for (i=1;i<=NN;i++) bmatch[i]=f[i]; path(i,j,NN); if (f[i]<=0) { incr(j); }

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ALGORITHMS FOR THE VEHICLE ROUTING PROBLEMS WITH TIME DEADLINES

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SYNOPTIC ABSTRACT

The vehicle routing problem with time deadlines (VRPTD) is an extension of the classical vehicle routing problem (VRP) with constraints on the latest allowable time (deadline) for servicing each customer. The objective is to minimize the number of vehicles and the distance travelled without exceeding the capacity of the vehicles or violating the customer deadlines. VRPTD belongs to the class of NP-complete problems. As the computational time taken to solve such problems using exact methods is prohibitive, heuristic methods are used instead to obtain near optimal solutions for large-size problems. We develop three heuristics to solve the VRPTD: deadline sweep, push-forward insertion and genetic sectoring. The solutions obtained by these heuristics are improved using a local post-optimization problems consisting of 200 customers each with different geographical and procedure. Computational analysis of the three heuristics are reported on 25 lemporal characteristics.

Key Words and Phrases: vehicle routing, time deadlines, genetic algorithms.

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INTRODUCTION

Solomon and Desrosiers (1988), Desrochers, Desrociers and Solomon (1992) and constraints are added. Applications of routing and scheduling models arise in a wide of vehicles can potentially save public and private sectors millions of dollars per year. We refer to Osman (1993a) for the recent comprehensive survey in the literature on practical applications, implemented systems, development and classification of exact and approximate algorithms for more than ten different classes of routing and scheduling problems, after the early work of Bodin, Golden, Assad and Ball (1983). Special purpose surveys can be found in: Laporte (1992) and Osman (1993b) for the VRP; Solomon (1987), Golden and Assad (1988), the earliest arrival times removed [Solomon, 1987]. The VRPTD is also an extension of the standard vehicle routing problem (VRP) in which the time deadline range of practical decision making problems and efficient routing and scheduling Each customer must be supplied by exactly one vehicle route. The total demand of any vehicle route must not exceed the maximum capacity of the vehicle. Each customer must be serviced within its specified time deadline. The VRPTD is the vehicle routing problem with time windows (earliest and latest arrival times), with of a set of minimum cost delivery routes for a fleet of vehicles, originating and The vehicle routing problem with time deadlines (VRPTD) involves the design terminating at a central depot, that serves a set of customers with known demands and within specified time deadlines (latest allowable time) for accepting services. Golden and Assad (1986) for VRP with time constraints.

Swenson, 1986; Nygard, Greenberg, Bolkan and Swenson, 1988]. Therefore, the prohibitive. Heuristic methods often produce optimum or near-optimum solutions for large problems in a reasonable amount of computer time. Heuristic methods based on the Generalized Assignment method for solving VRPTD have been capable of solving small VRPTD problems with 25 customers and are not capable of obtaining feasible solutions for practical large-sized problems [Bolkan, 1986; development of heuristic algorithms that can solve large VRPTD in a reasonable ISPTW. Though optimal solutions to VRPTD problems can be obtained using exact methods, the computational time required to obtain such solutions is Savelsbergh (1985) proved that obtaining a feasible solution to the travelling salesman problem with time windows (TSPTW) is, itself, a NP-complete problem. This demonstrates that the VRPTD is fundamentally more difficult than the amount of time is of primary interest.

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In this paper we develop three heuristics for solving the VRPTD. The Deadline Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic (PFIH) uses an efficient insertion method to append customers to a vehicle route. The Genetic Sectoring Heuristic (GSH) is a Sweep Heuristic (DSH) is a time oriented sweep approach that clusters customers and routes the vehicles within the clusters using a weighted cost function consisting of distance, time urgency and polar coordinate angle of a customer. The cluster-first route-second heuristic that uses a Genetic Algorithm (GA) to sector the customers and the cheapest insertion method to route the vehicles within the sectors. The solutions obtained from these three heuristics are further improved using a local post-optimization procedure.

customers to be visited by that vehicle is greater than its maximum capacity. A vehicle is considered to be tardy if the arrival time of the vehicle at a customer is The local post-optimization procedure attempts to improve the solutions by allowing infeasible solutions to be accepted if the total travel time can be reduced even if the vehicles are overloaded, or if the vehicle is tardy in servicing the customers. A vehicle is considered to be overloaded if the total demand for all the after the customer's latest deadline. The three heuristics for solving the VRPTD were tested on 25 problems grouped into five data sets with 200 customers each. The five data sets are differentiated by the geographical placement of the customers. Each problem within the data set is differentiated by customer demands and time deadlines for servicing the customers. Computational studies show that the GSH consistently obtains good feasible solutions for problems in which the customers have short time deadlines and/or are for problems in which the customers have long time deadlines and/or are tightly uniformly distributed. The DSH and the PFIH obtain better solutions than the GSH

Section 2 gives the description of the DSH for solving VRPTD. Sections 3 and 4 describe the PFIH and GSH methods. Section 5 describes the data sets used for comparing the performance of the three heuristics. Sections 6 and 7 report the computational results, and show the analysis for the above developed heuristics. Section 8 contains the summary and concluding remarks.

2. DEADLINE SWEEP HEURISTIC (DSH).

The Deadline Sweep Heuristic (DSH) is an extension of the Clarke-Wright and Gillet-Miller algorithms [Clarke and Wright, 1964; Gillett and Miller, 1974] for solving standard vehicle routing problems with time deadlines. The following notations will help in the description of the DSH, PFIH and GSH heuristics.

urgency of the customer j, i.e. $u_{ij} = l_i - (t_i + d_{ij})$, where i, j = 1,...,N. penalty weight factor for the total tardy time in a vehicle route. pseudo polar coordinate angle of customer i, where i = 1,...,N. offset of the kth sector, i.e, decimal value of the kth bit string maximum offset of a sector in Genetic Sectoring, M= 3F. Euclidean distance (proportional to the travel time) from length of the bit string in a chromosome representing an polar coordinate angle of customer i, where i = 1,...,N. total travel time to reach customer i, where i = 1,...,N. fixed angle for Genetic Sectoring, Max{si....,sn]/2K, total distance for a vehicle route k, where k=1,...,K. latest time deadline at customer i, where i = 1,...,Notal tardiness for vehicle route k, where k=1,...,K. total overload for vehicle route k, where k=1,...,K. penalty weight factor for an overloaded vehicle. population size of the Genetic Algorithm, P=50. number of generations the Genetic Algorithm is initial seed angle for Genetic Sectoring, S₀=0. weight factor for the polar coordinate angle. seed angle for sector k, where k=1,...,K-1. customer i to j, where i,j = 1,...,N. vehicle route k, where k=1,...,K. weight factor for the distance. of size B, where k=1,...,K-1. weight factor for the urgency. customer i, where i=1,...,N. total number of customers. total number of vehicles. simulated, G=1000. where n = 1,...,N. the central depot. ij П Ħ 11: 11 11 8 H H 0.0 н 11 11 11 11 11 띡 ಸ್ಪ್ರಿಶದ≻೬ಸ ¥z౮>ఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀఀ 승규가맞면있다 Zβ ص ہے

The DSH heuristic builds routes starting from the depot and adds a customer to the last customer in the current route using a cost function. The cost function takes into consideration the geographical and temporal characteristics of the

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customers. The heuristic search is executed on all customers in the problem that can be feasibly added to the current route without violating the time deadlines or capacity constraints. A new route is started any time the search fails. The heuristic search terminates when there are no more customers to be added. For a vehicle route with C_i as the last customer the DSH uses the following cost function to add an unrouted customer C_j to the route:

cost from
$$C_i$$
 to $C_j = \alpha (t_i + d_{ij}) + \beta u_{ij} + \gamma ((p_j/360)d_{ij})$ (1)

This cost function (1) for DSH accounts for the geographical and temporal closeness of the customers, and is used to decide which customer should be added to the current route ended with customer C_i . We assume that there is an unlimited number of vehicles, K, which is large and determined by the heuristic to route all the customers. The weights for the cost function in (1) were derived empirically and were set as follows: $\alpha = 0.7$, $\beta = 0.2$, and $\gamma = 0.1$. The weights reflect the priority for the selection of the next customer in the order of distance, urgency and angle of the customer with respect to the last customer in the current route. When computing the polar coordinate angle of the next customer is normalized in terms of the distance. This normalization allows comparison of distance, urgency and angular value in terms of a common unit. The flow of the DSH is described in Figure 1.

The DSH heuristic constructs routes by appending customers to the current route using the cost function (1) for selecting the next customer to be added. In order to obtain the first customer for a vehicle route, the cost function (1) is used to calculate the cost of all the customers from the depot. The unrouted customer with the lowest cost is chosen as the first customer to be added to the current route. The next customer is chosen by calculating the cost of all the unrouted customers from the customer last added to the current route and appending the customer with the least cost to the end of the current route.

When computing the cost of the next unrouted customer C_j , if C_j violates the time deadline or capacity constraint, then a penalty cost is added to prevent the consideration of C_j for addition into the current route. When no more customers can be added to the current route without violating the capacity or time constraints, a new route is initiated. The new tour starts from the unrouted customer nearest to the depot with the least cost and the process continues to add customers to the

current route. The DSH method terminates when all customers are routed. The solution from the DSH method is improved using a local post-optimization procedure.

Begin with an empty route starting from the depot. Step DSH-0:

Set i=0, and r=1.

If all customers are routed, go to Step DSH-6, Step DSH-1:

otherwise, for all unrouted customers j: Compute the cost according to (I).

Sort the unrouted customers in a list in ascending order of their Step DSH-2:

lf j* can be appended after i without violating the capacity and Select the first customer, j*, from the ordered list. Step DSH-3:

time constraints,

go to Step DSH-4,

otherwise, go to Step DSH-5.

Update the capacity of the current route r. Append j* to the current route r. Step DSH-4:

Set i = j* and go to Step DSH-1.

Begin a new route from the depot. Step DSH-5:

Set r = r+1, and i=0.

Go to Step DSH-1.

Either stop with the DSH solution, or go to Step DSH-7. All customers are now routed. Step DSH-6:

Stop the Deadline Sweep Heuristic with a local Call the local post-optimization procedure. post-optimization (DSHO) solution. Step DSH-7:

FIGURE 1: Flow of the Deadline Sweep Heuristic (DSH)

reduction of the total cost for routing the vehicles. The shift and exchange heuristics have theoretical properties [Osman and Christofides, 1994] and have been The local post-optimization procedure for the three heuristics described in this cost. The procedure shifts and exchanges customers between routes until no more into a different route. In the exchange procedure, one customer each from two different routes are removed and inserted into the other's route. In both shift and exchange procedures, improved solutions are accepted if the insertion results in the The local post-optimization procedure improves a solution by shifting or exchanging customers between routes if it results in reduction of the total routing 1991]. In the shift procedure, one customer is removed from a route and inserted implemented successfully in many combinatorial problems [Osman, 1991, 1993b]. improvements are found [Thompson and Psaraftis, 1988; Thangiah, 1991; Osman,

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paper uses the shift and exchange of one and two customers between routes. For a detailed description of these procedures refer to [Osman, 1991]

PUSH-FORWARD INSERTION HEURISTIC (PFIH)

The Push-Forward Insertion method was introduced by Solomon for the VRP with time windows [Solomon, 1987]. It is an efficient method for computing the cost of inserting a new customer into the current route. The Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic (PFIH) is a modification of Solomon's Push-Forward Insertion method

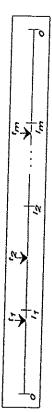


FIGURE 2: The Push-Forward Insertion method for a set of customers in a vehicle route.

Figure 2 describes a route with m customers, with each customer having a deadline. The arrival time of a vehicle t_i at a customer is before its deadline l_i . For a customer C_i to be inserted between the depot and customer C_J , the insertion feasibility is checked by computing the amount of time that the arrival time of l_f is pushed forward. A change in the arrival time for 1, could affect the arrival time of all the successor customers of t_I in the current route. The insertion feasibility for C_i is computed by sequentially checking all the successor customers of C_i for feasibility. The Push-Forward for a customer C_j is 0 if the time propagated by the predecessor customers of C_j , because of the insertion of C_i into the route, does not affect the arrival time for t_{j} . The sequential checking for feasibility is continued until the Push-Forward for a customer is 0, a customer is pushed into being tardy, or, in the worst case, all customers are checked for feasibility.

The PFIH heuristic starts a new route by selecting an initial customer and then inserting customers into the current route until either the capacity of the vehicle is exceeded or it is not time feasible to add another customer to the emerging route. The criteria for selecting the first customer to be visited is based on the combined cost of the customer furthest away from the depot with the earliest deadline and the smallest polar coordinate angle.

For all unrouted customers j: Compute the cost according Select the first customer, j*, from the ordered list with the to (2), and sort them in ascending order of their costs. fall customers have been routed, go to step PFIH-8. least cost and feasible in terms of time and capacity Begin with an empty route starting from the depot. Set i=0, and r=1Step PFIH-1: Step PFIH-3: Step PFIH-2:

Append j^* to the current route r: set $i = j^*$. Ipdate the capacity of the route. Step PFIH-4:

For all unrouted customers j: For all edges [k, 1] in the current route, compute the cost of inserting each of the unrouted customers between k and l. Step PFIH-5:

Select an unrouted customer j* at edge (k*, j*) that has the Step PFIH-6:

If the insertion of customer j* between k* and l* is feasible in terms of time and capacity constraints,

update the capacity of the current route 1, and insert customer j* between k* and l*,

otherwise, go to Step PFIH-7. go to Step PFIH-5,

Begin a new route from the depot. Step PFIH-7:

Set r = r + I, and i = 0.

Go to Step PFIH-2.

Either stop with a PFIH solution, or go to Step PFIH-9. All Customers have been routed. Step PFIH-8:

Stop the Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic with a local Call the local post-optimization procedure. post-optimization (PFIHO) solution. Step PFIH-9:

FIGURE 3. Flow of the Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic(PFIH)

The cost function for selecting the first customer C_i is calculated using the following formula:

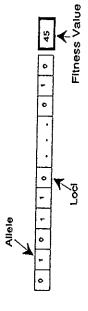
Cost of
$$C_i = -\alpha d_{0i} + \beta l_i + \gamma ((p_i/360)d_{0i})$$
 (2)

The unrouted customer with the lowest cost is selected as the first customer to be visited. The weights for the three criteria were derived empirically and were set at $\alpha = 0.7$, $\beta = 0.1$, $\gamma = 0.3$. The priority for the selection of the customer is in order of distance, polar coordinate angle and latest time. When computing the polar coordinate angle of the customer with respect to the depot in (2), the angular value of the customer from the depot is normalized in terms of the distance. This

normalization allows comparison of the distance, latest deadline and angular value the current tour that minimizes the total travel cost and inserts customer C_l between and j if it does not violate time feasibility and capacity constraints. A new route is started when no more customers can be inserted into the current route without violating the capacity or time feasibility constraints. The flow of the PFIH is of the customer in terms of a common unit. Once the first customer is selected for the current route, the heuristic selects an unrouted customer C_l and an edge $\{i, j\}$ in described in Figure 3.

4. GENETIC SECTORING HEURISTIC (GSH)

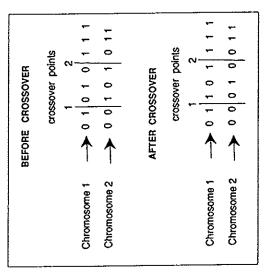
The Genetic Algorithm (GA) is an adaptive heuristic search method based on population genetics. The basic concepts of a GA were primarily developed by Holland [Holland, 1975]. Holland's study produced the beginnings of the theory of genetic adaptive search [DeJong, 1980; Grefenstette, 1986; Goldberg, 1989]. The GA is an iterative procedure that maintains a population of P candidate members over many simulated generations. The population members are string entities of artificial chromosomes. The chromosomes are fixed length strings with binary values (or alleles) at each position (or locus). Allele is the 0 or 1 value in the bit string, and the Loci is the position at which the 0 or 1 value is present in each location of the chromosome. Each chromosome has a fitness value associated with it (see Figure 4).



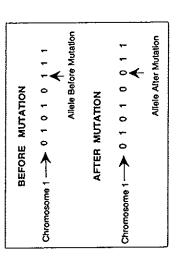
in a bit string format with the allele, loci and fitness value. FIGURE 4: Description of a chromosome represented

The chromosomes from one generation are selected for the next generation based on their fitness value. The fitness value of a chromosome is the payoff value that is associated with a chromosome. For searching other points in the search space, variation is introduced into the population chromosomes by using crossover and mutation genetic operators. Crossover is the most important genetic recombination operator. After the selection process, a randomly selected

proportion of the chromosomes undergo a two point crossover operation and produce offspring for the next generation (see Figure 5).



two chromosomes. The crossover points I and 2 are FIGURE 5: Example of a crossover operation with selected randomly.



chromosome. The location (locus) of the bit (allele) FIGURE 6: Example of a mutation operation on a to be mutated is selected randomly.

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Selection and crossover effectively search the problem space exploring and exploiting information present in the chromosome population by selecting and recombining primarily the offspring that have high fitness values. These two genetic operations generally produce a population of chromosomes with high performance characteristics. Mutation is a secondary operator that prevents premature loss of important information by randomly mutating alleles within a chromosome (see Figure 6). The adaptations in a GA are achieved by exploiting similarities present in the coding of the chromosomes. The termination criteria of a GA are convergence within a given tolerance or realization of the maximum number of generations to be simulated.

A clustering method using the GA has been highly successful in solving vehicle routing problems with time constraints, multiple depots and multiple commodities [Thangiah, 1993; Thangiah, Vinayagamoorthy and Gubbi, 1993; Thangiah and Nygard, 1993; Thangiah and Nygard, 1992a,1992b; Thangiah, Nygard and Juell, 1991]. In this paper we investigate the use of the genetic clustering method for solving VRPTD for a large number of customers. The GA can be used to solve the VRPTD using the cluster-first route-second method. The GSH is a cluster-first route-second method. That is, given a set of customers and a central depot, the heuristic clusters the customers using the GA, and the customers within each sector are routed using the cheapest insertion method [Golden and Stewart, 1985]. The clustering of customers using a GA is referred to as Genetic Sectoring. As the sectors obtained by the GSH does not always result in a feasible solution, a local post-optimization procedure is used to improve the solution. The local post-optimization procedure shifts and exchanges customers between the routes to improve the solution obtained from the GA. The GSH heuristic allows exploration and exploitation of the search space to find good feasible solutions with the exploration being done by the GA and the exploitation by the local post-optimization procedure. The GENESIS [Grefenstette, 1987] genetic algorithm software was used in the implementation of the GSH. The chromosomes in GENESIS are represented as bit strings. The sectors(clusters) for the VRPTD is obtained from a chromosome

by subdividing it into K divisions of size B bits. Each subdivision is used to compute the size of a sector. The fitness value for the chromosome is the total cost of serving all the customers computed with respect to the sector divisions derived from it.

In an N customer problem with the origin at the depot, the GSH replaces the customer angles $p_1,...,p_N$ with pseudo polar coordinate angles. The pseudo polar coordinate angles are obtained by normalizing the angles between the customers so that the angular difference between any two adjacent customers is equal. This allows sector boundaries to fall freely between any pair of customers that have adjacent angles, whether the separation is small or large. The customers are divided into K sectors, where K is the number of vehicles, by planting a set of "seed" angles, $S_0,...,S_K$, in the search space and drawing a ray from the origin to each seed angle. The initial number of vehicles, K, required to service the customers is obtained using the DSH. The initial seed angle S_0 is assumed to be 0° . The first sector will lie between seed angles S_1 and S_2 , and so on. The Genetic Sectoring process assigns a customer, C_1 , to a sector or vehicle route, V_k , based on the following equation:

$$C_i$$
 is assigned to V_k if $S_k < s_i <= S_{k+1}$, where $k=0,...,K-I$.

Customer C_i is assigned to vehicle V_k if the pseudo polar coordinate angle s_i is greater than seed angle S_k but is less than or equal to seed angle S_{k+I} . Each seed angle is computed using a fixed angle and an offset from the fixed angle. The fixed angle, F_i is the minimum angular value for a sector and assures that each sector gets represented in the Genetic Sectoring process. The fixed angle is computed by taking the maximum polar coordinate angle within the set of customers and dividing it by 2K. The offset is the extra region from the fixed angle that allows the sector to encompass a larger or a smaller sector area.

The GA is used to search for the set of offsets that will result in the minimization of the total cost of routing the vehicles. The maximum offset, M, was set to three times the fixed angle to allow for large variations in the size of the sectors during the genetic search. If a fixed angle and its offset exceeds 360° , then that seed angle is set to 360° thereby allowing the Genetic Sectoring process to consider vehicles less than K to service all its customers. Therefore K, the initial

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number of vehicles with which the GSH is invoked, serves as the upper bound on the number of vehicles that can be used for servicing all the customers.

The bit size representation of an offset in a chromosome, B, was derived empirically and was set at 5 bits. The decimal conversion of 5 bits results in a range of integer values between 0 and 31. The offsets are derived proportionately from the decimal conversion of the bit values using the decimal value 0 as a 0° offset and the bit value 31 as the maximum offset. Figure 7 describes the chromosome mapping used to obtain the offsets.

FIGURE 7: Representation of the offsets using a chromosome. Each offset is represented by five bits in the chromosome. The fitness value of the chromosome is the total route cost obtained using the offsets obtained from the chromosome.

The seed angles are derived from the chromosome using the following equation:

$$S_i = S_{i-1} + F + \begin{pmatrix} E_t \binom{\log M}{\log 3} \end{pmatrix} \binom{M}{2^B} \tag{3}$$

The fitness value of a chromosome is the total cost of routing K vehicles for servicing N customers using the sectors formed from the set of seed angles derived from the chromosome. The seed angles are derived using the fixed angle and the offsets from the chromosomes. The formula (3) for calculating the seed angles uses an exponential function. The exponential function allows for large fluctuations in the seed angles with respect to the offsets derived from the chromosomes during the Genetic Sectoring process. The customers within the

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method. The cheapest insertion method takes each unrouted customer in the sector and each edge [i, j] in the current tour and computes the cost of inserting the unrouted customer between i and j. The unrouted customer that has the least sectors, obtained from the chromosomes, are routed using the cheapest insertion insertion cost at edge {i, j} is selected to be inserted between i and j. The cost of inserting customer C; into route Vk using the cheapest insertion method is calculated as follows:

insertion cost of
$$C_i = D_k + \eta O_k + \kappa T_k$$
 (4)

The insertion cost formula (4) will accept infeasible solutions if the reduction in function (4). When calculating the penalty weight factors η and κ for (4), η was set to ten percent of D_k and κ to one percent of D_k . The penalty values were chosen in this manner to allow penalization relative to the total distance travelled total distance is high enough to allow either a vehicle to be overloaded or be tardy. Overloading and tardiness in a vehicle route are penalized in the insertion cost by the vehicle.

routes, where P is the population size and G is number of generations to be Therefore, a population of P chromosomes usually has P different solutions for a chromosomes that have the least cost will have a high probability of surviving into the next generation through the selection process. As the crossover operator partial information about sector divisions for the VRPTD is exchanged between he chromosomes. New information is generated within the chromosomes by the explore the search space for the set of sectors that will minimize the total cost of the routes over the simulated generations for the VRPTD. The GSH would utilize more computer time than either DSH or PFIH for obtaining a solution because every time the Genetic Sectoring Process is invoked it has to evaluate P.G vehicle VRPTD. That is, there may be some chromosomes in the population that are not unique. At each generation P chromosomes are evaluated for fitness. The exchanges a randomly selected portion of the bit string between the chromosomes, mutation operator. The GSH uses selection, crossover and mutation to adaptively In the GSH each chromosome represents a set of offsets for a VRPTD.

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The infeasibility in a solution arises because of overloading or tardiness in a The parameter values for the number of generations, population size, crossover and mutation rates for the Genetic Sectoring process were derived empirically and were set at 1000, 50, 0.6 and 0.001. During the simulation of the generations, the GSH keeps track of the set of sectors obtained from the genetic search that has the lowest total route cost. The genetic search terminates either when it reaches the number of generations to be simulated or if all the chromosomes have the same fitness value. The best set of sectors obtained after the termination of the genetic search does not always result in a feasible solution. post-optimization procedure that shifts and exchanges customers between the vehicle route. The solution obtained from the GA is improved using the local vehicle routes

post-optimization procedure, the customers are ranked in order of the sectors, and The local post-optimization process is carried out until no more improvements can be made to the solution obtained from the GA. At the termination of the local within the sectors in the sequence in which they are visited by the vehicles. The customer angles, P₁,...,p_N, are replaced with pseudo polar coordinate angles, using route and customer sequence, clusters together customers with angles in order of the customer rank. The assignment of pseudo polar coordinate geographical and temporal characteristics that can be serviced by a single vehicle. The customers with the new pseudo polar coordinate angles are once again used to form new sectors using the GA. The best set of sectors obtained from the GA are improved using the local post-optimization procedure. This iteration between Genetic Sectoring process and local post-optimization procedure is carried out a predetermined number of times and was set at 5. The flow of the GSH is described in Figure 8.

The Genetic Sectoring and local post-optimization procedures are symbiotic as the Genetic Sectoring is a meta-search strategy that forms the sectors and the local post-optimization procedure gives adjacency information about the customers back to the Genetic Sectoring process. These two procedures derive information from each other in order to obtain a good feasible solution •

| Step GSH-1: | Set the number of cluster-route iterations: itermax = 5 . |
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| | Set the current iteration number: iter=0. Set the bit string size for the offset: Bsize=5. |
| Step GSH-2: | Sort the customers in order of their polar coordinate angles, and assign pseudo polar coordinate angles to the customers. Set the lowest global route cost to infinity: $g=\infty$. |
| Step GSH-3: | Set the lowest local route cost to infinity: l=∞. Increment the number of iterations: iter=iter+1. |
| Step GSH-4: | y ver > vermax, go to step USH-1. If GA has terminated, go to Step GSH-5. For each chromosome in the population: For each bit string of size BSize. |
| | calculate the seed angle, sector the customers and |
| | route the customers within the sectors using the cheapest |
| | insertion method. If the cost of the current set of sectors is lower than l |
| | set I to the current route cost, and |
| | save the set of sectors in lr. |
| | If the cost of the current set of sectors is lower than g, |
| | set g to the current route cost, and |
| | save me set of sectors in gr. Do Selection. Gossover and Mutation on the chromosomes |
| | Go to Step GSH-4. |
| Step GSH-5: | Do local post-optimization using the route Ir. |
| | If no improvements can be made to route lr, |
| | go to Step GSH-6. |
| | If the current improved route has lower cost than I, |
| | set I to the current cost, and |
| | save the set of sectors in Ir. |
| | If the current improved route has lower cost than g, |
| | set g to the current cost, and |
| | save the set of sectors in gr. |
| | Go to step GSH-5. |
| Step GSH-6: | Rank the customers of route Ir in order of the sectors, and |
| | within the sectors in order of the sequence in which they are |
| | visited. |
| | Sort the customers by the rank. |
| | Assign pseudo polar coordinates to the customers in order of |
| | the sorted rank. |
| | Go to Step GSH-3. |
| Step GSH-7: | Stop the Genetic Sectoring Heuristic with a local |

FIGURE 8: Flow of the Genetic Sectoring Heuristic (GSH).

post-optimization solution (GSHO) solution.

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DATA SETS FOR VRPTD

obtaining solutions for small VRPTD problems consisting of a maximum of 25 customers [Bolkan, 1986; Swenson, 1986; Nygard, Greenberg, Bolkan and [Swenson, 1986] were also solved using the three heuristics and the results are Generalized Assignment methods for solving VRPTD's have been capable of Swenson, 1988]. Two problems solved by the Generalized Assignment method listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Minimum distances obtained for the 25 customer problems requiring four vehicles using the GAM, DSH, PFIH and GSH heuristics.

| Problems | GAM | HSQ | ОНЅО | РЕТН | РЕТНО | СЗНО |
|-----------|--------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| Problem 1 | 248 | 270 | 245 | 275 | 230 | 179 |
| Problem 2 | 287(3) | 358 | 290 | 263 | 244 | 220 |

Legend:

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The two 25 customer problems in Table 1 required 4 vehicles to service all the customers. The Generalized Assignment method obtained a feasible solution for the first problem but obtained an infeasible solution for the second problem. The other three heuristics obtained feasible solutions for both the problems. The Generalized Assignment method routes the vehicles without taking into consideration the time deadlines. Customer perturbations between routes are carried out to reduce the tardiness after the formation of the routes. As the solutions obtained by the Generalized Assignment method is not always feasible even for a small problems consisting of 25 customers, it would be impractical to use it for solving large-sized In order to solve realistic vehicle routing problems with time deadlines, five Each data set was differentiated by the geographical placement of customers. The geographical characteristics range from uniformly distributed customers to customers who are clustered together over an area of 100 by 100 groups of problems were generated using the TNEWGEN program (Swenson, 1986].

problems within each data set are differentiated by the probability distribution of Each data set has five problems, and the characteristics of the customers within each data set highlight several factors that affect the behavior of routing and scheduling problems. These factors include geographical placement of customers, number of vehicles required for the problem, demand at each customer location, and the time deadline at each customer. Each problem in the data set consists of 200 customers. The demand for each customer ranged between 1 and 50 units. Each customer has a time deadline of either 100, 200, 300, 400, or 500 time units. The time deadlines are proportional to the distance travelled by the vehicle. The the time deadlines for the customers. The distribution of time deadlines for the five problems within each data set is described in Table 2. Table 2 the percentage distribution of the deadlines in time units for each of the problems in the data sets. For example, problem 2 of the data sets in Table 2 customers with a time deadline of 300 time units, 20 percent of the customers with has 15 percent of the customers with a time deadline of 100 time units, 20 percent of the customers with a time deadline of 200 time units, 30 percent of the a time deadline of 400 time units, and the rest of the customers with a time deadline of 500 time units. The complexity of the problem within each data set increases from problem 1 to problem 5 because of the number of customers with short time deadlines. That is, the greater the number of customers with short time deadlines, the more complex it is to obtain a feasible solution

cluster at grid point (20, 20). The cluster in data set ICD contains 30 percent of the distributed customers. The 1CD data set contains 1 cluster with the center of the customers located within a radius of 10 miles of the cluster center. The 2CD data Each cluster in data set 2CD contains 20 percent of the customers located within a The data sets are labeled as RD, 1CD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD. The depot for all the problems are at grid location (50, 50). The RD data set consists of uniformly set contains 2 clusters with the cluster centers at grid points (20, 20) and (70, 70). radius of 10 miles of the cluster centers.

20), (20, 70), and (70, 70). Each cluster in data set 3CD contains 25 percent of the customers located within a radius of 10 miles of the cluster centers. The data set The data set 3CD contains 3 clusters with the cluster centers at grid points (20,

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(70, 20) and (70, 70). Each cluster in data set 4CD contains 25 percent of the customers located within a radius of 10 miles of the cluster centers. All the vehicles for the VRPTD begin at the central depot, and the vehicle fleet is assumed 4CD contains 4 clusters with the cluster centers at grid points (20, 20), (20, 70), to be homogenous with a maximum capacity of 600 units.

customers with a time deadline of 100, 20% with a deadline of 200, 30% with a Table 2: Percentage distribution of customer time deadlines for problems within time deadline of 300, 20% with a time deadline of 400 and the rest with a time each data set. For example problem 2 in each data set will have 15% of the deadline of 500.

| | %09 | 10% | 10% | 10% ~ | 10% |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|
| Prob. 5 | 9 | - | p-ma, | | - |
| Prob. 4 | 30% | 30% | 20% | 10% | 10% |
| Prob. 3 | 10% | 15% | %0\$ | 15% | 10% |
| Prob. 2 | 15% | 20% | 30% | 20% | 15% |
| Prob. 1 | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 20% |
| Deadline in time units | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 200 |

Legend:

Problem 1 for the data sets.
Problem 2 for the data sets.
Problem 3 for the data sets.
Problem 4 for the data sets.
Problem 5 for the data sets.

COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS.

The performance of the heuristics is based on the total distance travelled by the vehicles to service all the customers. The objective of the heuristics is to minimize the number of vehicles and distance required to service all the customers without violating the capacity or time deadline constraints.

by the Deadline Sweep Heuristic without local post-optimization, and DSHO with The solutions for data sets RD, ICD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD were obtained using the DSH, PFIH and GSH methods. Table 3 tabulates the results obtained from the three heuristic methods. The DSH column in the table lists the solutions obtained local post-optimization. The PFIH column lists the solutions obtained using the •

Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic, and PFIHO with local post-optimization. The GSHO column is the Genetic Sectoring Heuristic with local post-optimization. In Table 3 the column "Prob" is the problem number, "Dist" is the total distance travelled by the vehicles, the values within the square brackets are the number of vehicles required for the solution, the values in the curly brackets are the total lardy units for the solution and "CPU" is the total CPU time taken on a NeXT 68040(25MHz) computer to get a solution. In Table 3 the best feasible solution obtained in terms of the minimum number of vehicles and distance between the three heuristics for a problem is in bold followed by an asterik. The GSHO did better for all the problems in comparison to the solutions obtained from DSH and PFIH that were locally post-optimized using only feasible moves. When infeasible moves were allowed during local post-optimization of the solutions found by DSH and PFIH, it resulted in some solutions obtained by DSH and PFIH attaining better solutions than those of the GSHO. The locally post-optimized DSHO and PFIHO solutions can become infeasible as the insertion cost function (4) used in the local post-optimization procedure allows acceptance post-optimization of its solutions. The code for the heuristics were written in the C of infeasible solutions. The GSHO obtained feasible solutions for all the problems. The DSHO, PFIHO and GSHO used the same insertion-cost function (4) for local language and executed on the NeXT computer system

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The solutions obtained from DSHO, PFIHO and GSHO were compared with each other. Only the locally post-optimized solutions of the three heuristics were compared as local post-optimization is an integral part of the GSH. As evident from Table 3, for problems in which a large percentage of the customers have GSHO consistently obtained feasible solutions while DSHO and PFIHO obtained short time deadlines, specifically problem 5 of all the data sets except 4CD, the infeasible solutions. Out of the 25 problems solved using the three heuristics, DSHO obtained 3 best feasible solutions, PFIH 9 best feasible solutions and GSHO 14 best feasible solutions.

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Table 3: Results from the DSH, PFIH and GSH methods with and without local post-optimization for the data sets RD, 1CD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD

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DSHO or PFIHO for all the problems in data set RD in which the customers are the GSHO for all the problems in data set 4CD which consists of tightly clustered customers. The GSHO does better than both DSHO and PFIHO for some of the better than the solutions obtained by PFIH in terms of the number of vehicles required to visit all the customers. The GSHO obtained better solutions than either uniformly distributed. Both the DSHO and the PFIHO obtain better solutions than The solutions obtained by DSH for problems 4 and 5 in the data sets were problems in data set 1CD

better solutions than DSHO for data sets 2CD and 3CD, some of the solutions Table 4 gives the mean and standard deviations for the solutions reported in Table 3. The best solutions with the minimum average distance, obtained by one of the three heuristics for the data sets, are in bold followed by an asterik. The best average solutions shown in Table 3 do not take into consideration the infeasible solutions obtained by the heuristics for some of the problems in the data set. For data set RD, GSHO outperforms both DSHO and PFIHO. Though PFIHO obtains obtained by PFIHO for problems in those data sets are infeasible. Both DSHO and PFIHO outperform the GSHO heuristic for data set 4CD. The solutions obtained by DSHO and PFIHO for data set 4CD have no infeasible solutions.

does uniformly better than DSHO on the data set RD, and DSHO and PFIHO do better than GSHO on data sets 1CD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD. The solutions indicate that the GSHO heuristic does well for problems with few clusters and the DSHO and PFIHO for problems with many clusters. GSHO consistently attains feasible solutions for all the problems in the data sets. The variance in the CPU time The mean performances of the three heuristics indicate that though GSHO required by the DSHO to obtain a solution is high compared to that of PFIHO and GSHO

GSHO for the five data sets. The GSHO obtains the best average solution for data deadlines the PFIHO tends to obtain infeasible solutions, and the GSHO obtains Figure 9 illustrates the average distance obtained by DSHO, PFIHO and 3CD and 4CD. It should be noted that for problems in the data sets with time set RD. The PFIHO obtains the best average solutions for data sets ICD, 2CD, feasible solutions for all problems with tight time deadlines.

Table 4: Mean and standard deviation of the solutions obtained by DSHO, PFIHO and GSHO for the data sets RD, ICD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD,

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| | ŝ | 37.8 | 36.2 | 67.9 | 10.5 | 31.5 | 77.4 | 18.2 | 4.9 | 13.3 | 3.6 |
| онна | <u> </u> | 20.2 | 37.5 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 21.6 | 28.3 | 5. | 2 | 0.2 | 0.44 |
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| | CPU | 0,11 | 7 | 118.1 | 150.8 | 219.4 | 291.4 | 32 | 908 | 43.5 | 66.2 |
| ОЗНО | Ter | 124 | 53.7 | 0 | ٥ | 10.8 | 21.3 | 2.2 | 4,92 | 0 | 0 |
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In Figure 9 the PFIHO outperforms the DSHO for all the problems in the data sets. The GSHO heuristic does significantly better than DSHO for data sets RD, ICD and 2CD. The DSHO does significantly better than GSHO for data sets 3CD and 4CD. GSHO obtains better solutions than either DSHO or PFIHO for vehicle routing problems with time deadlines has customers uniformly distributed and/or short time deadlines. DSHO and PFIHO do well in solving problems that are ightly clustered and/or with long customer deadlines

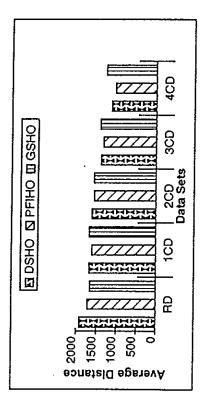


FIGURE 9: Plot of the average distances obtained by DSHO, PFIHO and GSHO heuristics for the RD, 1CD, 2CD, 3CD and 4CD data sets

DSHO, PFIHO and GSHO heuristics on the five data sets as it uses signed ranks of Table 2 indicate that GSHO obtains better solutions than PFIHO for four out of the performance of heuristics [Golden and Steward, 1985]. The Wilcoxon signed rank could not be used to analyze the significance of the solutions obtained by the differences to assess the difference in two locations of the two populations. For example for data set 2CD the standard deviation ratio of populations PFIHO and the performance of the two heuristics PFIHO and GSHO for data set 1CD with the null hypothesis being E[PFIHO]=E[GSHO]. A one-sided test with the alternate hypothesis E[PFIHO]<E[GSHO] would yield -3 as the sum of the weighted ranks The Wilcoxon rank signed test is a non-parametric statistical test used for the statistical analysis of observations that are paired and can be applied to compare GSHO is 2.01. Thus the standard deviations differ by a factor of 2 and the variances by a factor of 4. Let us apply the Wilcoxon rank signed test to compare for the two heuristics. The critical region for the test with $\alpha = 0.05$ and n=5 would indicate that only in one out of twenty trials would the weighted sum of the ranks hypothesis is rejected and we conclude that PFIHO performs better than GSHO for the data set ICD. The solutions obtained by PFIHO and GSHO data set ICD in for the two heuristics exceed 1. As the sum of the weighted ranks is -3, the null the five problems which is in contradiction of the Wilcoxon signed rank test.

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As the Wilcoxon test assumes only a difference in location and not in standard This difference in population arises as some of the solutions obtained by the DSHO and PFIHO heuristics are infeasible and are compared with the feasible solutions obtained by GSHO. The GSHO heuristic performs better in all the problems with respect to DSHO and PFIH, if the post-optimization process for the DSHO and the PFIHO considered only moves that were feasible. The DSHO and PFIHO with local post-optimization procedures were allowed infeasible moves, which could result in an infeasible solution, in the local post-optimization deviation, it is not a suitable for comparing the performance of the three heuristics. procedure for obtaining solutions that are competitive with GSHO.

8. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

insertion method. The three heuristics were used to solve problems consisting of Heuristic (DSH), a Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic(PFIH) and a Genetic Clarke-Wright and Gillet-Miller algorithms [Clarke and Wright, 1964; Gillett and method. The Genetic Sectoring Heuristic uses the genetic algorithm to form 200 customers that varied in geographical distribution of customers, demands and time deadlines. The solutions obtained from the three heuristics are improved using a local post-optimization procedure that shifts or exchanges customers between the routes if it leads to a reduction in the total route cost. The local post-optimization procedure allowed acceptance of infeasible solutions to minimize the total route cost. The computational analysis of the solution shows that the Genetic Sectoring and/or with short time deadlines. The Deadline Sweep Heuristic and the Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic do well for problems in which the customers are In this paper we introduced three heuristics, a time oriented Deadline Sweep Sectoring Heuristic (GSH) for solving vehicle routing problems with time deadlines. The Deadline Sweep Heuristic (DSH) is an extension of the Miller, 1974] for solving standard vehicle routing problems with time deadlines. The Push-Forward Insertion Heuristic uses a method similar to the one described in [Solomon, 1987]. The Genetic Sectoring Heuristic uses a cluster-first route-second customer clusters and routes the customers within the clusters using the cheapest Heuristic does well for problems in which the customers are distributed uniformly tightly clustered and/or have long time deadlines.

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APPENDIX A: SAMPLE PROBLEM FROM THE DATA SET

In this appendix one sample problem from the data sets is presented. The data sets for the VRPTD and the code can be obtained by writing to the first author.

PROBLEM: RDI

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| | umber of nodes | : | distance | 712 | 235 | 806 | 857 | 936 | 873 | 631 | 915 | 979 | 141 | 940 | 396 | 827 | 160 | 384 | 507 | 405 | 210 | 544 | 713 | 840 | 822 | 548 | 555 | 731 | 482 | 224 | 435 | 654 | 955 | 826 | 774 | 8 | 291 |
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