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TITLE: Travelling Salesman Problem (DP)

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

Write a program to solve the travelling salesman problem and to print the path and the cost using dynamic programming

OBJECTIVE:

To understand and implement dynamic programming algorithm for solving Travelling salesmen problem and study dynamic programming.

THEORY:

A travelling salesman is getting ready for big sales tour. Starting at his hometown, suitcase in hand, he will conduct a journey in which each of his target cities is visited exactly once before he returns home. Given pairwise costs/ distances between cities, we have to find best order in which he can visit them so as to find minimum cost.

Let G(V,E) be directed graph defining an instance of travelling Salespusson problem. Let c_{ij} be the cost of edge $\langle i,j \rangle$, $c_{ij} = \infty$ if $\langle i,j \rangle$ does not belong to E and let $|V| = n$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that every tour starts and ends at vertex 1.

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So, solution space S is given by
$S = \{ 1, \pi, 1 \mid \pi$ is permutation of $(2, 3, \ldots, n) \}$.
$|S| = (n-1)!$ The size of S may be reduced by restricting S so that $(1, i_1, i_2, \ldots i_{n-1}, 1) \in S$ iff $< i_j, i_{j+1} > \in E$, $0 \le j \le n+1$ $i_0 = i_n = 1$.
The travelling salesman problem is to find a tour of minimum cost.

Dynamic Programming Strategy:

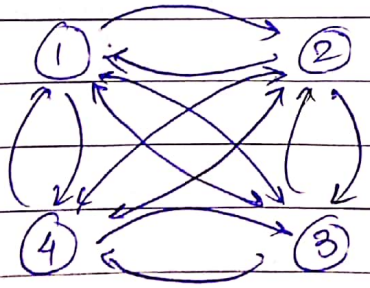
An optimality policy has the property that whatever the initial state and initial decision are, the remaining decisions must constitute an optimal policy with regard to state resulting from first decision.
From the principle of optimality it follows:

$$g(1, V-\{1\}) = \min_{2 \le k \le n} \{ c_{1k} + g(k, V-\{1,k\}) \}$$

Generalising, we obtain:

$$g(i, S) = \min_{j \in S} \{ c_{ij} + g(j, S-\{j\}) \}$$

EXAMPLE:



0	10	15	20
5	0	9	10
6	13	0	12
8	8	9	9

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$g(2,\phi) = c_{21} = 5$; $g(3,\phi) = c_{31} = 6$; $g(4,\phi) = c_{41} = 8$

$g(2,\{3\}) = c_{23} + g(3,\phi) = 15$;
$g(2,\{4\}) = c_{24} + g(4,\phi) = 18$;
$g(3,\{2\}) = 18$; $g(3,\{4\}) = 20$;
$g(4,\{2\}) = 13$; $g(4,\{3\}) = 15$;

$g(2,\{3,4\}) = \min\{c_{23} + g(3,\{4\}), c_{24} + g(4,\{3\})\} = 25$
$g(3,\{2,4\}) = \min\{c_{32} + g(2,\{4\}), c_{34} + g(4,\{2\})\} = 25$
$g(4,\{2,3\}) = \min\{c_{42} + g(2,\{3\}), c_{43} + g(3,\{2\})\} = 23$

Finally,
$g(1,\{2,3,4\}) = \min\{c_{12} + g(2,\{3,4\}), c_{13} + g(3,\{2,4\}), c_{14} + g(4,\{2,3\})\}$
$= \min\{35, 40, 43\}$
$= 35$

$J(1,\{2,3,4\}) = 2$
$J(2,\{3,4\}) = 4$
$J(4,\{3\}) = 3$
Final optimal tour: 1-2-4-3-1
Cost of tour = 35

ALGORITHM FOR TSP using DP:

$g(1,\{\}) = 0$
for $s = 2$ to n do
  for all subsets S of s and containing 1:
    $g(1,S) = 8$
    for all $j \in S$; $j \neq 1$ do

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$$g(i,S) = \min_{j \in S} \{ c_{ij} + g(j, S-\{j\}) \}$$

return min $g(i,S)$

Analysis:

The brute force approach is to evaluate every possible tour and return the best one. Since there are $(n-1)!$ possibilities of visiting the n points, which results in runtime of $O(n!)$

By dynamic programming:

There are at most $2^n \cdot n$ subproblems and each one takes linear time to solve. The total running time is therefore $O(n^2 \cdot 2^n)$

CONCLUSION:

Thus we have studied the TSP problem and studied that TSP by DP takes $O(n^2 2^n)$ running time as compared to $(n-1)!$ by brute force and also implemented TSP by DP.