

Assignment 4: Candidate Moves

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Source code:

https://github.com/MatTheTab/Evolutionary-Computation/blob/main/Assignment%204%20Candidate%20moves/Assignment_4_Candidate_moves.ipynb

1. Description of the Problem

Analogously to the previous reports, the problem definition stays consistent with the redefined TSP problem. However, this time the focus will be on improving the tested algorithms' computational speed rather than improving the solution score like previously. This particular report utilizes the candidate moves used on the steepest algorithm with the starting solution being the random solution, to generate the new and improved score more quickly than previously. Regardless, even though the definition of the redefined TSP stays the same, for the sake of clarity we have decided to include the definition of the problem below:

Decision Variables:

$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ - included edges

$y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ - visited nodes

Objective Function:

$$\min \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i \right)$$

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$$\sum_{j \in V} x_{ij} = 2y_i, \forall i \in V; \text{ where } V \text{ is a set of all vertices}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \geq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \forall i, j \in V$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \forall i \in V$$

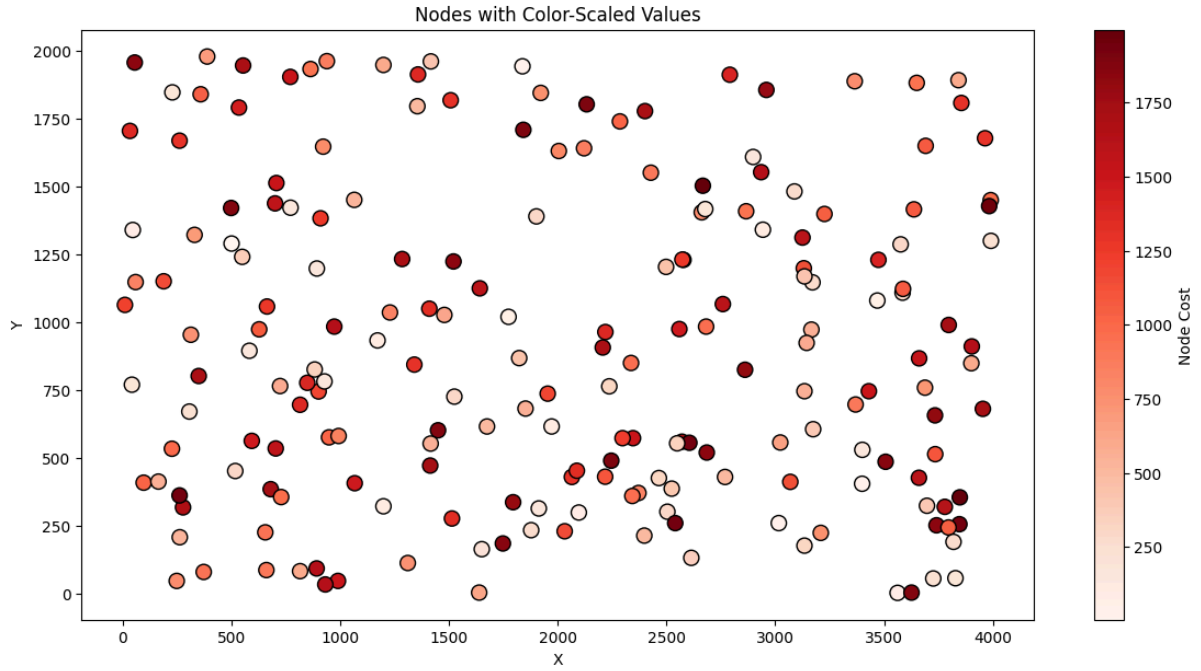


Fig 1. Visualization of the TSPA problem instance, each node's x and y locations on the plot correspond to their given x and y locations and the color intensity signifies the weight/cost of each node. The total length of the cycle and the sum of node weights should be minimized.

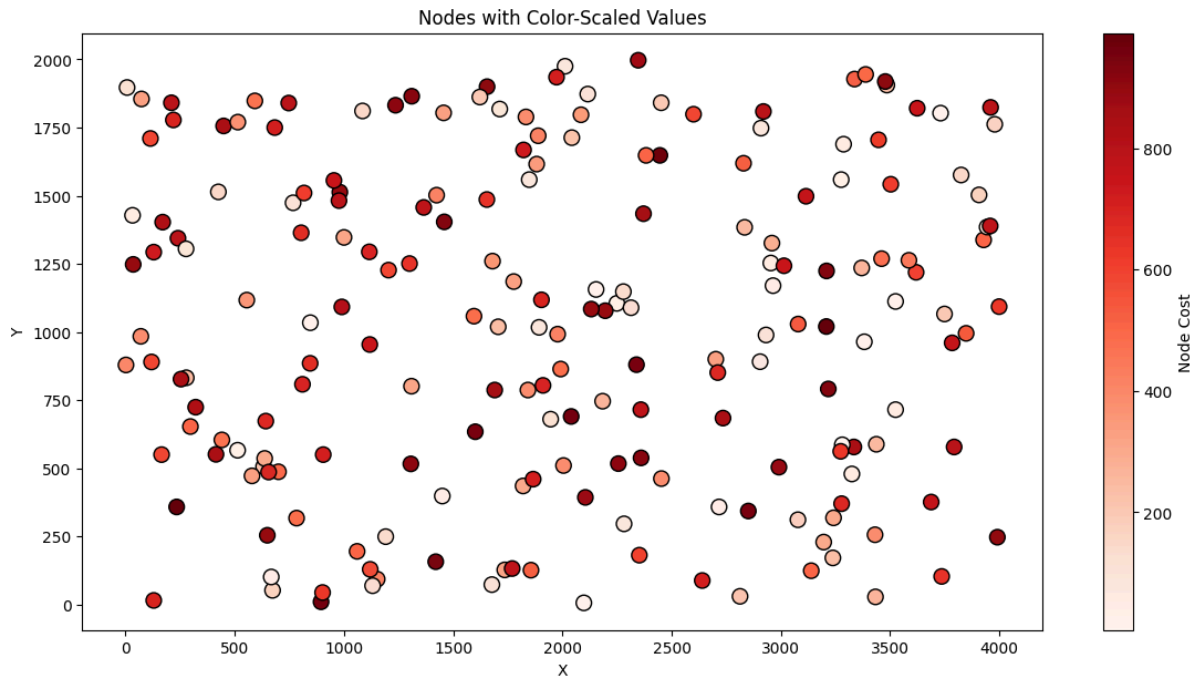


Fig 2. Visualization of the TSPB problem instance, each node's x and y locations on the plot correspond to their given x and y locations and the color intensity signifies the weight/cost of each node. The total length of the cycle and the sum of node weights should be minimized.

2. Algorithms

This report centers around the use of the steepest local search with candidate moves to significantly speed up the calculations to find the solution for the redefined TSP problem which yields no further improvements. In this report, we will call this method the **Steepest Local Search Candidate** algorithm and will occasionally also be referred to as **Steepest Candidate Search** for short. A candidate move in this case is defined as a move that introduces a candidate edge to the solution. Candidate edge is defined as an edge that connects a given node with one of its 10 closest neighbors. However, in this case, the closest neighbors are defined as nodes that have a minimal sum of distance to the aforementioned origin node plus their weight. In other words, nodes with small distances and small weights/costs are preferred. So, for each node in the solution, only 10 nodes with the smallest distance and weight to it are considered. This should theoretically speed up the computations $\frac{n}{10}$ times, where n is the total number of nodes. Since instead of considering all $n/2$ nodes in solution all other n nodes, we are considering for every of the $n/2$ nodes only 10 nearest neighbors. This theoretical calculation does not include time fluctuations caused by implementation details of a programming language and the overhead necessary to be included to find the nearest neighbors.

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FUNCTION steepest_local_search_candidates(solution, score, distance_matrix, weights,
n_candidates=10):
    INPUT:
        solution - the starting point solution
        score - the initial score of the solution
        distance_matrix - matrix of distances between nodes
        weights - an array of weights associated with each node
        n_candidates - integer for the number of nodes to consider as nearest neighbors

    node_candidates ← []
    FOR node in solution:
        node_candidates[node] ← FIND n_candidate of neighbor nodes with smallest
distance + weight to the node

    WHILE improvement is found:
        FOR INDEX OF node IN solution:
            candidate_nodes ← node_candidates[node]
            FOR candidate_node in candidate_nodes
                IF candidate_node NOT IN solution:
                    temp_score ← score + weight of candidate_node
                    node_after ← node following the current node
                    score_after ← CALCULATE temp_score when candidate_node replaces
                                node_after

                    node_before ← node preceding the current node
                    score_before ← CALCULATE temp_score when candidate_node replaces
                                node_before

                    IF score_before < score_after:
                        solution[current node position - 1] ← candidate_node

                    ELSE:
                        solution[current node position + 1] ← candidate_node

            ELSE IF (candidate_node IS NOT next to node) AND (position of node <
                                position of candidate_node position):
                score_move_after ← CALCULATE score if edges AFTER selected nodes are
                                swapped
                score_move_before ← CALCULATE score if edges BEFORE selected nodes
                                are swapped

                IF score_move_after < score_move_before:
                    REVERSE segment of solution[current node position +1: candidate
                                node position +1]

                ELSE:
                    REVERSE segment of solution[current node position: candidate
                                node position]

            IF temp_score < best_score:
                best_score ← temp_score
                best_solution ← temp_solution

    IF best_score < score:
        UPDATE score
        UPDATE solution

    RETURN solution, score

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3.Experiments

To quantify the performance of the Steepest Local Search Candidate algorithm was run 200 times on a random solution. In addition to objective function values, the run times of local searches were analyzed.

Method	TSPA av (min - max)	TSPB av (min - max)
Steepest Candidate Search	77944 (73159 - 84951)	48497 (45342 - 52178)
Greedy LS Rand	85812 (78831 - 93289)	61000 (53759 - 69662)
Steepest LS Rand	87935 (75935 - 95175)	63036 (55323 - 70187)
Greedy LS Edges Rand	73781 (71507 - 76491)	48427 (45646 - 51763)
Steepest LS Edges Rand	73954 (70948 - 77934)	48366 (45576 - 51616)
Greedy LS Best	71627 (70687 - 72882)	45460 (43826 - 51301)
Steepest LS Best	71619 (70626 - 72950)	45415 (43826 - 50876)
Greedy LS Edges Best	71515 (70571 - 72460)	45040 (43790 - 50495)
Steepest LS Edges Best	71468 (70510 - 72614)	44976 (43921 - 50495)
<i>Random</i>	264301 (223539 - 308435)	213397 (179796 - 253866)
<i>Nearest Neighbor Closest</i>	85109 (83182 - 89433)	54390 (52319 - 59030)
<i>Nearest Neighbor All</i>	73180 (71179 - 75450)	45870 (44417 - 53438)
<i>Greedy Cycle</i>	72606 (71488 - 74350)	51345 (48765 - 57262)
<i>Greedy Regret Cycle</i>	115630 (105852 - 123171)	72656 (67568 - 77329)
<i>Weighted Greedy Regret Cycle</i>	72133 (71108 - 73395)	50882 (47144 - 55700)

Table 1. Minimum, average, and maximum scores achieved by each method on both problem instances.

The **best scores achieved** are visualized below.

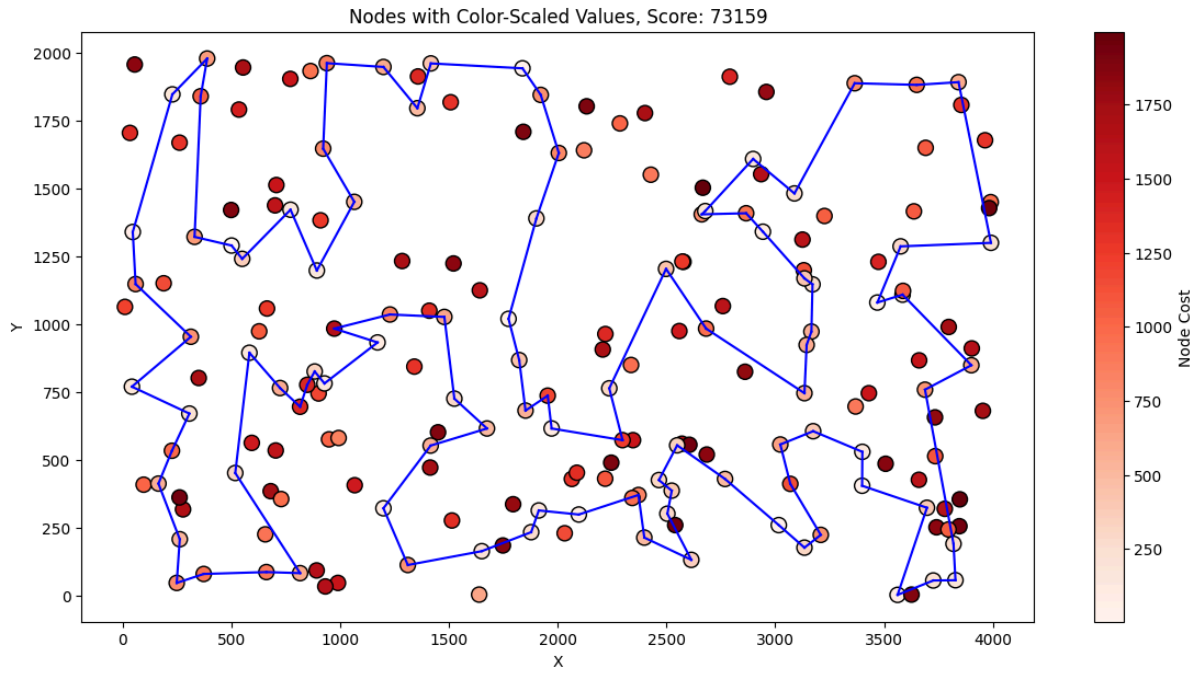


Fig 3. Visualization of the best solution found by the **Steepest Candidate Search** on the TSPA problem instance starting from a random solution.

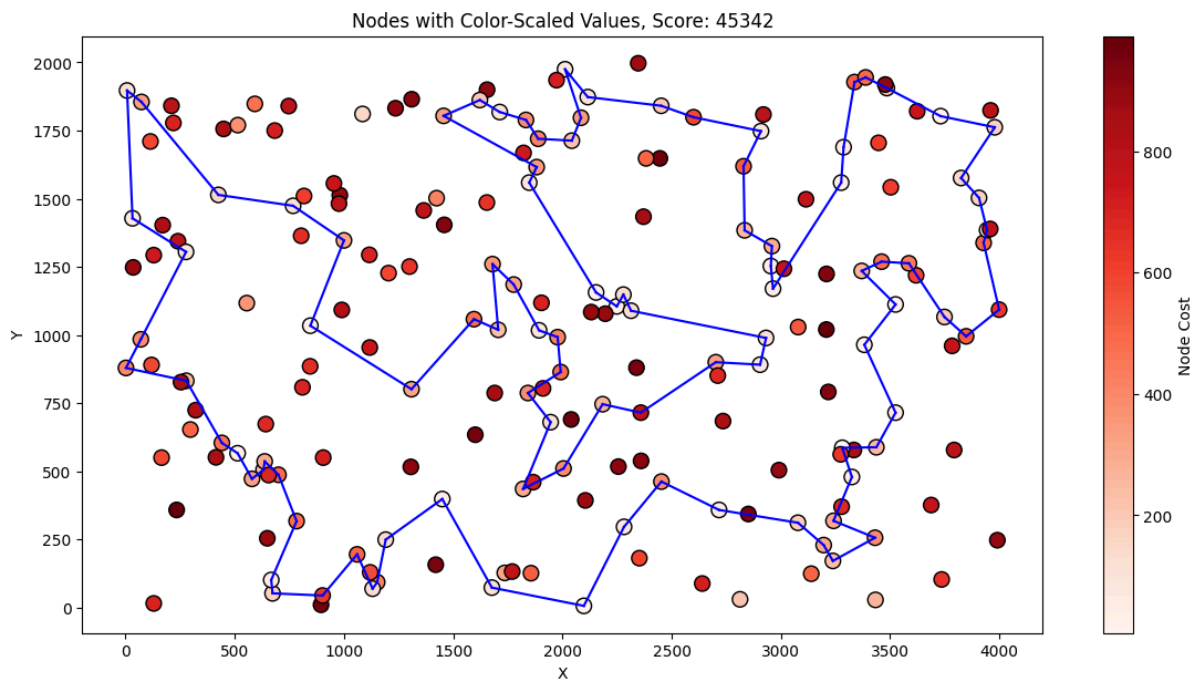


Fig 4. Visualization of the best solution found by the **Steepest Candidate Search** on the TSPB problem instance starting from a random solution.

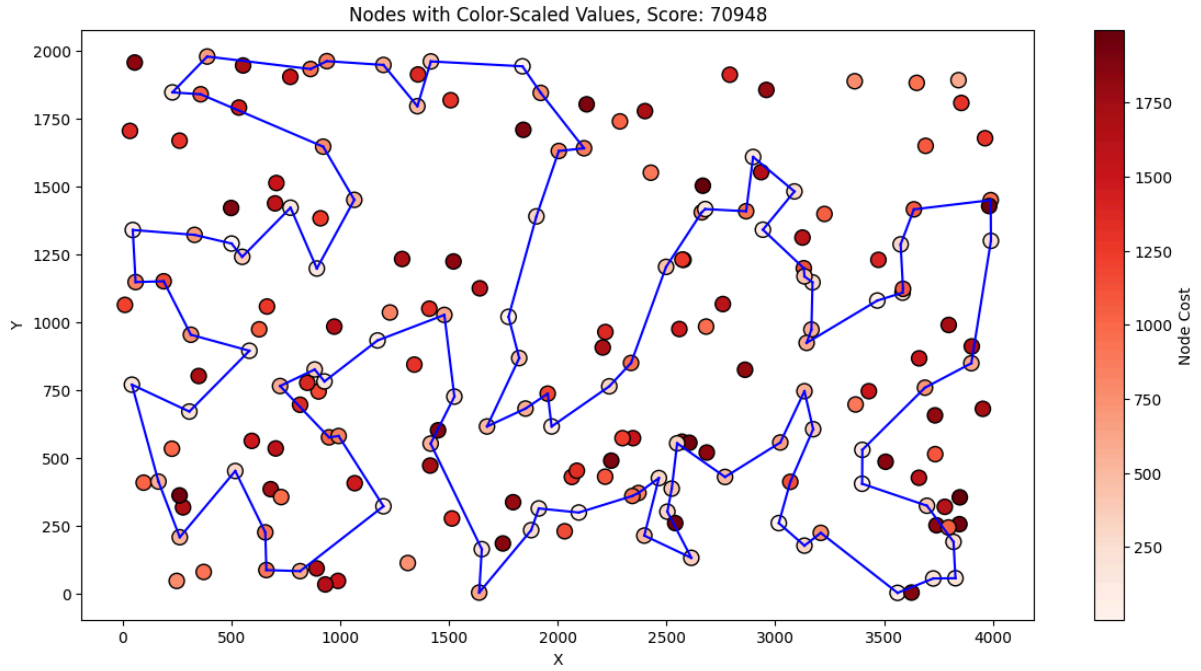


Fig 5. Visualization of the best solution found by the **Steepest LS Edges Rand** on the TSPA problem instance starting from a random solution.

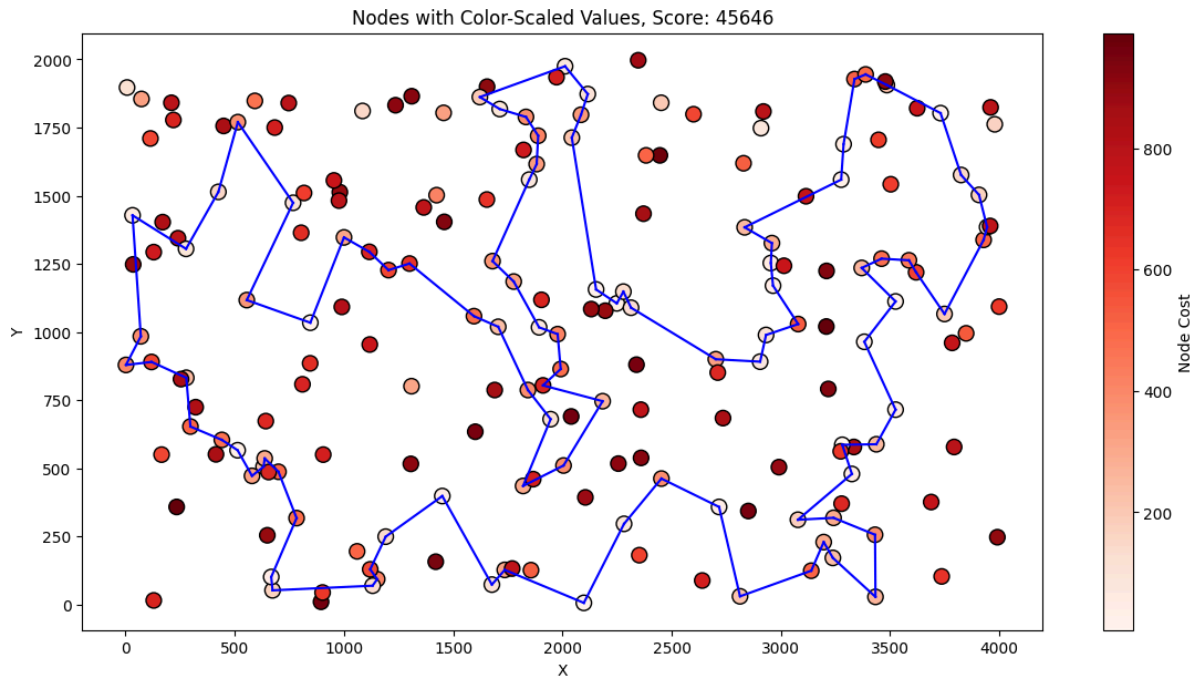


Fig 6. Visualization of the best solution found by the **Steepest LS Edges Rand** on the TSPB problem instance starting from a random solution.

All best solutions were checked using the solution checker spreadsheet available on eKursy. The lists of node indices in the best solutions and their scores are presented in the table below.

Problem instance	Algorithm	Score	Solution
TSPA	Steepest Candidate Search	77944	181, 34, 160, 48, 54, 177, 10, 190, 4, 112, 184, 42, 43, 77, 105, 116, 65, 59, 197, 118, 51, 151, 133, 162, 123, 127, 135, 154, 180, 53, 26, 86, 75, 101, 1, 97, 152, 2, 120, 44, 25, 82, 129, 92, 145, 78, 31, 16, 171, 175, 113, 196, 81, 40, 185, 165, 90, 164, 7, 21, 14, 144, 62, 9, 102, 49, 178, 106, 52, 55, 57, 167, 148, 94, 189, 63, 122, 79, 80, 176, 137, 23, 89, 183, 143, 0, 117, 93, 68, 46, 115, 139, 41, 193, 159, 69, 108, 18, 22, 146
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	Greedy LS Edges Rand	71507	16, 44, 120, 25, 78, 145, 179, 57, 92, 129, 2, 75, 86, 101, 1, 152, 97, 26, 100, 121, 53, 158, 180, 154, 135, 70, 127, 123, 112, 4, 84, 184, 177, 54, 160, 34, 181, 42, 43, 5, 41, 193, 159, 195, 146, 22, 18, 108, 139, 115, 118, 59, 116, 65, 47, 131, 149, 162, 151, 51, 46, 0, 117, 143, 183, 89, 23, 137, 176, 80, 133, 79, 122, 63, 94, 124, 148, 9, 62, 144, 14, 49, 178, 106, 52, 55, 185, 40, 119, 165, 27, 90, 81, 196, 157, 31, 56, 113, 175, 171
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Greedy Regret Cycle	67568		60, 20, 59, 28, 4, 140, 183, 174, 181, 83, 55, 34, 170, 53, 184, 155, 84, 70, 132, 169, 188, 6, 150, 147, 134, 43, 139, 11, 33, 160, 39, 35, 143, 106, 119, 81, 41, 111, 68, 8, 104, 157, 171, 177, 123, 25, 118, 116, 121, 125, 191, 115, 10, 133, 17, 107, 100, 63, 96, 135, 38, 16, 197, 24, 198, 117, 164, 105, 80, 162, 45, 5, 7, 36, 79, 91, 141, 97, 146, 153, 186, 163, 165, 127, 26, 114, 137, 75, 93, 48, 166, 194, 176, 64, 86, 185, 52, 57, 66, 148
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Table 2. Best solutions and their scores found by each algorithm in both instances.

Method	TSPA av (min - max) [s]	TSPB av (min - max) [s]
Greedy LS Rand	1.273 (1.047 - 1.975)	1.258 (0.991 - 1.646)
Steepest LS Rand	4.283 (3.261 - 6.218)	4.501 (3.292 - 5.609)
Greedy LS Edges Rand	1.171 (0.981 - 1.34)	1.113 (0.945 - 1.446)
Steepest LS Edges Rand	3.571 (2.978 - 4.168)	3.654 (2.976 - 4.364)
Greedy LS Best	0.067 (0.025 - 0.145)	0.077 (0.033 - 0.187)
Steepest LS Best	0.170 (0.055 - 0.529)	0.196 (0.09 - 0.746)
Greedy LS Edges Best	0.062 (0.025 - 0.115)	0.078 (0.036 - 0.212)
Steepest LS Edges Best	0.194 (0.078 - 0.379)	0.229 (0.114 - 0.836)
Steepest Candidate Search	0.584 (0.479 - 0.705)	0.562 (0.481 - 0.693)

Table 3. Minimum, average, and maximum run time achieved by local search methods on both problem instances.

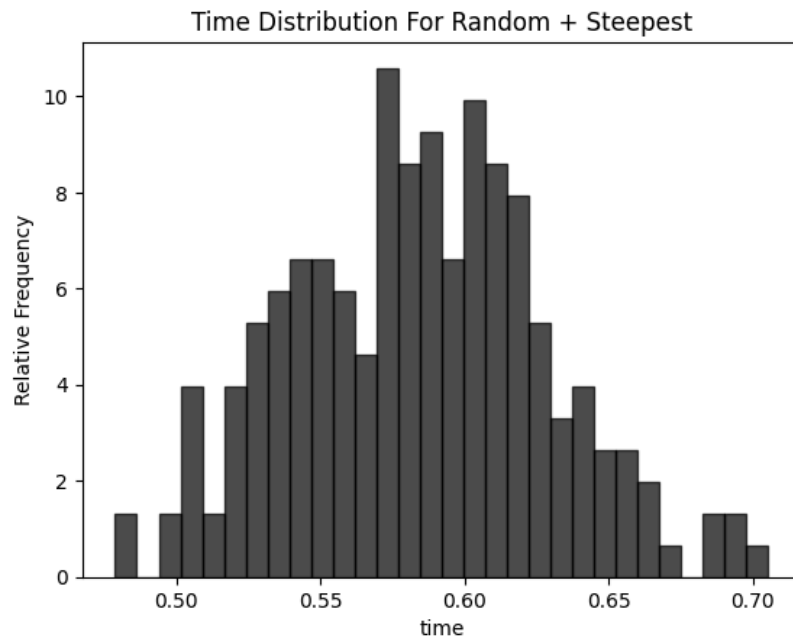


Fig 7. Visualization of time distributions for the use of the **Steepest Candidate Search** on the TSPA problem instance starting from a random solution.

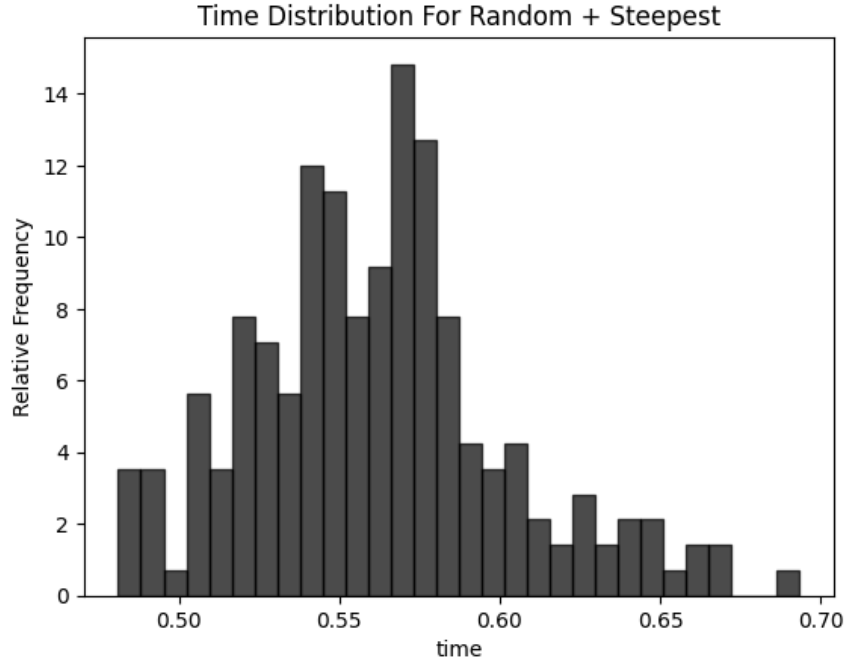


Fig 8. Visualization of time distributions for the use of the **Steepest Candidate Search** on the TSPB problem instance starting from a random solution.

4. Conclusions

The use of candidate moves significantly speeds up the computations of the steepest local search algorithm with a relatively small impact on the algorithm's performance. However, it is important to note that a trade-off exists between computation time and the quality of the solution, as the higher number of candidate moves might negatively impact solution time but improve quality. Similarly, considering too few candidate moves would produce too poor solutions to make the trade-off worth it. Furthermore, previous experiments have showcased that the edge exchange tends to produce higher-quality results, so utilizing it in the steepest candidate search most likely played a role in the algorithm's success. The observed final solutions showcased the lack of crossings of the produced edges even in the version with candidate moves, showing that the algorithm's good performance is justified in the showcased plots. Lastly, it is important to mention that the theoretical improvement of the algorithm's speed should be around $\frac{n}{10} = \frac{200}{10} = 20$ times, however our implementation's performance speed-up, in comparison to the steepest local search starting from greedy without candidate moves was equal to $\frac{3.571}{0.584} \sim 6.115$ times for instance TSPA considering average times, and $\frac{3.654}{0.562} \sim 6.502$ for TSPB, which although significant in both cases is slightly slower than the expected 20 times, this is most likely due to the computational overhead and programming language's specific implementation details.