
Operations Research

Final Presentation

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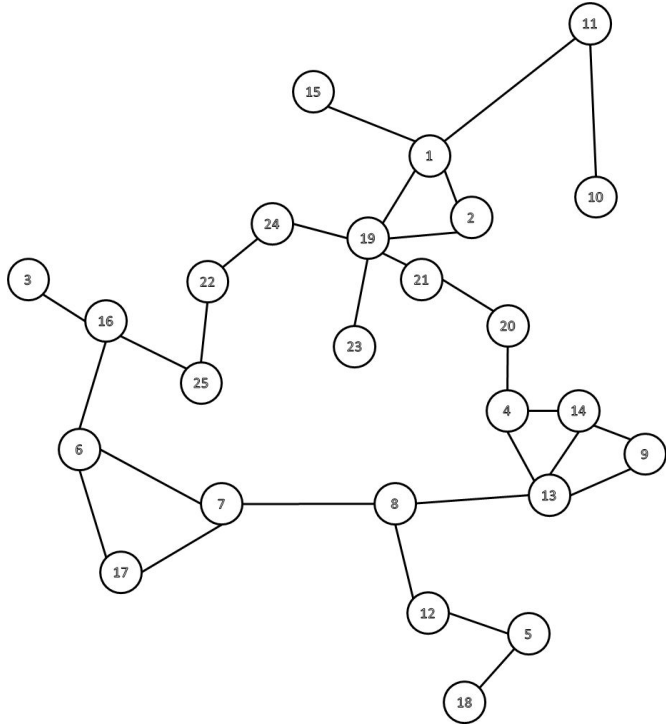
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Research Topics

- In a city planning or a traffic problem, connection between areas or roads are sometimes more important than just benefits and costs.
- The operations research methods are based on improving current solution to approach to the optimization; besides traditional simplex method or gradient descent, we would like to introduce a **tree-based model** that takes “**Connection**” between cities into consideration.

Traditional Allocation Problem



Consider a City Network :

How to build a logistic center plan?

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{j \in N} \text{expected profit} - \text{costs under the plan} \\ & \text{s. t. Center Number} \leq \delta \\ & \quad \text{Longest Distance} \leq \beta ; \forall \text{ every center} \\ & \quad \vdots \\ & \quad \vdots \\ & \quad \text{Other Constraints ...} \end{aligned}$$



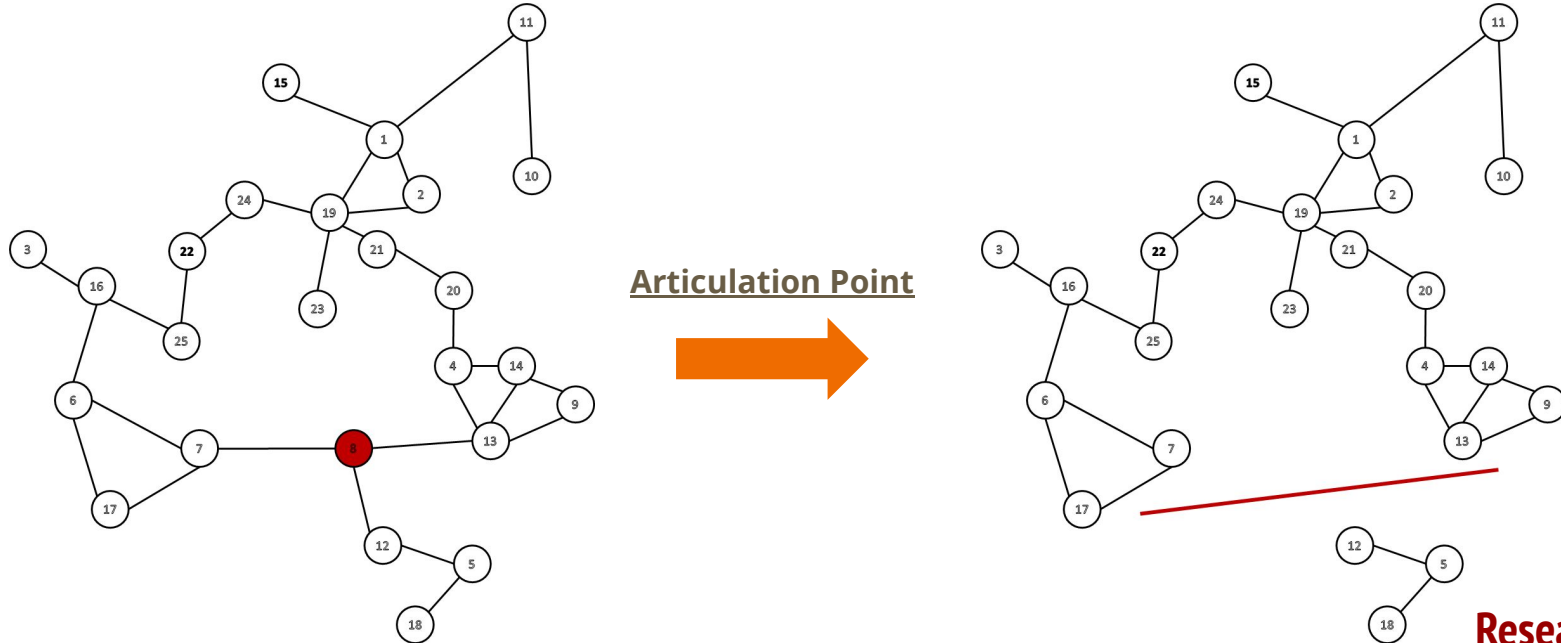
Imagine a war is approaching....

When emergency services in need...



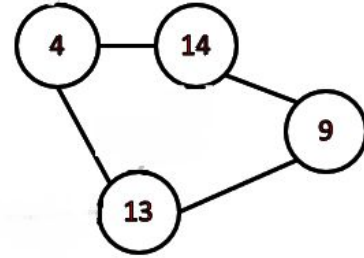
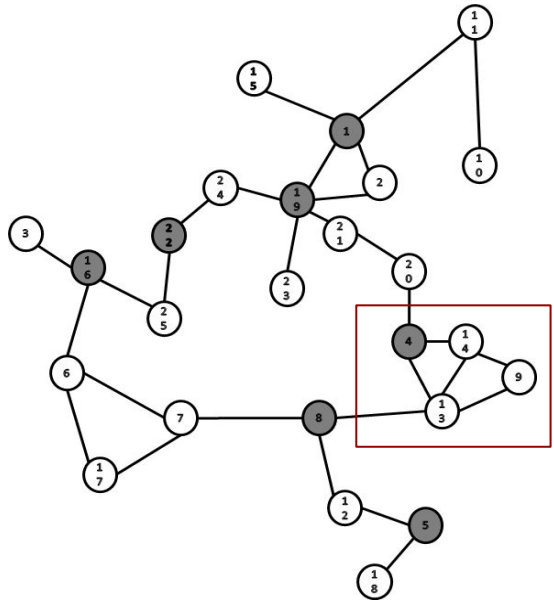
Connections are first to consider

- Circles represent cities.
- Lines represent roads connecting cities.



However we can't take all cities once because...

- **Capabilities** : We cannot build/explode in as many cities as we want

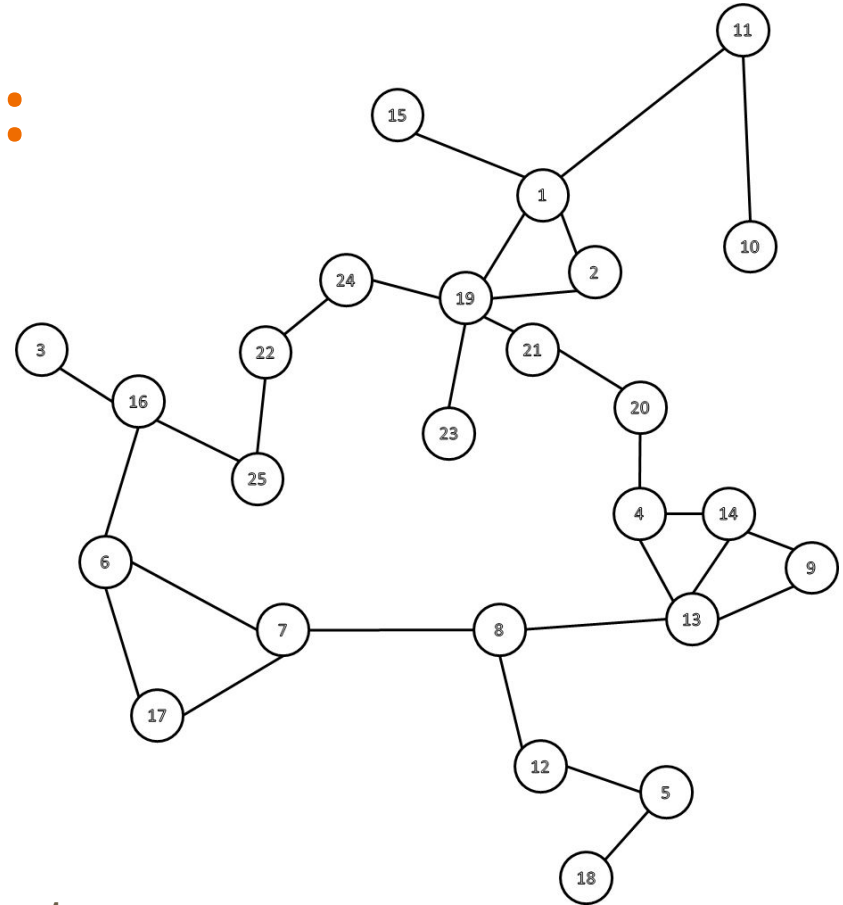


Stop when encountering cycle

Allocation with Connection : Find Articulation Points

Let's take war for an example...

- Circles represent cities.
- Lines represent roads connecting cities.



1. For War, it blocks transportation between each parts
2. For Emergencies, it make sure the transportation flow unblocked

Research Goal

- Finding the articulation points, each with its own benefits defined by:
 - How many pieces it breaks the original graph?
 - How many total distance it can create?
- This is a **graph theory (a branch of operations research)** with **iterative searching solutions (DFS or BFS)** since whether the point is an articulation point will only be given at that state, we must iterate to find the optimization solution.

Related fields [\[edit \]](#)

Some of the fields that have considerable overlap with Operations Research and Management Science include^[32]:

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|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| • Business analytics | • Forecasting | • Mathematical modeling |
| • Data mining/Data science/Big data | • Game theory | • Mathematical optimization |
| • Decision analysis | • Geography/Geographic information science | • Probability and statistics |
| • Decision intelligence | • Graph theory | • Project management |
| • Engineering | • Industrial engineering | • Policy analysis |
| • Financial engineering | • Logistics | • Simulation |

Source: wikipedia

Data Overview

- Total number of cities : 25
- Adjacency Matrix : 25*25
- Distance Matrix : 25*25
- Cost for each explode : λ
- Maximum Explosion : 10

Objective Function :

Pieces Number * Total Distance

• Connections

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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Data Overview

- Distance between cities

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	857	0	0	0	565	0	0	0	266	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	289	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237	189	0	0	0	0	0	468	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	673	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	298	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	611	645	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	298	0	724	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	648	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	724	0	0	0	0	839	567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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18	0	0	0	0	673	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	266	289	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	0	377	175	0
20	0	0	0	468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	300	0	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	305	454	0
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Mathematics Formulation

- Objective Function and Constraints

$$\max \sum_t (P_{tj} * D_{tj}) \quad t \in T, j \in \text{length}(A_t)$$

$$\text{s.t. } A_t = B(S(A_{t-1})) ; \forall t = 2, \dots, T$$

$$A_1 = B(G)$$

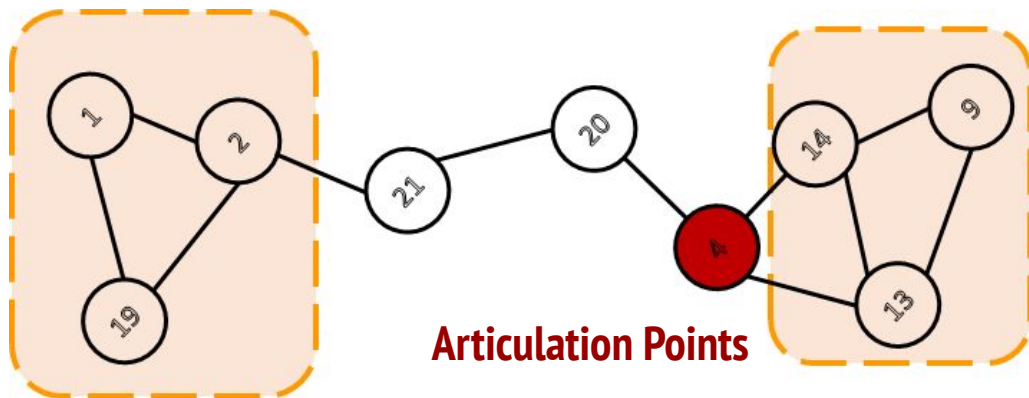
$$0 < t \leq T$$

$$j \in A_t$$

- t = current level
- A_t = articulation set at t
- $j \in \{1, \dots, 25\}$, index
- $S(A)$ = a function that generates subplots from the given articulation points
- $B(\text{Fragment})$ = a function that finds all articulation points
- P_{tj} = number of pieces of articulation j at level t
- D_{tj} = total distance an articulation j at level t
- G = original graph
- T = maximum iterations

Articulation Points & Biconnected Components

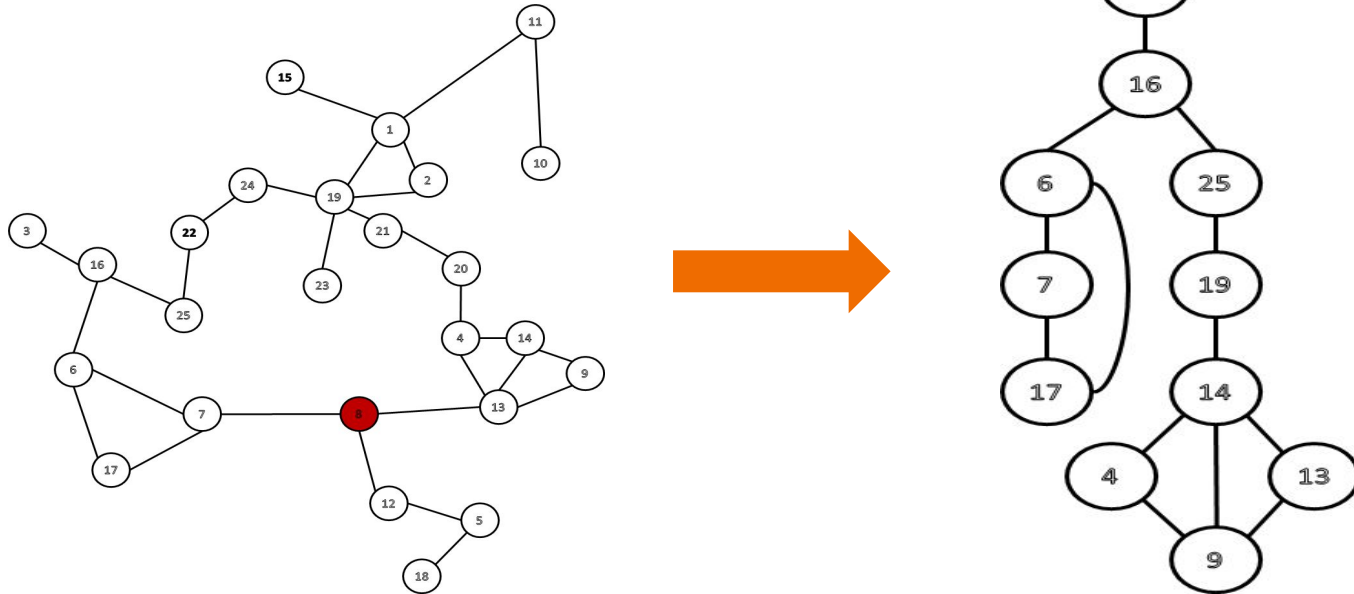
- Articulation Point disconnects an undirected graph
- Biconnected Component does not generate articulation points



**Biconnected
Component**

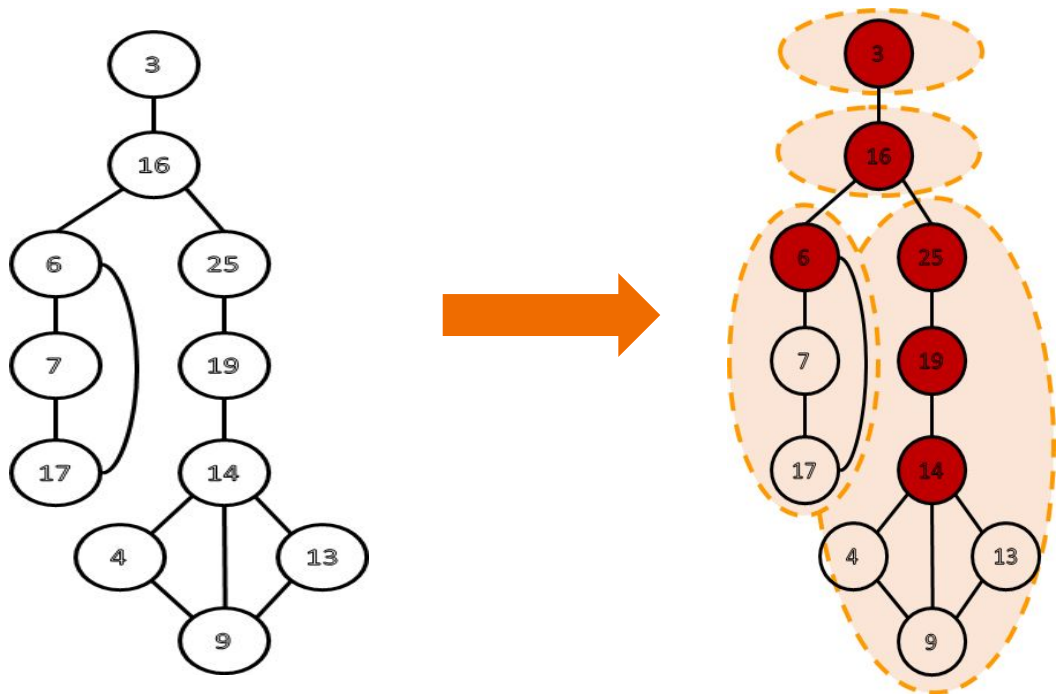
How to find articulation points : Tarjan's Algorithm

- The algorithm is to find all **Biconnected Components** and thus we have all the **Articulation Points**



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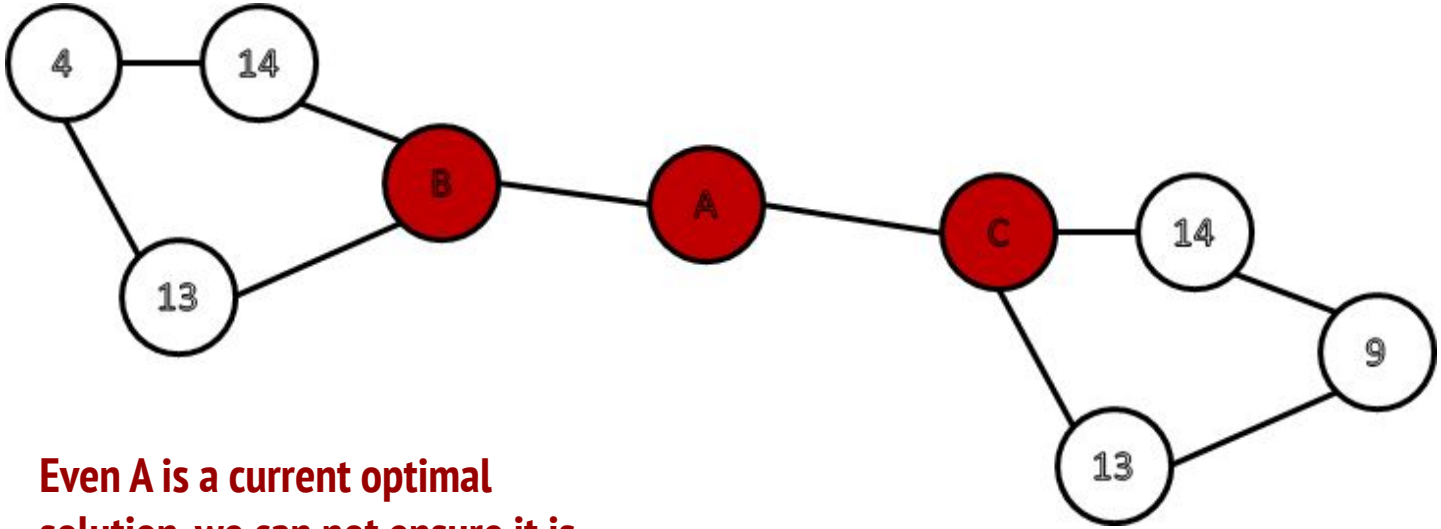
- Step 2 : DFS each point and find highest ancestor for each point



If the ancestor of a point is itself, it's a biconnected component

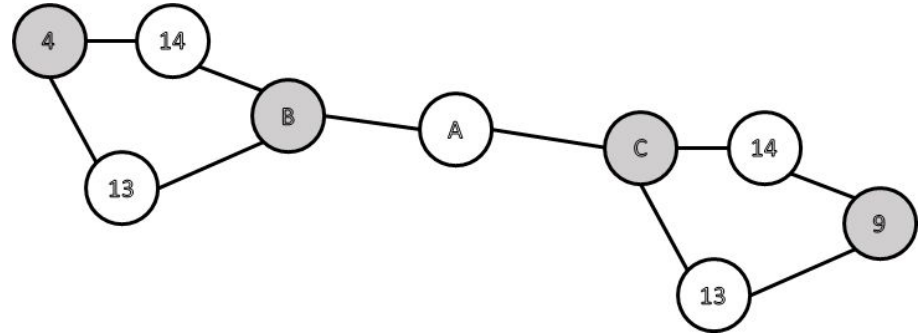
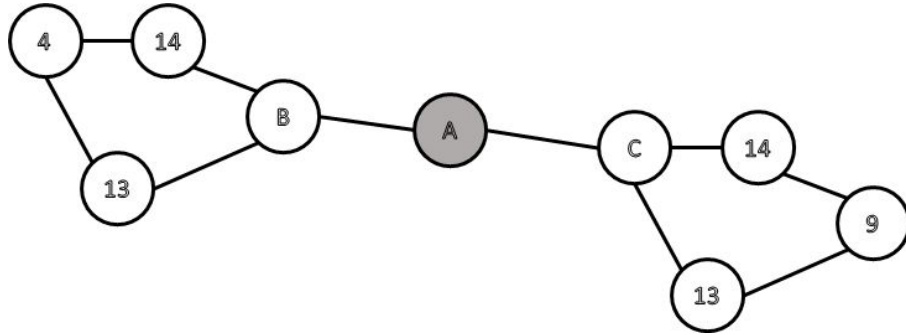
The overlapping part of each BCC is an articulation point

Algorithm Dilemma : Not optimization solution



Even A is a current optimal solution, we can not ensure it is also a global solution.

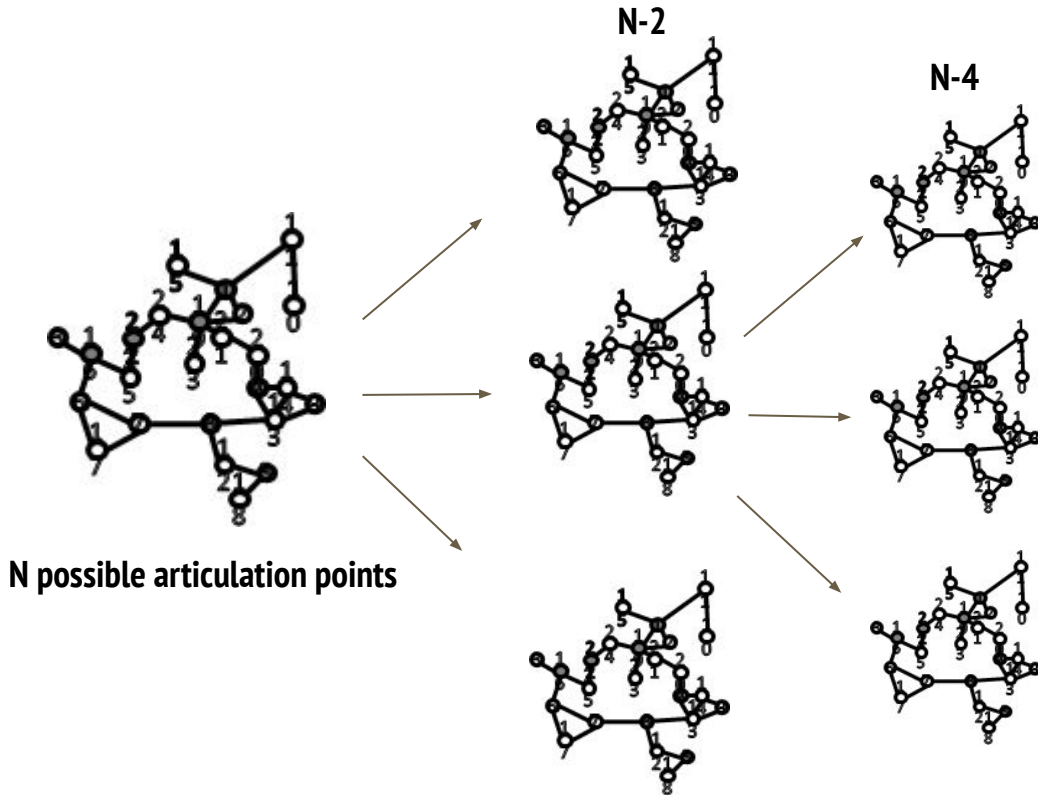
Algorithm Dilemma : Not optimization solution



No one knows which division is better considered pieces and distance

➡ Iteration Solutions

Another Dilemma : Is it solvable?



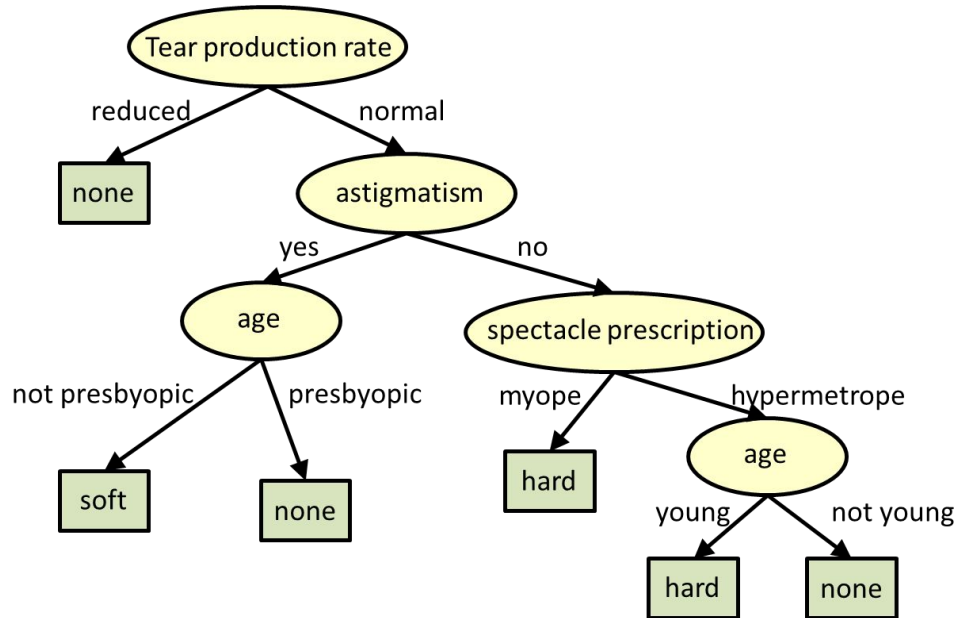
Time Complexity?

$$2N * (2n - 2) * \dots 2 = O(2^n n!)$$



... TSP only $O(n!)$

Improving Model : Tree-model Adjustment



Solving This is Like a Decision Tree

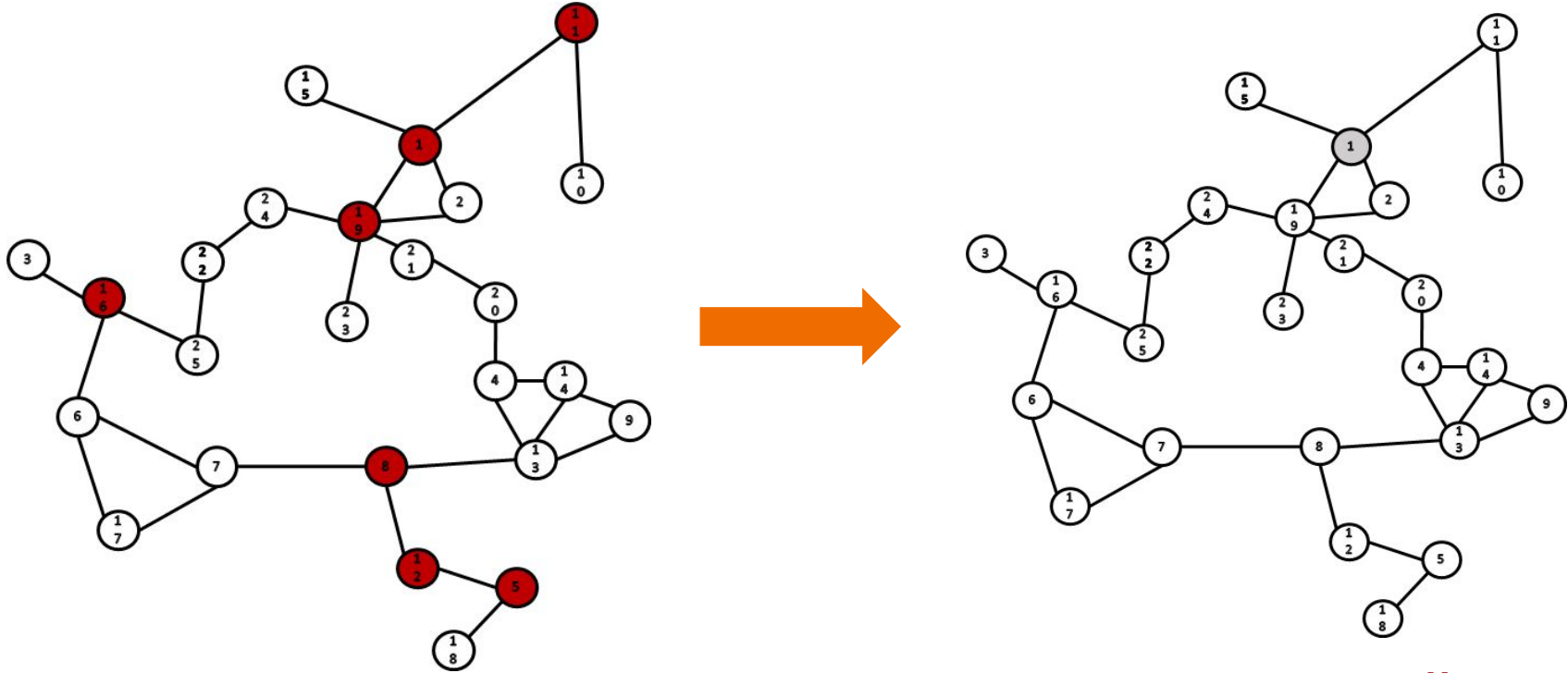
- **Max Depth** : Stop if tree depth larger than this number (we can launch infinite missiles)
- **Min Leaf Split** : Do not accept the solution if profit less than this number (cost of each launch)
- **Tolerance** : If profit increase less than this number, stop generating new solution (cost of each launch)

Solvable when data is small but not satisfying

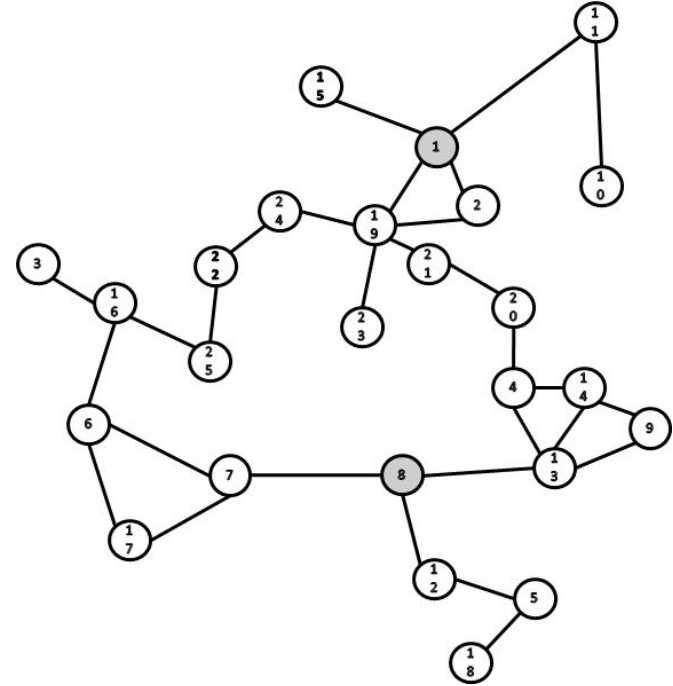
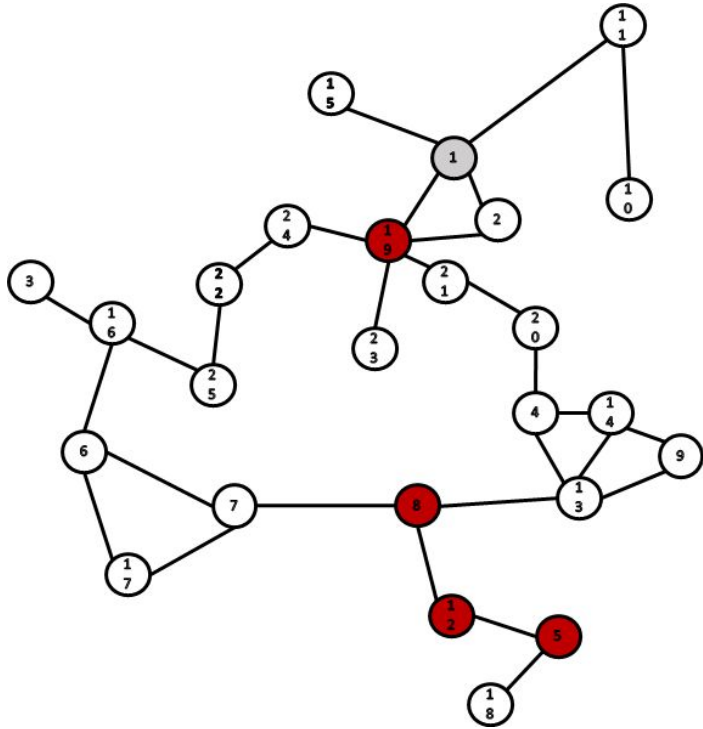
Steps : Virtual Code

```
void CityPlanning (adj matrix : graph, distance) {  
    /* Articulation Set = [Articulation Point, Sub_graph, Layer] */  
    Articulation_Set = Get_articulation_points(graph);  
    while Articulation_Set not empty { /* BFS Find Solution */  
        sub_graph = Articulation Set.top()[1];  
        solution_set = Get_articulation_points(sub_graph);  
        Articulation_Set.pop() ; Articulation Set.push(solution set)  
    }  
}
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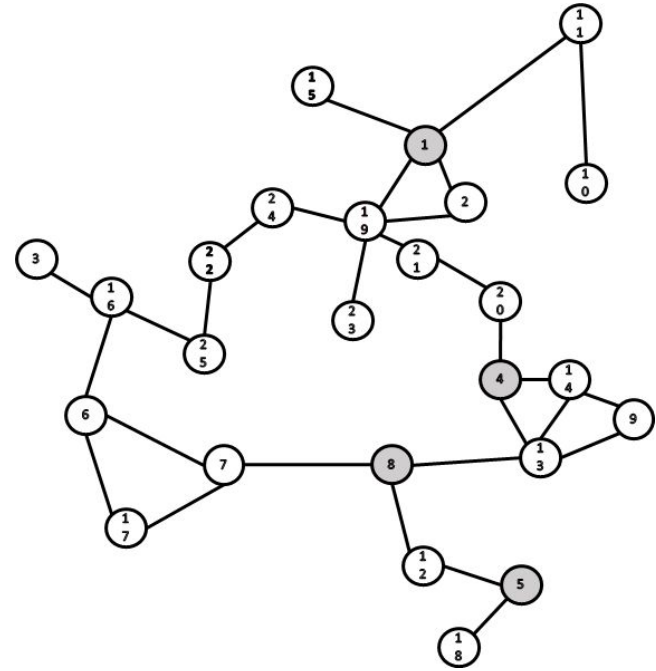
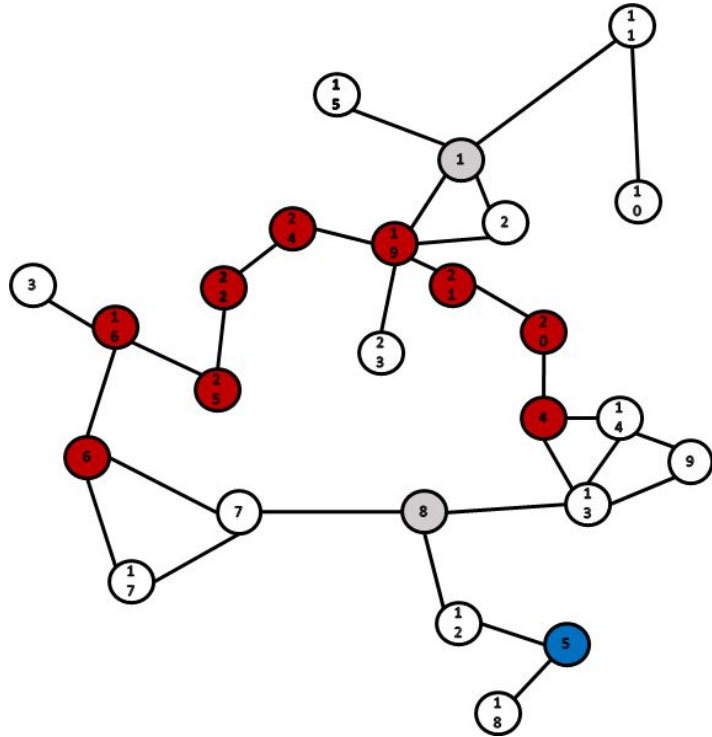
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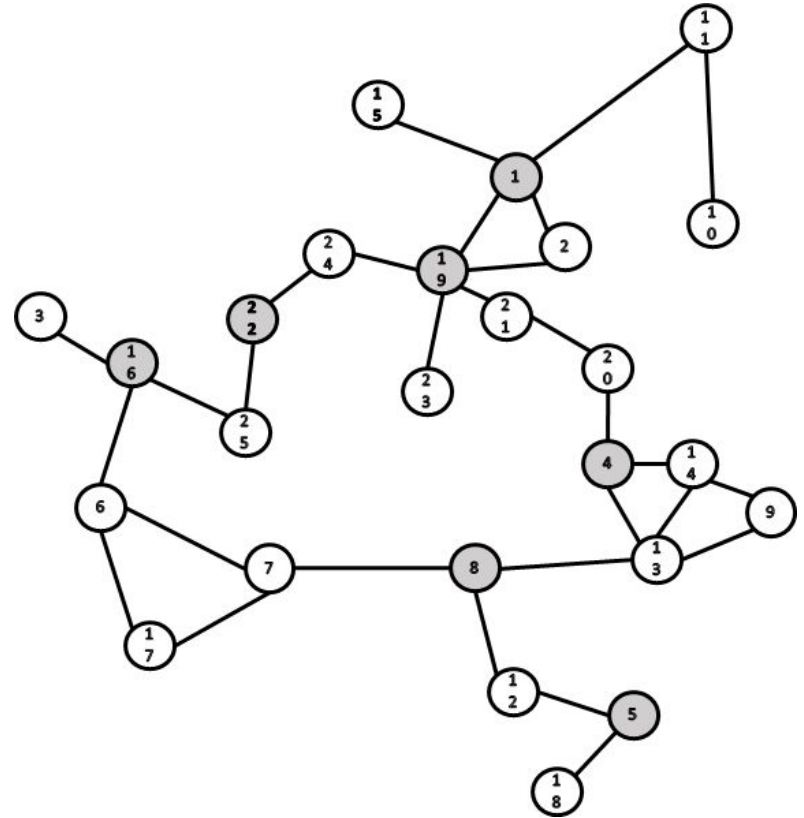


Steps : Visualization



Solution Interpretation

- Order : [1, 8, 19, 5, 4, 14, 20]
- Total Profit : 32714
- Interpretation : We follow the order to explode each city, and we do not run out all of our missiles because launching eighth missiles do not benefit in our planning.



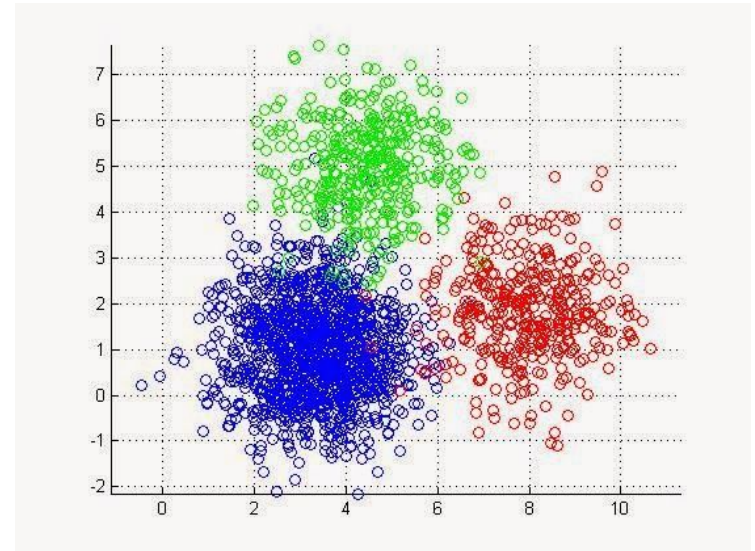
Takeaway : Future Improvement

- The model is not generalized enough, especially for big data
- Idea of the planning is like K-Means, which have :

$$l(G_1, \dots, G_n) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i \in G_j} \|x_i - \mu_j\|_2^2$$

$$\bigcup_{j=1}^k G_j = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}; G_j \cap G_{j'} = \phi$$

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{|G_j|} \sum_{i \in G_j} x_i$$



Takeaway : Apply Community Detection

- A Community is a subgraph that contains nodes more **densely linked**

$$Q = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \left(\frac{l_c}{m} - \left(\frac{D_c}{2m} \right)^2 \right)$$

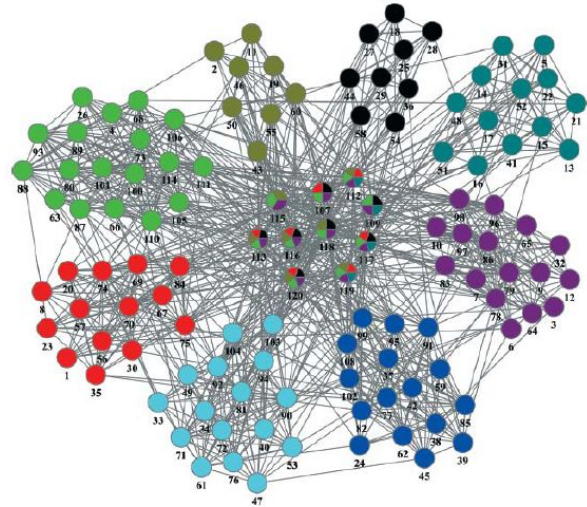
m = number of edges

l_c = number of edges in community c

D_c = sum of degree of all vertex in community

**By BMLPA Algorithm, it could
be done in $O(n \log n)$**

overlapping communities



Takeaway : Simulated Annealing (Other Searching)

- SA algorithm can somewhat improve the TSP dilemma.

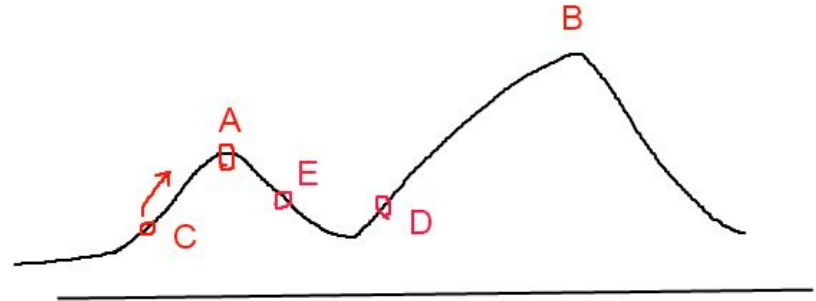
Accept new state by a specific probability (not definitely optimized solution)

if $\Delta E > 0$:

Accept new state

else :

Accept by probability $e^{\frac{\Delta E}{T}}$



More possible searching methods

Thank You!

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