MAA SHORT COURSE

A SAMPLER of Applications of Graph Theory

at the Joint Mathematics Meetings San Diego January 6–9, 2002



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The short course will survey a variety of applications of graph theory. Graph theory is an old subject which has found a vast number of exciting applications in recent years. The speakers will introduce the graph-theoretical topics needed, describe both historical and current applications, and discuss current research topics in graph theory related to the applications. Many of the topics to be covered will be amenable to discussion in the classroom as well as making for good research topics for both researchers and students. No prior knowledge of graph theory will be required.

PROGRAM:

• OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND Fred Roberts, Rutgers University

> APPLICATIONS TO NETWORK VISUALIZATION Nate Dean, Rice University

THE GRAPH STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD WIDE WEB Sridhar Rajagopalan, IBM Almaden

APPLICATIONS TO MOLECULAR BIOLOGY R. Ravi, Carnegie Mellon University APPLICATIONS TO FACILITY LOCATION

K. Brooks Reid, Cal State University, San Marcos

SOCIAL NETWORKS Fred Roberts, Rutgers University

APPLICATIONS TO STATISTICAL PHYSICS Peter Winkler, *Bell Labs*

