

# Hamiltonian Path

## Συνδυαστική Βελτιστοποίηση

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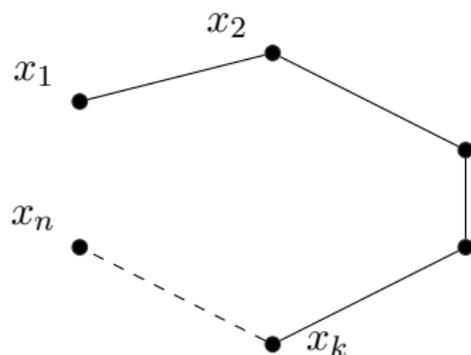
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## Definition

A Hamiltonian path is a path in an undirected or directed graph that visits each vertex exactly once.

- $G = (V, E)$ , weighted, non-directed
- $\deg_G(u)$
- $|V| = n$



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## Spanning tree of $G$

- $T(V, E_T)$
- $E_T$ : Closeness of  $T$  to  $HP$

$$E_T = \sum_{\substack{u \in T, \\ \deg_T(u) > 2}} (\deg_T(u))$$

$E_T = 0$  for a HP

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## Problem

Find the shortest spanning tree  $T^* = (V, E^*)$  of  $G$  so that the degree of no vertex exceeds 2

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$$n - 1 = n - \frac{q}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} q = 2 & (\deg(u) = 1) \\ n - 2 & (\deg(u) = 2) \end{cases}$$

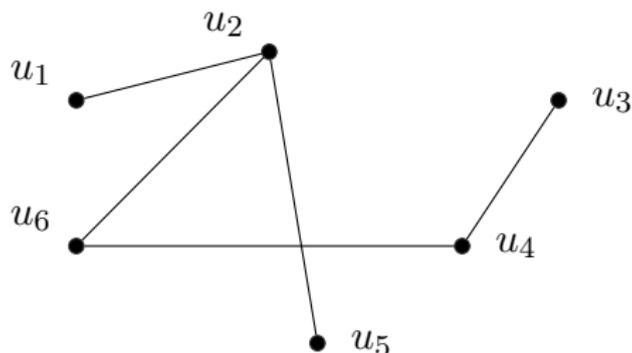
# Branch and Bound (Hamiltonian path)

$$G = (V, E, w)$$

	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0	4	10	18	5	10
2	4	0	12	8	2	6
3	10	12	0	4	18	16
4	18	8	4	0	14	6
5	5	2	18	14	0	16
6	10	6	16	6	16	0

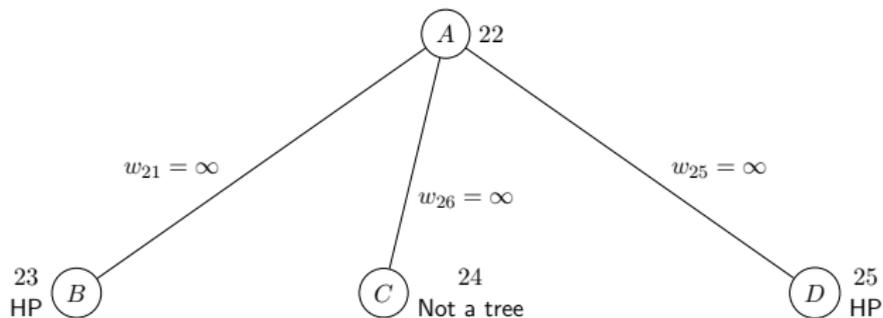
Table: Weights of  $G$

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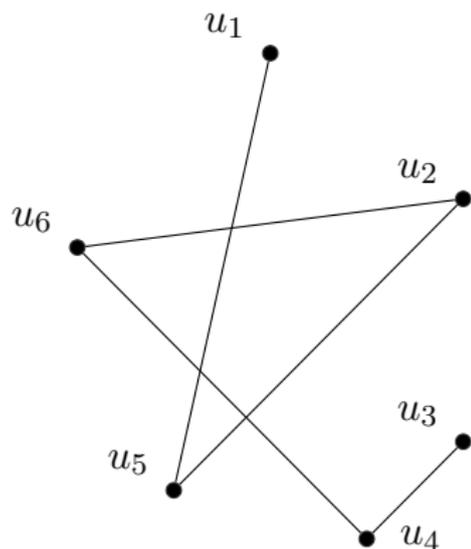


- $T^*$ : cost = 22,  $\deg(u_2) = 3$
- At least one of the edges  $(u_2, u_1)$ ,  $(u_2, u_6)$ ,  $(u_2, u_5)$  must be absent from the final answer (Shortest spanning tree with  $\Delta(T) \leq 2$ ).

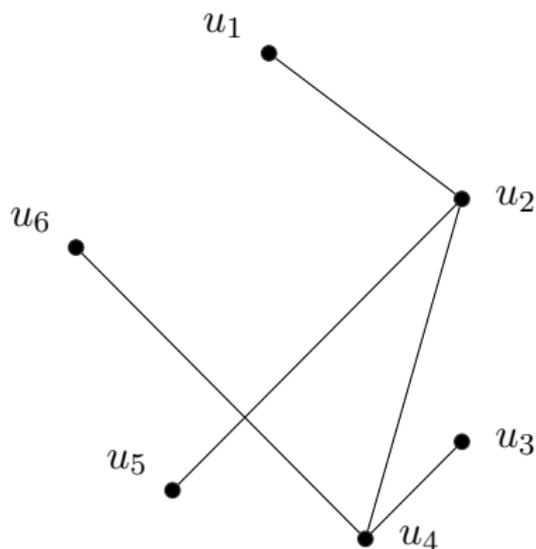
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(a)  $T^*(B) = 23$



(b)  $T^*(C) = 24$

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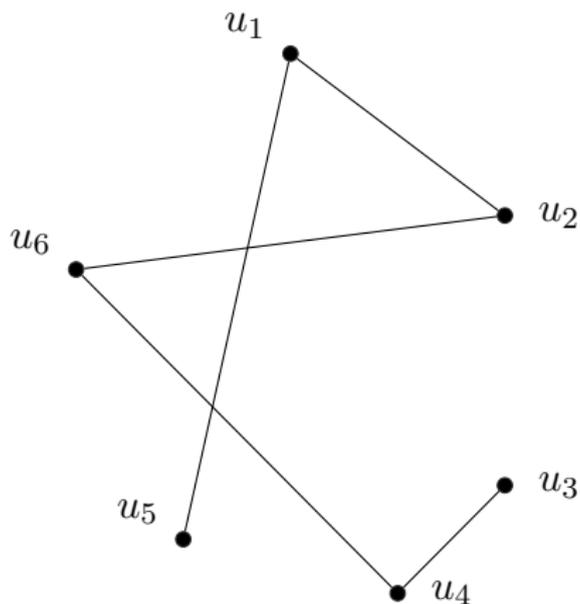


Figure:  $T^*(D) = 25$  (Near optimal HP)