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CSE DS D1

Exp. 9: Travelling Salesman Problem

AIM: To implement Approximation algorithms (Travelling Salesman Problem)

THEORY:

The Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) is a classic optimization problem in computer science, which involves finding the shortest possible route that visits a set of cities and returns to the starting city. In more detail, given a set of n cities and the distances between each pair of cities, the goal of the TSP is to find a Hamiltonian cycle (a cycle that visits each city exactly once) with minimum total length. The TSP is an NP-hard problem, which means that there is no known algorithm that can solve all instances of the problem in polynomial time, and it is an active research area in both computer science and mathematics.

PROGRAM:

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#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <limits.h>


#define N 100


// Global variables

int n=5;

int matrix[5][5] =  { { 0, 10, 18, 40, 20 },

                      { 10, 0, 35, 15, 12 },

                      { 18, 35, 0, 25, 25 },
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                    { 40, 15, 25, 0, 30 },
                    { 20, 13, 25, 30, 0 } };
int visited[N];

// Function prototypes
int nearest_neighbor(int start);
void tsp();

int main() {

    // Solve TSP using nearest neighbor algorithm
    tsp();

    return 0;
}

// Find the nearest unvisited city to a given city
int nearest_neighbor(int city) {
    int min_distance = INT_MAX;
    int nearest_city = -1;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if (!visited[i] && matrix[city][i] < min_distance) {
            min_distance = matrix[city][i];
            nearest_city = i;
        }
    }
    return nearest_city;
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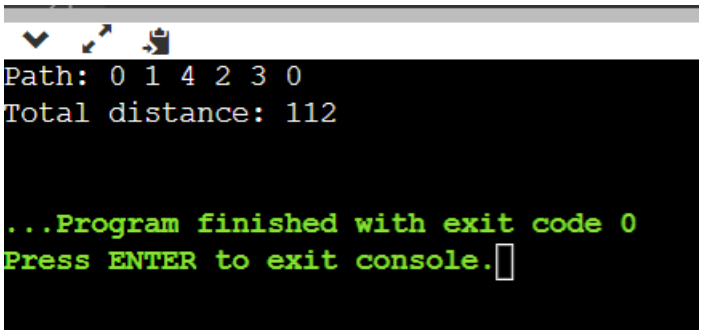
}

// Solve TSP using nearest neighbor algorithm
void tsp() {
    int start = 0;
    visited[start] = 1;
    printf("Path: %d ", start);
    int total_distance = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
        int next_city = nearest_neighbor(start);
        visited[next_city] = 1;
        printf("%d ", next_city);
        total_distance += matrix[start][next_city];
        start = next_city;
    }
    printf("%d\n", 0);
    total_distance += matrix[start][0];
    printf("Total distance: %d\n", total_distance);
}
```

OUTPUT:



CONCLUSION:

In this experiment, I implemented the travelling salesman problem.