

Maximum angular-metric travelling salesman problem with an even number of vertices

Given an Euclidean Graph $G = (V, E)$, the *maximum angular-metric travelling salesman problem* (*MaxAngleTSP*) asks for the longest *Hamiltonian circuit* with respect to the turning angles α . This is equivalent to minimizing the sum of all inner angles $\hat{\alpha}$. (For illustration see Figure 1.)

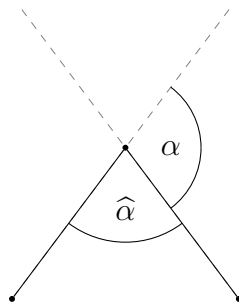


Figure 1: Illustration of the *turning angle* α and of the *inner angle* $\hat{\alpha}$.

AICHHOLZER et al [1] have shown that this problem is solvable in polynomial time if the number of vertices n is odd; in this case the objective function value of an optimum solution is always π . Moreover, they proved that the objective function value of an optimum solution lies between 0 and 2π if n is even and that these bound are tight. **Is the MaxAngleTSP solvable in polynomial time if n is even? If this is not the case, which complexity class does this problem belong to?**

References

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