# Computation of Minimal Length Full Steiner Trees on the Vertices of a Convex Polygon 

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#### Abstract

A Steiner minimal tree is a tree of minimal length whose vertices are a given set of points $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ in $E^{2}$ and any set of additional points $s_{1}, \cdots, s_{k}(k \geqq 0)$. In general, the introduction of extra points makes possible shorter trees than the minimal length tree whose vertices are precisely $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ and for which practical algorithms are known. A Steiner minimal tree is the union of special subtrees, known as full Steiner trees. This paper demonstrates the use of the computer in generating minimal length full Steiner trees on sets of points in $E^{2}$ which are the vertices of convex polygons. The procedure given is a basis from which further research might proceed towards an ultimate practical algorithm for the construction of Steiner minimal trees.


1. Introduction. There are simple algorithms available for constructing the minimal length tree(s) whose vertices $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ are a given set of points in $E^{2}$ [7]. However, it is often possible to construct even shorter trees connecting $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ by introducing a number of extra vertices $s_{1}, \cdots, s_{k}$. Hence the following problem which is known as the Steiner problem: Given $n$ points $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ in $E^{2}$, to construct the tree(s) with vertices $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ and any $k$ additional vertices $s_{1}, \cdots, s_{k}(k \geqq 0)$ whose total length is minimum. Solutions are called Steiner minimal trees. The problem and its generalisations have received much attention in the literature recently due to the wide variety of applications. Principally Z. A. Melzak [5] provided an algorithm for solution and in fact proved that a finite number of classical ruler-compass constructions would solve the problem. E. J. Cockayne [1] developed this procedure and discussed certain generalisations. Melzak and Cockayne [2] have extended their algorithm to cover the case where the $a_{i}$ are sets rather than points. The principal problem remaining at this time is that of increasing the efficiency of the algorithm so that one can implement it on a digital computer and construct Steiner minimal trees, say for $n=20$ or 30 . As it stands, the number of steps required renders the algorithm completely impractical, except for a very small number of points. A few suggestions on efficiency were given in [1]. E. N. Gilbert and H. O. Pollak [4] have also attacked this aspect of the problem, giving a variety of geometric criteria which might be useful in reducing the algorithm. Their paper also contains work on generalisations, an excellent review of known results and an extensive bibliography. In the present work, we have adopted some of their terminology. This paper, also, is concerned with implementing the algorithm and its efficiency. In order to be more specific, we shall need a little mathematical background.

If $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}$ are points in $E^{2}$ such that no angle of the triangle is $\geqq 120^{\circ}$, then the point $S$ which minimises the sum of distances $a_{1} S+a_{2} S+a_{3} S$ is the unique point (called the Steiner point of the triangle) at which each side subtends $120^{\circ}$. From this

[^0]fact one deduces (see [3]) that Steiner minimal trees have the five properties (P1) (P5) listed below, i.e. Steiner minimal trees are Steiner trees.

Definition. A tree $U$ with vertices $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}, s_{1}, \cdots, s_{k}(k \geqq 0)$ is a Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ if and only if it has the following properties:
(P1) $U$ is non-self-intersecting.
(P2) $w\left(s_{i}\right)=3,1 \leqq i \leqq k$. $(w(x)$ is the valency of vertex $x$.)
(P3) $w\left(a_{j}\right) \leqq 3,1 \leqq j \leqq n$.
(P4) Each $s_{i}$ is the Steiner point of the triangle formed by the points which directly connect $s_{i}$ in $U$.
(P5) $0 \leqq k \leqq n-2$.
The original method of [5] consists of a proof that there are finitely many Steiner trees on any given set $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ and a geometric method of constructing these, which must include all Steiner minimal trees.

A full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ is a tree which satisfies (P1) - (P4) and also has $k=n-2$. The construction of minimal length full Steiner trees on a set is the essential step in the author's algorithm for the Steiner problem; the reason being that any Steiner minimal tree is a union of full Steiner subtrees. The present work is devoted to computing minimal length full Steiner trees (i.e. implementing the geometric procedure given in [1] on a machine) for vertex sets of convex polygons. The mathematical structures used give further insight into the Steiner problem and indicate the way that further research might proceed towards an ultimate solution. Sample results are supplied and the FORTRAN IV programs appear in the microfiche section of this issue.

Finally we note that in our previous paper [1] Steiner trees, full Steiner trees and the Steiner point of a triangle were termed $S$-trees, $\bar{S}$-trees and the $S$-point of a triangle respectively.
2. Associations of Full Steiner Trees. Denote by ( $p q$ ) and ( $q p$ ) the third vertices of the equilateral triangles on $p q$ as base, ( $p q$ ) being the point to the left looking from $p$ towards $q$. Below, we shall have cause to consider "higher order equilateral points" e.g. $\left(\left(p_{1} p_{2}\right) p_{3}\right)$ which is the third vertex of an equilateral triangle whose base is the line joining ( $p_{1} p_{2}$ ) and $p_{3}$ (see Fig. 1).


Figure 1

If $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}$ is a clockwise order of the vertices of a triangle having a Steiner point $S$, then the line segments $\left(a_{1} a_{2}\right) a_{3},\left(a_{2} a_{3}\right) a_{1},\left(a_{3} a_{1}\right) a_{2}$ are concurrent at $S$ and further each of these line segments has length equal to $a_{1} S+a_{2} S+a_{3} S$. This provides a simple construction for $S$ (we term it the "equilateral construction") which plays a fundamental role in the Steiner algorithm.

In [1] we defined the term "association of a full Steiner tree." This definition is repeated here for completeness. Let $U^{1}$ be such a tree on $A^{1}=\left\{a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}\right\}$ with extra vertices $s_{1}, \cdots, s_{n-2}$, (these will be called $a$-points and $s$-points respectively). $U^{1}$ has at least one pair of $a$-points (say $a_{1}, a_{2}$ ) which are directly joined to the same $s$-point (say $s_{1}$ ) in $U^{1}$. In fact a portion of the tree appears as in Fig. 2.


Figure 2
$X$ is the third point which directly joins $s_{1}$ in $U^{1} . s_{1}$ is the Steiner point of the triangle $a_{1} a_{2} X$, hence by the equilateral construction the line $X s_{1}$ produced passes through $\left(a_{1} a_{2}\right)$. Therefore the tree $U^{2}$ on $A^{2}=\left\{\left(a_{1} a_{2}\right), a_{3}, \cdots, a_{n}\right\}$ with $s$-points $s_{2}, \cdots, s_{n-2}$, formed from $U^{1}$ by replacing the segments $a_{1} s_{1}, a_{2} s_{1}, s_{1} X$ by the single segment $\left(a_{1} a_{2}\right) X$, has all the Steiner tree properties except perhaps (P1). $a_{1}, a_{2}$ are said to be "paired" in the formation of $U^{2}$ from $U^{1}$. This process may be repeated forming trees $U^{3}$ on $A^{3}, \cdots, U^{n-1}$ on $A^{n-1}$. At each stage two points of $A^{i}$ are paired to form $A^{i+1}$ and $U^{i+1}$ has one less $a$-point and s-point than $U^{i}$. The process terminates since $U^{n-1}$ has two $a$-points and no s-points. The two points of $A^{n-1}$ can be expressed in terms of the original $a$-points of $U^{1}$ and the equilateral point bracketing notation defined above. This representation of $A^{n-1}$ is called an association of $U^{1}$ and the segment joining the two points of $A^{n-1}$ is called an "axis" of $U^{\prime}$. There are many associations and axes of a given full Steiner tree.

Any formal combination of the symbols $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ by bracketing as above which forms precisely two points is called an association of $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ and defines a possible structure for a full Steiner tree. Whether or not there exists a full Steiner tree, having this structure, on a particular set of points $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ in $E^{2}$, depends on their geometric locations. Associations which define the same full Steiner tree structure are said to be equivalent (written $\equiv$ ).

The equilateral construction shows that length is preserved at each stage of the above process, i.e. for all $i=1, \cdots, n-1$ the length of $U^{i}$ is constant. Thus the length of a full Steiner tree is equal to the length of any of its axes. This is an important fact which will be used in the computation.

Example. In Fig. 3. the continuous line is $U^{1}$, a full Steiner tree on $A^{1}=\{1,2$, $3,4,5\}$.


Figure 3
We "pair" the points 1 and 3 giving

$$
A^{2}=\{(13), 2,4,5\} \text { and } U^{2} \text { with branches }(13) s_{3}, s_{3} 5, s_{2} s_{3}, 2 s_{2}, 4 s_{2}
$$

Next we pair 4 and 2

$$
A^{3}=\{(13),(42), 5\}, U^{3} \text { has branches }(42) s_{3},(13) s_{3}, s_{3} 5
$$

Finally we pair (13) and (42)

$$
A^{4}=\{((42)(13)), 5\}, U^{4} \text { has branch }((42)(13)) 5
$$

$((42)(13)), 5$ is an association of $U^{1}$ and the segment joining ((42)(13)) and 5 is an axis of $U^{1}$.

Let $(a b), c$ be an association of a full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ (i.e. $a, b, c$ are themselves combinations of $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ with equilateral point bracketings). Then by inspection of the unique full Steiner tree on the three points $a, b, c$ it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
(a b), c \equiv a,(b c) \equiv(b c), a \equiv b,(c a) \equiv(c a), b \equiv c,(a b) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

i.e. we get equivalent associations by interchanging the comma and parentheses or by permuting the letters provided that the cyclic order of the letters is left invariant. As a consequence, any full Steiner tree has an association in which any specified point appears last and is immediately preceded by the comma. Geometrically, this means that any $a$-point of a full Steiner tree may be used as one of the vertices of an axis. Further this association is unique. As an example, using two applications of (1) we determine the association of the tree $U^{1}$ of Fig. 3 terminating in ", 1 "

$$
((42)(13)), 5 \equiv(5(42)),(13) \equiv(3(5(42))), 1
$$

We notice that repeated applications of (1) do not disturb the cyclic order of the points. Summarising, we have proved:

Theorem 1. Any full Steiner tree has a unique association terminating in the comma and a specified point. All associations of a full Steiner tree have the same cyclic order of points.

Theorem 1 is extremely useful in the struggle to improve the efficiency of our Steiner algorithm. We strongly suspect that for any set of points $\left\{a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}\right\}$, geometric considerations (perhaps of the type discussed in [4]) will allow only very few cyclic orders of the $a_{i}$ in associations of minimal length full Steiner trees. The following theorem shows the truth of this conjecture when convexity is assumed.

Theorem 2. Let $H$ be the set of vertices of the polygon $C(A)$ which bounds the convex hull of $A=\left\{a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}\right\}$ and let $\omega$ be any association of any full Steiner tree $U$ on A. Then the order in which the points of $H$ appear in $\omega$, is a clockwise order of the vertices of $C(A)$.

In other words the theorem states that the cyclic order of the $a$-points in any full Steiner tree association and the clockwise order of the vertices of the convex hull boundary are compatible. We offer an illustration before proceeding with the proof of the theorem. Let $H=\left\{a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, a_{4}, a_{5}\right\}$ be a clockwise ordering of the vertices of $C(A)$ where $A=\left\{a_{i}: i=1, \cdots, 7\right\}$. The theorem asserts that associations of full Steiner trees on $A$ do not have orders of $A$ such as $a_{5} a_{1} a_{4} a_{2} a_{6} a_{3} a_{7}$. For the points of $H$ occur here in the order $a_{5} a_{1} a_{4} a_{2} a_{3}$ which is not a clockwise order.

Lemma. Let $a_{i}, a_{j}, a_{k}$ be distinct a-points of $U$ and let $\sigma$ be the s-point of $U$ at which the unique paths $a_{i} a_{j}, a_{i} a_{k}$ of $U$ split. Suppose that $x_{i} \sigma, x_{j} \sigma, x_{k} \sigma$ are the last edges of the paths $a_{i} \sigma, a_{j} \sigma, a_{k} \sigma$ respectively (see Fig. 4). For $t=i, j, k$ either $x_{i}$ is another s-point of $U$ or $x_{t}=a_{t}$. If (as in Fig. 4) looking from $x_{i}$ along $x_{i} \sigma$, the path $\sigma a_{j}$ branches to the left and $\sigma a_{k}$ to the right, then in any association of $U, a_{i}, a_{j}, a_{k}$ occur in this cyclic order.

Proof. By successive pairings as above, we can reduce $U$ to a tree $U^{n-2}$ having the point $\sigma$ as its only $s$-point and $3 a$-points $\alpha_{i}, \alpha_{j}, \alpha_{k}$ which are bracketing combinations of the original $a$-points of $U$ containing $a_{i}, a_{j}, a_{k}$ respectively and which lie on $\sigma x_{i}, \sigma x_{j}, \sigma x_{k}$ (perhaps produced) respectively. The final pairing forming the association ( $\alpha_{i} \alpha_{j}$ ), $\alpha_{k}$ of $U$ and Theorem 1 complete the proof of the lemma.

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $a_{u} a_{v} a_{w}$ be any three consecutive points in clockwise order on $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{A})$ and $\sigma$ be the $s$-point of $U$ where the paths $a_{u} a_{v}$ and $a_{u} a_{w}$ split. Since all $s$-points of $U$ are within $C(A)$ and $U$ is non-self-intersecting, in the terminology of the lemma, $\sigma a_{v}$ branches to the left and $\sigma a_{w}$ to the right. By the lemma $a_{u} a_{v} a_{w}$ have this cyclic order in any association of $U$. Hence Theorem 2.

Corollary. Let $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ be the vertices of a convex polygon. Then the cyclic order of the $a_{i}$ in any association of a full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ is the clockwise order of vertices on the polygon.

The methods of the subsequent sections successively generate associations of $A=\left\{a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}\right\}$ and endeavour to construct the full Steiner tree on $A$ from each association, if it exists. The above theorem shows that all full Steiner trees on a set of $n$ points, $r$ of which are on the convex hull boundary, may be constructed from the subclass of associations of the $a_{i}$ in which the clockwise order of the $r$ vertices of the
convex hull boundary is preserved. An elementary combinatorial argument shows that only $(n-1)!/(r-1)!$ cyclic orders of the total $(n-1)$ ! cyclic orders need to be considered. In particular, for the present case where we have a convex polygon, $r=n$ and only 1 cyclic order need be processed (which reduces machine time considerably!).


Figure 4
3. The $A$-Matrix. In this and subsequent sections $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ denote, in clockwise order, the vertices of a convex polygon and the $a_{i}$ are assumed to be complex numbers wherever necessary.

Our algorithm will process each element of $\Omega$, the class of all associations of $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ which exhibit the $a_{i}$ in this order and in which the comma directly precedes $a_{n}$. For each $\omega \in \Omega$, by means of an $A$-matrix for $\omega$ (defined below), the computer will test whether or not $U(\omega)$, a full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ with association $\omega$, exists and will isolate a tree of minimum length from the set $\{U(\omega): \omega \in \Omega\}$. Theorems 1 and 2 imply that this will be the required minimal length full Steiner tree on the $a_{i}$.

Let $\omega \in \Omega$ and assume, for the moment, the existence of $U(\omega)$. Suppose that $A^{1}, A^{2}, \cdots, A^{n-1}$ are successive sets of points encountered in the construction of $\omega$ from $U(\omega)$ (cf. Section 2) where for each $i$ the equilateral bracketing representation of $A^{i}$ exhibits the $a_{i}$ in their natural order. By an $A$-matrix of $\omega$, we mean an $n \times n$ matrix of complex numbers in which the first $(n-i+1)$ elements of the $i$ th row contains the points of $A^{i}(i=1, \cdots, n-1)$ and the remaining elements are zero. Examples will be useful at this point. The matrices $M_{1}, M_{2}$ are both $A$-matrices for the association $(((12)(34)) 5), 6$.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (12) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| (12) | (34) | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| ((12)(34)) | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (((12)(34))5) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matrix $M_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | 2 | (34) | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| (12) | (34) | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| ((12)(34)) | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (( $(12)(34)) 5$ ) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matrix $M_{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |

4. The Pairing Vector. In this section we show how to ensure that the computer considers all the associations of $\Omega$ precisely once.

To each $A$-matrix there corresponds a vector $v$, of dimension $n-1$, with nonnegative integral components where $v(1)=0$ and for each $i=2, \cdots, n-1$ the $i$ th row of the $A$-matrix is formed from the $(i-1)$ th row by pairing the $v(i)$ th and $(v(i)+1)$ th elements. This vector we call the pairing vector of the $A$-matrix. This correspondence is 1-1 between the class of all $A$-matrices of associations in $\Omega$ and the set $V$ of all vectors $v$, of dimension $n-1$ with nonnegative integral components satisfying

$$
v(1)=0 \text { and } 1 \leqq v(i) \leqq n-i, \quad i=2, \cdots, n-1
$$

For example, the pairing vectors of the $A$-matrices $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ given in Section 3 are $\{0,1,2,1,1\}$ and $\{0,3,1,1,1\}$ respectively.

Pairing vectors are easily generated on the machine and given a pairing vector and the original $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ it is a simple process for the computer to pair the appropriate points and form the corresponding $A$-matrix.

The correspondence of $A$-matrices and associations of $\Omega$ and hence the correspondence of pairing vectors and $\Omega$ is many-one. Thus, in order to generate precisely one $A$-matrix for each $\omega \in \Omega$, we (fortunately!) do not have to use all the ( $n-2$ )! vectors of $V$. In fact it is sufficient to use the subclass $V^{*}$ of $V$ whose vectors also satisfy

$$
v(i) \geqq v(i+1) \quad \text { for } i=2, \cdots, n-2 .
$$

It is left to the reader to show that the correspondence of $\Omega$ and $V^{*}$ is one-one.
To complete this section we enumerate the associations which our algorithm must process in its search for a minimal length full Steiner tree on $n a$-points with $k=n-2 s$-points, i.e. we determine the cardinality $N(\Omega)$ of $\Omega$. Ignoring the convexity assumption, we state that there are $(k+1)!N(\Omega)$ nonequivalent associations because, by Theorem 1, only those associations terminating in ", $a_{n}$ " need be counted and the remaining $(k+1) a$-points may be permuted in $(k+1)$ ! ways. Since an
incidence matrix does not reflect the fact that ordered pairs of points are bracketed to form equilateral points at each of the $k$ pairing stages, there are $2^{k}$ nonequivalent associations for which the corresponding full Steiner tree structures have the same incidence matrix. Therefore the total number of incidence matrices is $(k+1)!N(\Omega) / 2^{k}$. We equate this to the expression obtained by Gilbert and Pollak [4] and obtain

$$
(k+1)!N(\Omega) / 2^{k}=(2 k)!/ k!2^{k}
$$

i.e.

$$
N(\Omega)=(2 k)!/ k!(k+1)!.
$$

This formula is also obtained in a book by Ivan Niven [6, Chapter 11].
5. Computational Details. The first part of our algorithm generates the pairing vectors of $V^{*}$. For each pairing vector $v$, the corresponding $A$-matrix is computed. The ordered $n$-tuple of complex numbers $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ is read into the first row of the $A$-matrix, and the remaining rows are generated recursively as follows. For each $i$ from 2 to $n-1$ the subroutine EQPT calculates the equilateral point for the ordered pair $A(i-1, v(i)), A(i-1, v(i)+1)$ and the other elements of the $i$ th row are identical to elements in the $(i-1)$ th row. The axis, corresponding to the vector $v$ is the distance between the two points in the $(n-1)$ th row of the $A$-matrix. Should this axis be longer than the axis of a tree that has already been constructed by the procedure, then $v$ cannot yield a minimum tree and we proceed to the next pairing vector, otherwise the s-points for the tree are computed. At this stage we may well discover that no full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$ may be drawn with pairing vector $v$.

We now give details of the procedure for computation of the $s$-points from an $A$-matrix. Each $s$-point is computed as a Steiner point of a certain triangle by a subroutine known as STEIN. The first $s$-point is the Steiner point of the three points in the $(n-2)$ th row of the $A$-matrix. We then work with progressively higher rows of the matrix, considering successively the ( $n-i$ )th row as $i$ varies from 3 to $n-1$. For each $i$, let $x(n-i), y(n-i)$ be the two elements (say $\alpha, \beta$ ) of the $(n-i)$ th row which are paired in the formation of the $(n-i+1)$ th row and let $z(n-i)$ be the $s$-point which has already been computed as the Steiner point of a triangle, one of whose vertices is the equilateral point ( $\alpha \beta$ ). Then the next $s$-point is the Steiner point of $x(n-i), y(n-i), z(n-i)$. If at any stage no Steiner point for the triangle exists, there is no tree corresponding to $v$ and we proceed to the next pairing vector. As an illustration we list the steps in the construction of the $s$-points from the $A$-matrix $M_{1}$ of Section 3.

|  | $X$ | $Y$ | $Z$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $s_{1}$ is the Steiner point of | $((12)(34))$ | 5 | 6 |
| $s_{2}$ is the Steiner point of | $(12)$ | $(34)$ | $s_{1}$ |
| $s_{3}$ is the Steiner point of | 3 | 4 | $s_{2}$ |
| $s_{4}$ is the Steiner point of | 1 | 2 | $s_{2}$ |

Assuming the existence of a minimum length full Steiner tree on $a_{1}, \cdots, a_{n}$, the output from the program gives the length of such a tree, the pairing vector which
produced it, the s-points of the tree and the triangles from which they were computed. The incidence matrix is simply derived from this information.

On the IBM 360/44 machine at the University of Victoria, approximately 25 minutes of computing time were used for examples with $n=12$. With the present program and comparable times on a faster machine, we estimate one could run the algorithm up to $n=17$.

We are presently trying to increase the efficiency of the program by implementing the "deciding region" criterion of [4], a geometric method for rejecting certain pairings of points in associations. We note here that this criterion can be used at any stage in the formation of an association.


Appendix I. Sample Results.
Example 1.

| $N-4$ |
| :---: |
| $A$-POINTS |
| $-3.000, \quad 1.000$ |
| $3.000, \quad 1.000$ |
| 3.000, |
| -1.000 |
| -3.000, |

FULL STEINER TREE
LENGTH $=9.464$
PAIRING VECTOR IS 021

| $X$ |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | -3.000, | 1.000 |
| 2 | 3.000, | 1.000 |

Example 2.

$$
\begin{gathered}
N=5 \\
A-\text {-POINTS } \\
-1.000, \quad 2.000 \\
1.000, \quad 1.000 \\
1.000, \\
-1.000 \\
-1.000, \\
-1.000 \\
-2.000, \quad 0.0
\end{gathered}
$$

FULL STEINER TREE
LENGTH $=7.433$
PAIRING VECTOR IS 0111
$X$
$1 \quad 4.598, \quad 1.232$
$20.866, \quad 3.232$
$3-1.000, \quad 2.000$
Example 3.

$$
\begin{gathered}
N=10 \\
A \text {-POINTS } \\
0.0, \quad 2.000 \\
2.000, \quad 1.000 \\
2.000, \quad 0.0 \\
1.500,-1.500 \\
1.000,-2.000 \\
0.500,-2.000 \\
0.0,-2.000 \\
-1.000, \\
-1.000 \\
-1.000, \quad 0.0 \\
-0.750,
\end{gathered}
$$

FULL STEINER TREE
LENGTH $=11.938$
PAIRING VECTOR IS 077544221

|  | $X$ |  | $Y$ | $Z$ |  | $S$-POINT |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | 0.0, | 2.000 | $6.165,-7.214$ | -0.750, | 1.000 | $-0.375, \quad 1.055$ |  |
| 1 | 2.866, | 0.500 | $-2.165,-6.214$ | -0.375, | 1.055 | $0.355, \quad 0.132$ |  |
| 2 | 2.000, | 1.000 | $2.000,0.0$ | 0.355, | 0.132 | $1.736, \quad 0.334$ |  |
| 4 | $1.933,-2.616$ | $-3.232,-0.866$ | 0.355, | 0.132 | $0.156,-0.369$ |  |  |
| 5 | $1.500,-1.500$ | $0.750,-2.433$ | $0.156,-0.369$ | $1.097,-1.559$ |  |  |  |
| 6 | $1.000,-2.000$ | $0.500,-2.000$ | $1.097,-1.559$ | $0.948,-1.934$ |  |  |  |
| 7 | $-1.366,-2.366$ | $-1.000,-0.0$ | $0.156,-0.369$ | $-0.618,-0.483$ |  |  |  |
| 8 | $0.0,-2.000$ | $-1.000,-1.000$ | $-0.618,-0.483$ | $-0.813,-0.973$ |  |  |  |

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C
C OBTAINS N-2 S-POINTS FROM PAIRING VECTOR V & A-MATRIX.
C
C
    20 DO 50 I=2,M
        II=M+2-1
        X(I-1)=A(II-1,V(11))
        Y(I-1)=A(II-1,V(II)+1)
        IF (1.EQ.2) GO TO 51
        13=1-2
        00 54 12=1,13
        P=A(11,V(11))}-X(13+1-12
        Q=A(Il,V(I|))-Y(I3+1-12)
        PI=P
        O1=0
        P2=P=(0.0,-1.0)
        Q2=0* (0.0.-1.0)
        IF (IP1.NE.O..OR.P2.NE.U.).ANO.(O1.NE.O..OR.O2.NE.O.I)GOTOS4
    2(1-1)=S(13+1-12)
    GO TO 52
    54 CONTINUE
    51 L(I-1)=A(I,N)
    52 CALL STEIN (X(I-1),Y(I-1),Z(I-1),S(I-1),IEST)
    IF (.NOT.TEST) GO TO 3
    IF (.NOT.EUREKA) GO TO 5O
    14=1-1
    WRITE (6,53) 14,X(14),Y(14),Z(14),S(14)
    53 FORMAT ('0',12,3X,4(F7,3,',',F7.3,2X))
    SO CONTINUE
    IF (EUREKA) CALL EXIT
    FAXIS=AXIS
    DO 22 K=1,M
    22W(K)=V(K)
    GO TO 3
C
C
    ALL PAIRING VECTORS PROCESSED.
8O EHREKA =.TRUE.
    IF.(FAXIS.EQ.O.O) GO TO 24
    WRITE (6,101) FAXIS,(H(J5),j5=1,M)
101 FORMAT (///,' FULL STEINER TREE',////,' LENGTHE',F7.3,
    I///:' PAIRING VECTOP IS ',20(12,1x))
    WRITE (6,102)
102 FORMAT(///,'' ',T14,''X',T31,'Y',T48,'2',T62,'S-POINT')
    DO 10 K3=1,M
    10V(K3)=W(K3)
    GO TO 2
24 WRITE (6,23)
23 FORMAT ('INO FULL STEINER TREE EXISTS')
    CALL EXIT
    END
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## SUBROUTINE STEIN(X,Y, $Z, W, T E S T)$

    STEIN GALCQLATES STEINER POINT W OF TRIANGLE XYL. IF NU
    C STEINER PORNT EXISTS. TEST IS SET TO OFALSE.
IMPLICIT REAL*B(A-H,O-S),COMPLEX*16(T-2)
LOGICAL TEST
$A=C D A B S(X-Y)$
$B=C D A B S(Y-Z)$
$C=C D A B S(Z-x)$
TESTE.TRUE.
IFIA.NE.O.O.AND.B.NE.O.O.AND.C.NE.O.O)GO TO 2
TEST=.FALSE.
RETURN
2 If( $B * * 2+C * * 2-A * * 2) /(2.0 * B * C) . L E \cdot-0.500) G O$ TO 3
IF ( $(C *+2+A * 2-B * * 2) /(2.0 * C * A) . L E .-0 . S O O) G O$ TO 3
IF ( (A** $2+8 * * 2-C * * 2) /(2.0 * A * 8) . G T .-0.500) G 0$ TO 5
3 TEST=.FALSE.
RETURN
5 CALL EOPTIX,Y,U,TESTI
7 Dl=X
$D 2=(x-01) *(0.0,-1.0)$
El=Y
$E 2=(Y-E 1) *(0.0,-1.0)$
FI: U
$F 2=(U-F 1) *(0.0,-1.0)$
G1=2
G2=(2-G1)*(0.0.-1.0)
$A=E 2-02$
$B=D 1-E 1$
$C=01 * E 2-D 2 * E 1$
IF ( $A * F I+B * F 2-C) *(A * G I+B * G 2-C) . L T .0 .00) G O$ TO 6
TEMP=X
$X=Y$
YETEMP
CALL EOPT(X,Y,U,TEST)
6 CALL EOPT(Y,Z,V,TESTI
8 CALL POINT(U,Z,V,X,W)
RETURN
END

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    SUBROUTINE EQPT(X,Y,Z,TEST)
C
C EQPT COMPUTES THIRD, VERTEX L OF EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE ON XY
C AS BASE. CLOCKWISE ORDCR ON TRIANGLE IS XIY.
C IF X=Y,TEST IS SET TO .fALSE.
    IMPLIC&T REAL*8(A-H,O-V)
    COMPLEX*16 W,X,Y,Z
    LOGICAL TEST
    W=y-x
    TEST=.TRUE.
    IF(CDABS(w).NE.O.0)\0 TO 2
    TEST=.FALSE.
    RETURN
    2 8l=w
    B2=(0.0,-1.0) #(W-B1)
    IF(B1.NE.O.0)GO TO 3
    C2=82/2.0
    C1=-C2*DSQRT(3.DO)
    GO 10 6
    3 THETA=DATAN(B2/81)+DATAN(DSORT(3.DO))
    IFIBI.GT.0.00IGU TO 4
    THETA=THETA+DARCOS(-1.00)
    4 RADIUS=CDABS(W)
    Cl=RADIUS*OCOS(THETA)
    C2=RADIUS*OSIN(THETA)
    O }l=OCMPLX(C1,C2)+
    REIURN
    ENO
    SUBROUTINE POINT(W,X,Y,Z,V)
c
c puint cumputes the point of intersectiun v df lines joining
C THE PAIRS OF POINTS W,X AND Y,Z.
    IMPLICST REAL*B(A-H,O-U),COMPLEX*16(V-Z)
    O1=W
    02*(W-01)*(0.0,-1.0)
    E1=x
    E2=(X-E1)*(0.0,-1.0)
    F1=Y
    F2=(Y-F1)*(0.0,-1.0)
    G1=2
    G2=(z-G1)*(0.0.-1.0)
    A1=E2-02
    B1=01-E1
    C1=D1*E2-02*E1
    A2=G2-F2
    B2=F1-G1
    C2=F1*G2-F2*G1
    P1=(B2*C1-B1*C2)/(A1*B2-A2*B1)
    P2=(A1*C2-A2*C1)/(A1**22-A2*B1)
    V=OCMPLX(P1,P2)
    RETURN
    END
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# table of chebushev polynomial exeansions OF BOSE-EINSTEIN FUNCTIONS OF ORDERS 1 TO 10 

 BYE. W. NG, C. J. DEVINE, AND R. F. TOOPER
E. W. Hg, C. J. Devine, and R. F. Tooper, Table of Chebyshev Polynomial Expansions of Bose-Einstein Punctions of Orders Ito 10, Addendus to Math. of Comp. this issue.

Coefficients are given in Tables $\mathcal{E}$ through $X$ for 3 sets of Chebyshev polynomial expansions given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& B_{p}(\pi) \approx e^{\eta} \sum_{k=0} \sum_{k}(p) T_{k}^{*}\left(e^{\eta+1}\right) \\
& \text { for }-\leq \eta_{1} \leq 1 \text {, } \\
& p=1,2, \ldots, 10 \text {. } \\
& B_{p}(\eta)=\sum_{k=0} D_{k}(p) T_{k}(\eta)-\frac{\eta^{p}}{p!} \ell n|\eta| \\
& \text { 'for }-1 \leq \eta \leq 1 \text {, } \\
& p=1,2, \ldots, 10 \text {. } \\
& B_{p}(\eta)=q_{p}(\eta)+\frac{1}{2} \eta^{p+2} \sum_{k=0}^{l} c_{k}^{l p} T_{2 k}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)-\frac{\eta^{p}}{p!}\{n|\eta| \\
& \text { for }-2 \leq \pi \leqslant 2 \text {, } \\
& p=1,2, \ldots, 5
\end{aligned}
$$

where in the last equation,

$$
Q_{p}(\eta)=\sum_{k=0}^{p+1} q_{k}(p)_{\eta^{k}} .
$$

The coefficiente $\mathcal{q}^{(p)}$ appear the end of Tables I, II, III, IV, and $V$.
In 11 the tables the number in parenthesis before each coeffigient represente the power of ten which multiplies the coefficient. For exampe copsider the following coefficient from rablat $I$ :
(-12) 5.21359045 is the ene as
$5.21359045 \times 10^{-12}$.


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