

Iterated Local Search

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Optimization Methods



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function *LocalSearch*(*s*)

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1: currentvalue  $\leftarrow f(s)$ 
2: bestvalue  $\leftarrow$  currentvalue
3: bestneighbor  $\leftarrow s$ 
4: for t in neighborhood(s) do
5:   if (f(t) < bestvalue) then
6:     bestvalue  $\leftarrow f(t)$ 
7:     bestneighbor  $\leftarrow t$ 
8:   end if
9: end for
10: Improved  $\leftarrow$  (bestvalue < currentvalue)
11: return (Improved, bestneighbor)
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Algorithm of the Iterated Local Search

Iterated Local Search

function *IteratedLS*(*s*)

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1: *Improved* \leftarrow **true**

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3: (*Improved*, *bestneighbor*) \leftarrow *LocalSearch*(*s*)

4: **end while**

5: **return** *bestneighbor*

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NEH

function $NEH(s)$

Require: The list of the $(p_{1,j}, p_{2,j}, d_j)$'s

Ensure: A permutation corresponding to NEH is returned.

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1:  $s \leftarrow$  Sort the jobs in an initial order # e.g. EDD or ... ?
2:  $neh \leftarrow [s(1)]$ 
3: for  $k$  from 2 to  $n$  do #  $neh$  is a list of  $k - 1$  elements
4:    $(mini, nextneh) \leftarrow (+\infty, [])$ 
5:   for  $j$  from 1 to  $k$  do
6:      $\sigma \leftarrow$  Insert job  $s(k)$  in position  $j$  in  $neh$ 
7:     if  $(\bar{T}(\sigma) < mini)$  then
8:        $(mini, nextneh) \leftarrow (\bar{T}(\sigma), \sigma)$ 
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11:   $neh \leftarrow nextneh$ 
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13: return  $neh$ 

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Raw results

See the spreadsheet.

Conclusion

What can we conclude from all these numbers?

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