

# BILL TAPE LECTURE

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5. The following problem thought to be hard:  
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**Question** Can Eve find out  $s$ ?

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**What is Believed**

1.  $DHF$  is hard.
2.  $DHF$  is not equivalent to  $DL$ .

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We omit discussion of Hardness assumption (HW)



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