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## Problem 1 Solution

**Algorithm 1** Greedy algorithm to minimize the average completion time of tasks

- 1: sort tasks  $(a_i)$  in the increasing (non-decreasing) order of their processing times  $(p_i)$ .
- 2: schedule the tasks from the sorted list in that order (according to increasing  $p_i$ , i.e., jobs with shorter processing time to be scheduled first).

Let  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  be  $n$  tasks sorted in monotonically increasing order (non-decreasing order, in case of ties, by resolving ties in arbitrary manner) of their processing time ( $p_i \leq p_j$  if  $i < j$ ), then the greedy algorithm (G) schedules the tasks  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  in that order, with completion time for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  task

$$= c_i = \sum_{j=1}^i p_j.$$

|       |       |       |     |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $p_3$ | ... | $p_n$ |
| $c_1$ | $c_2$ | $c_3$ |     | $c_n$ |

$$\text{Now, average completion time} = \bar{c} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i p_j$$

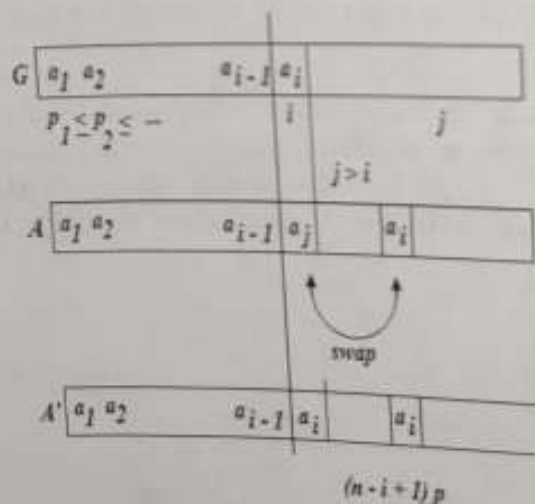
$$= \frac{1}{n} (p_1 + (p_1 + p_2) + (p_1 + p_2 + p_3) + \dots + (p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + \dots + p_n))$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} (n.p_1 + (n-1).p_2 + (n-2).p_3 + \dots + 1.p_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i+1).p_i.$$

**Claim: Greedy minimizes the average completion time**

**Proof (by iterative transformation and contradiction)**

It is obvious that  $G$  minimizes the completion time locally (by choosing the shortest time task from the remaining tasks at each scheduling step), but let's assume to the contrary that  $G$  does not (globally) minimize  $\bar{c} \Rightarrow \exists$  another algorithm  $A$  that performs strictly better than  $G \Rightarrow (\bar{c})_A < (\bar{c})_G$ . Let's further assume (without loss of generality) that  $a_i$  is the first task that is differently scheduled by  $G$  and  $A$ , all the tasks  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}$  are scheduled in the same order by both the algorithms. If algorithm  $A$  schedules  $a_j$  instead of  $a_i$  ( $j > i$  by earlier assumption, s.t.  $p_j \geq p_i$ ), by swapping  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  the average completion time changes by  $(n-i+1)p_i + (n-j+1)p_j - (n-j+1)p_i - (n-i+1)p_j = (j-i)(p_i - p_j) \leq 0$ , i.e., does not increase (either decreases or remains same). We can repeat the earlier step with another algorithm  $A'$  that still does not increase the average completion time, by choosing the next differently scheduled task from  $A$ . We can go on getting a non-increasing chain of average completions times by a series of algorithms, but since the number of tasks  $n$  is finite and at each iteration the total difference between scheduling by the successive algorithms and with algorithm  $G$  keeps on decreasing, ultimately we get back  $G$  in this iterative process  $\Rightarrow (\bar{c})_G > (\bar{c})_A \geq (\bar{c})_{A'} \geq (\bar{c})_{A''} \geq \dots \geq (\bar{c})_G$ , hence a contradiction, our initial assumption was wrong. ✓



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{c}_{A'} - \bar{c}_A &= (n-i+1)p_i + (n-j+1)p_j - (n-i+1)p_j - (n-j+1)p_i \\ &= (j-i)(p_i - p_j) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \bar{c}_{A'} \leq \bar{c}_A \end{aligned}$$

## Runtime

Step 1 takes  $\theta(n \log n)$  time to sort. Step 2 takes  $\theta(n)$  time to schedule, where  $n$  is the total number of tasks. Hence, total runtime =  $\theta(n \log n)$ .

## Problem 2 Solution

10 a) First let's define the following:

$S$  = sequence of characters  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  (as string).

$S_{ij}$  =  $\text{substr}(S, i, j)$  = contiguous sequence of characters  $s_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_j$  of  $S$ , with  $i \leq j$  (as substring of  $S$ ).

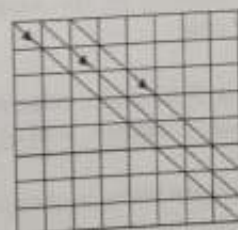
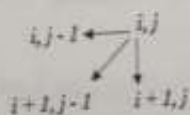
$LPSL(i, j)$  = Length of the longest palindrome subsequence in the substring  $S_{ij}$  of the string  $S$ .

Now, we can recursively define the  $LPSL$  function as:

$$LPSL(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i > j \text{ (1)} \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ (2)} \\ 2 + LPSL(i+1, j-1) & \text{if } s_i = s_j \text{ (3)} \\ \max\{LPSL(i, j-1), LPSL(i+1, j)\} & \text{if } s_i \neq s_j \text{ (4)} \end{cases}$$

By the usual cut and paste argument, the optimal substructure property can be proved, i.e., if there exists a palindrome subsequence longer than that for any of the smaller subproblems, then cut/paste will result in a still longer palindrome subsequence for the original problem, a contradiction.

b) As can be seen, if we construct table for storing  $LPSL$  and reuse optimal solutions to the subproblems already computed to solve the problem, finding the optimal solution from the optimal subproblem solutions can be done in constant time for every such problem (since all the steps 1, 2, 3, 4 are  $O(1)$ ). Hence, the runtime of the dynamic programming will be  $= \theta(n^2)$ , where  $n$  is the length of the input string, since we have to solve  $\theta(n^2)$  subproblems, each takes  $O(1)$  time.



$LPSL$  Matrix (upper triangular)  
Diagonal fill-up

$$LPS(S_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ s_i + LPS(S_{i+1j-1}) + 1 & \text{if } s_i = s_j \\ \max(LPS(S_{i+1j}), LPS(S_{ij-1})) & \text{if } |LPS(S_{i+1j})| \geq |LPS(S_{ij-1})| \\ LPS(S_{ij-1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$LPS('abcca') = 'a' + LPS('bcc') + 'a' = 'a' + 'a' + LPS('cc') + 'a' = 'acca'$$

To meet the dependency requirement, one way will be to initialize the table diagonally as shown. Note that the elements below the principal diagonal are never used, hence the table takes  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \theta(n^2)$  space. We use memoization technique and use another table  $b$  to find the longest palindrome sequence. The runtime of the algorithm is  $\theta(n^2)$ , as discussed earlier.

In order to find the longest palindrome subsequence the memoized array is used in the recursive algorithm PRINT-PALINDROME.

Call PRINT-PALINDROME( $b, S, 1, n$ ) to find the longest palindrome subsequence in  $S$ . The complexity is  $\theta(n)$ , since for every recursive invocation, the length of the string to be considered ( $|j-i|$ ) decreases by at least 1. Hence the total runtime of LPS-LENGTH and PRINT-PALINDROME is  $\theta(n^2)$ .

### Alternative approach

Alternatively, the problem of finding the longest palindrome subsequence can be formulated using (can be reduced to) the longest common subsequence problem. The problem basically reduces to the longest common subsequence between a string and its reverse string.

Reversing a string takes  $\theta(n)$  time, where  $n = \text{length}(S)$ . Then  $LCS(S, S^R)$  takes  $\theta(n.n)$  time. Hence, Runtime =  $\theta(n) + \theta(n^2) = \theta(n^2)$ .

Output of sample implementation is shown in figure-1.

this is the correct approach in your case.



**Algorithm 2 LPS-LENGTH:** Finds longest palindrome subsequence length

LPS-LENGTH(S)

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1:  $n \leftarrow \text{length}[S]$ 
2: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
3:   for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $i - 1$  do
4:      $LPSL[i, j] \leftarrow 0$ 
5:   end for
6: end for
7: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
8:    $LPSL[i, i] \leftarrow 1$  {set  $LPSL[i, i] \leftarrow 0$  to find the longest even-length palin-
      drome sequence}
9: end for
10: for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
11:   for  $j \leftarrow i + k$  to  $n$  do
12:     if  $s_i = s_j$  then
13:        $LPSL[i, j] \leftarrow LPSL[i + 1, j - 1] + 2$ 
14:        $b[i, j] \leftarrow '\setminus'$ 
15:     else if  $LPSL[i + 1, j] \geq LPSL[i, j - 1]$  then
16:        $LPSL[i, j] \leftarrow LPSL[i + 1, j]$ 
17:        $b[i, j] \leftarrow '\rightarrow'$ 
18:     else if  $LPSL[i + 1, j] < LPSL[i, j - 1]$  then
19:        $LPSL[i, j] \leftarrow LPSL[i, j - 1]$ 
20:        $b[i, j] \leftarrow '\leftarrow'$ 
21:     end if
22:   return LPSL and b
23: end for
24: end for

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must work  
for both!  
even + odd.

this is

incorrect

**Algorithm 3 PRINT-PALINDROME:** Finds the longest palindrome subsequence

PRINT-PALINDROME(b, S, i, j)

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1: if  $i > j$  then
2:   return
3: end if
4: if  $b[i, j] = '\setminus'$  then  $\{s_i = s_j\}$ 
5:   print( $s_i$ )
6:   PRINT-PALINDROME(b, S,  $i + 1, j - 1$ )
7:   print( $s_j$ )
8: else if  $b[i, j] = '\rightarrow'$  then
9:   PRINT-PALINDROME(b, S,  $i + 1, j$ )
10: else
11:   PRINT-PALINDROME(b, S,  $i, j - 1$ )
12: end if

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**Algorithm 4 LPS:** Finds the longest palindrome subsequence

LPS( $S$ )

- 1:  $S^R \leftarrow \text{reverse\_string}(S)$  {reverse the string and store in  $S^R$ , in  $\theta(\text{length}(S))$  time}
- 2:  $\text{LCS}(S, S^R)$  {find and print the longest common subsequence of  $S$  and  $S^R$ }

Enter string: abcbabba

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1 | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   | b |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   |   | c |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | b |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | a |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   | c |   |   |   |   |
| 7 |   |   |   |   |   |   | b |   |   |   |
| 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | b |   |   |
| 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | b | a |

Table LPSL

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Table D

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1 |   | L |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   | L |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   |   |   | L |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | L |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | L |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | L |   |   |   |
| 7 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | L |   |   |
| 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | L |   |
| 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | L |

The longest palindrome subsequence of abcbabba: abcbaba

Figure 1: Output of sample implementation for the longest palindrome subsequence

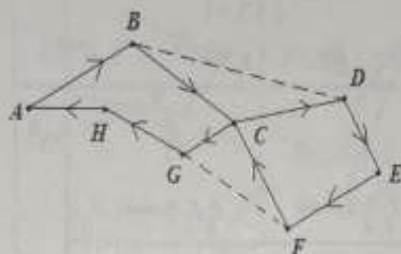
## Problem 3 Solution

We claim the following:

The shortest bitonic tour must be a disjoint (can only have common start and end points, but strictly no common points in between) union of exactly 2 paths:

- one strictly going from left to right ( $\rightarrow$ ).
- the other one strictly going from right to left ( $\leftarrow$ ).

Assuming to the contrary, if they are not disjoint, a shorter bitonic tour can always be found by applying triangle inequality, a contradiction, as shown in the following figure.



|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Bitonic tour          | $\rightarrow ABCDE$                    |
| $(A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-A)$ | $\leftarrow EFCGHA$                    |
|                       | $\rightarrow, \leftarrow$ non-disjoint |

Triangle Inequality  $\Rightarrow FC + CG > FG$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{length}(ABCFEGHA) < \text{length}(ABCFECGHA)$

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bitonic tour          | $\rightarrow ABCDE$                |
| $(A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-A)$ | $\leftarrow EFGHA$                 |
|                       | $\rightarrow, \leftarrow$ disjoint |

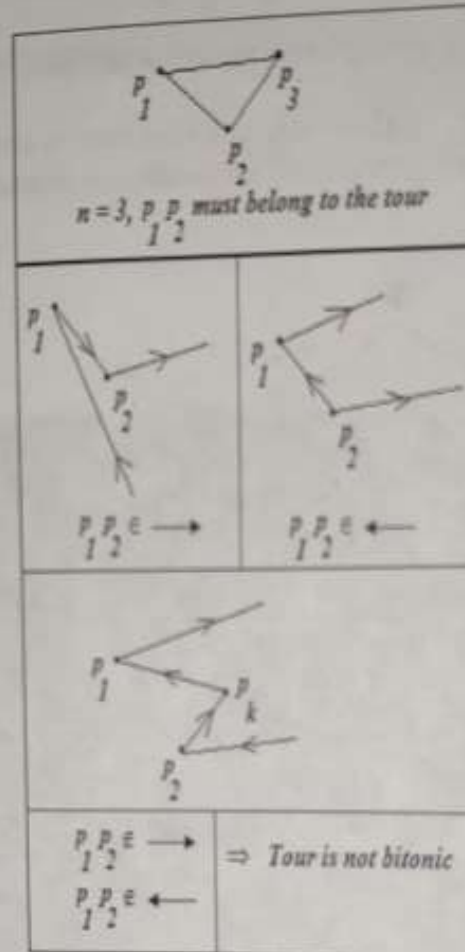
Triangle Inequality  $\Rightarrow BC + CD > BD$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{length}(ABDEFCGHA) < \text{length}(ABCFECGHA)$

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bitonic tour          | $\rightarrow ABDE$                 |
| $(A-B-D-E-F-C-G-H-A)$ | $\leftarrow EFCGHA$                |
|                       | $\rightarrow, \leftarrow$ disjoint |

Also we assume that all the points have different  $x$  coordinates. First the points are sorted w.r.t. their  $x$ -coordinates and let us represent the sorted list of  $n$  points by  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ .

We claim that the edge  $p_1 p_2$  must be part of any bitonic tour. As seen from the following figure it is obvious that  $p_1 p_2$  must belong to the tour when  $n = 3$ . For general case, it can be seen from the figure that  $p_1 p_2$  must belong either to

the  $\rightarrow$  or the  $\leftarrow$  path, otherwise the tour no longer remains bitonic. Being part of a cycle, there must be two disjoint paths from  $p_1$  to  $p_2$ . If the edge  $p_1p_2$  is not part of the cycle, then there must be 2 disjoint bitonic tours from  $p_1$  to  $p_2$  for all  $n > 3$  in order to complete the cycle, as obvious from the figure. But we want a single bitonic tour, hence the edge  $p_1p_2$  must be part of the bitonic tour. Also, quite obviously, the rightmost point  $p_n$  must be the end of the  $\rightarrow$  path and beginning of the  $\leftarrow$  path.



Now, let's define the following:

$LBP(i, j)$  = Length of the Least bitonic path starting from  $p_i$  and ending in  $p_j$ , covering all the points  $p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n$ , with  $i < j$ .

e.g.,  $LBP(1, 2)$  will represent the length of the least bitonic tour starting at point  $p_1$  and ending at point  $p_2$  covering all the points  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ . We are interested to find  $LBP(1, 1)$ . Precisely, there will be a  $\rightarrow$  path that will start from  $p_i$  and end at  $p_n$ , where there will be a  $\leftarrow$  path that will start from  $p_n$  and end at  $p_j$ .

The problem can be recursively formulated as follows:

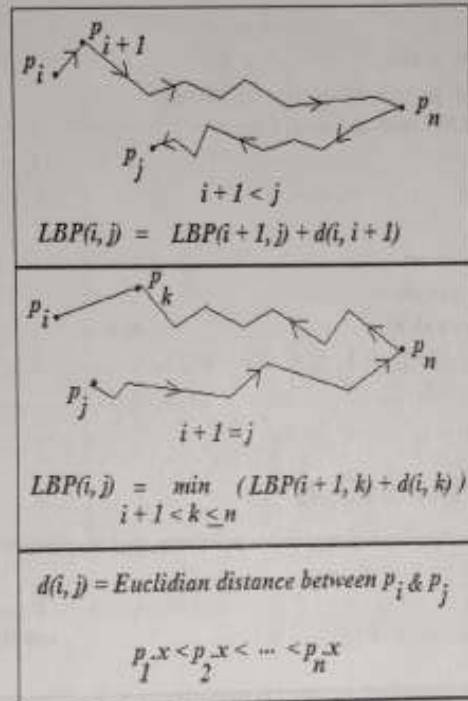


$$LBP(i, j) = \begin{cases} LBP(i+1, j) + d(i, i+1) & \text{if } i+1 < j \\ \min_{i+1 < k \leq n} \{LBP(i+1, k) + d(i, k)\} & \text{if } i+1 = j \end{cases}$$

$$LBP(n-1, n) = d(n-1, n).$$

$$LBP(1, 1) = LBP(1, 2) + d(1, 2).$$

Here  $d(i, j)$  represents the Euclidian distance between points  $p_i$  and  $p_j$ .



As can be seen, LBP-LENGTH is  $\theta(n^2)$  (including sorting time  $\theta(n \log n)$ ) while PRINT-TSP is  $\theta(n)$ .

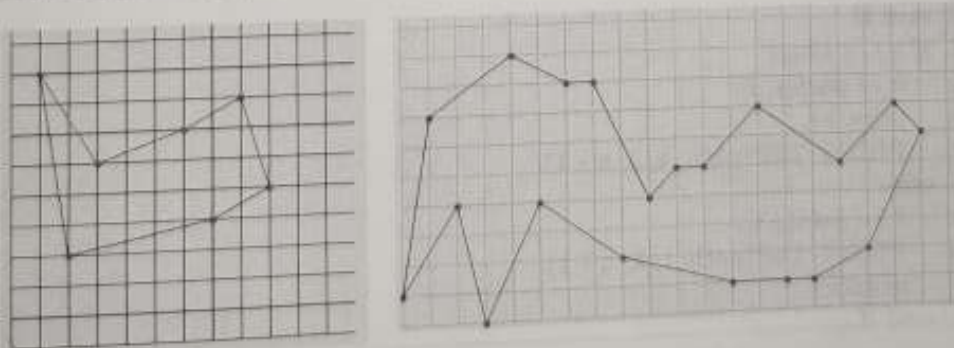


Figure 2: Output of sample implementation for the bitonic TSP

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**Algorithm 5** LBP-LENGTH: Finds the least bitonic TSP tour length

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LBP-LENGTH( $P$ : set of points)

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1: Sort the points in  $P$  according to their  $x$  axis coordinates, with sorted list
    $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ .
2:  $LBP[n-1, n] \leftarrow d(n-1, n)$ .
3:  $path[n-1, n] \leftarrow n$ .
4: for  $i \leftarrow n-2$  to  $1$  do
5:    $min \leftarrow \infty$ .
6:   for  $k \leftarrow i+2$  to  $n$  do
7:     if  $min > LBP[i+1, k] + d(i, k)$  then
8:        $min \leftarrow LBP[i+1, k] + d(i, k)$ .
9:        $mink \leftarrow k$ .
10:    end if
11:  end for
12:   $LBP[i, i+1] \leftarrow min$ .
13:   $path[i, i+1] \leftarrow mink$ .
14:  for  $j = i+2$  to  $n$  do
15:     $LBP[i, j] \leftarrow LBP[i+1, j] + d(i, i+1)$ .
16:     $path[i, j] \leftarrow i+1$ .
17:  end for
18: end for
19:  $LBP[1, 1] \leftarrow LBP[1, 2] + d(1, 2)$ .
20:  $path[1, 1] \leftarrow 2$ .

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**Algorithm 6** PRINT-TSP: Finds the least TSP tour

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PRINT-TSP( $path, i, j, n$ )

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1: if  $n \leq 0$  then
2:   return.
3: end if
4: if  $i \leq j$  then
5:    $k \leftarrow path[i, j]$ .
6:   print( $k$ ).
7:   PRINT-TSP( $path, k, j, n-1$ ).
8: else
9:    $k \leftarrow path[j, i]$ .
10:  PRINT-TSP( $path, i, k, n-1$ ).
11:  print( $k$ ).
12: end if

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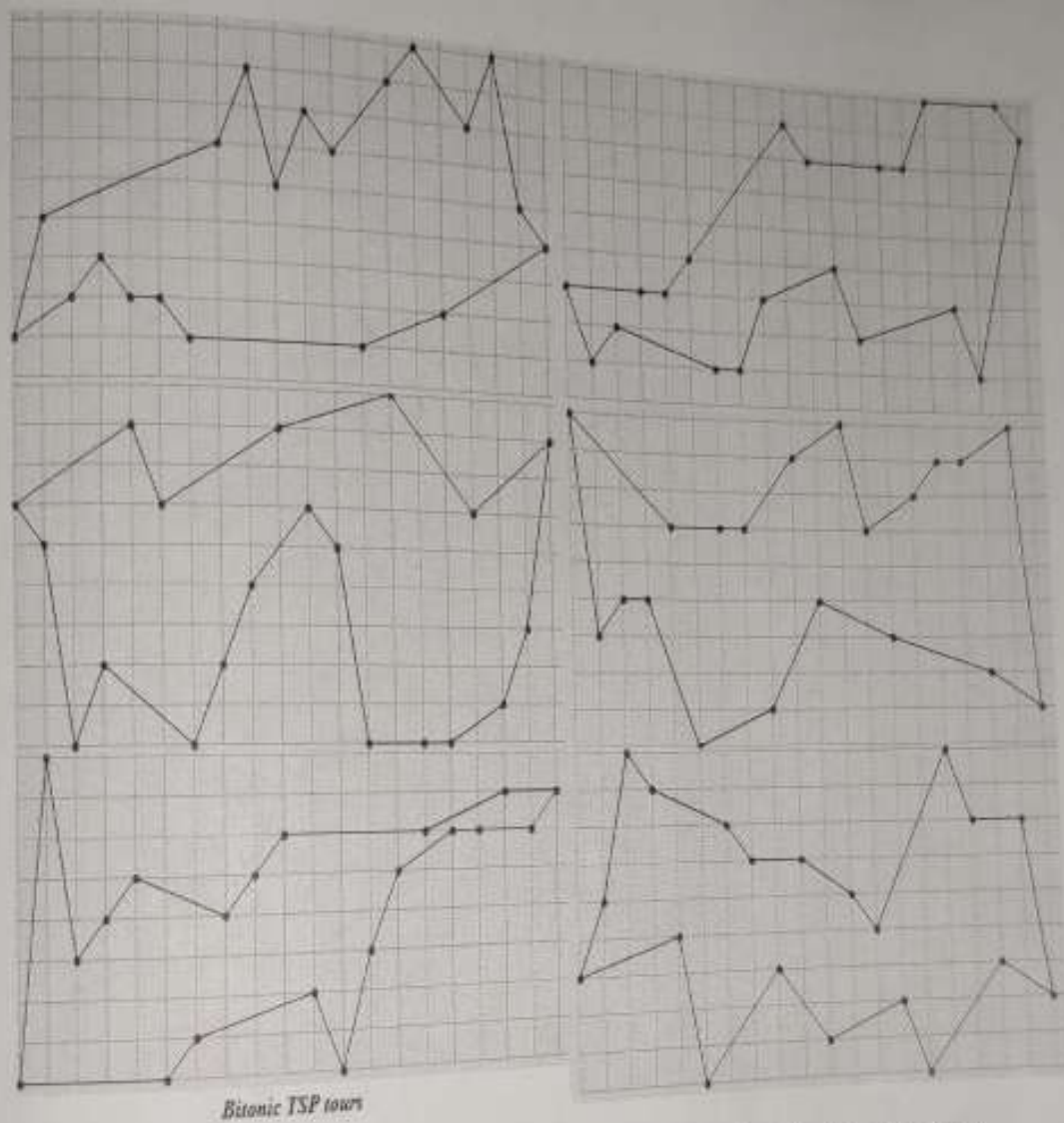


Figure 3: Output of sample implementation for the bitonic TSP