Solution Progress

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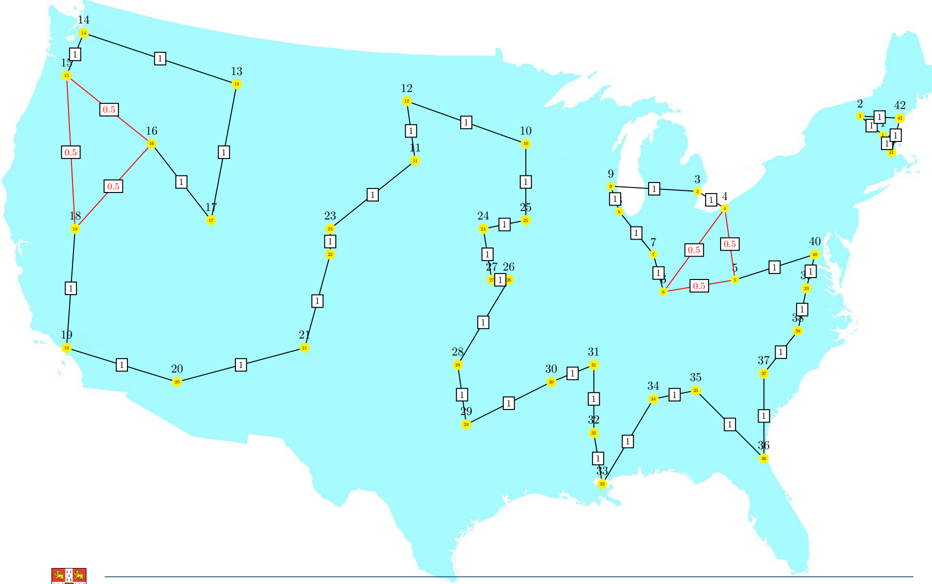

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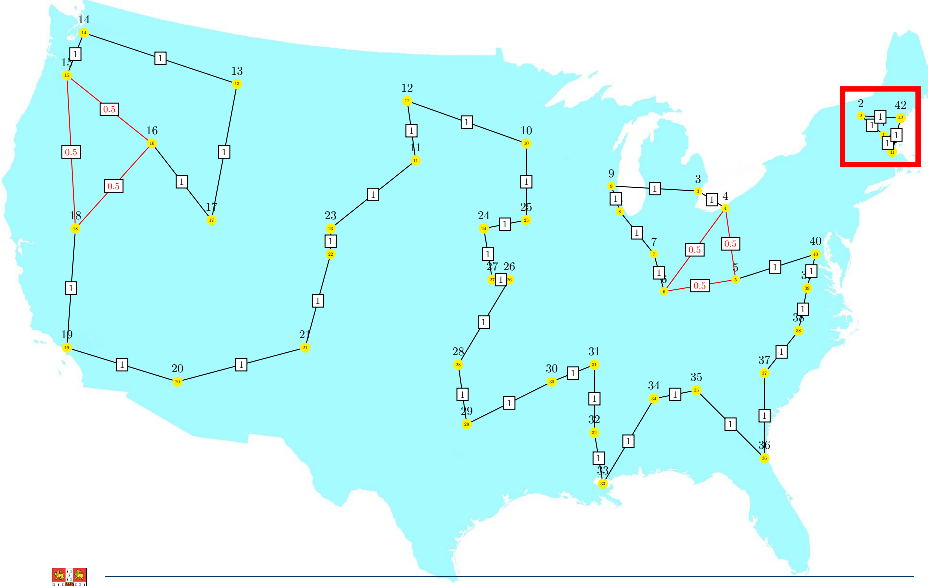

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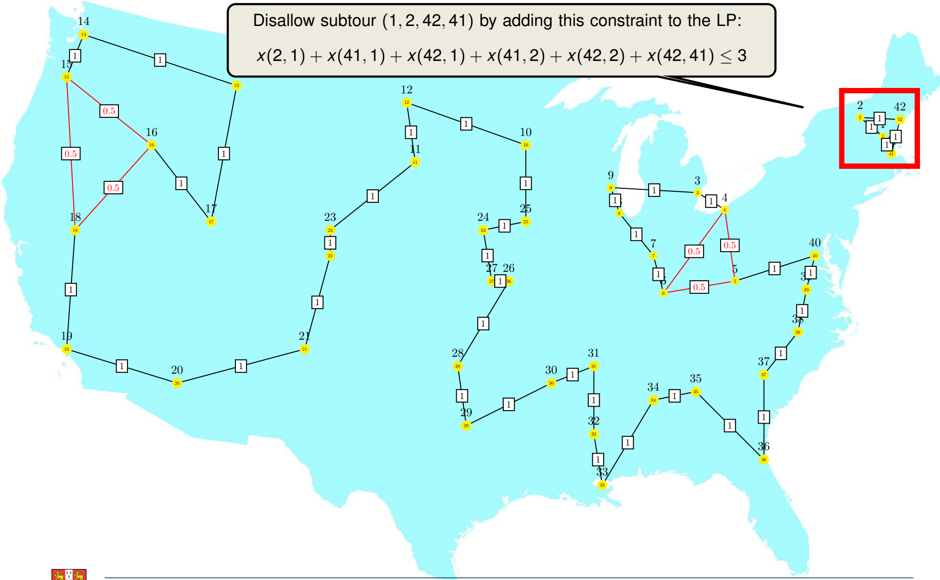

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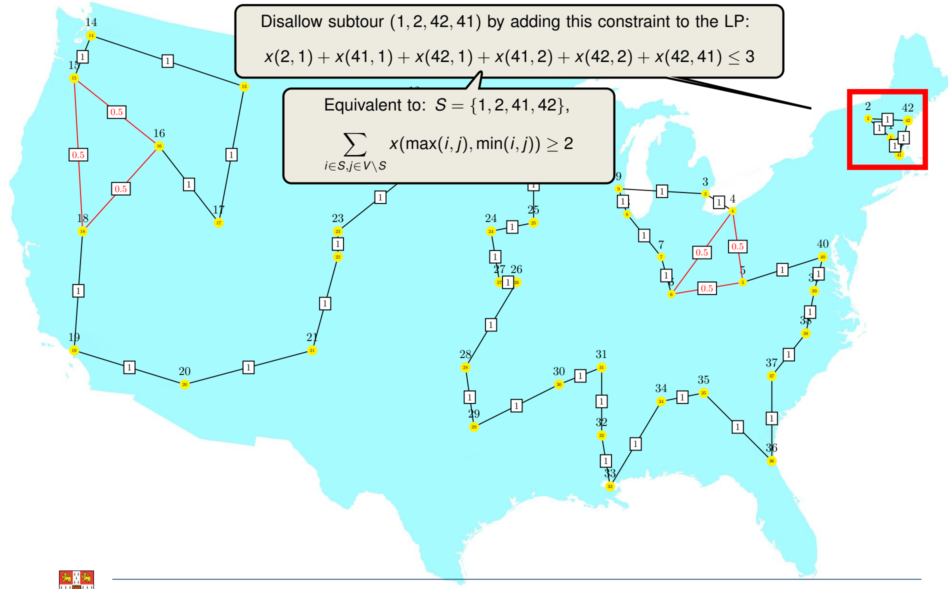

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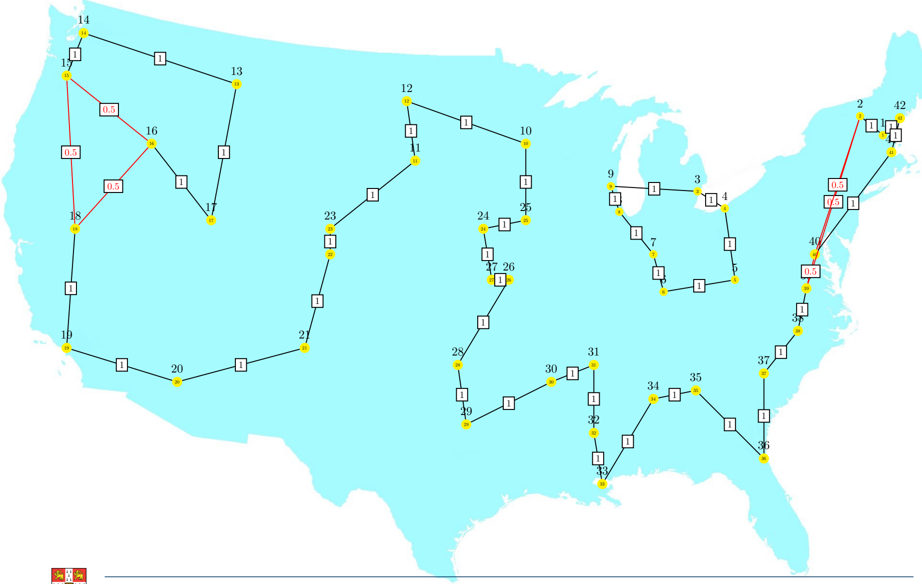

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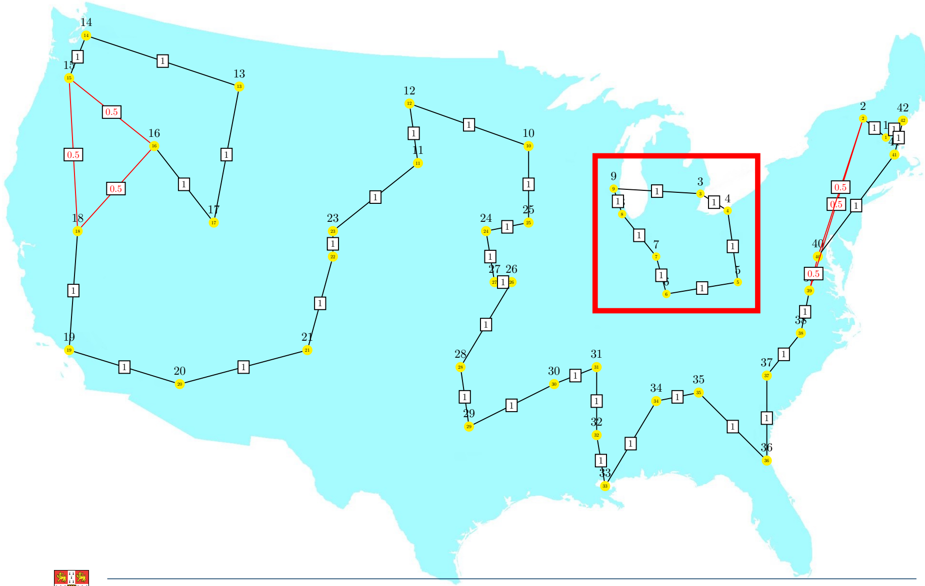

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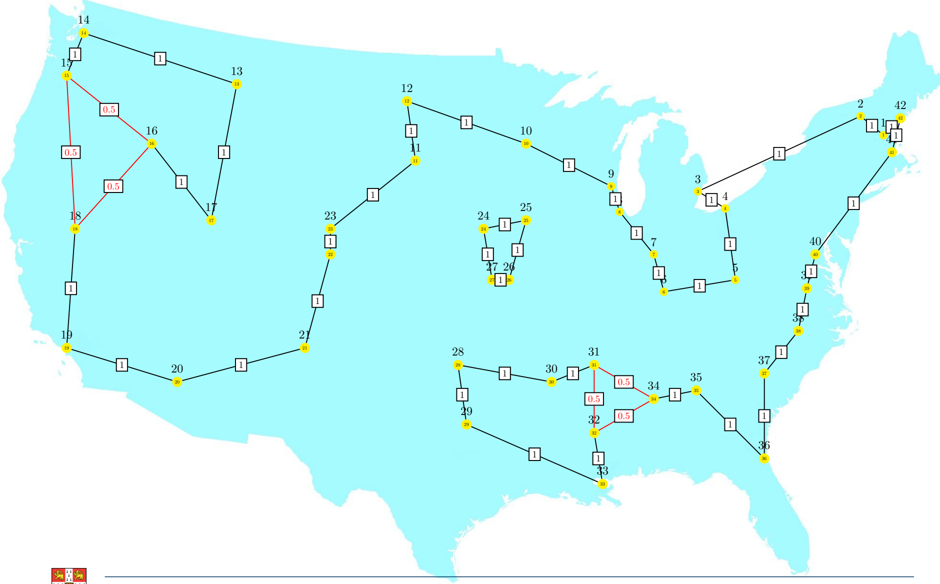
Objective value: -681.000000, 861 variables, 947 constraints, 1984 iterations



Iteration 3: Eliminate Subtour $24, 25, 26, 27$

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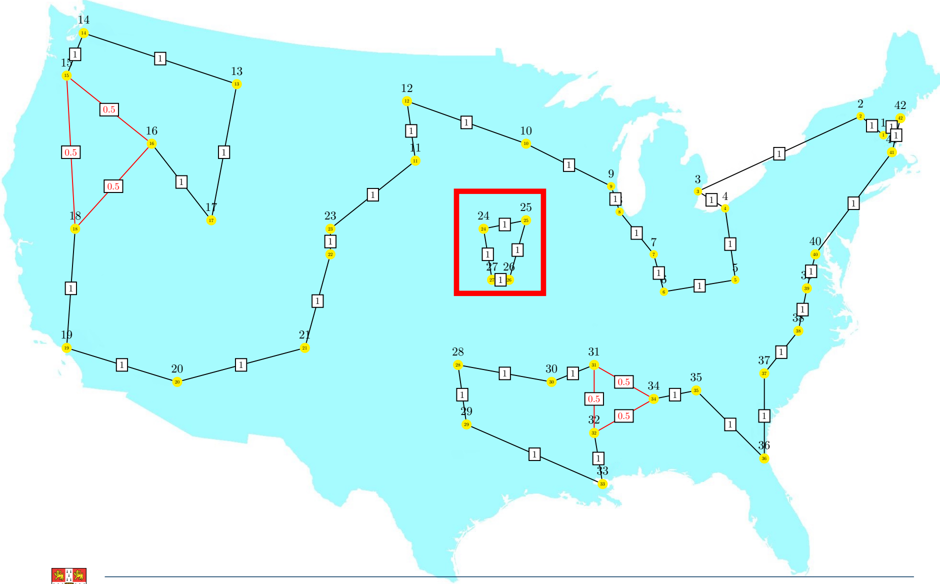

Iteration 4:

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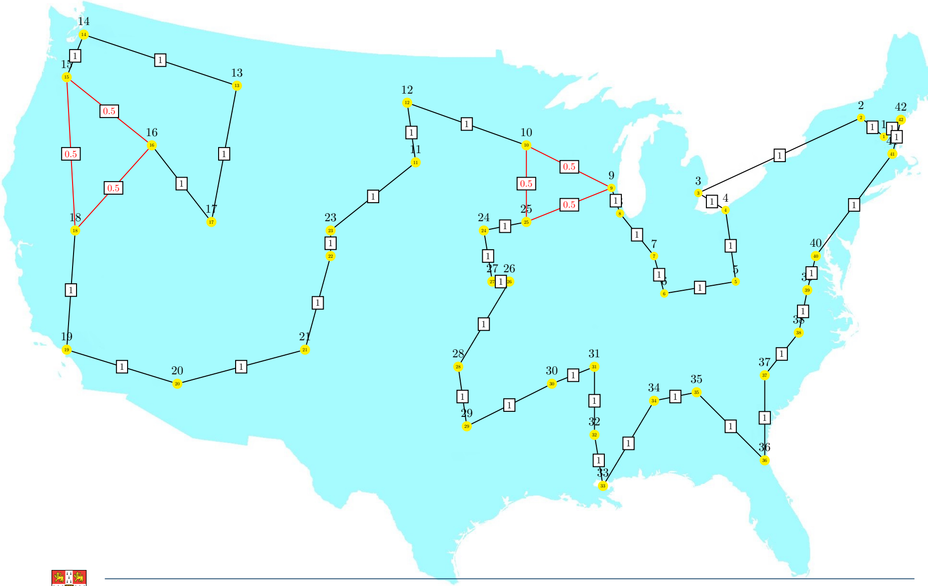

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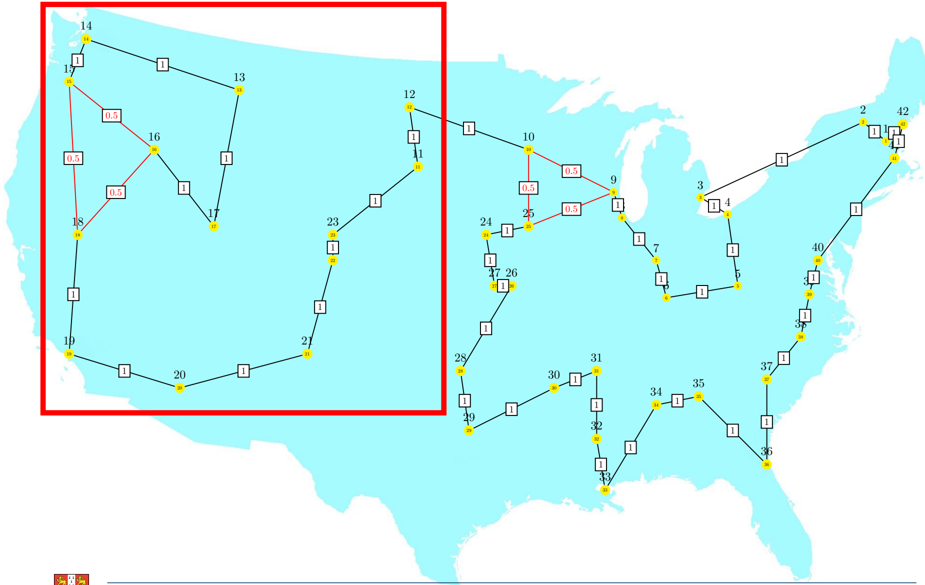

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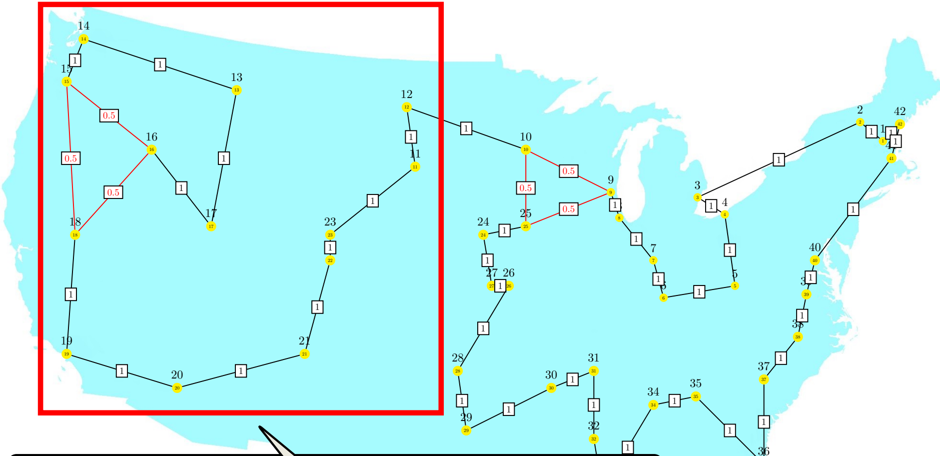
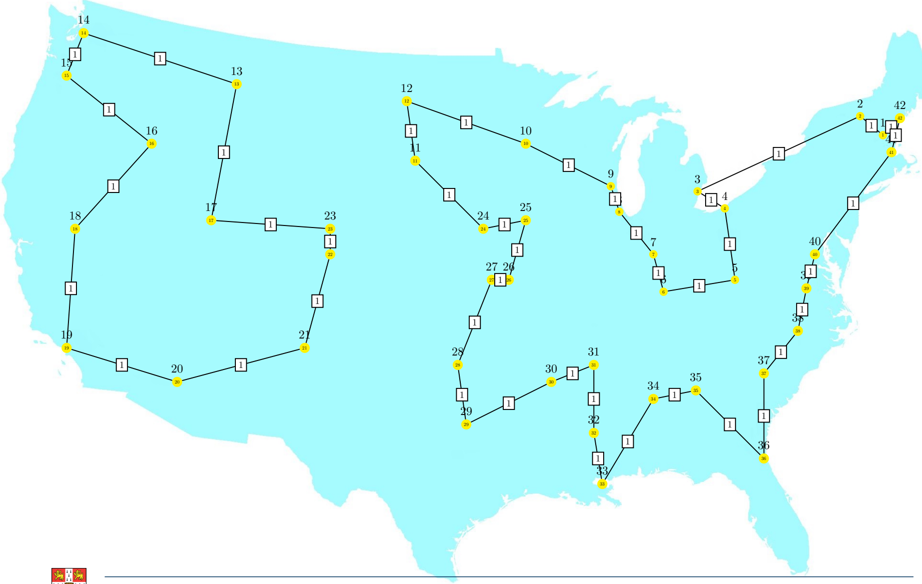


Tour has to include at least two edges between $S = \{11, 12, \ldots, 23\}$ and $V \setminus S$:

$$\sum_{i \in S, j \in V \setminus S} x(\max(i,j), \min(i,j)) \geq 2.$$

Iteration 5:

Objective value: −686.000000, 861 variables, 949 constraints, 2446 iterations



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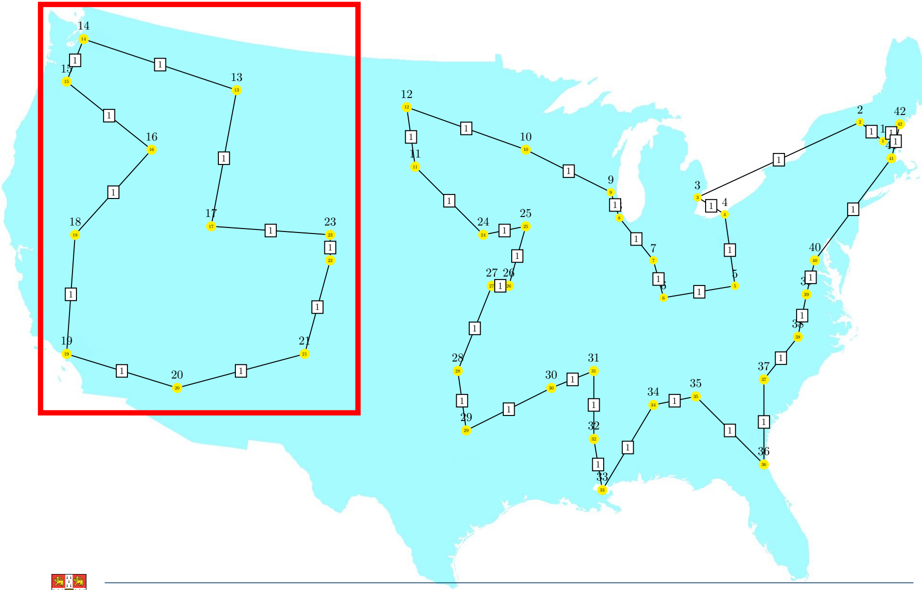

Iteration 6:

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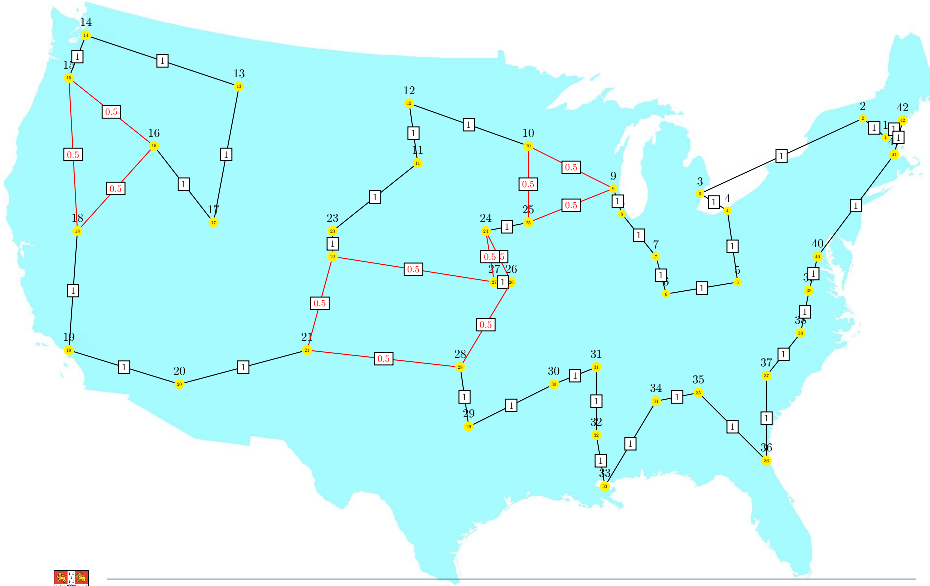

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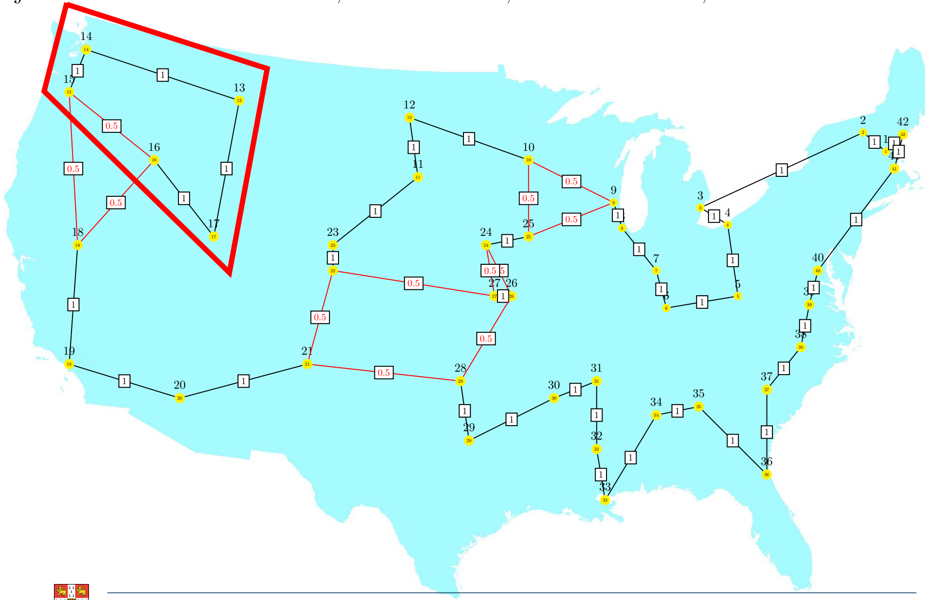
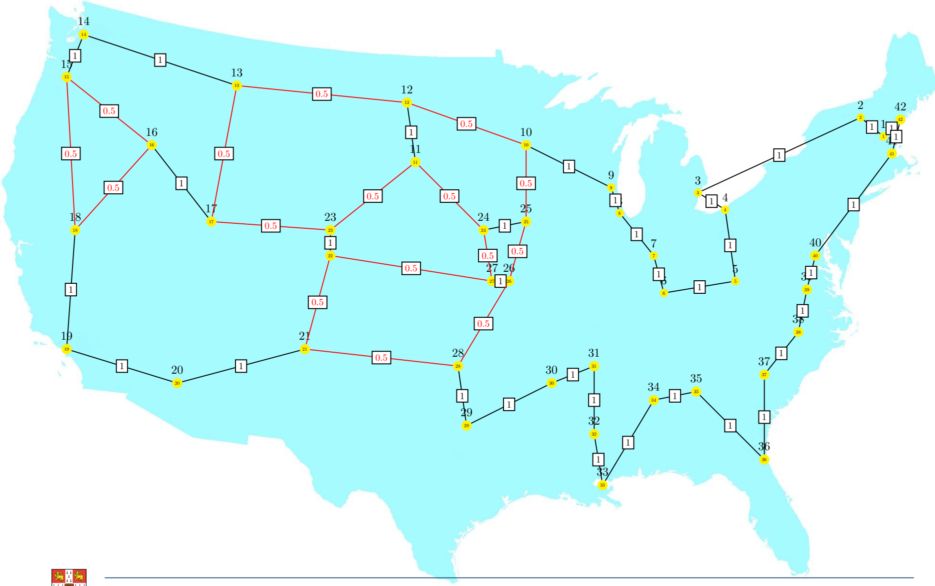


Iteration 7:

Objective value: −697.000000, 861 variables, 951 constraints, 2212 iterations



Iteration 7: Branch 1a $x_{18,15} = 0$

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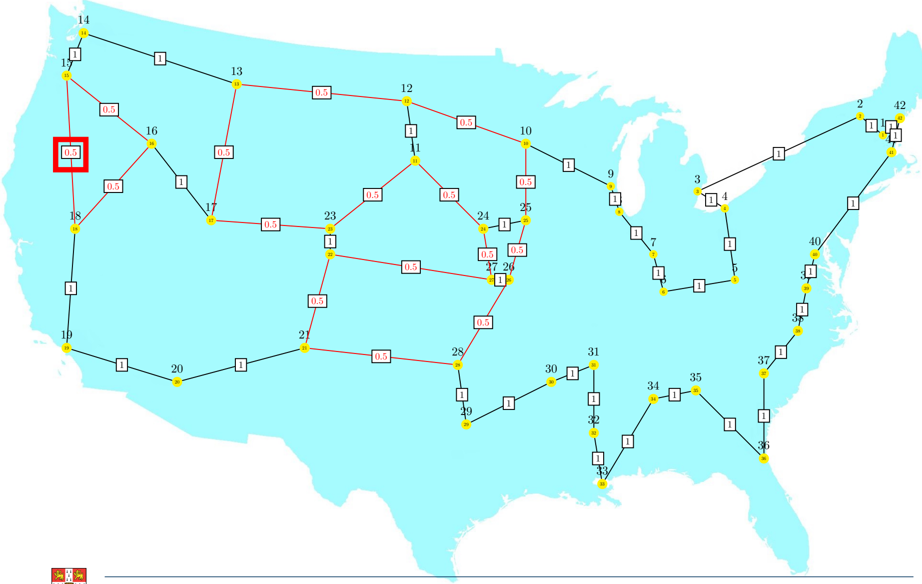

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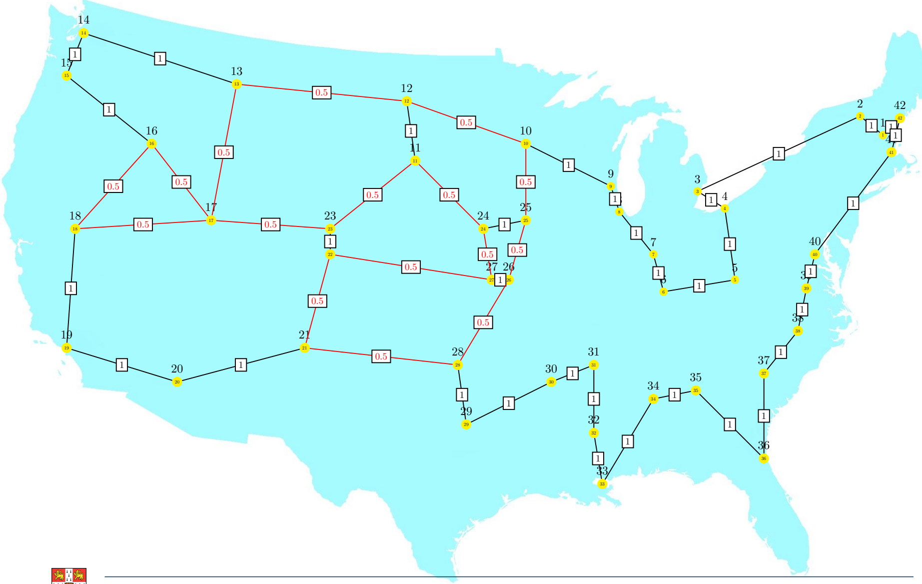

Iteration 8: Branch 2a $x_{17,13} = 0$

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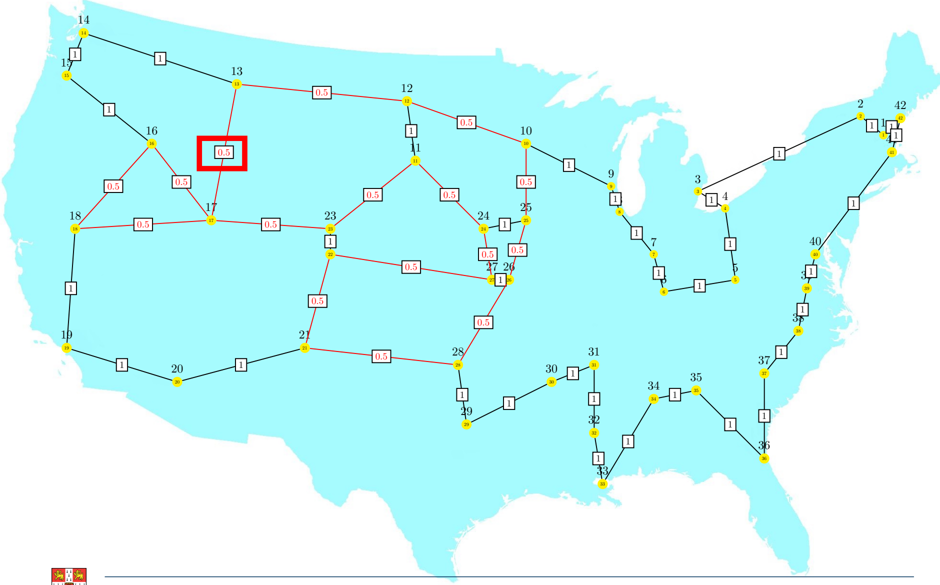

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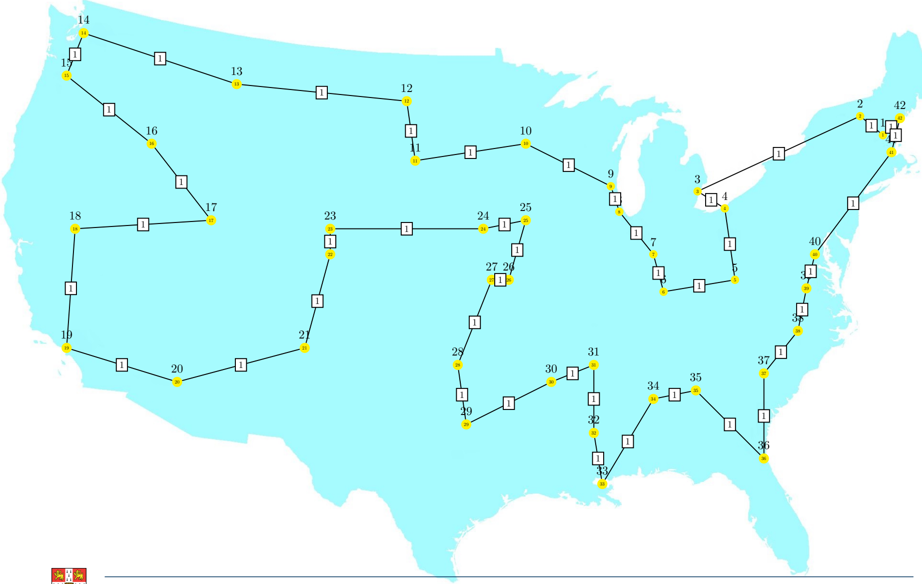
Objective value: -699.000000, 861 variables, 953 constraints, 2281 iterations



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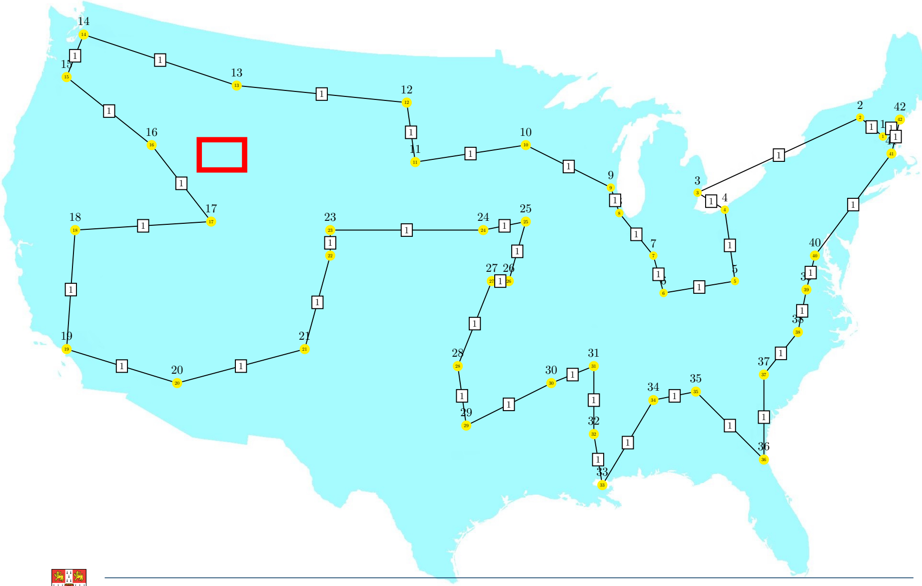

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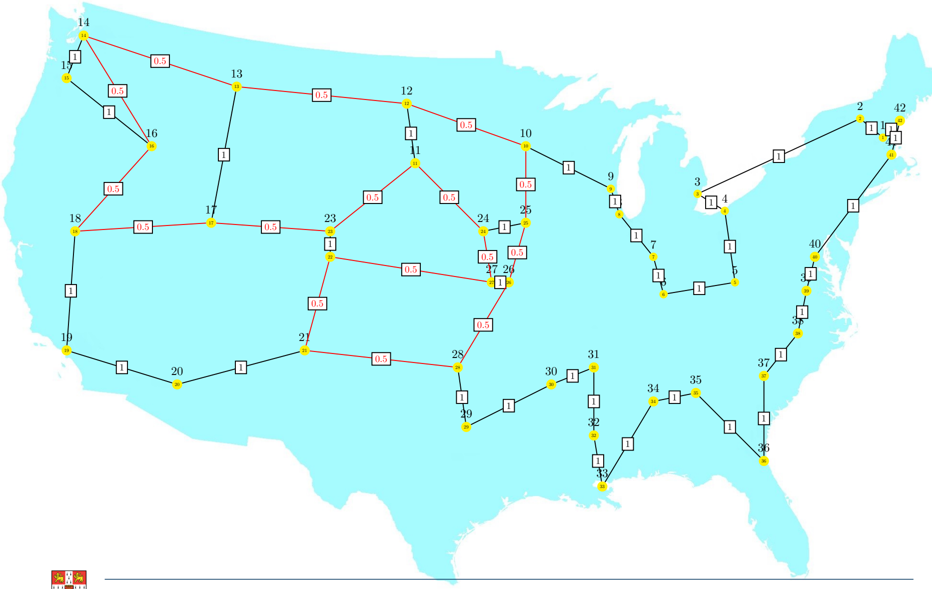

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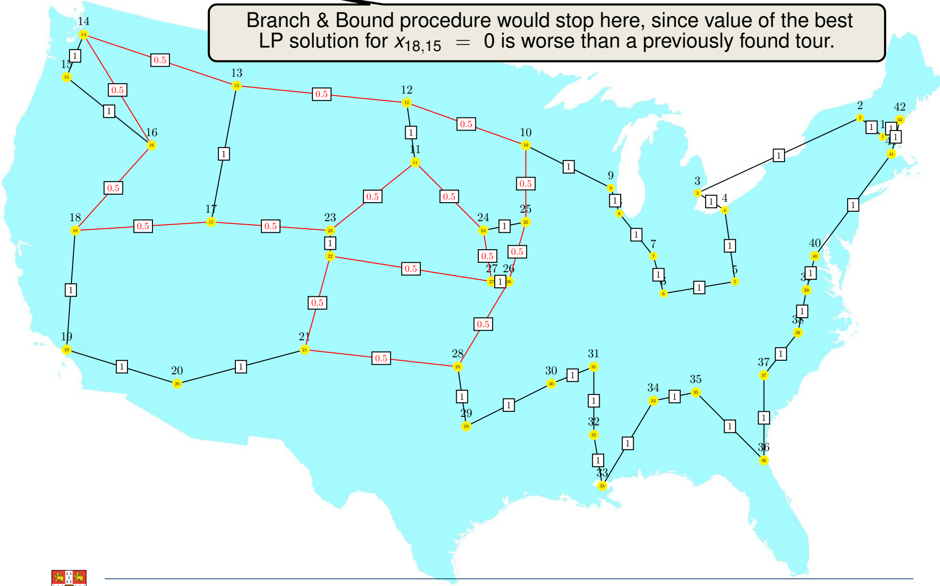

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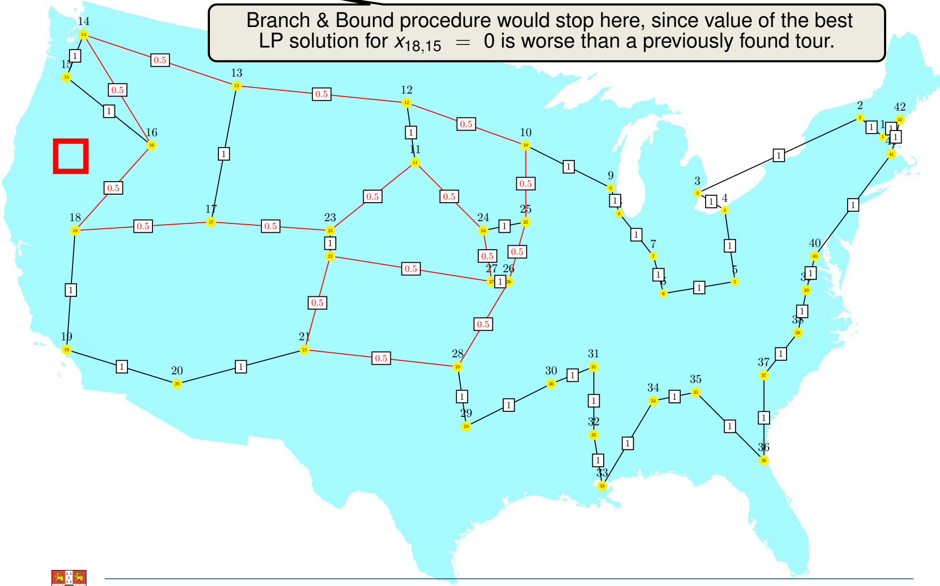

Iteration 11:

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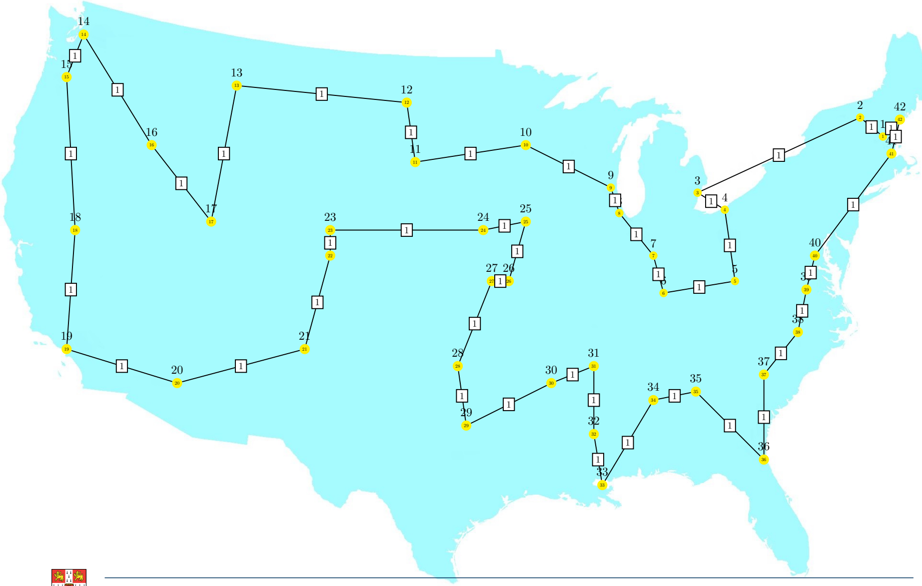

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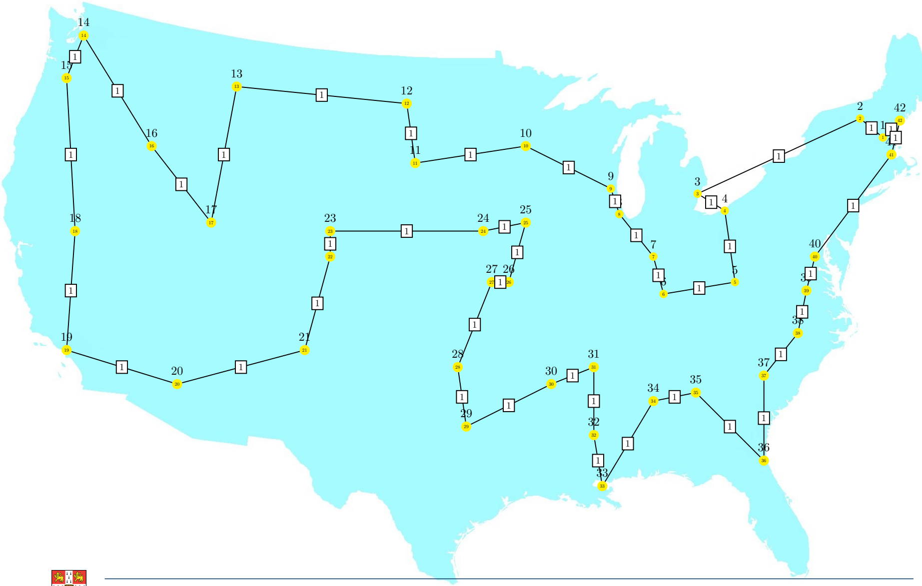

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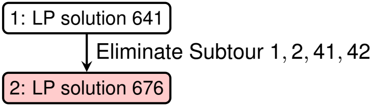

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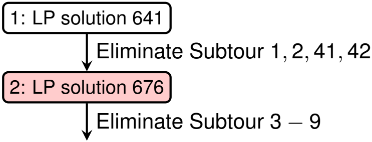

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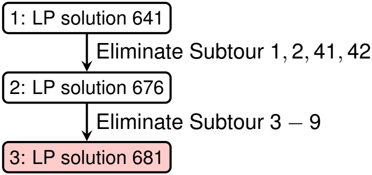

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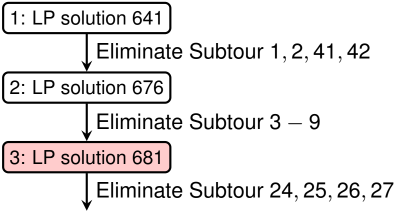

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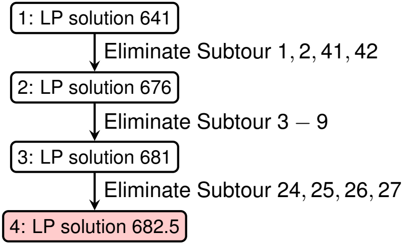

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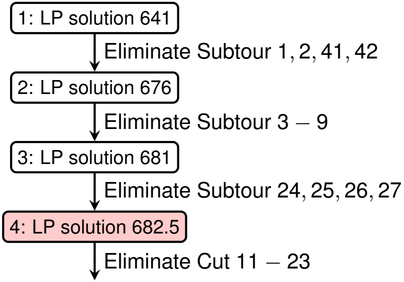

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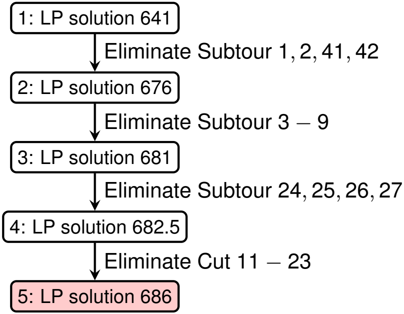

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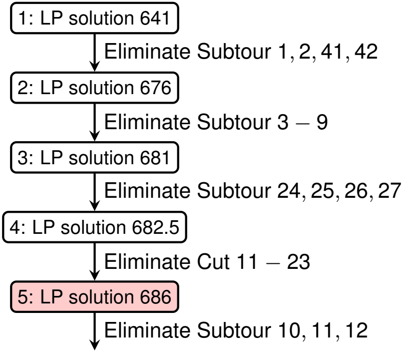

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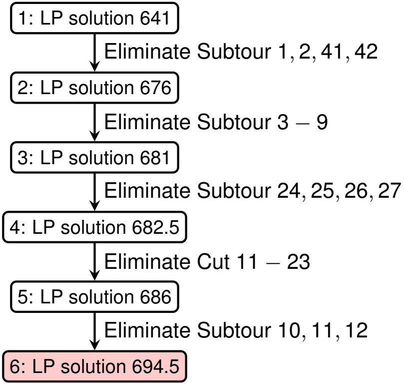

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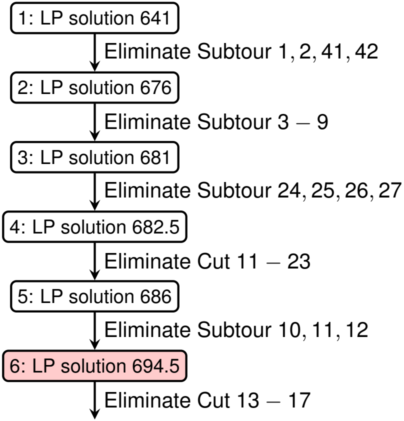

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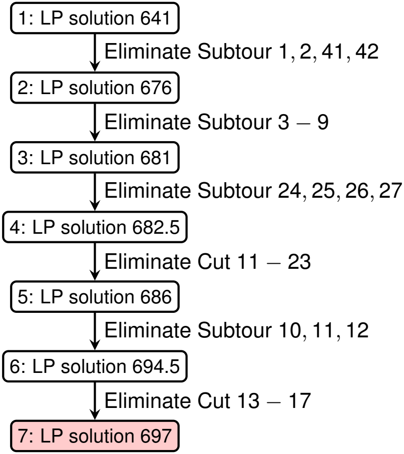

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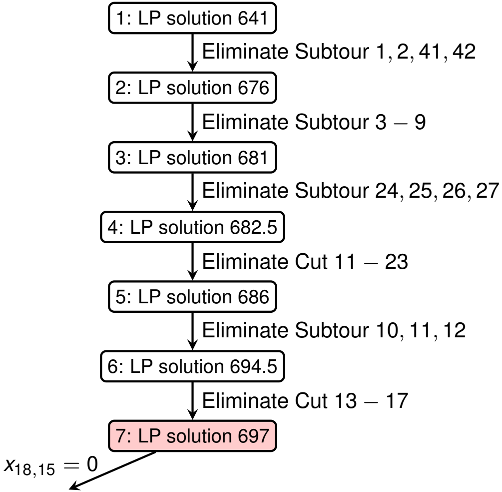

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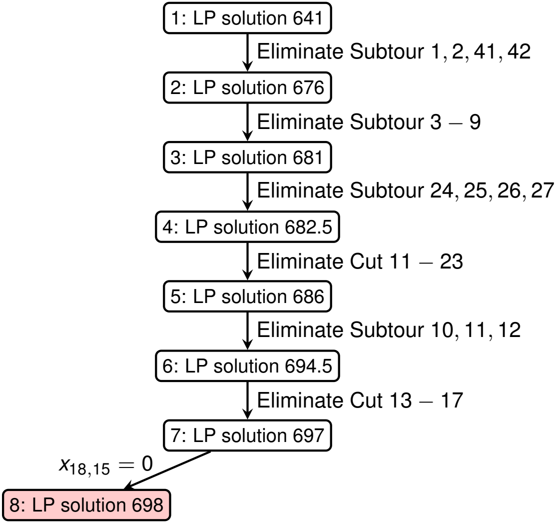

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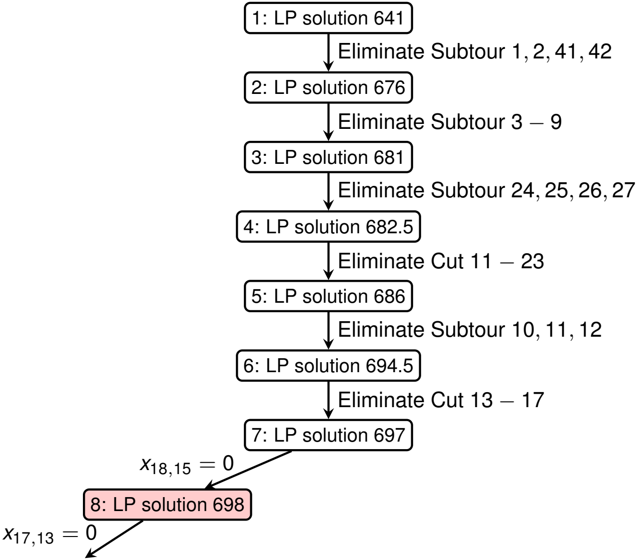

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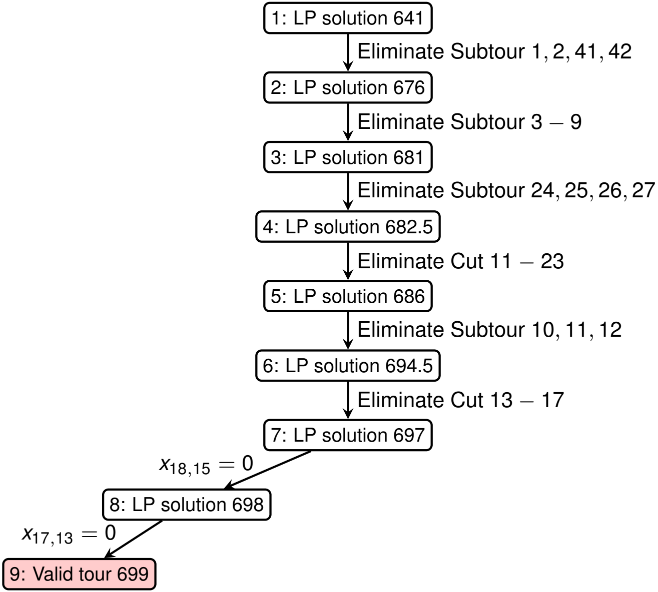

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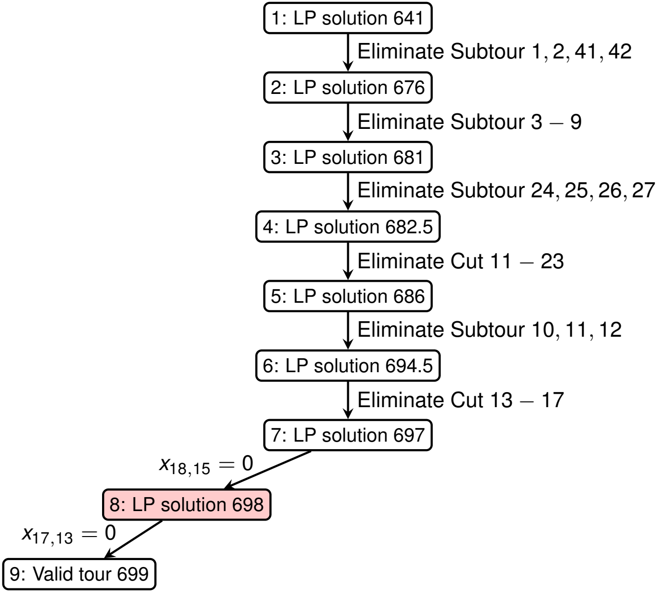

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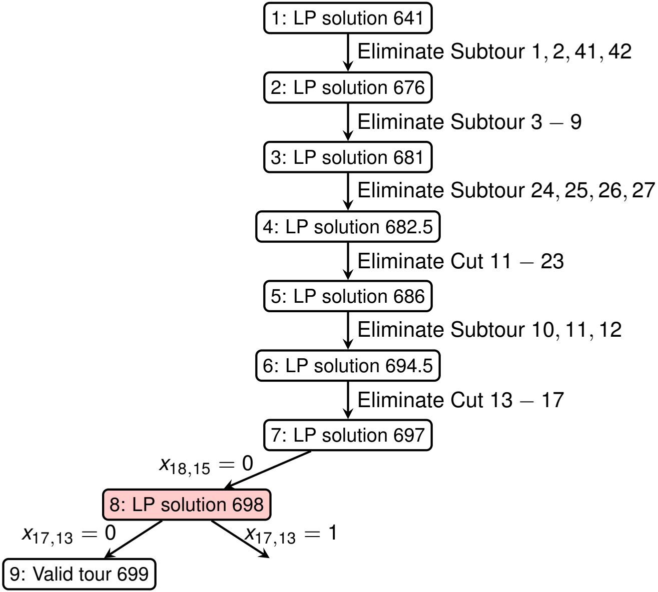

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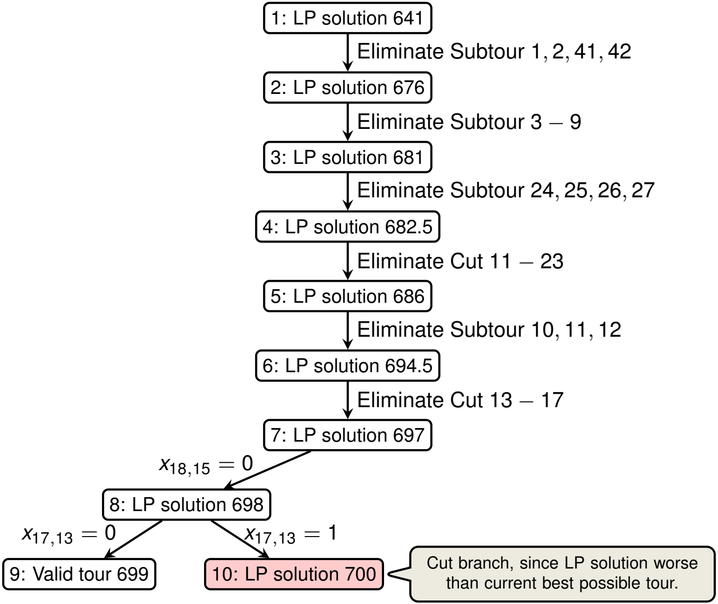

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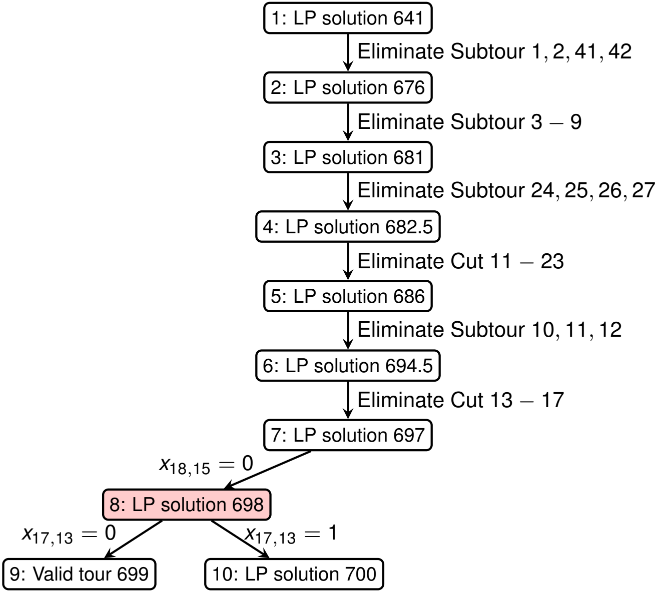

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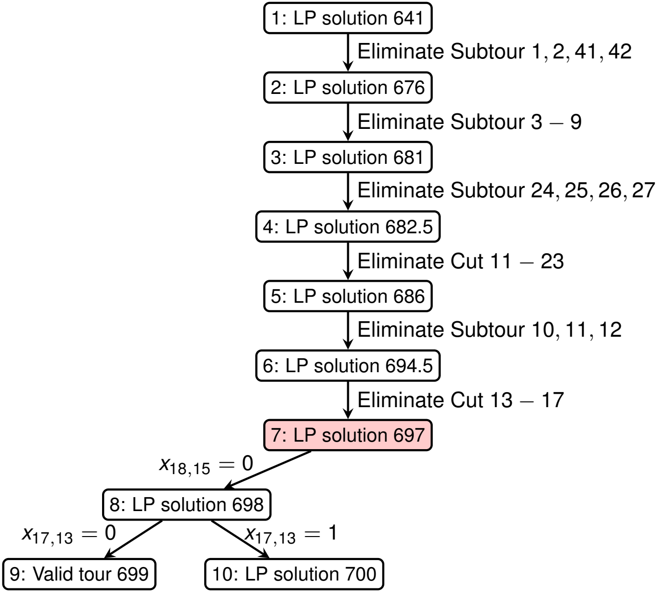

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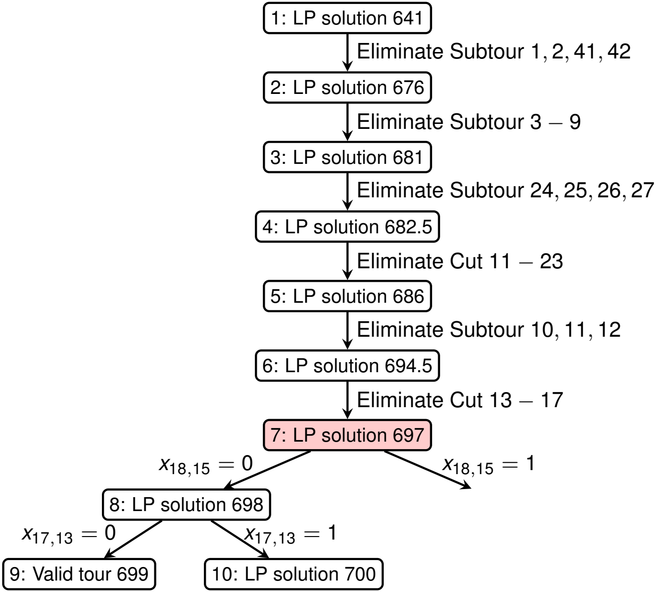

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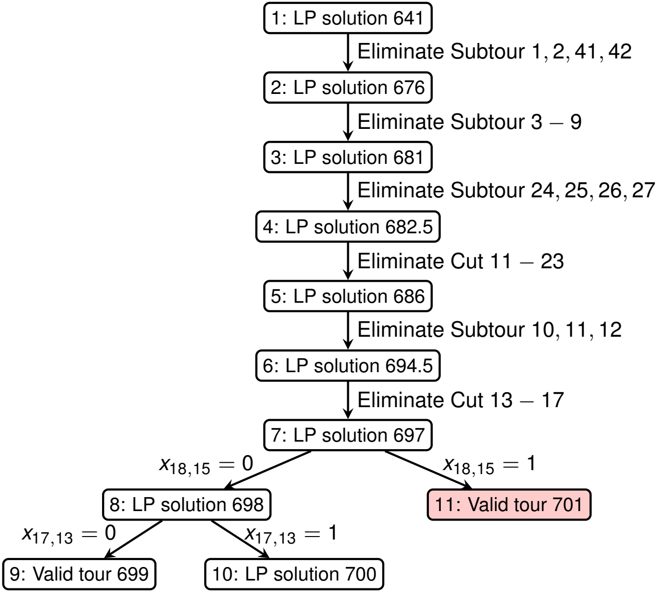

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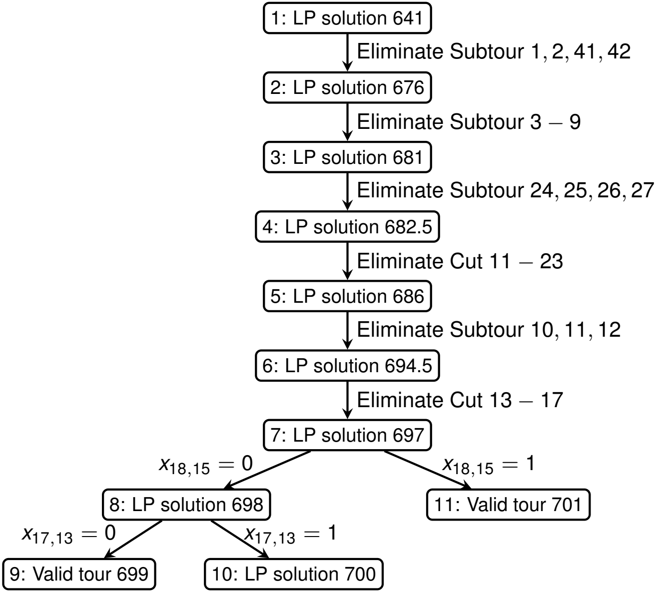

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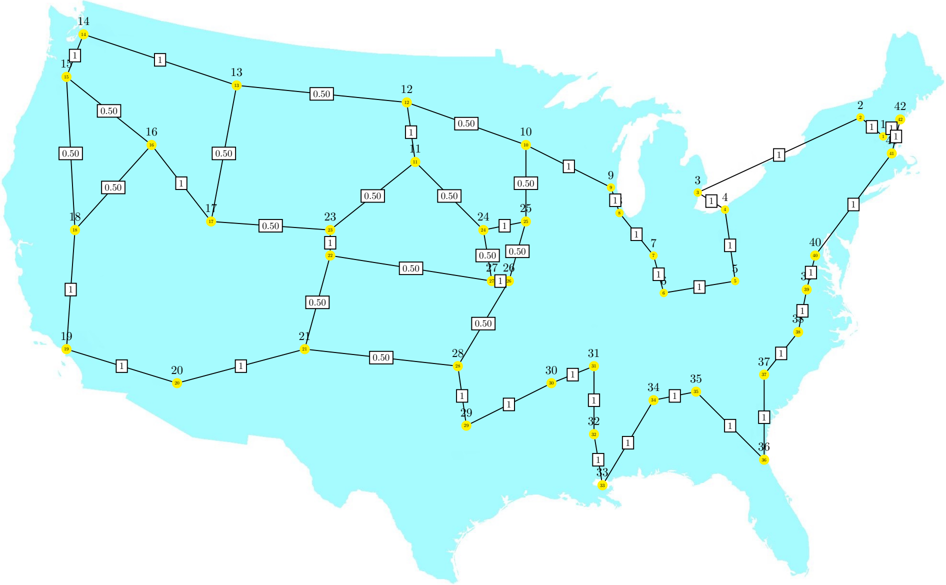

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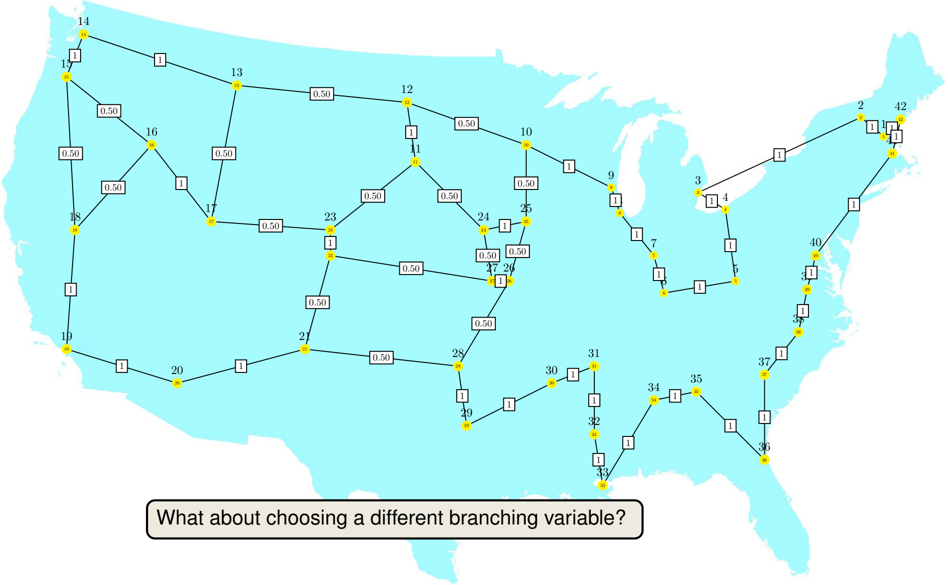

What about choosing a different branching variable?

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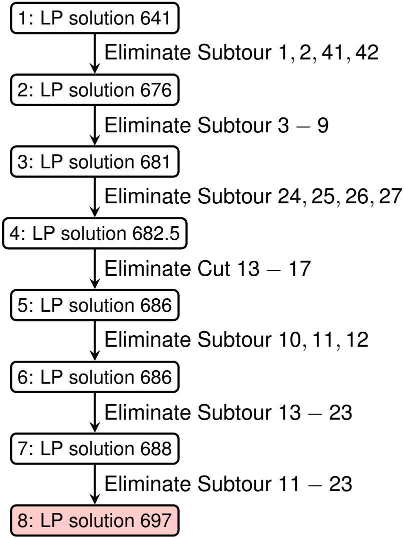

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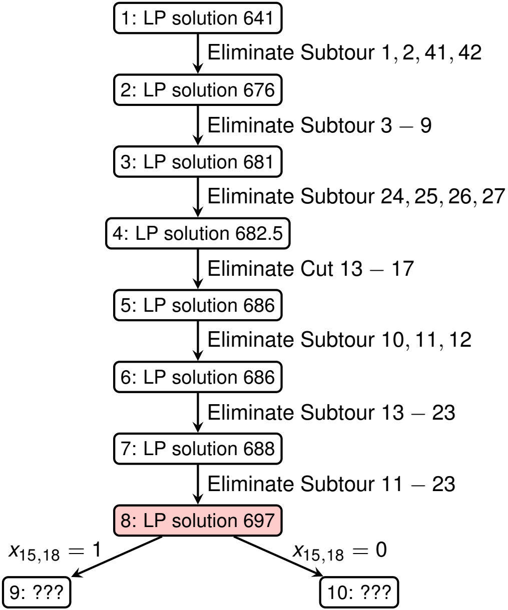
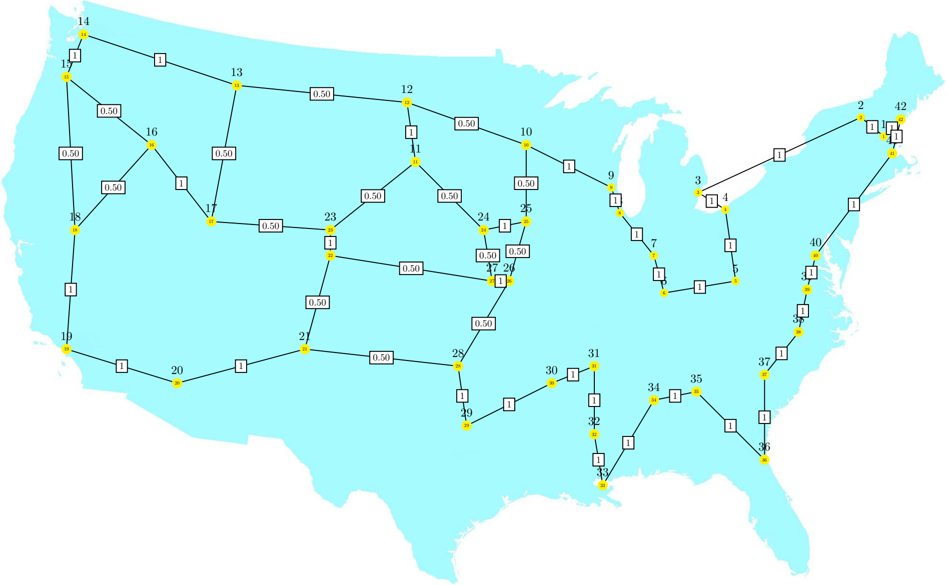


Alternative Branch 1: $x_{18,15}$, Objective 697



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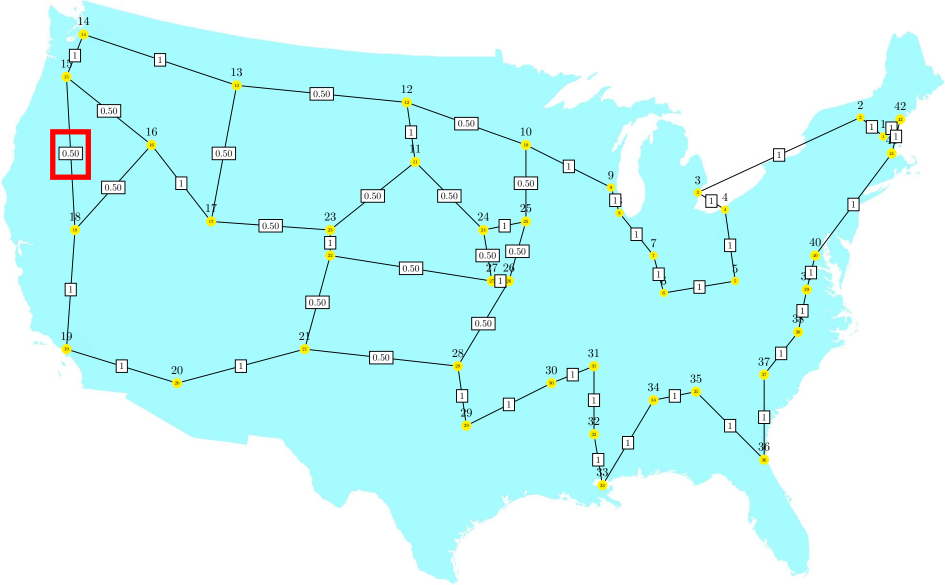
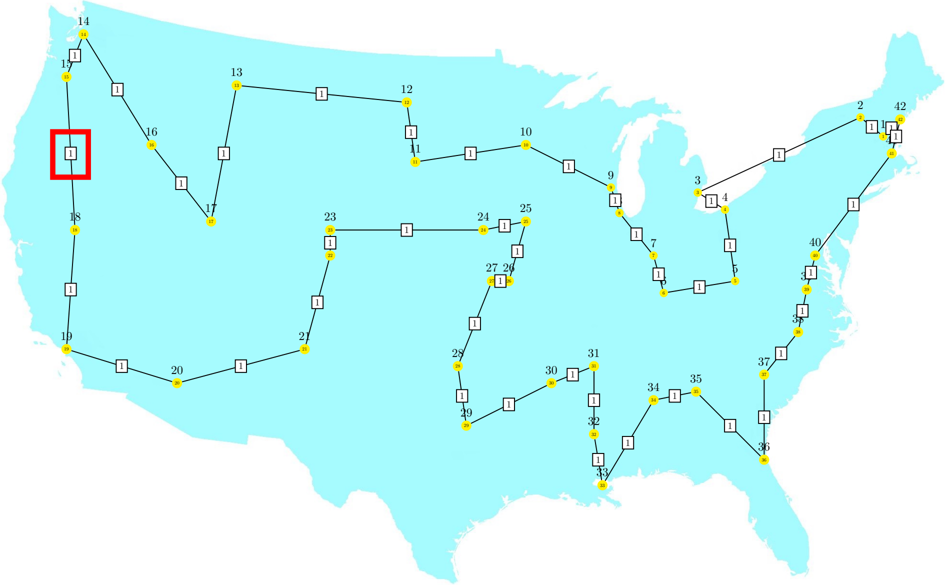
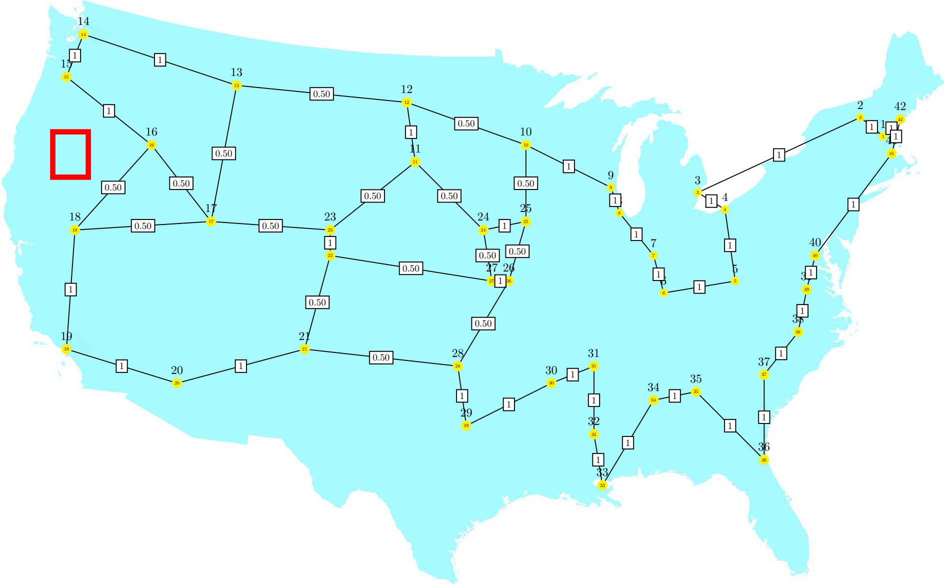


Alternative Branch 1a: $x_{18,15} = 1$, Objective 701 (Valid Tour)



Alternative Branch 1b: $x_{18,15} = 0$, Objective 698



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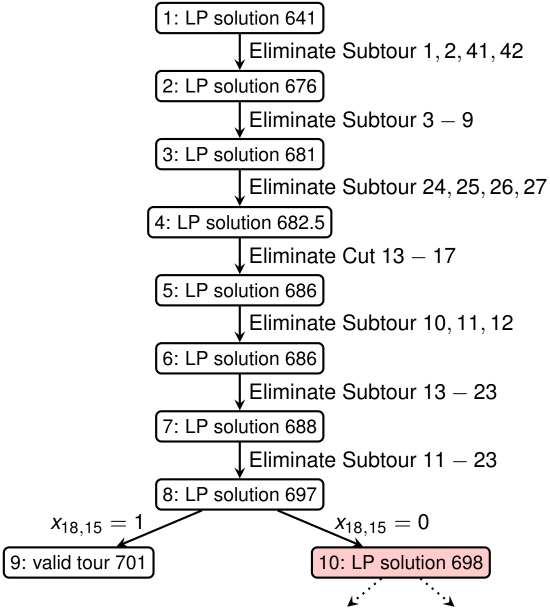

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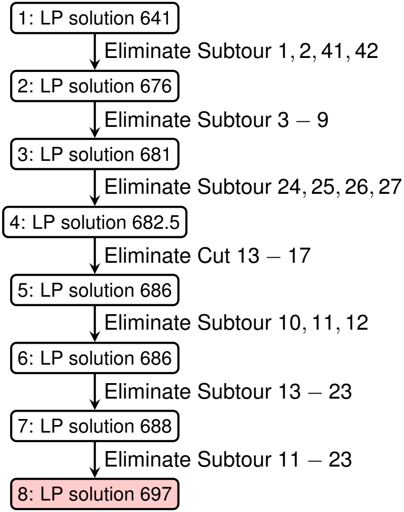

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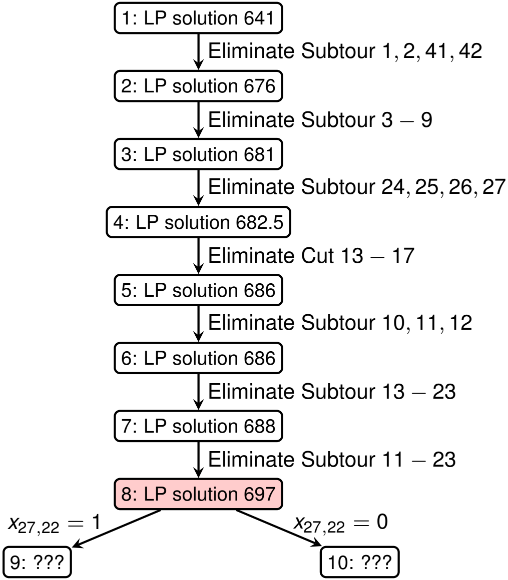
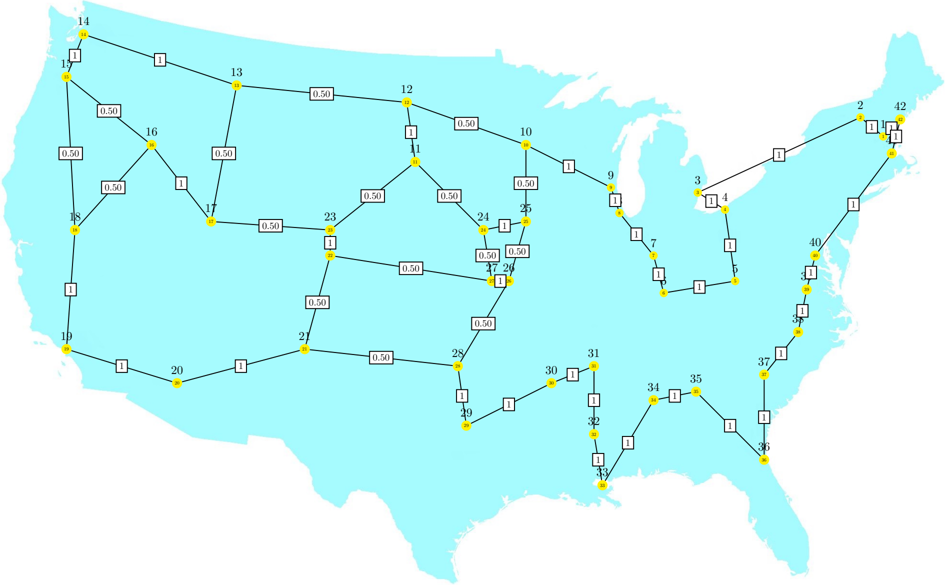


Alternative Branch 2: $x_{27,22}$, Objective 697



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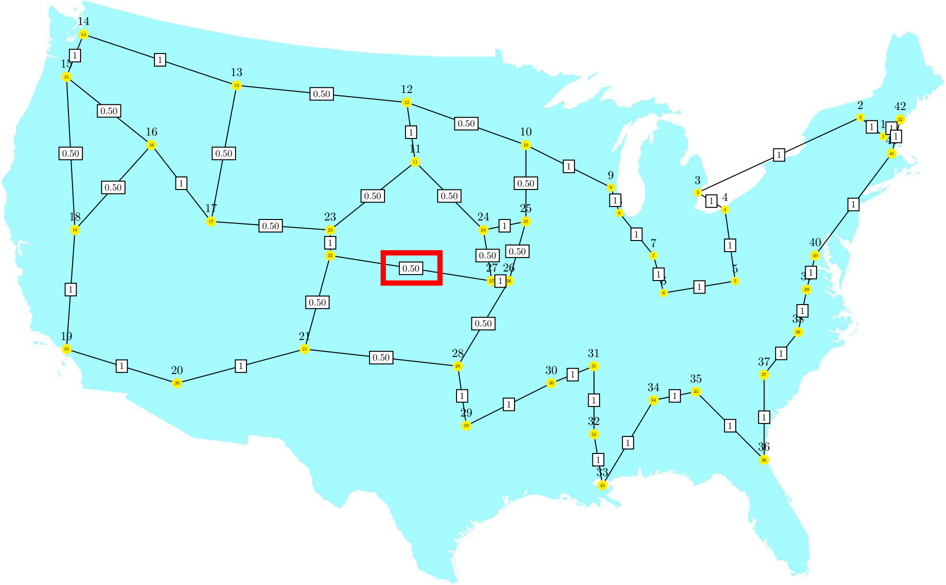
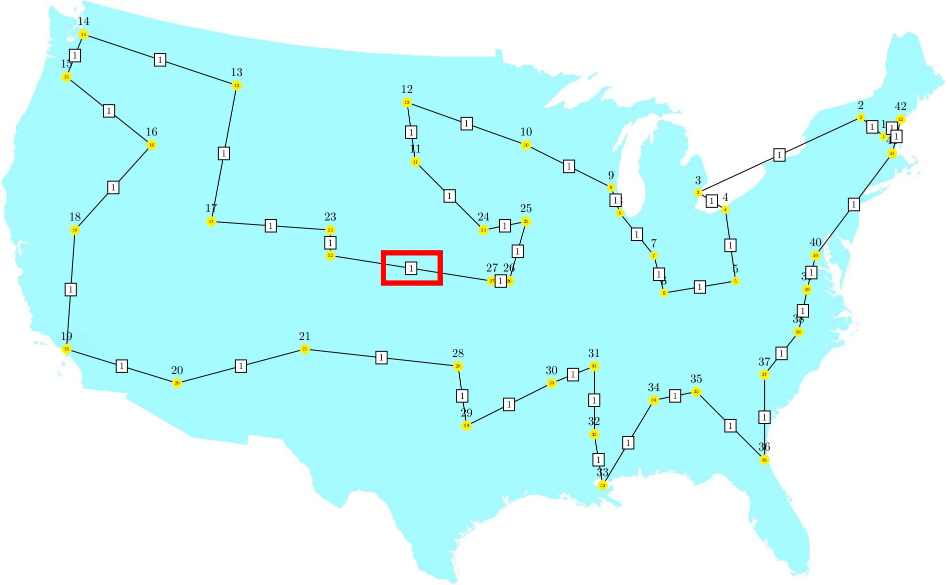


Alternative Branch 2a: $x_{27,22} = 1$, Objective 708 (Valid tour)



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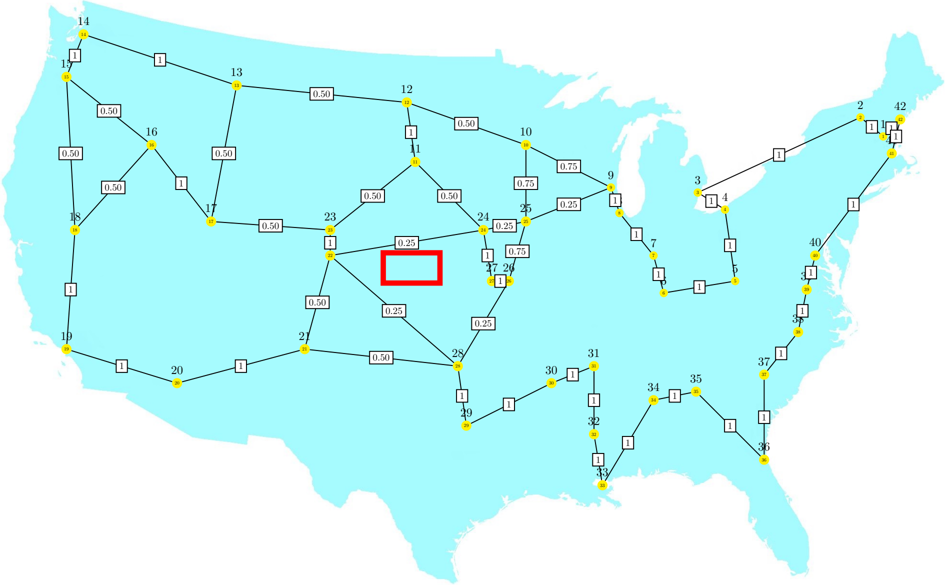

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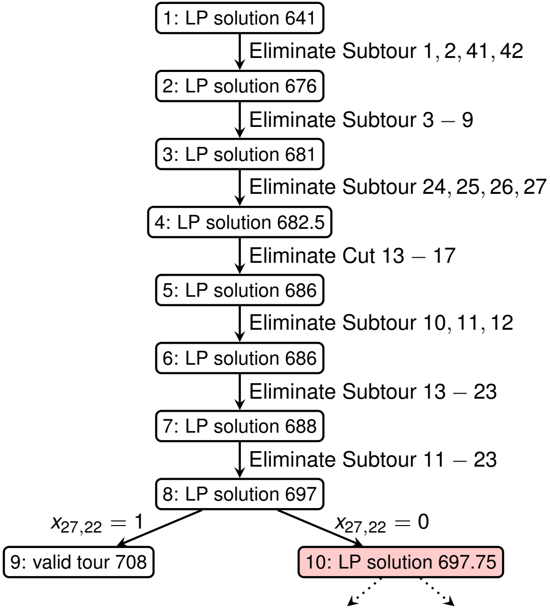

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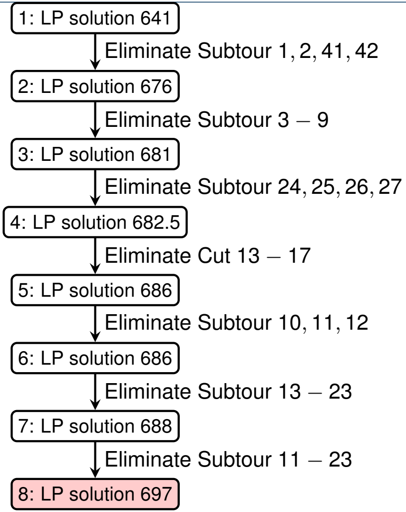

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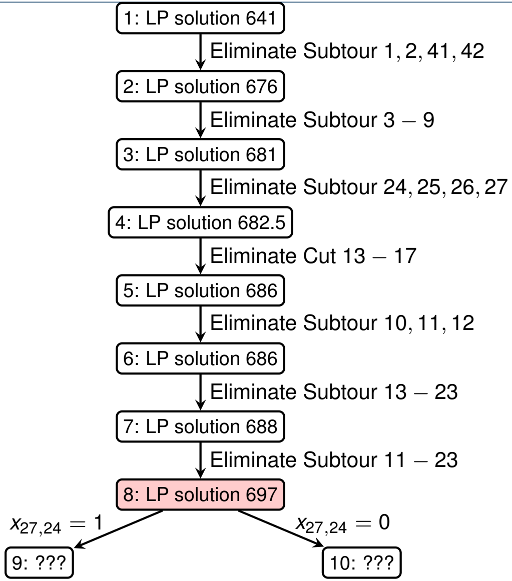

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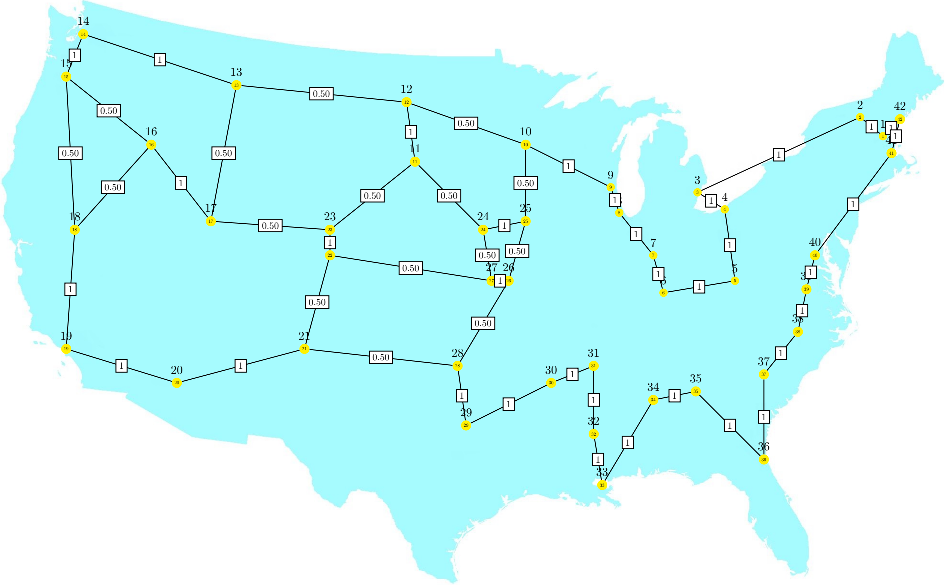

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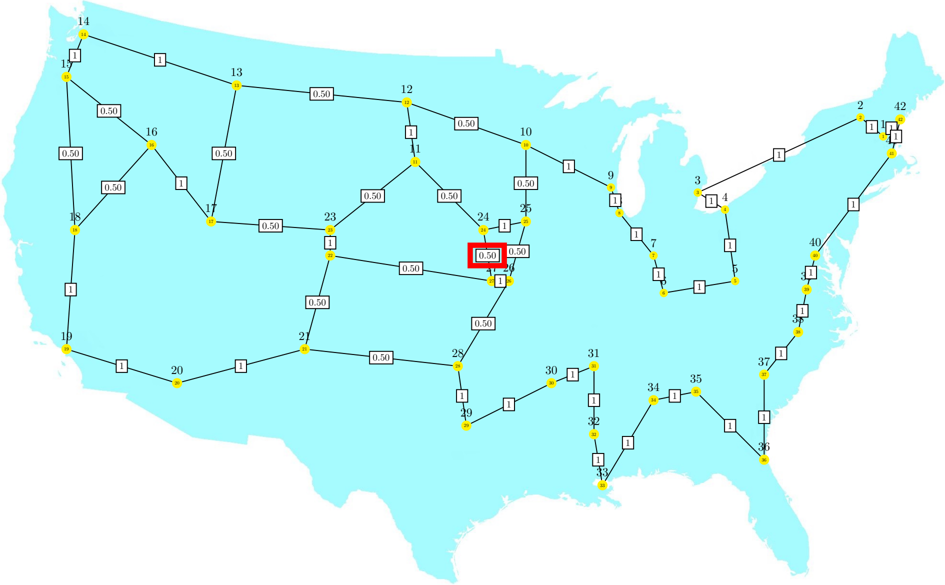

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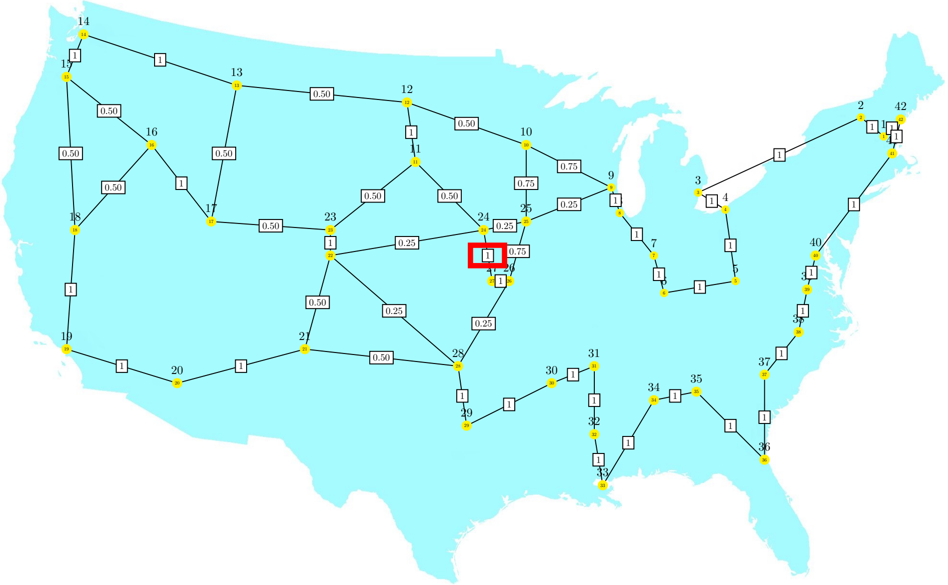

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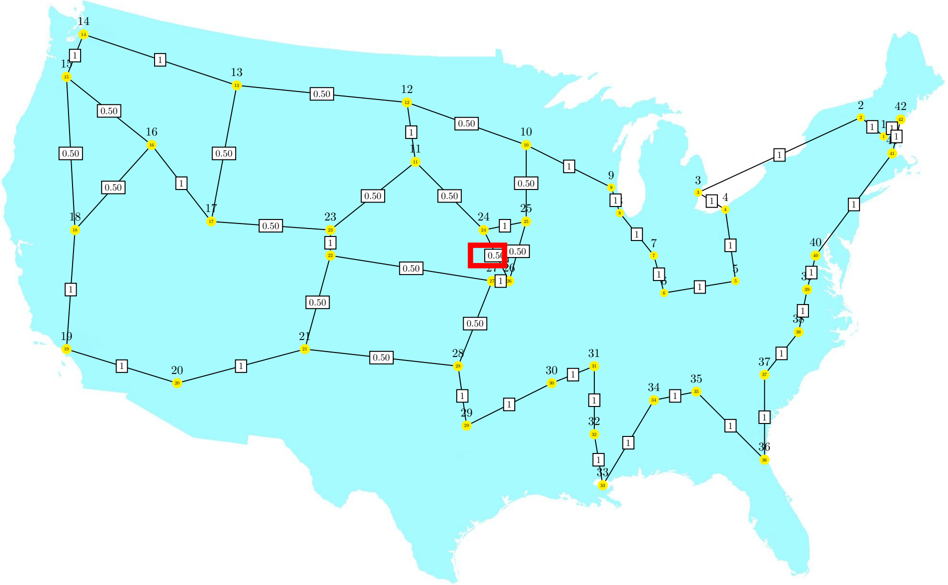

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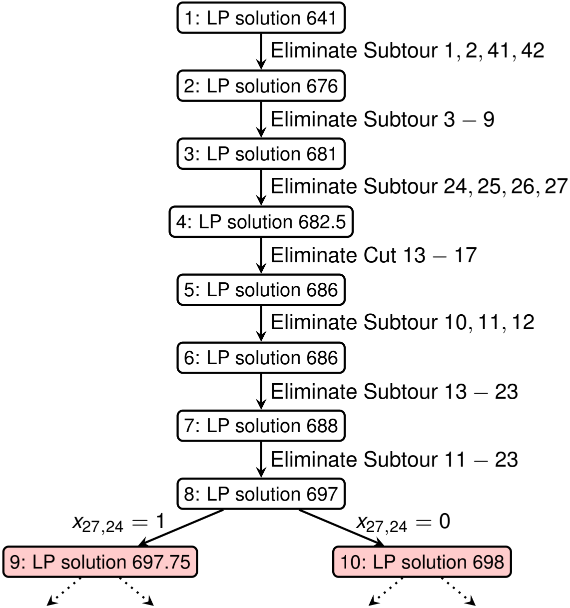

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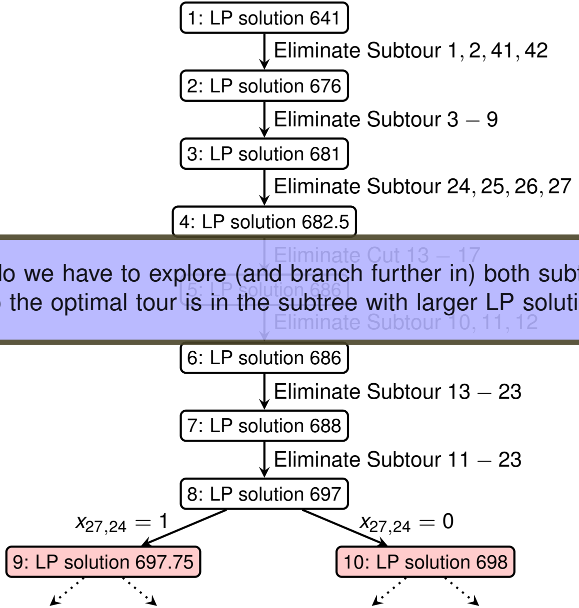

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CONCLUDING REMARK

It is clear that we have left unanswered practically any question one might pose of a theoretical nature concerning the traveling-salesman problem; however, we hope that the feasibility of attacking problems involving a moderate number of points has been successfully demonstrated, and that perhaps some of the ideas can be used in problems of similar nature.

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THE 49-CITY PROBLEM*

The optimal tour $\bar{x}$ is shown in Fig. 16. The proof that it is optimal is given in Fig. 17. To make the correspondence between the latter and its programming problem clear, we will write down in addition to 42 relations in non-negative variables (2), a set of 25 relations which suffice to prove that $D(x)$ is a minimum for $\bar{x}$. We distinguish the following subsets of the 42 cities:

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