

## 124 . Approximation Algorithm Vertex Cover, Set Cover

AIM: To solve the Vertex Cover, Set Cover by using Approximation Algorithm

PROGRAM:

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def set_cover_approx(universal_set, subsets):  
    """ Approximation algorithm for Set Cover Problem using a greedy approach """  
    elements_uncovered = set(universal_set)  
    solution = []  
  
    while elements_uncovered:  
        best_subset = None  
        max_covered = set()  
  
        for subset in subsets:  
            covered = elements_uncovered.intersection(subset)  
            if len(covered) > len(max_covered):  
                max_covered = covered  
                best_subset = subset  
        if not best_subset:  
            break  
        solution.append(best_subset)  
        elements_uncovered -= max_covered  
    return solution  
  
universal_set = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}  
subsets = [{1, 2, 3}, {2, 4}, {3, 5}, {4, 5}, {5, 6}, {6, 7}]  
  
print("\nSet Cover Problem - Approximation Algorithm:")  
print("Universal Set:", universal_set)  
print("Subsets:", subsets)  
set_cover_solution = set_cover_approx(universal_set, subsets)  
print("Approximate Set Cover Solution:", set_cover_solution)
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OUTPUT:

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Set Cover Problem - Approximation Algorithm:  
Universal Set: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}  
Subsets: [{1, 2, 3}, {2, 4}, {3, 5}, {4, 5}, {5, 6}, {6, 7}]  
Approximate Set Cover Solution: [{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5}, {6, 7}]
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TIME COMPLEXITY:  $O(n \cdot m)$