

## Supplementary Material

### Appendix I.

#### 1. Definition of the cost function.

**Input:**  $solution_1 . . . solution_N$

**Output:**  $cost$  (Total cost of the solution)

*function fitness\_function(solution[ ], dest)*

$total_{price} = 0, last_{arrival} = 0$  # 0:00 time

$first_{departure} = 1439$  # 23:59 for initialization

$flight_{id} = -1$

*for*  $i \leftarrow 1$  *to*  $\frac{length(solution)}{2}$  *do*

$origin = people[i][1]$

$flight_{id} += 1$

$going = flights[(origin, dest)][solution[flight_{id}]]$

$flight_{id} += 1$

$returning = flights[(dest, origin)][solution[flight_{id}]]$

$total_{price} += going[2]$

$total_{price} += returning[2]$

*if*  $last_{arrival} < get\_minutes(going[1])$  *then* # Find last arrival

$last_{arrival} = get\_minutes(going[1])$

**end if**

*if*  $first_{departure} < get\_minutes(returning[0])$  *then* # Find first departure

$first_{departure} = get\_minutes(returning[0])$

**end if**

**end for**

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totalwait = 0

flightid = - 1

for i ← 1 to  $\frac{\text{length}(\text{solution})}{2}$  do

    origin = people[i][1]

    flightid += 1

    going = flights[(origin, dest)][solution[flightid]]

    flightid += 1

    returning = flights[(dest, origin)][solution[flightid]]

    # Waiting time for all arrived

    totalwait += lastarrival - get_minutes(going[1])

    # Waiting time for all to depart and reach location

    totalwait += get_minutes(returning[0]) - first_departure

end for

# 3PM - 10AM

# 11AM - 3PM

if lastarrival > firstdeparture then

    # Penalize if arrival and departure are not on same days

    totalprice += 50

end if

return totalprice + totalwait # The total cost associated

end function

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## Appendix II.

### 1.Time Complexity Derivations

In the following Appendix we derive the Time Complexity of our algorithms, by first calculating the running time and then derive the upper bounds(worst case) by setting maximum values of N.

#### 1.1 Cost Function

$S \rightarrow$  Length of initial Solution/Individual

Time Complexity Derivation:

$$T(S) = S/2 + S/2;$$

$\therefore$  Time Complexity is  $O(N)$

#### 1.2 OnePoint Mutation and Crossover

By ignoring the operation of copying N elements  $O(N)$ , gene selection then takes  $O(1)$ , as random.randint uses the **Mersenne-Twister** algorithm which is  $O(1)$ .

$\therefore$  Time Complexity is  **$O(1)$** .

#### 1.3 Random Search

$E \rightarrow$  Epochs

$D \rightarrow$  Length of Domain

$S \rightarrow$  Length of initial Population/Solution

Time Complexity:

$$T(N) = D + E * (S/2) + (E - 1) * D; O(T(N)) = O(ES/2 + E - 1 * D) ;$$

$$T(N) = N^2/2$$

$\therefore$  Time complexity is  $O(N^2)$

#### 1.4 Hill Climbing

$E \rightarrow$  Epochs

$D \rightarrow$  Length of Domain

$S \rightarrow$  Length of initial Population/Solution

$n \rightarrow$  Number of neighboring solutions

$$T(N) = D + S/2 + n * (S/2) ;$$

$\therefore$  Time Complexity is  $O(N^2)$

### 1.5 Standard GA Configuration

$P \rightarrow$  Population Size

$G \rightarrow$  Number of Generations'

$D \rightarrow$  Length of Domain

$S \rightarrow$  Length of Solution/Individual

$C \rightarrow$  Length of array of Costs

$P_m \rightarrow$  Probability of Mutation

$P_c \rightarrow$  Probability of Crossover,  $P_c = 1 - P_m$

$$T(N) = P * D + G * ((P + 1) * S/2 + C \log C + P * (P_m * 1 + P_c * 1))$$

this can be simplified to  $T(N) = N^3/2 + N^3 \log N$ ,

$\therefore$  Time Complexity is  $O(N^3)$

The choice of sorting function is responsible for  $\log N$ . Python's default *Tim Sort* instead of doing Heapify operations which reduces worst case complexity from  $O(N^3 \log N)$  to  $O(N^3)$ .

### 1.6 GA with Reverse Operations

$P \rightarrow$  Population Size

$G \rightarrow$  Number of Generations

$D \rightarrow$  Length of Domain

$S \rightarrow$  Length of Solution/Individual

$C \rightarrow$  Length of array of Costs

$P_c \rightarrow$  Probability of Crossover

$P_m \rightarrow$  Probability of Mutation  $P_m = 1 - P_c$

$$T(N) = P * D + G * ((P + 1) * S/2 + C \log C + P * (P_c * 1 + P_m * 1))$$

this is of the form

$$O(N) = N^3/2 + N^3 \log N,$$

$$\therefore O(N) = N^3$$

### 1.7 GAs with Reversals

$P \rightarrow$  Population Size

$R \rightarrow$  Number of Reversals.

$G \rightarrow$  Number of Generations

$step_{length} \rightarrow$  The number of reverse steps/epochs

The number of reversals is calculated as follows:

$$R = G/n_k - 1$$

$$T_R(N) = C; \text{ if } step_{length} = 1 \text{ else}$$

$$T_R(N) = (step_{length-1}) * (C + S/2 + P * (Pc * 1 + Pm * 1))$$

Now actual Time Complexity of GA with Reversals is,

$$T(N) = T(N) + T_R(N)$$

$$T(N) = P * D + G * ((P + 1) * S/2 + C \log C + R * C + P * (Pm * 1 + Pc * 1));$$

$$\text{if } step_{length} = 1 \text{ else}$$

$$T(N) = P * D + G * ((P + 1) * S/2 + C \log C + R * ((step_{length-1}) * (C + S/2 + P * (Pc * 1 + Pm * 1)))$$

$$+ P * (Pm * 1 + Pc * 1))$$

This further reduces to these 2 forms:

$$T(N) = N^3/2 + N^3 = 3/2 N^3 = N^3; \text{ if } step_{length} = 1 \text{ else}$$

$$T(N) = N^3/2 + N^4, \text{ therefore Time Complexity is } O(N^3);$$

### 1.8 Iterated Chaining

*Rounds* → The number of iterated Chaining rounds

$$T(N) = Rounds - 1 * T_{algo_1}(N) + Rounds * T_{algo_2}(N)$$

The authors chose  $algo_1$  as *Random Search* and  $algo_2$  as *HillClimbing*, thus:

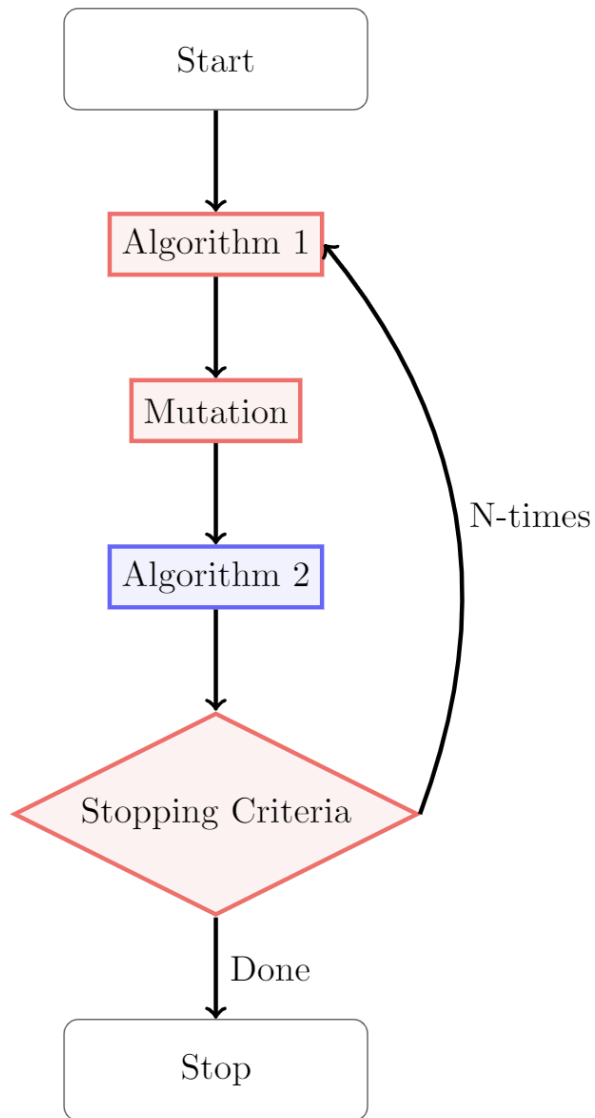
$$T(N) = Rounds - 1 * T_{RS}(N) + Rounds * T_{algo_2}(N)$$

$$T(N) = Rounds - 1 * D + E * (S/2) + (E - 1) * D + Rounds * D + S/2 + n * (S/2)$$

$$T(N) = N^3 - 1 + N^3$$

$$\therefore \text{Time Complexity is } O(N^3)$$

### Appendix III.

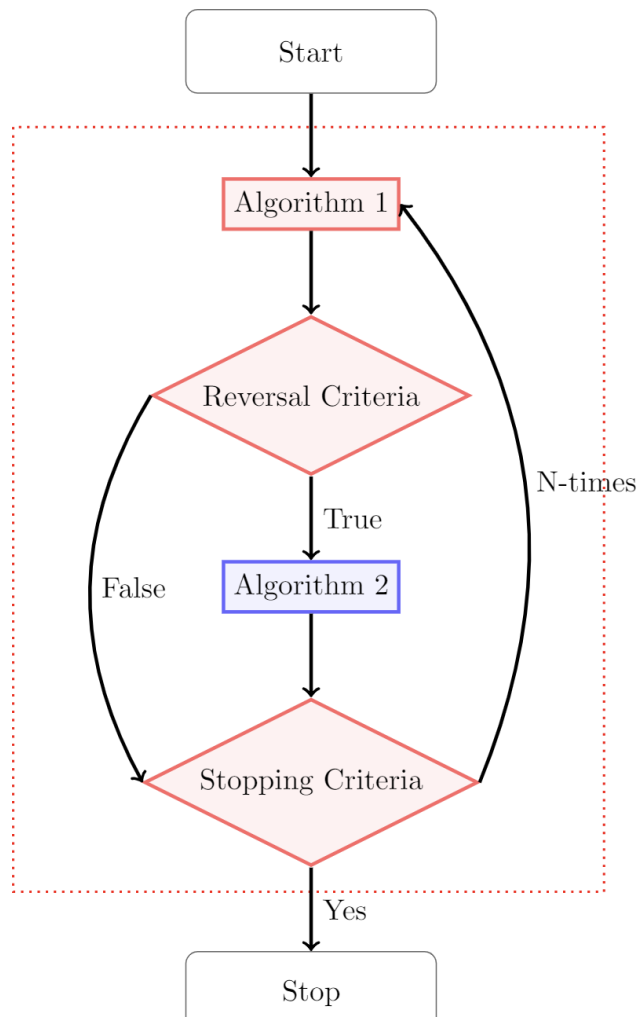


#### Iterated Chaining Algorithm

<b>ALGORITHM : ITERATED CHAINING WITH EARLY STOPPING</b>
<b>Input:</b> Domain $D_1, \dots, D_N$ , rounds, fitness_function, $n_{obs}$ , tolerance
<b>Output:</b> $soln_{final}, best_{cost}, scores, NFE, nfe, seed$

1	<i>scores</i> ← [ ], <i>NFE</i> ← 0 //Global record of cost and no. of function evaluations
2	<b>for</b> <i>i</i> ← rounds <b>do</b>
3	<b>if</b> <i>i</i> ==0 <b>then</b>
4	<i>soln</i> , <i>cost</i> , <i>scores</i> , <i>nfe</i> , <i>seed</i> ← <i>algorithm_1</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>fitness_function</i> , <i>seed</i> )
5	<i>soln</i> ← <i>OnePointMutation</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>random.randint</i> (0, 1), <i>soln</i> )
6	<i>scores</i> ← append <i>cost</i> to list
7	<i>NFE</i> ← <i>nfe</i> +1
8	<b>end if</b>
9	<b>else if</b> <i>i</i> == rounds – 1 <b>then</b>
10	<i>soln<sub>final</sub></i> , <i>cost</i> , <i>scores</i> , <i>nfe</i> , <i>seed</i> ← <i>algorithm_2</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>fitness_function</i> , <i>seed</i> )
11	<i>scores</i> ← append <i>cost</i> to list
12	<b>return</b> <i>soln<sub>final</sub></i> , <i>scores</i> [-1], <i>scores</i> , <i>NFE</i>
13	<i>NFE</i> ← <i>nfe</i> +1
14	<b>end if</b>
15	<b>else</b>
16	<i>soln</i> , <i>cost</i> , <i>scores</i> , <i>nfe</i> , <i>seed</i> ← <i>algorithm_1</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>fitness_function</i> , <i>seed</i> )
17	<i>soln</i> ← <i>OnePointMutation</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>random.randint</i> (0, 1), <i>soln</i> )
18	<i>scores</i> ← append <i>cost</i> to list
19	<i>NFE</i> ← <i>nfe</i> +1
20	<b>end else</b>
21	<i>soln<sub>final</sub></i> , <i>cost</i> , <i>scores</i> , <i>nfe</i> , <i>seed</i> ← <i>algorithm_2</i> ( <i>domain</i> , <i>fitness_function</i> , <i>seed</i> )
22	<i>scores</i> ← append <i>cost</i> to list
23	<i>NFE</i> ← <i>nfe</i> + 1
24	
25	<b>if</b> rounds ==1 <b>then</b>
26	<b>return</b> <i>soln</i> , <i>scores</i> [-1], <i>scores</i> , <i>NFE</i>
27	<b>end if</b>
28	<b>if</b> <i>cost</i> - <i>random.randint</i> (tolerance, 100) > <i>int</i> ( <i>sum</i> ( <i>scores</i> [- <i>n<sub>obs</sub></i> :]) / <i>n<sub>obs</sub></i> ) <b>then</b>
29	<b>return</b> <i>soln<sub>final</sub></i> , <i>scores</i> [-1], <i>scores</i> , <i>NFE</i>
30	<b>end if</b>

Where *scores*[-1] is *best<sub>cost</sub>*, i.e the final cost; *NFE* is the global list of costs





**ALGORITHM : GENETIC ALGORITHM WITH REVERSALS**

**Input:** Domain  $D_1, \dots, D_N$ ,  $P_{\text{mutation}}$ ,  $P_{\text{crossover}}$ ,  $n_k$ ,  $\text{step}_{\text{length}}$ ,  $\text{num}_{\text{generations}}$ ,  $\text{fitness\_function}$ ,  $n_{\text{obs}}$

$\text{population}_{\text{size}}$

**Output:**  $\text{soln}_{\text{final}}$ ,  $\text{best}_{\text{cost}}$ ,  $\text{scores}$ ,  $\text{nfe}$ ,  $\text{seed}$

**for**  $i \leftarrow \text{num}_{\text{generations}}$  **then**

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1  population ← Initialize population randomly
2  if  $i/n_k == 0$  and  $i \neq 0$  then
3      if  $\text{step}_{\text{length}} == 1$  then
4          Sort costs list in descending order instead
5           $\text{rev} \leftarrow \text{rev} + 1$ 
6      end if
7      else
8           $\text{rev} \leftarrow \text{rev} + 1$ 
9          while  $i \leftarrow \text{step}_{\text{length}}$  do
10             costs.sort(reverse=True) //Decreasing order of costs
11             ordered_individuals = [individual for (cost, individual) in costs]
12             population ← Get to a list of top  $n_{\text{elitism}}$  from ordered_individuals
13             scores ← fitness_function(population[0])
14              $\text{nfe} \leftarrow \text{nfe} + 1$ 
15             while length of population list < population_size do
16                 if random.random() <  $P_{\text{mutation}}$  then
17                     :
18                     population ← Append result of Crossover of 2 randomly
19                     chosen individuals from ordered_individuals
20                 end if
21                 else
22                     population ← Append result of OnePointMutation of a randomly
23                     chosen individual from ordered_individuals
24                 end else
25             end while
26         end while
27     end if
28     else
29         costs.sort() //Increasing order of costs
30         ordered_individuals = [individual for (cost, individual) in costs]
31         population ← Get to a list of top  $n_{\text{elitism}}$  from ordered_individuals
32         scores ← fitness_function(population[0])
33          $\text{nfe} \leftarrow \text{nfe} + 1$ 
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34	<b>while</b> length of population list < population_size <b>do</b>
35	<b>if</b> random.random() < $P_{mutation}$ <b>then</b>
36	population $\leftarrow$ Append result of <b>Crossover</b> of 2 randomly
37	chosen individuals from ordered_individuals
38	<b>end if</b>
39	<b>else</b>
40	population $\leftarrow$ Append result of <b>OnePointMutation</b> of a randomly
41	chosen individual from ordered_individuals
42	<b>end else</b>
43	<b>end while</b>
44	<b>end else</b>
45	<b>end for</b>
46	<b>return</b> soln <sub>final</sub> , best <sub>cost</sub> scores, nfe, seed

ALGORITHM : GENETIC ALGORITHM WITH RANDOM SEARCH REVERSALS	
<b>Input:</b> Domain $D_1, \dots, D_N$ , $P_{mutation}$ , $P_{crossover}$ , $n_k$ , step <sub>length</sub> , num <sub>generations</sub>  , fitness_function, $n_{obs}$	
, population <sub>size</sub>	
<b>Output:</b> soln <sub>final</sub> , best <sub>cost</sub> scores, nfe, seed	
<b>for</b> i $\leftarrow$ num <sub>generations</sub> <b>then</b>  1   population $\leftarrow$ Initialize population randomly 2 <b>if</b> $i/n_k == 0$ <b>and</b> $i \neq 0$ <b>then</b> 3 <b>if</b> step <sub>length</sub> == 1 <b>then</b> 4       Sort costs list in descending order instead 5       rev $\leftarrow$ rev+1 6 <b>end if</b> 7 <b>else</b> 8       rev $\leftarrow$ rev+1 9 <b>while</b> i $\leftarrow$ step <sub>length</sub> <b>do</b> 10          costs.sort(reverse=True) //Decreasing order of costs 11          soln $\leftarrow$ Randomly initialize within U.B and L.B of D 12          population $\leftarrow$ Get to a list of top $n_{eltisim}$ from ordered_individuals 13          scores $\leftarrow$ fitness_function(population [0])	

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14         nfe ← nfe+1
15         if cost > best_cost then
16             :
17             | best_cost ← cost
18             | best_solution ← solution
19         end if
20         scores ← Append best_cost
21         population ← Append best_soln
22     end while
23 end else
24 end if
25 else
26     costs.sort() //Increasing order of costs
27     ordered_individuals = [individual for (cost, individual) in costs]
28     population ← Get to a list of top  $n_{elitisim}$  from ordered_individuals
29     scores ← fitness_function(population [0])
30     nfe ← nfe+1
31     while length of population list < population_size do
32         if random.random() <  $P_{mutation}$  then
33             | population ← Append result of Crossover of 2 randomly
34             | chosen individuals from ordered_individuals
35         end if
36         else
37             | population ← Append result of OnePointMutation of a randomly
38             | chosen individual from ordered_individuals
39         end else
40     end while
41 end else
42 end for
43 return solnfinal, bestcost, scores, nfe, seed

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