DM865 (10 ECTS)

Heuristikker og Approximationsalgoritmer

[Heuristics and Approximation Algorithms]

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Approximation Algorithms

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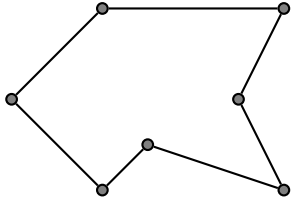

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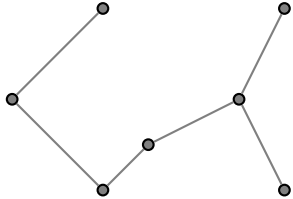

$c(MST)$

Double tree algorithm:

1. $T \leftarrow MST$
2. Double all edges in T
3. $E_{tour} \leftarrow$ Eurler tour
4. $H \leftarrow$ vertices in order of appearance in E_{tour}

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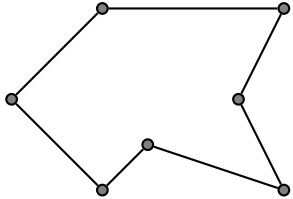

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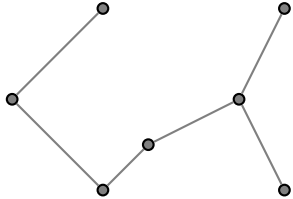

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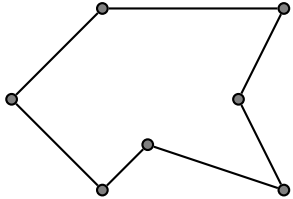

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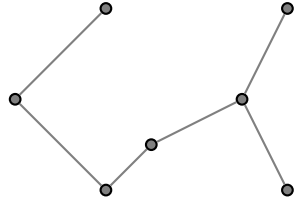

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$c(MST) \leq c(TSP)$

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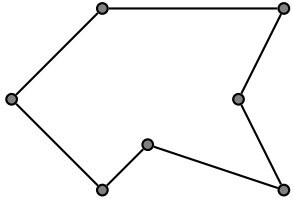

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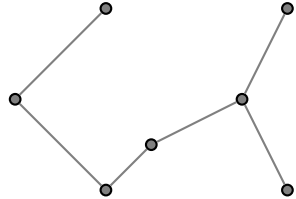

$c(MST)$

Christofide's algorithm:

1. $T \leftarrow MST$
2. $M \leftarrow$ minimum perfect matching of odd degree vertices in T
3. $E_{tour} \leftarrow$ Euler tour in the subgraph $(V, E(T) \cup M)$
4. $H \leftarrow$ vertices in order of appearance in the E_{tour}

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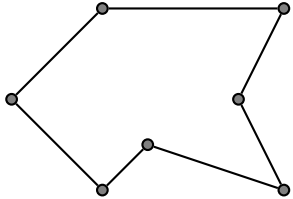
A 3/2-approximation algorithm for TSP



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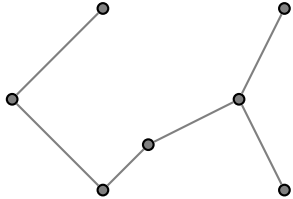

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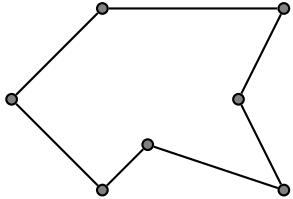

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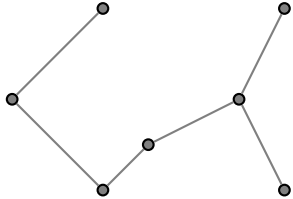

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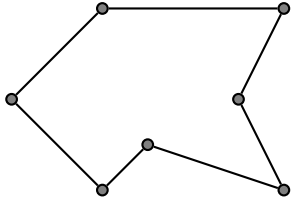

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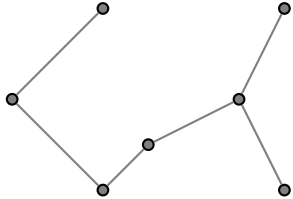

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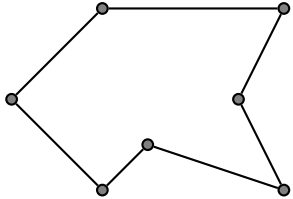

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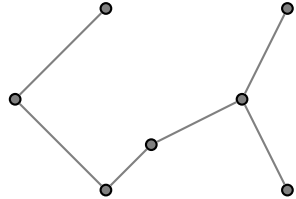

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$$c(H) \leq c(MST) + c(M) \leq c(TSP) + \frac{1}{2}c(TSP) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot c(TSP)$$

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Theorem (2015)

For $\alpha < \frac{185}{184}$, there does not exist an α-approximation algorithm for the TSP.

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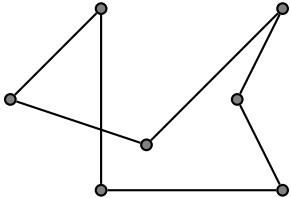

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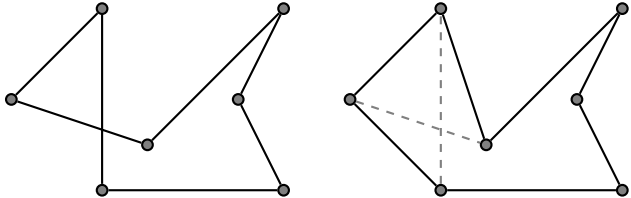

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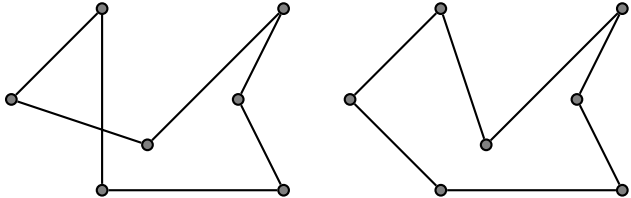

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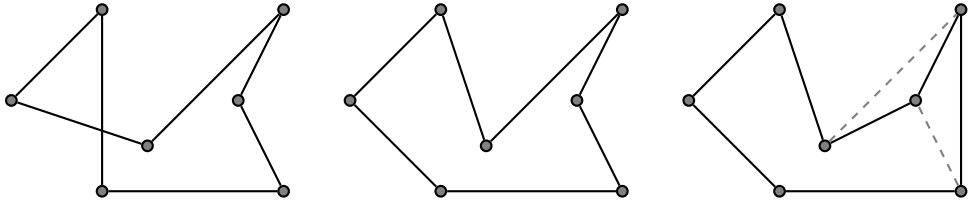

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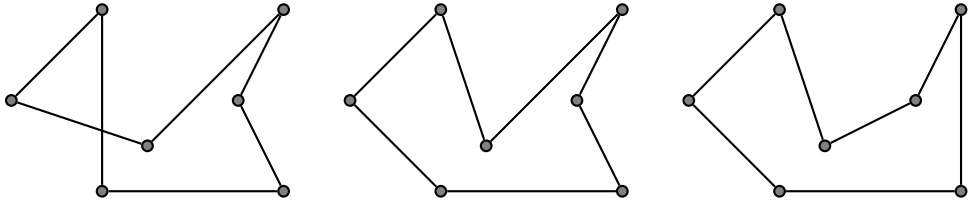

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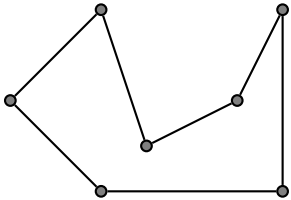

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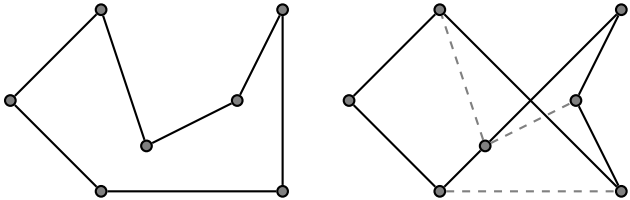

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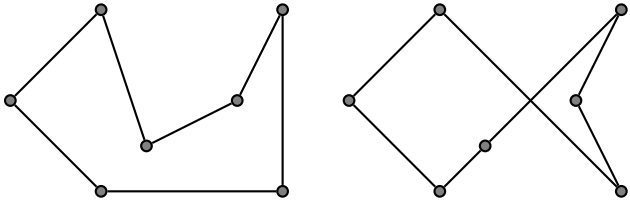

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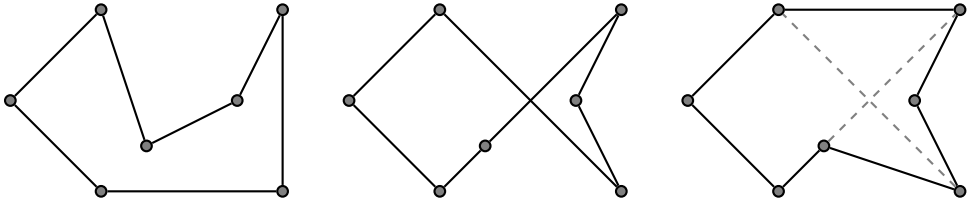

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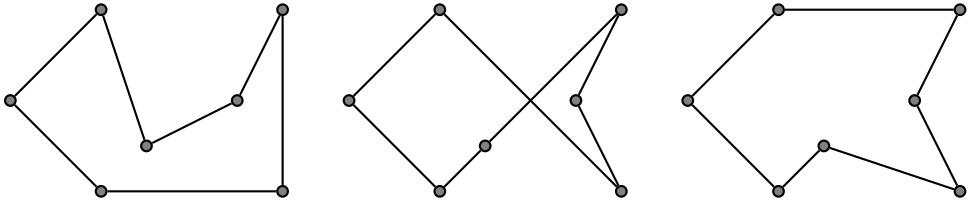

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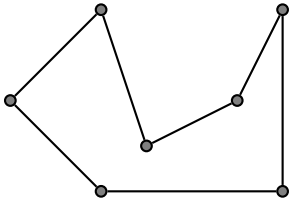

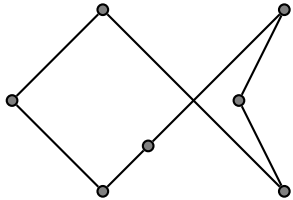

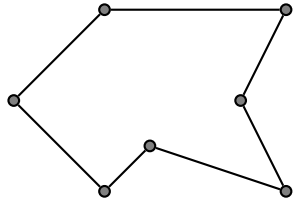

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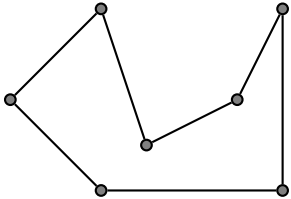

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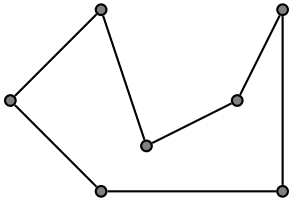

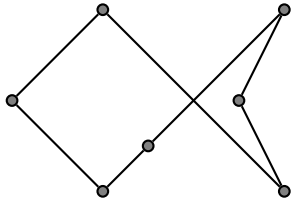

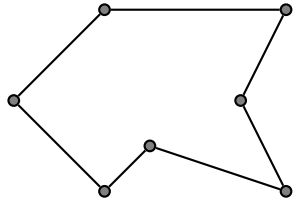

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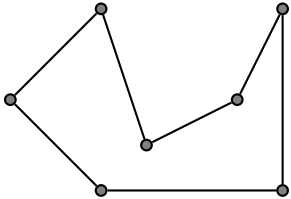

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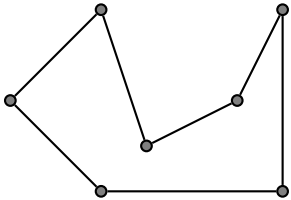

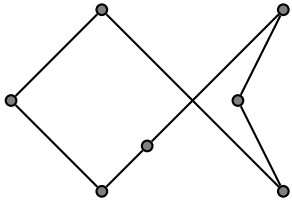

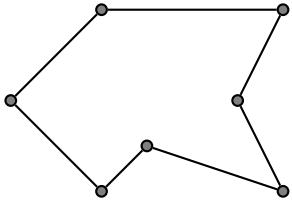

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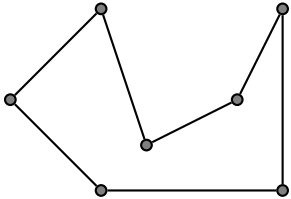

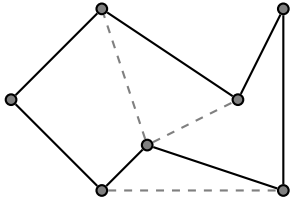

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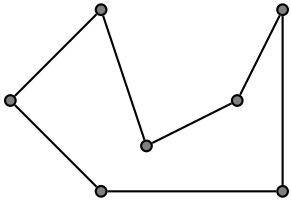

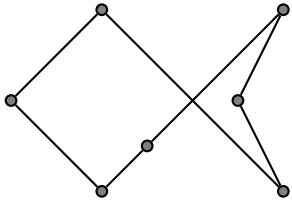

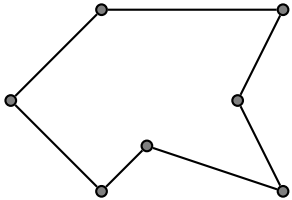

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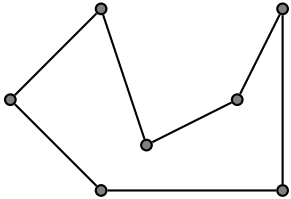

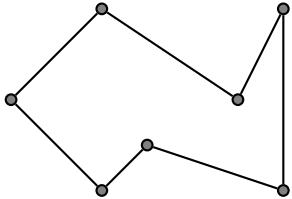

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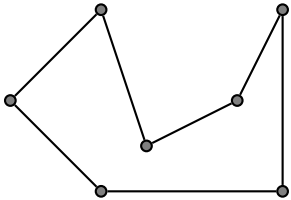

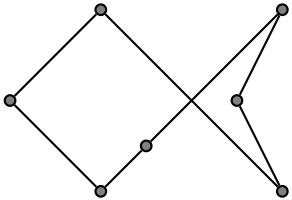

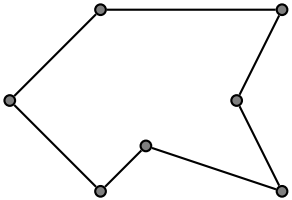

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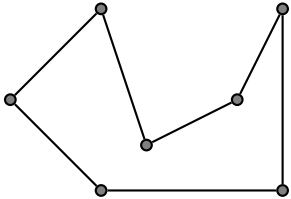

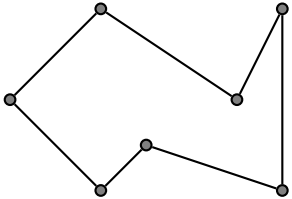

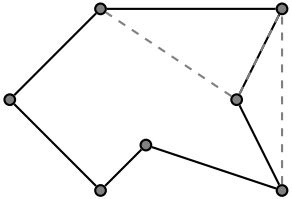

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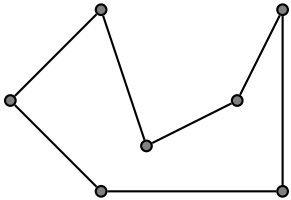

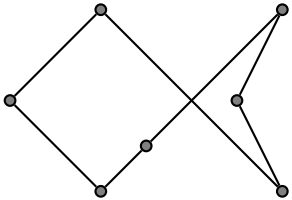

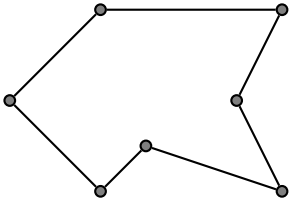

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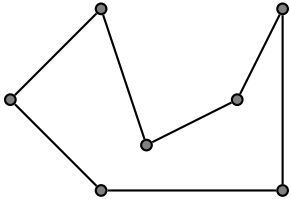

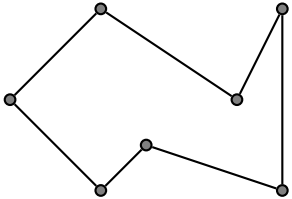

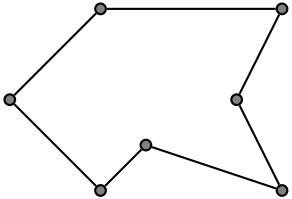

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Course Formalities

Prerequisites:

- ✔ Programming (DM502, DM503, DM550)
- ✔ Algorithms and Datastructures (DM507)
- ✓ Complexity and Computability (DM508, DM553)
- ✓ Linear and Integer Programming (DM559, DM545, DM554, DM871)

Credits: 10 ECTS

Language: English or Danish

Classes: intro: $2h \times 24$; training: $2h \times 24$

Material: slides + text book + articles + starting code

Assessment (10 ECTS)

- Two practical project assignments passed/failed with internal censor by the teacher (include programming in Python)

- Oral exam based on:
  - the theoretical part
  - two practical assignments

  Grading by the Danish 7-mark scale with external examiner. Exam aids allowed.

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