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Lecture: Time Dependent Route Planning - I



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Main Issue: time-dependence

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a more realistic and more involved problem

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- Graph elements added/removed in real-time /* D
- Metric demonstrates stochastic behavior

/* Dynamic Shortest Path */

/* Stochastic Shortest Path */

- Graph is fixed, metric changes with the value of a parameter $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ in a predetermined fashion /* Parametric Shortest Path */
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- Arcs are allowed to become occasionally unavailable (e.g., due to periodic maintenance, saving consumption of resources, etc), for predetermined unavailability time-intervals (discrete domain)
- Arc lengths (e.g., traversal-time / consumption) change with departure-time from tail which is treated as a real-valued variable (functions with continuous domain, but not necessarily continuous range)





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A2 YES, wait until time 1 and then traverse *od*, if already present at *o* at time $t_o < 1$. Otherwise, traverse *od* immediately.

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Unrestricted Waiting (UW) Unlimited waiting is allowed at every node along an *od*-path

Origin Waiting (OW) Unlimited waiting is only allowed at the origin node of each *od*-path

Forbidden Waiting (FW) No waiting is allowed at any node of each od-path

Depending on the *waiting policy*, the scheduler has to decide not only for an optimal connecting path (ensuring earliest arrival at destination), but also for the appropriate optimal waiting times at the nodes along this path



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A3	An infinite, non-simple TD shortest od-path with finite delay					
	0	и	0	presence at <i>o</i> after $k \uparrow \infty$ visits of <i>u</i>	d	
	δ	$\frac{1+\delta}{2}$	$\frac{3+\delta}{4}$	$\lim_{k\uparrow\infty}\frac{2^{2k}-1+\delta}{2^{2k}}=1$	$t_d \downarrow 2$	

Subpath optimality and shortest path simplicity are not guaranteed for TDSP, if waiting-at-nodes is forbidden

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- Need to consider *latest departures* given the arrival times, in order to compute the optimal waiting times in the original Non-FIFO+UW instance

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GOAL1: For departure-time t_o from o, determine $t_d = Arr[o, d](t_o)$ GOAL2: Provide a succinct representation of Arr[o, d] (or D[o, d])

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 - Complexity is polynomial in the number of "elementary" *functional operations*. i.e., (EVAL, LINEAR COMBINATION, MIN, COMPOSITION)
 Not so "elementary" operations after all (see next slides)!

Algorithms for TDSP ... in FIFO, continuous, pwl instances

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Input/Output Data

PWL Arc Delays

Forward Description (as function of departure times from origin)



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Reverse Description (as function of arrival times at destination)



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- Periodicity of arc-delays implies periodicity of earliest-arrival function *Arr*[*o*, *d*]

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- Interesting to discover whether the complexity of the earliest-arrival functions is indeed so bad in real (e.g., road) networks

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 - In the original graph (in worst-case): $O(m \times \log^2 n)$. Second logarithmic factor is due to updates of tournament trees implementing the MIN operator at a particular node, upon emergence of a single certificate failure
- Worst-case time-complexity of output-sensitive algorithm: $O(m \times \log^2 n \times (PRIMBPs + MINBPs))$