

My approximation results seem to be better than optimal. I believe this is caused because, when I traverse through my nodes in the Preorder Traversal, it isn't adding the weight between one of the last children into a branch to the next branch's parent. The pathing however is correct

	pa	pb
1.	$a \rightarrow g \rightarrow b \rightarrow f \rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow h \rightarrow d \rightarrow i \rightarrow a$	$a \rightarrow g \rightarrow b \rightarrow f \rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow h \rightarrow d \rightarrow i \rightarrow a$
2.	$a \rightarrow f \rightarrow d \rightarrow h \rightarrow e \rightarrow i \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow g \rightarrow a$	$a \rightarrow f \rightarrow d \rightarrow h \rightarrow g \rightarrow e \rightarrow i \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$
3.	$a \rightarrow d \rightarrow f \rightarrow b \rightarrow h \rightarrow g \rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow a$	$a \rightarrow d \rightarrow f \rightarrow b \rightarrow h \rightarrow e \rightarrow g \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$
4.	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow e \rightarrow d \rightarrow f \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow g \rightarrow e \rightarrow d \rightarrow f \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$
5.	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d \rightarrow e \rightarrow f \rightarrow a$	$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d \rightarrow e \rightarrow f \rightarrow a$

The brute force algorithm runs in  $O(n!)$  as it takes all possible permutations from the root of TSP.

$TSP(G, r)$ :

$\text{minWeight} = \text{inf}$

all permutations = permutations of all vertices in  $G$  except  $r$

for permutation in all permutations:

weight = 0

for  $i$  in permutation:

weight = euclidean distance of  $i$  coords to root

if weight < minWeight:

minWeight = weight

The approximation algorithm is much faster with  $O(V^2)$  time. First we find Prim's algorithm's MST, then traverse adding weights of all children in a DFS style.

Prim( $G, r$ ):

PQ = priority queue

MST = Graph with  $G$  as vertex

color( $u$ ) = white for all  $u \in G$

Visit( $r$ , color,  $G$ , PQ)

while PQ is not empty

weight,  $u$  = PQ.extract min

if color( $u$ ) = white:

Visit( $u$ , color,  $G$ , PQ)

MST add edge

return MST

Visit( $u$ , color,  $G$ , PQ):

for each  $v$ , weight in  $G$ .adjacent( $u$ )

if color( $v$ ) = white:

PQ.insert(weight,  $u \rightarrow v$ )

color( $u$ ) = black

Approx TSP Tour( $G, r$ ):

root = Prime( $G, r$ )

$H$  = Traversal(root)

return  $H$

Traversal (node):

if node is empty  
return

for each child in node.children

$R = R + \text{Traversal}(\text{child})$

return R.