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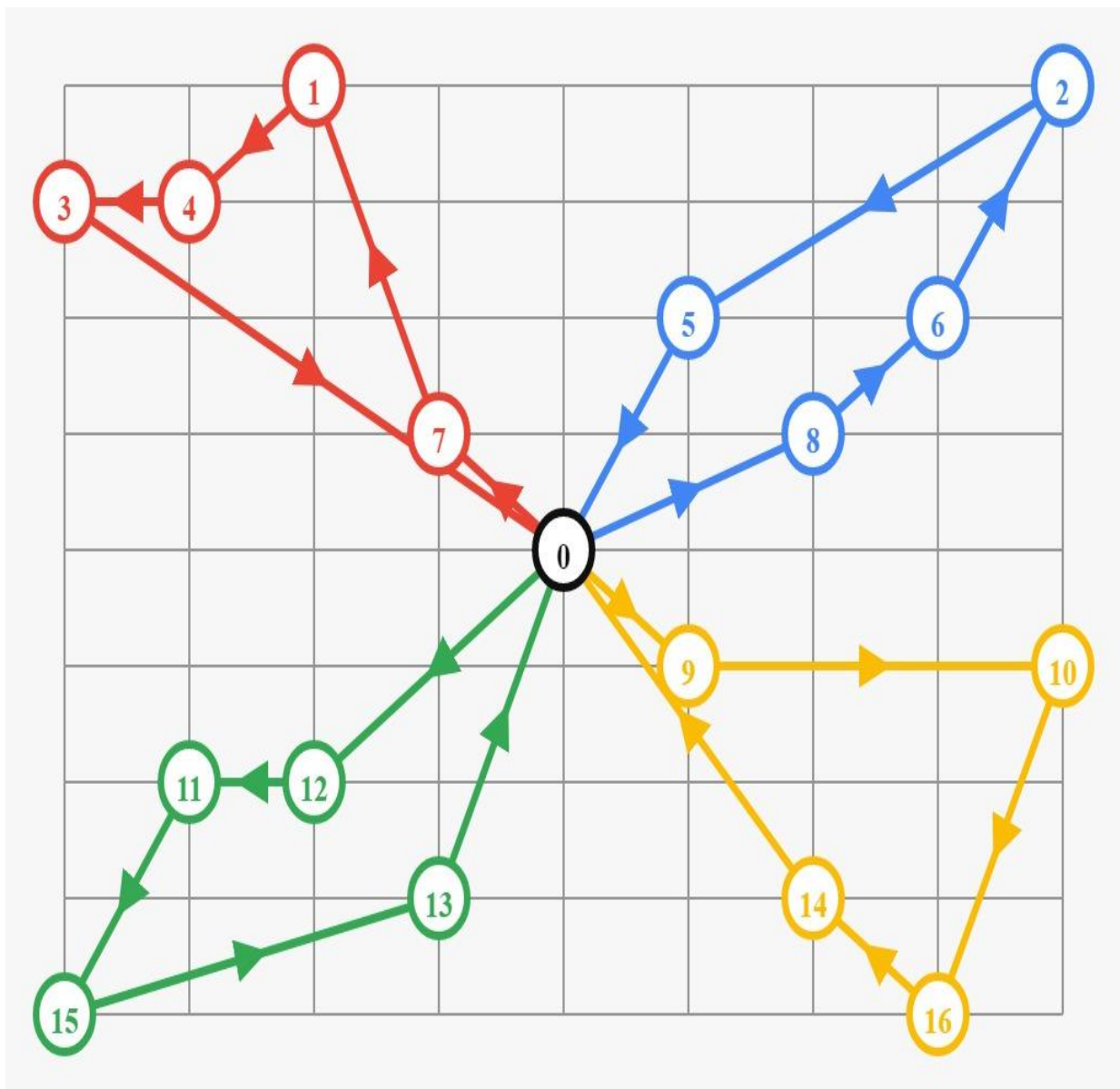
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## **1. Abstract**

Transportation planning has been established as a key topic in the literature and social production practices. An increasing number of researchers are studying vehicle routing problems.

(VRPs) and their variants considering real-life applications and scenarios. Furthermore, with the rapid growth in the processing speed and memory capacity of computers, various algorithms can be used to solve increasingly complex instances of VRPs.

In this study ,We reviewed recent research according to models and solutions, and divided models into three categories of customer-related, vehicle-related, and depot-related models. We classified solution algorithms into exact, heuristic, and meta-heuristic algorithms.

We enabled future researchers to find our report easily and provide readers with recent trends and solution methodologies in the field of VRPs and some well-known variants.

## **2.Introduction**

### **2.1 Project idea and overview**

Problems related to the distribution of goods between warehouses and customers are generally considered as vehicle routing problems (VRPs).

VRPs are some of the most critical challenges faced by logistics companies, an increasing amount of research is focusing on VRPs.

Solving VRPs is computationally expensive and categorized ,because real world problems involve complex constraints such as time windows, time-dependent travel times (reflecting traffic congestion), multiple depots, and heterogeneous fleets.

These features introduce significant complexity and have dramatically evolved the VRP research landscape.

The processing speed and memory capacity of computers has grown rapidly, enabling the processing of increasingly complex instances of VRPs and widespread application of logistics distribution scenarios.

The number of VRP solution methods introduced in the academic literature has grown rapidly over the past few decades.

The VRP family can be considered as **two combinatorial senses**:

(1) the number of possible solutions, which grow exponentially with computer science and algorithm design.

(2) the number of conceivable problem variants, which also grow exponentially with avariety of problem attributes .

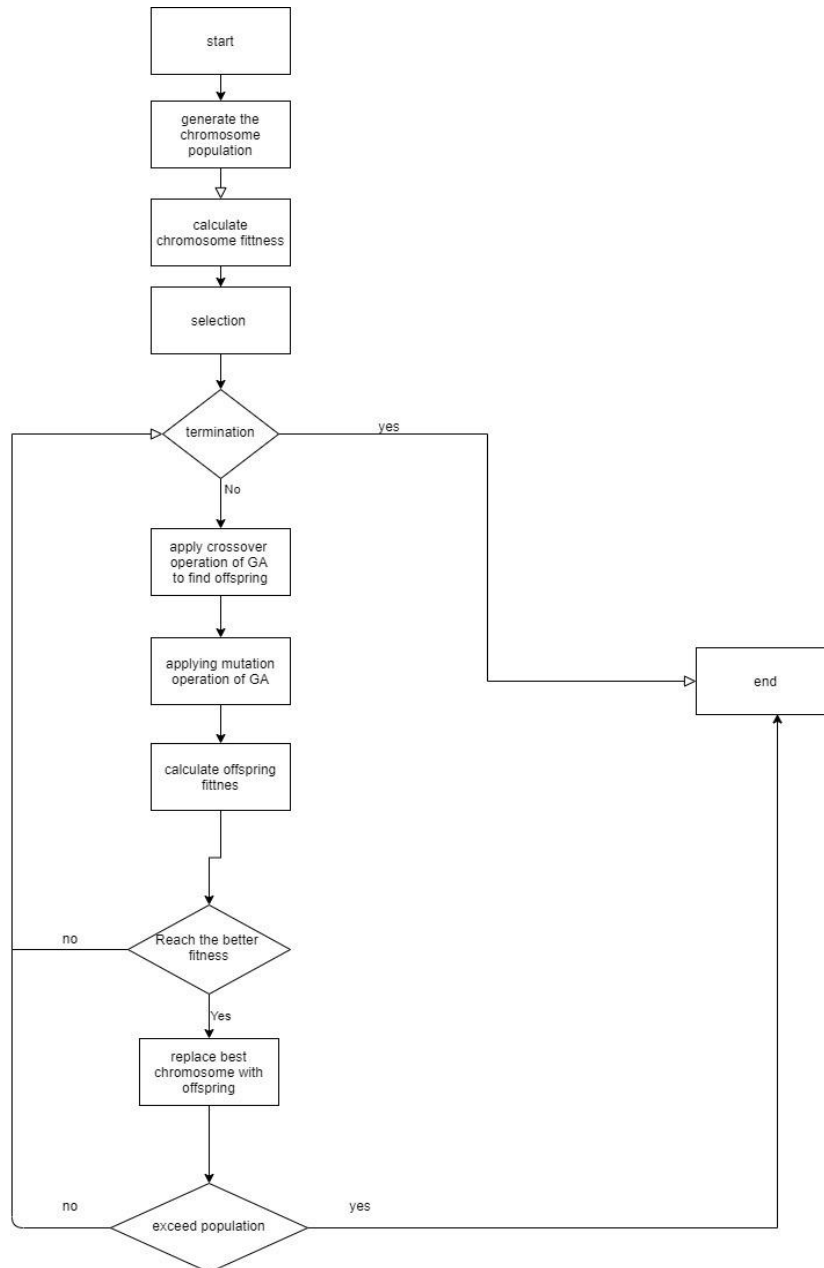
## **2.2 Applications in market for multi depot( VRP)**

- (1) Upper Rout problem**
- (2) Tour Solver**
- (3) Amazon**
- (4) Jumia**
- (5) OLX**
- (6) Talabat**
- (7) Souq**

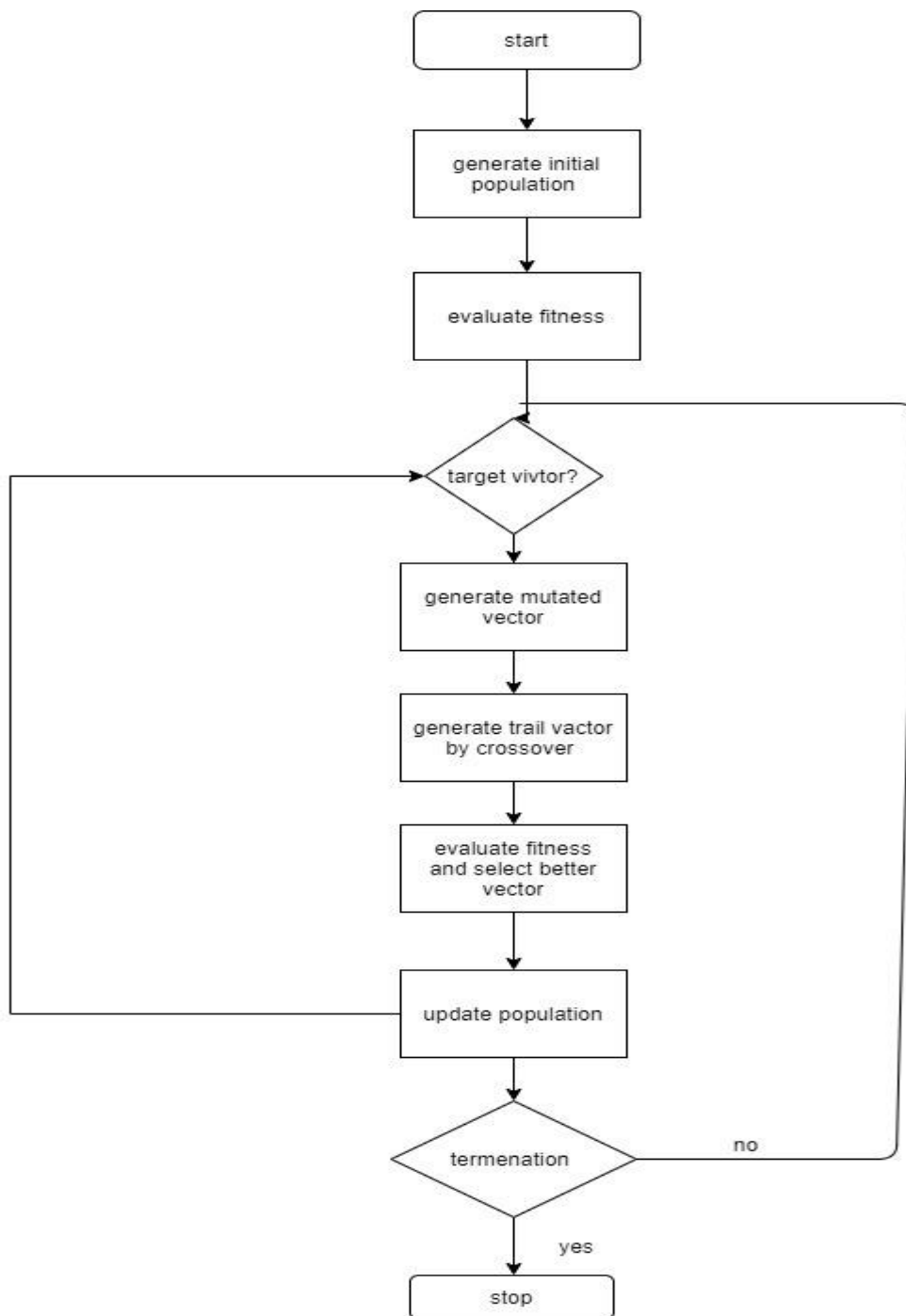
## 3. Proposed solution and Dataset

### 3.1 Main functionalities and features

#### -Flow chart for genetic algorithms

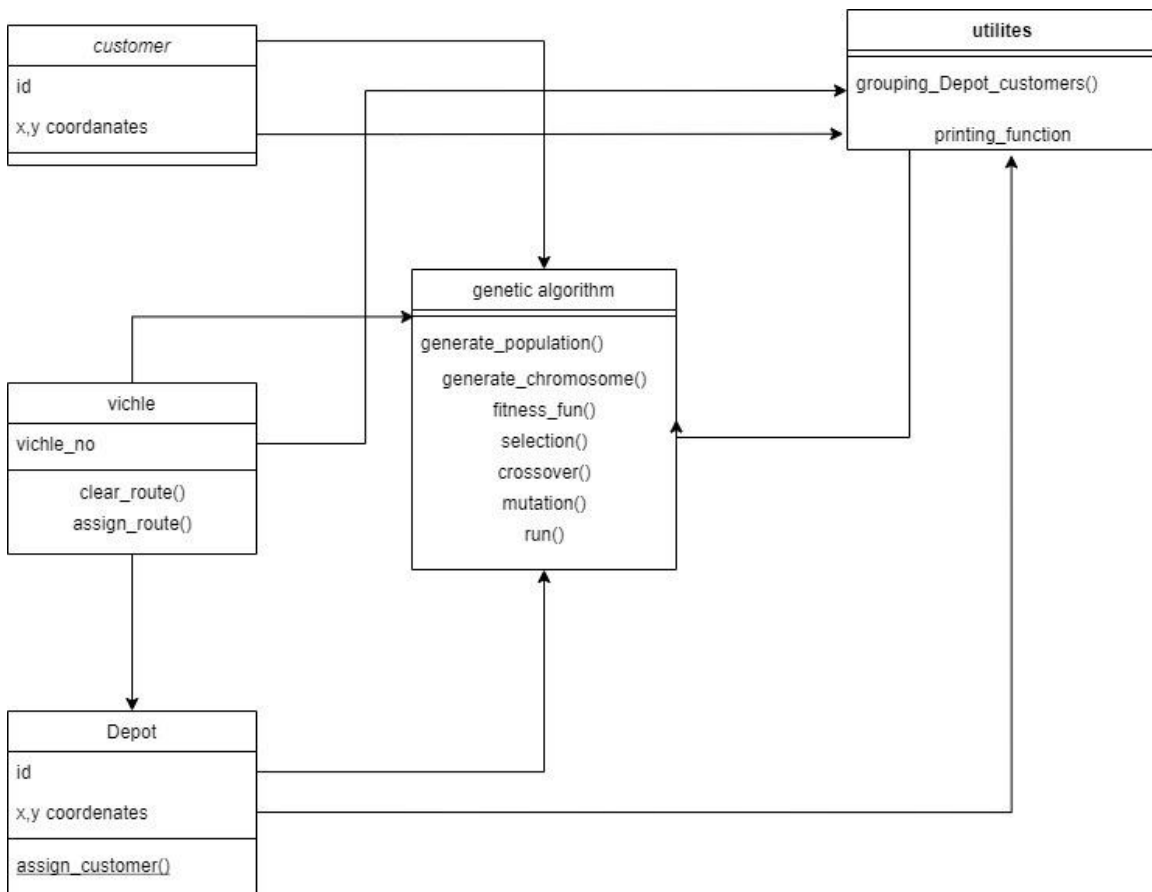


## -Flow chart for differential evolution

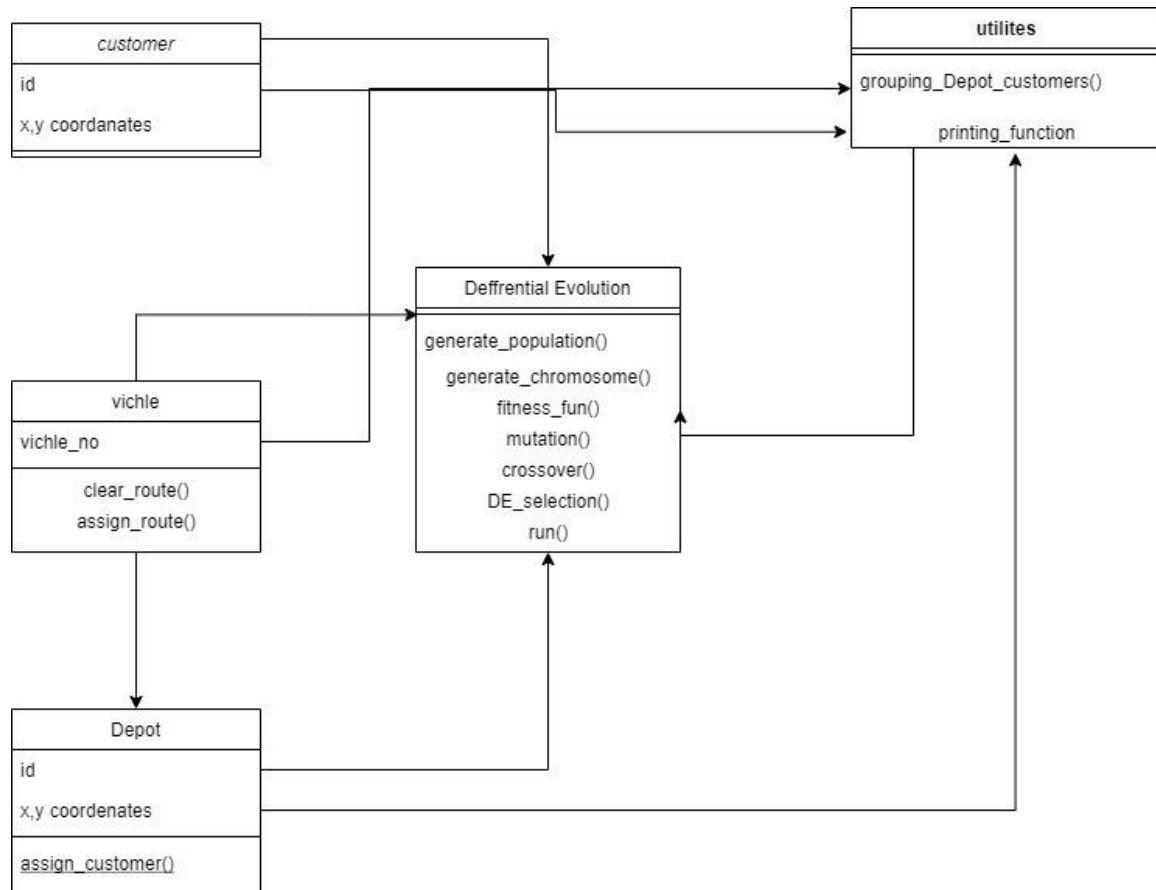




## -Class diagram of Genetic Algorithm



## -class diagram for differential evolution



## 3.2 Methods and features

-Development platform

-Tools : Pycharm

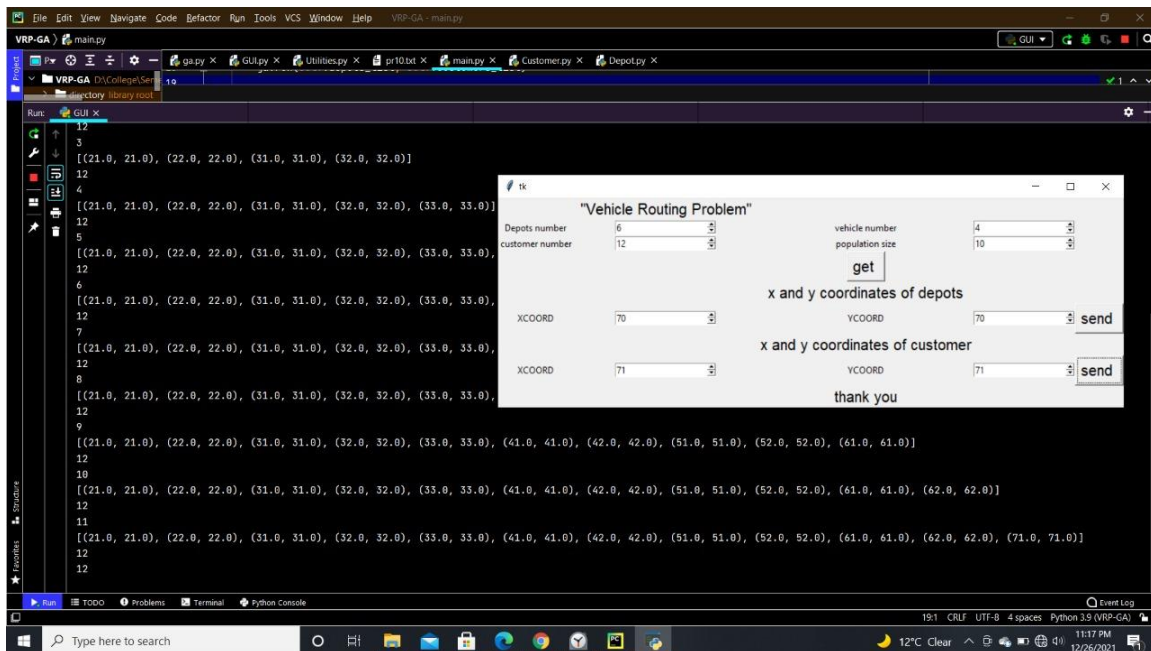
-Libraries : - numpy

- math

- random

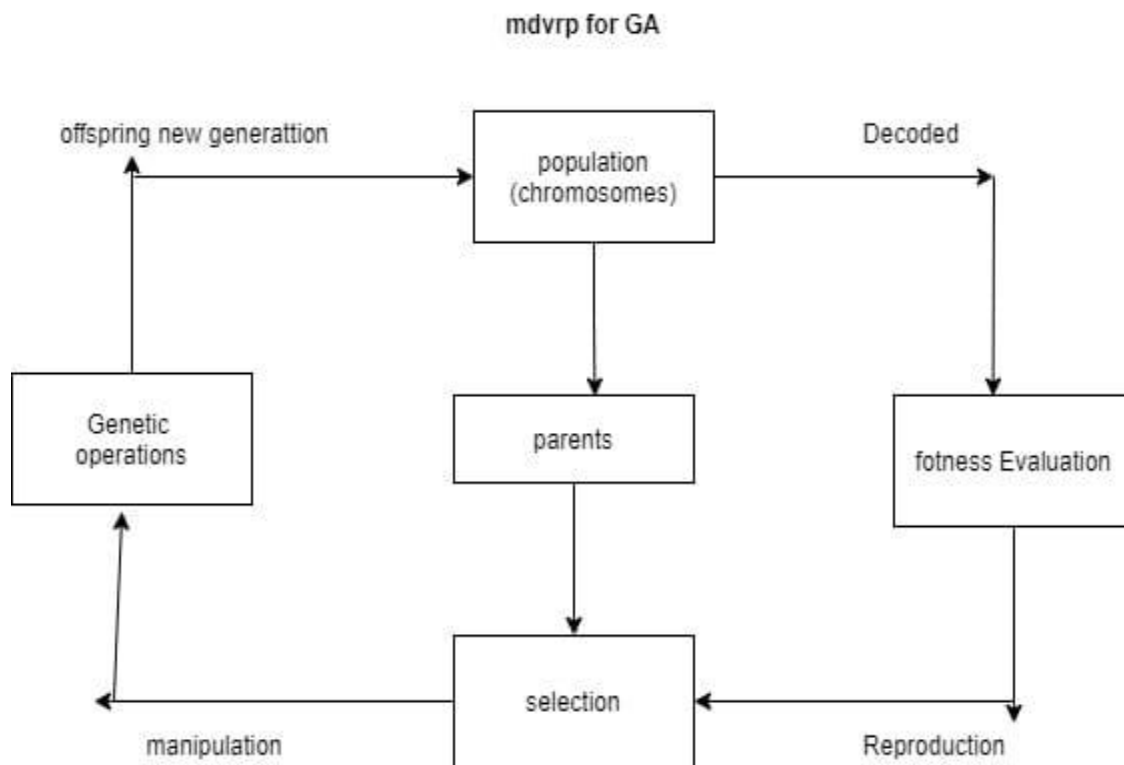
- pandas

-GUI

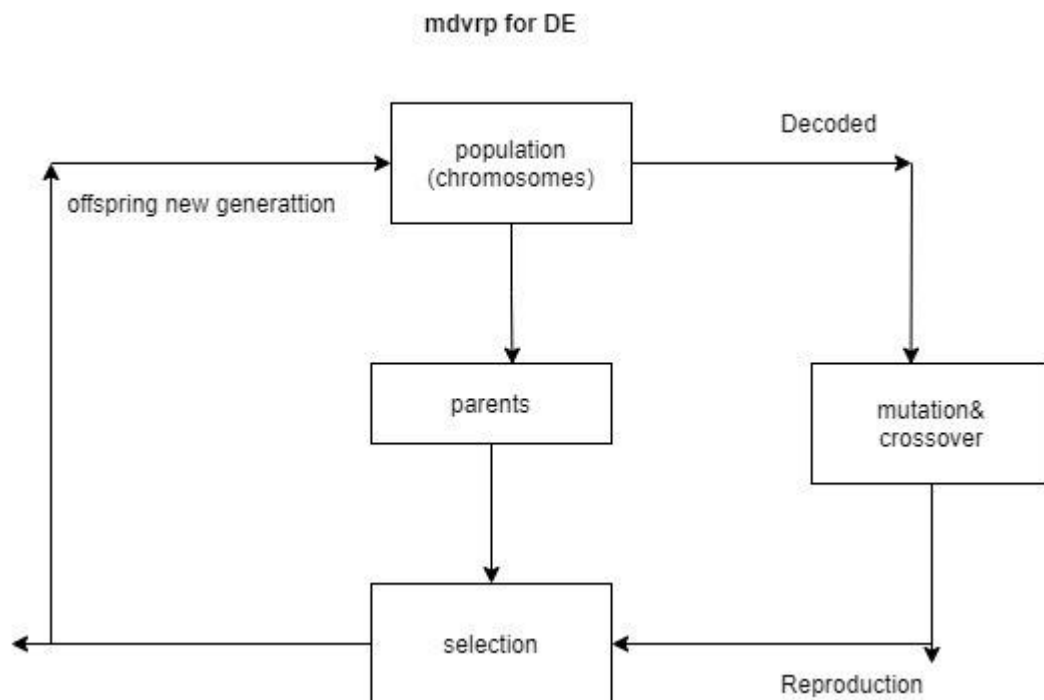


## 4. Applied Algorithms

### 4.1 details of genetic algorithm



## 4.2 details of differential evolution

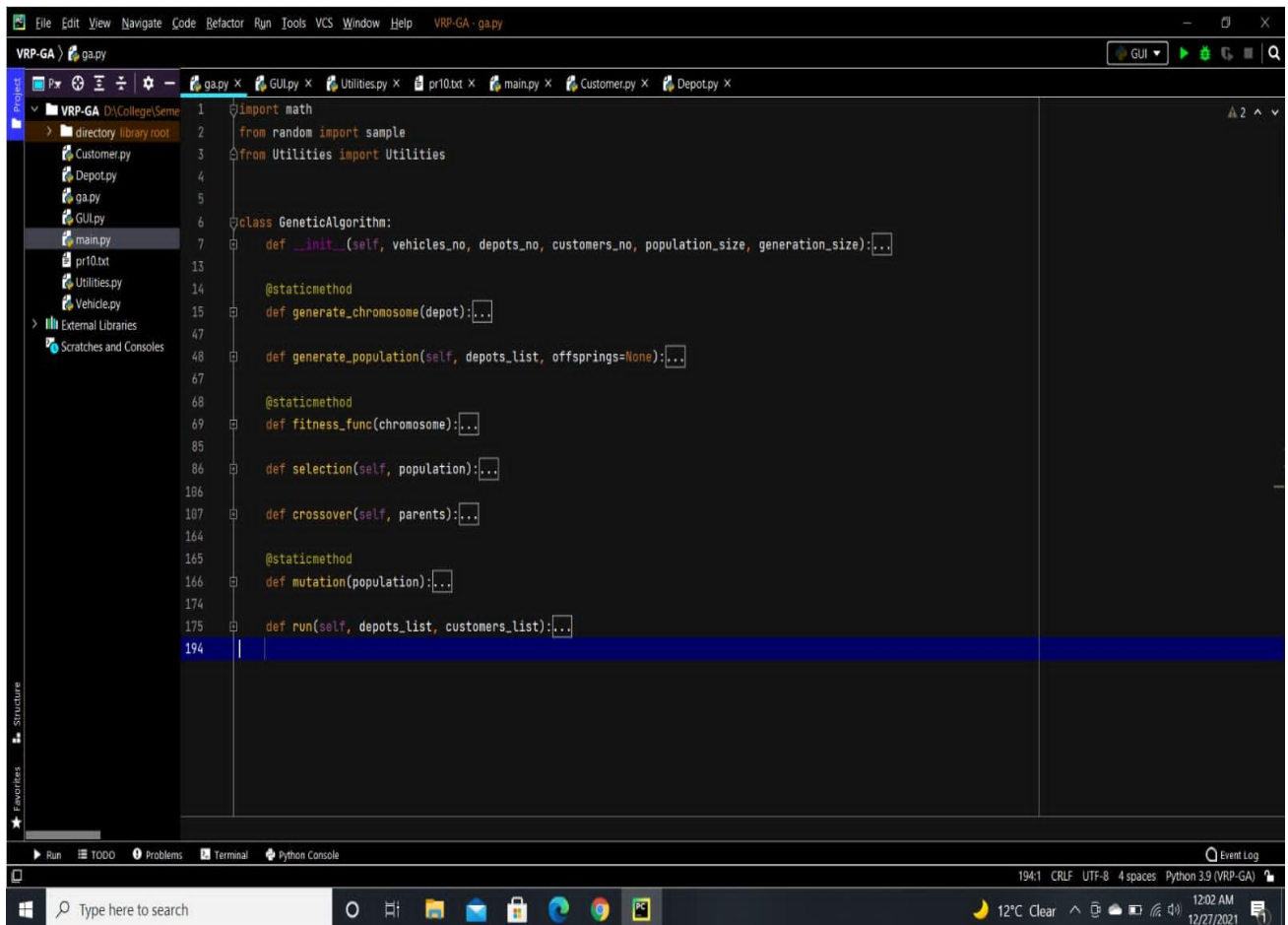


## 5. Experiments and results :

### 5.1 Testing and Results

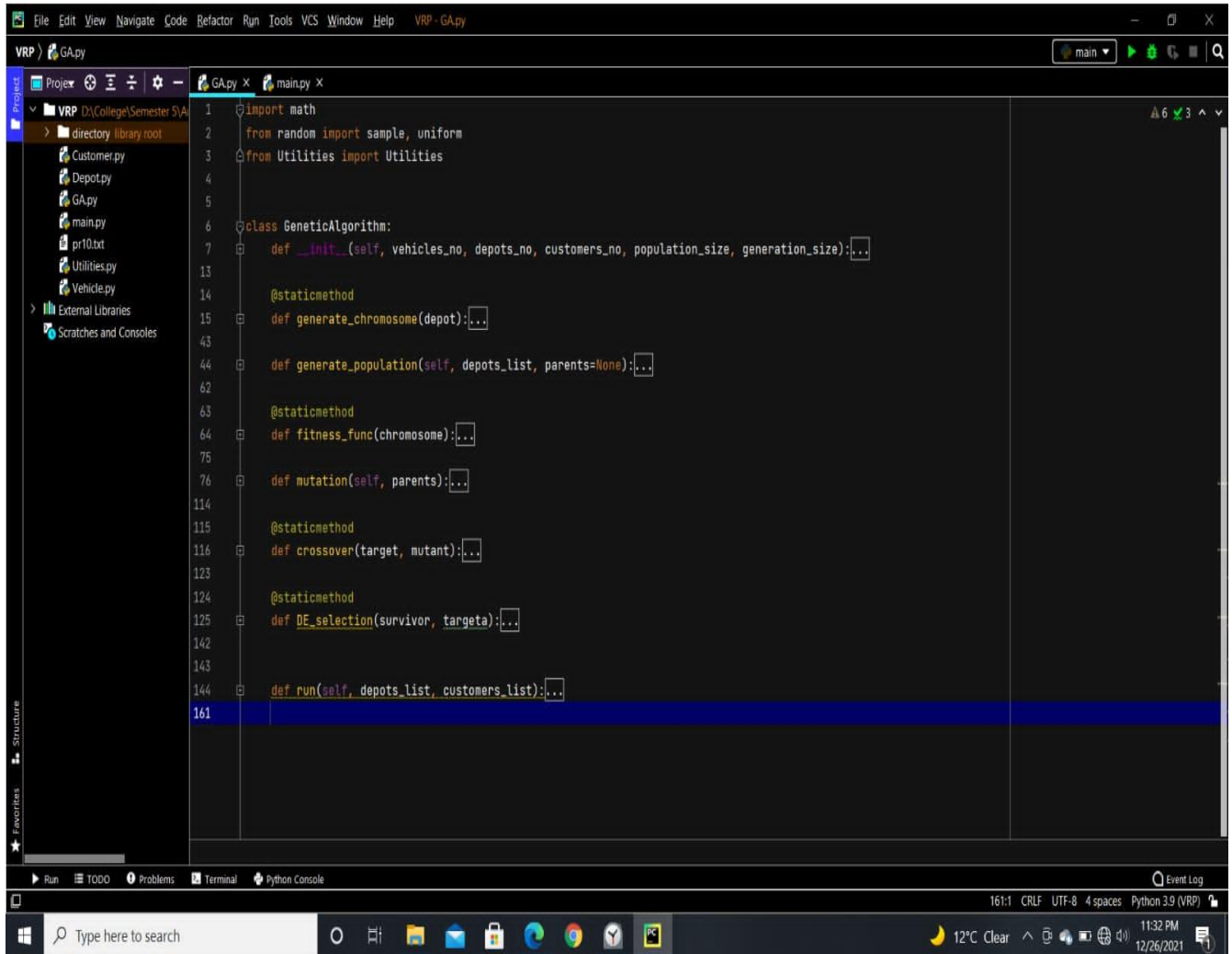
#### Testing

#### GA



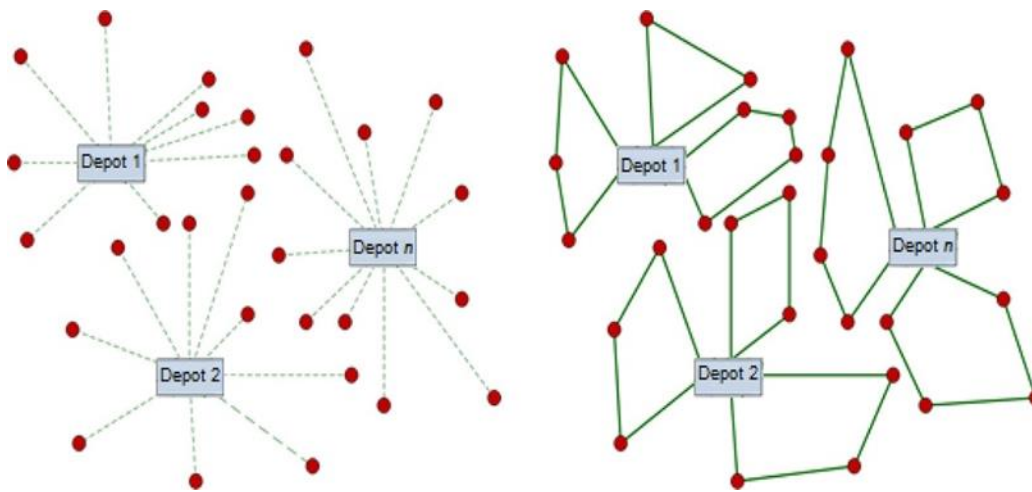
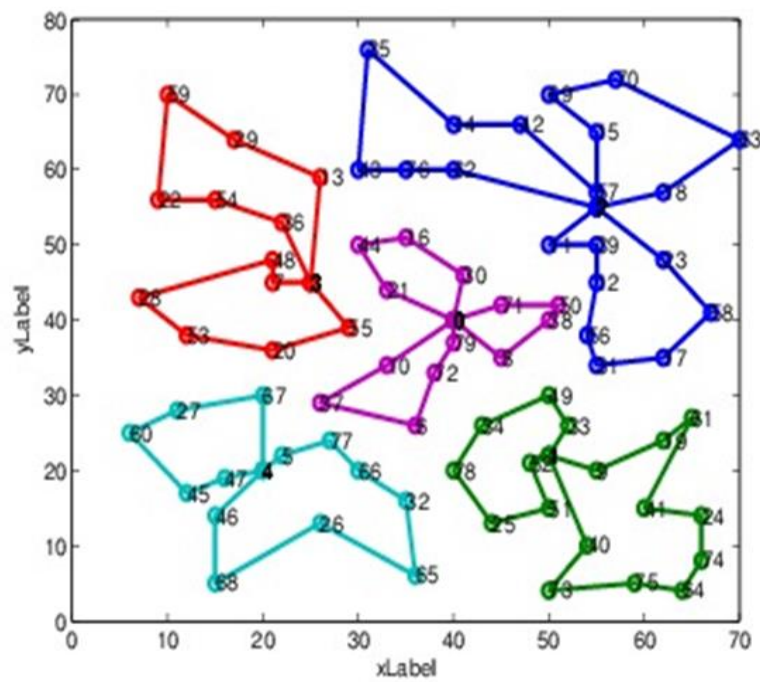
```
1 import math
2 from random import sample
3 from Utilities import Utilities
4
5
6 class GeneticAlgorithm:
7     def __init__(self, vehicles_no, depots_no, customers_no, population_size, generation_size):...
13
14     @staticmethod
15     def generate_chromosome(depot):...
47
48     def generate_population(self, depots_list, offsprings=None):...
67
68     @staticmethod
69     def fitness_func(chromosome):...
85
86     def selection(self, population):...
186
187     def crossover(self, parents):...
164
165     @staticmethod
166     def mutation(population):...
174
175     def run(self, depots_list, customers_list):...
194 |
```

## DE



```
1 import math
2 from random import sample, uniform
3 from Utilities import Utilities
4
5
6 class GeneticAlgorithm:
7     def __init__(self, vehicles_no, depots_no, customers_no, population_size, generation_size):...
13
14     @staticmethod
15     def generate_chromosome(depot):...
43
44     def generate_population(self, depots_list, parents=None):...
62
63     @staticmethod
64     def fitness_func(chromosome):...
75
76     def mutation(self, parents):...
114
115     @staticmethod
116     def crossover(target, mutant):...
123
124     @staticmethod
125     def DE_selection(survivor, targeta):...
142
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144     def run(self, depots_list, customers_list):...
161
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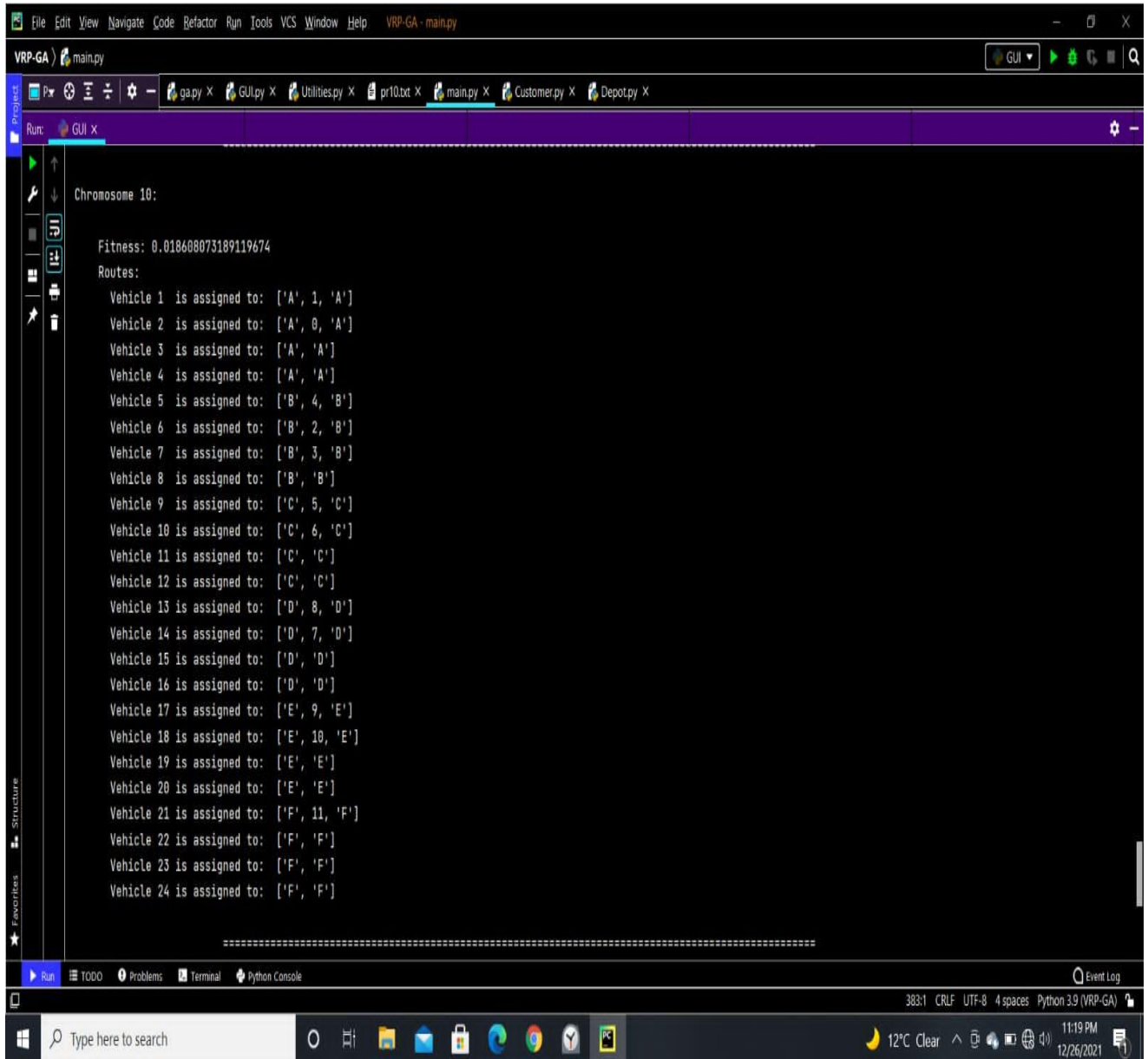
## Results





## 5.2 Samples of output

### GA



```
VRP-GA - main.py
main.py
Run: GUI x
Chromosome 10:
Fitness: 0.018608073189119674
Routes:
Vehicle 1 is assigned to: ['A', 1, 'A']
Vehicle 2 is assigned to: ['A', 0, 'A']
Vehicle 3 is assigned to: ['A', 'A']
Vehicle 4 is assigned to: ['A', 'A']
Vehicle 5 is assigned to: ['B', 4, 'B']
Vehicle 6 is assigned to: ['B', 2, 'B']
Vehicle 7 is assigned to: ['B', 3, 'B']
Vehicle 8 is assigned to: ['B', 'B']
Vehicle 9 is assigned to: ['C', 5, 'C']
Vehicle 10 is assigned to: ['C', 6, 'C']
Vehicle 11 is assigned to: ['C', 'C']
Vehicle 12 is assigned to: ['C', 'C']
Vehicle 13 is assigned to: ['D', 8, 'D']
Vehicle 14 is assigned to: ['D', 7, 'D']
Vehicle 15 is assigned to: ['D', 'D']
Vehicle 16 is assigned to: ['D', 'D']
Vehicle 17 is assigned to: ['E', 9, 'E']
Vehicle 18 is assigned to: ['E', 10, 'E']
Vehicle 19 is assigned to: ['E', 'E']
Vehicle 20 is assigned to: ['E', 'E']
Vehicle 21 is assigned to: ['F', 11, 'F']
Vehicle 22 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']
Vehicle 23 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']
Vehicle 24 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']
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Run | TODO | Problems | Terminal | Python Console | Event Log
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```
VRP-GA - main.py
main.py
GUI
Run: GUI X
vehicle 20 is assigned to: ['E', 'E']
Vehicle 21 is assigned to: ['F', 11, 'F']
Vehicle 22 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']
Vehicle 23 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']
Vehicle 24 is assigned to: ['F', 'F']

=====
Generation: 2 - Highest Fitness: 0.018608073189119678
Generation: 3 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 4 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 5 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 6 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 7 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 8 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
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Generation: 12 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 13 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 14 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 15 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 16 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 17 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 18 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 19 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 20 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 21 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17
Generation: 22 - Highest Fitness: 9.999999999999999e+17

Process finished with exit code 0
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-The Algorithm stopped generating chromosomes after having reached chromosomes of the same fitness 20 times in a row.

-This is due to our conditions of termination which are either to reach 200 generations or generate 20 chromosomes of the same fitness in a row.

-The fitness reached a constant value quickly due to the lack of data.

# DE

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VRP - GApY
Chromosome 10:
Fitness: 0.00010031859648646841
Routes:
Vehicle 1 is assigned to: ['A', 40, 138, 113, 246, 24, 54, 96, 175, 197, 62, 206, 83, 'A']
Vehicle 2 is assigned to: ['A', 164, 236, 58, 104, 98, 86, 135, 51, 95, 55, 187, 235, 'A']
Vehicle 3 is assigned to: ['A', 33, 53, 67, 52, 64, 26, 80, 272, 195, 82, 288, 30, 'A']
Vehicle 4 is assigned to: ['A', 50, 47, 256, 268, 14, 146, 107, 234, 123, 229, 210, 217, 'A']
Vehicle 5 is assigned to: ['B', 263, 32, 157, 10, 179, 265, 261, 'B']
Vehicle 6 is assigned to: ['B', 18, 192, 122, 233, 201, 166, 22, 'B']
Vehicle 7 is assigned to: ['B', 180, 129, 118, 276, 168, 108, 251, 'B']
Vehicle 8 is assigned to: ['B', 92, 126, 244, 17, 277, 274, 'B']
Vehicle 9 is assigned to: ['C', 34, 275, 106, 134, 94, 162, 29, 42, 204, 285, 224, 196, 232, 282, 'C']
Vehicle 10 is assigned to: ['C', 139, 28, 87, 205, 141, 13, 43, 145, 15, 240, 170, 57, 178, 39, 'C']
Vehicle 11 is assigned to: ['C', 69, 249, 35, 156, 11, 211, 91, 254, 23, 239, 191, 151, 262, 199, 'C']
Vehicle 12 is assigned to: ['C', 147, 220, 36, 241, 130, 49, 245, 212, 142, 20, 161, 154, 'C']
Vehicle 13 is assigned to: ['D', 216, 97, 186, 5, 218, 247, 213, 284, 273, 127, 168, 228, 119, 159, 153, 225, 'D']
Vehicle 14 is assigned to: ['D', 267, 180, 66, 271, 270, 287, 257, 183, 269, 219, 31, 37, 3, 45, 198, 163, 'D']
Vehicle 15 is assigned to: ['D', 214, 283, 125, 231, 12, 181, 172, 114, 259, 264, 25, 221, 73, 124, 176, 167, 'D']
Vehicle 16 is assigned to: ['D', 8, 194, 76, 137, 120, 136, 140, 202, 252, 226, 133, 227, 61, 'D']
Vehicle 17 is assigned to: ['E', 90, 169, 115, 242, 101, 2, 105, 158, 41, 110, 258, 253, 286, 72, 203, 'E']
Vehicle 18 is assigned to: ['E', 185, 46, 152, 6, 38, 111, 248, 102, 79, 56, 255, 44, 131, 16, 27, 'E']
Vehicle 19 is assigned to: ['E', 155, 89, 208, 99, 148, 7, 215, 74, 68, 222, 243, 63, 132, 21, 71, 'E']
Vehicle 20 is assigned to: ['E', 81, 109, 237, 128, 59, 174, 78, 1, 230, 250, 88, 200, 150, 121, 'E']
Vehicle 21 is assigned to: ['F', 143, 144, 209, 238, 281, 188, 280, 266, 4, 75, 'F']
Vehicle 22 is assigned to: ['F', 190, 65, 117, 149, 103, 207, 184, 85, 48, 278, 'F']
Vehicle 23 is assigned to: ['F', 9, 279, 112, 193, 70, 177, 165, 93, 223, 173, 'F']
Vehicle 24 is assigned to: ['F', 116, 60, 77, 19, 189, 84, 171, 260, 182, 'F']

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VRP - GApY
Generation: 173 - Highest Fitness: 9.316445855088524e-05
Generation: 174 - Highest Fitness: 9.338131491021572e-05
Generation: 175 - Highest Fitness: 9.338131491021572e-05
Generation: 176 - Highest Fitness: 9.338131491021572e-05
Generation: 177 - Highest Fitness: 9.338131491021572e-05
Generation: 178 - Highest Fitness: 9.338131491021572e-05
Generation: 179 - Highest Fitness: 9.310363143399638e-05
Generation: 180 - Highest Fitness: 9.346873996609653e-05
Generation: 181 - Highest Fitness: 9.33841833719897e-05
Generation: 182 - Highest Fitness: 9.31846837771813e-05
Generation: 183 - Highest Fitness: 9.31846639421644e-05
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Generation: 191 - Highest Fitness: 9.335535594368198e-05
Generation: 192 - Highest Fitness: 9.328334334592945e-05
Generation: 193 - Highest Fitness: 9.328334334592945e-05
Generation: 194 - Highest Fitness: 9.328334334592945e-05
Generation: 195 - Highest Fitness: 9.328334334592945e-05
Generation: 196 - Highest Fitness: 9.3479051200808519e-05
Generation: 197 - Highest Fitness: 9.318476916211954e-05
Generation: 198 - Highest Fitness: 9.348054199890324e-05
Generation: 199 - Highest Fitness: 9.34229942805068e-05
Generation: 200 - Highest Fitness: 9.321461931285522e-05

Process finished with exit code 0

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## 6. Analysis , Discussion , And future work

### Advantages and Disadvantages

**Comparing a differential evolution algorithm to a genetic algorithm is like comparing a screwdriver to a Swiss army knife.** While screwdriver is an excellent tool for screwing and unscrewing screws, it will not do you any good when you want to cut a piece of meat. A Swiss army knife is a general purpose tool, but when trying to deal with screws, you still would rather have a proper screwdriver.

### 6.1 Genetic algorithms

- Advantages

1. **GA** search from a population of points, not a single point.
2. **GA** supports multi-objective optimization.
3. **GA** use payoff (objective function) information, not derivatives.

- Disadvantages

1. **GA** requires less information about the problem, but designing an objective function and getting the representation and operators right can be difficult.
2. Its really hard for people to come up with a good heuristic which actually reflects what we want the algorithm to do.
3. Its also hard to choose parameters like number of generations, population size etc. When we are working even though our heuristic was right we were not realizing it because we were running for a fewer generations.

## 6.2 Differential evolution

- Advantages

1. to find a minimum of a fitness function  $f(x): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Individuals in the population of a differential evolution algorithm are vectors of real numbers.
2. you would be better off to use a differential evolution algorithm to measure fuel consumption on a vehicle model with respect to mass of an engine and a wheel size.
3. . It's the cumulative effect of three or more different changes that give the illusion of choice.

- Disadvantages

1. Some differential equations are not as well-behaved, and show singularities due to a failure to model the problem correctly, or a limitation of the model that was not apparent.
2. Some DE's can be solved analytically in closed-form, but most have to be approximated by numerical procedures, which can be unstable.

## **6.3 The future modifications**

-Once the route assigned to each vehicle in the depot the system try to predict time of the whole trip and display it to each customer(destinations) in addition to displaying time to the depot to regulate the timetable of each vehicle the whole day.

-As a dispatcher , you want to know when your drivers are going off their routes , you can draw a line around the area in which a particular truck's deliveries for the day scheduled to occur ,and then receive automatic alerts if the GPS-tracking shows the driver outside of that zone.

-This gives you the oversight to spot any issues your drivers might be having and immediately reach out of them to resolve the situation and get the route back on track.

## **6.4 Literature Review**

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