

trip 53 bus 55 bus 77 taxi (see file 'case 1 53 55 77')

## Take aways

- (important) We need to add swap\_bookings in our code base (depth 3 syphoon\_booking() likely fail to do the job )
- We could modify the code to control the depth of area\_swap(). Currently we are using 1 swap, we can add 2 swap (at the cost of time complexity).
- We could modify the code to control when to delete the best trip's old trip.

## Analysis

To yield the suggested optimal, there are two potential operations:

- 1 start from area swap between bus 53 and bus 55, then followed by swap hotel between bus 53 and taxi 77
- 2 reverse order of 1

The operations in our production code are enough. What could be the problem?

## area swap

One of the reason could be how we handling the candidates resulted from local search swap\_area()

Recall in our optimizer, we handles trips as followed:

**step 1:** generate candidates

[see codes](#)

```
for any trips pair t1, t2:  
    candidates <- swap any two compatible areas in between t1  
and t2  
    candidates <- try to combine t2 and a third trip into t1  
    candidates <- try to disspate t1 to other trips  
(exhaust)
```

**step 2:** sort the candidate and yield a best trip

**step 3:** For best trip's old trip, we only retain the best trip and kill all the other potentials from this old trip. (even a third swap might result in an optimal).

[see codes](#)

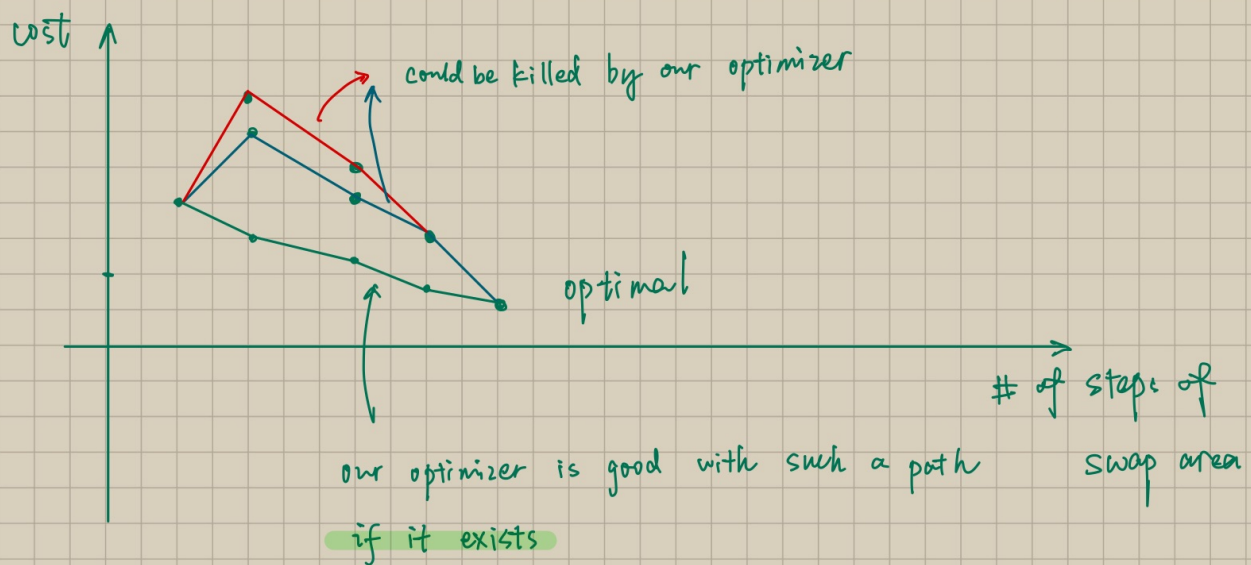
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for any old trip resulted in current best trip:  
    remove old trip itself  
    remove any candidates originated from this old_trip
```

From the beginning, we know we can get to the optimal through two area swaps. For example, if we first swap\_area(trip 53, trip 55) AND RETAIN THE RESULT which swap Maria Studios (from 55) with Altantica Eleon Grand (from 53). Then in the next optimization run, we have another area swap swap\_area(trip 53, trip 77) and might yield a solution which swap Plessas Palace (from 77) with TUI BLUE Zante Maris (from 53). But if as our optimize does, if the first swap between 53 and 55 yield a best trip which is not the same as the above first swap, then the solution with the above first swap would be killed in step 3.

(In other cases, if the best trip from the first swap doesn't originate from swap between trip 53 and trip 55, that's safe.)

Generally speaking, if an optimal solution is not monotonically cost-reducing from pair-wise swapping, there is a risk that we kill the paths to the optimal.

PS: we can't say the risk is high, in some cases that there are many alternative pairwise swaps that lead to the optimal or closed-optimal, killing some of them might not be an issue.



## Discussion

What happen if we need to swap bookings? for example, the minimum seats in bus 53 per hotel is 4. The swap hotel doesn't work since 4 people exceed the capacity of a taxi.

On the other hand, syphoon\_booking could fail since we only have 3 rounds (a swap of 3 seats needs 6 rounds of syphoon)