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**BALANCED  
RECONSTRUCTION OF  
MULTIGRAPHS**

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# 1. PRESCRIBED OUT-DEGREES

Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  be integers with  $\mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{a} \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{n} \geq 2$ . An  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{n})$ -tournament is defined as a loopless directed multigraph on  $\mathbf{n}$  vertices, in which every pair of vertices is connected with at least  $\mathbf{a}$  and at most  $\mathbf{b}$  arcs.

**Theorem 1** (Landau, 1953) *A sequence  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  satisfying  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$  is the out-degree sequence of some  $(1, 1, n)$ -tournament  $T$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k s_i \geq \binom{n}{2}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad (1)$$

*with equality when  $k = n$ .*

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**Theorem 2** (Landau, 1953) *If  $i$  is a positive integer, then the sequence  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  satisfying  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$  is the out-degree sequence of some  $(j, j, n)$ -tournament  $T$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k r_i \geq j \binom{n}{2}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

*with equality when  $k = n$ .*

These theorems allow to check the realisability of  $\mathbf{r}$  in linear time, but are not constructive. The following theorem requires more time to decide the existence, but allows the reconstruction in quadratic time.

**Theorem 3** (Havel, 1955; Hakimi, 1962)

*A sequence  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  satisfying  $0 \leq r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$  is the out-degree sequence of some  $(1, 1, n)$ -tournament  $\Gamma$  if and only if the increasingly sorted version of the sequence  $(r_1, \dots, r_m, r_{m+1} - 1, r_{m+2} - 1, \dots, r_{n-1} - 1)$  is the out-degree sequence of some  $(1, 1, n)$ -tournament, where  $m = r_n$ .*

**Theorem 4** (Iványi, 2009) *Let  $a, b, k, n, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  be nonnegative integers ( $a \leq b, 0 < b, r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ). Further let  $L_0 = 0$ ,*

and if  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then let

$$L_k = \max \left( L_{k-1}, b \binom{n}{2} - \sum_{i=1}^k r_i \right).$$

The sequence  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  is the out-degree sequence of an  $(a, b, n)$ -tournament  $T$ , if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} a \binom{k}{2} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^k r_i \leq \\ &\leq b \binom{n}{2} - L_k - (n-k)r_i \quad (1 \leq k \leq n). \end{aligned}$$

## 2. PRESCRIBED IN- AND OUT-DEGREES

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer and let  $\mathcal{T}_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$  be the set of directed multigraphs on  $n+1$  vertices having prescribed out-degrees  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  and prescribed in-degrees  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$ .

Let the element  $m_{ij}$  of the matrix  $M_{(n+1) \times (n+1)}$  denote the number of arcs directed from the vertex  $V_i$  to vertex  $V_j$ . We present an algorithm MINIMAX constructing a directed multigraph  $D \in \mathcal{T}_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$  having the following properties:

- a)  $D$  has the prescribed in-degrees and out-degrees;

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- b)  $\mathbf{D}$  has the minimal value of  $\mathbf{r}_{n+1} + \mathbf{c}_{n+1}$ ;
  - c)  $\mathbf{D}$  has the minimal value of  $\max(\mathbf{m}_{ij} + \mathbf{m}_{ji})$ ;
  - d)  $\mathbf{D}$  has the maximal value of  $\min(\mathbf{m}_{ij} + \mathbf{m}_{ji})$ .

This algorithm is based on the algorithms due to Landau [7], Havel [4], Hakimi [2, 3], Ryser [10], and Iványi [6]. The algorithm generalizes the results due to Landau [7], Moon [9], Havel [4], Hakimi [2, 3], Meierlink and Volkman [8], Iványi [5, 6], Erdős, Miklós and Toroczkai [1], Ryser [10].

Let

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = R, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n c_i = C.$$

The sequences  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are called **balanced**, if  $R = C$ . It is a natural observation, that a corresponding  $\mathbf{D}$  exists only for balanced  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

Hakimi gave in 1965 a necessary and sufficient condition of the existence of a  $(0, \infty, \mathbf{n})$ -tournament having a prescribed out-degree sequence  $\mathbf{r}$  and in-degree sequence  $\mathbf{c}$ .

Let's consider examples.



$T_i/T_j$	SL	RO	HU	Sum
SL	–	6	0	6
RO	4	–	0	4
HU	0	0	–	0
Sum	4	6	0	–

Table 1: A simple example

Now  $r_1 + r_2 = R = 10$  and  $c_1 + c_2 = C = 10$ ,  $R = C$  and we have a unique solution without the third team.

$T_i/T_j$	SL	RO	HU	Sum
SL	–	4	2	6
RO	4	–	0	4
HU	0	0	–	0
Sum	4	4	2	–

Table 2: An example with  $C < R$ 

Now  $r_1 + r_2 = R = 10$ , but  $c_1 + c_2 = C = 8$ ,  $R \neq C$  and we have NO solution without the third team. Choosing  $r_3 = 0$  and  $c_3 = 2$  we reach  $R = C = 10$  and get a unique solution.

$T_i/T_j$	SL	RO	HU	Sum
SL	–	3	3	<b>6</b>
RO	4	–	0	<b>4</b>
HU	2	0	–	<b>2</b>
Sum	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1+2</b>	–

Table 3: Example with  $C < R$ , where  $r_1$  is too large

Now  $R = 10 > 9 = C$ . Choosing  $c_3 = 1$  and  $r_3 = 0$  we get a balanced situation, but  $r_1 > c_2 + c_3$ . Choosing  $c_3 = 3$  helps in some sense: now  $r_1 = c_2 + c_3$ , but  $c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 12$  became too large.  $r_3 = 2$  results a unique solution.

These examples show, that

$$r_i \leq C - c_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

is also a necessary condition of the existence of a tournament  $T \in \mathcal{T}_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$ .

Hakimi in 1965 [3] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 5** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and the sequences  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  of nonnegative integers have the property  $0 < r_1 + c_1 \leq r_2 + c_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n + c_n$ . Then there exists a  $T \in \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}$  tournament if and only if the pair  $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$  is balanced and*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i + c_i) \geq r_n + c_n.$$

If this necessary condition does not hold, then the following algorithm produces balanced  $(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{c}')$  sequences.

SEQUENCE-AUGMENT( $n, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{c}'$ )

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01 R ← 0
02 C ← 0
03 for i ← 1 to n

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04   R ← R + ri
05   C ← C + ci
06 rn+1 ← 0
07 cn+1 ← 0
08 if R > C
09   then cn+1 ← R - C
10         C ← C + cn+1
11 if C > R
12   then rn+1 ← C - R
13         R ← R + rn+1
14 r ← 0
15 for i ← 1 to n
16   if ri > C - ci
17     then r ← max(r, ri - (C - ci))
18 rn+1 ← rn+1 + r
19 cn+1 ← cn+1 + r
20 c ← 0
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21 for i ← 1 to n
22     if  $c_i > R - r_i$ 
23         then  $c \leftarrow \max(c, c_i - (R - r_i))$ 
24  $c_{n+1} \leftarrow c_{n+1} + c$ 
25  $r_{n+1} \leftarrow r_{n+1} + c$ 
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Then a developed version of the algorithm MINIMAX [6] results a multitournament  $D$  having properties a), b), c) and d).

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