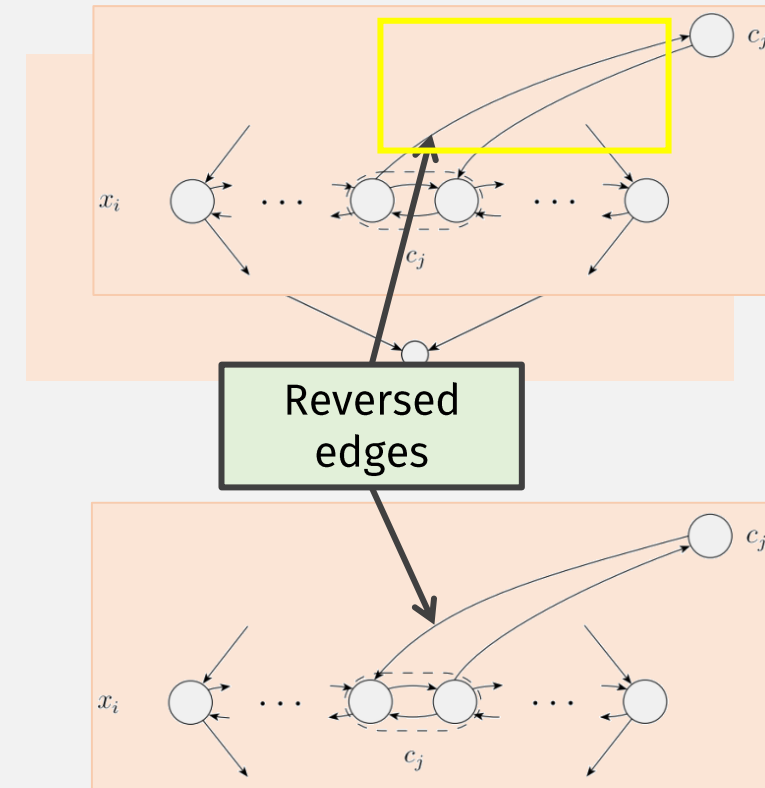


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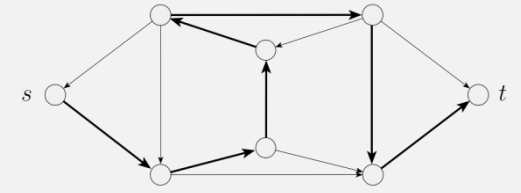
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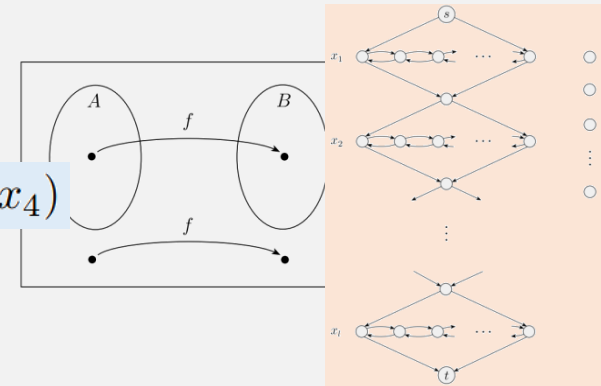


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# Polynomial Time?

**TOTAL:**  
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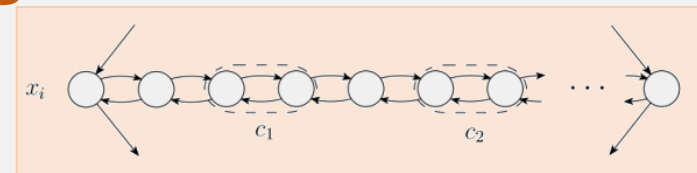
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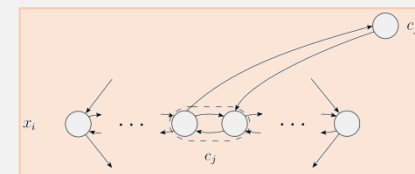
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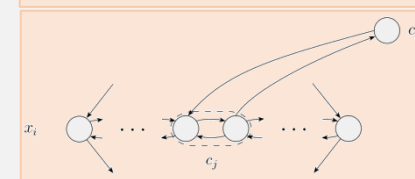


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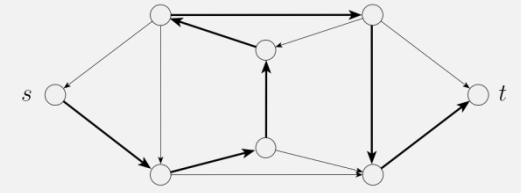
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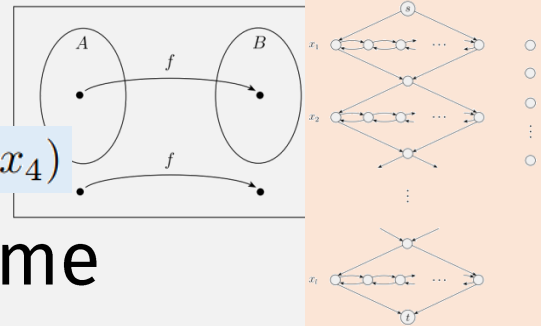


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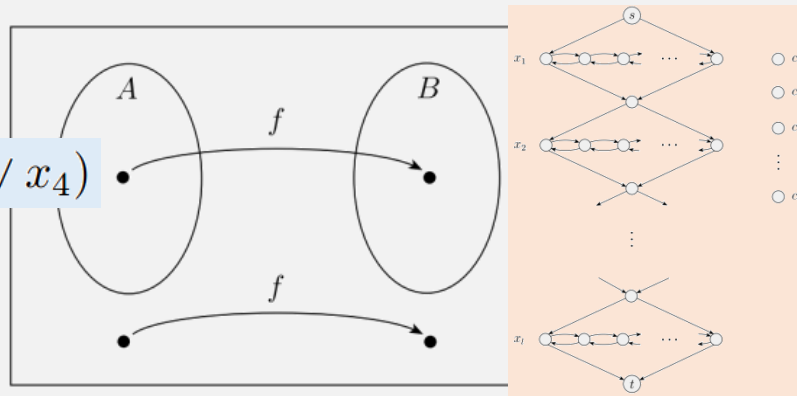
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Want: Satisfiable 3cnf formula  $\Leftrightarrow$  graph with Hamiltonian path  
 $\Rightarrow$  If there is Satisfying assignment, then Hamiltonian path exists

These hit all nodes except extra  $c_j$ s

$x_i = \text{TRUE} \rightarrow$  Hampath “zig-zags” gadget  $x_i$

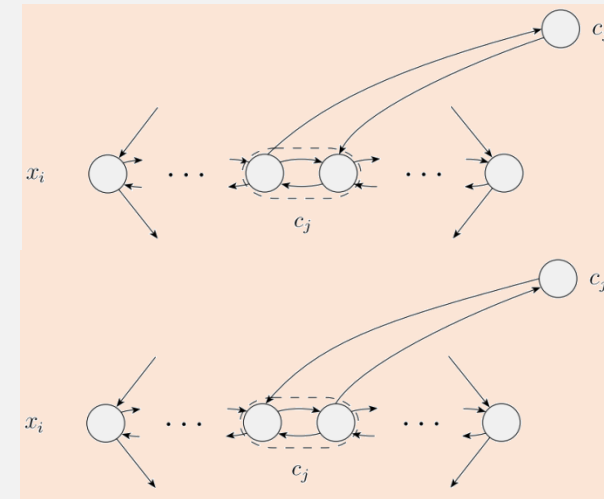
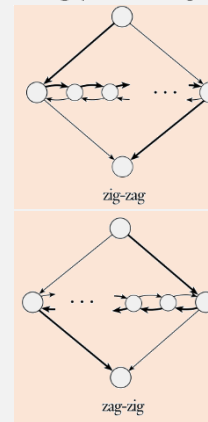
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- Lit  $x_i$  makes clause  $c_j$  TRUE  $\rightarrow$  “detour” to  $c_j$  in gadget  $x_i$
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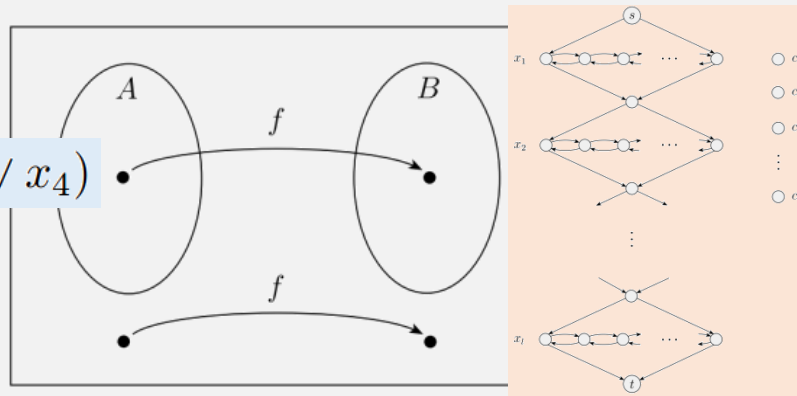
Now path goes through every node

Every clause must be TRUE so path hits all  $c_j$  nodes

- And edge directions align with TRUE/FALSE assignments

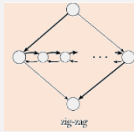


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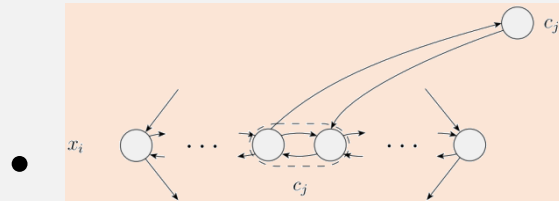
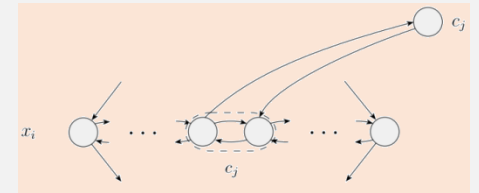
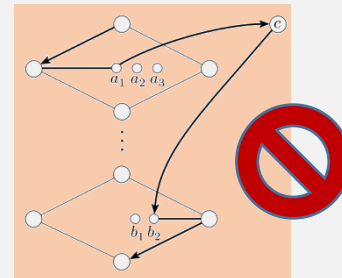
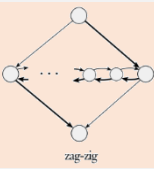


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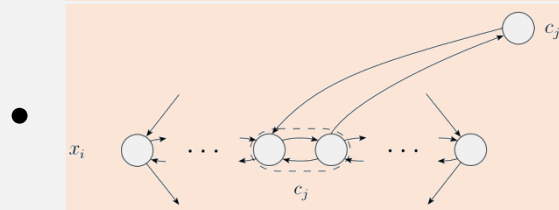
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- A Hamiltonian path must choose to either zig-zag or zag-zig gadgets
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- Otherwise, it will miss some nodes



gadget  $x_i$  “detours” from left to right  $\rightarrow x_i = \text{TRUE}$



gadget  $x_i$  “detours” from right to left  $\rightarrow x_i = \text{FALSE}$



# Theorem: *UHAMPATH* is NP-complete

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- Reduce *HAMPATH* to *UHAMPATH* (using Thm 7.36)
  - HW11
  - Remember to write out the 5 steps!

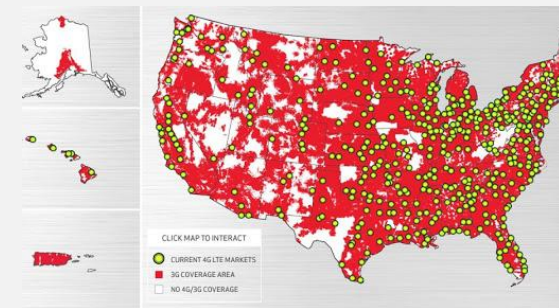
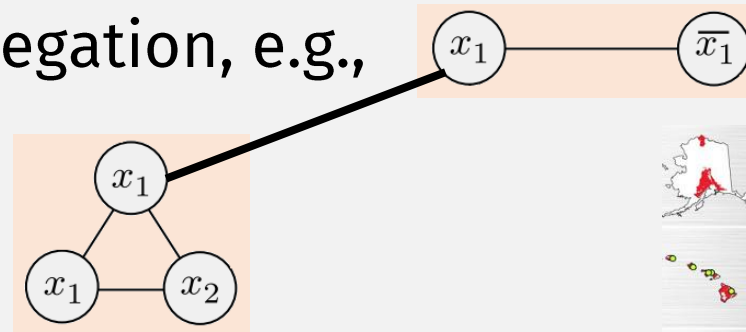
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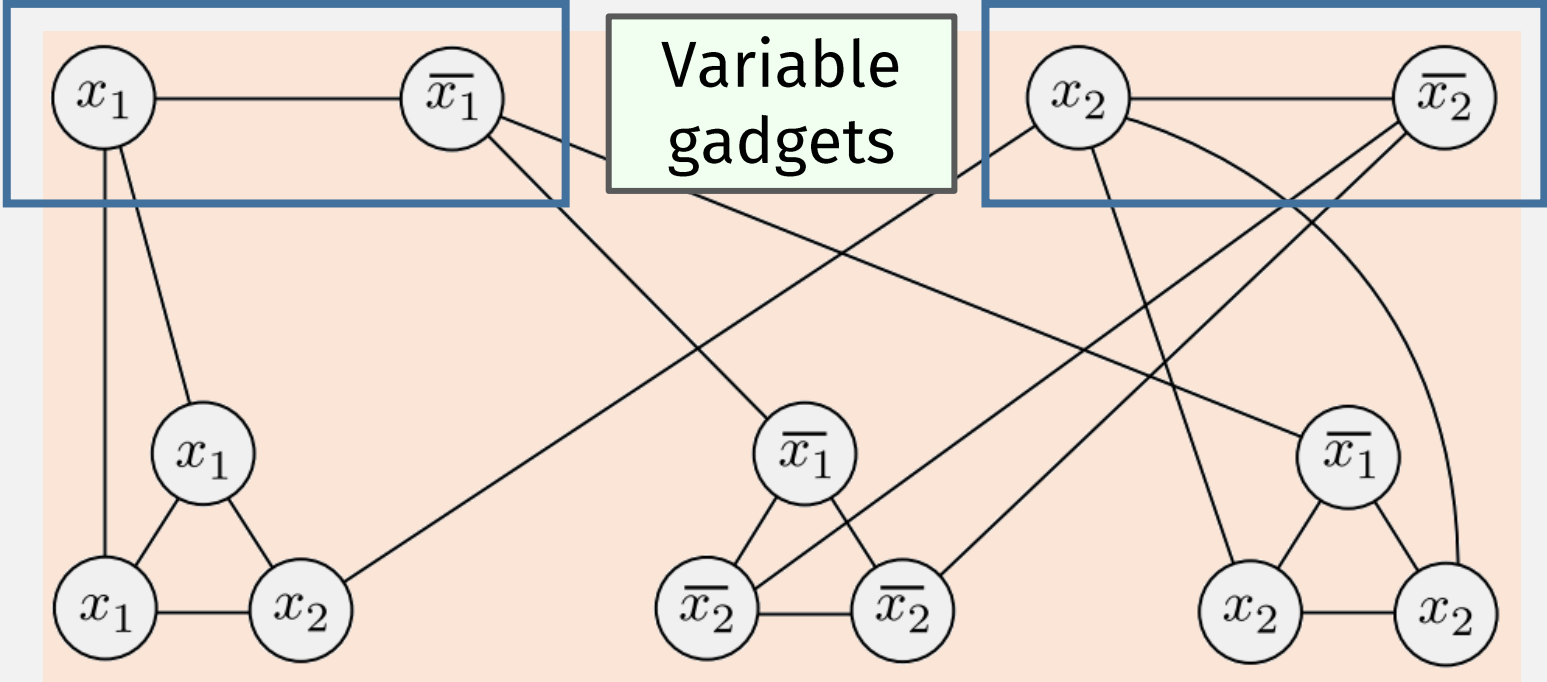
$VERTEX-COVER = \{ \langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is an undirected graph that has a } k\text{-node vertex cover} \}$

- A vertex cover of a graph is ...
  - ... a subset of its nodes where every edge touches one of those nodes
- Proof Sketch: Reduce *3SAT* to *VERTEX-COVER*
- The reduction maps:
- **Variable  $x_i \rightarrow 2$  connected nodes**
  - corresponding to the var and its negation, e.g.,
- **Clause  $\rightarrow 3$  connected nodes**
  - corresponding to its literals, e.g.,
- Additionally,
  - connect var and clause gadgets by ...
  - ... connecting nodes that correspond to the same literal



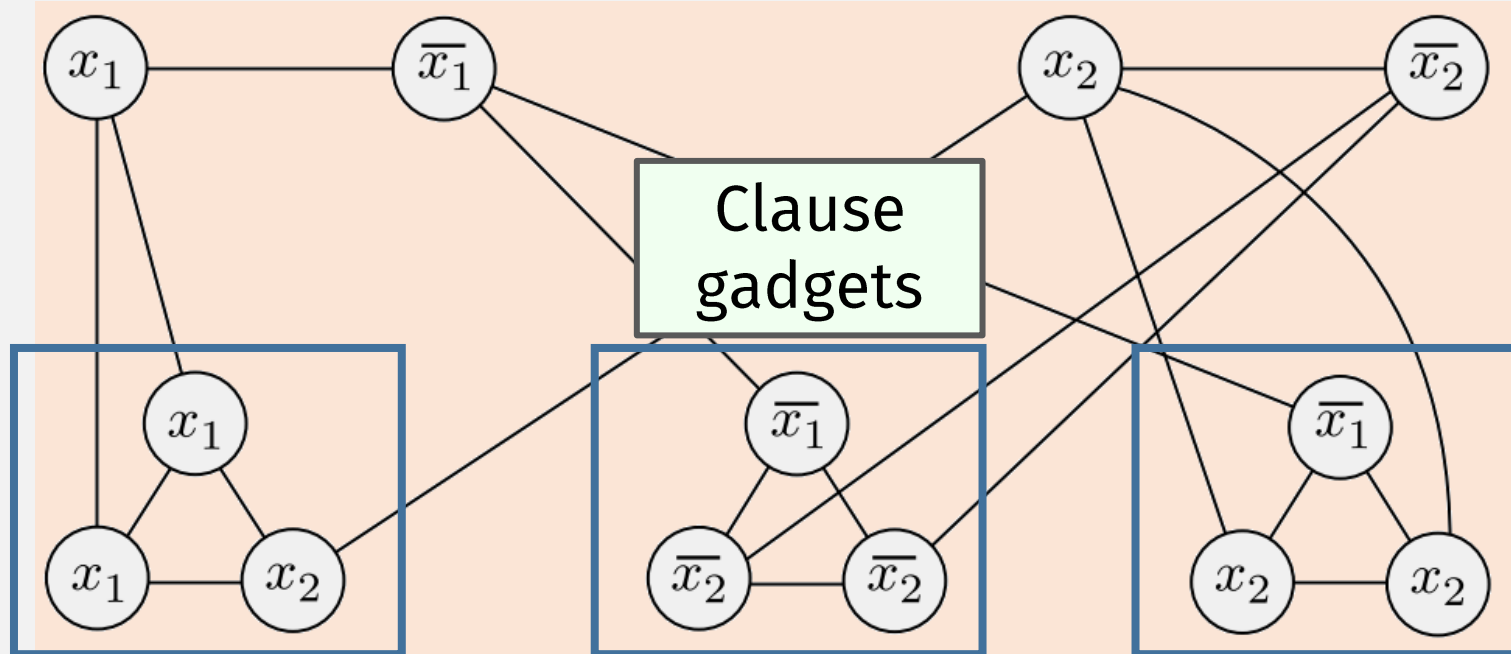
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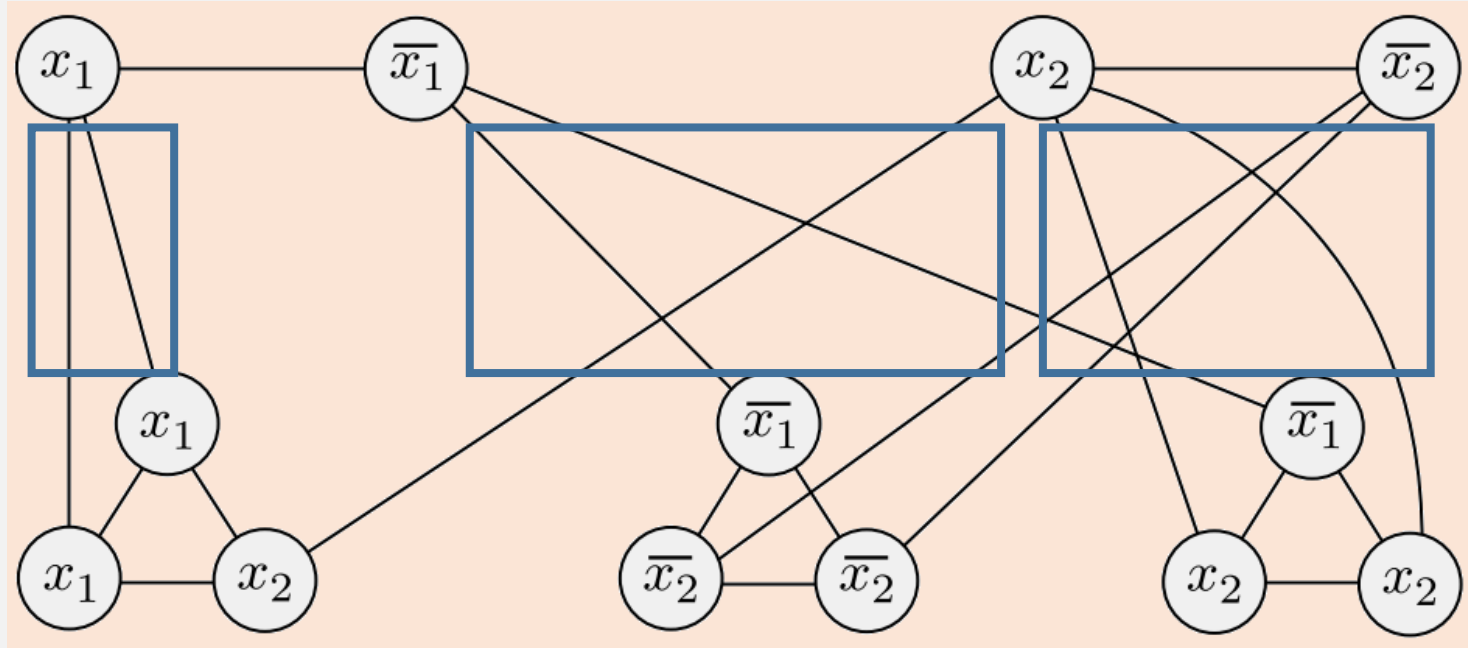


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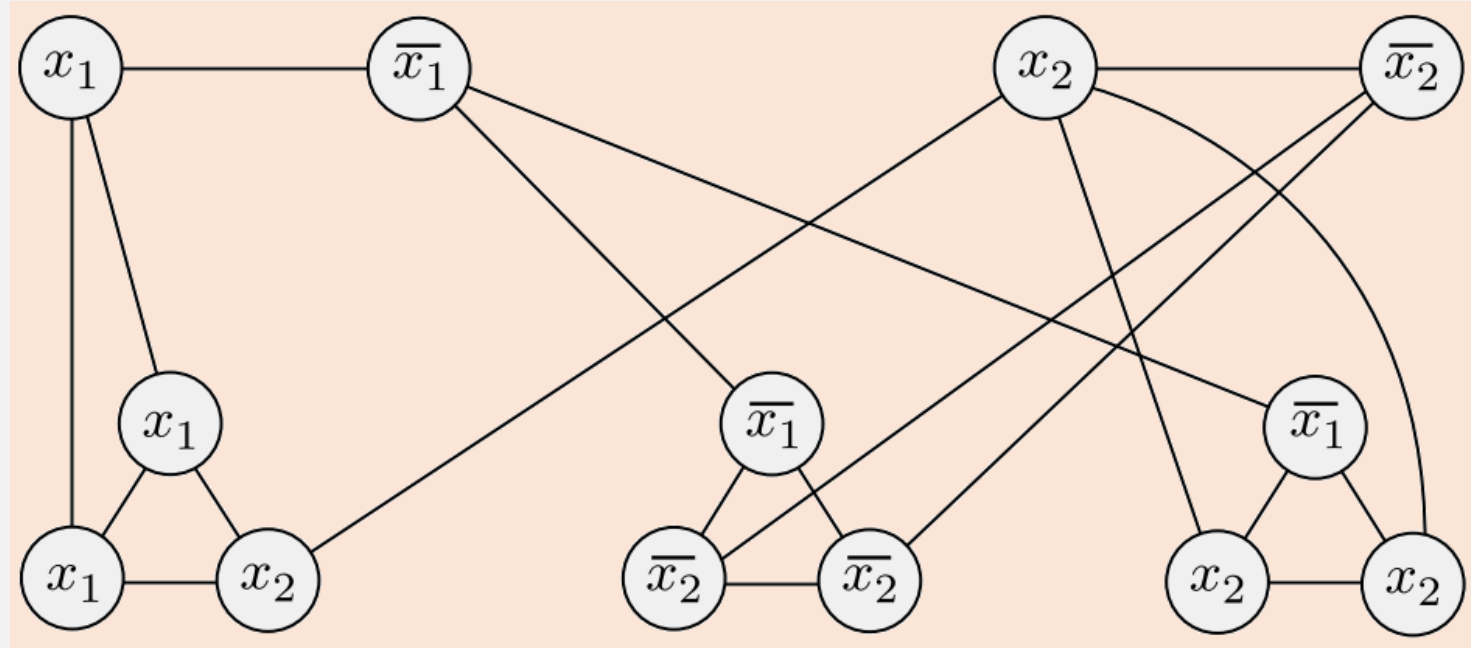


Extra edges connecting variable and clause gadgets together



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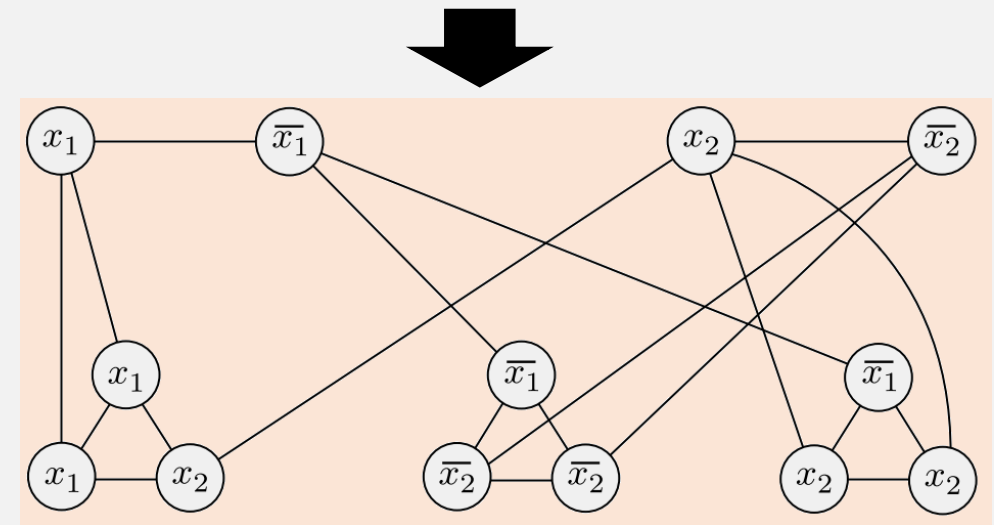
- Let formula have ...
  - $m = \#$  variables
  - $l = \#$  clauses
- Then graph has ...
  - $\#$  nodes =  $2m + 3l$

=> If satisfying assignment,

- then show there is a  $k$ -cover where  $k = m + 2l$

• Nodes in the cover:

- In each of  $m$  var gadgets, choose 1 node corresponding to TRUE literal
- For each of  $l$  clause gadgets, ignore 1 TRUE literal and choose other 2
- Since there is satisfying assignment, each clause has a TRUE literal
- Total =  $m + 2l$



**Take home exercise:**  
 Show that formula is satisfiable  
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
 Graph has a vertex cover with  $k$  nodes

# **Check-in Quiz 5/5**

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