

HINTS ON PROBLEM 2

Useful functions to have

- 1) Compute - worst - drive - time / given a choice of distribution centers
 - find relevant drive times
 - find closest drive time for each hospital given the current choice of distribution centers
 - find the worst drive time out of the previous ones

UPDATE STEP

- 2) Find - best - single - hospital - replacement

for all distribution centers / in your current selection
for all hospitals — in the hospital list

if hospital is not among the
current choice of distr. centers

→ replace d-c with hospital

→ compute - worst - drive - time

→ If new worst drive time

may need to break ties — ^{has "improved"} found a better candidate list.

Out of all the "better candidates" keep the one that improves ^{worst} drive time the most

keep calling the UPDATE STEP until you see no improvement in the worst drive time

EXAMPLE

5 hospitals
→ choose 2
distribution centers

drive time data from

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	1	3	4	5
B	1	0	7	1	8
C	3	7	0	15	2
D	4	1	15	0	2
E	5	8	2	2	0

Initial feasible solution [D, E]

Run one iteration of

Find-best-single-hospital-replacement

Can only replace
one center at
a time

for all distribution centers [D, E]

for all hospitals [A, B, C, D, E]

if hospital is not among the [A, B, C]

current choice of distr. centers

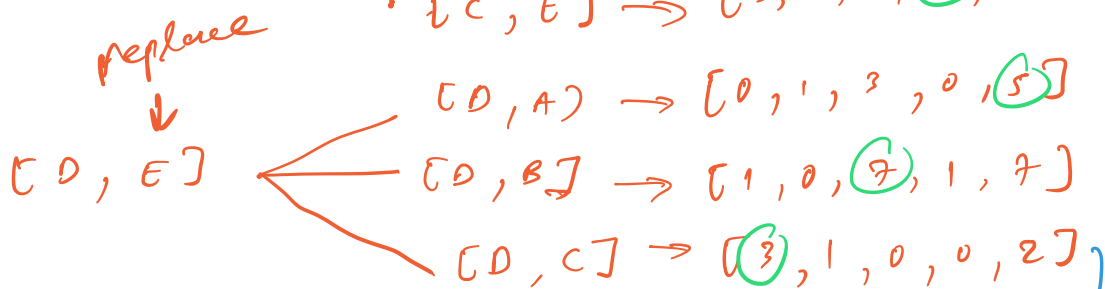
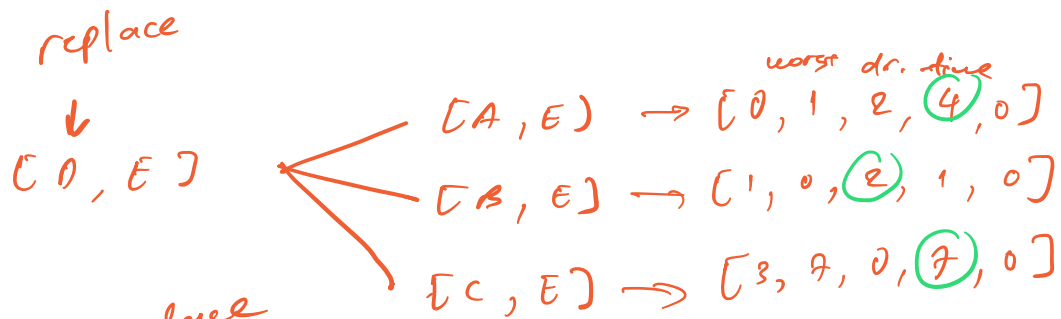
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→ compute - worst - drive - time

→ If new worst drive time

has improved, you have

found a better candidate list.



Best UPDATE: [D, E] → [B, E]

arrays with
the closest drive
times