

THE COMPLEXITY OF HARD GRAPH PROBLEMS THIRTY YEARS LATER

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Trees/Forests	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]
Almost Trees (k)	P	P [OG]	P [T]	P?	P?	P?	P?	P [OG]	P?	P?	P?
Partial k -trees	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [S]	P [OG]	P [S]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [S]	P [S]	P [S]
Bandwidth- k	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P?	P [OG]	P?	P?	P [OG]	P [OG]	P?	P [OG]
Degree- k	P [T]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [OG]
Planar	P [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	O	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	P [GJ]
Series Parallel	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [S]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	P [GJ]
Outerplanar	P	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	P [GJ]
Halin	P	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [S]	P [GJ]
k -Outerplanar	P	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P?	P [GJ]
Grid	P	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [T]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	N [OG]	P [T]	N [OG]	P [GJ]
$K_{3,3}$ -Free	P [OG]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [OG]	N [GJ]	I [S]
Thickness- k	N [OG]	P [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	O?
Genus- k	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	P [OG]
Perfect	P [S]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Chordal	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [OG]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	I [GJ]
Split	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [OG]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	I [OG]
Strongly Chordal	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [S]	P [OG]	N [S]	P [OG]	I [S]
Comparability	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Bipartite	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	N [OG]	P [T]	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Permutation	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [S]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]
Cographs	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [S]	P [OG]	P [OG]
Undirected Path	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [S]	N [OG]	N [S]	O?	I [GJ]
Directed Path	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [S]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	O?
Interval	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]
Circular Arc	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [OG]	O?	P [S]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	O?
Circle	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	O?	P [OG]	N [S]	N [S]	P [OG]	O?
Proper Circ. Arc	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [S]
Edge (or Line)	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	P [S]	N [OG]	I [OG]
Claw-Free	P [T]	P [OG]	N [S]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [S]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [S]	N [OG]	I [OG]

The updated table from 1985 to 2018.

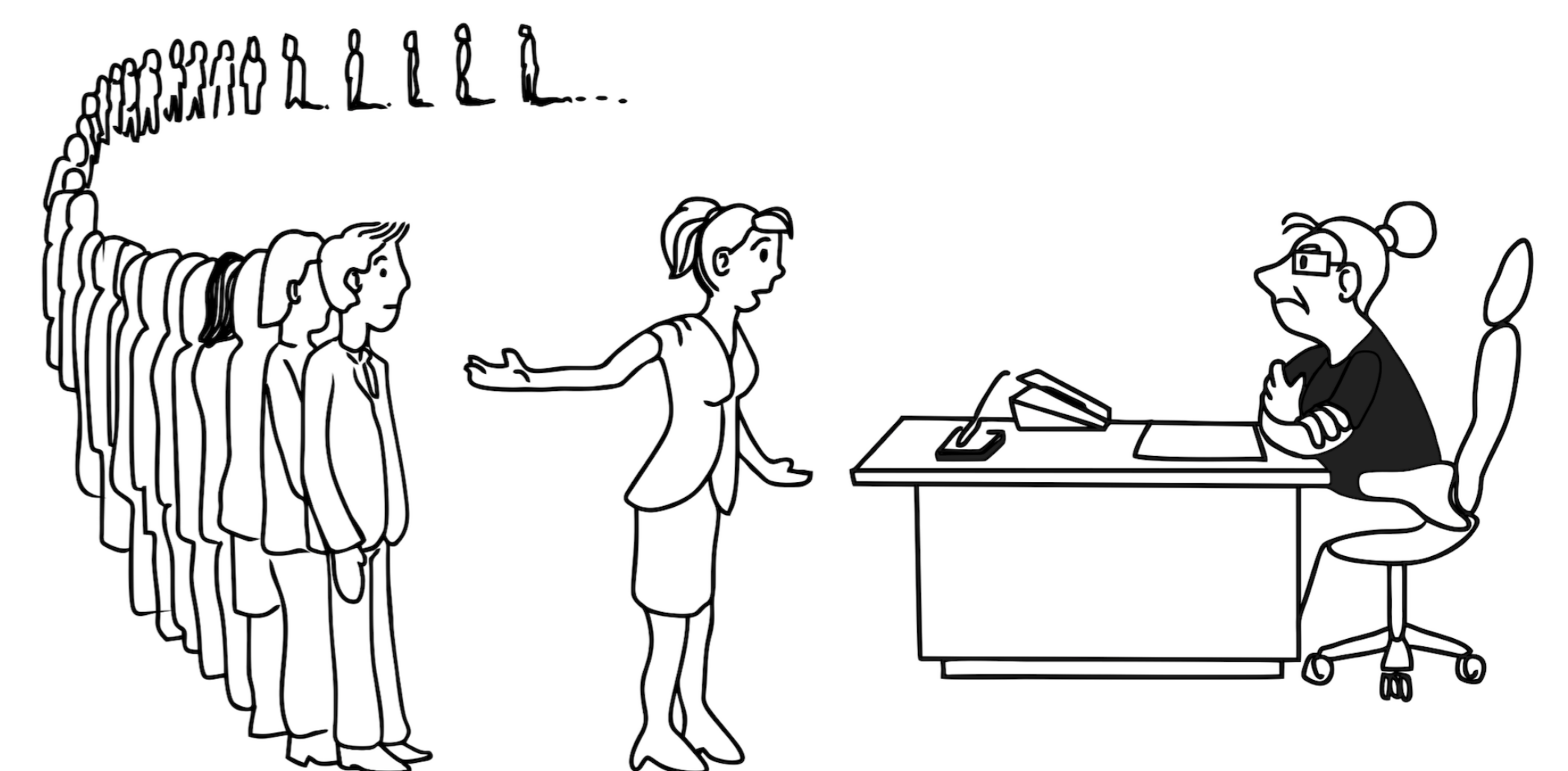
There are **23 new references**, classifying 33 former open problems.

There are **33 new entries**, all in bold, please refer to the survey paper [S].

We keep the abbreviations used in

The NP-Completeness Column: An Ongoing Guide [OG]:

- P** = Polynomial-time solvable
- P?** = Appears to be polynomial-time by standard techniques
- N** = NP-complete
- I** = Open, but equivalent in complexity to general GRAPH ISOMORPHISM
- O?** = Apparently open, but possibly easy to resolve
- O** = Open, and may well be hard
- [T]** = restriction trivializes the problem



"I can't find an efficient algorithm, but neither can all these famous people."

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