

DAY 19:

ASSIGNMENT 2:

Task 2: Traveling Salesman Problem

Create a function `int FindMinCost(int[,] graph)`

that takes a 2D array representing the graph where `graph[i][j]` is the cost to travel from city `i` to city `j`. The function should return the minimum cost to visit all cities and return to the starting city. Use dynamic programming for this solution.

ANSWER:

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import java.util.Arrays;

public class TravelingSalesman {

    public static int FindMinCost(int[][] graph) {
        int n = graph.length;
        int[][] dp = new int[n][1 << n];
        for (int[] row : dp) {
            Arrays.fill(row, -1);
        }
        return tsp(0, 1, graph, dp);
    }

    private static int tsp(int currentCity, int visitedMask, int[][] graph, int[][] dp) {
        int n = graph.length;

        // Base case: all cities visited, return cost to go back to starting city
        if (visitedMask == (1 << n) - 1) {
            return graph[currentCity][0];
        }

        // Return already computed result
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    if (dp[currentCity][visitedMask] != -1) {
        return dp[currentCity][visitedMask];
    }

    int minCost = Integer.MAX_VALUE;

    // Try to go to an unvisited city
    for (int nextCity = 0; nextCity < n; nextCity++) {
        if ((visitedMask & (1 << nextCity)) == 0) { // If nextCity is not visited
            int newVisitedMask = visitedMask | (1 << nextCity);
            int cost = graph[currentCity][nextCity] + tsp(nextCity, newVisitedMask, graph, dp);
            minCost = Math.min(minCost, cost);
        }
    }

    // Store and return the minimum cost
    dp[currentCity][visitedMask] = minCost;
    return minCost;
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Example usage
    int[][] graph = {
        {0, 10, 15, 20},
        {10, 0, 35, 25},
        {15, 35, 0, 30},
        {20, 25, 30, 0}
    };

    System.out.println("The minimum cost to visit all cities and return to the starting city is: " +
        FindMinCost(graph));
}

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}  
  
}
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## Explanation:

### 1. Initialization:

- `dp` is a 2D array where `dp[currentCity][visitedMask]` represents the minimum cost to visit all cities in the subset represented by `visitedMask` starting from `currentCity`.
- `visitedMask` is a bitmask indicating the set of visited cities.

### 2. Recursive Function `tsp`:

- `currentCity` is the current city being visited.
- `visitedMask` keeps track of the cities visited so far.
- Base case: If all cities are visited (`visitedMask == (1 << n) - 1`), return the cost to return to the starting city.
- If the result for this state is already computed, return the cached result.
- Iterate over all cities, recursively compute the cost for unvisited cities, and update the minimum cost.

### 3. Main Function `FindMinCost`:

- Initializes the `dp` array and starts the TSP function from city 0 with the initial mask 1 (indicating that city 0 is visited).

### 4. Example Usage:

- The main method provides an example graph and prints the minimum cost to visit all cities and return to the starting city.