

# LECTURE 2

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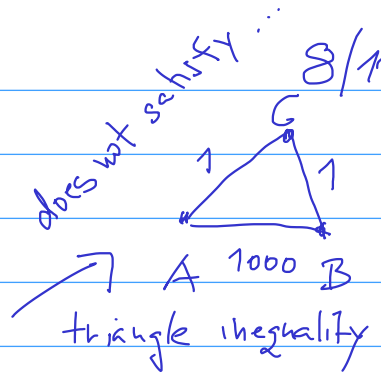
## METRIC TSP

$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$d: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+ : \forall u, v \in V : d(u, v) = d(v, u)$$

$$\forall u, v, z \in V : d(u, z) \leq d(u, v) + d(v, z)$$

$$\forall u, v \in V : d(u, v) = 0 \iff u = v$$



## TSP-MST ALGORITHM

- Compute an MST  $(T)$  of  $G$
- Find an Eulerian tour in " $2T$ "  $\leftarrow$  every edge in  $T$  replaced by 2 parallel edges
- obtain a Hamiltonian tour from the Eulerian tour by shortcutting



Note: the resulting sequence is a Hamiltonian tour  
Cost?

$$\text{Cost}(T) \leq \text{OPT}$$

⊙ Hamiltonian tour without any single edge is a spanning tree

$$\text{Cost}(T) \leq \text{Cost}(T') \leq \text{OPT}$$

$$\text{Cost}(\text{Eulerian tour}) \leq 2 \text{Cost}(T) \leq 2 \text{OPT}$$

$$\rightarrow \odot \forall i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k : d(i_1, i_k) \leq d(i_1, i_2) + d(i_2, i_3) + \dots + d(i_{k-1}, i_k)$$

for  $k \geq 2 \dots \Delta$ -inequality

$k \geq 2 \dots$  by induction

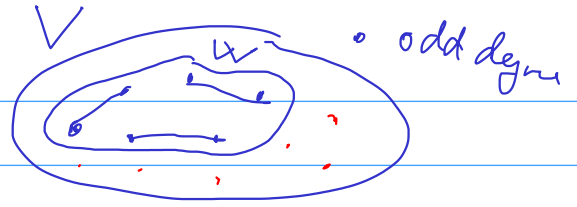


Applying this observation to the shortcutting procedure, we conclude  $A(I) \leq 2 \text{Cost}(T) \leq 2 \text{OPT}$

**THM:** TSP-MST is a 2-approximation algorithm.

## CHRISTOFIDES ALGORITHM

- Compute MST  $T$
- Let  $W$  be the vertices of odd degree in  $T$
- Find a min cost perfect matching  $M$  on  $W$
- Find an Eulerian tour in " $T \cup M$ "
- Shortcut the Eulerian tour as in TSP-MST



if the size of  $W$  is even.

Correctness ✓

Cost ?

$$\text{Cost}(T) \leq \text{OPT}$$

$$\text{Cost}(M) \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{OPT}$$

shortcut the optimal tour

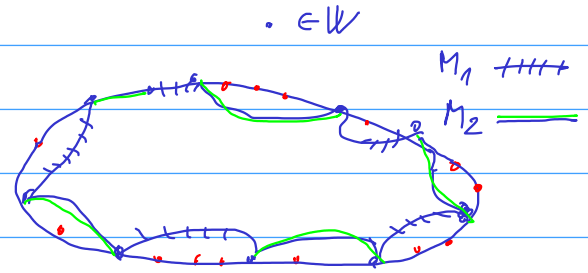
to a tour through  $W$

split it into 2 matchings  $M_1, M_2$  on  $W$

$$\text{note: } \text{Cost}(M_1) + \text{Cost}(M_2) \leq \text{OPT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i \text{ s.t. } \text{Cost}(M_i) \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{OPT}$$

$$\text{Cost}(M) \leq \text{Cost}(M_i) \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{OPT}$$



TMM: The approximation ratio is  $\frac{3}{2}$  of CHRISTOFIDES ALG.

## DISCRETE PROBABILITY SPACE

$(\Omega, P)$  where

$\Omega$  is a finite or countable set of elementary events

$P$  is a probability function  $P: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$

satisfying  $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P[\omega] = 1$

Eg. Tossing a coin :  $\Omega = \{H, T\}$

$$P[H] = P[T] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Rolling a die :  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   $P[1] = P[2] = \dots = \frac{1}{6}$

$$\Omega = \{1, 1', 1'', \dots, 1''', \dots\}$$

$n$  tosses of a coin :  $\Omega = \{H, T\}^n$ ,  $\forall \omega \in \Omega : P[\omega] = \frac{1}{2^n}$

Uniform probability space (for finite spaces)

every elementary event has probability  $\frac{1}{|\Omega|}$

Geometric probability space :  $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots\}$

$$\text{for } i \in \Omega : P[i] = \frac{1}{2^i}$$

RANDOM VARIABLE on a probability space  $(\Omega, P)$

is an arbitrary function  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

e.g. • for  $n$  tosses of a coin : the number of heads

• die : the number of dots

The expectation of a random variable  $X$

$$E[X] = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega) \cdot P[\omega]$$

An EVENT is a subset  $A \subseteq \Omega$

e.g. die :  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$   $B = \{1, 3, 5\}$   $C = \{3, 6\}$

probability of A :  $P[A] = \sum_{\omega \in A} P[\omega]$

## INDICATOR VARIABLE of AN EVENT A

$$I_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \omega \in A \\ 0 & \text{for } \omega \notin A \end{cases}$$

☺  $E[I_A] = P[A]$  H.W

## LINEARITY OF EXPECTATION

Lemma: for any two random variables  $X, Y$ :

$$E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

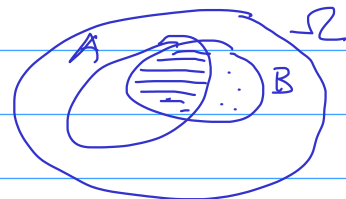
$\forall \alpha$

$$E[\alpha \cdot X] = \alpha \cdot E[X]$$

CONDITIONAL PROBABILITY of an event A assuming an event B

has occurred is defined as

$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]}, \text{ for } P[B] > 0$$



Note:  $P[\cdot|B]$  is a new probability measure on  $\Omega$ :

$$\text{for } \omega \notin B : P[\omega|B] = 0$$

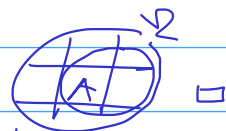
$$\omega \in B : P[\omega|B] = \frac{P[\omega]}{P[B]}$$

$$\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P[\omega|B] = \sum_{\omega \in B} P[\omega|B] = 1$$

THM about complete probability: if  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  are disjoint events s.t.  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i = \Omega$ , then for an event  $A \subseteq \Omega$

$$P[A] = P[A|B_1] \cdot P[B_1] + P[A|B_2] \cdot P[B_2] + \dots + P[A|B_n] \cdot P[B_n]$$

proof:  $P[A] = P[A \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i\right)] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[A \cap B_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n P[A|B_i] \cdot P[B_i]$



## INDEPENDENT EVENTS

A, B are independent

if  $P[A \cap B] = P[A] \cdot P[B]$

equivalently: if  $P[B] = \emptyset$  or  $P[A] = P[A|B]$