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Correction

Readers have pointed out that remarks attributed to Bernd Sturmfels concerning distance functions on graphs ("Sturmfels Gives 2010 John von Neumann Lecture," *SIAM News*, October 2010, page 1) make sense only if the distances in question are regarded as elements of $\mathbb{R}_{\min}$, rather than $\mathbb{R}_{\max}$, as reported. Like $\mathbb{R}_{\max}$, $\mathbb{R}_{\min}$ is constructed from the real numbers, except for the definition $x \oplus y = \min(x,y)$ instead of $\max(x,y)$. The additive identity is then ∞ instead of $-\infty$. With these adjustments, the mapping $x \to -x$ becomes an isomorphism between $\mathbb{R}_{\max}$ and $\mathbb{R}_{\min}$. *SIAM News* regrets the error.