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***Abstract*—This report presents a project that focuses on optimizing the allocation of ambulances to car accidents in Istanbul using a genetic algorithm. The report provides an overview of the problem, a formal method formulation, an explanation of the working mechanics, a discussion on real-world applications, experimental evaluation, and a conclusion.**

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I. Problem Defining

The problem involves efficiently assigning ambulances from a pool of hospitals to car accidents in Istanbul. The objective is to minimize the total distance traveled by the ambulances while considering the capacity of each hospital. The problem requires determining an optimal allocation of accidents to hospitals based on geographic locations, hospital bed availability, and response time considerations.

II. Formal Method Formulation

The problem can be formulated as an optimization task using a genetic algorithm. The algorithm aims to find the best combination of ambulance assignments to accidents that minimizes the overall distance traveled. It takes into account the coordinates of hospitals and accidents in Istanbul, employs a fitness function that considers distance and bed capacity, and applies crossover and mutation operations to iteratively improve the solutions.

III. Working Mechanic Explanation

The genetic algorithm operates as follows:

Initialization: Generate an initial population of potential solutions, where each solution represents an assignment of accidents to hospitals.
Fitness Calculation: Evaluate the fitness score of each solution based on the total distance traveled and penalties for exceeding bed capacity.
Selection: Use tournament selection to choose parents from the population for reproduction, favoring solutions with better fitness scores.
Crossover and Mutation: Apply crossover and mutation operations to the selected parents to create offspring solutions. Replacement: Replace the current population with the offspring, maintaining a diverse set of solutions.
Iteration: Repeat the selection, crossover, mutation, and replacement steps for a certain number of generations.
Termination: Stop the algorithm after reaching the maximum number of generations or achieving a convergence criterion.
Best Solution: Select the solution with the highest fitness score as the optimal allocation of ambulances to accidents.

IV. Real World Application

The optimization of ambulance allocation has practical applications in various real-world scenarios: Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Efficient allocation of ambulances improves emergency response times, enhancing patient care and outcomes.
Resource Optimization: Optimizing ambulance allocation ensures the effective utilization of limited resources, such as ambulances and hospital beds, optimizing the overall emergency healthcare system.
Traffic Management: Minimizing ambulance travel distance reduces traffic congestion, allowing for faster response times and improving overall traffic flow during emergencies.

V. Experimental Evaluation

Experimental evaluation is crucial to assess the performance and effectiveness of the genetic algorithm approach. It involves the following steps:
Data Preparation: Gather real-world data on hospital locations, car accidents, and relevant parameters such as bed capacities and historical response times.
Parameter Configuration: Set up the genetic algorithm parameters, including population size, mutation rate, and maximum number of generations.
Performance Metrics: Define appropriate metrics for evaluation, such as total distance traveled, bed capacity utilization, response time analysis, and comparison against baseline approaches.
Experiment Execution: Run the algorithm using the selected parameters and record the results.
Analysis and Comparison: Analyze the obtained solutions and compare them with baseline approaches or historical data to assess the improvement achieved.
Sensitivity Analysis: Perform sensitivity analysis by varying the algorithm parameters to understand their impact on the results.
Robustness Testing: Assess the algorithm's robustness by applying it to different datasets and scenarios to validate its generalizability.

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VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, this project demonstrates the application of a genetic algorithm to optimize the allocation of ambulances to car accidents in Istanbul. The algorithm considers geographic locations, hospital bed capacities, and response time considerations to minimize the distance traveled by ambulances. Real-world applications include improving emergency medical services, optimizing resource utilization, and enhancing traffic management during emergencies. Experimental evaluation provides insights into the algorithm's performance and effectiveness, helping guide its implementation in real-world scenarios and suggesting avenues for further improvements and refinements.

VII. Recommendations

To make the project better, here are some suggestions:
Improved Fitness Function: Enhance the fitness function to consider additional factors that affect ambulance allocation, such as traffic congestion, road conditions, and the severity of accidents. This can lead to more accurate and realistic optimization results.
Dynamic Approach: Develop a dynamic approach that can adapt in real-time to changing conditions. This could involve incorporating live data feeds on accidents, traffic conditions, and hospital capacities to continuously optimize ambulance allocation based on the most up-to-date information.
Multiple Objectives: Consider multiple objectives in the optimization process. For example, optimize not only for minimizing the distance traveled but also for minimizing response time or maximizing the utilization of hospital resources. This can be achieved by using multi-objective optimization techniques and allowing for trade-offs between different objectives.
Integration with GIS: Integrate the algorithm with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to leverage spatial analysis capabilities. This can enable more accurate distance calculations, visualization of results on maps, and the incorporation of additional geographical data layers, such as road networks and traffic patterns.
Validation with Real-World Data: Gather comprehensive and high-quality real-world data on hospital locations, accident occurrences, road networks, and traffic conditions in Istanbul. Validate the algorithm's performance using this data to ensure its effectiveness and reliability in practical scenarios.
Collaboration with Stakeholders: Collaborate with stakeholders, such as emergency medical service providers, traffic management authorities, and healthcare professionals, to gather insights, feedback, and domain-specific knowledge. This collaboration can help refine the algorithm, incorporate practical constraints, and ensure its alignment with the needs of the stakeholders.
Usability and User Interface: Develop a user-friendly interface for the algorithm, allowing emergency responders to easily input accident data, visualize optimized ambulance allocations, and access relevant information. A well-designed interface can improve usability and facilitate the adoption of the algorithm in real-world settings.
Performance Optimization: Implement optimization techniques to improve the efficiency and scalability of the algorithm. This can involve parallel computing, algorithmic optimizations, and data structures that expedite the execution time, allowing for real-time or near-real-time ambulance allocation.
Integration with Emergency Response Systems: Integrate the algorithm with existing emergency response systems, such as dispatch systems or mobile applications used by emergency responders. This integration can streamline the allocation process and enable seamless communication between ambulance crews and the optimization algorithm.
Benchmarking and Comparative Analysis: Conduct comparative analysis by benchmarking the genetic algorithm against other optimization techniques commonly used in the field. This can help evaluate its performance, identify strengths and weaknesses, and provide insights into areas where further improvements can be made.
By implementing these suggestions, the project can be enhanced in terms of accuracy, adaptability, usability, and practical applicability, leading to more efficient ambulance allocation during car accidents in Istanbul.

VIII. Other techniques to better results

Integer Linear Programming (ILP): ILP is a mathematical optimization technique that formulates the problem as a set of linear constraints and objective functions. It allows for more precise modeling of constraints and objectives, such as bed capacities, distance traveled, and response time. ILP solvers can efficiently find optimal solutions, but they may have limitations in terms of scalability and real-time adaptability.
Simulated Annealing (SA): SA is a metaheuristic optimization algorithm inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy. It involves a random search combined with probabilistic acceptance of worse solutions to escape local optima. SA can explore a larger solution space and provide better chances of finding global optima. However, it may require more iterations and longer computation time compared to genetic algorithms.
Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO): PSO is a population-based optimization algorithm inspired by the behavior of bird flocking or fish schooling. It uses a swarm of particles that move through the solution space to find the optimal solution. PSO can handle continuous and discrete variables and has the potential to provide fast convergence and good exploration capabilities.
Ant Colony Optimization (ACO): ACO is a metaheuristic algorithm inspired by the foraging behavior of ants. It uses pheromone trails to guide the search process, allowing the algorithm to exploit good solutions and explore the solution space. ACO is particularly effective for solving routing problems, such as vehicle routing problems, and can be adapted to handle ambulance allocation optimization.
Reinforcement Learning (RL): RL is a machine learning technique that learns optimal actions through trial and error interactions with an environment. RL algorithms can be trained to dynamically adapt ambulance allocation decisions based on historical data and feedback. RL techniques, such as Q-

learning or Deep Q-networks, have shown promising results in solving optimization problems and can potentially provide adaptive and data-driven solutions.

IX. Output Comment

The output of the code represents the best solution obtained from running the genetic algorithm. The solution is represented as a list of hospital indices, where each index corresponds to a specific hospital in Istanbul. By mapping these indices to their respective hospital names, we can interpret the output in terms of which hospitals should dispatch their ambulances to the car accidents. The indices in the solution list indicate the recommended hospitals for each accident location. For example, if the output is ["Silivri Devlet Hastanesi","İstinye Devlet Hastanesi,"Özel Medipol Hastanesi",....], it means that the first accident should be attended by the hospital at index 0 which is "Silivri Devlet Hastanesi", the second and third accidents should be attended by the hospital at index 1, and the fourth accident should be attended by the hospital at index 2. The output provides a suggested allocation of ambulances to optimize response time and distance traveled in the context of car accidents in Istanbul considering available beds at hospitals.