

Type of problem : Constrained Optimisation Problem [COP]

Large-Scale Route Optimization Problem using an Evolutionary Algorithm

1)Project Idea

Problem Description

The problem revolves around efficiently delivering orders from a manufacturing company's warehouses to clients.

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Here are the key components:

1. Warehouses and Orders:

- The company has multiple warehouses located in different areas.
- When orders come in from clients, a planner needs to assign items to delivery trucks for order fulfillment.

2. Delivery Truck Assignment:

• The planner must decide which delivery truck to use for each order.

- Each truck type has an associated cost (e.g., fuel efficiency, maintenance) and a capacity limit (both in terms of area and weight).
- There is no limit on the number of trucks available for each type.

3. Route Planning:

- For each delivery truck, the planner determines the optimal route (sequence of stops) to deliver orders to their respective destinations.
- The goal is to minimize the overall delivery cost, considering both truck type costs and travel distances.

4. Constraints:

- Items are only available at specific times. A truck can start its route only when all assigned items are available.
- The time difference between the earliest and latest available items in the same truck should be less than a user-defined limit (e.g., 4 hours).
- All items must be delivered before their respective deadlines.
- Some products can be loaded together in the same truck, while others cannot.
- Each truck can have at most N stops (where N is user-defined).
- Each stop incurs a fixed cost (in addition to the delivery cost) and requires the truck to stay for M hours to unload the items (where M is user-defined).

The Vehicle Routing Problem or VRP

The first classic VRP, known as the Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP), dates back to the early 1800s and gained popularity at that time. As VRP evolved, it encompassed more complex tasks involving large volumes of data.

The challenge in VRP is to design the most efficient routes from a depot to a set of destinations, each with specific business constraints. These constraints may include limitations on vehicles, cost controls, time windows, and resource limitations related to the loading process at the depot.

In the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP), the objective is to determine the optimal routes for multiple vehicles visiting a set of locations. When there is only one vehicle, it simplifies to the Traveling Salesperson Problem.

One way to define optimal routes is to minimize the length of the longest single route among all vehicles. This definition is appropriate when the goal is to complete all deliveries as quickly as possible. The VRP example below illustrates how to find optimal routes based on this definition.

Route optimization is a solution for so-called vehicle routing problems (VRPs).

Route optimization is the process of determining the most cost-efficient route. You may think that it means finding the shortest path between two points, but it's rarely that simple: You must

account for all relevant factors involved such as the number and location of all stops on the route, arrival/departure time gap, effective loading, etc.

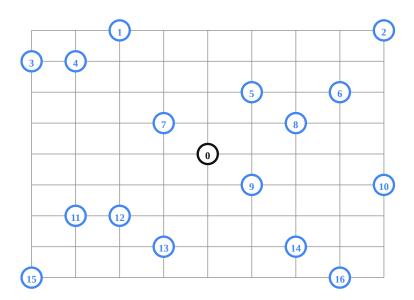
ways of generalizing the TSP by adding constraints on the vehicles, including:

- <u>Capacity constraints</u>: the vehicles need to pick up items at each location they visit, but have a maximum carrying capacity.
- Time windows: each location must be visited within a specific time window.

VRP example

This section presents an example of a VRP in which the goal is to minimize the longest single route.

Imagine a company that needs to visit its customers in a city made up of identical rectangular blocks. A diagram of the city is shown below, with the company location marked in black and the locations to visit in blue.



2) Main functionalities

1) Representation:

represent Truck_details such as (different attributes of the trucks such as inner size, weight capacity, cost per kilometer, and speed)

then represent order:

- The order data is preprocessed by dividing the "Weight" and "Area" columns by 10000 to normalize the values.
- The unique order IDs are extracted from the order data and stored in a DataFrame named order_geenpool

Individuals Representation:

- Individuals are represented as a list of tuples named individuals. Each tuple in the list represents a truck and its assigned orders.
- The first element of the tuple represents the truck type, which is randomly selected from [0, 1, 2].
- The second element of the tuple is a list of order IDs assigned to that truck. These order IDs are randomly selected from the order_geenpool DataFrame, ensuring that the selected orders satisfy the truck's weight and area capacities.
- The <u>init_individuals</u> function initializes individuals by iterating until there are orders left in the <u>order_geenpool</u>. It selects orders for each truck until the truck's weight and area capacities are exceeded or there are no more orders available.

```
def init_individuals():
    individuals = []
    order_geenpool = order_ids
    while len(order_geenpool) > 0: # while there are orders
        truck_type = random.choice([0, 1, 2])
        truck_details = truck_detail(truck_type)
        inner_size_components = truck_details["Inner Size"].split('x')
        truck_area = float(inner_size_components[0]) * float(inner_size_com
        order_list = []
        sum_weight = 0
        sum_area = 0
        while len(order_geenpool) > 0:
            random_order_idx = random.randint(0, len(order_geenpool) - 1)
            order_id = order_geenpool.iloc[random_order_idx, 0]
            order_details = order_data[order_data["Order_ID"] == order_id].
            if (order_details["Weight"] + sum_weight) <= truck_details["Wei</pre>
               (order_details["Area"] + sum_area) <= truck_area:</pre>
                order_list.append(order_id)
                sum_weight += order_details["Weight"]
                sum_area += order_details["Area"]
                order_geenpool = order_geenpool[order_geenpool['Order_ID']
            else:
                break
        individuals.append((truck_type, order_list))
    return individuals
    individuals = init_individuals()
individuals
```

Sample of output:

```
[(1, ['A240329', 'A260568', 'A260902', 'A230525', 'A250346', 'A250581']),
(0, ['A250122', 'A010530', 'A240108', 'A010531', 'A150401', 'A140109']),
(1, ['A230658', 'A190225', 'A260604', 'A270200', 'A240104', 'A230645']),
(1, ['A250555', 'A180370', 'A240112']),
(2, []),
(0,
['A190226','A260582','A220342','A220309','A260111','A260899','A240519','A250212','A260114','2]),
```

<u>Function</u> <u>init_population(size)</u>, initializes a population of individuals for a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- **Input:** size is the desired size of the population, i.e., the number of individuals in the population.
- Output: The function returns a list population containing size number of individuals.
- **Return:** Finally, it returns the populated list population, which contains size number of individuals, each initialized using the init_individuals() function.

```
def init_population(size):
    population = []
    for i in range(size) :
        idi = init_individuals()
        population.append(idi)
    return population
```

Function calculate_distance_route(route), calculates the total distance for a given route of deliveries in a vehicle routing problem (VRP) scenario. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. Input: route is a list of order IDs representing the sequence of deliveries to be made.
- 2. Output: The function returns the total distance (in meters) for the given route.
- 3. **Calculation:** It iterates over each order in the **route** and calculates the distance between consecutive stops. It uses two datasets, **order_data** and **distance_data**, to get the destination for each order and the distance between locations.

```
def calculate_distance_route(route):
    total_distance = 0
    source = "City_61" # Assuming the starting location is the warehouse

# Iterate over each order in the route
for order_id in route:
    # Get the destination for the current order from the order_data datase
```

```
destination = order_data.loc[order_data["Order_ID"] == order_id, "Dest
        # Get the distance between the source and destination from the distance
        distance = distance_data[(distance_data["Source"] == source) & (distar
        # Check if the distance is found
        if not distance.empty:
            # Add the distance to the total distance
            total_distance += distance.iloc[0]["Distance(M)"]
            # Update the source for the next order
            source = destination
        elif(source == destination):
            total distance +=0
        else:
            print(f"Error: Distance not found for route {source} -> {destinati
            return None # Return None if distance is not found
   # Add the distance from the last destination back to the warehouse
   distance_back = distance_data[(distance_data["Source"] == source) & (distance_data["Source"] == source)
   if not distance back.empty:
        total_distance += distance_back.iloc[0]["Distance(M)"]
   elif(source == "City_61"):
        total distance +=0
   else:
        print(f"Error: Distance not found for route {source} -> city_61")
        return None # Return None if distance is not found
    return total_distance
# Example usage
route = ['A210204', 'A150402', 'A250599', 'A090422', 'A190598']
distance = calculate_distance_route(population[0][0][1])
print("Total distance:", distance)
```

Total distance: 4043.605999999998

<u>Function</u> <u>costForTruck(truck_type, distance)</u>, calculates the cost for using a specific type of truck to travel a given distance. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

1. Inputs: truck_type: An integer representing the type of truck. Assumed values are 0, 1, or any other value. distance: The distance traveled by the truck, assumed to be in a specific unit (e.g., meters).

- 2. **Output:** The function returns the cost (in some unit of currency) for using the specified type of truck to travel the given distance.
- 3. **Return:** The calculated cost is returned as the output of the function.

```
def costForTruck(truck_type, distance):
    if truck_type == 0 :
        cost = distance * 3
    elif truck_type == 1:
        cost = distance * 2
    else:
        cost = distance
    return cost

costForTruck(0, distance)
```

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<u>Function</u> <u>calculate_arrival_time(route)</u>, calculates the estimated arrival time (in days) for each order in a given route based on the distance traveled and a predefined speed. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. Input: route is a list of order IDs representing the sequence of deliveries to be made.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns a list travel_time_days_per_orders containing the estimated arrival time (in days) for each order in the route.
- 3. **Calculation:** For each order in the route, the function calculates the total distance traveled up to that order using the calculate_distance_route(route[0:i+1]) function (assuming it is defined elsewhere).
- 4. **Return:** The function returns the list travel_time_days_per_orders containing the estimated arrival time for each order in the route.

```
def calculate_arrival_time(route):
    travel_time_days_per_orders = []

for i in range(len(route)) :
    total_distance = calculate_distance_route(route[0:i+1])
    if i == 0:
        days = (total_distance / speed) / 24
        travel_time_days_per_orders.append(round(days))
    else:
        days = ((total_distance / speed) + 2*i) / 24
        travel_time_days_per_orders.append(round(days))
```

```
return travel_time_days_per_orders
calculate_arrival_time(['A220356', 'A250272'])
```

Function spiltDate(date_string), takes a date string as input and extracts the day component from it. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. **Input:** date_string is a string representing a date in a specific format.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns an integer representing the day component of the date.
- 3. **Return:** The function returns the day component extracted from the date string.

```
def spiltDate(date_string):
    date_components = date_string.split()[0]
    # Split the date components by '/' to extract month, day, and year
    month, day, year = map(int, date_components.split('/'))
    return day
```

Function fitness_function(individual), calculates the fitness of an individual solution in a genetic algorithm for the vehicle routing problem (VRP). Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. **Input:** individual is a list representing a solution to the VRP. Each element in the list corresponds to a truck route, containing the type of truck and the list of order IDs in the route.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns the fitness value of the individual solution, which is a measure of how good the solution is. Lower values indicate better solutions.
- 3. Calculation:
- For each truck in the individual's solution:
 - It calculates the distance traveled by the truck using calculate_distance_route(truck[1]) and the cost for using the truck on that route using costForTruck(truck[0], distance_for_truck).
 - If the distance calculation fails (distance_for_truck is None), it penalizes the solution by setting the distance to 0.
 - It adds the cost of using the truck on the route to the total cost of the individual (cost_individual).
- It calculates the arrival time for each order in the routes and checks if any order arrives after its deadline. If so, it penalizes the solution by adding a penalty cost (10 in this case) for each such violation.
- 4. Return: The function returns the rounded total cost (cost_individual) as the fitness value.

```
def fitness_function(individual):
   cost_individual = 0.0
   for truck in individual:
        distance_for_truck = calculate_distance_route(truck[1])
        if distance_for_truck is None:
            distance_for_truck = 0 # Penalize the solution if distance calcul
       cost_for_truck = costForTruck(truck[0], distance_for_truck) # Only get
       cost_individual += cost_for_truck
       if cost_for_truck is not None:
            cost individual += cost for truck
       else:
            cost_individual += 0 # Penalize the solution if cost calculation
   arrival_time_for_ord = calculate_arrival_time(truck[1])
    i=0
   for ord_id in truck[1]:
       Available_Time = order_data[order_data["Order_ID"] == ord_id].iloc[0, 5
       Deadline = order_data[order_data["Order_ID"] == ord_id].iloc[0,6]
       Available_day = spiltDate(Available_Time)
       Deadline_day = spiltDate(Deadline)
       arrival_time = arrival_time_for_ord[i] + Available_day
       # this is penlity
       if arrival_time > Deadline_day:
            cost individual += 10
    return round(cost_individual) # Higher fitness for lower cost
# Example usage
fitness_score = fitness_function(population[1])
print("Fitness score:", fitness_score)
```

Fitness score: 2817626

Function tournament_selection(population), implements a tournament selection strategy for selecting parents in a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. **Input:** population is a list of individuals (solutions) in the genetic algorithm.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns a list selected_parents containing the selected parent individuals.
- 3. Selection Process:
 - For each parent to be selected (twice in this case, as indicated by for _ in range(2)):
 - It randomly selects 5 candidates from the population using random.sample(population, 5).

- It calculates the fitness of each candidate using the fitness_function(sol) function and stores these fitness values in candidates_fitness.
- It identifies the candidate with the best (lowest) fitness (best_fitness) and its index
 (idx_best) in the candidates list.
- It selects the chosen one (chosen_one) as the candidate with the best fitness and adds it to the selected_parents list.
- 4. **Return** The function returns the list selected parents containing the two selected parent individuals.

```
def tournament_selection(population):
    selected_parents = []
   for _{-} in range(2):
        candidates = random.sample(population, 5)
        candidates_fitness = []
        for sol in candidates:
            candidates_fitness.append(fitness_function(sol))
        # Assess the prowess of each candidate, and let the brilliance shine f
        best_fitness = min(candidates_fitness) # Select the one with the high
        idx_best = candidates_fitness.index(best_fitness)
        chosen_one = candidates[idx_best]
        # Marvel at the chosen one and add it to the list of selected parents
        selected_parents.append(chosen_one)
    return selected_parents
# Example usage:
parents = tournament_selection(population)
print("Selected parents:", parents)
```

Selected parents: 2

<u>Function</u> roulette_wheel_selection(population), implements a selection strategy known as roulette wheel selection in genetic algorithms. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. Input: population is a list of individuals (solutions) in the genetic algorithm.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns a single individual selected from the population based on their fitness.
- 3. Selection Process:

- It first calculates the total fitness score of the population by summing the fitness scores of all individuals in the population using a generator expression: sum(fitness_function(individual) for individual in population).
- It then generates a random number (spin) between 0 and the total fitness score using random.uniform(0, total_fitness).
- The function then iterates over the population, summing the fitness scores of individuals until the cumulative sum is greater than or equal to the random number spin.
- When this condition is met, it returns the individual at that point, effectively selecting an individual with a probability proportional to its fitness score.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns the selected individual based on the roulette wheel selection mechanism.

```
def roulette_wheel_selection(population):
    # Calculate the total fitness score of the population
    total_fitness = sum(fitness_function(individual) for individual in populat

# Generate a random number between 0 and the total fitness score
    spin = random.uniform(0, total_fitness)

# Spin the roulette wheel and select the individual based on their cumulat
    cumulative_fitness = 0
    for individual in population:
        cumulative_fitness += fitness_function(individual)
        if cumulative_fitness >= spin:
            return individual
```

```
# Example usage:
selected_individual = roulette_wheel_selection(population)
print("Selected individual:", selected_individual)
```

Integer value

<u>Function</u> <u>crossover(parent1, parent2)</u>, implements a crossover operation for genetic algorithms. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. Inputs: parent1 and parent2 are two parent individuals (solutions) that will undergo crossover.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns two offspring individuals resulting from the crossover operation.
- 3. Crossover Process:
 - It chooses a random crossover point (crossover_point) between 1 and the minimum length of
 parent1 and parent2 minus 1. This point determines where the genes of the parents will be

exchanged.

- It creates two offspring (offspring1 and offspring2) by combining the genes of the parents before and after the crossover point.
 - offspring1 is created by taking the genes of parent1 before the crossover point and the genes of parent2 after the crossover point.
 - offspring2 is created by taking the genes of parent2 before the crossover point and the genes of parent1 after the crossover point.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns offspring1 and offspring2, the two offspring resulting from the crossover operation.

```
def crossover(parent1, parent2):
    # Choose a random crossover point
    crossover_point = random.randint(1, min(len(parent1), len(parent2)) - 1)

# Create the offspring by combining the parents' genes
    offspring1 = parent1[:crossover_point] + parent2[crossover_point:]
    offspring2 = parent2[:crossover_point] + parent1[crossover_point:]

    return offspring1, offspring2

offspring1, offspring2 = crossover(population[0], population[1])

fp1 = fitness_function(population[0])
fp2 = fitness_function(offspring1)
fo1 = fitness_function(offspring2)

print(fp1,"\n",fp2,"\n",fo1,"\n",fo2,"\n")
```

<u>Function</u> <u>uniform_crossover(parent1, parent2, probability=0.5)</u>, implements a uniform crossover operation for genetic algorithms. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

1. Inputs:

• parent1 and parent2 are two parent individuals (solutions) that will undergo crossover.

- probability is the probability of selecting a gene from parent1 or parent2 for the offspring. The default value is 0.5, meaning an equal probability for each parent.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns two offspring individuals resulting from the crossover operation.
- 3. Crossover Process:
 - It iterates over the genes of parent1 and parent2 simultaneously using the zip function.
 - For each pair of genes, it randomly selects a gene from either parent based on the given
 probability:
 - o If a random number between 0 and 1 is less than probability, it selects the gene from parent1 for offspring1 and from parent2 for offspring2.
 - o Otherwise, it selects the gene from parent2 for offspring1 and from parent1 for offspring2.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns offspring1 and offspring2, the two offspring resulting from the uniform crossover operation.

```
def uniform_crossover(parent1, parent2, probability=0.5):
    # Create the offspring by selecting genes from parents with a given probak
   offspring1 = []
   offspring2 = []
   for gene1, gene2 in zip(parent1, parent2):
        if random.random() < probability:</pre>
            offspring1.append(gene1)
            offspring2.append(gene2)
        else:
            offspring1.append(gene2)
            offspring2.append(gene1)
    return offspring1, offspring2
offspring1, offspring2 = uniform_crossover(population[0],population[1])
fp1 = fitness_function(population[0])
fp2 = fitness_function(population[1])
fo1 = fitness_function(offspring1)
fo2 = fitness_function(offspring2)
print(fp1, "\n", fp2, "\n", fo1, "\n", fo2, "\n")
```

Function shuffle_mutation(individual), performs a mutation operation known as shuffle mutation on an individual in a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

- 1. **Input:** individual is a solution (or individual) in the genetic algorithm. It likely represents a solution to the vehicle routing problem, where each element in the individual represents a truck route.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns the mutated individual after applying shuffle mutation.

3. Mutation Process:

- For each truck in the individual (accessed by iterating over the range of the individual's length):
 - It shuffles the order of the orders (or genes) in the truck's route. This is done by shuffling
 the second element of the truck element (individual[truck][1]), which likely represents the
 list of orders in the route.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns the mutated individual after shuffling the order of the orders in each truck's route.

```
def shuffle_mutation(individual):
   for truck in range(len(individual)):
     random.shuffle(individual[truck][1])
   return individual
```

<u>Function</u> <u>mutation(individual)</u>, performs a mutation operation on an individual in a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

1. **Input:** individual is a solution (or individual) in the genetic algorithm. It likely represents a solution to the vehicle routing problem, where each element in the individual represents a truck route.

2. Mutation Process:

- It first checks if the length of the individual is greater than or equal to 2. This is to ensure that there are enough genes (or elements) in the individual to perform a mutation.
- If the length condition is met:
 - It randomly selects a subset size (subset_size) between 1 and the minimum of 3 and the length of the individual. This determines how many genes will be shuffled.
 - It randomly selects subset_size indices (subset_indices) from the range of indices of the individual.
 - It shuffles the <u>subset_indices</u> to randomize the order in which genes will be shuffled.

- It creates a list of genes to be shuffled (shuffled_genes) by extracting the genes at the
 subset indices.
- It shuffles the shuffled_genes to randomize their order.
- It updates the individual with the shuffled subset by assigning each gene in shuffled_genes back to the corresponding index in subset_indices.
- 3. **Return:** The function returns the mutated individual after shuffling a subset of genes.

```
def mutation(individual):
    # Randomly shuffle a subset of genes
    if len(individual) >= 2:
        subset_size = random.randint(1, min(3, len(individual)))  # Randomly s
        subset_indices = random.sample(range(len(individual)), subset_size)  #
        random.shuffle(subset_indices)  # Shuffle the subset indices
        # Shuffle genes at selected indices
        shuffled_genes = [individual[i] for i in subset_indices]
        random.shuffle(shuffled_genes)
        # Update individual with shuffled subset
        for i, index in enumerate(subset_indices):
            individual[index] = shuffled_genes[i]
    return individual
mutation(population[0])
```

<u>Function</u> <u>elitism_selection(population, num_elites)</u>, implements an elitism selection strategy in a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

1. Inputs:

- population is a list of individuals (solutions) in the genetic algorithm.
- num_elites is the number of top individuals (elites) that will be preserved from the population.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns a list **elites** containing the top **num_elites** individuals from the population based on their fitness.

3. Selection Process:

- It first sorts the population based on the fitness of the individuals in descending order using the sorted function and a lambda function as the key for sorting (key=lambda ind: ind[1], assuming the fitness value is at index 1 in each individual tuple).
- It then selects the top num_elites individuals (elites) from the sorted population to survive and form the next generation.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns the list elites, which contains the top num_elites individuals selected based on their fitness, implementing elitism in the genetic algorithm.

```
def elitism_selection(population, num_elites):
    # Sort the population based on fitness in descending order
    sorted_population = sorted(population, key=lambda ind: ind[1], reverse=Tru
    # Select the top individuals (elites) to survive
    elites = sorted_population[:num_elites]

    return elites

# Example usage:
num_elites = 50  # Set the number of elites to survive
elites = elitism_selection(population, num_elites)
print("Elite individuals:", len(elites))
```

<u>Function</u> generational_replacement(population, offspring), implements a generational replacement strategy in a genetic algorithm. Here's a breakdown of what it does:

1. Inputs:

- population is a list of individuals (solutions) in the current generation of the genetic algorithm.
- offspring is a list of new individuals (offspring) generated from the current population through genetic operations such as crossover and mutation.
- 2. **Output:** The function returns a new population (new_population) containing the top individuals selected from the combined population of the current population and the offspring.

3. Replacement Process:

- It combines the current population and the offspring to create a combined_population.
- It sorts the <u>combined_population</u> based on the fitness of the individuals in descending order using the <u>sorted</u> function and a lambda function as the key for sorting (<u>key=lambda ind: ind[1]</u>, assuming the fitness value is at index 1 in each individual tuple).
- It selects the top individuals from the sorted combined_population to survive and form the new population (new_population). The number of individuals selected is equal to the size of the original population (len(population), ensuring that the size of the new population remains the same as the original population.
- 4. **Return:** The function returns the new_population, which contains the top individuals selected
 based on their fitness from the combined population, implementing a generational replacement
 strategy in the genetic algorithm.

```
def generational_replacement(population, offspring):
    # Combine the current population and the offspring
    combined_population = population + offspring
```

Sort the combined population based on fitness in descending order sorted_population = sorted(combined_population, key=lambda ind: ind[1], re # Select the top individuals to survive, equal to the size of the original new_population = sorted_population[:len(population)]

return new_population

3) Similar applications in the market

1. Electric Vehicle Routing Problem (EVRP):

 The EVRP is a specialized variant of the VRP that considers the battery capacity of electric vehicles. It aims to optimize routes for electric vehicles while ensuring they can reach their destinations without running out of charge. EVRPs play a crucial role in sustainable transportation and logistics.

2. OptimoRoute:

- OptimolRoute is a web-based route planning and optimization tool.
- It allows businesses to create efficient delivery routes, considering factors like delivery windows, vehicle capacities, and traffic.
- Ideal for small to medium-sized businesses.

3. Work Wave Route Manager:

- Work Wave offers a comprehensive route planning solution for field service and delivery businesses.
- It considers constraints like time windows, vehicle capacities, and driver availability.
- · Provides real-time tracking and reporting.

4. **Waze**:

- Waze is a community-based navigation app that provides real-time traffic information.
- It offers route suggestions, alerts about accidents, road closures, and police presence.
- · Particularly useful for delivery drivers and couriers.

5. Google Maps:

- Google Maps is widely used for navigation, route planning, and real-time traffic updates.
- It helps users find optimal routes for deliveries, considering traffic conditions, distance, and estimated time of arrival.

Available on both Android and iOS platforms.

6. Other VRP Variants:

- Beyond the classic VRP, there are several variants that address specific constraints:
 - Capacitated VRP (CVRP): Introduces vehicles with limited load capacity.
 - VRP with Time Windows (VRPTW): Considers time constraints for customer visits.
 - VRP with Heterogeneous Fleets (HFVRP): Involves vehicles with different capacities or speeds.
 - Time-Dependent VRP (TDVRP): Accounts for varying travel times based on traffic conditions.
 - Multi-Depot VRP (MDVRP): Involves multiple depots for vehicle dispatch2.

4) 7 literature reviews of Academic publications (papers)

- 1. "Large-scale evolutionary optimization"
 - Authors: Jing Liu, Ruhul Sarker, Saber Elsayed, Daryl Essam, and Nurhadi Siswanto.
 - Abstract: The paper provides a comprehensive review of large-scale evolutionary optimization, discussing algorithms for single-objective, multi-objective, and sparse multi-objective large-scale problems. It includes a comparative study, benchmarks, applications, challenges, and future research directions in the field. The abstract emphasizes the importance of designing efficient algorithms to solve complex real-world problems that involve a large number of decision variables. The paper also highlights the need for scalability, efficacy, and the ability to handle constraints and dynamic changes in large-scale optimization problems.
- 2. "Efficiently solving very large-scale routing problems"
 - Authors: Florian Arnold, Michel Gendreau, and Kenneth Sörensen1.
 - Abstract: It discusses the development of a local search heuristic for solving very large-scale capacitated vehicle routing problems (CVRP) efficiently23. The heuristic is designed to handle instances with up to 30,000 customers and outperforms previous methods, with a focus on minimizing time and space complexity. The paper also introduces new realistic VRP instances based on real-world data to encourage further research in this domain.
- 3. "Online Vehicle Routing: The Edge of Optimization in Large-Scale Applications"
 - Authors: Dimitris Bertsimas, Patrick Jaillet, Sebastien Martin
 - Abstract: This paper focuses on the challenges posed by ride-sharing companies that offer transportation on demand at a large scale. The authors develop an optimization framework

and a novel backbone algorithm that allow real-time dispatching of thousands of taxis serving over 25,000 customers per hour. They demonstrate improved performance compared to existing heuristics using historical simulations based on New York City routing network and yellow cabs data

4. <u>A Fast and Scalable Heuristic for the Solution of Large-Scale Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problems</u>

- · Authors: Not specified
- Abstract: In this paper, the authors propose a metaheuristic called FILO to solve large-scale instances of the Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problem. Their approach combines the Iterated Local Search paradigm with acceleration techniques, resulting in an effective solution strategy

5. "The Vehicle Routing Problem: State-of-the-Art Classification and Review":

- Authors: Shi-Yi Tan and Wei-Chang Yeh
- Abstract: This study analyzes literature published between 2019 and August 2021 using a
 taxonomic framework. The authors review research based on models and solutions,
 categorizing models into customer-related, vehicle-related, and depot-related. Solution
 algorithms are classified as exact, heuristic, or meta-heuristic. The study provides a
 classification table for easy access to relevant literature and recent trends in VRPs and their
 variants..

6. "Improving Inbound Logistic Planning for Large-Scale Real-World Routing Problems: A Novel Ant-Colony Simulation-Based Optimization":

- Authors: Giovanni Calabrò, Vincenza Torrisi, Giuseppe Inturri, and Matteo Ignaccolo.
- **Abstract**: The study presents an agent-based model to solve a Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problem (CVRP) for inbound logistics using an Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) algorithm. It focuses on optimizing routes for transporting palletized fruit and vegetables from farms to a main depot in South Italy, aiming to minimize the total distance traveled by trucks. The results show the method's effectiveness in reducing costs and improving scheduling for large-scale freight transport operations.

7. "The Vehicle Routing Problem: A Taxonomic Review":

- Authors: Burak Eksioglu, Arif Volkan Vural, and Arnold Reisman.
- Abstract: The paper presents a comprehensive taxonomy for classifying the literature on the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP). It defines the VRP domain broadly, encompassing managerial, physical, geographical, and informational considerations, as well as theoretical disciplines. The taxonomy aims to organize the disjointed VRP literature and identify gaps for future research. The paper also compares previous taxonomies and demonstrates the descriptive power and parsimony of the proposed taxonomy through sample articles.

5) About Dataset

Route Optimization - A Real World Scenario

The example demonstrated in this solution accelerator is inspired by a real-world optimization scenario. The customer is a manufacturing company. They have warehouses in different locations. When they receive orders from their clients, a planner need to plan the item-to-truck assignment for order delivery. The planner also need to decide the route of each delivery truck, namely, the sequence of the stops to deliver orders to different destinations. A delivery assignment has its associated cost determined by the type of the assigned delivery truck and the corresponding travelling distance. The optimization objective here is to minimize the overall delivery cost.

The constraints modeled in our example are:

- 1. There are different types of trucks we can choose from. A truck has capacity limit on both area and weight. (We assume that there is no limit on the number of trucks for each type)
- 2. An item is only available by a specific time. A truck can start only when all items assigned to it are available.
- 3. The available time difference between the earliest and last available items in the same truck should be less than a user defined limit (e.g., 4 hours).
- 4. All items need to be delivered to their destinations before their deadlines.
- 5. Depending on the properties of products, some items can put in the same truck, but some cannot.
- 6. A truck can have at most N stops, where N is a user defined number.
- 7. A truck need to stay at each stop for M hours to unload the items, where M is a user defined number. Each stop will incur a fixed amount of cost in addition to the delivery cost.

Datasets:

1) distance data

<u>Untitled</u>

| A Source □ □ | △ Destination = | # Distance(M) = distance in meters |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 62 unique values | 62 unique values | 2818 3.18m |
| City_24 | City_54 | 1716028 |
| City_24 | City_53 | 1729925 |
| City_24 | City_19 | 1594107 |
| City_24 | City_12 | 774894 |
| City_24 | City_46 | 1146028 |
| City_24 | City_45 | 1147045 |
| City_24 | City_51 | 1107377 |
| City_24 | City_6 | 1688216 |
| City_24 | City_20 | 1615472 |
| City_24 | City_56 | 1636630 |

2) large order dataset

<u>Untitled</u>

| △ Order_ID = | ▲ Material_ID = | ▲ Item_ID = | ▲ Source = | △ Destination = |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| 365 unique values | C-0335 6% C-0465 5% Other (4144) 89% | 4635 unique values | 1 unique value | City_58 10% City_55 6% Other (3891) 84% |
| A140109 | B-6128 | P01-43f08b0f-87f8- 4a3f-91b8- 40ed1947bdaa | City_61 | City_54 |
| A140109 | B-6128 | P01-899d7387-aab0- 4443-b6ba- 7520fb4ee981 | City_61 | City_54 |
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| A140109 | B-6128 | P01-cd0377d4-770c- 45c3-9bd8- a5b098246e7e | City_61 | City_54 |
| A140109 | B-6128 | P01-ba00d24b-9234- 4326-82a2- bdb72862ccd3 | City_61 | City_54 |

3) small order dataset

<u>Untitled</u>

| ▲ Order_ID order id | F | ▲ Material_ID = | ▲ Item_ID = | ≜ Source = | △ Destination = |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| A140112 A190226 Other (3) | 40% 30% 30% | 2 unique values | 10 unique values | 1 unique value | 2 unique values |
| A140112 | | B-6128 | P01-84ac394c-9f34- 48e7-bd15- 76f92120b624 | City_61 | City_54 |
| A140112 | | B-6128 | P01-b70c94db-630a- 497b-bb63- b0ad86a7dce6 | City_61 | City_54 |
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| A190223 | | B-6155 | nan-4ac2f30e-bc0a- 4415-8612- a6b38d833317 | City_61 | City_53 |
| A190225 | | B-6155 | nan-5ae70ea9-a28e- 4107-b267- | City_61 | City_53 |

4)truck dataset

Untitled

Example Input:

It is a set of items to be delivered, where the Item_ID uniquely defines an item.

| Ord er_I D | Mater ial_ID | Item_ID | Sou rce | Desti natio n | Available_ Time | Deadline | Dang er_Ty pe | Area (m^2 | Weig ht (kg) |
|------------------|-----------------|--|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| A14 010 9 | B- 6128 | P01-79c46a02-e12f- 41c4-9ec9- 25e48597ebfe | City _61 | City_5 4 | 2022-04- 05 23:59:59 | 2022-04- 11 23:59:59 | type_1 | 3.888 | 3092 |
| A14 0112 | B- 6128 | P01-84ac394c-9f34- 48e7-bd15- 76f92120b624 | City _61 | City_5 4 | 2022-04- 07 23:59:59 | 2022-04- 13 23:59:59 | type_1 | 3.888 | 3092 |
| A14 0112 | B- 6128 | P01-b70c94db-630a- 497b-bb63- b0ad86a7dce6 | City _61 | City_5 4 | 2022-04- 07 23:59:59 | 2022-04- 13 23:59:59 | type_1 | 3.888 | 3092 |

Also assume there are 3 types of trucks available for assignment:

| Truck Type (length in m) | Inner Size (m^2) | Weight Capacity (kg) | Cost Per KM | Speed (km/h) |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 16.5 | 16.1×2.5 | 10000 | 3 | 40 |
| 12.5 | 12.1×2.5 | 5000 | 2 | 40 |
| 9.6 | 9.1×2.3 | 2000 | 1 | 40 |

Example Output:

Below is an example output of the route assignment, where Truck_ID uniquely defines a truck. The column Shared_Truck indicates if there are items from different orders sharing the same truck.

| Truck_ID | Truc k_R oute | Or de r_I D | Ma teri al_I D | Item_ID | Da nge r_T ype | So ur ce | De sti nat ion | Start _Tim e | Arriv al_Ti me | Dead line | Sha red _Tr uck | ck _Ty |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| d27e70e 3-e143- 4419- 8c4a- 2faf130e 29b3 | City_ 61- >Cit y_54 | A1 40 10 9 | B- 612 8 | P01- 79c46a02- e12f-41c4- 9ec9- 25e48597e bfe | typ e_1 | Ci ty _6 1 | Cit y_5 4 | 2022 -04- 05 23:59 :59 | 2022 -04- 08 13:11: 46 | 2022 -04- 11 23:5 9:59 | N | 9.6 |
| 7fb70614 -64c5- 4d40- a8a2- 2f6e3920 5a67 | City_ 61- >Cit y_54 | A1 40 11 2 | B- 612 8 | P01- 84ac394c- 9f34- 48e7- bd15- 76f92120b 624 | typ e_1 | Ci ty _6 1 | Cit y_5 4 | 2022 -04- 07 23:59 :59 | 2022 -04- 10 13:11: 46 | 2022 -04- 13 23:5 9:59 | N | 9.6 |
| 7fb70614 -64c5- 4d40- a8a2- 2f6e3920 5a67 | City_ 61- >Cit y_54 | A1 40 11 2 | B- 612 8 | P01- b70c94db- 630a- 497b- bb63- b0ad86a7d ce6 | typ e_1 | Ci ty _6 1 | Cit y_5 4 | 2022 -04- 07 23:59 :59 | 2022 -04- 10 13:11: 46 | 2022 -04- 13 23:5 9:59 | N | 9.6 |

6) Details of algorithms/approaches used & result

This algorithm is a simple genetic algorithm (GA) used for optimization problems. Here's a detailed explanation of each part:

1. Constants:

- POPULATION_SIZE: The number of individuals in each generation.
- NUM_GENERATIONS: The total number of generations.
- TOURNAMENT_SIZE: The size of the tournament selection.
- MUTATION_RATE: The probability of mutation for each gene.
- **CROSSOVER_RATE**: The probability of crossover for each pair of parents.

2. Genetic Algorithm Function (genetic_algorithm):

• **Initialization**: Initializes the population by calling init_population(POPULATION_SIZE), which creates a population of random individuals.

- Main Loop: Iterates through each generation (from 1 to NUM_GENERATIONS):
 - **Fitness Evaluation:** Evaluates the fitness of each individual in the population using **fitness_function** and stores the fitness scores in **fitness_scores**.
 - **Parent Selection:** Selects parents for crossover using tournament selection (tournament_selection) and stores them in the parents list. This is done by iterating tournament_size times and selecting the best individual each time to be a parent.
 - **Crossover:** Performs crossover on selected parents to create offspring (offspring). It uses one-point crossover (one_point_crossover) with a probability of crossover_rate. If crossover occurs, two children are added to the offspring list; otherwise, the parents are added unchanged.
 - **Mutation:** Performs mutation on the offspring with a probability of MUTATION_RATE, using the MUTATION function.
 - **Replacement:** Replaces the current population with the offspring.
 - Printing Best Individual: Prints the best individual in the current generation based on fitness. The best individual is found using the min function with a lambda function as the key to compare individuals based on fitness.
- **Return:** Returns the best individual found across all generations, which is the individual with the minimum fitness score.
- 3. **Example Usage:** Calls **genetic_algorithm** to find the best solution and prints the best solution found.

```
import random

# Define constants
POPULATION_SIZE = 25
NUM_GENERATIONS = 30
TOURNAMENT_SIZE = 5
MUTATION_RATE = 0.1
CROSSOVER_RATE = 0.8

# Genetic algorithm function
def genetic_algorithm():
    # Initialize population
    population = init_population(POPULATION_SIZE)

# Main loop for the number of generations
for generation in range(NUM_GENERATIONS):
    # Evaluate fitness of each individual in the population
    fitness_scores = [fitness_function(individual) for individual in population]
```

```
# Select parents for crossover using tournament selection
        parents = [tournament_selection(population) for _ in range(POPULATION_
        # [[p1,p2],[p1,p2]]
        # Perform crossover to create offspring
        offspring = []
        for i in range(0, POPULATION_SIZE, 2):
            if random.random() < CROSSOVER_RATE:</pre>
                child1, child2 = one_point_crossover(parents[i][0], parents[i]
                offspring.append(child1)
                offspring.append(child2)
            else:
                     offspring.extend([parents[i][0], parents[i][1]])
        # Perform mutation on the offspring
        for i in range(len(offspring)):
            if random.random() < MUTATION_RATE:</pre>
                offspring[i] = mutation(offspring[i])
        # Replace the current population with the offspring
        population = offspring
        # Print the best individual in the current generation
        best_individual = min(zip(population, fitness_scores), key=lambda x: >
        print(f"Generation {generation+1}, Best Individual: {best_individual}
        # print(f"Generation {generation+1}, Best Individual: {best_individual
    # Return the best individual from the final generation
    return min(zip(population, fitness_scores), key=lambda x: x[1])[0]
# Example usage
best_solution = genetic_algorithm()
print("Best solution found:", best_solution)
```

Generation 1, Best Individual: [(0, ['A250556', 'A220301', 'A240104', 'A230676']), (0, ['A230153', 'A240110', 'A240425', 'A240112', 'A250403']), (1, ['A220300', 'A270114', 'A220312']), (2, ['A220493']), (1, ['A250555', 'A260606']), (0, ['A250346', 'A250554', 'A220492', 'A220313', 'A240107']), (0, ['A190223', 'A140112', 'A190225', 'A240042', 'A220319']), (1, ['A240045', 'A260061']), (2, ['A220318']), (1, ['A260078']), (0, ['A140109', 'A260605', 'A220494', 'A140110']), (0, ['A250403', 'A190223', 'A250346', 'A230669', 'A220309']), (0, ['A240281', 'A220492', 'A250554', 'A250556']), (0, ['A240109', 'A230153', 'A240049', 'A230667', 'A190225']), (1, ['A260604', 'A230670', 'A270114']), (0, ['A230668', 'A190226', 'A260603', 'A240104', 'A220319']), (1, ['A240042']), (1, ['A240425', 'A230154']), (1, ['A240107', 'A230675', 'A240112']), (1, ['A230676', 'A220321']), (0, ['A220312', 'A260052', 'A250555']), (0, ['A220303', 'A240110', 'A230151', 'A250402']), (2, ['A080377']), (0,

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fitness= 640322

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fitness= 466823

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fitness= 417969

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fitness= 362085

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fitness= 373154

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'A220309']), (2, ['A080377']), (1, ['A250557']), (2, ['A190225']), (2, ['A080377']), (0, ['A230153',
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Generation 30, Best Individual: [(1, ['A240108', 'A240050', 'A220310']), (1, ['A230669']), (1, ['A220303', 'A140112']), (2, ['A240045']), (2, ['A080377']), (1, ['A250401']), (1, ['A220313', 'A220308']), (2, ['A080377']), (2, ['A240046']), (2, ['A240046']), (2, ['A260603']), (1, ['A250557', 'A080376']), (1, ['A220313', 'A220308']), (1, ['A140110', 'A220309']), (2, ['A080377']), (2, ['A240046']), (2, ['A190225']), (2, ['A080377']), (1, ['A230669'])] fitness= 172405

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7) Development platform

Visual Studio Code, also commonly referred to as **VS Code**,[9] is a <u>source-code editor</u> developed by <u>Microsoft</u> for <u>Windows</u>, <u>Linux</u>, <u>macOS</u> and <u>web browsers</u>.[10][11] Features include support for <u>debugging</u>, <u>syntax highlighting</u>, <u>intelligent code completion</u>, <u>snippets</u>, <u>code refactoring</u>, and embedded <u>version control</u> with <u>Git</u>. Users can change the <u>theme</u>, <u>keyboard shortcuts</u>, preferences, and install <u>extensions</u> that add functionality.

In the <u>Stack Overflow</u> 2023 Developer Survey, Visual Studio Code was ranked the most popular developer environment tool among 86,544 respondents, with 73.71% reporting that they use it. [12]

Visual Studio Code

Visual Studio Code, also commonly referred to as VS Code, is a source-code editor developed by Microsoft for Windows, Linux, macOS and web browsers. Features include support for debugging, syntax highlighting, intelligent code

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Visual Studio Code



Reception[edit]

In the 2016 Developers Survey of <u>Stack Overflow</u>, Visual Studio Code ranked No. 13 among the top popular development tools, with only 7% of the 47,000 respondents using it.[33] Two years later, however, Visual Studio Code achieved the No. 1 spot, with 35% of the 75,000 respondents using it. [34] In the 2019 Developers Survey, Visual Studio Code was also ranked No. 1, with 50% of the 87,000 respondents using it.[35] The 2020 Developers Survey did not cover integrated development environments.[36] In the 2021 Developers Survey, Visual Studio Code continued to be ranked No. 1, with 74.5% of the 71,000 respondents using it,[37] 74.48% of the 71,010 responses in the 2022 survey,[38] and 73.71% of the 86,544 responses in the 2023 survey.[39]