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# Minimum-Cost Temporal Walks under Waiting-Time Constraints in Linear Time\*

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## Abstract

In a temporal graph, each edge is available at specific points in time. Such an availability point is often represented by a “temporal edge” that can be traversed from its tail only at a specific departure time, for arriving in its head after a specific travel time. In such a graph, the connectivity from one node to another is naturally captured by the existence of a temporal path where temporal edges can be traversed one after the other. When imposing constraints on how much time it is possible to wait at a node in-between two temporal edges, it then becomes interesting to consider temporal walks where it is allowed to visit several times the same node, possibly at different times.

We study the complexity of computing minimum-cost temporal walks from a single source under waiting-time constraints in a temporal graph, and ask under which conditions this problem can be solved in linear time. Our main result is a linear time algorithm when temporal edges are provided in input by non-decreasing departure time and also by non-decreasing arrival time. We use an algebraic framework for manipulating abstract costs, enabling the optimization of a large variety of criteria or even combinations of these. It allows to improve previous results for several criteria such as number of edges or overall waiting time. This result is somehow optimal: a logarithmic factor in the time complexity appears to be necessary if the input contains only one ordering of the temporal edges (either by arrival times or departure times).

**Keywords:** temporal graph, temporal path, temporal walk, shortest temporal path, optimal temporal walk, waiting-time constraints, restless temporal walk, linear time.

## 1 Introduction

Computing shortest paths is certainly one of the most fundamental problems within algorithmic graph theory, as well as one of the most important subroutine for a large diversity of applications in networks. While its complexity has been extensively covered in the context of static graphs, there is still room for improvement in temporal graphs, where the edge set evolves with time. Temporal graphs arose with the need to better model contexts where the appearance of interactions or connections depends on time, such as epidemic propagation or transport networks. For example,

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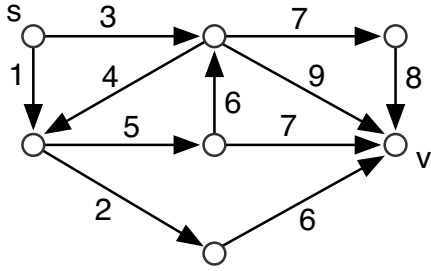


Figure 1: A temporal graph: each edge is labeled by its departure time and travel times are all one here for simplicity. Several temporal paths or walks from source node  $s$  to node  $v$  optimize different criteria (we identify those by the consecutive labels of their edges): 1,2,6 has earliest arrival time ( $7 = 6 + 1$ ), 3,4,5,7 has shortest duration ( $5 = 7 + 1 - 3$ ), 3,9 has fewest number of edges (2), and 3,4,5,6,7,8 has minimum overall waiting time (0).

in a flight network, nodes represent airports while each edge corresponds to a flight and is labeled with a departure time and a travel time. The natural notion of connectivity is then grasped by temporal paths where edges appear in chronological order and can be traversed one after the other. Starting with the work on time-dependent networks [10] and the telephone problem [6], the discrete time version of temporal graphs we consider here was already investigated in [2, 21, 23] and introduced later in various contexts ranging from social interactions to mobile networks and distributed computing (see e.g. [8, 19, 18]). This classical point-availability model of temporal graph is the following. The availability of an edge  $(u, v)$  at time  $\tau$  is modeled by a temporal edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$ . It represents the possibility to traverse the edge from  $u$  at time exactly  $\tau$  with arrival in  $v$  at time  $\tau + \lambda$ . We refer to  $\tau$  and  $\tau + \lambda$  as the departure time and arrival time of  $e$  respectively, while  $\lambda \geq 0$  is called the travel time of  $e$ . A temporal walk can then be defined as a sequence of temporal edges such that each temporal edge arrives at the departing node of the next one, and the arrival time of each temporal edge is less or equal to the departure time of the next one. The inequality means that it is possible to wait at the node in-between two consecutive temporal edges. We distinguish such a walk from a temporal path, which is a temporal walk visiting at most once any node.

While the notion of “shortest” path is fairly standard for static graphs, there exists several natural extensions for defining “shortest” temporal walks. Indeed, the following natural criteria can be optimized: earliest arrival time, shortest duration, or fewest number of edges, to name most popular ones. See Figure 1 for an example showing the different paths or walks resulting from optimizing these. Most criteria result in optimal temporal walks which are indeed temporal paths. Minimizing overall waiting time at nodes is a striking exception where walks obviously help compared to paths (see Figure 1). Indeed, optimizing different criteria might appear as different problems and the single-source optimal path/walk problem has mostly been addressed with different algorithms for different criteria, resulting in different time complexities (see e.g. [5, 19, 29]). Most of them assume that the input is given in some specifically sorted format, and their running time is either linear in the number  $M$  of temporal edges or within a logarithmic factor at most  $\log M$  from it. Recently, generic algorithms allowing to solve the problem for any criteria, or even a linear combination of them, were proposed [1, 4] but inherently incur a logarithmic factor. This raises the question of which criteria have a linear time algorithm given a pre-sorted input. This paper addresses it.

**Related work.** Interestingly, after numerous works inspired by Dijkstra algorithm (see e.g. [2, 3, 21, 23]), a linear-time algorithm for earliest arrival time was first claimed in [28] with a similar algorithm as [13] through a single scan of temporal edges ordered by non-decreasing departure time. Single-source shortest duration temporal paths are then obtained by basically solving the profile problem, that is computing the earliest arrival time at each node for each possible departure time

at the source, which seems more difficult. However, a more intricate version of the scanning algorithm [28, 13] solves it in  $O(M \log \Delta)$  time where  $\Delta \leq M$  is the maximum number of temporal edges with same head. A linear time algorithm was later included in [29] by taking as input a representation of the temporal graph as a static graph. This representation is similar to the classical “space-time” (or “time-expanded”) graph [22, 23, 24, 20, 19] where each node is split into node events, one for each time where a temporal edge arrives to it or departs from it, and each temporal edge is turned into an arc between two node events. This “space-time” approach is also used for temporal paths with fewest edges (a.k.a. shortest temporal paths) [29] but results in an  $O(M \log M)$  time complexity as Dijkstra algorithm is used on this static graph which has  $\Theta(M)$  vertices and  $\Theta(M)$  edges. It was thus unclear whether linear time is possible for fewest edges, and other criteria, such as overall waiting time which seems even harder as it requires to consider walks rather than just paths. Moreover, if linear-time could be explained by the use of a sorted input for earliest arrival time, it left open what property of the space-time representation is enabling linear time for shortest duration.

Moreover, a further level of difficulty happens when the waiting time at each node is bounded: the computation of temporal paths becomes NP-hard [9]. Note that such waiting restrictions are natural in several contexts such as epidemic propagation or flight networks. For example, in an epidemic propagation model where nodes represent individuals and temporal edges represent contacts, an upper bound on waiting time allows to grasp the fact that a contaminated individual is contagious only during a certain interval of time, and cannot spread the disease after. Despite this hardness result, a recent break-through [1] shows that computing single-source optimal walks is still possible under such waiting-time constraints in  $O(M \log M)$  time. Similarly to optimizing overall waiting time, such constraints indeed impose to switch from paths to walks for other criteria also. The algorithm is generic as it optimizes a linear combination of all classical criteria. The  $\log M$  factor again comes from using several calls to Dijkstra algorithm on graphs that can have up to  $\Theta(M)$  nodes and  $\Theta(M)$  edges. This left open whether linear time was possible for any criterion under waiting-time constraints.

Other related work [5, 12, 25] consider a more general model where each temporal edge is available during an interval of time (rather than a point), resulting in higher time complexities (e.g. quadratic for shortest duration) although waiting-time constraints are not considered.

**Contribution.** We propose a temporal-edge scanning algorithm for single-source minimum-cost walks that runs in linear time when travel times are strictly positive, and the input is given as two appropriately sorted lists of temporal edges: one according to arrival times, and the other according to departure times. It can handle waiting-time constraints as defined in [1]. We use an algebraic definition of cost similarly to [4] and in the spirit of [26, 27]. This enables a large variety of cost definitions, including in particular the linear combination considered in [1], or compositions such as shortest-fastest [25]. This shows that linear time is possible for all criteria given these two sorted lists. Moreover, this holds even with waiting-time constraints while a logarithmic factor was previously necessitated for all criteria in that context. Our algorithm also solves the profile problem (again in linear time) with waiting-time constraints. No such algorithm was previously claimed, although we suspect that [1] can be adapted for that, but with a logarithmic slowdown. See Table 1 for a comparison with previous work. Assuming positive travel times is related to the concept of strict temporal path where departing times are required to strictly increase along a temporal path. This assumption is quite natural in many practical settings such as transit networks. From a practical perspective, an adequate input is initially computed in  $O(M \log M)$  time from any

Criterion	Time complexity	Model restrictions		
		$\lambda > 0$	$\beta = \infty$	pre-sorted
Earliest arrival time	$O(M)$ [14, 29]	✓	✓	✓
Shortest duration	$O(M)$ [29]	✓	✓	✓
Fewest edges	$O(M \log \Delta)$ [29]	✓	✓	–
Any above	} $O(M \log M)$ [1]	✗	✗	–
Overall waiting time				
Linear combination	} $O(M \log \Delta)$ [14]	✓	✓	–
Profile				
	This Paper			
Any above	{ $O(M)$ Algorithm 1	✓	✗	✓
	{ $O(M \log n)$ Algorithm 4	✗	✗	✓
Overall waiting time	$\Omega(M \log M)$ Theorem 2	✓	✓	–

Table 1: Best time complexities for solving single-source optimal temporal walks for various criteria in a temporal graph with  $M$  temporal edges,  $n$  nodes, and where a node has at most  $\Delta \leq M$  temporal edges entering it. A check-mark in column  $\lambda > 0$ , resp.  $\beta = \infty$ , indicates that positive travel times, resp. unrestricted waiting-time, are assumed. A check-mark, resp. a dash, in column “pre-sorted” indicates that the input is given as a space-time representation or an equivalent doubly-sorted representation, resp. a singly sorted list of temporal edges.

classical representation as usually assumed in practical works [14, 29] for better efficiency. Then, our algorithm enables an arbitrary number of queries from different sources in  $O(M)$  time each. In particular, this implies a logarithmic speed-up for the all-pair problem. A trivial modification allows to restrict queries to a given interval of time within the lifetime of the temporal graph.

Saving a logarithmic factor when the input is sorted is not as simple as one might think as a single sorted list of temporal edges is not sufficient. We show a lower bound of  $\Omega(M \log M)$  with such a “singly-sorted” for algorithms using comparisons only, which is indeed a desirable algorithmic feature in the algebraic approach for supporting a wide variety of abstract costs. This lower bound holds even if the input temporal edges are required to be given either by non-decreasing arrival times or by non-decreasing departure times. This shows that our requirement for a “doubly-sorted” representation with both orderings is somehow necessary for allowing linear time computation.

Our algorithm actually works in a more general setting where zero travel time are allowed, but where no cycle of edges with zero travel time occurs at any time instant. Positive travel times obviously imply such acyclicity. It also works with a wider range of pairs of orderings of temporal edges as long as they satisfy a certain doubly-sorted requirement related to this acyclicity. We show that the required doubly-sorted representation of the temporal graph is equivalent to the space-time representation in the sense that one can be computed from the other in linear time and space, shedding light on why the space-time representation could enable linear time for shortest duration.

Finally, we show how to handle the setting where cycles of edges with zero travel time can occur. It is then possible to compute for a fixed source an adequate pair of orderings allowing our algorithm to run correctly for that source. This pair can be computed in  $O(M \log n)$  time where  $n$  is the

number of nodes, allowing to reduce the complexity from  $O(M \log M)$  to  $O(M \log n)$  compared to previous work. Note that this  $\log n$  factor seems mandatory as the single-source shortest problem in static graphs has then a trivial reduction to our problem. Note also that  $M$  is not bounded with respect to  $n$  and can be much larger in practice.

Our main new technique consists in maintaining at each node a list of intervals spanning a sliding window of outgoing temporal edges. It allows to update in constant time the cost of candidate minimum-cost walks departing in a time interval. These intervals may be split as temporal edges are scanned, and a careful use of the two orderings of temporal edges given as input allows to manage them with linear amortized complexity. We think that this technique is a valuable contribution and could appear useful for other temporal graph problems involving temporal connectivity such as computing temporal betweenness [7] or delay-robust temporal walks [16].

The paper is organized as follows. After defining the main notions in Section 2, we introduce an algebraic definition of cost in Section 3 and present an algorithm solving the following problem: given a source node  $s$ , it computes, for each temporal edge  $e$ , the minimum-cost of a temporal walk from  $s$  having  $e$  as last edge (if such a walk exists). In Section 4, specific algebraic cost structures are proposed to solve the single-source optimal temporal walk problem for most classical criteria, and combinations of them, as well as the profile problem. A lower bound on the time complexity of the minimum overall waiting time problem is then given in Section 5. We show in Section 6 the equivalence between the space-time representation of a temporal graph and the doubly-sorted representation required by our algorithm. Finally, we show in Section 7 how to extend our algorithm in the setting where cycles of edges with zero travel time can occur.

## 2 Preliminary definitions

A *temporal graph* is a tuple  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$ , where  $V$  is the set of *nodes*,  $E$  is the set of temporal edges and  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, +\infty]^V$  are minimum and maximum waiting-times at each node. A *temporal edge*  $e$  is a quadruple  $(u, v, \tau, \lambda)$ , where  $u \in V$  is the *tail* of  $e$ ,  $v \in V$  is the *head* of  $e$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  is the *departure time* of  $e$ , and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is the *travel time* of  $e$ . We also define the *arrival time* of  $e$  as  $\tau + \lambda$ , and we let  $dep(e) = \tau$  and  $arr(e) = \tau + \lambda$  denote the departure time and arrival time of  $e$  respectively. For the sake of brevity, we often say edge instead of temporal edge. We let  $n = |V|$  and  $M = |E|$  denote the number of nodes and edges respectively.

Given a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  a *walk*  $Q$  from  $u$  to  $v$ , or a *uv-walk* for short, is a sequence of temporal edges  $\langle e_1 = (u_1, v_1, \tau_1, \lambda_1), \dots, e_k = (u_k, v_k, \tau_k, \lambda_k) \rangle \subseteq E^k$  such that  $u = u_1$ ,  $v_k = v$ , and, for each  $i$  with  $1 < i \leq k$ ,  $u_i = v_{i-1}$  and  $a_{i-1} + \alpha_{u_i} \leq \tau_i \leq a_{i-1} + \beta_{u_i}$  where  $a_{i-1} = \tau_{i-1} + \lambda_{i-1}$  is the arrival time of  $e_{i-1}$ . Note that the waiting time  $\tau_i - a_{i-1}$  at node  $u_i$  is constrained to be in the interval  $[\alpha_{u_i}, \beta_{u_i}]$ . We say that *waiting is unrestricted* when  $\alpha_v = 0$  and  $\beta_v = +\infty$  for all  $v \in V$ . Note that for positive travel times, such a walk is *strict* in the sense that  $\tau_{i-1} < \tau_i$  for  $1 < i \leq k$  as the constraint  $a_{i-1} + \alpha_{u_i} \leq \tau_i$  implies  $\tau_i \geq a_{i-1} = \tau_{i-1} + \lambda_{i-1} > \tau_{i-1}$  for  $\lambda_{i-1} > 0$ . The *departing time*  $dep(Q)$  of  $Q$  is defined as  $\tau_1$ , while the *arrival time*  $arr(Q)$  of  $Q$  is defined as  $\tau_k + \lambda_k$ . We say that a temporal edge  $e = (x, y, \tau, \lambda)$  *extends*  $Q$  when  $x = v_k$  and  $arr(Q) + \alpha_x \leq \tau \leq arr(Q) + \beta_x$ . When  $e$  extends  $Q$ , we can indeed define the walk  $Q.e = \langle e_1, \dots, e_k, e \rangle$  from  $u$  to  $y$ . Moreover, we also say that  $e$  extends  $e_k$  as it indeed extends any walk  $Q$  having  $e_k$  as last edge. More generally, we say that an edge  $f = (x, y, \tau, \lambda)$  *half-extends* an edge  $e = (u, v, \tau', \lambda')$  when  $x = v$  and  $arr(e) + \alpha_x \leq \tau$ . Note that  $f$  half-extends  $e$  whenever  $f$  extends  $e$ . We also say that an edge  $e$  is an *s-arrival edge* with respect to node  $v$

whenever the head of  $e$  is  $v$  and there exists an  $sv$ -walk ending with edge  $e$ . A *zero-walk* is a walk consisting of temporal edges with same departure time and with zero travel time, and going through nodes with zero minimum waiting constraint. More formally, we define a zero-walk as a walk  $\langle e_1 = (u_1, v_1, \tau_1, \lambda_1), \dots, e_k = (u_k, v_k, \tau_k, \lambda_k) \rangle$  such that  $\tau_i = \tau_j$  for  $i, j \in [k]$ ,  $\lambda_i = 0$  and  $\alpha_{u_i} = 0$  for  $i \in [k]$ . Such a zero-walk is called a zero-cycle when  $u_1 = v_k$ . We say that a temporal graph  $G$  is *zero-acyclic* if there are no zero-cycle in  $G$ .

Let us now introduce some orderings of temporal edges with respect to certain temporal criteria. We say that an ordering  $E^{ord}$  of all edges is *half-extend-respecting* when for any pair  $e, f \in E$  of edges such that  $f$  half-extends  $e$ , then  $e$  appears before  $f$  in  $E^{ord}$  which is denoted by  $e <_{E^{ord}} f$ . We also write  $e \leq_{E^{ord}} f$  for  $e <_{E^{ord}} f$  or  $e = f$ . Note that the edges of any walk  $Q$  in  $G$  must appear in order in such an ordering  $E^{ord}$  as each edge of  $Q$  half-extends the edge preceding it. We will show in Section 6 that a temporal graph admits a half-extend-respecting ordering of its edges if and only if it is zero-acyclic. We say that an ordering  $E^{ord}$  of all the temporal edges is *node-departure sorted* if all edges departing from the same node are ordered by non-decreasing departure time in  $E^{ord}$ , that is we have  $e <_{E^{ord}} f$  whenever  $e, f \in E$  have same tail and satisfy  $dep(e) < dep(f)$ . Similarly, we say that an ordering  $E^{ord}$  of all the temporal edges is *node-arrival sorted* if all edges arriving to the same node are ordered by non-decreasing arrival time in  $E^{ord}$ , that is we have  $e <_{E^{ord}} f$  whenever  $e, f \in E$  have same head and satisfy  $arr(e) < arr(f)$ .

Finally, we define the *doubly-sorted representation* of a temporal graph  $(V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  as a data-structure with two lists  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ , containing  $|E|$  quadruples each, representing all temporal edges in  $E$ , where  $E^{arr}$  is a node-arrival sorted list, and  $E^{dep}$  is a node-departure sorted list. Moreover, we assume that we have implicit pointers between the two lists, that link each quadruple of one list to the quadruple representing the same temporal edge in the other list. We also say that  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  is *half-extend-respecting* when  $E^{arr}$  is additionally half-extend-respecting.

Without loss of generality, we can restrict our attention to nodes appearing as head or tail of at least one temporal edge and we thus assume  $|V| = O(|E|)$ . An algorithm is said to be linear in time and space when it runs in  $O(|E|)$  time and uses  $O(|E|)$  space. Given a doubly sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ , we also assume that we are given for each node  $v$  the list  $E_v^{dep}$  of pointers to temporal edges with tail  $v$  ordered by non-decreasing departure time, as it can be computed in linear time and space from  $E^{dep}$  through bucket sorting. We assume that each list  $E^{arr}$ ,  $E^{dep}$ , or  $E_v^{dep}$  is stored in an array  $T$  such that each element  $T[i]$  can be accessed directly through its index  $i \in [1, |T|]$  in constant time. Given two indexes  $i \leq j$ , we also let  $T[i : j]$  denote the sub-array of elements of  $T$  with index in  $[i, j]$ .

Note that a temporal graph  $G$  with strictly positive travel times is obviously zero-acyclic as it contains no edge with zero travel time. Clearly, if  $E^{arr}$  (resp.  $E^{dep}$ ) is an ordering of its edges by non-decreasing arrival time (resp. departure time), then  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  is a doubly-sorted representation of  $G$ . Moreover,  $E^{arr}$  is half-extend-respecting: whenever an edge  $f = (v, w, \tau', \lambda')$  half-extends  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$ , the arrival time  $a = \tau + \lambda$  of  $e$  satisfies  $a + \alpha_v \leq \tau'$  and the arrival time  $a' = \tau' + \lambda'$  of  $f$  thus satisfies  $a < a'$  as  $\alpha_v \geq 0$  and  $\lambda' > 0$ .

### 3 Single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost walks

To solve the problem of computing minimum-cost walks from a single source  $s$ , we will consider a more general problem consisting in computing at each destination  $v$ , and for each possible  $s$ -arrival edge  $e$  of an  $sv$ -walk, an  $sv$ -walk with minimum cost among all  $sv$ -walks ending with  $e$ . We first

introduce an algebraic framework for associating costs to edges and walks.

### 3.1 General cost structure for walks

We integrate a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with an algebraic *cost structure*  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$ , where  $C$  is the set of possible *cost values*,  $\gamma$  is a *cost function*  $\gamma : E \rightarrow C$ ,  $\oplus$  is a *cost combination function*  $\oplus : C \times C \rightarrow C$ , and  $\preceq$  is a *cost total order*  $\preceq \subseteq C \times C$ . We also define the relation  $\prec$  between the elements of  $C$  as  $a \prec b$  if and only if  $a \preceq b$  and  $a \neq b$ . For any walk  $Q = \langle e_1, \dots, e_k \rangle$ , the *cost function* of  $Q$  is recursively defined as follows:  $\gamma_Q = \gamma_{\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle} \oplus \gamma(e_k)$ , with  $\gamma_{\langle e_1 \rangle} = \gamma(e_1)$ . In other words, the costs combine along the walk according to the cost combination function. The cost structure is supposed to satisfy the following *right-isotonicity property* [4, 26, 27] (*isotonicity* for short):

$$\text{For any } c_1, c_2, c \in C \text{ such that } c_1 \preceq c_2, \text{ we have } c_1 \oplus c \preceq c_2 \oplus c. \quad (\text{isotonicity})$$

This property guarantees that if several walks are extended by a given temporal edge  $e$ , then the best cost is obtained by extending the walk  $Q^*$  with minimum cost: as for any other walk  $Q$  we have  $\gamma_{Q^*} \preceq \gamma_Q$ , we get  $\gamma_{Q^*.e} \preceq \gamma_{Q.e}$  by the isotonicity property and the cost function definition. However, a prefix of a minimum-cost walk is not necessarily a minimum-cost walk.

Given a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$ , and a source node  $s \in V$ , we let  $A_v$  denote the set of all  $s$ -arrival edges at  $v$ . We define the *single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem* as the task of computing for each destination  $v \in V$  and each possible  $s$ -arrival edge  $e \in A_v$  the minimum cost of any  $sv$ -walk ending with edge  $e$ . In other words, it consists in computing for each node  $v$  all pairs  $(e, c)$  such that  $e \in A_v$  and  $c = \min\{\gamma_Q : Q \text{ is an } sv\text{-walk ending with edge } e\}$ . We will denote with  $A'_v$  the list of such pairs  $(e, c)$  ordered by non-decreasing arrival time of the edges. In this section we consider this problem in the case of zero-acyclic temporal graphs.

### 3.2 Solving the single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem

We can now state our main theorem about the complexity of the above problem.

**Theorem 1** *Given a half-extend-respecting doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a zero-acyclic temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity, and a source node  $s$ , the single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem can be solved in linear time and space.*

We will see in Section 6 that the half-extend-respecting requirement can be dropped as a doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  such that  $E^{arr}$  is half-extend-respecting can easily be computed in linear time and space from any doubly-sorted representation of a zero-acyclic graph.

To prove the above theorem, we can design an algorithm that scans linearly edges in  $E^{arr}$ . The general idea is to maintain for each unscanned edge  $f$  the minimum cost of any walk  $Q$  from  $s$  in the partial temporal graph induced by edges scanned so far such that  $f$  extends  $Q$ . We can update these costs each time a new edge  $e \in E^{arr}$  is scanned relying on the property that the edges of any walk are scanned in order. In particular, the cost that has been associated to  $e$  itself allows to infer easily the minimum cost of a walk from  $s$  ending with  $e$ .



However, we propose a more general algorithm that works on any doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  to enable the wider setting of Section 7. The counterpart is that it considers only certain walks that are well ordered with respect to  $E^{arr}$  and  $E^{dep}$  in the following sense. We say that a walk  $Q$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected when for each pair  $e$  and  $f$  of consecutive edges in  $Q$ , and for each edge  $e' \in E$  having same tail as  $f$  and satisfying  $f \leq_{E^{dep}} e'$ , we have  $e <_{E^{arr}} e'$ . In particular, we get  $e <_{E^{arr}} f$  for  $e' = f$ , and the edges of  $Q$  must appear in order in  $E^{arr}$ . It also implies that edges  $e'$  after  $f$  in  $E_v^{dep}$  will be scanned after  $e$  by our algorithm, a property we will use for getting efficient updates. We will see later that all walks are  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected when  $E^{arr}$  is half-extend-respecting and  $E^{dep}$  is node-departure sorted.

We now introduce two notions related to  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected walks. An  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge is defined as an  $s$ -arrival edge that ends an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected walk from  $s$ . Moreover, given a subset  $E'$  of edges, and an edge  $f \in E$  with tail  $v$ , we define its *best extendable cost* with respect to  $E'$  as the minimum cost of an  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  that  $f$  extends in the partial graph induced by  $E' \cup \{f\}$  and such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected.

Our algorithm maintains the best extendable costs of all edges with respect to the prefix of edges scanned so far as follows. Initially, all best extendable costs are undefined as expressed by a special value  $\perp$ . Then each time an edge  $e \in E^{arr}$  is scanned, it is sufficient to update the costs of edges  $f$  that extend  $e$  and such that  $\langle e, f \rangle$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected as detailed in the proof of Lemma 1. The main difficulty is to perform this update in constant amortized time although a large number of edges  $f$  may extend  $e$ . For that purpose,  $E^{dep}$  is first bucket sorted according to tails, and edges from a node  $v$  that extend the same walks from  $s$  to  $v$  are grouped into intervals of the array  $E_v^{dep}$  of edges from  $v$ . These intervals are stored in a doubly linked list  $\mathcal{I}_v$  of quadruples where each interval  $(l, r, c, e) \in \mathcal{I}_v$  represents the association of edges in  $E_v^{dep}[l : r]$  to best extendable cost  $c$  and parent edge  $e$  where  $e$  is an edge they all extend and such that there exists an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected walk from  $s$  having cost  $c$  and ending with  $e$ . We also maintain the overall interval  $(l_v, r_v)$  spanned by  $\mathcal{I}_v$ . Note that this interval is considered to be empty when  $r_v < l_v$ . Algorithm 1 describes how to update these intervals each time an edge  $e$  with head  $v$  is scanned. It relies on the fact that intervals of  $\mathcal{I}_v$  are consecutive in  $E_v^{dep}$  and are also ordered by non-decreasing associated costs. When the scan of  $E^{arr}$  has progressed sufficiently, the best extendable cost of some edges will not change anymore and it is then stored directly in an array  $B$  through the procedure `FinalizeCosts( $v, j$ )` which erases intervals of  $\mathcal{I}_v$  up to index  $j$  and stores the cost associated to the corresponding edges in  $B$  as detailed in Algorithm 2. At the end of the scan, our algorithm returns the lists  $(A'_v)_{v \in V}$  which contain the minimum cost associated to all possible  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edges. During the execution, we build parent pointers, that allow to represent, for each such edge  $e \in A'_v$ , an  $sv$ -walk with minimum cost ending with edge  $e$  by associating to each edge  $f$  the edge  $P[f]$  preceding it in such a walk.

Let us denote by  $G_k = (V, E^{arr}[1 : k], \alpha, \beta)$  the temporal graph induced by the first  $k$  temporal edges in  $E^{arr}$ . We now describe more precisely how the algorithm proceeds when the  $k$ th edge  $e_k = E^{arr}[k] = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$  is scanned.

It first evaluates the minimum cost of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e_k$  at Lines 8-13 of Algorithm 1. The call to `FinalizeCosts( $u, i$ )` at Line 9 allows to definitely set the best extendable cost associated to edges up to  $e_k$  in  $E_u^{dep}$  and store this value for  $e_k$  in  $B[e_k]$  with an associated parent edge  $P[e_k]$ . We can thus test at Line 10 if  $e_k$  is an  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge: it is the last edge of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk when  $u = s$  or  $e_k$  has best extendable cost  $B[e_k]$  different from  $\perp$ . In the positive case, we generally obtain the minimum cost  $c$  of such a

**Input:** A doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a temporal graph  $G$  with waiting-time constraints  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity, and a source node  $s$ .

**Output:** Minimum cost of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk for each node  $v$  and for each  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge  $e$  at  $v$ .

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1 For each node  $v$ , generate the list  $E_v^{dep}$  by bucket sorting  $E^{dep}$ .
2 For each node  $v$  do
3   Set  $A'_v := \emptyset$ . /* List of pairs of  $s$ -arrival edge and cost. */
4   Set  $\mathcal{I}_v := \emptyset$ . /* Doubly linked list of consecutive intervals of  $E_v^{dep}$ . */
5   Set  $(l_v, r_v) := (1, 0)$ . /* Overall interval of  $E_v^{dep}$  spanned by  $\mathcal{I}_v$ . */
6 Set best extendable cost  $B[e] := \perp$  and parent pointer  $P[e] := \perp$  for each edge  $e \in E^{arr}$ .
7 For each edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$  in  $E^{arr}$  do
8   Let  $i$  be the index of  $e$  in  $E_u^{dep}$ .
9   FinalizeCosts( $u, i$ ) /* Obtain  $B[e]$  in particular. */
10  If  $u = s$  or  $B[e] \neq \perp$  then
11    /* Get the minimum cost  $c$  of a walk having  $e$  as last edge: */
12    If  $u = s$  and  $(B[e] = \perp$  or  $\gamma(e) \prec B[e] \oplus \gamma(e))$  then  $c := \gamma(e)$  and  $P[e] := e$ 
13    else  $c := B[e] \oplus \gamma(e)$ .
14    Append  $(e, c)$  to  $A'_v$ .
15    /* Find the interval  $(l, r)$  of edges in  $E_v^{dep}$  that extend  $e$ : */
16    Let  $a = \tau + \lambda$  be the arrival time of  $e$ .
17    Let  $l \geq l_v$  be the first index of an edge  $(v, w', \tau', \lambda') \in E_v^{dep}$  such that  $\tau' \geq a + \alpha_v$ 
18    (set  $l := |E_v^{dep}| + 1$  if no such index exists).
19    Let  $r \geq r_v$  be the last index of an edge  $(v, w, \tau', \lambda') \in E_v^{dep}$  such that  $\tau' \leq a + \beta_v$ 
20    (set  $r := r_v$  if no such index exists).
21    /* Remove from  $\mathcal{I}_v$  intervals preceding  $l$  and set  $l_v := l$ : */
22    FinalizeCosts( $v, l - 1$ )
23    /* Remove from  $\mathcal{I}_v$  intervals with cost greater than  $c$ : */
24    Set  $l_c := \max\{l, r_v + 1\}$ . /* First index in  $(l, r)$  after  $\mathcal{I}_v$ . */
25    While  $\mathcal{I}_v \neq \emptyset$  has last interval  $I' = (l', r', c', e')$  satisfying  $c \prec c'$  do
26      Remove  $I'$  from  $\mathcal{I}_v$  and update  $l_c := l'$ .
27    /* Associate cost  $c$  and parent  $e$  to edges in  $E_v^{dep}[l_c : r]$ : */
28    If  $l_c \leq r$  then append interval  $I = (l_c, r, c, e)$  to  $\mathcal{I}_v$ .
29    Set  $r_v := r$ .
30 Return the lists  $(A'_v)_{v \in V}$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** Computing, for each node  $v$  and each  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge  $e$  at  $v$ , the minimum cost of any  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e$ .

walk by combining  $B[e_k]$  with  $\gamma(e_k)$  through the  $\oplus$  combination function of the cost structure as  $c = B[e_k] \oplus \gamma(e_k)$ . However, edges from the source have to be handled with special care: if  $u = s$  then the  $sv$ -walk  $\langle e_k \rangle$  which has cost  $\gamma_{\langle e_k \rangle} = \gamma(e_k)$  must also be taken into account. Note that a

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1 Procedure FinalizeCosts( $v, j$ )
2   While the first interval  $I = (l, r, c, e)$  in  $\mathcal{I}_v$  satisfies  $l \leq j$  do
3     Let  $l' = \min\{r, j\}$ .
4     For each edge  $f = (v, w, \tau, \lambda)$  in  $E_v^{dep}[l : l']$  do  $B[f] := c$  and  $P[f] := e$ .
5     If  $l' = r$  then remove  $I$  from  $\mathcal{I}_v$  else update  $I := (j + 1, r, c, e)$ .
6   Set  $l_v := j + 1$ .

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**Algorithm 2:** Set the best extendable cost and parent of edges in  $E_v^{dep}[l_v : j]$  and remove corresponding intervals from  $\mathcal{I}_v$ .

single edge walk is always  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. Lines 11-12 set  $c$  accordingly and update  $A'_v$  at Line 13. When the minimum cost  $c$  is obtained for walk  $\langle e_k \rangle$ , we set the parent pointer  $P[e_k] := e_k$  allowing to detect that  $e_k$  is the first edge of the walk.

Once the minimum cost  $c$  is computed, we update the best extendable cost of edges  $f$  extending  $e_k$  and such that  $\langle e_k, f \rangle$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected at Lines 14-22. The reason for considering only these edges is that the  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected walks that are in  $G_k$  and not in  $G_{k-1}$  must contain edge  $e_k$ . Moreover  $e_k$  must be the last edge of such a walk  $Q$  as its edges must appear in order in  $E^{arr}$  when  $Q$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. The general idea is to update  $\mathcal{I}_v$  so that its intervals span exactly these edges. The edges  $f$  extending  $e_k$  must have departure time within  $a + \alpha_v$  and  $a + \beta_v$  where  $a = arr(e_k)$  is the arrival time of  $e_k$ . As  $E_v^{dep}$  is node-departure sorted, they indeed correspond to a sub-array  $E_v^{dep}[l : r]$  of edges where  $l$  and  $r$  are the indexes computed respectively at Lines 15 and 16. Recall that  $(l_v, r_v)$  is the overall interval spanned by  $\mathcal{I}_v$  after the last update at  $v$ . The reason for forcing  $l \geq l_v$  at Line 15 is that we consider only edges  $f$  such that  $\langle e_k, f \rangle$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected as detailed in the proof of Lemma 1. Some edges may already belong to some previously constructed intervals when  $l_v < l$ . We first remove intervals of edges  $f$  with index less than  $l$  as they do not extend  $e_k$  or  $\langle e_k, f \rangle$  is not  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. This is done through the call to `FinalizeCosts( $v, l-1$ )` at Line 17. Note that  $l_v = l$  after this call. All edges in  $E_v^{dep}[l_v : r_v]$  now extend  $e_k$  and belong to some interval of  $\mathcal{I}_v$ . The remaining edges extending  $e_k$  are thus in  $E_v^{dep}[l_c : r]$  where  $l_c = \max\{l, r_v + 1\}$  is set at Line 18 and we aim at creating an interval  $(l_c, r, c, e_k)$  for associating these edges to cost  $c$  and parent  $e_k$ . However, we first remove intervals associated to a cost  $c'$  greater than  $c$  at Lines 19-20. The reason is that a better cost is obtained by extending  $e_k$  for them. For that, we use the key property that intervals in  $\mathcal{I}_v$  are all consecutive and their associated costs are non-decreasing. The intervals with cost greater than  $c$  are thus at the end of  $\mathcal{I}_v$ . While removing such intervals, the left bound  $l_c$  is updated to include the corresponding edges in the interval  $(l_c, r)$  of  $E_v^{dep}$ . Finally, the edges in  $E_v^{dep}[l_c, r]$  are associated to cost  $c$  and parent  $e_k$  at Lines 21-22 by adding interval  $(l_c, r, c, e_k)$  to  $\mathcal{I}_v$  and updating  $r_v$  accordingly. As all intervals with cost greater than  $c$  have been removed, we maintain the fact  $\mathcal{I}_v$  is sorted by non-decreasing costs. The computation of  $l_c$  also ensures that all intervals in  $\mathcal{I}_v$  remain consecutive. Note that we have  $(l_v, r_v) = (l, r)$  at the end of the iteration.

Finally, for each node  $v$ , and each possible  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge  $e$  at  $v$ , the parent pointers provide a representation of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  ending with  $e$  and having minimum-cost. The walk  $Q$  can be retrieved in  $O(|Q|)$  time by computing  $P[e], P[P[e]], \dots$  until reaching the first edge  $f$  such that  $P[f] = f$ .

The correctness of the algorithm mainly follows from the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** *After the  $k$ th iteration of Algorithm 1, if an edge  $f$  with tail  $v$  is associated to cost  $c$ , either through an interval  $(l, r, c, e) \in \mathcal{I}_v$  containing the index of  $f$  in  $E_v^{dep}$  or by the value  $c = B[f]$  when  $B[f] \neq \perp$ , then  $c$  is the best extendable cost of  $f$  with respect to the subset  $E^{arr}[1 : k]$  inducing graph  $G_k$ . Moreover, the edge  $e_k$  scanned at the  $k$ th iteration gets associated to cost  $c$  in  $A'_v$  if and only if it is an  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge and  $c$  is the minimum cost of any  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e_k$ .*

Note that exactly one of the three following cases occurs:  $f$  has no associated cost, or  $f$  is in an interval of  $\mathcal{I}_v$ , or we have  $B[f] \neq \perp$ . This is due to the way we maintain the value  $l_v$  which is always the leftmost bound of an interval of  $\mathcal{I}_v$ : once a value  $B[f]$  is set for an edge  $f$  with tail  $v$  by a call to `FinalizeCosts`( $v, j$ ),  $l_v$  is updated to a value greater than  $j$ , and  $f$  cannot appear in an interval of  $\mathcal{I}_v$  anymore.

*Proof.* We prove the statement by induction on  $k$ . As there are no edges and no walks in  $G_0$  and no edge has initially an associated cost, the statement holds for  $k = 0$ . Assume that the statement holds for  $k - 1$  and let us prove it for  $k$ . Recall that the best extendable cost of an edge  $f$  with respect to  $E^{arr}[1 : k]$  is the minimum cost of an  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  in  $G_k$  that  $f$  extends and such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected (where  $v$  denotes the tail of  $f$ ). By the induction hypothesis, we must update the cost associated to  $f$  only when there is such a walk  $Q$  with cost  $c$  which is in  $G_k$  but not in  $G_{k-1}$  and such that  $c$  is lower than the cost associated to  $f$  after the previous iteration. This can occur only when  $Q$  contains the edge  $e_k = E^{arr}[k] = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$  which is scanned at the  $k$ th iteration. Moreover, as  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected, so is  $Q$ . Its edges thus appear in order in  $E^{arr}$  and  $e_k$  must be its last edge. It is thus sufficient to consider the minimum cost  $c^*$  of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  ending with  $e_k$  and compare it the cost associated to edges  $f$  that extend  $e_k$  and such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected.

We first show that the value  $c$  computed at Lines 11-12 is indeed  $c^*$ . Consider an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  ending with  $e_k$  and having cost  $c^*$ . In the case where  $Q$  has at least two edges, let  $Q'$  denote the prefix of  $Q$  excluding  $e_k$ . The induction hypothesis and the call to `FinalizeCosts`( $u, i$ ) at Line 9 then ensure that  $B[e_k]$  is set to the minimum cost of such a walk  $Q'$  that  $e_k$  extends and such that  $Q'.e_k$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. By isotonicity, this implies that  $B[e_k] \oplus \gamma(e_k)$  is the minimum cost of an  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e_k$  and having at least two edges. In the case where  $Q$  has one edge, we have  $Q = \langle e_k \rangle$ , and  $e_k$  must be an edge from  $s$  and the cost of  $Q$  is  $\gamma(e_k)$ . In both cases, the test at Line 10 passes when  $e_k$  is an  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge and the computation of  $c$  at Lines 11-12 sets  $c$  to the minimum of  $\gamma(e_k)$  and  $B[e_k] \oplus \gamma(e_k)$  when both cases occur, ensuring that  $c = c^*$  is the minimum cost of any  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e_k$ . Moreover, Line 13 then ensures that  $e_k$  gets associated to cost  $c = c^*$  in  $A'_v$ .

We now show that the set  $F$  of edges  $f$  that extend  $e_k$  and such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected is precisely  $E_v^{dep}[l : r]$  where  $(l, r)$  are the values computed at Lines 15-16. As these edges extend  $e_k$ , their departure time lies within  $arr(e_k) + \alpha_v$  and  $arr(e_k) + \beta_v$  which correspond to an interval  $(l', r')$  of  $E_v^{dep}$  as  $E_v^{dep}$  is node-departure sorted. We further restrict our attention to those edges  $f$  such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected or equivalently  $\langle e_k, f \rangle$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected when  $Q$  is assumed to be  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. That is we should consider only edges  $f$  so that no edge  $e'$  with tail  $v$  satisfies both  $f \leq_{E^{dep}} e'$  and  $e' \leq_{E^{arr}} e_k$ . Let  $l''$  be the highest index in  $E_v^{dep}$

of such an edge  $e'$ . The call to  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(u', i')$  at Line 9, where  $u' = v$  is the tail of such an edge  $e'$  scanned before  $e_k$  and  $i' \leq l''$  is the index of  $e'$  in  $E_v^{dep}$ , ensures that  $l_v$  is at least  $i' + 1$ . When  $u = v$ ,  $e_k$  is itself such an edge  $e'$ , and the call to  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(u, i)$  at Line 9 where  $i \leq l''$  is the index of  $e_k$  ensures that  $l_v$  is at least  $i + 1$ . We thus have  $l_v \geq l'' + 1$ . Note also that  $l_v$  was updated to  $l'' + 1$  at most in these calls from Line 9. Moreover, each call to  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(v, j)$  at Line 17 for an edge  $e' \in E^{arr}$  with head  $v$  was made for an arrival time  $\text{arr}(e') \leq \text{arr}(e_k)$  as  $E^{arr}$  is node-arrival sorted. This ensures that the argument  $j$  of such a call was at most  $\max\{l'' + 1, l'\}$ . Similarly, the update of  $r_v$  at the end of the corresponding iteration was at most  $r'$ . We thus conclude that we have  $l'' + 1 \leq l_v \leq \max\{l', l'' + 1\}$  and  $r_v \leq r'$  at the beginning of the  $k$ th iteration. The computation of  $l$  and  $r$  at Lines 8-13 thus implies  $l = \max\{l', l'' + 1\}$  and  $r = r'$  and the interval  $(l, r)$  of  $E_v^{dep}$  indeed corresponds to edges of  $F$ .

We finally show that each edge  $f \in F$  gets associated to its best extendable cost with respect to  $E^{arr}[1 : k]$ . This mainly relies on the induction hypothesis and the fact that  $c = c^*$  is the minimum cost of a walk  $Q$  in  $G_k$  and not in  $G_{k-1}$  that  $f$  extends and such that  $Q.f$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected. Among those edges  $f \in F$  which are already associated with a cost  $c'$ , the removal of intervals at Lines 18-20 ensures that we modify their associated cost only when  $c'$  is greater than  $c = c^*$ . This relies on the property that  $\mathcal{I}_v$  is sorted by non-decreasing cost which is an invariant of the algorithm as the eventual interval  $(l_c, r, c, e)$  added at the end of  $\mathcal{I}_v$  at Lines 21 has cost  $c$  which is greater or equal to the cost of remaining intervals. The induction hypothesis and the optimality of  $c$  ensure that the best extendable cost of these edges is  $c$ . The update of bound  $l_c$  at Line 20 ensures that these edges get associated to cost  $c$ . All edges in  $F$  that were not previously associated to a cost are those in interval  $(\max\{l'' + 1, l', r_v + 1\}, r') = (\max\{l, r_v + 1\}, r)$  which is included in  $(l_c, r)$  as  $l_c$  is initialized to  $\max\{l, r_v + 1\}$  at Line 18 and can only decrease by the updates at Line 20. These edges also get associated to  $c$  through interval  $(l_c, r, c, e)$ , and it is their best extendable cost by optimality of  $c$ . Finally, all edges in  $F$  that were associated to a cost  $c' \prec c$  remain associated to the same cost which is their best extendable cost by the induction hypothesis.  $\square$

We can now state the following.

**Proposition 1** *Given a doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity, and a source node  $s$ , Algorithm 1 computes in linear time and space, for each node  $v$  and each  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge  $e$  at  $v$ , the minimum cost of any  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e$ .*

*Proof.* The correctness of the algorithm follows directly from Lemma 1. The reason is that any  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected  $sv$ -walk  $Q$  ending with an edge  $e$  must have edges appearing in order in  $E^{arr}$  so that if  $k$  is the index of  $e$  in  $E^{arr}$ , all edges of  $Q$  are in  $E^{arr}[1 : k]$ , and  $Q$  is also a walk in  $G_k$ .

Let us turn to the complexity analysis. Each edge  $e \in E^{arr}$  is scanned only once. For all nodes  $v$ , each edge  $f \in E_v^{dep}$  with index  $i$  is finalized at most once: the first time  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(v, j)$  is called with a value  $j \geq i$ . The update of  $l_v$  to  $j + 1$  in  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(v, j)$  ensures that  $f$  is never finalized again. Computing the value of  $l$  at Line 15 takes  $O(l - l_v)$  time, which thanks to the update of  $l_v$  to  $l$  in the call to  $\text{FinalizeCosts}(v, l - 1)$  results in amortized time of  $O(|E_v^{dep}|)$ . Similarly, computing the value of  $r$  takes  $O(r - r_v)$  time, which thanks to the update of  $r_v$  to  $r$  results in amortized time of  $O(|E_v^{dep}|)$ . In addition, at most one interval is created at each iteration and later removed. The number of times we modify the left bound of an interval is bounded by the number

of times we update  $l_v$  which is  $|E_v^{dep}|$  at most. As  $\sum_{v \in V} |E_v^{dep}| = |E|$ , Algorithm 1 runs in linear time assuming that operations with  $\oplus$  and  $\preceq$  can be computed in constant time. Finally, let us notice that for all nodes  $v$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_v$  contains at most  $|E_v^{dep}|$  intervals and the set  $A'_v$  has size bounded by the number of temporal edges with head  $v$ . We thus have  $\sum_{v \in V} |\mathcal{I}_v| \leq |E|$  and  $\sum_{v \in V} |A'_v| \leq |E|$ . The space complexity of Algorithm 1 is thus linear.  $\square$

We now turn back to the zero-acyclic case with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $G$  be a zero-acyclic temporal graph and let  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  be a half-extend-respecting doubly-sorted representation of  $G$ . Then any walk in  $G$  is  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected and any  $s$ -arrival edge is an  $(s, E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -arrival edge.*

*Proof.* Consider a walk  $Q$  in  $G$  and consider two consecutive edges  $e, f$  of  $Q$ . We have to prove that for any edge  $e'$  with same tail  $v$  as  $f$  and satisfying  $f \leq_{E^{dep}} e'$ , we have  $e <_{E^{arr}} e'$ . First, we have  $arr(e) + \alpha_v \leq dep(f)$  as  $f$  extends  $e$ . Second,  $f \leq_{E^{dep}} e'$  implies  $dep(f) \leq dep(e')$  as  $E^{dep}$  is node-departure sorted. Combining both inequalities, we get  $arr(e) + \alpha_v \leq dep(e')$ , that is  $e'$  half-extends  $e$ . We must thus have  $e <_{E^{arr}} e'$  as  $E^{arr}$  is half-extend-respecting.  $\square$

Theorem 1 is a direct consequence of the above lemma and Proposition 1.

## 4 Solving classical optimal temporal walks problems

**Single-source fewest-edges walks** As a very basic example, optimizing the number of edges in Algorithm 1 is straightforward: it suffices to consider the cost structure  $(\mathbb{N}, \gamma, +, \leq)$  associated to integers ordered as usual and where each edge  $e$  has cost  $\gamma(e) = 1$ , the combination function being addition. It obviously satisfies isotonicity. Using Theorem 1 thus implies that the single-source fewest-edges walk problem, that is computing an  $sv$ -walk with minimum number of edges for all nodes  $v$ , can be solved in linear time and space.

**Shortest-fastest walks** A walk with shortest duration is also called a fastest walk, and a fastest walk having a minimum number of edges is called a shortest-fastest walk. For finding such walks, we define a cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  where  $C = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Given an edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$ , we define its cost  $\delta(e) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}$  as  $\gamma(e) = (\tau, 1)$ . We define the cost combination function  $\oplus$  by  $(\tau, k) \oplus (\tau', k') = (\tau, k + k')$ . A walk departing at time  $\tau$  and having  $k$  edges thus has cost  $(\tau, k)$ . We define the cost total order by  $(\tau, k) \preceq (\tau', k')$  when  $\tau > \tau'$  or  $\tau = \tau'$  and  $k \leq k'$ . Among two walks, the one with latest departure is thus always preferred, and among several walks with same departure time, one with fewest edges is always preferred. Given a source  $s$ , Algorithm 1 now outputs for each destination  $v$  the set  $A'_v$  of all pairs  $(e, c)$  such that  $e$  is an  $s$ -arrival edge with head  $v$  and  $c = (\tau, k)$  is the minimum cost of an  $sv$ -walk ending with  $e$ . Note that our cost definition implies that  $\tau$  is the latest departure time of an  $sv$  walk ending with  $e$  and  $k$  is the minimum number of edges among walks with departure time  $\tau$  and last edge  $e$ . We thus obtain the shortest duration of an  $sv$ -walk as  $D^* = \min_{(e, (\tau, k)) \in A'_v} arr(e) - \tau$ . We then obtain the minimum number of edges in a fastest  $sv$ -walk as  $k^* = \min_{(e, (\tau, k)) \in A'_v: arr(e) - \tau = D^*} k$ . The edge  $e^*$  for which we get the minimum value allows to obtain, through parent pointers, a walk having duration  $D^*$  and  $k^*$  edges, that is a shortest-fastest walk. Theorem 1 thus implies that the single-source shortest-fastest walk problem can be solved in linear time and space.

**Linear combination of classical criteria** To exemplify the generality of the algebraic approach, we now give an example of cost structure allowing Algorithm 1 to compute optimal temporal walks for the linear combination of criteria used in [1]. Our formalism enables more modularity as all complex updates required by such an exhaustive combination are then encapsulated in operations  $\oplus$  and  $\prec$ . Given a walk  $Q = \langle e_1 = (v_0, v_1, \tau_1, \lambda_1), \dots, e_k = (v_{k-1}, v_k, \tau_k, \lambda_k) \rangle$ , we consider the following criteria that we usually seek to minimize:

- (1)  $\tau_k + \lambda_k$  arrival time (or foremost)
- (2)  $-\tau_1$  departure time (or reverse-furthest)
- (3)  $\tau_k + \lambda_k - \tau_1$  duration (or fastest)
- (4)  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i$  total travel time (or shortest)
- (5)  $\sum_{i=1}^k c(e_i)$  total cost (each edge  $e \in E$  is associated to a cost  $c(e) \in \mathbb{R}$ )
- (6)  $k$  number of edges (or fewest-edges)
- (7)  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \tau_{i+1} - (\tau_i + \lambda_i)$  total waiting time

Given  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_7 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the *linear combined cost* of  $Q$  is defined in [1] as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lin}(Q) = & \delta_1(\tau_k + \lambda_k) + \delta_2(-\tau_1) + \delta_3(\tau_k + \lambda_k - \tau_1) \\ & + \delta_4\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i\right) + \delta_5\left(\sum_{i=1}^k c(e_i)\right) + \delta_6 k + \delta_7\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \tau_{i+1} - (\tau_i + \lambda_i)\right). \end{aligned}$$

It is simply a linear combination of all classical criteria. Note that we do not need to assume non-negativity of costs or scalars  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_7$ , enabling a more general framework than [1]. To optimize such a combined cost, we define the cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  where  $C = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . Given an edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$ , we define its combined cost  $\delta(e) \in \mathbb{R}$  and its cost  $\gamma(e) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  as:

$$\delta(e) = (\delta_4 - \delta_7)\lambda_i + \delta_5 c(e_i) + \delta_6 \text{ and } \gamma(e) = (\tau, \delta(e)).$$

Observe that they are linked to the linear combined cost of  $Q$  by:

$$\text{lin}(Q) = (\delta_1 + \delta_3 + \delta_7) \text{arr}(Q) - (\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7) \text{dep}(Q) + \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(e_i).$$

Recall that  $\text{arr}(Q) = \tau_k + \lambda_k$  and  $\text{dep}(Q) = \tau_1$  are the arrival time and the departure time of  $Q$  respectively. We define the cost combination function  $\oplus$  by

$$(\tau, \Delta) \oplus (\tau', \Delta') = (\tau, \Delta + \Delta').$$

This definition implies that the cost of  $Q$  is then  $\gamma_Q = (\tau_1, \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(e_i)) = (\tau, \Delta)$  with  $\tau = \text{dep}(Q)$  and  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(e_i)$ . We finally define the cost total order  $\preceq$  by

$$(\tau, \Delta) \preceq (\tau', \Delta') \text{ when } -(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7)\tau + \Delta \leq -(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7)\tau' + \Delta'.$$

This order is related to the minimization of  $\text{lin}(Q)$  for a fixed arrival time  $a$ : for all  $sv$ -walks  $Q$  such that  $\text{arr}(Q) = a$ , minimizing  $\text{lin}(Q)$  is equivalent to minimizing  $-(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7) \text{dep}(Q) + \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(e_i) = -(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7)\tau + \Delta$  where  $(\tau, \Delta) = \gamma_Q$  is the cost of  $Q$ . A walk  $Q$  with minimum cost according to  $\preceq$  thus has minimum value for  $\text{lin}(Q)$  among all walks with same arrival time.

Note that the cost structure satisfies the isotonicity property: for any costs  $(\tau_1, \Delta_1), (\tau_2, \Delta_2), (\tau, \Delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $(\tau_1, \Delta_1) \oplus (\tau, \Delta) = (\tau_1, \Delta_1 + \Delta)$  and  $(\tau_2, \Delta_2) \oplus (\tau, \Delta) = (\tau_2, \Delta_2 + \Delta)$ . If  $(\tau_1, \Delta_1) \preceq (\tau_2, \Delta_2)$ , then we have  $-(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7)\tau_1 + \Delta_1 \leq -(\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7)\tau_2 + \Delta_2$ . By adding  $\Delta$  on both sides of the inequality, we obtain  $(\tau_1, \Delta_1) \oplus (\tau, \Delta) \preceq (\tau_2, \Delta_2) \oplus (\tau, \Delta)$ .

Now running Algorithm 1 with this cost structure from a source node  $s$  allows to compute for each destination  $v$  the set  $A'_v$  of all pairs  $(e, c)$  such that  $e$  is an  $s$ -arrival edge with head  $v$  and  $c = (\tau, \Delta)$  is the minimum cost of any  $sv$ -walk end with  $e$  according to our cost structure. The minimum linear combination cost of an  $sv$ -walk can then be obtained through a linear scan of  $A'_v$  as:

$$\min\{lin(Q) : Q \text{ is an } sv \text{ walk}\} = \min_{(e, (\tau, \Delta)) \in A'_v} (\delta_1 + \delta_3 + \delta_7) arr(e) - (\delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_7) \tau + \Delta.$$

This is due to the fact that for a given arrival time  $arr(e)$ , minimizing  $lin(Q)$  is equivalent to minimizing  $\gamma_Q$  according to  $\preceq$ , as discussed above, and that  $A'_v$  contains a pair for all  $s$ -arrival edges at  $v$ . Using the above cost structure, we thus obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** *Given a half-extend-respecting doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a zero-acyclic temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$ , a source node  $s$ , and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_7 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the single-source minimum-combined-cost walk problem, that is computing for all nodes  $v$  an  $sv$ -walk with minimum linear combined cost for  $(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_7)$ , can be solved in linear time and space.*

**Minimum-overall-waiting-time walks.** Setting  $\delta_7 = 1$  and  $\delta_i = 0$  for  $i \neq 7$ , the above corollary implies in particular the existence of an algorithms that, given a half-extend-respecting doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a zero-acyclic temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$ , and a source node  $s$ , can find in linear time and space *single-source minimum-overall-waiting-time walks*, i.e.  $sv$ -walks with minimum overall waiting time for all  $v$ .

**Profiles.** The profile function from a source node  $s$  to a destination node  $v$  associate to any starting time  $t$  the earliest arrival time of a walk from  $s$  to  $v$  departing at time  $t$  or later. The single-source profile problem consists in computing, for a given source  $s$  and for every node  $v$ , a representation of the profile function from  $s$  to  $v$ . A classical representation consists in listing all pairs  $(d, a)$  where  $a$  is a possible arrival time at  $v$  and  $d$  is the latest departure time of a walk arriving at time  $a$  or before, such that  $a$  is also the earliest arrival time at  $v$  when departing from  $s$  at time  $d$  or later. The profile function is indeed the only piecewise-constant non-decreasing function passing through these points. Note that this classical representation was introduced in the setting where waiting is unrestricted.

This extends naturally to waiting constraints when waiting at the source is unrestricted at starting time, i.e. we impose the waiting constraint only between two consecutive edges of a walk, and consider any walk from  $s$  departing at time  $t' \geq t$  as a valid walk when starting at time  $t$  from  $s$ . By setting  $\delta_2 = 1$  and  $\delta_i = 0$  for  $i \neq 2$  in the cost structure for a linear combination of classical criteria described above, Algorithm 1 then outputs for each  $v \in V$  and for each  $s$ -arrival edge at  $v$  the pair  $(e, d)$ , where  $d$  is the latest departure time of a walk from  $s$  to  $v$  ending with edge  $e$ . These pairs are ordered in  $A'_v$  by non-decreasing arrival time of  $e$ . A linear scan allows to replace each pair  $(e, d)$  by  $(d, arr(e))$ . Finally, it suffices to remove pairs that are Pareto dominated, that is those pairs  $(d, a)$  for which a pair  $(d', a')$  satisfies either  $a' < a$  and  $d' \geq d$  or  $a' \leq a$  and  $d' > d$ . As the pairs are sorted by non-decreasing arrival time, a single scan in reverse order allows to filter out



those dominated pairs by comparing each pair with the last non dominated pair. The list of pairs  $(a, d)$  we obtain this way is ordered both by increasing arrival time and by increasing departure time. One can easily see that it is a representation of the profile function. Note that filtering out dominated pairs relies on the assumption that waiting is unrestricted at the source  $s$  when starting from it.

We now consider the setting where waiting at  $s$  should be bounded by  $\beta_s$  also when starting from it, that is a walk from  $s$  departing at time  $t'$  is considered as valid walk when starting at time  $t$  from  $s$ , only if we have  $t + \alpha_s \leq t' \leq t + \beta_s$ . Note that the profile function might not be non-decreasing in this setting. However, we can still solve the single-destination profile problem as follows. We run our algorithm on the reverse temporal graph where time is reversed, and which is obtained by turning each edge  $(u, v, \tau, \lambda)$  into  $(u, v, -(t + \lambda), \lambda)$ . This is equivalent to running a symmetric version of our algorithm for solving the single-destination problem by scanning edges backwards and computing for each departing edge at a node the earliest arrival time at the destination (which corresponds to the latest departure time in the reverse temporal graph). For a given destination  $x$ , this allows to obtain for each node  $v$ , and for each edge  $e$  departing from  $v$ , the earliest arrival time  $a$  of walks from  $v$  to  $x$  starting with  $e$ . As this list is sorted by departure time, we can obtain in linear time the pairs  $(d, a)$  where  $a$  is the minimum arrival time among edges departing at time  $d$ . Each pair  $(d, a)$  provides the earliest arrival time when starting in interval  $(d - \beta_v, d - \alpha_v)$  and using an edge departing at time  $d$ . A representation of the profile function from  $v$  to  $x$  can be obtained by keeping for each window of time covered by multiple overlapping intervals, the lowest earliest arrival time corresponding to such intervals. It can be computed by merging the list of the left bounds of these intervals with the list of their right bounds: scanning the resulting list, while maintaining a queue of currently open left bounds with their associated arrival time, allows to compute for each consecutive interval of starting times, the earliest arrival time. We omit the details of how to get efficiently the minimum arrival time associated to open intervals in the queue.

## 5 Lower bound for the single-source optimal walk problem

We now show that computing optimal temporal walks in linear time somehow requires both orderings needed by our algorithm. More precisely, we define an arrival-sorted representation (resp. a departure-sorted representation) of a temporal graph as a list of its temporal edges sorted by non-decreasing arrival times (resp. non-decreasing departure times). We say that an algorithm is *comparison-only* when it uses only comparisons for deciding whether an edge extends another one, or for deciding which walk has minimum cost among several walks. We show that any comparison-only algorithm optimizing general costs that can encompass overall waiting time, and taking as input either a departure-sorted representation or an arrival-sorted representation, must be slower than linear time by a logarithmic factor at least for some inputs.

**Theorem 2** *For each integral  $n$  there exists a family of instances  $\mathcal{I}_n$  (resp.  $\mathcal{I}'_n$ ) of temporal graphs with unrestricted waiting and strictly positive travel times, given as departure-sorted representations (resp. arrival-sorted representations) with  $O(n)$  nodes and  $O(n)$  temporal edges, such that any comparison-only deterministic algorithm computing single-source minimum-overall-waiting-time walks from instances in  $\mathcal{I}_n$  (resp.  $\mathcal{I}'_n$ ) has time complexity  $\Omega(n \log n)$ . Moreover, for any comparison-only randomized algorithm computing single-source minimum-overall-waiting-time walks from instances in  $\mathcal{I}_n$  (resp.  $\mathcal{I}'_n$ ), there exists an instance in  $\mathcal{I}_n$  (resp.  $\mathcal{I}'_n$ ) for which the expected running time is  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .*

Recall that unrestricted waiting is equivalent to  $\alpha_u = 0$  and  $\beta_u = +\infty$  for all  $u$  as in the classical setting for temporal graphs. This result also holds when restricting the temporal graph model to integer times and  $O(n)$  lifetime, that is when the union of departure and arrival times of all edges is included in an interval of length  $O(n)$ .

*Proof.* The first step of the proof is to build  $\mathcal{I}_n$  and  $\mathcal{I}'_n$ . Let us fix  $2n$  integer times  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  such that  $0 < \tau_1 < t_1 < \tau_2 < t_2 < \dots < \tau_n < t_n < 3n$ . Consider the set of vertices  $V = \{s, u, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . For any two permutation  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  of  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we define the temporal edges  $E_\pi = \{e_i^\pi = (s, u, -i, \tau_{\pi(i)} + i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ , and  $F_{\pi'} = \{f_j^{\pi'} = (u, v_j, t_{\pi'(j)}, t_n + j - t_{\pi'(j)}) : j = 1, \dots, n\}$ . We can now define the temporal graphs  $G_{\pi, \pi'} = (V, E_\pi \cup F_{\pi'}, \alpha, \beta)$ , where  $\alpha_x = 0$  and  $\beta_x = +\infty$  for all  $x \in V$ .

The family of instances  $\mathcal{I}_n$  is given by the temporal graphs  $\bigcup_\pi G_{\pi, id}$  given as departure-sorted representations, where  $s$  is marked as the source node and  $id$  denotes the identity permutation. Notice that the ordering of its temporal edges  $E_\pi \cup F_{id}$  by non-decreasing departure time, is  $(e_1^\pi, \dots, e_n^\pi, f_1^{id}, \dots, f_n^{id})$  for any  $\pi$ . Similarly, the family of instances  $\mathcal{I}'_n$  is given by the temporal graphs  $\bigcup_{\pi'} G_{id, \pi'}$  given as arrival-sorted representations. Note also that the ordering of its temporal edges  $E_{id} \cup F_{\pi'}$  by non-decreasing arrival time, is  $(e_1^{id}, \dots, e_n^{id}, f_1^{\pi'}, \dots, f_n^{\pi'})$  for any  $\pi'$ .

Now suppose that we are given a deterministic algorithm  $A$  for computing minimum-overall-waiting-time walks from  $s$  to all nodes. In the temporal graph  $G_{\pi, id}$  the possible temporal walks from  $s$  to  $v_j$  are given by  $\langle e_i^\pi, f_j^{id} \rangle$  such that  $\tau_{\pi(i)} \leq t_j$ , and the overall waiting time of such walk is  $t_j - \tau_{\pi(i)}$ . The minimum overall waiting time is thus obtained for the largest  $\tau_{\pi(i)} \leq t_j$ , that is for  $\pi(i) = j$ . This means that, there is a one to one correspondence between the outputs of  $A$  and the permutations of  $[n]$ . In particular, if algorithm  $A$  is correct then there are at least  $n!$  possible different outputs. Since  $A$  is a deterministic comparison only algorithm and the input instance order  $(e_1^\pi, \dots, e_n^\pi, f_1^{id}, \dots, f_n^{id})$  does not depend on  $\pi$ , two executions of  $A$  with same comparisons lead to the same output. This means that, if we denote with  $c$  the maximum number of comparisons made by  $A$ , there are at most  $2^c$  different outputs. The correctness of  $A$  thus implies  $2^c \geq n!$ . We then get  $c \geq n \ln n - n$  and conclude that the time complexity of  $A$  is  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .

More precisely, consider the decision tree corresponding to each time comparison. We have just argued that this tree has depth  $n(\ln n - 1)$  at least. Consider the permutations where the execution terminates after  $\frac{n}{2} \ln n$  comparisons only. As the subtree corresponding to such executions has at most  $n^{n/2}$  leaves, there are at most  $n^{n/2}$  such permutations. On instances built according to other permutations, algorithm  $A$  requires at least  $\frac{n}{2} \ln n$  comparisons. With uniform distribution over the inputs in  $\mathcal{I}_n$ , the average complexity of  $A$  is thus at least  $\frac{n! - n^{n/2}}{n!} \frac{n}{2} \ln n \geq (1 - \exp(n - \frac{n}{2} \ln n)) \frac{n}{2} \ln n = \Omega(n \ln n)$ . Yao's principle then implies that for any randomized algorithm solving the single-source minimum-overall-waiting-time walk problem, there exists an instance in  $\mathcal{I}_n$  on which its average running time is  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .

Similarly, in a temporal graph  $G_{id, \pi'}$  the possible temporal walks from  $s$  to  $v_j$  are given by  $\langle e_i^{id}, f_j^{\pi'} \rangle$  such that  $\tau_i \leq t_{\pi'(j)}$ , and the overall waiting time of such walk is  $t_{\pi'(j)} - \tau_i$ . The minimum overall waiting time is thus obtained for the largest  $\tau_i \leq t_{\pi'(j)}$ , that is for  $i = \pi'(j)$ . This, again, means that, there is a one to one correspondence between the outputs of  $A$  and permutations of  $[n]$  and we can conclude similarly to the previous case.  $\square$

## 6 Equivalence between space-time and doubly-sorted representations

We now show that the doubly sorted representation is equivalent to the classical “space-time” representation [22]. The latter consists in transforming a temporal graph into a static graph by introducing a copy of each node for each possible time instant. Each temporal edge is then turned into a static edge from the two corresponding copies of its tail and head. We consider here a variant where we introduce copies of a node only for time instants corresponding to a departure time of an edge from that node, or an arrival time of an edge to that node, following the approach of [24].

Formally, given a temporal graph  $G = (V, E)$ , its *space-time representation* is a directed graph  $D = (W, F^c \cup F^w)$ , where:

- The nodes in  $W$  are labeled nodes  $v_\tau$ , where  $v \in V$  refers to a node of  $G$  and  $\tau$  is a time label. More precisely,  $v_\tau \in W$  if and only if there exists a temporal edge in  $E$  with tail  $v$  and departure time  $\tau$  or a temporal edge with head  $v$  and arrival time  $\tau$ . We will also refer to such nodes as *copies of  $v$* . Let us denote with  $Pred^w(v_\tau)$  the copy of  $v$  in  $W$  with maximum time label less than  $\tau$ , if it exists.
- We distinguish two types of arcs  $F^c$  and  $F^w$  called connection arcs and waiting arcs respectively. The set  $F^c$  contains an arc  $(u_\tau, v_{\tau+\lambda})$  for each temporal edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda) \in E$ . These arcs represent a temporal connection between nodes in  $V$  and are called *connection arcs*. Note that each arc  $(v_\tau, w_\nu)$  in  $F^c$  satisfies  $\tau \leq \nu$ , since travel times are non-negative. The set  $F^w$  is defined to contain an arc  $(Pred^w(v_\tau), v_\tau)$  for each  $v \in V$  and for each copy  $v_\tau$  of  $v$  such that  $Pred^w(v_\tau)$  is defined. These arcs represent the possibility to wait at a node in  $v \in V$  during a walk in  $G$  and are called *waiting arcs*. Note that each arc  $(v_\tau, v_\nu)$  in  $F^w$  satisfies  $\tau < \nu$ . As we allow temporal edges which are self loops (i.e. edges  $(v, v, \tau, \lambda)$ ), there might exist two copies of an arc in  $D$ , one in  $F^c$  and one in  $F^w$ . Formally,  $D$  is thus a directed multigraph as we distinguish arcs in  $F^c$  from those in  $F^w$  and assume  $F^c \cap F^w = \emptyset$ .

We can now state the following equivalence.

**Proposition 2** *Let  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  be a temporal graph.*

- If  $G$  is zero-acyclic and a space-time representation of  $G$  is given, it is possible to compute in linear time and space a doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of  $G$  such that  $E^{dep}$  and  $E^{arr}$  are both half-extend-respecting.*
- Given a doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of  $G$  it is possible to compute in linear time and space a space-time representation of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* In order to prove Proposition 2.A, we design an algorithm that computes a node-arrival-sorted half-extend-respecting list from a space-time representation of a zero-acyclic temporal graph. It is inspired by Kahn’s algorithm for computing a topological ordering of a directed acyclic graph [17].

We first define a notion of extending for arcs in  $D$ . Given two arcs  $f_1, f_2$  in  $F^c \cup F^w$ , we say that  $f_2$  *arc-extends*  $f_1$  when the head  $v_\nu$  of  $f_1$  is also the tail of  $f_2$  and we have  $f_1 \in F^w$  or  $f_2 \in F^w$  or  $\alpha_v = 0$  ( $v$  is the node whose copy  $v_\nu$  is the head of  $f_1$ ). In particular, when  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are both connection arcs, we must have  $\alpha_v = 0$ . Note that for every pair  $e_1, e_2$  of temporal edges corresponding respectively to two connection arcs  $f_1, f_2$  in  $F^c$ , and such that  $e_2$  extends  $e_1$ , there

must exist a path  $P$  in  $D$  starting with  $f_1$ , ending with  $f_2$ , and containing possibly intermediate waiting arcs in  $F^w$ . When  $arr(e_1) = dep(e_2)$ ,  $P$  contains only  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , and the minimum waiting time  $\alpha_v$  at the head  $v$  of  $e_1$  must be zero since  $e_2$  extends  $e_1$ . In all cases, each arc in  $P$  arc-extends the preceding one according to our new definition. We say that an ordering  $F^{ord}$  of the arcs of  $D$  is *arc-extend-respecting* when we have  $f_1 <_{F^{ord}} f_2$  whenever  $f_2$  arc-extends  $f_1$  for any pair of arcs  $f_1, f_2 \in F^c \cup F^w$ . It is thus sufficient to produce an arc-extend-respecting ordering  $F^{ord}$  of  $F^c \cup F^w$  to obtain a half-extend-respecting ordering of the temporal edges according the respective positions of their corresponding arcs in  $F^{ord}$ .

The main idea of the algorithm is to produce such an ordering by iteratively removing an arc from  $D$  so that no other remaining arc arc-extends it. Each time an arc is removed, it is prepended to the list  $F^{ord}$  which is initially empty. When a node  $v_\nu$  has out-degree zero, we can safely remove all the arcs entering it. Repeating this would suffice when  $D$  is acyclic. However, it may contain a cycle. This can only occur when all nodes in the cycle have same time label  $\tau$  as each arc  $(u_\tau, v_\nu)$  satisfies  $\tau \leq \nu$ . This implies that all the arcs of the cycle must be in  $F^c$ . In such a case, the zero-acyclicity of  $G$  ensures that at least one node  $v_\nu$  of the cycle is a copy a node  $v$  of the temporal graph with waiting-time constraint  $\alpha_v > 0$  as otherwise this cycle would correspond to a zero-cycle in  $G$ . When no node has out-degree zero, the algorithm thus selects any node  $v_\nu$  having no out-arc in  $F^w$  and satisfying  $\alpha_v > 0$ , and then removes all its in-arcs that are in  $F^c$ . Note that all out-arcs of  $v_\nu$  are then in  $F^c$  and none of them arc-extends these in-arcs by the choice of  $v_\nu$  such that  $\alpha_v \neq 0$ . Such a node must exist when  $G$  is zero-acyclic and no remaining node has out-degree zero as there must then exist a cycle among nodes with maximum time label  $\tau$  while no remaining waiting arc can lead to a copy with time label greater than  $\tau$ . As the algorithm can always progress, it terminates when all arcs have been removed. See Algorithm 3 for a formal description, where  $\delta_{out}^c(v_\tau)$  is the number of out-neighbors of  $v_\tau$  through an arc in  $F^c$ ,  $\delta_{out}^w(v_\tau)$  is the number of out-neighbors of  $v_\tau$  through an arc in  $F^w$ . Furthermore, we denote with  $N_{in}^c(v_\tau)$  the set of in-neighbors  $w_\nu$  of  $v_\tau$  such that  $(w_\nu, v_\tau) \in F^c$ .

This algorithm runs in linear time by maintaining  $\delta_{out}^c(v_\tau)$ ,  $\delta_{out}^w(v_\tau)$ , and  $N_{in}^c(v_\tau)$  for each node  $v_\tau$ . This allows to maintain the set  $S$  of nodes with out-degree zero, and the set  $S'$  of nodes  $v_\nu$  having no out-edges in  $F^w$  and satisfying  $\alpha_v > 0$ . A node in  $S$  or  $S'$  can then be selected in constant time. Each arc removal is performed with constant-time updates of out-degrees, in-neighbors, sets  $S$  and  $S'$ . As each node is considered at most twice, the overall execution thus takes linear time.

Each time an arc is prepended to  $F^{ord}$  by the algorithm, all arcs that arc-extend it must have already been removed and are thus already in  $F^{ord}$ . The resulting ordering  $F^{ord}$  is thus arc-extend-respecting. We then obtain a half-extend-respecting ordering  $E^{arr}$  of the temporal edges by removing waiting arcs from  $F^{ord}$  and replacing each remaining connection arc  $(u_\tau, v_\nu)$  by its corresponding temporal edge  $(u, v, \tau, \nu - \tau)$ . Note that  $E^{arr}$  is also node-arrival sorted. This is due to the fact that for any node  $v$  and any time labels  $\tau$  associated to  $v$ , arcs entering the copy  $v_\tau$  cannot be removed as long as it has an out-edge in  $F^w$ , and this out-edge is removed only when its next copy  $v_\nu$  has out-degree zero. This implies that all arcs entering a copy  $v_\mu$  with  $\mu > \tau$  are prepended to  $F^{ord}$  before all arcs entering  $v_\tau$ .

A similar algorithm can be symmetrically designed to obtain an ordering  $E^{dep}$  which is half-extend-respecting and node-departure sorted. When producing a temporal edge in  $E^{arr}$  and in  $E^{dep}$ , we can associate it to the index of its corresponding arc in  $F^c$  so that we can easily construct pointers linking each edge in  $E^{arr}$  to its copy in  $E^{dep}$ .

On the other side, to prove Proposition 2.B, we can use the following procedure. We obtain

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Input: A space-time representation  $D = (W, F^c \cup F^w)$  of a zero-acyclic temporal graph
 $G = (V, E)$  with waiting-time constraints  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , given as adjacency lists
 $N_{in}^c(v_\tau), Pred^w(v_\tau)$  for each  $v_\tau \in W$ .
Output: An arc-extend-respecting ordered list  $F^{ord}$  of the arcs in  $D$ .
1 Compute  $\delta_{out}^c(v_\tau)$  and  $\delta_{out}^w(v_\tau)$  for each node  $v_\tau \in W$ .
2 Compute the set  $S$  of nodes  $v_\tau$  such that  $\delta_{out}^c(v_\tau) = 0$  and  $\delta_{out}^w(v_\tau) = 0$ .
3 Compute the set  $S'$  of nodes  $v_\tau$  such that  $\delta_{out}^w(v_\tau) = 0$  and  $\alpha_{v_\tau} > 0$ .
4 Set  $F^{ord} := \emptyset$ . /* Arc-extend-respecting ordered list. */
5 While  $S \cup S' \neq \emptyset$  do
6   If  $S \neq \emptyset$  then
7     Select any  $v_\tau \in S$ .
8     For each node  $u_\nu$  in  $N_{in}^c(v_\tau) \cup Pred^w(v_\tau)$  do RemoveArc( $u_\nu, v_\tau$ ).
9     Remove  $v_\tau$  from  $D$ .
10  else
11    Select any  $v_\tau \in S'$ .
12    For each node  $u_\nu$  in  $N_{in}^c(v_\tau)$  do RemoveArc( $u_\nu, v_\tau$ ).
13 Return  $F^{ord}$ 
14 Procedure RemoveArc( $u_\nu, v_\tau$ )
15   Prepend ( $u_\nu, v_\tau$ ) to  $F^{ord}$  and remove it from  $D$ .
16   Update accordingly the degrees of  $u_\nu$  and the sets  $S, S'$ .

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**Algorithm 3:** Computing an arc-extend-respecting arc ordering of a space-time representation of a zero-acyclic temporal graph.

for each  $v \in V$ , the lists  $E_v^{dep}$  and  $E_v^{arr}$  through bucket sorting. We merge these two lists into a single list  $E_v^{event}$  for each node  $v$ . A linear scan of  $E_v^{event}$  then produces all the sorted copies of  $v$  in  $W$ , and associates to each edge having  $v$  as head or tail the corresponding copy of  $v$ . A linear scan of all temporal edges then allows to construct  $F^c$  in linear time. Finally, we construct  $F^w$  by scanning  $E_v^{event}$  for each node  $v$ .  $\square$

Interestingly, the above result implies that any zero-acyclic temporal graph admits a half-extend-respecting ordering. Conversely, the existence of a half-extend-respecting ordering obviously prevents the presence of zero-cycles and implies zero-acyclicity. We thus obtain the following statement.

**Proposition 3** *A temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  is zero-acyclic if and only if there exists an half-extend-respecting ordering of its edges.*

Note that for a given set  $E$  of temporal edges, zero-acyclicity depends only on which nodes  $v$  have non-zero minimum waiting time  $\alpha_v$  as our algorithm for computing an half-extend-respecting ordering depends only on this.

Proposition 2 also implies that a half-extend-respecting doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  can be computed in linear time and space from any doubly-sorted representation of a zero-acyclic temporal graph by constructing its space-time representation as an intermediate step. Interestingly, our single-source minimum-cost walk algorithm can be adapted to take as input either any

doubly-sorted representation or a space-time representation. We thus obtain the following corollary of Theorem 1.

**Corollary 2** *Given either a doubly-sorted representation or a space-time representation of a zero-acyclic temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity, and a source node  $s \in V$ , the single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem can be solved in linear time and space.*

## 7 Handling zero travel-times

We now show how our approach can be adapted to handle instances containing zero-cycles. Note that a temporal graph containing a zero-cycle fails to admit any half-extend-respecting ordering of its edges. We will give an algorithm based on Algorithm 1, that solves the single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem in  $O(|E| \log |V|)$  in this setting, where  $E$  is the set of temporal edges and  $V$  is the set of nodes. It still requires a doubly-sorted representation as input. The key point of this algorithm is to compute an ordering of the edges that can be handled correctly by Algorithm 1 for a given source as long as the temporal graph satisfies the following property generalizing non-negative weights.

Consider a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with a cost structure  $\mathcal{C} = (C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$ . A cost  $d \in C$  is said to be  $\mathcal{C}$ -non-negative when it satisfies  $c \preceq c \oplus d$  for all  $c \in C$ . This can be seen as a generalization of classical non-negativity. We consider instances satisfying the following *right-absorption* property (*absorption* for short) which is a restriction to zero travel time edges of a property similarly considered in [27]:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for any } e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda) \in E \text{ such that } \lambda = 0 \text{ and } \alpha_u = \alpha_v = 0, \\ \gamma(e) \text{ is } \mathcal{C}\text{-non-negative, that is } c \preceq c \oplus \gamma(e) \text{ for all } c \in C. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{absorption})$$

Notice that under absorption and isotonicity, there cannot exist any zero-walk  $Q$  in  $G$  such that  $c \oplus \gamma_Q \prec c$ , for any cost  $c \in C$ . Indeed, this absorption property captures a property similar to non-negativity of weights in classical shortest path computation.

Let us define the following property on a doubly sorted representation of a temporal graph. Let  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  be a temporal graph,  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  be a doubly-sorted representation of  $G$  and  $s \in V$  be a source node. We say that  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  is *s-optimal-respecting* if for each  $s$ -arrival edge  $e$  there exists a  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected walk  $Q$  from  $s$  having last edge  $e$  and with cost  $c$ , where  $c$  is the minimum cost of any walk from  $s$  ending with  $e$ . We can now state the following result.

**Theorem 3** *Given a doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{arr}, E^{dep})$  of a temporal graph  $G = (V, E, \alpha, \beta)$  with cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity and absorption, and a source node  $s$ , the single-source all-arrival-edge minimum-cost problem can be solved in  $O(|E| \log |V|)$  time and space.*

To prove this, we design an algorithm that reorders edges with zero travel time and same arrival time in both  $E^{arr}$  and  $E^{dep}$ , producing a different doubly-sorted representation  $(\bar{E}^{arr}, \bar{E}^{dep})$  while performing a linear scan like in Algorithm 1. The doubly-sorted representation obtained through the reordering is *s-optimal-respecting*.

To identify efficiently such sequences of zero travel time edges, we first sort  $E^{arr}$  according to non-decreasing arrival times as follows. We obtain through bucket sorting the lists  $E_v^{arr}$  of edges

with head  $v$  ordered by non-decreasing arrival time for all nodes  $v$ , and then merge them back using a priority queue in  $O(|E| \log |V|)$  time. We obtain the ordered list  $A^{arr}$  of all the arrival times of the edges by scanning  $E^{arr}$ . We can now refine the ordering of the edges with same arrival time in the following way. By bucket sorting, we separate edges with same arrival time into four blocks and then merge them back together one after the other. The first block are those edges having positive travel time, the second the edges with zero travel time and positive minimum waiting-time at the tail, the third the edges with zero travel time and zero minimum waiting-time both at the source and the head, and finally the fourth are the edges with zero travel time and positive minimum waiting-time at the head. The reason for this separation is that an edge arriving at time  $a$  can be extended by a zero-walk at time  $a$  only if its head has zero minimum waiting-time, and similarly, a zero-walk at time  $a$  can be extend by an edge departing at time  $a$  only if its tail has zero minimum waiting-time. More precisely, the notation we use to indicate the four blocks is the following. We denote by  $E_{a,\lambda>0}^{arr}$  the sub-array of edges of  $E^{arr}$  with arrival time  $a$  and with positive travel time. Among the edges with arrival time  $a$  and with zero travel time we distinguish the following three blocks. We denote by  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$  the sub-array of edges  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0)$  such that  $\alpha_u > 0$ , by  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  the sub-array of edges  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0)$  that  $\alpha_u = \alpha_v = 0$ , and finally by  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{head}>0}^{arr}$  the sub-array of edges  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0)$  such that  $\alpha_v > 0$ . In particular we refer to  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  as a *zero-block*. Before scanning each zero-block, its edges are reordered as described next.

Our goal is to identify certain minimum-cost walks that contain edges in the zero-block, and preserve the ordering of their edges. We represent the edges of the zero-block through a weighted static graph; indeed the the time labels and the waiting constraints in this case play a marginal role, since all the edges in the zero-block have same departure time, zero travel time and no minimum waiting constraints on their head and tail. In particular, walks in the digraph correspond to walks in the temporal graph. We first identify edges that terminate minimum-cost walks containing exactly one edge in the zero-block. The heads of such edges will serve as sources in the static graph, and are associated to the cost of the aforementioned walks. From these sources, with their initial associated starting costs, we run Dijkstra algorithm [15] and build a shortest path forest from them. We then reorder the edges of the zero-block in the following way: first the edges terminating minimum cost walks to the sources, then edges corresponding to arcs in the shortest path forest so as to preserve path order for all paths in the forest, and finally the remaining edges of the zero-block. Moreover, we will also partially reorder the edges in  $E^{dep}$ : among the edges with same departure time we will put first those edges that we identified preceding the sources.

The algorithm then scans the reordered zero-block and the following edges again as in Algorithm 1 up to the next zero-block. We will prove that the two reordered lists obtained are indeed a doubly-sorted representation which is  $s$ -optimal-respecting.

**Input:** A doubly-sorted representation  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$  of a temporal graph  $G$  with waiting-time constraints  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity and absorption, and a source node  $s$ .

**Output:** Minimum cost of an  $sv$ -walk for each node  $v$  and for each  $s$ -arrival edge  $e$  at  $v$ .

- 1 Sort  $E^{arr}$  by non-decreasing arrival time.
- 2 Scan  $E^{arr}$  to compute  $A^{arr}$  and blocks  $E_{a,\lambda>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{head}>0}^{arr}$ .
- 3 Rebuild  $E^{arr}$  by concatenating these blocks for increasing  $a \in A^{arr}$ .
- 4 Initialize variables as in Algorithm 1 (Lines 1 - 6).
- 5 **For** each arrival time  $a$  in  $A^{arr}$  **do**
- 6     **For**  $e \in E_{a,\lambda>0}^{arr}$  **do** scan  $e$  as in Algorithm 1 (line 7 - 22).
- 7     **For**  $e \in E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$  **do** scan  $e$  as in Algorithm 1 (line 7 - 22).
- 8      $E^{ord} := \text{Reorder}(E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}, a)$ .
- 9     Replace  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  by  $E^{ord}$  in  $E^{arr}$ .
- 10    **For**  $e \in E^{ord}$  **do** scan  $e$  as in Algorithm 1 (line 7 - 22).
- 11    **For**  $e \in E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{head}>0}^{arr}$  **do** scan  $e$  as in Algorithm 1 (line 7 - 22).
- 12 **Return** the sets  $(A'_v)_{v \in V}$

**Algorithm 4:** Adaption of Algorithm 1 to handle edges with zero travel time.

We now describe more precisely the call to  $\text{Reorder}(E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}, \tau)$  which is formally described in Algorithm 5. We first identify the set  $V' = V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}$  of nodes appearing as tail or head of edges in the zero-block  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  at Line 2. We notice that edges in the zero-block sharing the same tail have the same associated cost according to Algorithm 1: as they have same departure time  $\tau$  they extend the same set of walks and they belong to the same interval. This allows us to assign to each node  $u$  in  $V'_{tail}$  the cost  $B_{tail}[u]$  associated to edges of the zero-block with tail  $u$  at the moment of the call to  $\text{Reorder}()$ , namely just before scanning the edges of the zero-block (see Lines 3-6). This is the minimum cost of any  $su$ -walk composed of edges scanned so far, excluding in particular walks containing edges in  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ , that can be extended with edges departing at time  $\tau$ . We also associate to each  $u$  in  $V'_{tail}$  the index of the first edge in  $E_u^{dep}$  that has departure time  $\tau$  at Lines 5-6. Notice that this is not necessarily an edge in the zero-block.

Next, we compute for each edge  $e$  in the block the minimum cost to reach its head considering both the case when  $e$  extends a walk from the source, and the case when starts itself a walk from the source at Lines 7-16. In particular, by keeping the minimum among the edges with same head, we compute for each node  $v$  in  $V'_{head}$  the minimum cost  $B'[v]$  of  $sv$ -walks that contain one, and only one, edge of the zero-block and terminate with it. We store in  $P'[v]$  the last edge of such a walk with minimum cost at Line 16. All nodes  $v \in V'_{head}$  that can be reached by such an  $sv$ -walk are stored in a set of sources  $S$  at Line 11.

We then build a weighted directed graph  $D$  with node set  $V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}$  and arc set  $A'$  which is defined by associating an arc  $(u, v, \gamma(e))$  to each edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  at Lines 17-18.

Finally, we reorder the edges in  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $E^{dep}$  at Lines 19-26 based on a minimum-cost forest  $F$  from  $S$  in  $D$  which is computed at Line 19 through an algebraic version of Dijkstra algorithm which is described in detail in the next paragraph. Note that this Dijkstra computation uses the fact that all arcs of  $D$  have  $\mathcal{C}$ -non-negative costs. The forest  $F$  is given by parent pointers where  $F[v]$  provides for each node  $v$  an arc allowing to reach  $v$  from  $S$  through a path with minimum cost in  $D$ . The pointer  $F[v]$  has value  $\perp$  if  $v$  is the root of a tree or if it is not reachable from



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1 Function Reorder( $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}, \tau$ )
   /* Identify nodes appearing in edges of  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ : */
2 Let  $V'_{tail} := \{u : \exists(u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}\}$  and  $V'_{head} := \{v : \exists(u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}\}$ .
   /* Set  $B_{tail}[u]$  to the best extendable cost of edges from  $u$  in the
   zero-block. */
3 For each node  $u \in V'_{tail}$  do
4   Let  $I = (l, r, c, e)$  be the first interval in  $\mathcal{I}_u$  containing an edge  $e$  with  $dep(e) \geq \tau$ .
5   Let  $i$  be the index of the first edge  $e$  in  $I$  such that  $dep(e) = \tau$ .
6   Set  $p[u] := i$  and  $B_{tail}[u] := c$ .
   /* Set  $B'[v]$  to the minimum cost of an  $sv$ -walk ending with exactly one
   edge in the zero-block. */
7 For each node  $v \in V'_{head}$  do Initialize  $B'[v] = \perp$ .
8 Initialize a set  $S := \emptyset$  of reachable nodes.
9 For each edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  do
10   If  $u = s$  or  $B_{tail}[u] \neq \perp$  then
11      $S := S \cup \{v\}$  /*  $v$  can be reached from  $s$ . */
12     If  $u = s$  and  $(B_{tail}[u] = \perp$  or  $\gamma(e) \prec B_{tail}[u] \oplus \gamma(e))$  then  $c := \gamma(e)$ 
13     else  $c := B_{tail}[u] \oplus \gamma(e)$ 
14     If  $B'[v] = \perp$  or  $c \prec B'[v]$  then
15        $B'[v] := c$ 
16        $P'[v] := e$  /* Last edge of a walk defining  $B'[v]$ . */
   /* Define a weighted static digraph  $D = (V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}, A')$ . */
17  $A' := \{(u, v, \gamma(e)) : e = (u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}\}$ 
18 Construct a weighted digraph  $D$  with vertex set  $V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}$  and arc set  $A'$ .
   /* Reorder the sets of edges  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $E^{dep}$ . */
19 Compute a minimum-cost forest  $F := \text{DijkstraFromSet}(D, S, B')$ .
20  $E^{ord} := \emptyset$ 
21 For  $v \in S$  such that  $F[v] = \perp$  do
22   Let  $e = (u, v, \tau, 0) := P'[v]$  and append  $e$  to  $E^{ord}$ .
23   Swap in  $E_u^{dep}$  edge  $e$  with the edge that has index  $p[u]$  and set  $p[u] := p[u] + 1$ .
24   Compute a BFS ordering  $F_v$  of the arcs of the tree rooted at  $v$  in  $F$ .
25   For each arc  $(u, v, c) \in F_v$ , append the associated edge  $(u, v, \tau, 0)$  to  $E^{ord}$ .
26 Append to  $E^{ord}$  the remaining edges in  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ .
27 Return  $E^{ord}$ .

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**Algorithm 5:** Reorder the temporal edges in a zero-block so that a sufficiently big set of minimum-cost walk are  $(E^{dep}, E^{arr})$ -respected.

$S$  in  $D$ . For each tree  $T$  rooted at a node  $v$  in  $F$ , we use a BFS ordering of  $T$  to make sure at Lines 24-25 that any path in  $T$  corresponds to a walk whose edges appear in order in  $E^{ord}$ , and after  $P'[v]$ . Note that such a walk extends edge  $P'[v]$  which is added first. Note also that the edge  $P'[v]$  is added only once to  $E^{ord}$ : since it has head  $v$  which is a root, it cannot be associated to

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1 Function DijkstraFromSet( $(V', A'), S, B'$ )
2   For  $v \in V'$  do initialize a key  $K[v] := \perp$  and a parent pointer  $F[v] := \perp$ .
3   Initialize a Fibonacci heap  $H := \emptyset$ .
4   For  $v \in S$  do add  $v$  to  $H$  with key  $K[v] := B'[v]$ .
5   While  $H \neq \emptyset$  do
6      $u := \text{PopMin}(H)$ 
7     For  $(u, v, c) \in A'$  do
8       If  $K[v] = \perp$  or  $K[u] \oplus c \prec K[v]$  then
9          $K[v] := K[u] \oplus c$ 
10         $F[v] := (u, v, c)$ 
11        If  $v \notin H$  then add  $v$  to  $H$  with key  $K[v]$ 
12        else decrease key of  $v$  in  $H$  to  $K[v]$ .
13  return  $F$ .

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**Algorithm 6:** Algebraic version of Dijkstra from a set  $S$  of sources with initial costs  $B'$  in a digraph  $(V', A')$ .

an arc of  $F$  (we have  $F[v] = \perp$ ). Additionally, we move edges  $P'[v]$  with tail  $u$  in  $E_u^{dep}$  at Line 23 so that they appear in  $E_u^{dep}$  before other edges of the zero-block. This guarantees that any walk resulting from concatenating an edge  $P'[v]$  and a walk corresponding to a path in the tree rooted at  $v$  will be  $(\bar{E}^{arr}, \bar{E}^{dep})$ -respected.

For the sake of completeness, we also include an algebraic version of Dijkstra algorithm as detailed in Algorithm 6. It is similar to the version of [27] with slightly different hypothesis and the mild generalization of computing minimum-cost paths in a weighted digraph  $(V', A')$  from a set  $S$  of sources where each source  $v \in S$  is associated to an initial cost  $B'[v]$ . More precisely, any walk  $W = \langle (u_1, v_1, c_1), \dots, (u_k, v_k, c_k) \rangle$  of  $k \geq 1$  arcs from a source  $u_1 \in S$  in the digraph is associated to a cost  $\gamma^D(B', W) = (\dots (B'[u_1] \oplus c_1) \dots \oplus c_{k-1}) \oplus c_k$ . A node  $v$  is said to be *reachable* from  $S$  in  $(V', A')$  if there exists a walk from a node  $u \in S$  to  $v$ . We consider that all nodes  $v \in S$  are reachable through an empty path with cost  $B'[v]$ . A *minimum-cost walk* from  $S$  to  $v \in V'$  is defined as a walk  $W$  from any node  $u \in S$  to  $v$  such that  $\gamma^D(B', W) \preceq \gamma^D(B', W')$  for any walk  $W'$  from  $u' \in S$  to  $v$ . The following elementary lemma allows us to focus on paths rather than walks.

**Lemma 3** *Let  $W$  be a walk in  $D$  from  $u \in S$  to  $v \in V'$ , then there exists a path  $P$  in  $D$  from  $u$  to  $v$  such that  $\gamma^D(B', P) \preceq \gamma^D(B', W)$ .*

*Proof.* We show that we can iteratively remove any cycle from  $W$  without increasing the cost of the walk. Let us decompose  $W$  into  $W_1.W_c.W_2$ , where  $W_c$  is a cycle. Then we have  $\gamma^D(B', W_1) \preceq \gamma^D(B', W_1.W_c)$  by absorption. We then obtain  $\gamma^D(B', W_1.W_2) \preceq \gamma^D(B', W_1.W_c.W_2) = \gamma^D(B', W)$  by isotonicity.  $\square$

We define a *minimum-cost forest*  $F$  from  $S$  as a union of minimum-cost paths from  $S$  to all reachable nodes from  $S$ , that forms a forest, that is where each node  $v$  has at most one entering arc  $F[v]$ . Such a forest can be computed through Dijkstra algorithm. Recall that it consists in visiting nodes according to a non-decreasing cost order. More precisely, each node  $v$  is associated

to a key  $K[v]$  storing the minimum-cost of a path reaching  $v$  from  $S$  that has been identified so far. Initially, only nodes in  $S$  have a defined key which is initialized according to  $B'$ , see Line 4 in Algorithm 6. The next node  $u$  to visit, that is a node with minimum key, can be found efficiently through a Fibonacci heap  $H$  at Line 6. We can then update the keys of each out-neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  according to Lines 8-12. The correctness of Algorithm 6 follows from the following lemma.

**Lemma 4** *Given a weighted digraph  $(V', A')$  and a cost structure  $(C, \gamma, \oplus, \preceq)$  satisfying isotonicity, suppose that for every arc  $(u, v, c) \in A'$  the cost  $c$  is  $C$ -non-negative. Given a set  $S \subseteq V'$  associated with initial costs  $B'[v] \in C$  for  $v \in S$ , Algorithm 6 returns a minimum-cost forest  $F$  from  $S$ .*

Before proving this lemma, note that  $C$ -non-negativity is not required for initial costs  $B'[v]$  of nodes  $v \in S$ . Despite its algebraic abstraction, the proof is nevertheless similar to the one found in algorithm textbooks [11] for the classical version.

*Proof.* As usual with Dijkstra algorithm, we can prove by induction that the nodes are popped from the heap  $H$  at Line 6 by non-decreasing order of keys. The reason is that all nodes  $v$  remaining in  $H$  when we pop  $u$  have a key  $K[v]$  satisfying  $K[u] \preceq K[v]$  by the correctness of the heap operations which rely on the fact that  $\preceq$  is a total order. Second, each node  $v$  added to the heap at Line 11, or whose key is decreased at Line 12, has key  $K[v] = K[u] \oplus c$  and we have  $K[u] \preceq K[u] \oplus c = K[v]$  as  $c$  is  $C$ -non-negative. This non-decreasing order of popped keys together with the  $C$ -non-negativity of arc costs also imply that once a node has been popped, it is never re-inserted in the heap later. As the parent pointer  $F[v]$  of a node always correspond to an arc  $(u, v, c)$  such that  $u$  has been popped before  $v$ ,  $F$  cannot induce any cycle and is indeed a forest. Moreover, following recursively the pointer  $F[u]$  as long as  $F[u] \neq \perp$ , we obtain a path  $P_F^u$  with nodes ordered according to popping order. Note that the first node of  $P_F^u$  must have been inserted in  $H$  initially and is thus in  $S$ . The cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^u)$  of  $P_F^u$  is thus defined and it equals the value of  $K[v]$  when  $v$  is popped (this directly results from the mutual updates of  $K[v]$  and  $F[v]$ ).

Suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exist nodes  $v \in V'$  which are reachable from  $S$  and such that  $F$  does not contain a minimum-cost path from  $S$  to  $v$ . Without loss of generality, we can choose such a node  $v$  so that no other such node is popped from  $H$  before  $v$ . Consider a minimum cost path  $P$  from  $S$  to  $v$ . Either  $P$  is non-empty and we let  $u \in S$  denote the tail of its first arc, or we have  $v \in S$  and no path from  $S$  to  $v$  has cost less than  $B'[v]$ , in which case we set  $u := v$ . As  $u \in S$  implies that  $u$  is initially added to  $H$ , it must be popped at some point.

First assume that  $P$  is empty. We then have  $v = u \in S$ , and  $v$  has been added to  $H$ , implying that  $v$  is popped at some point. The path  $P_F^v$  from  $S$  to  $v$  in  $F$  has cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) = K[v]$ . As the key of  $u = v$  can only decrease, we get  $K[v] \preceq B'[v]$  and thus  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) = B'[v]$  as no path from  $S$  to  $v$  has cost less than  $B'[v]$  in that case. This is in contradiction with our hypothesis on  $v$ .

From now on, we assume that  $P$  is non-empty. Suppose additionally that  $v$  is popped before  $u$ . This implies that the path  $P_F^v$  from  $S$  to  $v$  in  $F$  has cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) = K[v] \preceq K[u]$ . As the key of  $u$  can only decrease, we have  $K[u] \preceq B'[u]$ . Since the arcs of  $P$  have  $C$ -non-negative costs, we have  $B'[u] \preceq \gamma^D(B', P)$  and we get  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P)$ , contradicting again the choice of  $v$ .

Otherwise, we can consider the last node  $u'$  in  $P$  such that all nodes from  $u$  to  $u'$  in  $P$  have been popped before  $v$ . Let  $(u', v', c)$  be the arc following  $u'$  in  $P$ . The update of  $K[v']$  according to arc  $(u', v', c)$  at Lines 8-12 implies  $K[v'] \preceq K[u'] \oplus c$  and  $v' \in H$ . In particular,  $v'$  will be popped at some point. Our choice of  $v$  implies  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^{u'}) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P[u : u'])$  where  $P[u : u']$  denotes the subpath of  $P$  from  $u$  to  $u'$ . As discussed previously, we have  $K[u'] = \gamma^D(B', P_F^{u'})$  when  $u'$  is popped, and we thus get  $K[v'] \preceq \gamma^D(B', P[u : u']) \oplus c = \gamma^D(B', P[u : v'])$  by isotonicity. In the case

$v' = v$ , we thus get  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P)$ . In the case  $v' \neq v$ ,  $v$  is popped before  $v'$  according to the choice of  $u'$ , implying  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) = K[v] \preceq K[v'] \preceq \gamma^D(B', P[u : v']) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P)$  as the arcs of  $P[v' : v]$  have  $C$ -non-negative costs. In all cases, we get  $\gamma^D(B', P_F^v) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P)$ , in contradiction with our hypothesis on  $v$ .  $\square$

We now prove Theorem 3.

*Proof of Theorem 3.*

Our proof mainly relies on the correctness and the complexity of Algorithm 4 thanks to the following observation.

**Claim 1** *The execution of Algorithm 4 corresponds to an execution of Algorithm 1 with input  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$  where  $\bar{E}^{dep}$  and  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  are the orderings resulting from the calls to Algorithm 5.*

Recall that, after line 3, the list  $E^{arr}$  is a sequence of blocks  $E_{a,\lambda>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{head}>0}^{arr}$  by increasing value of  $a$ , and the ordering  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is obtained from it by replacing each zero-block  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  with the local order  $E^{ord}$  computed through the call to  $\text{Reorder}(E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr})$ . The ordering  $\bar{E}^{dep}$  is obtained as a concatenation of the lists  $\bar{E}_u^{dep}$ , where  $\bar{E}_u^{dep}$  is the list obtained from  $E_u^{dep}$  through the swaps made at Line 23 by Algorithm 5.

We prove Claim 1 through the following observations. The zero-blocks of edges  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  are reordered before any of its edges has been scanned, and edges are indeed scanned according to the ordering of  $\bar{E}^{arr}$ . Concerning  $\bar{E}^{dep}$ , we first note that none of the edges in a zero-block  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  has been finalized when  $\text{Reorder}(E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr})$  is called for the following two reasons. First, all edges with head  $u$  scanned so far have arrival time at most  $\tau$ , and since  $\alpha_u = 0$  edges with departure time greater or equal to  $\tau$  in  $E_u^{dep}$  were not considered by any call to  $\text{FinalizeCosts}()$  at Line 17 of Algorithm 1. Second,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$  does not contain any edge with tail  $u$  since  $\alpha_u = 0$ , and all edges from  $u$  that have been scanned so far have departure time less than  $\tau$ . They thus appear before edges from  $u$  in  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  since  $E_u^{dep}$  is sorted by non-decreasing departure time, and these edges have not been finalized by any call at Line 9 of Algorithm 1 either. Finally, the swaps in  $E_u^{dep}$  concern edges with same departure time  $\tau$  and same tail  $u$ . This means that they can extend exactly the same set of walks and thus belong to the same interval in  $\mathcal{I}_u$ . We thus have exactly the same intervals in  $\mathcal{I}_u$  for each node  $u$  as if the algorithm had been run with input  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$  from the beginning. As the subsequent processing occurs with edges ordered according to  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$  until the next-zero block, this concludes the proof of Claim 1

*Correctness.*

The core of the proof of correctness consists in showing that the reordered lists  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$  are an  $s$ -optimal-respecting doubly-sorted representation as we can then conclude by Proposition 1.

First note, that the lists  $\bar{E}^{dep}$  and  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  are still node departure and node arrival sorted respectively. The list  $\bar{E}^{dep}$  is node departure sorted, as it is a reordering of  $E^{dep}$  obtained by swapping edges with same tail and departure time. On the other side, the reordering of  $E^{arr}$  concerns only sets of edges within the same zero-block which all have same arrival time, thus  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is still ordered by non-decreasing arrival time of the edges.

The rest of the correctness part is dedicated to proving that  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$  is  $s$ -optimal-respecting. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that there exists an  $s$ -arrival edge  $e$  such that there exists no minimum cost walk from  $s$  ending with  $e$  that is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected. Without loss of generality,

let  $e$  be the first edge in  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  such that this happens, and let  $Q = \langle e_1, \dots, e_k \rangle$  be a walk with minimum cost among the walks from  $s$  ending with  $e = e_k = (u_k, v_k, \tau_k, \lambda_k)$ . As our assumption implies that  $Q$  itself is not  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected, it must have at least two edges, we thus assume  $k \geq 2$ .

**Note.** In the following, whenever we have to verify if  $e <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} f$ , for some edges  $e$  and  $f$ , it is sufficient to show that the block containing  $e$  precedes the block that contains  $f$  according to the ordering of  $E^{arr}$  computed at Line 3. This comes from the fact that  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  follows the same sequence of blocks and differs only by swaps within the zero-blocks.

**Case A: edge  $e_{k-1}$  does not belong to a zero-block or  $arr(e_{k-1}) < dep(e_k)$ .** Let us first consider the case in which  $e_{k-1}$  does not belong to a zero-block. This implies  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e_k$ . The reason is that we have  $arr(e_{k-1}) \leq dep(e_k)$  since  $e_k$  extends  $e_{k-1}$  and  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is ordered by non-decreasing arrival time. Hence,  $e_k <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e_{k-1}$  would imply  $arr(e_k) \leq arr(e_{k-1})$  and thus  $arr(e_{k-1}) = dep(e_k) = arr(e_k)$ . As  $e_k$  extends  $e_{k-1}$ , we then must have  $\alpha_{u_k} = 0$ . If  $e_{k-1}$  does not belong to a zero-block we then have either  $\lambda_{k-1} > 0$  or  $\alpha_{u_{k-1}} > 0$ , and thus  $e_{k-1}$  belongs to a block before the block of  $e_k$  according to the ordering of  $E^{arr}$  computed at Line 3. As  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e_k$ , our choice of  $e = e_k$  implies that there exists a walk  $Q'$  from  $s$  ending with  $e_{k-1}$  that is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected and has minimum cost among the walks from  $s$  ending with  $e_{k-1}$ . Because of isotonicity we obtain that  $\gamma(Q'.e_k) \leq \gamma(Q)$ , and proving that  $Q'.e_k$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected would raise a contradiction. Since  $Q'$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected, we just need to check that for each edge  $e'$  with tail  $u_k$  such that  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ , then  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . Due to the fact that  $e_k$  extends  $e_{k-1}$  and  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ , we have  $arr(e_{k-1}) \leq dep(e_k) \leq dep(e') \leq arr(e')$ . If  $arr(e_{k-1}) < arr(e')$  we can conclude that  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ , since  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is non-decreasing arrival time sorted. Otherwise,  $arr(e_{k-1}) = arr(e')$  implies that the travel time of  $e'$  is zero and that  $\alpha_{v_{k-1}} = 0$  as we get  $arr(e_{k-1}) = dep(e_k)$  and  $e_k$  extends  $e_{k-1}$ . If  $e_{k-1}$  has positive travel time, we can again conclude, as  $e'$  has zero travel time and the two edges have same arrival time, the block of  $e_{k-1}$  precedes the block of  $e'$ . Finally, suppose that  $e_{k-1}$  has also zero travel time. As  $\alpha_{v_{k-1}} = 0$  and  $e_{k-1}$  does not belong to a zero-block, we must have  $\alpha_{u_{k-1}} > 0$ . On the other hand,  $v_{k-1}$  is the tail of  $e'$  and we have  $\alpha_{v_{k-1}} = 0$ . Also in this case the block of  $e_{k-1}$  precedes the block of  $e'$ .

We consider now the case in which  $arr(e_{k-1}) < dep(e_k)$ . This implies  $arr(e_{k-1}) < arr(e_k)$ , and thus  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e_k$ . We can choose  $Q'$  as above: a walk from  $s$  ending with  $e_{k-1}$  that is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected and has minimum cost among the walks from  $s$  ending with  $e_{k-1}$ . If we prove that  $Q'.e_k$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected we can conclude by isotonicity. In particular, we just need to check that for each edge  $e'$  with tail  $u_k$  such that  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ , then  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . Due to the fact that  $arr(e_{k-1}) < dep(e_k)$  and  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ , we have  $arr(e_{k-1}) < dep(e_k) \leq dep(e') \leq arr(e')$ . As  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is ordered by non-decreasing arrival time we obtain  $e_{k-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ .

**Case B: edge  $e_{k-1}$  belongs to a zero-block.** We can now focus on the case where  $e_{k-1}$  belongs to a zero-block, namely  $e_{k-1} = (u_{k-1}, v_{k-1}, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $\alpha_{u_{k-1}} = \alpha_{v_{k-1}} = 0$ . Consider the call to  $\text{Reorder}(E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr})$  from Algorithm 4. Let  $D = (V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}, A', A')$  be the digraph constructed at Lines 17-18 in Algorithm 5, and let  $S \subseteq V'_{head}, A'$  be the set of source nodes computed according to Line 11. The proof of correctness follows from the last of the three following claims.

**Claim 2** Any path  $P$  in  $D$  from a node in  $S$  corresponds to a walk  $Q_P$  in  $G$  with cost  $\gamma^D(B', P)$  arriving at time  $\tau$ .

The reason is twofold. First, each node  $v \in S$  is associated to the cost  $B'[v]$  of an  $sv$ -walk  $Q_v$  which ends with edge  $P'[v]$  as set in Lines 10-16 in Algorithm 5. More precisely, suppose  $P'[v] = e = (u, v, \tau, 0) \in E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$ . In the case where  $u = s$  and the cost  $c = B'[v]$  is indeed  $\gamma(e)$ , we define  $Q_v = \langle e \rangle$ . Otherwise,  $e$  must have an associated cost  $c' = B_{tail}[u]$  computed using Algorithm 1 and we have  $c = B_{tail}[u] \oplus \gamma(e)$ . The correctness of Algorithm 1 implies that  $c'$  is the cost of an  $su$ -walk  $Q_e$  that  $e$  can extend. We then define  $Q_v = Q_e.e$  whose cost is precisely  $\gamma_{Q_e.e} = B_{tail}[u] \oplus \gamma(e) = c$ .

Second, as edge  $P'[v]$  has arrival time  $\tau$ ,  $Q_v$  also has arrival time  $\tau$  and any edge  $(v, w, \tau, 0)$  can extend it as long as  $\alpha_v = 0$ . More generally each arc  $(x, y, c)$  in a path  $P$  from  $v$  in  $D$  corresponds to an edge  $f = (x, y, \tau, 0)$  with cost  $\gamma(f) = c$  and such that  $\alpha_x = \alpha_y = 0$  according to the construction of  $A'$  at Line 17. The condition  $\alpha_x = 0$  implies that  $f$  extends the edge associated to the arc preceding  $(x, y, c)$  in  $P$  or extends  $P'[v] = e$  if it is the first arc. The path  $P$  is thus associated to a walk  $Q_P$  of edges in  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  such that  $Q_v.Q_P$  is a walk. Moreover, the cost of  $P$  in  $D$  is obtained as  $\gamma^D(B', P) = (\dots (B'[v] \oplus c_1) \dots \oplus c_{k-1}) \oplus c_k$  where  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  denote the respective costs of arcs in  $P$ . As  $B'[v] = \gamma_{Q_e}$ , we get  $\gamma^D(B', P) = \gamma_{Q_v.Q_P}$ .

**Claim 3** There exists a path  $P_Q$  from  $S$  to  $v_{k-1} = u_k$  in  $D$  that has cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_Q) \preceq \gamma_{\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle}$ .

To prove this, we decompose  $\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle = Q^1.Q^2$  where  $Q^2 = \langle e_i, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle$  is its longest suffix of edges in the zero-block  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  containing  $e_{k-1}$ . Note that all edges of  $\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle$  belonging to the zero-block must be consecutive as edges are sorted according to non-decreasing arrival time in a walk and no edge of the zero-block can be extended by an edge having positive travel time or positive minimum waiting-time.

First, consider the moment when  $e_i = (u_i, v_i, \tau, 0)$  is considered at Line 10 in Algorithm 5 for possibly updating  $B'[v_i]$ . If its associated cost is not  $\perp$ , we have  $B_{tail}[u_i] \preceq \gamma_{Q^1}$ . The reason is that  $B_{tail}[u_i]$  is the cost of a walk  $R$  that  $e_i$  extends, which is composed of edges scanned so far, and such that  $R.e_i$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected. Moreover, it has minimum cost among such walks according to Lemma 1. We thus have  $B_{tail}[u_i] \preceq \gamma_{Q^1}$  since  $Q^1$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected by our choice of  $e_k$ . Otherwise,  $Q^1$  is empty and we must have  $u_i = s$  and  $i = 1$ . In this latter case, we let  $Q^1.e_i$  denote the walk  $\langle e_i \rangle$ . In both cases,  $c$  is set at Lines 12-13 to a value such that  $c \preceq \gamma_{Q^1.e_i}$ . The update of  $B'[v_i]$  according to Lines 14-15 then ensures  $B'[v_i] \preceq \gamma_{Q^1.e_i}$ . Second, each edge  $e_j = (u_j, v_j, \tau, 0)$  for  $j > i$ , is associated to an arc  $e'_j = (u_j, v_j, \gamma(e_j))$  in  $D$  according to the construction of  $A'$  at Line 17. Let  $W_Q$  denote the walk  $\langle e'_{i+1}, \dots, e'_{k-1} \rangle$  in  $D$  which has cost  $\gamma^D(B', W_Q) = (\dots (B'[v_i] \oplus \gamma(e_{i+1})) \dots) \oplus \gamma(e_{k-1})$ . As  $B'[v_i] \preceq \gamma_{Q^1.e_i}$ , we get  $\gamma^D(B', W_Q) \preceq \gamma_Q$  according to isotonicity. According to Lemma 3, there exists a path  $P_Q$  in  $D$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_{k-1}$  satisfying  $\gamma^D(B', P_Q) \preceq \gamma^D(B', W_Q) \preceq \gamma_Q$ .  $P_Q$  is thus a path from  $v_i \in S$  to  $v_{k-1}$  with cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_Q) \preceq \gamma_{\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle}$  as claimed.

**Claim 4** There exists a walk  $\tilde{Q}$  such that  $\tilde{Q}.e_k$  is a  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected minimum-cost walk among the walks from  $s$  that end with  $e_k$ .

This claim will clearly conclude the proof of correctness. We first note that  $u_k$  is reachable from  $S$  according to Claim 3 through a path  $P_Q$  with cost  $\gamma^D(B', P_Q) \preceq \gamma_{\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle}$ . Lemma 4 then ensures

that  $F$  contains a minimum-cost path  $P$  in  $D$ . Its cost must thus satisfy  $\gamma^D(B', P) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P_Q)$ . Isotonicity then implies  $\gamma^D(B', P) \oplus \gamma(e_k) \preceq \gamma^D(B', P_Q) \oplus \gamma(e_k) \preceq \gamma_{\langle e_1, \dots, e_{k-1} \rangle} \oplus \gamma(e_k) = \gamma_Q$ .

Let us denote with  $\tilde{Q} = \langle \tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_l \rangle$  the walk corresponding to  $P$  according to Claim 2, and  $\tilde{e}_j = (\tilde{u}_j, \tilde{v}_j, \tilde{\tau}_j, \tilde{\lambda}_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ . According to the construction of  $\tilde{Q}$  in Claim 2, let  $h$  be the index of the edge  $P'[v]$ , that is  $h$  is the (only) index satisfying  $\tilde{e}_h = P'[\tilde{v}_h]$ . Note that the subsequent edges  $\tilde{e}_{h+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_l$  correspond to the arcs of  $P$ . On the other hand, edges  $\tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{h-1}$  precede the zero-block  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  in  $E^{arr}$ . Note that they thus also precede  $e_k$  in  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  as  $e_k$  extends an edge of the zero-block and thus satisfy  $arr(e_k) \geq \tau$  and  $\alpha_{u_k} = 0$ .

**We can assume  $e_k$  is not a  $P'[v]$  edge for some  $v$ .** If this was the case, as  $v$  is then the head of  $e_k$ , this is equivalent to  $e_k = P'[v_k]$ . Then the walk  $Q'' = \langle \tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_h \rangle$  ends with edge  $e_k = \tilde{e}_h$  and has cost  $\gamma_{Q''} \preceq \gamma_{\tilde{Q}}$  by  $C$ -non-negativity of the edges  $\tilde{e}_{h+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_l$ . As Claim 2 guarantees  $\gamma_{\tilde{Q}} = \gamma^D(B', P)$ , we then have  $\gamma_{Q''} \preceq \gamma^D(B', P) \oplus \gamma(e_k)$  by  $C$ -non-negativity of  $e_k$ , implying  $\gamma_{Q''} \preceq \gamma_Q$ . As  $\tilde{e}_{h-1}$  is not in the zero-block at time  $\tau$ , then either  $\tilde{e}_{h-1}$  is not in a zero-block or  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) < dep(e_k)$ , and we can conclude as case A.

We now prove that  $\tilde{Q}.e_k$  is a walk: first  $e_k$  is not an edge of  $\tilde{Q}$  and second,  $e_k$  extends  $\tilde{Q}$ . The only case where  $e_k$  could be in  $\tilde{Q}$  is when the edge  $e_k$  itself belongs to the zero-block  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$ . Let us rule out this eventuality. As  $P$  is a path and not a walk,  $\tilde{v}_l = u_k$  cannot be the tail of  $\tilde{e}_j$  for any  $j \in [h+1, l]$ . We also just proved we can assume  $e_k \neq \tilde{e}_h$ . Second,  $e_k$  extends  $\tilde{Q}$ . The reason is that it extends  $e_{k-1}$  which belongs to the zero-block  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$ . We thus have  $\tau + \alpha_{u_k} = \tau \leq dep(e_k) \leq \tau + \beta_{u_k}$ . As  $\tilde{e}_l$  also belongs to the zero-block, it has also arrival time  $\tau$  and  $e_k$  also extends  $\tilde{e}_l$  since  $\tilde{v}_l = u_k$ .

It just remains to prove that  $\tilde{Q}.e_k$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected. Since  $\tilde{e}_{h-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e_k$ , our choice of  $e_k$  implies that we can assume without loss of generality that  $\langle \tilde{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{h-1} \rangle$  is  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected. Thus, we have to consider the  $(\bar{E}^{dep}, \bar{E}^{arr})$ -respected property with respect to the following three types of pairs of consecutive edges in  $\tilde{Q}.e_k$ :

- 1)  $\tilde{e}_{h-1}, \tilde{e}_h$ ,
- 2)  $\tilde{e}_j, \tilde{e}_{j+1}$  for  $j = h, \dots, l-1$ ,
- 3)  $\tilde{e}_l, e_k$ .

In Case 1, we have to prove that for each edge  $e'$  such that  $tail(e') = tail(\tilde{e}_h) = \tilde{u}_h$  and  $\tilde{e}_h \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$  we have  $\tilde{e}_{h-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . As  $\tilde{e}_h$  extends  $\tilde{e}_{h-1}$  and  $\tilde{e}_h \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ , we have  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) \leq dep(\tilde{e}_h) \leq dep(e') \leq arr(e')$ . If  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) < arr(e')$  we can conclude since  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  is sorted by non-decreasing arrival time. Thus let us suppose that  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) = arr(e')$ , which implies that the travel time of  $e'$  is zero and  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) = dep(\tilde{e}_h) = \tau$ . Moreover, we have  $\alpha_{tail(\tilde{e}_h)} = \alpha_{tail(e')} = 0$  since  $e_h \in E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$ . Since  $\tilde{e}_{h-1}$  is not in the zero-block  $E_{\tau, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $arr(\tilde{e}_{h-1}) = \tau$ , we must have  $\alpha_{tail(\tilde{e}_{h-1})} > 0$ . This implies  $\tilde{e}_{h-1} <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$  since in  $\bar{E}^{arr}$  the block of edges in  $E_{a, \lambda=0, \alpha_{tail} > 0}^{arr}$  precedes block  $E_{a, \lambda=0, \alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $E_{a, \lambda=0, \alpha_{head} > 0}^{arr}$ .

In Case 2, we have to prove that for each edge  $e'$  such that  $tail(e') = tail(\tilde{e}_{j+1}) = \tilde{u}_{j+1}$  and  $\tilde{e}_{j+1} \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$  we have  $\tilde{e}_j <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . Again, we have  $arr(\tilde{e}_j) \leq dep(\tilde{e}_{j+1}) \leq dep(e') \leq arr(e')$  and if  $arr(\tilde{e}_j) < arr(e')$  we can conclude. So let us suppose  $arr(\tilde{e}_j) = arr(e')$ , implying that  $e'$  has zero travel time and departure  $\tau$ . If  $\alpha_{head(e')} > 0$ , we then have  $\tilde{e}_j <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$  since  $\tilde{e}_j$  belongs to the zero-block and  $e'$  is scanned after the zero-block. Otherwise, we have  $\alpha_{head(e')} = 0$  and  $e'$  is in the

zero-block  $E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$ . Having  $e' = P'[head(e')]$  would contradict  $\tilde{e}_{j+1} \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$ . The reason is that  $\tilde{e}_{j+1}$  is in  $F$  while the swaps performed at Line 23 ensures that all edges  $P'[v]$  with tail  $tail(\tilde{e}_{j+1})$  for some  $v \in V'_{head}$  precede other edges with same tail and same departure time in  $\bar{E}^{dep}$ . We can thus assume  $e' \neq P'[head(e')]$ . If  $e' \in F$ , notice that either  $\tilde{e}_j = P'[\tilde{v}_j]$  or  $\tilde{e}_j \in F$  and precede  $e'$  in the BFS ordering, since  $tail(e') = head(\tilde{e}_j)$ , and thus in both cases we have  $\tilde{e}_j <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . Finally, if  $e'$  is not in  $F$ , it is added at the end of the reordered zero-block at Line 26 and we again have  $\tilde{e}_j <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ .

In Case 3, we have to prove that for each edge  $e'$  such that  $tail(e') = tail(e_k) = u_k$  and  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$  we have  $\tilde{e}_l <_{\bar{E}^{arr}} e'$ . Since  $e_k \leq_{\bar{E}^{dep}} e'$  and  $e_k \neq P'[v_k]$ , we deduce that  $e'$ , as  $e_k$  is ordered after edges with tail  $u_k$  of the form  $P'[v]$  for some  $v \in V'_{head}$ , which implies  $e' \neq P'[head(e')]$ . The proof is now similar to the previous case: if  $arr(\tilde{e}_l) < arr(e')$ , we can directly conclude. Otherwise,  $e'$  has zero travel time and arrival time  $\tau$ . In the three cases  $\alpha_{head(e')} > 0$ ,  $e' \in F$  and  $e' \notin F$ , we conclude similarly. This achieves the proof of correctness

### Complexity analysis.

We finally analyze the complexity of Algorithm 4. As discussed previously, sorting  $E^{arr}$  by non-decreasing arrival time can be done in  $O(|E| \log |V|)$  time by computing the lists  $(E_v^{arr})_{v \in V}$  and then merging them using a priority queue. Once  $E^{arr}$  is sorted by non decreasing arrival time we can partition the list of edges with same arrival time into  $E_{a,\lambda>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{tail}>0}^{arr}$ ,  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}$  and  $E_{a,\lambda=0,\alpha_{head}>0}^{arr}$  by bucket sorting into the four lists.

The calls to  $Reorder(E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}, \tau)$  incur the only other additional costs compared to Algorithm 1. The nodes in  $V'_{tail}$  and  $V'_{head}$  are identified in  $O(|E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|)$ , and both sets cardinality is bounded by  $|E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|$ . Thus the construction of digraph  $D$  is linear in  $|E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|$ . In order to identify interval  $I$  at Line 4 we might scan up to  $|\mathcal{I}_u|$  intervals. However, all interval scanned contain edges with departure time less or equal to  $\tau$ . This means that, at the moment of the next call to  $Reorder()$  these intervals will have already been removed by the calls to  $FinalizeCosts()$  at Line 9 of Algorithm 1, and thus will not be scanned again. Overall, we can bound the time complexity of this operation by the total number of intervals created during the execution of the algorithm, which is bounded by  $|E|$ . Similarly, the computation of index  $i$  at Line 5 requires to scan all the edges from  $E_u^{dep}[l_u]$  until an edge with departure time  $\tau$  is found. We know that such an edge exists in interval  $I$  as some edges in the zero-block have tail  $u$ , and again, at the moment of the next call to  $Reorder()$  these edges will have already been processed, and thus will not be scanned again. Overall, we can bound the time complexity of this operation by the total number of edges  $|E|$ . Computing set  $S$  and computing for each node  $v$  in such set the cost  $B'[v]$  and the edge  $P'[v]$  is linear in  $|E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|$ , since it requires a single scan of the edges in the zero-block and few constant time operations per edge.

The time complexity of Algorithm 5 is thus dominated by the Dijkstra call which costs time  $O(|A'| + n' \log n')$  where  $n' = |V'_{tail} \cup V'_{head}| \leq |V|$ . As  $|A'| = |E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|$  and  $n' = O(|E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}|)$ , the overall time complexity of the calls to Algorithm 5 is  $O(\sum_{a \in A^{arr}} |E_{\tau,\lambda=0,\alpha=0}^{arr}| (1 + \log |V|)) = O(|E| \log |V|)$ . The space complexity is clearly linear.  $\square$

**Optimizing a linear combination of classical criteria.** A temporal graph with the cost structure defined in Section 4 for optimizing a linear combination of classical criteria also satisfies the absorption property under the following assumption: for any edge  $e = (u, v, \tau, \lambda)$  such that



$\lambda = 0$ ,  $\alpha_u = 0$  and  $\alpha_v = 0$ , we require  $\delta(e) = \delta_5 c(e) + \delta_6 \geq 0$ . This implies that for any cost  $(\tau, \Delta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , we indeed have  $(\tau, \Delta) \preceq (\tau, \Delta) \oplus \gamma(e)$  as  $(\tau, \Delta) \oplus \gamma(e) = (\tau, \Delta + \delta(e))$  and  $\Delta + \delta(e) \geq \Delta$ . If we assume  $\delta_5, \delta_6 \geq 0$ , non-negativity of costs is required only for edges with zero travel time, and negative values are allowed for  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_4$  and  $\delta_7$ . Theorem 3 thus extends the result of [1] to a wider range of linear combinations, and has a slightly better complexity.

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