

EULERIAN PATH ($G = (V, E), s, t$)

Input: A directed graph G with two vertices s and t where $\deg^-(s) = \deg^+(s) - 1$ and $\deg^-(t) = \deg^+(t) + 1$ or $s = t$ s.t. $\deg^-(s) = \deg^+(s)$

Output: A maximal path from s to t traversing no edge twice, with all traversed edges having been removed from G .

if $\deg^-(s) = 0$ and $\deg^+(s) = 0$, then
return (s)

else

Remove any edge (s, v) from G

let P be $\text{EULERIAN_PATH}((G, v, t))$

if $\deg^-(s) \neq 0$ and $\deg^+(s) \neq 0$, then
return $(s) \rightarrow P$

else

return EULERIANPATH (G, s, s) + p

Proof:

Theorem : Let $G = (V, E)$ be a weakly connected, directed graph. If there exists:

• A vertex s s.t. $\deg^-(s) = \deg^+(s) - 1$
and a vertex t s.t. $\deg^-(t) = \deg^+(t) + 1$

• Or A vertex $s = t$ s.t. $\deg^-(s) = \deg^+(s)$

... and $\deg^-(v) = \deg^+(v)$ for all other $v \in V$. Then there exists a directed Eulerian Path from s to t in G .

Proof:

Let G be a directed graph that is weakly connected.

Basis:

Let $|E| = 0$. Then s is the only vertex in G s.t. $s = t$. Since

$\deg^-(s) = \deg^+(s)$ for all vertices,

there does exist a Eulerian path from s to t in G .

Hypothesis:

Suppose $0 \leq |E| \leq k$, there exist

a Eulerian path from vertex s to t in G .

Induction

Let $|E| = k+1$. Suppose any edge (s, v) is removed from G .

Two possibilities exist:

1. If removing e does not disconnect G .
There is k edges then, which makes $\deg^+(s)$ equal $\deg^-(s)$ after removal,
and $\deg^-(v) = \deg^+(v) - 1$ which
is the new S . By hypothesis,
there exist a Eulerian path from
 v to t , which means there is a
eulerian path with e from s to t .

2. If removing e does disconnect G , then there is G_1 and G_2 .

This means G_1 has less than k edges, and s will have $\deg^+(s) = \deg^-(s)$.

By hypothesis, $(s, \dots s)$ will be a Eulerian path.

G_2 also has less than k edges, and v will have $\deg^-(v) = \deg^+(v)$.

This makes v the new s . By hypothesis, $(v, \dots t)$ will have a Eulerian path.

Thus, s to t is a Eulerian path in G .

conclusion

By PMI, there exist an Eulerian path from s to t .

Cor: If $\deg^-(v) = \deg^+(v)$ for all $v \in V$, then there exist a directed Eulerian cycle.

Complexity Analysis

EULERIAN PATH

$$T(n) = \underbrace{1 \cdot T(E-1)}_{\text{Dominate}} + O(1)$$

$$\boxed{O(|E|)}$$