

TSP by Dynamic Programming

Algorithm using masks to trace visited and unvisited cities

- 1) Input: Number of cities= n , Distance matrix 'dist' of input graph
- 2) Initially mask=1; So initial function call of $g(\text{int mask}, \text{int position})$ is $g(1,0)$; It is a function to compute $g(i,S)$

[mask is n bit binary code in which city indexing starts from 0 to $n-1$ from R.H.S.

i^{th} bit =1 indicates i^{th} city is visited and if $i^{\text{th}}=0$ indicates i^{th} city is unvisited.

e.g If number of cities= $n=4$ then we have mask values from 0000 to 1111.

Mask value 0001 indicates 0^{th} city (city1) is visited.

Mask value 0011 indicates 0^{th} city (city1) and 1^{st} city (city2) are visited.

Mask value 0101 indicates 0^{th} city (city1) and 2^{nd} city (city3) are visited.

Mask value 1111 indicates all 4 cities are visited and so on.]

- 3) **int all_visited = (1<<n)-1;**

/*Left shift number 1 by n positions and then subtract 1 from it.

E.g. If $n=4$, and mask=1111 → All 4 cities are visited.

i.e. mask 1111=Decimal value $(2^4 - 1) = \text{Binary } (1<<4)-1$ */

- 4) Initialize memoization table dp_table

```
int dp_table[2^n][n]; // to store cost value of each state associated with specific mask & position
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for(int i=0;i<(1<<n);i++) // considering all masks from 0 to (1<<n)-1
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for(int j=0;j<n;j++) // considering n cities
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dp_table[i][j]= -1; // initialization
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- 5) //Function to compute $g(i,S)$

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int g( int mask, int position)
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{
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//Base case  $|S|=\{ \}$ 
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if(mask==all_visited)
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{
    return=dist[position][0]; //path from the last city to starting city(0th city)
}

//Lookup memoization table

if (dp_table[mask][position]!= -1)
    return dp_table[mask][position];

//Goto unvisited cities & estimate the minimum cost

int mincost=999999; //initialization to max limit
for(int curr_city = 0; curr_city<n; curr_city++)
{
    // check for unvisited city

    if((mask &(1<<curr_city))==0) //if city is unvisited
    {
        int cost = dist[position][curr_city] + g(mask | (1<<curr_city), curr_city);

        /*bitwise OR function updates mask value and
        function g() recursively estimates cost of further path.*/

        int mincost= min( mincost,cost);
    }
}

dp_table[mask][position]=mincost;
}
```

- 6) Trace the path by storing the values of curr_city that gives minimum cost value in function g().
- 7) Output: optimal cost and path of a tour