Assignment1

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1 IN3050/IN4050 Mandatory Assignment 1: Traveling Salesman Problem

1.1 Rules

Before you begin the exercise, review the rules at this website: https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/compulsory-activities/mn-ifi-mandatory.html (This is an individual assignment. You are not allowed to deliver together or copy/share source-code/answers with others.)

Especially, notice that you are **not allowed to use code or parts of code written by others** in your submission. We do check your code against online repositories, so please be sure to **write all the code yourself**. Read also the "Routines for handling suspicion of cheating and attempted cheating at the University of Oslo": https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/cheating/index.html By submitting this assignment, you confirm that you are familiar with the rules and the consequences of breaking them.

1.1.1 Delivery

Deadline: Friday, February 25 2022, 23:59

Your submission should be delivered in Devilry. You may redeliver in Devilry before the deadline, but include all files in the last delivery, as only the last delivery will be read. You are recommended to upload preliminary versions hours (or days) before the final deadline.

1.1.2 What to deliver?

You are recommended to solve the exercise in a Jupyter notebook, but you might solve it in a Python program if you prefer.

If you choose Jupyter, you should deliver the notebook. You should answer all questions and explain what you are doing in Markdown. Still, the code should be properly commented. The notebook should contain results of your runs. In addition, you should make a pdf of your solution which shows the results of the runs.

If you prefer not to use notebooks, you should deliver the code, your run results, and a pdf-report where you answer all the questions and explain your work.

Your report/notebook should contain your name and username.

Deliver one single zipped folder (.zip, .tgz or .tar.gz) which contains your complete solution.

Important: if you weren't able to finish the assignment, use the PDF report/Markdown to elaborate on what you've tried and what problems you encountered. Students who have made an effort and attempted all parts of the assignment will get a second chance even if they fail initially. This exercise will be graded PASS/FAIL.

1.2 Introduction

In this exercise, you will attempt to solve an instance of the traveling salesman problem (TSP) using different methods. The goal is to become familiar with evolutionary algorithms and to appreciate their effectiveness on a difficult search problem. You may use whichever programming language you like, but we strongly suggest that you try to use Python, since you will be required to write the second assignment in Python. You must write your program from scratch (but you may use non-EA-related libraries).

	Barcelona	Belgrade	Berlin	Brussels	Bucharest	Budapest
Barcelona	0	1528.13	1497.61	1062.89	1968.42	1498.79
Belgrade	1528.13	0	999.25	1372.59	447.34	316.41
Berlin	1497.61	999.25	0	651.62	1293.40	1293.40
Brussels	1062.89	1372.59	651.62	0	1769.69	1131.52
Bucharest	1968.42	447.34	1293.40	1769.69	0	639.77
Budapest	1498.79	316.41	1293.40	1131.52	639.77	0

Figure 1: First 6 cities from csv file.

1.3 Problem

The traveling salesman, wishing to disturb the residents of the major cities in some region of the world in the shortest time possible, is faced with the problem of finding the shortest tour among the cities. A tour is a path that starts in one city, visits all of the other cities, and then returns to the starting point. The relevant pieces of information, then, are the cities and the distances between them. In this instance of the TSP, a number of European cities are to be visited. Their relative distances are given in the data file, european_cities.csv, found in the zip file with the mandatory assignment.

(You will use permutations to represent tours in your programs. If you use Python, the **itertools** module provides a permutations function that returns successive permutations, this is useful for exhaustive search)

1.4 Helper code for visualizing solutions

Here follows some helper code that you can use to visualize the plans you generate. These visualizations can help you check if you are making sensible tours or not. The optimization

algoritms below should hopefully find relatively nice looking tours, but perhaps with a few visible inefficiencies.

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[196]: #Installing a python library for displaying your plans on a map
!pip install basemap
!pip install pandas
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[197]: %matplotlib inline
       import numpy as np
       import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
       from mpl_toolkits.basemap import Basemap
       #Lists of city coordinates
       city_coords={"Barcelona":[2.154007, 41.390205], "Belgrade": [20.46,44.79],__
        →"Berlin": [13.40,52.52], "Brussels": [4.35,50.85], "Bucharest": [26.10,44.44],
        →"Budapest": [19.04,47.50], "Copenhagen": [12.57,55.68], "Dublin": [-6.27,53.
        →35], "Hamburg": [9.99, 53.55], "Istanbul": [28.98, 41.02], "Kiev": [30.52,50.
        →45], "London": [-0.12,51.51], "Madrid": [-3.70,40.42], "Milan": [9.19,45.46],
        →"Moscow": [37.62,55.75], "Munich": [11.58,48.14], "Paris": [2.35,48.86], □
        → "Prague": [14.42,50.07], "Rome": [12.50,41.90], "Saint Petersburg": [30.31,59.
        →94], "Sofia": [23.32,42.70], "Stockholm": [18.06,59.33], "Vienna": [16.36,48.
        →21], "Warsaw": [21.02,52.24]}
[198]: #Helper code for plotting plans
       #First, visualizing the cities.
       import csv
       import pandas as pd
       df = pd.read_csv("european_cities.csv", delimiter = ";")
       data = [list(row) for row in df.values]
       fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
       m = Basemap(projection='lcc', resolution=None,
                   width=4E6, height=3E6,
                   lat_0=49, lon_0=13,)
       m.etopo(scale=0.5, alpha=0.5)
       # Map (long, lat) to (x, y) for plotting
       for city,location in city_coords.items():
           x, y = m(location[0], location[1])
           plt.plot(x, y, 'ok', markersize=5)
           plt.text(x, y, city, fontsize=12);
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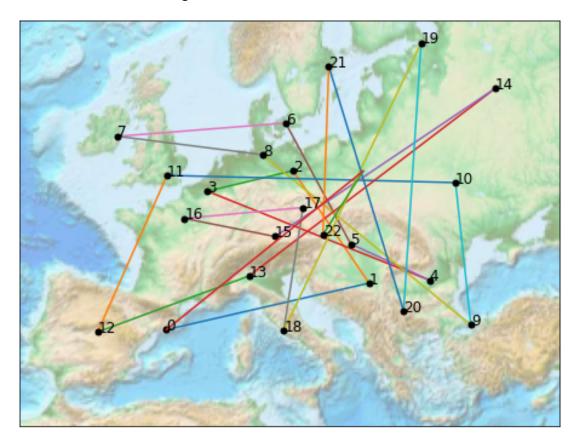
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[199]: #A method you can use to plot your plan on the map.
       def plot_plan(city_order):
           fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
           m = Basemap(projection='lcc', resolution=None,
                       width=4E6, height=3E6,
                       lat_0=49, lon_0=13,)
           m.etopo(scale=0.5, alpha=0.5)
           # Map (long, lat) to (x, y) for plotting
           for index in range(len(city_order) -1):
               current_city_coords = city_coords[city_order[index]]
              next_city_coords = city_coords[city_order[index+1]]
              x, y = m(current_city_coords[0], current_city_coords[1])
               #Plotting a line to the next city
              next_x, next_y = m(next_city_coords[0], next_city_coords[1])
              plt.plot([x,next_x], [y,next_y])
              plt.plot(x, y, 'ok', markersize=5)
              plt.text(x, y, index, fontsize=12);
           #Finally, plotting from last to first city
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first_city_coords = city_coords[city_order[0]]
first_x, first_y = m(first_city_coords[0], first_city_coords[1])
plt.plot([next_x,first_x],[next_y,first_y])
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[200]: #Example usage of the plotting-method. plan = list(city_coords.keys()) # Gives us the cities in alphabetic order print(plan) plot_plan(plan)

['Barcelona', 'Belgrade', 'Berlin', 'Brussels', 'Bucharest', 'Budapest', 'Copenhagen', 'Dublin', 'Hamburg', 'Istanbul', 'Kiev', 'London', 'Madrid', 'Milan', 'Moscow', 'Munich', 'Paris', 'Prague', 'Rome', 'Saint Petersburg', 'Sofia', 'Stockholm', 'Vienna', 'Warsaw']

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1.5 Exhaustive Search

First, try to solve the problem by inspecting every possible tour. Start by writing a program to find the shortest tour among a subset of the cities (say, 6 of them). Measure the amount of time your program takes. Incrementally add more cities and observe how the time increases. Plot the shortest tours you found using the plot plan method above, for 6 and 10 cities.

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[202]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from itertools import permutations
import time
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[221]: #Implementation of the exhaustive method
       def exhaustive_method(data):
           #Here we apply the shape and len of our cities to two list N and Order
           N = np.shape(data)[0]
           Order = np.arange(N)
           #This will be the total distance we will be calculating
           distance = 0
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           Here its mostly just tuple manipulation and we are going through every city_{\sqcup}
        \rightarrow distance value and adding them to the total
           11 11 11
           for i in range(N - 1):
               distance += data[Order[i]][Order[i + 1]]
           distance += data[Order[N-1]][Order[0]]
           .....
           Now here is where the exhaustive method is being used: permutations allows \Box
        →us to shuffle the values in the arrays.
           So we use the same method as before with a new distance called posDistance
           for nOrder in permutations(range(N)):
               posDistance = 0
               for i in range(N - 1):
                    posDistance += data[nOrder[i]][nOrder[i + 1]]
               posDistance += data[nOrder[N-1]][nOrder[0]]
                ,, ,, ,,
               Finally we compare the two distances and take the one that is smallest, ...
        → this will be running continiously for every
               distance in the excel file and keep replacing the distance value, Order
        → then gets changed with the newOrder we obtain in
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permutations
"""

if posDistance < distance:
    distance = posDistance
    Order = nOrder

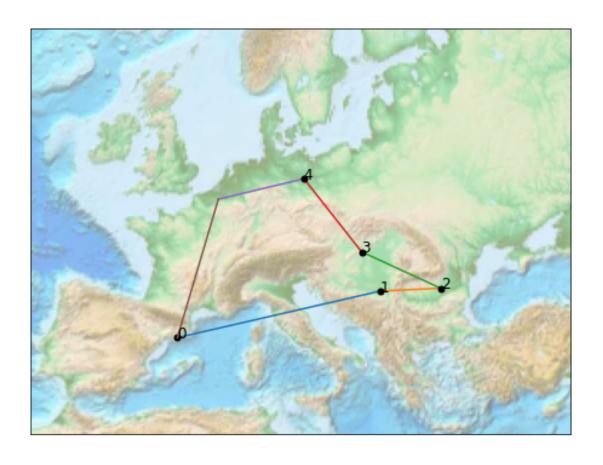
return Order, distance</pre>
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It will go from: ['Barcelona', 'Belgrade', 'Bucharest', 'Budapest', 'Berlin', 'Brussels'] and the total distance is 5018.809999999995

The time it took to compute this is 0.0014562606811523438 seconds

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[223]: #This is for computing 10 cities
longer_graph = []

for index in range(10):
    longer_graph.append(data[index])

#Finding the total time it takes to compute this
start_time = time.time()
Ncity_Order, Ndistance = exhaustive_method(longer_graph)
end_time = time.time()

#Convert the list of cities to its corresponding names
for index in range(10):
    longer_plan.append(plan[Ncity_Order[index]])

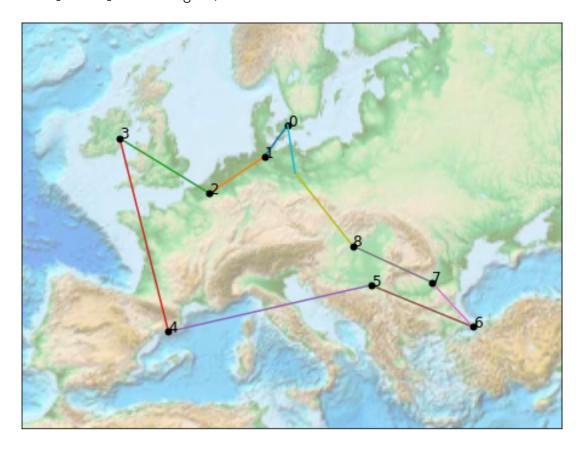
print(f"It will go from: {longer_plan} and the total distance is {Ndistance}")
print(f"The time it took to compute this is {end_time - start_time} seconds")
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plot_plan(longer_plan)

It will go from: ['Copenhagen', 'Hamburg', 'Brussels', 'Dublin', 'Barcelona', 'Belgrade', 'Istanbul', 'Bucharest', 'Budapest', 'Berlin'] and the total distance is 7486.30999999999

The time it took to compute this is 9.979518175125122 seconds

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What is the shortest tour (i.e., the actual sequence of cities, and its length) among the first 10 cities (that is, the cities starting with B,C,D,H and I)? How long did your program take to find it? Calculate an approximation of how long it would take to perform exhaustive search on all 24 cities?

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[224]: import math as math print(f"It would take about {math.factorial(24)/(math. 
→factorial(10)*60*60*24*365)} years to run this")
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It would take about 5421706833.008219 years to run this

1.6 Hill Climbing

Then, write a simple hill climber to solve the TSP. How well does the hill climber perform, compared to the result from the exhaustive search for the first **10 cities**? Since you are dealing with a stochastic algorithm, you should run the algorithm several times to measure its performance. Report the length of the tour of the best, worst and mean of 20 runs (with random starting tours), as well as the standard deviation of the runs, both with the **10 first cities**, and with all **24 cities**. Plot one of the the plans from the 20 runs for both 10 cities and 24 cities (you can use plot_plan).

```
[207]: #Implementation of the hill climbing method
       def hill(data):
           N = np.shape(data)[0]
           Order = np.arange(N)
           This is necessary for the hill climbing calculation so we dont get stuck_{\sqcup}
        ⇒with a single answer as such running a random
           shuffle keep the city order in check
           np.random.shuffle(Order)
           Here we apply the same method as in exhaustive method, we find the total,
        \rightarrow sum of the entire array list
           distance = 0
           for i in range(N-1):
               distance += data[Order[i]][Order[i+1]]
           distance += data[Order[N-1]][Order[0]]
           #Here is where the hill climbing takes part
           for i in range(1000):
               #We first calculate the random order of cities we will be selecting to,
        \rightarrowswitch N times
               rand_num0 = np.random.randint(N)
               rand_num1 = np.random.randint(N)
                #Making sure that the random order isnt the same
               if rand_num0 != rand_num1:
                    #Then we apply the shuffle between the two random orders we have
        \hookrightarrow given
                    posOrder = Order.copy()
                    posOrder[[rand_num0,rand_num1]] = posOrder[[rand_num1,rand_num0]]
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#Then same system as in exhaustive method we apply a new__

possibleDistance and compute its sum

posDistance = 0

for j in range(N - 1):

    posDistance += data[posOrder[j]][posOrder[j+1]]

posDistance += data[posOrder[N-1]][posOrder[0]]

#Same as before. We find the shortnest distance and its__

corresponding order

if posDistance < distance:
    distance = posDistance

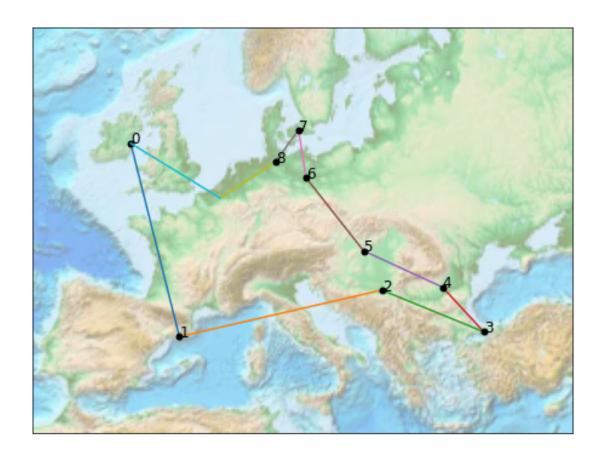
Order = posOrder

return Order, distance
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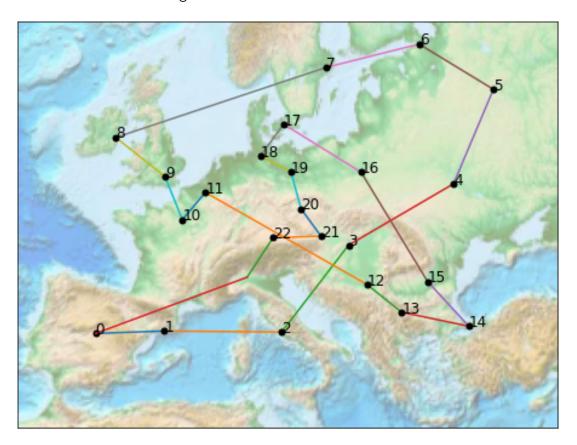
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Hill climbing method found this list :['Dublin', 'Barcelona', 'Belgrade', 'Istanbul', 'Bucharest', 'Budapest', 'Berlin', 'Copenhagen', 'Hamburg', 'Brussels'] with a total distance of 7486.31

It took 0.014139413833618164 seconds to compute this

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1.7 Genetic Algorithm

Next, write a genetic algorithm (GA) to solve the problem. Choose mutation and crossover operators that are appropriate for the problem (see chapter 4.5 of the Eiben and Smith textbook). Choose three different values for the population size. Define and tune other parameters yourself and make assumptions as necessary (and report them, of course).

For all three variants: As with the hill climber, report best, worst, mean and standard deviation of tour length out of 20 runs of the algorithm (of the best individual of last generation). Also, find and plot the average fitness of the best fit individual in each generation (average across runs), and include a figure with all three curves in the same plot in the report. Conclude which is best in terms of tour length and number of generations of evolution time.

Finally, plot an example optimized tour (the best of the final generation) for the three different population sizes, using the plot_plan method.

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[265]: import sys

#This is mostly to just keep track of each generation
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np.random.seed(1821)
A short explanation of the general idea behind genetic algorithm. GA works a_{\sqcup}
\hookrightarrow lot in the same method of how organisms live in
nature i.e those who best adapt to the current environment will make offspring
→ and thus give their traits to said offsprings
those traits being called mutations.
GA code take a population and puts it through the environment, in this case the \Box
⇔enviroment being the goal of finding the least
distance possible.
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Here we start by creating a random population, and the data being the excel_{\sqcup}
⇔file we recieved. Parents are the surviving members
for the next generation. Score being the total distance in our question, and
⇒best is the best gene that we iterated aka the
order of cities that we will travel.
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class Population():
    def __init__(self, population, data):
        self.population = population
        self.parents = []
        self.score = 0
        self.best = None
        self.data = data
    fitness just finds the sum of all possible distances between two cities in \Box
\hookrightarrow the data
    def fitness(self, gene):
        return sum([self.data[gene[i], gene[i + 1]] for i in range(len(gene) -
\hookrightarrow 1)])
    Evaluate allows us to find the one with the shortest distance between two_{\sqcup}
 ⇒cities and adds that to the best score/parent.
    The last lines makes it so the worst gene gets removed
    n n n
    def evaluate(self):
        distances = np.asarray([self.fitness(gene) for gene in self.population])
        self.score = np.min(distances)
        self.best = self.population[distances.tolist().index(self.score)]
        self.parents.append(self.best)
        if False in (distances[0] == distances):
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distances = np.max(distances) - distances
       return distances / np.sum(distances)
   Selection takes the surviving genes of evaluate and puts them through a_{\sqcup}
→random number trial in which only 4 shall survive
   to the next generation. It is important to not set parent to too high of all
→number or else we might get stuck with a bad
   output the same applies vice versa
   def select(self, parent = 6):
       fit = self.evaluate()
       while len(self.parents) < parent:</pre>
           rand = np.random.randint(0, len(fit))
           if fit[rand] > np.random.rand():
               self.parents.append(self.population[idx])
       self.parents = np.asarray(self.parents)
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   Crossover_mutation takes parents that made it to the next generation gives \sqcup
→ their children a random amount of their genes.
   Genes being the list array of the city order. We also make sure that we_{\sqcup}
\rightarrow dont have the same numbers printed out as to avoid
   coming back to the same place.
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   def crossover_mutation(self, cross=0.1):
       children = []
       count, size = self.parents.shape
       for _ in range(len(self.population)):
           if np.random.rand() > cross:
               children.append(list(self.parents[np.random.randint(count,
→size=1)[0]]))
           else:
               parent1, parent2 = self.parents[np.random.randint(count,__
⇒size=2), :]
               rand = np.random.choice(range(size), size=2, replace=False)
               start, end = min(rand), max(rand)
               child = [None] * size
               for i in range(start, end + 1, 1):
                    child[i] = parent1[i]
               pointer = 0
               for i in range(size):
                    if child[i] is None:
                        while parent2[pointer] in child:
                            pointer += 1
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child[i] = parent2[pointer]
                 children.append(child)
        return children
    Here it takes in the crossover data and apply a random chance of said_{\sqcup}
→mutation to make it through to the next generation.
    This chance can be manipulated and then a new population is then created
    def mutation(self, cross=0.1, mut=0.1):
        new_population = []
        children = self.crossover_mutation(cross)
        for child in children:
            if np.random.rand() < mut:</pre>
                 new_population.append(swap(child))
            else:
                new_population.append(child)
        return new_population
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Here is a simple method of generating all the permutations of the possible \sqcup
\hookrightarrow cities. Those permutations becomes the population
def init_population(cities, data, n_population):
    return Population(np.asarray([np.random.permutation(cities) for _ in_
→range(n population)]),data)
Swap is the mutation it simply swaps a random gene or in our case a number in \Box
→ the array or population
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def swap(gene):
    a, b = np.random.choice(len(gene), 2)
    gene[a], gene[b] = (gene[b],gene[a],)
    return gene
Here we just add all the information we gathered and find the best score and \sqcup
\hookrightarrow its array
def genetic_algorithm(cities, data, n_population = 6, generations = 30, reducer_
\Rightarrow= 20, cross = 0.5, mut = 0.5,):
    pop = init_population(cities, data, n_population)
    best = pop.best
    score = sys.maxsize #Just a biq number
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for i in range(generations):
    #reducer simply acts as a way to even more thin down the numbers to get_□

→ a better result with fewer generations
    pop.select(n_population/reducer)

if pop.score < score:
    best = pop.best
    score = pop.score

children = pop.mutation(cross, mut)
    pop = Population(children, pop.data)

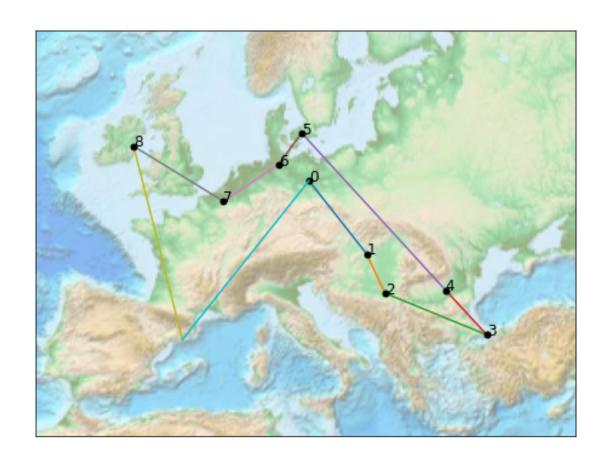
print(f"After {generations} Generations the total distance is {score}")
    return best
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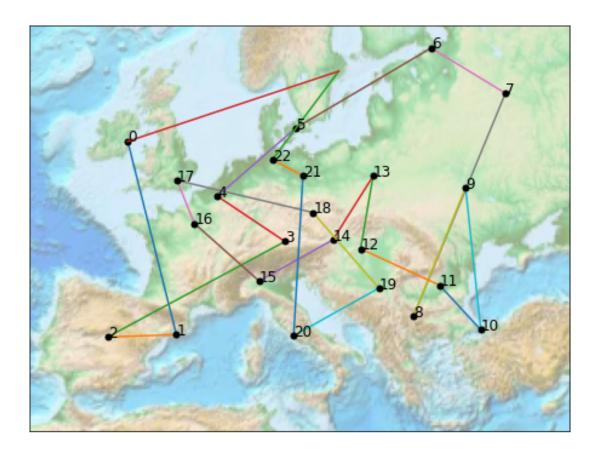
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[266]: #This here is for printing out the full 24 cities
      nCities = np.shape(data)[0]
      cities = np.arange(nCities)
       #For printing out the first 10 cities
      short_cities = cities[:10]
      #Taking the shortened data and the data
      data = np.asarray(data)
      short_data = np.asarray(data[:10])
      #Finding the time it will take to compute
      startT = time.time()
      short_GA_cities = genetic_algorithm(short_cities,short_data)
      endT = time.time()
      #Same as before, we convert the corresponding array to its city
      s_GA_plan = []
      for index in range(len(short_cities)):
           s_GA_plan.append(plan[short_GA_cities[index]])
      print(f"The order of 10 cities that GA computed is {s_GA_plan}")
      print(f"Total time was {endT - startT}")
      #We repeat the process for the 24 cities
      startT = time.time()
      GA_cities = genetic_algorithm(cities, data)
      endT = time.time()
      GA_plan = []
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for index in range(len(cities)):
    GA_plan.append(plan[GA_cities[index]])
print(f"The order of 24 cities that GA computed is {GA_plan}")
print(f"Total time was {endT - startT}")
After 30 Generations the total distance is 6852.33
The order of 10 cities that GA computed is ['Berlin', 'Budapest', 'Belgrade',
'Istanbul', 'Bucharest', 'Copenhagen', 'Hamburg', 'Brussels', 'Dublin',
'Barcelona'l
Total time was 0.016928911209106445
After 30 Generations the total distance is 18987.430000000004
The order of 24 cities that GA computed is ['Dublin', 'Barcelona', 'Madrid',
'Munich', 'Brussels', 'Copenhagen', 'Saint Petersburg', 'Moscow', 'Sofia',
'Kiev', 'Istanbul', 'Bucharest', 'Budapest', 'Warsaw', 'Vienna', 'Milan',
'Paris', 'London', 'Prague', 'Belgrade', 'Rome', 'Berlin', 'Hamburg',
'Stockholm'
Total time was 0.018373727798461914
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[267]: plot_plan(s_GA_plan) plot_plan(GA_plan)
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Clipping input data to the valid range for imshow with RGB data ([0..1] for floats or [0..255] for integers). Clipping input data to the valid range for imshow with RGB data ([0..1] for floats or [0..255] for integers).





Among the first 10 cities, did your GA find the shortest tour (as found by the exhaustive search)? Did it come close?

For both 10 and 24 cities: How did the running time of your GA compare to that of the exhaustive search?

How many tours were inspected by your GA as compared to by the exhaustive search?

For the 10 cities GA came fairly close to the exhaustive method and it was in a much shorter time. As for the 24 cities it is fairly obvious that GA did exponentially better as it took 11ms to compute whilst exhaustive method would take longer to compute than the Andromeda galaxy crashing with our solar system or take around the same time as it will take for the sun to explode.