

Models and Methods for Operation Research

Solving The Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)

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1 TSP data

We are considering the solution of the symmetric version of the TSP over a complete graph G = (V, E) with n = |V| nodes. More specifically, our graph have 12 nodes, n = 12. Moreover, since it is a complete graph the number of edges is

$$|E| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 66\tag{1}$$

The graph is non-directed and each edge (i,j) has its associated cost $c_{i,j}$ satisfying

$$c_{i,j} = c_{j,i} \tag{2}$$

in order to compute the solution of the symmetric TSP.

We consider the following cost matrix C

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0. & 0.723 & 1.046 & 0.811 & 0.588 & 0.547 & 0.97 & 0.452 & 0.361 & 0.444 & 0.605 & 0.359 \\ 0.723 & 0. & 0.844 & 0.618 & 0.455 & 0.186 & 0.276 & 0.534 & 0.467 & 0.306 & 0.707 & 0.39 \\ 1.046 & 0.844 & 0. & 0.255 & 0.498 & 0.791 & 0.773 & 0.597 & 0.716 & 0.954 & 0.463 & 0.975 \\ 0.811 & 0.618 & 0.255 & 0. & 0.244 & 0.543 & 0.609 & 0.359 & 0.468 & 0.701 & 0.288 & 0.72 \\ 0.588 & 0.455 & 0.498 & 0.244 & 0. & 0.33 & 0.551 & 0.156 & 0.231 & 0.467 & 0.255 & 0.479 \\ 0.547 & 0.186 & 0.791 & 0.543 & 0.33 & 0. & 0.425 & 0.369 & 0.285 & 0.185 & 0.562 & 0.248 \\ 0.97 & 0.276 & 0.773 & 0.609 & 0.551 & 0.425 & 0. & 0.681 & 0.661 & 0.578 & 0.798 & 0.658 \\ 0.452 & 0.534 & 0.597 & 0.359 & 0.156 & 0.369 & 0.681 & 0. & 0.134 & 0.448 & 0.212 & 0.431 \\ 0.361 & 0.467 & 0.716 & 0.468 & 0.231 & 0.285 & 0.661 & 0.134 & 0. & 0.324 & 0.344 & 0.299 \\ 0.444 & 0.306 & 0.954 & 0.701 & 0.467 & 0.185 & 0.578 & 0.448 & 0.324 & 0. & 0.659 & 0.088 \\ 0.605 & 0.707 & 0.463 & 0.288 & 0.255 & 0.562 & 0.798 & 0.212 & 0.344 & 0.659 & 0. & 0.642 \\ 0.359 & 0.39 & 0.975 & 0.72 & 0.479 & 0.248 & 0.658 & 0.431 & 0.299 & 0.088 & 0.642 & 0. \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

(3)

In order to compute cost matrix C, we have used a simple python code, Listing (1). We have randomly generated 12 points in the region $[0,1] \times [0,1] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ associated with the position of the 12 nodes of the graph. For each node $v_i \in V$ it position p_i is

$$p_i = (x_i, y_i) \tag{4}$$

Then, the cost matrix C is the distance matrix. More specifically, for each pair of nodes (v_i, v_j) its associated cost $c_{i,j}$ is given by

$$c_{i,j} = ||p_i - p_j|| = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$$
 (5)

A graphical representation of this graph is shown in Figure (1).

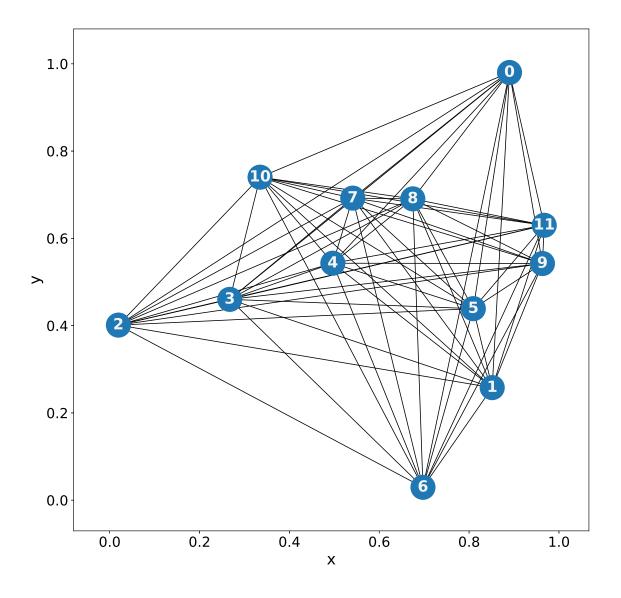


Figure 1: Graph representation

Listing 1: Code section 1

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import networkx
```

```
import random as rn
   # Create random coordinates
   A = np.random.random((12,2))
   x = A[:,0];
   y = A[:,1];
10
   # Compute cost matrix C (distance matrix)
11
   C = np.zeros((12,12));
12
   for i in range(len(x)):
       for j in range(len(y)):
14
            C[i,j] = np.round(np.sqrt((x[i]-x[j])**2+(y[i]-y[j])**2),3)
15
16
   # Create complete graph with n = 12
17
   G = networkx.complete_graph(12)
18
19
   # Set the position of nodes
20
   pos = networkx.spring_layout(G)
21
   for i in range(12):
22
     pos[i] = A[i,:]
23
24
   # Plot the graph
25
   fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
   networkx.draw(G, pos, with_labels=True,font_color="whitesmoke",ax=ax,node_size
27

    = 1000,font_weight = 'bold',font_size = 20)

   limits=plt.axis('on') # turns on axis
28
   plt.ylabel('y',fontsize=20)
   plt.xlabel('x',fontsize=20)
30
   ax.tick_params(left=True, bottom=True, labelleft=True,
      labelbottom=True, labelsize=18)
```

2 Obtaining an upper bound

In this section we program an heuristic for getting a feasible solution for the symmetric TSP (STSP). The heuristic will consist of two different parts: one constructive part, in which a greedy procedure is applied, and a second part, which consists of an improvement phase.

For the constructive part we will use the Nearest Neighbor primal heuristic.

Nearest Neighbor (NN) heuristic: Start at an arbitrary node i_1 and construct a path $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_j, i_{j+1}, \ldots, i_n$ where $i_{j+1} = \arg(\min(c_{i,k} : k \in V \setminus \{i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_j\}))$.

For the improvement phase, we will apply the 2-Interchange local search heuristic to obtain better upper bounds for the original TSP.

2-Interchange local search heuristic: Start with a given tour (feasible solution) and replace each pair of non-adjacent edges in the tour with the unique pair of replacement edges if the resulting tour has a lower weight.

The main results of this section are shown in Figure (2). Here, we have applied the 2-Interchange local search heuristic to 12 initial tours. Each tour is the output solution for the NN heuristic taking a different initial arbitrary node. For instance, the red curve (NN(3)) shows the different improving tours obtained by the 2-Interchange local search heuristic taking as initial tour, the tour solution for the NN heuristic with initial node, node number 3. The initial upper bound is the upper bound obtained using only the NN heuristic.

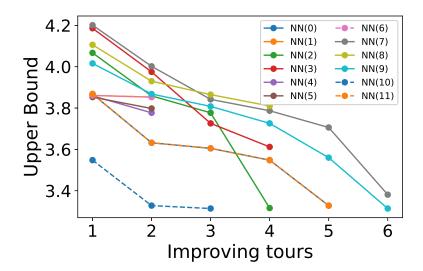


Figure 2: Upper bounds as a function of the different improving tours obtained by the 2-Interchange heuristic. The first upper bound is the upper bound obtained using the NN heuristic with initial node given by the color legend.

As expected, the local search heuristic improves the upper bound obtained by the greedy heuristic. We notice that the best upper bound has been obtained with NN(9) and NN(10). In both cases, the obtained upper bound is

$$\overline{z^*} = 3.314 \tag{6}$$

and the resulting tour is shown in Figure (3).

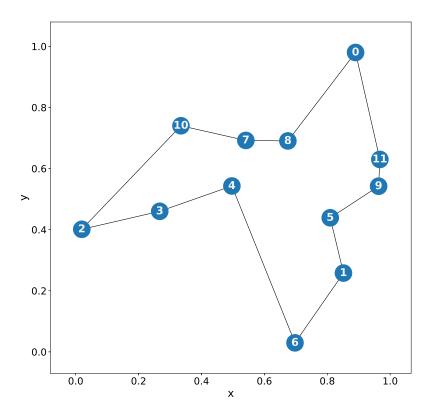


Figure 3: Tour associated with the best upper bound.

The complete list of successive tours with its associated cost is given in the Appendix. The python code used to implement the heuristic is shown below, Listing (2).

Listing 2: Code section 2

```
import numpy as np

# Save results in file test.txt
a = open('test.txt', 'w')
# NN heuristic for each initial node
for k in np.arange(0,12,1):

# mark used node
nodes = np.zeros(12);
nodes[k] = 1;
# tour
```

```
tour = [k];
12
        # Initialize
13
        ok = len(np.where(nodes==0)[0]);
14
        i0 = k;
15
        while ok > 0:
16
            pos = np.where(nodes==0)[0];
17
            # Find nearest neighbor
18
            i1 = pos[np.where(D[pos,i0] == min(D[pos,i0]))[0]];
19
            # Add nearest neighbor
20
            tour.append(i1[0])
            # Update cost
22
            cost[k] = cost[k] + D[i0,i1];
            # mark used node
24
            nodes[i1] = 1;
25
            # Updates
26
            i0 = i1;
27
            ok = len(np.where(nodes==0)[0]);
28
29
        # Add final edge to close tour
30
        cost[k] = cost[k] + D[i1,k];
31
        tour.append(k)
32
        # Save results
33
        a.write('NN(%s'%k+'):\n'+'%s'% tour +' -- z* = %s\n'% cost[k])
34
        # 2-Interchange heuristic for each NN tour solution
35
        for i in np.arange(0,10,1):
36
37
            for j in np.arange(i+2,12,1):
38
                d1 = D[tour[i],tour[i+1]] + D[tour[j],tour[j+1]];
39
                d2 = D[tour[i],tour[j]] + D[tour[i+1],tour[j+1]];
41
                # Do swap if interchange improves upper bound
                if d2 < d1:
43
                    tour[i+1:j+1] = np.flip(tour[i+1:j+1])
44
                     cost[k] = cost[k]-d1+d2;
45
                    a.write('%s' % tour+' -- z* = %s\n' % cost[k])
46
   a.close()
47
```

3 Obtaining lower bounds

Our goal is to solve the Symmetric Travelling Salesman Problem (P) over the complete graph built in the previous section

min
$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$

$$x_{i,j} \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall (i,j) \in E$$

$$(P)$$

In previous section, we obtained several upper bounds for the problem by applying an heuristic procedure. In this section, we will solve some relaxations of problem (P) in order to obtain lower bounds.

In order to find lower bounds we will first solve the following linear relaxation (RP1) of the problem in which Subtour Elimination Constraints (SECs) are not taken into account.

min
$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$

$$0 \le x_{i,j} \le 1$$
(RP1)

Afterwards, we will firstly add to problem (RP1) a violated SEC and solve the new relaxed problem (RP2). Secondly, we will add to problem (RP2) a violated valid inequality (different from SECs) and solve the new relaxed problem (RP3). Thirdly, we will add to problem (RP3) a gomory cut and solve the new relaxed problem (RP4). Finally, we will add to problem (RP4) a new violated SEC and solve the new relaxed problem (RP5).

We notice that the problem could be solved by only adding SECs to the initial problem formulation (RP1). However, we have decided to apply three different procedures (SEC, valid inequality and gomory cut) to improve the lower bound so as to have a better understanding of those procedures.

In order to solve the different relaxed problems we have used AMPL-CPLEX. However, in order to compute the gomory cut for problem (RP4) we have used the Python API for CPLEX.

The following solution has been obtained for (RP1),

Figure (4) shows the graphical solution of (RP1). As it can be seen, the solution of problem (RP1) is not a solution for the original TSP problem.

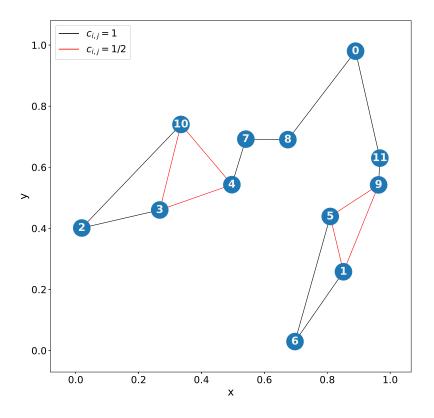


Figure 4: (RP1) solution

3.1 First Subtour Elimination Constraint (SEC-1)

We look for a Subtour Elimination Constraint (SEC) violated by x^{1*} and add it to the formulation of (RP1). In order to find it we will use the SEC identification heuristic method.

SEC identification heuristic method: Let x^* be the current solution and $G(x^*)$ the graph induced by x^* .

- 1. If there exist (i, j) such that $x_{i,j}^* > 1$, then the nodes involved in (i, j) define the SEC violated by x^* .
- 2. Else if $x_{i,j}^* < 1, \forall (i,j) \in G(x^*)$, then there are not violated SEC in the graph detected by the heuristic method.
- 3. Else if there exists (i, j) such that $x_{i,j}^* = 1$ then we generate a pseudo-node $\hat{i}_{i,j}$ that results from aggregating i and j and
 - If for some node k, $x_{i,k}^* > 0$ and $x_{j,k}^* > 0$ then we create an edge $(\hat{i}_{i,j}, k)$ with value $x_{\hat{i}_{i,j},k}^* = x_{i,k}^* + x_{j,k}^*$.
 - If for some node k, $x_{i,k}^* > 0$ or $x_{j,k}^* > 0$ then we create an edge $(\hat{i}_{i,j}, k)$ with value $x_{\hat{i}_{i,j},k}^* = x_{i,k}^*$ or $x_{\hat{i},k}^* = x_{j,k}^*$.

Applying the SEC identification heuristic method to $G(x^{1*})$ we observe that the subset $S_1 = \{2,3,10\} \subset V$ define a SEC violated by x^{1*} : if we consider the pseudo-node resulting from aggregating nodes 2 and 3, $\hat{i}_{2,3}$, we observe that the edge $(\hat{i}_{2,3},10)$ has $x^*_{\hat{i}_{2,3},10} = 1.5 > 1$.

Therefore, the SEC violated by x^{1*} and given by S_1 (SEC-1) is

$$\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in S_1\\i< j}} x_{i,j} \le |S_1| - 1 \tag{SEC-1}$$

We add (SEC-1) to the formulation of (RP1) obtaining (RP2)

min
$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$
(SEC-1)
$$0 \le x_{i,j} \le 1$$
(RP2)

The following solution has been obtained for (RP2),

Figure (5) shows the graphical solution of (RP2).

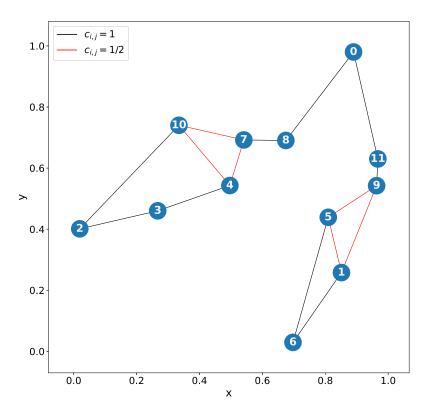


Figure 5: (RP2) solution

Again, solution to (RP2) is still not being a solution to the original TSP problem.

3.2 Valid Inequality (different from SECs)

Now we look for some valid inequality for the TSP (different from the SEC's) which be violated by x^{2*} . In order to find it, we will compute a Chvátal-Gomory inequality violated by x^{2*} .

Step 1: We sum up the degree equations for the set of nodes in $H = \{1, 5, 9\}$. Let c(i) be the degree equation associated with node i, that is

$$c(i): \sum_{i < j} x_{ij} + \sum_{j < i} x_{ji} = 2$$
(9)

Then, we have

$$c(1) + c(5) + c(9) = 2 \times 3 \tag{10}$$

Step 2: Since, all variables x_{ij} satisfy $0 \le x_{ij} \le 1$, then from Eq. (10) we have the inequality

$$2\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in H\\i< j}} x_{i,j} + x_{1,6} + x_{5,6} + x_{9,11} \le 2 \times 3 \tag{11}$$

Step 3: We sum to Eq. (11) the inequalities (upper bounds)

$$x_{1.6} < 1, \quad x_{5.6} < 1, \quad x_{9.11} < 1$$
 (12)

and we obtain the following inequality

$$2\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in H\\i< j}} x_{i,j} + 2(x_{1,6} + x_{5,6} + x_{9,11}) \le 2 \times 3 + 3 \tag{13}$$

Multiplying Eq. (13) by 1/2 and since

$$\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in H\\i\leq j}} x_{i,j} = x_{1,5} + x_{1,9} + x_{5,9} \tag{14}$$

we obtain

$$x_{1,5} + x_{1,9} + x_{5,9} + x_{1,6} + x_{5,6} + x_{9,11} \le 3 + 3/2 \tag{15}$$

Now, since the left hand side for the TSP should be integer-valued we can round down the right hand side to obtain a valid inequality for the STP, which in fact is violated by x_{2*}

$$x_{1,5} + x_{1,9} + x_{5,9} + x_{1,6} + x_{5,6} + x_{9,11} \le 4$$
 (INEQ-1)

Therefore, we add (INEQ-1) to the formulation of (RP2) in order to obtain (RP3). We notice that (INEQ-1) belongs to a type of inequalities known as *Comb inequalities*.

min
$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$
(SEC-1)
(INEQ-1)
$$0 \le x_{i,j} \le 1$$

The following solution has been obtained for (RP3),

Figure (6) shows the graphical solution of (RP3).

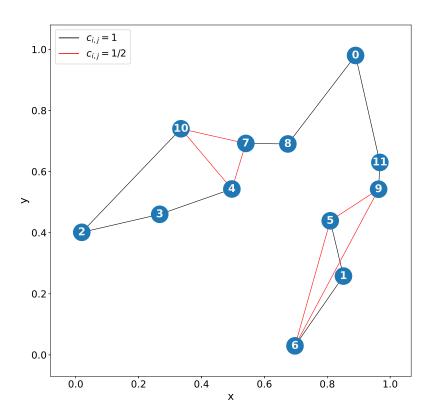


Figure 6: (RP3) solution

Again, solution to (RP3) is still not being a solution to the original TSP problem.

3.3 Gomory Cut

Now, we try to identify some Gomory cut violated by x^{3*} . In order to compute it, we have used the Python API for CPLEX and intance methods binvarow() and basis.write() which provide the i-th row of the optimal LP tableau and basic variables information, respectively.

In order to use the Python API for CPLEX we have firstly export the AMPL model into a .mps format file (Appendix: tsp.mps). The code below, Listing (3) shows the python code used.

Listing 3: Code section 3 (Gomory cut)

```
import cplex
import numpy as np
a
```

```
# Load model (file .mps)
   c = cplex.Cplex()
   out = c.set_results_stream(None)
   out = c.set_log_stream(None)
   c.read("tsp.mps")
   #Solve problem
10
   c.solve()
11
12
   # Compute Simplex Tableau
   Tableau = np.zeros((14,132));
14
   cont = 0;
15
   for tableau_row in c.solution.advanced.binvarow():
16
        Tableau[cont,:] = tableau_row;
17
        cont = cont+1;
18
19
   # Basis info
20
   c.solution.basis.write("basis.mps")
21
22
   #Solution
23
   SOL = c.solution.get_values();
```

We will compute the gomory cut associated with the basic variable $x_{5,8}$ which has a non-integer value ($x_{5,8}^{3*} = 1/2$). The 8-row is the one associated with basic variable $x_{5,8}$ (Appendix: .col + basis.mps). Then, according to the Tableau, the following equality must be satisfied by any feasible solution (in particular by x^{3*})

$$x_{5,8} - \frac{1}{2}(x_{1,3} + x_{1,4} + x_{1,11} + x_{2,3} + x_{2,4} + x_{2,11} + x_{3,6} + x_{3,7} + x_{3,9} + x_{3,10} + x_{3,12} + x_{4,6} + x_{4,7} + x_{4,9} + x_{4,10} + x_{4,12} + x_{6,11} + x_{7,11} + x_{9,11} + x_{10,11} + x_{11,12}) + \frac{1}{2}(x_{1,5} + x_{1,8} + x_{2,5} + x_{2,8} + x_{5,6} + x_{5,7} + x_{5,9} + x_{5,10} + x_{5,12} + x_{6,8} + x_{7,8} + x_{8,9} + x_{8,10} + x_{8,12}) = 1/2$$

$$(17)$$

In order to compute the Gomory cut (GC-1), we notice that variables $x_{i,j}$ are integer and non-negative and we round down the right hand side and coefficients on the left hand side and we obtain,

$$x_{5,8} - \frac{1}{2}(x_{1,3} + x_{1,4} + x_{1,11} + x_{2,3} + x_{2,4} + x_{2,11} + x_{3,6} + x_{3,7} + x_{3,9} + x_{3,10} + x_{3,12} + x_{4,6} + x_{4,7} + x_{4,9} + x_{4,10} + x_{4,12} + x_{6,11} + x_{7,11} + x_{9,11} + x_{10,11} + x_{11,12}) \le 0$$
(18)

Therefore, we add (GC-1) to the formulation of (RP3) in order to obtain (RP4).

min
$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$
(SEC-1)
(INEQ-1)
(GC-1)
$$0 \le x_{i,j} \le 1$$
(P3)

The following solution has been obtained to (RP4), (Appendix: .sol)

Figure (7) shows the graphical solution of (RP4).

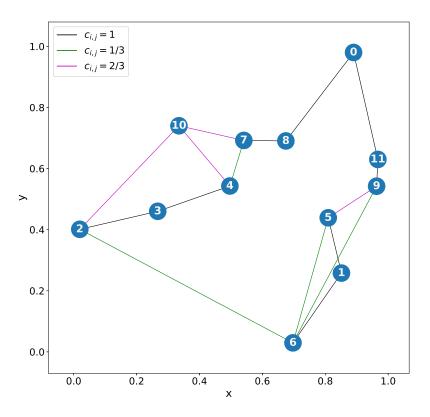


Figure 7: (RP4) solution

Again, solution to (RP4) is still not being a solution to the original TSP problem.

3.4 Second Subtour Elimination constraint (SEC-2)

We look for a Subtour Elimination Constraint (SEC) violated by x^{4*} and add it to the formulation of (RP4). In order to find it we will use the SEC identification heuristic method previously explained.

Applying the SEC identification heuristic method to $G(x^{4*})$ we observe that the subset $S_2 = \{1,5,6\} \subset V$ defines a SEC violated by x^{4*} : if we consider the pseudo-node resulting from aggregating nodes 1 and 6, $\hat{i}_{1,6}$, we observe that the edge $(\hat{i}_{1,6},5)$ has $x^*_{\hat{i}_{1,6},5} = 1 + 1/3 > 1$.

Therefore, the SEC violated by x^{4*} and given by S_2 (SEC-2) is

$$\sum_{\substack{(i,j)\in S_2\\i< j}} x_{i,j} \le |S_2| - 1 \tag{SEC-2}$$

We add (SEC-2) to the formulation of (RP4) obtaining (RP5)

$$\min \sum_{(i,j)\in E} c_{i,j} x_{i,j}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{i< j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j< i} x_{j,i} = 2 \quad \forall i \in V$$

$$(SEC-1)$$

$$(INEQ-1)$$

$$(GC-1)$$

$$(SEC-2)$$

$$0 \le x_{i,j} \le 1$$

$$(RP5)$$

The following solution has been obtained for (RP5),

Clearly, solution to (RP5) is the solution to the TSP as it is an integer solution and no SEC is violated. Moreover, for this solution the lower bound obtained equals the best upper bound obtained in the previous section

$$z^* = \overline{z^*} = \underline{z^*} \tag{21}$$

which shows optimality.

Figure (8) shows the corresponding lower bounds for the TSP obtained in the relaxed problems (RP1), (RP2), (RP3), (RP4) and (RP5) just solved.

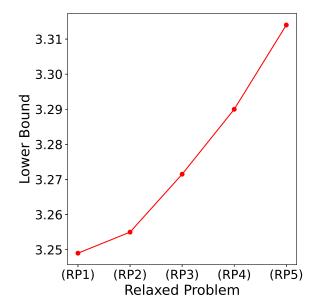


Figure 8: TSP Lower bounds for the different relaxed problems solved.

As expected, as the problem becomes more restrictive, lower bounds increase.

Below, we show the main AMPL-CPLEX files (.mod, .dat) used in this section.

Listing 4: Section 3 (.mod)

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} \# \textit{parameters} \\ \textbf{param } n; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{nodes } \textit{ordered} := \{1..n\}; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{edges} := \{i \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes}, \ j \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes}\}; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{nodes1} \textit{ ordered} := \{3,4,11\}; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{edges1} := \{i \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes1}, \ j \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes1}\}; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{nodes2} \textit{ ordered} := \{2,6,7\}; \\ \textbf{set } \textit{edges2} := \{i \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes2}, \ j \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes2}\}; \\ \textbf{param } c \ \{(i,j) \ \textbf{in } \textit{edges}\}; \\ \textbf{var } X \ \{(i,j) \ \textbf{in } \textit{edges}\} >= 0, <= 1; \\ \#\textit{Objective } \textit{function} \\ \textbf{minimize } \textit{fobj} : \textbf{sum } \{(i,j) \ \textbf{in } \textit{edges}\} \ (c[i,j]*X[i,j]); \\ \#\textit{Constraints} \\ \textbf{subject to } \textit{cc1} \ \{i \ \textbf{in } \textit{nodes}\} : \textbf{sum} \{(i,j) \ \textbf{in } \textit{edges: } i \ < j\} \ (X[i,j]) \ + \textbf{sum} \{(i,j) \ \textbf{in } \textit{edges: } j \ < i\} \\ (X[j,i]) = 2; \\ \end{tabular}
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\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{subject to } cc2: \textbf{sum}\{(i,j) \textbf{ in } edges1:i < j\} \ (X[i,j]) <= 2; \\ \textbf{subject to } cc3: \ X[2,6] + X[2,10] + X[6,10] + X[2,7] + X[6,7] + X[10,12] <= 4; \\ \textbf{subject to } cc4: \ X[5,8] \ - & X[1,3] - X[1,4] - X[1,11] - X[2,3] - X[2,4] - X[2,11] - X[3,6] - X[3,7] - X[3,9] - X[3,10] - X[3,12] - X[4,6] - & -X[4,7] - X[4,9] - X[4,10] - X[4,12] - X[6,11] - X[7,11] - X[9,11] - X[10,11] - X[11,12] <= 0; \\ \textbf{subject to } cc5: \textbf{sum}\{(i,j) \textbf{ in } edges2:i < j\} \ (X[i,j]) \ <= 2; \\ \end{array}
```

Listing 5: Section 3 (.dat)

```
param n := 12;
param c: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 :=
1 0.
         0.723 \ 1.046 \ 0.811 \ 0.588 \ 0.547 \ 0.97 \ 0.452 \ 0.361 \ 0.444 \ 0.605 \ 0.359
2 0.723 0.
                0.844\ 0.618\ 0.455\ 0.186\ 0.276\ 0.534\ 0.467\ 0.306\ 0.707\ 0.39
3 1.046 0.844 0.
                       0.255 0.498 0.791 0.773 0.597 0.716 0.954 0.463 0.975
4\ 0.811\ 0.618\ 0.255\ 0.
                              0.244\ 0.543\ 0.609\ 0.359\ 0.468\ 0.701\ 0.288\ 0.72
5\ 0.588\ 0.455\ 0.498\ 0.244\ 0.
                                     0.33 \quad 0.551 \quad 0.156 \quad 0.231 \quad 0.467 \quad 0.255 \quad 0.479
6\ 0.547\ 0.186\ 0.791\ 0.543\ 0.33\ 0.
                                            0.425\ 0.369\ 0.285\ 0.185\ 0.562\ 0.248
7 0.97 0.276 0.773 0.609 0.551 0.425 0.
                                                   0.681 0.661 0.578 0.798 0.658
8\ 0.452\ 0.534\ 0.597\ 0.359\ 0.156\ 0.369\ 0.681\ 0.
                                                          0.134\ 0.448\ 0.212\ 0.431
9 0.361 0.467 0.716 0.468 0.231 0.285 0.661 0.134 0.
                                                                0.324 0.344 0.299
10\ 0.444\ 0.306\ 0.954\ 0.701\ 0.467\ 0.185\ 0.578\ 0.448\ 0.324\ 0.
                                                                         0.659 0.088
11\ 0.605\ 0.707\ 0.463\ 0.288\ 0.255\ 0.562\ 0.798\ 0.212\ 0.344\ 0.659\ 0.
                                                                               0.642
12\ 0.359\ 0.39\ 0.975\ 0.72\ 0.479\ 0.248\ 0.658\ 0.431\ 0.299\ 0.088\ 0.642\ 0.
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4 Appendix

4.1 Section 2

Complete list of successive tours with its associated cost obtained by the heuristic explained in section 2.

Listing 6: Heuristic method

```
NN(2):
NN(3):
[3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 9, 11, 0, 10, 2, 6, 1, 3] -- z* = 4.186000000000001
[3, 2, 10, 0, 11, 9, 5, 8, 7, 4, 6, 1, 3] -- z* = 3.975000000000001
[3, 2, 10, 0, 11, 9, 5, 1, 6, 4, 7, 8, 3] -- z* = 3.726000000000001
[3, 2, 10, 0, 11, 9, 5, 1, 6, 8, 7, 4, 3] -- z* = 3.612000000000001
NN(4):
[4, 7, 8, 5, 9, 11, 0, 10, 3, 2, 6, 1, 4] -- z* = 3.859
[4, 7, 8, 5, 9, 11, 0, 1, 6, 2, 3, 10, 4] -- z* = 3.777
NN(5):
[5, 0, 10, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 9, 1, 6, 5] -- z* = 3.798
NN(6):
NN(7):
[7, 8, 4, 3, 2, 10, 5, 9, 11, 0, 1, 6, 7] -- z* = 4.201
[7, 10, 2, 3, 4, 8, 5, 9, 11, 0, 1, 6, 7] -- z* = 4.002
[7, 10, 2, 3, 6, 1, 0, 11, 9, 5, 8, 4, 7] -- z* = 3.842
[7, 10, 2, 3, 6, 1, 9, 11, 0, 5, 8, 4, 7] -- z* = 3.787
NN(8):
[8, 7, 4, 3, 2, 10, 5, 9, 11, 0, 1, 6, 8] -- z* = 4.106
NN(9):
[9, 11, 5, 1, 6, 4, 7, 8, 10, 3, 2, 0, 9] -- z* = 4.016
[9, 11, 0, 2, 3, 10, 8, 7, 4, 6, 1, 5, 9] -- z* = 3.868
[9, 11, 0, 3, 2, 10, 8, 7, 4, 6, 1, 5, 9] -- z* = 3.808
NN(10):
[10, 7, 8, 4, 3, 2, 6, 1, 5, 9, 11, 0, 10] -- z* = 3.548
[10, 7, 8, 0, 11, 9, 5, 1, 6, 4, 3, 2, 10] -- z* = 3.314
NN(11):
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4.2 Section 3

Listing 7: tsp.mps

			Listing 1. usp.mps
NAM	E	tsp	
ROW	S		
E	R0001		
E	R0002		
E	R0003		
E	R0004		
E	R0005		
E	R0006		
E	R0007		
E	R0008		
E	R0009		
E	R0010		
E	R0011		
E	R0012		
L	R0013		
L	R0014		
N	R0015		
COL	UMNS		
	C0001	R0001	1
	C0001	R0002	1
	C0001	R0015	0.723
	C0002	R0001	1
	C0002	R0003	1
	C0002	R0015	1.046
	C0003	R0001	1
	C0003	R0004	1
	C0003	R0015	0.811
	C0004	R0001	1
	C0004	R0005	1
	C0004	R0015	0.588
	C0005	R0001	1
	C0005	R0006	1
	C0005	R0015	0.547
	C0006	R0001	1
	C0006	R0007	1

C0006	R0015	0.97
C0007	R0001	1
C0007	R0008	1
C0007	R0015	0.452
C0008	R0001	1
C0008	R0009	1
C0008	R0015	0.361
C0009	R0001	1
C0009	R0010	1
C0009	R0015	0.444
C0010	R0001	1
C0010	R0011	1
C0010	R0015	0.605
C0011	R0001	1
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C0011	R0015	0.359
C0012	R0015	0.723
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C0013	R0015	0.844
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C0014	R0004	1
C0014	R0015	0.618
C0015	R0002	1
C0015	R0005	1
C0015	R0015	0.455
C0016	R0002	1
C0016	R0006	1
C0016	R0014	1
C0016	R0015	0.186
C0017	R0002	1
C0017	R0007	1
C0017	R0014	1
C0017	R0015	0.276
C0018	R0002	1
C0018	R0008	1
C0018	R0015	0.534
C0019	R0002	1
C0019	R0009	1
C0019	R0015	0.467
C0020	R0002	1
C0020	R0010	1
C0020	R0014	1
C0020	R0015	0.306
C0021	R0002	1

C0021	R0011	1
C0021	R0015	0.707
C0022	R0002	1
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C0023	R0015	1.046
C0024	R0015	0.844
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C0025	R0004	1
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C0025	R0015	0.255
C0026	R0003	1
C0026	R0005	1
C0026	R0015	0.498
C0027	R0003	1
C0027	R0006	1
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C0028	R0003	1
C0028	R0007	1
C0028	R0015	0.773
C0029	R0003	1
C0029	R0008	1
C0029	R0015	0.597
C0030	R0003	1
C0030	R0009	1
C0030	R0015	0.716
C0031	R0003	1
C0031	R0010	1
C0031	R0015	0.954
C0032	R0003	1
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C0039	R0004	1
C0039	R0007	1
C0039	R0015	0.609
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C0040	R0008	1
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		0.285
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C0077	R0012	1
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C0125	R0015	0.72
C0126	R0015	0.479
C0127	R0015	0.248
C0128	R0015	0.658
C0129	R0015	0.431
C0130	R0015	0.299
C0131	R0015	0.088
C0132	R0015	0.642
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В		2
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UP	BOUND	C0123	1
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END	ATA		

Listing 8: .col

X[1,2]X[1,3]X[1,4]X[1,5]X[1,6]X[1,7]X[1,8]X[1,9]X[1,10]X[1,11]X[1,12]X[2,1]X[2,3]X[2,4]X[2,5]X[2,6]X[2,7]X[2,8] X[2,9]X[2,10]X[2,11]X[2,12]X[3,1]X[3,2]X[3,4]X[3,5]X[3,6]X[3,7]X[3,8] X[3,9]X[3,10]X[3,11]X[3,12]X[4,1]X[4,2]X[4,3]X[4,5]

X[4,6] X[4,7] X[4,8] X[4,9] X[4,10]

- X[4,11]
- X[4,12]
- X[5,1]
- X[5,2]
- X[5,3]
- X[5,4]
- X[5,6]
- X[5,7]
- X[5,8]
- X[5,9]
- X[5,10]
- X[5,11]
- X[5,12]
- X[6,1]
- X[6,2]
- X[6,3]
- X[6,4]
- X[6,5]
- X[6,7]
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- X[6,9]
- X[6,10]
- X[6,11]
- X[6,12]
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- X[7,4]
- X[7,5]
- X[7,6]
- X[7,8]
- X[7,9]
- X[7,10]
- X[7,11]
- X[7,12]
- X[8,1]
- X[8,2]
- X[8,3]
- X[8,4]
- X[8,5]
- X[8,6]
- X[8,7]
- X[8,9]X[8,10]
- X[8,11]

X[8,12]

X[9,1]

X[9,2]

X[9,3]

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X[9,4]

X[9,5]

X[9,6]

X[9,7]

X[9,8]

X[9,10]

X[9,11]

X[9,12]

X[10,1]

X[10,2]

X[10,3]

X[10,4]

X[10,5]

X[10,6]

X[10,7]

X[10,8]

X[10,9]

X[10,11]

X[10,12]

X[11,1]

X[11,2]

X[11,3]

X[11,4]

X[11,5]

X[11,6]

X[11,7]

X[11,8]

X[11,9]

X[11,10]

X[11,12]

X[12,1]

X[12,2]

X[12,3]

X[12,4]

X[12,5]

X[12,6]

X[12,7]

X[12,8]

X[12,9]

X[12,10]

X[12,11]

Listing 9: .row

```
cc1[1]
cc1[2]
cc1[3]
cc1[4]
cc1[5]
cc1[6]
cc1[7]
cc1[8]
cc1[9]
cc1[10]
cc1[11]
cc1[12]
cc2
cc3
fobj
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Listing 10: basis.mps

```
* ENCODING=ISO-8859-1
                        Iterations 26 Rows 14 Cols 132
NAME
              tsp.mps
XL C0008
              R0001
XL C0009
              R0002
XL C0016
              R0003
XL C0020
              R0004
XL C0032
              R0005
XL C0037
              R0006
XL C0043
              R0007
XL C0051
              R0008
XL C0054
              R0009
XL C0061
              R0010
XL C0064
              R0011
XL C0066
              R0012
XL C0075
              R0013
XL C0087
              R0014
UL C0011
UL C0017
UL C0025
UL C0085
UL C0110
ENDATA
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Listing 11: .sol

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