The Bicycle Thief

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Where to Buy a Bike

Someone has been selling used bikes on Tuesday afternoons all year out of a basement closet in SEAS.

- Who's been selling them?
- Where do they come from?
- How do they get there?

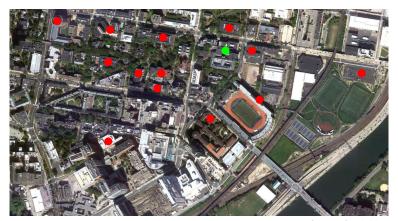


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One bike disappears from each of these spots every weekday morning!

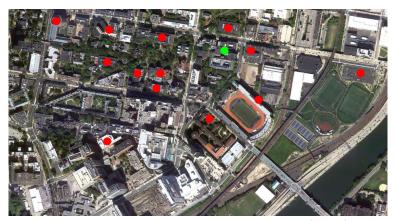
- No time to go to each building separately
- Dangerous to go back to a building twice in one morning
- What is the shortest route to "collect" one bike from each building?



Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)

Find shortest tour of *n* cities: visit each exactly once, and return to start?

- Best known algorithms pretty much test every tour to find shortest
- If a better algorithm exists, you can do a zillion other interesting things fast too (e.g. rob a bank)

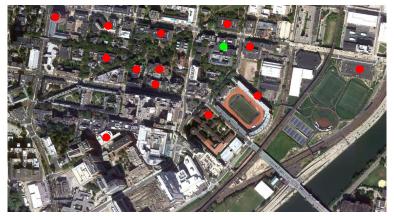


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- Formally: TSP is an NP-complete problem*
- Fast algorithm would mean $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}^*$
- Most famous open question in computer science

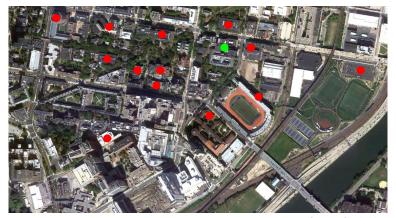


^{*}Don't worry about what this means.

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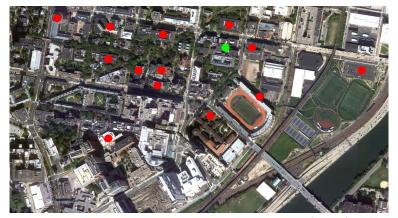
Trying everything is hard: instead use a *heuristic* (guess)

- Nearest Insertion: Add point to tour after closest point in tour
- Smallest Increase: Add point where it causes shortest detour



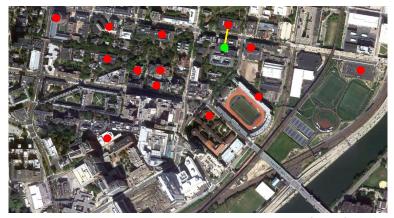
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• SEAS (distance: 0)



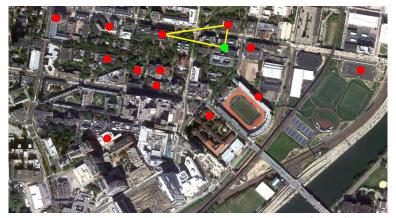
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• Hill > SEAS (1.22)



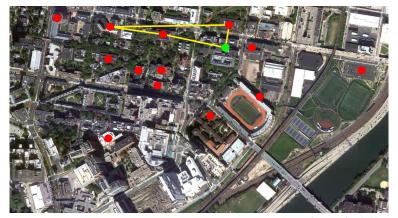
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• Van Pelt > SEAS (4.06)



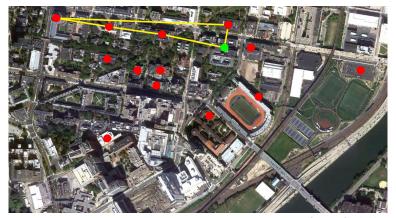
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• Annenberg > Van Pelt (6.86)



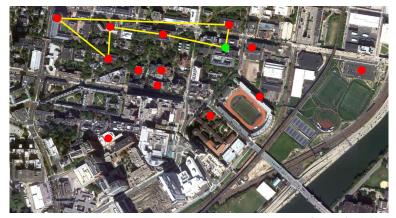
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• Huntsman > Annenberg (9.68)



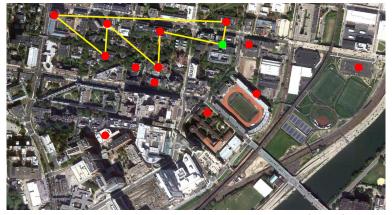
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• Steinberg-Dietrich > Annenberg (10.84)



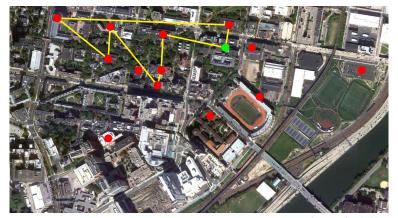
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• College > Van Pelt (12.15)



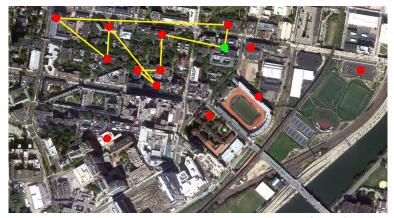
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• Houston > College (12.78)



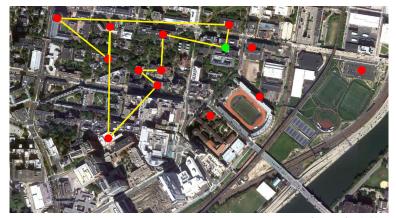
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• Claudia-Cohen > College (13.61)



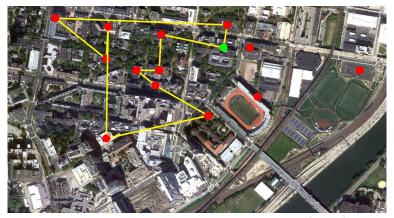
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• Fagin > Houston (16.48)



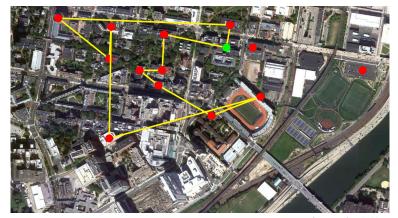
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• Penn Museum > Houston (18.95)



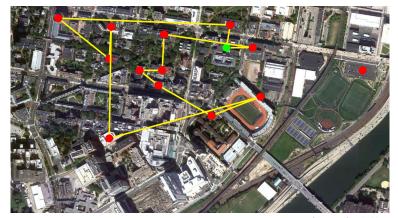
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• Education Commons/Stadium > Fagin (21.72)



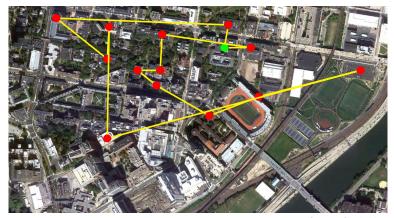
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• DRL > SEAS (23.11)



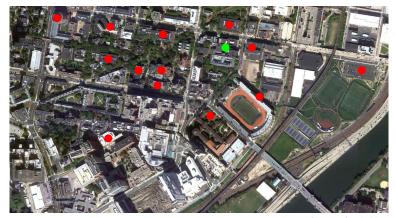
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• Penn Park > Education Commons/Stadium (28.69)



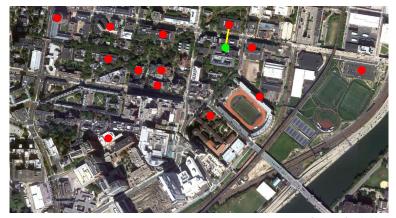
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• SEAS (distance: 0)



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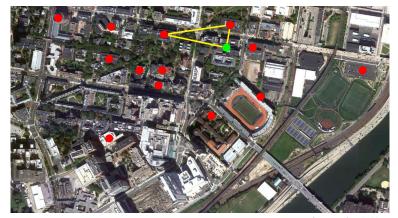
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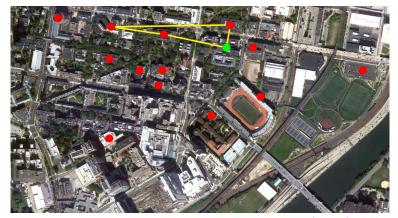
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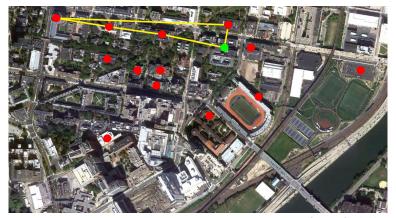
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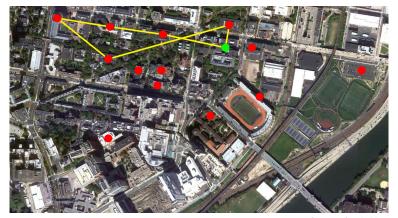
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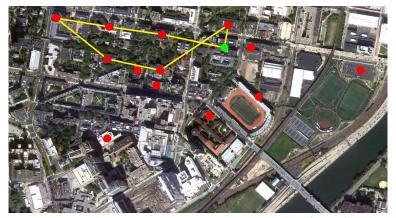
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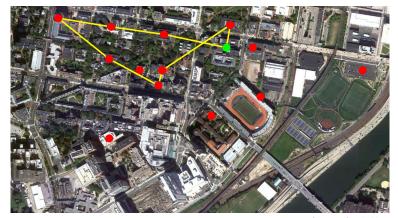
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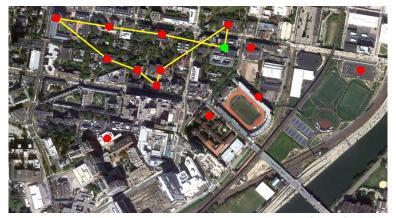
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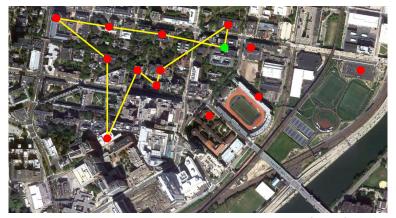
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• Claudia-Cohen > Steinberg-Dietrich (10.93)



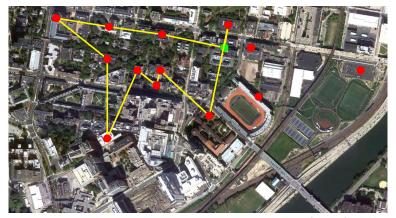
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• Fagin > Steinberg-Dietrich (13.13)



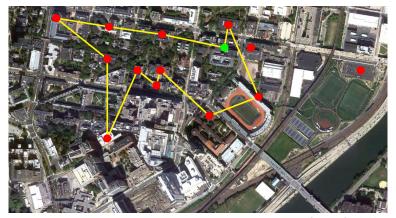
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• Penn Museum > College (16.20)



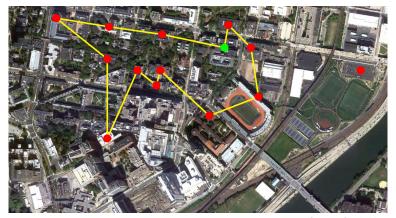
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• DRL > Penn Museum (17.31)



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• Penn Park > Education Commons/Stadium (21.74)

