

Towards a general framework for the Relocation Problem in Bicycle-sharing Systems

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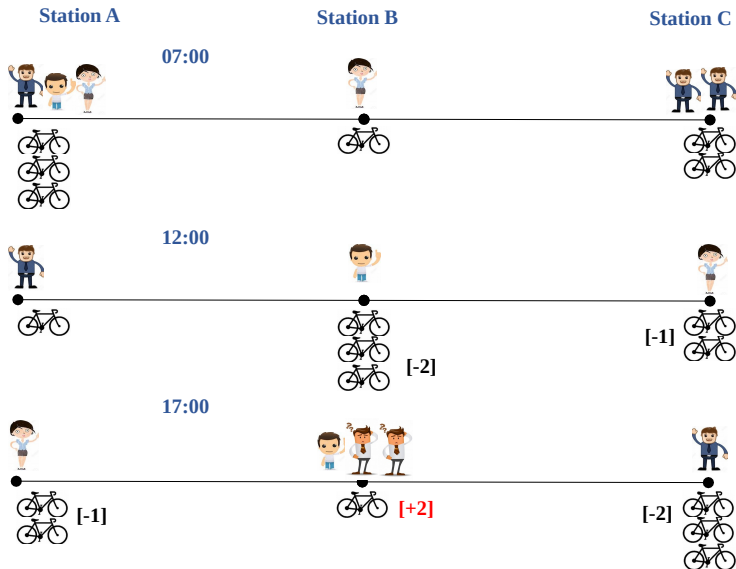
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Balancing a BSS



Pick up and Delivery TSP

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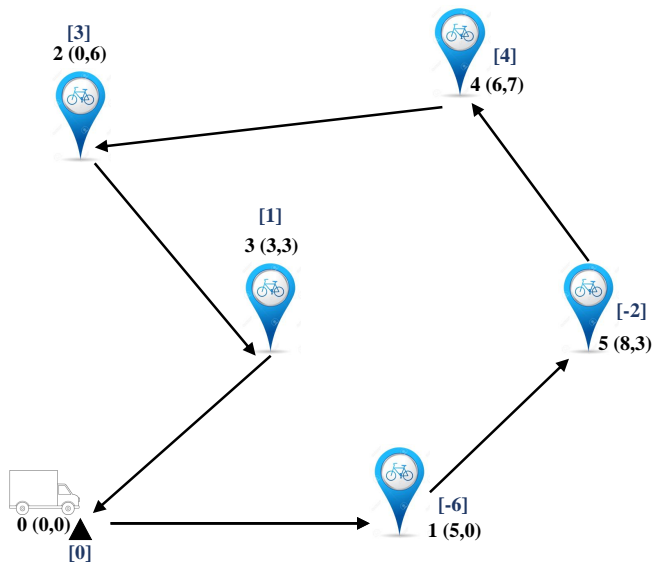
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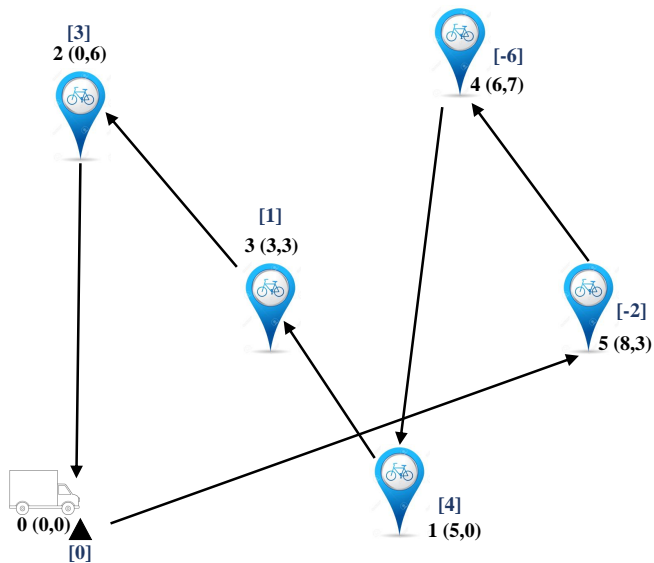
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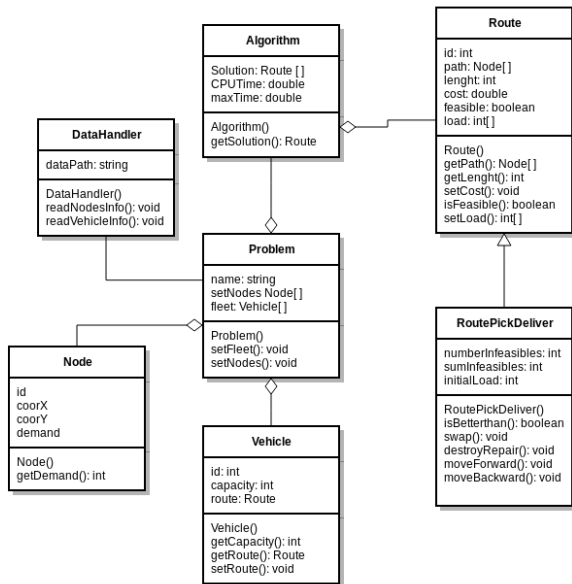
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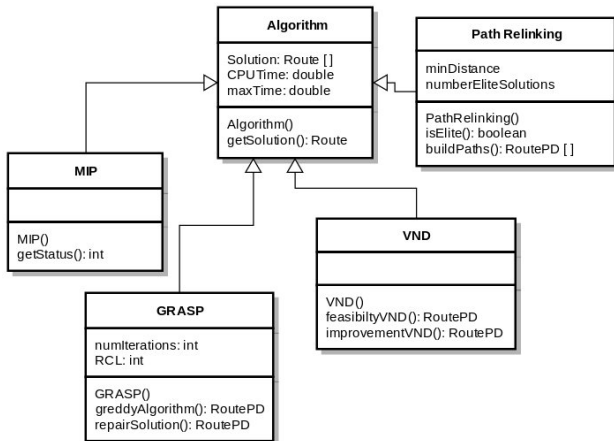
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Solution Strategies - Single Vehicle Case

- Mathematical Formulations
 - Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP)
 - Pick up and Delivery TSP (PDTSP)
 - PDTSP with Split Demand (PDTSPSD)
- Heuristic Algorithms
 - Nearest Neighbor (TSP)
 - Extensions of Nearest Neighbor for PDTSP and PDTSPSD
- Metaheuristic Algorithms
 - Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure (GRASP)
 - Path Relinking
 - Variable Neighborhood Descent (VND)

GRASP Algorithm

```
 $f^* \leftarrow \infty;$   
for  $i = 1$  to GRASPIterations do  
   $S \leftarrow \text{GreedyRandomAlgorithm}();$   
   $S \leftarrow \text{LocalSearch}(S);$   
  if  $f(S) < f^*$  then  
     $S^* \leftarrow S;$   
     $f^* \leftarrow f(S);$   
  end if  
end for  
return  $S^*;$ 
```

GRASP + VND

```
 $f^* \leftarrow \infty;$   
for  $i = 1$  to  $GRASPIterations$  do  
   $S \leftarrow GreedyRandomAlgorithm();$   
   $S \leftarrow VND(S);$   
  if  $f(S) < f^*$  then  
     $S^* \leftarrow S;$   
     $f^* \leftarrow f(S);$   
  end if  
end for  
return  $S^*;$ 
```

GRASP + VND + Post-Optimization

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 $f^* \leftarrow \infty;$   
for  $i = 1$  to  $GRASPIterations$  do  
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  if  $f(S) < f^*$  then  
     $S^* \leftarrow S;$   
     $f^* \leftarrow f(S);$   
  end if  
end for  
 $S^* \leftarrow VND'(S^*);$   
return  $S^*;$ 
```

GRASP + VND + Post-Optimization with Path Relinking

```
 $f^* \leftarrow \infty;$   
 $\xi \leftarrow \emptyset;$   
for  $i = 1$  to GRASPIterations do  
   $S \leftarrow \text{GreedyRandomAlgorithm}();$   
   $S \leftarrow \text{VND}(S);$   
  if  $f(S) < f^*$  then  
     $S^* \leftarrow S;$   
     $f^* \leftarrow f(S);$   
  end if  
  if  $\text{isElite}(S) = \text{true}$  then  
     $\xi \leftarrow \xi \cup S;$   
  end if  
end for  
 $S^* \leftarrow \text{PathRelinking}(\xi);$   
return  $S^*;$ 
```

- Distance between solutions i and j : $\Delta(S_i, S_j)$

	Solutions								
S_i	0	3	4	7	1	2	6	5	0
S_j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0

$$\Delta(S_i, S_j) = 6$$

- Distance between solution i and the elite solutions set: $\Delta(S_i, \xi)$

$$\Delta(S_i, \xi) = \min_{S_k \in \xi} \{\Delta(S_i, S_k)\}$$

Path Relinking

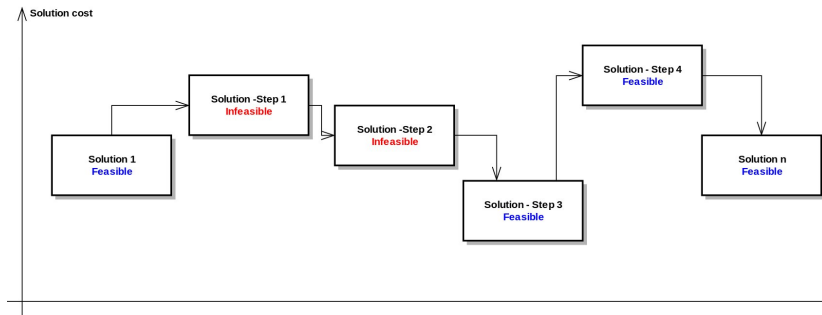


Table: Path Relinking - Forward Strategy

	Paths									Distance to S_f
S_0	0	3	4	7	1	2	6	5	0	6
S_1	0	1	2	3	4	7	6	5	0	4
S_2	0	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	0	3
S_3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	0
S_f	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	

Table: Path Relinking - Backward Strategy

	Path									Distance to S_f
S_0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	6
S_1	0	3	4	1	2	5	6	7	0	5
S_2	0	3	4	7	1	2	5	6	0	3
S_3	0	3	4	7	1	2	6	5	0	0
S_f	0	3	4	7	1	2	6	5	0	

Five neighborhoods (so far) within a VND method

- Forward insertion
- Backward insertion
- Swap
- 2-Opt
- Destroy and Repair
- A network-based neighborhood (an idea...)

- Destroy and Repair

Route	0	5	3	2	1	4	0	n	s
q	0	-2	1	3	-6	4			
Load	0	2	1	-2	4	0	1	2	

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

- Randomly delete m stations from the path

Route	0	5	3	2	1	4	0	n	s
q	0	-2	1	3	-6	4			
Load	0	2	1	-2	4	0	1	2	

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

- Compute the new incomplete tour and its load

Removed stations: 1 and 3 where $q_1 = -6$ and $q_3 = 1$

Route	0	5	2	4	0	n	s
q	0	-2	3	4			
Load	0	2	-1	-5		2	6

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

- Insert the removed stations trying to avoid infeasibility

Removed stations: 1 and 3 where $q_1 = -6$ and $q_3 = 1$

Route	0	5	1	2	4	0	n	s
q	0	-2	-6	3	4			
Load	0	2	8	5	1		0	0

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

- Insert the removed stations trying to avoid infeasibility

Removed stations: 3 where $q_3 = 1$

Route	0	5	1	2	4	3	0	n	s
q	0	-2	-6	3	4	1			
Load	0	2	8	5	1	0		0	0

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

VND - A network-based neighborhood

Route	0	5	3	2	1	4	0	n	s
q	0	-2	1	3	-6	4			
Load	0	2	1	-2	4	0	1	2	

n: number of infeasible loads

s: sum of infeasible loads

- Remove m nodes from the solution
- Is it possible to find the best position to insert them again?

VND - A network-based neighborhood

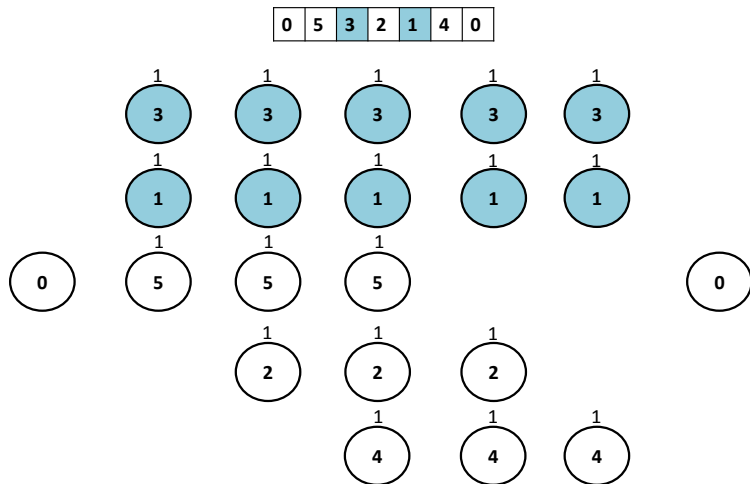
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n: number of infeasible loads

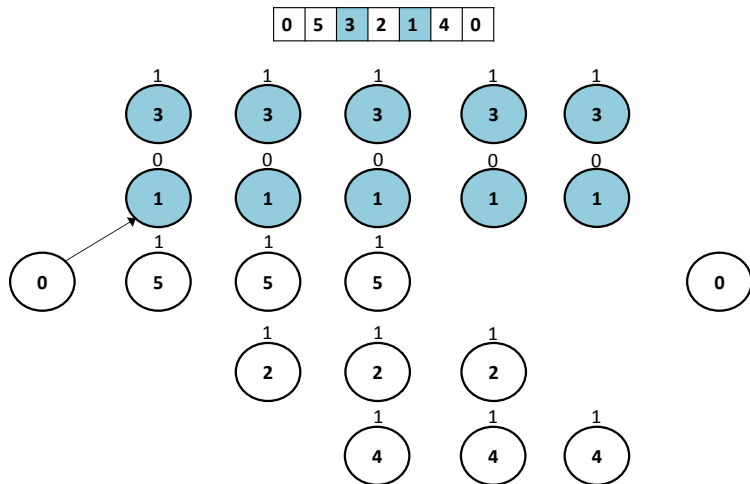
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- Remove m nodes from the solution
- Is it possible to find the **best** position to insert them again?

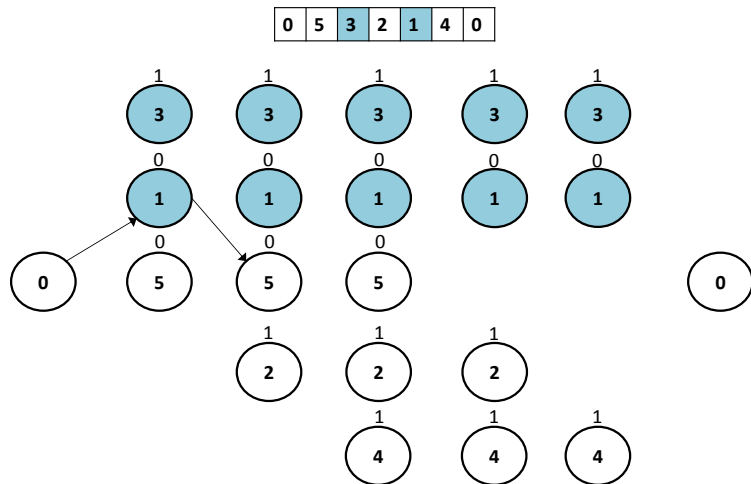
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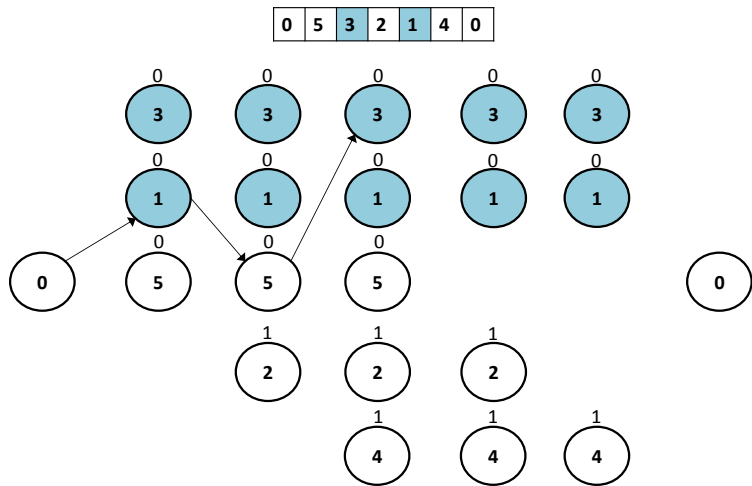
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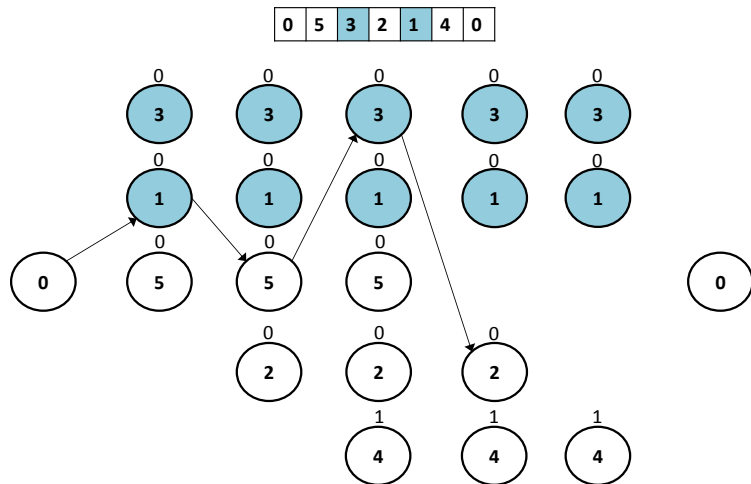
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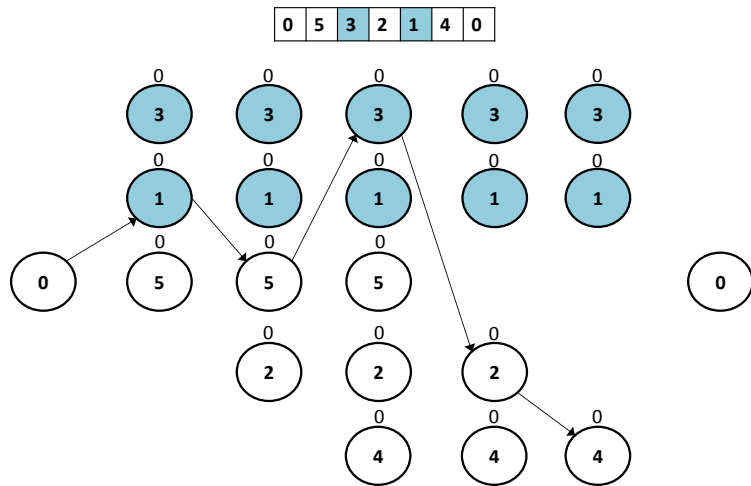
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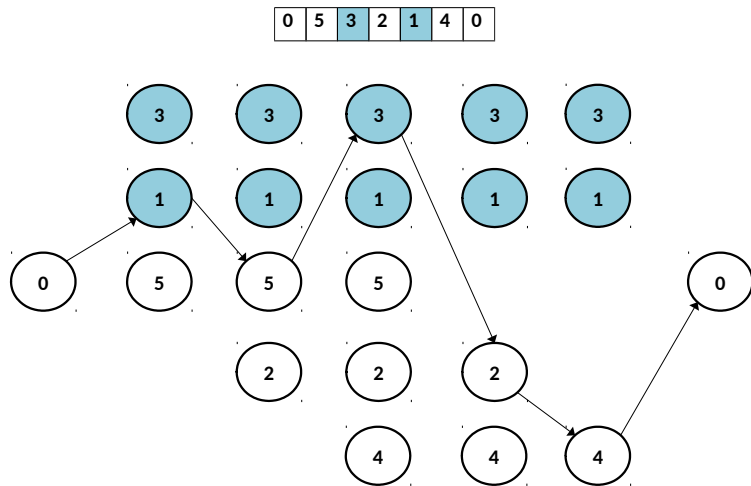
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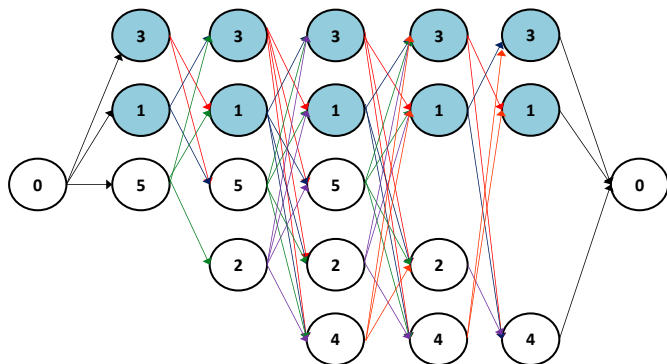
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How to solve it?

- Constrained Shortest Path algorithms
- Nearest Neighbor with lower bounds computation

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- Sets

- \mathcal{N} : Set of stations
- \mathcal{V} : Set of vehicles

- Parameters

- c_{ij} : Traveling cost from station i to station j
- q_i : Demand or slack of bicycles in station i
- Q^v : Capacity of vehicle v

- Decision Variables

- $w_i^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if station } i \text{ is visited by vehicle } v \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $y_{ij}^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if arc } (i,j) \text{ is transversed by vehicle } v \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- x_{ij}^v : Load of vehicle v when traveling from i to j
- z_{ij}^v : Position of arc (i,j) in the route of vehicle v

Mathematical Formulation for the HFPDVRP

$$\min f = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} c_{ij} \cdot \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} y_{ij}^v$$

subject to,

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}, i \neq j} y_{ij}^v = w_i^v \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{0\}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}, j \neq 0} y_{0j}^v = 1 \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} y_{ij}^v = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} y_{ji}^v \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$x_{ij}^v \leq Q^v \cdot y_{ij}^v \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

Mathematical Formulation for the HFPDVRP

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} x_{ki}^v - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} x_{ij}^v = q_i \cdot w_i^v \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} z_{ki}^v - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} z_{ij}^v = w_i^v \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{0\}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$z_{ij}^v \leq |\mathcal{N}| \cdot y_{ij}^v \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$w_i^v \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$y_{ij}^v \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$z_{ij}^v \in \mathcal{Z}^+ \cup \{0\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

$$x_{ij}^v \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}, v \in \mathcal{V}$$

- Dataset
 - Instances adapted from TSPLib Library (elib.zib.de/pub/mp-testdata/tsp/tsplib/tsp/index.html)
 - Instances with 9, 14, 16, 22, 29, 42 nodes were tested
- Software
 - All the algorithms were implemented on C++
 - Mathematical models were solved using Gurobi Optimizer 7.1
- Computer features
 - Intel Core i7, 64Gb RAM.
 - OS: Linux - Debian 8 (x86-64)

Preliminary Results - Homogeneous Fleet

- $Q = 10$
- $\max_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \{ |q_i| \} = 10$

$ N $	$ V = 1$		$ V = 2$		$ V = 3$	
	Distance	CPU time (s)	Distance	CPU time (s)	Distance	CPU time (s)
9	26	0.19	21	0.16	-	-
14	24	0.07	21	1.05	20	2.52
16	61	0.39	53	0.95	51	2.09
22	36	0.68	30	10.83	26	49.01
29	10 957	223.73	9 932	2 348.11	9 022	1488.22

Preliminary Results - Heterogeneous Fleet

- $Q_1 = 10$
- $Q_2 = 8$
- $Q_3 = 8$
- $\max_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \{ |q_i| \} = 10$

$ N $	$ V = 2$		$ V = 3$	
	Distance	CPU time (s)	Distance	CPU time (s)
9	21	0.21	-	-
14	21	0.52	20	2.80
16	53	0.84	51	1.96
22	32	11.92	32	72.39
29	10 331	365.98	10 052	534.93

Preliminary Results - Heterogeneous Fleet

- $Q_1 = 12$
- $Q_2 = 10$
- $Q_3 = 8$
- $\max_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \{ |q_i| \} = 10$

$ N $	$ V = 2$		$ V = 3$	
	Distance	CPU time (s)	Distance	CPU time (s)
9	21	0.11	-	-
14	21	0.54	20	2.27
16	53	0.84	51	9.57
22	23	10.62	23	29.59
29	8 620	144.705	8 846	347.38

- Design new network-based neighborhoods able to improve solution quality.
- Design a real-world instance for the RP using data provided by Encicla program.
- Design exact and heuristic strategies able to include synchronization features in several routes.

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