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Other application

- TSP (Travelling Salesman Problem)
- VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) layout

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Remark:

∃2-conn. plane graphs

which are far from being Hamiltonian

Ex. Complete bipartite graph $K_{2,m}$

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For every SCW,

the length of it is $\geq 2|V(G) - V(H)| \\ = 2(2|V(H)| - 4) = \frac{4|V(G)| - 8}{3}$



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4-conn. graphs on projective plane

Main Thm.

 $\forall G : 4$ -connected graphs on the projective plane \Rightarrow Hamiltonian-connected

Projective plane



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Chiba & Nishizeki (`89) : $\exists O(n)$ -time algorithm to find Hamilton cycle in 4-conn. plane graph of order n

Summary

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