

Homework 15

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The decision tree can be thought of as:

- Each node has a branching factor of 2 and stores the cumulative distance traveled by the taxis (separately) up to this point.
- The left child of a node at level i represents taxi A visiting the point p_{i+1} and the right child represents taxi B visiting the point p_{i+1} . (why would both visit? edge cases? - at best it would add no extra distance?)
- At depth i , i points have been visited.
- The root of the tree would represent no nodes having been visited by either taxi and would therefore have 0 for the distance traveled by both taxis.

Because each point needs to be visited by at least one taxi, and there are no discernible benefits(?) for having both taxis visit a point, each point is either visited by taxi A or by taxi B . Therefore there are 2^n possible paths and the decision tree described above enumerates all 2^n possible path pairs through the points in order.

The decision tree can be pruned and transformed into a dynamic pruning algorithm using the following rules:

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