

Heuristics Part 2a: Greedy Algorithms

Video (17 mins): <https://youtu.be/2DmkGbKvgLc>

1st Greedy Algorithm for TSP



♦ Pseudocode:

- ❖ let S be set of cities to be included in the tour
- ❖ let T be the initial tour of 1 city picked randomly
- ❖ remove this city from S
- ❖ while there are still cities in S :
 - ▶ find the city x in S with the smallest distance to the last selected city y
 - ▶ remove x from S

Example

	Belfast	Cork	Dublin	Galway	Limerick
Belfast	—	425	167	306	323
Cork	425	—	257	209	105
Dublin	167	257	—	219	198
Galway	306	209	219	—	105
Limerick	323	105	198	105	—

1st Greedy Solution

- ♦ Step 0: (pick a random city)
 - ❖ Belfast
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick}
- ♦ Step 1: choose Dublin with smallest distance 167 from Belfast
 - ❖ Tour: Belfast - Dublin - Belfast, distance 334
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Cork, Galway, Limerick}
- ♦ Step 2: choose Limerick with smallest distance 198 from Dublin
 - ❖ Tour: Belfast – Dublin – Limerick - Belfast , distance 688
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Cork, Galway}
- ♦ Step 3: both Cork and Galway have distance 105 from Limerick, so pick Cork randomly out of the two
 - ❖ Tour: Belfast – Dublin – Limerick – Cork – Belfast, distance 895
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Galway}
- ♦ Step 4: choose the last unvisited city Galway with distance 209 from Cork
 - ❖ Tour: Belfast – Dublin – Limerick – Cork – Galway – Belfast, distance 985

TSP Support in GraphLab.py

- ♦ `greedy1(graph, start)`
 - ❖ Returns a tuple in the format of (distance, sequence)

2nd Greedy Algorithm for TSP



♦ Pseudocode:

1. let **S** be set of cities to be included in the tour
2. let **T** be the initial tour of 2 cities with closest distance
3. remove these 2 cities from **S**
4. while there are still cities in **S**:
 - 4a. find the city x in **S** with the smallest distance to any city y in the current tour **T**
 - 4b. choose the one with lower overall distance:
 - insert x between y and its next destination z in **T**
 - insert x between y and its previous destination u in **T**
 - 4c. remove x from **S**

2nd Greedy Solution

- ♦ Step 0:
 - ❖ Tour: Limerick - Galway - Limerick, distance 210
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Cork, Dublin, Belfast}
- ♦ Step 1: choose Cork with smallest distance 105 from Limerick
 - ❖ Tour: Limerick - Cork - Galway - Limerick, distance 419
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Dublin, Belfast}
- ♦ Step 2: choose Dublin with smallest distance 198 from Limerick
 - ❖ Tour: Limerick - Cork - Galway - Dublin - Limerick, distance 731
 - ❖ Unvisited: {Belfast}
- ♦ Step 3: choose Belfast with smallest distance 167 from Dublin
 - ❖ Tour: Limerick - Cork - Galway - Belfast - Dublin - Limerick, distance 985
- ♦ Finish

Tour	Distance
belfast, :cork, :dublin, :galway, :limerick	1329
belfast, :cork, :dublin, :limerick, :galway	1291
belfast, :cork, :limerick, :dublin, :galway	1253
belfast, :limerick, :cork, :dublin, :galway	1210
belfast, :limerick, :cork, :galway, :dublin	1023
belfast, :cork, :limerick, :galway, :dublin	1021
belfast, :cork, :galway, :limerick, :dublin	1104
belfast, :cork, :galway, :dublin, :limerick	1374
belfast, :galway, :cork, :dublin, :limerick	1293
belfast, :galway, :cork, :limerick, :dublin	985
belfast, :galway, :limerick, :cork, :dublin	940
belfast, :limerick, :galway, :cork, :dublin	1061

Greedy solution

Optimal solution

TSP Support in GraphLab.py

- ♦ `greedy2 (graph)`
 - ❖ Returns a tuple in the format of (distance, sequence)