

Generic description of a backtracking algorithm

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Initialize  $Q = \{(\varepsilon, D_{\text{init}})\}$ .
while  $Q$  is not empty {
    Take a node  $(C, D)$  from  $Q$ , and delete that node from  $Q$ .
    Determine all the children  $(C_1, D_1), (C_2, D_2), \dots, (C_k, D_k)$  of  $(C, D)$ .
    for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  {
        If  $(C_i, D_i)$  is a leaf node marked Yes, return Yes.
        If  $(C_i, D_i)$  is a non-leaf node {
            If the search has not reached a dead end at  $(C_i, D_i)$ , add  $(C_i, D_i)$  to  $Q$ .
        }
    }
}
Return No.
```

Figure 128: A non-deterministic computation tree for the TSP

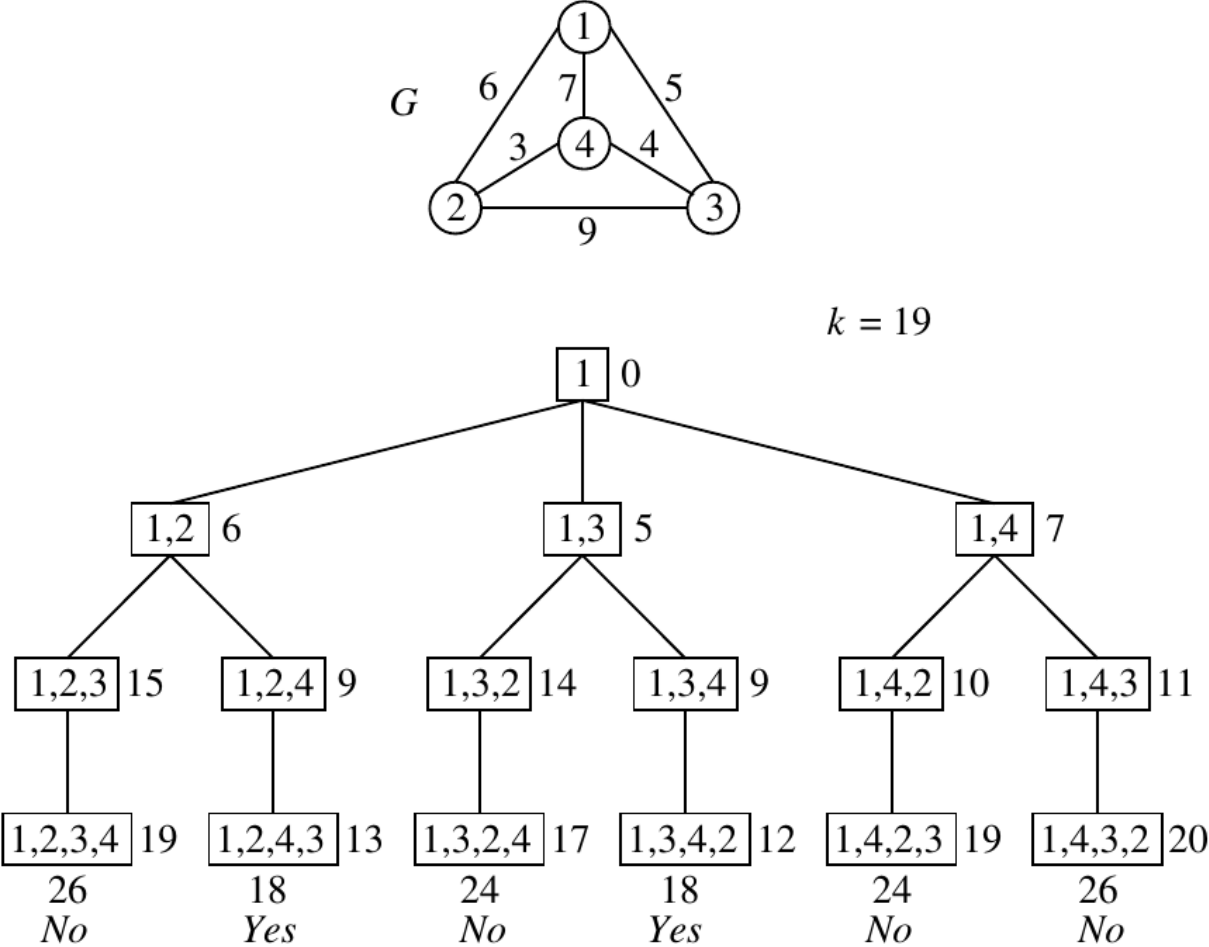


Figure 129: BFS traversal of the tree of Figure 128

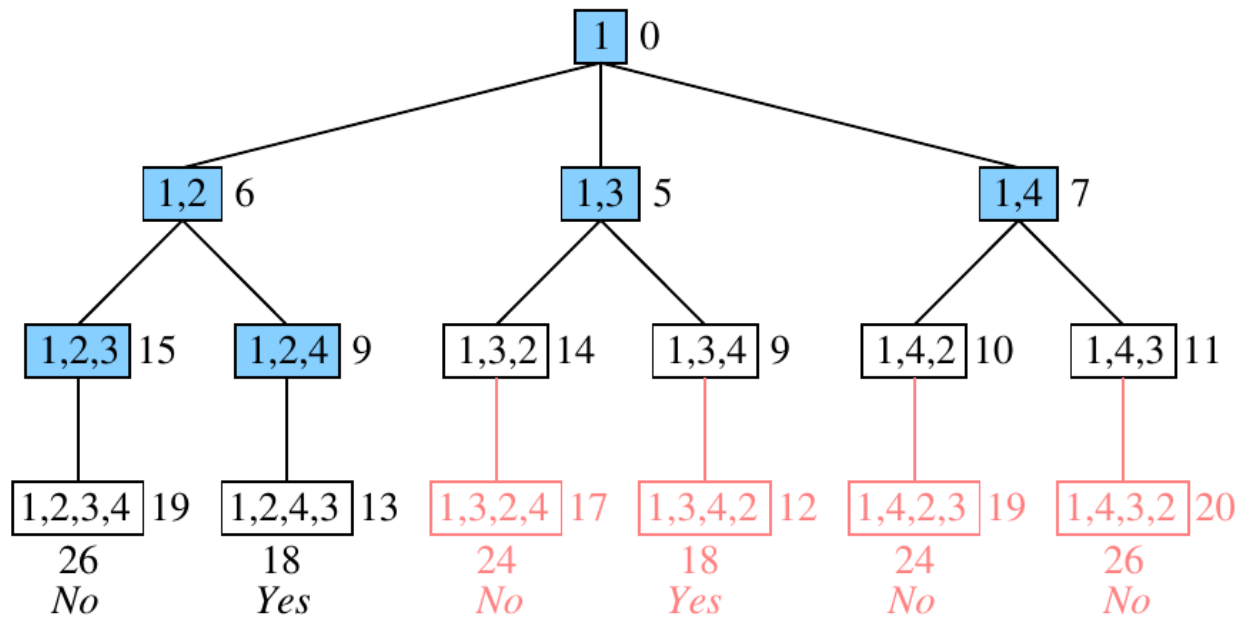


Figure 130: DFS traversal of the tree of Figure 128

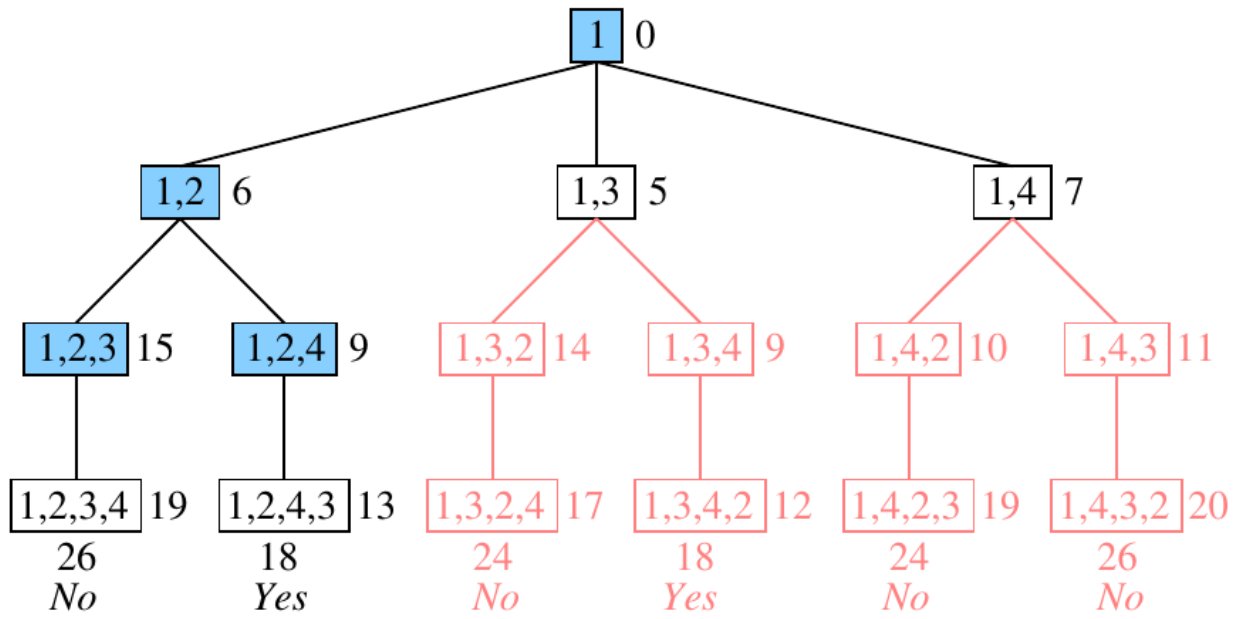


Figure 131: Heap traversal of the tree of Figure 128

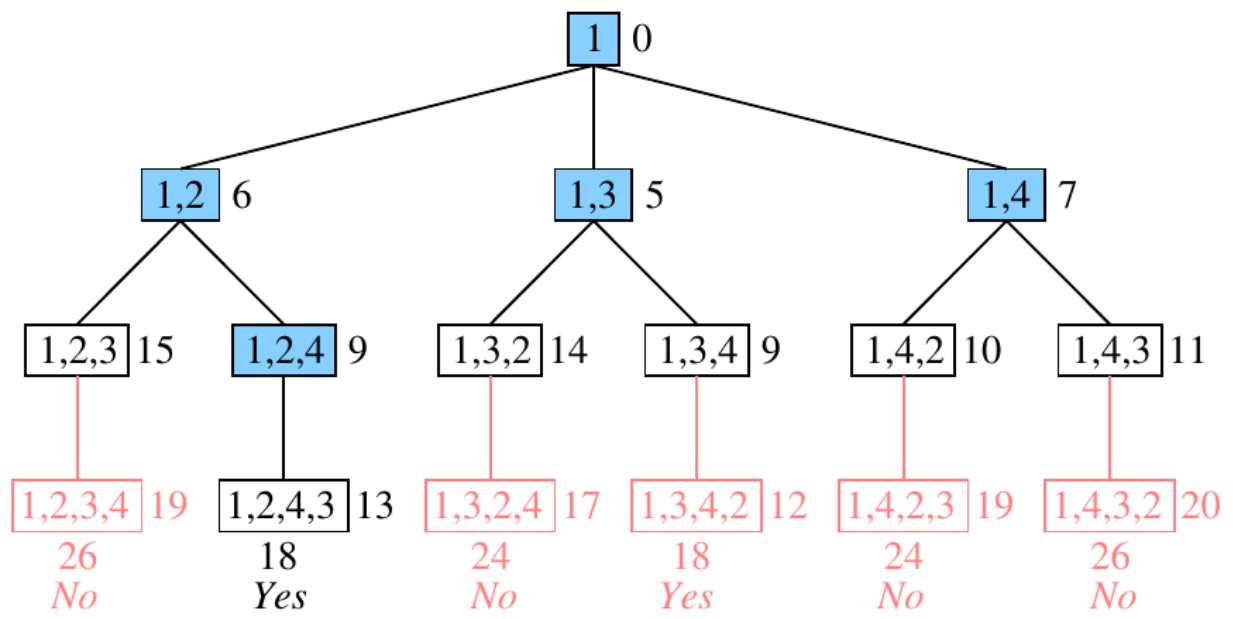
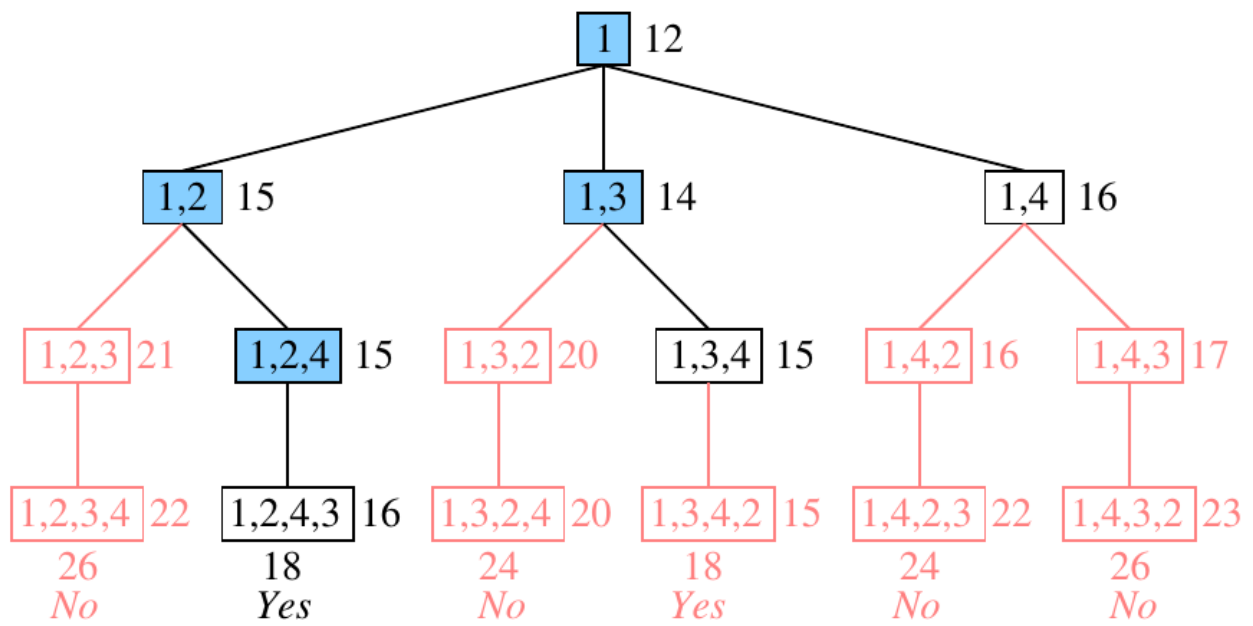


Figure 132: Heap traversal of the tree of Figure 128 with pruning



Generic description of a branch-and-bound algorithm

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Initialize  $B = +\infty$ , and  $Q = \{(\varepsilon, D_{\text{init}})\}$ .
while  $Q$  is not empty {
    Take a node  $(C, D)$  from  $Q$ , and delete that node from  $Q$ .
    Determine all the children  $(C_1, D_1), (C_2, D_2), \dots, (C_k, D_k)$  of  $(C, D)$ .
    for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  {
        If  $(C_i, D_i)$  is a leaf node {
            Compute the value  $F$  of the objective function at  $(C_i, D_i)$ .
            If  $(F < B)$ , replace  $B$  by  $F$ , and remember the solution  $(C_i, D_i)$ .
        } else { /*  $(C_i, D_i)$  is a non-leaf node */
            Compute the lower bound  $L$  for the node  $(C_i, D_i)$ .
            If  $(L < B)$ , add  $(C_i, D_i)$  to  $Q$ .
        }
    }
}
Return  $B$  along with the stored best solution.
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Figure 133: Branch-and-bound algorithm for TSP on the graph of Figure 128

