

Computational Physics Homework 5

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Implementation of V.Cerny algorithm to the TSP

We will go directly to the algorithm. The paper by Cerny describes the next algorithm:

We start by introducing some notations. We consider the traveling salesman problem for N stations. Let D be a $N \times N$ matrix with the elements $D(i, j)$ giving the distance from the i th station to the j th station. Let s_1^N, c_1^N, t_1^N denote permutations of integers $1, 2, \dots, N$. Then, the problem is to find a permutation c for which the total length

$$d = D(c_N, c_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} D(c_k, c_{k+1})$$

is minimal. We propose the following algorithm.

- Step 0. Choose an arbitrary starting permutation s_1^N . Choose a real number (temperature) T .

```
1 import random
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import sys
4 import Dmatrix
5
6
7 # Store the station coordinates for plotting
8 station_coords = [(0,0),(1,0),(1,1),(0,1),(10,0),(5,6),(4,9),(5,9),(7,3),(4,2)]
9
10 # Define the number of stations (N) and the distance matrix D
11 D = Dmatrix.generate_distance_matrix(station_coords)
12 N = len(station_coords)
13
14 initial_temperature = 1000
15 starting_permutation = list(range(1, N + 1))
16 random.shuffle(starting_permutation)
```

- Step 1. Set $c_k = s_k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, B$. Calculate the corresponding length

$$d = D(c_N, c_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} D(c_k, c_{k+1})$$

```
1 # Step 1: Initialize the current tour (c) with the starting permutation
2 current_tour = starting_permutation
3
4 # Calculate the length (d) of the current tour
5 total_length = sum(D[current_tour[i] - 1][current_tour[i + 1] - 1] for i in ←
    range(N - 1))
6 total_length += D[current_tour[N - 1] - 1][current_tour[0] - 1]
```

- Step 2. Set $i = 1$.
- Step 3. Generate randomly an integer j , $1 \leq j \leq N, j \neq i$

```
1 i = 1
2
3 while i <= N:
4     # Step 3: Generate a random integer j, 1 <= j <= N, j != i
5     j = random.choice([x for x in range(1, N + 1) if x != i])
```

- Step 4. Construct a trial permutation from the current permutation as follows. Find

$$\tilde{i} = \min(i, j), \quad \tilde{j} = \max(i, j)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} t_k &= c_k & k &= 1, 2, \dots, i-1 \\ t_{\tilde{i}+k} &= c_{\tilde{j}-k} & k &= 0, 1, 2, \dots, \tilde{j}-\tilde{i} \\ t_k &= c_k & k &= \tilde{j}+1, \tilde{j}+2, \dots, N. \end{aligned}$$

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1  # Step 4: Construct a trial permutation (t) based on i and j
2  i_prime = min(i, j)
3  j_prime = max(i, j)
4
5  trial_tour = [0] * N
6
7  for k in range(i_prime - 1):
8      trial_tour[k] = current_tour[k]
9
10 for k in range(j_prime - i_prime + 1):
11     trial_tour[i_prime + k - 1] = current_tour[j_prime - k - 1]
12
13 for k in range(j_prime, N):
14     trial_tour[k] = current_tour[k]
```

- Step 5. Calculate the length corresponding to the trial permutation

$$d' = D(t_n, t_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} D(t_k, t_{k+1})$$

```

1  # Step 5: Calculate the length (d') of the trial permutation
2  total_length_trial = D[trial_tour[N - 1] - 1][trial_tour[0] - 1]
3  for k in range(N - 1):
4      total_length_trial += D[trial_tour[k] - 1][trial_tour[k + 1] - 1]
```

- Step 6. If $d' < d$, go to Step 7; otherwise, generate a random number $x, 0 < x < 1$. Then $x < \exp\{(d - d')/T\}$, go to Step 7; otherwise go to Step 8.
- Step 7. Set $c_k = t_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Set $d = d'$.
- Step 8. Increase i by one. Then, if $i \leq N$, go to Step 3; otherwise, go to Step 2.

```

1  # Step 6: Accept or reject the trial solution based on the change in length ←
    and temperature
2  if total_length_trial < total_length:
3      current_tour = trial_tour
4      total_length = total_length_trial
5
6  # Step 8: Increase i by one
7  i += 1
8
9  # Check if the current solution is the best found so far
10 if total_length < best_length:
11     best_tour = current_tour.copy()
12     best_length = total_length
13
14 # Reduce the temperature using the cooling rate
15 current_temperature *= cooling_rate
```

Now, implementing a cooling rate to explore a bigger set of solutions (because this algorithm is not deterministic) and find the best of the solutions:

```
1 import random
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 import sys
5 import Dmatrix
6
7
8 # Store the station coordinates for plotting
9
10 station_coords = [put here your cords]
11 N = len(station_coords)
12 D = Dmatrix.generate_distance_matrix(station_coords)
13 # Define the number of stations (N) and the distance matrix D
14
15 initial_temperature = 1000
16 cooling_rate = 0.999
17
18 # Initialize the best tour and length
19 best_tour = []
20 best_length = sys.maxsize
21
22 current_temperature = initial_temperature
23
24 # Create lists to store best tours and their lengths for each iteration
25 best_tours_history = []
26 best_lengths_history = []
27
28 # Step 0: choose an arbitrary starting permutation {s_i}_1^N
29 starting_permutation = list(range(1, N + 1))
30 random.shuffle(starting_permutation)
31
32 # Step 1: Initialize the current tour (c) with the starting permutation
33 current_tour = starting_permutation
34
35 while current_temperature > 1e-3: # Adjust the threshold as needed
36
37     # Calculate the length (d) of the current tour
38     total_length = sum(D[current_tour[i] - 1][current_tour[i + 1] - 1] for i in ←
        range(N - 1))
39     total_length += D[current_tour[N - 1] - 1][current_tour[0] - 1]
40
41     i = 1
42
43     while i <= N:
44         # Step 3: Generate a random integer j, 1 <= j <= N, j != i
45         j = random.choice([x for x in range(1, N + 1) if x != i])
46
47         # Step 4: Construct a trial permutation (t) based on i and j
48         i_prime = min(i, j)
49         j_prime = max(i, j)
50
51         trial_tour = [0] * N
52
53         for k in range(i_prime - 1):
54             trial_tour[k] = current_tour[k]
55
56         for k in range(j_prime - i_prime + 1):
57             trial_tour[i_prime + k - 1] = current_tour[j_prime - k - 1]
```

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58
59     for k in range(j_prime, N):
60         trial_tour[k] = current_tour[k]
61
62
63     # Step 5: Calculate the length (d') of the trial permutation
64     total_length_trial = D[trial_tour[N - 1] - 1][trial_tour[0] - 1]
65     for k in range(N - 1):
66         total_length_trial += D[trial_tour[k] - 1][trial_tour[k + 1] - 1]
67
68     # Step 6: Accept or reject the trial solution based on the change in length ↔
69     # and temperature
70     if total_length_trial < total_length:
71         current_tour = trial_tour
72         total_length = total_length_trial
73
74     # Step 8: Increase i by one
75     i += 1
76
77     # Check if the current solution is the best found so far
78     if total_length < best_length:
79         best_tour = current_tour.copy()
80         best_length = total_length
81
82     # Append the current best tour and length to the history lists
83     best_tours_history.append(best_tour)
84     best_lengths_history.append(best_length)
85
86     # Reduce the temperature using the cooling rate
87     current_temperature *= cooling_rate
88
89     # Plot the last best tour
90     plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
91     plt.scatter([coord[0] for coord in station_coords], [coord[1] for coord in ←
92         station_coords],
93                 c='blue', marker='o', label='Stations', s=100)
94
95     # Add labels for each point
96     for i, coord in enumerate(station_coords):
97         plt.text(coord[0], coord[1], str(i + 1), fontsize=11, ha='center', va='center', ←
98                 color='white')
99
100     # Create lines to represent the last best tour
101     tour_x = [station_coords[i - 1][0] for i in best_tour]
102     tour_y = [station_coords[i - 1][1] for i in best_tour]
103     tour_x.append(station_coords[best_tour[0] - 1][0])
104     tour_y.append(station_coords[best_tour[0] - 1][1])
105
106     # Print the final best tour and length
107     print("Best Tour:", best_tour)
108     print("Best Length:", best_length)
109
110     # Plot the last best tour
111     plt.plot(tour_x, tour_y, c='red', linestyle='--', marker='o', label='Best Tour', ←
112             markersize=8)
113     plt.title("Last Best TSP Solution")
114     plt.xlabel("X Coordinate")
115     plt.ylabel("Y Coordinate")
116     plt.legend()
117     plt.grid(True)
118     plt.show()

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115
116 # Create a line plot to visualize the convergence of lengths
117 plt.plot(best_lengths_history, marker='o', linestyle='-', color='b')
118 plt.title("Convergence of Lengths")
119 plt.xlabel("Iteration")
120 plt.ylabel("Length")
121 plt.grid(True)
122 plt.show()
```

Some tests to the algorithm.

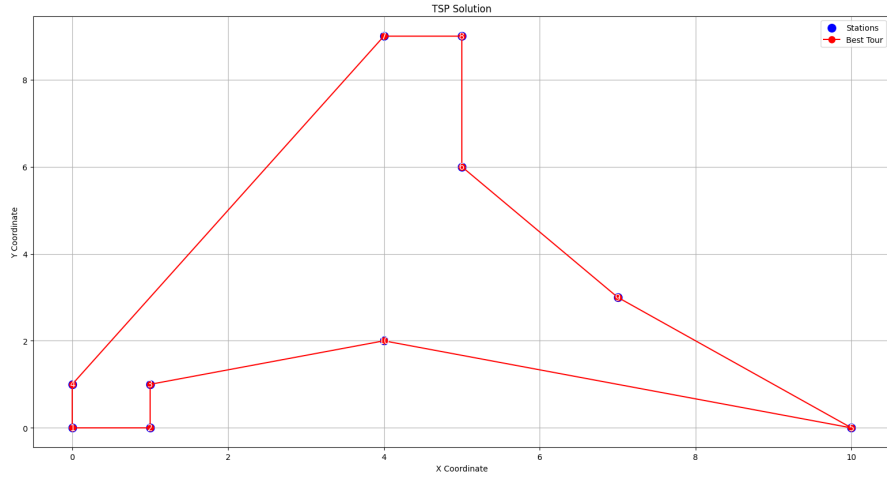


Figure 1: TSP solution for some random stations: $(0,0),(1,0),(1,1),(0,1),(10,0),(5,6),(4,9),(5,9),(7,3),(4,2)$

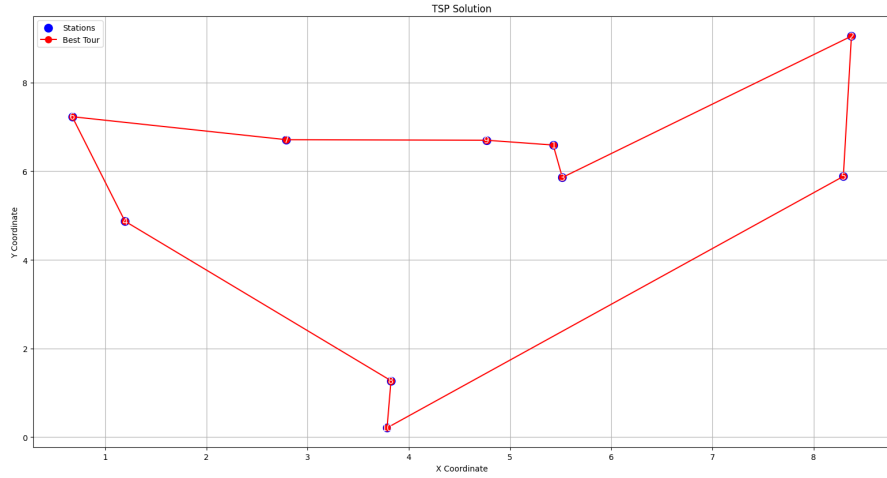


Figure 2: TSP solution for some random stations: $(7.18595741997901, 7.253341694888725), (9.859871610223017, 0.7662647426988956), (2.307605846919235, 8.742757278977052), (8.520838782972039, 4.021150355784897), (2.4908764962726093, 5.758060625913367), (1.919270454080455, 0.369268569649589), (1.5991480695797233, 6.343000939793056), (7.3042243364926, 0.3873113060467248), (5.790183008710079, 9.279734749343852), (2.226796786397618, 0.5195162771424)$

For a small quantity of stations, the algorithm behaves as expected, giving us the absolute minima of the trajectories. Now, for more points:

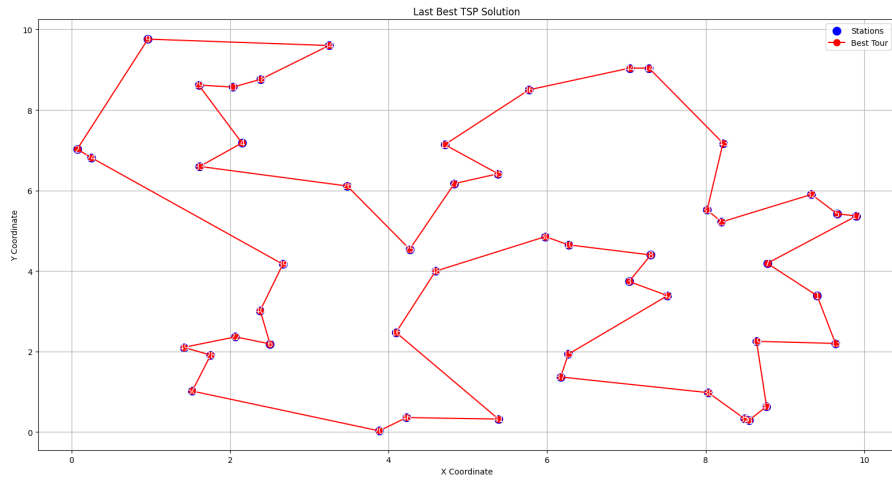


Figure 3: TSP solutions for some random stations.

We can even consider a more symmetric case. Let us work in the case of 119 points distributed along the circumference of a circle of radius 10:

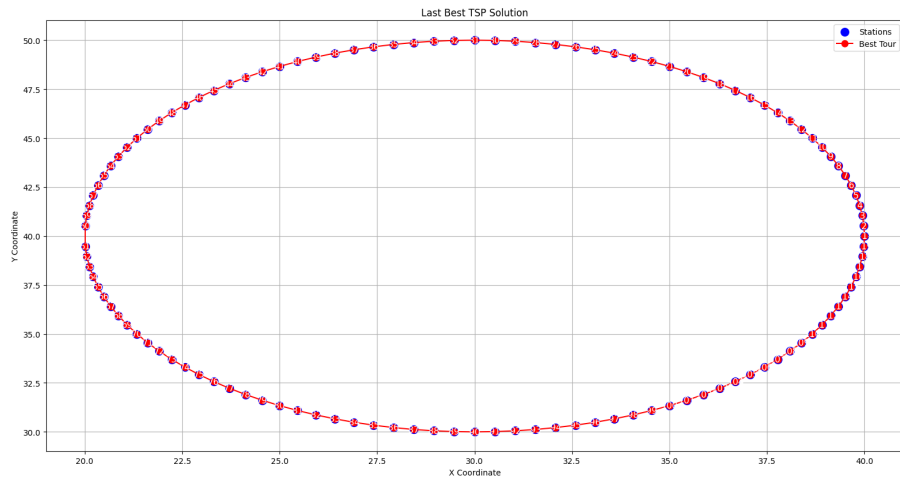


Figure 4: Symmetric TSP

Is clear that we get the optimal solution, $l = 62.82431713143947$, pretty close to the length of the circumference of the circle,