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Dynamic Programming approach

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Travelling Salesman Problem: (TSP)

In Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP), our objective is to find a tour of minimum cost.

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a directed graph with edge cost  $c_{ij}$

$$c_{ii} = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$c_{ij} > 0 \text{ for all } (i, j) \in E$$

$$c_{ij} = \infty \text{ for all } (i, j) \notin E$$

→ A tour of  $G$  is a directed cycle that includes every vertex in  $V$ .

→ the cost of a tour is the sum of the cost of edges on the tour.

→ A tour is a simple path that start and end at same vertex.

Let  $g(i, S)$  be the length of shortest path starting at vertex  $i$ , going through all vertices in  $S$  and terminating at vertex  $i$ .

→ the function  $g(1, V - \{1\})$  is the length of an optimal salesperson tour and is given by

$$g(1, V - \{1\}) = \min_{2 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ c_{1k} + g(k, V - \{1, k\}) \right\} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

generalizing it and written as

$$g(i, S) = \min_{j \in S} \left\{ c_{ij} + g(j, S - \{i\}) \right\} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Example:- In the graph given below, find the minimum cost of Travelling start from vertex 1 and it cover all the vertices of the Graph.



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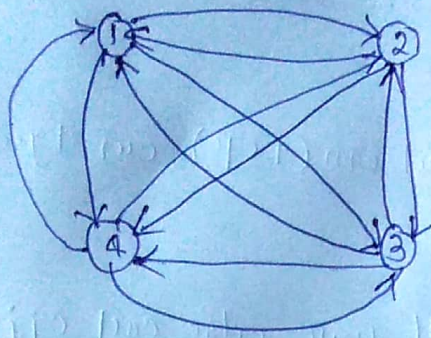


Fig: Directed Graph

Adjacency cost matrix =

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 15 & 20 \\ 5 & 0 & 9 & 10 \\ 6 & 13 & 0 & 12 \\ 8 & 8 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

We find a tour which start from vertex 1 and cover all the vertices of Graph G (given).

$$f(1, \{2, 3, 4\}) = \min_{2 \leq k \leq n} (c_{1k} + g(k, \{2, 3, 4\} \setminus \{k\}))$$

$$g(i, S) = \min_{j \in S} (c_{ij} + g(j, S \setminus \{j\}))$$

$$\Rightarrow g(1, \{2, 3, 4\}) = \min_{j \in S} \begin{cases} c_{12} + g(2, \{3, 4\}) \\ c_{13} + g(3, \{2, 4\}) \\ c_{14} + g(4, \{2, 3\}) \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here starting vertex 1 and

for computing minimum cost of  $g(1, \{2, 3, 4\})$   $S = V \setminus \{1\} = \{2, 3, 4\}$

Here if a need to find  $g(2, \{3, 4\})$ ,  $g(3, \{2, 4\})$ ,  $g(4, \{2, 3\})$  and the values of  $c_{12}$ ,  $c_{13}$  &  $c_{14}$  are known from cost Adjacency matrix A.

$\Rightarrow$  we compute

$$g(2, \{3, 4\}) = \min_{j \in S} \{ c_{23} + g(3, \{4\}), c_{24} + g(4, \{3\}) \}$$

Here starting vertex is 2 and  $S = \{3, 4\}$

then we compute

$$g(3, \{4\}) = \min \{ c_{34} + g(4, \emptyset) \} = 12 + 8 = 20$$

and  $g(4, \emptyset) = c_{41} = 8$  starting from vertex 4 and going through no other node  $\Rightarrow$  we have to reach vertex 1.



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$$\Rightarrow g(3, \{4\}) = \min \{c_{34} + g(4, \emptyset)\}$$

and we know that

$$g(4, \emptyset) = c_{41} = 8 \text{ (from given cost Adjacency matrix)}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(3, \{4\}) = c_{34} + g(4, \emptyset) = c_{34} + c_{41} = 12 + 8 = 20$$

then we compute

$$g(4, \{3\}) = \min \{c_{43} + g(3, \emptyset)\}$$

$$= c_{43} + c_{31} = 9 + 6 = 15$$

$$\text{(Since } g(3, \emptyset) = c_{31} = 6)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(2, \{3, 4\}) = \min \{c_{23} + g(3, \{4\}), c_{24} + g(4, \{3\})\}$$

$$= \min \{9 + 20, 10 + 15\} = \min \{29, 25\}$$

$$= 25$$

Now we compute  $g(3, \{2, 4\}) = \min \{c_{32} + g(2, \{4\}), c_{34} + g(4, \{2\})\}$

$$g(2, \{4\}) = \min \{c_{24} + g(4, \emptyset)\}$$

$$= c_{24} + c_{41} = 10 + 8 = 18$$

$$g(4, \{2\}) = \min \{c_{42} + g(2, \emptyset)\}$$

$$= c_{42} + c_{21} = 8 + 5 = 13$$

$$\Rightarrow g(3, \{2, 4\}) = \min \{c_{32} + g(2, \{4\}), c_{34} + g(4, \{2\})\}$$

$$= \min \{13 + 18, 12 + 13\} = \min \{31, 25\}$$

$$= 25$$



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Now we compute

$$g(4, \{2, 3\}) = \min \{ c_{42} + g(2, \{3\}), c_{43} + g(3, \{2\}) \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{here } g(2, \{3\}) &= \min \{ c_{23} + g(3, \emptyset) \} \\ &= c_{23} + c_{31} = 9 + 6 = 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(3, \{2\}) &= \min \{ c_{32} + g(2, \emptyset) \} \\ &= c_{32} + c_{21} = 13 + 5 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

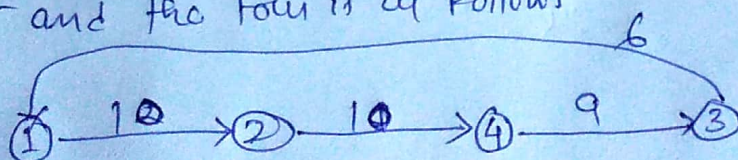
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(4, \{2, 3\}) &= \min \{ c_{42} + g(2, \{3\}), c_{43} + g(3, \{2\}) \} \\ &= \min \{ 8 + 15, 9 + 18 \} \\ &= \min \{ 23, 27 \} = 23 \end{aligned}$$

after knowing the value of all component of  $g(1, \{2, 3, 4\})$ , we compute

$$g(1, \{2, 3, 4\}) = \min \begin{cases} c_{12} + g(2, \{3, 4\}) \\ c_{13} + g(3, \{2, 4\}) \\ c_{14} + g(4, \{2, 3\}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \min \{ 10 + 25, 15 + 25, 20 + 23 \} \\ &= \min \{ 35, 40, 43 \} \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The minimum cost for finding the tour starting from Vertex A is 35 and the tour is as follows.



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Total cost of tour} &= 10 + 10 + 9 + 6 \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$