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Problem statement -

Electric cars do not have as large a range as gas cars, so they need periodic recharge. Assume that one needs to travel a large distance, that cannot be done in one charge, so one needs to stop to recharge and continue. But some of the chargers may not function, in case you need to drive back to the previous city and re-charge there. Given a capacity C in miles that represents the maximum number of miles your electric car can drive, n cities and $(n-1)$ distances between two consecutive cities, design an algorithm that outputs the list L of cities where one need to stop and charge the car such that:

L is if minimum length among all possible list of cities

the starting city, which is the first city, is the first element of L

The destination city, which is the last city, is the last element of L

If j and k are two consecutive cities in L , then when the car is in city j , the car is able to drive to city k and back to the city before city k , in case the charge station in city k is broken.

The capacity C in miles is not fixed, but one can assume that is a positive integer between 250 and 350. The number of cities n is not fixed, but you can assume that it is greater than 3 and less than 20. The distance between cities is a positive integer and always less than $C/2$ and greater than 10.

Solution -

The above problem has been solved using Python language. We first used linked list as the data structure for solving the problem. But upon further analysis we found that the space complexity of the problem can be further improved if we use lists instead of a linked list. Therefore, we again solved the problem using list data structure.

Pseudocode 1:

Data structure - Linked List

TravelGraph():

city = current city/node

next = next city/node

previous = previous city/node

nextCost = cost for travelling to next city

prevCost = cost for travelling to previous city

carMaxCharge = Total charge capacity of car in miles

cityNo = Total number of cities/nodes

cityList = list of cities

costList = list of vertex costs

current = TravelGraph()

graphStartRef = current

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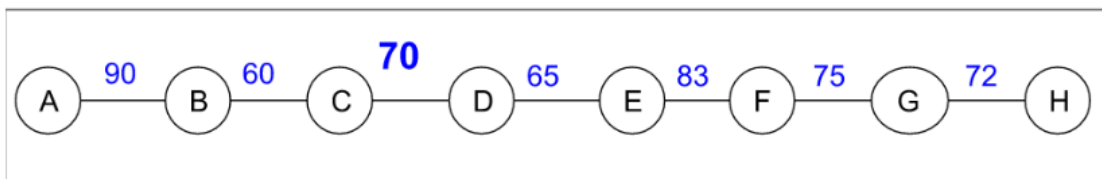
for i->0 to cityNo:
    cityList.append("Enter the {i+1} city name")
    current.city = cityList[i]
    If i < cityNo -1:
        current.next = TravelGraph()
    If i > 0:
        costList.append("Enter cost of travelling from {cityList[i-1]} to {cityList[i]}: ")
        previous.nextCost = costList[i-1]
        current.previous = previous
        current.prevCost = costList[i-1]
    previous, current = current, current.next
    if i == 0:
        currentMap = f"{cityList[i]}"
    elif i < cityNo:
        currentMap = currentMap + f" <- {costList[i-1]} -> {cityList[i]}"
    print(currentMap)
current = current back to start of linked list
currentCharge = carMaxCharge #creating variable to keep track of current charge
stopsList = list of stops
stopsList.append(cityList[0])

while(current.city is not equal to cityList[-1]):
    If currentCharge >= current.nextCost *2
        currentCharge -= current.nextCost
        current = current.next
    Else:
        currentCharge = carMaxCharge
        stopsList.append(current.city)
        currentCharge -= current.nextCost
        current = current.next
stopsList.append(cityList[-1])
print("Output-> Here are the suggested stops: " + str(stopsList))

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The time complexity for the above code is linear that is $O(n)$ where n is the number of cities.

Input example 1:



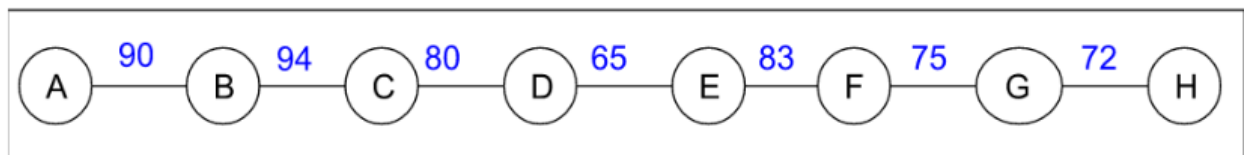
Expected output:

['A', 'D', 'G', 'H']

Achieved Output:

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Enter the car mileage in one charge: 300
How many cities are there on the map: 8
Enter the 1 city name: A
A
Enter the 2 city name: B
Enter cost of travelling from A to B: 90
A <- 90 -> B
Enter the 3 city name: C
Enter cost of travelling from B to C: 60
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C
Enter the 4 city name: D
Enter cost of travelling from C to D: 70
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 70 -> D
Enter the 5 city name: E
Enter cost of travelling from D to E: 65
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 70 -> D <- 65 -> E
Enter the 6 city name: F
Enter cost of travelling from E to F: 83
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 70 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F
Enter the 7 city name: G
Enter cost of travelling from F to G: 75
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 70 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F <- 75 -> G
Enter the 8 city name: H
Enter cost of travelling from G to H: 72
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 70 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F <- 75 -> G <- 72 -> H
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'D', 'G', 'H']
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Input example 2:



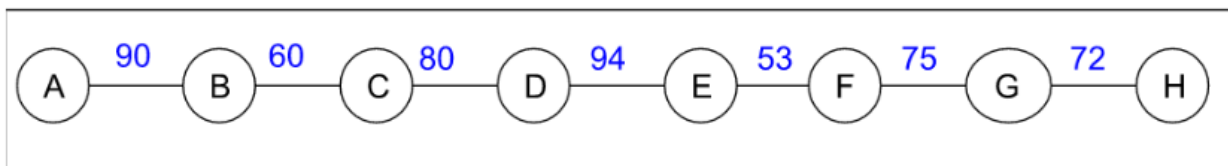
Expected Output:

['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'H']

Achieved Output:

```
Enter the car mileage in one charge: 300
How many cities are there on the map: 8
Enter the 1 city name: A
A
Enter the 2 city name: B
Enter cost of travelling from A to B: 90
A <- 90 -> B
Enter the 3 city name: C
Enter cost of travelling from B to C: 94
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C
Enter the 4 city name: D
Enter cost of travelling from C to D: 80
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C <- 80 -> D
Enter the 5 city name: E
Enter cost of travelling from D to E: 65
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 65 -> E
Enter the 6 city name: F
Enter cost of travelling from E to F: 83
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F
Enter the 7 city name: G
Enter cost of travelling from F to G: 75
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F <- 75 -> G
Enter the 8 city name: H
Enter cost of travelling from G to H: 72
A <- 90 -> B <- 94 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 65 -> E <- 83 -> F <- 75 -> G <- 72 -> H
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'H']
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Input example 3:



Expected output:

['A', 'C', 'F', 'H']

Achieved output:

```
Enter the car mileage in one charge: 300
How many cities are there on the map: 8
Enter the 1 city name: A
A
Enter the 2 city name: B
Enter cost of travelling from A to B: 90
A <- 90 -> B
Enter the 3 city name: C
Enter cost of travelling from B to C: 60
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C
Enter the 4 city name: D
Enter cost of travelling from C to D: 80
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 80 -> D
Enter the 5 city name: E
Enter cost of travelling from D to E: 94
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 94 -> E
Enter the 6 city name: F
Enter cost of travelling from E to F: 53
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 94 -> E <- 53 -> F
Enter the 7 city name: G
Enter cost of travelling from F to G: 75
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 94 -> E <- 53 -> F <- 75 -> G
Enter the 8 city name: H
Enter cost of travelling from G to H: 72
A <- 90 -> B <- 60 -> C <- 80 -> D <- 94 -> E <- 53 -> F <- 75 -> G <- 72 -> H
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'C', 'F', 'H']
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Pseudocode 2:

Data Structure - List. Here we have used two lists for the input and one list for the output.

maxCharge = max mileage that car gives per charge

cityList = list of cities/nodes

vertexCostList = Enter the list of costs

if len(vertexCostList) != len(cityList) - 1:

 print("Error: The number of vertices/costs should be equal to number of nodes - 1")

else:

 vertexCostList = [int(cost) for cost in vertexCostList]

currentCarCharge = maxCharge # variable to keep track of current car charge as it travels

stopsList + output list with suggested stops

stopsList.append(cityList[0])

for i in range(len(vertexCostList)):

 if currentCarCharge >= vertexCostList[i] * 2:

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    currentCarCharge -= vertexCostList[i]
Else:
    currentCarCharge = maxCharge
    currentCarCharge -= vertexCostList[i]
    stopsList.append(cityList[i])

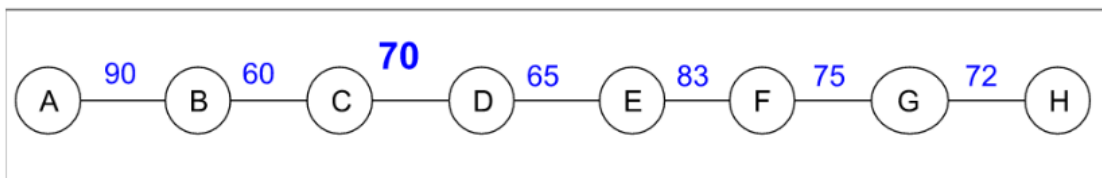
stopsList.append(cityList[-1])
print("Output-> Here are the suggested stops: " + str(stopsList))

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The time complexity for the above code is linear that is $O(n)$ again, where n is the number of cities.

The space complexity is however optimized using list data structure.

Input example 1:



Expected output:

['A', 'D', 'G', 'H']

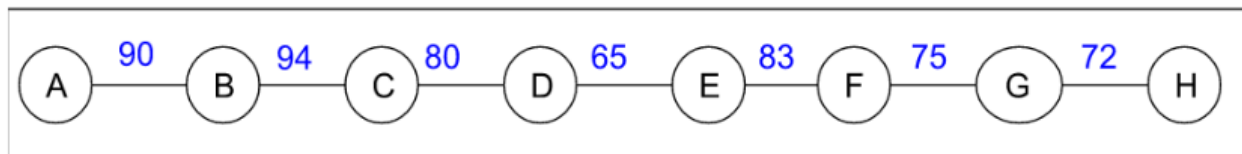
Achieved output:

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Maximum car mileage in one charge: 300
Enter the list of all the cities(enter with space in between): A B C D E F G H
Enter the list of costs from left to right respectively(enter with space in between): 90 60 70 65 83 75 72
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'D', 'G', 'H']

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Input example 2:



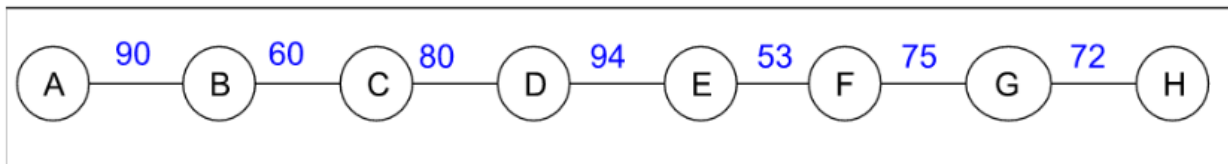
Expected output:

['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'H']

Achieved output:

```
Maximum car mileage in one charge: 300
Enter the list of all the cities(enter with space in between): A B C D E F G H
Enter the list of costs from left to right respectively(enter with space in between): 90 94 80 65 83 75 72
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'H']
```

Input example 3:



Expected output:

['A', 'C', 'F', 'H']

Achieved output:

```
Maximum car mileage in one charge: 300
Enter the list of all the cities(enter with space in between): A B C D E F G H
Enter the list of costs from left to right respectively(enter with space in between): 90 60 80 94 53 75 72
Output-> Here are the suggested stops: ['A', 'C', 'F', 'H']
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