Graph traversals and visual ordering: Eulerians, Hamiltonians and pairwise comparisons

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# Graph traversals and visual ordering: Eulerians, Hamiltonians and pairwise comparisons <sub>Outline</sub>

- Comparison of treatment groups
  - → A new multiple comparison display
- Visual ordering as graph traversal
  - -> Eulerians and hamiltonians
- Parallel coordinates
  - → guided by scagnostics

## Comparison of treatment groups Vit. C treated cancer patients: Cameron and Pauling 1978



- Easy to visually compare adjacent groups
- not so easy for distant groups

#### 95% family-wise confidence level





- Which pairs are significantly different?
- 95% Tukey HSD comparisons

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More compactly: Glue the sequences in the first two plots together, append an extra 'Stomach'.



◀ Theory1

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- Red arrow: significantly different comparisons
- Simple yet informative



## Improvement on..???



Hsu, Periggia (1994), Heiberger and Holland (2006)

# Graphs: nodes, edges and weights

- *n* variables, cases, factor levels, boxplots: identify with nodes of graph
- visualisation: requires graph traversal
- All possible pairings are of interest: place an undirected edge between each pair of nodes
- Graph is complete, K<sub>n</sub>



• Dissimilarity measure: edge weight

# Hamiltonian and Eulerian paths

Hamiltonian path gives a permutation of vertices

Eulerian path visits all edges





Hamiltonian decomposition: an eulerian tour composed of edge-distinct hamiltonian cycles



## Classical results: Euler paths- existence

 Eulerian tour (closed path) exists when every vertex is even. ie for K<sub>2m+1</sub>

#### ▶ Example: *K*<sub>5</sub>

• Eulerian path (open) exists when two vertices are odd. Augment K<sub>2m</sub> with extra edges to achieve this.

# Which eulerian?

#### • How many?

- ► K<sub>7</sub>: about 130 million choices
- $K_{21}$  has more than  $3.4 \times 10^{184}$  discounting cyclic permutations

Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (Sloane 2004)

- Prefer eulerians where low-weight edges (interesting comparisons) occur early on.
- Standard algorithm follows unused edges until all are visited. Our version (GrEul) picks low-weight edges.

▶ Example: GrEul

Hierholzer 1873

# Classical results: Hamiltonian Decompositions

 $K_n$  can be decomposed as follows:

- For n = 2m + 1, into either
  - *m* hamiltonian cycles, or
  - ▶ *m* hamiltonian paths and an almost-one factor ▶ Example: K<sub>5</sub>
- For n = 2m into either

*m* hamiltonian paths, or

• m-1 hamiltonian cycles and a 1-factor (or perfect matching).

Lucas-Walecki (1892) Alspach(1990)

# Which hamiltonian?

- Depends on question of interest.
- Sort nodes, eg by median
- Find shortest or lowest-weight path: (TSP)
- Choice of weights?
  - How interesting is the comparison between treatements? or the relationship between variables?

# Which hamiltonian decomposition?



and 840 like this

How many?

 $\blacktriangleright$  K<sub>11</sub>: 45,000+ canonical forms

Lucas-Walecki construction: gives one canonical form <a>SkipLW</a>

Colburn (1982)

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• Construction: *n* odd

7 1 2 6 3 5 4 7 2 3 1 4 6 5 7 3 4 2 5 1 6 7

- for weighted graphs

Goal: a decomposition where weights increase: first hamiltonian has lowest weights, 2nd has next lowest weights etc.

- Greedy algorithm:
  - Start with Lucas-Walecki construction
  - ► WHam: use TSP for first hamiltonian, using weights, vary cycle order, direction and contact point in others.
- Or:
  - Or, peripatetic TSP: k-best edge-disjoint hamiltonians
  - use other seriation as alternatives to TSP

# Applications

- Pairwise comparison of treatments
- Parallel coordinates
- Interaction plots
- Star glyphs of multivariate data

## Parallel coordinates

#### mtcars data from R: 6 variables

Hamiltonian decomposition



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Panel colors - three hamiltonian paths. Line color -transmission type.

### Parallel coordinates mtcars data from R: 6 variables

mtcars data from R: 0 variables



Correlation guided Hamiltonian decomposition

- Shows all pairs of variables adjacently.
- WHam: use correlation to choose decomposition
- Add correlation guide.

Panel colors - three hamiltonian paths. Line color -transmission type.

# Parallel coordinates- more variables?

#### sleep data- 10 variables, 62 species



- Eulerian has 49 edges use GrEul to follow interesting edges first.
- Barchart shows panel scagnostics

scagnostics package, Hofmann et al.

Lots of skinniness, skewness

Brain and body weight log transformed, colour by life expectancy Use index values of 0.7 or more.

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- Zoom on first 18 panels- captures 'interesting" relationships
- Lots of skinniness, skewness

# Parallel coordinates- hamiltonian decomposition



- Hamiltonians that chase "interesting" relationships-here correlational structure
- WHam: first two (of 5) hamiltonians

Monotone (grey) + convexity (yellow)

### Categorical data The Donner Party- 1846-47, Sierra Nevada



- Categorical variables: spread out uniformly within bars, along axis
- Double axis
- All pairwise relationships, and p(survival | x,y)

# Concluding remarks

- Other applications: PCP-categorical, star glyphs, interaction plots
- Wegman(1990) LW hamiltonian path algorithm in parallel coordinate displays
- Bailey et al (2003)- Hamiltonian cycles, in DOE

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- Software EulerViz R-package
- Uses TSP(Hahsler et al), scagnostics (Hofmann et al)

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- Further work... better algorithms?
- other types of graphs eg bipartite?
- Next talk....

# Cars data

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#### Default ordering of variables.

Dataset order H0



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#### Another hamiltonian Hamiltonian decomp, H1:H2:H3



Groups: 789,23,56,14

Less shape variation between orderings. Conclusions are less order dependent!