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Algorithm 2 Pseudocode:

/* NOTES:

city_distance ~ city i is city_distance[i] away from city i + 1

fuel ~ fuel[i] is equal to the gas available at city i

mpg ~ number of miles the car can travel per gallon of fuel

Can only traverse through cities clockwise, last city connected to first city

Gas tank always starts off empty, then gets filled on starting city based on the given fuel there

Assume there is always at least one optimal starting city

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func best_starting_city(city_distance, fuel, mpg):

 // 1st for loop for every new trip

 for(size_t i = 0; i < city_distance.size(); ++i):

 gas_tank = 0 // Stored in gallons

 starting_city = -1 // optimal starting city

 city_n = 0 // tracker for current city index

 // 2nd for loop for actual trip loop

 for(size_t j = 0; j < city_distance.size(); ++j):

 <add current city fuel into gas_tank>

 <set city_n equal to (i + j) % city_distance.size()>

 // note: using city_n as current city stopped at

 <calculate the total fuel left (gas_tank) from current city to next city>

 if gas_tank is negative: <get out of 2nd loop to start in next city>

 else if gas_tank >= 0 and did full city loop:

 <set starting_city to index>

if starting_city positive value:
<get out of 1st loop as optimal path is found>
return index of optimal path (starting_city)

Proving Efficiency for Pseudocode:

Proving Efficiency for Pseudocode using Limits:

Step 1: Label Variables

$T(2n^2)$ = Function to represent the logic of Algorithm 2
 $f(n^2)$ = informed guess about efficiency class of Algorithm 2

Step 2: Fill in Variables

$$T(n) = 2n^2$$
$$f(n) = n^2$$

Step 3: Prove $T(n) \in f(n)$ using limits

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(n)/f(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n^2/n^2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(n)/f(n) = 2$$

Which is non negative and constant with respect to n . Therefore $2n^2 \in O(n)$

Proving Efficiency using Step Count

Outer Loop: $O(n)$ Time efficiency

Runs n times starting at city 0 and iterates through all cities. Needed to calculate the distance for the best starting city.

Inner Loop: $O(n)$ Time Efficiency

Also runs n times for each iteration of the outer loop. Calculate gas available at each city.

Total Step $\rightarrow T(n) = n * n == n^2$

Therefore Time Complexity = n^2