



# Electrical Networks

OHM'S LAW:  $\nabla v = i r$

NODE LAW:  $(\operatorname{div} i)(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \neq e, z.$

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$$G = (V, E)$$

$$c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

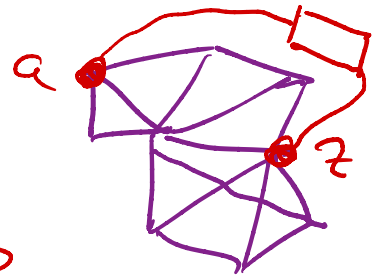
$c(e)$  CONDUCTANCE of  
edge  $e = (x, y)$

$$c(x, y) = c(y, x)$$

$$r(e) = 1/c(e) \text{ RESISTANCE}$$

VOLTAGE  $v: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

BATTERY  $v(a) = 1, \quad v(z) = 0$



CURRENT  $i: \vec{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$i(x, y) = \text{current flowing across edge } (x, y)$$

$$i(x, y) = -i(y, x)$$

THE UNKNOWN  $(v(x))_{x \in V - \{a, z\}}$

$$(i(x, y))_{(x, y) \in \vec{E}}$$

ARE DETERMINED BY

(1) OHM'S LAW :  $v(x) - v(y) = i(x,y) \underline{r(x,y)}$

$\forall (x,y) \in \tilde{E}$

(2) KIRCHOFF'S NODE LAW :

$$\sum_{y \sim x} i(x,y) = 0$$

$\forall x \neq a, z.$

$$0 = \sum_{y \sim x} (v(x) - v(y)) c(x,y) = C_x v(x) - \sum_{y \sim x} c(x,y) v(y)$$

$$v(x) = \sum_{y \sim x} \left[ \frac{c(x,y)}{C_x} \right] v(y)$$

$\forall x \neq a, z$

IN OTHER WORDS,  $v$  IS HARMONIC ON  $V - \{a, z\}$

FOR THE MARKOV TRANSITION MATRIX  $p(x,y)$

HENCE  $v(x) = P_x(\tau_a < \tau_z)$

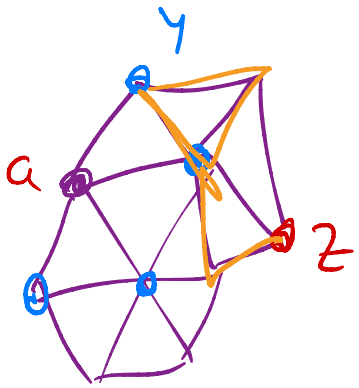
(BOTH SIDES ARE 1 AT  $a$ , 0 AT  $z$ ,  
HARMONIC AT  $x \neq a, z$ .)



DEF: THE EFFECTIVE CONDUCTANCE  $C(a \leftrightarrow z)$  IS THE TOTAL CURRENT FLOWING  $a \rightsquigarrow z$ , NAMELY

$$\sum_{y \sim a} i(a, y) = \sum (v(a) - v(y)) c(a, y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \sim x} (1 - P_y(\tau_a < \tau_z)) c(a, y)$$



$$= \sum_{y \sim x} \sum_y P_y(\tau_z < \tau_a) c(a, y)$$

$$= c_a \sum_{y \sim x} P_y(\tau_z < \tau_a) \underline{p(a, y)}$$

$$= \underbrace{c_a}_{\sim} \underbrace{P_a(\tau_z < \tau_a^+)}_{\text{ESCAPE PROB.}}$$

DEF:  $\inf\{n \geq 1 : X_n = a\}$

DEF: EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE

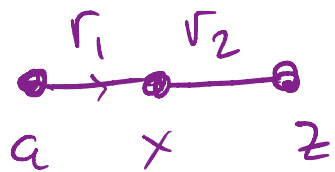
$$R(a \leftrightarrow z) = 1/C(a \leftrightarrow z).$$

EX:

$$= \frac{1}{c_{\pi(a)}} E_a \{ 0 \leq n < \tau_z \mid X_n = a \}$$

STAT. DIST.      EXPECTED # RETURNS TO  $a$  BEFORE HITTING  $z$ .

# RESISTORS IN SERIES



$$1 = V(a) \quad V(x) \quad V(z) = 0$$

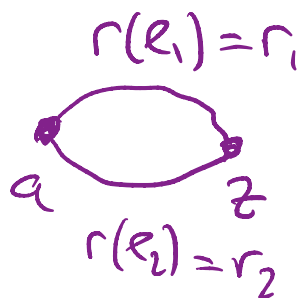
$$\begin{aligned} V(a) - V(x) &= i(a, x) r_1 \\ V(x) - V(z) &= i(x, z) r_2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} V(a) - V(x) &= i(a, x) r_1 \\ V(x) - V(z) &= i(x, z) r_2 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{OHM'S LAW}$$

$$\text{NODE LAW: } i(a, x) = i(x, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = V(a) - V(z) = i(a, x) (r_1 + r_2)$$

$$R(a \leftrightarrow z) = r_1 + r_2$$

# RESISTORS IN PARALLEL



TOTAL CURRENT FLOW

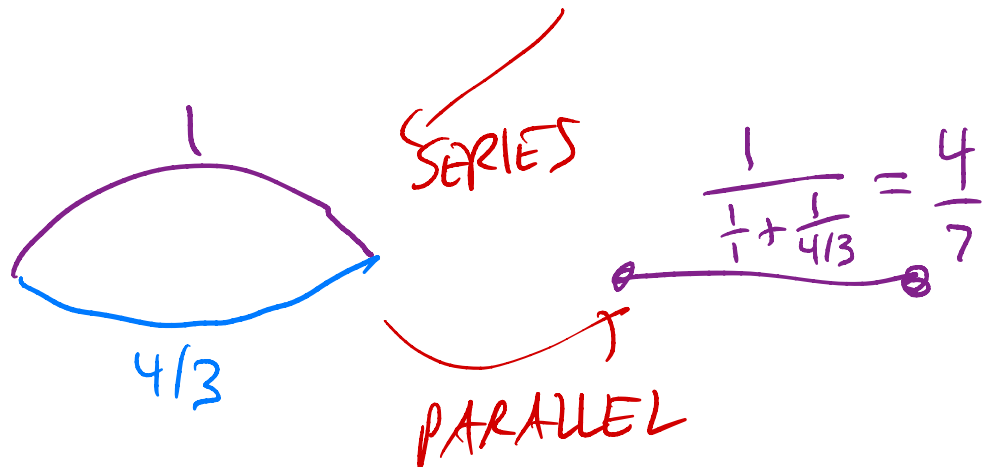
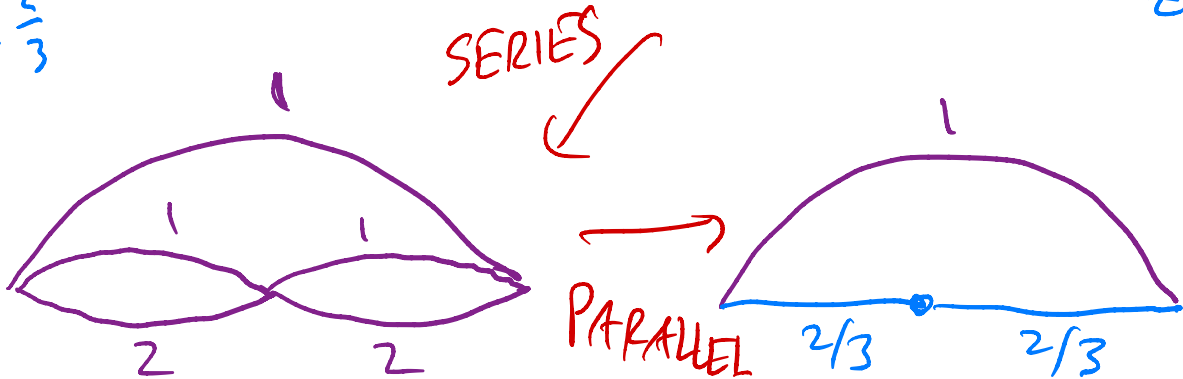
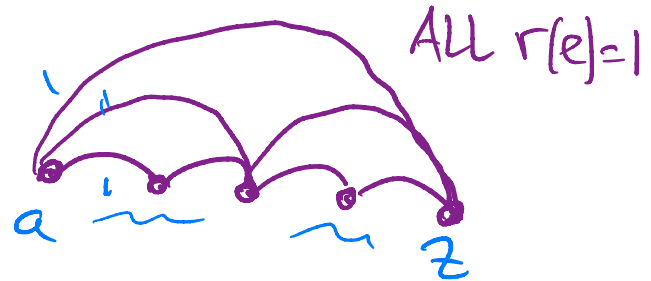
$$i(e_1) + i(e_2) = (V(a) - V(z)) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

$$R(a \leftrightarrow z) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2}}$$

$$C_a = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

## REDUCING NETWORKS

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$



$$\frac{4}{7} = R(a \leftrightarrow z)$$

ESCAPE PROB

$$\mathbb{P}(a \rightarrow z) := \mathbb{P}_a(\tau_z < \tau_a^+)$$

$$= \frac{1}{C_a} \cdot C(a \leftrightarrow z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{7}{4} = \boxed{\frac{7}{12}}$$

# Flows & ENERGY

$$l^2(V) = \{f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \quad (f, g) = \sum_{x \in V} f(x)g(x)$$

$$l^2(\vec{E}) = \{\theta: \vec{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \theta(e) = -\theta(-e)\}$$

$\forall e \in \vec{E}$

SPACE OF  
"Flows"

$$(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e \in \vec{E}} \theta_1(e) \theta_2(e)$$

NOTATION

$E_{1/2}$  = A SET OF  
REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR THE EQUIV.  
CLASSES  $\{e, -e\}$ .

$$= \sum_{e \in E_{1/2}} \theta_1(e) \theta_2(e).$$

$$l^2(V) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{div}]{\nabla} l^2(\vec{E})$$

$$(\nabla f)(x, y) = f(x) - f(y)$$

$$(\text{div } \theta)(x) = \sum_{y \sim x} \theta(x, y)$$

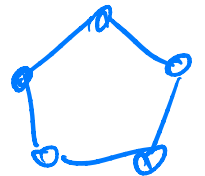
$$\boxed{(f, \text{div } \theta)_V = \sum_{x \in V} f(x) \sum_{y \sim x} \theta(x, y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{e \in E_{1/2}} (f(e^-) \underline{\theta(e)} + f(e^+) \underline{\theta(e^-)}) \\
&= \sum_{e \in E_{1/2}} (f(e^-) - f(e^+)) \theta(e) \\
&= \boxed{(\nabla f, \theta)_E}
\end{aligned}$$

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KIRCHHOFF'S CYCLE LAW:



IF  $x_1 \sim x_2 \sim \dots \sim x_n \sim x_{n+1} = x_1$

THEN  $\sum_{j=1}^n i(x_j, x_{j+1}) r(x_j, x_{j+1}) = 0$

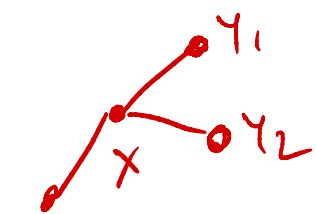
PROOF: SUM EQUALS  $\sum (v(x_j) - v(x_{j+1})) = 0.$

# WEIGHTED INNER PROD.

$$\boxed{(\Theta_1, \Theta_2)_r} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e \in \vec{E}} \Theta_1(e) \Theta_2(e) \underline{r(e)}$$

$s_x :=$

STAR SPACE  $\star = \text{span} \left\{ \sum_{y \sim x} c(x,y) \chi_{(x,y)} \right\}$   
TAKEN OVER  $\mathbb{R}V$



WHERE

$$\chi_{(x,y)} = 1_{(x,y)} - 1_{(y,x)}$$

$$\in \boxed{\mathcal{L}^2(\vec{E})}$$

$$\underline{\chi_{(x,y)} + \chi_{(x,y_2)} + \chi_{(x,y_3)}}$$

## CYCLE SPACE

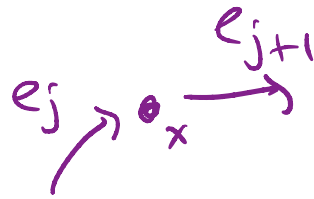
$$\square = \text{span} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \chi_{e_j} \mid e_1, \dots, e_n \text{ IS A DIRECTED CYCLE} \right\}$$



LEMMA :  $\mathcal{L}^2(\vec{E}) = \star \oplus \square$

AND  $(s, t)_r = 0 \quad \forall s \in \star \quad \forall t \in \square$

PF: ①  $(s_x, \text{cycle } \sum_{j=1}^n \chi_{e_j})_r = 0$  SINCE



$$(s_x, \chi_{e_j})_r = -1$$

$$(s_x, \chi_{e_{j+1}})_r = +1$$

SHOWS  $\star \perp \square$

② TO SHOW  $\mathcal{L}_-(\tilde{E}) = \text{span}(\star, \square)$ ,

WE'LL SHOW THAT IF  $\Theta \in \mathcal{L}_-(\tilde{E})$

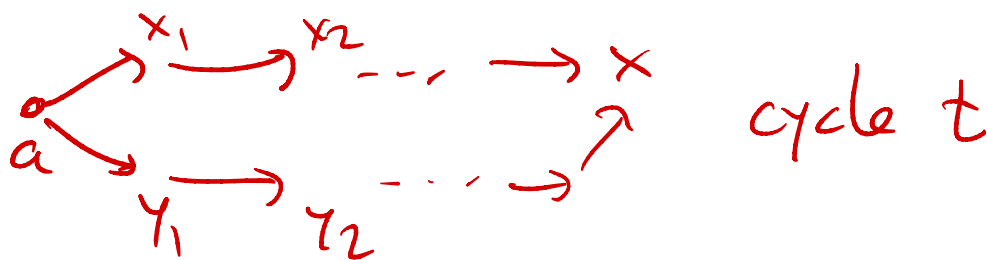
IS ORTHOGONAL TO BOTH  $\star$  AND  $\square$

THEN  $\Theta \equiv 0$ .

FIX  $a \in V$ , LET  $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta(x_j, x_{j+1}) r(x_j, x_{j+1})$

ALONG ANY PATH  $a \rightsquigarrow x$ .

IF  $\Theta \perp \square$  THEN  $f$  IS WELL-DEFINED:



THEN  $O = (\Theta, t)_r = f_x - f_y$ .

So  $\nabla f = r\Theta$ . Now if  $\Theta \perp \star$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{THEN } O &= (\Theta, s_x)_r = (r\Theta, s_x) \\ &= (\nabla f, s_x)_{\vec{E}} \\ &= (f, \text{div}(s_x))_V \end{aligned}$$

$$O = \sum_{y \sim x} (f(x) - f(y)) c(x, y)$$

$\Rightarrow f$  IS HARMONIC ON  $V$ .

$\Rightarrow f$  IS CONSTANT

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f = 0 \Rightarrow \Theta = 0. \quad \square$$