



An Optimization Algorithm for the Tourist Trip Design Problem with Type-Covering Constraints

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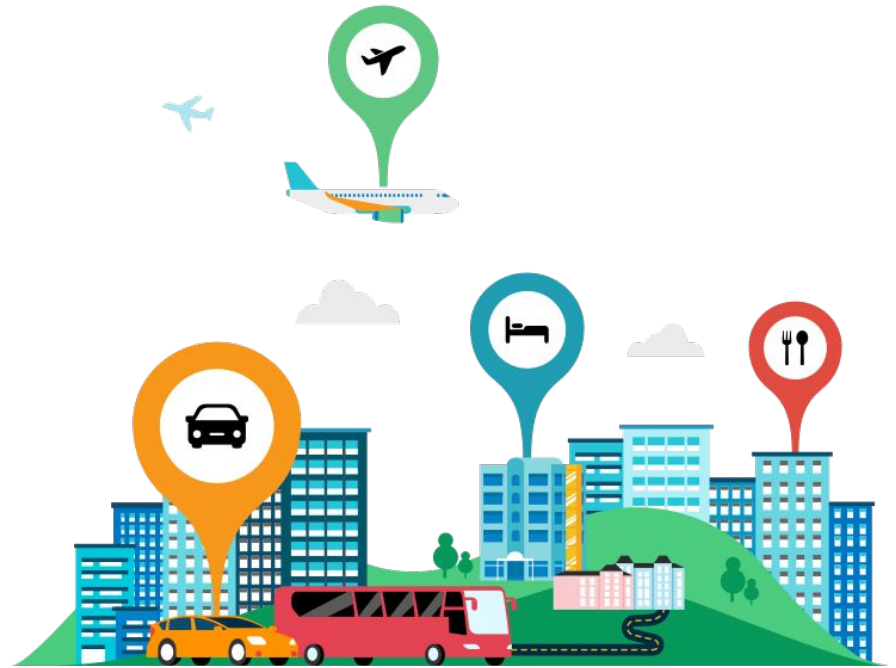


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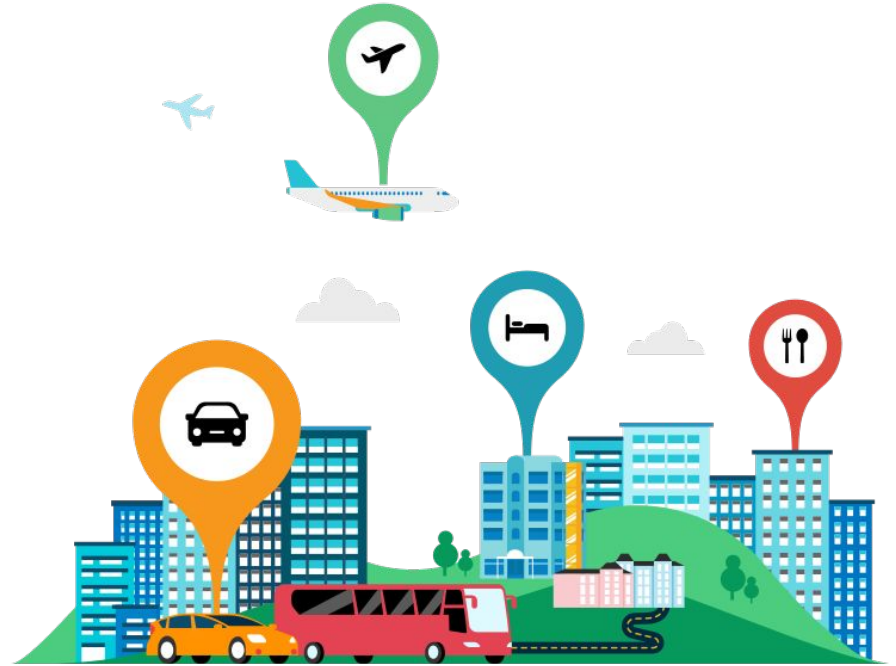


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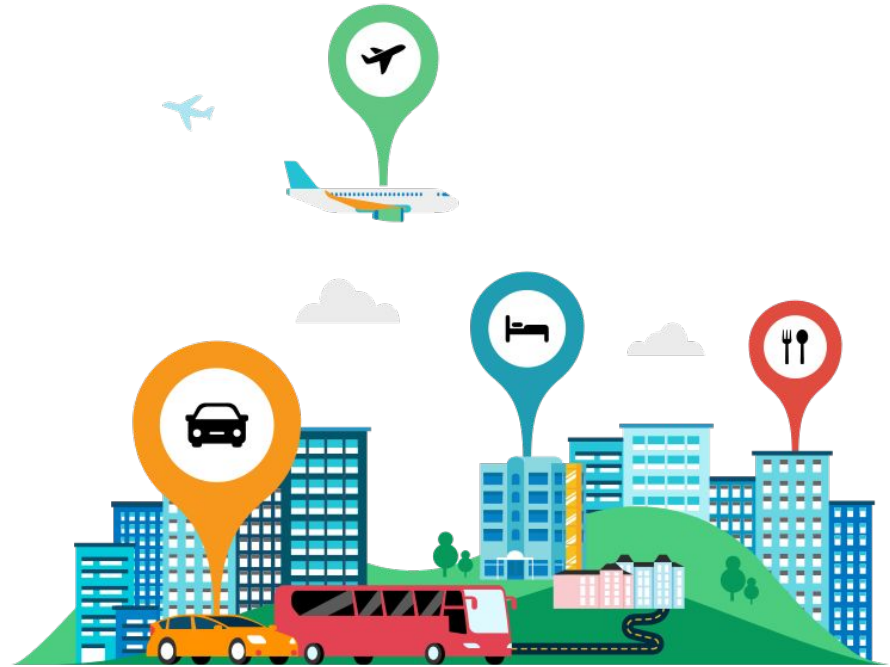
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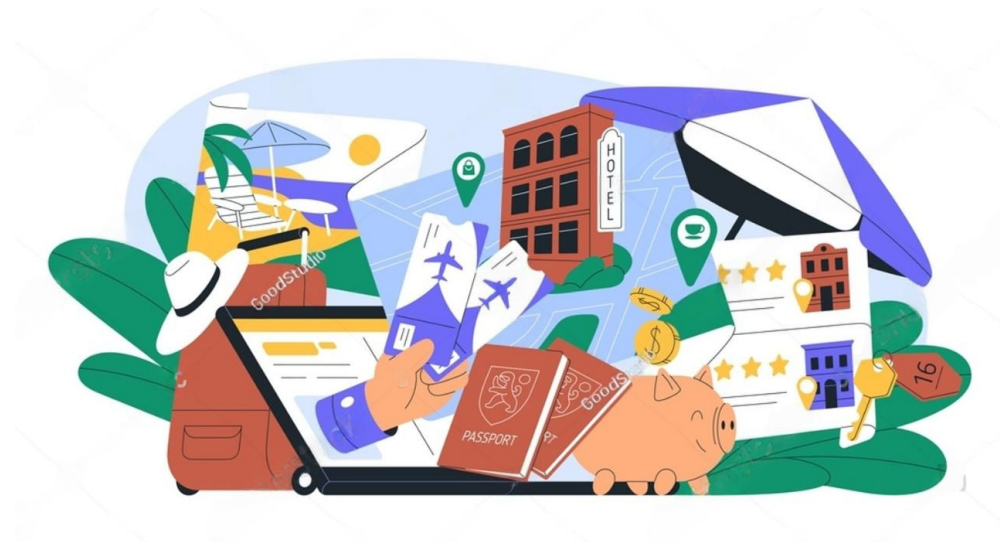


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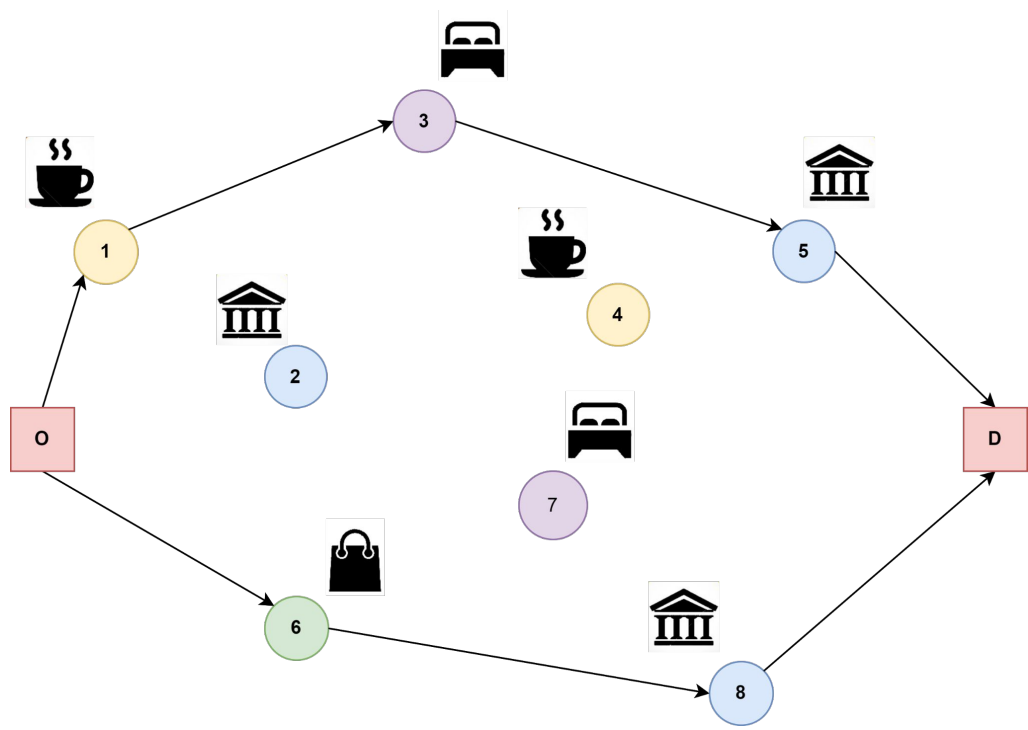
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- Ensure each category or **type of POI** is visited throughout the trip.



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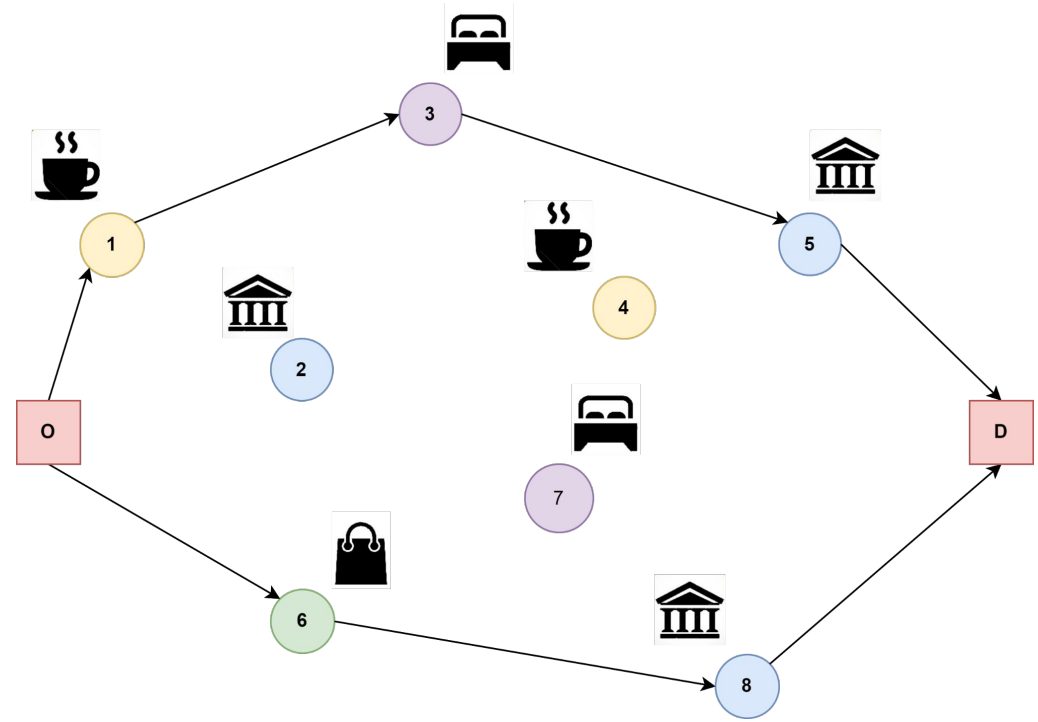
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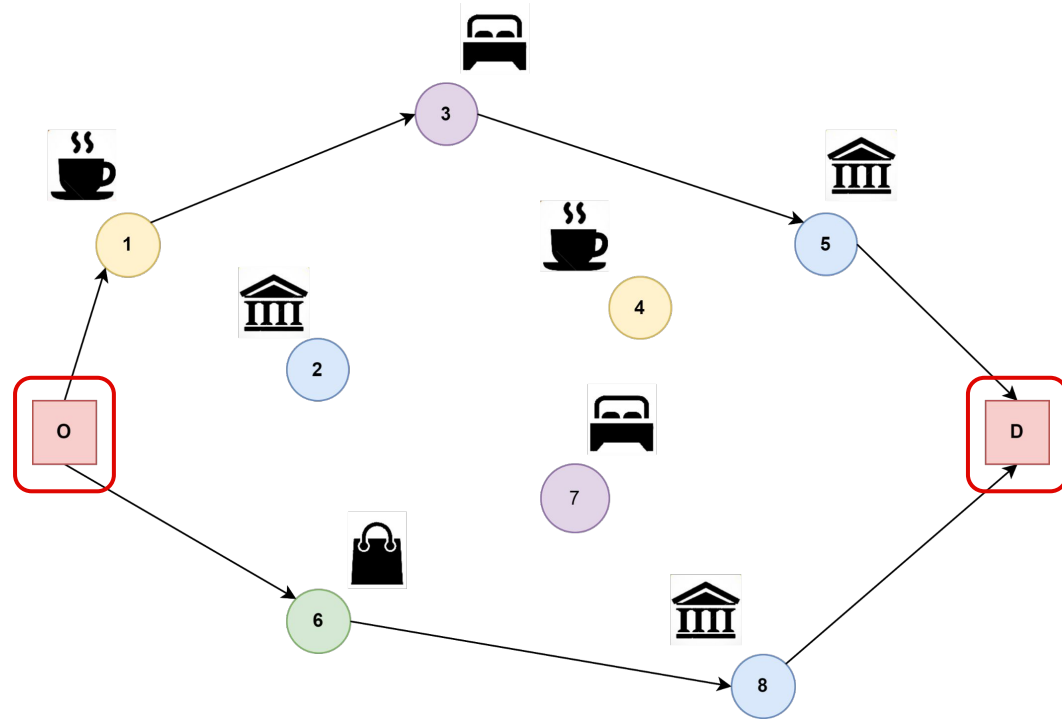
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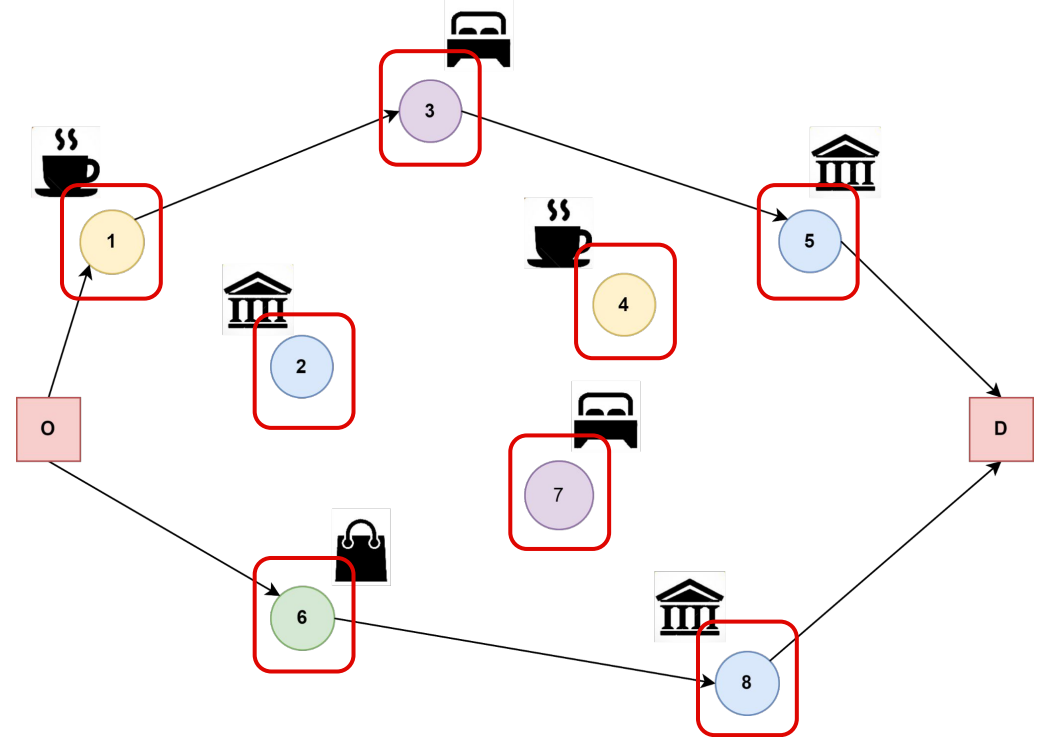
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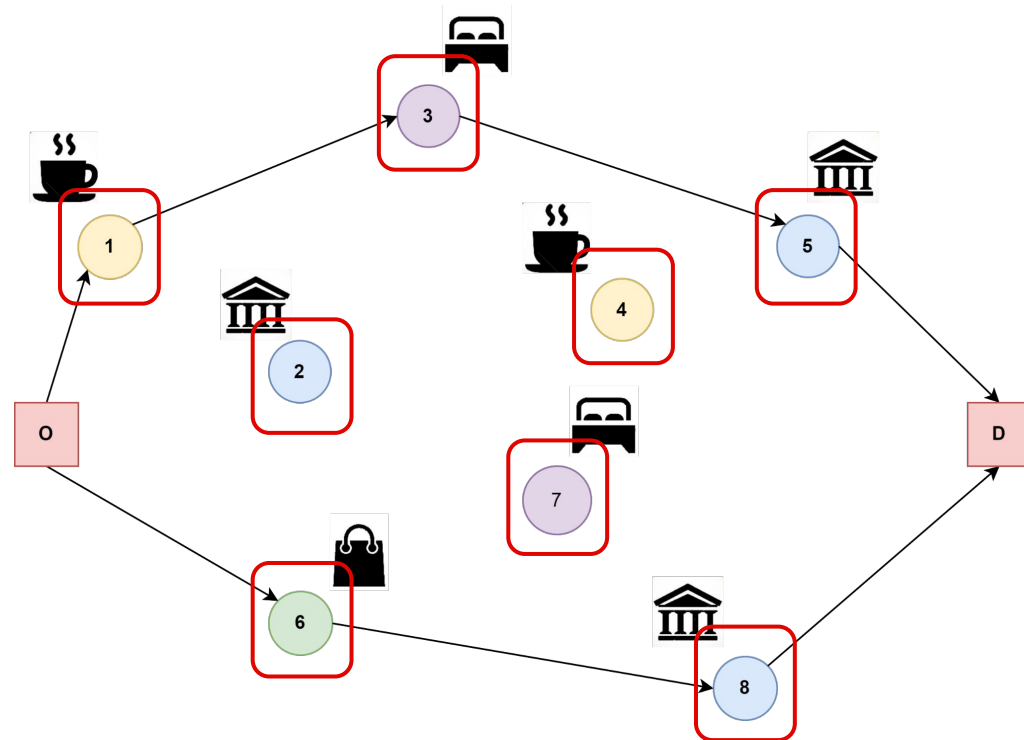
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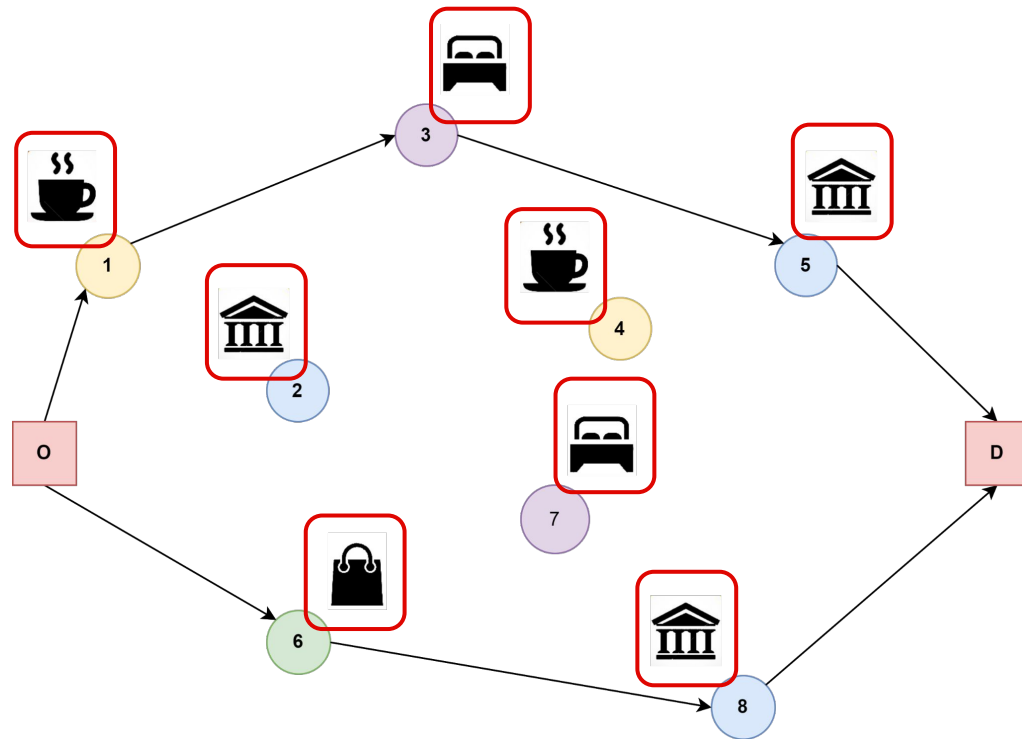
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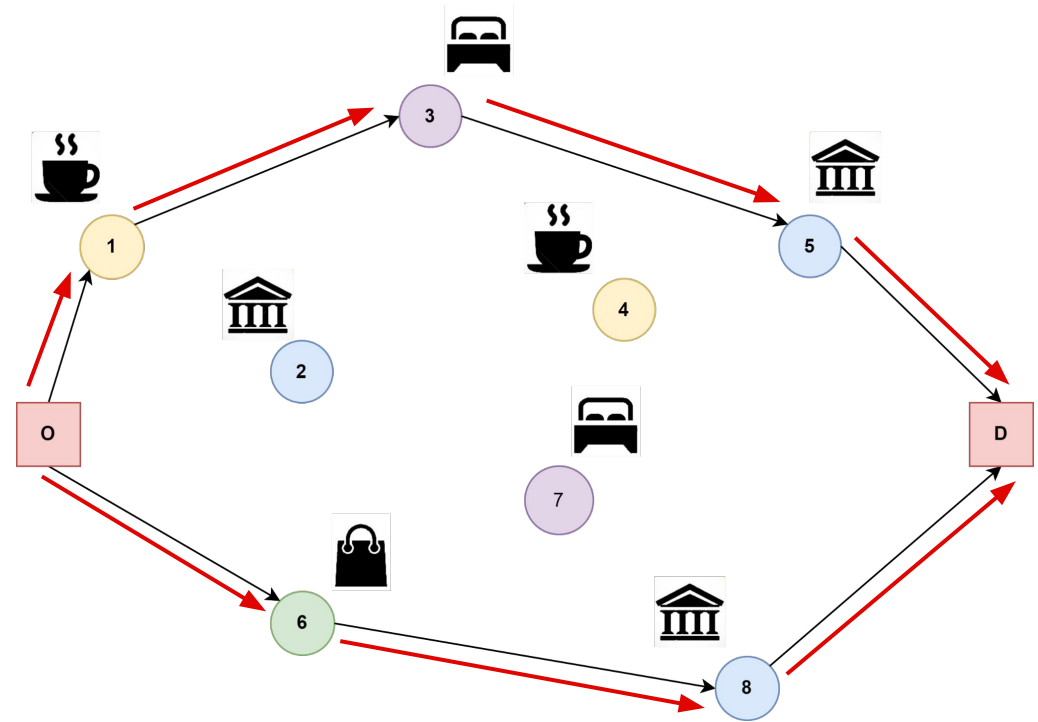
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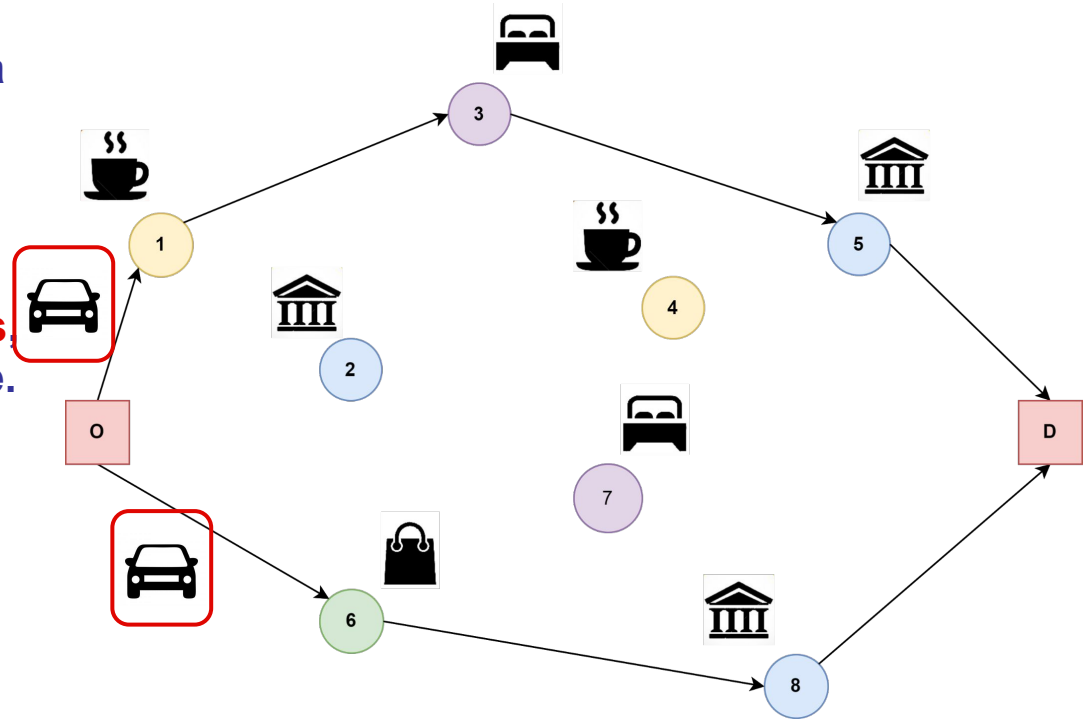
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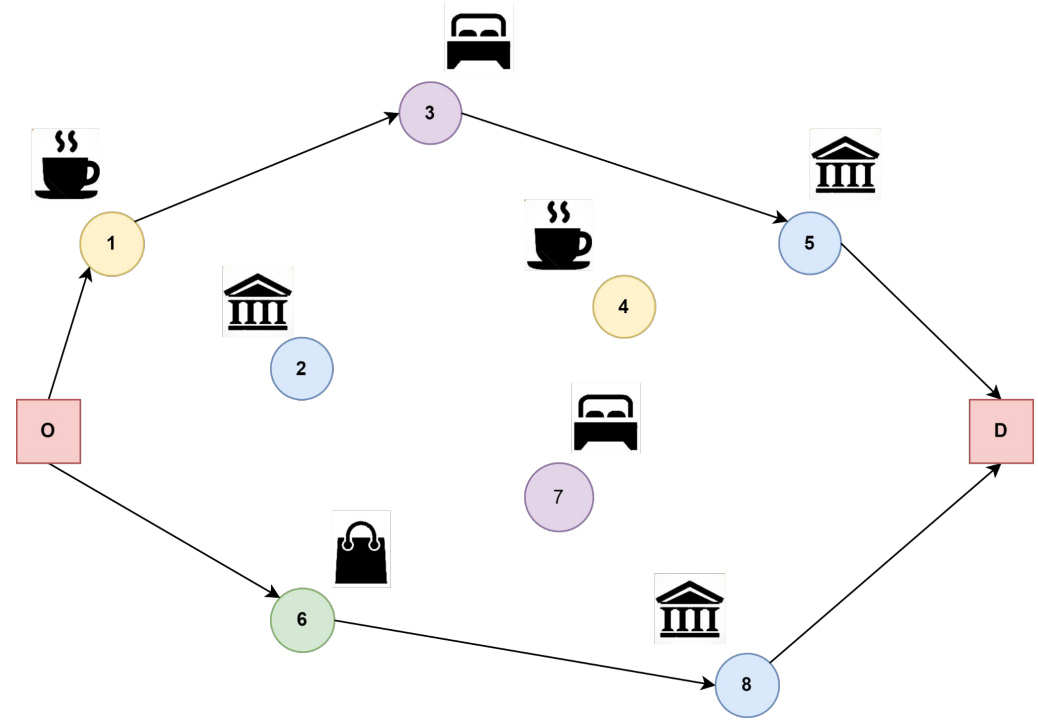
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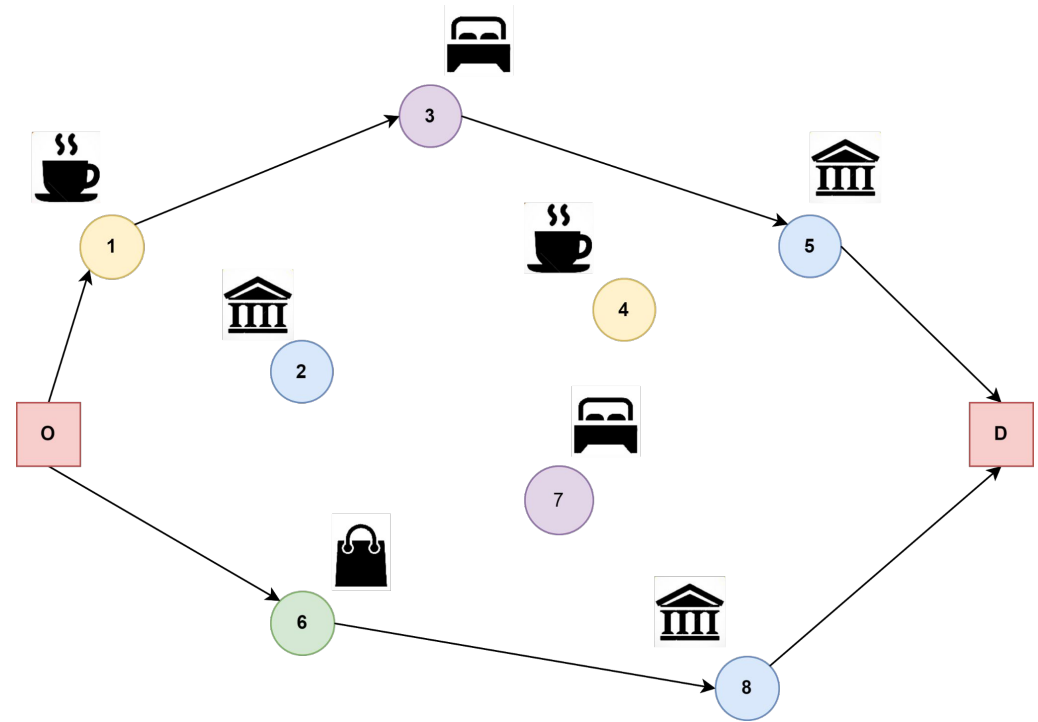
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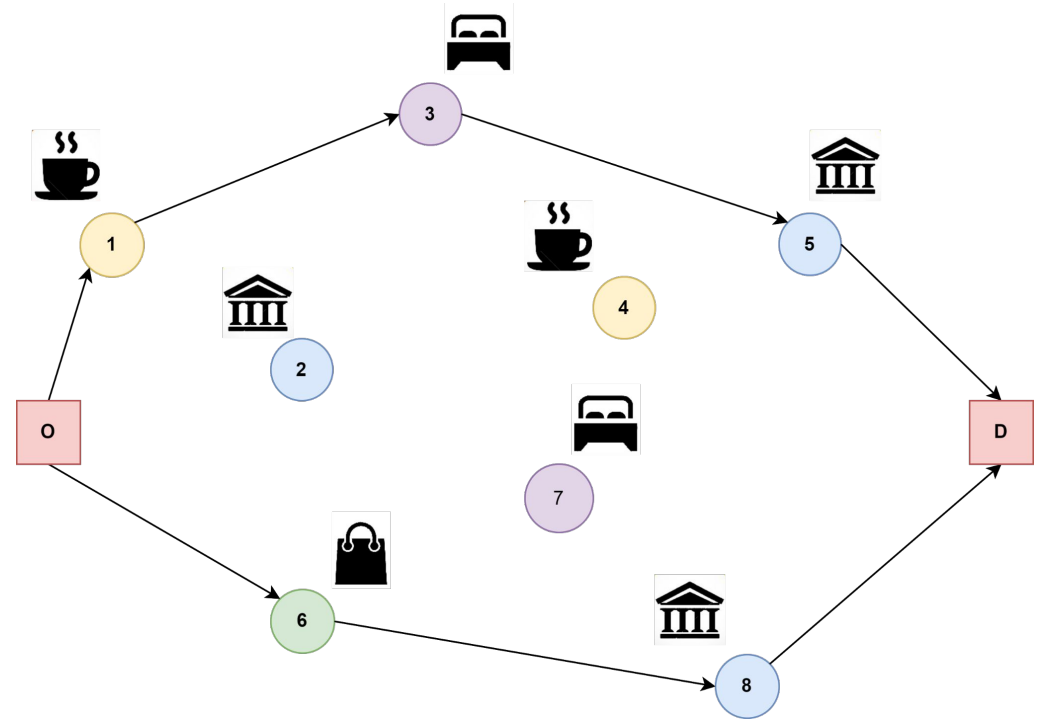
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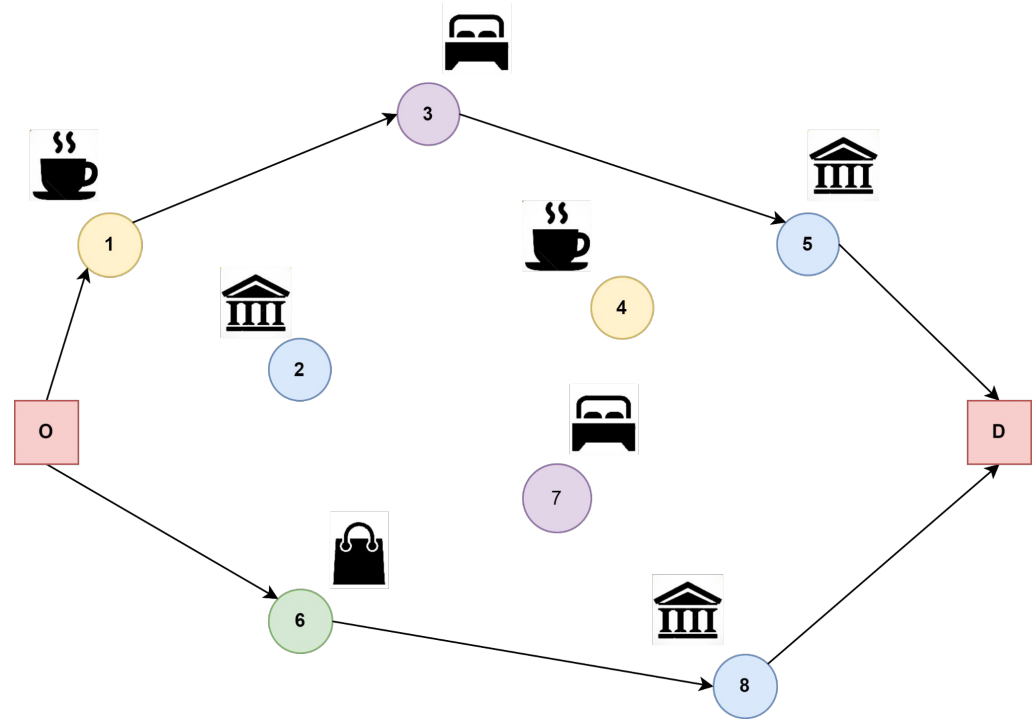
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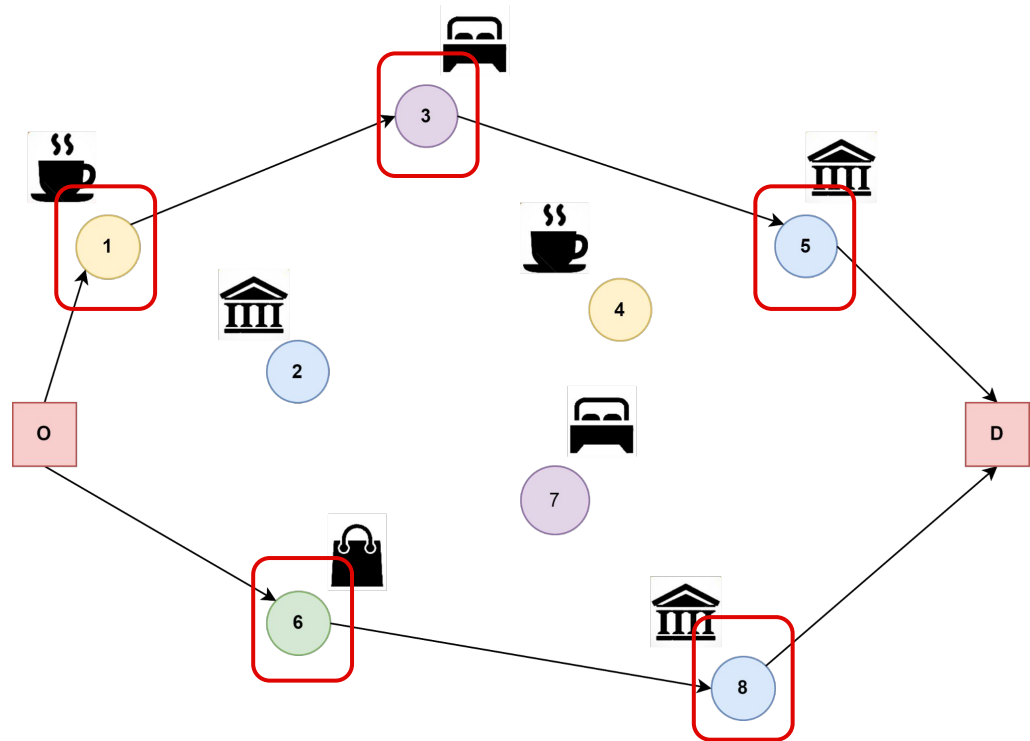
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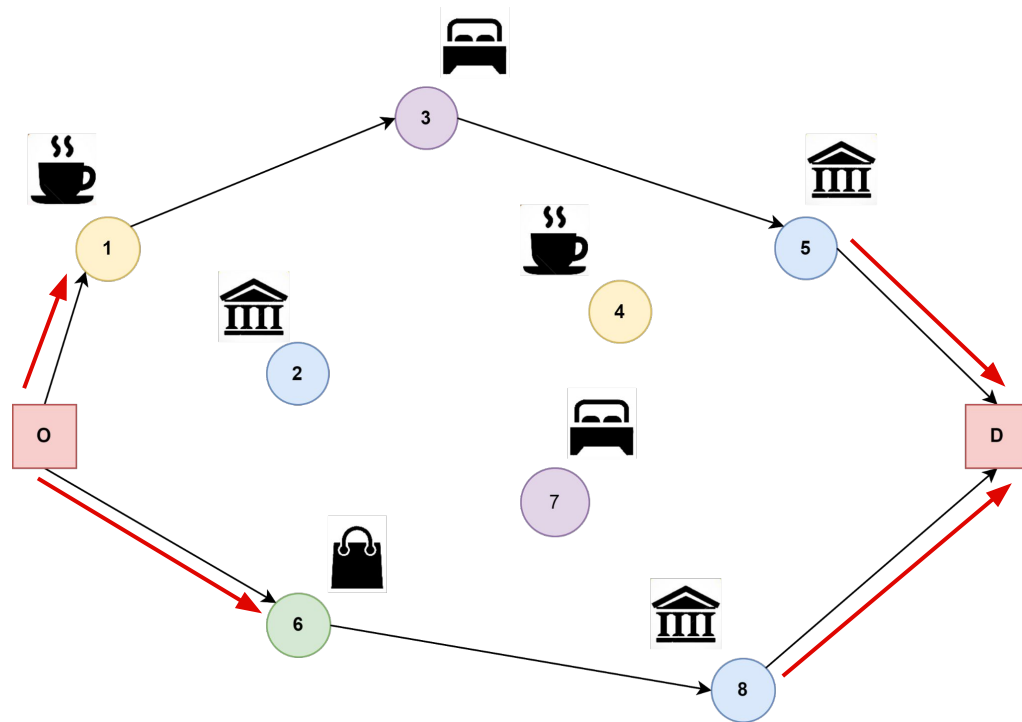
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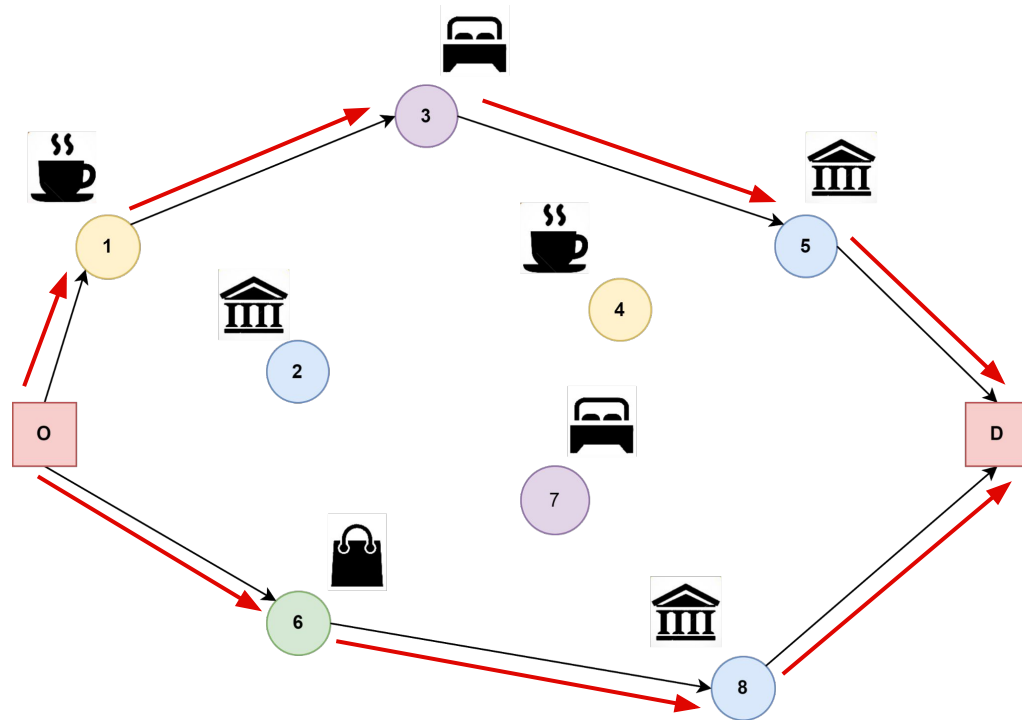
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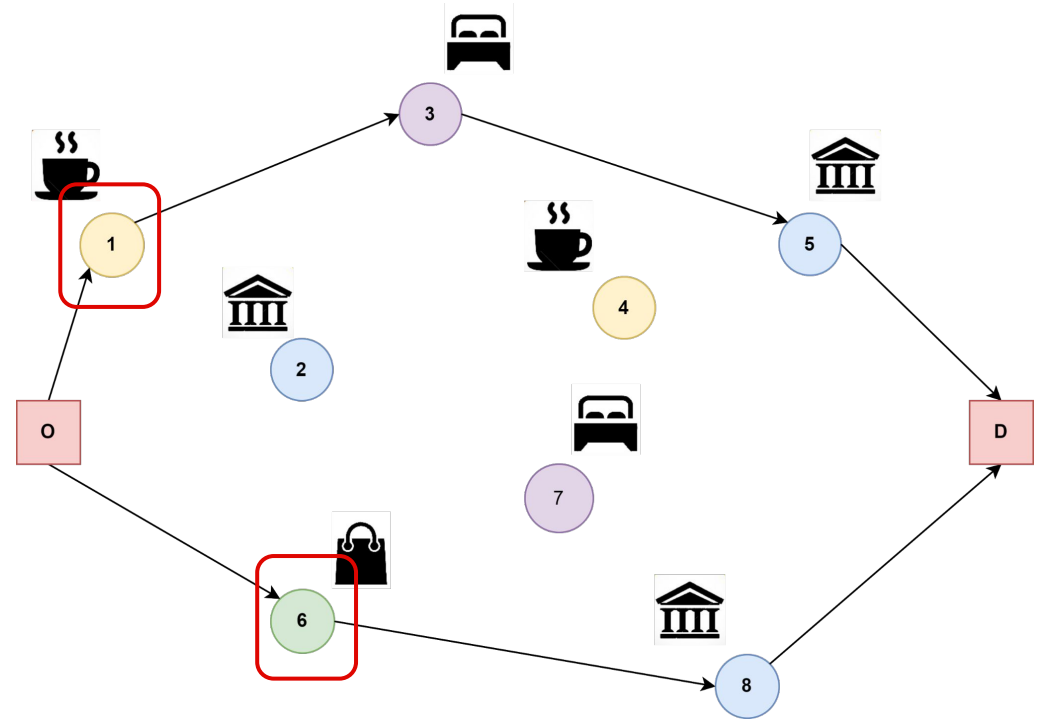
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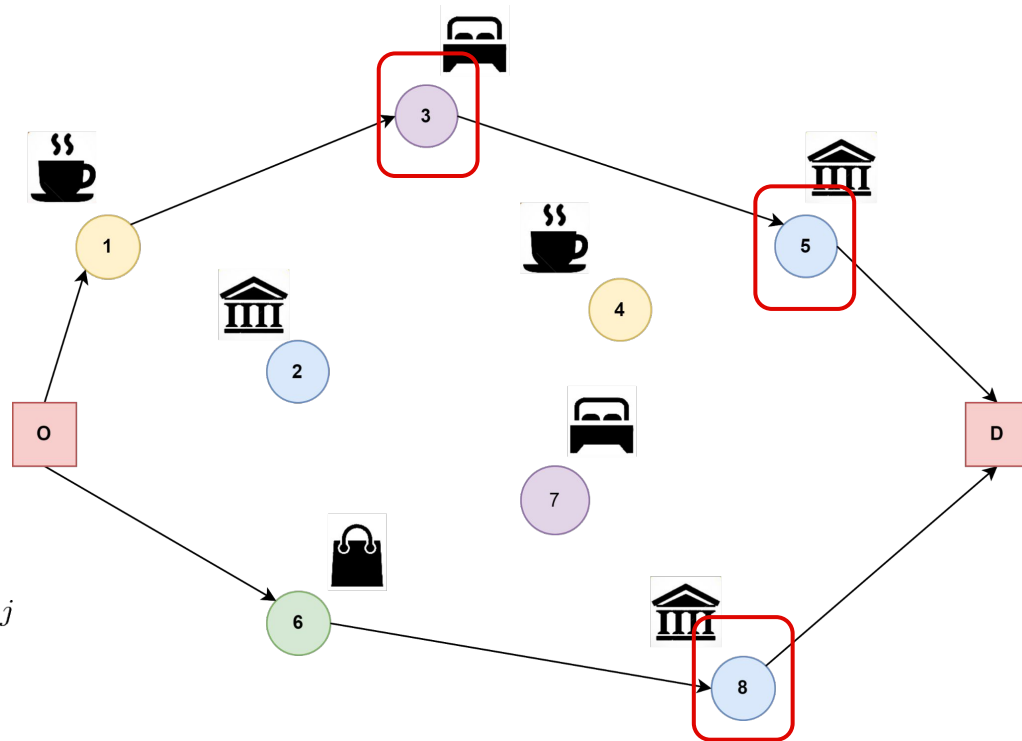
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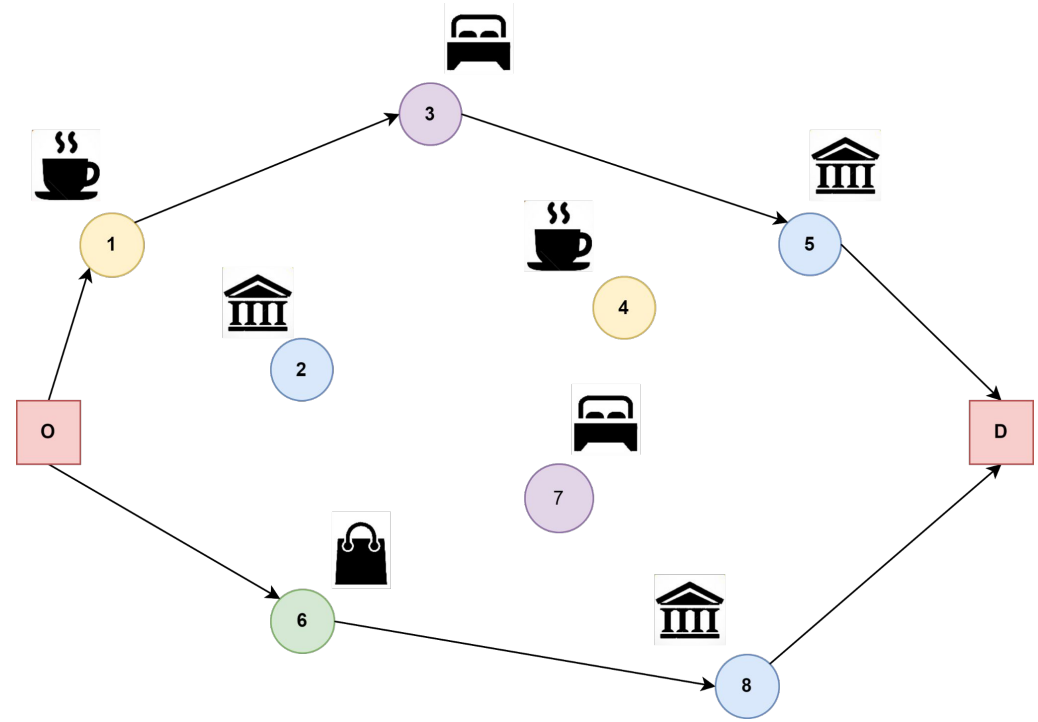
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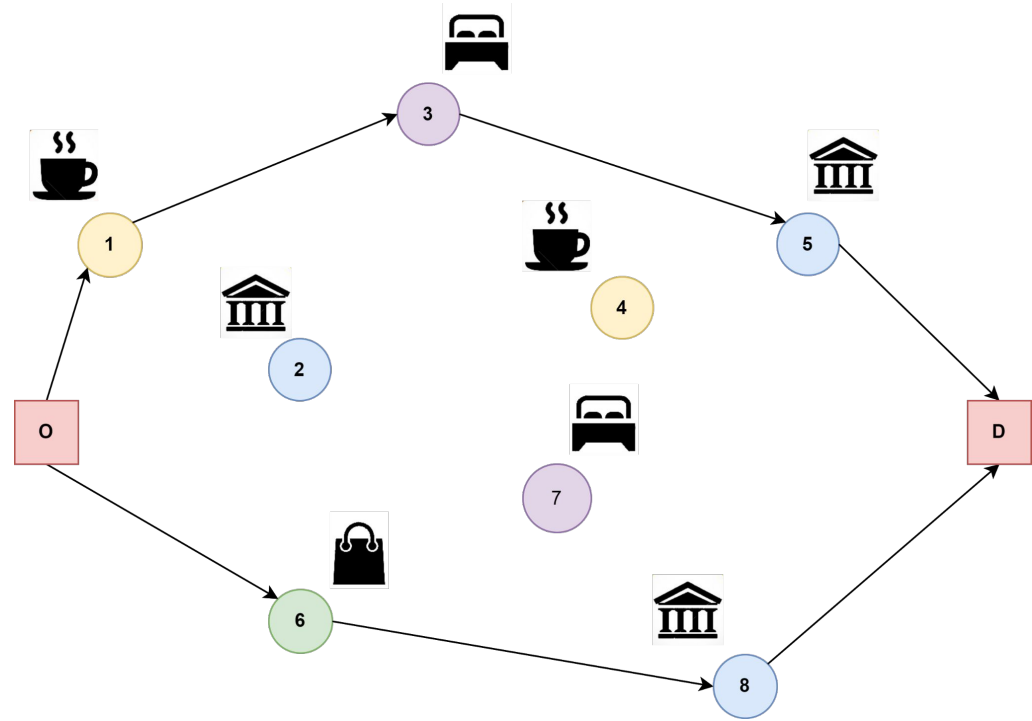
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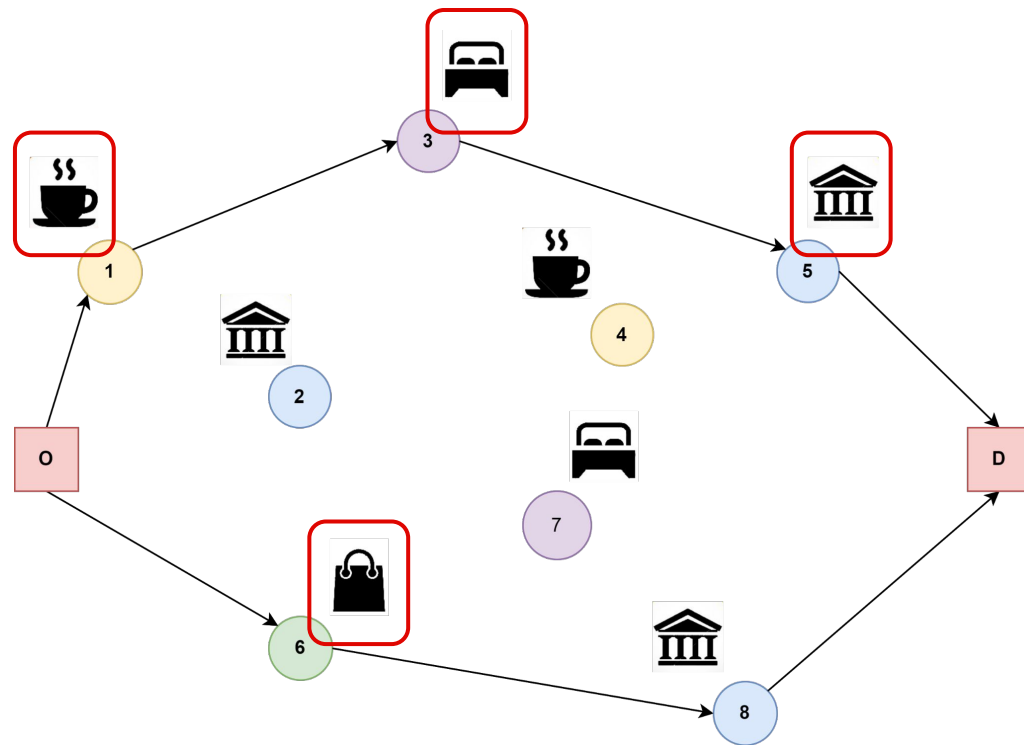
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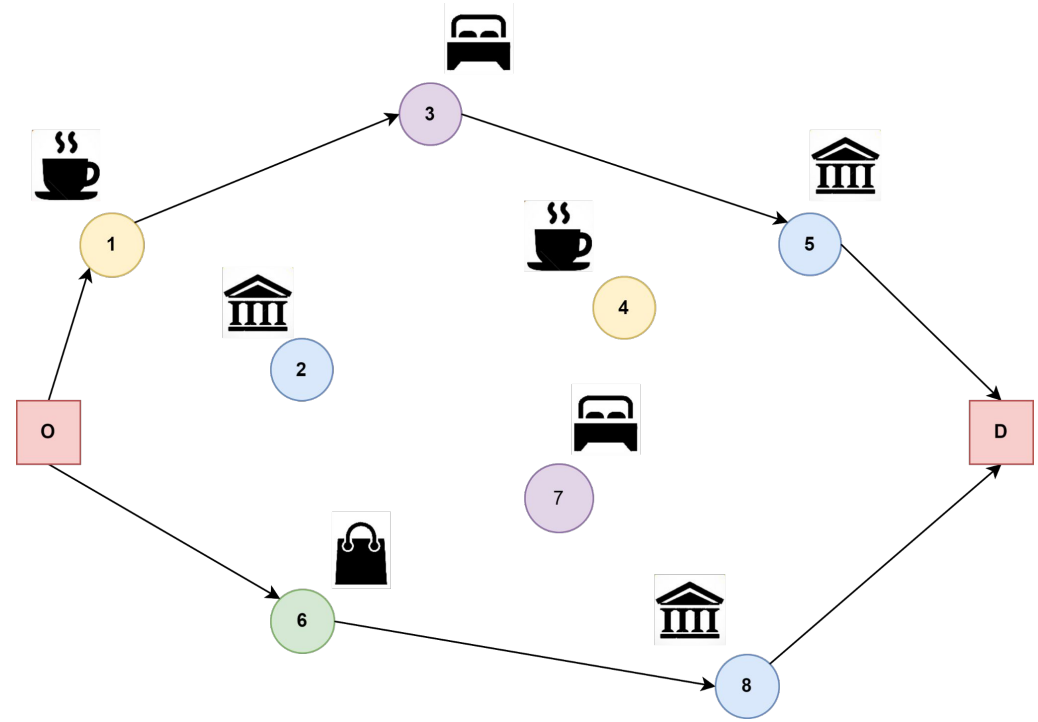
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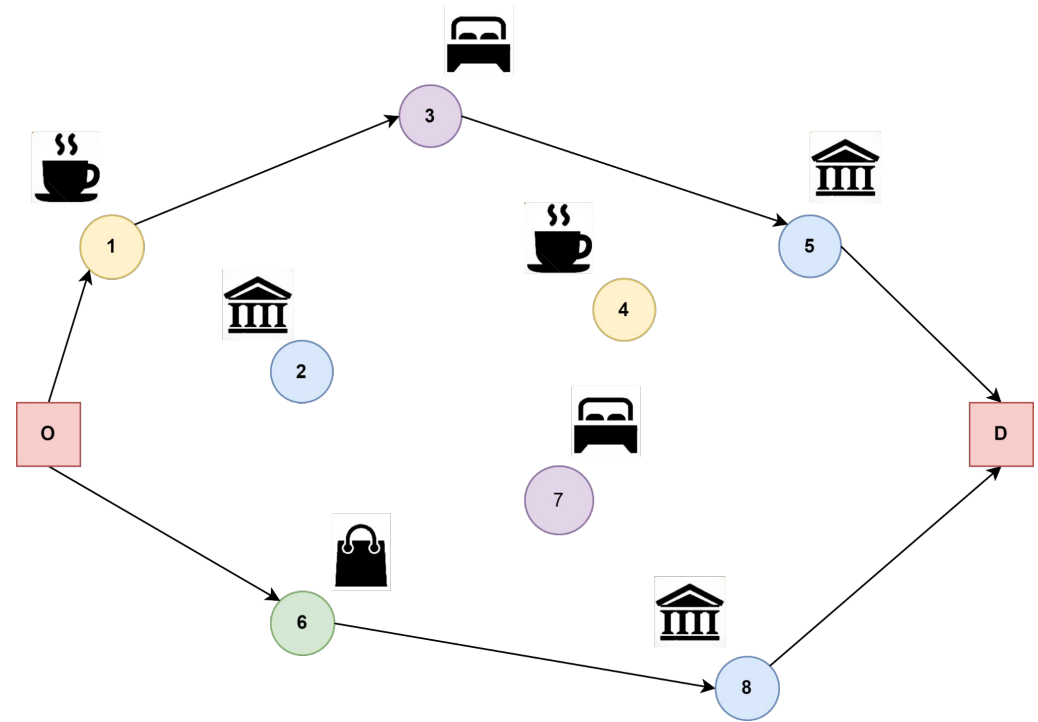
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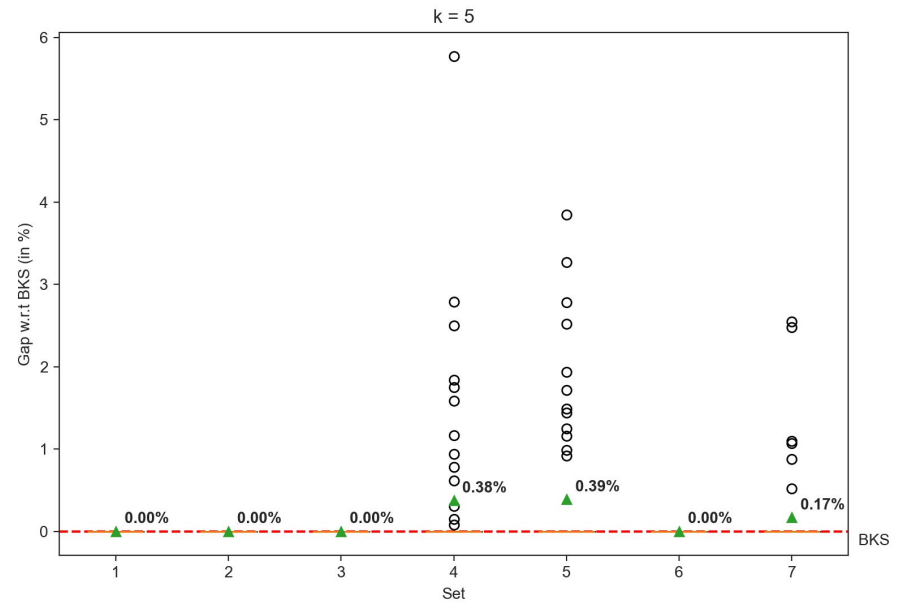


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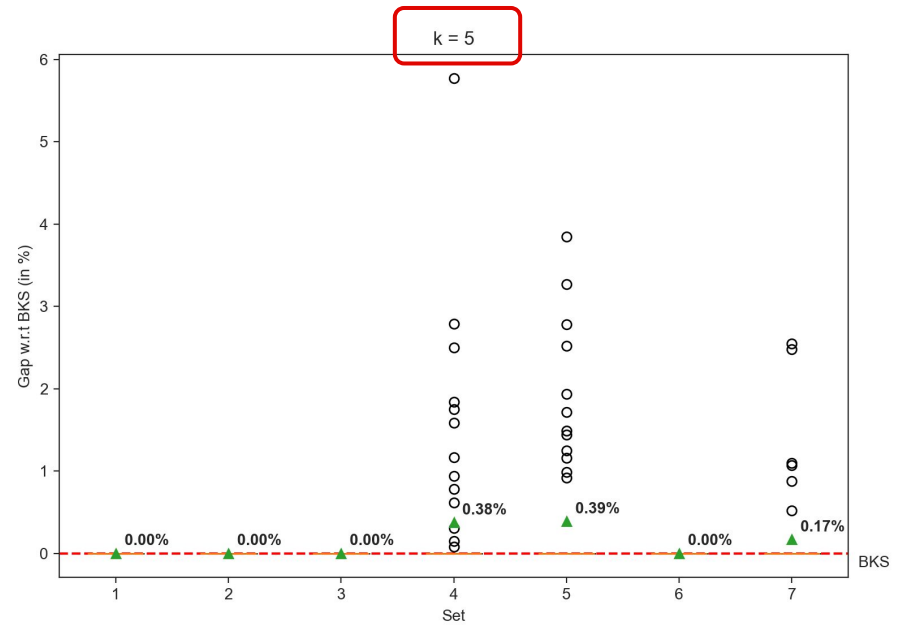
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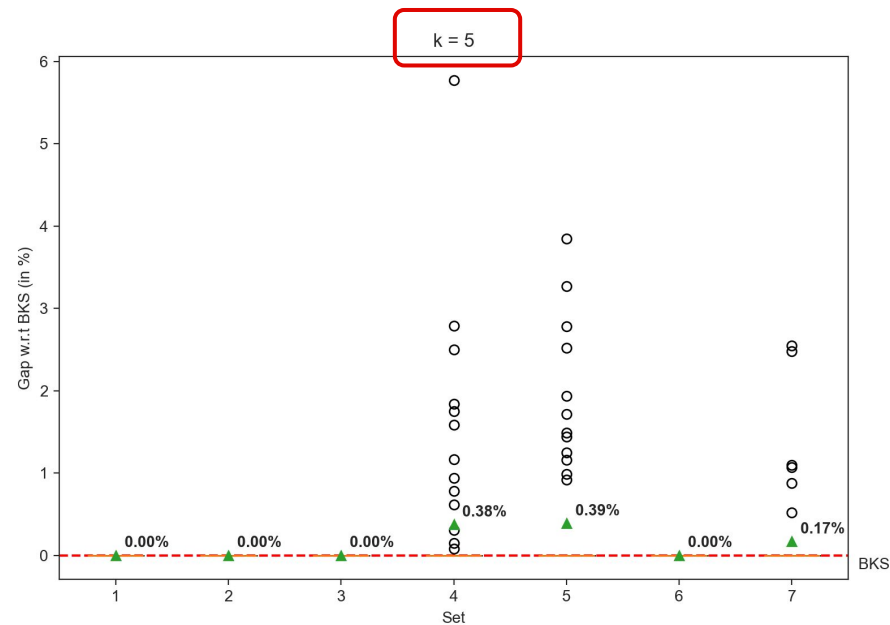


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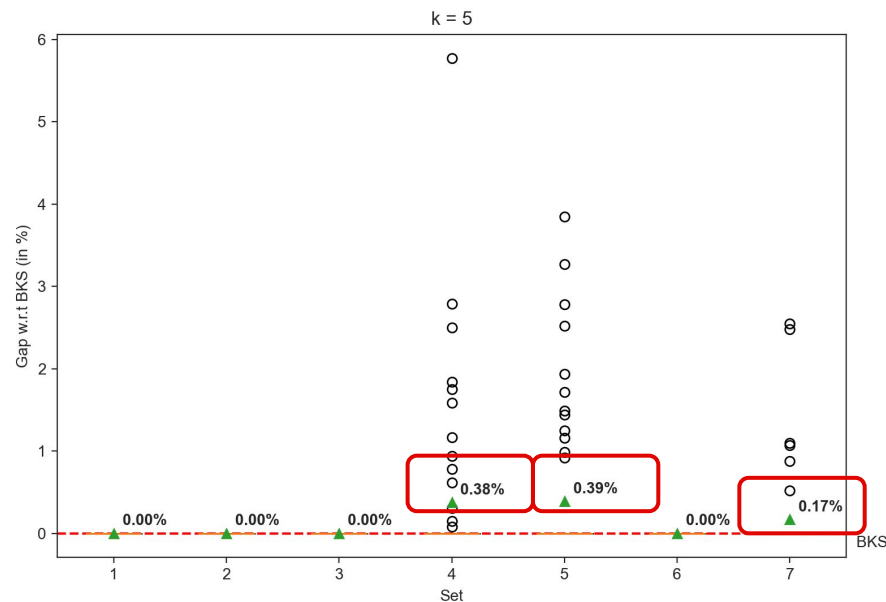
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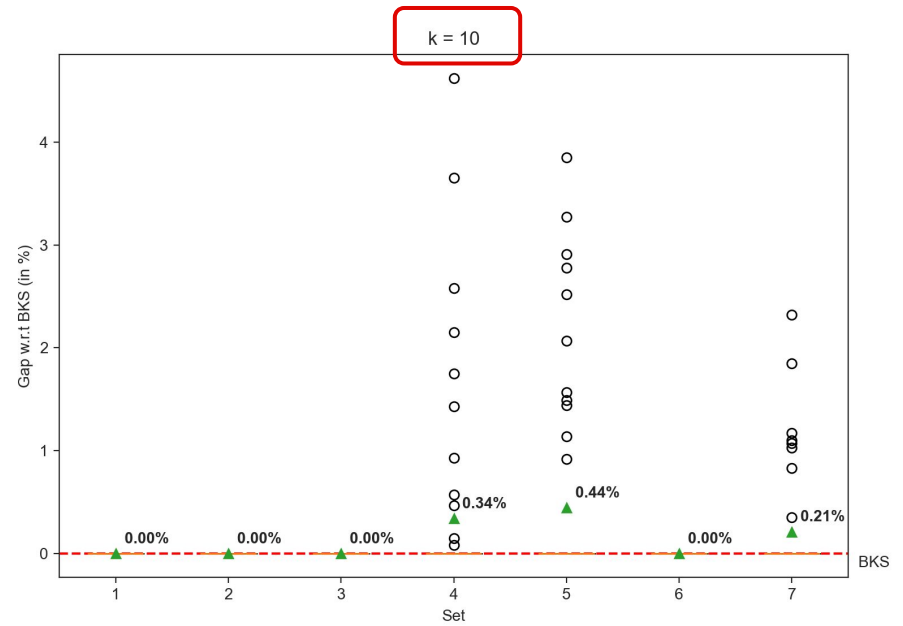


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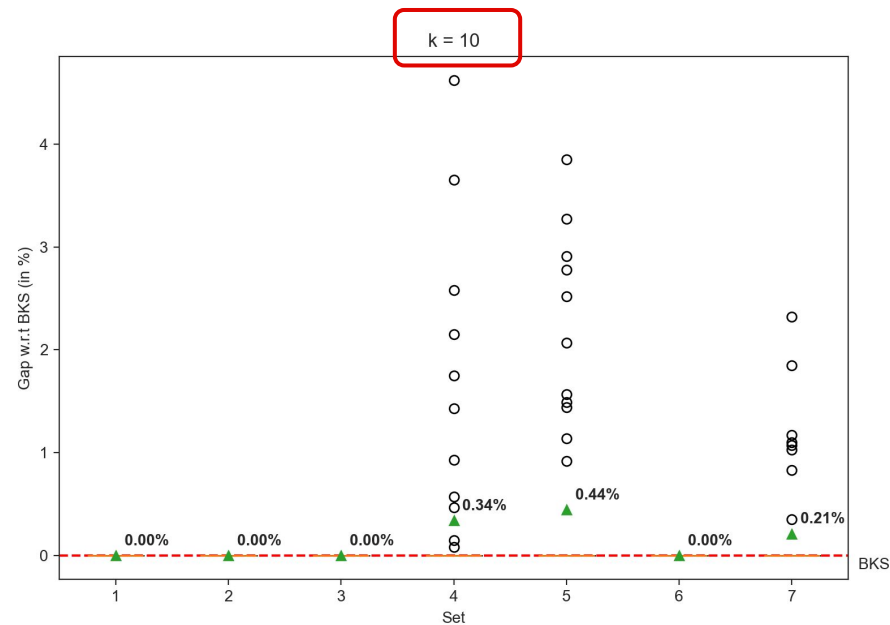


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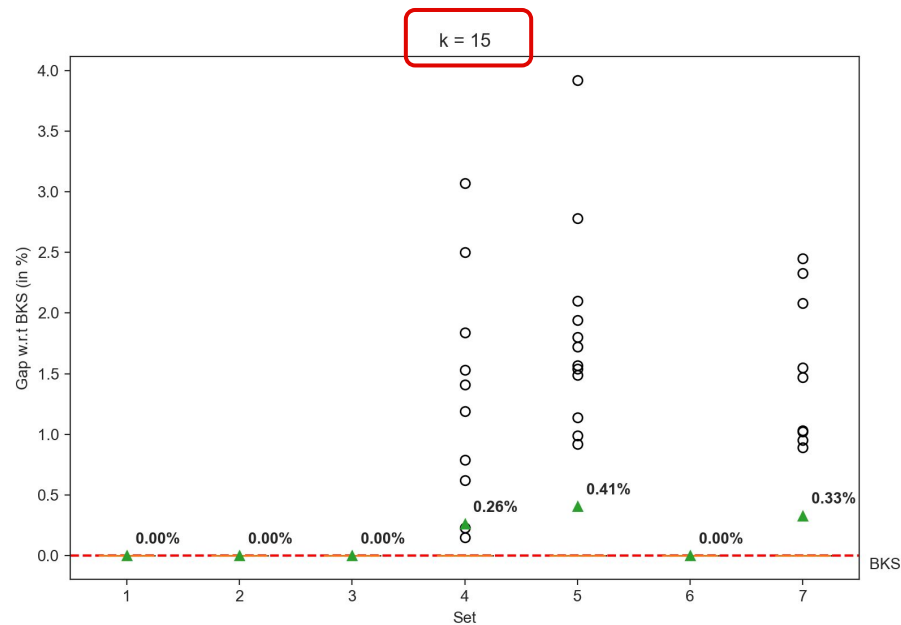
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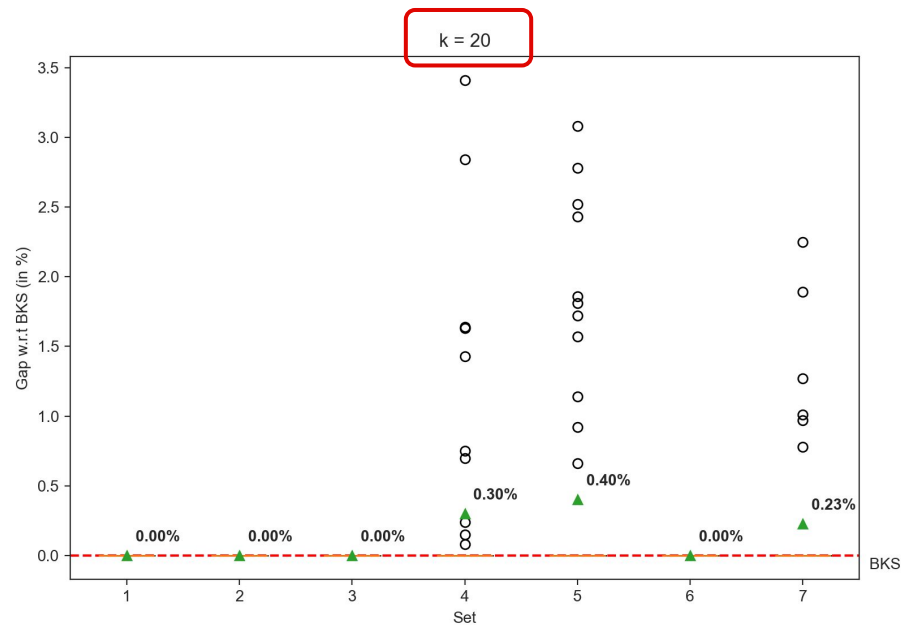
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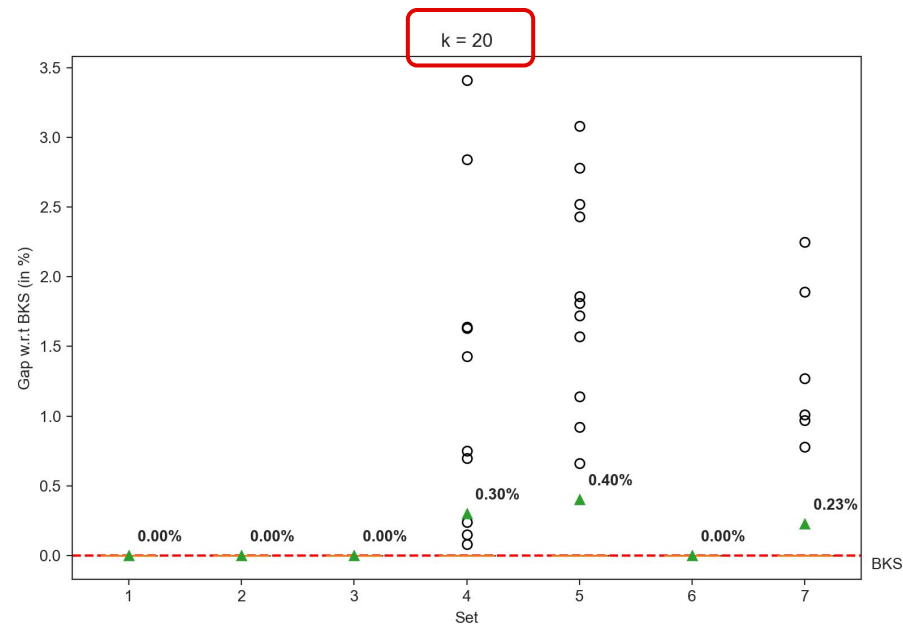
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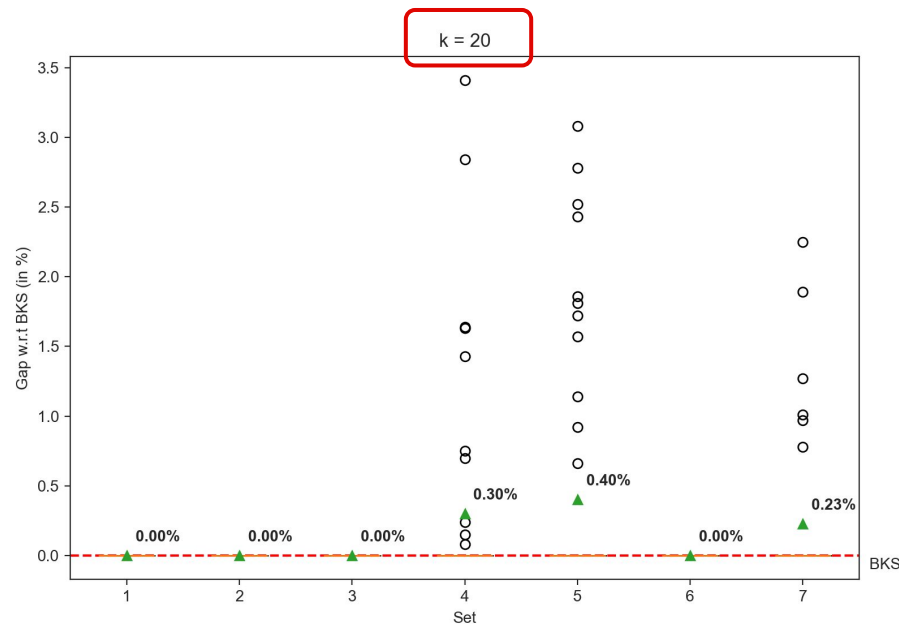
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- Results are significant, with **optimal solutions** without complex methods.



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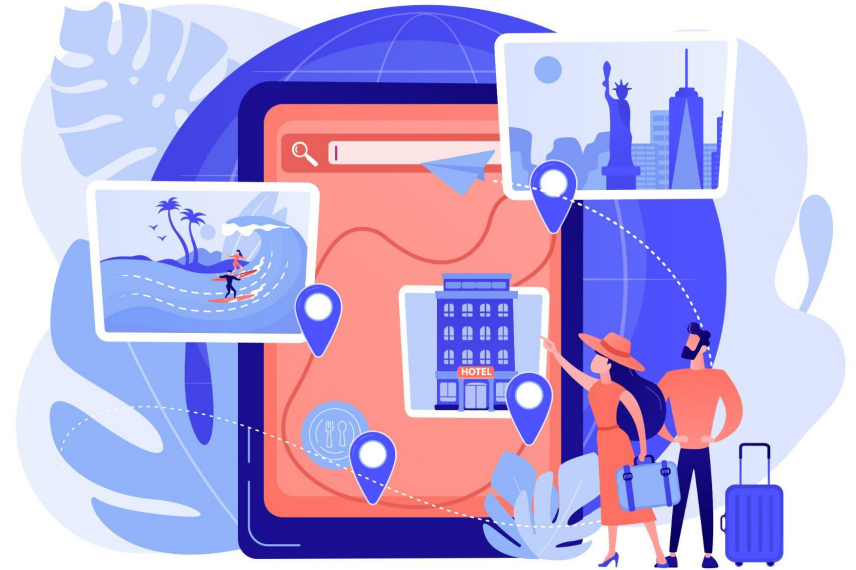


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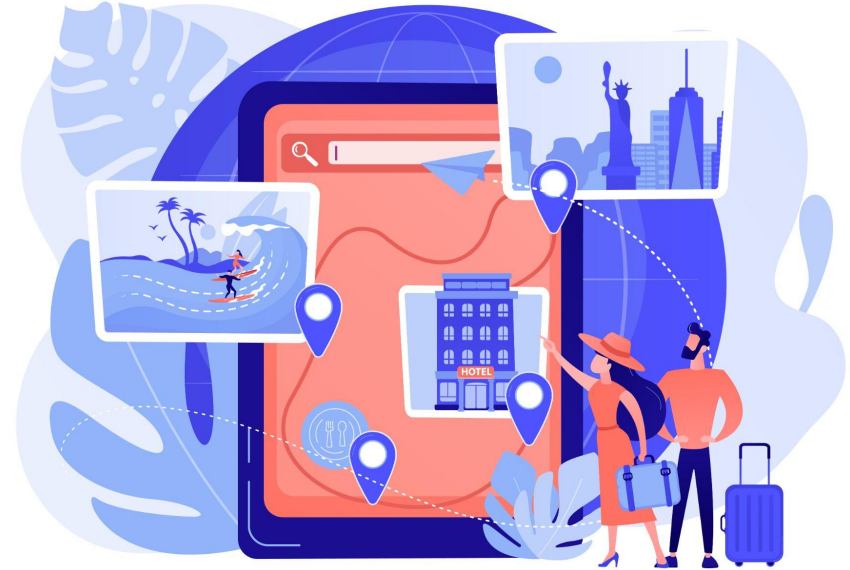
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Thank you for your attention!

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