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Today

Assume basic NP-Completeness

Let  $L$  be a language

$L \in NP$  if  $\exists$  short proof of membership

$L \equiv$  all 3-colorable graphs.

to prove  $G$  is 3-color simply exhibit 3-coloring.

$L \leq_p L'$  if  $\exists f$  st  $x \in L$  iff  $f(x) \in L'$

a)  $f$  poly time.

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Def:  $G$  is graph  $H \subseteq G$  is a Hamiltonian Cycle

if  $H$  is simple cycle containing  $V_0$ .

# Approximation Algorithms

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Goal: Solve NP-Hard Problems  
Approximately

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We now consider optimization problems

e.g. 1) Coloring a graph with min # of colors

2) Finding a min size vertex cover

Let  $P$  be an optimization prob.

Def An alg  $A$  is poly-time  $k$ -approx  
alg if.

1)  $A$  is poly-time

2)  $A(\tau) \leq k \text{Opt}_P(\tau)$

## Vertex-Cover Prob

Input:  $G = (V, E)$

Output: Minimum size  $C \subseteq V$  that "covers"  $E$

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Question: How do we lower bd  $Opt$ ?

One Answer for VC:

Def  $e, e' \in E$  are independent if  $e \cap e' = \emptyset$

Let  $E' \subseteq E$  be an ind set of edges.

Claim  $Opt \geq |E'|$

pf  $Opt$  must contain at least one endpoint from each  $e \in E'$ .

## Alg Approx-VC

- 1) Find a maximal ind set of edges  $E'$
- 2) Return  $V'$  the endpoints of  $E'$ .

Note Approx-VC returns a vertex-cover.

Claim Approx-VC is a poly-time 2-approx alg.

pf 1) Clearly Approx-VC is poly-time

$$2) |Approx-VC| = 2|E'| \leq 2|Opt-VC|$$

(2- $\epsilon$ )-approx thought hard.

# Traveling-Salesman Prob

Input: Complete graph  $G=(V,E)$

Cost fcn  $C: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

Output: Min-cost Hamiltonian cycle.

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Claim TSP is NP-Hard

pf Ham-Cycle  $\leq_p^T$  TSP

$$G=(V,E) \Rightarrow C(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (u,v) \in E \\ 1 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$G \in \text{Ham-Cycle iff } |\text{TSP}(C)| = 0$$

## TSP with Triangle Inequality

Def  $C$  satisfies the triangle inequality if

$$\forall u, v, w \in V \quad c(u, w) \leq c(u, v) + c(v, w)$$


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Claim TSP with tri-inequality is NP-Hard.

IP Ham-Cycle  $\stackrel{T}{\leq}_P$  TSP with TI

$$G = (V, E) \quad C(u, v) = \text{dist}(u, v) \text{ in } G.$$

$$\text{Opt-TSP}(G, c) = n \text{ iff } G \in \text{Ham Cycle}$$


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Question: Lower Bound Opt-TSP?

Let  $T^*$  be Opt Tour.

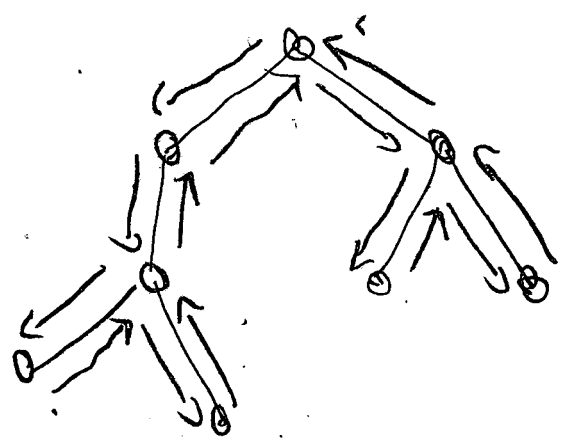
Thus  $T^*$  minus some edge is a spanning Tree.

$$\therefore |MST| \leq |T^*|$$

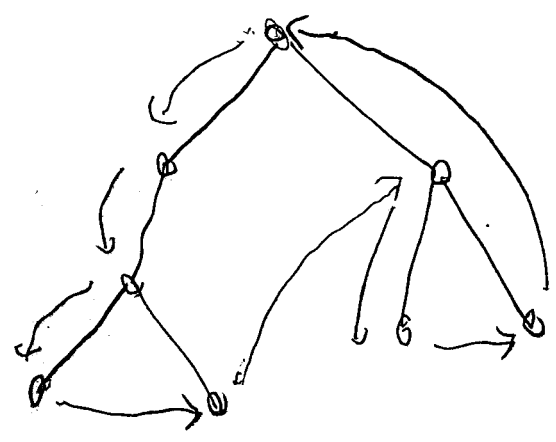
# Approx-TSP Alg

- 1) Find a MST  $T$  of  $G$
- 2) Compute an Euler Tour of  $T$ .
- 3) Remove multiply visited vertices from Euler Tour.

EG



Euler Tour



Ham-Cycle

Let  $Tour$  be an Euler-Tour with extra vertices shunted.

$$\Rightarrow |Tour| \leq |ET| \leq 2|MST| \leq 2 \cdot Opt-TSP$$

Thm If  $P \neq NP$  then  $\forall \rho > 1$  ~~A~~ poly-time  $\rho$ -approx for TSP.



pf

To Show: Ham-Cycle  $\stackrel{LT}{\leq}_p$   $\rho$ -approx TSP

Input:  $G = (V, E)$

Output:  $G' = (V, E')$   $E' = \{(u, v) \mid u \neq v\}$

$$C(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ \rho \cdot n + 1 & \text{O.W} \end{cases} \quad n = |V|$$

Note  $G \in \text{Ham-Cycle}$  then  $|TSP| = n$

$G \notin \text{Ham-Cycle}$  then  $|TSP| \geq (n-1) + \rho n + 1$   
 $= (\rho+1)n$

Thus If  $G \in \text{Ham-Cycle}$  & Approx TSP returns a  $\rho$ -approx it must be a Ham-Cycle.

# Center Selection Prob

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Input:  $P_1, \dots, P_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$  sites, int  $k$

Output:  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  centers

st  $\min_{P \in P} \max_{C} \text{dist}(P, C) = r$

Def  $\text{dist}(P, C) = \min_{C \in C} \text{dist}(P, C)$

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Note  $d=2$  &  $k=1$  we gave a linear time alg.

In general: NP-Hard

Goal: 2-approx ie 2 $r$ -solution.

2 algorithms

1) 2-approx given  $r$ .

2) 2-approx without  $r$ .

Simple Greedy ( $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}, r$ )  $n > k$

Init:  $C = \emptyset$ ,  $Q = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$

While  $Q \neq \emptyset$

1) extract  $p$  from  $Q$  (any  $p$ )

2) add  $p$  to  $C$

3) remove from  $Q$  all  $q$ ;  $2r \geq \text{dist}(p, q)$

Thm Simple Greedy is a 2-Approx (given  $r$ )

Proof: induction on  $k$

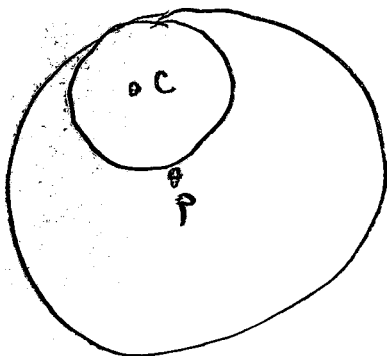
If  $k=1$  done since dia is  $\leq 2r$

Assume true for  $k-1$ .

Initially:  $P$  has  $k$ -centers of radius  $r$  solution.

After one round of while loop

$P$  will have  $(k-1)$ -centers of radius  $r$  solution.



since we removed a center and points in it.

## Furthest Greedy (P, k)

Init:  $C = \{P_1\}$   $P = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$   $k = 1$

While  $k \neq 0$

1) Pick  $P \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$  max  $\text{dist}(P, C)$

2) Add  $P$  to  $C$

3)  $k = k - 1$

Thm Furthest Greedy is a 2-Approx

Pf While  $\max_{P \in P} \text{dist}(P, C) > 2r$  points

picked could have been pick by Simple Greedy

If  $\max_{P \in P} \text{dist}(P, C) \leq 2r$  done.