

→ Approximation Algorithm

- Approximation Algorithm is a way of dealing with NP-completeness or optimization problem

→ It does not guarantee the best solution

→ An algorithm that returns near optimal solution is called Approximation algorithm

→ Goal: It gives as close as possible to the optimum value in a reasonable amount of time which is polynomial time

→ Approximation Algorithms are used when we do not have deterministic solution of the problem

→ Some Approximation Algorithms are

1. Finding ~~to~~ vertex cover of a graph
2. Travelling Salesperson problem
3. Minimum spanning tree

Vertex cover problem

(Node cover problem)

Vertex cover means subset of vertices which cover every edge.

→ A edge is covered if one of its end point chosen.

Idea: Finding a vertex that covers all the edges.

Algorithm:

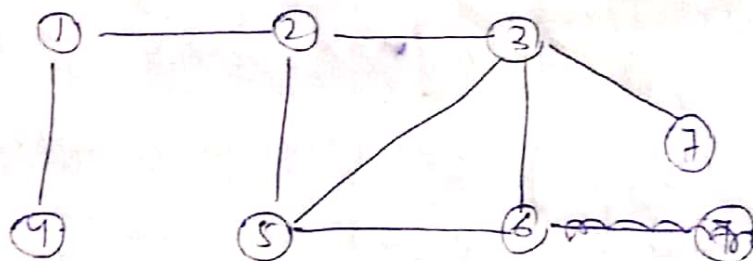
Step-1! Finding vertex with maximum degree

Step-2: Add v to the solution and remove all its incident edge from the graph

Step-3: Repeat until all edge are covered

Step-4: This algorithm focus on finding a minimum single node cover a graph.

Ex:



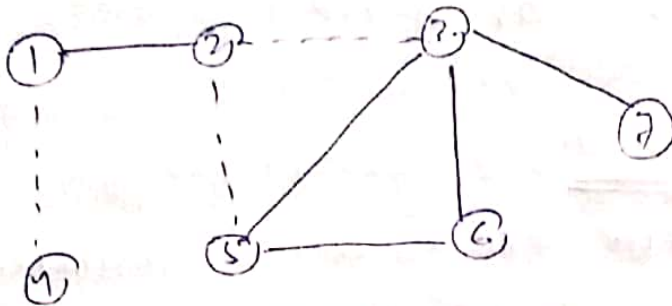
Iteration-1

choose edge (1,2)

$$C = \{1, 2\}$$

remove edge

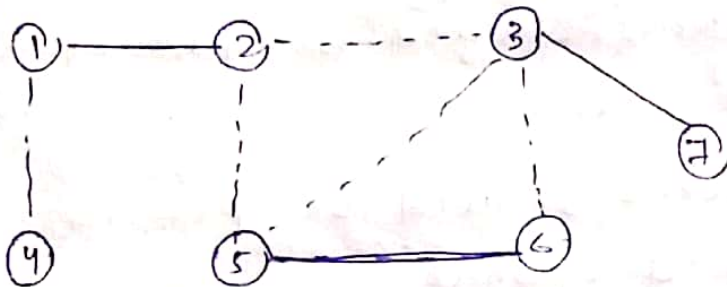
$(1, 4)$, $(2, 5)$ and $(2, 7)$



Iteration-2: choose $\{5, 6\}$

Now $C = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$

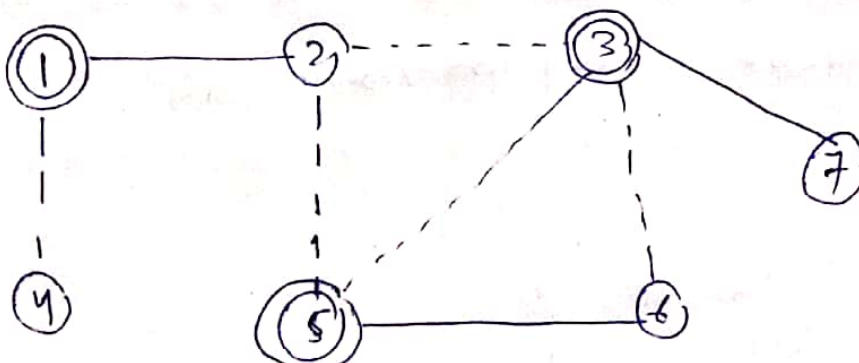
Remove $(2, 5)$ and $(3, 5)$



Iteration-3: choose edge $\{3, 7\}$

$C = \{1, 2, 5, 6, 3, 7\}$

Remove edge is $\{3, 4\}$



Approximation vertex cover

$C = \{1, 2, 5, 6, 3, 7\}$ of size 7

The optimal vertex cover is

$C^* = \{1, 3, 5\}$ of size 3.

N-Queen problem:

The concept of N-Queen problem is that we need to place N-Queen in $N \times N$ matrix where in which the following condition should apply

- NO two queens should be placed in the same row.
- NO two queens should be placed in the same column.
- NO two queens should be placed on the same diagonal.

4-Queen problem:

Here we have 4 queens

- Q_1 should be placed on row1/col1
- Q_2 should be placed on row2/col2
- Q_3 should be placed on row3/col3.
- Q_4 should be placed on row4/col4.

2) I scanned the matrix and placed Q_1 in row 1/col 1.

	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4
r_1	Q_1			
r_2				
r_3				
r_4				

3) Now Q_2 should be placed in row 2/col 2 but it will cross Q_1 because they are in the same diagonal. Therefore Q_2 should be placed in $C_3 \times r_2$.

	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4
r_1	Q_1			
r_2			Q_2	
r_3				
r_4				

4) Now Q_3 in row 3/col 3 but the Queen meets with each other because they are in the same column. So there is no way to place Q_3 in row 3/col 3. So backtrack again and move Q_1 to $C_3 \times r_1$ and also move Q_2 so that two queens should not attack the Q_3 .

place Q_1 in $r_1 \times C_3$
 Q_2 in $r_2 \times C_4$

	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4
r_1			Q_1	
r_2	Q_2			
r_3				
r_4				

④ NOW place Q_3 on row 3/col 4 but it cannot be placed bcoz the queen meet each other. so place the queen Q_3 on $r_3 \times c_4$

		Q_1	
Q_2			
			Q_3

NOW place Q_4 on $r_4 \times c_2$ so that no queen will meet with each other

	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4
r_1			Q_1	
r_2	Q_2			
r_3				Q_3
r_4		Q_4		

NOW we got the soln on which we place the entire queen on 4×4 matrix where in which no two queen meet each other

i.e $\langle 3, 1, 4, 2 \rangle$
or $\langle 2, 4, 1, 3 \rangle$

8-queen problem

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1				Q ₁				
2						Q ₂		
3								Q ₃
4		Q ₄						
5							Q ₅	
6	Q ₆							
7			Q ₇					
8					Q ₈			

Travelling salesman problem (using Approximation algorithm)

On the travelling salesman problem introduce a complete undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ that has a non negative integer cost $c(u, v)$ associated with each edge $(u, v) \in E$ and we must find a tour of G with ~~minimum~~ minimal cost

$C(A)$ denotes the total cost of the edge on the subset $A \subseteq E$

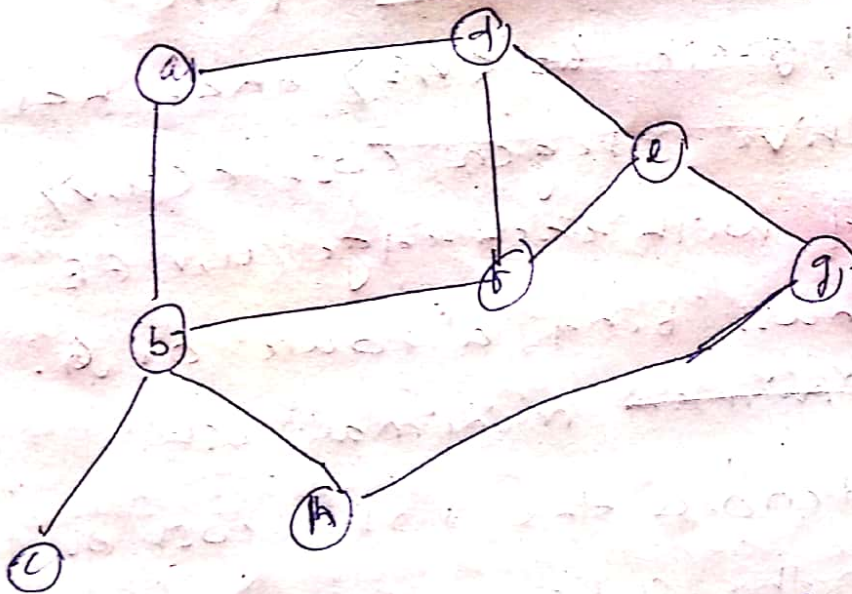
$$C(A) \leq \sum_{(u,v) \in A} c(u,v)$$

Here the cost function C satisfies the triangle inequality on all vertices $u, v, w \in V$

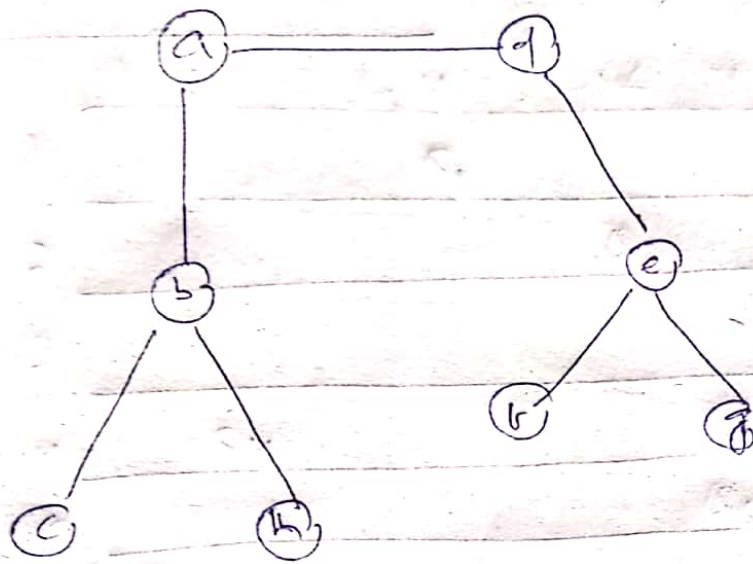
$$C(u, w) \leq C(u, v) + C(v, w)$$

Approx-TSP- $G(V, E)$

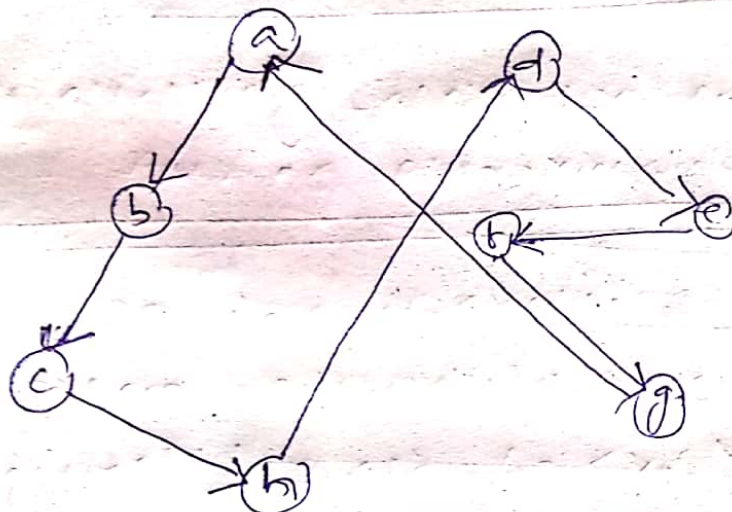
1. Compute a MST T of G .
2. Select any vertex r be the root of the tree.
3. Let L be the list of vertices visited in a preorder tree walk of T .
4. Return the cycle that visits the vertices in the order.



(Given set of points)



Preorder of tree(T) = a b c h d e f g



A preorder sequence gives a tour. Hence salesman need to visit n cities. He want to start a tour at a city, and visit every cities exactly once and finish the tour at the city from where he starts.