

THE WAREHOUSE LOCATION PROBLEM

Given n cities with specified distances, one wants to build k warehouses in different cities and *minimize* the maximum distance of any city to a warehouse. This presentation seeks to solve the metric facility location problem by designing, testing and analyzing results from three (3) different algorithms based on an exhaustive search, a greedy heuristic, and a randomized implementation.

In graph theory this problem is *referred to as* k - *center* problem which is NP-Hard, formulated as: given a weighted complete undirected graph $G(V, E, W)$, with V the set of vertices, E the set of edges and W is the set of weights/distances (euclidean) between any two vertices of the graph, we aim to find a set of $k \leq n$ vertices for which the largest distance of any other vertex to its closest vertex in the k -set is minimum. More formally, we seek to find a set $V' \subseteq V \ni \sup_{u \in V} w_{0(u, V')} is minimized [1].$

Libraries

- time:
 - timing of function executions
- os:
 - interact with OS
 - file and directory path manipulations
- shutil.rmtree:
 - remove non empty and directories which is unavailable in os package
- numpy:
 - my student number was used as seed during initialization
 - array and matrix operations
 - random number generation
 - random selection of elements in a set
 - other mathematical functions
- itertools.combination:
 - generate combinations of elements in a container
- matplotlib.pyplot:
 - graphing and plotting operations.
- networkx:
 - graph generation and manipulations
 - the erdos_renyi_graph graphs [2] were generated given the number of nodes and probability of including an edge. Since we aim to generate complete graphs, this means every edge must be included (thus $p = 1$). The total number of edges for a complete graph is given as $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.

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In [1]: import os, time
from shutil import rmtree
import numpy as np
import networkx as nx
from itertools import combinations
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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BASE / AUXILIARY CLASS

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CreateDirectory
    • creates requested directory of the given directory name (dir_name)
    • returns the path of created directory

GenerateNodeCoordinates
    • given graph nodes, generates random positions for each node
    • pairs node with corresponding position in space

ComputeEdgeDistances
    • uses positions of node pairs in space connected by an edge to compute the euclidean distance
    • the euclidean distance is paired with corresponding edge connecting the nodes.

GenerateGraphs
    • generates random complete, weighted and undirected erdos_renyi_graph for all edges (weights as euclidean distance between nodes).
    • specified number of vertices (nodes), and probability of edge inclusion.
    • save graph files in pickle into /graphs/ directory. save as .gpickle file
    • plot graph if requested.

LoadGraph
    • load graph of given node from the specified directory present in /graphs/. Example /graphs/pickles/
    • sets the loaded graph into context.
    • plot graph if graph file exists.

PlotGraph
    • plots graph given various parameters.
    • generates 2 groups of colours for nodes if specified.
    • save graph to specified directory in /graphs/
    • draw graph with edge weights or not if specified.
    • file_name to save graph if specified.
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In [2]: class IOBASE:
'''
    for input/output operations
'''

graph = None
adjacency_matrix = None
graph_directory = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), 'graphs')

student_number = 106382
np.random.seed(student_number) # random number initializer

def CreateDirectory(self, dir_name=None, remove_existing=False):
'''
    Args:
        dir_name [str] - the directory to save graphs in. creates a directory name in self.graph_directory
        remove_existing [bool] - determines whether or not to remove existing folder.
    Returns:
        dir_path [str] - path to the directory just created.
'''
    dir_path = self.graph_directory
    if dir_name is not None:
        dir_path = os.path.join(dir_path, dir_name)

    # removes the directory if True. Does not, otherwise
    if remove_existing is True:
        if os.path.exists(dir_path):
            rmtree(dir_path)

    # creates directory if does not exist already
    if not os.path.exists(dir_path):
        os.makedirs(dir_path)

    return dir_path

def GenerateNodeCoordinates(self, nodes):
'''
    As required, we ensure graph vertices are 2D points on the XOY plane, with integer valued coordinates between 1 and 1000.
'''
    Args:
        nodes (np.ndarray): nodes of graph G

    Returns:
        dict: graph nodes along with coordinate/position in space.
'''
    nodes_with_pos = dict() # initialize container
    for node in nodes:
        node_pos = np.random.randint(low=1, high=1000, size=(2)) # generate required position of node in space
        nodes_with_pos.update({node: node_pos}) # update container
    return nodes_with_pos

def ComputeEdgeDistances(self, edges, node_coordinate):
'''
    Computes the euclidean distance for all edges
'''
    Args:
        edges (np.ndarray): edges set of graph
        node_coordinate (dict): nodes with their associated position in space.

    Returns:
        dict: edge with associated euclidean distance
'''
    edge_distances = dict() # initialize edge_distance container
    for edge in edges:
        source_pos = np.array(node_coordinate[edge[0]]) # starting node position
        sink_pos = np.array(node_coordinate[edge[1]]) # terminal node position
        euclidean_distance = np.sqrt(np.sum((source_pos - sink_pos) ** 2)) # compute euclidean distance between nodes of edge
        edge_distances.update({edge: round(euclidean_distance)})
    return edge_distances

def GenerateGraphs(self, vertices_range=(2,5), prob_edge_inclusion=1, dir_name=None, plot_graph=False, remove_existing=False):
'''
    plots the generated graphs with their node and edge counts.
    saves generated graphs along with their plots in the graphs directory
'''
    Args:
        vertices_range [tuple] - range of graphs to generate with number of vertices in range. default 2-5
        prob_edge_inclusion [float] - for complete graphs, all edges have included.
        dir_name [str] - name of the folder to save graphs in.
        plot_graph [bool] - plots the graph if true.
        remove_existing [bool] - deletes existing directory.
'''
    save_path = self.graph_directory
    if dir_name is not None:
        save_path = self.CreateDirectory(dir_name=dir_name, remove_existing=remove_existing)

    low, upper = vertices_range # minimum and maximum number of vertices of graphs to generate.
    # assert number_of_graphs > 2, 'Number of Graphs to generate must be atleast 2'

    for node in range(low, upper+1):
        graph = nx.generators.random_graphs.erdos_renyi_graph(n=node, p=prob_edge_inclusion, seed=self.student_number, directed=False)

        # generates coordinates in specified
        nodes_coordinates = self.GenerateNodeCoordinates(graph.nodes)
        nx.set_node_attributes(graph, values=nodes_coordinates, name='pos') # attach generated vertices position to graph
        edge_distances = self.ComputeEdgeDistances(graph.edges, nodes_coordinates)
        nx.set_edge_attributes(graph, values=edge_distances, name='w') # attach computed euclidean distance of edges to graph

        nx.write_gpickle(graph, os.path.join(save_path, f'{node}_nodes.gpickle'))

        if plot_graph is True:
            self.PlotGraph(graph=graph, save_plot=True)

def LoadGraph(self, nodes, dir_name=None):
'''
    loads saved graph of given node.
    plots the graph with the specified node if exists.
'''
    Args:
        nodes [int, str] - graph file containing specified number of nodes.
        graph_path [str] - path to graph file directory to load from. defaults to graphs_directory.
    Sets:
        self.graph [nx.Graph] - the graph with corresponding number of nodes fetched
'''
    try:
        dir_path = self.graph_directory
        if dir_name is not None:
            dir_path = os.path.join(dir_path, dir_name)

        graph_files = [filename for filename in os.listdir(dir_path) if filename.endswith('.gpickle')]

        # load the last file in the directory if file not found
        if nodes is None:
            nodes = random.choice(graph_files)[-1]

        # check if queried graph exists or not. return error if not
        graph_name = f'{nodes}_nodes.gpickle'
        assert graph_name in graph_files, f'graph file with nodes {nodes} not found'

        graph = nx.read_gpickle(os.path.join(dir_path, graph_name))
        self.graph = graph # set graph of class
        self.adjacency_matrix = nx.adjacency_matrix(graph, weight='w') # todense()

        print(f'Graph with {nodes} vertices loaded!')
    except FileNotFoundError:
        return f'No graph file with {nodes} vertices!'
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def PlotGraph(self, graph=None, save_plot=False, dir_name=None, remove_existing=False, with_weights=True, color_diff=None, method=None):
'''
    plot the given graph and return 1 on success
'''
    Args:
        graph [nx.Graph] - the graph to plot
        save_graph [bool] - if true, saves the graph. default not to save graph.
        save_path [tuple] - directories to save file in
'''
    if graph is None:
        graph = self.graph

    title = f'Graph with {len(graph.nodes)} nodes and {len(graph.edges)} edges' # title for base graphs w/o coloring
    filename = f'{n[1:len(graph.nodes)].png}' # for non colored

    # Defines color for some selected nodes to be colored differently
    color_map = None
    if color_diff is not None:
        title = f'Graph with {len(graph.nodes)} nodes, {len(graph.edges)} edges and k={self.k}' #for colored graphs
        filename = f'{n[1:len(graph.nodes)]}_k{self.k}.png' # filename for colored graphs

        if not isinstance(color_diff, list):
            color_diff = list(color_diff)
        color_map = []
        for node in graph:
            if node in color_diff:
                color_map.append('red')
            else:
                color_map.append('tab:blue')

    # plot graph positions of vertices and edges
    pos=nx.get_node_attributes(graph, 'pos')

    # node coloring if requested.
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,10)) # size of the plot displayed
    ax = fig.add_axes([0.1,0.1,0.75,0.75]) # axis starts at 0.1, 0.1
    if color_diff is not None:
        nx.draw_networkx(graph, pos, node_color=color_map, with_labels=True, node_size=700, font_size=18, ax=ax)
    else:
        nx.draw_networkx(graph, pos, with_labels=True, node_size=700, font_size=18, ax=ax)

    # plot with weighted edges if requested
    if with_weights is True:
        nx.draw_networkx_edge_labels(graph, pos, ax=ax)

    ax.set_title(title)
    ax.tick_params(left=True, bottom=True, labelleft=True, labelbottom=True)

    # build path and save graph
    if save_plot is True:
        save_path = self.graph_directory
        if dir_name is not None:
            save_path = self.CreateDirectory(dir_name=dir_name, remove_existing=remove_existing)
        if method is not None:
            filename = method + '_' + filename
            fig.savefig(os.path.join(save_path, filename))
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MAIN CLASS

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ExhaustiveSearch
    • generate a list of all potential optimal locations sets p_sets. An expression for the number of elements in this list is expressed as


$$|p\_sets| = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$


    • initialize largest distances pr_maxz_d for all p_sets elements to very small values.
    • for each element p_set of the p_sets elements (potential optimal locations), find the largest distance of the closest city to the p_set
    • update the corresponding distances for the specific p_set in pr_maxz_d
    • choose the set with the smallest distance in pr_maxz_d as the optimal locations set (V_star).

GreedyHeuristic[1]
    • Initialize V' to  $\emptyset$ 
    • start by choosing an arbitrary/random vertex for the first warehouse location from V and add it to V'.
    • foreach vertex of V add the vertex to V' if its distance is farthest away from already chosen vertices in V'.
    • repeat the above step until the k locations are realised.
    • report the vertices in V' as optimal locations suitable for the warehouse construction of minimum distance of reach from the cities.

Randomized Search [3]
    • this implements a lass vegas search algorithm
    • we initialize V_star to emptyset.
    • select a random v vertex from the vertices set.
    • perform (ii) repeatedly (each time picking a new element) until the cardinality of V_star is k (stopping criteria).
    • the true optimal location set is an element of the  $\binom{V}{k}$  location sets of size k.
    • the probability of realizing this true optimal location set is therefore given as


$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{\binom{V}{k}}$$

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In [3]: class WarehouseLocation(IOBASE):
'''
    - This module implements a Brute-Force, Greedy-Heuristic and Randomized techniques to find a solution for the warehouse location problem.
    - The Greedy algorithm is an improvement of the naive Randomized technique proposed.
    - The Exhaustive-Search finds the optimal locations where the warehouses should be constructed.
'''

def __init__(self):
'''
    initialize parameters.
'''
    self.k = 1

def GeneratePrimes(self, k):
'''
    To stay inline with the project objective, this method helps to generate the required prime numbers for k.
'''
    Returns:
        list: an array of prime numbers
'''
    primes = []
    for n in range(2, k):
        for i in range(2, n):
            if n%i == 0): # if number has factors.
                break
            else:
                primes.append(n) # update container
    return primes

def PotentialVStars(self, V=None):
'''
    This function returns all k-set non-empty non-alternating partitions of the given vertices set.
'''
    Implementation:
        - We generate all partitions of the vertices set V via subsets of V.
        - Filter out the empty set and the subset with all vertices.

    Args:
        V [list] - array of graph vertices.

    Returns:
        partitions [list] - all k-set of valid partitions of the vertices set V.
'''
    if V == None:
        V = list(self.graph.nodes())

    # Ensures input vertices set is list formatted
    if not isinstance(V, list):
        V = list(V)

    all_partitions = [] # complementary partitions container
    Powerset = [subset for subset_index in range(len(V)+1) for subset in combinations(V, subset_index)] # len(Powerset) = 2**(len(V))
    for subset in Powerset:
        # self.counter += 1 # increase counter
        if len(subset) == 0 or len(subset) == len(V):
            continue
        all_partitions.append(subset)

    # Take first half since second half is simply permutations of first half.
    all_partitions = [part for part in all_partitions if len(part) == self.k]
    return all_partitions

def ExhaustiveSearch(self, graph=None, k=None, plot_graph=False):
'''
    Implementation:
        - Get all subsets of the vertex set
        - Initialize distance registers for each subset to a very small number (maximum trick)
'''
    Args:
        k [integer] - cardinality of optimal locations set.
        graph [nx.Graph] - graph to locate optimal warehouse locations.
        plot_graph [bool] - indicates whether to plot the resulting graph

    Returns:
        [set] - optimal solution suitable for warehouse construction.
'''
    if graph is None:
        graph = self.graph

    # when no k is given use default of 1
    if k is None:
        self.k = k

    assert isinstance(graph, nx.classes.graph.Graph), 'specified graph is not valid!'

    self.counter = 0
    pot_vstars = self.PotentialVStars(V=graph.nodes) # list of all k-set possible partitions of the vertices set

    part_max_dist = [part: np.inf for part in pot_vstars] # initialize warehouse:largest distance of closest city.
    for p_vstar in pot_vstars:
        closest_dists = [] # initialize closest distances from a warehouse. for all cities/vertices.
        for vertex in graph.nodes:
            dists_from_vstar = [dist for (index, dist) in enumerate(self.adjacency_matrix[vertex].tolist()[0]) if index in p_vstar] # distance of vertex from selected nodes
            min_dist_from_vstar = min(dists_from_vstar) # distance of city from a closest warehouse/node in vstar
            closest_dists.append(min_dist_from_vstar) # update closest distance container
            self.counter += 1

        largest_dist = max(closest_dists) # fetch maximum distance of cities from closest warehouse

        # using the maximum trick to record the largest distances for each potential vstar
        if largest_dist > part_max_dist[p_vstar]:
            part_max_dist[p_vstar] = largest_dist

    # select the smallest distanced of largest distanced warehouse from closest city
    self.V_star = min(part_max_dist, key=part_max_dist.get)

    # initial graph saved before merging starts
    if plot_graph is True:
        self.PlotGraph(graph=graph, color_diff=list(self.V_star), save_plot=True, dir_name='plot_output', method='exhaustive')

def GreedyHeuristic(self, k=None, graph=None, plot_graph=False):
'''
    Implementation:
        - Initialize V_star
        - Update V_star with k locations/nodes suitable for the warehouse construction such that
            - newly found vertices from the vertices set are farthest away from vertices in V_star
        - Using the maximum trick to obtain the maximum distanced vertices.

    Args:
        k [integer] - cardinality of optimal locations set.
        graph [nx.Graph] - graph to locate optimal warehouse locations.
        plot_graph [bool] - indicates whether to plot the resulting graph

    Returns:
        [set] - optimal solution suitable for warehouse construction.
'''
    if graph is None:
        graph = self.graph

    # when no k is given use default of 1
    if k is None:
        self.k = k

    self.counter = 0

    assert isinstance(graph, nx.classes.graph.Graph), 'specified graph is not valid!'

    # initialize V_star
    self.V_star = set()
    self.V_star.add(np.random.choice(graph)) # select random node/warehouse location, add to V_star

    # find all k locations farthest away from already selected locations.
    for k in range(self.k-1): # pick exactly k-1 nodes plus 1 is k
        # we will be applying the maximum trick
        max_distance = - np.inf
        max_distanced_vertex = None

        for node_g in self.graph: # scan through graph nodes
            # consider only cities not yet considered
            if node_g in self.V_star:
                continue

            for selected_location in self.V_star: # scan V_star
                dist = self.adjacency_matrix[node_g, selected_location] # get distance between node and selected location

                if dist > max_distance: # using the maximum trick.
                    max_distance = dist
                    max_distanced_vertex = node_g

            self.counter += 1

        self.V_star.add(max_distanced_vertex) # update V_star

    # initial graph saved before merging starts
    if plot_graph is True:
        self.PlotGraph(graph=graph, color_diff=list(self.V_star), save_plot=True, dir_name='plot_output', method='greedy')

def Randomized(self, k=None, graph=None, plot_graph=False):
'''
    Implementation:
        - initialize V_star to an empty set.
        - randomly select a vertex from the vertices set and add it to V_star.
        - repeat (ii) until there are k elements/locations in V_star

    Args:
        k [integer] - cardinality of optimal locations set.
        graph [nx.Graph] - graph to locate optimal warehouse locations.
        plot_graph [bool] - indicates whether to plot the resulting graph

    Returns:
        [set] - optimal solution suitable for warehouse construction.
'''
    if graph is None:
        graph = self.graph.copy()

    # when no k is given use default of 1
    if k is None:
        self.k = k

    self.counter = 0

    assert isinstance(graph, nx.classes.graph.Graph), 'specified graph is not valid!'

    # initialize V_star
    self.V_star = set()

    for in range(self.k):
        self.counter += 1
        V_without_Vstar = list(set(graph.nodes).difference(self.V_star))
        self.V_star.add(np.random.choice(V_without_Vstar))

    # initial graph saved before merging starts
    if plot_graph is True:
        self.PlotGraph(graph=graph, color_diff=list(self.V_star), save_plot=True, dir_name='plot_output', method='randomized')

    # instantiate an object
    WL = WarehouseLocation()
```

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In [4]: # GENERATE GRAPHS
# Generates graphs and save in specified output folder
WL.GenerateGraphs(vertices_range=(2,20), dir_name='pickles', remove_existing=True) # vertices from 2-10 graphs

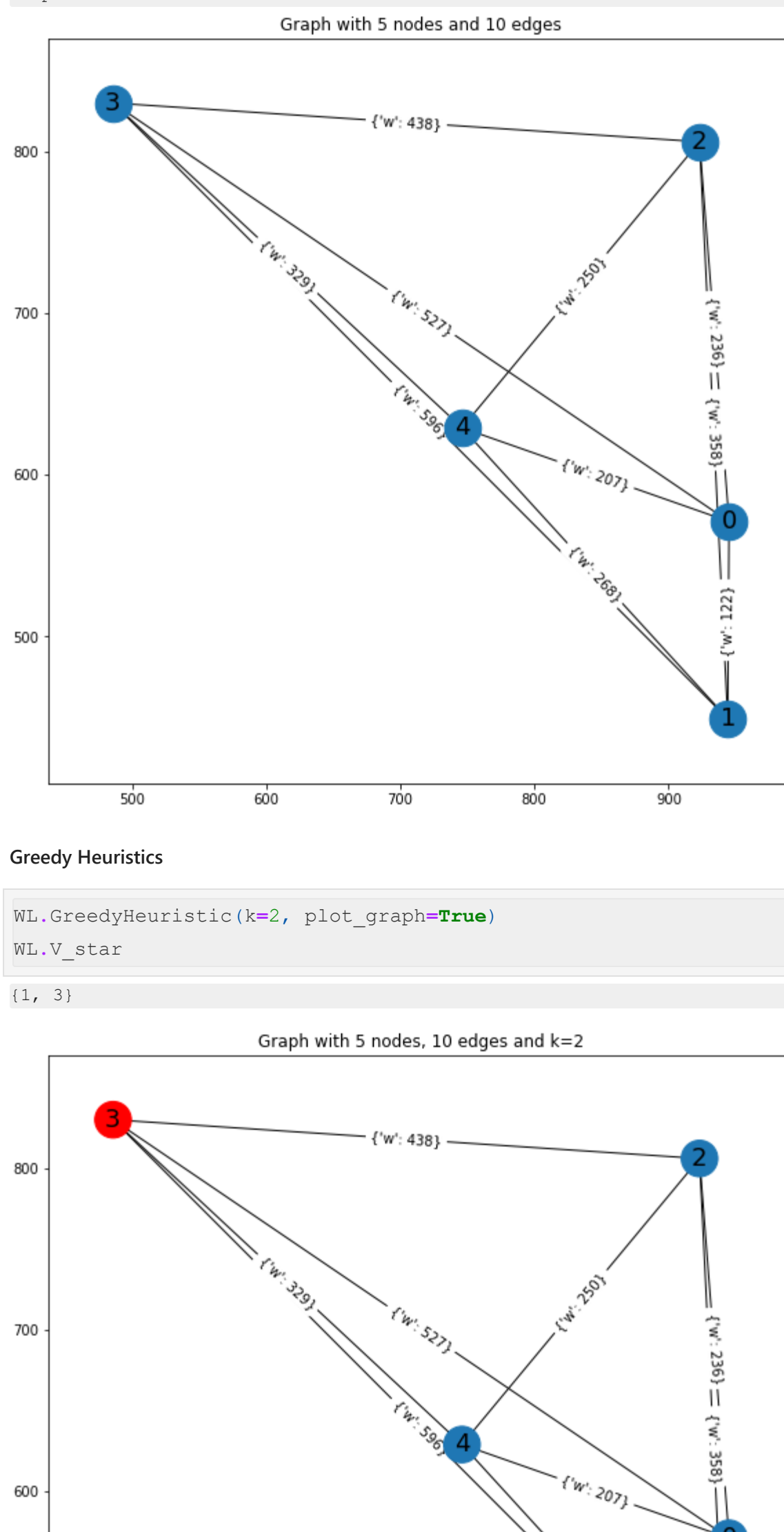
# vertices of graphs generated
graph_vertices = [ for in range(2, 20+1)]
```

Example Instance $n = 5, k \in [2, 3]$

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In [5]: WL.LoadGraph(nodes=5, dir_name='pickles')
WL.PlotGraph(with_weights=True, save_plot=True, dir_name='plot_output')
```


Graph with 5 vertices loaded!!

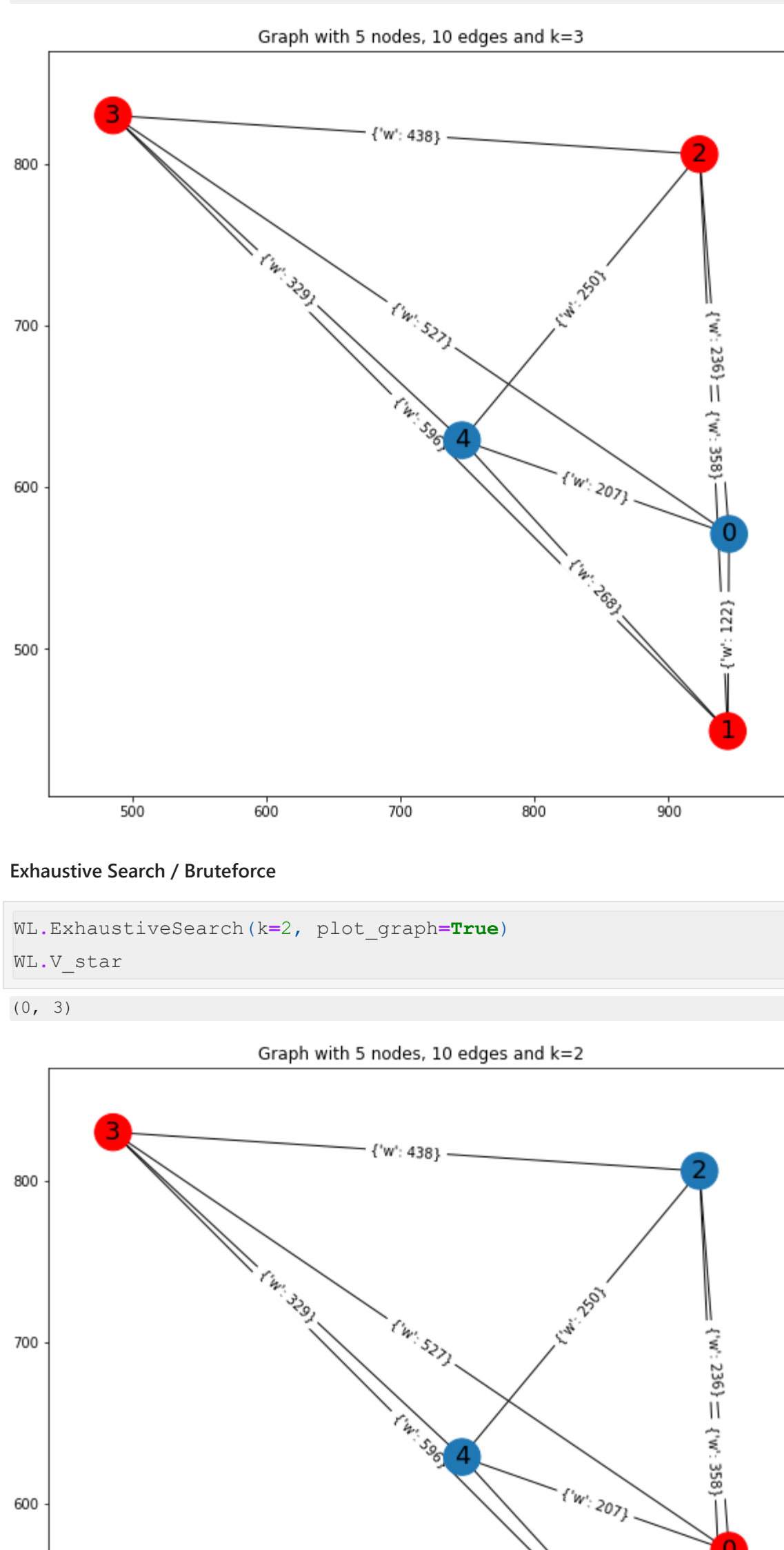
Graph with 5 nodes and 10 edges



Greedy Heuristics

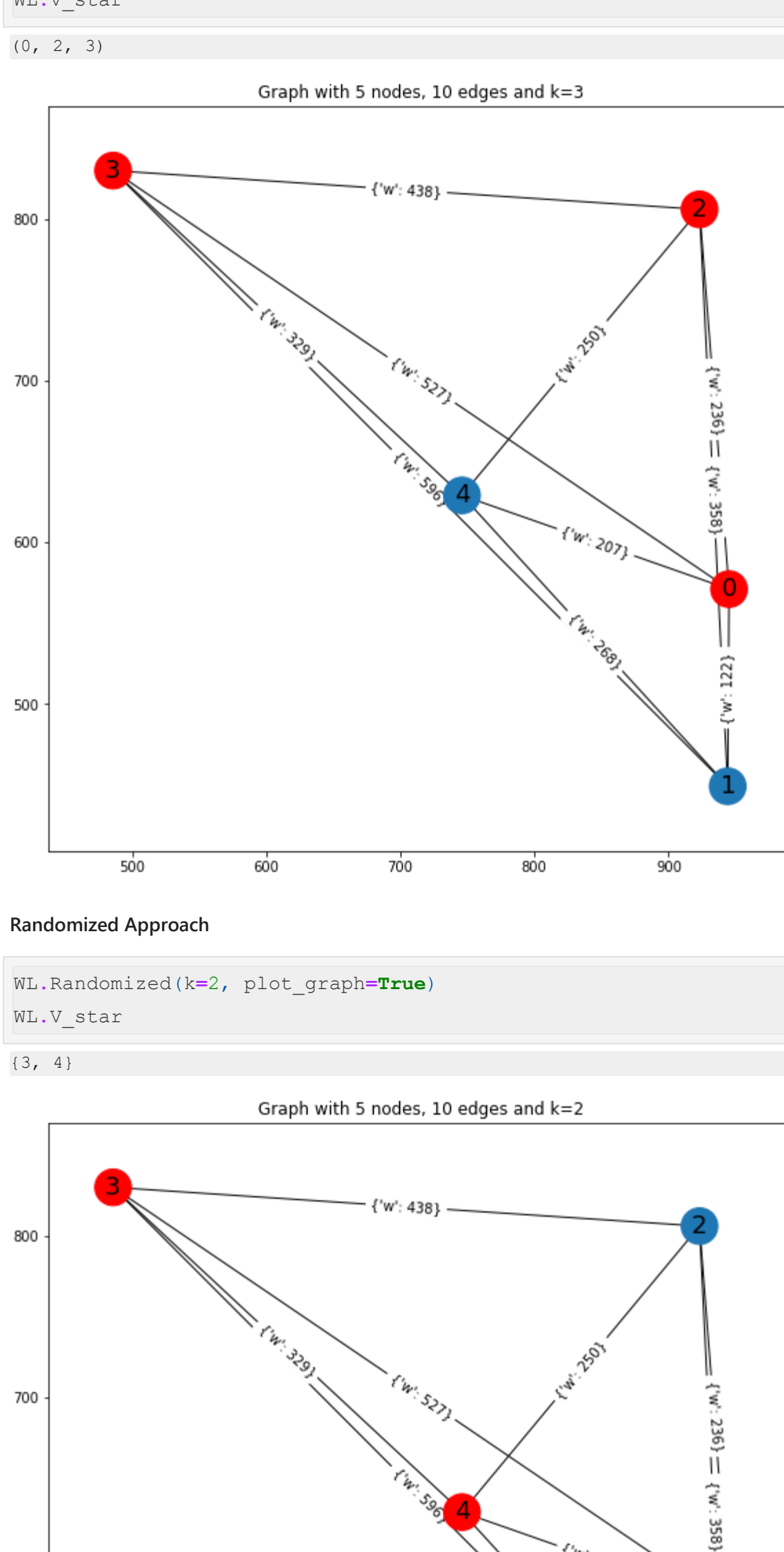
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In [6]: WL.GreedyHeuristic(k=2, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
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Out[6]: [3, 3]



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In [7]: WL.GreedyHeuristic(k=3, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
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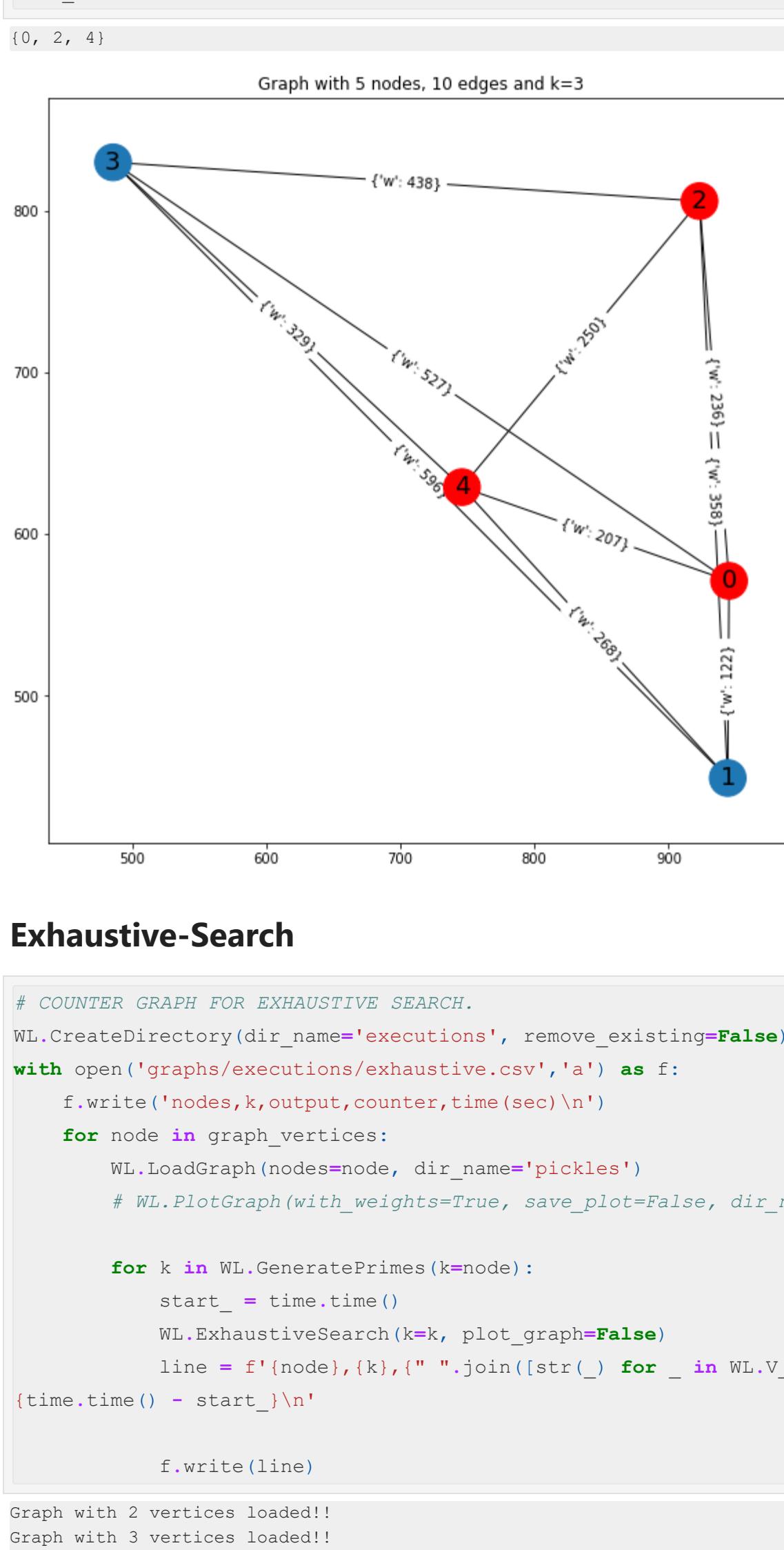
Out[7]: [3, 2, 3]



Exhaustive Search / Bruteforce

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In [8]: WL.ExhaustiveSearch(k=2, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
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Out[8]: [0, 3]



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In [9]: WL.ExhaustiveSearch(k=3, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
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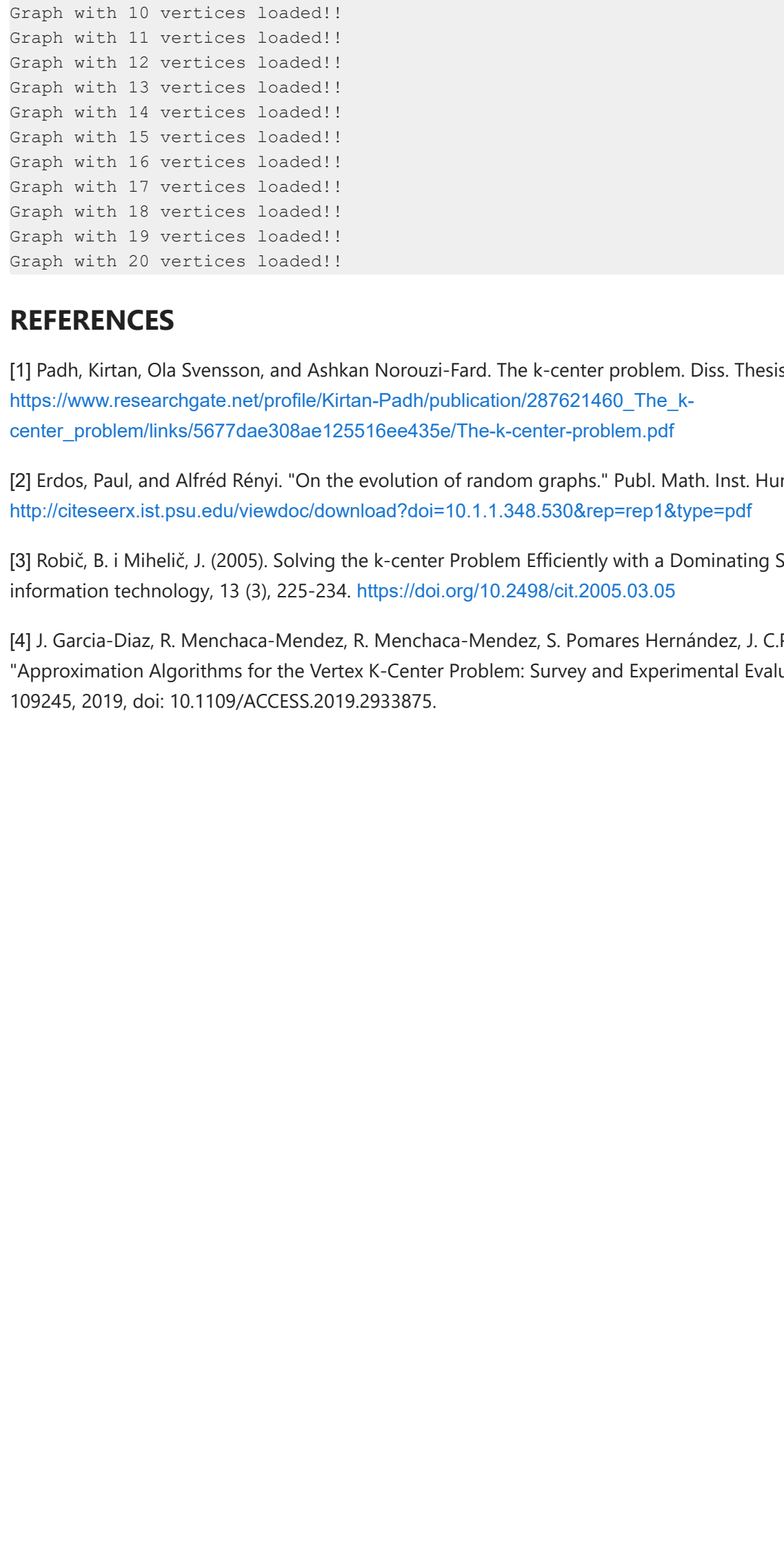
Out[9]: [0, 2, 3]



Randomized Approach

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In [10]: WL.Randomized(k=2, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
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Out[10]: [3, 4]



```
In [11]: WL.Randomized(k=3, plot_graph=True)
WL.V_star
```

Out[11]: [0, 2, 4]



Exhaustive-Search

```
In [12]: # COUNTER GRAPH FOR EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH.
WL.CreateDirectory(dir_name='executions', remove_existing=False)
with open('graphs/executions/exhaustive.csv', 'a') as f:
    f.write('nodes,k,output,counter,time(sec)\n')
    for node in graph_vertices:
        WL.LoadGraph(nodes=node, dir_name='pickles')
        # WL.PlotGraph(with_weights=True, save_plot=False, dir_name='plot_output')

        for k in WL.GeneratePrimes(k=node):
            start = time.time()
            WL.ExhaustiveSearch(k=k, plot_graph=False)
            line = f'{node},{k},{ " ".join([str(_) for _ in WL.V_star])},{WL.counter},
            (time.time() - start)\n'

            f.write(line)
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Graph with 2 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 3 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 4 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 5 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 6 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 7 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 8 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 9 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 10 vertices loaded!!
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Graph with 14 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 15 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 16 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 17 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 18 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 19 vertices loaded!!
Graph with 20 vertices loaded!!

Greedy-Search

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In [13]: # COUNTER GRAPH FOR GREEDY-HEURISTICS.
WL.CreateDirectory(dir_name='executions', remove_existing=False)
with open('graphs/executions/greedy.csv', 'a') as f:
    f.write('nodes,k,output,counter,time(sec)\n')
    for node in graph_vertices:
        WL.LoadGraph(nodes=node, dir_name='pickles')
        # WL.PlotGraph(with_weights=True, save_plot=False, dir_name='plot_output')

        for k in WL.GeneratePrimes(k=node):
            start = time.time()
            WL.Randomized(k=k, plot_graph=False)
            line = f'{node},{k},{ " ".join([str(_) for _ in WL.V_star])},{WL.counter},
            (time.time() - start)\n'

            f.write(line)
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Graph with 20 vertices loaded!!

Randomized Approach

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In [14]: # COUNTER GRAPH FOR RANDOMIZED APPROACH.
WL.CreateDirectory(dir_name='executions', remove_existing=False)
with open('graphs/executions/randomized.csv', 'a') as f:
    f.write('nodes,k,output,counter,time(sec)\n')
    for node in graph_vertices:
        WL.LoadGraph(nodes=node, dir_name='pickles')
        # WL.PlotGraph(with_weights=True, save_plot=False, dir_name='plot_output')

        for k in WL.GeneratePrimes(k=node):
            start = time.time()
            WL.ExhaustiveSearch(k=k, plot_graph=False)
            line = f'{node},{k},{ " ".join([str(_) for _ in WL.V_star])},{WL.counter},
            (time.time() - start)\n'

            f.write(line)
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Graph with 20 vertices loaded!!

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