

# 9.1: Travelling Salesperson problem (with Triangle inequality)

▷ A sales man must visit 'n' cities. Starting from the hometown (city 1), the salesman wants to create a tour by visiting every city exactly once and finishing in city at which the tour started.

▷ The salesman incurs a non-negative cost  $c(i, j)$  to travel from city  $i$  to city  $j$ . The salesman wants to create a Tour of minimum total cost.

→ Hamiltonian cycle  
(Travel every vertex exactly once)

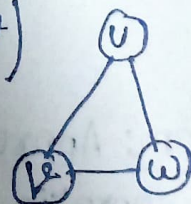
input: Undirected complete graph  $G$  with non-negative

output: The goal is to find a Hamiltonian cycle (Tour) with minimum cost. Let  $A \subseteq E$  be the set of edges in the Tour

$$C(A) = \sum_{e \in A} C_e$$

Important Property: The cost function satisfies triangle inequality

$$c(u, v) \leq c(u, w) + c(w, v)$$





### Approx-TSP-Tour ( $G, C$ ):

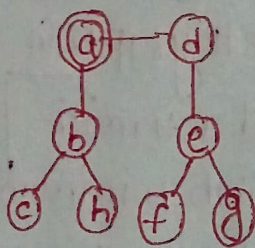
1. select a vertex  $x \in V$  as root
2. Construct a minimum spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$  starting from  $x$
3. Compute preorder traversal of  $T$  and store the vertices in  $H$  according to when they have first visited in the preorder traversal
4. Return  $H$  as the tour

Ex.

Input: A complete graph on vertices  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$

After Step 2

→ MST  $T$



Preorder traversal →  $\{a, b, c, h, d, e, f, g\}$

$H$

$\{a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow h \rightarrow d \rightarrow e \rightarrow f \rightarrow g\}$  Final tour

Theorem: Approx-TSP-Tour algorithm is a polynomial time 2-approximation algorithm.

Proof:

Let  $H^*$  be an optimal tour

Removing one edge from  $H^*$  results in a Spanning tree (path). Let  $T$  be the MST

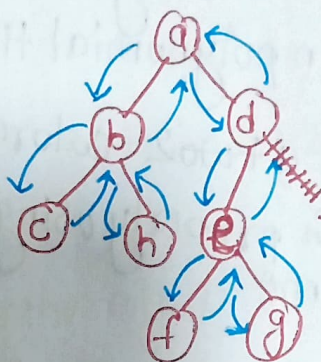


Let  $T$  be the MST computed by the algorithm

$$C(T) \leq C(H^*) \text{ --- (1)}$$

Let  $w$  be the full walk of MST  $T$

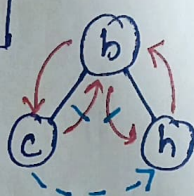
$$w = a-b-c-b-h-b-a \\ -d-e-f-e-g-e \\ -d-a$$



$$C(w) = 2C(T) \text{ --- (2)}$$

From (1) and (2)

$$C(w) = 2C(T) \leq 2C(H^*)$$



Transformation

$$C(c,h) \leq C(c,b) + C(b,h)$$

After repeatedly apply the transformation (application of triangle inequality) we will get  $H$

$$H' \leftarrow H + C(g,a)$$

$$C(H') \leq C(w) \leq 2C(H^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C(H') \leq 2C(H^*)} \text{ proved}$$



## P2: Coloring 3-colorable graph

$\Delta$  = maximum degree of a vertex in  $G$   
 $(\Delta+1)$ -coloring

Fact 1:  $(\Delta+1)$ -coloring for any graph  $G$  can be done in polynomial time

Fact 2: Given a ~~two~~ 2-colorable graph  $G$ , we can color  $G$  properly using 2-colors in polynomial time

Input: A 3-colorable graph  $G$

Consider  $v \in G$   
Neighbors of  $v$ :  $N(v)$   
→ 2-colorable (Bipartite)

Approx-3-color ( $G$ )  $\rightarrow G(V, E) \mid |V| = n$

1.  $G' \leftarrow G$
2. While there exists a vertex  $v$  with degree  $\geq \sqrt{n}$  in  $G'$
3. select 3 new colors of
4. color  $v$  and neighbors  $v$  using the 3 new colors
5. Remove  $v$  and neighbors of  $v$  from  $G'$
6. EndWhile
7. Color  $G'$  using  $\sqrt{n}$  colors  
 $\Delta = \sqrt{n} - 1$



Theorem: Approx-3-color uses at most  $4\sqrt{n}$  colors

Proof: Every iteration of the loop selects 3 new colors further in every iteration we are removing atleast  $\sqrt{n}$  vertices. Therefore maximum number of iteration of the loop is less than or equal to  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{n}}$

Maximum number of colors used in complete loop is  $\leq 3\sqrt{n}$

Total colors used by the algorithm  $\leq 3\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n}$   
 $= 4\sqrt{n}$

Approximation ratio =  $\frac{4\sqrt{n}}{3}$

P3: The set cover problem

▷ An instance  $(X, F)$  of the set cover problem consists of a finite set  $X$  and a family  $F$  of subsets of  $X$  such that every element of  $X$  belongs to atleast one subset in  $F$

$$X = \bigcup_{S \in F} S$$

▷ We say that a subset  $S$  cover the element in  $S$ .

▷ The goal is to find a minimum size subset  $C \subseteq F$  whose members cover all of  $X$ .

$$X = \bigcup_{S \in C} S$$

Size of  $C$  = Number of sets in  $C$

$$\left[ H(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \dots + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \underbrace{\ln(n) + o(1)}_{\text{Approx } \ln n} \right]$$



Greedy-SET-COVER  $(X, F) : |X|, |F|$

1.  $U \leftarrow X$  Uncover

2.  $C \leftarrow \phi$  Cover

3. while  $U \neq \phi$

4. select a set  $S \in F$  that maximize  $|S \cap U|$

5.  $U = U - S$

6.  $C = C \cup \{S\}$

7. End while

8. Return  $C$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ |X| \cdot |F| \end{array} \right\} \min \{ |X|, |F| \}$

$$T(n) = O(|X| \cdot |F| \cdot \min\{|X|, |F|\})$$

let,

$$n = |X|$$

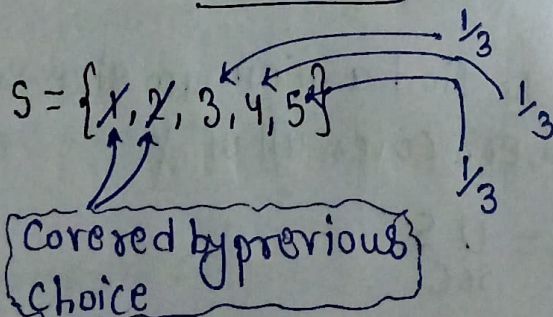
Analysis:

Proof Sketch

→ In every iteration, set selected by greedy algorithm increase the solution size  $C$  by 1.

→ Therefore we assign cost of 1 to every set picked by the algorithm.

→ Further, we distribute the 1 unit cost uniformly among the elements in the set ~~th~~ among those covered for the first time



Let  $|C|$  be the <sup>size</sup> cost of greedy algorithm and let  $|C^*|$  be the size of any optimal solution



$c(x)$  or  $c_x$  denotes the cost assigned to any element  $x \in X$

$$\sum_{x \in X} c_x = |C| \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

► Let  $S_i$  be the set selected by the greedy algorithm in the ' $i$ 'th iteration

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, |C|$$

► If an element  $x$  is covered for the first time by  $S_i$

$$c_x = \frac{1}{|S_i - (S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_{i-1})|}$$

Already covered

► In optimal solution  $C^*$ , each element  $x \in X$  must be covered by at least one set

$$\sum_{S \in C^*} \sum_{x \in S} c_x \geq \sum_{x \in X} c_x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Taking set 1 by 1 from  $C^*$  and calculating the costs of elements

From (1) and (2)

$$\boxed{\sum_{S \in C^*} \sum_{x \in S} c_x \geq |C|} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$



$$\sum_{x \in S} C_x$$

Some set  $S$  belongs to  $F$

► Consider any set  $S \in F$ . Consider the  $i$ th iteration in the greedy algorithm.

$$\text{Let } U_i = \left| S - \underbrace{(S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_i)}_{\substack{\text{covered} \\ \text{already}}} \right| = \text{Number of elements in } S \text{ left uncovered after the } i\text{th iteration}$$

$$U_0 = |S|$$

► Let  $k$  be the iteration in which  $S$  is Covered

$$\therefore U_k = 0$$

► The sets  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{k-1}$  ~~do not cover~~ covers all elements in  $S$  and some elements are left uncovered in  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{k-1}$ .

$$U_{i-1} = \left| S - (S_1 \cup S_2 \dots \cup S_{i-1}) \right|$$

$$U_i = \left| S - (S_1 \cup S_2 \dots \cup S_i) \right|$$

►  $U_{i-1} \geq U_i$  and  $U_{i-1} - U_i$  are the elements in the Set  $S$  covered by the set  $S_i$

$$C_x = \frac{1}{|S_i - (S_1 \cup S_2 \dots S_{i-1})|}$$

$$\sum_{x \in S} C_x = \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{\underbrace{|S_i - (S_1 \cup S_2 \dots S_{i-1})|}_{\substack{\text{Set selected by greedy} \\ \text{in the } i\text{th iteration}}}} \times (U_{i-1} - U_i)$$



$$|S_i - (S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_{i-1})| \geq |S - (S_1 \cup S_2 \dots \cup S_{i-1})|$$

$$\doteq \boxed{U_{i-1}}$$

Substitute in (3)

$$\sum_{x \in S} C_x \leq \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{U_{i-1}} \times (U_{i-1} - U_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=U_i+1}^{U_{i-1}} \frac{1}{U_{i-1}}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=U_i+1}^{U_{i-1}} \left( \frac{1}{j} \right)$$

Think of numbers

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K \left( \sum_{j=1}^{U_{i-1}} \frac{1}{j} - \sum_{j=1}^{U_i} \frac{1}{j} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K \left( H(U_{i-1}) - H(U_i) \right)$$

$$= H(U_0) - H(U_K)$$

$$= H(|S|) - H(0)$$

$$= H(|S|)$$

$$\rightarrow H(0) = 0$$

From (4)

$$|C| \leq \sum_{S \in C^*} H(\max\{|S| : S \in F\})$$

$$\text{we have } |X| = n \therefore \max\{|S| : S \in F\} \leq n$$

$$|C| \leq \sum_{S \in C^*} H(n)$$

$$|C| \leq |C^*| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} + o(1) \right) \text{ proved.}$$