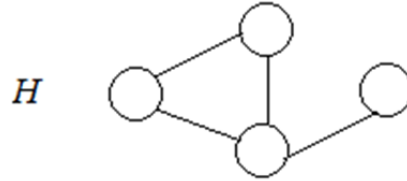


Assume you have access to a **decision** procedure  $\text{LONGESTSIMPLECYCLE?}(G, k)$  which decides in polynomial time if the longest simple cycle of graph  $G$  is of length  $k$ . For graph



$\text{LONGESTSIMPLECYCLE?}(H, 4)$  would return false, and  $\text{LONGESTSIMPLECYCLE?}(H, 3)$  would return true. Write a polynomial time procedure to accept as input a graph  $G$  and either return a Hamilton Cycle of  $G$  (it must actually construct the cycle) or return false if a Hamilton Cycle does not exist.

SOLUTION: **if**  $\text{LONGESTSIMPLECYCLE?}(G, |V(G)|) = \text{false}$  **then return false**

/\* We now know that  $G$  is Hamiltonian, so we have to compute a Hamilton cycle \*/

**for each**  $e \in E$  **if**  $\text{LONGESTSIMPLECYCLE?}(G - \{e\}, |V(G)|) = \text{true}$  /\*  $e$  is not critical \*/

**then**  $E \leftarrow E - \{e\}$

**return**  $E$