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# Counting & Finding Spanning Trees

$G \equiv$  directed graph

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$H \subseteq G$  is divergent ST with root  $r$  if

- 1)  $r$  can reach all of  $V(G)$  in  $H$ .
  - 2)  $\text{indegree}(v) = 1$  for  $v \neq r$ .
  - 3)  $\text{indegree}(r) = 0$
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Def  $D$  is in-degree matrix of  $G$  if

$$D(i, j) = \begin{cases} \text{din}(i) & \text{if } i=j \\ -K = -\# \text{ edge from } i \text{ to } j & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Lemma  $G = (V, E)$  is a divergent tree iff

$$1) D(i, i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = r \\ 1 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

2) det of minor of  $D_{r,r}$  (removing  $r$ th col & row)  
 $= 1$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) 1) clear

2) After permuting row & col

$D$  is upper  $\Delta$  &  $r=1$

$$\det(D_{r,r}) = 1$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) suppose false.

$\therefore G$  must contain a disconnected component  $C$ .  
 Each node of  $C$  has in degree 1 and zero col sums.

Thus  $\det(D(C)) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow \det(D(G)) = 0$  contra!

Thm # divergent ST rooted at  $r \equiv \det(D_{r,r})$

Pf WLOG assume  $r = V_1$

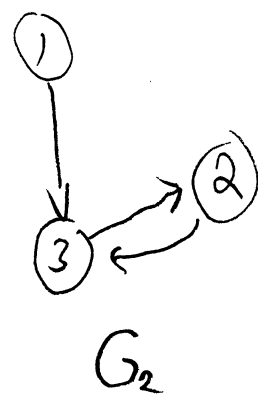
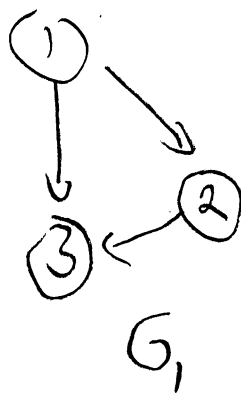
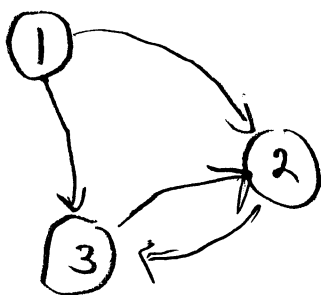
Note: Col sums of  $D$  are zero.

Start by replacing first col with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(D) = \det(D_{1,1})$$

Expand col 2 into subgraphs with fix edge into  $V_2$ .

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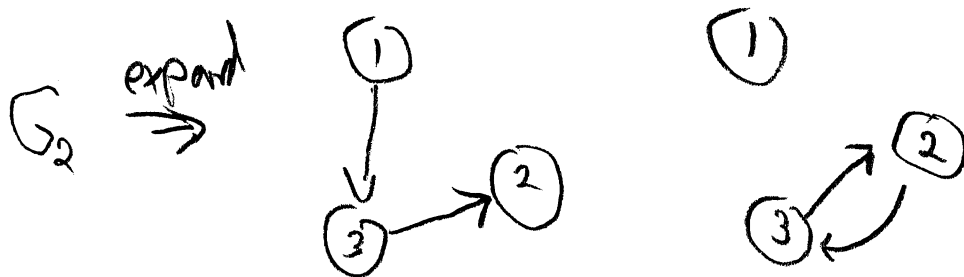
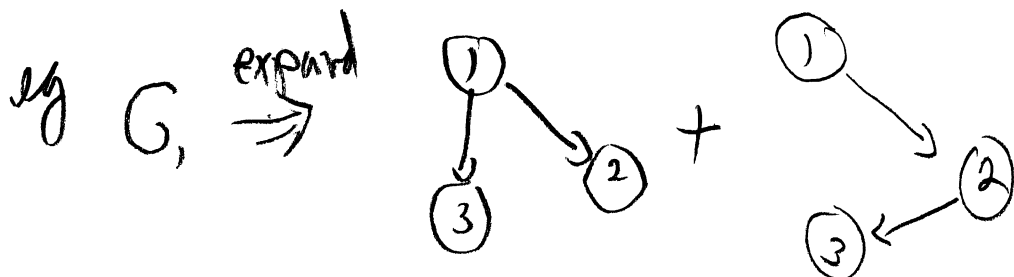
$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|D| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

For matrix expand next col.

Repeat!

We get exact one matrix per indeg 1 subgraphs.



Each term is  $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \equiv \text{ divergent tree} \\ 0 & \text{O.W.} \end{cases}$

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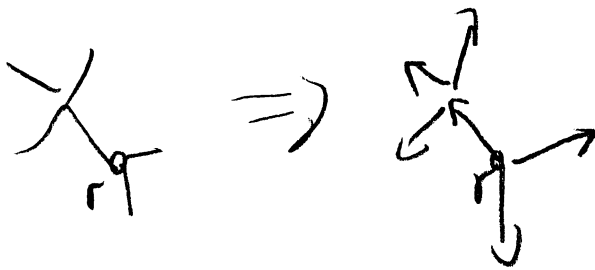
## The undirected Case

$G = (V, E)$  undirected

Let  $G' = (V, E')$  where each edge  $\{i, j\}$  is viewed as  $(i, j)$  &  $(j, i)$

Claim  $\#ST(G) = \#ST_r(G')$

$f: ST(G) \rightarrow ST_r(G')$



1-1 & onto

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Note  $D(G') \equiv \text{Laplacian of } G$

## Random ST by Random Walks

Alg WalkTree InPut:  $G = (V, E)$  <sup>connected</sup> undirected (with weight)

- 1) Pick  $s \in V$  arbitrary
- 2) Do random walk from  $s$
- 3) Collect edge  $(i, j) \in E$  if first visit to  $j$
- 4) Return tree

Thm The Walk Tree in random ST

### Preliminaries

Random walk on strongly connected directed graphs.

ST  $\equiv$  convergent rooted trees

$$G = (V, P) \quad \sum_i P_{ij} = 1 \quad P_{ij} = W_{ij}$$

$$w(T) = \prod_{e \in T} w(e)$$

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$$\mathcal{T}_i(G) \equiv \text{ST}(G) \text{ rooted at } i$$
$$\mathcal{T}(G) \equiv \text{All rooted ST.}$$

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Markov Chain Thm Let  $\pi_i \equiv$  stationary prob of being at  $i$

$$\pi_i = \frac{\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_i(G)} w(T)}{\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(G)} w(T)}$$

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pf  $W = (X_0, X_1, \dots)$ , a (random) walk.

Def  $B_t \equiv$  (backwards tree at time  $t$ )

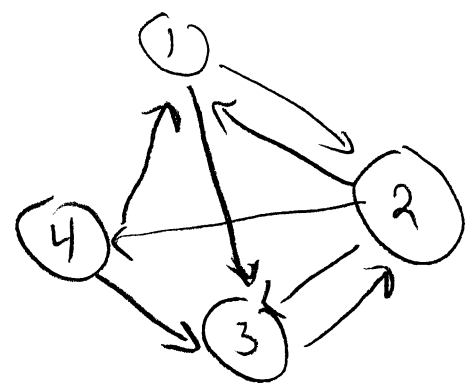
$$I = \{X_0, \dots, X_t\}$$

$$l(i, t) = \operatorname{argmax}_{0 \leq j \leq t} \{X_j = v_i\}$$

$$E(B_t) = \left\{ (X_{l(i, t)}, X_{l(i, t)+1}) \right\} \quad i \in I - X_t$$

root is  $X_t$

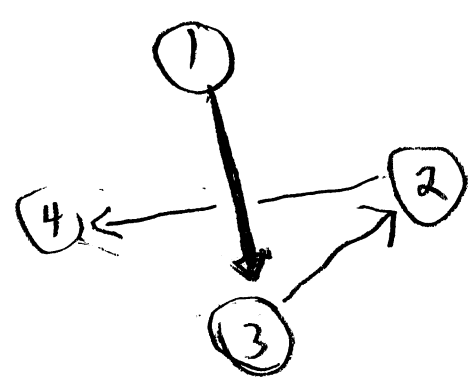
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Time 0 1 2 3 4 5  
 $W = (1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 4, 3, \dots)$

$B_5$

root 4



Note:  $\{W\} \geq V$  then cover ST.

After cover time we have a random walk on rooted tree of G

$B_t, B_{t+1}, B_{t+2}, \dots$

One recurrent class



$\nabla(T) =$  stationary prob of  $T$

Note

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{0 \leq t \leq N} P_r(X_t = i) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} P_r(B_t \text{ rooted at } i) \\ &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_i} \nabla(T) \end{aligned}$$

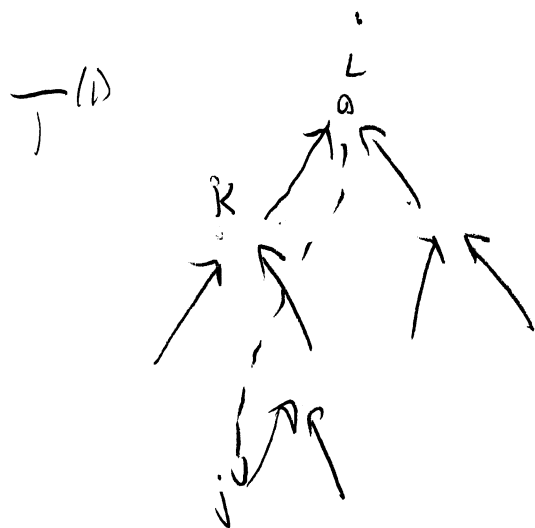
To show  $\nabla(T) \approx w(T)$

Let  $T^{(i)} \equiv$  ST rooted at  $i$

Find precursors of  $T^{(i)}$

$$T^{(k)} \xrightarrow[\text{step}]{\text{one}} T^{(i)}$$

$k$  child of  $i$  and  $\text{Parent}(i)$  in  $T^{(k)}$  is in  
subtree of  $k$  in  $T^{(i)}$



$$T^{(k)} = T^{(i)} + [i, j] - [k, j, i]$$

$$\nabla(T^{(i)}) = \sum_{(i, j) \in E} \nabla(T^{(i)} + [i, j] - [k, j, i]) P_{k, i}$$

$$\sum W(T^{(i)} + [i, j] - [k, j, i]) P_{k, i}$$

$$= \sum \frac{W(T^{(i)}) P_{i, j}}{P_{k, i}} P_{k, i} = W(T^{(i)})$$

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Def (Forward Tree)  $F_t$

$$f(i, t) = \operatorname{argmin}_{0 \leq j \leq t} \{X_j = V_i\}$$

$$\text{Edges } \left\{ (X_{f(i, t)}, X_{f(i, t)-1}) \mid i \in \underline{I} - X_0 \right\}$$

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Thm Let  $c = \text{cover time for } G$ , stationary  $\equiv \pi_1 \dots \pi_n$

$F_c \equiv \text{forward tree at time } c$

$$P_r(B_c = T) = P_r(F_c = T) = \frac{w(T)}{\sum_{T' \in \mathcal{T}(G)} w(T')} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{starting from} \\ \text{stationary} \end{array} \right)$$

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pt since started from stationary

$$P_r(X_0 = V_0, \dots, X_k = V_k) = P_r(X_0 = V_k, \dots, X_k = V_0)$$

Thus  $P_r(B_k = T | \mathcal{F}) = P_r(F_k = T | \mathcal{F})$

pass to limit!

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Cor 1  $M$  random walk on undirected  $G = (V, E)$  starting at  $i$

$C$  is the cover time starting from  $\Pi$

Tree  $F_C$  is uniform random ST rooted at  $i$

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pf  $w(T) = \frac{d_i}{\prod_{j \in V} d_j}$   $T$  rooted at  $i$

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Cor 2 Hypo same as cor 1 but we return undirected  $F_C$  then get random tree.

pf 1-1 correspondence with ST.