# **Connected Orientations**

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# Happy Birthday, Zoli!



KöMaL, 1983.



### Tokyo, Zojoji Temple, 2011 After the first NII Shonan Meeting, 3 weeks before the earthquake

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# • Now I will speak about only some joint results regarding orientations.

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#### Theorem ("Strong pairing" theorem, Nash-Williams)

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- Using his guideline, I shortly presented a proof for the missing part.

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- Let v be a vertex of graph G. G has a k-arc-connected orientation  $\vec{G}$  such that  $\vec{G} - v$  is (k - 1)-arc-connected if and only if G is 2k-edge-connected and G - v is (2k - 2)-edge-connected.

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• Deciding whether two Eulerian graphs,  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  have Eulerian orientations that agree on the common edges  $E_1 \cap E_2$ , is *NP*-complete.

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- Let G<sub>1</sub> ⊆ G<sub>2</sub> ⊆ G<sub>3</sub>. Is there an orientation G<sub>3</sub> such that the inherited orientation of G<sub>i</sub> is *i*-arc-connected for all *i*?

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Budapest, 2009, "András Frank is 60"

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