

Shortest Path

- Bellman-Ford, Lawler (DAG), Dijkstra
- Matrix Binary-lifting  $O(n^3 \log n)$ , Floyd-Warshall
- Johnson's: Assign height  $h(u)$  s.t.  $w(i, j) + h(i) - h(j) \geq 0$ .  
Let  $w(0, i) = 0$  and run Bellman-Ford,  $h(i) = d(i)$ . Because  $d(u) + w(u, v) \geq d(v) \Rightarrow w(u, v) + d(u) - d(v) \geq 0$  and any shortest path  $P'$  from  $u$  to  $v$  is a shortest path.

Random

- Matrix multiplication check: pick random row matrix and check  $ABu = Cu$ .
- Polynomials check: pick random number  $r$  in  $[1, 4n]$  and check  $A(r)B(r) = C(r)$ .

Problem Classes

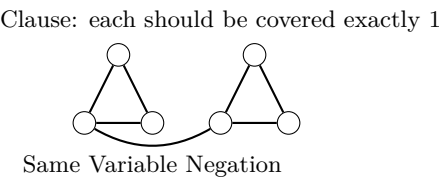
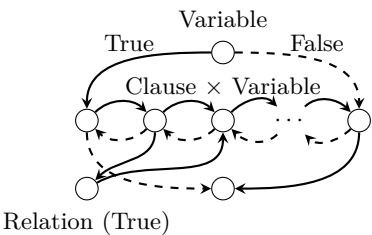
- NP-Complete list: CNF-SAT, 0-1 Integer Programming, Clique, Vertex Cover, Set Cover, Hamiltonian, 3-SAT, Graph Coloring, Clique Cover, Exact Cover, 3-Matching, Steiner Tree, Max Cut
- $A$  can be reduced to  $B$ : all instance of  $A$  can be solved by  $B$  (probably as subroutine)

Approximation

- Vertex Cover 2-apx Pick any edge and add both endpoints.
- Metric TSP 2-apx Find MST or Euler Tour and get shortcut (keep first occurence)
- Metric TSP 1.5-apx (Christofide) Find MST and weighted edge matching of odd degree (Chinese post-man problem) and short cut them. Let  $C$  be the cycle of best solution, then odd degree has two choice (the smaller of them is only 0.5).
- Longest Simple Path **no** constant approximation.
- General TSP **no** approximation.

Reductions

- Hamiltonian Path  $\iff$  Cycle / Independent Set  $\iff$  Clique (take complement)
- SAT  $\leq_p$  Hamiltonian Path (Directed) / 3-SAT  $\leq_p$  Independent Set



- Hamiltonian Cycle Directed  $\leq_p$  Undirected: Make every node  $v \longrightarrow v_{in} - v - v_{out}$

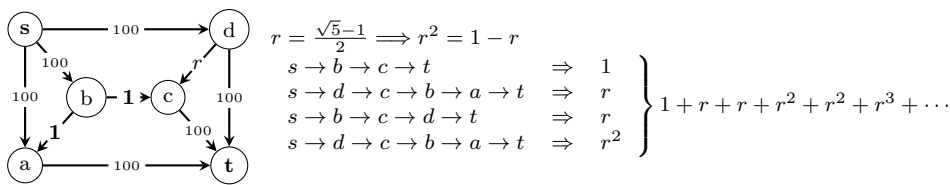
Flow

Definitions and lemmas

- A **flow**  $f$  is a function s.t.  $f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$  and  $\sum f(u, \cdot) - \sum f(\cdot, u) = 0$  (where  $u \neq s, t$ )
- The residual graph  $R(f)$  is defined as, for each edge  $(u, v)$  (directed), There are edge  $(u, v)$  of capacity  $c(u, v) - f(u, v)$  and  $(v, u)$  of capacity  $f(u, v)$ .
- $f$  is a flow of  $G$  and  $g$  is a flow of  $R(f) \iff f + g$  is a flow of  $G$ .

Algorithms

- Ford-Fulkerson — Finding any available flow in residual graph.
  - Pseudo-polynomial (exponential):  $O((n + m)f)$  for rational capacity.
  - Wrong for irrational capacity.



- Edmonds-Karp — Finding shortest available flow in residual graph.
  - Observation.  $d_f(s, v) \leq d_{f+g}(s, v)$  if  $g$  is a flow of  $R(f)$ .  
*Proof.* Let  $w$  be the some node such that  $d_f(s, w) > d_{f+g}(s, w)$ .  
There must be some edge  $(u, v)$  lies on the shortest path  $s-w$  on  $R(f + g)$  such that

$$d_f(s, u) \leq d_{f+g}(s, u), \quad d_f(s, v) > d_{f+g}(s, v)$$

$$((u, v) \text{ is not in } R(f)) \, d_f(s, v) \leq d_f(s, u) + 1 \leq d_{f+g}(s, u) + 1 = d_{f+g}(s, v)$$

Therefore  $g$  auguments from  $v$  to  $u$ , however

$$((v, u) \text{ is not in } R(f + g)) \, d_f(s, v) + 2 = d_f(s, u) + 1 \leq d_{f+g}(s, u) + 1 = d_{f+g}(s, v)$$

Ouch! Then the claim is wrong and  $d_f(s, v)$  should be increasing.

- Therefore for each bottleneck edge, next time the traversed direction between  $u, v$  will be different, and thus

$$d_f(s, u) + 1 = d_f(s, v) \implies d_{f+g}(s, v) + 1 = d_{f+g}(s, u)$$

Each edge can only be bottleneck edge of  $O(n)$  times  $\implies O(nm^2)$ .