

Autonomous Robots

Behavioral Analysis on Iterative Learning Algorithms for Graph Exploration in labeled graphs

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Abstract

Tolman (1930s) in his experiments with the spatial orientation and navigation of rodents introduced the concept of cognitive map "as formed of two related pieces of information. First, locations and their connecting paths, and second and simultaneously, objects or events associated with the given space". Cognitive map is a set of perceptual landmarks and their physical links. Robot cognitive maps are topological maps implemented as a labeled graph plus perceptual and semantic information associated to each landmark like routing tables, landmarks images and the navigation maneuvers associated to their leaving edges. In this article several test and algorithm are tested into a complex graph exploration problem.

We provide our source code¹ in order to allow researchs and students check our results and experiment with this algorithms.

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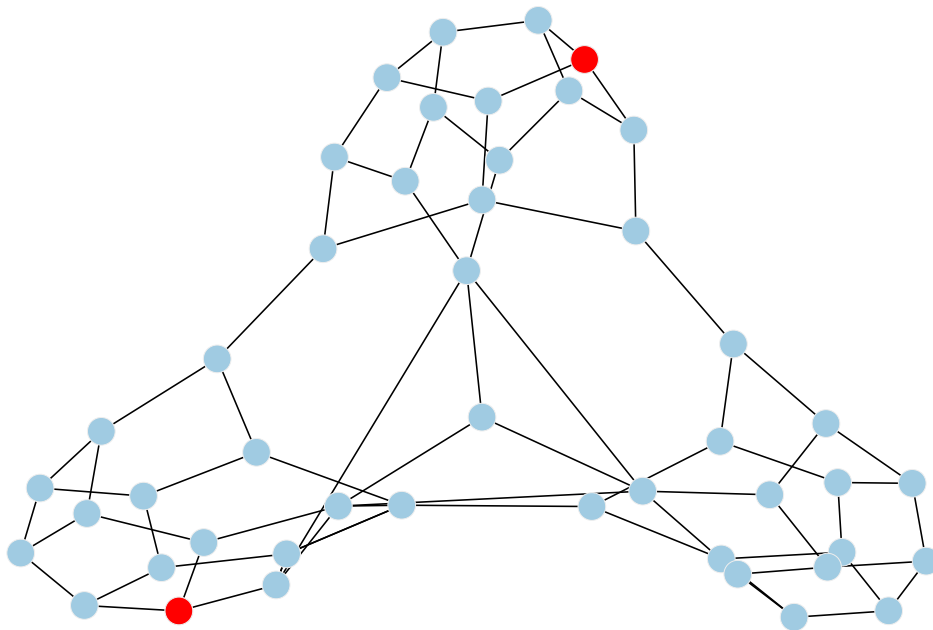
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Introduction

Autonomous robots are robots that can perform desired tasks in unstructured environments without continuous human guidance. Many kinds of robots have some degree of autonomy. Different robots can be autonomous in different ways. A high degree of autonomy is particularly desirable in fields such as space exploration, cleaning floors, mowing lawns, and waste water treatment.

Several algorithms have been applied to the "exploration space" problem, and parameters like k = the number of robots exploring the space or ρ the pheromone in ACO algorithms have been tested too. The graph used for test and measure the accuracy is shown below:



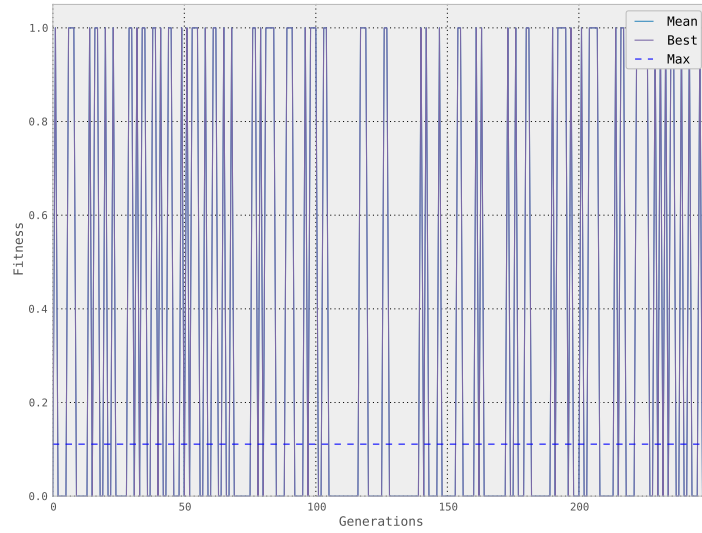
1 Behavior analysis of Bush-Mosteller lineal and incremental learning algorithms

The Linear BM model

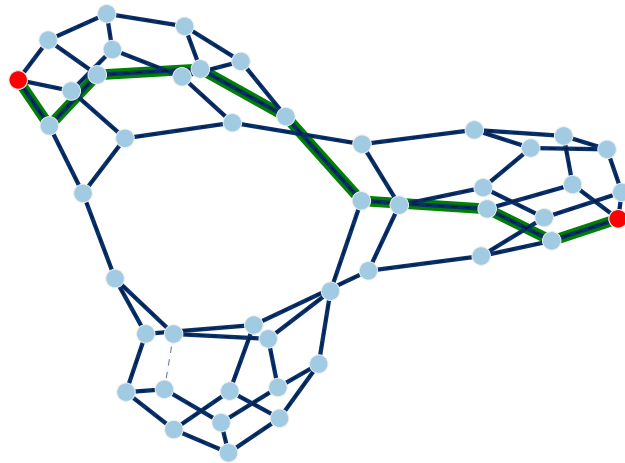
$$f_{ij}(k+1) = f_{ij}(k) + (1 - \alpha)\beta(k)$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ is the learning ratio and $\beta(k)$ stands for the reward function associated with the current k -th exploration such that $\alpha(k)=1$ for a reward.

Binary

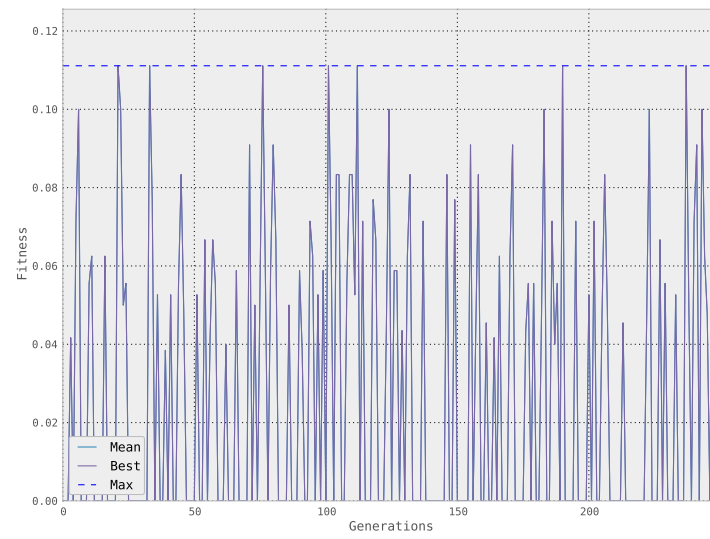


(a) Fitness evolution

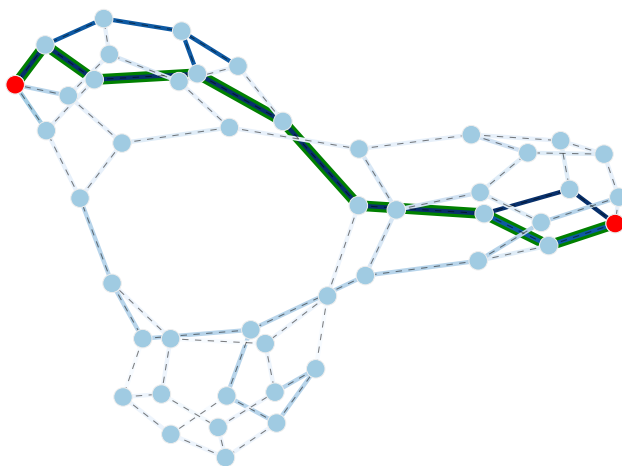


(b) Pheromones per edge

Proportional



(c) Fitness evolution



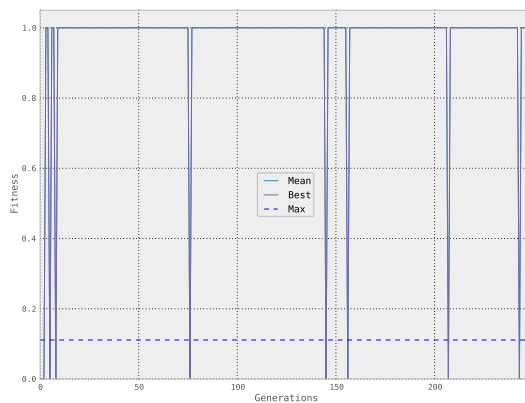
(d) Pheromones per edge

The incremental learning algorithm

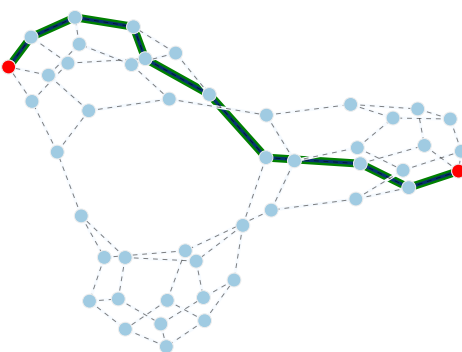
$$f_{ij}(k+1) = f_{ij}(k) + \delta\beta(k)$$

where $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$ is the increment design parameter and the reward signal $\beta(k)$ has the same interpretation than in the previous algorithm.

Binary

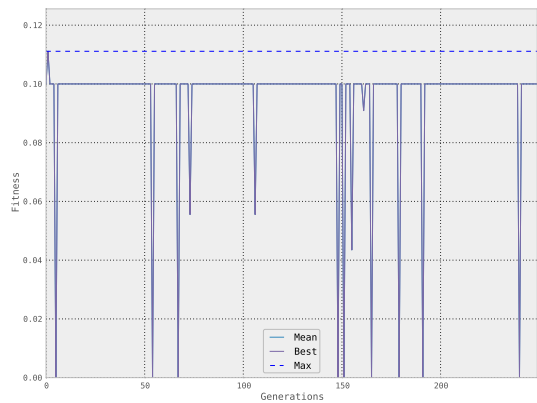


(e) Fitness evolution

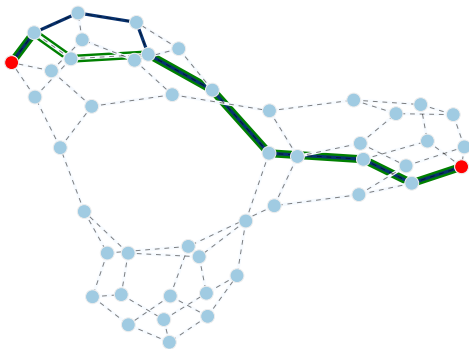


(f) Pheromones per edge

Proportional



(g) Fitness evolution



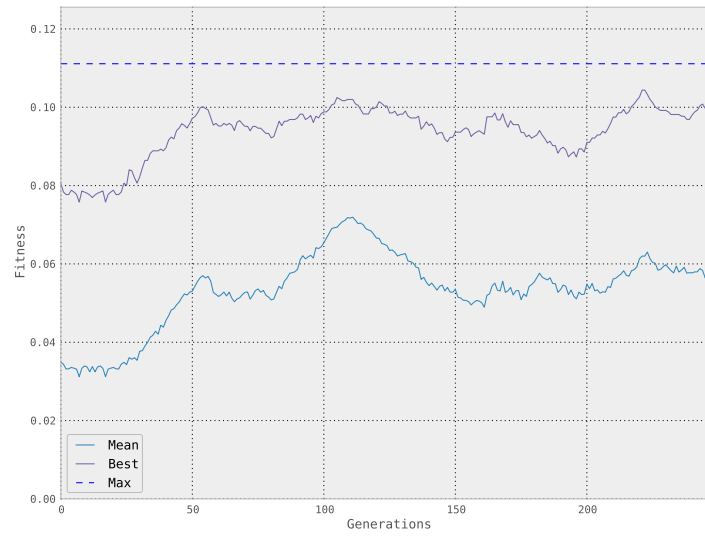
(h) Pheromones per edge

Conclusions

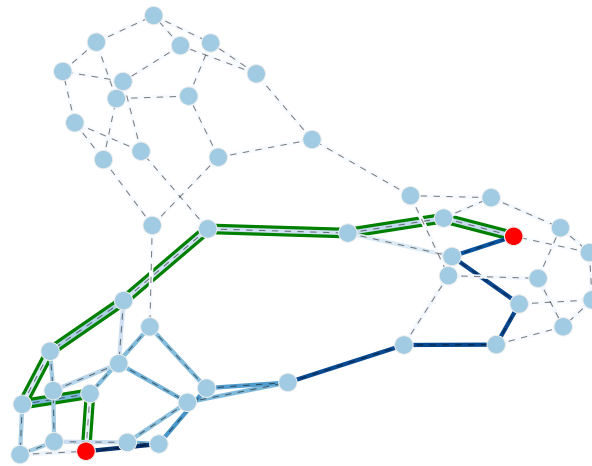
As the results shows, we can see that The Linear BM model + Binary, we perform a huge exploration reaching the best path randomly. With a The Linear BM model + Proportional the method is able to make a bias to the best one. The incremental learning algorithm works perfectly to reaching the optimal path.

2 Behavior analysis of collective exploration ant-like I & II algorithms

Ant-like I, $k = 5$

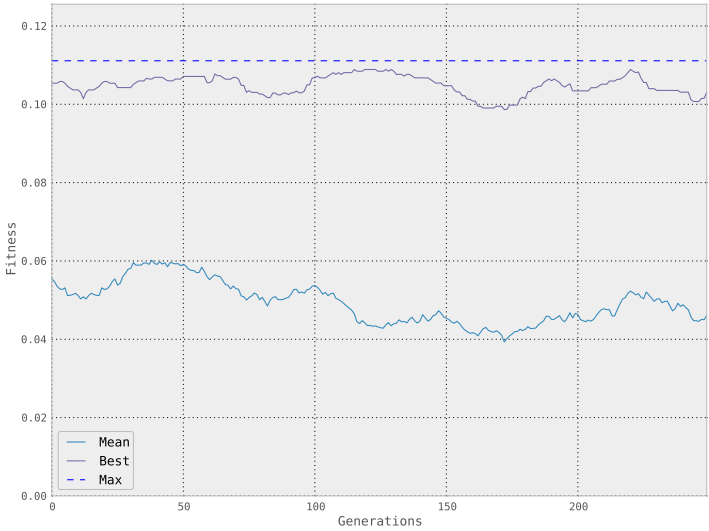


(i) Fitness evolution

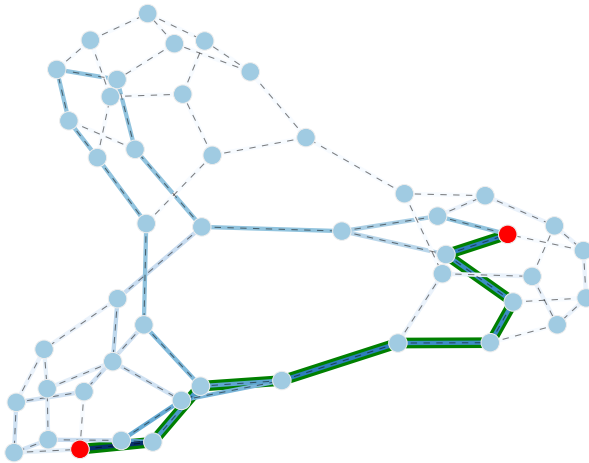


(j) Pheromones per edge

Ant-like I, $k = 10$

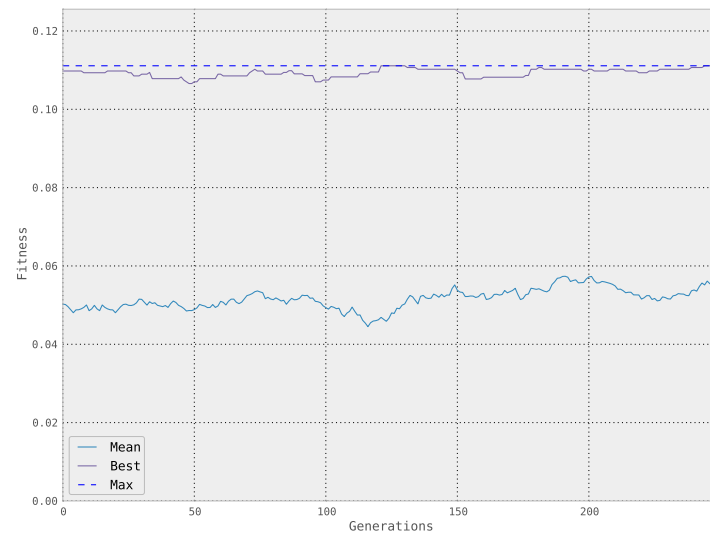


(k) Fitness evolution

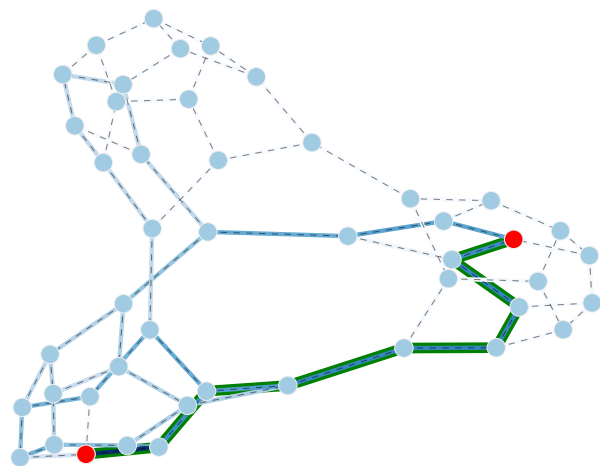


(l) Pheromones per edge

Ant-like I, $k = 15$

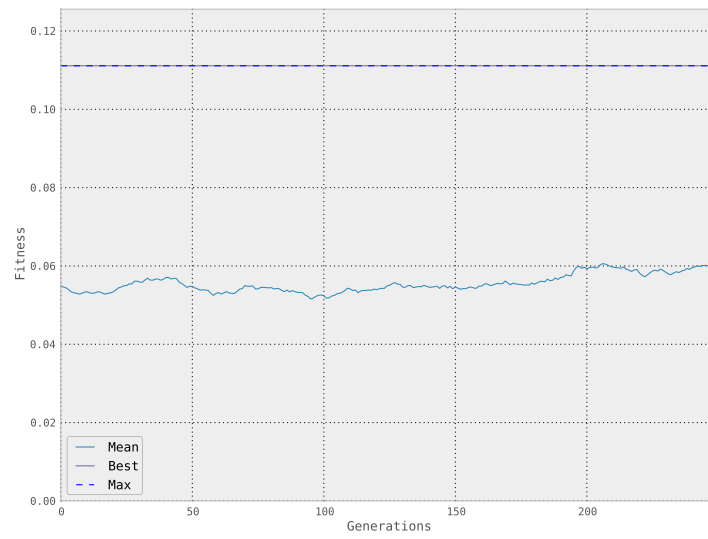


(m) Fitness evolution

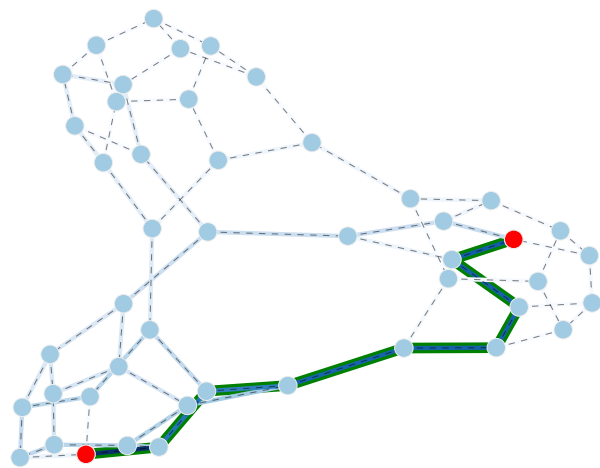


(n) Pheromones per edge

Ant-like I, $k = 50$

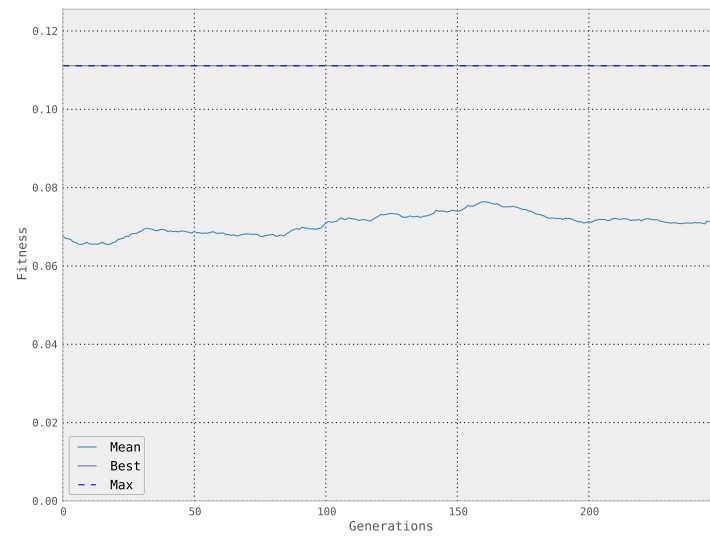


(o) Fitness evolution

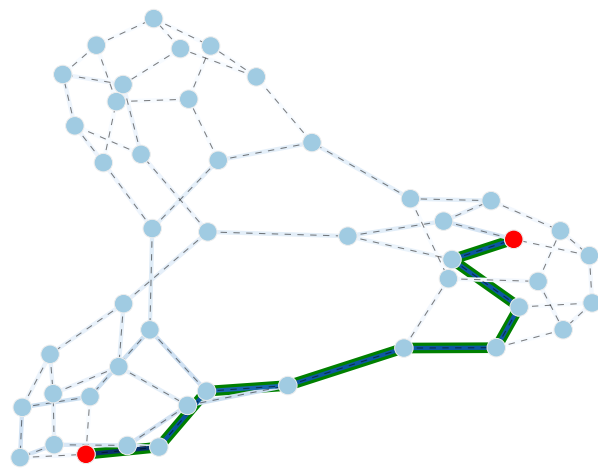


(p) Pheromones per edge

Ant-like I, $k = 100$

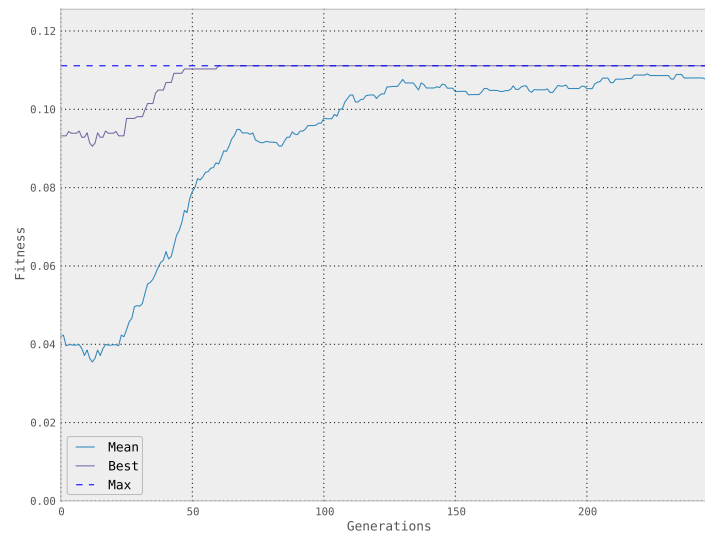


(q) Fitness evolution

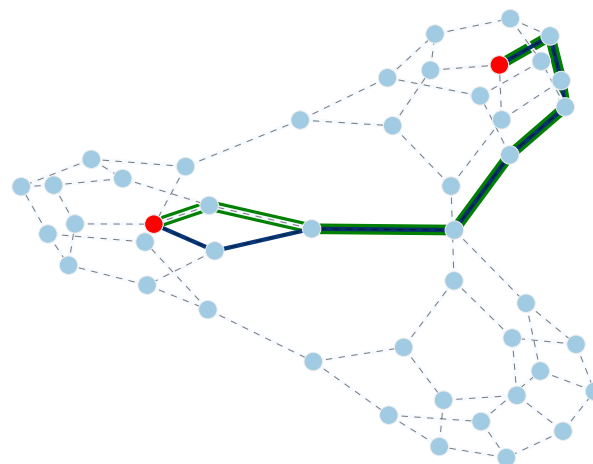


(r) Pheromones per edge

Ant-like II, $k = 5$

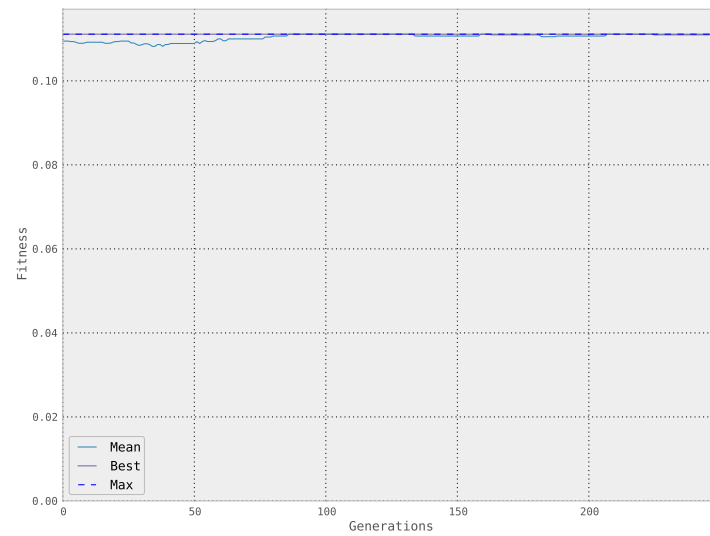


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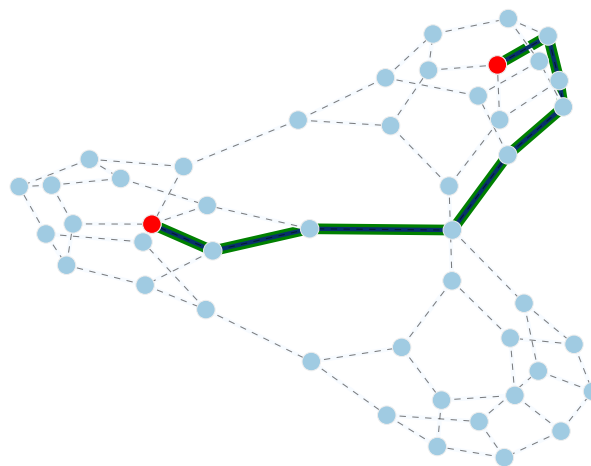


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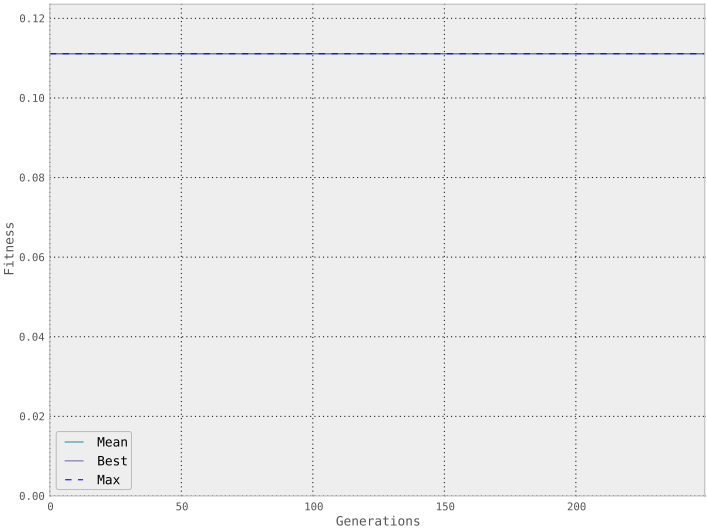
Ant-like II, $k = 10$



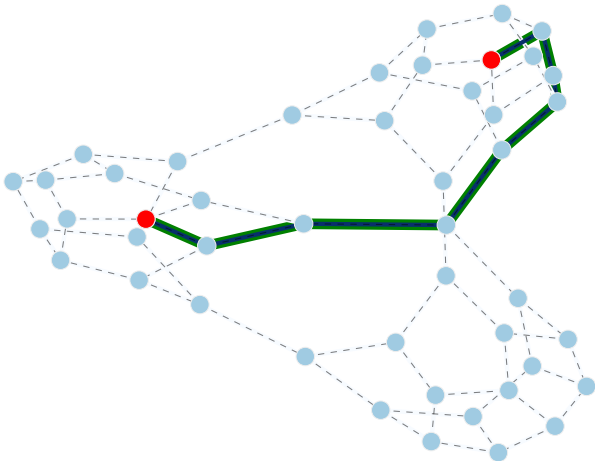
(u) Fitness evolution



(v) Pheromones per edge

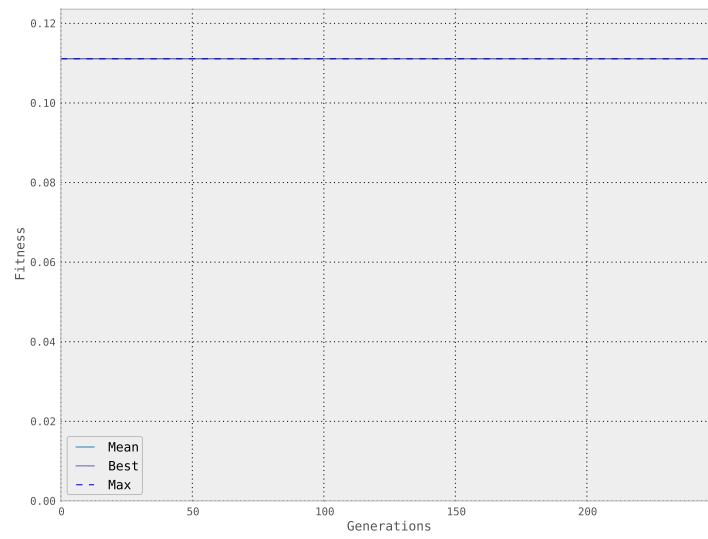


(w) Fitness evolution

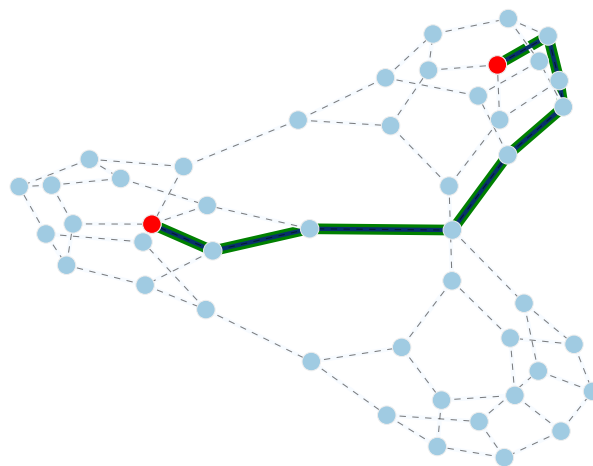


(x) Pheromones per edge

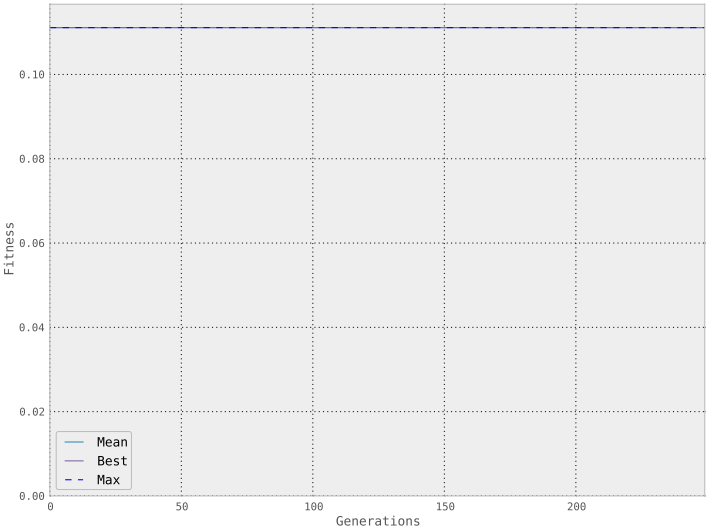
Ant-like II, $k = 50$



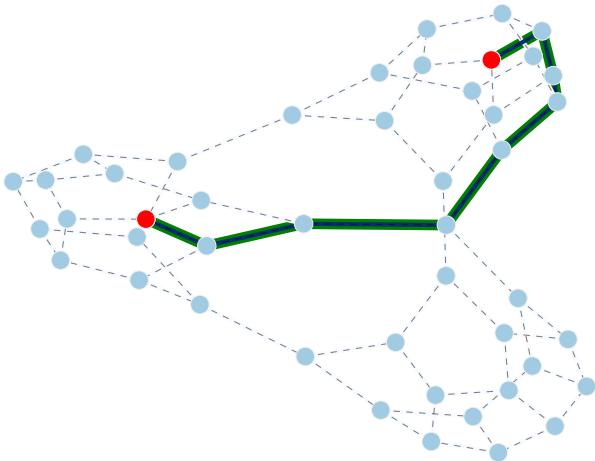
(y) Fitness evolution



(z) Pheromones per edge



() Fitness evolution



() Pheromones per edge

Conclusions

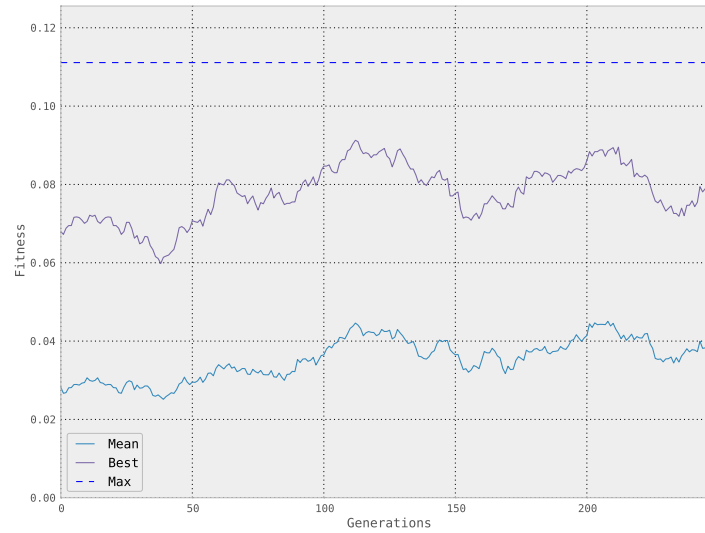
Ant-like I algorithm perform a better exploration, as we increase the variable k from 5 to 100 the exploration decreases. Ant-like Ii algorithm always reach the best path, with $k = 5$ we can get a suboptimal path near the optimal one, however, from $k = 10$ to $k = 100$ the best path is always reached.

3 Colective exploration algorithms type I & II analysis

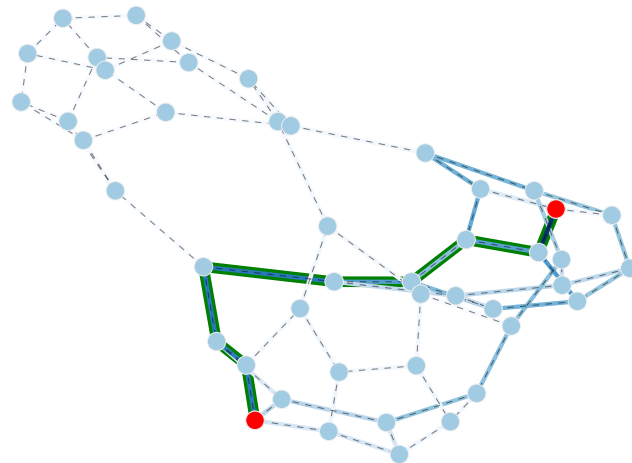
Several test have been done by means of ρ and k combinations taken values in the next sets:

$$\rho = \{0.01, 0.5\}, k = \{5, 10, 15, 50, 100\}$$

Set $\rho = 0.1, k = 5$

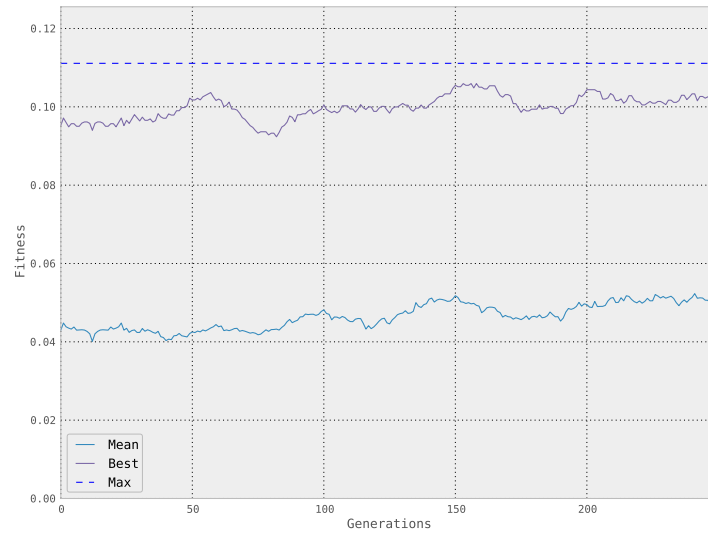


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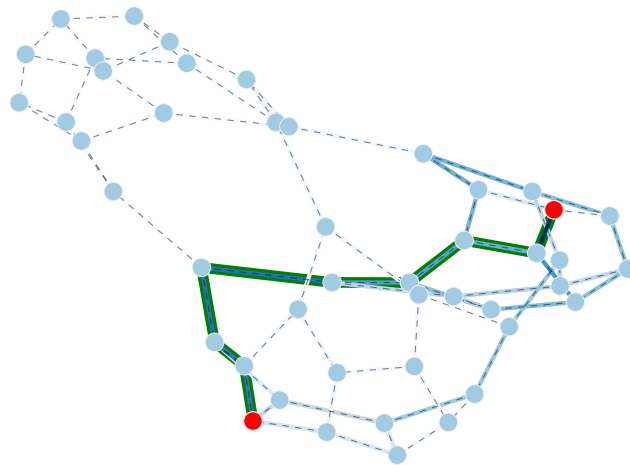


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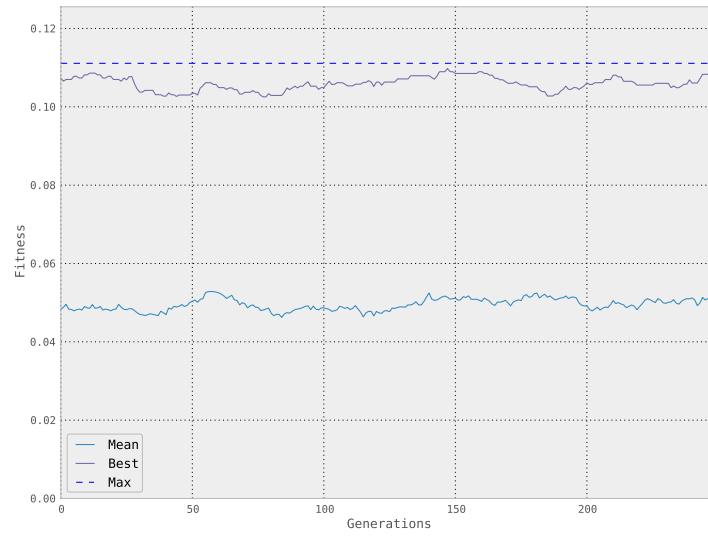


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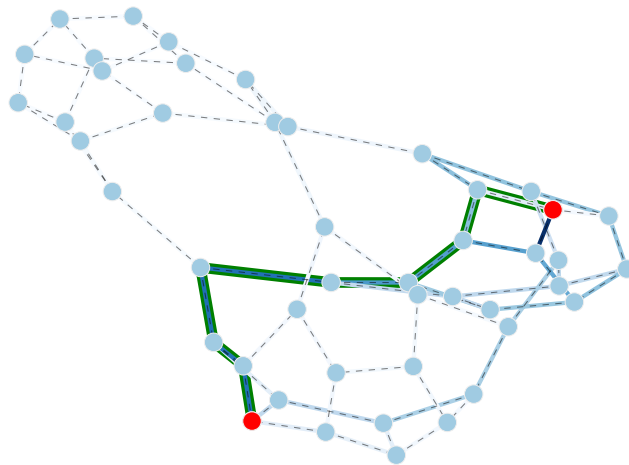


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Set $\rho = 0.1, k = 15$

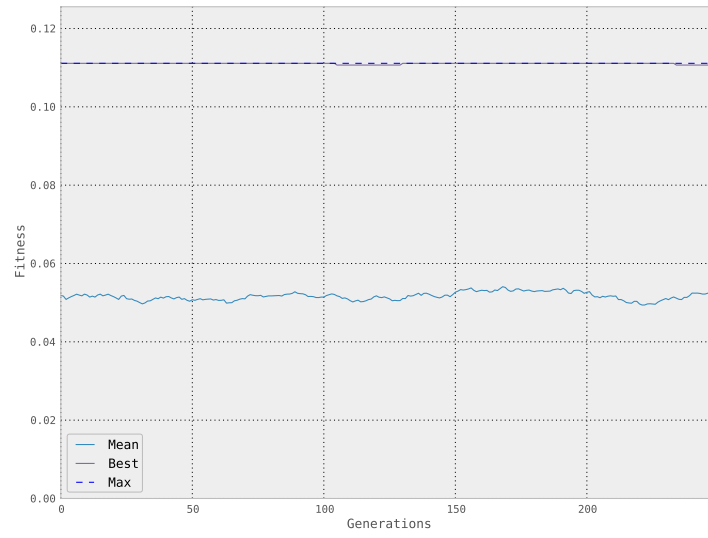


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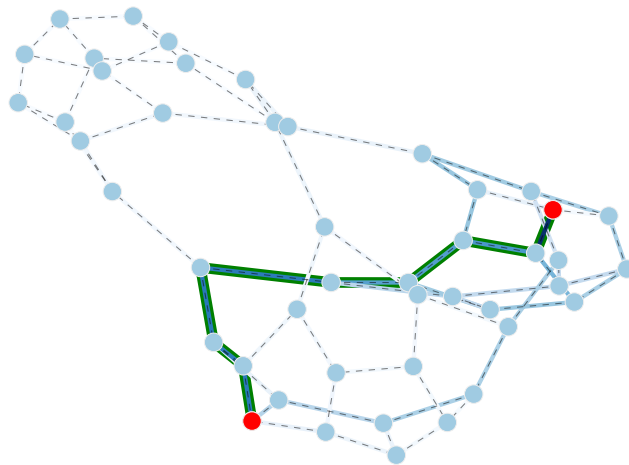


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.1, k = 50$

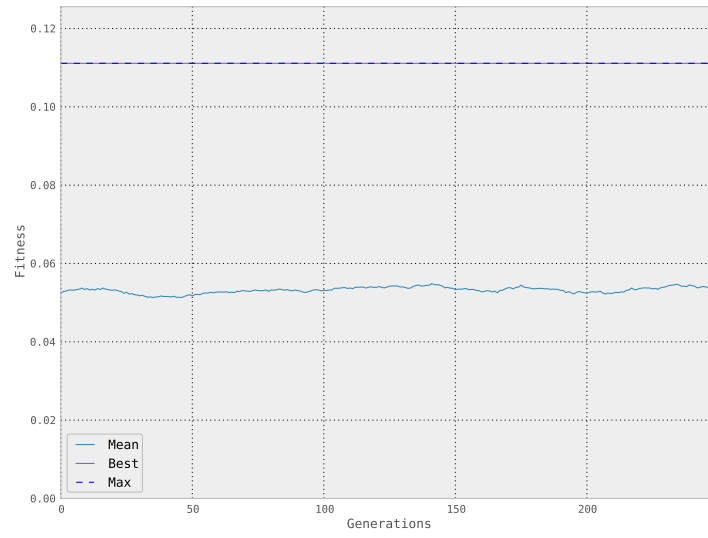


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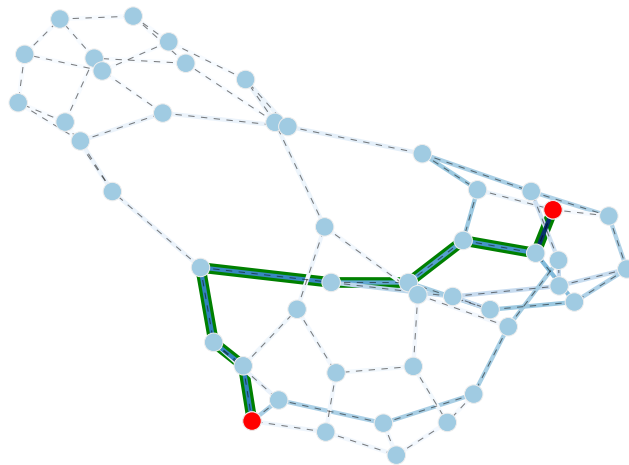


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Set $\rho = 0.1, k = 100$

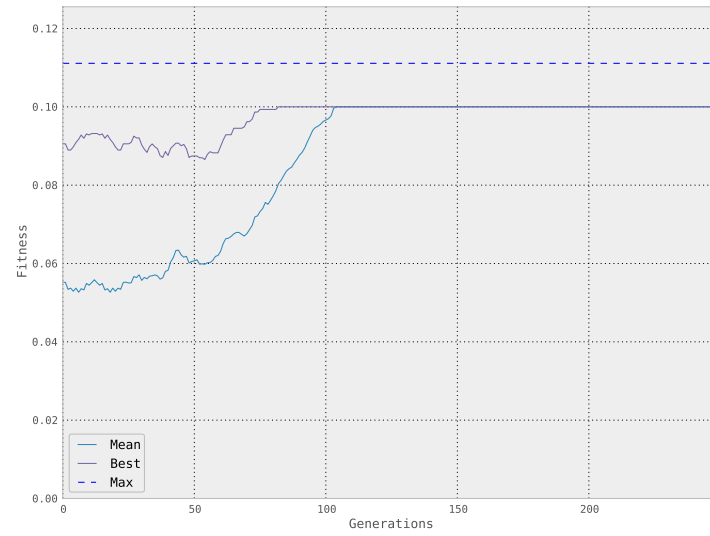


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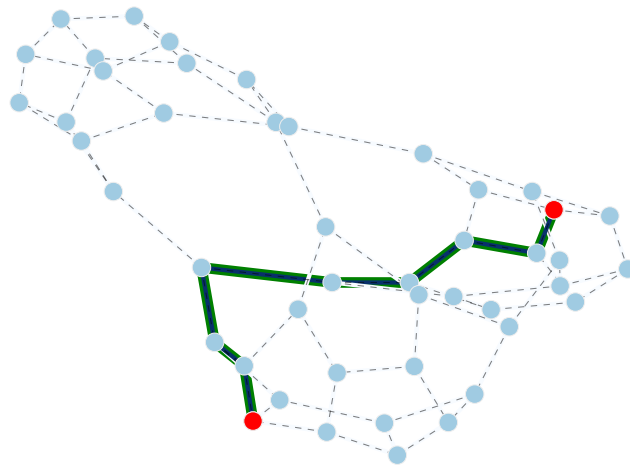


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.5, k = 5$

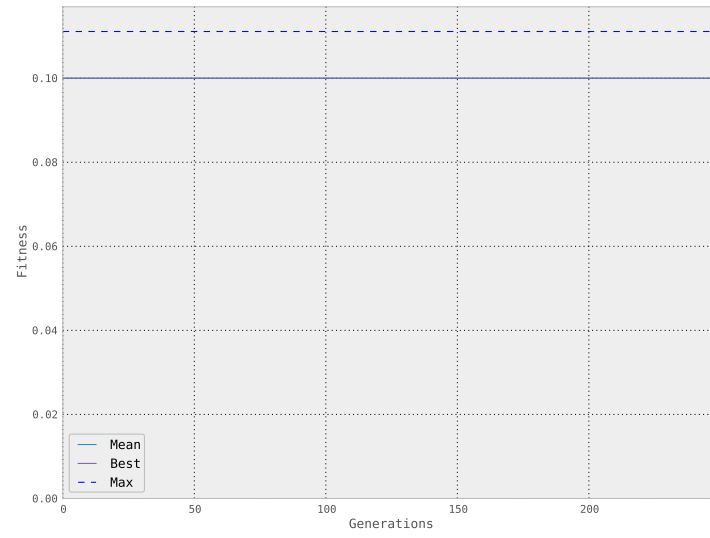


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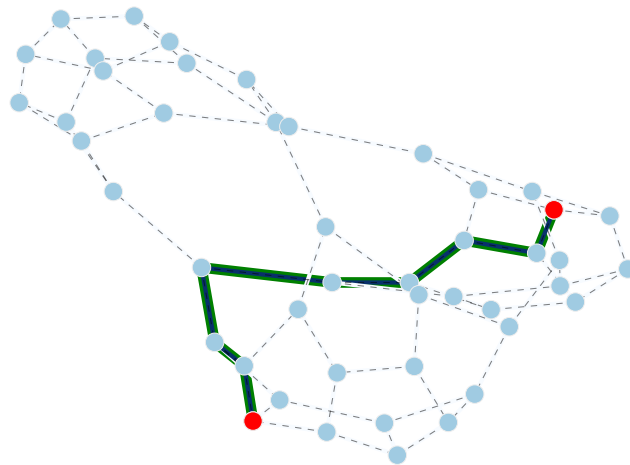


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.5, k = 10$

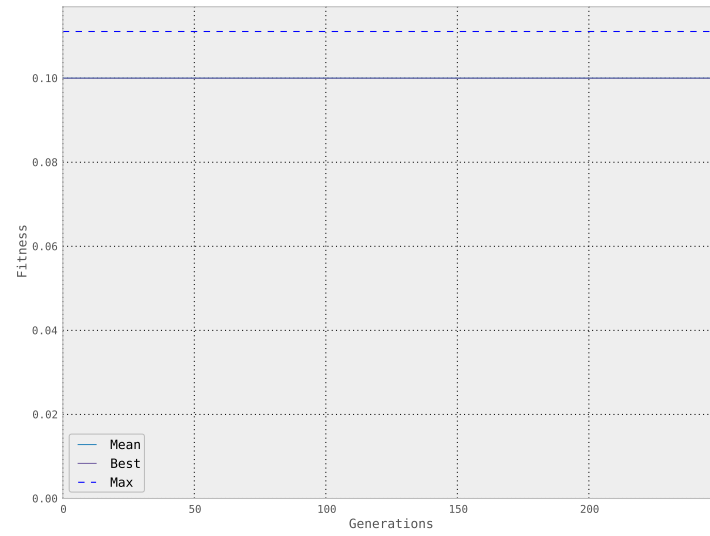


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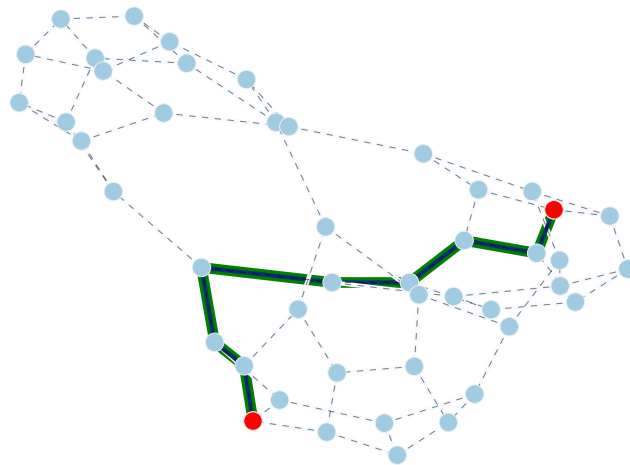


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.5, k = 15$

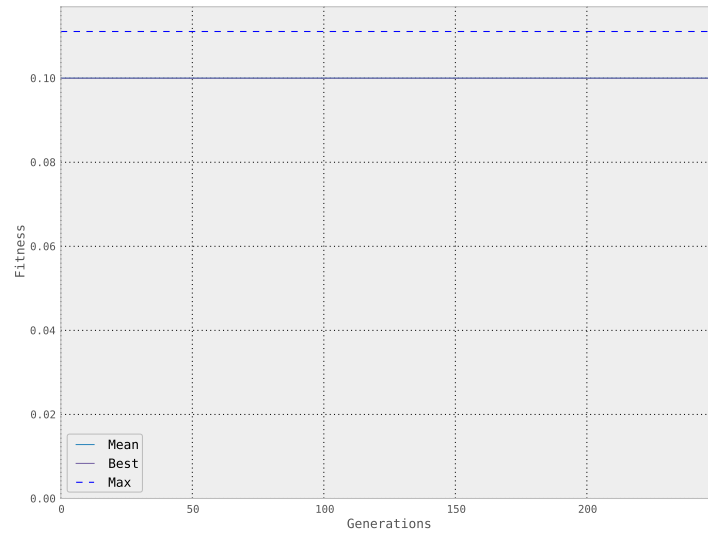


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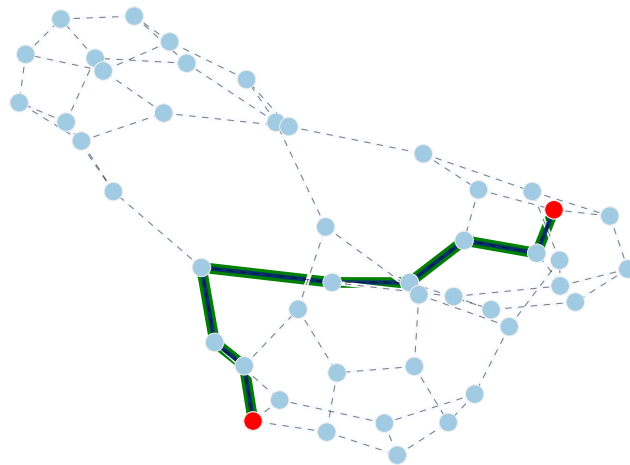


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.5, k = 50$

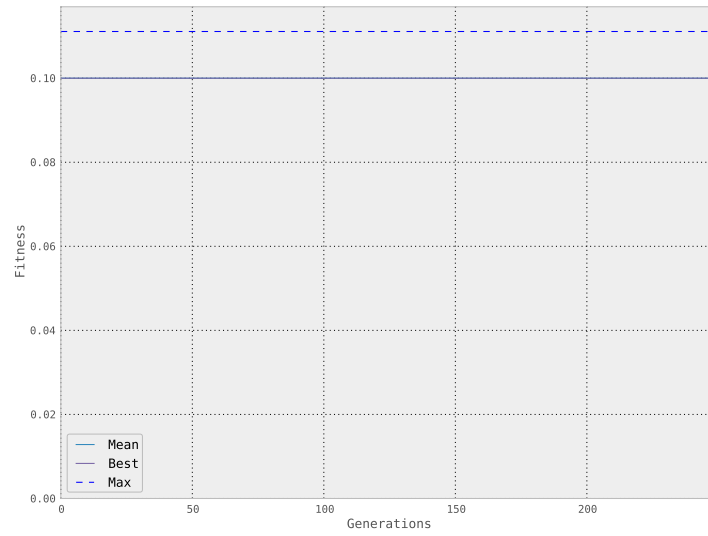


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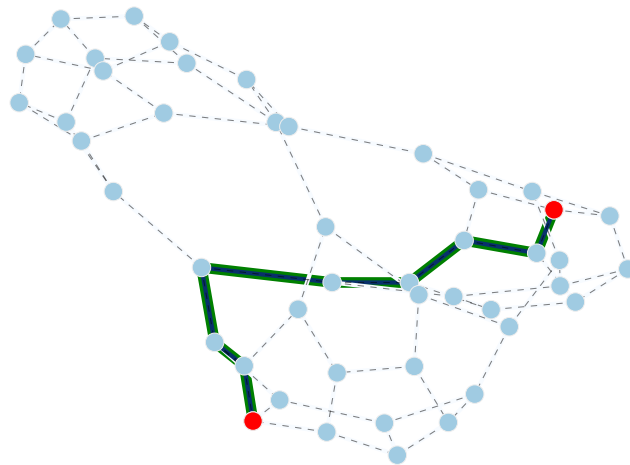


() Pheromones per edge

Set $\rho = 0.5, k = 100$



() Fitness evolution



() Pheromones per edge

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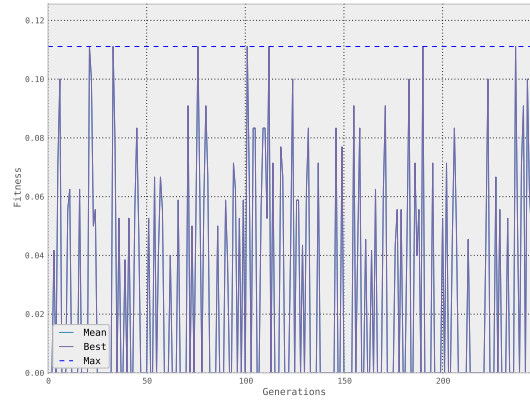
We can conclude that in the first configuration with $\rho = 0.1$ the algorithm are able to remember some paths in order to achieve the best one. The second configuration has a high value to $\rho = 0.5$, therefore, algorithm can discard best solutions growing the exploration factor, however, sometimes can not reach the goal of get the shortest path

We can see that $k = 5$ and $k = 10$ is not enough to reach the best fitness and therefore to reach the shortest path.

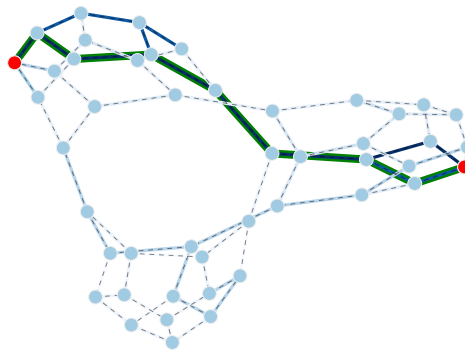
4 Behavior analysis of collective exploration ensemble algorithm

We perform the analysis with a different number of robots $k = \{5, 10, 50, 100\}$

$k = 5$



() Fitness evolution



() Pheromones per edge

$k = 10$

$k = 50$

$k = 100$

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Final Conclusions

Several algorithms has been implemented and tested. We observe that we can identify main parameters like ρ in order to enhance exploration or enhance exploitation. Also, several approaches have been studied in a real problem trough a labeled graph map.

We provide our source code² in order to allow researchs and students check our results and experiment with this algorithms.

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