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Exercises 12 (Optional)

1. Metaheuristics (NIVEAU I)

Given the complete undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ for a set of V of vertices, and a function $w : E \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$ that assigns a positive weight to each edge. The *Traveling Salesman Problem* (TSP) is to find a cyclic path in G that contains each vertex in V exactly once and has minimal total weight.

- (a) Describe a brute force algorithm for solving the TSP.
- (b) Describe several heuristics to approximate the TSP. Use at least the following techniques:
 - Iterated local search.
 - Simulated annealing.
 - Ant colony optimization.
 - Evolutionary computing.

You may also evolve your own ideas.

- (c) How can the TSP be formulated as ILP?

2. SAT Problem (NIVEAU I)

The pigeon-hole SAT problem expresses the problem of finding a way to place n pigeons in $n - 1$ pigeon-holes such that no hole contains more than one pigeon. Obviously, this problem is unsatisfiable.

- Model the Pigeon-hole SAT problem. (See script: Literals, clauses, clause-sets)

3. IP (NIVEAU II)

Given variables $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$
model in IP: $|x_i - x_j| \geq 2, \forall i \neq j.$