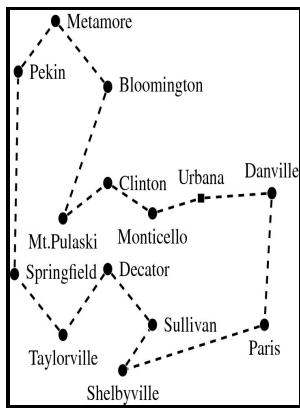


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Solution If you had a search space that looked like a crescent moon where the tips almost touched, and you were trying to travel from just inside the tip of one side to just inside the tip of the other, then both sides would want to head towards the tip and around the outside of the moon, whereas the shortest path is initially stepping away and moving around the inside path Exercise 4. The computers are labeled A-F for convenience. Although the genetic algorithm shows a larger deviation from the optimal solution, it can still provide a solution within a shorter time than the other methods.

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Given a set of cities along with the cost of travel between them, the TSP asks you to find the shortest round trip that visits each city and returns to your starting city. Dantzig⁴⁹ Dantzig⁴⁹ was the first non-trivial TSP problem ever solved. Researchers often use these methods as sub-routines for their own algorithms and heuristics.

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Suppose there are 5 cities: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.

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In fact, there is no polynomial time solution available for this problem as the problem is a known NP-Hard problem. Admissible, no local maxima although no efficient Exercise 4. Example 16 How many circuits would a complete graph with 8 vertices have? This is the same circuit we found starting at vertex A.

Travelling Salesman Problem

Solution We can see that once we travel to vertex E there is no way to leave without returning to C, so there is no possibility of a Hamiltonian circuit. Notice that even though we found the circuit by starting at vertex C, we could still write the circuit starting at A: ADBCA or ACBDA. We aim to do this by reaching the maximum readership with works of the highest quality.

Traveling Salesman Problem using Genetic Algorithm

Example 13 One Hamiltonian circuit is shown on the graph below.

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Now, we calculate the cost of node-7. They introduced novel techniques, enabling them to solve Dantzig⁴⁹ without inspecting all possible tours. The new algorithm makes it possible to solve large-scale travelling salesman problems and examples are given for problems varying in size from 100 to 500 cities.

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