# Lower Bounds for Subgraph Detection in the CONGEST Model 

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H. Graph we know a lower bound for
$\widetilde{H}: \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Graph we want a lower } \\ & \text { bound for }\end{aligned}$


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- Reduction can be derandomized
- Additional $O$ (lo gn) factor


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## Applying Two-Player Communication Complexity Lower Bounds

## Textbook reduction [Kushilevitz-Nisan]:

Given algorithm $A$ for solving task $T$...:


Solution for $T \Rightarrow$ answer for DISJOINTNESS

