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Homework 3

Due date: Mon 19-Sep-2025 22:00

Course: Selected Topics on Optimization

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The nearest neighbor heuristic:

Solution: [1, 5, 8, 7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1] cost 235

When multiple tours had equal cost, I selected the canonical representative by rotating the cycle to start at the smallest node index; ties during the algorithm were broken by choosing the smallest node index.

Start from a node, at each step go to the nearest unvisited node. Finally, return to the start. To improve: repeat starting from each node and select the best tour:

NearestNeighbor_TSP($D[1..n, 1..n]$):

$\text{bestTour} \leftarrow \emptyset$

$\text{bestCost} \leftarrow \infty$

for start in $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$:

$\text{tour} \leftarrow [\text{start}]$

$\text{cost} \leftarrow 0$

$\text{unvisited} \leftarrow \{\text{all nodes}\} \setminus \{\text{start}\}$

$\text{current} \leftarrow \text{start}$

while $\text{unvisited} \neq \emptyset$:

$\text{next} \leftarrow \text{argmin}_{\{j \in \text{unvisited}\}} D[\text{current}, j]$

$\text{cost} \leftarrow \text{cost} + D[\text{current}, \text{next}]$

$\text{tour.append}(\text{next})$

$\text{unvisited.remove}(\text{next})$

$\text{current} \leftarrow \text{next}$

$\text{cost} \leftarrow \text{cost} + D[\text{current}, \text{start}]$

$\text{tour.append}(\text{start})$

if $\text{cost} < \text{bestCost}$:

$\text{bestCost} \leftarrow \text{cost}$

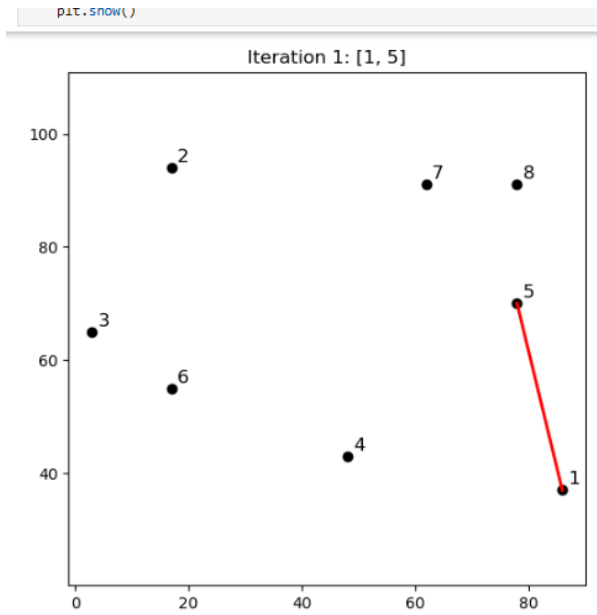
$\text{bestTour} \leftarrow \text{tour}$

return $\text{bestTour}, \text{bestCost}$

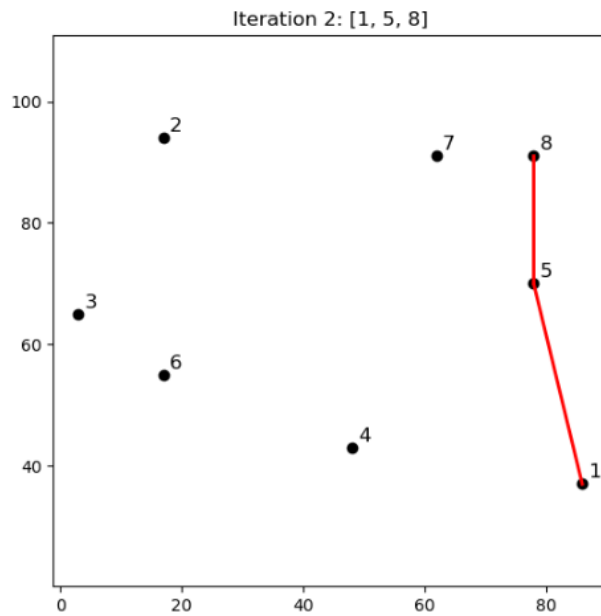
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NN start 1: tour [1, 5, 8, 7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1] cost 235

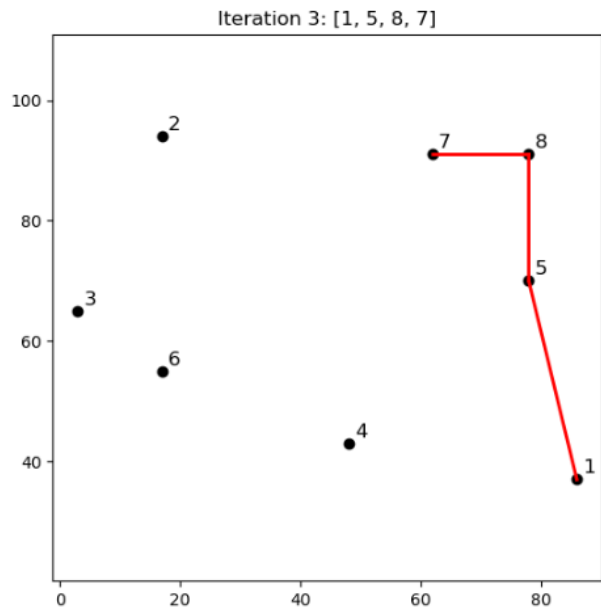
iter 1: from 1 -> 5 (d=33); cumulative after = 33



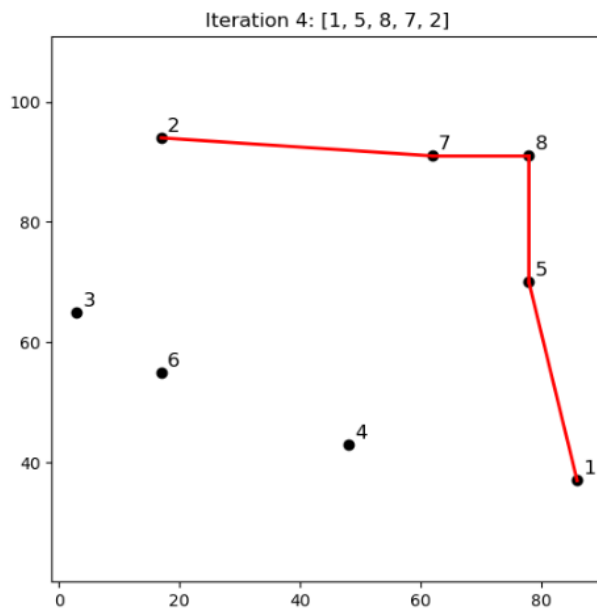
iter 2: from 5 -> 8 (d=21); cumulative after = 54



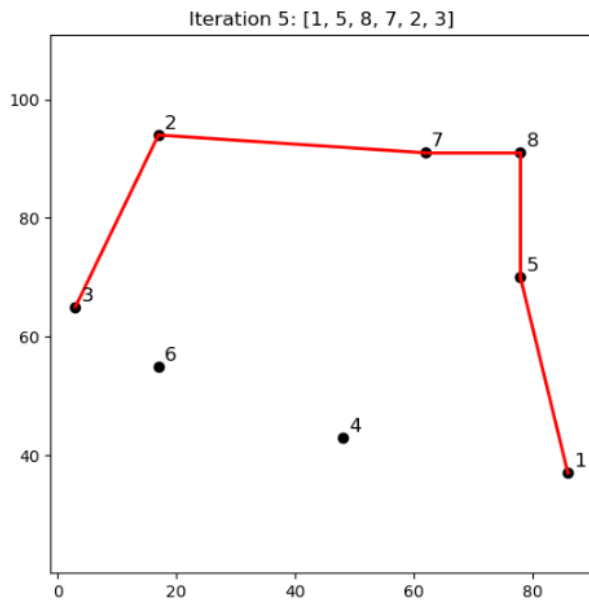
iter 3: from 8 -> 7 (d=16); cumulative after = 70



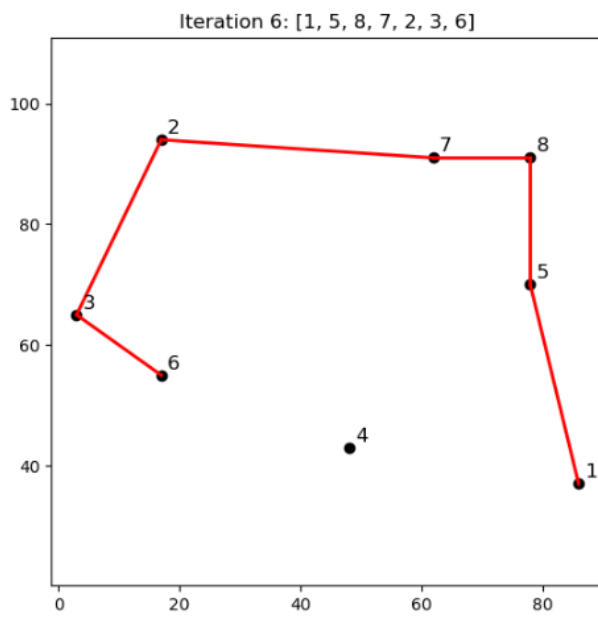
iter 4: from 7 → 2 (d=45); cumulative after = 115



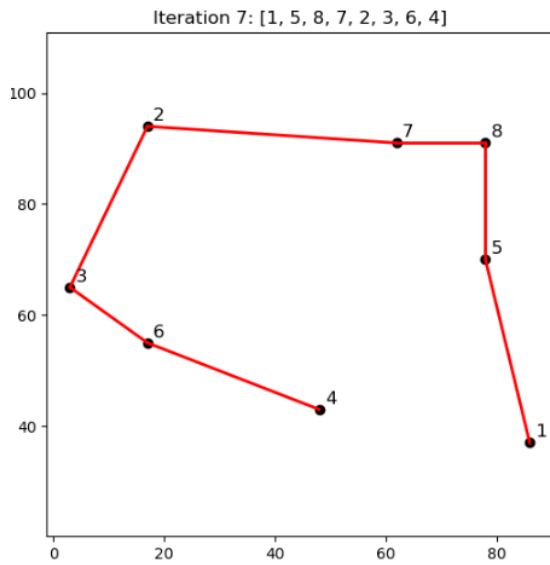
iter 5: from 2 → 3 (d=32); cumulative after = 147



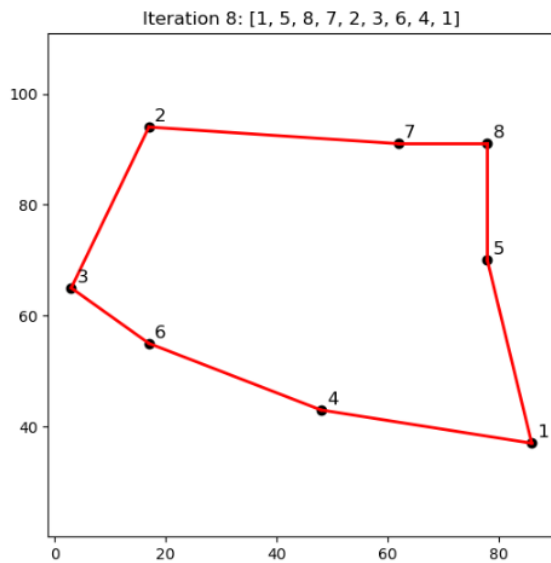
iter 6: from 3 -> 6 (d=17); cumulative after = 164



iter 7: from 6 -> 4 (d=33); cumulative after = 197



iter 8: from 4 -> 1 (d=38); cumulative after = 235



NN start 2: tour [2, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7, 2] cost 235

iter 1: from 2 -> 3 (d=32); cumulative after = 32

iter 2: from 3 -> 6 (d=17); cumulative after = 49

iter 3: from 6 -> 4 (d=33); cumulative after = 82

iter 4: from 4 -> 1 (d=38); cumulative after = 120

iter 5: from 1 -> 5 (d=33); cumulative after = 153

iter 6: from 5 -> 8 (d=21); cumulative after = 174

iter 7: from 8 -> 7 (d=16); cumulative after = 190

iter 8: from 7 -> 2 (d=45); cumulative after = 235

NN start 3: tour [3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7, 2, 3] cost 235

iter 1: from 3 -> 6 (d=17); cumulative after = 17
iter 2: from 6 -> 4 (d=33); cumulative after = 50
iter 3: from 4 -> 1 (d=38); cumulative after = 88
iter 4: from 1 -> 5 (d=33); cumulative after = 121
iter 5: from 5 -> 8 (d=21); cumulative after = 142
iter 6: from 8 -> 7 (d=16); cumulative after = 158
iter 7: from 7 -> 2 (d=45); cumulative after = 203
iter 8: from 2 -> 3 (d=32); cumulative after = 235

NN start 4: tour [4, 6, 3, 2, 7, 8, 5, 1, 4] cost 235

iter 1: from 4 -> 6 (d=33); cumulative after = 33
iter 2: from 6 -> 3 (d=17); cumulative after = 50
iter 3: from 3 -> 2 (d=32); cumulative after = 82
iter 4: from 2 -> 7 (d=45); cumulative after = 127
iter 5: from 7 -> 8 (d=16); cumulative after = 143
iter 6: from 8 -> 5 (d=21); cumulative after = 164
iter 7: from 5 -> 1 (d=33); cumulative after = 197
iter 8: from 1 -> 4 (d=38); cumulative after = 235

NN start 5: tour [5, 8, 7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5] cost 235

iter 1: from 5 -> 8 (d=21); cumulative after = 21
iter 2: from 8 -> 7 (d=16); cumulative after = 37
iter 3: from 7 -> 2 (d=45); cumulative after = 82
iter 4: from 2 -> 3 (d=32); cumulative after = 114
iter 5: from 3 -> 6 (d=17); cumulative after = 131
iter 6: from 6 -> 4 (d=33); cumulative after = 164
iter 7: from 4 -> 1 (d=38); cumulative after = 202
iter 8: from 1 -> 5 (d=33); cumulative after = 235

NN start 6: tour [6, 3, 2, 7, 8, 5, 1, 4, 6] cost 235

iter 1: from 6 -> 3 (d=17); cumulative after = 17
iter 2: from 3 -> 2 (d=32); cumulative after = 49
iter 3: from 2 -> 7 (d=45); cumulative after = 94
iter 4: from 7 -> 8 (d=16); cumulative after = 110
iter 5: from 8 -> 5 (d=21); cumulative after = 131
iter 6: from 5 -> 1 (d=33); cumulative after = 164
iter 7: from 1 -> 4 (d=38); cumulative after = 202
iter 8: from 4 -> 6 (d=33); cumulative after = 235

NN start 7: tour [7, 8, 5, 1, 4, 6, 3, 2, 7] cost 235

iter 1: from 7 -> 8 (d=16); cumulative after = 16
iter 2: from 8 -> 5 (d=21); cumulative after = 37
iter 3: from 5 -> 1 (d=33); cumulative after = 70
iter 4: from 1 -> 4 (d=38); cumulative after = 108
iter 5: from 4 -> 6 (d=33); cumulative after = 141
iter 6: from 6 -> 3 (d=17); cumulative after = 158
iter 7: from 3 -> 2 (d=32); cumulative after = 190
iter 8: from 2 -> 7 (d=45); cumulative after = 235

NN start 8: tour [8, 7, 5, 1, 4, 6, 3, 2, 8] cost 256

iter 1: from 8 -> 7 (d=16); cumulative after = 16
iter 2: from 7 -> 5 (d=26); cumulative after = 42
iter 3: from 5 -> 1 (d=33); cumulative after = 75
iter 4: from 1 -> 4 (d=38); cumulative after = 113
iter 5: from 4 -> 6 (d=33); cumulative after = 146
iter 6: from 6 -> 3 (d=17); cumulative after = 163
iter 7: from 3 -> 2 (d=32); cumulative after = 195
iter 8: from 2 -> 8 (d=61); cumulative after = 256

The nearest insertion heuristic:

Solution: final tour [7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7] cost 235

1. Start with the smallest edge (i,j) \rightarrow initial subtour [i, j, i].
2. At each step, find the nearest unvisited node to the current tour.
3. Insert it in the position that increases the tour length the least.
4. Repeat until all nodes are included.

NearestInsertion_TSP(D[1..n,1..n]):

$(i, j) \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\{i \neq j\}} D[i, j]$

$\text{tour} \leftarrow [i, j, i]$

$\text{unvisited} \leftarrow \{\text{all nodes}\} \setminus \{i, j\}$

while $\text{unvisited} \neq \emptyset$:

$v \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\{k \in \text{unvisited}\}} \min_{\{u \in \text{tour}\}} D[k, u]$

$\text{bestPos} \leftarrow -1$

$\text{bestIncrease} \leftarrow \infty$

for $p = 1$ to $\text{length}(\text{tour}) - 1$:

$u \leftarrow \text{tour}[p]$

$w \leftarrow \text{tour}[p+1]$

$\text{increase} \leftarrow D[u, v] + D[v, w] - D[u, w]$

if $\text{increase} < \text{bestIncrease}$:

$\text{bestIncrease} \leftarrow \text{increase}$

$\text{bestPos} \leftarrow p$

$\text{tour.insert}(\text{bestPos} + 1, v)$

$\text{unvisited.remove}(v)$

$\text{cost} \leftarrow 0$

for $p = 1$ to $\text{length}(\text{tour}) - 1$:

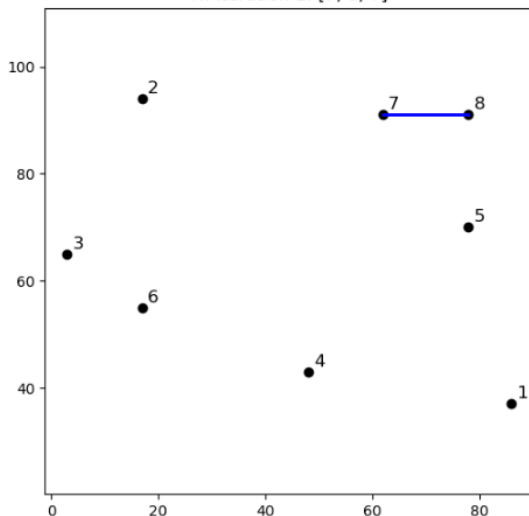
$\text{cost} \leftarrow \text{cost} + D[\text{tour}[p], \text{tour}[p+1]]$

return tour, cost

ITERATIONS

NI start (7,8): final tour [7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7] cost 235

NI Iteration 1: [7, 8, 7]



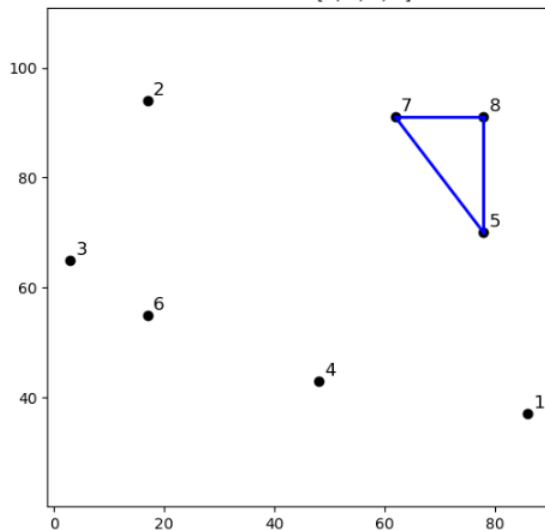
Step 1: chosen node 5 (dist to tour 21)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=8, delta=31), (pos=1, i=8, j=7, delta=31)

chosen insertion between (7, 8), delta=31

tour after: [7, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 63

NI Iteration 2: [7, 5, 8, 7]



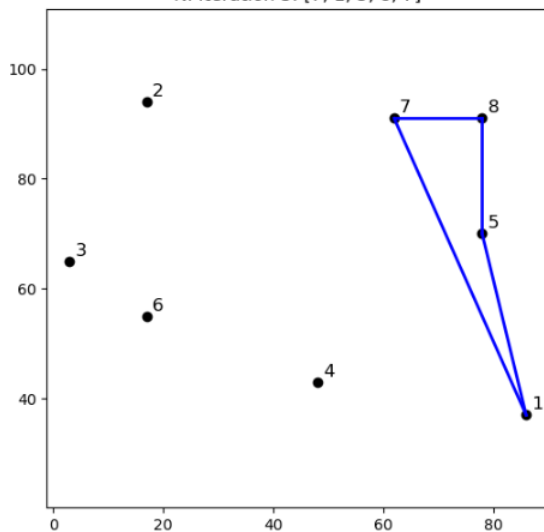
Step 2: chosen node 1 (dist to tour 33)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=5, delta=66), (pos=1, i=5, j=8, delta=66), (pos=2, i=8, j=7, delta=97)

chosen insertion between (7, 5), delta=66

tour after: [7, 1, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 129

NI Iteration 3: [7, 1, 5, 8, 7]

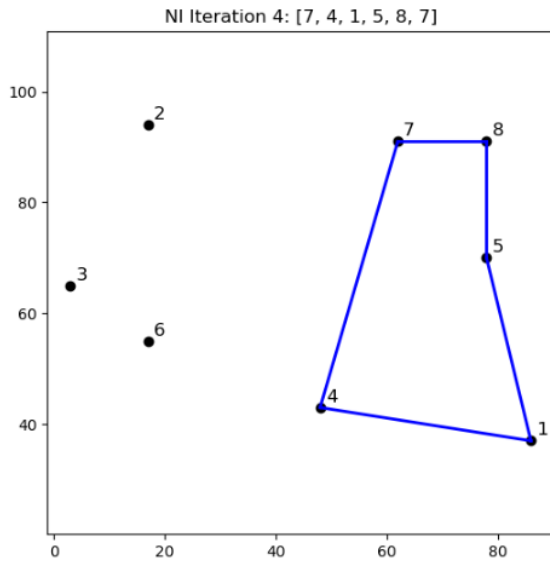


Step 3: chosen node 4 (dist to tour 38)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=1, delta=29), (pos=1, i=1, j=5, delta=45), (pos=2, i=5, j=8, delta=75), (pos=3, i=8, j=7, delta=90)

chosen insertion between (7, 1), delta=29

tour after: [7, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 158



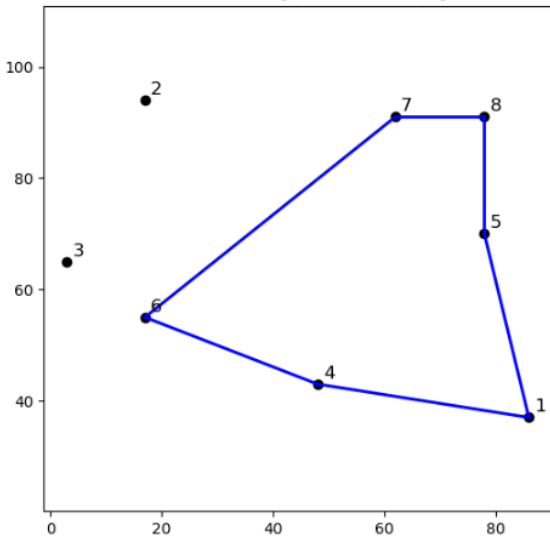
Step 4: chosen node 6 (dist to tour 33)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=4, delta=40), (pos=1, i=4, j=1, delta=66), (pos=2, i=1, j=5, delta=100), (pos=3, i=5, j=8, delta=111), (pos=4, i=8, j=7, delta=111)

chosen insertion between (7, 4), delta=40

tour after: [7, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 198

NI Iteration 5: [7, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7]

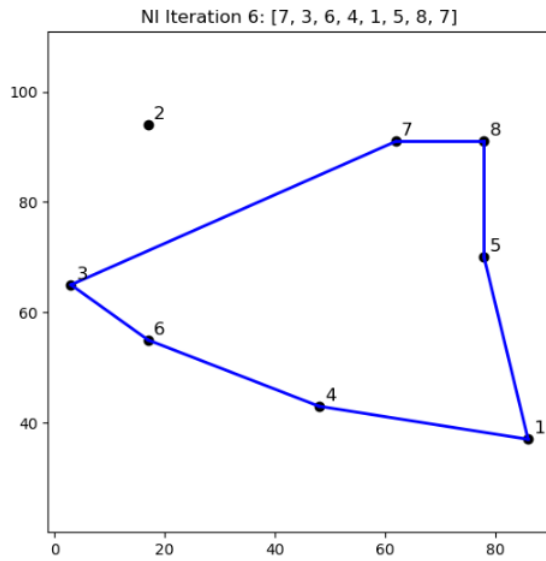


Step 5: chosen node 3 (dist to tour 17)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=6, delta=24), (pos=1, i=6, j=4, delta=34), (pos=2, i=4, j=1, delta=99), (pos=3, i=1, j=5, delta=129), (pos=4, i=5, j=8, delta=133), (pos=5, i=8, j=7, delta=127)

chosen insertion between (7, 6), delta=24

tour after: [7, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 222



Step 6: chosen node 2 (dist to tour 32)

deltas for insertion positions: (pos=0, i=7, j=3, delta=13), (pos=1, i=3, j=6, delta=54), (pos=2, i=6, j=4, delta=65), (pos=3, i=4, j=1, delta=110), (pos=4, i=1, j=5, delta=121), (pos=5, i=5, j=8, delta=105), (pos=6, i=8, j=7, delta=90)

chosen insertion between (7, 3), delta=13

tour after: [7, 2, 3, 6, 4, 1, 5, 8, 7], cost after: 235

