

## Empirical Analysis of Travel salesman and Branch and Bound Algorithms for finding the shortest path

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## 1. Introduction

Algorithm analysis is a widely used and important field in computer science that helps determine the efficiency of an algorithm and predict its behavior without requiring it to be implemented on a specific computer. It aids in evaluating an algorithm's performance and comparing it to other algorithms to determine which one has the best performance. To analyze an algorithm, two approaches are provided: mathematical analysis and empirical analysis, both of which have distinguishing characteristics.

Even though the power of mathematical analysis, there is a limitation. Analyzing some problems can be complicated by using mathematical calculations. For this purpose, we need to study these problems based on real-world performance and experiments using empirical analysis.

## 2. Problem Description

In this report, we will discuss The Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP). It is an algorithmic problem that seeks the shortest non-overlapping path through all points in each list while visiting each point exactly once. It is an NP-hard problem, meaning that the time required to solve the problem increases rapidly as the number of points increases.

Therefore, we will empirically analyze the effectiveness of two algorithms (Traveling salesman using Brute Force Algorithm & TSP using Branch and Bound Algorithm) to find a path at the lowest cost to solve the problem of the shipment delivery representative which is our problem in this project.

The Brute Force Algorithm considers all possible permutations of the cities and thus guarantees the shortest route. However, it is very inefficient, as the number of permutations increases exponentially as the number of cities increases. For this reason, it is not suitable for large problems. The steps for solving the TSP using this algorithm are as follows:

- (i) Generate the graph for all cities.
- (ii) Calculate the distance for all cities.
- (iii) Create all possible permutations for all cities.
- (iv) Calculate the total distance for each permutation.
- (v) Finally, select the permutation with the shortest total distance.

In the Branch and Bound Algorithm, this algorithm divides the problem to be solved into several sub-problems. To solve the TSP using the Branch and Bound algorithm by following this step:

- (i) select a start node.
- (ii) set the bound to a very large value (say, infinity).
- (iii) choose the shortest path between the unvisited and current nodes.
- (iv) add the distance to the current distance.

When the current distance is less than the bound, we have successfully completed the algorithm.

### 3. Empirical Analysis of the algorithm

#### 3.1. Experiment's purpose:

The main purpose of this experiment is to practice the analysis of an algorithm by applying it on two similar algorithms for finding the shortest tour. Also, to make the decision of what is better relying on the order of growth.

#### 3.2. Choice of efficiency metric:

Two basic approaches to measuring the efficiency of a class are basic operation counter and running time. A basic operation counter has an advantage over running time for being stable on different machines, but it is a more complex practice because we need to determine the position of the counter accurately in such a code. However, we choose the running time for its simplicity. Running time is the determination of the amount of time to execute the code of the algorithm.

In order to measure it, there are many tools found such as the time command in UNIX, function clock in C language, and currentTimeMillis() in Java.

We reported the start time after creating the array of distances and the array that points to each city. At the end of the method that has the basic operation we reported the end-time, then we used the formula:  $\text{execution-time} = \text{end-time} - \text{start-time}$ .

We used milli seconds as a unit because it is more realistic to measure data.

#### 3.3. Characteristics of The Input Sample:

In this study, selecting the input and input instances is just as crucial as selecting the efficiency metric. Because of this, we demonstrate our decision-making process for the input in this section. We chose the appropriate range of 3 to 10 as the input size for the "Traveling salesman" problem because we needed to ensure that it was neither too large nor too little.

We created random numbers for each distance and values array to remove any bias toward particular input instances (only odd and even numbers). In these kinds of tests, applying the same input size to different instances can greatly enhance our analysis. It will demonstrate that our program does not favor particular inputs on particular measurements. For this reason, we used the trial process and ran the same input size five times, with each run producing a different set of random numbers for the array of distances.

There are two inputs needed for the salesman problem. The first input is a random distance array, which consists of random numbers. Each trail has a different range of distances. We utilized a range of distances from 1 to 10 in the first trial, 11 to 20 in the second, and so on. The second input is the start point or node.

### 3.4. Implementation Algorithms and analysis tools:

- **TSP-brute force algorithm:**

**ALGORITHM** tsp\_brute\_force(Array[0...n][0...n],start node)

//Generate all possible paths then select the optimal path.

//Input: 2-dimensional array of distances between every two cities and start node.

//Output: The optimal path

Cities [0..n]           //create array that represents cities

**For** i  $\leftarrow$  0 to n do

    Cities[i]  $\leftarrow$  i

    Min-cost  $\leftarrow$   $+\infty$

**DO**

    K  $\leftarrow$  start node

**For** i  $\leftarrow$  0 to n do

        K  $\leftarrow$  Cities [i]

        Current cost  $\leftarrow$  current cost+ array[k][s] // calculate the path between start node and next point

        Current cost  $\leftarrow$  current cost+ array[k][s] // calculate the path between final node and start point

**If** current cost < min-cost

    Min-cost  $\leftarrow$  current cost

**While** findNextPermutation() =true

Repeat

Return min-cost

To see the full code, check [Appendix A](#)

The following is the implementation of the `findNextPermutation()` method that returns a Boolean value and used by TSP brute force main function.

```
public static boolean findNextPermutation(ArrayList<Integer> data) {
    // If the given dataset is empty
    // or contains only one element
    // next_permutation is not possible
    if (data.size() <= 1) {
        return false;
    }
    int last = data.size() - 2;
    // find the longest non-increasing suffix and find the pivot
    while (last >= 0) {
        if (data.get(last) < data.get(last + 1)) {
            break;
        }
        last--;
    }
    // If there is no increasing pair there is no higher order permutation
    if (last < 0) {
        return false;
    }
    int nextGreater = data.size() - 1;
    // Find the rightmost successor to the pivot
    for (int i = data.size() - 1; i > last; i--) {
        if (data.get(i) > data.get(last)) {
            nextGreater = i;
            break;
        }
    }
    // Swap the successor and the pivot
    data = swap(data, nextGreater, last);
    // Reverse the suffix
    data = reverse(data, last + 1, data.size() - 1);
    // Return true as the next_permutation is done
    return true;
}
```

Figure 1: Screenshot code find permutation function used by Tsp of brute force main method



The following is the implementation of swap and reverse function for generating the next permutation:

```
//=====
// Function to swap the data
// present in the left and right indices

public static ArrayList<Integer>
    swap(ArrayList<Integer> data, int left, int right) {
    // Swap the data
    int temp = data.get(left);
    data.set(left, data.get(right));
    data.set(right, temp);
    // Return the updated array
    return data;
}

//=====
// Function to reverse the sub-array
// starting from left to the right
// both inclusive

public static ArrayList<Integer>
    reverse(ArrayList<Integer> data, int left, int right) {
    // Reverse the sub-array
    while (left < right) {
        int temp = data.get(left);
        data.set(left++, data.get(right));
        data.set(right--, temp);
    }
    // Return the updated array
    return data;
}

//=====
```

Figure 2: Screenshot code of reverse and swap functions used by Tsp brute force.

### ▪ TSP-Using Branch And Bound

**ALGORITHM** TSP\_brunch\_and\_bound(array[0..n][0..n],s)

//Generate all possible paths then select the optimal path.

//Input: 2 dimensional array of distances between each two cities, and start node.

//Output: The optimal path

min  $\leftarrow +\infty$ ; first  $\leftarrow +\infty$ ; second  $\leftarrow +\infty$

Visetsed  $\leftarrow$  false

Node  $\leftarrow$  array[0..n].length

Curr\_path[Node+1]

curr\_bound  $\leftarrow$  0;

**For** i  $\leftarrow$  0 to i $\leq$  Node+1 **do**

Curr\_path  $\leftarrow$  array[i] $\leftarrow$  -1)

**For** i  $\leftarrow$  0 to i < node **do**

**For** k  $\leftarrow$  0 to k < Node **do** //for finding find the minimum edge cost

**if** array[i][k] < min and i notequal k **then do**

min = array[i][k];

**For** j  $\leftarrow$  0 to j < Node **do** // find the second minimum edge cost

**if** array[i][j] <= first **then**

second  $\leftarrow$  first

first  $\leftarrow$  array[i][j]

**if** array[i][j] <= second and array [i][j] notequal first **then**

second  $\leftarrow$  array[i][j];

curr\_bound  $\leftarrow$  curr\_bound+ (min + second)

curr\_bound  $\leftarrow$  (curr\_bound=1)? curr\_bound/2 + 1 : curr\_bound/2

curr\_path[0] = 0;

Visetsed  $\leftarrow$  true

TSPRec(array[0..n][0..n], curr\_bound, 0, 1, curr\_path) //methode used recursive call

To see the full code, check [Appendix B](#)

The following is the implementation of the TSPRec(array[0..n][0..n], curr\_bound, 0, 1, curr\_path) method that void

```
public static void TSPRec(int adj[][], int curr_bound, int curr_weight,
    int level, int curr_path[]) {
    // base case is when we have reached level N which means we have covered all the nodes once
    if (level == N) {
        // check if there is an edge from last vertex in path back to the first vertex
        if (adj[curr_path[level - 1]][curr_path[0]] != 0) {
            // curr_res has the total weight of the solution we got
            int curr_res = curr_weight + adj[curr_path[level - 1]][curr_path[0]];
            // Update final result and final path if current result is better.
            if (curr_res < final_res) {
                copyToFinal(curr_path);
                for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
                    // print the paths
                    System.out.printf("%d ", curr_path[i]);
                    curr_path[N] = curr_path[0];
                }
                System.out.println("");
                final_res = curr_res;
                System.out.println("Cost this path = " + curr_res);
            }
        }
        return;
    }
    // for any other level iterate for all vertices to build the search space tree recursively
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        // Consider next vertex if it is not same (diagonal entry in adjacency matrix and not visited already)
        if (adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i] != 0 && visited[i] == false) {
            int temp = curr_bound;
            curr_weight += adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i];
            // different computation of curr_bound for level 2 from the other levels
            if (level == 1) {
                curr_bound -= ((firstMin(adj, curr_path[level - 1]) + firstMin(adj, i)) / 2);
            } else {
                curr_bound -= ((secondMin(adj, curr_path[level - 1]) + firstMin(adj, i)) / 2);
            }
            // curr_bound + curr_weight is the actual lower bound for the node that we have arrived on
            // If current lower bound < final_res, we need to explore the node further
            if (curr_bound + curr_weight < final_res) {
                curr_path[level] = i;
                visited[i] = true;
                // call TSPRec for the next level
                TSPRec(adj, curr_bound, curr_weight, level + 1, curr_path);
            }
            // Else we have to prune the node by resetting
            // all changes to curr_weight and curr_bound
            curr_weight -= adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i];
            curr_bound = temp;
            // Also reset the visited array
            Arrays.fill(visited, false);
            for (int j = 0; j <= level - 1; j++) {
                visited[curr_path[j]] = true;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Figure 3: Screenshot codeTspRec function used in branch and bound algorithm

Analysis tools:

- NetBeans IDE 8.2 used to run the java code.
- Microsoft Excel, used to create analysis tables and to represent them in graphs.

### 3.5. Generate a sample of inputs.

For the number of cities, it will be entered by the user, and we have sent it as a parameter in the method called generateDistancesCites().

As for the distances between cities, we've added a method to our program called generateDistancesCites().

The method takes three parameters (n, min, max) are all of type (int). The first parameter for the number of cities. As well as the other parameters min and max to determine the range of the array. The min and max change in each trial, for example, the first trial: 1-10, the second trial 11-20, and so on...

In addition, the method contains an instance of the class Random, i.e., Random rand = new Random(). There are also two loops for generating random distances between cities, we used Rand.nextInt((max - min) + 1). The method returns the two demission arrays (matrices) of the randomly generated distances. The following figure shows the code for this method.

```
//=====
//method to genrate cites distances randomly

public static int[][] genratedistancesCites(int n, int min, int max) {
    int distances[][] = new int[n][n];
    Random rand = new Random(100); //genrate randomly
    //for loop to genrate randomly distances to store distances in 2d array
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            //genrate cites distances randomly
            int value = Math.abs((min + rand.nextInt((max - min) + 1)));
            distances[i][j] = value;
            distances[j][i] = value;
        }
    }
    return distances;
}
//=====
```

Figure 4: Screenshot code metod generateDistancesCites().

## 3.6. Program Run

Sample run of brute force travelling salesman:

```
Output - TspUsingBruteForceAlgorithm (run) ×
run:
Enter the number of cities :4
0->1->2->3->0 The cost for this path = 260
0->1->3->2->0 The cost for this path = 213
0->2->1->3->0 The cost for this path = 221
0->2->3->1->0 The cost for this path = 213
0->3->1->2->0 The cost for this path = 221
0->3->2->1->0 The cost for this path = 260
-----
The optimal path :
0->1->3->2->0
0->2->3->1->0
The optimal cost is: 213
-----
Adjacency matrix
-----
0  61  69  85
61  0  49  18
69  49  0  65
85  18  65  0
-----
Time taken :1 Millisecond
-----
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 3 seconds)
```

Sample run of branch and bound algorithm:

```
Output - TspUsingBranchAndBound (run) ×
run:
Enter the number of cities :4
-----
      All paths with they costs
-----
0 1 2 3 0
Cost this path = 260
0 1 3 2 0
Cost this path = 213
-----
Minimum cost : 213
Path Taken : 0 1 3 2 0
-----
Adjacency matrix
-----
0  61  69  85
61  0  49  18
69  49  0  65
85  18  65  0
-----
Time taken :0 Millisecond
-----
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 2 seconds)
```

### 3.7. Data Collection

For each input size, we execute the two specified algorithms five times (3-10). In each trail, a different array was produced randomly. The time taken is shown in the two tables below, taking into account the average, best, and worst run times for each input size.

input-size	trail1(1:10)	trail2(11:20)	trail3(21:30)	trail4(31:40)	trail5(41:50)	Best-case	Average-case	Worst-case
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	2	2	2	1	2	1	1.8	2
6	8	13	13	14	7	7	11	14
7	48	43	42	51	41	41	45	51
8	285	236	245	251	258	236	255	285
9	2377	2201	2053	2064	2181	2053	2175.2	2377
10	23965	20332	19925	20894	20630	19925	21149.2	23965

Table 1: Brute force (TSP) Runtime

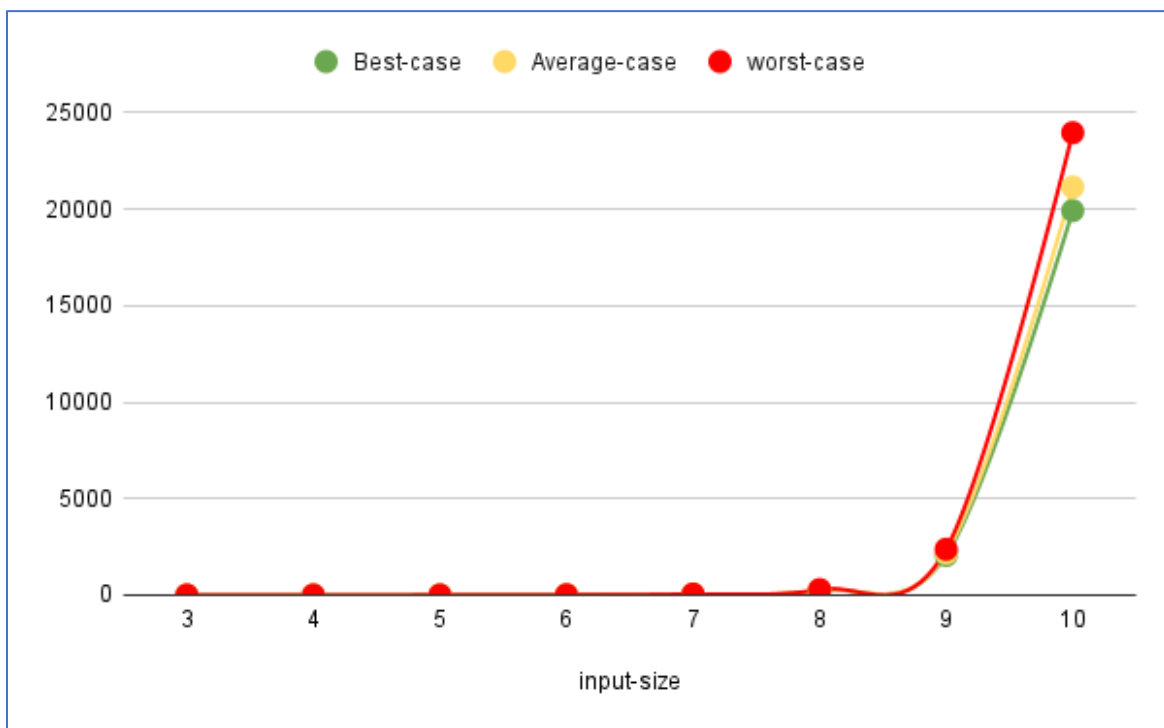


Figure 5: Brute force (TSP) Graph

The graph shows that when the inputs were small (3-7), the time was shorter, and once the inputs became (8-10) the time increased exponentially. We conclude from this graph that this algorithm is highly affected by the input.

Input-size	trail1(1:10)	trail2(11:20)	trail3(21:30)	trail4(31:40)	trail5(41:50)	Best-case	Average-case	Worst-case
3	6	7	9	7	8	6	7.4	9
4	6	8	9	9	9	6	8.2	9
5	8	9	10	10	11	8	9.6	11
6	9	10	11	13	11	9	10.8	13
7	14	13	15	12	15	12	13.8	15
8	15	15	16	14	13	13	14.6	16
9	15	14	15	15	16	14	15	16
10	18	19	17	16	17	16	17.4	19

Table 2: Branch And bound (TSP) Runtime

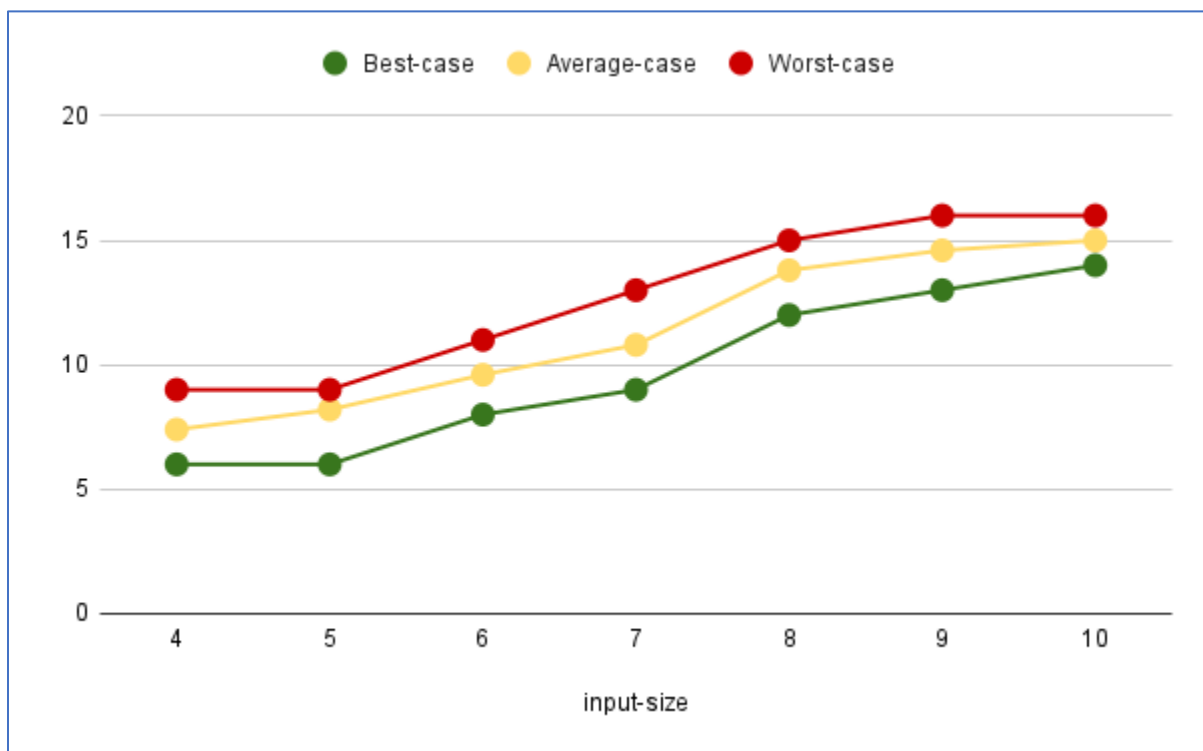
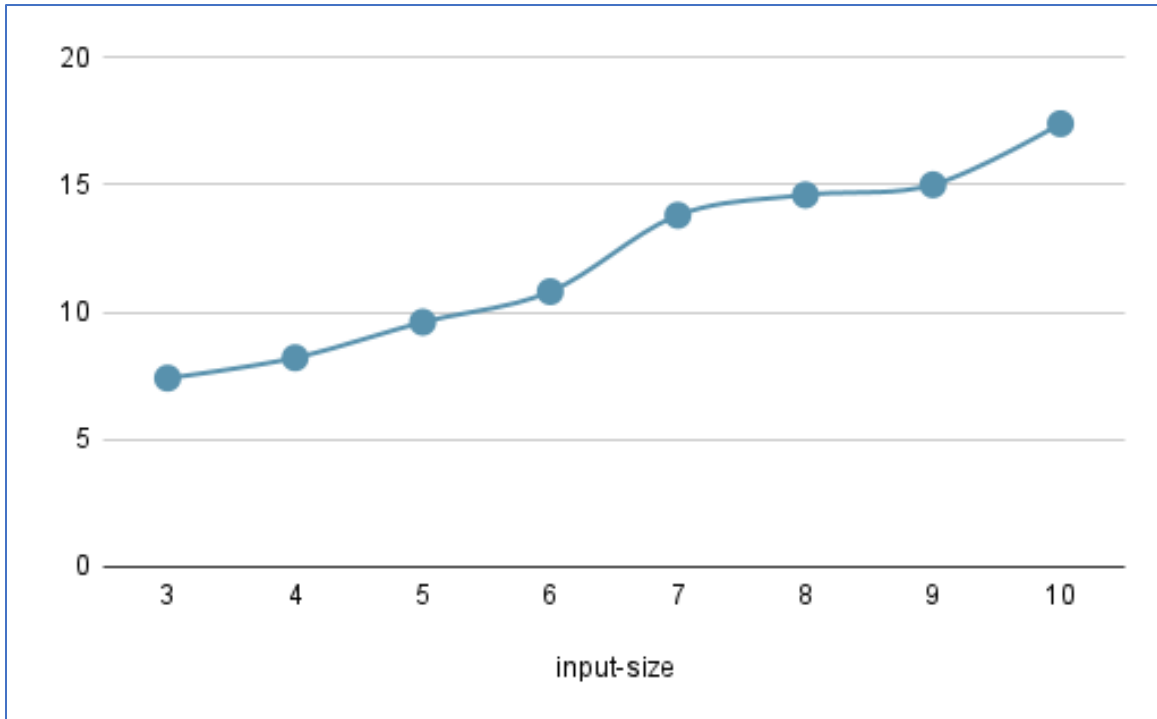


Figure 6: Branch And bound (TSP) Graph

The graph shows that when the inputs are small (3-6), or when the inputs become larger (7-10), we notice that the time increases gradually as the inputs increase.



*Figure 7: Branch and bound (TSP) Average Graph*

We display these statistics to represent each algorithm. The input size is represented by the X-axis, while the physical computation time is shown by the Y-axis.



## 3.8. Data analysis and order of growth

### 3.8.1. Class Efficiency

Input-size (n)	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3	1	1.584962501	3.00	4.754887502	9	27	8	6
4	1	2	4.00	8	16	64	16	24
5	1	2.321928095	5.00	11.60964047	25	125	32	120
6	1	2.584962501	6.00	15.509775	36	216	64	720
7	1	2.807354922	7.00	19.65148445	49	343	128	5040
8	1	3	8.00	24	64	512	256	40320
9	1	3.169925001	9.00	28.52932501	81	729	512	362880
10	1	3.321928095	10.00	33.21928095	100	1000	1024	3628800

Table 3: Class Efficiency

### 3.8.2. Brute force

Input-size (n)	Best	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3	0	1	2.512106129	9	22.60895516	81	729	64	36
4	0	1	4	16	64	256	4096	256	576
5	1	0	1.747493888	16	112.564471	576	15376	961	14161
6	7	36	19.49255612	1	72.41627062	841	43681	3249	508369
7	41	1600	1458.678138	1156	455.759116	64	91204	7569	24990001
8	236	55225	54289	51984	44944	29584	76176	400	1606727056
9	2053	4210704	4201803.336	4177936	4098481.514	3888784	1752976	2374681	130196123929
10	19925	396965776	396873257.2	396607225	395682940.2	393030625	358155625	357247801	13023978765625
SUM		401233343	401130836	400838343	399827093	396950811	360139863	359634981	13155807129753

Table 4: Brute force Best case approximate order of growth

Input-size (n)	Average-case	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3	0	1	2.512106129	9	22.60895516	81	729	64	36
4	0	1	4	16	64	256	4096	256	576
5	1.8	0.64	0.2724089362	10.24	96.22904624	538.24	15178.24	912.04	13971.24
6	11	100	70.81285611	25	20.33807059	625	42025	2809	502681
7	45	1936	1780.219299	1444	642.5472404	16	88804	6889	24950025
8	255	64516	63504	61009	53361	36481	66049	1	1605204225
9	2175.2	4727145.64	4717714.647	4692422.44	4608194.987	4385673.64	2091494.44	2766234.24	130107952743
10	21149.2	447246363.2	447148159.4	446865776.6	445884641.7	443068820.6	405990260.6	405023675	13015144294741
SUM		452040063.5	451931235.9	451620712.3	450547043.4	447492491.5	408298636.3	407800840.3	13146882918998

Table 5: Brute force Average case approximate order of growth

Input-size (n)	Worst-case	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3	0	1	2.512106129	9	22.60895516	81	729	64	36
4	0	1	4	16	64	256	4096	256	576
5	2	1	0.1036376983	9	92.34519005	529	15129	900	13924
6	14	169	130.3030811	64	2.279420564	484	40804	2500	498436
7	51	2500	2322.53104	1936	982.7294269	4	85264	5929	24890121
8	285	80656	79524	76729	68121	48841	51529	841	1602801225
9	2377	5645376	5635069.225	5607424	5515314.511	5271616	2715904	3478225	129962413009
10	23965	574273296	574162016	573842025	572730128.4	569538225	527391225	526289481	12994835377225
SUM		580002000	579879068.7	579528212	578314727.9	574860036	530304680	529778196	13126425994552

Table 6: Brute force Worst case approximate order of growth

According to the above tables, brute force algorithm in all best, worst and average case has order of growth of  $2^n$  which has the lowest error ratio .

- $C_{\text{worst}}(n) = C_{\text{average}}(n) = C_{\text{best}}(n) \in \Theta(2^n)$ .

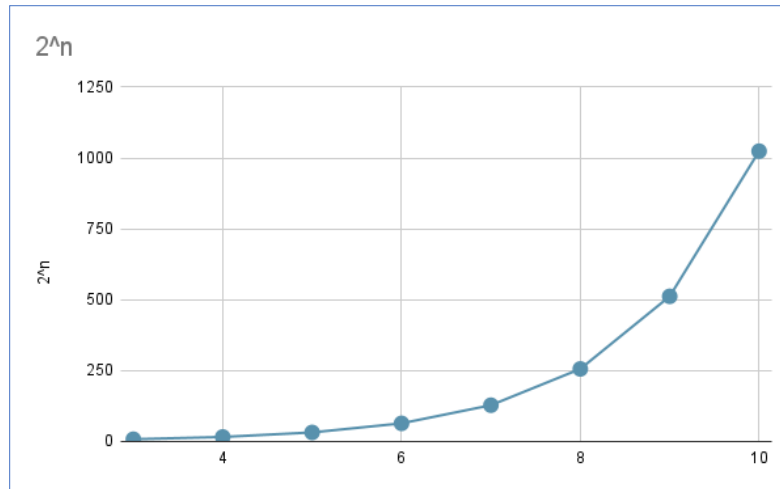


Figure 8:  $\Theta(2^n)$  Graph

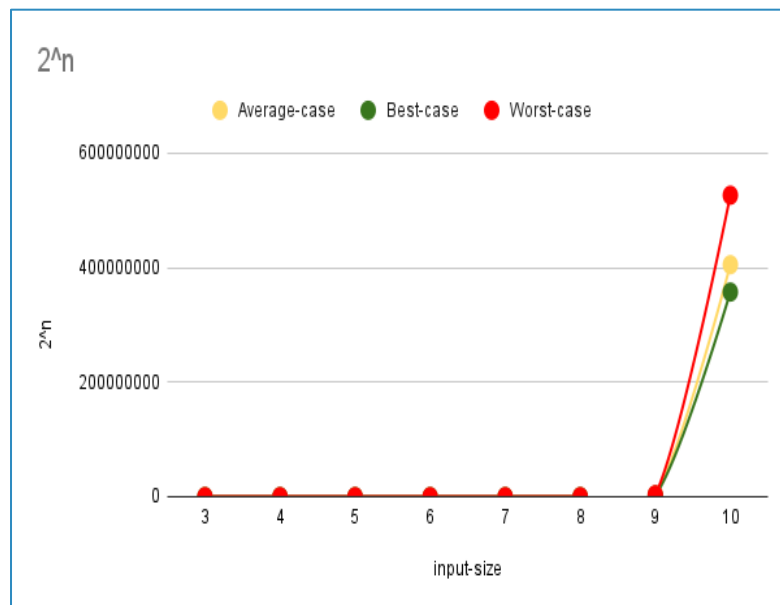


Figure 9:  $\Theta(2^n)$  Brute force Graph

### 3.8.3. Branch and bound

Input-size (n)	Best	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3	6	25	19.49255612	9	1.550305132	9	441	4	0
4	6	25	16	9	4	100	3364	100	324
5	8	49	32.24050056	16	13.02950435	289	13689	576	12544
6	9	64	41.15270612	16	42.37717061	729	42849	3025	505521
7	12	121	84.50472353	36	58.54521436	1369	109561	13456	25280784
8	13	144	100	36	121	2601	249001	59049	1624654249
9	14	169	117.2905245	36	211.1012853	4489	511225	248004	131671733956
10	16	225	160.7335072	49	296.5036364	7056	968256	1016064	13168073318656
SUM		822	571.414518	207	748.1071162	16642	1898386	1340278	13301395506034

Table 7: Branch and bound Best case approximate order of growth

Input-size (n)	Average-case	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3.00	7.4	40.96	33.81466112	19.36	6.996620126	2.56	384.16	0.36	1.96
4.00	8.2	51.84	38.44	17.64	0.04	60.84	3113.64	60.84	249.64
5.00	9.6	73.96	52.97033066	21.16	4.038654836	237.16	13317.16	501.76	12188.16
6.00	10.8	96.04	67.48684111	23.04	22.18198059	635.04	42107.04	2830.24	502964.64
7.00	13.8	163.84	120.8382458	46.24	34.23987032	1239.04	108372.64	13041.64	25262686.44
8.00	14.6	184.96	134.56	43.56	88.36	2440.36	247406.76	58273.96	1624525269
9.00	15	196	139.9506745	36	183.0426353	4356	509796	247009	131671008225
10.00	17.4	268.96	198.1921086	54.76	250.2496497	6822.76	965502.76	1013243.56	13168063158063
SUM		1076.56	786.2528617	261.76	589.1494109	15793.76	1890000.16	1334961.36	13301384469648

Table 8: Branch and bound Average case approximate order of growth

Input-size (n)	Worst-case	1	log(n)	n	n*log(n)	n^2	n^3	2^n	n!
3.00	9	64	54.98278112	36	18.02098012	0	324	1	9
4.00	9	64	49	25	1	49	3025	49	225
5.00	11	100	75.30893199	36	0.3716615081	196	12996	441	11881
6.00	13	144	108.4730061	49	6.298970572	529	41209	2601	499849
7.00	15	196	148.660594	64	21.63630763	1156	107584	12769	25250625
8.00	16	225	169	64	64	2304	246016	57600	1624412416
9.00	16	256	164.6108245	49	156.9839853	4225	508369	246016	131670282496
10.00	19	361	245.8019387	81	202.1879507	6561	962361	1010025	13168051545961
SUM		1410	1015.838076	404	470.4998558	15020	1881884	1329502	13301372003462

Table 9: Branch and bound Worst case approximate order of growth

According to the above tables, branch and bound algorithm in the best and average cases follows order of growth of linear function. However, in the worst case it showed (nlogn) order of growth.

Caverage (n) = Cbest(n) ∈ Θ (n).

Cworst(n) ∈ Θ (n logn).

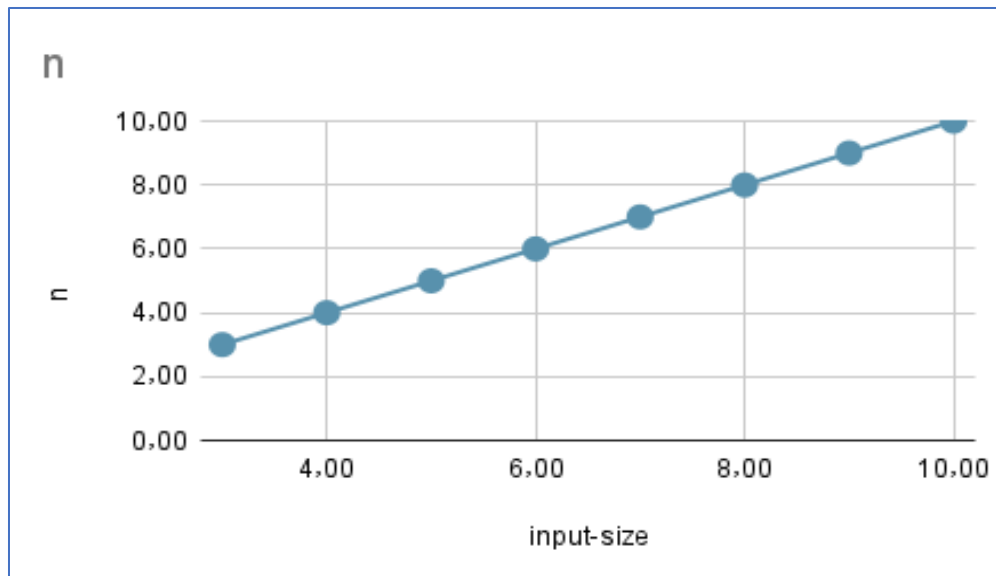


Figure 10:  $\Theta(n)$  Graph

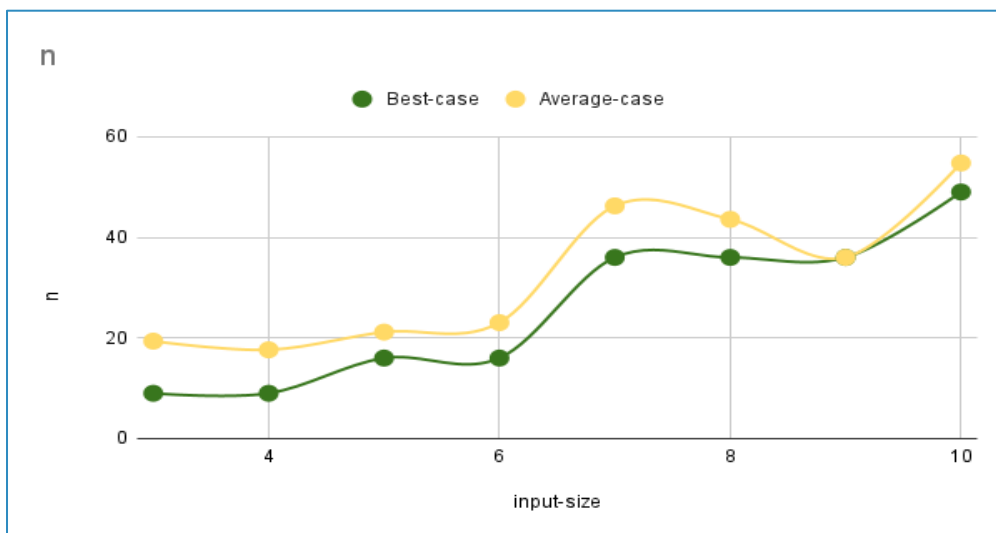


Figure 11:  $\Theta(n)$  Branch and bound in Best case & Average case Graph

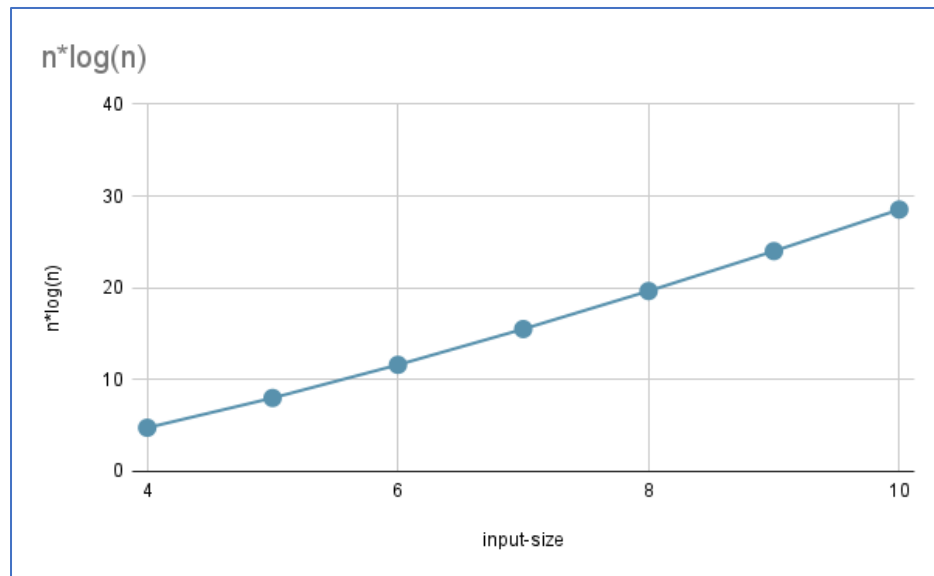


Figure 12:  $\Theta(n \log n)$  Graph.

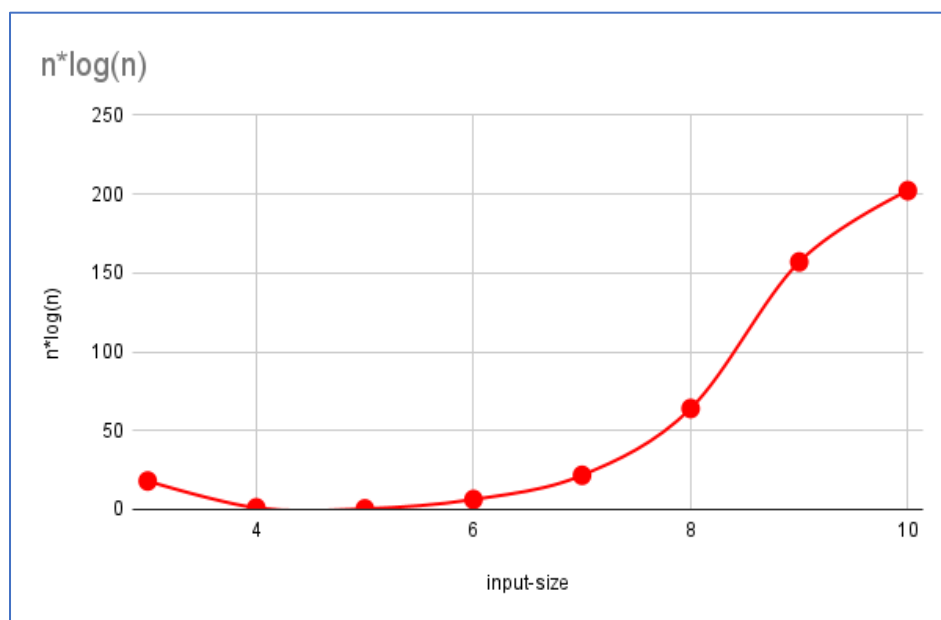


Figure 13:  $\Theta(n \log n)$  Branch and bound in Worst case Graph.

## 3.9. Comparing the result with the theoretical analysis

### 3.9.1. Brute force algorithm:

The brute force algorithm of TSP should follow  $(n-1)!$  order of growth because its main aim is to generate all possible paths (all permutations). However, in our case, it obtained exponential order of growth ( $2^n$ ) which was affected by the small input size and the number of trials. In addition, we noticed that the time varies from one device to another, due to the different performance and speed of each device. If we want to try this algorithm for larger inputs, it would require high-performance computers to test. So, we concluded that this algorithm is suitable for small inputs and not effective for large problems.

### 3.9.2. Branch and bound algorithm:

The worst-case complexity of branch and bound should remain the same as the brute force. However, in practice it performs better depending on the different instances of the TSP distances matrix. The performance also depends on the other functions used in pruning the nodes.

Due to the small number of nodes in our sample, the order of growth showed us that it follows a linear efficiency class in the best and average cases, while in the worst case it follows  $(n \log n)$ .

## 4. Conclusion

To sum up, after the experiment's execution, analyzed it empirically, selection of the proper efficiency metric, and implementing the two algorithms for finding the shortest path, we conclude that the branch and bound algorithm is more efficient than brute force.

The efficiency class of the branch and bound was  $\theta(n)$  linear in the best and average case, yet in the worst case was  $(n \log n)$ . Whereas the brute force algorithm followed an exponential order of growth in all cases according to the empirical analysis that we obtained.

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## 6. Appendix A

- Brute force code

```
/*
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Tsp Using Brute Force Algoraithm
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*/
package tspusingbruteforcealgoraithm;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Random;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class TspUsingBruteForceAlgoraithm {

    /**
     * @param args the command line arguments
     */
    //=====
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[][] arrayDistances = genratedistancesCites(n, 41, 50);
        int s = 0; // start node
        long startTime, endTime;
        startTime = System.nanoTime(); // start time
        System.out.println("\nThe optimal cost is: " + travllingSalesmanProblem(arrayDistances, s));
        endTime = System.nanoTime(); // end time
        printADJ(arrayDistances); // call method print Adjacency matrix

        System.out.println("-----");
        System.out.println("Time taken : " + ((endTime - startTime) / 1000000) + " Millisecond"); // print the time
        System.out.println("-----");
    }
    //=====
    //method to genrate cites distances randomly

    public static int[][] genratedistancesCites(int n, int min, int max) {
        int distances[][] = new int[n][n];
        Random rand = new Random(100); //genrate randomly
        //for loop to genrate randomly distances to store distances in 2d array
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
                //genrate cites distances randomly
                int value = Math.abs((min + rand.nextInt((max - min) + 1)));
                distances[i][j] = value;
                distances[j][i] = value;
            }
        }
        return distances;
    }
    //=====
    // Define a scanner to ask the user to enter the number of cities
    static Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

    static {
        System.out.print("Enter the number of cities :"); // Ask the user to enter the number of cities
    }

    static int n = input.nextInt(); // Store the number of cities we have requested from the user in a variable n
    static int V = n;
    //=====
}
```



```

// implementation of traveling
// Salesman Problem

static int travellingSalesmanProblem(int graph[][], int s) {
    // store all vertex apart
    // from source vertex
    ArrayList<Integer> vertex = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
        if (i != s) {
            vertex.add(i);
        }
    }
    // store minimum weight
    int min_path = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    // array to save the value of optimal path
    int[] g = new int[V];
    int[] g1 = new int[V];
    int[] d = new int[V];
    int[] d1 = new int[V];
    do {
        // store current Path weight(cost)
        int current_pathweight = 0;
        // compute current path weight
        int k = s; //start point
        System.out.print(s + "->");
        for (int i = 0; i < vertex.size(); i++) { //use the 1d array to cal all possible paths distances
            //here we calculate the path between start node and next point
            current_pathweight += graph[k][vertex.get(i)]; //use 2d array to find the distance btw the start and other cities
            k = vertex.get(i);
            System.out.print(k + "->"); //this print the node
            g[i] = k; // save value of k to array
            d[i] = k; // save value of k to array
        }
        //here we calculate the path between start node and final point
        current_pathweight += graph[k][s];
        //here in the start we print s which we should end with
        System.out.println(s + " The cost for this path = " + current_pathweight);
        //save the optimal path nodes
        if (current_pathweight < min_path) {
            // update minimum
            min_path = Math.min(min_path, current_pathweight);
            //save the optimal path nodes
            System.arraycopy(g, s, g1, s, vertex.size() - s);
        } else if (current_pathweight == min_path) {
            System.arraycopy(d, s, d1, s, vertex.size() - s);
        }
    } while (findNextPermutation(vertex));

    // print the optimal path
    System.out.println("-----");
    System.out.println("The optimal path : ");
    System.out.print(s + "->");
    for (int i = s; i < vertex.size(); i++) //use the 1d array to cal all possible paths distances
    {
        System.out.print(g1[i] + "->");
    }
    System.out.print(s);
    System.out.println("");
    System.out.print(s + "->");
    for (int i = s; i < vertex.size(); i++) //use the 1d array to cal all possible paths distances
    {
        System.out.print(d1[i] + "->");
    }
    System.out.print(s);

    return min_path; // return the cost of min_path
}

```

```

//=====
// Function to swap the data
// present in the left and right indices

public static ArrayList<Integer>
    swap(ArrayList<Integer> data, int left, int right) {
    // Swap the data
    int temp = data.get(left);
    data.set(left, data.get(right));
    data.set(right, temp);
    // Return the updated array
    return data;
}

//=====
// Function to reverse the sub-array
// starting from left to the right
// both inclusive

public static ArrayList<Integer>
    reverse(ArrayList<Integer> data, int left, int right) {
    // Reverse the sub-array
    while (left < right) {
        int temp = data.get(left);
        data.set(left++, data.get(right));
        data.set(right--, temp);
    }
    // Return the updated array
    return data;
}

//=====
// Function to find the next permutation
// of the given integer array

public static boolean findNextPermutation(ArrayList<Integer> data) {
    // If the given dataset is empty
    // or contains only one element
    // next_permutation is not possible
    if (data.size() <= 1) {
        return false;
    }
    int last = data.size() - 2;
    // find the longest non-increasing suffix and find the pivot
    while (last >= 0) {
        if (data.get(last) < data.get(last + 1)) {
            break;
        }
        last--;
    }
    // If there is no increasing pair there is no higher order permutation
    if (last < 0) {
        return false;
    }
    int nextGreater = data.size() - 1;
    // Find the rightmost successor to the pivot
    for (int i = data.size() - 1; i > last; i--) {
        if (data.get(i) > data.get(last)) {
            nextGreater = i;
            break;
        }
    }
    // Swap the successor and the pivot
    data = swap(data, nextGreater, last);
    // Reverse the suffix
    data = reverse(data, last + 1, data.size() - 1);
    // Return true as the next_permutation is done
    return true;
}

```

```
//=====
// method to print Adjacency matrix

public static void printADJ(int[][] adj) {
    System.out.println("-----");
    System.out.println("Adjacency matrix ");
    System.out.println("-----");
    for (int i = 0; i < adj.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < adj[i].length; j++) {
            System.out.print(adj[i][j] + " ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

## 7. Appendix B

- Branch and bound code

```
/*
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Tsp Using Branch And Bound
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*/
package tspusingbranchandbound;

import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Random;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class TspUsingBranchAndBound {

    /**
     * @param args the command line arguments
     */
    //=====
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[][] adj = generatedistancesCites(c, 10, 100);
        System.out.println("All paths with they costs ");
        System.out.println("-----");
        long startTime, endTime;
        startTime = System.nanoTime(); // start time
        TSP(adj);
        endTime = System.nanoTime(); // end time

        System.out.println("-----");
        System.out.printf("Minimum cost : %d\n", final_res); // print the minimum cost
        System.out.printf("Path Taken : "); // print the path taken
        for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
            System.out.printf("%d ", final_path[i]);
        }
        endTime = System.nanoTime(); // end time
        printADJ(adj); // call method print Adjacency matrix
        System.out.println("-----");
        System.out.println("Time taken : " + ((endTime - startTime) / 1000000) + " Millisecond");// print the time
        System.out.println("-----");
    }
    //=====
    //method to genrate cites distances randomly

    public static int[][] generatedistancesCites(int n, int min, int max) {
        int distances[][] = new int[n][n];
        Random rand = new Random(100); //genrate randomly
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
                //genrate cites distances randomly
                int value = Math.abs((min + rand.nextInt((max - min) + 1)));
                distances[i][j] = value;
                distances[j][i] = value;
            }
        }
        return distances;
    }
    //=====
    // Define a scanner to ask the user to enter the number of cities
    static Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

    static {
        System.out.print("Enter the number of cities :");// Ask the user to enter the number of cities
    }
    static int c = input.nextInt(); // Store the number of cities we have requested from the user in a variable c
}
```

```

static {
    System.out.println("-----");
}
static int N = C;
// final_path[] stores the final solution ie, the
// path of the salesman.
static int final_path[] = new int[N + 1];
// visited[] keeps track of the already visited nodes
// in a particular path
static boolean visited[] = new boolean[M];
// Stores the final minimum weight of shortest tour.
static int final_res = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
//=====
// Function to copy temporary solution to
// the final solution

static void copyToFinal(int curr_path[]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        final_path[i] = curr_path[i];
    }
    final_path[M] = curr_path[0];
}
//=====
// Function to find the minimum edge cost
// having an end at the vertex i

static int firstMin(int adj[][], int i) {
    int min = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    for (int k = 0; k < N; k++) {
        if (adj[i][k] < min && i != k) {
            min = adj[i][k];
        }
    }
    return min;
}
//=====
// function to find the second minimum edge cost
// having an end at the vertex i

public static int secondMin(int adj[][], int i) {
    int first = Integer.MAX_VALUE, second = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        if (i == j) {
            continue;
        }
        if (adj[i][j] <= first) {
            second = first;
            first = adj[i][j];
        } else if (adj[i][j] <= second && adj[i][j] != first) {
            second = adj[i][j];
        }
    }
    return second;
}
//=====
// function that takes as arguments:
// curr_bound -> lower bound of the root node
// curr_weight-> stores the weight of the path so far
// level-> current level while moving in the search
// space tree
// curr_path[] -> where the solution is being stored which
// would later be copied to final_path[]

public static void TSPRec(int adj[][], int curr_bound, int curr_weight,
    int level, int curr_path[]) {
    // base case is when we have reached level N which means we have covered all the nodes once
    if (level == N) {
        // check if there is an edge from last vertex in path back to the first vertex
        if (adj[curr_path[level - 1]][curr_path[0]] != 0) {
            // curr_res has the total weight of the solution we got
            int curr_res = curr_weight + adj[curr_path[level - 1]][curr_path[0]];
            // Update final result and final path if current result is better.

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```

        if (curr_res < final_res) {
            copyToFinal(curr_path);
            for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
                // print the paths
                System.out.printf("%d ", curr_path[i]);
                curr_path[N] = curr_path[0];
            }
            System.out.println("");
            final_res = curr_res;
            System.out.println("Cost this path = " + curr_res);
        }
    }
    return;
}

// for any other level iterate for all vertices to build the search space tree recursively
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Consider next vertex if it is not same (diagonal entry in adjacency matrix and not visited already)
    if (adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i] != 0 && visited[i] == false) {
        int temp = curr_bound;
        curr_weight += adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i];
        // different computation of curr_bound for level 2 from the other levels
        if (level == 1) {
            curr_bound -= ((firstMin(adj, curr_path[level - 1]) + firstMin(adj, i)) / 2);
        } else {
            curr_bound -= ((secondMin(adj, curr_path[level - 1]) + firstMin(adj, i)) / 2);
        }
        // curr_bound + curr_weight is the actual lower bound for the node that we have arrived on
        // If current lower bound < final_res, we need to explore the node further
        if (curr_bound + curr_weight < final_res) {
            curr_path[level] = i;
            visited[i] = true;
            // call TSPRec for the next level
            TSPRec(adj, curr_bound, curr_weight, level + 1, curr_path);
        }
        // Else we have to prune the node by resetting
        // all changes to curr_weight and curr_bound
        curr_weight -= adj[curr_path[level - 1]][i];
        curr_bound = temp;
        // Also reset the visited array
        Arrays.fill(visited, false);
        for (int j = 0; j <= level - 1; j++) {
            visited[curr_path[j]] = true;
        }
    }
}

}

// This function sets up final_path[]

public static void TSP(int adj[][]) {
    int curr_path[] = new int[N + 1];
    // Calculate initial lower bound for the root node
    // using the formula 1/2 * (sum of first min + second min) for all edges.
    // Also initialize the curr_path and visited array
    int curr_bound = 0;
    Arrays.fill(curr_path, -1);
    Arrays.fill(visited, false);
    // Compute initial bound
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        curr_bound += (firstMin(adj, i) + secondMin(adj, i));
    }
    // Rounding off the lower bound to an integer
    curr_bound = (curr_bound == 1) ? curr_bound / 2 + 1 : curr_bound / 2;
    // We start at vertex 1 so the first vertex
    // in curr_path[] is 0
    visited[0] = true;
    curr_path[0] = 0;
    // Call to TSPRec for curr_weight equal to
    // 0 and level 1
    TSPRec(adj, curr_bound, 0, 1, curr_path);
}

```

```
//=====
// method to print Adjacency matrix

public static void printADJ(int[][] adj) {
    System.out.println("\n-----");
    System.out.println("Adjacency matrix ");
    System.out.println("-----");
    for (int i = 0; i < adj.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < adj[i].length; j++) {
            System.out.print(adj[i][j] + " ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```