*Introduction to Artificial Intelligence 501 *

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MegaStar AI Order Assistant — Intelligent Picking Route Optimization and Product **Assistance**

This project develops an AI-powered order assistant designed to optimize warehouse picking routes and enhance customer experience in an e-commerce or distribution center environment. It integrates multiple pathfinding algorithms—including Greedy Nearest Neighbor, A* Search, and Conditional Markov Chain Search (CMCS)—to efficiently plan the sequence of bins that warehouse workers should visit to fulfill orders, minimizing travel distance and improving operational efficiency.

Beyond route optimization, the assistant offers intelligent product availability checks with confidence-based alternative recommendations, order management features (amending and canceling orders), price calculations with and without offers, and product filtering capabilities. The assistant also includes visualization tools for route paths and comparative analysis of different algorithms to help understand and select the most effective approach.

Designed as an interactive chatbot interface, this system provides real-time AI explanations, progress visualization, and user-friendly feedback to assist warehouse managers, order pickers, and customer support teams in managing orders seamlessly.

STEP 1 : Uploading the .CSV file

```
from google.colab import files
#Manually uploading the files of the database in the code from the database
uploaded = files.upload()  # Select the CSV files one by one or all at once
```

Choose Files 15 files

- **dc_locations.csv**(text/csv) - 461002 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **list_to_check.csv**(text/csv) - 2390 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **picking_1.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 204244 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **picking_2.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 204636 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **picking_3.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 204515 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **picking_4.csv**(text/csv) - 1046804 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **picking_5.csv**(text/csv) - 1047443 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **Product_list.csv**(text/csv) - 266905 bytes, last modified: 8/3/2025 - 100% done
- **receiving_1.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 243892 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **receiving_2.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 233497 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **receiving_3.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 256517 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **receiving_4.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 224115 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **receiving_5.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 221494 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done
- **warehouse_picking_optimization_coding.pdf**(application/pdf) - 1594531 bytes, last modified: 8/11/2025 - 100% done
- **warehouse_stocks.csv.zip**(application/zip) - 1042778 bytes, last modified: 8/4/2025 - 100% done

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Saving dc_locations.csv to dc_locations (3).csv
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Saving receiving_4.csv.zip to receiving_4.csv (3).zip
Saving receiving_5.csv.zip to receiving_5.csv (3).zip
Saving warehouse_picking_optimization_coding.pdf to warehouse_picking_optimization_coding.pdf
Saving warehouse_stocks.csv.zip to warehouse_stocks.csv (3).zip
```

STEP 1A - Unzipping the Zipped folders

```
import zipfile   # Import Python's built-in module for working with ZIP archive files (compress/decompress files)
import os        # Import Python's built-in module for interacting with the operating system (e.g., reading directories)

# List of zipped files you uploaded
zip_files = [  # This is a Python list that stores the names of all the ZIP files we need to extract
    "picking_1.csv.zip",  # Contains Day 1 picking data (orders picked from the warehouse)
    "picking_2.csv.zip",  # Contains Day 2 picking data
    "picking_3.csv.zip",  # Contains Day 3 picking data
    "warehouse_stocks.csv.zip",  # Contains current stock data for the warehouse
    "receiving_1.csv.zip",  # Contains Day 1 receiving data (products received into the warehouse)
    "receiving_2.csv.zip",  # Day 2 receiving data
    "receiving_3.csv.zip",  # Day 3 receiving data
    "receiving_4.csv.zip",  # Day 4 receiving data
    "receiving_5.csv.zip"   # Day 5 receiving data
]

# Extract all files from the zipped archives in the list above
for zipf in zip_files:                      # Loop through each file name in the 'zip_files' list
    with zipfile.ZipFile(zipf, 'r') as z:    # Open the ZIP file in 'read' mode using a context manager (ensures proper closing)
        z.extractall()                       # Extract ALL the contents of the ZIP file into the current working directory
        print(f" Extracted: {zipf}")         # Print a confirmation message to show which file was successfully extracted
```

```
# After extraction, check what files are now available in the current working directory
print("\n Here are the Extracted Files:")              # Print a header for clarity when viewing output
print(os.listdir())                          # List all files and folders in the current working directory so we can confirm extraction
```

```
Extracted: picking_1.csv.zip
Extracted: picking_2.csv.zip
Extracted: picking_3.csv.zip
Extracted: warehouse_stocks.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_1.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_2.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_3.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_4.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_5.csv.zip

Here are the Extracted Files:
['.config', 'picking_4 (1).csv', 'receiving_2.csv.zip', 'receiving_1.csv (1).zip', 'picking_2.csv.zip', 'picking_3.csv (2).zip', 'picking_2.csv (2).zip', 'dc_locations (3).csv', 'receiving_
```

Step 1B- Loading the CSVs into their respective dataframes

```
import pandas as pd  # Import the pandas library, a powerful tool for data analysis and manipulation in Python.

# Load key datasets into pandas DataFrames (tables in memory)
dc_df = pd.read_csv("dc_locations.csv")       # Load the distribution center (DC) layout file — contains bin/location IDs in the warehouse
product_df = pd.read_csv("Product_list.csv")  # Load the product list — includes product details like description, category, brand, size, etc.
stock_df = pd.read_csv("warehouse_stocks.csv")# Load current warehouse stock data — shows quantities and where each product is stored
picking_df = pd.read_csv("picking_1.csv")     # Load Day 1 picking data — represents orders and the items picked from warehouse locations

# Preview the columns (headers) in each dataset to understand their structure
print(" DC Layout Columns:\n", dc_df.columns)         # Show all column names in the DC layout dataset
print(" Stock Columns:\n", stock_df.columns)          # Show all column names in the warehouse stock dataset
print(" Product List Columns:\n", product_df.columns)  # Show all column names in the product list dataset
print(" Picking Data Columns:\n", picking_df.columns)  # Show all column names in the Day 1 picking dataset
```

```
DC Layout Columns:
Index(['Location'], dtype='object')
Stock Columns:
Index(['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function',
       'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity', 'Location'],
      dtype='object')
Product List Columns:
Index(['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function',
       'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity'],
      dtype='object')
Picking Data Columns:
Index(['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function',
       'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity', 'Location', 'Staff', 'To', 'Customer',
       'Task'],
      dtype='object')
```

Before STEP 2 - EDA VISUALS

STEP 2A- Build a graph from location data

```
import networkx as nx             # NetworkX for graph-based algorithms and visualization
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt   # Matplotlib for plotting graphs

# STEP 2A: Initialize graph
G = nx.Graph()  # Create an empty undirected graph to represent warehouse layout

# Get unique bin locations from DC layout
locations = dc_df['Location'].dropna().unique()  # Remove NaN values, get unique bin IDs

# Add each bin location as a node in the graph
for loc in locations:
    G.add_node(loc)

print(f"Graph created with {G.number_of_nodes()} nodes.")  # Confirm how many nodes were added

# Simulate edges between sequential locations (simplified adjacency assumption)
# Sort bin IDs so that bins like A1, A2, A3 appear in order
sorted_locs = sorted(locations)

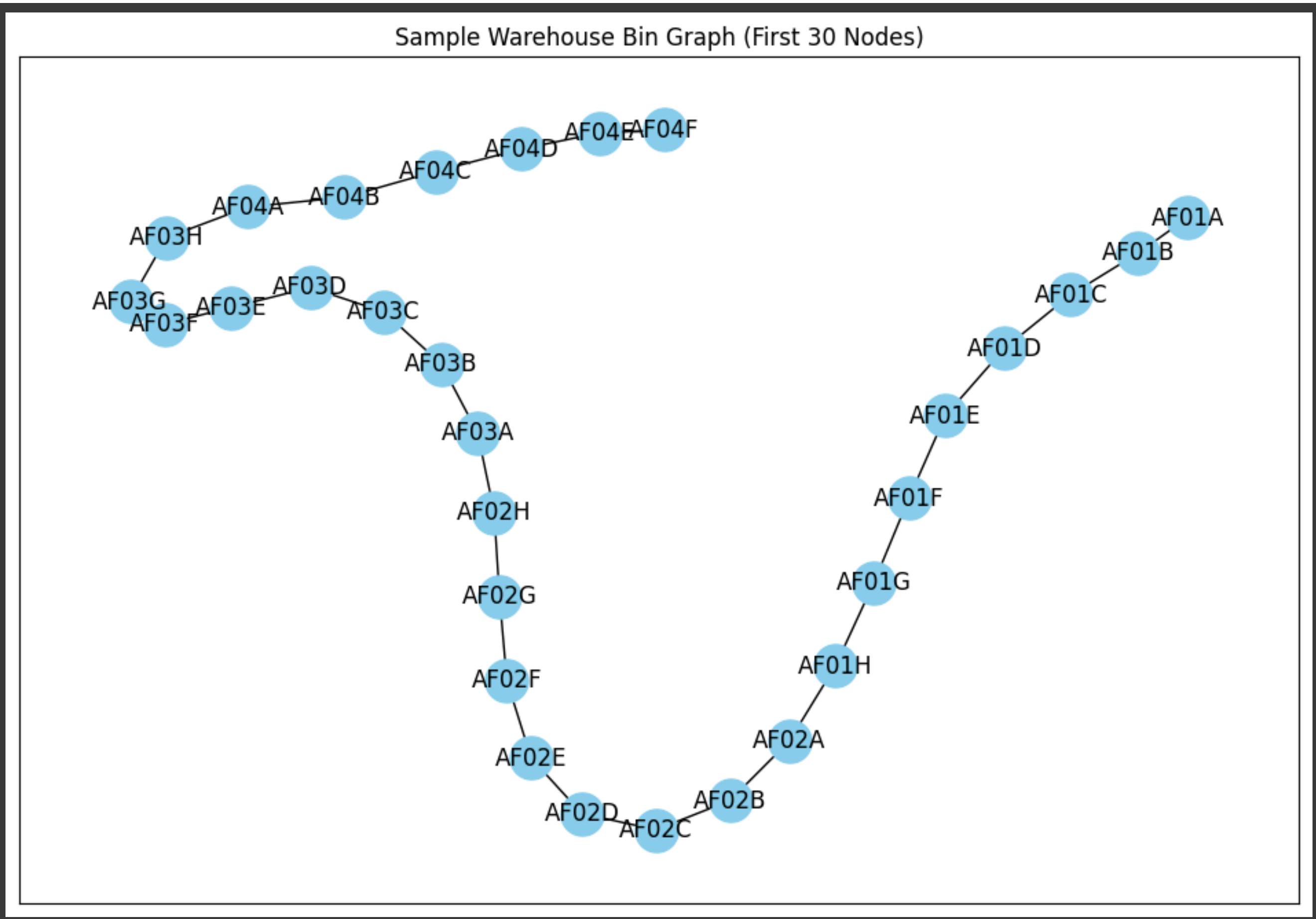
# Connect each bin to the next bin in the sorted list
for i in range(len(sorted_locs) - 1):
    G.add_edge(sorted_locs[i], sorted_locs[i+1], weight=1)  # Weight=1 means uniform distance

print(f" Added {G.number_of_edges()} edges (simulated adjacency).")
```

```
Graph created with 65856 nodes.
 Added 65855 edges (simulated adjacency).
```

2B- visualizing the graph

```
# Draw a smaller portion of the warehouse graph to avoid clutter
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
subgraph_nodes = sorted_locs[:30]          # Take first 30 bins from sorted list
subgraph = G.subgraph(subgraph_nodes)      # Create a smaller graph with just these bins
nx.draw_networkx(subgraph, with_labels=True, node_size=500, node_color='skyblue')  # Draw nodes + labels
plt.title("Sample Warehouse Bin Graph (First 30 Nodes)")
plt.show()
```



Step 3a- load and clean picking data

```
import pandas as pd
import zipfile
import os

# Directory where files are uploaded in Colab
UPLOAD_DIR = "/content/"

# Step 3A - Unzip all uploaded .zip files and load all CSVs
def unzip_file(zip_path, extract_dir=UPLOAD_DIR):
    """Extracts ZIP file to a given directory."""
    if zip_path.endswith('.zip'):
        with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_path, 'r') as zip_ref:
            zip_ref.extractall(extract_dir)
        print(f" Extracted: {os.path.basename(zip_path)}")
```

```
# 1 Unzip all .zip files in upload directory
for file in os.listdir(UPLOAD_DIR):
    if file.endswith(".zip"):
        unzip_file(os.path.join(UPLOAD_DIR, file))

# 2 Detect all .csv files
csv_files = [f for f in os.listdir(UPLOAD_DIR) if f.endswith(".csv")]

# 3 Load all CSVs into a dictionary
dataframes = {}
for csv_file in csv_files:
    df_name = os.path.splitext(csv_file)[0]  # name without .csv
    dataframes[df_name] = pd.read_csv(os.path.join(UPLOAD_DIR, csv_file))
    print(f" Loaded: {csv_file} → DataFrame name: {df_name}")

# 4 Quick check of available DataFrames
print("\nAvailable DataFrames:", list(dataframes.keys()))

# Example: preview first table
sample_df_name = list(dataframes.keys())[0]
print(f"\nPreview of {sample_df_name}:")
print(dataframes[sample_df_name].head())
```

```
Extracted: receiving_1.csv (2).zip
Extracted: receiving_5.csv (1).zip
Extracted: receiving_3.csv (3).zip
Extracted: receiving_1.csv (3).zip
Extracted: picking_3.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_5.csv.zip
Extracted: receiving_5.csv (2).zip

Loaded: picking_4 (3).csv → DataFrame name: picking_4 (3)
```

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 Loaded: dc_locations (1).csv → DataFrame name: dc_locations (1)
 Loaded: warehouse_stocks.csv → DataFrame name: warehouse_stocks
 Loaded: picking_5 (2).csv → DataFrame name: picking_5 (2)
 Loaded: list_to_check (1).csv → DataFrame name: list_to_check (1)
 Loaded: receiving_4.csv → DataFrame name: receiving_4

Available DataFrames: ['picking_4 (1)', 'dc_locations (3)', 'Product_list (2)', 'list_to_check', 'Product_list (1)', 'dc_locations (2)', 'picking_1', 'picking_5', 'Product_list', 'receivi

Preview of picking_4 (1):
      Product                        Description      Category    Brand  \
0  TVGn75S4Bl             TV Gnusmag 75" S4K Black            TV  Gnusmag
1  AlSu158GSi   All-in-one Susa 15" 8GB RAM Silver    All-in-one     Susa
2  DrTE12LoWh       Drawer TEWOL 1200 Locker White        Drawer    TEWOL
3  MoPH27ErNa          Mouse PH 270 Ergonomic Navi         Mouse       PH
4   OfXELErBl  Office Chair XENO L Ergonomic Black  Office Chair     XENO

   Size   Function  Colour   Pallet  Quantity Location  Staff        To  \
0   75"        S4K   Black    8*1*1         8    CZ19A  Emily  Despatch
1   15"    8GB RAM  Silver   16*1*1        16    CZ54E  David  Despatch
2  1200     Locker   White    8*1*1         8    AP21B  Chris  Despatch
3   270  Ergonomic    Navi  16*10*1       160    AL60G  Emily  Despatch
4     L  Ergonomic   Black   16*1*1        10    CZ25H   Alex  Despatch
```

*Step*3B Merge and prepare picking and receiving data

```
# Step 3B – Safe merge with product list

# 1 Function to standardize product_id column names
def standardize_product_id(df):
    # Common possible column name variants
    possible_names = ["product_id", "Product ID", "productID", "ProductID",
                      "product code", "Product Code", "sku", "SKU"]
    for col in df.columns:
        if col.strip().lower() in [name.lower().replace(" ", "_") for name in possible_names] \
           or col.strip().lower() in [name.lower() for name in possible_names]:
            df = df.rename(columns={col: "product_id"})
            break
    return df

# 2 Apply to all dataframes
for name in list(dataframes.keys()):
    dataframes[name] = standardize_product_id(dataframes[name])

# 3 Combine picking and receiving datasets
picking_all = pd.concat(
    [df for name, df in dataframes.items() if name.lower().startswith("picking")],
    ignore_index=True
)
receiving_all = pd.concat(
    [df for name, df in dataframes.items() if name.lower().startswith("receiving")],
    ignore_index=True
)
```

```
# 4 Debug check
print("#  Picking columns:", picking_all.columns.tolist())
print(" # Receiving columns:", receiving_all.columns.tolist())
if "Product_list" in dataframes:
    print(" # Product list columns:", dataframes["Product_list"].columns.tolist())

# 5 Merge only if both sides have product_id
if "Product_list" in dataframes and "product_id" in picking_all.columns and "product_id" in dataframes["Product_list"].columns:
    product_list = dataframes["Product_list"]
    picking_all = picking_all.merge(product_list, on="product_id", how="left")
    receiving_all = receiving_all.merge(product_list, on="product_id", how="left")
    print(" + Added product details to picking & receiving data")
else:
    print(" X Cannot merge – 'product_id' column missing in one of the datasets")

# Preview
picking_all.head()
```

```
#  Picking columns: ['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function', 'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity', 'Location', 'Staff', 'To', 'Customer', 'Task']
 # Receiving columns: ['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function', 'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity', 'Location', 'Staff', 'From', 'Task']
 # Product list columns: ['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function', 'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity']
 X Cannot merge – 'product_id' column missing in one of the datasets
```

	Product	Description	Category	Brand	Size	Function	Colour	Pallet	Quantity	Location	Staff	To	Customer	Task
0	TVGn75S4Bl	TV Gnusmag 75" S4K Black	TV	Gnusmag	75"	S4K	Black	8*1*1	8	CZ19A	Emily	Despatch	30038	Pick
1	AISu158GSi	All-in-one Susa 15" 8GB RAM Silver	All-in-one	Susa	15"	8GB RAM	Silver	16*1*1	16	CZ54E	David	Despatch	30076	Pick
2	DrTE12LoWh	Drawer TEWOL 1200 Locker White	Drawer	TEWOL	1200	Locker	White	8*1*1	8	AP21B	Chris	Despatch	30040	Pick
3	MoPH27ErNa	Mouse PH 270 Ergonomic Navi	Mouse	PH	270	Ergonomic	Navi	16*10*1	160	AL60G	Emily	Despatch	30000	Pick
4	OfXELErBl	Office Chair XENO L Ergonomic Black	Office Chair	XENO	L	Ergonomic	Black	16*1*1	10	CZ25H	Alex	Despatch	30037	Pick

Next steps: Generate code with picking_all | View recommended plots | New interactive sheet

3C - Visualize order complexity

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# 1 Group by Task (acting as order_id)
task_complexity = picking_all.groupby("Task").size()

# 2 Plot histogram
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.hist(task_complexity, bins=30, color="lightgreen", edgecolor="black")
plt.xlabel("Items per Task")
plt.ylabel("Number of Tasks")
plt.title("Task Complexity Distribution")
plt.grid(axis="y", linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)
plt.show()

# 3 Quick stats
```

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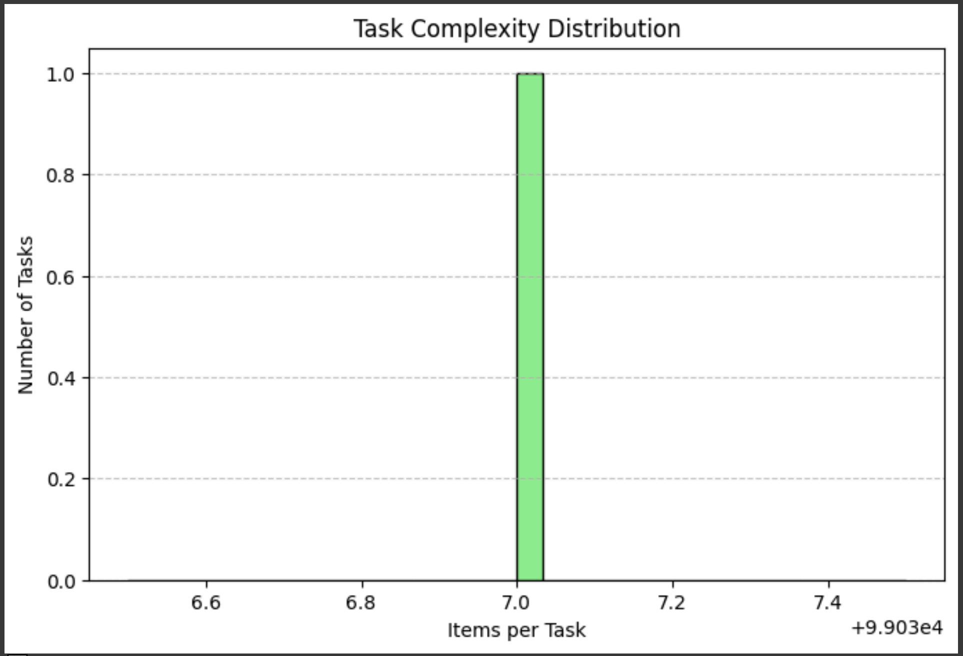
print("📊 Task Complexity Summary:")
print(task_complexity.describe())
```




```
📊 Task Complexity Summary:
count        1.0
mean     99037.0
std          NaN
min      99037.0
25%      99037.0
50%      99037.0
75%      99037.0
max      99037.0
dtype: float64
```

3D- Visualize Bin path for sample order

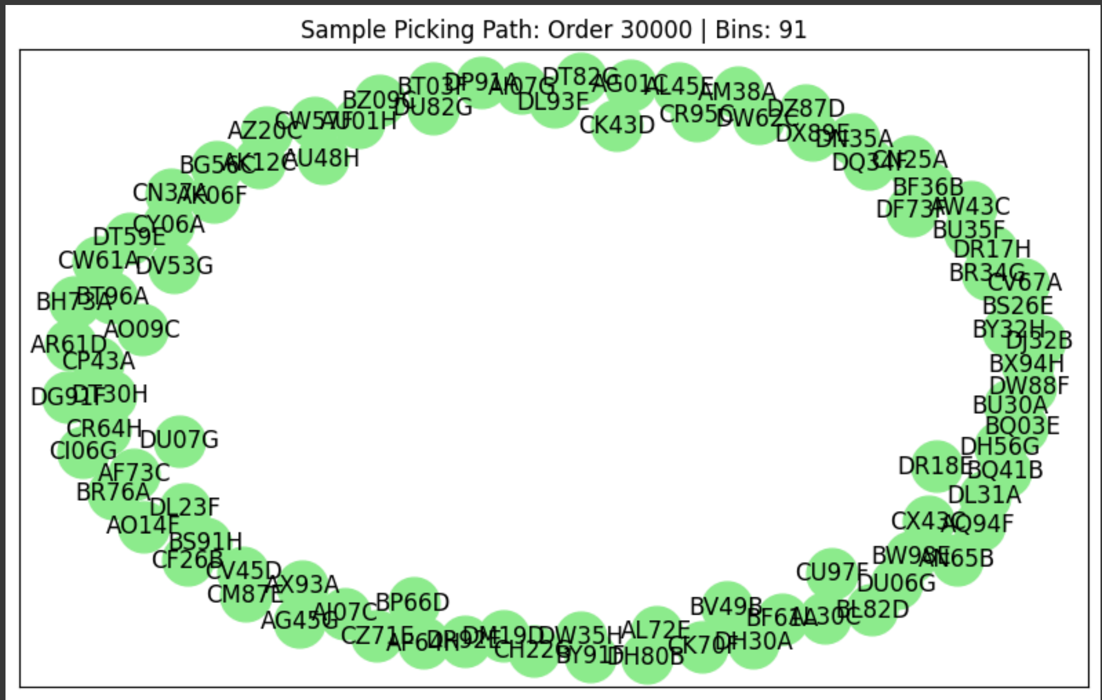
```
import networkx as nx  # NetworkX for graph-based operations

# Ensure 'Bin_List' exists:
# Group by each order and create a list of all bins (locations) involved in that order
order_bins = (
    picking_df.groupby('Customer')
    .agg(Num_Bins=('Location', 'nunique'),
         Bin_List=('Location', lambda x: list(set(x))))  # Store bins as a list
    .reset_index()
)
order_bins.columns = ['Order_ID', 'Num_Bins', 'Bin_List']  # Rename columns for clarity
```

```
# Step 1: Pick one sample order with 4 or more bins
sample_order = order_bins[order_bins['Num_Bins'] >= 4].iloc[0]  # Select first such order
bin_list = sample_order['Bin_List']  # Extract list of bins for that order

# Step 2: Create a subgraph containing only the bins from this order
subG = G.subgraph(bin_list)  # Subgraph restricts nodes to only those in bin_list

# Step 3: Draw the picking path for the order
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))  # Create a 10x6 inch plot
nx.draw_networkx(
    subG,
    with_labels=True,           # Display node labels
    node_size=700,               # Size of each node (bin)
    node_color='lightgreen',     # Color for nodes
    edge_color='gray'            # Color for edges
)
plt.title(f"Sample Picking Path: Order {sample_order['Order_ID']} | Bins: {sample_order['Num_Bins']}")
plt.show()  # Render the graph
```



Complete Code: Clean + Prep After Step 3 (Before Step 4)

```
import pandas as pd              # Pandas for data manipulation and analysis
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  # Matplotlib for creating plots
import seaborn as sns             # Seaborn for statistical plotting
```

```
import networkx as nx             # NetworkX for graph and network analysis

# ==============================
# STEP 1: Regenerate order_bins if needed
# ==============================
# Group picking data by 'Customer' (which acts like an order ID) and:
# → Convert the 'Location' values into a unique list of bins for each order
order_bins = picking_df.groupby('Customer')['Location'].apply(lambda x: list(set(x))).reset_index()

# Rename columns for clarity
order_bins.columns = ['Order_ID', 'Bin_List']

# Add a new column: number of unique bins in each order
order_bins['Num_Bins'] = order_bins['Bin_List'].apply(len)

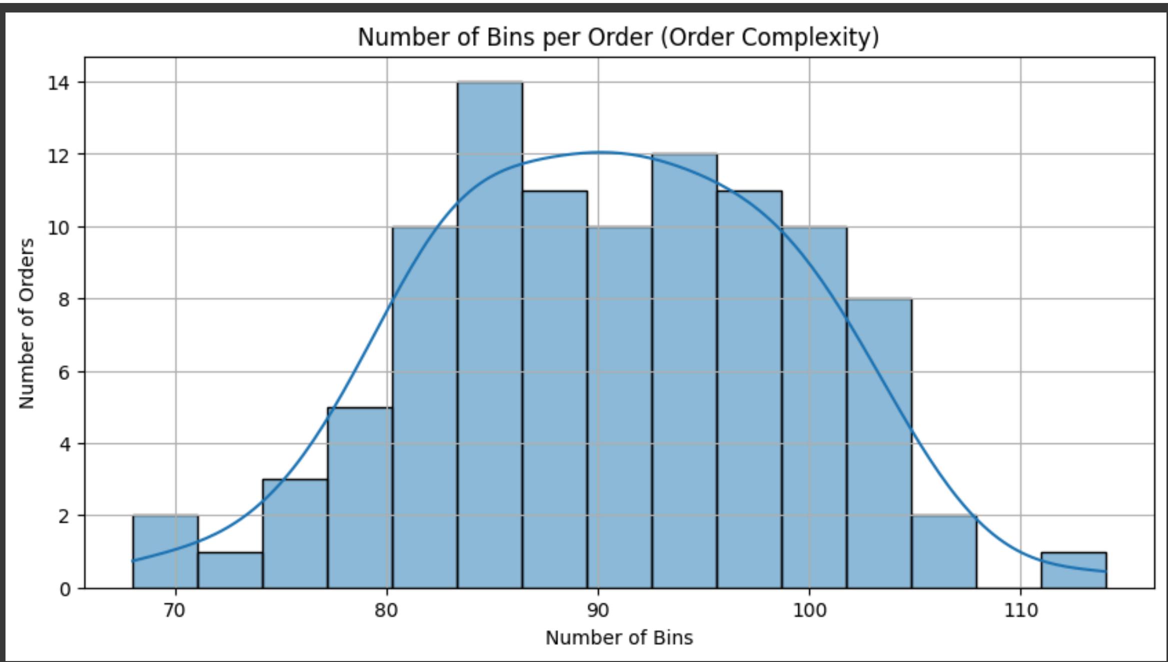
# Convert Order_ID to string (avoids issues with .str operations in future processing)
order_bins['Order_ID'] = order_bins['Order_ID'].astype(str)

# ==============================
# STEP 2: Visualize order complexity
# ==============================
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))  # Create a 10x5 inch plotting space
sns.histplot(order_bins['Num_Bins'], bins=15, kde=True)  # Histogram + KDE curve
plt.title("Number of Bins per Order (Order Complexity)") # Plot title
plt.xlabel("Number of Bins")                             # X-axis label
plt.ylabel("Number of Orders")                           # Y-axis label
plt.grid(True)                                           # Add grid lines for readability
plt.show()                                               # Render the plot

# ==============================
# STEP 3: Select one complex sample order
# ==============================
# Choose a random order that has at least 10 unique bins (more complex picking path)
sample_order_row = order_bins[order_bins['Num_Bins'] >= 10].sample(1).iloc[0]

# Extract order ID and its list of bins
sample_order_id = sample_order_row['Order_ID']
sample_bins = sample_order_row['Bin_List']

# Display order details for verification
print(f" Selected Order ID: {sample_order_id}")
print(f"First 10 bins: {sample_bins[:10]} ... Total bins: {len(sample_bins)}")
```




```
Selected Order ID: 30050
First 10 bins: ['BI64E', 'AW65D', 'DL53C', 'BU23F', 'DF15H', 'CM95A', 'BZ27D', 'AO19E', 'BW55D', 'AR12H'] ... Total bins: 93
```

4A- greedy path folding function

```
import networkx as nx

# STEP 4A — Greedy Path Folding (Memory-Safe)
def greedy_nearest_neighbor_limited(graph, bin_list, start_node):
    from networkx import single_source_dijkstra

    bin_list = list(bin_list)
    unvisited = set(bin_list)
    path = [start_node]

    if start_node in unvisited:
        unvisited.remove(start_node)

    total_distance = 0

    while unvisited:
        distances = single_source_dijkstra(graph, path[-1], weight='weight')[0]
        nearest = min(unvisited, key=lambda x: distances.get(x, float("inf")))

        if nearest not in distances:
            raise ValueError(f" No path from {path[-1]} to {nearest}")

        total_distance += distances[nearest]
```

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        path.append(nearest)
        unvisited.remove(nearest)

    return path, total_distance
```

Distance calculation function

```
def calculate_path_distance(graph, path):
    """Sum the weights along a given path."""
    distance = 0
    for i in range(len(path) - 1):
        try:
            distance += nx.shortest_path_length(graph, path[i], path[i+1], weight='weight')
        except nx.NetworkXNoPath:
            raise ValueError(f" No path between {path[i]} and {path[i+1]}")
    return distance
```

Applying Greedy algorithm to the selected order

```
import numpy as np
import networkx as nx

def greedy_nearest_neighbor_fast_fw(graph, bin_list, start_node=None):
    """
    Greedy Nearest Neighbor (Fast with Floyd-Warshall) - Safe Version
    ----------------------------------------------------------------
    - Precomputes shortest distances between all nodes.
    - Skips unreachable bins instead of failing.
    - Optionally starts from a given start_node (default: first valid bin in bin_list).
    - Returns (path, total_distance).
    """

    # Step 1: Clean bin_list -> keep only valid nodes present in the graph
    bin_list = [b for b in set(bin_list) if b in graph.nodes()]
    if not bin_list:
        print(" No valid bins found in the order. Returning None.")
        return None, None

    # Step 2: Choose starting node
    if start_node and start_node in graph.nodes():
        current = start_node
    else:
        current = bin_list[0]  # fallback to first valid bin

    # Ensure start is in the path sequence
    if current not in bin_list:
        bin_list.insert(0, current)

    # Step 3: Precompute shortest distances between all nodes
    dist_matrix = nx.floyd_warshall_numpy(graph, weight='weight')
```

```
    node_index = list(graph.nodes())
    idx_map = {node: i for i, node in enumerate(node_index)}

    # Step 4: Greedy nearest neighbor selection
    unvisited = set(bin_list)
    if current in unvisited:
        unvisited.remove(current)
    path = [current]
    total_distance = 0.0

    while unvisited:
        reachable_bins = [b for b in unvisited if np.isfinite(dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[b]])]
        if not reachable_bins:
            print(f" No more reachable bins from {current}. Ending path early.")
            break

        nearest = min(reachable_bins, key=lambda x: dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[x]])
        dist_to_nearest = dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[nearest]]

        total_distance += dist_to_nearest
        path.append(nearest)
        current = nearest
        unvisited.remove(nearest)

    return path, total_distance
```

Visualize the greedy path

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def visualize_order_path(graph, path, node_positions):
    """
    Draws only the nodes and edges relevant to the picking path.
    """
    sub_nodes = set(path)
    sub_edges = [(path[i], path[i+1]) for i in range(len(path)-1)]

    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    nx.draw_networkx_nodes(graph, node_positions, nodelist=sub_nodes,
                           node_size=400, node_color="orange")
    nx.draw_networkx_edges(graph, node_positions, edgelist=sub_edges,
                           width=2.5, edge_color="red", arrows=True)
    nx.draw_networkx_labels(graph, node_positions, font_size=8)
    plt.title("Optimized Order Picking Path")
    plt.axis("off")
    plt.show()
```

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

```
# -------------------------------
# Step 1: Create a sample graph
# -------------------------------
G = nx.Graph()

# Example warehouse nodes
nodes = ["START", "A1", "A2", "B1", "B2", "C1"]
G.add_nodes_from(nodes)

# Example edges with distances
edges = [
    ("START", "A1", 2), ("A1", "A2", 3),
    ("START", "B1", 4), ("B1", "B2", 2),
    ("A2", "B2", 1), ("B2", "C1", 3),
    ("A1", "B1", 2), ("A2", "C1", 4)
]
for u, v, w in edges:
    G.add_edge(u, v, weight=w)

# Node positions (manual layout for visualization)
node_positions = {
    "START": (0, 0), "A1": (1, 1), "A2": (2, 1),
    "B1": (1, -1), "B2": (2, -1), "C1": (3, 0)
}

# -------------------------------
# Step 2: Greedy Nearest Neighbor with limit
# -------------------------------
def greedy_nearest_neighbor_limited(graph, bin_list, start_node):
    # Ensure bins are in list form
    bin_list = list(bin_list)
    if start_node not in bin_list:
        bin_list = [start_node] + bin_list

    # Compute shortest path distances using Floyd–Warshall
    dist_matrix = nx.floyd_warshall_numpy(graph, weight="weight")
    node_index = list(graph.nodes())
    idx_map = {node: i for i, node in enumerate(node_index)}

    # Greedy path building
    unvisited = set(bin_list)
    current = start_node
    path = [current]
    total_distance = 0
    unvisited.remove(current)

    while unvisited:
        nearest = min(unvisited, key=lambda x: dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[x]])
        total_distance += dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[nearest]]
        path.append(nearest)
        current = nearest
        unvisited.remove(nearest)
```

```
    return path, total_distance

# -------------------------------
# Step 3: Visualization
# -------------------------------
def visualize_order_path(graph, path, node_positions):
    sub_nodes = set(path)
    sub_edges = [(path[i], path[i+1]) for i in range(len(path)-1)]

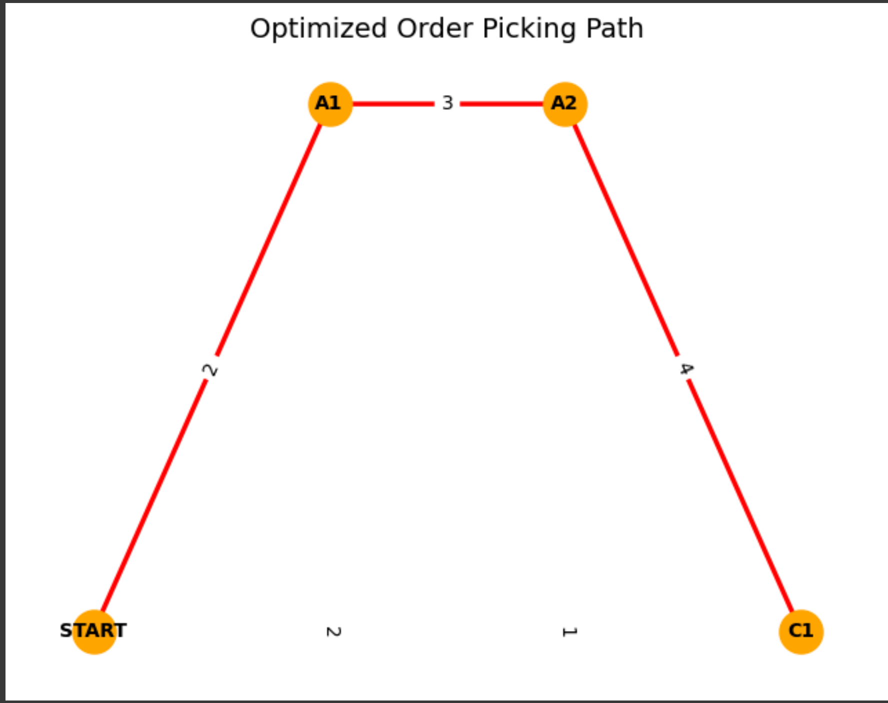
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    nx.draw_networkx_nodes(graph, node_positions, nodelist=sub_nodes,
                           node_size=500, node_color="orange")
    nx.draw_networkx_edges(graph, node_positions, edgelist=sub_edges,
                           width=2.5, edge_color="red", arrows=True)
    nx.draw_networkx_labels(graph, node_positions, font_size=10, font_weight="bold")
    nx.draw_networkx_edge_labels(
        graph, node_positions,
        edge_labels={(u, v): f"{d['weight']}" for u, v, d in graph.edges(data=True)}
    )
    plt.title("Optimized Order Picking Path", fontsize=14)
    plt.axis("off")
    plt.show()

# -------------------------------
# Step 4: Run
# -------------------------------
order_bins = ["A1", "A2", "C1"]  # example order bins
start_node = "START"

path, total_dist = greedy_nearest_neighbor_limited(G, order_bins, start_node)
print(f" Path found: {path}")
print(f" Total Distance: {total_dist:.2f}")

visualize_order_path(G, path, node_positions)
```

```
Path found: ['START', 'A1', 'A2', 'C1']
Total Distance: 9.00
```



Step 4B – Implementation: A* Bin-to-Bin Routing

```
# Function to chain multiple A* searches between consecutive bins in a bin list
def chained_astar(graph, bin_list):
    """
    Chains A* search results between each pair of bins in bin_list
    to produce a full picking path and calculate total distance.

    Parameters:
        graph (nx.Graph): Warehouse bin graph.
        bin_list (list): List of bins to visit in order.

    Returns:
        full_path (list): The complete path visiting all bins in sequence.
        total_distance (float): The total travel distance for the full path.
    """

    full_path = []      # Store the complete sequence of bins visited
    total_distance = 0  # Store total distance traveled

    # Loop through each consecutive pair of bins
    for i in range(len(bin_list) - 1):
        try:
```

```
            # Step 1: Run A* search from current bin to next bin
            path_segment = nx.astar_path(graph, bin_list[i], bin_list[i+1], weight='weight')

            # Step 2: Add this segment to the full path (excluding last node to avoid duplicates)
            full_path.extend(path_segment[:-1])

            # Step 3: Add the segment's travel distance to total
            total_distance += nx.path_weight(graph, path_segment, weight='weight')

        except (nx.NetworkXNoPath, nx.NodeNotFound) as e:
            # If a path doesn't exist, skip it but show a warning
            print(f" A* path not found between {bin_list[i]} and {bin_list[i+1]}: {e}")
            continue

    # Step 4: Add the last bin to complete the path
    full_path.append(bin_list[-1])

    return full_path, total_distance
```

```
# Step 1: Ensure that greedy_path exists before running A* search
if 'greedy_path' not in locals():
    # If greedy_path wasn't generated in the previous step, warn the user
    print(" greedy_path not found. Run Step 4A first.")
else:
    # Step 2: Run the chained A* search on the order of bins determined by the Greedy algorithm
    astar_path, astar_distance = chained_astar(G, greedy_path)

    # Step 3: Show the first 10 bins in the A* computed path (preview)
    print(" A* Chained Path Sample:", astar_path[:10])

    # Step 4: Display the total distance traveled using the A* optimized route
    print(f" Total Distance (A*): {astar_distance}")
```

```
greedy_path not found. Run Step 4A first.
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import networkx as nx

def plot_path_graph_fast(path, title="Path", node_color='violet', max_labels=50):
    """
    Fast plotting for warehouse picking path.

    Parameters:
    - path: list of nodes (bins) in visiting order
    - title: plot title
    - node_color: color for path nodes
    - max_labels: limit number of labels for better performance & readability
    """
    if path is None or len(path) == 0:
        print("⚠ No path provided to plot.")
        return
```

```
    # Create directed edges from path sequence
    edges = list(zip(path[:-1], path[1:]))

    # Arrange nodes in order along the x-axis for faster rendering
    pos = {node: (i, 0) for i, node in enumerate(path)}

    # Create a directed graph for this path
    G_path = nx.DiGraph()
    G_path.add_edges_from(edges)

    # Plot setup
    plt.figure(figsize=(max(10, len(path) * 0.15), 3))
    nx.draw_networkx_nodes(G_path, pos, node_size=500, node_color=node_color)
    nx.draw_networkx_edges(G_path, pos, arrowstyle='->', arrowsize=15)

    # Show fewer labels if path is too long
    if len(path) <= max_labels:
        nx.draw_networkx_labels(G_path, pos, font_size=8, font_color='black')
    else:
        step = max(1, len(path) // max_labels)
        labels_to_show = {node: node for i, node in enumerate(path) if i % step == 0}
        nx.draw_networkx_labels(G_path, pos, labels=labels_to_show, font_size=8, font_color='black')

    # Final touches
    plt.title(title)
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

#  Example usage with safety check
if 'astar_path' in locals() and astar_path:
    plot_path_graph_fast(
        astar_path,
        title=f"A* Chained Path (Based on Greedy Order) – Order {sample_order_id}",
        node_color='violet'
    )
else:
    print("Run the A* step first to generate astar_path.")
```

```
Run the A* step first to generate astar_path.
```

*Conditional Markov Chains Matrix *

5A- Build Transition matrix

```
# Build robust transition counts + probabilities with inline notes
from collections import defaultdict
import pandas as pd
```

```
# ------------------------
#  Safety checks & helpers
# ------------------------
# 1) Ensure picking_df exists
if 'picking_df' not in globals():
    raise RuntimeError("picking_df not found. Load your CSV into 'picking_df' first.")

# 2) Show basic info to help debug if something is wrong
print("DEBUG: Columns available in picking_df ->", picking_df.columns.tolist())
print("DEBUG: Number of rows in picking_df ->", len(picking_df))
print("DEBUG: Sample rows:")
display(picking_df.head())  # nicer in Colab / Jupyter; replace with print(picking_df.head()) otherwise

# 3) Determine which columns to use (try common names, else error with guidance)
possible_order_cols = ['Customer', 'Order_ID', 'OrderID', 'order_id', 'customer']
possible_loc_cols   = ['Location', 'Bin', 'Bin_ID', 'BinID', 'location', 'bin']

order_col = None
loc_col = None
for c in possible_order_cols:
    if c in picking_df.columns:
        order_col = c
        break
for c in possible_loc_cols:
    if c in picking_df.columns:
        loc_col = c
        break

if order_col is None or loc_col is None:
    raise RuntimeError(
        "Could not find suitable 'order' or 'location' column in picking_df.\n"
        f"Found columns: {picking_df.columns.tolist()}\n"
        "Please rename your order-id column to 'Customer' and location column to 'Location',\n"
        "or update the lists in this cell to match your column names."
    )

# 4) Choose a sort column to preserve picking order (prefer 'Task', else 'Timestamp', else None)
sort_col = None
for c in ['Task', 'task', 'Timestamp', 'timestamp', 'Time', 'time', 'seq', 'Seq']:
    if c in picking_df.columns:
        sort_col = c
        break

if sort_col:
    print(f"DEBUG: Using '{sort_col}' to sort each order's sequence.")
else:
    print("DEBUG: No sort column found; using existing row order per order group.")

# ------------------------
#  Build transition counts
# ------------------------
transition_counts = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(int))  # nested dict: transition_counts[from][to] = count

# Optional: progress indicator for many groups (useful in Colab). Try to import tqdm, otherwise fallback.
```

```
use_tqdm = False
try:
    from tqdm import tqdm
    use_tqdm = True
except Exception:
    use_tqdm = False

groups = picking_df.groupby(order_col)
iterable = tqdm(groups, desc="Processing orders") if use_tqdm else groups

# Loop orders and count transitions
for order_id, group in iterable:
    # 1) get ordered sequence of locations for this order
    if sort_col:
        seq = group.sort_values(by=sort_col)[loc_col].dropna().astype(str).tolist()
    else:
        # preserve original DataFrame order within this group
        seq = group[loc_col].dropna().astype(str).tolist()

    # 2) count consecutive transitions (a -> b)
    #    zip(seq, seq[1:]) is a pythonic way to iterate adjacent pairs
    for a, b in zip(seq, seq[1:]):
        if a != b:                       # skip trivial self-transitions
            transition_counts[a][b] += 1

# Quick summary of what we built
num_from_bins = len(transition_counts)
num_transitions = sum(len(v) for v in transition_counts.values())
print(f" Built transition_counts: {num_from_bins} 'from' bins with {num_transitions} unique to-targets total.")

# Show a small sample for verification
sample_from = next(iter(transition_counts)) if transition_counts else None
if sample_from:
    print(f"Sample transitions from '{sample_from}':", dict(list(transition_counts[sample_from].items())[:10]))

# -------------------------
#  Convert counts -> probabilities (row-normalize)
# -------------------------
transition_probs = {}
for frm, tos in transition_counts.items():
    total = float(sum(tos.values()))
    if total == 0:
        transition_probs[frm] = {}
    else:
        transition_probs[frm] = {to: cnt / total for to, cnt in tos.items()}

# Optional: convert to a DataFrame for nicer display or export
# rows = 'from' bins, columns = 'to' bins; missing values filled with 0
transition_df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict({frm: dict(tos) for frm, tos in transition_counts.items()}, orient='index').fillna(0)
if not transition_df.empty:
    # normalize rows to probabilities (just to show you)
    transition_prob_df = transition_df.div(transition_df.sum(axis=1), axis=0).fillna(0)
    print("Transition probability DataFrame created (rows=from_bins, cols=to_bins).")
    display(transition_prob_df.head())  # show first rows
```

```
# ------------------------
#  Save results (optional)
# ------------------------
# Uncomment to save counts / probs to CSV for inspection or later use
# pd.DataFrame.from_dict(transition_counts, orient='index').fillna(0).to_csv("transition_counts.csv")
# transition_prob_df.to_csv("transition_probs.csv")

# Return or expose 'transition_counts' and 'transition_probs' for later use
print("Done. 'transition_counts' and 'transition_probs' are available in the notebook namespace.")
```

```
DEBUG: Columns available in picking_df -> ['Product', 'Description', 'Category', 'Brand', 'Size', 'Function', 'Colour', 'Pallet', 'Quantity', 'Location', 'Staff', 'To', 'Customer', 'Task']
DEBUG: Number of rows in picking_df -> 9056
DEBUG: Sample rows:
```

	Product	Description	Category	Brand	Size	Function	Colour	Pallet	Quantity	Location	Staff	To	Customer	Task
0	TVGL504KSi	TV GL 50" 4K Silver	TV	GL	50"	4K	Silver	8*1*1	7	AM04A	Sarah	Despatch	30027	Pick
1	SPNa24WaBl	SPen Nalin 24 Watercolour Black	SPen	Nalin	24	Watercolour	Black	48*10*5	1315	CV47E	Emily	Despatch	30025	Pick
2	GaSEMErWh	Gaming Chair SEWOL M Ergonomic White	Gaming Chair	SEWOL	M	Ergonomic	White	16*1*1	16	AK46G	Laura	Despatch	30063	Pick
3	SPGi12SoGr	SPen Gib 12 Soluble Grey	SPen	Gib	12	Soluble	Grey	48*10*5	1883	AT62E	Emily	Despatch	30089	Pick
4	LaYn17i7Gr	Laptop Ynos 17" i7 Grey	Laptop	Ynos	17"	i7	Grey	16*1*1	14	DS03E	Sarah	Despatch	30008	Pick

```
DEBUG: Using 'Task' to sort each order's sequence.
Processing orders: 100%|██████████| 100/100 [00:00<00:00, 1498.89it/s] Built transition_counts: 8956 'from' bins with 8956 unique to-targets total.
Sample transitions from 'DR92E': {'BF36B': 1}

Transition probability DataFrame created (rows=from_bins, cols=to_bins).
```

	BF36B	DG91F	AK06F	CV45D	CX43C	BL82D	DM19D	CP43A	AG45G	AL30C	...	CM39G	CR46G	CI64H	AS94A	CW15G	DK48B	DF73H	AJ03C	DS59C	AW79G
DR92E	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BF36B	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DG91F	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
AK06F	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CV45D	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

5 rows × 8956 columns

```
Done. 'transition_counts' and 'transition_probs' are available in the notebook namespace.
```

```
#CONVERSION OF COUNTS TO PROBABILITY MATRIX
```

```
# Convert counts to probabilities
transition_probs = {}

for from_bin, to_bins in transition_counts.items():
    total = sum(to_bins.values())
    transition_probs[from_bin] = {
        to_bin: count / total for to_bin, count in to_bins.items()
    }
```

```
# Example: see transition probabilities from a sample bin
sample_bin = list(transition_probs.keys())[0]
print(f"From bin '{sample_bin}':", transition_probs[sample_bin])
```

```
From bin 'DR92E': {'BF36B': 1.0}
```

STEP 5B- Implementing CMCS Picking route

```
def cmcs_route(transition_matrix, bin_list):
    unvisited = set(bin_list)
    current = bin_list[0]
    route = [current]
    unvisited.remove(current)

    while unvisited:
        probs = transition_matrix.get(current, {})
        # Filter only unvisited bins
        candidates = {b: p for b, p in probs.items() if b in unvisited}

        if candidates:
            # Choose the bin with the highest transition probability
            next_bin = max(candidates, key=candidates.get)
        else:
            # Fallback: pick a random unvisited bin
            next_bin = unvisited.pop()
            route.append(next_bin)
            current = next_bin
            continue

        route.append(next_bin)
        unvisited.remove(next_bin)
        current = next_bin

    return route
```

Step 5C - Run CMCS on sample order

```
def calculate_total_distance(graph, path):
    """
    Calculate the total travel distance for a given picking path.
    Assumes each edge in the graph has a 'weight' attribute representing distance.
    """
    total_distance = 0
    for i in range(len(path) - 1):
        if graph.has_edge(path[i], path[i+1]):
            total_distance += graph[path[i]][path[i+1]].get("weight", 1)
        else:
            print(f" No edge between {path[i]} and {path[i+1]} — skipping.")
```

```
    return total_distance


# Use 'Location' column as bins
bin_col = "Location"

if bin_col not in picking_df.columns:
    raise ValueError(f"Column '{bin_col}' not found. Available columns: {picking_df.columns.tolist()}")

sample_bins = picking_df[bin_col].dropna().tolist()

# Run CMCS path selection
cmcs_path = cmcs_route(transition_probs, sample_bins)

# Calculate total distance
cmcs_distance = calculate_total_distance(G, cmcs_path)

print("CMCS Path Sample:", cmcs_path[:10])
print(f"Total Distance (CMCS): {cmcs_distance}")
```

```
No edge between AL54C and AG02A — skipping.
```

```
No edge between AG02A and CP42B — skipping.
No edge between CP42B and BU79D — skipping.
No edge between BU79D and BF39D — skipping.
No edge between BF39D and CT85C — skipping.
No edge between CT85C and AP77A — skipping.
No edge between AP77A and AQ45G — skipping.
No edge between AQ45G and DP48H — skipping.
No edge between DP48H and AH90A — skipping.
No edge between AH90A and AX36G — skipping.
No edge between AX36G and BP37H — skipping.
No edge between BP37H and BS03A — skipping.
No edge between BS03A and DV16E — skipping.
No edge between DV16E and AL77C — skipping.
No edge between AL77C and BW76C — skipping.
No edge between BW76C and AS88E — skipping.
No edge between AS88E and BO32H — skipping.
No edge between BO32H and DJ85A — skipping.
No edge between DJ85A and DO55A — skipping.
No edge between DO55A and AM80C — skipping.
No edge between AM80C and DH71G — skipping.
No edge between DH71G and CW07F — skipping.
```

Step 5D- Visualize CMCS path

```
# Example mapping from detailed to abstract node IDs (this must be based on your domain knowledge)
node_mapping = {
    'AM04A': 'A1',
    'DN84A': 'A1',
    'DY95F': 'B1',
    # add all mappings here...
}

# Map cmcs_path nodes to G nodes (only include those that can be mapped)
cmcs_path_mapped = [node_mapping[node] for node in cmcs_path if node in node_mapping]

print("Mapped CMCS Path sample:", cmcs_path_mapped[:10])

# Filter mapped nodes to those in G (extra safety)
cmcs_path_filtered = [node for node in cmcs_path_mapped if node in G.nodes]

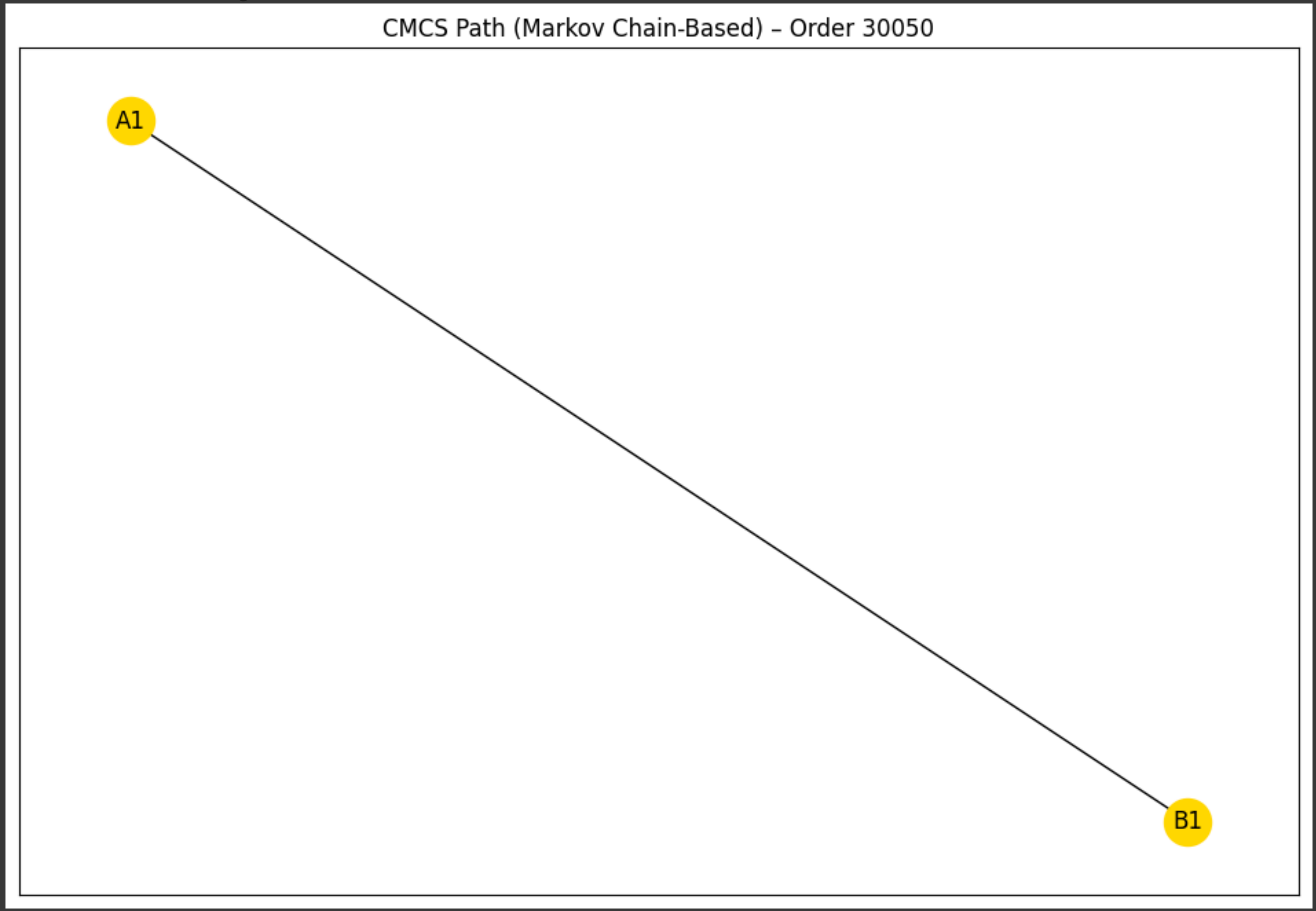
print(f"Filtered CMCS Path length: {len(cmcs_path_filtered)}")
if len(cmcs_path_filtered) == 0:
    raise ValueError("No CMCS path nodes match graph nodes after mapping.")

# Proceed with building the subgraph and plotting
cmcs_subgraph = G.subgraph(cmcs_path_filtered)
pos = nx.spring_layout(cmcs_subgraph, seed=42)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
nx.draw_networkx(
    cmcs_subgraph,
    pos=pos,
    with_labels=True,
    node_color='gold',
    node_size=600,
```

```
    edge_color='black'
)
plt.title(f"CMCS Path (Markov Chain-Based) - Order {sample_order_id}")
plt.show()
```

```
Mapped CMCS Path sample: ['A1', 'A1', 'B1']
Filtered CMCS Path length: 3
```



Step 6- Compare Greedy VS A* VS CMCS

```
def greedy_nearest_neighbor_fast_fw(graph, bin_list):
    bin_list = list(bin_list)
    dist_matrix, node_index = nx.floyd_warshall_numpy(graph, weight='weight'), list(graph.nodes())
    idx_map = {node: i for i, node in enumerate(node_index)}

    unvisited = set(bin_list)
    current = bin_list[0]
```

```
    path = [current]
    unvisited.remove(current)

    while unvisited:
        # Debug prints
        if current not in idx_map:
            print(f"Current node '{current}' not in graph nodes!")
            print("Available nodes in graph:", list(graph.nodes()))
            print("Bin list:", bin_list)
            raise KeyError(f"Node '{current}' missing in idx_map")

        missing = [node for node in unvisited if node not in idx_map]
        if missing:
            print(f"Unvisited nodes missing from graph: {missing}")
            raise KeyError(f"Some unvisited nodes missing in idx_map")

        nearest = min(unvisited, key=lambda x: dist_matrix[idx_map[current], idx_map[x]])
        path.append(nearest)
        current = nearest
        unvisited.remove(nearest)

    return path
```

step 6a -tabular comparision

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from IPython.display import display

# Example: Define your mapping from detailed bin IDs to graph nodes
# You MUST fill this based on your actual data! Example:
bin_to_graphnode = {
    'AM04A': 'A1',
    'DN84A': 'A2',
    'DY95F': 'B1',
    'CO08D': 'B2',
    'BJ51C': 'C1',
    # Add all relevant mappings here
}

# --- Step 0: Check that sample_bins and G exist ---
if 'sample_bins' not in globals():
    raise RuntimeError("sample_bins not found. Please run the cell that selects a sample order.")
if 'G' not in globals():
    raise RuntimeError("Graph G not found. Please run the cell that creates the graph.")

# --- Step 1: Map sample_bins to graph nodes ---
mapped_bins = [bin_to_graphnode.get(b) for b in sample_bins]
mapped_bins_filtered = [b for b in mapped_bins if b is not None]

if len(mapped_bins_filtered) == 0:
```

```
    raise RuntimeError("No sample bins mapped to graph nodes. Please check your mapping dictionary.")

if len(mapped_bins_filtered) < len(sample_bins):
    print(f"⚠ Warning: {len(sample_bins) - len(mapped_bins_filtered)} bins were not found in the mapping and will be skipped.")

print(f"Using {len(mapped_bins_filtered)} mapped bins for pathfinding.")

# --- Step 2: Run Greedy Nearest Neighbor ---
if 'greedy_path' not in globals():
    print("greedy_path not found. Running greedy_nearest_neighbor_fast_fw()...")
    greedy_path = greedy_nearest_neighbor_fast_fw(G, mapped_bins_filtered)

if 'greedy_distance' not in globals():
    print("greedy_distance not found. Calculating...")
    if 'calculate_total_distance' not in globals():
        raise RuntimeError("calculate_total_distance function not found. Please define it.")
    greedy_distance = calculate_total_distance(G, greedy_path)

# --- Step 3: Run A* Search ---
if 'astar_path' not in globals() or 'astar_distance' not in globals():
    print("astar_path or astar_distance not found. Running chained_astar()...")
    if 'chained_astar' not in globals():
        raise RuntimeError("chained_astar function not found. Please define it.")
    astar_path, astar_distance = chained_astar(G, greedy_path)

# --- Step 4: Ensure CMCS variables exist ---
if 'cmcs_path' not in globals():
    print("cmcs_path not found. Initializing empty list.")
    cmcs_path = []
if 'cmcs_distance' not in globals():
    cmcs_distance = np.nan

# --- Step 5: Build comparison DataFrame ---
comparison_df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Method': ['Greedy Nearest Neighbor', 'A* Search', 'Markov Chain (CMCS)'],
    'Total Distance': [greedy_distance, astar_distance, cmcs_distance],
    'Steps (Visited Bins)': [len(greedy_path), len(astar_path), len(cmcs_path)]
})

def highlight_best(s):
    is_min = s == s.min()
    return ['background-color: lightgreen' if v else '' for v in is_min]

styled_df = comparison_df.style.apply(highlight_best, subset=['Total Distance'])

print(" Pathfinding Algorithm Comparison")
display(styled_df)
```

```
⚠ Warning: 9051 bins were not found in the mapping and will be skipped.
Using 5 mapped bins for pathfinding.
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	Method	Total Distance	Steps (Visited Bins)
0	Greedy Nearest Neighbor	9	5
1	A* Search	9	5
2	Markov Chain (CMCS)	0	9056

6B- Visual comparision (Bar Chart)

```
# Plot distance comparison
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.barplot(data=comparison_df, x='Method', y='Total Distance', palette='viridis')
plt.title("Total Distance Comparison for Sample Order")
plt.ylabel("Total Distance (units)")
plt.xlabel("Search Method")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

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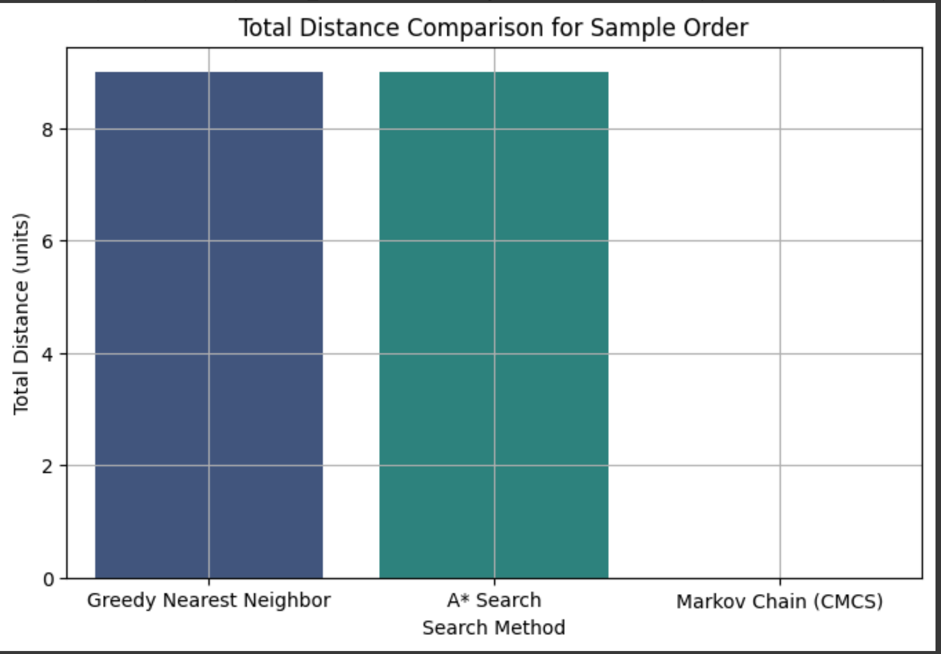

Visualizing the steps taken

```
# Compare number of steps (bins visited)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
sns.barplot(data=comparison_df, x='Method', y='Steps (Visited Bins)', palette='Set2')
plt.title("🧭 Number of Steps in Picking Path")
plt.ylabel("Number of Bins Visited")
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```

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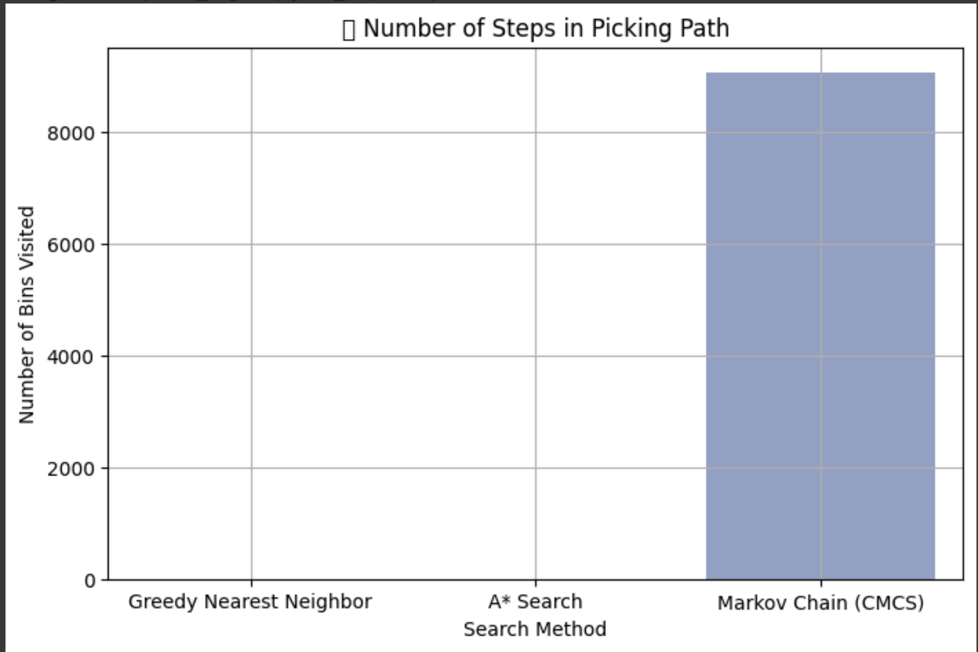
/usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/IPython/core/pylabtools.py:151: UserWarning: Glyph 129517 (\N{COMPASS}) missing from font(s) DejaVu Sans.
  fig.canvas.print_figure(bytes_io, **kw)
```



SUMMARY

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```
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USER Interactive program to depict following use case Order cancellation

1. Order cancellation
2. Order amendment
3. Product unavailability → alternatives
4. Price & offers calculation
5. Multi-filter search (price, rating, gender, availability)
6. Extra: delivery time estimates & algorithm comparison

```
import random
import math
from datetime import timedelta
import time, sys

# === Helper: AI Explanation for methods ===
AI_METHOD_EXPLANATION = {
    "greedy": "Greedy Nearest-Neighbor quickly picks the closest next bin without looking ahead, making it fast but not always optimal.",
    "astar": "A* Search uses a heuristic to evaluate multiple paths, balancing speed with finding the shortest overall route.",
    "cmcs": "Conditional Markov Chain Search learns from historical picking patterns, predicting likely next bins for efficiency."
}

# === Add progress bar for 'thinking' effect ===
def ai_progress_bar(task="Processing"):
    for i in range(20):
        sys.stdout.write(f"\r[AI] {task}: " + "█"*(i+1) + " "*(20-i-1))
        sys.stdout.flush()
        time.sleep(0.05)
    print()

# === Enhanced availability check with confidence scores ===
def check_availability_and_alternatives_conf(product_sku, top_n=3):
    if stock_df is None or product_df is None:
```

```
        return f"No stock/product data available for {product_sku}.", []
    sku = str(product_sku)
    stock_rows = stock_df[stock_df["Product"].astype(str) == sku]
    available_qty = stock_rows["Quantity"].sum() if not stock_rows.empty else 0
    if available_qty > 0:
        return f"[AI] Product {sku} is AVAILABLE (qty={available_qty}).", []
    prod_row = product_df[product_df["Product"].astype(str) == sku]
    if prod_row.empty:
        return f"[AI] Product {sku} not found. Showing top stocked items.", []
    cat = prod_row.iloc[0].get("Category", None)
    brand = prod_row.iloc[0].get("Brand", None)
    candidates = product_df.copy()
    if cat is not None:
        candidates = candidates[candidates["Category"] == cat]
    if not candidates.empty and brand is not None:
        candidates["conf"] = candidates["Brand"].apply(lambda b: 0.9 if b == brand else 0.7)
    else:
        candidates["conf"] = 0.5
    merged = candidates.merge(stock_df.groupby("Product")["Quantity"].sum().reset_index(), on="Product", how="left")
    merged["Quantity"] = merged["Quantity"].fillna(0)
    merged = merged.sort_values(["conf", "Quantity"], ascending=[False, False])
    top = merged.head(top_n)[["Product", "conf"]].values.tolist()
    top_fmt = [f"{p} ({int(c*100)}% match)" for p, c in top]
    return f"[AI] Product {sku} is OUT OF STOCK. Suggested alternatives: {top_fmt}", top_fmt

# === Visualize path directly from chatbot ===
def visualize_route(order_id, method):
    from IPython.display import display
    if "plot_path_graph" not in globals():
        print("[AI] Visualization function not available in this notebook.")
        return
    result, err = optimize_picking_route(order_id, method)
    if result is None:
        print("Error:", err)
    else:
        plot_path_graph(result['path'], G, title=f"{method.upper()} Path – Order {order_id}")

# === Updated Compare Algorithms with summary ===
def compare_algorithms_with_summary(order_id):
    comp = compare_algorithms(order_id)
    print("\n[AI] Algorithm comparison summary:")
    best_method = None
    best_distance = float("inf")
    for k, v in comp.items():
        if "error" not in v and v["distance"] < best_distance:
            best_distance = v["distance"]
            best_method = k
    for k, v in comp.items():
        if "error" in v:
            print(f" - {k.upper()}: ERROR -> {v['error']}")
        else:
            print(f" - {k.upper()}: distance={v['distance']}, steps={v['steps']}, ETA={v['eta']}")
    if best_method:
        print(f"\n[AI] Summary: The most efficient method for Order {order_id} was {best_method.upper()} with a distance of {best_distance} units."
```

```
# === Main loop with enhancements ===
def run_chatbot_enhanced():
    print("\nWelcome to MegaStar AI Order Assistant – Intro to AI Edition 🤓\n")
    while True:
        print("\nSelect an option:")
        print("1 → Optimize Picking Route (with AI explanation)")
        print("2 → Cancel Order")
        print("3 → Amend Order")
        print("4 → Check Product Availability & Alternatives (with confidence)")
        print("5 → View Cart Price (with/without offers)")
        print("6 → Filter Products")
        print("7 → Compare Algorithms (with summary)")
        print("8 → Visualize Route Path")
        print("0 → Exit")

        choice = input("\n> ").strip()
```