### CS 4884: Introduction to Graphs

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- Problems involving graphs have a rich history dating back to Euler.

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- Algorithm's running time is O(|V| + |E|), i.e., linear in the size of G.

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  - ▶ Dynamic programming: running time of  $O(n^2 2^n)$  (Held and Karp 1962).
  - Fastest known algorithm runs in time  $O(1.657^n)$  (Björklund 2010).