Modern Approaches to The Rich Vehicle Routing Problem

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Outline

- Routing in the real world
- The Vehicle Routing Problem
- Genetic and Memetic Algorithms
- Agent-based models and Probability Collectives
- Human Assisted Routing
- Conclusions

Routing Irl!

- The Post Office does routing!
- Uber does routing!
- Routing is expensive!

Traveling Salesman



Vehicle Routing Problem



Rich Vehicle Routing Problem

Decentralized Vehicle Routing Problem



Vehicle Routing Problem with Time Windows



Genetic Algorithms I

Genetic Algorithms II



Memetic Algorithms



Hybrid Genetic Search with Advanced Diversity Control



The algorithm, approximately.

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Initialize population:
while number of interactions without improvement < It, and time
< T<sub>max</sub> do
   Select parent solutions P_1 and P_2;
   Create offspring C from P_1 and P_2 (crossover);
   Educate C (local search procedure):
   if C infeasible then
       Insert C into infeasible subpopulation;
       Repair with probability P_rep;
   end
   if C feasible then
       Insert C into feasible subpopulation:
   end
   if maximum subpopulation size reached then
       Select survivors:
   end
   if best solution not improved for It<sub>div</sub> iterations then
       Diversify population;
   end
   Adjust penalty parameters for infeasibility;
   if number of iterations = k \times lt_{dec} where k \in \mathbb{N} then
       Henry: k made up of natural numbers?;
       Decompose the master problem;
       Use HGSADC on each subproblem;
       Reconstitute three solutions, and insert them in the population;
   end
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return best feasible solution:

Might not include in paper



Agents!

Reverse Vickrey Auction

Distributed RVA routing Algorithm

Probability Collectives



Probability Collectives Algorithm I



Probability Collectives Algorithm II



Human Assisted Routing



Routing Irl!

- The HGSADC is the best.
- Probability Collectives is best distributed system.
- Humans are still better than computers at guessing.
- Challenges remain in routing with dynamic constraints.

Column Example

Same genome can lead to different physical structures or behavior depending on environmental factors.

