

**COT 6405**  
**ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS**

**Traveling Salesman Problem**  
**Branch-and-Bound Algorithm**

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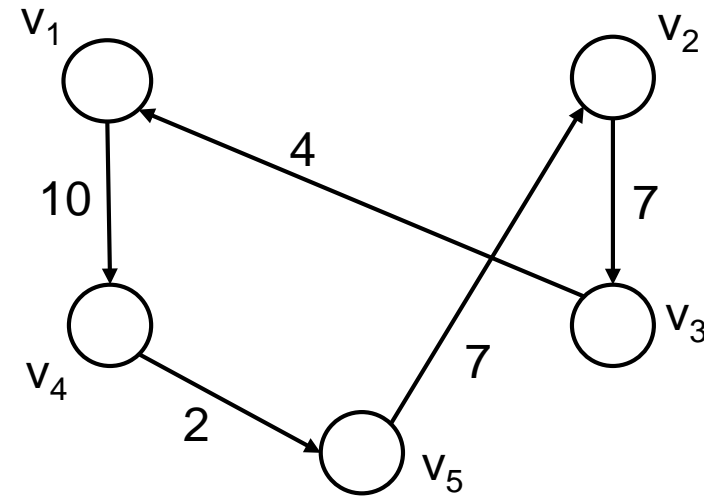
# Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)

Given  $n$  cities with known distances between each pair, find the shortest tour that passes through all the cities exactly once before returning to the starting city

- Example:

Adjacency matrix:

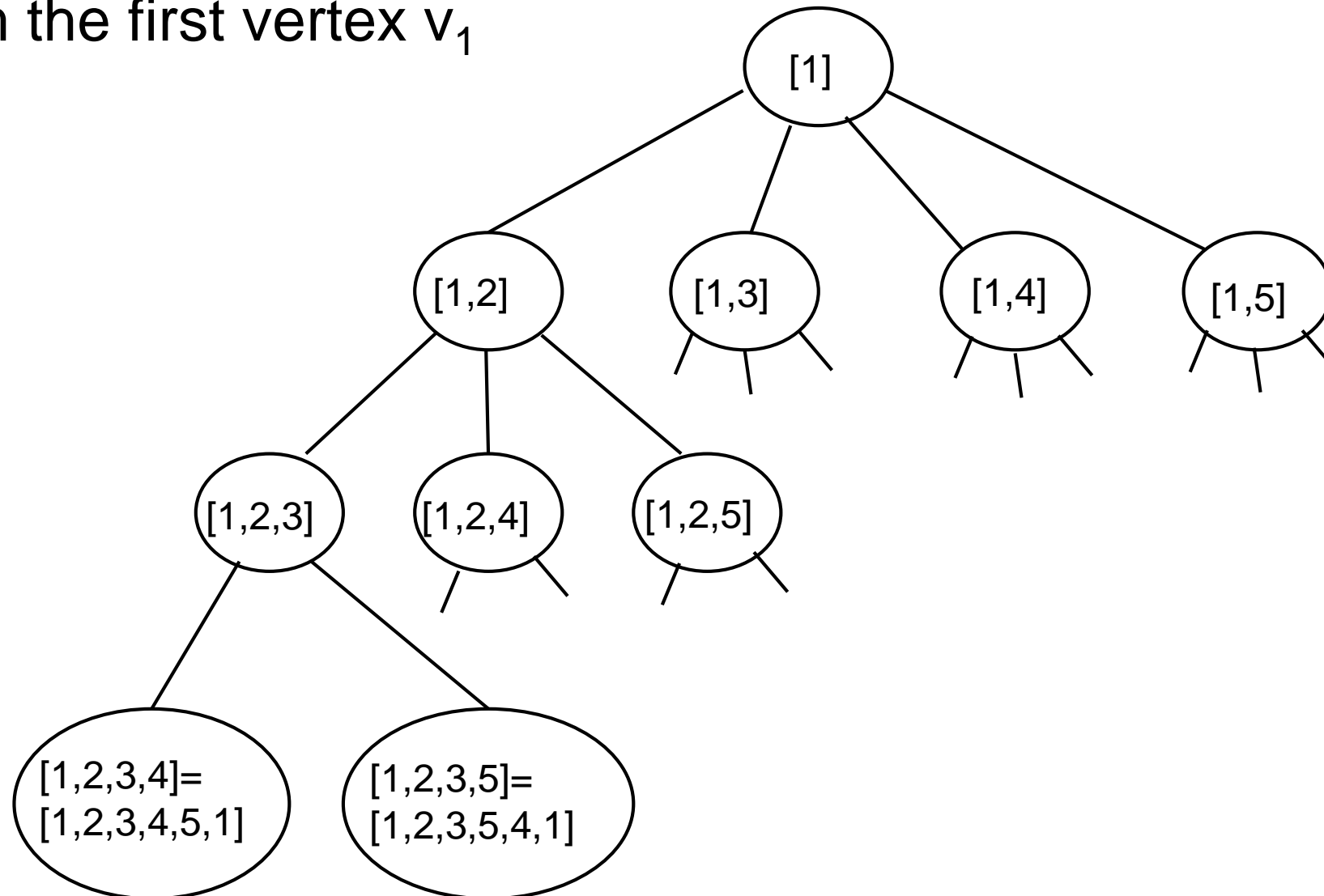
0	14	4	10	20
14	0	7	8	7
4	5	0	7	16
11	7	9	0	2
18	7	17	4	0



min tour length = 30

# TSP – search tree example

- Since the tour passes through all vertices, assume that it starts from the first vertex  $v_1$



# TSP with BestFS with Branch-and-Bound pruning

- compute a bound for each node
- lower bound on the length of any tour that can be obtained by expanding beyond a given node
- any tour must leave each vertex exactly once, then a lower-bound is to take minimum edge leaving every vertex:
  - $v_1$  minimum(14,4,10,20) = 4
  - $v_2$  minimum(14,7,8,7) = 7
  - $v_3$  minimum(4,5,7,16) = 4
  - $v_4$  minimum(11,7,9,2) = 2
  - $v_5$  minimum(18,7,17,4) = 4
- lower-bound on the length of a tour is  $4+7+4+2+4 = 21$
- observation: this does not mean there is a tour with this length; it means there is no tour with a shorter length

# TSP Example

minlength =  $\infty$

[1]  
bound = 21

remove from PQ

minlength =  $\infty$

[1]  
bound = 21

14+7+4+2+4

[1,2]  
bound = 31

4+7+5+2+4

[1,3]  
bound = 22

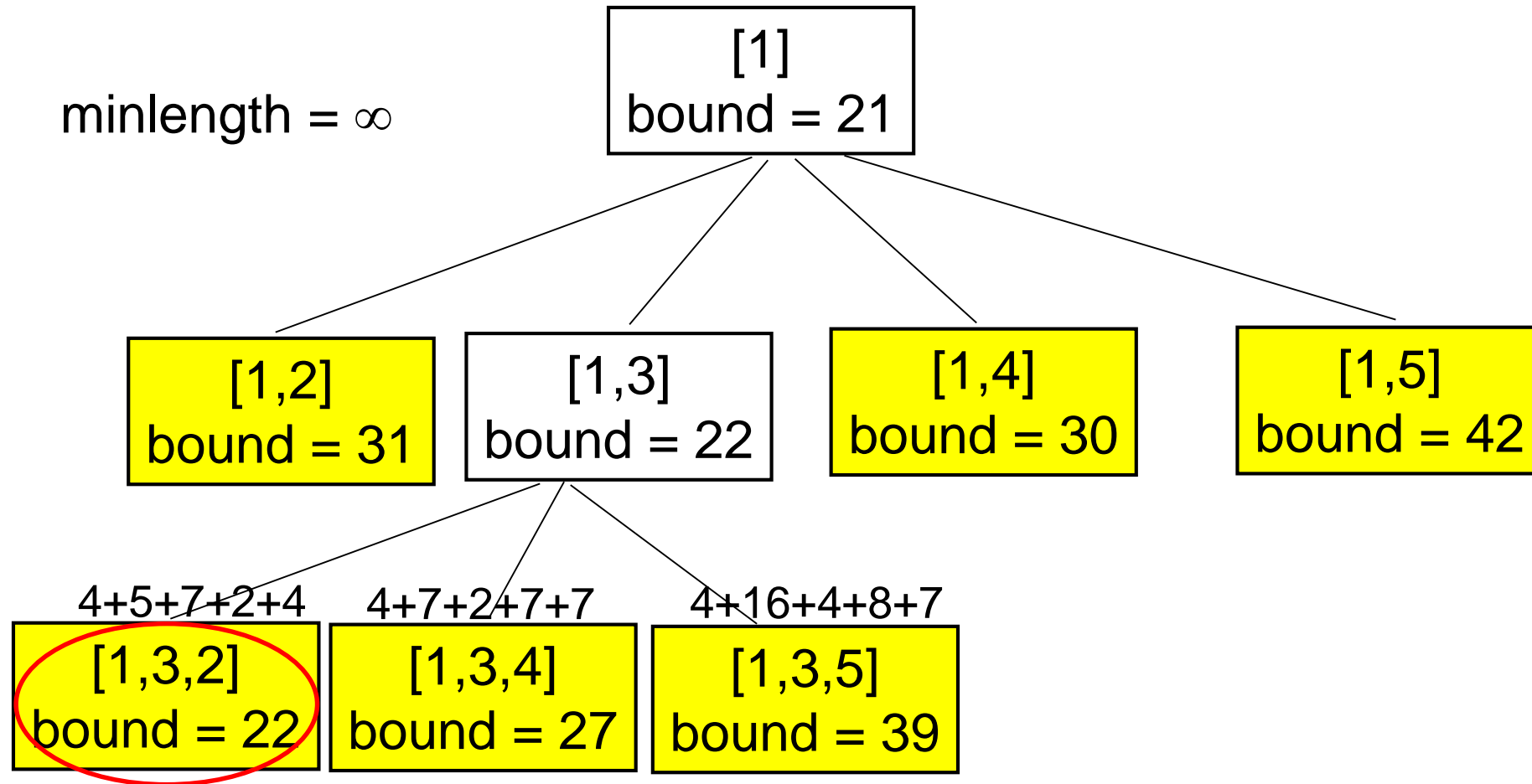
10+7+4+2+7

[1,4]  
bound = 30

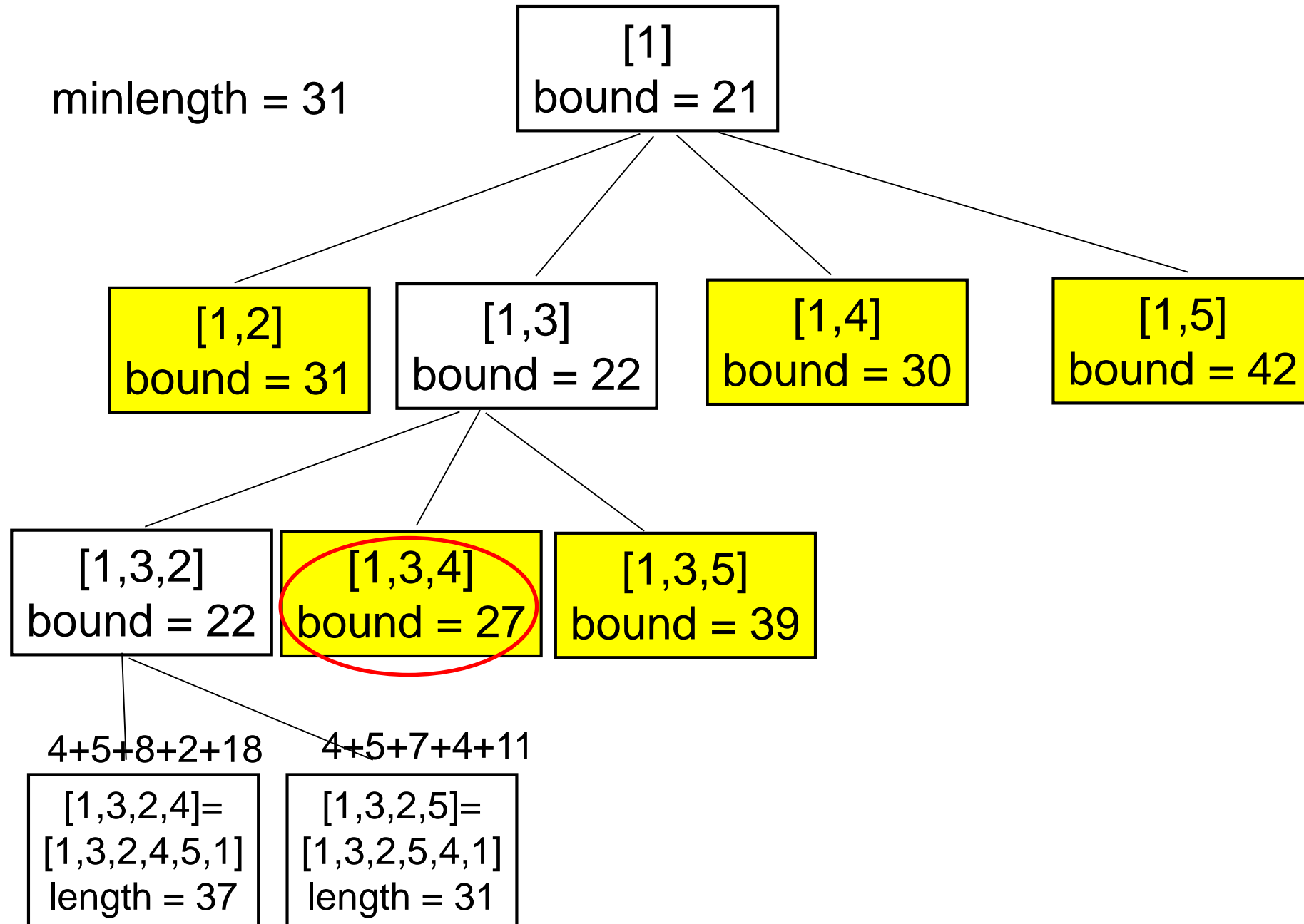
20+7+4+7+4

[1,5]  
bound = 42

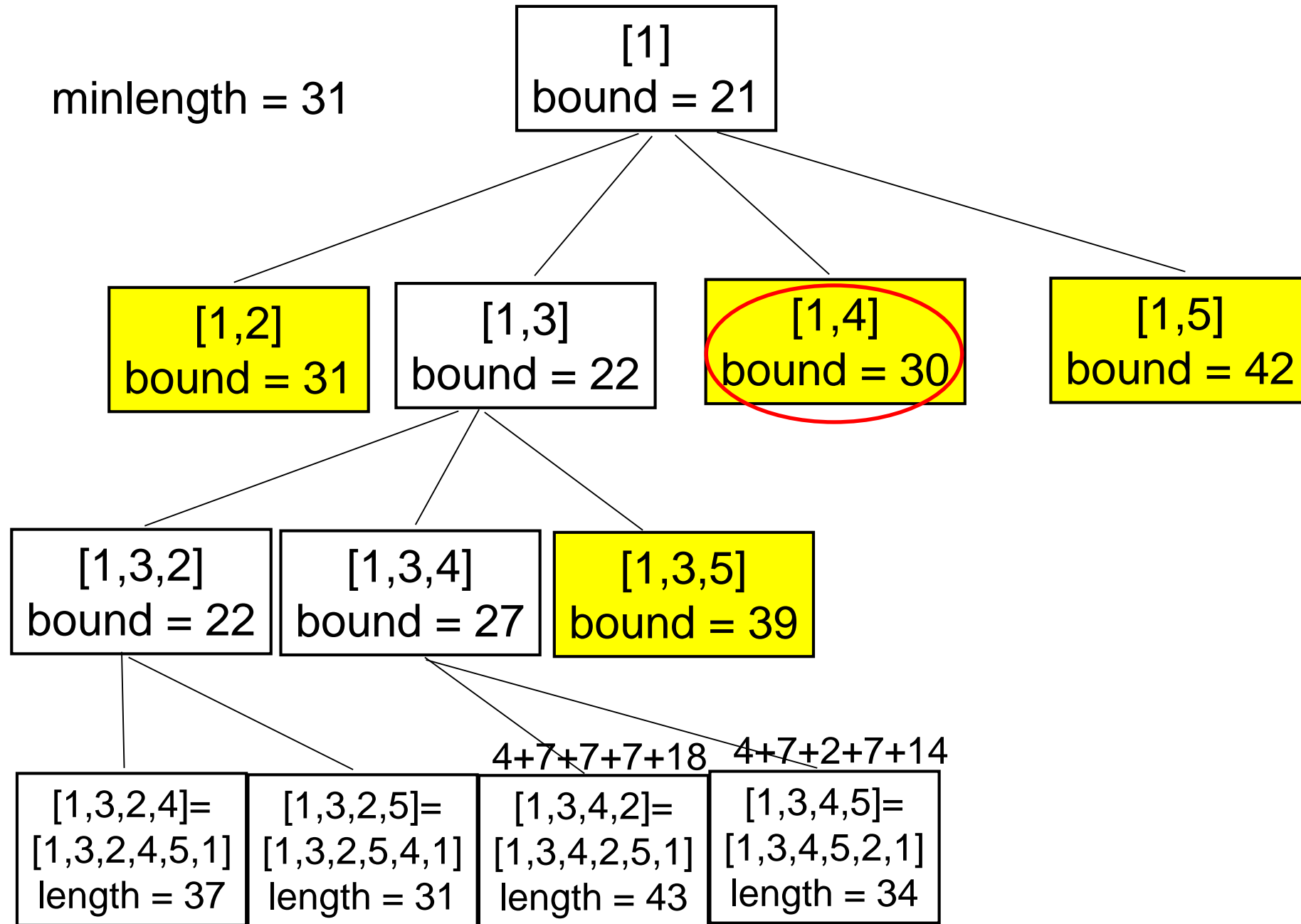
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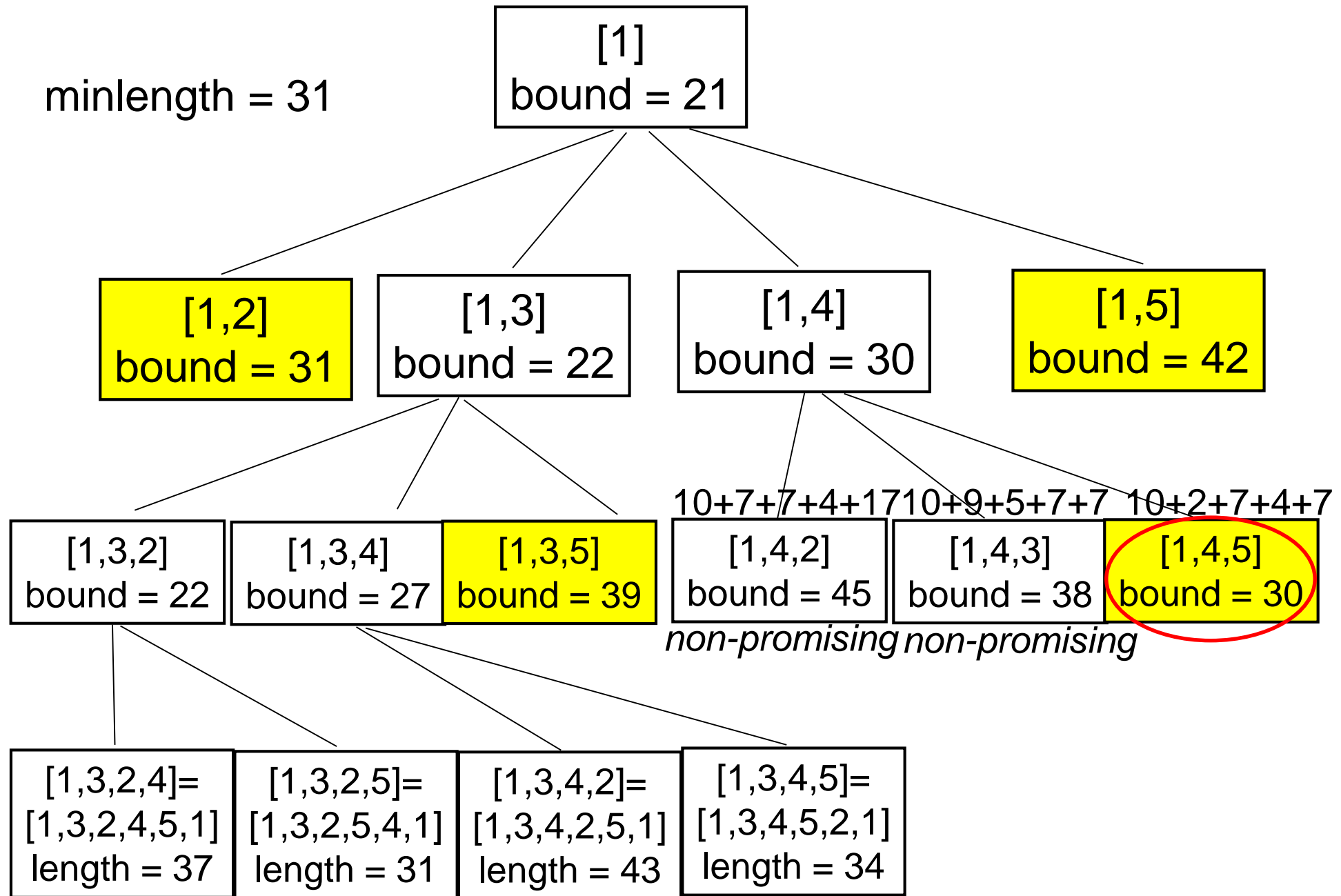
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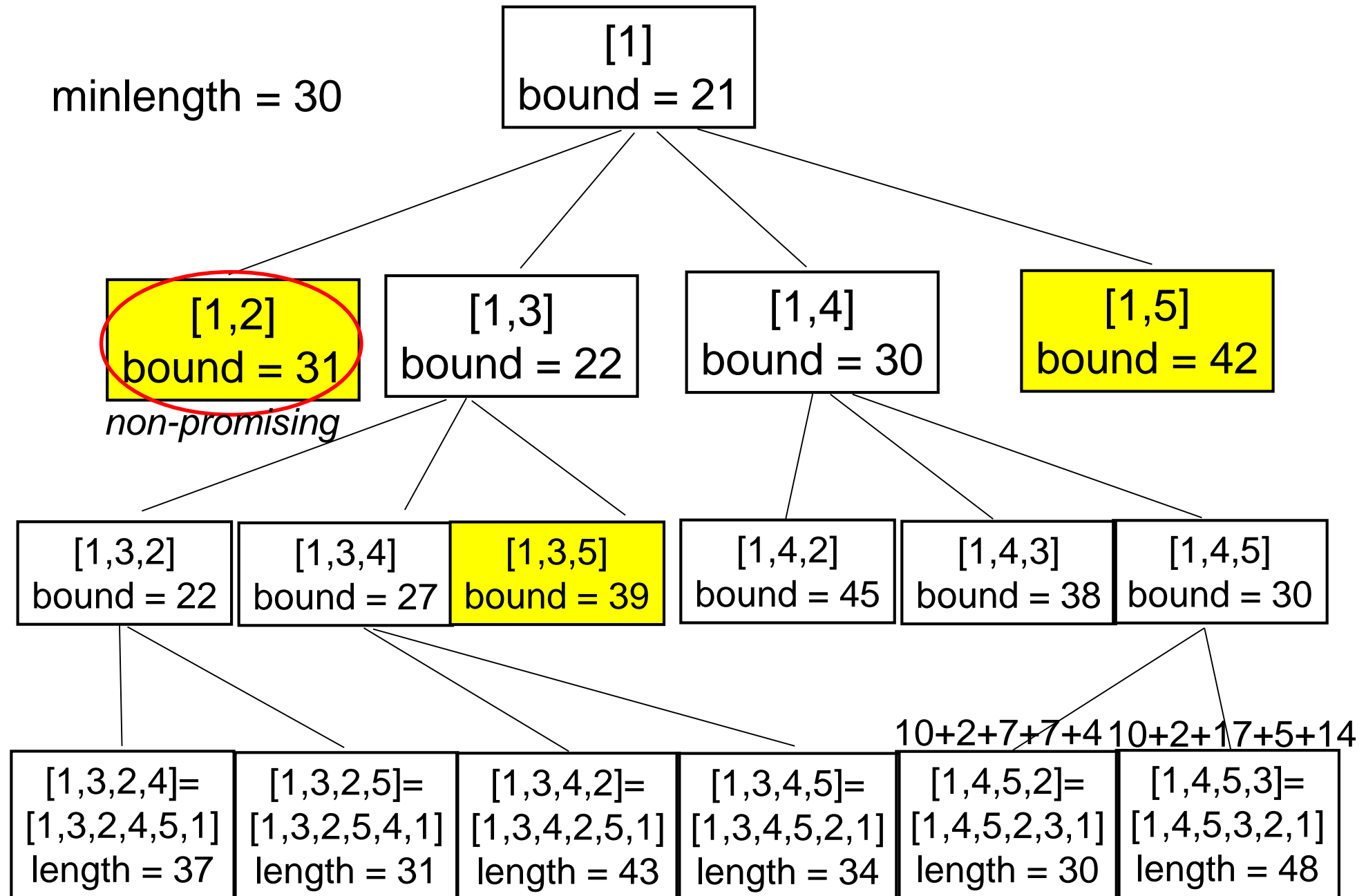
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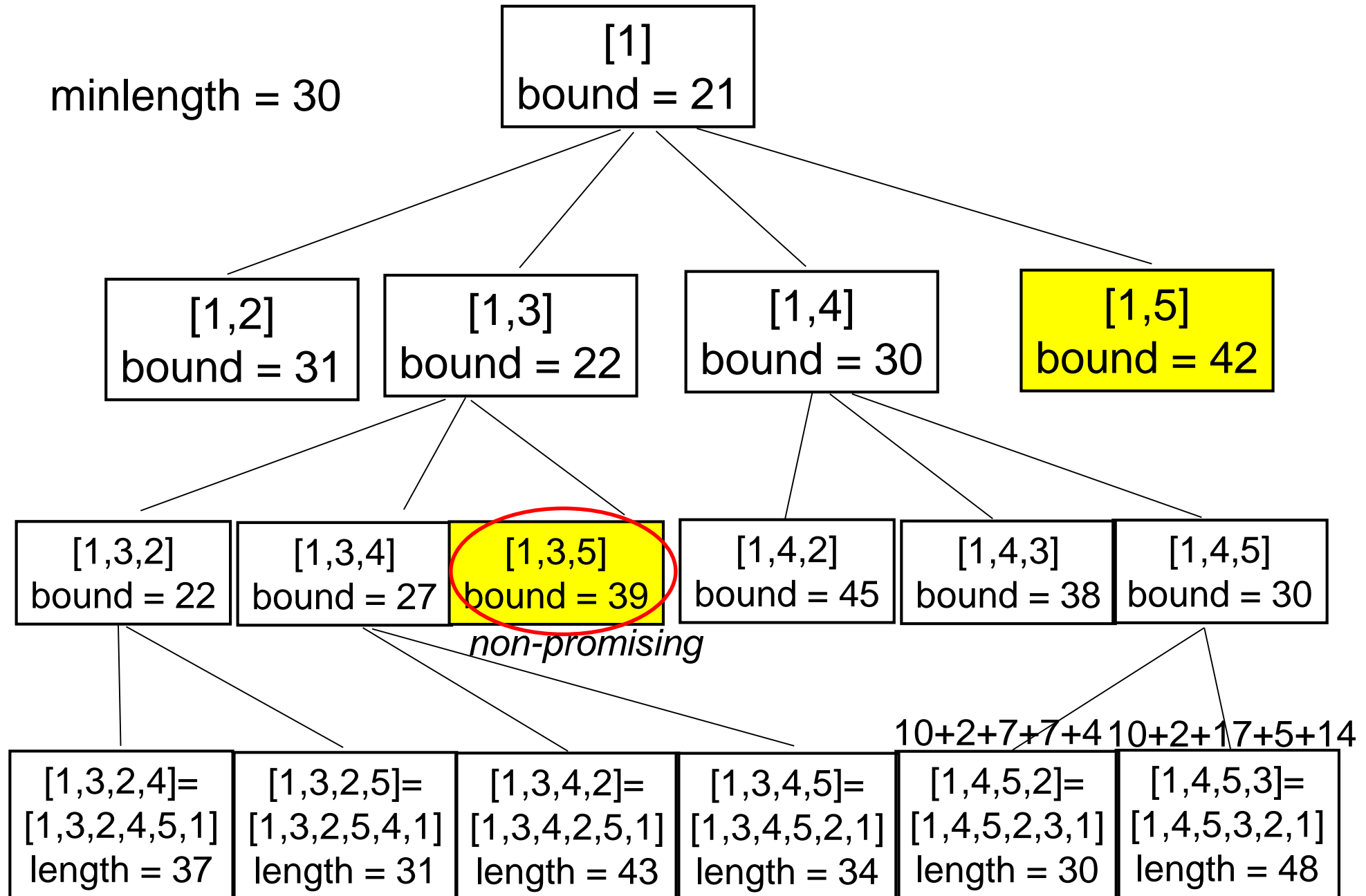




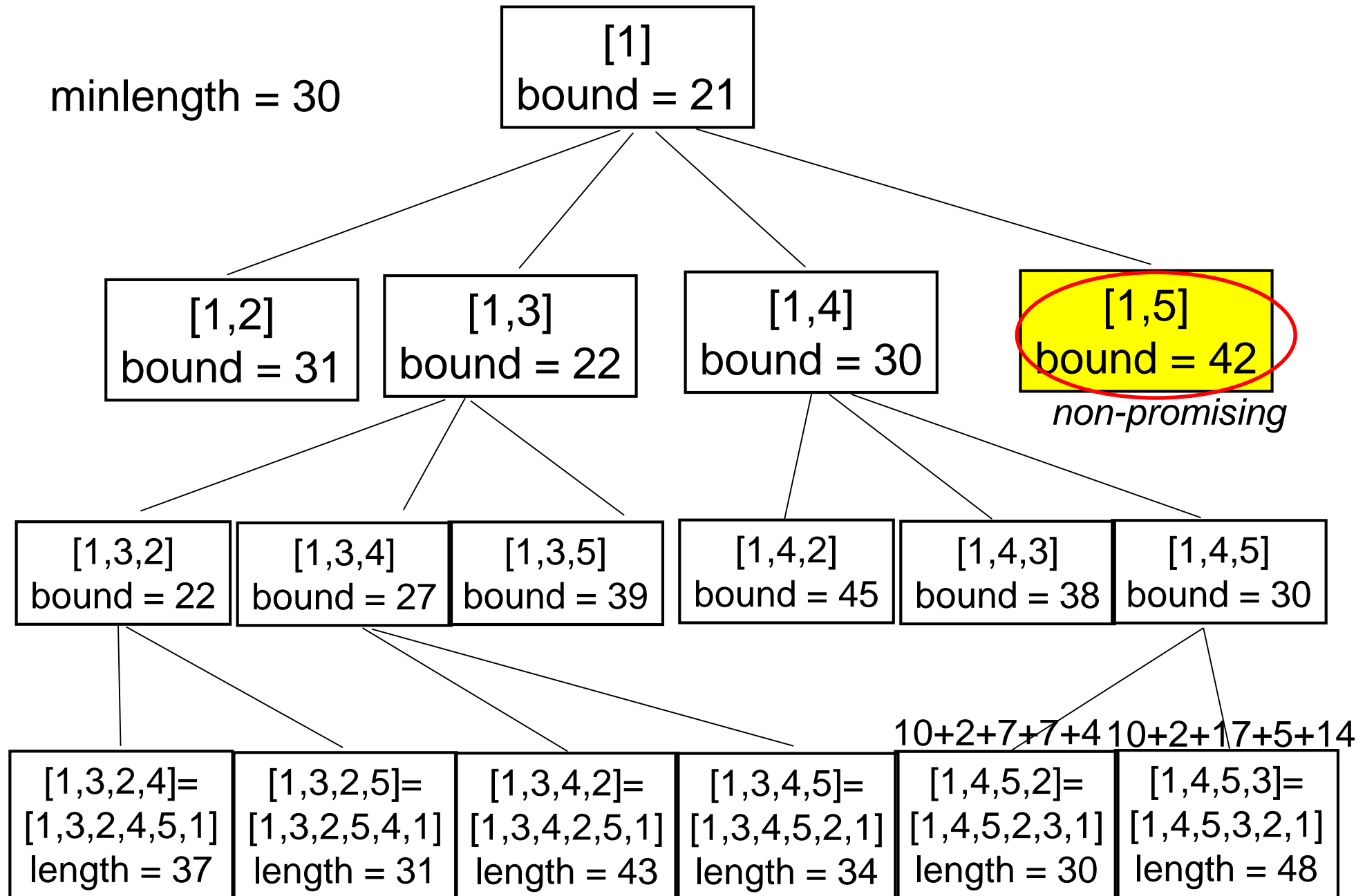
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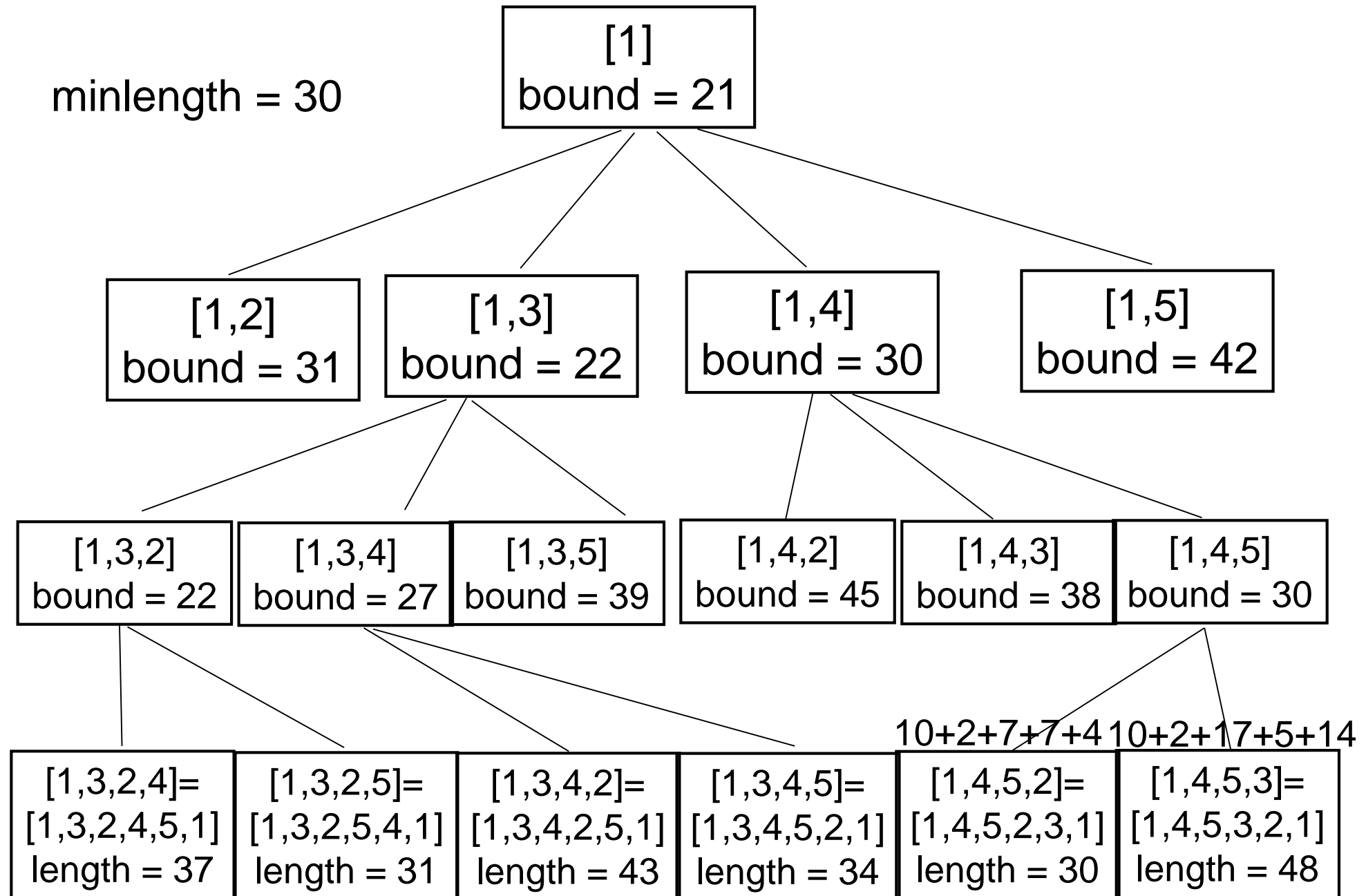
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# TSP with BestFS with Branch-and-bound pruning

- Each node is an object with fields:
  - v.level** – node's level in the tree
  - v.path** – path of the partial tour up to node v
  - v.bound** – lower bound on the length of any tour expanding beyond this partial tour

**TSP with BestFS w/ Branch-and-bound pruning(n,W[ ][ ],opttour, minlength)**

PQ =  $\emptyset$

r.level = 0

r.path = [1]

r.bound = bound(r)

minlength =  $\infty$

insert(PQ,r)

**while** PQ  $\neq \emptyset$

    v = remove(PQ)

**if** v.bound < minlength

        u.level = v.level+1

**for** all i such that  $2 \leq i \leq n$  and i is not in v.path

            u.path = v.path

            add i at the end of u.path

**if** u.level == n-2   // check if next vertex completes the tour

                put index of only vertex not in u.path at the end of u.path

                put 1 at the end of u.path

**if** length(u) < minlength

                    minlength = length(u)

                    opttour = u.path

**else**

            u.bound = bound(u)

**if** u.bound < minlength

                insert(PQ,u)