

# EULER CIRCUITS

## 1. BRIDGES OF KÖNIGSBERG

In 1736, the city of Königsberg in Prussia had a peculiar river layout, with seven bridges:

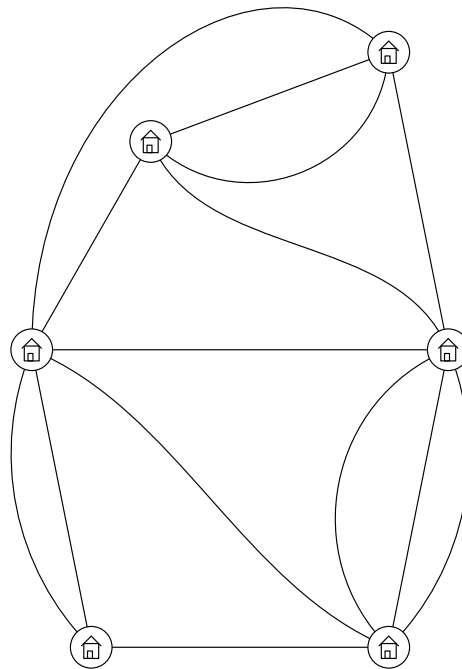


Leonard Euler, the famous mathematician, asked the following question:

**Question.** *Is there a path through the city that passes through every bridge exactly once? The path may start and end at different points.*

## 2. SMALL TOWN ROADS

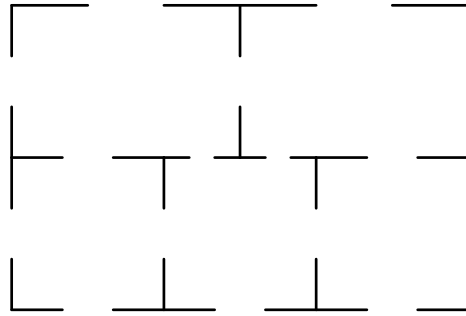
Consider a small town with six houses connected by roads:



**Question.** *Can you go between the houses passing along every road exactly once? You don't have to start and end at the same house.*

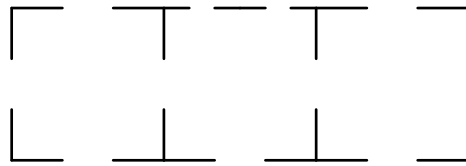
### 3. HOUSE WITH FIVE ROOMS

Let's say we have a house with five rooms and doors as shown below:



**Question.** *Can you go between the rooms, passing through every door exactly once? You may start in any room, and end in any room (or outside).*

**Question.** *Let's say we remove the top two rooms? Can you do it? Try this in the space below.*



Do you notice any similarity between these problems? How did you solve them? What do your paths look like? Can you think of a way to phrase the rooms question like the small town question?