Traveling salesman

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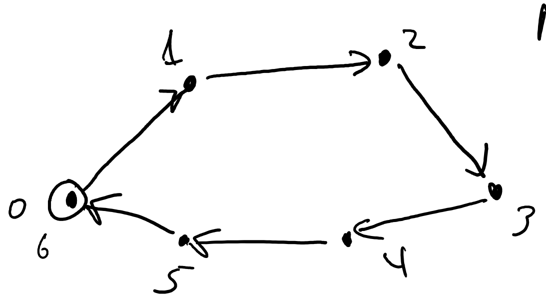


N cities

Gets very hard as the number of cities increases.

$O(2^N)$, $O(N^k)$ NP-complete

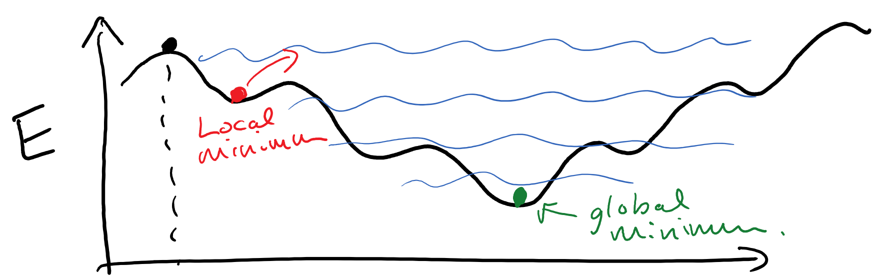
$P \equiv NP$?

Optimize the path length

$$E = L_{tour} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sqrt{(x_i - x_{i-1})^2 + (y_i - y_{i-1})^2}$$

$x_0 = x_N$
$y_0 = y_N$ to make it a cycle.

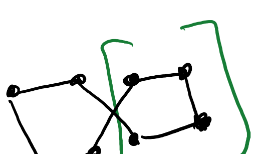
Want the global minimum Energy (or path Length in this case).

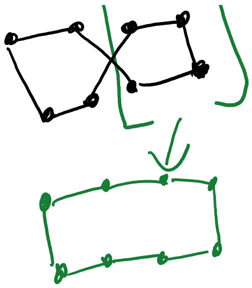


Moves: Ising → flip one random spin

- Swap 2 random cities ("random spin flip")

- Choose a random segment of the tour ↘ cut it out, this





tour

reverse the segment

cut it out this segment and reinsert it at a random position.

$$P(E, E', T) = \begin{cases} 1 & , E' < E \\ \exp\left(\frac{(E-E')}{T}\right) & , E' \geq E \end{cases}$$

★ Metropolis Method

How to set initial T_0 :

use 100 Random Moves and take the largest ΔE → make this our initial temperature ($k_B = 1$).

★ Make $O(1000)$ Moves at T_0 keep the best (lowest E) tour

$T_{n+1} = 0.9\, T_n$

C_i (any) ⟶ C_j (any) in $O(N^k)$ Moves

Euclidean Traveling salesman problem is a special case which allows a lot of heuristics to improve the speed.

True optimum can be found for this case up to about 100'000 cities up to about 100'000 cities

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