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Practice Questions: Bruteforce and Backtracking to solve NP-Complete Problems

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What have you learnt so far ?

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1. A bruteforce algorithm is (2 correct answers)

☒ an algorithm that finds solutions by testing all possibilities exhaustively.

☒ guaranteed to find exact solutions.

☐ an algorithm that finds the least complex solution without checking if it is correct.



2. A backtracking algorithm for the TSP... (check all that apply)

☒ iteratively examines the lengths of routes and immediately aborts examination of a route that is longer than the shortest found so far.

☒ is guaranteed to find the shortest route.

☐ randomly explores only a subset of all routes and outputs the shortest route of the subset, but is not guaranteed to find the shortest route among all possible ones.



3. We consider using a backtracking algorithm for the TSP. Which of the following are true? (2 correct answers)

☒ The complexity of backtracking may be linear for some graphs.

☒ The order in which vertices are explored has an important influence on overall execution time.

☐ Backtracking is based on a BFS.



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