

# TSP

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## 1. Input

`graph`: an Object of format `{vertexName: [[neighborName, neighborDistance], ...], ...}`, you may refer to `testcase.json` as an example. Note: the expected  $|V| < 256, |E| < 1024$ .

`selectedVertices`: an Array of unique vertices of format `[vertexName1, vertexName2, ...]`. Note: all vertices are in `graph`. Note: the expected  $|selectedVertices| < \sqrt{|V|}$ .

## 2. Output

`orderedSelectedVertices`: a Array of format `[vertexName1, vertexName2, ...]` sorted according to the approximated traveling salesman tour.

## 3. Libraries and functions you may use

- Priority Queue: [js-priority-queue](#)
- Dijkstra shortest path (as below)

```
// Dijkstra shortest path from src to tgt on triangulationGraph
function getTourPath(triangulationGraph, src, tgt) {
  // TODO: check it is a valid triangulation
  const prevDict = {};
  const queue = new PriorityQueue({ comparator: function(a, b) { return -
  // Init queue from src
  queue.queue([src, 0, null]);
  // Dijkstra update
  while(queue.length !== 0) {
    const [tempNode, tempDist, prevNode] = queue.dequeue();
    if (prevDict.hasOwnProperty(tempNode)) { // already visited.
      continue;
    }
    prevDict[tempNode] = prevNode;
    if (tempNode.normalize() === tgt.normalize()) { // get to tgt, done
      break;
    }
    for (const [nextNode, dist] of triangulationGraph[tempNode]) {
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        if (prevDict.hasOwnProperty(nextNode)) { // already visited.
            continue;
        }
        queue.queue([nextNode, tempDist + dist, tempNode])
    };
}
// get path back from tgt
let tempNode = tgt;
const path = [];
while (tempNode !== null) {
    path.unshift(tempNode);
    tempNode = prevDict[tempNode];
};
return path;
}

```

## 4. High-level Algorithm

1. Compute pair-wise shortest distance on `selectedVertices` . (If necessary, you may modify `getTourPath` to also return distances.) Then, you can form a complete graph `selectedGraph` on `selectedVertices` .
2. Compute minimum spanning tree `selected tree` on `selectedGraph` . Then you may arbitrarily pick a vertex as the `root` .
3. Return a pre-order walk on `selected tree` , and append `root` at the end.

## 5. Reference

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/travelling-salesman-problem-set-2-approximate-using-mst/>