## Solve Symmetric TSP using ILP

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#### **Abstract**

In this report, I first formulate Traveling Salesman Problem(TSP) as Integer Linear Program(ILP), then collect data for landmarks around HangZhou, use SageMath to solve the ILP, get the exact solution.

**Keywords:** TSP, ILP

## 1 Formulation

TSP is a combinatorial optimization problem to find the shortest possible hamiltonian circuit for a complete weighted graph. There are several key elements:

- Hamiltonian circuit means starting from vertex no. 0, ending at no. 0 and travel all vertexes once and only once.
- For a real-world problem, the weights for graph are non-negative. But the weights do no necessarily be symmetric, because weights can be time or cost. I choose asymmetric TSP to solve.

#### 1.1 Definition

( ' ' /	At $i$ step, the index of visited city is $s_i$ , $0 \le i \le n-1$ City $i$ is visited at step $t_i$
	Decision variable, $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{the path goes from city } i \text{ to city } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
$\pi(\cdot)$	$\pi(i) = j \text{ if } x_{ij} = 1, 0 \le i, j \le n-1$
$\mathbf{C} = (c_{ij})$	Cost Matrix

#### 1.2 ILP formulation

We formulate this question step by step, first we list all sufficient constrains:

Minmize 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0, j \neq i}^{n-1} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$
 (1)

subject to 
$$\sum_{i=0, i \neq j}^{n-1} x_{ij} = 1$$
  $j = 0, \dots, n-1;$  (2)

$$\sum_{j=0, j\neq i}^{n-1} x_{ij} = 1 i = 0, \dots, n-1; (3)$$

$$x_{ij} \ge 0, x_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z} i, j = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

The objective function (1) need to minimize costs, we simply drop  $x_{ii}$  throughout the problem, since  $x_{ii} = 0$  is trivial. The constrains (2) means each city be arrived at from exactly one other city while equation (3) means from each city there is a departure to exactly one other city. We do not need to add  $x_{ij} \le 1$  since others are enough to conclude it.

But these constraints are not necessary conditions for TSP. This formulation in fact the formulation of Assignment Problem belong to P hard class. We still need to add constraints to avoid subtour and we will find that TSP belong to NP hard level class. I choose to add n auxiliary variables so that I just need to add n(n-1) constrain.

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$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0, j \neq i}^{n-1} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$
subject to 
$$\sum_{i=0, i \neq j}^{n-1} x_{ij} = 1$$

$$\sum_{j=0, j \neq i}^{n-1} x_{ij} = 1$$

$$t_{j} \geq t_{i} + 1 - n(1 - x_{ij})x$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0, x_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$j = 0, \dots, n-1;$$

$$i = 0, \dots, n-1;$$

$$0 \leq i \leq n-1, 1 \leq j \leq n-1, i \neq j$$

$$i, j = 0, \dots, n-1.$$
(4)

Note that  $j \ge 1$  in (4) means we do not consider salesman going back to No.0. In fact, if we let  $t_n$  denote the time step salesman go back to No.0, we have:

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 1 = n (5)$$

To prove correctness. First, Cyclic permutation without subtour conclude (4). Because (4) is equivalent to statement that if the next visited city for i is j ( $x_{ij} = 1$ ), then  $t_j = t_i + 1$ . If  $x_{ij} = 0$ , then we add a trivial constraint  $t_j \geq t_j + 1 - n$ . The equivalent statement is satisfied. Second, (4) eliminates all subtour. We can prove it by tricky contrapositive. Suppose the feasible solution  $\mathbf{X}$  contain more than one subtour. Then there exist  $\mathbf{s} = (i_1, \ldots, i_r)$  not containing 0. Note that  $i_r$  in this circle will go back to  $i_1$ , so there is additional equation  $t_{i_1} = t_{i_r} + 1$  quite different with (5). Go along this cycle, we find that 0 = r, and the contradiction lies in the fact that the cycle do not containing 0.

## 2 Experiments

The steps to solve the ILP include: prepare location data for landmarks around HangZhou, solve the ILP by MILP class and visualize the final results on Map. The equivalent code for (4) is shown below:

```
p=MixedIntegerLinearProgram (maximization=False)
# Define Varibles:
x=p.new_variable(nonnegative=True,integer=True)
t=p.new_variable(nonnegative=True,integer=True)
n=dist.nrows()
obj_func=0
# Define Obj Function:
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        obj_func+=x[i,j]*dist[i,j] if i!=j else 0
p.set_objective(obj_func)
# Add Constrains
for i in range(n):
    p.add_constraint(sum([x[i,j] for j in range(n) if i!=j ])==1)
for j in range(n):
   p.add_constraint(sum([x[i,j] for i in range(n) if i!=j ])==1)
for i in range(n):
    for j in range (1, n):
        if i== j :
            continue
        p.add\_constraint(t[j]>=t[i]+1-n*(1-x[i,j]))
for i in range(n):
    p.add_constraint(t[i] <= n-1)
#p.show()
p.solve()
```

Apply ILP to a toy case with 20 landmarks around HangZhou, we get a optimal strategy to travel around HangZhou, which is quite interesting. Ref. to Fig 1c on the following page. Then I also use TSP solver in Sage to partially verify that my code is correct. The approximate optimal solution got by some heuristic algorithm is the same as the exact optimal solution. The I try to not just travelling Hangzhou, and travel JiangZheHu Region(Yangtze River delta). Visualized on the map, Ref. to Fig 2b on the next page.

I just take 20 landmarks from 49 collected coordinate data. The reason lies in I find 50 points consume seemingly endless time. I also have some basic test on running time, and find it grow explosively. Ref. to Fig 3 on page 5

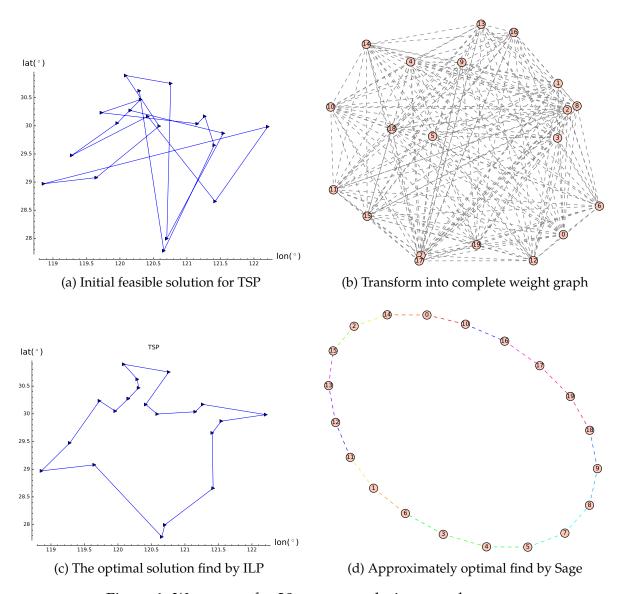


Figure 1: We can see for 20-pts, two solutions are the same.

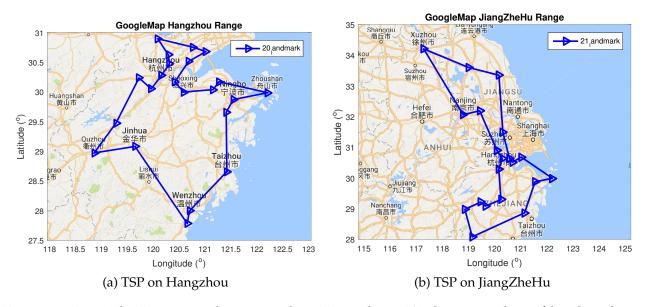


Figure 2: JiangZheHu is a wider range than Hangzhou. We limit number of landmarks to about 20 for speed.

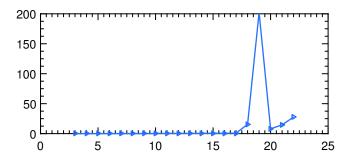


Figure 3: X-axis: number of landmarks, Y-axis: elapsed time in seconds. Running time starts to grow explosively at n=17 and becomes 200s at n=19 suddenly

# **Appendices**

## Appendix A Lab Code

My codes are somewhat lengthy, so I just put some important code, hope not to impact the compactness of this report.

#### A.1 Crawling Data of CHINA Landmarks

```
import urllib, json, cPickle
f=open('city_name_pinyin.txt')
city_name=f.readlines()
city_name=[name.strip(' \t\r\n') for name in city_name]
f.close()
print city_name
key='AIzaSyDw12ZWkEypDD0JMbT3UPVouVQLLppeimM'
# address='Beijing'
location=[]
for address
              in city_name:
        'https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address=%s&key=%s'
        ) % (address, key)
    print my_url
        response=urllib.urlopen(my_url)
    except urllib.error.HTTPError:
        print "Check Internet"
    else:
        print "Unkown"
    json_data=json.loads(response.read())
    print json_data
    loc=[json_data['results'][0]['formatted_address'],
        json_data['results'][0]['geometry']['location']]
    print loc
    location.append(loc)
print len(location), location
```

#### A.2 Solve By Sage

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import sys, os, \
    glob, cPickle, \
    argparse, errno, json, \
    copy, re, time, datetime
import numpy as np
import os.path as osp
import scipy.io as sio
from pprint import pprint
def lldistkm(latlon1, latlon2):
     Distance:
     d1km: distance in km based on Haversine formula
     (Haversine: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haversine_formula)
    radius=6371
    lat1=latlon1[0]*pi/180
    lat2=latlon2[0]*pi/180
    lon1=latlon1[1]*pi/180
    lon2=latlon2[1]*pi/180
    deltaLat=lat2-lat1
    deltaLon=lon2-lon1
    a=sin((deltaLat)/2)^2 + cos(lat1)*cos(lat2) * sin(deltaLon/2)^2
    c=2*atan2(sqrt(a), sqrt(1-a))
    d1km=radius*c
                     #Haversine distance
    return d1km
def lldistkm_o(11,12):
    l1=vector(l1)
    12=vector(12)
    return norm(12-11)
root='/home/xlwang/l-opt'
os.chdir(root)
print os.getcwd()
with open ('location.pkl','r') as f:
    locations =cPickle.load(f)
for m_limits in range(3,23):
    old_t = time.time()
    location=locations[:m_limits]
    latlons=[ [latlon[1]['lat'],latlon[1]['lng']] for latlon in location ]
    names=[latlon[0].split(',')[0] for latlon in location]
    n_pts=len(latlons)
    tab=table( \
    rows=[(latlons[i][0],latlons[i][1]) for i in range(n_pts)],\
    header column=names, \
    frame=True\
    str=latex(tab)
    with open("city_data.tex",'w') as f:
```

```
f.write(str)
dist=np.zeros((n_pts,n_pts))
for i in range(n_pts):
    for j in range(n_pts):
        dist[i,j]=N(lldistkm(latlons[i],latlons[j]),32)
dist
# For small problem:
#dist=Matrix([[0,1,2],[2,0,1],[1,2,0]])
dist=Matrix(dist)
p=MixedIntegerLinearProgram(maximization=False,solver="GLPK") #,solver="PPL"
x=p.new_variable(nonnegative=True,integer=True)
t=p.new_variable(nonnegative=True,integer=True)
n=dist.nrows()
obj_func=0
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        obj_func+=x[i,j]*dist[i,j] if i!=j else 0
p.set_objective(obj_func)
for i in range(n):
    p.add_constraint(sum([x[i,j] for j in range(n) if i!=j ])==1)
for j in range(n):
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for i in range(n):
    for j in range(1,n):
        if i==j :
            continue
        p.add_constraint(t[j]>=t[i]+1-n*(1-x[i,j]))
for i in range(n):
    p.add_constraint(t[i] <= n-1)</pre>
#p.show()
p.solve()
elaspe=time.time() - old_t
print m_limits, elaspe
```

## A.3 Draw on GMap

```
CCC
addpath(genpath('..\'));
all_pnt=load('res_latlon.txt');
figure,
lat=all_pnt(:,1);
lon=all\_pnt(:,2);
lat_new=[];
lon_new=[];
for i=1:length(lat)
    longitude=lon(i);
    latitude=lat(i);
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      if ~(longitude<120.13 || longitude>120.21)
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          if ~(latitude<30.26 || latitude>30.3)
             lat new(end+1) = lat(i);
             lon_new(end+1) = lon(i);
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               continue;
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          end
      end
```

```
end
lat=lat_new;
lon=lon_new;

plot(lon,lat,'MarkerSize',8,'Marker','>',...
    'LineWidth',2,...
    'Color',[0 0 1])

plot_google_map
set(gcf,'Color','White');
legend('21_landmark')

% create xlabel
xlabel('Longitude (^o)');

% create ylabel
ylabel('Latitude (^o)');
title('GoogleMap JiangZheHu Range')
export_fig .\l-opt\GMap_Jzh.pdf
```