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# **ABSTRACT**

**The Intermodal Fixed Radius Density Dependent Covering Salesman Problem** poses a complex challenge in optimizing transportation logistics within an uncertain environment. This study addresses the critical need to develop efficient solutions for intermodal transportation systems where two modes of transportation are utilized and the density of demand points varies dynamically. In this report, we propose a novel approach that integrates concepts from covering salesman problems, intermodal transportation, and uncertainty modelling to tackle the **Intermodal Fixed Radius Density Dependent Covering Salesman Problem**. Our method considers the fixed radius constraint to ensure efficient coverage of demand points while optimizing the salesman's route across multiple transportation modes. Additionally, we incorporate uncertainty into the problem formulation, considering variations in demand, travel times, and transportation costs. We employ a hybrid optimization framework that combines genetic algorithms and optimization techniques to find near-optimal solutions under uncertainty. Through extensive experimentation and case studies, we demonstrate the effectiveness and robustness of our approach in real-world scenarios. The proposed methodology offers insights and decision support for transportation planners and logistics managers facing the challenges of intermodal transportation in uncertain environments, contributing to the advancement of transportation optimization research and practice.

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Description
CSP	Covering salesman Problem
TSP	Travelling Salesman Problem
GA	Genetic Algorithm
UR	Unimodal Road Transport
IR	Intermodal Road Transport
$C_{UR}$	Unimodal Road cost
$C_{IM}$	Intermodal Road cost
$d_E$	Euclidean Distance
$d_M$	Manhattan Distance
J	Jacobian matrix



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# **1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Covering Salesman Problem (CSP) is a generalization of Travelling Salesman Problem which was first introduced by Current and Schilling (Current, 1989). In CSP, unlike TSP, salesmen need not visit all the given nodes but a subset of nodes such that all other nodes be covered within a predetermined distance from the visited nodes. The CSP may be stated as follows: identify the minimum cost tour of a subset of  $n$  given cities such that every city not on the tour is within some predetermined covering distance standard,  $S$ , of a city that is on the tour. The CSP may be viewed as a generalization of the traveling salesman problem. A heuristic procedure for solving the CSP is presented and demonstrated with a sample problem.

In CSP, the objective is to find an optimal or near-optimal tour that minimizes the total cost or distance travelled while satisfying the covering constraint. Unlike TSP, where every city must be visited exactly once, CSP permits flexibility in node selection, focusing instead on ensuring coverage within the predetermined distance.

A heuristic approach is often employed to solve CSP due to its NP-hard nature, meaning that finding the exact optimal solution may be computationally intractable for large instances. Heuristic methods aim to provide reasonably good solutions within a reasonable amount of time by employing approximation techniques or rule-based strategies.

The essence of solving CSP lies in striking a balance between minimizing the tour cost and ensuring adequate coverage within the specified distance standard. This problem has applications in various domains such as transportation, logistics, telecommunications, and facility location, where optimizing routes while considering coverage constraints is essential for efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Overall, CSP serves as a valuable generalization of the classic TSP, offering a more flexible framework for addressing real-world routing and coverage problems where strict node visitation requirements may not be practical.

**Key Points:** Covering salesman problem, genetic algorithm, C programming, travelling salesman problem, uncertainty Theory, fixed radius, intermodal, density dependent.

## **Objective:**

The objective of studying the Covering Salesman Problem (CSP) is to develop efficient algorithms and methodologies for optimizing routing and coverage in scenarios where traditional Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) formulations are inadequate.

Specifically, the objectives include:

**Optimization of Routes:** Develop algorithms to find near-optimal or optimal routes for salesmen to visit a subset of nodes while ensuring that all other nodes are covered within a predetermined distance standard.

**Minimization of Costs:** Minimize transportation costs associated with visiting nodes and ensuring coverage, taking into account factors such as distance travelled resource utilization, and operational expenses.

**Maximization of Efficiency:** Improve the efficiency of resource utilization by enabling flexible routing strategies that focus on covering critical nodes while minimizing unnecessary visits.

**Practical Implementation:** Develop practical solutions that can be applied in real-world scenarios across various domains such as transportation, logistics, telecommunications, and facility location.

**Robustness to Constraints:** Design algorithms that are robust to constraints such as time windows, capacity limits, geographic considerations, and uncertainty in demand or travel times.

**Scalability:** Develop scalable algorithms capable of handling large instances of the problem efficiently, considering the increasing complexity and size of real-world datasets.

**Decision Support:** Provide decision support for managers and planners by offering insights into optimal routing and coverage strategies, aiding in informed decision-making and resource allocation.

**Advancement of Optimization Techniques:** Contribute to the advancement of optimization techniques by tackling the additional complexity introduced by covering constraints, thereby addressing challenging problems in combinatorial optimization.

Overall, the objective is to address practical routing and coverage challenges by developing efficient algorithms and methodologies that balance optimization objectives, constraints, and real-world considerations, leading to improved efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and decision support capabilities.

## **Motivation:**

The motivations for studying the Covering Salesman Problem (CSP) are rooted in addressing real-world logistics and routing challenges where traditional Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) formulations may not suffice. Some key motivations include:

**Efficiency in Resource Utilization:** CSP allows for more efficient resource utilization by enabling salesmen to visit only a subset of nodes while still ensuring that all nodes are covered within a predetermined distance. This flexibility can lead to more optimal routes and reduced resource wastage.

**Practicality in Real-World Scenarios:** In many real-world scenarios, it may not be feasible or necessary for salesmen to visit every single node. CSP reflects the practicality of such situations where partial coverage is acceptable as long as it meets certain predefined criteria.

**Cost Reduction:** By optimizing routes to cover a subset of nodes within a specified distance standard, CSP can help in minimizing transportation costs. This is particularly relevant in scenarios where minimizing distance travelled or resource usage directly translates into cost savings.

**Flexibility in Route Planning:** CSP offers greater flexibility in route planning compared to TSP, allowing for adaptive routing strategies that can be tailored to specific requirements or constraints such as time windows, capacity limits, or geographic considerations.

**Applications in Various Domains:** CSP has applications across a wide range of domains including transportation, logistics, telecommunications, facility location, and urban planning. By providing a generalized framework for routing and coverage optimization, CSP addresses critical challenges in these domains and contributes to improved efficiency and performance.

Overall, the motivations for studying CSP stem from the need to address practical routing and coverage challenges in various application domains while considering factors such as efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and adaptability to real-world constraints.

## **2. LITERATURE REVIEW**

Here we are giving some literature review for the project report.

### **OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES**

Optimization, also known as mathematical programming, the collection of mathematical principles and methods used for solving quantitative problems in many disciplines, including physics, biology, engineering, economics, and business. The subject grew from a realization that quantitative problems in manifestly different disciplines have important mathematical elements in common. Because of this commonality, many problems can be formulated and solved by using the unified set of ideas and methods that make up the field of optimization. The historical term mathematical programming, broadly synonymous with optimization, was coined in the 1940s before programming became equated with computer programming. Mathematical programming includes the study of the mathematical structure of optimization problems, the invention of methods for solving these problems, the study of the mathematical properties of these methods, and the implementation of these methods on computers. Faster computers have greatly expanded the size and complexity of optimization problems that can be solved. The development of optimization techniques has paralleled advances not only in computer science but also in operations research, numerical analysis, game theory, mathematical economics, control theory, and combinatorics.

Optimization problems typically have three fundamental elements. The first is a single numerical quantity, or objective function, that is to be maximized or minimized. The objective may be the expected return on a stock portfolio, a company's production costs or profits, the time of arrival of a vehicle at a specified destination, or the vote share of a political candidate. The second element is a collection of variables, which are quantities whose values can be manipulated in order to optimize the objective. Examples include the quantities of stock to be bought or sold, the amounts of various resources to be allocated to different production activities, the route to be followed by a vehicle through a traffic network, or the policies to be advocated by a candidate. The third element of an optimization problem is a set of constraints, which are restrictions on the values that the variables can take. For instance, a manufacturing process cannot require more resources than are available, nor can it employ less than zero resources. Within this broad framework, optimization problems can have different mathematical properties. Problems in which the variables are continuous quantities (as in the resource allocation example) require a different approach from problems in which the variables are discrete or combinatorial quantities (as in the selection of a vehicle route from among a predefined set of possibilities).

# **COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION**

Combinatorial optimization is a subfield of mathematical optimization. The aim of combinatorial optimization is to find an optimal object from a finite set of objects those candidate objects are called feasible solutions while the optimal one is called an optimal solution that consists of finding an optimal object from a finite set of objects, where the set of feasible solutions is discrete or can be reduced to a discrete set. Combinatorial optimization is a powerful field that deals with finding the best solution from a finite set of possibilities. It has wide-ranging applications in various industries, from logistics and scheduling to finance and telecommunications.

It is the process of finding the best arrangement or solution from a set of possibilities. It plays a crucial role in various fields such as computer science, operations research, and logistics. This section provides an overview of combinatorial optimization, highlighting its definition, importance, and applications. Combinatorial optimization refers to the process of finding the best solution from a finite set of possible solutions for a specific problem. This field has various applications, including logistics, scheduling, network design, and more.

# UNCERTAINTY THEORY

## Introduction:-

Uncertainty theory is a branch of mathematics based on normality, monotonicity, self-duality, countable subadditivity, and product measure axioms.

Uncertainty refers to a lack of certainty or predictability about the outcome of a situation or the future state of events. It encompasses various factors such as incomplete information, variability, randomness, and ambiguity that can affect decision-making processes and outcomes.

In many real-world scenarios, uncertainty is inherent due to factors such as:

**Incomplete Information:** Lack of complete knowledge about the state of the system, including missing data or unreliable information.

**Variability:** Natural fluctuations or variations in parameters, conditions, or external factors that influence the outcome.

**Randomness:** Unpredictable events or stochastic processes that introduce randomness into the system.

**Ambiguity:** Unclear or vague information that makes it difficult to determine the correct interpretation or course of action.

## Four axioms of uncertainty:

**Axiom 1.** (Normality Axiom)  $\mathcal{M}\{\Gamma\} = 1$  for the universal set  $\Gamma$ .

**Axiom 2.** (Self-Duality Axiom)  $\mathcal{M}\{\Lambda\} + \mathcal{M}\{\Lambda^c\} = 1$  for any event  $\Lambda$ .

**Axiom 3.** (Countable Subadditivity Axiom) For every countable sequence of events  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3, \dots$ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}\{\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_i\} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}\{\Lambda_i\}.$$

**Axiom 4.** (Product Measure Axiom) Let  $(\Gamma_k, \mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{M}_k)$  be uncertainty spaces for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . Then the product uncertain measure is an uncertain measure on the product  $\sigma$ -algebra satisfying

$$\mathcal{M}\left\{\prod_{i=1}^n \Lambda_i\right\} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathcal{M}\{\Lambda_i\}$$



There are different types of uncertainty,

1. Linear Uncertainty
2. Zigzag Uncertainty
3. Normal Uncertainty
4. Lognormal Uncertainty

In this report I have used Linear Uncertainty, So I am explaining here only Linear Uncertainty that is defines as,

**Linear Uncertainty Distribution:** An uncertain variable  $\delta$  is called linear if it has a linear uncertainty distribution.

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ (x - a)/(b - a), & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq b \end{cases}$$

denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(a, b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers with  $a \leq b$

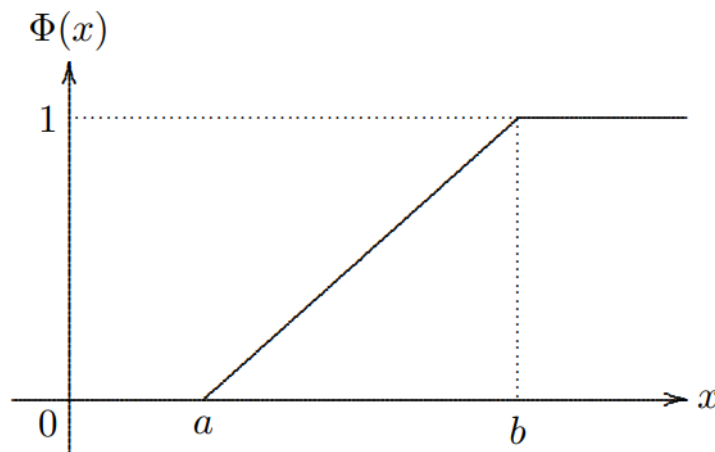


Figure: Linear Uncertainty Distribution

**Now we have to define the expected value of linear uncertainty distribution:**

If  $a$  and  $b$  are two real no. and  $\mathcal{L}(a, b)$  be the linear uncertainty distribution then the expected value of this linear uncertainty distribution is given by:

$$E[\mathcal{L}(a, b)] = \frac{a + b}{2}$$

This expected value of the linear uncertainty distribution is used to find the cost of ring nodes.

# **GENETIC ALGORITHM**

## **Introduction:**

A genetic algorithm (GA) is a search and optimization algorithm inspired by the process of natural selection and genetics. It is developed by John Holland in 1960s, Gas are the part of the broader class of evolutionary algorithms and are used to find approximate solution to optimization and search problems. These problems often used to find the best combination of parameters or solution in a large solution space.

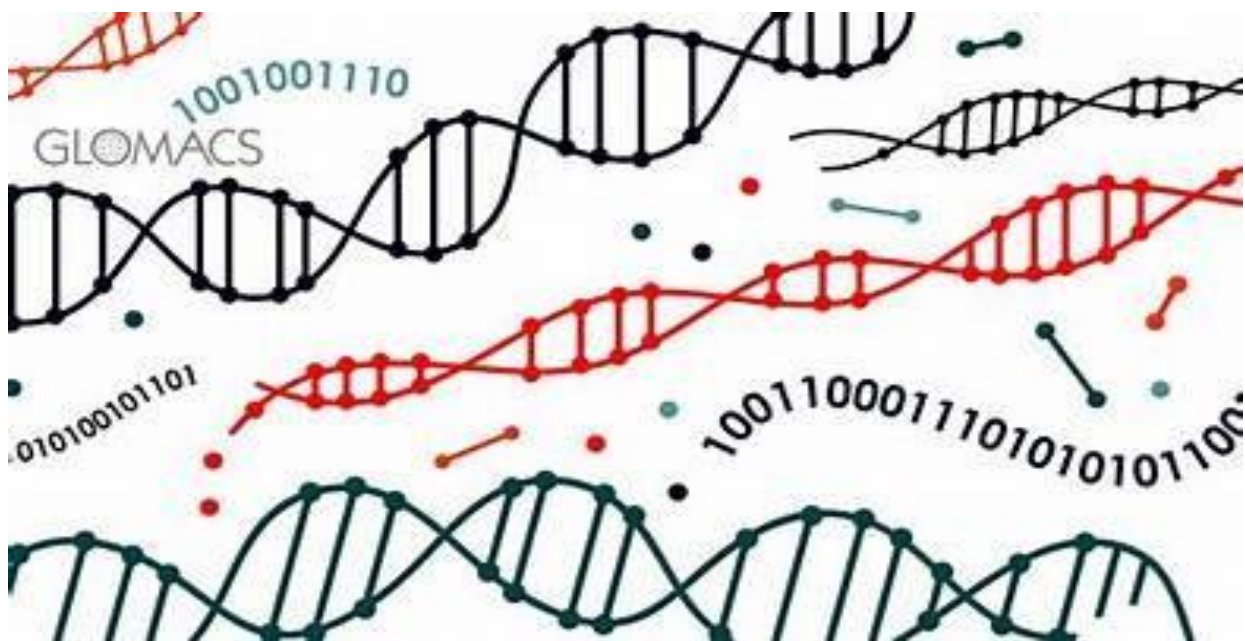


Figure – 2

Genetic algorithms are optimization techniques inspired by the principles of natural selection and genetics. They are commonly used to find optimal or near-optimal solutions to complex problems where traditional algorithms may be impractical or ineffective.

The genetic algorithm is a method for solving both constrained and unconstrained optimization problems that is based on natural selection, the process that drives biological evolution. The genetic algorithm repeatedly modifies a population of individual solutions.

At each step, the genetic algorithm selects individuals from the current population to be parents and uses them to produce the children for the next generation. Over successive generations, the population "evolves" toward an optimal solution. You can apply the genetic algorithm to solve a variety of optimization problems that are not well suited for standard optimization algorithms, including problems in which the objective function is

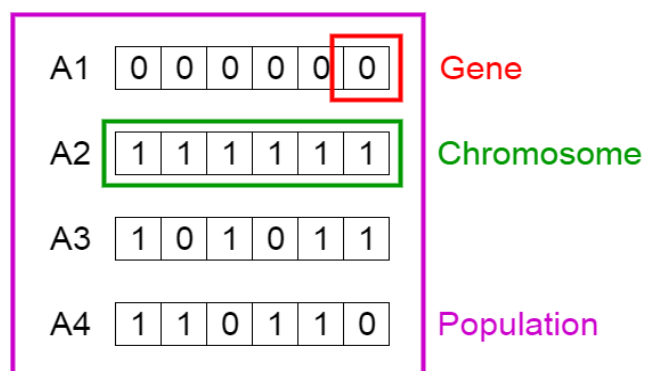
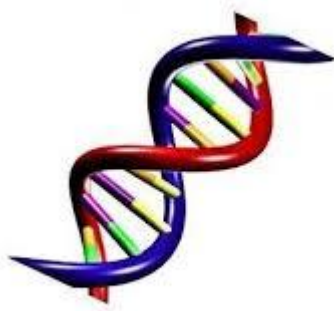
discontinuous, non-differentiable, stochastic, or highly non-linear. The genetic algorithm can address problems of mixed integer programming, where some components are restricted to be integer-valued.

Genetic algorithms are particularly useful for optimization problems with large search spaces, non-linear or discontinuous fitness landscapes, and complex constraints. They have been successfully applied in various fields, including engineering, finance, bioinformatics, and machine learning.

### Key Concepts of GAs:-

Here are some key concepts of genetic algorithms

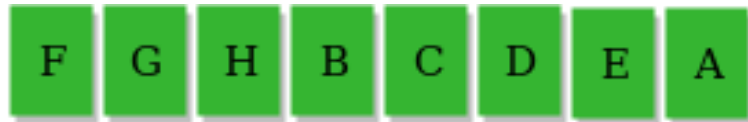
1. **Gene:** An individual is characterized by a set of parameters (variables) known as Genes.



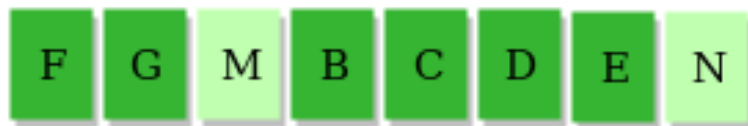
2. **String:** Genes are joined into a string to form a Chromosome (solution). In a genetic algorithm, the set of genes of an individual is represented using a string, in terms of an alphabet.
3. **Chromosome:** A representation of a solution in the population, often as a string of values or a set of parameters.
4. **Population:** A group of potential solutions to the optimization problem is known as population.
5. **Fitness Function:** A function that assigns a fitness value to each solution based on how well it solves the optimization problem.

6. **Crossover (Recombination):** The process of combining genetic material from two parent solutions to create new offspring solutions.
7. **Mutation:** Random changes made to some solutions in the population to introduce diversity.

Before Mutation



After Mutation

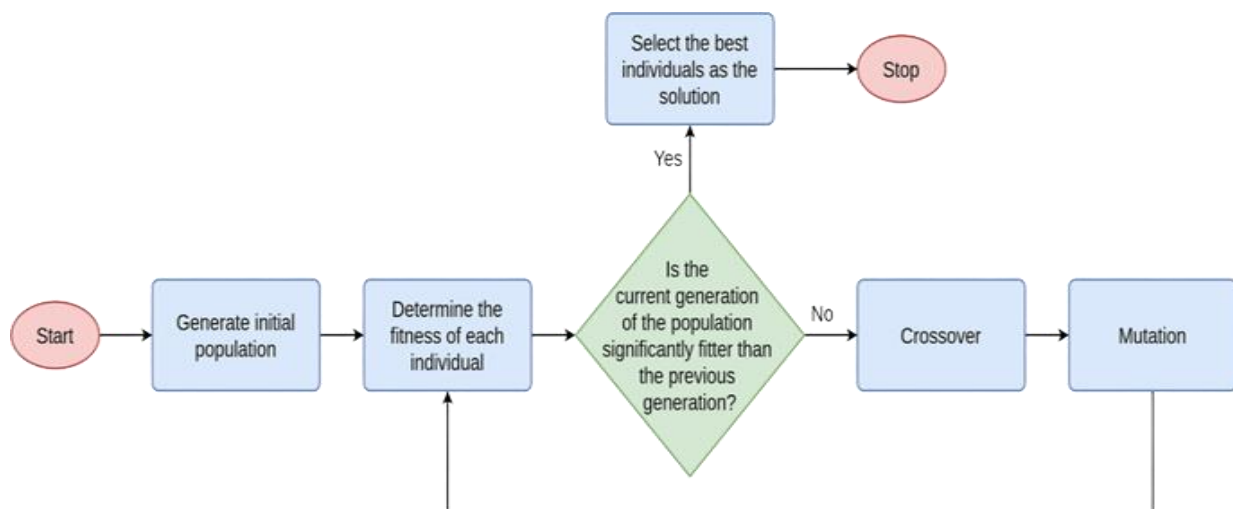


### Overview of GAs:-

Here's an overview of how genetic algorithms work:

1. **Introductions:** A population of potential solutions is generated randomly. Each solution represents a possible candidate for the optimization problem.
2. **Evaluation:** The fitness of each solution in the population is evaluated using a predefined fitness function. This function measures how well a solution solves the optimization problem.
3. **Selection:** Solutions are selected to form a new generation, with a higher probability of selection for solutions that have higher fitness values. This mimics the process of natural selection, where fitter individuals are more likely to survive and reproduce.
4. **Crossover (Recombination):** Pairs of selected solutions (parents) are combined to create new solutions (offspring) through crossover or recombination. This involves exchanging or combining parts of the parent solutions to create new solutions.
5. **Mutation:** Some solutions in the new generation undergo random changes or mutations. This introduces diversity into the population and helps explore different regions of the solution space.

6. **Replacement:** The new generation, consisting of both the offspring from crossover and mutated solutions, replaces the old generation.
7. **Termination:** The algorithm continues iterating through generations until a stopping criterion is met. This could be a fixed number of generations, reaching a satisfactory solution, or other specified conditions.
8. **Solution Extraction:** Once the algorithm terminates, the best solution or a set of good solutions found during the optimization process is extracted as the output.



**Figure – 3**

Genetic algorithms are versatile and have been successfully applied to various optimization problems, including scheduling, engineering design, financial modelling, and machine learning. They are particularly useful in complex and high-dimensional search spaces where traditional optimization methods might struggle.

# TRAVELING SALESMAN PROBLEM

The objective of the Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) is to find a tour that starts at one city, visits each city exactly once, and returns to the starting city while minimizing the total distance travelled.

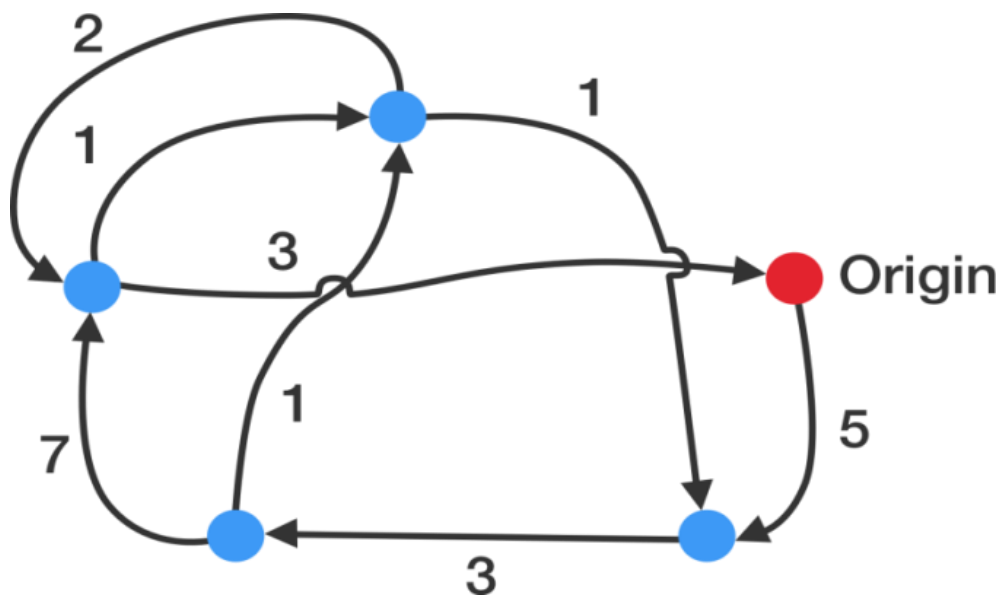


Figure – 4

In this figure the salesman start his journey from origin go to 5 unit distance and visit first node and in this way by visiting all the nodes exactly ones and then the salesman return to the origin

In TSP, the goal is to find the shortest possible tour that visits a given set of cities exactly once and returns to the starting city. There are various approaches to find the solution to the travelling salesman problem: naive approach, greedy approach, dynamic programming approach, etc.

The travelling salesman problem is a graph computational problem where the salesman needs to visit all cities (represented using nodes in a graph) in a list just once and the distances (represented using edges in the graph) between all these cities are known. The solution that is needed to be found for this problem is the shortest possible route in which the salesman visits all the cities and returns to the origin city.

The given below is the real world example of TSP in which the salesman visit some cities exactly once and return to origin city.

## Mathematical Formulations:

If  $c_{ij}$  is the cost of going from city  $i$  to  $j$  and  $x_{ij} = 1$ , if the salesman goes directly from city  $i$  to city  $j$  and zero otherwise,

Then the problem is to find  $x_{ij}$  which is defined by

$$\text{minimize } Z = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

Subject to,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$$

And

$$x_{ij} = 0 \text{ or } 1; \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n,$$

With the two additional constraints that no city is to be visited twice before the tour of all the cities is completed and that going from city  $i$  to directly  $i$  is not permitted which means  $c_{ii} = \infty$ .

# COVERING SALESMAN PROBLEM

## INTRODUCTION:

The covering salesman problem which was first introduced by Current and Schilling (Current 1989). The objective of Covering Salesman Problem is not only to find a tour that visits all cities but also to ensure that every city is visited at least once. This means that in addition to minimizing the total travel distance, there is a requirement to cover all cities. The Covering Salesman Problem is a variant of the Traveling Salesman Problem that adds an extra constraint to the problem and is used in scenarios where complete coverage of cities is essential.

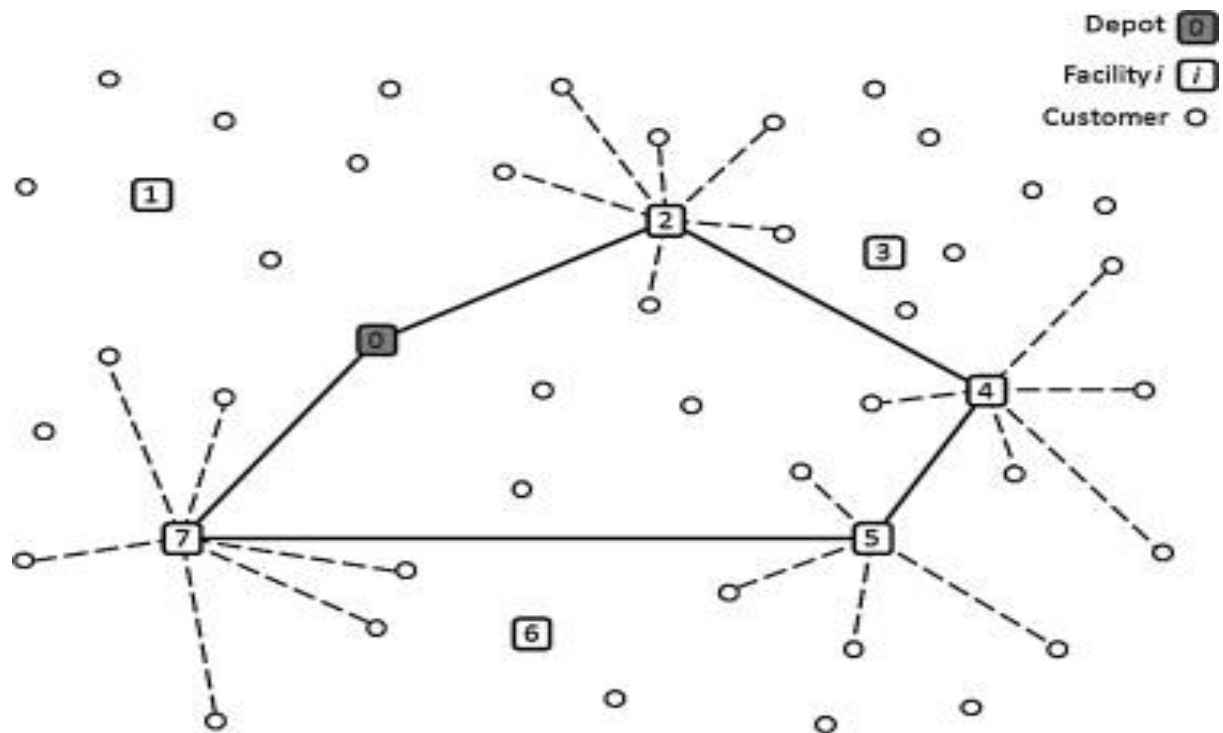


Figure – 6(a)

Covering salesman problem (CSP) is an extension of the classic traveling salesman problem (TSP). Unlike in the case of TSP, not all the cities need to be visited in CSP. However, each unvisited city needs to be within the coverage radius of at least one city in the tour. Formally, the problem is defined on an undirected complete weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$  with a set of vertices  $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and a set of edges  $E = \{(i, j) : i, j \in V, i \neq j\}$ .



Let  $C$  be an  $n \times n$  distance matrix where  $c_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq j$ ) represents the travel cost between two corresponding vertices  $i$  and  $j$ . Each vertex  $i \in V$  is associated with a coverage radius  $r_i$ .

A vertex  $j$  is covered by vertex  $i$  if it is within the coverage radius  $r_i$  of  $i$ . The aim of the problem is to seek for a Hamiltonian cycle of the lowest cost across a subset of vertices  $M \subset V$ , such that every vertex  $i \in V$  must be either visited or covered by the tour.

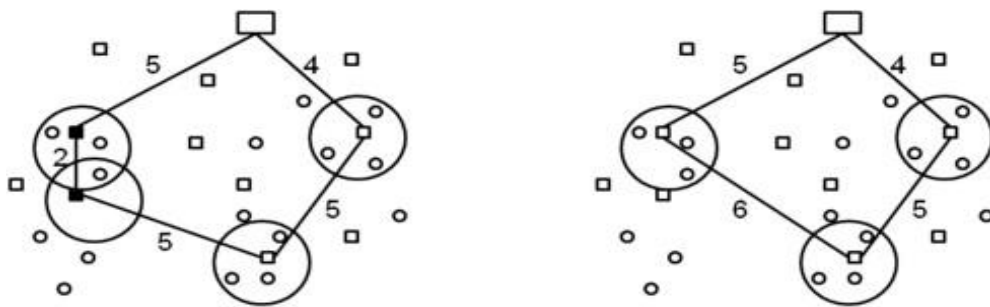
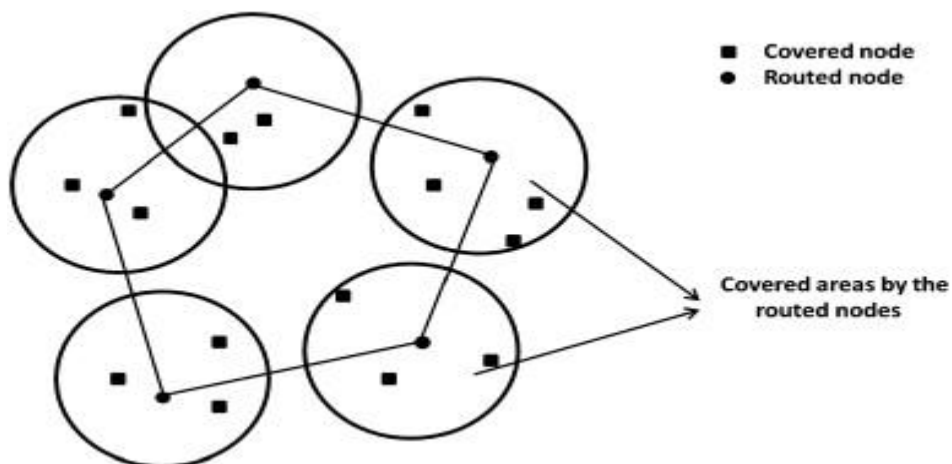


Figure – 6(b)

One notices that CSP reduces to TSP for the case where every vertex has a coverage radius of 0.

Given that CSP is a combination of subset selection and permutation optimization, its complexity is higher than in the general TSP case classifying it as an NP-hard problem (A problem is classified as NP-Hard when an algorithm for solving it can be translated to solve any NP problem and A problem is called NP (Non deterministic polynomial) if its solution can be guessed and verified in polynomial time; nondeterministic means that no particular rule is followed to make the guess. If a problem is NP and all other NP problems are polynomial-time reducible to it, the problem is NP-complete).



## Mathematical Formulation of CSP:

Given a complete graph  $G = (N, A)$ , minimize the total tour cost such that a salesman starts from an initial node, visits a subset  $N' \subset N$  of nodes in which no node is visited more than once and comes back to the initial node, so that each of the nodes not on tour are in a predetermined distance from at least one of the visited nodes.

The mathematical formulation of this problem may be stated as:

$$\text{Minimize } Z = \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} c_{ij} x_{ij} \quad (1)$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \in D_l} x_{ij} \geq 1, \quad \forall l \in N \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|N|} x_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{|N|} x_{kj} = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad \forall k \in N \quad (3)$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \in N} x_{ij} \leq |S| - 1, \quad \forall S \subset N' \subset N, \quad 2 \leq |S| \leq |N'| - 2 \quad (5)$$

Where  $N'$  is the set of visiting nodes,  $c_{ij}$  is the cost from the node  $i$  to the node  $j$ .

And,

,

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \exists \text{ a path from the node } i \text{ to the node } j. \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$D_l = \{j: d_{ij} \leq \Delta_j\}.$$

$$d_{ij} = \text{shortest distance between } i \text{ and } j.$$

Where The Equations indicate:

i.e. equation -

- (1) Minimizes the total tour cost.
- (2) Ensures every node of the graph is either visited or is covered by the visited nodes.
- (3) Indicates that for a vertex, in degree and out degree are the same.
- (4) Implies the binary character of  $x$  and
- (5) is the sub tour elimination constraint,  
i.e., if a node is on tour, it is visited not more than once (only the initial node is visited twice).

The above equation (1) - (5) can be rewritten as follows:

Let  $N = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{|N|}\}$  be the set of nodes.

Determine a complete tour  $(x_{a_1}, x_{a_2}, x_{a_3}, \dots, x_{a_m})$ ,  $m \leq |N|$

**To minimize**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} c(x_{a_i}, x_{a_{i+1}}) + c(x_{a_m}, x_{a_1}); \quad (6)$$

Such that,

$$x_i \in \bar{B} \in (x_{a_1}, \Delta_{a_i}), \forall x_i \in N \text{ and for some } i; \quad (7)$$

Where,  $a_i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |N|\}$

And  $a_i \neq a_j$ , for  $i \neq j$ ,  $c(i, j) = c_{ij}$ ,

$\bar{B}(a, r)$  is a closed disc with centre  $a$  and radius  $r$ ,

$\Delta_j$  = maximum covering distance at node  $j$ .

This is the mathematical understanding of covering salesman problem.

### **Difference between TSP and CSP:**

<b>TSP</b>	<b>CSP</b>
<p><b>Objective:</b> The main goal of the TSP is to find the shortest possible route that visits a given set of cities and returns to the original city (salesman's home city). The objective is to minimize the total distance or cost of the tour.</p> <p><b>Constraint:</b> Each city must be visited exactly once, and the tour must form a closed loop.</p>	<p><b>Objective:</b> The CSP is concerned with finding the shortest possible route that covers a set of given locations, rather than visiting each location exactly once. The objective is to minimize the total distance or cost of the tour while ensuring that every location is covered.</p> <p><b>Constraint:</b> There is a requirement to cover a specified set of locations in a predetermined distance, but there may be flexibility in how many times each location is visited</p>

### **3. PROJECT WORK**

**Project Title:**

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**INTERMODAL  
FIXED RADIUS  
DENSITY DEPENDENT  
COVERING SALESMAN  
PROBLEM IN  
UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENT.**

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- **Summarize the problem statement:**

The Intermodal Fixed Radius Density Dependent Covering Salesman Problem poses a complex challenge in optimizing transportation logistics within an uncertain environment. This study addresses the critical need to develop efficient solutions for intermodal transportation systems where two modes of transportation are utilized and the density of demand points varies dynamically.

Intermodal transportations, entails the seamless integration of different modes of transport, from trucks to trains to ships. Each mode brings its own set of advantages and constraints, requiring careful coordination to optimize efficiency.

The notion of a fixed radius introduces a spatial constraint, compelling decision-makers to operate within a defined geographical area. Within this boundary, they must devise strategies to cover all relevant locations effectively.

Density dependency adds another layer of complexity, acknowledging that certain areas might require more attention due to higher population density or increased demand. As such, the solution must adapt to these varying levels of activity and resource allocation.

The essence of the salesman problem emerges as the need to find the most efficient route to navigate through the designated area, visiting key locations and ultimately returning to the starting point. However, unlike traditional scenarios, this puzzle unfolds in an uncertain environment, where conditions are subject to change unpredictably.

Thus, tackling this challenge involves not only optimizing routes and schedules but also devising robust strategies to cope with unforeseen disruptions. It demands a blend of advanced mathematical algorithms, real-time data analytics, and strategic foresight.

In essence, the Intermodal Fixed Radius Density Dependent Covering Salesman Problem in an Uncertain Environment encapsulates the multifaceted nature of modern logistics and transportation planning. It represents a formidable challenge yet also an opportunity for innovation and efficiency improvement in the increasingly dynamic landscape of supply chain management.

- **Intermodal transportation:**

Intermodal transportation means moving large-sized goods in the same steel-based containers through two or more modes of transport. It's a typical way of moving goods in modern times. Intermodal transfer may involve truck, rail, ship, and then truck again. Basically, instead of shifting goods from one vehicle to the next in their journey, intermodal transport handles these special standardized containers instead. This process brings many benefits, such as increased safety for the goods and faster delivery. Because different categories of transports used for distribution from any nodes on ring, the transports are rail, road etc.



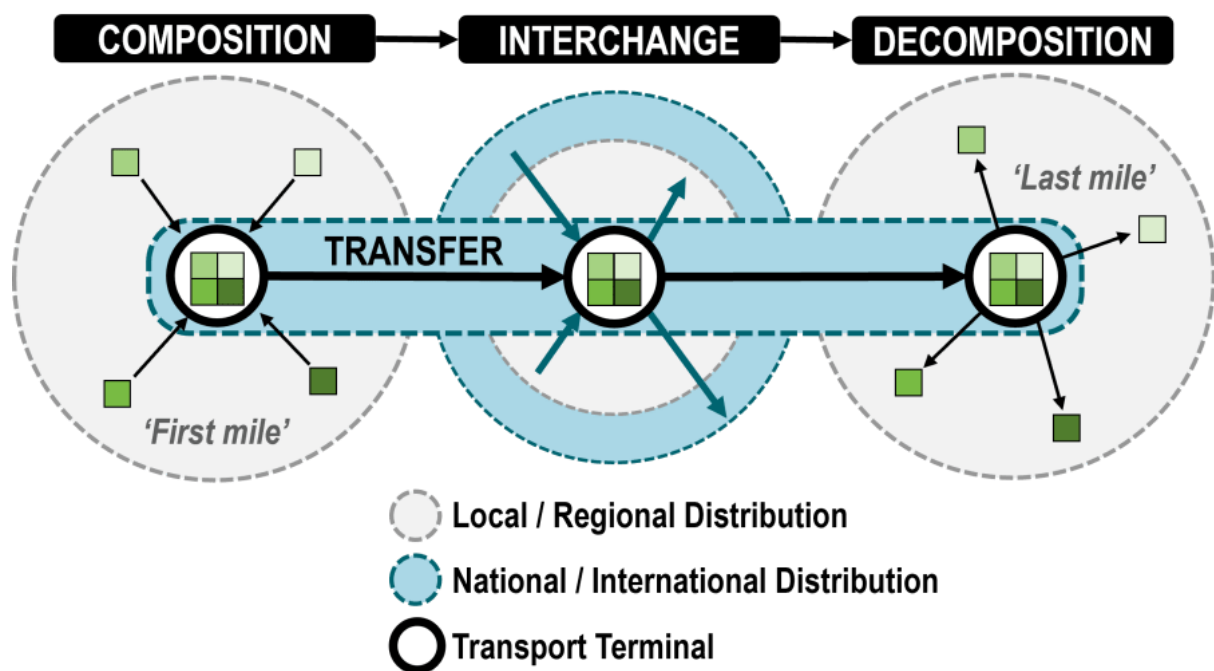
This mode of transportation system dates back to 18th-century Britain. The British used it to move coal stored in containers over their canal network. But it wasn't until the 1960s that intermodal became the preferred choice for sea transport.

Logistics companies and international organizations made efforts to integrate the other modes of transport through intermodalism. Later, containerization and standardizing international container sizes made intermodal transport even more lucrative by enabling easy handling between modal systems. Currently, intermodal transport is the dominant mode for the global supply chain and logistics.

## How Intermodal Transport Work:

At the start of the intermodal transport process, an empty truck arrives at the consignee point. The shipper or transporter in charge loads the goods onto the container at the back of the truck. Most likely, nobody will handle these goods from this point until they reach the destination.

The truck travels to a rail yard through the road network. Here, the logistics company transfers the containers onto a train. That train might transfer the container to a railroad station in the destination city, or it might go to a port for shipping.



The shipping company moves these containers through the maritime network to the destination port. People unload the container and transfer it to another truck. Or they may put it on another train for more inland transport and then to the truck. This truck may deliver the container to the destination modal station. The trucks used to transfer these goods are called drayage, a service that only certain companies provide.

### **What happens next?**

The logistics company now removes the goods from the container. Now, the container is empty and ready for a new load. Finally, the logistics company carries out the last-mile delivery to the end user.

### **Why do companies use intermodal transport?**

It allows a logistics company to benefit from the advantages of each means of transport. Using rail service is often cheaper for inland transport. Shipping allows faster international travel over long distances. And trucks are essential for the last mile of local pickups and deliveries.



- **Density dependent:**

In this case the nodes covered by any node on ring are uniformly distributed within a circle of fixed radius. We are considering the total network as a supply chain.

The nodes on ring supplying more than two nodes are considered as high density node.

The nodes on ring supplying less than two nodes are considered as low density nodes.

In the context of the Covering Salesman Problem (CSP), the concept of density dependence plays a crucial role in optimizing the efficiency of node coverage within a network, particularly when considering a supply chain scenario. Density dependence refers to the distribution of covered nodes relative to each other within a fixed radius, typically represented as a circle.

In this scenario, the network is envisioned as a supply chain where nodes represent critical points of distribution or service provision. Each node on the ring is tasked with covering surrounding nodes within its designated radius. The distribution of nodes covered by any given node is assumed to be uniform within the circle.

Nodes that supply more than two neighbouring nodes are classified as high-density nodes, indicating their significance as central hubs within the network. Conversely, nodes that supply less than two neighbouring nodes are categorized as low-density nodes, suggesting their peripheral or less pivotal role within the network structure.

Optimizing the CSP within this framework involves strategically assigning tasks to nodes based on their density classification. High-density nodes may be prioritized for covering neighbouring nodes due to their capacity to efficiently serve multiple connections, thereby maximizing coverage with minimal redundancy. On the other hand, low-density nodes may require additional support or coordination to ensure adequate coverage of surrounding areas.

By leveraging density dependence metrics, such as the classification of nodes as high or low density, CSP algorithms can effectively allocate resources and tasks within the network to optimize coverage and minimize overall costs or inefficiencies. This approach enables the design of more robust and efficient supply chain networks by strategically leveraging the inherent density distribution of nodes within the system.

We assume the high dense nodes in a circular zone with uniform distribution follows Euclidean distance pattern and nodes in low density region follows Manhattan distance pattern.

## • **Concept of Drayage Distance:**

Drayage refers to short distance movements in part of the supply chain. The concept of intermodal drayage means the transportation of cargo by truck, sea or through rail.

In the context of logistics and transportation, the concept of drayage distance refers to the distance traveled by a vehicle or carrier for the pickup and delivery of goods within a localized area, typically between ports, terminals, warehouses, or distribution centers. Drayage distance plays a crucial role in supply chain management, particularly in scenarios involving intermodal transportation where goods need to be transferred between different modes of transportation, such as ships, trains, trucks, or airplanes.

The term "drayage" originally referred to the movement of goods over short distances using horse-drawn carts, but it has evolved to encompass modern-day trucking operations. Drayage distance is influenced by factors such as the location of pickup and delivery points, traffic conditions, road infrastructure, and regulatory requirements.

Efficient management of drayage distance is essential for optimizing transportation costs, reducing transit times, and enhancing overall supply chain efficiency. Strategies to minimize drayage distance may include route optimization, consolidation of shipments, coordination of pickup and delivery schedules, and the use of technology such as GPS tracking and real-time monitoring systems.

In the context of the Covering Salesman Problem (CSP), drayage distance could be a factor considered when determining the optimal sequence of node visits to minimize overall transportation costs and travel time. By incorporating drayage distance into the CSP framework, logistics managers can make informed decisions about route planning, vehicle allocation, and resource utilization to streamline operations and improve customer service levels.

Drayage distance in a circular market area is categorized into two types:

- i) Euclidean Distance
- ii) Manhattan Distance

In high density region the drayage distance is considered as Euclidian Distance and in low density region, the drayage distance is assumed to be Manhattan distance.

In our report, Nodes on circle connected with two or more nodes is considered as nodes within high density.

When dealing with high-density regions where nodes are densely interconnected, Euclidean Distance is utilized as the measure of drayage distance. Euclidean Distance represents the straight-line distance between two points in space and is suitable for scenarios where the movement between nodes can be relatively unrestricted, such as in densely populated areas with multiple connections.

Conversely, if the number of nodes around a node on ring is less than two, it is low density node i.e. in low-density regions where nodes are sparsely connected, Manhattan Distance is employed as the measure of drayage distance. Manhattan Distance calculates the distance between two points by summing the lengths of the horizontal and vertical segments between them, mimicking the movement along city blocks. This distance metric is particularly suitable for areas with limited direct connections between nodes, where travel paths may need to follow specific routes due to logistical constraints.

In the research context outlined, nodes on the circular market area that are connected with three or more nodes are identified as high-density nodes. These nodes are likely central hubs within the network, serving multiple connections and facilitating efficient movement of goods or services. By categorizing drayage distance based on the density of nodes and selecting appropriate distance metrics (Euclidean or Manhattan), logistics managers can tailor their transportation strategies to the specific characteristics of each region within the market area, optimizing efficiency and reducing costs.

In the proposed solution for the covering salesman problem (CSP), the distribution of nodes around a central node on a ring follows a circular pattern. The solution utilizes a genetic algorithm to determine the nodes on the ring and those covered by them within a predefined fixed radius.

Once the nodes on the ring and their covered nodes are identified, they are categorized into two types based on the number of nodes they cover:

**i) High dense nodes:** Nodes on the ring that cover three or more nodes are classified as high dense nodes. These nodes represent areas of concentrated activity or connectivity within the network.

**ii) Low dense nodes:** Nodes on the ring that cover fewer than three nodes are categorized as low dense nodes. These nodes indicate areas with less activity or connectivity compared to high dense nodes.

In the solution, different distance patterns are applied depending on whether a node is categorized as high dense or low dense:

**For high dense nodes: Euclidean distance** pattern is followed. Euclidean distance calculates the straight-line distance between two points, which is suitable for areas with dense connections and relatively unrestricted movement.

**For low dense nodes: Manhattan distance** pattern is followed. Manhattan distance calculates the distance between two points by summing the lengths of the horizontal and vertical segments between them, mimicking movement along city blocks. This pattern is more appropriate for areas with sparse connections and limited direct paths between nodes.

By categorizing nodes based on their density and applying appropriate distance patterns, the solution optimizes the efficiency of the CSP by tailoring the transportation strategy to the specific characteristics of each area within the network.

## • **Total Distance calculation:**

According to the dense nodes we have to find the total distance that is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The Total distance} &= \text{Distance of Ring node} \\ &+ \text{Sum of the nodes covered by nodes on ring in high dense area} \\ &+ \text{Sum of the nodes covered by nodes on ring in low dense area.} \end{aligned}$$

The objective of this distance calculation is a **strategic decision** because the vehicle type plays a vital role if more number of nodes around a depot is present then Euclidean pattern is followed, because there are different options of roads are available but in low dense area Manhattan distance pattern is followed.

Indeed, the strategic decision to choose between Euclidean and Manhattan distance patterns based on the density of nodes around a depot is crucial in optimizing transportation efficiency in the covering salesman problem (CSP).

In areas with a high density of nodes around the depot, where numerous options for transportation routes are available, employing the Euclidean distance pattern makes sense. Euclidean distance calculates the shortest straight-line distance between two points, which is advantageous in areas with multiple road options or relatively uncongested traffic conditions. This approach allows vehicles to navigate efficiently through densely populated areas, potentially reducing travel time and costs.

Conversely, in low-density areas where nodes are sparsely distributed and direct connections between them are limited, the Manhattan distance pattern is more appropriate. Manhattan distance, which considers the sum of horizontal and vertical distances between points, aligns well with the structured grid-like layout often found in less densely populated regions. By following the Manhattan distance pattern, vehicles can navigate through city blocks and follow specific routes more effectively, optimizing travel paths despite the limited direct connections between nodes.

The choice of distance calculation method based on node density reflects a strategic approach to route planning and resource allocation. By adapting to the characteristics of different regions within the network, such as node density, the transportation strategy can be tailored to maximize efficiency and minimize costs. This strategic decision-making contributes to the overall optimization of the CSP solution, ensuring that vehicles are routed in a manner that takes full advantage of the available road networks and minimizes unnecessary detours or delays.

The travel plan for two transport options depends on the distance of two market area.

## • **Concept of Break Even Distance:**

In the context of the Covering Salesman Problem (CSP), the concept of Break Even Distance refers to the critical point at which the cost or distance incurred by a salesperson or vehicle to cover additional nodes is balanced by the benefits or gains obtained from covering those nodes. In other words, it represents the distance threshold at which the marginal benefits of covering additional nodes equal the marginal costs incurred in doing so.

Break Even Distance is a key consideration in optimizing the route planning and resource allocation in the CSP. It helps decision-makers determine the optimal stopping point for the salesperson or vehicle, considering factors such as transportation costs, time constraints, and the value of covering additional nodes.

Once the Break Even Distance is reached, covering additional nodes beyond this point may result in diminishing returns or increased costs that outweigh the benefits. Therefore, it is essential to identify this threshold to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently and that the route plan is economically viable.

Strategies for determining the Break Even Distance in the CSP may involve mathematical modelling, optimization algorithms, or heuristic approaches that take into account various factors such as node distribution, transportation costs, and the value associated with

covering additional nodes. By identifying the Break Even Distance, decision-makers can make informed decisions about route planning, resource allocation, and overall strategy to optimize the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the CSP solution.

In transportation, intermodal transport can be considered as an alternative of unimodal transportation.

There is a break even distance under road cost equal to the intermodal transport cost

$$C_{UR} = C_{IM}$$

Then splitting the cost into distance dependent variable cost and distance independent variable cost

$$FC_{UR} + VC_{UR} BE = FC_{IM} + VC_{IM} BE$$

Where

1.  $FC_{UR}$  is Unimodal freight.
2.  $VC_{UR} BE$  is Break Even distance for unimodal freight.
3.  $FC_{IM}$  is Intermodal freight.
4.  $VC_{IM} BE$  is Break Even distance for intermodal freight.

Here  $FC_{UR}$  and  $FC_{IM}$  are fixed and  $VC_{UR}$  and  $VC_{IM}$  variable costs of a unimodal road and intermodal freight transport, respectively, and  $BE$  is the break-even distance.

In freight transport we mainly transport of goods using rail, road, air, any medium.

The concept of intermodal drayage means the transportation of cargo by truck, sea or rail rather than just in one mode of transportation

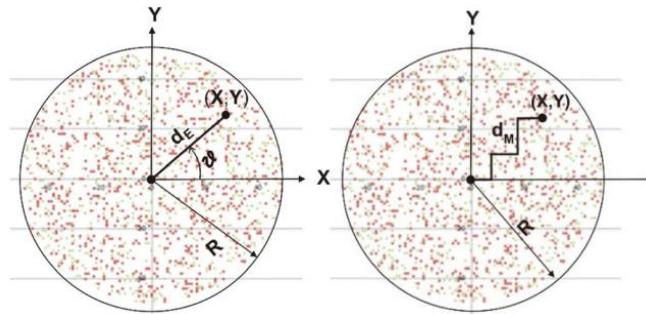
- **Mathematical expression of drayage distance:**

It is the transportation of shipping containers by truck to its final destination. Drayage is often part of a longer overall move, such as from a ship to a warehouse. Some research defines it specifically as a truck pickup from or delivery to a seaport, border point, inland port, or intermodal terminal with both the trip origin and destination in the same urban area. Port drayage is the term used when describing short hauls from ports and other areas to nearby locations. It can also refer to the movement of goods within large buildings such as convention centers. Drayage is a key aspect of the transfer of shipments to and from other means of transportation. The term drayage is also used for the fee paid for such services.

How mathematically we can express drayage distance in a circular market area. The shape is circular.

The shortest Euclidean distance is reasonable solution to use as a drayage distance in high density area.

The Manhattan distance is considered as in low density area.



In the first circle  $d_E$  represents the Euclidean distance and in second circle  $d_M$  represents the Manhattan distance.

Drayage distance depends on the shape of the market area, the terminal's location and the distribution of shippers and consignees in the market area. In this research, the shape of the market area is assumed to be a circle, the intermodal terminal is assumed to lie in the centred of the market area, and all shippers and consignees are assumed to be uniformly and randomly distributed in the origin and destination market areas. Drayage distances are

calculated as both Euclidean and Manhattan distances. They are presented in Fig. 1 and calculated below,

The Nodes on circle connected with two or more nodes is considered as high density notes.

If less than two nodes then it is considered as low density nodes.

### **Calculating average Euclidean drayage distance**

If  $(X, Y)$  is a random point in the unit disc then Euclidean distance  $d_E$  is given by,

$$d_E = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$$

The random variable  $g(x, y)$

$$g(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

And the joint probability density function,

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

The Expected distance  $E[d_E]$  in the centre of the unit disc is given by,

$$E[d_E] = E[\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}] = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{x^2+y^2 \leq 1} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dx \, dy$$

By changing  $x$  and  $y$  in polar coordinates  $d_E$  and  $\theta$

$$x = d_E \cos \theta \text{ and } y = d_E \sin \theta$$

Then the Jacobian is given by,



$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial d_E} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial d_E} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -d_E \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & d_E \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of the Jacobian matrix is,

$$\begin{aligned} |J| &= \cos \theta \, d_E \cos \theta - (-d_E \sin \theta) \sin \theta \\ &= \cos \theta \, d_E \cos \theta + \sin \theta \, d_E \sin \theta \\ |J| &= d_E (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = d_E \end{aligned}$$

And,

$$dx \, dy = d_E \, dd_E \, d\theta$$

Which by integration into range

$$0 \leq d_E \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E[d_E] &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^1 d_E^2 \, dd_E \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \left\{ \frac{d_E^3}{3} \right\}_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \left\{ \frac{1^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{3\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3\pi} [\theta]_0^{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\pi} [2\pi - 0] = \frac{2\pi}{3\pi} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence,

$$E[d_E] = \frac{2}{3}$$

The expected distance  $E[d_E]$ , denoted as the average drayage distance  $\overline{d_E}$  in the circle with radius  $R$ , is given by

$$E[d_E] = \frac{2}{3}R = 0.67R = \overline{d_E}$$

**Now calculating the average Manhattan drayage distance:**

This can be calculated similarly as the average Euclidean distance,

If  $(X, Y)$  is a random point in the unit disc then Euclidean distance  $d_M$  is given by,

$$d_M = |X| + |Y|$$

The random variable  $g(x, y)$

$$g(x, y) = x + y$$

And the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

The expected Manhattan distance  $E[d_M]$  to the center of the unit disc can be expressed by the equation

$$E[d_M] = E[X + Y] = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{x^2+y^2 \leq 1} (|x| + |y|) dx dy$$

By changing x and y in polar coordinates  $d_M$  and  $\theta$

$$x = d_M \cos \theta \text{ and } y = d_M \sin \theta$$

Then the Jacobian is given by,

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial d_M} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial d_M} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -d_M \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & d_M \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

The determinant of the Jacobian matrix is,

$$\begin{aligned} |J| &= \cos \theta \, d_M \cos \theta - (-d_M \sin \theta) \sin \theta \\ &= \cos \theta \, d_M \cos \theta + \sin \theta \, d_M \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$|J| = d_M (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = d_M$$

Using the same calculation as for the Euclidean distance, the expected Manhattan distance  $E[d_M]$  is given by

$$E[d_M] = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (|d_M \cos \theta| + |d_M \sin \theta|) \, d_M \, dd_M \, d\theta$$

Let's first consider one quadrant, say from  $\theta=0$  to  $\theta=\pi/2$ .

For this quadrant:

$$E[d_M] = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 (d_M \cos \theta + d_M \sin \theta) \, d_M \, dd_M \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^1 d_M^2 \cos \theta \, dd_M \, d\theta + d_M^2 \sin \theta \, dd_M \, d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{d_M^3}{3} \right)_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos\theta + \sin\theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1^3}{3} - 0 \right) [\sin\theta - \cos\theta]_0^{\pi/2} \\
&= \frac{1}{3\pi} [\{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \cos(\frac{\pi}{2})\} - \{\sin 0 - \cos 0\}] \\
&= \frac{1}{3\pi} [\{1 - 0\} - \{0 - 1\}] \\
&= \frac{1}{3\pi} [\{1\} - \{-1\}] \\
&= \frac{1}{3\pi} [1 + 1] \\
&= \frac{2}{3\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the function is symmetric across the four quadrants, the total expected Manhattan distance will be 4 times this value:

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
E[d_M] &= 4 \times \frac{2}{3\pi} \\
&= \frac{8}{3\pi}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the expected Manhattan distance  $E[d_M]$  denoted as the average Manhattan distance  $\overline{d_M}$  in the circle with radius  $R$ , is given by,

$$E[d_M] = \frac{8}{3\pi} R = 0.85R = \overline{d_M}$$

- **Concept of nodes within the radius R:**

It seems like you're describing a concept related to network or spatial analysis, where you're assessing the density of nodes within a certain radius R and then assigning costs based on that density. Let's break down the concept:

**High Density Nodes:**

If the number of nodes within the radius R is greater than 2, it's considered high density.

The cost for high density nodes is calculated as  $(n_1 \times 0.67 \times R)$ , where  $n_1$  is the number of nodes within the radius R,

$$\text{Cost of high density nodes} = (n_1 \times 0.67 \times R)$$

**Low Density Nodes:**

If the number of nodes within the radius R is less than or equal to 2, it's considered low density.

The cost for low density nodes is calculated as  $(n_2 \times 0.85 \times R)$ , where  $n_2$  is the number of nodes within the radius R,

$$\text{Cost of low density nodes} = (n_2 \times 0.85 \times R)$$

This concept suggests that high density nodes incur a lower cost per node ( $0.67 \times R$ ) compared to low density nodes ( $0.85 \times R$ ). This could be interpreted in various contexts, such as urban planning, telecommunications network deployment, or environmental monitoring. The cost calculation seems to take into account the density of nodes within a given area, with higher density nodes being more cost-effective.

- **Calculating the cost of density nodes:**

To calculate the total cost of density nodes, you would sum the cost of high density nodes and the cost of low density nodes.

Let's denote:

- $n_1$  as the number of high density nodes within the radius  $R$
- $n_2$  as the number of low density nodes within the radius  $R$
- $R$  as the radius

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= \text{cost of high density nodes} \\ &+ \text{cost of low density nodes} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total cost} = (n_1 \times 0.67 \times R) + (n_2 \times 0.85 \times R)$$

This equation gives you the total cost based on the number of high density nodes and low density nodes within the given radius  $R$ , each multiplied by their respective cost factors.

## • The Total Cost Formula:

Now we have to find the total cost of the ring and density nodes:

$$\text{Total cost} = \text{cost of ring nodes} + \text{cost of high density nodes} + \text{cost of low density nodes}$$

So the total cost is calculated as:

### **Total Cost**

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{\text{For } S \text{ no.of nodes on ring}} \sum_{k_2=1} c_{ij} X_{ij} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} a_i \times (k_1 \times 0.67 \times \text{Radius}) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} a_j \times (k_2 \times 0.85 \times \text{Radius}) \end{aligned}$$

Where,

$k_1$  = The number of nodes on ring supplying in a high density circular area

$$3 \leq k_1 < \infty$$

$k_2$  = The number of nodes in each circular low density area

$$1 \leq k_2 < 3$$

$m_1$  = The number nodes on ring supplying in a high density circular area.

$m_2$  = The number of nodes in each circular low density area.

Also,

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m_1$$

And

$$\text{for } 1 \leq j \leq m_2$$

And

$$a_i = a_j = 1.$$

## **4. Results and Discussion**

- **Introduction:**

In this project, I have developed a C source code to find the optimal cost, or minimum distances between cities, of a given standard  $29 \times 29$  cost matrix. The approach utilizes Genetic Algorithms (GA) to iteratively improve solutions towards the optimal solution.

The population size is set to 30, ensuring a diverse pool of potential solutions. To initiate the process, a  $30 \times 7$  matrix is chosen to generate the initial population. This matrix represents a collection of potential solutions, each containing a permutation of cities. The Genetic Algorithms then iteratively evolve and refine these solutions towards the optimal solution.

Combinatorial optimization problems, such as finding the optimal path between cities, do not always guarantee an exact solution due to their complexity. Therefore, the focus shifts towards finding the most optimal solution within a reasonable computational effort. The GA operates on the principle of survival of the fittest, where the solutions with better fitness (lower cost in this context) are more likely to survive and contribute to the next generation.

We know that in Combinatorial Optimization the solution depends on the no. of iterations that means higher no. of iterations gives the higher accuracy of optimal solution. But in some case the solution is obtained in between the iterations i.e. the optimal solution can be obtained before the iterations are completed.

The iterative nature of Genetic Algorithms implies that the accuracy of the optimal solution improves with a higher number of iterations. However, it's noteworthy that in some cases, the optimal solution may be reached before completing all iterations. This phenomenon highlights the dynamic and adaptive nature of Genetic Algorithms in exploring solution spaces efficiently.



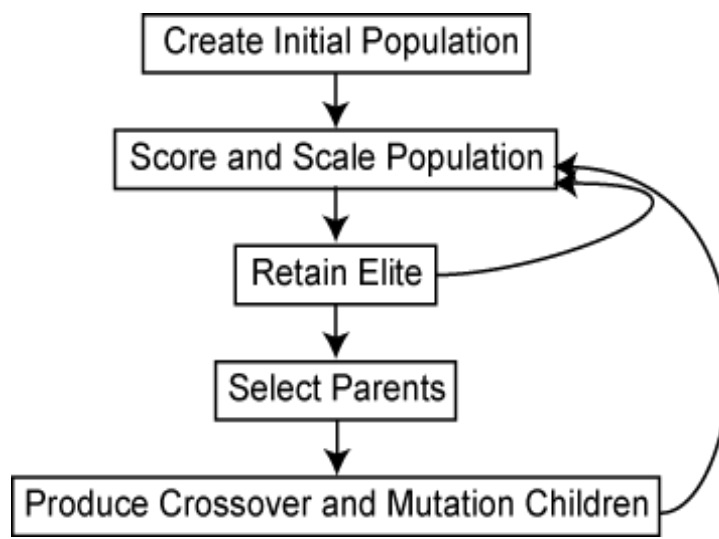
- **Algorithm for whole concept:**

The process involves several key steps:

**1. Initialization:** Generate an initial population of potential solutions. Each solution represents a permutation of cities.

**2. Evaluation:** Calculate the fitness of each solution in the population based on the cost function defined by the given cost matrix.

**3. Selection:** Choose individuals (solutions) from the current population to serve as parents for the next generation. Selection is typically biased towards individuals with higher fitness, but may also include mechanisms to maintain diversity.



**4. Crossover:** Create new solutions (offspring) by combining genetic material from selected parents. This process mimics natural reproduction and introduces diversity in the population.

**5. Mutation:** Introduce random changes in the offspring to further explore the solution space. Mutation prevents premature convergence and ensures exploration of new regions.

**6. Replacement:** Select individuals from the current population and the offspring to form the next generation. This step may include mechanisms such as elitism to preserve the best solutions.

By iteratively repeating these steps, Genetic Algorithms gradually converge towards optimal solutions. The optimal solution is determined by selecting the solution with the minimum cost among all generated solutions.

This project demonstrates the application of Genetic Algorithms in solving combinatorial optimization problems, specifically finding the optimal cost between cities. Despite the non-deterministic nature of Genetic Algorithms, they offer an effective and scalable approach to finding near-optimal solutions within reasonable computational resources.

- **According to the source code the Algorithm works:**

**Step - 1. Initialization.**

The process begins by creating an initial population. We start with a standard 29×29 matrix representing the cost between each pair of cities. The initial population is a matrix of size 30×7, representing 30 potential solutions (chromosomes), each consisting of a permutation of 7 cities.

**Step - 2. Selection:**

Next, we score and scale the population. This involves evaluating the fitness of each chromosome in the population. To start the selection process for crossover, we randomly generate indices modulo 29, ensuring the selection of diverse chromosomes for further processing.

**Step - 3. Fitness function(minimum cost chromosomes)**

In this step we have 30×7 matrix, we use the concept of drayage distance and of fitness function choose the fittest chromosomes for crossover and hence start the crossover. Using the concept of drayage distance, we calculate the fitness of each chromosome. The fitness function identifies the most suitable chromosomes for crossover, prioritizing those with the minimum cost. These chromosomes become the basis for initiating the crossover process.

#### **Step - 4. Crossover**

Focusing on the fittest chromosomes, we generate new populations through crossover. This process combines genetic material from selected parents, mimicking natural reproduction to create offspring with potentially improved fitness.

#### **Step - 5. Mutation**

After crossover, we filter the current populations to generate new parents for optimal solutions. Mutation introduces random changes, maintaining genetic diversity and preventing premature convergence. If the optimal solution is not achieved, the process repeats from steps 2 to 4 until convergence or a predefined termination condition is met.

Since combinatorial optimization does not guarantee an optimal solution, the process may require multiple iterations. By repeating the steps, we explore different regions of the solution space, increasing the likelihood of finding the optimal solution. The minimum optimal cost obtained represents the most appropriate solution for the given problem.

The Genetic Algorithm approach efficiently addresses the combinatorial optimization problem of finding the minimum cost path between cities. By iteratively refining solutions through selection, crossover, and mutation, the algorithm converges towards an optimal solution. The resulting minimum cost ensures efficient route planning for a salesman covering all cities within a fixed radius. Overall, Genetic Algorithms offer a robust and scalable approach to solving complex optimization problems with practical applications in various domains.

## • RESULT ACCORDING TO THE STANDERED COST MATRIX

### Result according to source code

Now we have to apply the whole algorithm for numerical calculation according to source code.

#### 1. Initialization:

The cost matrix that we are using as the slandered  $29 \times 29$  cost matrix. Now we have to select the initial population that is a matrix of size  $30 \times 7$ , representing 30 potential solutions (chromosomes), each consisting of a permutation of 7 cities.

```
Select C:\Users\User\Desktop\New folder\csp.exe
enter radius100
The cost matrix is :
0 97 205 139 86 60 220 65 111 115 227 95 82 225 168 103 266 205 149 120 58 257 152 52 180 136 82 34 145
97 0 129 103 71 105 258 154 112 65 204 150 87 176 137 142 204 148 148 49 41 211 226 116 197 89 153 124 74
205 129 0 219 125 175 386 269 134 184 313 201 215 267 248 271 274 236 272 160 151 300 350 239 322 78 276 220 60
139 103 219 0 167 182 180 162 208 39 102 227 60 86 34 96 129 69 58 60 120 119 192 114 110 192 136 176 173
86 71 125 167 0 51 296 150 42 131 268 88 131 245 201 175 275 218 202 119 50 281 238 131 244 51 166 95 69
60 105 175 182 51 0 279 114 56 150 278 46 133 266 214 162 302 242 203 146 67 300 205 111 238 98 139 52 120
220 258 386 180 296 279 0 178 328 206 147 308 172 203 165 121 251 216 122 231 249 209 111 169 72 328 144 237 331

65 154 269 162 150 114 178 0 169 151 227 133 104 242 182 84 290 230 146 165 121 270 91 48 158 200 39 64 210
111 112 134 208 42 56 328 169 0 172 309 68 169 286 242 208 315 259 240 160 90 322 260 160 281 57 192 107 90
115 65 184 39 131 150 206 151 172 0 140 195 51 112 72 104 153 93 88 25 85 152 200 104 139 154 134 149 135
227 204 313 102 268 278 147 227 309 140 0 320 146 64 68 143 106 88 81 159 219 63 216 187 88 293 191 258 272
95 150 201 227 88 46 308 133 68 195 320 0 174 311 258 196 347 288 243 192 113 345 222 144 274 124 165 71 153
82 87 215 60 131 133 172 104 169 51 146 174 0 144 86 57 189 128 71 71 82 176 150 56 114 168 83 115 160
225 176 267 86 245 266 203 242 286 117 64 311 144 0 61 165 51 32 105 127 201 36 254 196 136 260 212 258 234
168 137 248 34 201 214 165 182 242 72 68 258 86 61 0 106 110 56 49 91 153 91 197 136 94 225 151 201 205
103 142 271 96 175 162 121 84 208 104 143 196 57 165 106 0 215 159 64 126 128 190 98 53 78 218 48 127 214
266 204 274 129 275 302 251 290 315 153 106 347 189 51 110 215 0 61 155 157 235 47 305 243 186 282 261 300 252
205 148 236 69 218 242 216 230 259 93 88 288 128 32 56 159 61 0 105 100 176 66 253 183 146 231 203 239 204
149 148 272 58 202 203 122 146 240 88 81 243 71 105 49 64 155 105 0 113 152 127 150 106 52 235 112 179 211
120 49 160 60 119 146 231 165 160 25 150 192 71 127 91 126 157 100 113 0 79 163 220 119 164 135 152 153 114
58 41 151 120 50 67 249 129 90 85 219 113 82 201 153 128 235 176 152 79 0 236 201 90 195 90 127 84 91
257 211 300 119 281 209 300 270 322 152 63 345 176 36 91 190 47 66 127 163 236 0 273 226 148 296 238 291 269
152 226 350 192 238 205 111 91 260 200 216 222 150 254 197 98 305 253 150 220 201 273 0 112 130 286 74 155 291
52 116 239 114 131 111 169 48 160 104 187 144 56 196 136 53 243 183 106 119 90 226 112 0 130 178 38 75 180
180 197 322 110 244 238 72 158 281 139 88 274 114 136 94 78 186 146 52 164 195 148 130 130 0 281 120 205 270
136 89 78 192 51 98 328 200 57 154 293 124 168 260 225 218 282 231 235 135 90 296 286 178 281 0 213 145 36
82 153 276 136 166 139 144 39 192 134 191 165 83 212 151 48 261 203 112 152 127 238 74 38 120 213 0 94 217
34 124 220 176 95 52 237 64 107 149 258 71 115 258 201 127 300 239 179 153 84 291 155 75 205 145 94 0 162
145 74 60 173 69 120 331 210 90 135 272 153 160 234 205 214 252 204 211 114 91 269 291 180 270 36 217 162 0
```

## 2. Selection:

In this step to start the selection process for crossover, we randomly generate indices modulo 29, ensuring the selection of diverse chromosomes for further processing.

```
The initial populations:
13 25 15 27 5 12 1
11 23 20 25 28 13 21
28 10 26 17 18 4 24
17 10 5 3 26 4 8
25 7 13 0 18 24 9
26 14 8 6 7 5 19
25 5 0 11 3 13 15
17 0 15 27 2 14 26
6 17 1 8 26 16 15
0 14 28 2 6 16 20
14 6 13 0 19 8 15
8 12 14 9 13 23 20
28 22 26 27 24 17 5
0 22 15 3 20 11 5
5 8 15 23 11 6 17
1 24 14 7 13 3 25
26 3 23 5 22 9 12
4 19 11 23 7 6 27
1 3 13 10 24 20 6
14 8 17 13 4 0 2
0 4 13 12 21 11 8
17 18 13 10 24 2 16
8 2 17 13 6 5 15
17 9 27 2 4 24 10
17 18 1 12 6 20 26
3 14 21 2 27 16 7
19 6 7 2 23 21 20
26 21 8 15 24 23 22
22 26 23 28 4 8 13
20 10 1 18 0 19 5
```

## 3. Fitness function(minimum cost chromosomes)

In this step we have 30×7 matrix, we use the concept of drayage distance and of fitness function choose the fittest chromosomes for crossover and hence start the crossover.

Using the concept of drayage distance, we calculate the fitness of each chromosome. The fitness function identifies the most suitable chromosomes for crossover, prioritizing those with the minimum cost. These chromosomes become the basis for initiating the crossover process.

#### 4. Crossover

Focusing on the fittest chromosomes, we generate new populations through crossover. This process combines genetic material from selected parents, mimicking natural reproduction to create offspring with potentially improved fitness.

By using crossover we get the matrix:

```
17 18 13 10 24 8 13
22 26 23 28 4 2 16
0 22 15 5 22 9 12
26 3 23 3 20 11 5
4 19 11 23 7 6 21
11 23 20 25 28 13 27
8 12 14 9 13 13 15
25 5 0 11 3 23 20
14 6 13 0 19 23 22
26 21 8 15 24 8 15
1 3 15 27 5 12 1
13 25 13 10 24 20 6
0 4 1 12 6 20 26
17 18 13 12 21 11 8
17 10 5 13 6 5 15
8 2 17 3 26 4 8
1 24 14 2 27 16 7
3 14 21 7 13 3 25
17 9 27 2 4 24 17
5 8 15 23 11 6 10
```

#### 5. Mutation

Mutation introduces random changes, maintaining genetic diversity and preventing premature convergence. If the optimal solution is not achieved, the process repeats from steps 2 to 4 until convergence or a predefined termination condition is met.

By using crossover we get

```
Mutation
7
    17
The row number is7
The max element in that row is25
The position of mutation in that row is
0

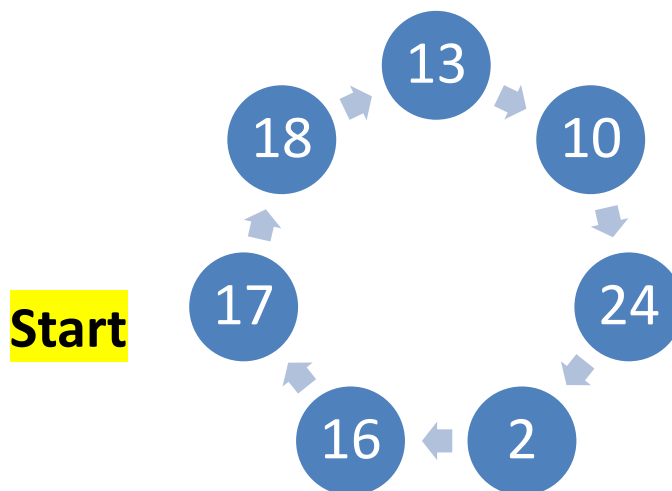
The row number is17
The max element in that row is27
The position of mutation in that row is
2
```

## 6. The optimal tour:

After completed all the steps we get the cost of each tour and the final optimal tour is the minimum of the each tour cost that is known as the optimal tour cost.

```
cost is of : 2833
cost is of : 2558
cost is of : 3370
cost is of : 2845
cost is of : 2945
cost is of : 3028
cost is of : 2747
cost is of : 3079
cost is of : 2948
cost is of : 3045
cost is of : 2770
cost is of : 2592
cost is of : 2945
cost is of : 2376
cost is of : 2925
cost is of : 2882
cost is of : 2384
cost is of : 2462
cost is of : 2799
cost is of : 2992
cost is of : 2834
cost is of : 2087
cost is of : 2847
cost is of : 2897
cost is of : 2836
cost is of : 2897
cost is of : 3120
cost is of : 2791
cost is of : 2263
Minimum Optimal Cost : 2087.
```

Hence, the optimal tour is given by according to the path of minimum cost:



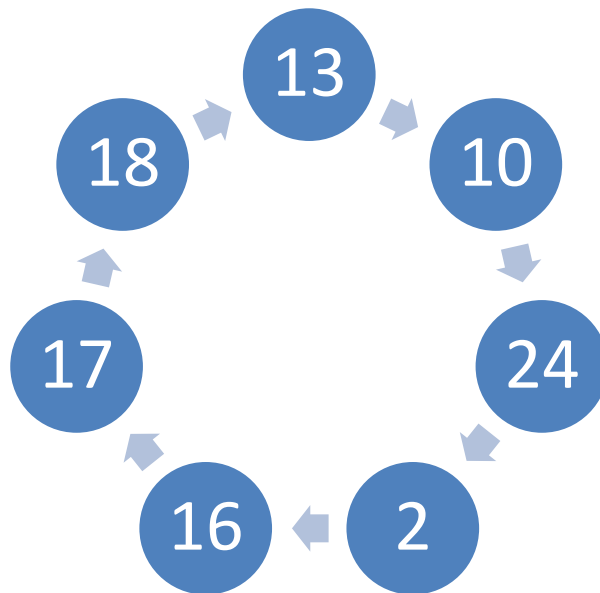
***Hence we get according to source code the optimal tour cost = 2087***

## **Result according to Model formulations:**

The total optimal cost according to model formulation is given by,

$$\textbf{\textit{Total cost}} = \textbf{\textit{cost of ring nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of high density nodes}} \\ + \textbf{\textit{cost of low density nodes}}$$

Since the optimal tour according to the source code is given by



Now first we have to find the ring cost.

According to the given standard  $29 \times 29$  matrix we have to find the cost between the nodes,

Node address	Paths of the nodes	cost
1	17-18	105
2	18-13	105
3	13-10	64
4	10-24	88
5	24-2	322
6	2-16	274
7	16-17	110



So we get the total ring cost,

$$\text{The total ring cost} = 105 + 105 + 64 + 88 + 322 + 274 + 110 = 1068$$

**Now**

We have to find the cost of ring nodes within the radius,

For these nodes we divide into two types

1. High density nodes
2. Low density nodes.

The nodes of high density follow the Euclidean distance.

The nodes of low density follow the Manhattan distance.

Now we have to find these high density and low density nodes.

Since here

Here the fixed radius according to source code  $R = 100$

Using the concept of nodes within the radius  $R$ ,

The number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $n = 2$ ,

$$n_1 = 3, n_2 = 4$$

$$\text{Since } n \leq 3$$

So these two nodes having low density.

***The cost of low density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i \times (n_i \times 0.85 \times R) \\ &= 1 \times (n_1 \times 0.85 \times 100) + 1 \times (n_2 \times 0.85 \times 100) = 7 \times 85 \\ &= 595 \end{aligned}$$

If it is greater than 3 and the number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $k = 0$  that are low density nodes then,

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = k_5 = 0$$

***The cost of high density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{j=1}^5 a_i \times (k_i \times 0.67 \times R) = 1. (k_1 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ 1. (k_2 \times 0.67 \times 100) + 1. (k_3 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ 1. (k_4 \times 0.67 \times 100) + 1. (k_5 \times 0.67 \times 100) = 67 \times 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**So the total cost is given by**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= \text{distance of ring nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of high dense nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of low nodes} = 1068 + 0 + 595 = 1663 \end{aligned}$$

**Now we have to change some entries of the cost matrix and then analyse the cost of each section.**

# • RESULT ACCORDING TO THE MINOR INCREASING IN THE COST MATRIX

## Result according to source code

According to the previous result we put only results instead of all explanations:

### 1. Initialization:

```
Select C:\Users\User\Desktop\desktop\project_4sem\csp_new_inc.exe
enter fixed radius100
The cost matrix is :
0 97 205 139 86 60 220 65 111 115 227 95 82 225 168 103 266 205 149 120 58 257 152 52 180 136 82 34 145
97 0 129 103 71 105 258 154 112 65 204 150 87 176 137 142 204 148 148 49 41 211 226 116 197 89 153 124 74
205 129 0 219 125 175 386 269 134 184 313 201 215 267 248 271 274 236 272 160 151 300 350 239 322 80 276 220 62
139 103 219 0 167 182 180 162 208 39 102 227 60 86 34 96 129 69 58 60 120 119 192 114 110 192 136 176 173
86 71 125 167 0 51 296 150 42 131 268 88 131 245 201 175 275 218 202 119 50 281 238 131 244 51 166 95 69
60 105 175 182 51 0 279 114 56 150 278 46 133 266 214 162 302 242 203 146 67 300 205 111 238 98 139 52 120
220 258 386 180 296 279 0 178 328 206 147 308 172 203 165 121 251 216 122 231 249 209 111 169 72 328 144 237 331
65 154 269 162 150 114 178 0 169 151 227 133 104 242 182 84 290 230 146 165 121 270 91 48 158 200 39 64 210
111 112 134 208 42 56 328 169 0 172 309 68 169 286 242 208 315 259 240 160 90 322 260 160 281 57 192 107 90
115 65 184 39 131 150 206 151 172 0 140 195 51 112 72 104 153 93 88 25 85 152 200 104 139 154 134 149 135
227 204 313 102 268 278 147 227 309 140 0 320 146 65 69 143 106 90 83 159 219 65 216 187 89 293 191 258 272
95 150 201 227 88 46 308 133 68 195 320 0 174 311 258 196 347 288 243 192 113 345 222 144 274 124 165 71 153
82 87 215 60 131 133 172 104 169 51 146 174 0 144 86 57 189 128 71 71 82 176 150 56 114 168 83 115 160
225 176 267 87 245 266 203 242 286 117 65 311 144 0 63 165 53 34 105 127 201 38 254 196 136 260 212 258 234
168 137 248 34 201 214 165 182 242 72 68 258 86 61 0 106 110 56 49 91 153 91 197 136 94 225 151 201 205
103 142 271 96 175 162 121 84 208 104 143 196 57 165 106 0 215 159 64 126 128 190 98 53 78 218 48 127 214
266 204 274 129 275 302 251 290 315 153 106 347 189 53 110 215 0 63 155 157 235 49 305 243 186 282 261 300 252
205 148 236 70 218 242 216 230 259 95 90 288 128 35 57 159 62 0 105 101 176 68 253 183 146 231 203 239 204
149 148 272 60 202 203 122 146 240 91 83 243 72 105 50 65 155 105 0 113 152 127 150 106 53 235 112 179 211
120 49 160 60 119 146 231 165 160 25 159 192 71 127 91 126 157 100 113 0 79 163 220 119 164 135 152 153 114
58 41 151 120 50 67 249 129 90 85 219 113 82 201 153 128 235 176 152 79 0 236 201 90 195 90 127 84 91
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152 226 350 192 238 205 111 91 260 200 216 222 150 254 197 98 305 253 150 220 201 273 0 112 130 286 74 155 291
52 116 239 114 131 111 169 48 160 104 187 144 56 196 136 53 243 183 106 119 90 226 112 0 130 178 38 75 180
180 197 322 110 244 238 73 158 281 139 89 274 114 136 96 79 186 146 54 164 195 148 130 130 0 281 120 205 270
136 89 78 192 51 98 328 200 57 154 293 124 168 260 225 218 282 231 235 135 90 296 286 178 281 0 213 145 36
82 153 276 136 166 139 144 39 192 134 191 165 83 212 151 48 261 203 112 152 127 238 74 38 120 213 0 94 217
34 124 220 176 95 52 237 64 107 149 258 71 115 258 201 127 300 239 179 153 84 291 155 75 205 145 94 0 162
145 74 60 173 69 120 331 210 90 135 272 153 160 234 205 214 252 204 211 114 91 269 291 180 270 36 217 162 0
```

### 2. Selection:

```
The initial populations:
13 25 15 27 5 12 1
11 23 20 25 28 13 21
28 10 26 17 18 4 24
17 10 5 3 26 4 8
25 7 13 0 18 24 9
26 14 8 6 7 5 19
25 5 0 11 3 13 15
17 0 15 27 2 14 26
6 17 1 8 26 16 15
9 14 28 2 6 16 20
14 6 13 0 19 8 15
8 12 14 9 13 23 20
28 22 26 27 24 17 5
9 22 15 3 20 11 5
5 8 15 23 11 6 17
1 24 14 7 13 3 25
26 3 23 5 22 9 12
4 19 11 23 7 6 27
1 3 13 10 24 20 6
14 8 17 13 4 0 2
9 4 13 12 21 11 8
17 18 13 10 24 2 16
8 2 17 13 6 5 15
17 9 27 2 4 24 10
17 18 1 12 6 20 26
3 14 21 2 27 16 7
19 6 7 2 23 21 20
26 21 8 15 24 23 22
22 26 23 28 4 8 13
20 10 1 18 0 19 5
```

### 3. Crossover and mutation:

17	18	13	10	24	19	5
20	10	1	18	0	2	16
22	26	23	15	24	23	22
26	21	8	28	4	8	13
19	6	7	2	23	21	7
3	14	21	2	27	16	20
17	18	1	12	6	24	10
17	9	27	2	4	20	26
8	2	17	13	6	11	8
0	4	13	12	21	5	15
14	8	13	10	24	20	6
1	3	17	13	4	0	2
4	19	23	5	22	9	12
26	3	11	23	7	6	27
1	24	14	23	11	6	17
5	8	15	7	13	3	25
0	22	15	27	24	17	5
28	22	26	3	20	11	5
8	12	14	9	13	23	15
14	6	13	0	19	8	20

```

Mutation
7
    17

The row number is7

The max element in that row is27
The position of mutation in that row is
0

The row number is17

The max element in that row is28
The position of mutation in that row is
2

```

### 4. The optimal tour:

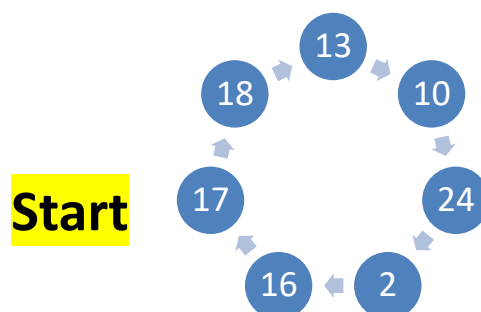
```

cost is : 2840
cost is : 2563
cost is : 3292
cost is : 2854
cost is : 2957
cost is : 3028
cost is : 2756
cost is : 3085
cost is : 2958
cost is : 3051
cost is : 2775
cost is : 2602
cost is : 2861
cost is : 2376
cost is : 2837
cost is : 2892
cost is : 2384
cost is : 2462
cost is : 2816
cost is : 3005
cost is : 2836
cost is : 2040
cost is : 2766
cost is : 2917
cost is : 2844
cost is : 2907
cost is : 3120
cost is : 2797
cost is : 2273

Minimum Optimal Cost : 2040.

```

Hence, the optimal tour is given by according to the path of minimum cost



***Hence we get according to source code the optimal tour cost = 2040***

## **Result according to Model formulations:**

The total optimal cost according to model formulation is given by,

$$\textbf{\textit{Total cost}} = \textbf{\textit{cost of ring nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of high density nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of low density nodes}}$$

Now first we have to find the ring cost.

According to the given slandered  $20 \times 29$  matrix we have to find the cost between the nodes,

<b>Node address</b>	<b>Paths of the nodes</b>	<b>cost</b>
1	17-18	106
2	18-13	106
3	13-10	65
4	10-24	90
5	24-2	323
6	2-16	275
7	16-17	112

So we get the total ring cost,

$$\textbf{The total ring cost} = 106 + 106 + 65 + 90 + 323 + 275 + 112 = 1077$$

**Now**

We have to find the cost of ring nodes within the radius,

For these nodes we divides in to two types

1. High density nodes
2. Low density nodes.

The nodes of high density follow the Euclidean distance.

The nodes of low density follow the Manhattan distance.

Now we have to find these high density and low density nodes.

Since here

Here the fixed radius according to source code  $R = 100$

Using the concept of nodes within the radius  $R$ ,

The number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $n = 2$ ,

$$n_1 = 3, n_2 = 4$$

Since  $n \leq 3$

So these two nodes having low density.

### ***The cost of low density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i \times (n_i \times 0.85 \times R) \\ &= (n_1 \times 0.85 \times 100) + (n_2 \times 0.85 \times 100) = 7 \times 85 = 595 \end{aligned}$$

If it is greater than 3 and the number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $k = 5$  that are low density nodes then,

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = k_5 = 0$$

### ***The cost of high density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i \times (k_i \times 0.67 \times R) = (k_1 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ (k_2 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (k_3 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ (k_4 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (k_5 \times 0.67 \times 100) = 67 \times 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the total cost is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= \text{distance of ring nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of high dense nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of low nodes} = 1077 + 0 + 595 = 1672 \end{aligned}$$

## • RESULT ACCORDING TO THE MINOR DECREASING IN THE COST MATRIX

### Result according to source code

According to the previous result we put only results instead of all explanations:

#### 1. Initialization:

```
Select C:\Users\User\Desktop\project_4sem\csp_new_dec.exe
enter fixed radius100
The cost matrix is :
```

0	97	205	139	86	60	220	65	111	115	227	95	82	225	168	103	266	205	149	120	58	257	152	52	180	136	82	34	145
97	0	129	103	71	105	258	154	112	65	204	150	87	176	137	142	204	148	148	49	41	211	226	116	197	89	153	124	74
205	129	0	219	125	175	386	269	134	184	313	201	215	267	248	271	274	236	272	160	151	300	350	239	322	77	276	220	59
139	103	219	0	167	182	180	162	208	39	102	227	60	86	34	96	129	69	58	60	120	119	192	114	110	192	136	176	173
86	71	125	167	0	51	296	150	42	131	268	88	131	245	201	175	275	218	202	119	50	281	238	131	244	51	166	95	69
60	105	175	182	51	0	279	114	56	150	278	46	133	266	214	162	302	242	203	146	67	300	205	111	238	98	139	52	120
220	258	386	180	296	279	0	178	328	206	147	308	172	203	165	121	251	216	122	231	249	209	111	169	72	328	144	237	331
65	154	269	162	150	114	178	0	169	151	227	133	104	242	182	84	290	230	146	165	121	270	91	48	158	200	39	64	210
111	112	134	208	42	56	328	169	0	172	309	68	169	286	242	208	315	259	240	160	90	322	260	160	281	57	192	107	90
115	65	184	39	131	150	206	151	172	0	140	195	51	112	72	104	153	93	88	25	85	152	200	104	139	154	134	149	135
227	204	313	102	268	278	147	227	309	140	0	320	146	62	66	143	106	85	80	159	219	61	216	187	86	293	191	258	272
95	150	201	227	88	46	308	133	68	195	320	0	174	311	258	196	347	288	243	192	113	345	222	144	274	124	165	71	153
82	87	215	60	131	133	172	104	169	51	146	174	0	144	86	57	189	128	71	71	82	176	150	56	114	168	83	115	160
225	176	267	85	245	266	203	242	286	117	62	311	144	0	60	165	50	30	105	127	201	35	254	196	136	260	212	258	234
168	137	248	34	201	214	165	182	242	72	68	258	86	61	0	106	110	56	49	91	153	91	197	136	94	225	151	201	205
103	142	271	96	175	162	121	84	208	104	143	196	57	165	106	0	215	159	64	126	128	190	98	53	78	218	48	127	214
266	204	274	129	275	302	251	290	315	153	106	347	189	50	110	215	0	60	155	157	235	45	305	243	186	282	261	300	252
205	148	236	67	218	242	216	230	259	91	87	288	128	30	55	159	59	0	105	98	176	65	253	183	146	231	203	239	204
149	148	272	57	202	203	122	146	240	87	80	243	70	105	48	63	155	105	0	113	152	127	150	106	50	235	112	179	211
120	49	160	60	119	146	231	165	160	25	159	192	71	127	91	126	157	100	113	0	79	163	220	119	164	135	152	153	114
58	41	151	120	50	67	249	129	90	85	219	113	82	201	153	128	235	176	152	79	0	236	201	90	195	90	127	84	91
257	211	300	119	281	209	300	270	322	152	63	345	176	36	191	190	47	66	127	163	236	0	273	226	148	296	238	291	269
152	226	350	192	238	205	111	91	260	200	216	222	150	254	97	305	253	150	220	201	273	0	112	130	286	74	155	291	
52	116	239	114	131	111	169	48	160	104	187	144	56	196	136	53	243	183	106	119	90	226	112	0	130	178	38	75	180
180	197	322	110	244	238	71	158	281	139	87	274	114	136	93	76	186	146	50	164	195	148	130	130	0	281	120	205	270
136	89	78	192	51	98	328	200	57	154	293	124	168	260	225	218	282	231	235	135	90	296	286	178	281	0	213	145	36
82	153	276	136	166	139	144	39	192	134	191	165	83	212	151	48	261	203	112	152	127	238	74	38	120	213	0	94	217
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145	74	60	173	69	120	331	210	90	135	272	153	160	234	205	214	252	204	211	114	91	269	291	180	270	36	217	162	0

## 2. Selection:

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The initial populations:
13 25 15 27 5 12 1
11 23 20 25 28 13 21
28 10 26 17 18 4 24
17 10 5 3 26 4 8
25 7 13 0 18 24 9
26 14 8 6 7 5 19
25 5 0 11 3 13 15
17 0 15 27 2 14 26
6 17 1 8 26 16 15
0 14 28 2 6 16 20
14 6 13 0 19 8 15
8 12 14 9 13 23 20
28 22 26 27 24 17 5
0 22 15 3 20 11 5
5 8 15 23 11 6 17
1 24 14 7 13 3 25
26 3 23 5 22 9 12
4 19 11 23 7 6 27
1 3 13 10 24 20 6
14 8 17 13 4 0 2
0 4 13 12 21 11 8
17 18 13 10 24 2 16
8 2 17 13 6 5 15
17 9 27 2 4 24 10
17 18 1 12 6 20 26
3 14 21 2 27 16 7
19 6 7 2 23 21 20
26 21 8 15 24 23 22
22 26 23 28 4 8 13
20 10 1 18 0 19 5
```

## 3. Crossover:

```
17 18 13 10 24 19 5
20 10 1 18 0 2 16
22 26 23 15 24 23 22
26 21 8 28 4 8 13
19 6 7 2 23 21 7
3 14 21 2 27 16 20
17 18 1 12 6 24 10
17 9 27 2 4 20 26
8 2 17 13 6 11 8
0 4 13 12 21 5 15
14 8 13 10 24 20 6
1 3 17 13 4 0 2
4 19 23 5 22 9 12
26 3 11 23 7 6 27
1 24 14 23 11 6 17
5 8 15 7 13 3 25
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8 12 14 9 13 23 15
14 6 13 0 19 8 20
```

## 4. Mutation

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Mutation
7
    17

The row number is7

The max element in that row is27
The position of mutation in that row is
0

The row number is17

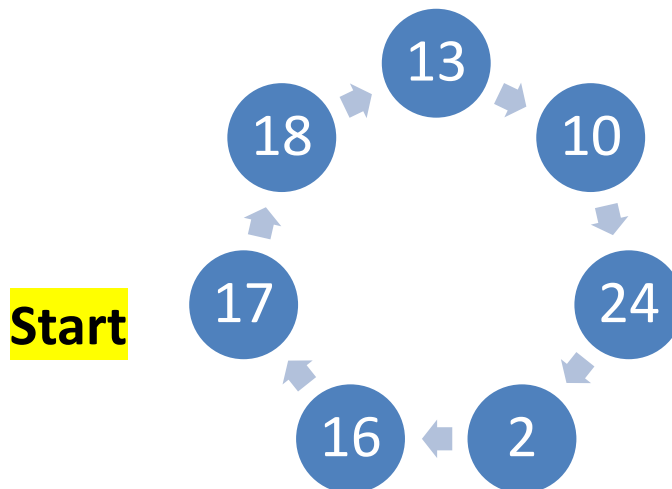
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The position of mutation in that row is
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### 5. The optimal tour:

```
cost is : 2827
cost is : 2555
cost is : 3348
cost is : 2835
cost is : 2934
cost is : 3028
cost is : 2740
cost is : 3074
cost is : 2940
cost is : 3041
cost is : 2766
cost is : 2584
cost is : 2927
cost is : 2376
cost is : 2912
cost is : 2874
cost is : 2384
cost is : 2462
cost is : 2779
cost is : 2974
cost is : 2833
cost is : 2060
cost is : 2831
cost is : 2871
cost is : 2830
cost is : 2891
cost is : 3120
cost is : 2786
cost is : 2255
Minimum Optimal Cost : 2060
```

Hence, the optimal tour is given by according to the path of minimum cost



***Hence we get according to source code the optimal tour cost = 2060***

## **Result according to Model formulations:**

The total optimal cost according to model formulation is given by,

$$\textbf{\textit{Total cost}} = \textbf{\textit{cost of ring nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of high density nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of low density nodes}}$$

Now first we have to find the ring cost.

According to the given slandered  $20 \times 29$  matrix we have to find the cost between the nodes,

<b>Node address</b>	<b>Paths of the nodes</b>	<b>cost</b>
1	17-18	100
2	18-13	100
3	13-10	60
4	10-24	85
5	24-2	320
6	2-16	270
7	16-17	105

So we get the total ring cost,

$$\textbf{The total ring cost} = 100 + 100 + 60 + 85 + 320 + 270 + 105 = 1040$$

Here the fixed radius according to source code  $R = 100$

Using the concept of nodes within the radius  $R$ ,

The number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $n = 4$ ,

$$n_1 = 1, n_2 = 2, n_3 = 3, n_4 = 4$$

Since  $n \geq 3$

So these two nodes having high density.

***The cost of high density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(n_i \times 0.67 \times R) \\ &= (n_1 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (n_2 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ (n_3 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (n_4 \times 0.67 \times 100) = 10 \times 67 = 670 \end{aligned}$$

If it is less than 3 and the number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $k = 5$  that are low density nodes then,

$$k_5 = k_6 = k_7 = 0$$

***The cost of high density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i(k_i \times 0.85 \times R) = (k_1 \times 0.85 \times 100) \\ &+ (k_2 \times 0.85 \times 100) + (k_3 \times 0.85 \times 100) = 85 \times 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the total cost is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= \text{distance of ring nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of high dense nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of low nodes} = 1040 + 670 + 0 = 1710 \end{aligned}$$

## • RESULT ACCORDING TO RANDOMLY CHANGE IN THE COST MATRIX

### Result according to source code

According to the previous result we put only results instead of all explanations:

#### 1. Initialization:

```
Select C:\Users\User\Desktop\desktop\project_4sem\csp_new_random.exe
Enter fixed radius100
The cost matrix is :
0 97 205 139 86 60 220 65 111 115 227 95 82 225 168 103 266 205 149 120 58 257 152 52 180 136 82 34 145
97 0 129 103 71 105 258 154 112 65 204 150 87 176 137 142 204 148 148 49 41 211 226 116 197 89 153 124 74
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139 103 219 0 167 182 180 162 208 39 102 227 60 86 34 96 129 69 58 60 120 119 192 114 110 192 136 176 173
86 71 125 167 0 51 296 150 42 131 268 88 131 245 201 175 275 218 202 119 50 281 238 131 244 51 166 95 69
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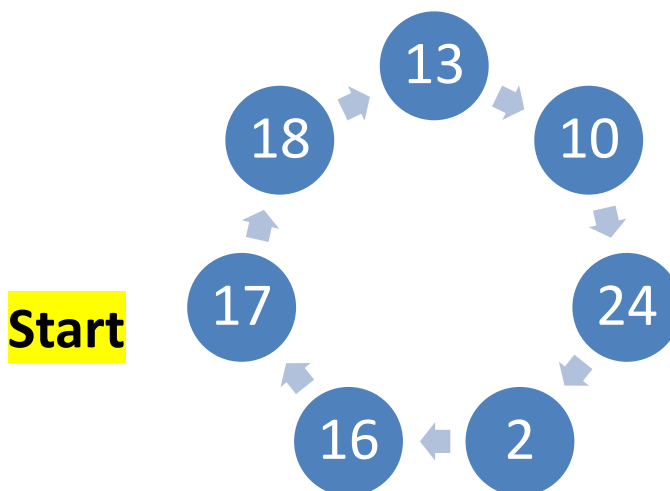
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cost is : 2769
cost is : 2589
cost is : 2946
cost is : 2376
cost is : 2925
cost is : 2887
cost is : 2384
cost is : 2462
cost is : 2800
cost is : 2992
cost is : 2833
cost is : 2092
cost is : 2844
cost is : 2903
cost is : 2832
cost is : 2904
cost is : 3120
cost is : 2797
cost is : 2260

Minimum Optimal Cost : 2092.000000
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Press any key to continue . . .
```

Hence, the optimal tour is given by according to the path of minimum cost



***Hence we get according to source code the optimal tour cost = 2092***

## **Result according to Model formulations:**

The total optimal cost according to model formulation is given by,

$$\textbf{\textit{Total cost}} = \textbf{\textit{cost of ring nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of high density nodes}} + \textbf{\textit{cost of low density nodes}}$$

Now first we have to find the ring cost.

According to the given slandered  $20 \times 29$  matrix we have to find the cost between the nodes,

<b>Node address</b>	<b>Paths of the nodes</b>	<b>cost</b>
1	17-18	104
2	18-13	104
3	13-10	60
4	10-24	85
5	24-2	320
6	2-16	275
7	16-17	115

So we get the total ring cost,

$$\textbf{The total ring cost} = 104 + 104 + 60 + 85 + 320 + 275 + 115 = 1063$$

Since here

Here the fixed radius according to source code  $R = 100$

Using the concept of nodes within the radius  $R$ ,

The number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $n = 2$ ,

$$n_1 = 3, n_2 = 4$$

Since  $n \leq 3$

So these two nodes having low density.

***The cost of low density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i(n_i \times 0.85 \times R) \\ &= (n_1 \times 0.85 \times 100) + (n_2 \times 0.85 \times 100) = 7 \times 85 = 595 \end{aligned}$$

If it is greater than 3 and the number of nodes within the radius  $r$  is  $k = 5$  that are low density nodes then,

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_5 = k_6 = k_7 = 0$$

***The cost of high density nodes***

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i(k_i \times 0.67 \times R) = (k_1 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ (k_2 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (k_3 \times 0.67 \times 100) \\ &+ (k_4 \times 0.67 \times 100) + (k_5 \times 0.67 \times 100) = 67 \times 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the total cost is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cost} &= \text{distance of ring nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of high dense nodes} \\ &+ \text{distance of low nodes} = 1063 + 595 + 0 = 1658 \end{aligned}$$



## **Final results according to the whole work:**

In our work after 1000 iterations are the different nodes on the ring and the number of nodes covered by the nodes on the ring represented by this table:

<b>Nodes on ring</b>	<b>No. of nodes covered</b>	<b>High densed region</b>	<b>Low densed region</b>
17	3	-	✓
0	9	✓	-
15	1	-	✓
27	3	-	✓
2	0	-	✓
14	5	✓	-
26	1	-	✓

And the total cost = 2484.00

## **5. CONCLUSIONS**

1. Here, a set of conveyances is available at the above mentioned nodes and the salesman uses the appropriate conveyance for minimum cost.
2. Thus the problem reduces to finding the optimal covering set of nodes and the proper conveyance for travel so that total travel cost is minimum.
3. The proposed problem can be extended to include a restriction on some particular nodes for inclusion (due to some factors).
4. The proposed algorithm also can be tested with other types of uncertain parameters.
5. By using all process that we cover in the previous slides we found the shortest route.
6. As in real life different path options are available in high dense nodes, so Euclidean distance is calculated, but other types of representation of distances, costs considering external factors can be considered in future study.

## **6. FUTURE SCOPE**

In real life, suppose a production unit establishes its distribution centers, but in a span of 50 years of population density is changed, now road connectivity is established.

In this case Low density areas become high density area.

In own work we have incorporated the projected development and new nodes to supply commodity can be covered by previously taken distribution point, only the density of the region will be changed.

In the real-world scenario described, the evolution of population density over 50 years has led to significant changes in the landscape, particularly affecting road connectivity and distribution logistics. Initially low-density areas have transformed into high-density zones, necessitating a re-evaluation of distribution strategies for the production unit. However, the infrastructure previously established, including distribution centers, remains intact.

To adapt to these changes, the production unit must incorporate projected developments and new nodes into its distribution network. By leveraging advanced forecasting and planning techniques, it can optimize the utilization of existing distribution points to serve the evolving needs of the population. This means that while the physical locations of distribution centers remain unchanged, their operational scope and efficiency are adjusted to accommodate the shifting density patterns.

Essentially, the adaptation process involves recalibrating distribution routes and resource allocation based on the altered demographic landscape. Through strategic planning and flexibility, the production unit can continue to effectively supply commodities to the newly high-density areas, ensuring responsiveness to changing market dynamics while maximizing the utility of existing infrastructure.

## **7. APPLICATIONS OF CSP**

The Covering Salesman Problem (CSP) finds applications in various domains where there's a need to efficiently cover a set of locations while minimizing the overall travel distance. Here are some notable applications:

**Mobile Healthcare Services:** In rural or underserved areas, mobile healthcare units aim to cover a set of villages or communities efficiently. The CSP helps in determining the optimal routes for these units to visit different locations while minimizing travel distance and ensuring adequate coverage.

**Parcel Delivery Services:** Companies providing parcel delivery services, such as courier companies or online retailers, aim to optimize their delivery routes to cover multiple delivery points while minimizing travel time and distance. The CSP can help in planning efficient delivery routes for their vehicles.

**Emergency Response Planning:** During emergency situations such as natural disasters or accidents, emergency response teams need to quickly reach affected areas while ensuring comprehensive coverage. The CSP assists in planning optimal routes for emergency vehicles to cover affected locations efficiently.

**Garbage Collection:** Municipalities and waste management companies aim to optimize garbage collection routes to cover all designated collection points while minimizing travel distance and time. The CSP helps in planning efficient routes for garbage collection trucks.

**Surveillance and Security Patrols:** Security agencies and law enforcement organizations need to patrol specific areas regularly to ensure security and surveillance. The CSP helps in planning optimal patrol routes to cover all designated areas while minimizing the overall distance travelled.

**Field Service Management:** Companies providing field services, such as maintenance, repair, and installation services, need to optimize the routes of their service technicians to cover multiple service calls efficiently. The CSP aids in planning optimal routes for technicians to visit different customer locations.

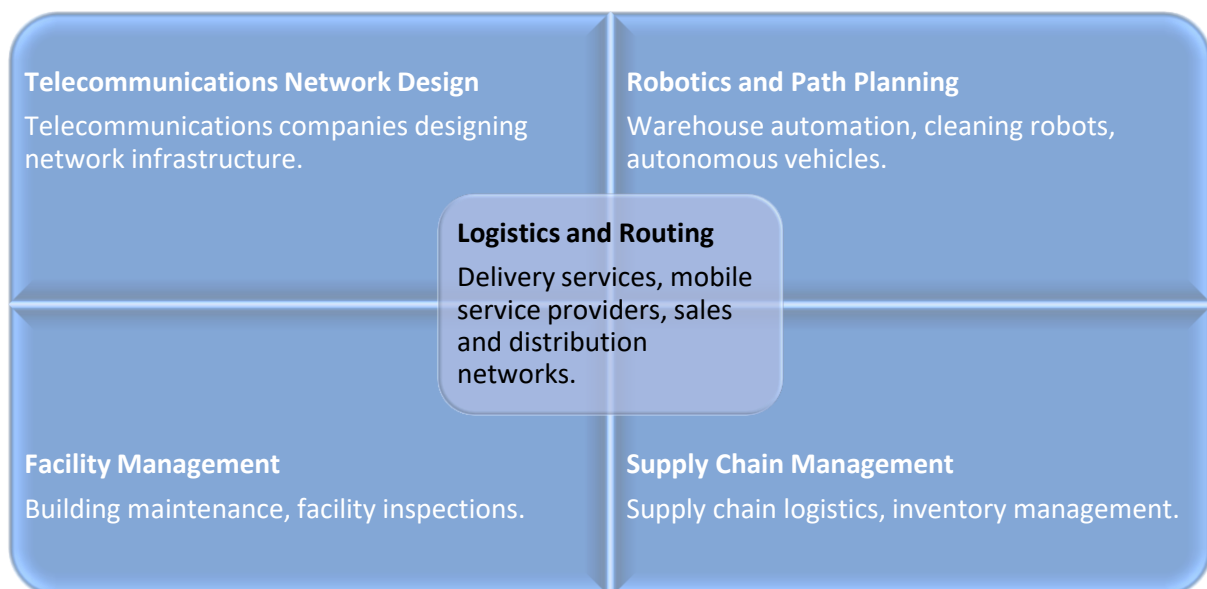
**Agricultural Crop Spraying:** In agriculture, crop spraying operations aim to cover entire fields with pesticides or fertilizers while minimizing the amount of product used and the time taken. The CSP helps in planning optimal routes for agricultural sprayers to cover fields efficiently.

**Public Transportation:** Public transportation agencies aim to optimize the routes of buses, trains, or other modes of transportation to cover various stops or stations while minimizing travel time and ensuring adequate coverage. The CSP assists in planning efficient routes for public transportation vehicles.

**Search and Rescue Missions:** During search and rescue missions in wilderness or disaster areas, search teams need to cover large areas to locate missing persons or survivors. The CSP helps in planning optimal search routes for search teams to cover the search area efficiently.

**Tourism and Sightseeing:** Tour operators and travel agencies aim to design efficient sightseeing routes for tourists to cover various attractions and points of interest while minimizing travel time and maximizing the tourist experience. The CSP assists in planning optimal sightseeing routes for tour buses or guided tours.

These applications demonstrate the versatility and practical significance of the Covering Salesman Problem in optimizing resource allocation and route planning across a wide range of domains and industries.



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