

Bus Routes for ALCAN Iceland

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Abstract

In this thesis a problem, presented by ALCAN Iceland, is put forth. The problem, called the bus route problem, examines the pickup of employees on route to an aluminium plant. Therefore a depot is defined and also a set of pickup locations. A bus must navigate through the points choosing only the most important locations. The problem is presented mathematically and a meta-heuristic, simulated annealing, is used to solve the problem. There are a number of tests put forth. A good cooling schedule is calculated. A matrix determining the probability of a neighborhood is constructed. The best method of node insertion into the solution is found. The algorithm calculated structured solutions provided with non-randomly generated data sets. The simulated annealing algorithm was then compared to a GAMS program, returning values between the upperbound and the objective value calculated with GAMS. Comparison between tabu search algorithm for TOP and the simulated annealing algorithm showed that the former is faster for small data sets and nearly always returns better objective values. Finally a constraint forcing a bus to travel for a certain amount of time before stopping again was implemented.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Status Description and Motivation

This exam project is done by Einar Leif Nielsen for ALCAN in Straumsvík, Iceland. Main supervisor on this project was Jesper Larsen, at IMM DTU. Co supervisors were Min Wen, PhD student at IMM DTU, and Páll Jenson, professor at the University of Iceland. In the middle of the project Jesper Larsen had to leave for New Zealand, for a few months, in the meantime Professor Jens Clausen took over Jespers duties on the project.

This project deals with the pickup of employees for the ALCAN aluminium plant at Straumsvík Iceland. ALCAN is the second largest aluminium manufacturer in the world. Its name is derived from the words ALuminium and CANanda. It has over 470 facilities in 55 countries¹. The aluminium factory in Iceland is the 11th [5], largest, in the corporation. It is located in Straumsvík, which is a just out side of Hafnarfjörður, a suburb of Reykjavík. Aluminium oxide is imported from Australia and manufactured into aluminium. The metal is then transported overseas for further work. ALCAN Iceland employees a around 470 persons [5] and was the first aluminium plant constructed in Iceland. There are now three and more are planned.

ALCAN's bus system, which picks up employees, was first taken into use 30 years ago. That system has since grown and new pickup points have been added without calculating their location. Now the system is very complicated and has grown very expensive. A newly implemented tax on diesel fuel, by the Icelandic government, has lincreased the cost even more. Therefore ALCAN decided to see if a more economical method for picking up employees exists.

The goal of this project is to find more economical bus routes and to see if the number of buses, and thereby routes, can be decreased. ALCAN hopes to decrease the cost of the system by at least 10-15%. This can be achieved by inspecting the location of pickup points to see if all current pickup points are necessary. Also new pickup points can be introduced that would be better located than those currently in use. New areas² will not be added to the current system. ALCAN also hopes that this will decrease travel time for the employees as some employees spend nearly an hour on the bus.

¹<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcan>

²Neighborhoods and suburbs.

ALCAN prefers a general solution as it receives a large work force during the summer months that relieve other employees during summer vacations. This does not mean that special solutions should be excluded. They will be looked into and their importance estimated. ALCAN has requested that various types of solutions are to be inspected.

The current number of employees at ALCAN is 467 divided on three shifts. A day shift, 08-16; an afternoon shift, 16-00; and a night shift, 00-08. There are also three types of employees. Those who work the day shift, those who work the day shift and the afternoon shift and those who work on all three shifts. Also there are those who work weekends and those who do not. As is the case with most workplaces, that use a shift system, at no time is all the workforce present at the plant. So the largest work force is present during the day shift on the weekdays while the smallest workforce is present during night time on the weekends.

For the day shift pickup ALCAN uses 68 pickup points and approximately another 15 are added for the night and afternoon pickup (during these times some of the other pickup points are excluded). New pick up point will be added to the system, these points can be local bus stops or other strategically chosen points, while others will be removed. The current routes are of different lengths the longest taking approximately 52 minutes, driven in the morning during weekends and holidays; and the shortest approximately 29 minutes, driven in the morning on weekdays.

Currently Hópbílar supply the buses used in picking up employees for the aluminium plant in Straumsvík. Hópbílar is a privat bus company and one of the biggest in its field in Iceland. They have served ALCAN well and both companies want to continue that cooperation. Other transportation possibilities mentioned in this report are: the local bus system, run by a company called Strætó; and the local taxi services, which are many.

1.2 Outline of the Thesis

There are five chapters in this thesis excluding the first, this one. Each of these five chapters examine a different part of the problem that has been introduced.

The second chapter analysis the problem presented, defines it and presents a mathematical model. There is also a review of relevant problems. The final section in the first chapter examines methods that have been implemented on similar problems and their results.

The third chapter looks at the theory of the algorithm used for solving the problem. Also implementation of this algorithm is explained.

The fourth chapter looks at various tests, or computational experiments. In this chapter the best parameters are calculated and implemented. Various data sets were generated and other data sets obtained.

The fifth and final chapter summarises the conclusions reached in this project. The fifth chapter also poses questions regarding further work, such as: Is there any further development of the problem, or method, possible? Are results useful and other questions?

There is also a large appendix in this report containing various results from experiments, analysis and the algorithm used.

Chapter 2

Bus Route Problem

In this section a number of different solutions for solving this problem, are explored. ALCAN's bus route problem will from now on simply be referred to as the bus route problem.

2.1 Analysis of the Realistic Possibilities

For this problem there are many possible solutions, these types of solutions have been categorized in two types.

1. *First type of solutions* only rely on one transportation possibility. That is only one company will transport employees to and from the aluminium plant.
2. *The second type of solutions* are combinations of two transportation possibilities.

It was considered and rejected to use combinations of more than two transportation possibilities. The reason for this is that solutions of the second type covered all hours of the day, 365 days a year. Therefore a new more complex combinations would offer no improvement over the solutions of type 2. Also combinations of more than two transportation possibilities are likely to be too expensive.

In total there are 8 solutions of the first type and 25 combined solutions. Solutions of type one are defined in table 2.2.

2.1.1 SWOT Analysis

Strength, weakness, opportunity and threats analysis, or SWOT analysis, was used to determine which solution would be best suited in solving the bus route problem. This is a method often used to define the pros and cons. In this method:

strength represents helpful internal factors

weakness represents harmful internal factors

opportunities represents helpful external factors

threats represents harmful external factors

When using SWOT analysis one has to define internal and external factors. In the case of the bus route problem **internal** factors were defined as: The author of the project, ALCAN and the project supervisors.

External factors were defined as: The employees of ALCAN, transportation companies and the general public of the greater Reykjavík area.

After internal and external factor have been defined a table is constructed. An example of a SWOT analysis table can be seen in Table 2.1.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered a exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. In this solution new nodes without a predefined location cannot be used. Hard to estimate the general population of an area.
External	Decreases travel time.	Decreases profit for Hópbílar. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN.

Table 2.1: This table show how solution of type 1 was analysed. SWOT analysis of all solutions can be viewed in appendix *B*.

2.1.2 Combined Solutions

All possible combined solutions are shown in table 2.3. Although due to the number of possible combinations more information could not be included in the table. Therefore a short explanation, of Table 2.3, is in order for example look at combination 1(Combo 1). This is a combination of solutions of type 4 and type 1, both are defined in table 2.2. This combination proposes the use of Strætó, the local bus system, when possible and Hópbílar, a private bus company, when Strætó is closed. This is useful as the local bus system is closed during night time and during holidays such as Christmas.

A different combination type, is combination 15(Combo 15). This combination uses solutions of type 2 and 5. Note though that the combination uses an extreme solution of type 2. An extreme solution tries to limit the number of routes and travel time of a single route as much as possible. So the solution would provide a few pickup points were Hópbílar would stop. Employees however would have to get to these pickup points by themselves.

In appendix *B* all combination solutions are defined and analyzed with the SWOT method.

Table 2.2: Possible solutions for the problem

Name	Description	Transportation
Type 1	Use current pickup points along with new ones (predefined, such as local bus stops). Estimate the importance of each pickup point by the number of people living close to it, the amount of parking and connection to local transit system. <i>Buses</i> from Hópbílar are used to pick up employees.	Hópbílar
Type 2	Same as type 1 except importance of pickup points is decided by the number of employees that live close to them. <i>Buses</i>	Hópbílar
Type 3	Same as type 2 except a software, such as ShorTrec from AGR hf., is used to determine the bus routes. A new route can be calculated as often as ALCAN desires. <i>Buses</i>	Hópbílar
Type 4	Uses the <i>local bus system</i> , buses, to pickup employees and return them.	Strætó
Type 5	<i>Car pooling</i> . Each car will be given a driving diary and receive a payment for gas used at the end of the month. It would be necessary to write a program that would put five people together as a part of a car pooling team.	Employees
Type 6	<i>Driving grant</i> . Each employee would receive an increase in pay to compensate for the lack of buses. The employees would then drive themselves to work.	Employees
Type 7	<i>Car pooling with taxis</i> . A taxi would pickup employees and return them. Each taxi would be filled with passengers. A program would tell the taxi service where and when to pick up an employee.	Taxi service
Type 8	Same as type 1 except the pickup points would be calculated so that their location was good and not from predetermined points. <i>Buses</i>	Hópbílar

Table 2.3: Possible solutions for the problem

Name	Description	Transportation
Combo 1	Type 4 and type 1.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 2	Type 2 and type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 3	Type 3 and type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 4	Type 5 and type 4.	Employees and Strætó
Combo 5	Type 6 and type 4.	Employees and Strætó
Combo 6	Type 7 and type 4.	Taxi service and Strætó
Combo 7	Type 8 and type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 8	Type 5 and type 6.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 9	Type 7 and type 6.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 10	Extreme solution using type 1 and then use type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 11	Extreme solution using type 2 and then use type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 12	Extreme solution using type 3 and then use type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 13	Extreme solution using type 8 and then use type 4.	Hópbílar and Strætó
Combo 14	Extreme solution using type 1 and then use type 5.	Hópbílar and employees
Combo 15	Extreme solution using type 2 and then use type 5.	Hópbílar and employees
Combo 16	Extreme solution using type 3 and then use type 5.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 17	Extreme solution using type 8 and then use type 5.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 18	Extreme solution using type 1 and then use type 6.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 19	Extreme solution using type 2 and then use type 6.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 20	Extreme solution using type 3 and then use type 6.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 21	Extreme solution using type 8 and then use type 6.	Employees and Hópbílar
Combo 22	Extreme solution using type 1 and then use type 7.	Taxi service and Hópbílar
Combo 23	Extreme solution using type 2 and then use type 7.	Taxi service and Hópbílar
Combo 24	Extreme solution using type 3 and then use type 7.	Taxi service and Hópbílar
Combo 25	Extreme solution using type 8 and then use type 7.	Taxi service and Hópbílar

2.1.3 Chosen Solution

From the SWOT analysis it was determined that solution of type 2 was best suited. The reason for this choice is that this solution is relatively simple to program and therefore a good place to start the project. Also this would provide a solution for ALCAN. Although not as general as they may have preferred but a good special solution. The definition of solution type 2 can be seen in table 2.2. Small changes have been made to this solution to better suite the needs of ALCAN. Solution of type 2 was defined as:

- Use current pickup points along with new ones (predefined, such as local bus stops).
- Estimate the importance of pickup points by the number of employees that live close to them, the amount of parking and connection to local transit system.
- Buses* from Hópbílar are used to pick up employees.

2.2 Problem Definition and Description

The problem as presented by ALCAN gives a geographical set, a set of employees, a set of buses and a set of locations (pickup points). The aluminium plant also has a predefined location and all buses must finish their route there.

Let us first look at the geographical set. Within this set are the possible locations of pickup points, as ALCAN has defined some areas outside of their routes and they do not intend to increase this area. Therefore new pickup points must be located within the geographical set. The travel between all points in a set is called the travelling salesman problem or TSP. In this problem one must navigate through a number of points and then return to the point of origin, via the shortest travel distance.

The set of employees includes all employees at ALCAN. Although some employees live outside of the geographical set and are therefore not relevant to the problem. This set is not very crucial to the problem but can be useful in determining the importance of a single pickup point. Traveling through a set of points each assigned a profit is similar to the price collecting traveling salesman problem, PCTSP. In that problem one must navigate through a set of points leaving from a source point and return having collected a minimum number of profit on the way, via the shortest route. Note though that one does not have to visit all points, in the set, in PCTSP.

The set of buses is important as the number of buses currently in use, in the system, cannot be exceeded. The set of buses will from now be referred to as the set of routes. If a single bus is in use, that bus will be called an active route or a route in use. The capacity of a bus is not important as the number of people working at ALCAN are not that many. Therefore the capacity of a single bus is unimportant. A problem dealing with more than one route is called a vehicle routing problem or VRP. In VRP one must navigate more than one route leaving from a depot, visiting all points in the set, and the returning again to the source, via the shortest possible routes.

Locations are crucial to this project. The choice of where a bus should stop or not is important in determining the cost of the system. The only factor concerning this set is that the locations be within the geographical set. How to choose a location will depend on how profitable a

location is. To determine this profit the number of employees living within a certain radius, available parking, connection to local transit and other factors can be inspected. To simplify for now we will assume that the importance of a node is determined by the number of people, within the set of employees, that are living inside a certain radius from the location. These locations will now be referred to as nodes. Nodes in use can also be called active nodes. There are many possibilities to add nodes to the existing set of locations as long as those nodes are within the geographical set. As time is more of an issue than distance the travel time between individual nodes will be inspected, not the distance. This problem, as it has been defined, is very similar to the team orienteering problem, TOP. There a team of mountaineers must navigate, each on his own, through a number of nodes, thereby collecting profit. The goal of TOP is to collect as much profit as possible and it is not necessary to visit all nodes in the set. Also in TOP one must return to the point of origin.

Another problem, regarding the nodes, concerns the distance, or travel time, between two nodes. If two nodes are situated very close to one another they may have overlapping profit. This means that some of the people living within a certain radius from node one also live within said radius from node two. Therefore a constraint forcing the bus to travel a certain time before stopping again can be implemented. Another solution regarding this problem would involve not choosing two nodes too close to one another.

It is the wish of ALCAN to decrease the cost of the bus system. This can be achieved in two ways. First by decreasing the number of routes in use or secondly by decreasing the number of active nodes. These are therefore defined as the two main factors in ALCAN's problem, the problem will from now on be referred to as the bus route problem. ALCAN's wishes are to limit the number of nodes and/or routes while picking up as many employees as possible. This means that not all nodes have to be visited, only those who are deemed important enough. Also as the buses themselves are not owned by ALCAN, but by an outside contractor, the buses therefore do not have to start at the plant. This means that if a route is used it will originate from the first node it visits and then make its way to the aluminium plant. The open vehicle routing problem, OVRP, is similar to this. In OVRP one must navigate a number of routes, all leaving from the same depot, through a set of nodes. All nodes must be visited but the routes do not have to return to the depot. The aluminium plant will from here on be referred to as a depot.

By combining certain elements of the methods described one can formulate a mathematical model of the bus route problem. Alternative methods than those previously described can be used to solve the problem. For example one could assign all employees to certain bus stops and then one would add those bus stops to a bus route. If the route is too long one would then decrease the number of bus stops and reassign the employees to fewer pickup points. This would be done as often as necessary. After employees have been assigned to the bus stops the problem becomes a OVRP.

This method will most likely have a shorter calculation period than the bus route problem. It would take into account the capacity of each vehicle and there is no chance that a bus will stop at two points with overlapping profit. On the other hand the bus route problem is more likely to choose the best possible routes, it is a more general solution and might possibly choose to stop at points with small profit. In conclusion these are both good methods but the bus route

problem seems to fit more to the wishes of ALCAN and therefore is a better candidate for solving the problem presented.

To determine the location of nodes a population function for the area can be constructed. This function would map out the most populated areas and the points with the highest population, hot spots, would define nodes and there profit. The reason this will not be done is that constructing a population function of a city is outside the scope of this project, even though it would give a very general solution. Therefore the method of predefined pickup points is deemed better in comparison.

2.3 A Mathematical Model for BRP

The problem defined is the bus route problem, BRP, and it has been compared to various methods such as PCTSP, TOP and OVRP. It has been shown that the bus route problem has alot in common with these other problems but is not the same as any of them.

In this model there are a few sets which need to be defined. L is the set of n locations, nodes, where pickup of employees is possible. Not all of these locations have to be visited. $V = L \cup \{0, n + 1\}$ is the set of all nodes, $\{0\}$ represents factory out and $\{n + 1\}$ represents factory in. Travel time from node 0 to any other node is none, 0. This is because the bus route problem is an open problem, like the OVRP, and it is not necessary for the busses to start there route at the depot, plant. A is the set of arcs between nodes and K is the set of busses, $K = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$.

To construct a model of the bus route problem, three variables have to be defined.

Name	Description
$x_{i,j}^k$	The arc between i and j , equal to 1 if the arc is driven, by bus k , else it is equal to 0.
y_i	A binary number equal to 1 if node i is visited else it is 0
s_i^k	This is the stopping time for bus k at node i .

The time, s_i^k , is defined as the time when bus k stops at node i and is therefore dependant on previous s_j^k if the bus stopped at node $j \in L$. Also there are a few constants that need to be defined before the model is presented. Constants are all represent with the Greek sympolis except for the upper.

Name	Description
$\tau_{i,j}$	The travel time between nodes i and j .
ϕ_i	The profit for stopping at node i .
δ_i	Indicates penalty for stopping at any given node, i.e. the time it takes to stop at any give pick up point. In most cases there is no penalty for stopping at the source and sink.
α	This is a bonus factor for profits, a bonus received when a pick up point is chosen.
β	This is a bonus factor for not using a bus.
M	An upper time limit is put on each route, so that travel time for a single employee is not greater than this number.
N	Maximum number of buses. It is not desired to use more buses than are currently in use.

Note that $\tau_{0i} = 0$, when $i \in V$, because it is not necessary for a bus to drive from node 0, but it helps to start there when constructing the routes. Profit can be determined by looking at: population of area, number of employees living close to the node, parking, bus stops or commerce in the area. Some or all of these factors will be used when determining the profit of a node. The solution will try to maximize the profit collected, while minimizing the number of buses used. Time will be a constraint rather than part of the objective function, this is also done in TOP.

A profit, of β is gained by not using a bus. Therefore when a bus is not used it travels straight form source to sink, $x_{0,n+1}^k = 1$.

The bus route problem might be applicable in other cases. In these other applications some of these constants might be unnecessary, or others might need to be added. This will depend entirely on the problem the model is applied to. Also cost may vary depending on time of day, or if there is a holiday. This is because a cost of using a bus can have many factors. The greatest of these is probably the start up cost for a single bus. Costs can be considered as many things for example maintenance, driver salary and bus company profit. Also in some cases companies may charge for each kilometer or each liter of gasoline used.

2.3.1 Objective Function

The objective function for the bus route problem is now put forth.

$$\max Y = \alpha \sum_i \phi_i y_i + \beta \sum_k x_{0,n+1}^k$$

There are two factors in the objective function. The first half of the equation shows the profits gained stopping at a certain node and that is then multiplied with a bonus factor. The second is a positive contribution for every bus not used, $x_{0,n+1}^k = 1$ and all other $x_{ij}^k = 0$, that is then multiplied with a bonus factor. The bonus factor represents for exampale the cost of a single bus, β , or the importance of a single profit point, α .

2.3.2 Constraints

Here are the constraints constructed for the bus route problem.

$$\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{j \in V \setminus \{i\}} x_{ij}^k = y_i \quad \forall i \in V \quad (2.3.1)$$

$$\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{i \in V \setminus \{j\}} x_{ij}^k = y_j \quad \forall j \in V \quad (2.3.2)$$

These two constraints (2.3.1) and (2.3.2) say that if $y_i = 1$, for $i \in L$, then the node is entered and exited.

$$x_{0,j}^k (s_0^k + \tau_{0,j}) \leq s_j^k \quad \forall k \in K \text{ and } j \in V \quad (2.3.3)$$

$$x_{ij}^k (s_i^k + \delta_j + \tau_{ij}) \leq s_j^k \quad \forall k \in K, i \in L \text{ and } j \in V \quad (2.3.4)$$

These constraints (2.3.3) and (2.3.4) ensures that if a bus travels between i and j , on route k , then the stopping time on location i is constraint to the previous time the bus has travelled.

$$s_{n+1}^k \leq M \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.3.5)$$

Constraint (2.3.5) does not allow any route to have a travel time greater than M .

$$\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{j \in V} x_{ij}^k \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in L \quad (2.3.6)$$

Constraint (2.3.6) restricts more than one bus driving between i and j .

$$\sum_{j \in V} x_{0j}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.3.7)$$

Constraint (2.3.7) ensures that a bus drives out of the factory.

$$\sum_{i \in V} x_{ih}^k - \sum_{j \in V} x_{hj}^k = 0 \quad \forall h \in L, k \in K \quad (2.3.8)$$

Here in equation (2.3.8) it is made sure that if a bus drives into a node it is required to drive out of it as well, if the node is in the set of locations (pickup points).

$$\sum_{i \in N} x_{i,n+1}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.3.9)$$

Constraint (2.3.9) requires all buses to end there routes at the factory.

$$x_{i,j}^k \leq \frac{\tau_{ij}}{a} \quad \forall k \in K, i \in V, j \in V \quad (2.3.10)$$

In (2.3.10) s bus must travel for a certain amount of time, a , before stoping at a new pickup point.

2.3.3 Linearity

The model, as presented in the previous section, is not linear and therefore some changes have to be made if it is to be solved in GAMS¹. The non-linearity can be found in equations (2.3.3) and (2.3.4), where two variables are multiplied. To ensure linearity the changes listed below have to be applied, to the model.

$$s_0^k = 0 \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.3.11)$$

$$s_0^k + \tau_{0,j} - s_j^k = (1 - x_{0,j})W \quad \forall k \in K, j \in V \quad (2.3.12)$$

$$s_i^k + \delta + \tau_{ij} - s_j^k = (1 - x_{ij})W \quad \forall k \in K, i \in L, j \in L \quad (2.3.13)$$

$$s_i^k + \tau_{i,n+1} - s_{n+1}^k = (1 - x_{i,n+1})W \quad \forall k \in K, i \in V \quad (2.3.14)$$

Here W is a large number and $W > |V|$. Other constraints are the same as in the previous section. Although when dealing with a GAMS model other constraints have to be added:

$$\sum_{i \in V} \sum_{k \in K} x_{i,0}^k = 0 \quad (2.3.15)$$

$$\sum_{j \in V} \sum_{k \in K} x_{n+1,j}^k = 0 \quad (2.3.16)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V} \sum_{k \in K} x_{ii}^k = 0 \quad (2.3.17)$$

These constraints ensure that a node does not visit itself, that no one can return to the source and that no one can leave the sink.

2.3.4 Upper Bounds

First and the most obvious upper bound to the problem is to let one route visit all the points.

$$UB = \sum_{i \in V} \phi_i + \beta(|K| - 1) \quad (2.3.18)$$

This upper bound requires one bus to collect all the profits from every node. All profits are represented by the first half of equation (2.3.18) and if only one bus is used then a profit of $\beta(|K| - 1)$ is collected from the unused buses.

Relaxations to travel time

The upper bound in (2.3.18) is the same for all values of M . Let us now incorporate M into the upper bound. It is known that traveling further than M from the depot is impossible. Let us now define V_M as the set of all nodes closer than M to the depot. The new upper bound is

$$\sum_{i \in V_M} \phi_i + \beta(|K| - 1) \quad (2.3.19)$$

¹GAMS is a programming language used to solve linear models in operation research.

This upper bound, equation (2.3.19) does not allow profit outside the radius of maximum route length. All profit within that radius, of maximum route length, is collected with a single bus.

2.4 Review of Relevant Problems

The bus route problem focuses on routes that make their way through a number of pick up points before finally stopping at the last point, known as the depot. This is similar to a well known problem called the travelling salesman problem or TSP.

2.4.1 TSP

TSP tries to find the optimal, shortest, route from a source through a number of nodes and back to the source. A travelling salesman leaving from New York and visiting all the major cities on the east coast, of the USA, has to find the best route to travel and then return home again, hence the name travelling salesman problem.

This problem is, perhaps, the best known problem in operations research. For this problem a binary matrix is defined, x_{ij} .

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{If one travels from node } i \text{ to node } j \\ 0 & \text{If one does not travel from node } i \text{ to node } j \end{cases}$$

Also a cost, c_{ij} , is defined. This is the cost of travelling from node i to node j . The set of nodes is V and A is the set of all arcs. A model, as defined in Wosley [15] is:

$$\min \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in V} c_{ij} x_{ij} \quad (2.4.1)$$

$$\text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{j:j \neq i} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \in V \quad (2.4.2)$$

$$\sum_{i:i \neq j} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j \in V \quad (2.4.3)$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \notin S} x_{ij} \geq 1 \quad \text{for } S \subset V, S \neq \emptyset \quad (2.4.4)$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in V, \forall j \in V \quad (2.4.5)$$

$$c_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in V, \forall j \in V \quad (2.4.6)$$

Constraints (2.4.2) and (2.4.3) ensure that every node is both entered and exited. The most complicated constraint is (2.4.4) for it is a sub tour elimination constraint. The number of sub tour elimination constraints raises dramatically with the number of nodes assigned to the problem.

The number of possible solutions for TSP, with n nodes, is $(n-1)!$. Half that for the symmetric problem. The TSP problem is NP-hard [6] Wosley [15] defines NP-hard in the following way: "*NP is a class of decision problems with the property that: for any instance for which the answer is YES, there is a "short" (polynomial) proof of the YES.*" Heuristics such as Lagrangian heuristic and meta heuristics, such as tabu search, are often used to solve TSP. The largest TSP problem solved, to date, found the shortest path between 24,978 cities in Sweden [6]. To

find the solution cutting plain and branch-and-cut processes were used and it took almost a year to find the final solution [6].

As can be seen there are certain similarities between the travelling salesman problem and the bus route problem. Although in the latter it is not necessary to stop at all points but that is the case with TSP. Therefore in the bus route problem one must determine which pick up points are important and which are not. A variation of the travelling salesman problem called the price collecting travelling salesman problem, PCTSP, deals with this problem.

2.4.2 PCTSP

In PCTSP, each node is assigned a prize, or profit, gained when the node is visited. Not all nodes have to be visited in PCTSP but a penalty is paid for every node skipped. As in TSP V is the set of all nodes.

Name	Description
x_{ij}	Is equal to 1 if the path between i and j is used otherwise it is 0.
y_i	A binary number equal to 1 if node i is visited else it is 0
γ_i	Penalty to be paid if node i is not visited.
p_i	Prize gained from visiting node i .
c_{ij}	Cost of travelling from i to j .
B	A minimum amount of collected prizes.

The PCTSP problem as presented² in Dell'Amico [8]:

$$\min \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in V \setminus i} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in V} \gamma_i (1 - y_i) \quad (2.4.7)$$

$$\text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{j \in V \setminus i} x_{ij} = y_i \quad \forall i \in V \quad (2.4.8)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V \setminus j} x_{ij} = y_j \quad \forall j \in V \quad (2.4.9)$$

$$y_1 = 1 \quad (2.4.10)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V} p_i y_i \geq B \quad \forall j \in V \quad (2.4.11)$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \in V \setminus S} x_{ij} \geq y_h \quad \forall h \in V \setminus 1 \text{ and } \forall S \subset V : 1 \in S, h \in V \setminus S \quad (2.4.12)$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in N, \forall j \in N \quad (2.4.13)$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in N \quad (2.4.14)$$

$$(2.4.15)$$

Constraints (2.4.8) and (2.4.9) ensure that if a node is entered it is also exited. Constraint (2.4.10) forces the depot to be included in the cycle. In (2.4.11) a certain amount of prizes has to be gathered, a goal is defined, and (2.4.12) is a sub tour elimination constraint.

PCTSP was introduced by Balas and Martin in connection with operations of a steel rolling mill. A variant of PCTSP is the profitable tour problem, PTP. When a PTP model is

²Similar mathematical presentations were presented in Balas [1] and Dell'Amico [9], but a slightly different model was presented in Chaves [4]

constructed it is essentially the same as PCTSP except (2.4.10) and (2.4.11) are removed and $\gamma_i = 0$ for all $i \in V$ [9].

Many methods have been used to solve PCTSP for example Lagrangian heuristic [8] or hybrid algorithms [4].

In comparison the bus route problem and PCTSP are similar but PCTSP only allows a single route to visit pick up points. The problem presented by ALCAN can have up to five routes. A well know problem in operations research deals with multiple routes, that problem is called the vehicle routing problem or VRP.

2.4.3 Vehicle Routing Problem

Allocating more than one route to a number of nodes, is generally called the vehicle routing problem.

Name	Description
$x_{i,j}^k$	Is equal to one if route k travels from i to j and 0 otherwise.
γ_i	Penalty to be paid if node i is not visited.
p_i	Prize gained from visiting node i .
c_{ij}	Cost of travelling from i to j .
B	A minimum amount of collected prizes.

Routing problems are characteristically difficult to represent concisely in optimization models [12]. These problems are often very useful in the real world. A mathematical model is presented in the following way:

$$\min \sum_{k \in K} \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in V} c_{ij} x_{ij}^k \quad (2.4.16)$$

Here K is the set of routes and $|K| = N$ while V is the set of nodes were $|V| = n$. In this problem the depot is presented by source node, $i = 0$, and a sink node, $i = n$.

$$\sum_{i \in V} x_{ih}^k - \sum_{j \in V} x_{hj}^k = 0 \quad \forall h \in V \setminus \{0, n\}, k \in K \quad (2.4.17)$$

$$\sum_{k \in K} x_{ij}^k = 1 \quad \forall i \in V \setminus \{0\}, \forall j \in V \setminus \{n\} \quad (2.4.18)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V} x_{i,n}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.4.19)$$

$$\sum_{j \in V} x_{0,j}^k = 1 \quad \forall k \in K \quad (2.4.20)$$

$$\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \in V \setminus S} x_{ij}^k \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subset V : 0 \in S, n \in S \quad (2.4.21)$$

$$x_{ij}^k \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in V, \forall j \in V, k \in K \quad (2.4.22)$$

The first constraint (2.4.17) ensures that all nodes entered are exited. The second constraint (2.4.18) restricts more than one vehicle visiting any node. Then constraints (2.4.19) and (2.4.20) force all routes to leave the source and enter the sink. The subtour elimination constraint is presented in (2.4.21) and lastly (2.4.22) gives x_{ij}^k a binary value.

The VRP is widely used in the real world. The best example is the delivery of goods from suppliers to customers. Here the number of vehicles and capacity of vehicles can be a factor. These problems are usually solved with a tabu search or other heuristics.

The VRP allows the use of more than one routes but the method requires each route to have the same point of origin, called a source. The routes visit all points in V but must end at the same point they started from. When the routes return the source point is sometimes called a sink, this is the same location but it has two names, source and sink. In the bus route problem this is not the case, a bus can start at any node and then make its way to the depot. A variation of VRP uses the same principle. That variation of VRP is called the open vehicle routing problem or OVRP.

2.4.4 Open Vehicle Routing Problem

OVRP, is similar to the vehicle routing problem except when drivers have visited all nodes they do not need to return to the depot. This is similar to the bus route problem except there the bus starts at the last node and makes its way back to the depot. OVRP uses a set of Hamiltonian paths while VRP uses a Hamiltonian cycles [3]. Both a Hamiltonian cycle and a Hamiltonian path are defined in [14] as follows:

Before defining a path or a cycle a walk must first be defined. G is a graph, a walk in G is a sequence of nodes and arcs. A path is a walk with no repeated nodes and a trail is a walk within repeated arcs. Note that all paths are trails but not all trails are paths. A circuit is a closed trail but not a path. A cycle is defined as a circuit with at least one arc and has one repeated node is $node_1 = node_n$.

In OVRP the drivers start at the depot and then finish at the last customer node. There are normally certain constraints applied to this problem. A vehicle has usually a maximum predetermined capacity and this capacity cannot be exceeded by the demand of the costumer nodes, on the route. Other constraints may also apply, for example a maximum number of vehicles or the maximum length of any single route. The OVRP has not been as extensively studied as VRP [3]. It was first mentioned, according to [3], in 1981 by Schrage in an article dedicated to the description of realistic routing problems. The mathematical formulation of OVRP is the same as for VRP except $c_{0j} = 0, \forall j \in V$.

OVRP is used for a number of problems, for example the school bus problem [17]. In that problem a route for school buses is determined. In [17] tabu search is used to solve the problem. Other algorithms, according to [16], that have been used include: list-based threshold accepting, BoneRoute meta heuristic and record to record travel heuristic. The last one is a deterministic variant of simulated annealing.

The OVRP has similarities with the bus route problem but it has to visit all points in V . In the bus route problem one is allowed to skip some nodes, pick up points, but this is not possible in the OVRP. The bus route problem does not have to visit all nodes, it does not have to begin at the source and it has to choose nodes for there importance. A problem similar to this is the team orienteering problem, or TOP.

2.4.5 Team Orienteering Problem

The team orienteering problem, or TOP, is a combination of PCTSP and VRP. The problem defines a set of nodes V , a set of arcs A and a set of routes K , where $|V| = n$ and $|K| = N$. In this problem N routes visit n points, but does not have to stop at all points; each point has a service time and a profit.

Name	Description
$x_{i,j}^k$	The number of times edge (i, j) transverses with vehicle k .
y_{ik}	A binary number equal to 1 if node i is visited by route k otherwise it is 0, $i \in V$ and $k \in K$
d_{ij}	As the distance between two points and $(i, j) \in A$.
s_i	Service time at vertex i , $i \in V$.
p_i	The profit received for node i , $i \in V$.
M	The total duration of each tour.

This is in many ways similar to the bus route problem as a profit is needed for every node to determine which are to be visited. The TOP problem as presented in [13]:

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^N p_i y_{ik} \quad (2.4.23)$$

$$\text{s. t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^N x_{0j}^k = 2N \quad (2.4.24)$$

$$\sum_{i<j} x_{ij}^k + \sum_{i>j} x_{ij}^k = 2y_{ik} \quad \forall j \in V \setminus \{n\}, k \in K \quad (2.4.25)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \sum_{j>i} d_{ij} x_{ij}^k + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} s_i y_{ik} \leq M \quad k \in K \quad (2.4.26)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^N y_{ik} \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in V \setminus \{0, n\} \quad (2.4.27)$$

$$\sum_{i,j \in U, i<j} x_{ij}^k \leq |U| - 1 \quad U \subset V \setminus \{0\}, n - 2 \geq |U| \geq 2, k \in K \quad (2.4.28)$$

$$x_{ij}^k \in \{0, 1, 2\} \quad \forall i \in V \setminus \{0, n\}, j \in V, k \in K \quad (2.4.29)$$

$$x_{0,j}^k \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in V \setminus \{n\}, k \in K \quad (2.4.30)$$

$$y_{ik} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in N \quad (2.4.31)$$

$$(2.4.32)$$

The first constraint (2.4.24) ensures that N tours leave the source node and then return. To ensure connection of selected nodes is (2.4.25) and (2.4.26) limits the length of any single tour. The constraint (2.4.27) prevents more than one route going through a single node, other than the depot. The sub-tour elimination constraint is (2.4.28). The last three constraint show allowed values for the variables.

The TOP lets one construct N routes through $n - 1$ nodes and the depot. Stopping at any single point gives a penalty or service time. This could for example be used for routing technicians to service customers at geographically distributed positions.

The TOP is a NP-hard problem as it is a variation of the selective traveling salesman problem [13]. Methods used to solve TOP include tabu search [13], greedy construction procedure

and 5-step heuristic. A single route TOP, called the orienteering problem or selective traveling salesman problem, has been solved with up to 500 nodes. This was done using branch-and-bound and branch-and-cut [13]. Some times TOP is referred to as multiple tour maximum collection problem. Of all the different problems presented the TOP is most similar to the bus route problem.

2.5 Review of Methods

2.5.1 A Lagrangian heuristic for the Prize Collecting Travelling Salesman Problem [8]

An article inspecting how to solve PCTSP with a Lagrangian heuristic by M. Dell'Amico, F. Maffioli and A. Sciomachen. A good introduction to the PCTSP. The underlying construction of the bus route problem, presented in the report, is based in partially on the PCTSP model in this article. The problem presented in the article is minimized. Therefore to assist in determining the validity of calculated solutions a lower bound was also calculated. This lower bound is found in [9]. A feasible solution is found by using Adding-Nodes Procedure where two rules, R1 and R2, are compared. From these comparisons R2 was shown to be better in this instance. This feasible solution is then defined as an upper bound as no feasible solution with a lower value objective value is known.

To improve upon feasible solutions two methods are combined. The first was the so called Extension phase tries to improve the overall profit of the current cycle. The second method was called Collapse phase and it tries to remove the most expensive node each time. Together the method was called Extension and Collapse. Lastly a Lagrangian heuristic was developed so that Extension and Collapse was applied in each computation of the Lagrangian multiplier. This method was then used on a few computational experiments. The conclusion of the experiments was that with increased profit, that needs to be collected, the computational time required increased while the quality of the solutions decreases. This quality of solutions was measured as the ratio between upper bound and lower bound.

2.5.2 Price Collecting Travelling Salesman Problem [1]

This is an article by E. Balas concerning the price collecting travelling salesman problem. It was Balas who, along with Martin, first introduced the PCTSP. There is an introduction to PCTSP in its first section. After this the article becomes very mathematical and complicated.

The main focus of this article is to discuss the structural properties of the PCTSP polytope, the convex hull of the solutions to the PCTSP.

2.5.3 On Prize-Collecting Tours and The Asymmetric Travelling Salesman Problem [9]

An article by M. Dell'Amico, F. Maffioli and P. Värbrand. The article contains a short introduction to PCTSP and a model is presented. There is also a definition for PTP, profitable tour problem; and APTP, asymmetric profitable tour problem. This article featured a good

section on tests which proved to be helpful in conducting tests for the model inspected in this report. Test were randomly generated.

The article defines PTP by removing certain constraints from PCTSP and allowing the empty solution. A simple heuristic is defined to solve PTP. It is also discussed how the PTP can be polynomially reduced to Asymmetric TSP on a large diagraph. Three previously discovered lower bounds for PCTSP are presented and also a new lower bound for PCTSP is put forth. For asymmetric PTP two lower bounds are presented by removing constraints. The article ends with a section on computational experiments both for PTP and PCTSP. Were all instances were solved in less than one minute of CPU time. It was also concluded, by inspecting ratios between lower bounds, that solutions to large asymmetric PTP problems were good.

2.5.4 Hybrid algorithms with detection of promising areas for the prize collecting travelling salesman problem [4]

This article by Augusto and Lorena on PCTSP presents some ideas of clustering, using evolutionary cluster search and a hybrid approach called CS*. This hybrid approach was constructed from Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure, or GRASP, and Variable neighbourhood search. The methods are given a short description and how they can solve PCTSP is explained. These ideas could be useful in further development of insert moves or bus moves. The article starts with an introduction where PCTSP is introduced and a short history of the problem is given. The next section puts forth a mathematical model of PCTSP, this model is a little different from the one in [8]. In the third section ECS, evolutionary cluster search, and its components, evolutionary algorithm, interactive clustering, analyzer module and a local search; are explained. Then a section describes how ECS is applied for PCTSP. The hybrid approach called CS* is then applied to PCTSP. In this section a few interesting moves are defined. These 6 moves were different from the ones used in this project. One move called m_4 , is comparable with *insert move* 13³. Other moves were similar but often used more nodes, for example m_1 inserted 2 nodes instead of one. The last section is on computational results and show solution from ECS and CS*. The results from these two are also compared to results from a CPLEX 7.5 solver. In conclusion the authors find that CS* returns better solutions and use of these methods is validated.

2.5.5 A tabu search algorithm for the open vehicle routing problem [3]

This article by Brandao contains a good introduction to OVRP and compares it to VRP. Most of the information in the section on OVRP came from this source. There is also a short introduction on the history of OVRP and relatively few, compared to VRP, have studied it. The meta-heuristic used in the article is tabu search. The importance of a good initial solution is discussed and how to attain such a solution, the methods used for this are nearest neighbour heuristic, or NNH, and a solution based on a pseudo lower bound. The pseudo lower bound is a method based on minimum cost spanning tree with degree k subject to relaxations. Initial solutions given with an insertion heuristic and a lower bound were experimented upon. Before applying the tabu search to this initial solution the solution is submitted to one of two methods: nearest neighbour or unstringing and stringing method. This was done to improve the solution. In the tabu search swap and insert moves are used. The goal of the algorithm was

³The moves and neighborhoods are defined in the next section.

to minimize the number of routes and therefore new routes could not be created. A method was included that tried to join the two routes with the lowest demand. This is clever and could be implemented to the algorithm used in the report in the future. In conclusion it is stated that the algorithm gave good solutions for a very short computing time, outperforming former algorithms such as the one proposed by Sariklis and Powell. For example the method of using psuedo lower bound gave an average travel time of 416.1 while Sariklis and Powell algorithm had an average travel time of 488.2. These are from calculations with 50 point data sets and the difference in running times was 88.6 seconds, Sariklis and Powell method solved the problem in 0.22 seconds.

2.5.6 Open Vehicle Routing Problem with Time Deadlines: Solutions Methods and Application [17]

This article, by Aksen, Aras and Özyurt; focused on the OVRP with time deadlines, or OVRP-TD. Clarke-Wright parallel saving algorithm modified for OVRP was implemented along with greedy nearest neighbour algorithm and a tabu search heuristic. The article also contains a short description for most of these methods. The article explained how Clark-Wright, CW, is modified for OVRP-TD, mostly by setting certain distances to infinity. Then CW and the nearest neighbour algorithm were used to find an initial solution. There neighbourhood consisted of three moves, which were 1-0 move, 1-1 exchange and 2-Opt move. These three moves are the same as the swap moves described in this report. Local search with these moves is incorporated into TS as a tool of local post optimization, LPO. The chapter on computational results solving five random results and one real problem , a school bus problem in Istanbul. In conclusion it was apparent that CW initial solution performed better than classical heuristics with LPO. Overall this is a very short article that does not go much into details.

2.5.7 A general heuristic for vehicle routing problems [11]

This article, by Pisinger and Ropke, is a large, extensive and takes on various vehicle routing problems. VRP with time windows, capacitated VRP, multi-depot VRP, site dependant VRP and OVRP are all discussed and solved by transforming each instance into a single type of model. The model is called Rich Pick up and Delivery Problem with Time windows, or RPDPTW. There is a mathematical presentation of this model that is a little confusing, on account of the number of sets involved. All the models RPDPTW solves are VRP models and therefore have to visit all nodes presented in the system, which means the RPDPTW can not be applied to the bus route problem. Next there is a section on how one transforms these five different VRP problems into a RPDPTW. This article and the model presented are good reading material when presented with a problem as discussed in this report. The article also explains different objectives of its model. The first objective is to minimize the number of vehicles while the second objective is to minimize the travel distance. This is in accordance with the problem presented in this report where the first objective is to visit as many nodes as possible, with given travel constraints, while using as few buses as possible and the second objective is to minimize the travel distance/time. The heuristic used to solve RPDPTW is adaptive large neighbourhood search, ALNS, a method that uses two, a constructive and a destructive, neighbourhoods to find an optimal solution. It is explained how one applies the ALNS to RPDPTW and then there is a large section on computational results. In conclusion

it is stated that the ALNS should be considered as one of the standard frameworks for solving large-sized optimization problems, as the method is very general and gave good results.

2.5.8 Open vehicle routing problem with driver nodes and time deadlines [16]

This article looks at a particular variant of the OVRP where the vehicles, routes, start at the depot and visit a number of nodes but all routes are required to end at certain types of nodes called driver nodes, this problem also has time deadlines that have to be kept. A mathematical model is presented for this particular type of problem. The problem is quite different from the one presented in this report but as with articles on similar subjects it is worth a look to get a better understanding on OVRP.

The introduction section in this article, by Aksen, Aras and Özyurt, contains an excellent historical overview of OVRP. Instrumental articles and methods used are mentioned. The authors also state that they know of no other article where a similar problem, OVRP using driver nodes, is tackled. To solve the problem a new heuristic called open tabu search is used. It makes use of three move operators in generating the solutions in the neighbourhood of the current solution. These moves are the same as defined in [17]. The initial solution is found with a nearest insertion heuristic and a Clark-Wright parallel saving algorithm. The problem called OVRP-d is mathematically presented as a mixed integer problem in the second section. This is clearly presented and not complicated. The next section is on the tabu search algorithm previously described. The fourth section is on computational results where the open tabu search, OTS, is compared to various classical heuristics. Then in conclusion it is determined that the new heuristic, OTS, gives higher quality solutions than the classical heuristics.

2.5.9 A TABU Search Heuristic for the Team Orienteering Problem [13]

This article, by Tand and Miller-Hooks, on the team orienteering problem was very useful for the project. The team orienteering problem, TOP, is very similar to the model presented in this report. Also the authors supplied data so comparison tests, between their results and the algorithm in this project, could be performed.

The article starts out with a good introduction to TOP. The connection between TOP and several other problems is discussed. Also the methods that have been inspected when solving TOP are listed, simulated annealing is not one of them. The next section puts forth the mathematical model in a very straight forward manner. The article explains how the initial solution is calculated with a method known as adaptive memory procedure, AMP. This is an excellent method for calculating an initial solution, although might in some cases be problematic if the best solution is using no routes⁴. Interestingly the tabu search algorithm uses intermediate infeasible solutions to aid in the search process, by moving solutions out of local optimums. Other methods like small and large neighbourhood search and methods used for tour improvement are also discussed. The section on computational results shows comparison between TABU search, 5-step heuristic and a version of the Tsiligirides heuristic extended for TOP by Chao. In conclusion it is noted that AMP and its mechanism, alternating between small and large neighbourhoods stages and using both random insertion and greedy procedures led to an effective tabu search algorithm.

⁴For example in the algorithm used in this project.

Chapter 3

Simulated Annealing for the BRP

3.1 Simulated Annealing Algorithm

Now the model for the bus route problem has been put forth, similar problems explored and solution methods for those methods discussed. The other problems, that were compared to BRP are solved with a heuristic or a meta-heuristic methods. Also in [13] it is shown that TOP is NP-hard as it is a special case of the selective travelling salesman problem¹. Now if, in the bus route problem, $\beta = 0$ the we have the TOP problem with $\tau_{0,j} = 0, \forall j \in V$. Therefore the bus route problem is NP hard as well. In light of this it is necessary to choose a heuristic or meta heuristic to solve the problem. In computer science one strives to find as good a solution as possible using as short a running time as possible. A heuristic is an algorithm that sacrifices one or both of these goals.

Meta-heuristic is a method used for solving a class of computational problems, which are common in operations research. To find the best method suited for solving the BRP a simple but effective meta-heuristic was needed. Simulated annealing is one such method and it has given good results in the past, when dealing with similar projects. Therefore simulated annealing algorithm was used to solve the BRP.

The idea of simulated annealing is to look at different solutions and compare them and accept the better solution, except in certain instances a worse solution may be accepted. A pseudo code of simulated annealing is given in [15] and it is presented below:

¹Selective TSP is a variation of PCTSP.

Pseudo Code

1. Get an initial solution S .
2. Get an initial temperature, T_0 , and a reduction factor, r , with $0 < r < 1$.
3. While not yet frozen do the following:
 - (a) Perform the following loop L times.
 - i. Pick a random neighbor S' of S .
 - ii. Let $\Delta = f(S') - f(S)$.
 - iii. If $\Delta \geq 0$ set $S' = S$.
 - iv. If $\Delta < 0$ set $S' = S$ with probability $e^{-\Delta/T}$.
 - (b) Set $T \leftarrow rT$. Reduce temperature.
4. Return the best solution found.

The value of T is used to calculate $e^{-\Delta/T}$, this is the probability that determines if a worse solution will be accepted or not. The reduction factor, r , determines how fast the values of T will drop in each iteration. This along with a frozen value and stopping criteria is called a cooling schedule. There are many different types of cooling schedules and some of them are discussed in [10]. The basic idea of the cooling schedule is to minimize the likelihood of the optimal value being a local optima and not a global optima.

The cooling schedule chosen in this project is the one described in Wosley [15]. Most cooling schedules would be effective for this problem, therefore the chosen schedule is just as good.

3.1.1 Neighborhoods

In the description of the simulated annealing algorithm a solution S' is defined as a neighbor of S . This means that a similar solution to S , containing almost all the same nodes as S . This similar solution S' is therefore defined in the neighborhood of S . In problems such as the BRP there are a few common neighborhoods. These are:

1. **The insert move:** One, or more, nodes are added to a possible solution. That is if the algorithm chooses to add $node_h$, $h \in V$, then $node_h$ is in S' but not in S . Therefore $node_h$ has been inserted into the possible solution. In this report this move is referred to as insert move 11,12,14 and 15.
 - (a) **insert move 11:** Randomly selects an unused node into the solution.
 - (b) **insert move 12:** Selects the highest profit unused node with the lowest possible node number².
 - (c) **insert move 14:** Selects the highest profit node farthest from the depot.
 - (d) **insert move 15:** Selects the highest profit node closest to the depot.

²Nodes have number ranging from 0 to $|V|$.

2. **1-1 move:** Two selected nodes, that are in S , are swapped by preserving their original positions. In this report this move is referred to as swap move 11.
3. **Insert and Remove:** One selected node is removed from the route and another unused node is inserted into the route. In this report this move is referred to as insert move 13.

Other possible neighborhoods are:

1. **Swap move 21:** Here two selected nodes, in two separate routes, are randomly chosen and exchanged, preserving their original position.
2. **Swap move 31:** Here a selected node is removed from a route and inserted randomly into another separated route.
3. **Bus move:** If there exists a route containing no nodes then a random number of unused nodes will be selected and inserted into that route.

These six moves form the neighborhood used in the simulated annealing algorithm. The first three were chosen as they are often used in the literature. The different types of *insert moves* were devised as it is one of the, if not the most, important moves. This is mainly because the initial guess is the empty solution, no active routes, and therefore the algorithm has to construct the routes. *Insert moves* add new nodes to routes thereby increasing their profit and the value of the objective function.

When defining *insert move 14* one could have defined two parameters determining what is high profit and what is far from the depot. Instead a more linear approach was chosen, simply as it was more straight forward and easier to program. This linear approach defined the profit of a node as ϕ_i and the distance between *node_i* and the depot was defined as $\tau_{0,i}$. To determine which node to choose *insert move 14* inspected $\phi_i\tau_{0,i}$.

Similarly two parameters could have been defined for *insert move 15*, determining what is high profit and what is close to the depot. A linear approach was also used in this case as it was logical and easy to program. The values inspected by *insert move 15*, to determine what node to choose, was the ratio $\phi_i/\tau_{0,i}$.

In *insert move 13* the lowest profit node was removed from a randomly selected route. Then another node, chosen randomly, was inserted into the selected route. It might be wiser to remove a random node rather than one with low importance, but this was not implemented due to time constraints.

The *bus move* may be a bit crude but it was devised to speed things along in the first iterations of simulated annealing. By using the *bus move* entire routes were added and thereby decreasing the number of iterations needed to construct them simply by using *insert move*.

The *swap move 31* was deemed necessary. None of the other *moves* could assist in the removal of a route so this one was constructed. Other possibilities were inspected, for example removing a whole route and distributing its nodes to the remaining routes. This was not considered optimal and could potentially do more harm than good.

Other *swap moves* were also used, called *swap move* 11 and 12. They moved nodes around in the routes thereby attempting to decrease travel time.

3.1.2 Adapting SA for BRP

In simulated annealing one inspects the objective value, always accepting a better solution and with a probability of $e^{-\Delta/T}$ accepting a worse solution. In the BRP the objective function is not the only thing inspected. Let us define ω_i as the combined route lengths of all routes in a solution at iteration i . Then if $\Delta = 0$ there is a chance that $\omega_{new} < \omega_{old}$. This new solution S' , with travel time ω_{new} , may not return a higher objective value but is none the less a better solution. Therefore small changes were made to the simulated annealing algorithm. This update was introduced late in the project and therefore not implemented in all tests, before this was programmed the algorithm used a simulated annealing algorithm with only one Δ . This updated version of the algorithm is from here on called *the updated simulated annealing algorithm*.

Pseudo Code

1. Get an initial solution S .
2. Get an initial temperature, T_0 , and a reduction factor, r , with $0 < r < 1$.
3. While not yet frozen, maximum number of iterations is not reached, do the following:
 - (a) Perform the following loop L times.
 - i. Pick a random neighbor S' of S . Where one of the neighborhoods is chosen.
 - ii. Let $\Delta = f(S') - f(S)$.
 - iii. If time constraints are not broken then do the following:
 - A. If $\Delta > 0$ set $S' = S$.
 - B. If $\Delta = 0$ and $\omega_{old} > \omega_{new}$ set $S' = S$.
 - C. If $\Delta = 0$ and $\omega_{old} \leq \omega_{new}$ set $S' = S$ with probability $e^{-\Delta_2/T}$.
 - D. If $\Delta < 0$ set $S' = S$ with probability $e^{-\Delta/T}$.
 - (b) Set $T \leftarrow rT$. Reduce temperature.
4. Return a solution.

The cooling schedule used in this pseudo code is the one used in Wosley [15]. The initial values of parameter, of the cooling schedule, were set to $T_0 = 3000$, $r = 0.5$ and the stopping criteria $F = 0$. The author had little experience with this to begin with that led to this bad choice. In Wosley [15] it says that the reduction factor is a positive number less than one, $0 < r < 1$. Therefore an average of $r = 0.5$ was chosen.

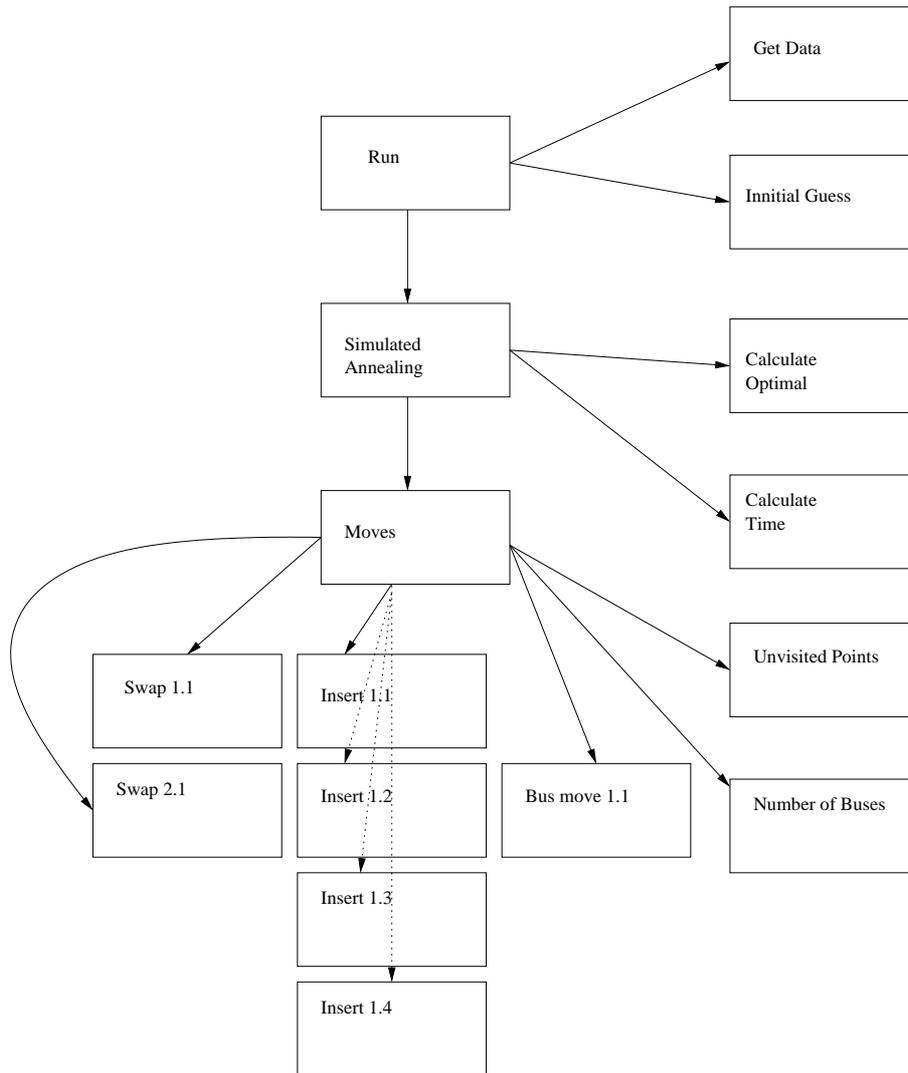


Figure 3.1: Shows how classes call other classes.

3.2 Implementation Details

Programming was done in the Java programming language, as the author had previous experience with the language. It was decided that using CPLEX³, applicable with C and C++, would not be an option as ALCAN did not have the program and a commercial license is expensive.

The algorithm is divided into a number of classes. Of the classes there are two most important: `SimulatedAnnealing.java` and `moves.java`. These two classes are the core of the algorithm. One can see how the classes are called in Figure 3.2.

³CPLEX is an optimization software package.

3.3 Classes

All the classes have different roles in the whole algorithm, they can all be seen in appendix C.2.

3.3.1 Run.java

This class is the main file, it is used when the algorithm is to be run. In this class information defined from input files, using `GetDataFrom*.java`; the initial guess is defined, in `Initialguess.java`; and simulated annealing is performed, in `SimulatedAnnealing.java`. The whole run of the algorithm is timed to see how long a calculation takes. Many of the constants used in the program are defined in `Run.java` and therefore it is crucial to change the file if a different data set is being tested.

The initial guess generated in this project was an empty set, all buses driving from source to sink. There are other possibilities for generating this guess, for example in [13] a method called adaptive memory procedure is used to find initial guesses.

3.3.2 SimulatedAnnealing.java

This class is the core of the algorithm as it performs the simulated annealing. This class calls `moves.java`, `CalculateOpt.java` and `CalculatedTime.java`. All of the time constraint are handled in this class. The temperature, reduction factor, frozen factor, maximum number of iterations and the maximum travel time are defined in this class.

3.3.3 Moves.java

This class calls the neighborhood classes, `UnvisitedPoints.java` and `NumberOfBuses.java`. In this class the probabilities of certain neighborhoods are determined. This is done by using a probability matrix, P .

3.3.4 Neighborhood Classes

There are six previously defined neighborhoods.

In `BusMove.java` a *bus move* is implemented. If the new proposed solution is infeasible, for example the route too long, `SimulatedAnnealing.java` will reject it.

The three types of swap moves are called in `SwapMove11.java`, `SwapMove21.java` and `SwapMove31.java`. As with the *bus move* if any of the solutions calculated by the *swap moves* are infeasible `SimulatedAnnealing.java` will reject it.

There are four different *insert moves* (11, 12, 14 and 15). These are defined in `InsertMove11.java`, `InsertMove12.java`, `InsertMove14.java` and `InsertMove15.java`. As with the other moves if a solution is infeasible the solution is rejected. Which *insert move* is best suited for the algorithm is determined in tests.

`InsertMove13.java` was created for a certain case. If an unimportant node was added to the solution there would be a chance that this node would be removed and replaced with a more important node.

3.3.5 Other Classes

Two classes called `calculateTime.java` and `calcuOpt.java` calculate the travel time of the routes and the objective function. In `calculatedOpt.java` both constants in the objective function, α and β , are defined.

`NumberOfBuses.java` is used to determine how many routes are currently active. This has to be used for example in `BusMove.java`, because adding an already active route is impossible.

`UnvisitedPoints.java` is definitely the bottle neck of the program. It uses a triple for loop to construct a vector of unused points. This is necessary in the program, for one cannot add a point that is currently in use. The class uses the two dimensional matrix route to determine which points are not in use. Route is a $|K| \times |V|$ matrix that shows the all the routes and the points they visit. In an earlier version of `UnvisitedPoints.java` a vector called Y was used. This version was simpler and faster but unfortunately because of inheritance factors in Java this did not work. Future inspections of the program might fix the problem but in this project too much time had been spent on the problem so it was left as is.

A second version of `UnvisitedPoints.java` was constructed that removed all points within a certain radius of a chosen node from the set of usable nodes.

Very late in the project's process an important class was created called `Decrease.java`. The objective of this class was to inspect which points were within radius M from the depot and remove all other points. As it is impossible for a route to travel further than M , maximum route length, because all points at a further distance are unimportant. This class was a great success decreasing runtime from over 100 seconds to under 10 seconds in one instance⁴. This class also provided better solutions. Unfortunately the class was introduced late in the project so so it was not included in all tests, those test that used this class indicate so in there introduction.

Programs were also constructed, during experiments, to run a number of tests consecutively. These were all simple programs only constructed for optimal use of time.

⁴Data set 50a, $M = 20$

Chapter 4

Tests

4.1 Data Sets

There were 25 data sets and of those 22 were constructed. The other three were obtained data sets from Tang and Miller-Hooks [13].

To verify the algorithm, used for solving the bus route problem, tests were implemented. Note in this chapter τ_{ij} are always Euclidian distances, also note that $\tau_{0,i} = 0, \text{ for all } i \in V$ when dealing with generated data sets. Also δ_i , penalty for stopping at a single node, can have different values for all $i \in L$. In the test performed for constructed data sets $\delta_i = 1, \forall i \in L$. In test using obtained data sets $\delta_i = 0$ for all $i \in L$. For the depot $\delta_0 = 0$ and $\delta_{n+1} = 0$ in all tests.

4.1.1 Constructed Data sets

The constructed data sets are categorized into two types, the non-randomly constructed data sets and the randomly constructed data sets.

The non-randomly constructed data sets were situated in a graph of the scale 100×100 . The depot was defined as the center, $(50, 50)$, and had a number of routes in a certain direction. The possible number of these routes was 3 and 4. A typical data set with three routes can be seen in Figure 4.1. Each node was situated so that it had the coordinates (m_x, m_y) , where $m_x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $m_y \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ (both positive integer numbers). This means that when using three routes, originating from the depot, the Euclidian distance between a point and its closest neighbor was either 1 or $\sqrt{1+1}$. In the case where there were four routes, originating from the depot, the distance between a point and its closest neighbor was always 1.

Of the non-randomly generated data sets six had 50 points and six sets had 100. As these data sets were supposed to be simple, to inspect if the algorithm works for the simple cases, the profit of every node was the same, with a value of 10. This was perhaps a bit too simple so a number of nodes had to be removed or have their profits decreased, otherwise the data sets would have been too simple. Therefore a small number, 10%, of points were chosen. The reason for choosing 10% is that 10% is sufficiently small to change the data set but still retain the original simplicity. This means that in a 100 points data set 10 were selected. Of these ten points five were removed and five had their profits decreased to 1. When dealing with

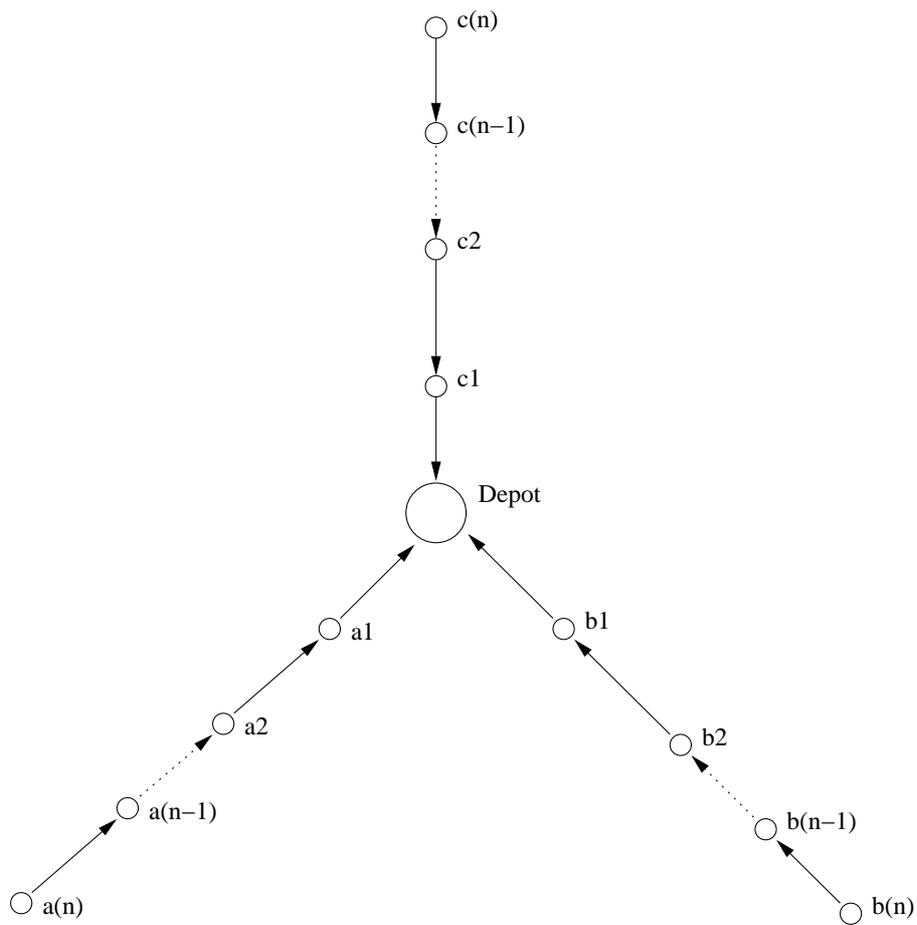


Figure 4.1: This is a test, type 1, with three routes and n points on each route.

50 point data sets five points were selected, of these three were removed and two had their profits decreased to 1.

The non-randomly generated data sets were named by three parameters. First was the number of routes, second was the number of points and third was the data sets number among similar data sets. Therefore a three route 50 point data set generated second, among other 50 point three route data sets, was named: 3_50_b. There were only three similar data sets a,b and c.

The randomly generated data sets were divided into two subgroups, the 50 point data sets and the 100 point data sets. The 50 point data sets were generated on a 50×50 graph, as with the non-random data sets each coordinate consists of two positive integer numbers. In the data sets the depot was defined in one corner, (50,50). This is similar to the location of ALCAN aluminium plant with concern to Reykjavík. Of these 50 points each was given a profit ranging from one to ten, One representing a node of unimportance and ten a node of great importance. This scale was used because it has, in the past, been used in similar situations with good result. These profits were randomly generated in Java.

The 100 point randomly generated data sets were situated on a 100×100 graph. The depot for the 100 point data sets is defined as the point (50,50). As with other data sets the coordinates consisted of two positive integer numbers. Profits ranged from one to ten.

The randomly generated data sets were named according to their rank among similar data sets and the number of points in them. The ranks were defined as a,b,c,d and e where *a* was generated first and *e* last. Therefore a 100 point data set generated fourth was called data set 50c.

A subset of data set 50a was also constructed. This subset consisted of the 20 first points in the data set 50a. The set was named data set 20.

4.1.2 Obtained Data Sets

When constructing computational experiments it is necessary to compare your results to other similar methods. In this project the TOP was most similar to the BRP and thus ideal for comparison. The authors of [13] were kind enough to send supply data sets so that a comparison could be done. The three data sets used had 102 points, 32 points and 33 points. All of these were randomly generated and had profits ranging from five to 50¹.

4.2 Cooling Schedule

In Simulated Annealing a cooling schedule with three parameters, must be implemented. These three parameters are the temperature, T ; reduction factor, r ; and the definition of frozen², F . To find the best combination of these three parameters they must be tested. In one test $T_0 = 3000$ and $r = 0.5$ along with the frozen value of $F = 0$ was used. This cooling schedule is very fast as can be seen in Figure 4.2, so fast in fact it has nearly the same qualities as no cooling schedule what so ever. Fortunately it was only used in one test and unfortunately due

¹The was no reason given in [13] for the choice of these profits.

²A stopping criteria.

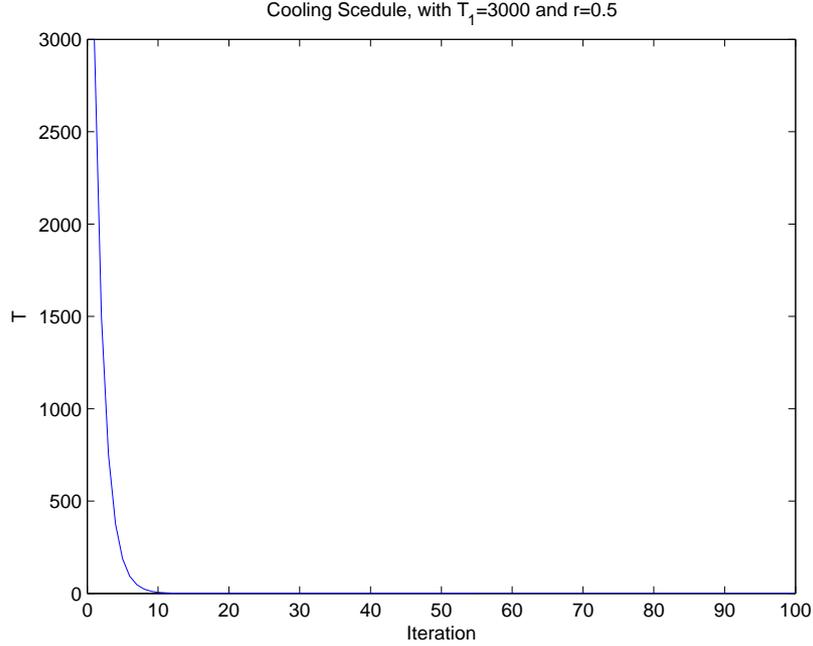


Figure 4.2: Shows the cooling schedule with $T_0 = 3000$ and $r = 0.5$, note that $T_{100} = 4.7332 \cdot 10^{-27}$.

to time constraints that test could not be repeated.

Now the initial solution to this problem is $f(S) = |K|\beta$ and if the first iteration is a *insert move*, that chooses a node with profit ϕ^* , then the new solution is $f(S') = \phi^* + (|K| - 1)\beta$. Now $\Delta = f(S') - f(S) = \phi^* - \beta$. It is know that for all nodes in L , constructed data sets, the profit $p_i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$. If values Δ are inspected, see Figure 4.3, $\phi_i = 5$, for $i \in L$, is the most common value for profit, therefore $\Delta = -10$ is the most common value for Δ . This is only because $\phi_i = 5$ is the most common value.

Somtimes, when a *bus move* is implemented, $-5 \leq \Delta \leq 0$. The reason for this is that *bus move* inserts more the one node into the solution.

An initial test with data set 50a determined a cooling shecule. That schedule was then retuned with data set 50a and then again with data set 3_50_a.

In most test a value called residual ratio was inspected. This is now defined. Let us say that Obj_i is the result given by a single run and that the best known value is z . Then the residuals are defined as:

$$r_i = z - Obj_i \quad \forall i \in T$$

Here T is the set of trials, for each individual M . So the residual ratio for each M is defined as:

$$\frac{\sum_{i \in T} (z - Obj_i)}{|T|} \quad (4.2.1)$$

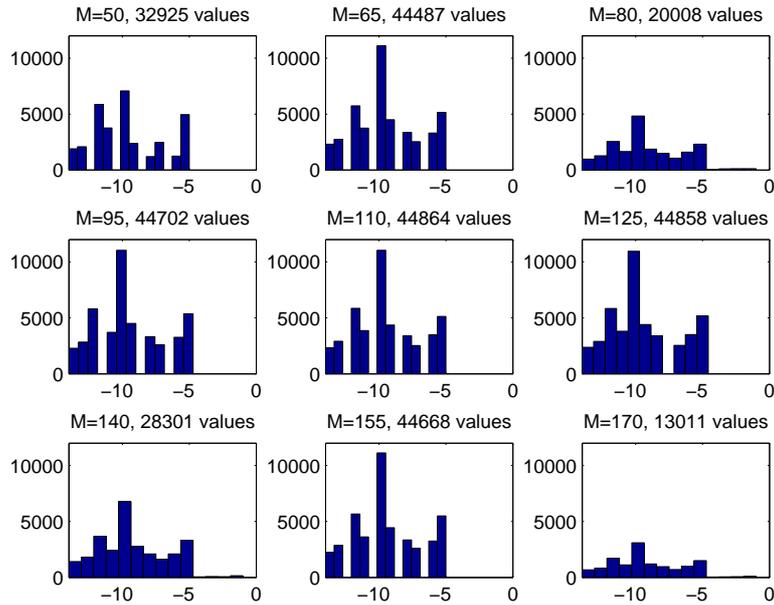


Figure 4.3: Histograms for 50 points and 4 routes. Shows how many negative values, vertical axis, of Δ , horizontal axis, were calculated.

Where $|T|$ is the number of trials for each individual M .

4.2.1 First Trials for Calculating a Cooling Schedule using Data Set 50a

To find the best T_0 a set of possible T_0 was constructed and tested on data set 50a. To begin with the reduction factor was set to $1 - 10^{-9}$ and the stopping criteria set to 1, so when the temperature goes below 1 the algorithm will start using strictly local search. The values of T_0 tested were 28 and ranged from 6 to 10,000.

These initial values for r and F were found in a discarded test using data set 50a. There 20 trials were used for each M .

After the finding a good initial temperature a good reduction factor was calculated. The new better $T_0 = T_0^*$ was used and the stopping criteria was still kept at 1. There were 14 different values of r tested ranging from 0.99 to $1 - 10^{-14}$ along with $r = 0.5$.

To find good stopping criteria a test was performed inspecting different values of the factor called frozen³. In this inspection the better values of $T_0 = T_0^*$ and $r = r^*$ were used. There were 17 values inspected ranging from 10 to 10^{-10} .

Each value was tested for 9 values of M , maximum route length, in these trials and each test

³The stopping criteria.

was performed 50 times. The maximum number of routes was 3. In these test *the updated simulated annealing* was used.

Results for Initial Temperature, T_0

To find the best initial temperature residual ratio was inspected. The reason is so that some reference of the performance could be established. This was done by comparing all results found from the data set 50a while $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$. At this time the best known objective for these values of M and using three routes are shown in Table 4.2.

Table 4.1: Best known values for the data set 50a

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160
OPT	45	49	102	128	172	194	241	258	258

Table 4.2: Shows the best known objectives for data set 50a. For $M = 130$ and $M = 160$ the objective value is 258, which is the combined profit of all nodes in the data set.

Now to compare different temperatures plots were made of each. In these plot of the best known objective value was compared to the average objective value obtained, with that initial temperature, and the residual ratio was also inspected. These figures can be viewed in appendix D.2.1. As always the results with the result which gave the smallest residual ratio was the one considered best. Four different temperatures and their results can be viewed in Figure 4.4.

When these four graphs are compared it may be hard to see which one gives the best results. So all residual ratio values were summed and the result giving the lowest value, for the sum, is the best result. This, the sum with the lowest value, was found when $T_0 = 15$. When all temperatures were compared the solution was by far the lowest. The second lowest sum, of residual ratios, was found when $T_0 = 19$. If residual ratios, for all values of M , are summed up then one can inspect how they change in connection with temperature in Figure 4.5. The value for $T_0 = 15$ is considerably lower than the other values and outside of the 10% interval. The $\pm 10\%$ interval, from the mean, is to show more clearly which T_0 stand out. Other plots that show the same graph with the mean of all residual sums and a plot of all the residual sums can be seen in the appendix.

For further trials, inspecting the cooling schedule, $T_0 = 15$ is used unless otherwise specified.

Results for Reduction Factor, r

All results from the test be seen in appendix D.2.2. Figure 4.6 shows the four best results, these four have the lowest average value for there residual ratios. Of the four, and all other inspected r values, the value $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ gives the lowest values of residual ratio.

Let us now inspect Figure 4.7. This shows the total sum of the residual ratios for each instance and all M . The instances are $\{0.5, 1 - 10^{-2}, 1 - 10^{-3}, 1 - 10^{-4}, \dots, 1 - 10^{-13}, 1 - 10^{-14}\}$. When this plot is compared to the one in Figure 4.5 one can see that they are not the same when $T_0 = 15$ and $r = 1 - 10^{-9}$, that is instance 7 in figure 4.7. This is due to the fact that there are a lot of random factors in the algorithm. In Figure 4.7 the first instance of reduction factor

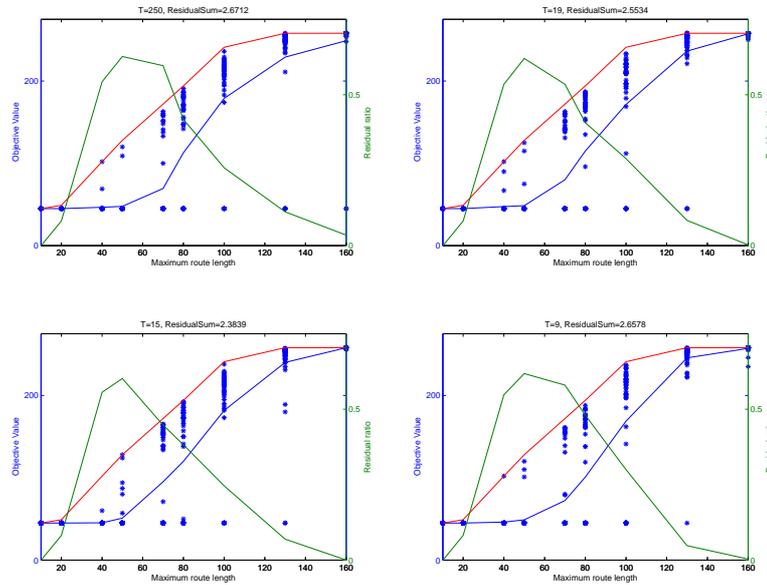


Figure 4.4: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blues line and dots is the average value and the calculated objectives, the red line is the best known objective and the green line is the residual ratio.

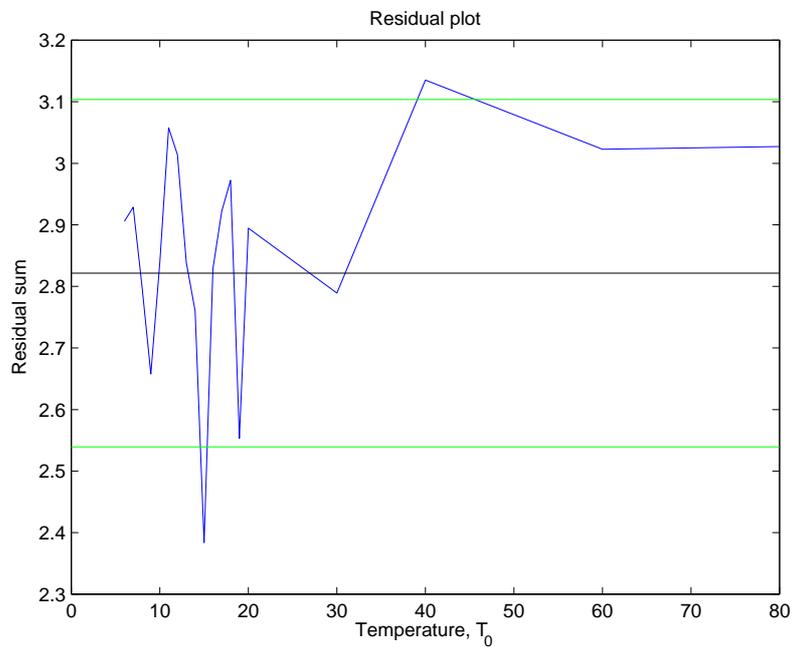


Figure 4.5: Shows the residual sum for some temperatures, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for temperatures, $T_0 \in [6; 20]$, green dots are mean $\pm 10\%$.

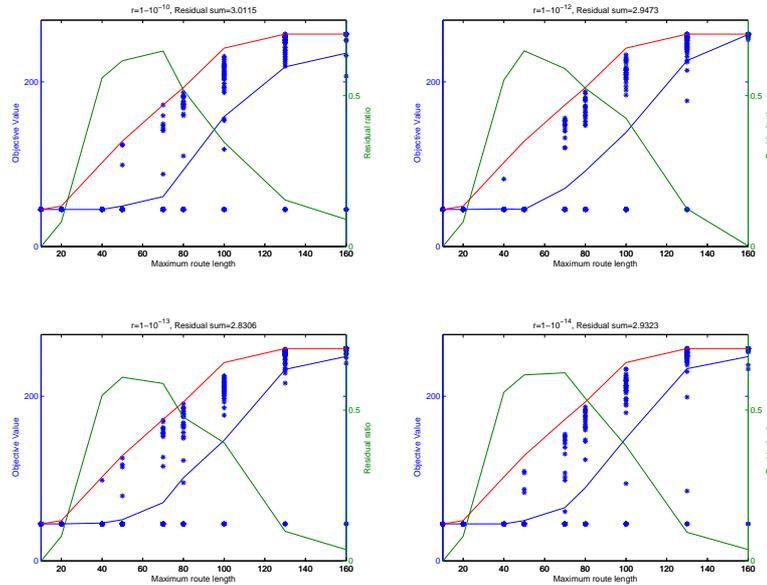


Figure 4.6: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blues line and dots is the average value and the calculated objective values, the red line is the best known objective and the green line is the residual ratio.

is $r = 0.5$. One can see, from Figure 4.7, that it gives worse results than other instances of reduction factor.

The reduction factor is now set to $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ until a better value of r is found.

Results for Stopping Criteria, F

All results from the test can be seen in appendix ???. The four best results can be seen in Figure 4.8 and the single best result found is the residual sum of 2.4320 when $F = 2$. Again though the random factors in the algorithm led to different results. If not then values calculated for $F = 1$ should have given the same results as the ones calculated previously, when ideal temperature and reduction factor were determined. This was not the case.

In Figure 4.9 a plot of the different residual sum compared with the different instances can be seen. The instances are: $F \in \{10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, \}$ and $F \in \{10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}\}$. In Figure 4.9 there is a drop in the values of residual sums in instances 5 and up. This means that $F \leq 4$ are better stopping criteria than $F > 4$. Therefore the average value for instances higher than 5 was inspected. As can be seen, from the plot, the values, of residual sum, are very similar for instances higher than 5, $F \in \{2, 1, 0^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}\}$.

The stopping criteria is now set to $F = 2$ until otherwise specified. This means that when the temperature reaches the value F a strict local search will begin, ending the possibility of accepting worse solutions. Now better values for all three parameters of the cooling schedule

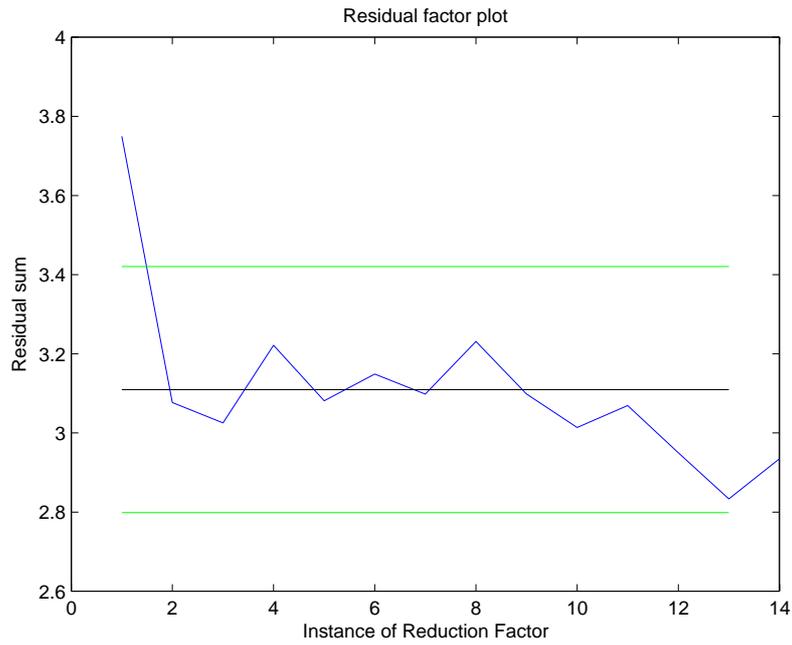


Figure 4.7: Shows the residual sum for all reduction factors, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for all instances, green lines are mean $\pm 10\%$.

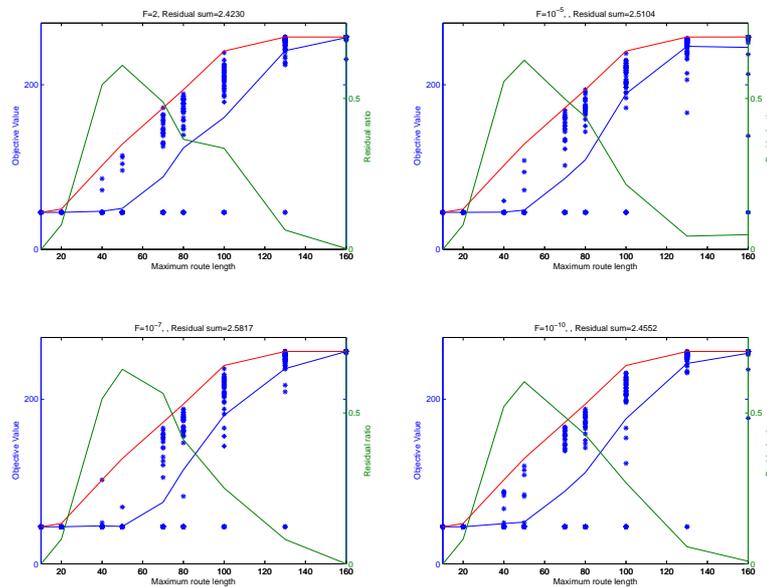


Figure 4.8: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blue line and dots is the average value and the calculated objectives, the red line is the best known objective values and the green line is the residual ratio.

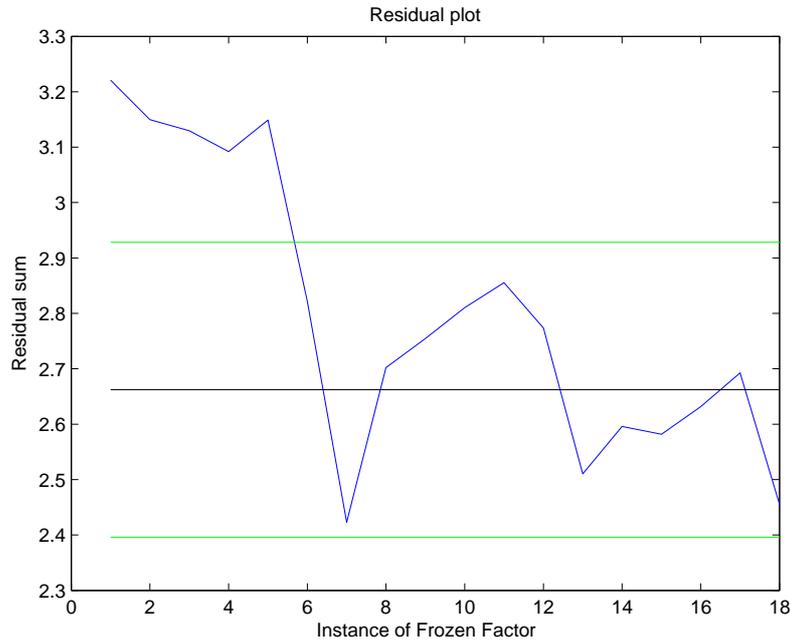


Figure 4.9: Shows the residual sum for all frozen factors, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for instances 6 to 18, green lines are $\text{mean} \pm 10\%$.

have been identified. This schedule is $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$.

4.2.2 Second Trials for Calculating a Cooling Schedule using Data Set 50a

After a better cooling schedule had been determined a second run was constructed. This was done to retune the schedule with the new values. In these trials the same set for M was used but a 100 runs were done for each value, of M . *The updated simulated annealing* and *Decrease.java* were both used.

As previously, a new, set of possible T_0 , was constructed and tested on data set 50a. The reduction factor was set to $1 - 10^{-13}$ and the stopping criteria set to 2, both calculated values. The values of T_0 tested were 33 and ranged from 10000 to 6.

After the finding a good initial temperature a new reduction factor was calculated. The new $T_0 = T_0^*$ was used and the stopping criteria $F = 2$. There were 13 different values of r tested ranging from 0.99 to $1 - 10^{-14}$.

Next to find good stopping criteria a test was performed inspecting different values of the factor called frozen. In this inspection the better values of $T_0 = T_0^*$ and $r = r^*$ were used. There were 17 values inspected ranging from 4 to 10^{-10} .

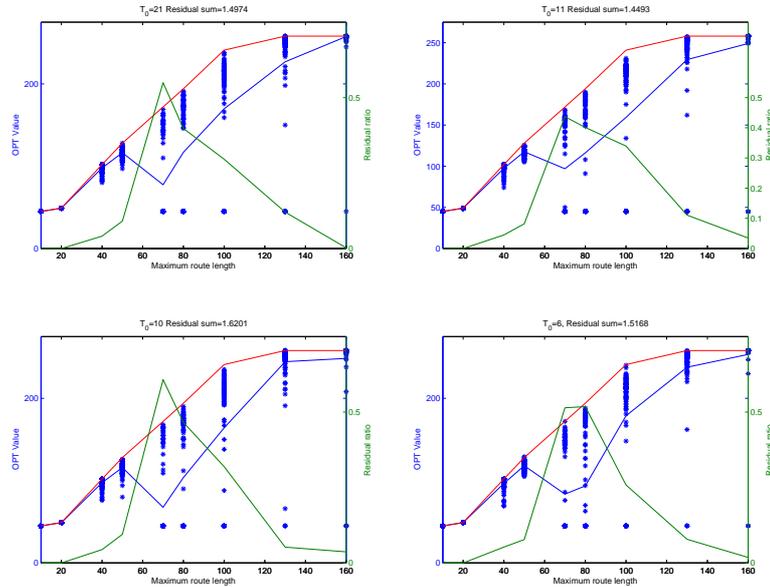


Figure 4.10: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blues line and dots are the average value and the calculated objective values, the red line are the best known objective values and the green line is the residual ratio.

Results for Initial Temperature, T_0 , using Data Set 50a

In the second run for inspecting possible values for T_0 , each combination of $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$ and $T_0 \in \{6, 7, 8, \dots, 32, 33\}$ ran 100 times. This was done to limit the random factors in the algorithm. The four best results are shown in Figure 4.10. Note that individual results from this test can be seen in the appendix *D.2.4*.

The residual sum for all values of T_0 was then plotted in Figure 4.11. The best value according to this test was $T_0 = 6$, the old value $T_0 = 15$ is marked on Figure 4.11 with a red dot. In the first trials $T_0 = 6$ gave a rather high residual sum, see Figure 4.5, but increased number of test for each combination should limit the effects of random factors. In the previous test $T_0 = 9$ and $T_0 = 19$ gave good results, in this test both initial temperatures perform better than average. This can be seen by inspecting the black line displaying the average results, for all T_0 , in Figure 4.11.

Individual result for each possible T_0 can be seen in the appendix.

The initial temperature is now set to $T_0 = 6$ until otherwise specified.

Results for Reduction Factor, r , using Data Set 50a

The second run for the reduction factor gave different result than the first one. The value of r giving the lowest residual ratio sum was $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$. The four best results are shown in Figure 4.12. The four results are the four highest values, of reduction factor, tested.

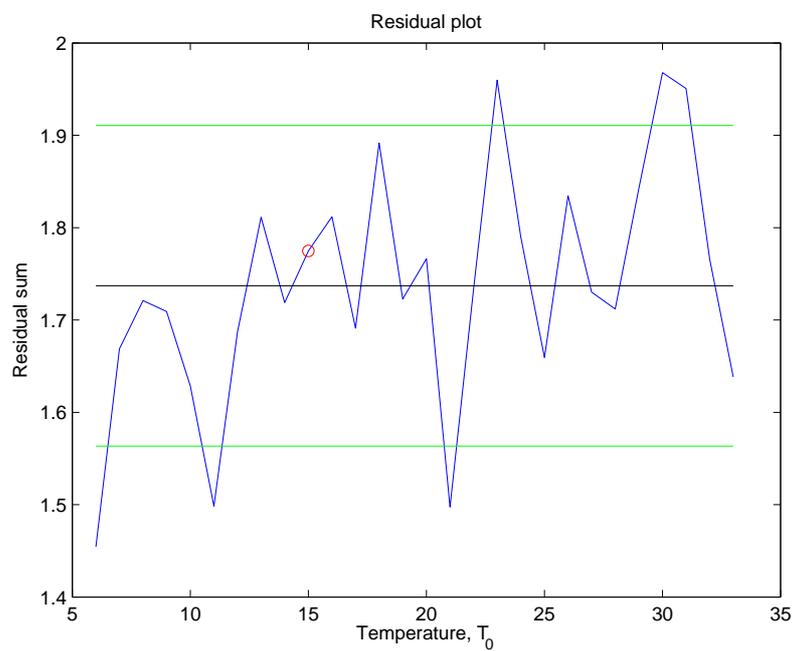


Figure 4.11: This figure shows the residual sum for some temperatures, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for temperatures and green line is the mean $\pm 10\%$. The red dot is the best result from the previous test.

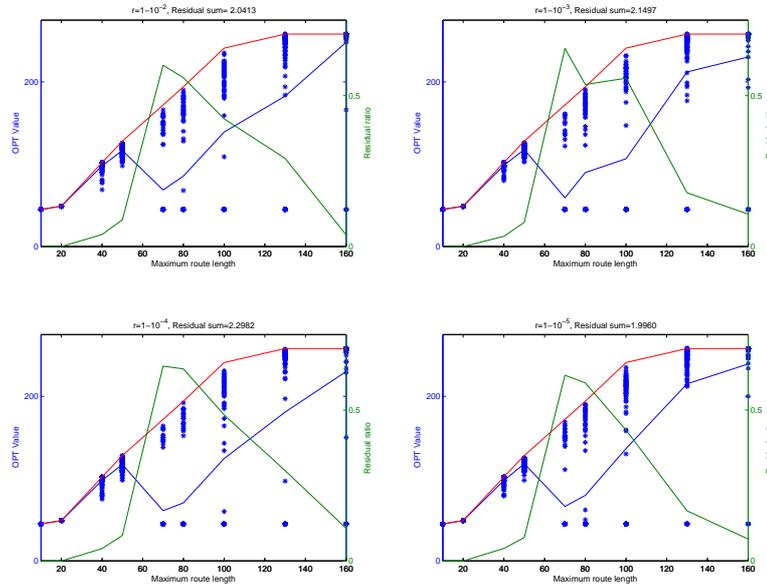


Figure 4.12: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blue line and dots are the average value and the calculated objective values, the red line are the best known objective values and the green line is the residual ratio.

Let us now inspect Figure 4.13. As previously the plot is of instance of reduction factors versus the residual sum. The only instance removed from the trial set was $r = 0.5$ as it gave the worst results. Therefore the instances are $\{1 - 10^{-2}, 1 - 10^{-3}, 1 - 10^{-4}, \dots, 1 - 10^{-13}, 1 - 10^{-14}\}$. The plot 4.13 shows that the highest values tested resulted in the lowest sum of residual ratio. Compared to the previous test, of reduction factor, $r = 1 - 10^{-10}$ is the only of the previous top four results to perform better than average. Note that all other results from this test can be seen in the appendix D.2.5.

The reduction factor is now set to $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$ until otherwise specified.

Results for Stopping Criteria, F , using Data Set 50a

The four best results, the ones with the lowest residual sum, can be seen in Figure 4.14 and the single best result found is the residual sum of 1.9757 when $F = 1 - 10^{-6}$, this is the result displayed in the bottom right corner of Figure 4.14. Other results from this test can be seen in the appendix D.2.5.

In Figure 4.15 a plot of the different residual sum compared with the different instances can be seen. The instances are: $F \in \{4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, 0.58, \}$ and $F \in \{10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}\}$. In this plot, Figure 4.15, it is apparent that there are two local minimum values and of those one is the global minimum value. This global minimum value is found when $F = 10^{-6}$. In the

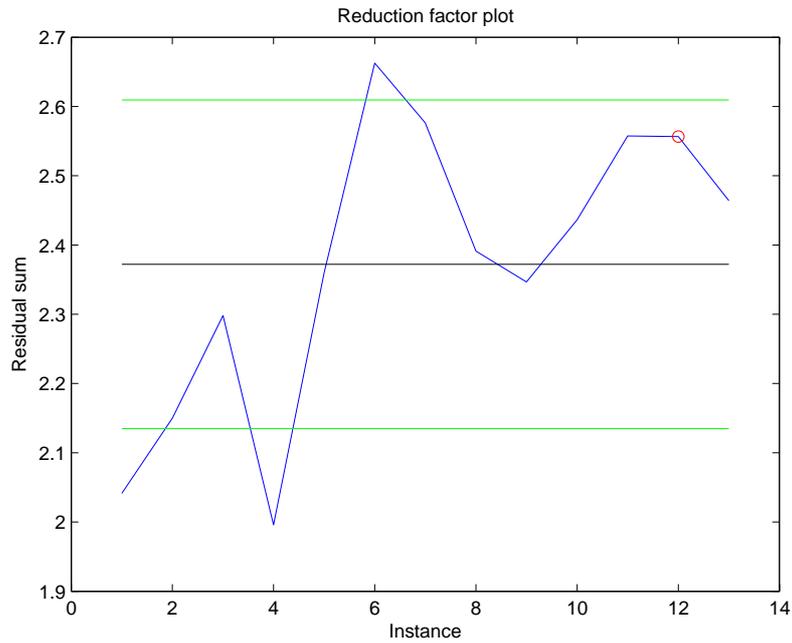


Figure 4.13: Shows the residual sum for all reduction factors, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for all instances, green lines are $\text{mean} \pm 10\%$.

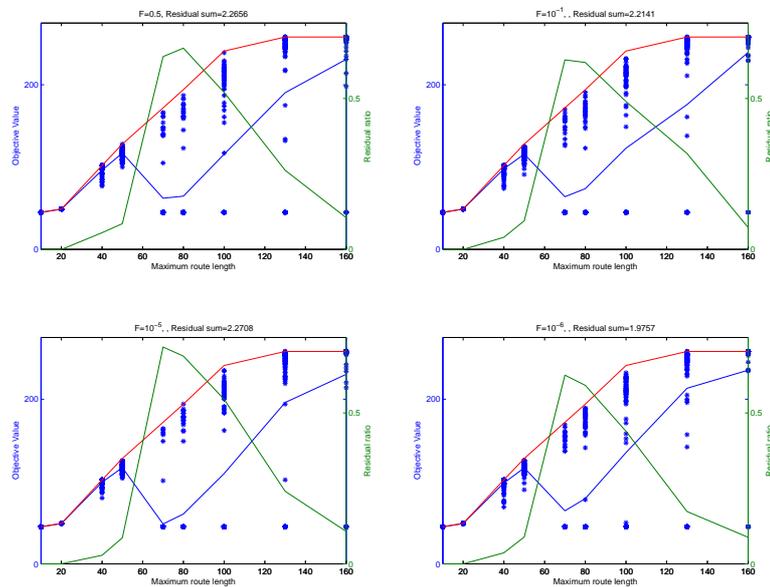


Figure 4.14: Shows results for four different temperatures. Blue line and dots are the average value and the calculated objective values, the red line are the best known objective values and the green line is the residual ratio.

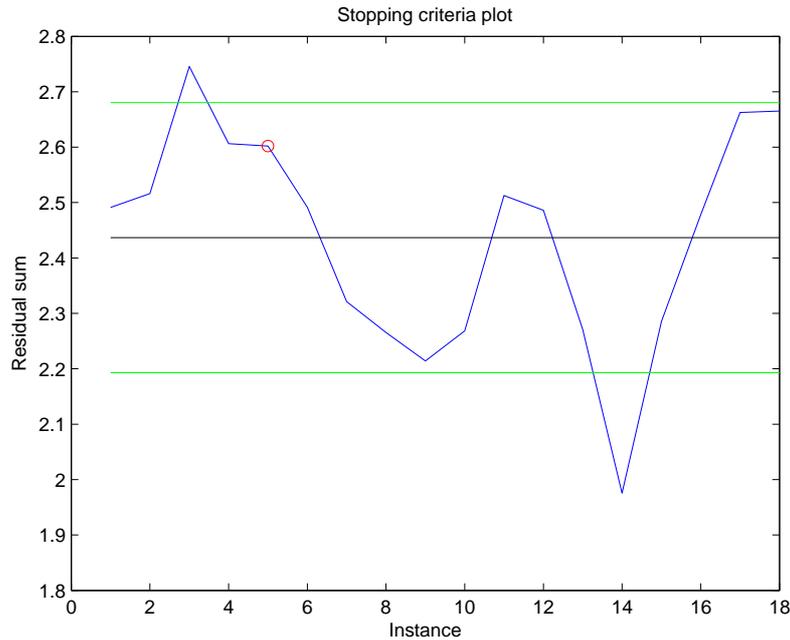


Figure 4.15: Shows the residual sum for all frozen factors, blue line. The black line is the average residual sum for all instances, green lines are $\text{mean} \pm 10\%$.

first trials $F = 10^{-6}$ also gave good results.

The frozen factor is not set as $F = 10^{-6}$ until otherwise specified.

4.2.3 Cooling Scheduling Trials for Data Set 3_50_a

To ensure that the cooling schedule calculated is the best one available a new data set was used in cooling schedule experiments. This data set was 3_50_a. After a new value T_0 or r had been calculated that same value was used to determine the remaining values of r or F . The set maximum route lengths was $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$. Each combination of the tested factor (T_0 , r or F) and M was run 50 times and each run had 50,000 iterations. The values in the objective function where $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$.

The results from tests with 3_50_a were only compared to the results from the second trials of test using data set 50a, as that cooling schedule was considered a better schedule because it had been returned.

Results for Cooling Scheduling Trials for Data Set 3_50_a

Individual results for each trial, inspecting each factor (T_0 , r and F) can be seen in appendixes D.2.6, D.2.7 and D.2.8.

The cooling schedule should return good results for any number of data sets. Therefore the

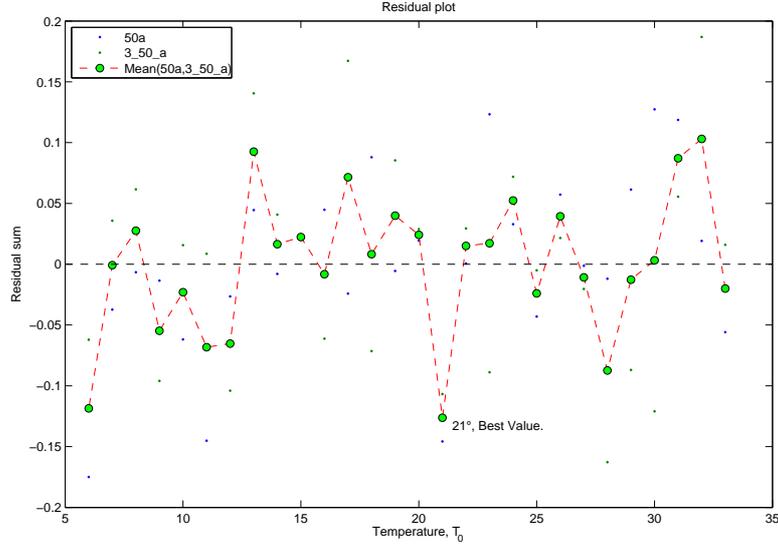


Figure 4.16: Shows the scaled residuals ratios for different temperatures for data sets 50a and 3_50_a.

results from the second trials using data set 50a and the trials using data set 3_50_a were compared. It is known that data set 3_50_a is simpler, or its routes are easier to construct, than data set 50a. This leads to lower residuals sums for data set 3_50_a. To compare the results the two the residuals needed to be scaled. This is done in a few steps. First let us define the set of residuals as A (for 50a) and B (for 3_50_a). To even things out a little bit a logarithmic function calculated for each set, $\ln(A)$ and $\ln(B)$. This gives equal importance to the high values residuals calculated with data set 50a and the high value residuals calculated with 3_50_a. After this is done the average value of each logarithmic set, $m_{\ln(A)}$ and $m_{\ln(B)}$, were withdrawn from the set. This ensures that both sets are distributed around zero. The final values of residual sums explored were $\ln(A) - m_{\ln(A)}$ and $\ln(B) - m_{\ln(B)}$. The results from all this can be seen in Figure 4.16. This figure shows that the best starting temperature, T_0 , for both of these data sets is $T_0 = 21$. This temperature was then used to determine the best r and F , the two remaining tests in this section.

The same method was then applied to the sets of results from different reduction factors. The scaled residual plot from that can be viewed in Figure 4.17. From that plot it is seen that instance number 4 gives the best reduction factor for these two data sets. The instances are the same as in the second trials with data set 50a, meaning that the best reduction factor is $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$. This is the same result as the second trials with data set 50a determined. The reduction factor used to determine F is $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$.

The results from tests, used to determine the frozen factor, were scaled as previously explained. Theses scaled results can be seen in Figure 4.18. The figure shows the best results found at instance 14 were $F = 10^{-6}$, which is the best stopping criteria for data sets 50a and 3_50_a.

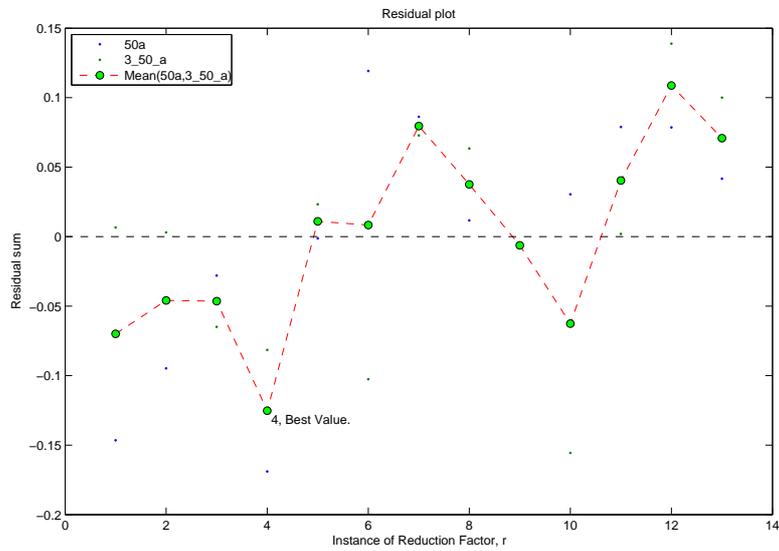


Figure 4.17: Shows the scaled residuals ratios for different reduction factors for data sets 50a and 3_50_a.

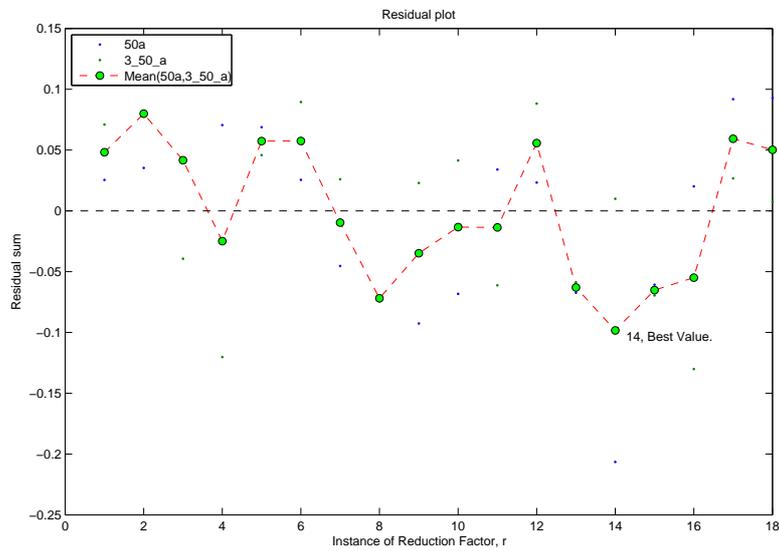


Figure 4.18: Shows the scaled residuals ratios for different frozen factors for data sets 50a and 3_50_a.

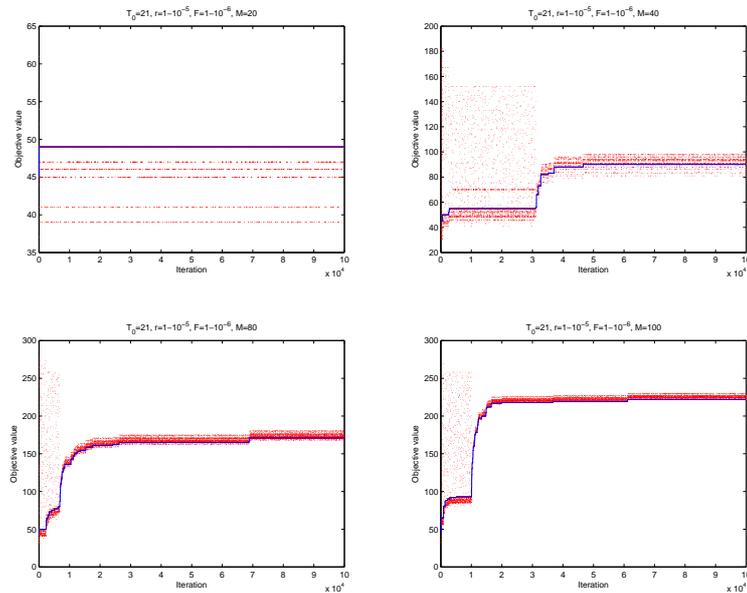


Figure 4.19: Shows the change in objective function in each iteration step, blue line. Also the proposed solution, red dots, is also shown.

In Figure 4.19 the objective value and suggested solutions can be observed. The cooling schedule used in Figure 4.19 is $T_0 = 21$, $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$ and $F = 10^{-6}$ and the data set is 50a, the number of iterations was 100,000.

The best cooling schedual found for data sets 50a and 3_50_a is $T_0 = 21$, $r = 1 - 10^{-5}$ and $F = 10^{-6}$.

4.3 Determining the Probability Matrix

In the class `moves.java` it is determined what action will be taken in the current iteration. The actions are defined as `moves`⁴. Now in each iterations there are different scenarios. In one scenario there might be no unused routes and therefore it would be impossible to call `BusMove.java`, in another there might be no unused points left then one cannot call an insert move or a bus move. This means that in some scenraios one is only possible to use certain moves, while in other scenarios one might be able too call all moves. If a move that is infeasible to use in a certain scenario is called, in that paticular scenario, the result will be a calculation error in the algorithm. Overall there are seven scenarios and in each case, except one⁵, there are different odds for different moves. To represents these odds a matrix, P , was constructed. Where:

⁴`InsertMove11.java`, `InsertMove13.java`, `SwapMove11.java`, `SwapMove21.java`, `SwapMove31.java` and `BusMove11.java`

⁵In scenario 5 one can only call `SwapMove11.java`

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} & p_{15} & p_{16} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} & p_{25} & p_{26} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} & p_{35} & p_{36} \\ p_{41} & p_{42} & p_{43} & p_{44} & p_{45} & p_{46} \\ p_{51} & p_{52} & p_{53} & p_{54} & p_{55} & p_{56} \\ p_{61} & p_{62} & p_{63} & p_{64} & p_{65} & p_{66} \\ p_{71} & p_{72} & p_{73} & p_{74} & p_{75} & p_{76} \end{pmatrix}$$

The scenarios are:

Scenario	Description
1	More the one route in use, but not all, and no available points.
2	All buses in use and available points.
3	All buses in use and no available points.
4	More the one route in use, but not all, and available points.
5	One route and no available points.
6	One route and available points.
7	No routes and available points.

The numbers of the scenarios reflect the way they were programmed and is not important in any other way. It should be noted that after `Decrease.java` was constructed a new scenario was discovered. This would be referred to as scenario 8, in that case no routes are active and no unused points are available. In this scenario the only possible solution is the empty solution giving the objective value as $\beta|K|$.

The moves are:

Number	Type of move
1	SwapMove21.java
2	SwapMove11.java
3	InsertMove11.java
4	BusMove.java
5	SwapMove31.java
6	InsertMove13.java

So in some scenarios it is impossible to call certain actions, moves. Therefore to update P these indeseable moves are replaced with zero, in the matrix.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & 0 & 0 & p_{15} & 0 \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & 0 & p_{25} & p_{26} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & 0 & 0 & p_{35} & 0 \\ p_{41} & p_{42} & p_{43} & p_{44} & p_{45} & p_{46} \\ 0 & p_{52} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_{62} & p_{63} & p_{64} & 0 & p_{66} \\ 0 & 0 & p_{73} & p_{74} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

When test on the matrix, P , are conducted there is no need to look at line number 5 as:

$$\sum_{j=1}^6 p_{ij} = 100 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

Therefore $p_{52} = 100$ in all test.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & 0 & 0 & p_{15} & 0 \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & 0 & p_{25} & p_{26} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & 0 & 0 & p_{35} & 0 \\ p_{41} & p_{42} & p_{43} & p_{44} & p_{45} & p_{46} \\ 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_{62} & p_{63} & p_{64} & 0 & p_{66} \\ 0 & 0 & p_{73} & p_{74} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Before the test are started an initial guess for p must be constructed:

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 40 & 40 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 30 & 30 & 20 & 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 40 & 40 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 30 & 20 & 25 & 10 & 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 30 & 50 & 10 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 90 & 10 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix, P_1 , was constructed entirely with logical guess as no other methods were available. This was done by guessing what moves would be important in each scenario. For example if there are no unused points left it is a given that *swap moves* are important. Of these three *swap moves* 11 and 21 work faster than *swap move 13* this is because the former two move two nodes while the latter only moves one node. Therefore the odds in scenario one feature an equal possibility of choosing 11 or 21 but a slightly smaller possibility of choosing 31. This kind of logic was implemented for all scenarios. The scenarios are independent of each other in any single iteration. They may though be connected when many iterations are put together.

In order to find the best odds for each action, move, each scenario will be looked at separately⁶. So in order to find the best odds in line 3, in P , the rest of the matrix will be locked in the initial guess while all possibilities for line 3 are inspected. The same was then done for all other lines of the matrix, P .

There were two tests constructed to determine the different values of P for different data sets. The data set used for first experiment was 3_50_a with $M = 20$, $T_0 = 3000$, $r = 0.5$, $F = 0$ and there were 10 trials for each possibility. The maximum number of routes was 3.

The second data set used was 50a with $M = 100$, $T_0 = 3000$, $r = 0.5$, $F = 0$, and there were 10 trials for each possibility. The maximum number of routes was 3. Note the in this test, using this data set, a second test was conducted for scenario one. $M = 160$ and the maximum number of buses was 5 for the second test of scenario one. The reason for this is that the scenario cannot occur unless all the points are visited without using all the routes.

Note that the first test, involving scenario one and data set 50a, used P_1 to try to determine the best value of P , for this scenario, but the results were not usable. Therefore a second test using P_2 , as a reference while inspecting possible values, was conducted and gave usable results. The value of P_2 is defined in the results section.

⁶Looking at all the scenarios together may be too complicated as there are too many possibilities.

4.3.1 Results for Data Set 3_50_a

To limit the running time, of the tests, the probabilities did not run on a single percent, $\{1\%, 2\%, 3\% \dots\}$, in line 3 alone there would be over 125,000 possibilities⁷. Rather on ten percent, $\{0\%, 10\%, 20\%, 30\% \dots\}$. This decreased calculation time enough to run the tests.

Scenario	Objective Value	Iteration	Travel Time
1	231.3	26,391	57.6083
2	231.6	22,061	57.5682
3	229.2	28,904	58.1504
4	231.4	31,025	57.7911
6	231.4	29,622	58.2504
7	229.1	28,963	57.4555
	232		

The table above shows the average objective value, the average iteration where the objective value was found and the total travel time for all the routes. In the last line of the table one can see the best known objective value. This test then gave a new probability matrix, P_2 , viewable below:

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 50 & 30 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 10 & 0 & 30 & 50 \\ 60 & 30 & 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 10 & 60 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 70 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 0 & 70 & 30 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The probability matrix⁸ P_2 was constructed by inspecting not nearly all possible solutions, as that would have taken to long⁹. Therefore to inspect if single percentage values are important P_2^* was constructed. The test was very similar to the one used to construct P_2 but implemented an updated simulated annealing. The solutions close to the one calculated in P_2 were the only ones inspected.

Scenario	Objective Value	Iteration	Travel Time
1	231.9	19,956	56.9000
2	231.8	25,712	57.0000
3	231.9	22,506	56.9000
4	232	18571	57.0000
6	231.8	21,686	56.8000
7	231.8	23,397	56.5000
	232		

The changes in average objective a relatively small, can be contributed to the random factor in the algorithm¹⁰, for most scenarios. Although the greatest changes seen in average objective values are found in scenarios 3 and 7.

⁷This would then have a runtime of more than a 1000 hours, given an average runtime of about 30 seconds

⁸The probability matrix used in tests for the cooling schedule was P_2 .

⁹Approximately 120 days, at the time.

¹⁰All nodes are inserted randomly into the solution.

$$P_2^* = \begin{pmatrix} 53 & 34 & 0 & 0 & 13 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 10 & 0 & 25 & 58 \\ 59 & 34 & 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 & 55 & 16 & 14 \\ 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 & 72 & 0 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 74 & 26 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is necessary for each line of the probability matrix to have a total sum of 100%. Therefore when the second trials, determining P_2^* , were constructed a fail safe was put into the test algorithm to ensure constraint was met. Therefore some values in P_2^* , and later in P_3^* , differ more than 5% from there counterparts in P_2 and P_3 .

4.3.2 Results for Data Set 50a

The result in the table below show the objective value calculated, the iteration the value was found and the combined travel time for all the routes.

Scenario	Objective Value	Iteration	Travel Time
1	105.6	21294.1	107.73
2	105.8	18187	118.00
3	121.2	23580.9	145.23
4	125.7	22051.9	146.05
6	96.6	19821.3	106.36
7	213.8	28945.6	294.83
	241		293.24

When the table above is inspected it is obvious that the probability values for scenario 7 are the most important. Big changes in those values result in a much higher average calculated objective value. The results in other scenarios are much lower the best known objective, shown in the bottom line. The value of $P = P_3$ is shown below.

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 30 & 70 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 50 & 20 & 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 90 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 & 0 & 20 & 10 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 60 & 0 & 20 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 20 & 80 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The results from the test used to re-evaluate scenario one are seen in the table below. Remember that this test used P_2 as an initial guess not P_1 .

Scenario	Objective Value	Iteration	Travel Time
1	262.5	21384	263.4
	273		

$$p_{1,i} = (70 \ 10 \ 0 \ 0 \ 20 \ 0)$$

So according to this the value of P best suited for solving problem defined with data set 50a is:

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 70 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 10 & 50 & 20 & 0 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 & 0 & 90 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 & 0 & 20 & 10 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 60 & 0 & 20 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 20 & 80 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A second trial was done to determine the single percent values of P_3 . The new matrix constructed was called P_3^* . These new trials gave the following results. Note though that an updated version of the simulated annealing algorithm was used along with `Decrease.java` and P_3 was used as the old matrix when evaluating P_3^* . All other factors are the same as when P_3 was calculated.

Scenario	Objective Value	Iteration	Travel Time
1	258	48008	417.9
	273		
2	220.8	35292	293.7
3	216.1	30787	294
4	222.6	32150	296.2
6	217.9	37688	291.9
7	216.6	36484	294.1
	241		293.24

$$P_3^* = \begin{pmatrix} 72 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 23 & 0 \\ 7 & 46 & 18 & 0 & 7 & 22 \\ 0 & 24 & 0 & 0 & 76 & 0 \\ 3 & 452 & & 17 & 7 & 26 \\ 0 & 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 55 & 0 & 22 & 0 & 23 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 & 82 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The two matrixies P_2 and P_3 were compared. This is shown in later sections. Of the two P_2 provided better results and was then compared to P_2^* . Because P_3 provide worse results P_3^* was not inspected further.

4.4 Exploring Different Insert Moves

In this project there were four *insert moves constructed* 11, 12, 14 and 15. Another *insert move*, called 13, is also used but is differant from the other four as it removes a node before inserting a new one. Therefore 13 will not be put in the same catagory as 11, 12, 14 and 15. Tests using data set 3_50_a were preformed 10 times for each combination of insert move and

$M \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50\}$. For each test several values were inspected. First the objective value was inspected, it was the most important value in the test. If the best known objective value, the objective calculated by hand, was reached then for $M \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35\}$ the route was also inspected, for some M to find maximum profit the algorithm had to find the best route, this can also be calculated due to the structure of the dat set. For $M \in \{40, 50\}$ the maximum profit could be achieved without using the best route. The iteration value when the objective value was reached was inspected. All tests preformed 50,000 iterations, the initial temperature was set to 11, $T_0 = 11$, the reduction factor was set at $1 - 10^{-13}$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and frozen factor at 2, $F = 2$. Also an updated version of simulated annealing and `Decrease.java` were implemented in these tests. In the objective function $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$, the beta value was chosen such that more than one node had to be added to a new route. The probability matrix P was set to P_2 .

Note that all factors in the program remained unchanged except *insert moves* 11, 12, 14 and 15; when these experiments were carried out. One could still choose a *swap move* if the algorithm and the scenario at hand demanded it.

4.4.1 Results

Let OPT be the returned objective given by the program. Let z be the best known objective value, calculated by hand, for the given problem. Then define:

$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{OPT_i}{N} \quad N \text{ are the number of runs for a given M.} \quad (4.4.1)$$

So the Table 4.3 shows z/Z for all M and the four *insert moves*.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	Average
InserMove11	1	0.99009	0.94678	0.99914	0.99302	0.95651	0.96983	0.95579	0.98611	0.97747
InserMove12	1	0.77477	0.74854	0.72414	0.71429	0.78947	0.78589	0.91111	0.93796	0.82069
InserMove14	1	0.67568	0.88246	0.92672	0.67409	0.70305	0.73942	0.90602	1	0.83416
InserMove15	1	0.94595	0.99415	0.94828	0.91694	0.99723	0.85742	0.9375	0.97824	0.95286

Table 4.3: Shows the ratio between the returned objective value and the best known objective value calculated by hand for each M .

If Table 4.3 is inspected one can see that *insert move* 11 returns on average the best objective values. Also in most cases it has the highest ratio for any given M . although in two cases *insert move* 15 performed better. Of the four *insert move* 11 is the only one that performed well for all M , *insert move* 12 tends too give the worst performance. *Insert move* 12, shows poor results for most M, except when $M \in \{40, 50\}$. In those cases M is greater than the maximum route length and *insert move* 12 returns acceptable results. The reason for these results may be that *insert move* 12 always chooses the highest profit node with the lowest node number. Therefore if two nodes had equal importance, say $node_{12}$ and $node_{41}$, then `InserMove12.java` would always choose $node_{12}$.

Another *insert move* showed poor results for all M except those values that are longer than the longest possible route and this was *insert move* 14. In cases where $M = 50$ *insert move* 14 returns excellent results. This is because the method always chooses the node with the highest profit farthest from the depot. Therefore when this node is outside the maximum route length, *insert move* 14 cannot find any node to insert into the routes.

The only other *insert move* to return good results is *insert move* 15. It always chooses the highest profit node closest to the depot. Therefore `InsertMove15.java` always finds nodes to insert into its routes as long as there are high profit nodes inside the range of the maximum route. The main problem with `InsertMove15.java` is if there is a low profit node that one can fit into the route, then *insert move* 15 will not add that node to the route. Still the method did often produce acceptable results.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	Average
InserMove11	21,456	17,120	14,640	20,142	15,669	24,152	29,122	44,513	10,752	21,951
InserMove12	24,513	13,202	3,419	3,297	5,176	16,720	22,707	30,749	35,755	17,282
InserMove14	49,038	29,027	17,481	18,776	24,930	37,997	37,664	22,143	8,654	27,301
InserMove15	24,358	7,716	5,327	6,578	11,703	34,121	34,174	55,155	24,703	22,648

Table 4.4: Shows the number of iterations used to find the returned objective value.

Table 4.4 shows the average number of iterations it took for the program to find the objective values returned for each value of M . The values are not that different but *insert move* 12 was fastest and *insert move* 14 used the most iterations to find an optimum value. The results show that *insert move* 11, the most effective of the four, does not require an extraordinary amount of iterations to return an objective value.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	Average
InserMove11	21,456	17,129	15,699	21,375	16,075	24,342	30,203	62,276	47,628	28,464
InserMove12	24,658	13,631	5,261	12,496	17,374	27,190	44,066	48,681	89,509	31,429
InserMove14	49,227	31,193	18,560	20,985	25,934	43,857	42,236	40,727	40,715	34,825
InserMove15	24,358	7,716	5,465	7,033	12,833	34,884	40,145	63,851	62,832	28,790

Table 4.5: Shows the number of iterations used to find the returned path.

Table 4.5 above shows the average number of iterations it took for the program to find the returned route for each value of M . Here *insert move* 11 and *insert move* 15 use the fewest iterations. This still shows that *insert move* 11 is an acceptable method when considering the amount of iterations needed to find a good route. Note that in most instances, especially when $M \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35\}$, the number of iterations needed to find an objective value and the number needed to find an returned route are often similar.

In Table 4.6 the number of cases, for each M , found were the best known objective was reached using the best known path are listed. If a certain run returned the best known objective value, calculated by hand, taking and the best known route the test was marked with a Boolean *true* if this was not the case then the run returned a Boolean *false*. Of the four *insert moves*

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	Average
InserMove11	10	9	5	8	7	6	1	3	1	5.0
InserMove12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1.3
InserMove14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.2
InserMove15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.2

Table 4.6: Shows the numer of times best know objective value is reached using best known path.

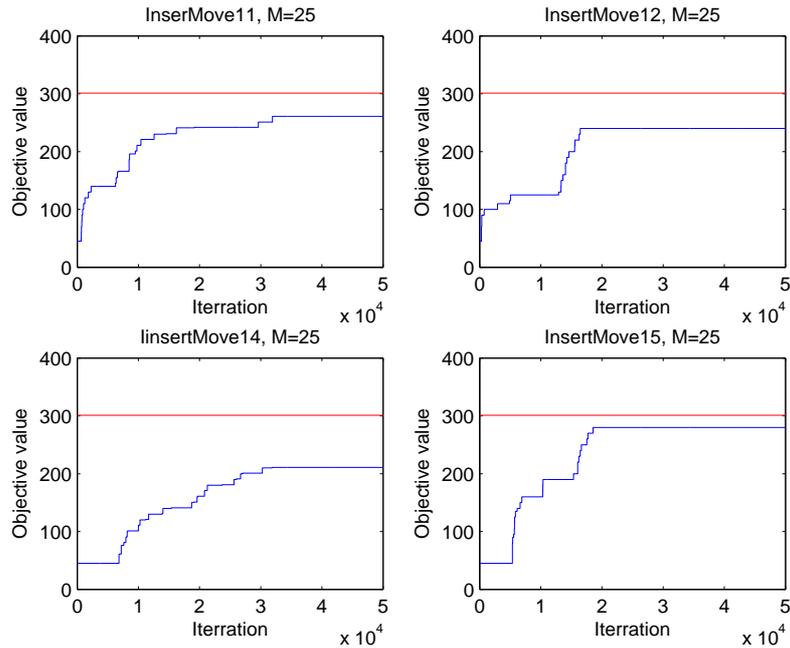


Figure 4.20: Shows a example of the objective function, for all insert moves, in each iteration, blue line. The red line represents the best known objective value.

the first, *insert move* 11, gives the highest values of *true*. The reason *insert move* 15 does not return good results, as it did with the objective value, because of the method it uses.

In Figure 4.20 one can see the objective value changing with regards to the iterations. In the figure M is set to 25, note that none of the methods reach the best known objective value, the red line. Of the four methods *insert move* 15 is closest to the best known objective value and *insert move* 14 is furthest from the best known objective value.

In Figure 4.21 one can clearly see the difference between methods. The residual ratio is consistently low for *insert move* 11. Both *insert move* 12 and *insert move* 14 give bad results and *insert move* 15 acceptable results but not as good as *insert move* 11.

In conclusion one can see, from tables 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6; and Figure 4.21, that of the four

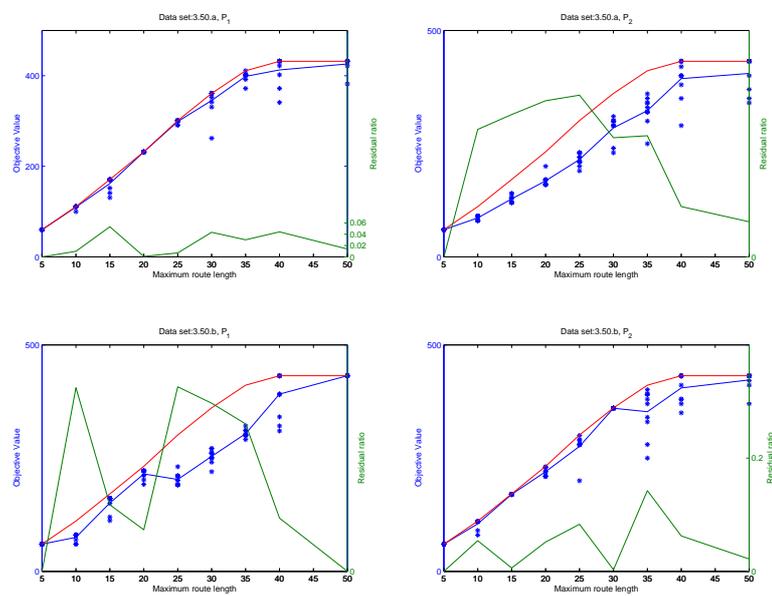


Figure 4.21: Shows calculated results in comparison with the best known objective value. The blue line is the average results, the blue dots are each calculated result and the red line is the best known objective value. The green line is the residual ratio and is represented on the right y-axis.

insert move 11 gives the best results and does so in an acceptable amount of iterations.

From this one can see that the *insert move 11*, a random insertion into routes, returns the best results. Therefore it will be the only *insert move* used here after, unless otherwise specified.

4.5 Non-Randomly Generated Data Sets

The twelve non-randomly generated data sets were tested on the algorithm in this section. The cooling schedule used was $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$. `Decrease.java` was used along with the updated version of simulated annealing. The number of iterations for each test was 50,000 and the runs for each possible combination of M and $|K|$ was ten. In all tests using non-randomly generated data sets $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$ in the objective function. In these data sets one could calculate the best known objective value by hand. This was possible because of the structure of the data sets.

4.5.1 Results Data Set 3_50_a

The test performed on data set 3_50_a used $|K| = 3$ and $M \in \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50\}$. As the use of `Decrease.java` will remove points from the data set the number of points used for each M is shown in Table 4.7, these points are called feasible. Note that the maximum number of points is 45, not 50, because 10% of points have been removed, to include an equal amount of nodes in each route the number of points could not be 47, $47/3 = 15.667$ and the depot then counts as an additional two points. Also in Table 4.7 are displayed the calculated best known objective values. These are known best objective values as the unique structure of the data sets allows one to calculate, by hand, the best objective values and paths.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50
3_50_a	10	22	33	41	45	45	45	45	45
Best	60	111	171	232	301	361	411	432	432

Table 4.7: Shows the number of points feasible for each M and the best known objective value, calculated by hand.

In Figure 4.22 the structure of the data set is displayed.

To determine which probability matrices are the best it was necessary to compare them.

Table 4.8 shows the results from calculations using P_1 , Table 4.9 shows results from calculations using P_2 and Table 4.10 shows results from calculations using P_3 . If the best calculated values in the three tables (4.8, 4.9 and 4.10) are compared to the best known objective values, calculated by hand, in Table 4.7 one can see that the best known objective value is found by the algorithm in most cases. Of the three possibilities matrices P_2 returns the best solutions. Notice that neither P_1 or P_3 found the best known objective value when $M = 35$. This is because of the uniqueness of the solution, displayed in Figure 4.23. The solution for $M = 35$

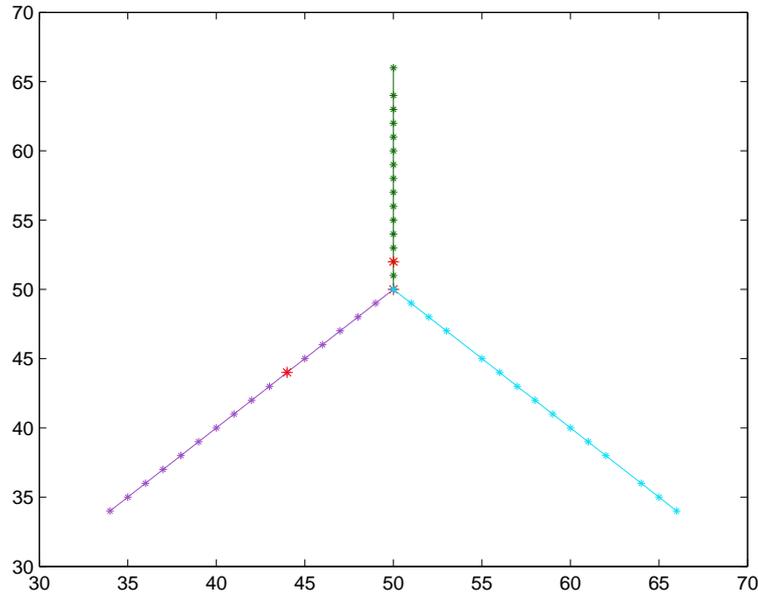


Figure 4.22: Shows the data set 3_50_a, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50
Average	51.5	101.3	150.6	228.1	282.8	341.1	360.6	380.8	429
Best	60	111	171	232	301	361	401	432	432
Ratio	0.85833	0.91261	0.8807	0.98319	0.93953	0.94488	0.89925	0.88148	0.99306
CPU	4101.5	5785.5	7840.4	9499	10253	9873.4	9773.2	9555	9220.7

Table 4.8: Results from computations using P_1 . The values shown are the average calculated value, the best calculated value, the ratio between those two values and calculation time in milli seconds.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50
Average	59	102.8	168	231.8	286.9	361	394.4	424.8	430
Best	60	111	171	232	301	361	411	432	432
Ratio	0.98333	0.92613	0.98246	0.99914	0.95316	1	0.95961	0.98333	0.99537
CPU	4482.7	6377.9	8565	10623	11628	11268	10987	10325	10065

Table 4.9: Results from computations using P_2 . The values shown are the average calculated value, the best calculated value, the ratio between those two values and calculation time in milli seconds.

is not straight forward but uses a remainder of a path to reach the best known objective value.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50
Average	58.5	109.8	166.8	221.5	271.1	324.5	376.9	402.9	415.9
Best	60	111	171	232	301	361	402	432	432
Ratio	0.975	0.98919	0.97544	0.95474	0.90066	0.89889	0.93756	0.93264	0.96273
CPU	4316.8	5967.1	7644.8	9889.2	10869	10282	10004	9755.3	9529.8

Table 4.10: Results from computations using P_3 . The values shown are the average calculated value, the best calculated value, the ratio between those two values and calculation time in milli seconds.

In tables 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10 average run times for the algorithm is displayed. Of the three matrices P_2 appears to have the longest run time. The differences between run times can be explained by the odds of invoking a certain move. For example an *insert move* is very simple and uses few calculations where a *bus move* uses methods similar to a single *insert move* more than once. Therefore different moves have different run times and the three matrices give different average run times.

4.5.2 Results for Data Sets 3_50_a, b and c

After looking at each result individually¹¹, for the data sets containing 50 points and 3 routes, the results were looked at as a whole. In Figure 4.24 these results can be viewed. They show the best known objective value, the results calculated by the algorithm and the residual ratio.

The feasible points for each M and the best known objective values, calculated by hand, for data sets 3_50_b and 3_50_c are shown in Table 4.11.

M	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	50
3_50_b	9	22	32	41	45	45	45	45	45
Best	55	120	180	250	301	361	411	432	432
3_50_c	10	22	32	42	45	45	45	45	45
Best	55	111	181	240	300	360	411	432	432

Table 4.11: Shows the number of points feasible for each M and the best known objective value for data sets 3_50_b and 3_50_c.

When inspecting Figure 4.24 it is obvious that $P = P_2$ returns the best results. One can see this by comparing the graphs in the center column to the other graphs in Figure 4.24. The residual ratio, green line, is considerably lower for graphs in the center column than the graphs situated on the right and left columns of Figure 4.24. This shows that on average the individual results of the algorithm, when using $P = P_2$, are much closer to the best known objective values, calculated by hand, than results calculated using P_1 or P_3 . It should be noted that the objective function is in reality a step function and not a continuous function as displayed in Figure 4.24. The figure is set up this way to demonstrate how closely the tests follow the best

¹¹Individual results for data sets 3_50_b and 3_50_c can be viewed in appendix D.1.1 and D.1.2.

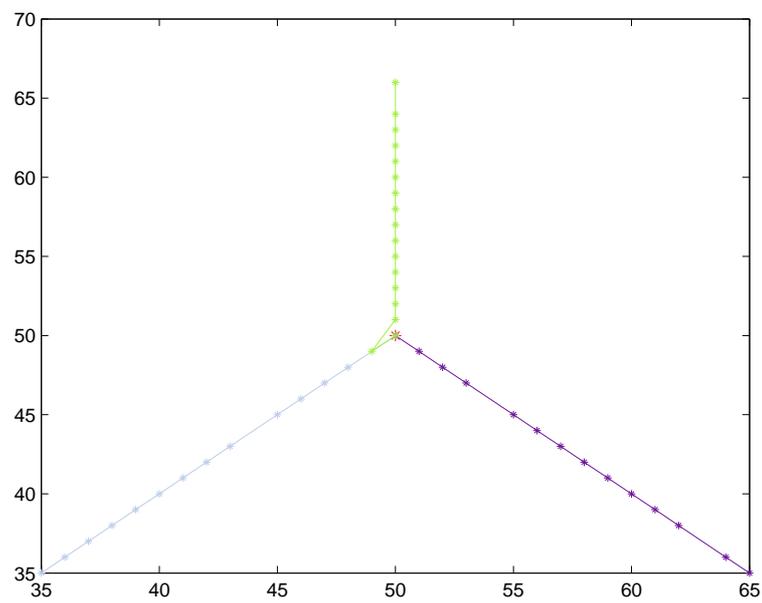


Figure 4.23: Shows results for the data set 3_50_a when $M = 35$ and the an objective value of 411. Note this solution was found with $P = P_2$ in moves.java, although it took 22 runs to produce the result. Also compare with Figure 4.22 to see if all point of low profit are included.

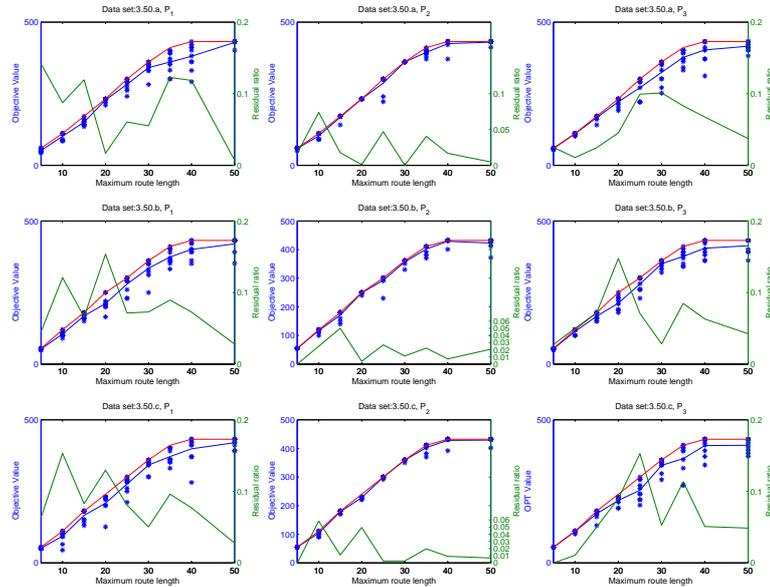


Figure 4.24: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line.

known objective values.

In Figure 4.25 the run times for every test and there average function can be viewed. Note how the run times increase with M , reach a high point, when $M = 25$, and then decrease slightly for $M > 25$. The reason for this is that $M = 25$ allows for all points to be included, which means they are all feasible. Although all points are feasible this does not mean that all points will be included in the solution. $M = 25$ has the lowest objective value, calculated by hand, with the highest number of points at feasible points. This means all other solutions either have fewer feasible points or higher objective values, calculated by hand. Therefore $M = 25$ should have the largest number of claculations¹².

In conclusion it is apperant that P_2 gives the best results for data sets 3_50_a, 3_50_b and 3_50_c. This can be seen by comparing the residual ratios in Figure 4.24. The run time of the algorithm also is the greatest when the highest number of feasible points yields the lowest objective values. This is obtained by comparing Figure 4.25 and Table 4.11

4.5.3 Results for Data Sets 3_100_a, b and c

A graph displaying the individual results for 3_100_a, b and c was constructed and can be viewed in Figure 4.26. The center column of Figure 4.26 show lower residual ratios than the graphs in the left and right column. This means that when P_2 is used it gives, on average, better results than when P_1 or P_3 is used. If compared with 4.24 it appears that the results

¹²For example uses UnvistedPoints.java most often.

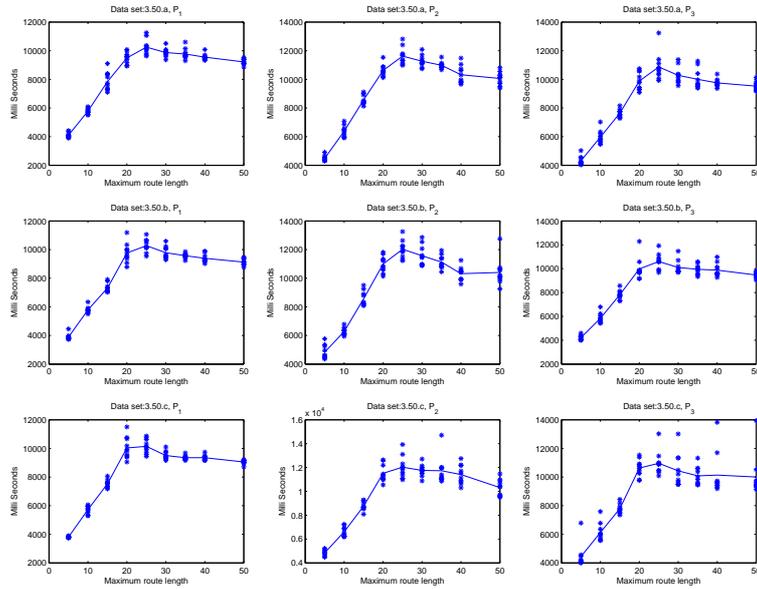


Figure 4.25: Shows how long each run of the program took, blue dots; and the average running time, blue line; with regards to maximum route length.

using 100 point give higher residual ratios on average. This means that the algorithm performs better when using smaller data sets than when using larger ones. This is most likely because the number of iterations is the same in both cases and therefore it is normal that objective function of larger data sets are more difficult to calculate. This can also be seen when inspecting the residual ratios on any single graph in Figure 4.26. Notice how the residual ratios increases as the values of M gets larger.

In Table 4.12 the number of feasible points and the best known objective values, calculated by hand, are displayed. If Table 4.12 and Figure 4.27 it can be seen that the run time of the algorithm rizes till it reaches $M = 50$ and the falls slightly. This is because $M = 50$ gives the lowest objective value while having the largest set of feasible points. This is when $M = 50$ and allows all 94 points to be included in the calculation but the best known objective value is lower than with $M = 60$ or $M = 75$.

In conclusion it can be seen from Figure 4.26 that P_2 is the best probabilty matrix for data sets 3_100_a, b and c. When Figure 4.26 was inspected it was observed that residual ratios rize as the values of M get larger. Also for data sets 3_100_a, b and c the algorithm gives the highest run times when the set of feasible points is the largest while the calculating the lowest objective value.

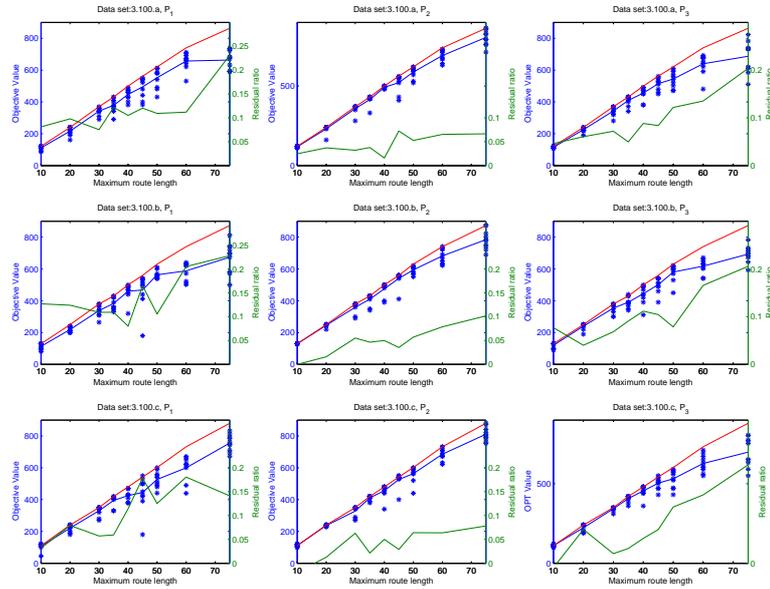


Figure 4.26: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line.

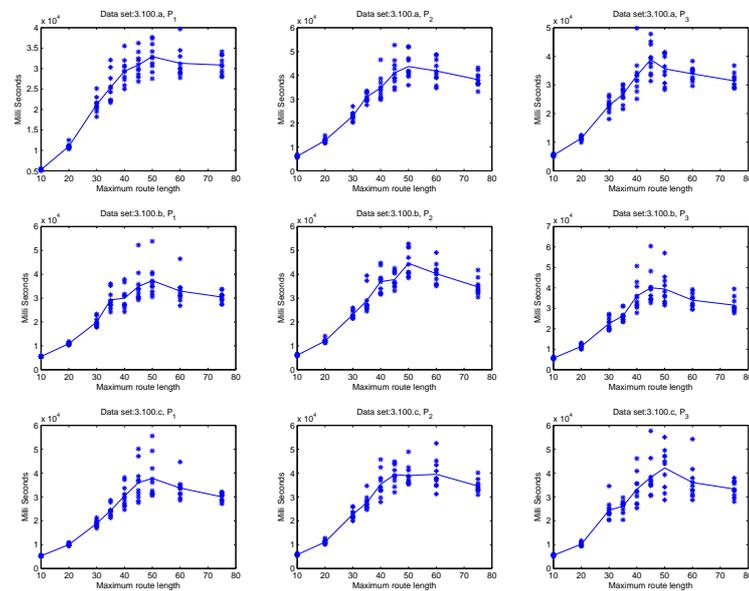


Figure 4.27: Shows how long each run of the program took, blue dots; and the average running time, blue line; with regards to maximum route length.

M	10	20	30	35	40	45	50	60	75
v3_100_a	21	45	67	77	85	90	94	94	94
Best	121	240	370	431	500	562	620	740	863
3_100_b	22	45	67	77	85	90	94	94	94
Best	130	250	380	430	500	560	630	740	873
3_100_c	21	42	66	76	84	90	94	94	94
Best	110	240	350	420	480	542	602	732	880

Table 4.12: Shows the number of points feasible for each M and the best known objective value for data sets 3_100_a, 3_100_b and 3_100_c.

4.5.4 Results for Data Sets 4_50_a, b and c

As with previous data sets graphs were constructed to compare calculated results with the best known objective values and also to inspect the residual ratio. These graphs can be seen in Figure 4.28. The best performance is again achieved by using $P = P_2$ and it is considerably better than that of P_1 and P_3 . Results calculated with P_2 are displayed in the center column and they have a considerably lower residual ratio than the graphs in the left and right columns. This data set was allowed to plateau, best known objective for $M \in \{24, 28, 30, 35\}$ is 432, the combined profit of all the nodes.

Plots of the running times were also done, see figure 4.29. The sharp increase in run times results in the highest values when $M = 12$, which is the lowest objective value, calculated by hand, in concern with the number of feasible points. This is the same for all three data sets and can be seen in Table 4.13

M	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	30	35
4_50_a	14	33	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Best	70	131	201	281	361	432	432	432	432
4_50_b	15	34	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Best	70	150	211	290	370	432	432	432	432
4_50_c	16	34	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Best	80	160	231	291	372	432	432	432	432

Table 4.13: Shows the number of points feasible for each M and the best known objective value for data sets 4_50_a, 4_50_b and 4_50_c.

In conclusion it is apparent that calculations with P_2 give better solutions than those using P_1 or P_3 for data sets 4_50_a, 4_50_b and 4_50_c. This can be observed in Figure 4.28 by comparing the center column graphs to other graphs in the figure. Run times for the algorithm are also the highest when looking at the lowest best known objective value, calculated by hand, in concern with the largest amount of feasible points. This is observed by comparing Figure 4.29 and 4.13.

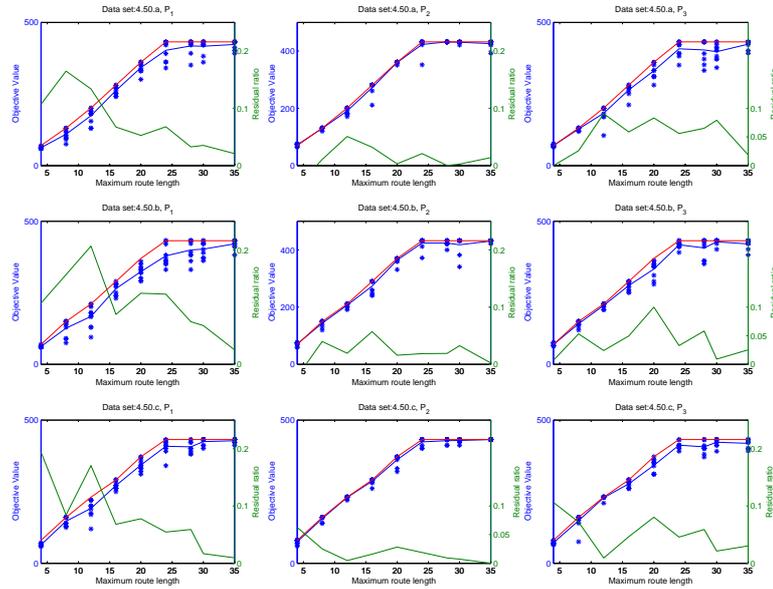


Figure 4.28: Shows the the best known objective values red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line.

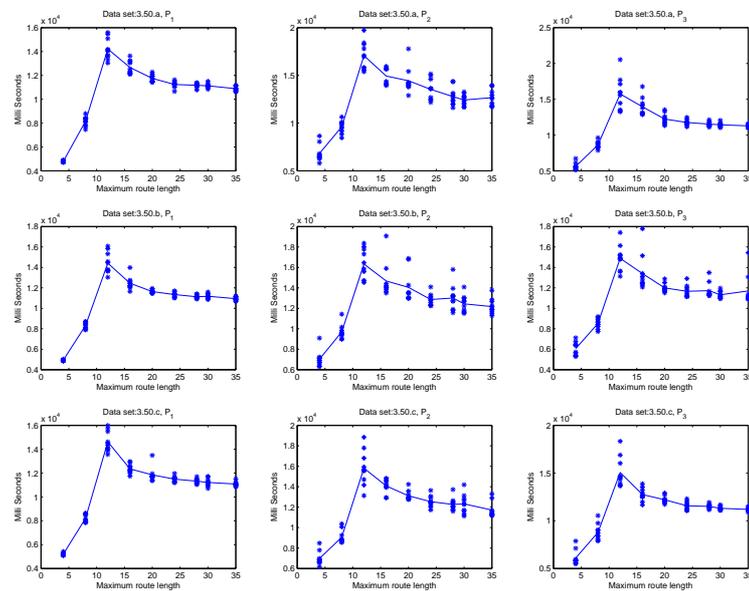


Figure 4.29: Shows how long each run of the program took, blue dots; and the average running time, blue line; with regards to maximum route length.

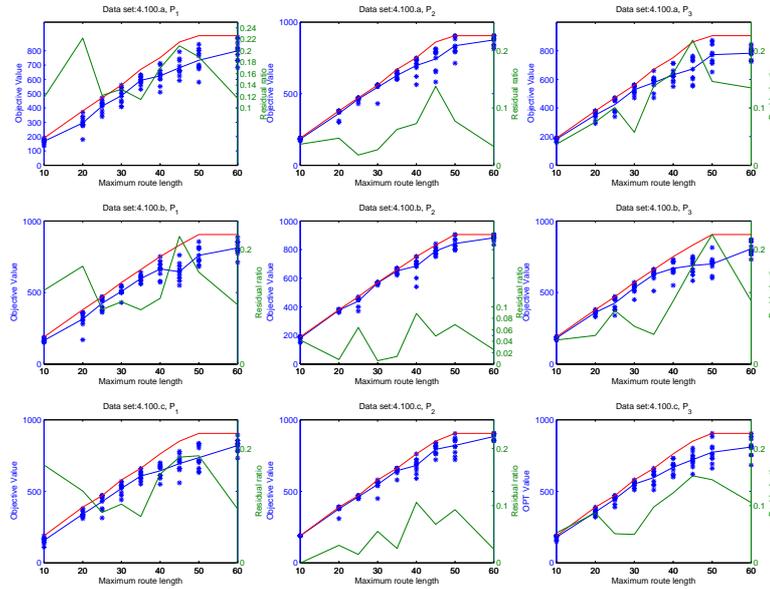


Figure 4.30: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line.

4.5.5 Conclusion in Data Sets 4_100_a, b and c

Graphs displaying the results for 4_100_a, b and c can be found in Figure 4.30. If the three columns in Figure 4.30 are compared it can be seen that the graphs in center column give the lowest residual ratio. These results, the ones displayed in the center column of Figure 4.30, were calculated using P_2 whilst the the other results were found using P_1 or P_3 . If compared with results in Figure 4.28 it is apparent that the graphs displayed in Figure 4.28 give lower residual ratios. Although when Figure 4.30 is inspected the residual ratios do not increase, on average, as M gets larger. This does though occur in some graphs in Figure 4.30, observe the right column.

M	10	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	60
4_100_a	34	73	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Best	190	380	471	560	670	752	861	905	905
4_100_b	34	72	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Best	190	380	470	570	660	751	831	905	905
4_100_c	34	73	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Best	190	390	470	580	661	762	851	905	905

Table 4.14: Shows the number of points feasible for each M and the best known objective value for data sets 4_100_a, 4_100_b and 4_100_c.

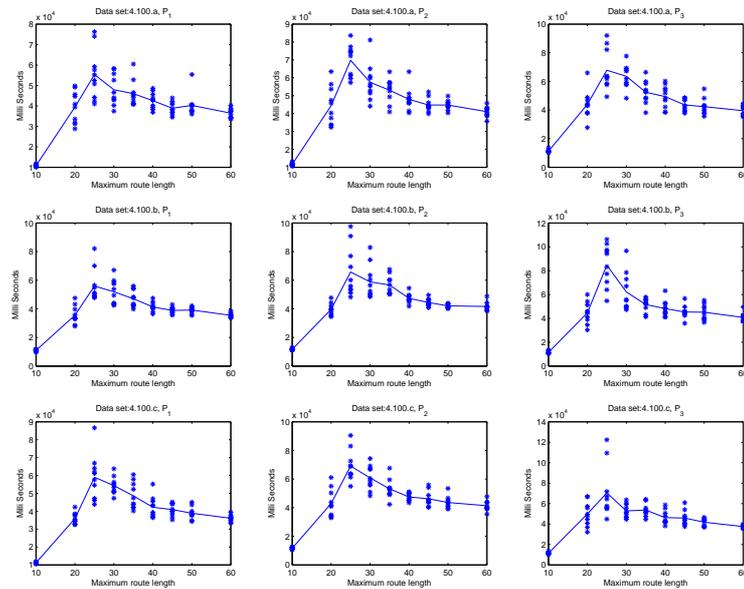


Figure 4.31: Shows how long each run of the program took, blue dots; and the average running time, blue line; with regards to maximum route length.

Table 4.14 shows the feasible points for each M and the best known objective values, calculated by hand. If Table 4.14 and Figure 4.31 are compared it can be seen that the largest run times are the result of the sets with large sets of feasible points but a low objective value. This is when $M = 25$ allows for all 95 points to be included in the calculation. This results in the lowest objective value for all values M giving 95 feasible points.

In conclusion from Figure 4.30 it was observed that P_2 was best suited for calculations with data sets 4_100_a, b and c. Also table 4.14 and Figure 4.31 showed that the largest run times are found when the largest set of feasible points result in the lowest best known objective value.

4.6 Randomly Generated Data Sets

In these test the randomly constructed data sets were used. There were 10 of these tests constructed, 5 with 50 points and 5 with 100 points. As the points are randomly distributed there was only a need to construct one profit vector for 50 points and one for 100 points. These profit vectors can be viewed in appendix D.3.3.

In table 4.15 the number of feasible points for a certain M is displayed for randomly generated data sets.

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160
<i>50a</i>	1	4	27	38	50	50	50	50	50
<i>50b</i>	3	4	21	39	50	50	50	50	50
<i>50c</i>	1	3	20	38	50	50	50	50	50
<i>50d</i>	1	4	21	37	50	50	50	50	50
<i>50e</i>	3	7	27	40	50	50	50	50	50
<i>100a</i>	2	11	51	78	100	100	100	100	100
<i>100b</i>	3	13	49	77	99	100	100	100	100
<i>100c</i>	4	10	49	79	100	100	100	100	100
<i>100d</i>	4	11	47	77	100	100	100	100	100
<i>100e</i>	2	12	49	75	100	100	100	100	100

Table 4.15: Show the number of feasible points for a certain M in a data set of randomly generated points.

4.6.1 Test with data sets 50a,b,c,d and e with 450,000 iterations

In tests with non-randomly constructed data sets it was determined that P_2 gave better solutions than P_3 and P_1 . Because P_3 was calculated using randomly generated data set and P_2 was calculated using a non-randomly constructed data set a second comparison was deemed necessary. Therefore these two probability matrices were compared again using randomly generated data sets.

The cooling schedule used in these tests was $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$. Also `Decrease.java` and the updated simulated annealing was used. In these test a large number of iterations was used or 450,000. The initial solution was the empty solution. Ten runs were performed for each possible combination for $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$, $|K| \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ and $p \in \{P_2, P_3\}$.

Results from data sets 50a,b,c,d and e with 450,000 iterations

Plots for each data set can be viewed in the appendix. As previously the residual ratios are important. So for each data set and each value $|K| \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ the residual ratios were aggregated. From this tables 4.16 and 4.17 were constructed.

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160	AVE
$ K =3$	0	0.1600	0.3075	0.7020	1.3472	1.2314	0.9670	0.2031	0.0006	0.5465
$ K =4$	0	0.1550	0.4850	0.6800	1.3972	0.9501	0.5440	0.5400	0.4596	0.5790
$ K =5$	0	0.1700	0.7550	0.8440	1.2044	1.0225	0.6990	1.0501	0.8438	0.7321

Table 4.16: Shows values of residual ratios calculated with P_2 for each M and $|K|$. Individual tables for each data set (50a,b,c,d and e) were used to construct this table.

The values from Table 4.18 are plotted in Figure 4.32. As values from Table 4.17 are withdrawn from values in 4.16 Table 4.18 is constructed. It is apparent that if more values, in

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160	AVE
$ K =3$	0	0.1600	0.6775	0.5240	1.6657	1.3713	1.1860	0.3609	0.0106	0.6618
$ K =4$	0	0.1350	1.2800	0.7540	1.3043	0.9237	0.5920	0.5500	0.4033	0.6603
$ K =5$	0	0.1300	1.5000	1.8300	1.1043	0.7373	0.7200	0.9577	0.7126	0.8547

Table 4.17: Shows values of residual ratios calculated with P_3 for each M and $|K|$. Individual tables for each dat ser (50a,b,c,d and e) wher ussed to construct this table.

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160	AVE
$ K =3$	0	0	-0.3700	0.1780	-0.3185	-0.1399	-0.2190	-0.1578	-0.0100	-0.1152
$ K =4$	0	0.0200	-0.7950	-0.0740	0.0929	0.0264	-0.0480	-0.0100	0.0563	-0.0813
$ K =5$	0	0.0400	-0.7450	-0.9860	0.1001	0.2852	-0.0210	0.0924	0.1312	-0.1226

Table 4.18: Is constructed from tables 4.16 and 4.17 by withdrawing values in the latter table from values in the former table.

Table 4.18, are positive, then P_3 is better else P_2 gives better objective values. If Figure 4.32 is inspected it is apparent that more values are less than zero, negative. Therefore one can assume that P_2 gives better objective values.

The reason this was done instead of just comparing plots is that results were to similar in comparison, using plots like those constructed for non-randomly generated data sets. In conclusion it is apparent that P_2 gives better results than P_3 for randomly generated data sets.

4.6.2 Comparing Probability matrices P_2 and P_2^*

After determining that the probability matrix P_2 gives better objective values than P_3 and P_1 it is ideal to see if P_2^* gives better or equally as good results. Tests were performed on data sets 100a,b,c,d and e using a $|K| = 3$. For each $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$ ten trials were run. The cooling schedule used was $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$. The tests used the updated simulated annealing and Decrease.java.

Results in Comparing Probability matrices P_2 and P_2^*

In Figure 4.33 the results from the tests can be observed. From that figure one can see that there is little difference between using P_2 , left column, and P_2^* right column.

To compare further a residual plot was constructed to inspect the difference between the two matrices further. This plot can be seen in Figure 4.34. The residual ratio results, calculated with P_2^* , were withdrawn from the residual ratios calculated with P_2 . In Figure 4.34 more of the results are negative and thereby the residual results for P_2^* were greater than those calculated with P_2 .

In conclusion we have seen from Figure 4.33 that the difference between results calculated with P_2 and P_2^* are not great. Furhter inspection, seen in Figure 4.34, showed that P_2 tended

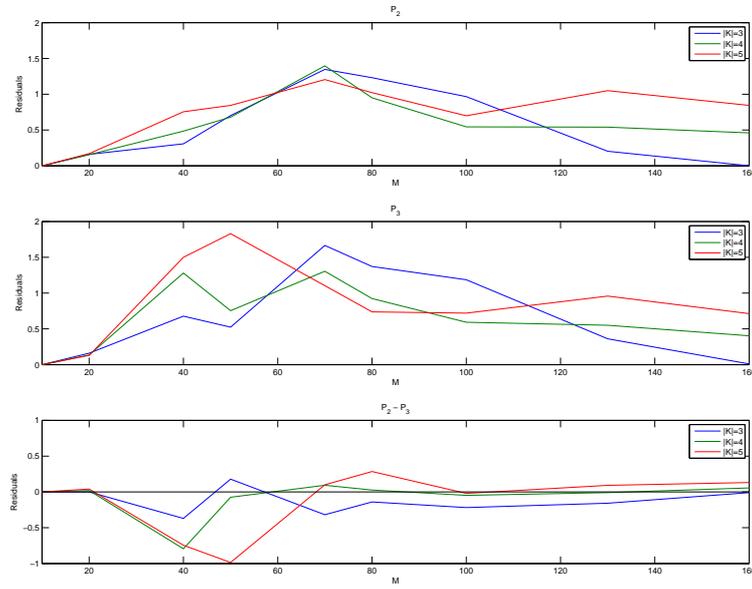


Figure 4.32: Show the residual sums for P_2 , P_3 and $P_2 - P_3$

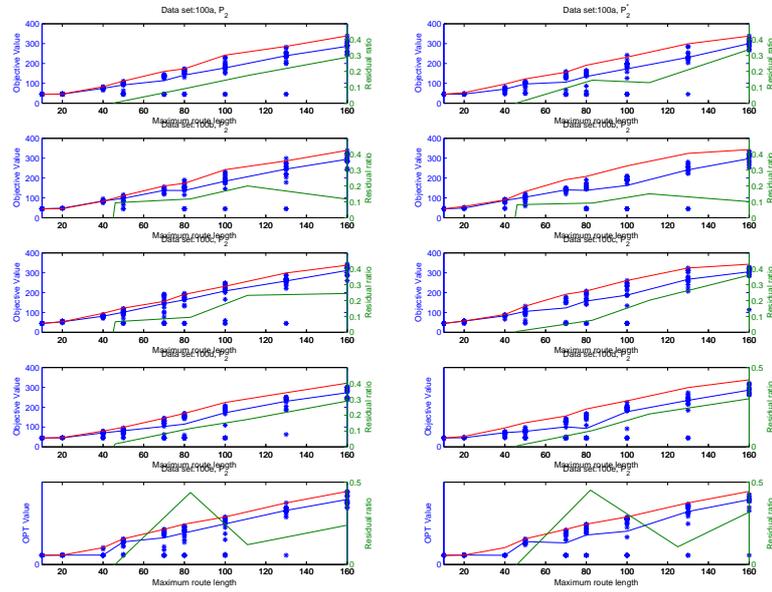


Figure 4.33: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line.

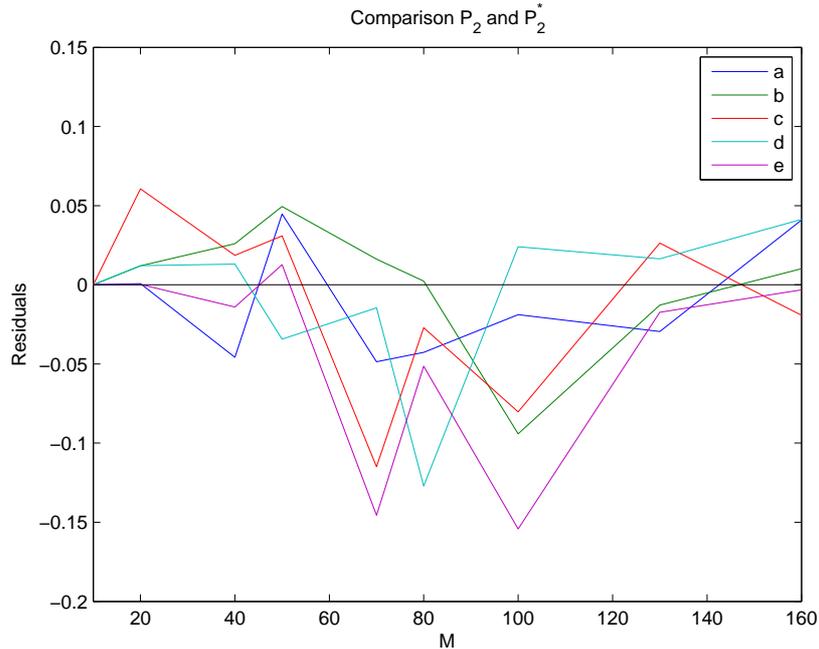


Figure 4.34: Show the result when residual sums for P_2^* are removed from the residual sums of P_2 .

to give better results on average.

4.7 Comparison to GAMS

A 20 point subset data set was constructed from data set 50a. This was done in effort to compare solutions from the algorithm to solutions from a different program. This other program was written in GAMS.

The model used in GAMS is the linear model presented in the section on the model.

The cooling schedule used in these tests was $T_0 = 15$ and $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and stopping criteria $F = 2$. Each run inspected 9 possible values for maximum route length, $M \in \{10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90\}$, and there were 20 trials for each M . The initial guess is the empty solution where no routes are active. The maximum amount of profit available from the nodes was 110.

These tests also used `Decrease.java` along with the improved simulated annealing. In the objective function $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$.

4.7.1 Results Comparison to GAMS

In Table 4.19 all solutions from GAMS and the simulated annealing algorithm are compared. The solutions presented by gams had the best calculated objective, an upper bound and the gap between the two. The best calculated objective will be called the lower bound as GAMS

has proven that the objective function is at least this value. If Table 4.19 is inspected it can be seen that the best values presented by the simulated annealing algorithm are all in between the lower bound and the upper bound, calculated by GAMS. Although in all cases the upper bound proposed by GAMS is:

$$\sum_{V_M} \phi_i + |K|\beta \quad (4.7.1)$$

This is an upper bound that was shown in the section on upper bounds.

M	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	K
Best	45	49	49	59	69	76	95	107	110	3
AVE	45	48.2	49	50.45	64.55	73.3	89.05	99.2	107.45	3
LB	45	49	49	59	59	61	92	78	92	3
GAP	9	20	20	45	69	65	63	68	63	3
UB	54	69	69	99	123	139	155	155	155	3
Best	60	64	64	74	84	92	109	119	125	4
AVE	60	63.6	63.8	65.9	80.75	86.55	101.65	111.3	113.35	4
LB	60	64	64	74	74	76	107	102	107	4
GAP	9	20	20	40	64	65	63	68	63	4
UB	69	84	84	114	138	141	170	170	170	4
Best	75	79	79	89	99	106	124	129	138	5
AVE	75	79	78.8	80.45	95.85	101.15	118.85	122.85	125.85	5
LB	75	79	79	89	89	91	122	117	122	5
GAP	9	20	20	40	64	78	63	77	63	5
UB	84	99	99	129	153	156	185	185	185	5

Table 4.19: Shows the average results from the simulated annealing algorithm and its maximum calculated values. This is compared with values calculated by GAMS, the upper limit proposed by GAMS and the gap between the two.

A plot of the results can be viewed in Figure 4.35. The greatest variation found between average value and the best known objective value is under 20%. This is not perfect but acceptable.

The comparison between GAMS and the simulated annealing algorithm show that the best value calculated with simulated annealing is always closer to the best known objective, than the value calculated with GAMS. Also simulated annealing much faster as a single calculation in GAMS more then a day finish but took only seconds using the simulated annealing algorithm.

The GAMS code performed well for $M \leq 50$, this is most likely because when $M = 50$ there are only 12 points within the maximum route length, this increases to 17 for $M = 60$ and 20 for $M \geq 70$. This shows that with increasing number of points the GAMS program has more difficulty calculating the objective value, which was expected. There fore the GAMS does gives to low values when calculating for $M \geq 60$.

The simulated annealing algorithm also has worse average values for high values of M . This

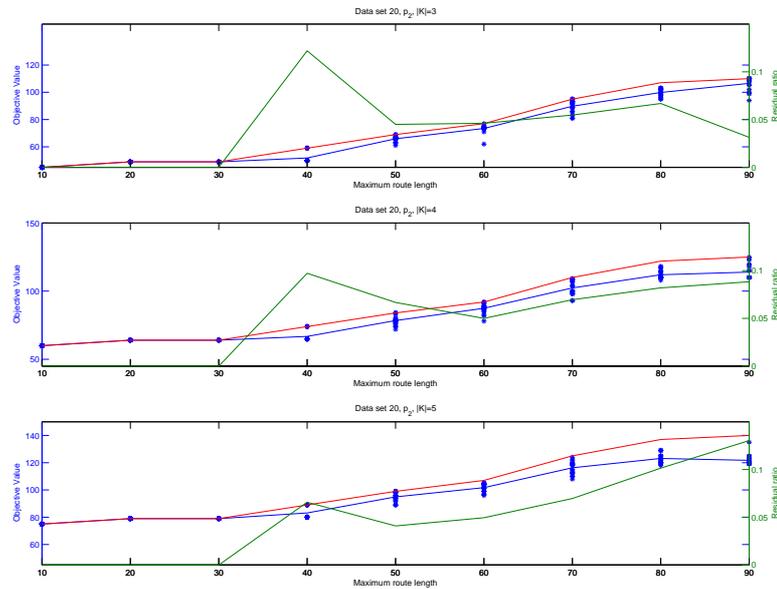


Figure 4.35: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line. These are the results when using simulated annealing for both time and profit, used `Decrease.java` and a new cooling schedule.

is also due to larger number of available nodes and can be seen in figure 4.35.

From this, Table 4.19 and Figure 4.35, one can conclude that the simulated annealing algorithm is performing accaptably weel in comparison with GAMS and using data set 20.

4.7.2 Results Comparison to `Decrease.java` with New Cooling Schedule

A comparison between using `Decrease.java` and not was done. Also when `Decrease.java` was not used an older cooling schedule was still in use. There $T_0 = 3000$, $r = 0.999$ and $F = 0$. Results from using `Decrease.java`, and the new cooling schedule, can be seen in Figure 4.35 while results from not using it are seen in Figure 4.36. Note that both trials used an updated version of the simulated annealing algorithm. When these two figures are compared it is apparent that results are better with `Decrease.java` and the new cooling schedule. A table containing results from the older version can be seen in appendix *D.4*.

Also run times were compared to see which method was faster. These results are seen in tables 4.20 and 4.21.

As can be seen in tables 4.21 and 4.20 run times for low values of M are lower when `Decrease.java` is used. In that case, using the new version of the algorithm, the run time is gretes for $M = 60$ were all points are feasible but the objective value is the lowest with comparison

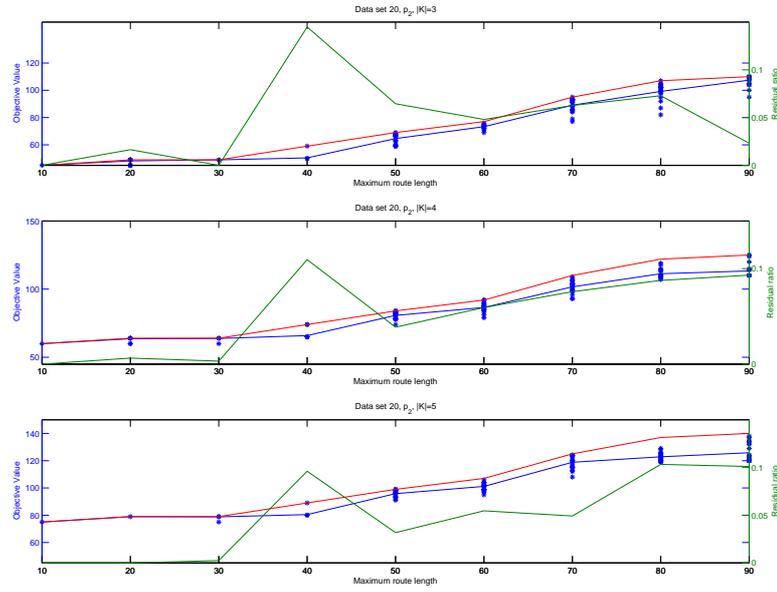


Figure 4.36: Shows the best known objective values, red line; the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line; also the residual ratio is plotted, green line. These are the results when using simulated annealing for both time and profit.

M	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	$ K $
mean	3208	3520	3588	4711	5418	6194	5484	5448	4991	3
max	4068	6156	6257	6459	8222	9479	8899	8541	6304	3
min	3009	3227	3208	4425	4406	5091	5036	5035	4505	3
mean	7433	8147	8134	11384	13195	17023	14649	12603	11389	4
max	10362	11848	10585	16854	18304	27887	21553	17612	16120	4
min	5172	5797	5572	8168	9264	11974	9775	8142	7686	4
mean	6619	7148	7275	10591	12669	16453	13278	10898	9772	5
max	9404	9787	9855	14740	18074	26861	20284	15144	14207	5
min	5156	5828	5611	8394	10073	13374	8211	7198	7657	5

Table 4.20: Shows run times for tests using the new cooling schedule and using Decrease.java, results are in milli seconds.

to other sets with the same number of points. For the older version of the algorithm high run times are recorded when $M \in \{20, 30\}$. In that case there is a large number of infeasible solutions proposed by the algorithm, Decrease.java removes a majority of these infeasible solutions. Average run times in both cases were compared and no conclusive result could be reached. The old version performed better on average of 0.3 seconds. In conclusion the new version gave better solutions on similar run times which are good results.

M	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	K
mean	7779	10278	19730	13120	7464	6413	5186	5050	4733	3
max	22591	23881	29952	25254	15219	16555	7544	5525	5398	3
min	6873	6858	10446	7132	5002	4998	4873	4849	4239	3
mean	8196	10742	10898	12113	9301	7946	6833	5664	5107	4
max	8674	15341	12453	21734	12262	10533	9089	7106	6739	4
min	7950	7812	7791	8131	8216	5492	5436	4854	4318	4
mean	8870	11683	12274	12721	9827	9008	6635	5695	5198	5
max	9233	13504	13371	13471	12987	12287	9384	8349	8483	5
min	8719	8793	8765	8763	8833	7861	4756	4755	4731	5

Table 4.21: Shows run times for tests using the older version of the algorithm, results are in milli seconds.

4.8 Obtained Data Sets

These previously conducted tests were used in [13]. There were 3 data sets tested each in different size. The sets sizes are $|V| = 102$, $|V| = 32$ and $|V| = 33$. There names are respectively data set 102, 32 and 33. To be comparable with the problem presented in [13] β was set to zero. This means that the only contributing factor in the objective function is $\sum_{i \in V} p_i y_i$, as $\alpha = 1$. Now the number of possible routes was $|K| \in \{2, 3, 4\}$. The cooling schedule was set to $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$. The number of iterations was 50,000 and the probability matrix used was P_2 . Each test with all possible combination was done 10 times. The maximum route lengths differed for each test.

4.8.1 Results for Data Set 32

The results for the comparison between the tabu search algorithm presented in [13] and the simulated annealing algorithm presented in this thesis can be seen in table 4.22. The tabu search algorithm performs better in most cases, although the simulated annealing performs equally well in a few cases and better in one ($|K| = 3$ and $M = 13.3$). In the one case where the simulated annealing algorithm performs better it finds the best known objective value. It is stated in [13] that the best known objective value for that particular case, when $M = 13.3$ and $|K| = 3$, is 75. Overall the simulated annealing algorithm performs sufficiently well compared to the tabu search.

The run times of the two methods are also displayed in Table 4.22, these time are measured in seconds. The computer used in the tabu search experiment was a DEC Alpha XP1000 Computer and the one used to calculate the simulated annealing was a Dell Inspiron 5150 (Pentium 4). When the two methods are compared it is obvious that the tabu search is much faster than the simulated annealing, sometimes faster by as much as 15 seconds. The values shown are both maximum calculation time recorded in these trials.

In conclusion one can see, by inspecting Table 4.22 that the tabu search algorithm returns better solutions faster than the simulated annealing algorithm, when dealing with the 32 point data set. Although the simulated annealing algorithm does not return as good solutions,

$ K $	M	S.A.			Tabu		
		Average	Max	Min	CPU	Max	CPU
4	18.8	151	165	135	13.011	175	1.5
4	18.2	145.62	155	130	12.708	165	1.3
4	12.5	72.75	75	70	11.964	75	0.8
3	25	188.75	220	135	11.737	220	1.5
3	24.3	177.88	195	140	11.395	205	2.6
3	21.7	147.62	165	125	10.208	170	1.4
3	13.3	73.0	75	70	11.712	70	0.8
2	23	122.25	135	95	15.860	135	1.3

Table 4.22: Show the comparison between a tabu search algorithm presented in [13] and the simulated annealing algorithm presented in this thesis.

as the tabu search, it gives resonably good results in some cases even finding the best known objective value.

4.8.2 Results for Data Set 33

In Table 4.23 a comparison between a tabu search algorithm, presented in [13], and the simulated annealing used in the thesis is displayed. The tabu search performs better on average. The simulated annealing in some cases give equally good values as the tabu search but never better values. Though the tabu search performs better overall the simulated annealing tends to find objective values close to the best known objective values, presented by the tabu search algorithm.

The run times, displayed in table in Table 4.23, are compared it is apparent that tabu search is much faster than the simulated annealing algorithm. The computer used in the tabu search experiment was a DEC Alpha XP1000 Computer and the one used to calculated the simulated annealing was a Dell Inspiron 5150 (Pentium 4). The differance between runtimes is considerable with tabu search out performing the simulated annealing algorithm by as much as 12 seconds. In both cases the run time are maximum numbers recorded over a few trials.

Overall tabu search out performs simulated annealing both in concern to the objective values and run time, seen in Table 4.23, when compared with data set 33. Although simulated annealing does return good objective values but not always the best known objectives.

4.8.3 Results for Data Set 102

Comparison with the 102 point data set can be viewed in Table 4.24. In most instnces the tabu search algorithm returns better objective values the the simulated annealing algorithm. There are also cases where the two algorithms return the same best objective values. In one case, $M = 93.3$ and $|K| = 3$, simulated annealing returned a better objective than the tabu search algorithm. In this case the best known objective values, according to [13], is 813.

The run times are also compared in Table 4.24. Values displayed are the maximum recorded

$ K $	M	S.A.			Tabu		
		Average	Max	Min	CPU	Max	CPU
4	22.5	481.5	520	400	12.233	560	0.7
4	15	259.25	280	220	11.388	310	0.8
4	10	190	190	190	10.008	190	0.6
3	36.7	686.25	720	620	10.840	750	3.3
3	31.7	610.75	650	540	11.818	680	3.1
3	30	574	620	470	10.447	640	2.1
3	28.3	534.75	570	420	11.562	590	2.0
3	25	471.75	500	430	14.083	510	2.0
2	47.5	697.5	740	630	8.907	760	5.4
2	42.5	619.25	660	540	9.775	690	6.6
2	30	425.75	490	290	10.973	490	1.5
2	27.5	386.75	430	280	9.512	460	3.8
2	25	360	390	270	11.092	410	3.1
2	20	261.75	290	180	10.296	290	1.2
2	17.5	212.5	250	170	9.132	250	0.8
2	12.5	176	180	110	11.354	180	1.2

Table 4.23: Show the comparison between a tabu search algorithm presented in [13] and the simulated annealing algorithm presented in this thesis.

run times. The computer used in the tabu search experiment was a DEC Alpha XP1000 Computer and the one used to calculate the simulated annealing was a Dell Inspiron 5150 (Pentium 4). In most cases the simulated annealing algorithm uses shorter runtimes but for low values of M the tabu search is quicker.

In conclusion the simulated annealing algorithm returns good results but not always the best possible and calculates them in short times compared to other methods, when dealing with large data sets.

4.9 Distance Constraint

When dealing with routes one does not want the bus to drive a short distance and before stopping again. Two nodes close to one another share much of the same profit. Therefore a small change was implemented to one of the java classes, `UnvisitedPoints.java`. This ensured that the bus had to drive either for some time or a certain distance before stopping again, whether it was distance or time depends on the input. The new class `UnvisitedPoints2.java` made it impossible for any route to stop within a certain radius a , from an already picked node. Tests that were conducted with `UnvisitedPoints2.java` also used `Decrease.java` and the updated version of simulated annealing. The data sets tested were 50a,b,c,d and e. Each test looks at nine possible maximum route lengths $M \in \{10, 20, 40, 50, 70, 80, 100, 130, 160\}$ and had a maximum of three vehicles, $|K| = 3$. Values of the radius were $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10\}$. All possible combinations of data sets, maximum route lengths and radii were tested 10 times and each test used two initial guesses the second being the solution from the first test.

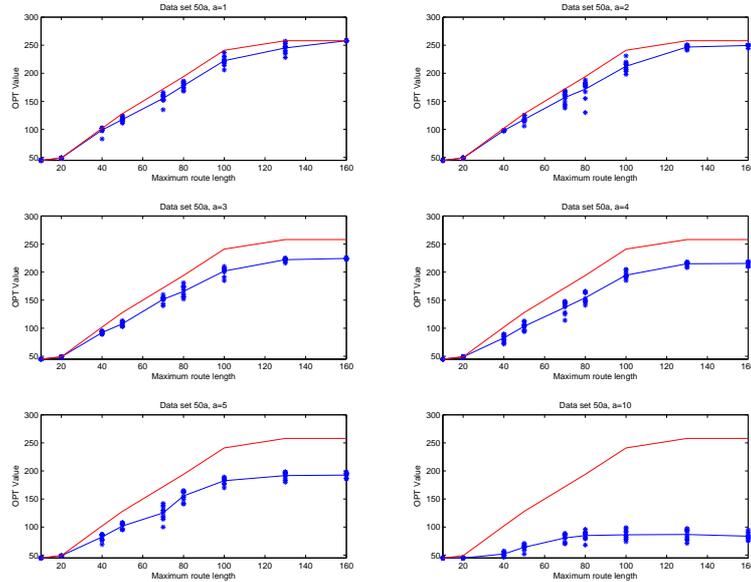


Figure 4.37: Shows the best known objective values, red line; and the different results and there average value, blue dots and blue line.

The cooling schedule used in these tests was $T_0 = 15$, $r = 1 - 10^{-13}$ and $F = 2$. Number of iterations was 50,000.

4.9.1 Results for the Distance Constraint

All data sets showed a decrease in objective function as the radius a increased. This can be seen in the table blow and in Figure 4.37. Similar figures for data sets 50b,c,d and e were constructed and are viewable in appendix *D.4.1*.

The Table 4.25 and Figure 4.37 shows that as a increases the average objective values decrease. For example the best known objective value for $M = 20$ is 49 for all values of $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ but when $a = 10$ the objective value decreases to 45. For other values of M the decrease is much more obvious.

All points in V for data set 50a are shown in Figure 4.38. When $a = 3$ and $M=160$ the routes chosen can be seen in Figure 4.39, routes constructed for the same M and $a = 10$ is shown in Figure 4.40. Other similar figures for data set 50a can be seen in appendix *D.4.1*.

To compare between a route with $a = 0$ and a route with $a = 5$. This can be seen in figures 4.41 and 4.42. In Figure 4.41 blue points represent nodes not chosen. When compared to 4.42 one can determin nodes that were left out becuase they are to close to there neighbor.

These results confirm that the second version of `UnvisitedPoints.java` works and returns solu-

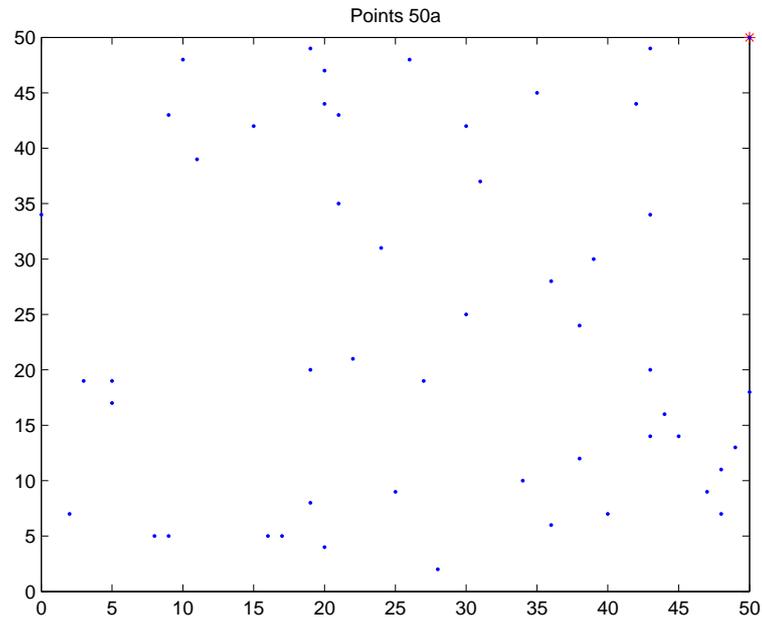


Figure 4.38: Shows all points in data set 50a.

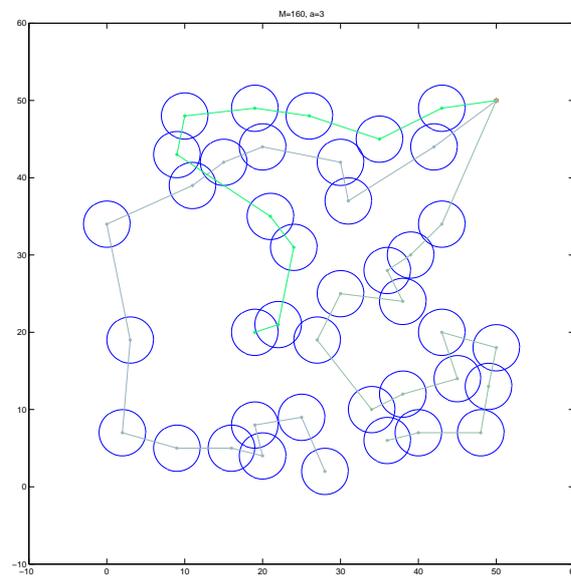


Figure 4.39: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 3$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be travelled before another pick up point is chosen.

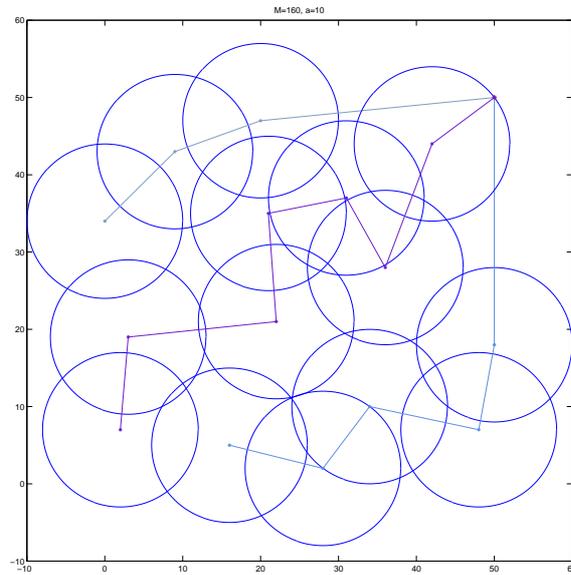


Figure 4.40: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 3$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.

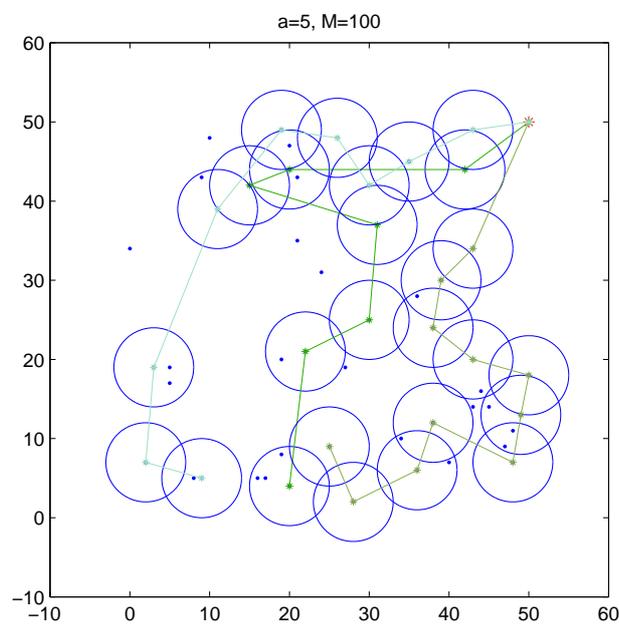


Figure 4.41: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 5$ and $M = 100$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.

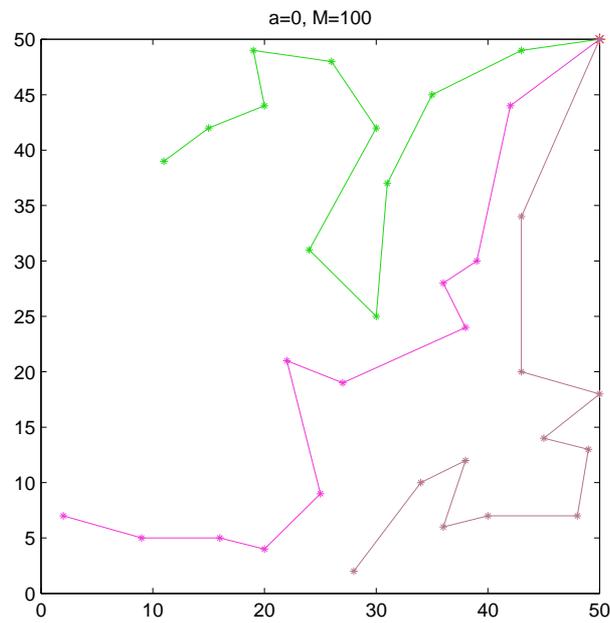


Figure 4.42: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 0$ and $M = 100$. The circles are the area where that must be travelled before another pick up point is chosen.

tions where a bus is prohibited from visiting any points within radius a of a chosen node.

$ K $	M	S.A.			Tabu		
		Average	Max	Min	CPU	Max	CPU
4	100	876.3	972	672	42.110	1067	86.6
4	95	859.8	1008	768	48.770	1019	84.3
4	90	813.9	906	672	47.007	966	101.0
4	85	729.9	810	552	79.156	905	95.2
4	80	681.6	756	558	47.383	832	82.0
4	75	660.3	738	540	47.741	776	71.3
4	70	592.2	696	516	51.924	726	54.4
4	65	543.3	600	462	53.606	643	68.8
4	60	483.6	528	432	56.333	576	31.8
4	55	418.8	456	342	64.727	503	44.9
4	50	382.2	414	336	69.247	462	23.6
4	45	346.8	359	336	83.772	359	20.6
3	133.3	911.7	1032	774	30.927	1098	143.2
3	126.7	1895.5	972	816	32.517	1061	99.8
3	120	863.4	942	702	33.138	1011	93.6
3	113.3	790.8	900	612	32.271	966	98.8
3	106.7	781.5	858	714	32.503	922	74.0
3	100	723.6	840	606	34.229	874	102.8
3	93.3	677.4	792	420	33.218	789	126.5
3	86.7	608.1	738	486	34.962	756	121.2
3	80	543.9	660	360	34.602	681	69.5
3	73.3	529.2	632	414	40.395	632	94.4
3	66.7	445.2	552	300	39.312	563	107.7
3	60	394.2	438	336	42.797	481	36.0
3	53.3	327	390	270	43.955	416	34.0
3	46.7	312.6	330	282	56.311	344	21.0
2	200	951	1062	810	26.023	1165	290.6
2	190	1932.1	1050	798	23.908	1116	215.6
2	180	1885.6	972	780	23.946	1067	432.6
2	170	852.9	978	750	26.709	1017	239.6
2	160	826.5	894	750	39.186	987	272.1
2	150	769.8	894	648	25.499	914	202.8
2	140	695.1	792	534	30.222	864	224.3
2	130	630.9	744	456	26.995	817	174.1
2	120	579.9	702	450	27.055	767	217.5
2	110	579	642	450	30.544	702	120.1
2	100	495	600	324	26.256	638	118.7
2	90	420.6	564	282	28.611	578	84.4
2	80	417.3	480	258	29.395	521	52.0
2	70	337.2	384	234	31.648	459	74.6
2	60	298.2	336	222	35.746	382	42.7
2	50	263.7	276	246	41.383	290	37.7

Table 4.24: Show the comparison between a tabu search algorithm presented in [13] and the simulated annealing algorithm presented in this thesis.

M	10	20	40	50	70	80	100	130	160
Best	45	49	102	128	172	194	241	258	258
$a = 1$	45	49	98.90	117.7	155.2	177.9	222.3	245.05	258
$a = 2$	45	49	98	117.8	156.7	171.7	212.5	246.70	249.4
$a = 3$	45	49	92.20	108	151.5	165.6	201.9	222.10	224.4
$a = 4$	45	49	82.85	103.5	137.2	154.3	194.5	214.80	215.4
$a = 5$	45	49	82.40	101.9	125.3	155.5	182.6	191.80	192.6
$a = 10$	45	45	52	64.1	80.7	84.9	86.3	86.80	83.8

Table 4.25: Compares the average calculated objective values, limited by a radius a and compared to the best known objective value. All this is then done for multiple value of M .

Chapter 5

Conclusions

The simulated annealing algorithm has been put through a number of tests. The best known cooling schedule, $T_0 = 21$, $r = 1 - 10^{-6}$ and $F = 10^{-6}$; was calculated in section 4.2.

The best known probability matrix was calculated in 4.3 and then compared to a number of other probability matrices (see sections 4.5 and 4.6). This best probability matrix was:

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 50 & 30 & 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 10 & 0 & 30 & 50 \\ 60 & 30 & 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 10 & 60 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 70 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 0 & 70 & 30 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The best node insertion method, of those proposed, was random insertion. This was shown in section 4.4.

In comparison to a program written in GAMS the simulated annealing algorithm proved superior, see section 4.7. The algorithm returned objectives between the upper bound, calculated by GAMS, and the objective value suggested by GAMS, used as a lower bound. The gap between the upper and lower bound proposed by GAMS was always large and therefore quality of solutions could not be shown. The simulated annealing algorithm was also much faster than the GAMS program.

The simulated annealing algorithm was then compared to a tabu search algorithm used for TOP, see section 4.8. In most cases the tabu search algorithm outperformed the simulated annealing algorithm by returning better objective values. There were though a few cases there simulated annealing found better objectives. For small data sets the tabu search algorithm was also faster but for larger data sets simulated annealing had shorter run times. In all cases simulated annealing returned objectives close to the best known objective values.

A constraint ensuring that a bus must travel for a certain amount of time was implemented. This constraint worked and returned routes that did not violate the constraint.

The simulated annealing algorithm designed to solve the bus route problem has been constructed. It has a good cooling schedule and a good probability matrix. Furthermore a constraint forcing a certain time to pass between stops is present if needed. The algorithm returns good results but not always the best objective values when compared to other algorithms.

5.1 Further Work

5.1.1 Real World Application

Due to time constrictions and lack of easily accessible data the project was not successful in providing a good bus routes for ALCAN Iceland. In the future a travel time matrix, including all possible pick up point will have to be constructed. This matrix is estimated in size at least as 200×200 and could possibly be larger. This matrix would be constructed using travel plans of local buses, an algorithm constructed for measurements of travel time inside Reykjavík and real world trials. After the travel time matrix has been constructed, profits have to be assigned to each possible pick up point. These profits can be influenced by factors determined by ALCAN, for example the number of employees living close by or access to the local bus system. Finally the vector determining in the time penalty for stopping at a certain node will have to be constructed. This factor is easily estimated by assigning each node, except the source and sink, the same penalty. If considered necessary a stopping penalty dependant on the number of people picked up can be implemented.

5.1.2 Algorithm Improvement

As has been discussed in the report there are many things that may be improved and inspected. The upper bound using time restrictions always assumes that one bus drives to all the nodes, in many cases this is not possible. An improvement might add a nearest neighbour algorithm to determine some sort of route lengths, or travel times. This could then be used to estimate how many buses are needed to visit the nodes selected in the upper bound.

Also in Java the inheritance of variables is a bothersome. This led to the removal of the vector y . By doing this a double for-loop in `Unvisitedpoints.java` was replaced with a triple for-loop. In future versions of the algorithm inserting y into the code could reduce the run time of the program, although this could be complicated as it changes much of the algorithm.

In this report the initial guess introduced into the simulated annealing algorithm was the empty set, or a previously returned solution from the algorithm. There are other methods available in choosing good initial guess, for example adaptive memory procedure discussed in [13]. These methods could in most cases decrease run time dramatically. Although in some cases, when the best objective is an empty solution, these initial guesses result in worse solutions. This can happen in some theoretical cases but is unlikely to matter in real world application. This could be countered by implementing a new move that would remove a single node, without adding a new.

The neighbourhood, moves, could also be improved. Linking `InsertMove11.java`, `BusMove.java` and `InsertMove13.java` would be useful. In that case `InsertMove13.java` and `BusMove.java` would use `InsertMove11.java` to add points to routes. Other methods such as evolutionary cluster

search discussed in [4]. Methods such as that would although lead to longer run times, simpler methods need fewer calculations.

`BusMove.java` could be improved by removing a node if the new route is too long, this is done until the travel time is less than M . This would also lead to more calculations. As proposed in [3] one could also include a function that would try to joint the two routes with the lowest profit or travel time.

5.2 A Learning Experiance

Doing such a large project is a great learning experience that can benefit one in future work. A much better understanding of basic methods such as simulated annealing, and its cooling schedule; computational experiments and report writing. Also understanding of complicated operations research methods such as PCTSP, VRP, OVRP and TOP was attained. New insights into organizational skills, conducting productive meetings, communicating with persons abroad, criticizing once own work and navigating through time constrictions was gained.

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Appendix A

Results

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
50a	3	10	16	16	16	2265.5
	3	20	25.1	31	21	2132.4
	3	40	108.4	112	102	4364.7
	3	50	136.1	141	130	6033.6
	3	70	172.6	189	149	8300.9
	3	80	202.9	220	184	8231.3
	3	100	240.8	252	220	8065.7
	3	130	257.5	258	253	7869.1
50b	3	160	258	258	258	7900.5
	3	10	12.1	17	9	2054.2
	3	20	24.6	27	24	2100.6
	3	40	73.6	79	69	3666.9
	3	50	106.3	115	96	6327.4
	3	70	171.2	181	141	8383.7
	3	80	193.8	209	160	8285.8
	3	100	239	252	228	8135.5
50c	3	130	257.6	258	256	7943.5
	3	160	258	258	258	7955.5
	3	10	4	4	4	2361.1
	3	20	11.9	16	7	2381.8
	3	40	77	84	64	3814
	3	50	104	113	97	6489.9
	3	70	177.9	204	149	8638.2
	3	80	210.5	220	199	8561
50d	3	100	239.4	252	233	8286.5
	3	130	256.8	258	255	8398
	3	160	258	258	258	8422
	3	10	5	5	5	2132.9
	3	20	25	25	25	2345.4
	3	40	73.2	79	68	3721.2
	3	50	102.6	107	93	6015.9
	3	70	163	180	149	8477
50e	3	80	189.8	212	173	8439
	3	100	229.5	248	207	8224.6
	3	130	256.1	258	241	8098.3
	3	160	258	258	258	8061.9
	3	10	9.1	11	6	2164.3
	3	20	31.9	33	28	2396.7
	3	40	80.6	88	69	4538.2
	3	50	98.6	108	80	6583
	3	70	175.1	191	149	8544.8
	3	80	203.1	214	195	8409
	3	100	240	252	216	8294.5
	3	130	257.6	258	254	8147.7
	3	160	258	258	258	8118

Table A.1: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
50a	4	10	16	16	16	2302.5
	4	20	24.9	31	21	2182.1
	4	40	121.7	130	106	5118.7
	4	50	155.4	164	145	7269.8
	4	70	207	221	194	10337
	4	80	237.4	249	214	10150
	4	100	256.6	258	251	9999.4
	4	130	258	258	258	9929.9
50b	4	160	258	258	258	9940.4
	4	10	13.2	17	9	2170.9
	4	20	23.7	27	19	2339.8
	4	40	82.8	90	77	4246.6
	4	50	124.8	133	114	7683.7
	4	70	204.7	224	191	10459
	4	80	236.6	252	222	10349
	4	100	257.5	258	255	10186
50c	4	130	258	258	258	10084
	4	160	258	258	258	10130
	4	10	4	4	4	2374.9
	4	20	11.7	13	7	2492
	4	40	89.3	98	76	4237.4
	4	50	136.6	147	126	7782.5
	4	70	212.3	228	183	10616
	4	80	235.3	252	228	10730
50d	4	100	255.2	258	252	10383
	4	130	258	258	258	10377
	4	160	258	258	258	10293
	4	10	5	5	5	2181.1
	4	20	21.5	25	15	2247.9
	4	40	84.2	88	80	4228.4
	4	50	117.8	123	110	7117.5
	4	70	191.9	203	177	10418
50e	4	80	229.8	244	203	10338
	4	100	254.9	258	236	10144
	4	130	258	258	258	10061
	4	160	258	258	258	11618
	4	10	9	11	6	2233.3
	4	20	31.2	33	28	2484.7
	4	40	93.3	98	87	5178.2
	4	50	128	138	113	7865.4
	4	70	210.9	221	202	10563
	4	80	235.2	246	227	10349
	4	100	258	258	258	10151
	4	130	258	258	258	10116
	4	160	258	258	258	10156

Table A.2: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
50a	5	10	16	16	16	2362.8
	5	20	27.6	31	21	2324.8
	5	40	129.8	135	124	5790.2
	5	50	170	177	158	8449
	5	70	229	239	213	12068
	5	80	252.8	257	241	12102
	5	100	258	258	258	11818
	5	130	258	258	258	11826
50b	5	160	258	258	258	11851
	5	10	14.1	17	9	2294.5
	5	20	23.7	27	19	2360.6
	5	40	89.9	92	88	4677.8
	5	50	146	157	134	8964.3
	5	70	238.2	249	225	12473
	5	80	255.2	258	251	12292
	5	100	258	258	258	12124
50c	5	130	258	258	258	12071
	5	160	258	258	258	12077
	5	10	4	4	4	2297.1
	5	20	11.2	16	7	2168.8
	5	40	99.3	103	89	4575.1
	5	50	148.5	158	132	8635.3
	5	70	233.1	247	227	12307
	5	80	249.4	255	242	12225
50d	5	100	257.7	258	255	12146
	5	130	258	258	258	12144
	5	160	258	258	258	12037
	5	10	5	5	5	2247.3
	5	20	21.6	25	20	2287.3
	5	40	91.3	93	90	4824.4
	5	50	133.1	140	113	8480.9
	5	70	226.4	235	215	12457
50e	5	80	245.6	255	234	12392
	5	100	258	258	258	12240
	5	130	258	258	258	12178
	5	160	258	258	258	12189
	5	10	8	11	6	2241
	5	20	29.9	33	26	2532.9
	5	40	100.7	102	97	5875.8
	5	50	142.4	154	133	9308.6
	5	70	230.2	238	222	12339
	5	80	252.6	258	234	12260
	5	100	258	258	258	12146
	5	130	258	258	258	12139
	5	160	258	258	258	12070

Table A.3: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
100a	3	10	11	11	11	2398.9
	3	20	35.5	38	34	3003.3
	3	40	89.6	102	66	9508.3
	3	50	116.8	126	90	19074
	3	70	152.6	174	133	28235
	3	80	181.6	195	165	27764
	3	100	230.8	266	210	26520
	3	130	266.4	304	218	25725
100b	3	160	335.5	379	301	25165
	3	10	17.5	23	13	3381.5
	3	20	43.1	47	40	4202.5
	3	40	97.7	106	86	7283
	3	50	113.1	130	98	12593
	3	70	156.1	171	140	17413
	3	80	183.9	197	168	18224
	3	100	221.9	245	200	16983
100c	3	130	278.5	325	235	16522
	3	160	327.2	376	284	15356
	3	10	28	30	20	4146.9
	3	20	53.3	54	47	4493.6
	3	40	98.8	104	93	7775.1
	3	50	128.5	143	115	12966
	3	70	178	201	143	17580
	3	80	205.4	233	173	16659
100d	3	100	242.5	282	210	16618
	3	130	295.5	340	248	15192
	3	160	352.9	392	316	15150
	3	10	20.3	22	12	3925.1
	3	20	43.5	45	40	4427.8
	3	40	83	91	68	6736.5
	3	50	96.7	111	83	12487
	3	70	145.6	163	115	17324
100e	3	80	172.6	182	142	17978
	3	100	215.9	232	198	16567
	3	130	265.8	306	228	15795
	3	160	314.3	335	255	15609
	3	10	8	8	8	4633.4
	3	20	37.7	38	35	4814.9
	3	40	96.5	109	86	9371.8
	3	50	123.3	141	105	12709
	3	70	160.7	185	107	18782
	3	80	195.1	215	175	18814
	3	100	232.4	258	207	17216
	3	130	288.6	315	242	16074
	3	160	354.8	377	336	16341

Table A.4: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
100a	4	10	11	11	11	2404.5
	4	20	42.7	44	38	3196.8
	4	40	115.2	126	102	11631
	4	50	155	170	140	23627
	4	70	206.9	227	181	35611
	4	80	224.8	246	191	34632
	4	100	277.3	316	235	33560
	4	130	362.6	380	314	31908
100b	4	160	411.7	452	370	31406
	4	10	16.8	23	13	3518.7
	4	20	50.6	54	45	4461.5
	4	40	118	131	107	8125.3
	4	50	142	159	125	14834
	4	70	206.6	223	168	20674
	4	80	209.8	243	182	20979
	4	100	273.3	300	234	20222
100c	4	130	345.9	373	301	18515
	4	160	404.1	433	383	17062
	4	10	25.8	30	20	3683.4
	4	20	61.5	63	54	4353.6
	4	40	118.1	134	111	8298.9
	4	50	154.2	174	132	14958
	4	70	232.5	256	213	21281
	4	80	261.1	284	221	19116
100d	4	100	296.1	334	246	18789
	4	130	378.8	435	333	17720
	4	160	436.8	455	402	16923
	4	10	16.9	21	12	3631.5
	4	20	51.6	52	51	4367.4
	4	40	99.5	115	89	7517
	4	50	129.2	136	111	14742
	4	70	186.7	203	162	20872
100e	4	80	215.1	249	188	21440
	4	100	281.5	307	249	19357
	4	130	352.3	378	325	18277
	4	160	413.9	448	372	17440
	4	10	8	8	8	4694.2
	4	20	44.4	46	41	5669
	4	40	120.4	130	112	9416.6
	4	50	154.8	176	107	15486
	4	70	218.9	245	198	21922
	4	80	250.8	271	230	22476
	4	100	282.8	307	254	19784
	4	130	366.1	402	342	19978
	4	160	415.7	439	395	17509

Table A.5: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
100a	5	10	11	11	11	4114.6
	5	20	45.2	46	44	4704.7
	5	40	139.9	151	125	10074
	5	50	180.2	204	162	17528
	5	70	237.7	259	210	26868
	5	80	273.6	301	255	24430
	5	100	333	366	299	22919
	5	130	429.4	446	406	20914
100b	5	160	470.7	502	416	20513
	5	10	17.3	23	13	3973.5
	5	20	56.5	59	52	4989.3
	5	40	141.7	152	119	9463.7
	5	50	164.8	185	143	17603
	5	70	249.5	276	226	24986
	5	80	276.6	301	255	25792
	5	100	335.7	358	298	22461
100c	5	130	408.3	431	378	21481
	5	160	465.7	494	433	20413
	5	10	24.6	30	20	3588.4
	5	20	65.4	71	63	4402.7
	5	40	131.6	152	109	8891.5
	5	50	183.2	197	173	17426
	5	70	265.9	283	242	25305
	5	80	302.2	327	274	23638
100d	5	100	362	404	321	22466
	5	130	433.9	459	420	21035
	5	160	488.3	504	459	19577
	5	10	17	21	12	3532.4
	5	20	53.7	55	52	4388.1
	5	40	113.8	125	108	8386.2
	5	50	150.1	169	134	18106
	5	70	231.8	246	208	27403
100e	5	80	265.3	288	239	24810
	5	100	331.3	355	296	23208
	5	130	422.7	451	395	20982
	5	160	479.9	502	455	19146
	5	10	8	8	8	4814
	5	20	53	56	49	5314
	5	40	140.3	148	127	10134
	5	50	182.2	200	137	17948
	5	70	245	273	211	27232
	5	80	294.7	309	285	25393
	5	100	342.8	372	321	24342
	5	130	417.9	432	357	22018
	5	160	476	502	457	22587

Table A.6: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
3_50_a	3	5	59	60	50	4482.7
	3	10	102.8	111	90	6377.9
	3	15	168	171	141	8565
	3	20	231.8	232	231	10623
	3	25	286.9	301	222	11628
	3	30	361	361	361	11268
	3	35	394.4	411	371	10987
	3	40	424.8	432	371	10325
	3	50	430	432	412	10065
	3_50_b	3	5	55	55	55
3		10	117	120	100	6275.6
3		15	171	180	140	8560.7
3		20	249	250	240	10993
3		25	292.9	301	230	12022
3		30	356.9	361	330	11570
3		35	401.8	411	370	11125
3		40	428.9	432	401	10317
3		50	423	432	372	10403
3_50_c		3	5	55	55	55
	3	10	104.5	111	90	6605.6
	3	15	179	181	171	8756.9
	3	20	228.1	231	222	11517
	3	25	299.2	300	292	12029
	3	30	359	360	350	11760
	3	35	402.9	411	370	11730
	3	40	428	432	392	11412
	3	50	429	432	402	10319

Table A.7: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
4_50_a	4	4	72.5	75	65	6816.4
	4	8	129.6	131	120	9613.7
	4	12	190.8	201	171	17074
	4	16	272	281	211	14932
	4	20	359.9	361	351	14440
	4	24	423	432	352	13535
	4	28	431.9	432	431	12780
	4	30	430.9	432	421	12427
	4	35	426	432	392	12669
4_50_b	4	4	71.5	75	60	7025.3
	4	8	144	150	120	9696.4
	4	12	206.9	211	191	16331
	4	16	273.4	290	241	14673
	4	20	364.1	370	331	14050
	4	24	423.9	432	372	12864
	4	28	423.7	432	400	13007
	4	30	417.9	432	341	12435
	4	35	430.9	432	421	12172
4_50_c	4	4	75	80	60	6975.3
	4	8	156	160	140	9060.5
	4	12	229.9	231	220	15812
	4	16	286.4	292	261	14074
	4	20	361.5	372	320	13112
	4	24	423.9	432	401	12542
	4	28	428	432	412	12264
	4	30	428.9	432	412	12323
	4	35	432	432	432	11720

Table A.8: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
4_100_a	4	10	183	190	170	11610
	4	20	362	380	300	44446
	4	25	462.6	471	430	69766
	4	30	544.8	561	431	57475
	4	35	628	661	600	53055
	4	40	697.2	750	563	47969
	4	45	742.3	814	582	44791
	4	50	835.2	904	713	44777
	4	60	875.3	905	814	41065
4_100_b	4	10	182	190	150	11757
	4	20	377	380	360	39682
	4	25	440	470	370	65734
	4	30	566.6	571	551	58835
	4	35	651.2	670	621	56639
	4	40	684.5	751	540	47337
	4	45	790.2	841	750	44403
	4	50	842.5	904	795	42063
	4	60	882.2	905	834	41686
4_100_c	4	10	190	190	190	11702
	4	20	378	390	310	42901
	4	25	463	470	450	69121
	4	30	548	580	450	60838
	4	35	644.3	661	580	53120
	4	40	681.4	761	590	47479
	4	45	793.6	841	721	46224
	4	50	820.8	904	721	43629
	4	60	883.2	905	853	41369

Table A.9: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Data set	$ K $	M	Average	Max	Min	Average CPU
3_100_a	3	10	118	121	111	6121.4
	3	20	231.1	240	161	12729
	3	30	358.1	370	281	23002
	3	35	414.7	431	331	30998
	3	40	492.1	500	480	34771
	3	45	521.3	560	410	41077
	3	50	587.4	620	520	43730
	3	60	691.7	732	631	41873
	3	75	805.6	863	713	38226
3_100_b	3	10	130	130	130	6071.3
	3	20	246	250	220	12023
	3	30	359	380	290	23078
	3	35	410	430	340	28914
	3	40	475	500	390	36920
	3	45	540.2	560	411	37747
	3	50	594	620	550	44592
	3	60	681.8	741	622	40227
	3	75	784.3	874	690	34663
3_100_c	3	10	112	120	100	5802.6
	3	20	237	240	230	11083
	3	30	328	350	270	22702
	3	35	411	420	380	27548
	3	40	456	480	340	35322
	3	45	526.3	551	400	39322
	3	50	563.5	601	440	38953
	3	60	685.4	732	622	39509
	3	75	811.2	881	753	34580

Table A.10: Results using $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 15$. Average objective, best calculated objective, worst calculated objective and average run times in mille seconds are displayed.

Appendix B

Solution Types

A few types of solutions are presented here and then analyzed with SWOT analysis. There internal benefactors of the project are: the student, ALCAN and the professors. The external benefactors are: The employees of ALCAN, Hópbílar (or other transport companies) and the general public.

Type 1: Use current pickup points along with new ones (predefined, such as local bus stops). Estimate the importance of each pickup point by the number of people living close to it, the amount of parking and connection to local transit system. Buses from Hópbílar are used to pick up employees.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered a exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. In this solution new nodes without a predefined location cannot be used. Hard to estimate the general population of an area.
External	Decreases travel time.	Decreases profit for Hópbílar. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Hópbílar.

Type 2: Same as type 1 except importance of pickup points is decided by the number of employees that live close to them.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple to be considered an exam project. Relatively simple to program and therefore a good candidate for the first solution.	This is a special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. In this solution new nodes without a predefined location cannot be used. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time.	Decreases profit for Hópbílar. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Hópbílar.

Type 3 Same as type 2 except a soft wear, such as ShorTrec from AGR hf., is used to determine the bus routes. A new route can be calculated as often as ALCAN desires.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover.	This solution depends on a 3 party program. This solution is too simple to be considered an exam project unless the 3 party soft wear is programmed by the student. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases the profit for the provider of the new soft wear.	Decreases profit for Hópbílar. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Hópbílar.

Type 4: Uses the local transit system, buses, to pickup employees and return them.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. This solution gives good publicity for ALCAN by increasing the use of the local bus system. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. Solves overtime problem.	This solution is too simple to be considered an exam project. Doesn't work all year round, 24 hours a day. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time. No employee will have to walk further than 600m. Possible for employees to use outside of working hours. Increases use of the local bus system.	Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN. Strætó will have to put up a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Strætó.

Type 5 : Car pooling. Each car will be given a driving diary and receive a payment for gas used at the end of the month. It would be necessary to right a program that would put five optimal people together as a part of a car pooling team.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. Might solve overtime problem. Not to simple to be considered an exam project. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day.	A special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Might be misused by employees, who could log more kilometers than they actually drove. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time. No employee will have to walk, they are picked up at there doorstep.	Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN. Employees depend on one another to be at work on time. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Employees.

Type 6 : Driving grant. Each employee would receive an increase in pay to compensate for the lack of buses. The employees would then drive themselves to work.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A special solution that takes into account employee turnover. Solves overtime problem. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day.	Too simple to be considered an exam project. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases employee pay (which is always popular).	Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Decreases the current amount of service provided by ALCAN.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Employees.

Type 7 : Car pooling with taxis. A taxi would pickup employees and return them. Each taxi would be filled with passengers. A program would tell the taxi service where and when to pick up an employee.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Possibly solves overtime problem. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple too be considered an exam project.	A special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Cost of this solution is unknown. Not ALCAN's desired solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Service is increased as all employees are picked up on there doorstep. Profit for taxi service is increased.	Removes Hópbílar from the picture.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a taxi service.

Type 8 : Same as type 1 except the pickup points would be calculated so that there location was optimal and not from predetermined points.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple too be considered an exam project. ALCAN's desired solution.	Hard to estimate general population of an area. Of all the solutions likely to be the most complicated to formulate.
External	Decreases travel time.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar.

B.0.1 Combined solutions

Combo 1 : Type 1 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 1 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple too be considered an exam project. Solves the overtime problem during day/evening on non holidays. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined. Hard to estimate general population of an area.
External	No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays. Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 2 : Type 2 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 2 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general and special solution that takes into account, during day/evening on non holidays, employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple too be considered an exam project. Partly solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	A general and special solution that does not take into account, during night or on holidays, employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 3 : Type 3 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 3 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general and special solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Partly solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. This solution is too simple to be considered an exam project unless the 3 party software is programmed by the author of the project.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 4 : Type 5 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 5 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general and special solution that takes into account, during day/evening on non holidays, employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Partly (even completely) solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	A general and special solution that does not take into account, during night or on holidays, employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Might be misused by employees, who could log more kilometers than they actually have driven.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays.	Service is decreased. Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík. Employees depend on one another to be at work on time. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Employees and Strætó.

Combo 5 : Type 6 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 6 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. This solution is too simple to be considered an exam project.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. Employees receive an increase in pay. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays.	Service is decreased. Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Employees and Strætó.

Combo 6 : Type 7 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 7 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. A general solution, during day/evening on non holidays, that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A special solution, at night and on holidays, that does not take into account employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Cost is an unknown factor.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. Service is increased during night and holidays. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays. Increased revenue for the taxi service.	Service is decreased during day/evening on non holidays. Removes Hópbílar from the picture. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a taxi service and Strætó.

Combo 7 : Type 8 and type 4.

Description : Use solution type 4 when it is possible, during daytime on non holidays, and solution type 8 when type 4 is not available.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Partly solves the overtime problem. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Hard to estimate general population of an area. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Likely a complicated solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m during day/evening on non holidays .	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Strætó will have to build a new bus stop in Straumsvík.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 8 : Type 5 and type 6.

Description : Type 5 but instead of using the driving diaries, employees would receive an increase in pay, type 6, for driving there fellow coworkers to work.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases cost. Decreases travel time. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Could solve the overtime problem. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. A special solution that does not take into account employee turnover.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees are picked up at there doorstep. Employees receive pay increase.	Service provided by ALCAN is decreased. Hópbílar are removed from the picture. Employees depend on one another to be at work on time. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 9 : Type 7 and type 6.

Description : Solution type 7 would be used but instead of ALCAN paying the taxi service it would increase workers pay. Employees would then use that pay increase to pay for the taxis.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. This solution works all year round, 24 hours a day. Could solve the overtime problem. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Cost is unknown, likely high. A special solution that does not take into account employee turnover.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees are picked up at their doorstep. Employees receive pay increase. Service is increased. Increased revenue for the taxi service.	Hópbílar are removed from the picture.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 10 : Extreme solution using type 1 and type 4.

Description : Solve solution type 1 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use local buses to get to those points, type 4.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Does not work all year round, 24 hours a day. Cost might not be decreased. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined. Hard to estimate general population of an area.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 11 : Extreme solution using type 2 and type 4.

Description : Solve solution type 2 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use local buses to get to those points, type 4.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. A general and special solution that takes into account employee turnover. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Does not work all year round, 24 hours a day. Cost might not be decreased. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 12 : Extreme solution using type 3 and type 4.

Description : Solve solution type 3 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use local buses to get to those points, type 4.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. A general and special solution that takes into account employee turnover. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users.	Depend on a third party program. Too simple to be considered an exam project, unless the third party program is program by the author of the project. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Does not work all year round, 24 hours a day. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m. Increased revenue for the taxi service.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 13 : Extreme solution using type 8 and type 4.

Description : Solve solution type 8 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use local buses to get to those points, type 4.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. Good publicity for ALCAN as the public transport system gains more users. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Does not work all year round, 24 hours a day. Cost might not be decreased. Likely a complicated solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Employees can use the public buses when they are not at work. More users for the public transport system. No employee will have to walk further than 600m.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by a Hópbílar and Strætó.

Combo 14 : Extreme solution using type 1 and type 5.

Description : Solve solution type 1 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use car pooling to get to those points, type 5.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A general and special solution that does not takes into account employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined. Might be misused by employees who could log more kilometers then they actually have driven. Hard to estimate general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up at doorstep.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Employees depend on one another to catch the bus. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Hópbílar and employees.

Combo 15 : Extreme solution using type 2 and type 5.

Description : Solve solution type 2 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use car pooling to get to those points, type 5.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. Not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A special that does not take into account employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Might be misused by employees who could log more kilometers than they actually have driven. In this solution new nodes without predefined locations can not be defined. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up at doorstep.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Employees depend on one another to catch the bus. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by Hópbílar and employees.

Combo 16 : Extreme solution using type 3 and type 5.

Description : Solve solution type 3 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use car pooling to get to those points, type 5.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A special solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Depends on a third party program. Might be misused by employees who could log more kilometers than they actually have driven. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up at doorstep. Increases profit for the soft wear provider.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Employees depend on one another to catch the bus. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 17 : Extreme solution using type 8 and type 5.

Description : Solve solution type 8 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use car pooling to get to those points, type 5.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. A general and special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Might be misused by employees who could log more kilometers than they actually have driven. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up at doorstep.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Employees depend on one another to catch the bus. Not every one owns a car. Likely a complicated solution.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 18 : Extreme solution using type 1 and type 6.

Description : Solve solution type 1 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then receive an increase in monthly pay to be used to get to said points, type 6.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. New nodes without predefined locations cannot be used. Hard to estimate a general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases pay for employees.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 19 : Extreme solution using type 2 and type 6.

Description : Solve solution type 2 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then receive an increase in monthly pay to be used to get to said points, type 6.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A special solution that partly takes into account employee turnover. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. New nodes without predefined locations cannot be used. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases pay for employees.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 20 : Extrema solution using type 3 and type 6.

Description : Solve solution type 3 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then receive an increase in monthly pay to be used to get to said points, type 6.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A special solution that takes into account employee turnover.	Too simple to be considered an exam project, unless the third party program is program by the author of the project. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Depends on a third party program. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases pay. Increases profit for software provider.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 21 : Extreme solution using type 8 and type 6.

Description : Solve solution type 8 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then receive an increase in monthly pay to be used to get to said points, type 6.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A general solution that takes into account employee turnover. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Not ALCAN's desired solution. Hard to estimate a general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased. Likely a complicated solution.
External	Decreases travel time. Increases pay for employees.	Service is decreased. Hópbílar's profit is decreased. Not every one owns a car.

Transportation in this solution is provided by employees and Hópbílar.

Combo 22 : Extreme solution using type 1 and type 7.

Description : Solve solution type 1 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use a taxi service to said points, type 7.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A general and special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Hard to estimate a general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased. New nodes without a predefined location cannot be used.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up on doorstep. Increases revenue for taxi service. Service is increased.	Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by taxi service and Hópbílar.

Combo 23 : Extreme solution using type 2 and type 7.

Description : Solve solution type 2 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use a taxi service to said points, type 7.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Cost might not be decreased. New nodes without a predefined location cannot be used.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up on doorstep. Increases revenue for taxi service. Service is increased.	Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by taxi service and Hópbílar.

Combo 24 : Extreme solution using type 3 and type 7.

Description : Solve solution type 3 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use a taxi service to said points, type 7.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round, 24 hours a day. A special solution takes into account employee turnover. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	Depends on a third party program. Not ALCAN's desired solution. Hard to estimate a general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased. New nodes without a predefined location cannot be used.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up on doorstep. Increases revenue for taxi service. Service is increased. Increased profit for the provider of the new soft wear.	Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by taxi service and Hópbílar.

Combo 25 : Extreme solution using type 8 and type 7.

Description : Solve solution type 8 with as few routes and pickup points as possible. Employees then use a taxi service to said points, type 7.

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal	Decreases travel time. Works all year round. 24 hours a day. This solution is not too simple to be considered an exam project.	A general and special solution that does not take into account employee turnover. Not AL-CAN's desired solution. Hard to estimate a general population of an area. Cost might not be decreased.
External	Decreases travel time. Employee picked up on doorstep. Increases revenue for taxi service. Service is increased.	Hópbílar's profit is decreased.

Transportation in this solution is provided by taxi service and Hópbílar.

Appendix C

Algorithm

C.1 Number of Possible Solutions

Consider a set of nodes V , the number of nodes in V is n , $|V| = n$. The source node is $j \in V$. It is known for TSP that the number of possible solutions is:

$$(n - 1)! \tag{C.1.1}$$

If we relax relax constraint saying all points must be visited and let i denote the number of nodes visited in a certain solution. All nodes are used except the source, since source to source moves are not allowed, although source to sink route is allowed. Now the possible values for i are $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\} = S$.

Next a number of sets, I_i , are defined where $I_i \subseteq V, \forall i \in S$. So each set I_i is a reduced version of N that includes the source and i nodes we i.e. have $|I_i| = i + 1$. Next C.1.1 is applied to each I_i and all possibilities added up:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (|I_i| - 1)! = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i! \tag{C.1.2}$$

This sums up the possibilities for $|S|$ TSP. Each of the $|S|$ TSP only uses i of the $n - 1$ available points. For each TSP, other than $i = n - 1$, there are more than one possibility of choosing the i nodes used in the TSP. The possible combination for choice of i can be expressed with the binomial coefficient.

$$C(i) = \binom{n - 1}{i} = \frac{(n - 1)!}{i!(n - 1 - i)!} \tag{C.1.3}$$

We now multiply C.1.2 and C.1.3. This gives the number of possible solutions for a TSP where you have n nodes to choose from but are not restricted to use all, but have to use the source.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} C(i)(|I_i| - 1)! = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n - 1)!}{(n - 1 - i)!} \tag{C.1.4}$$

If the distance matrix is symmetric then the number of possible solutions is

$$(n-1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-i)!} \quad (\text{C.1.5})$$

Because when dealing with 2 points the solution is the same even if the distance matrix is asymmetric. Therefore the solutions dealing with two points are symmetric and therefore do not need to be divided by 2. Now the equation C.1.7 can also be written as

$$|S| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{|S|!}{(|S|-i)!} \quad (\text{C.1.6})$$

Where $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ and $|S| = n-1$. This applies for all problems where $n > 1$.

Now let us assume that there are $|K|$ routes and that each route, k , includes all nodes in the set V_k and the source node, j , is in that set, $j \in V_k$. Now we know that $k \in K = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, let us now define $V_0 = j$. Next we define J_k as the set of all nodes not visited by routes in k^* , where $k^* = \{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$, and the source node. So $J_k = \{V \setminus \{V_0 \cup V_1 \dots \cup V_{k-1}, j\}$. It is known that the complexity for each route decreases as a previous route has included some nodes. Then the number of possibilities for a multiple route problem becomes:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{i \in J_k} \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-i)!} \quad (\text{C.1.7})$$

C.2 Algorithm

C.2.1 Run.java

```
import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Date;
import java.text.DecimalFormat;

public class Sudo10
{

//int K,V;
int V1;
int[] [] y;
int[] [] Route;
int[] NN;
int OPT;
//File Pro = new File("profit_3_50_a.txt");
//File Tim = new File("dist_3_50_a.txt");
//File Sto = new File("Stop_47.txt");
int[] Profit; //profit matrix
double[] [] time;
```

```

int[] Stop;
long date1;
long date2;
long date;
//String file = "3_50_a_p3test.txt" ;
//String File = "route3_50_a_p3test.txt" ;
String file1 = "test50a_10_p.txt";
String file2 = "test50a_20_p.txt";
String file3 = "test50a_40_p.txt";
String file4 = "test50a_50_p.txt";
String file5 = "test50a_70_p.txt";
String file6 = "test50a_80_p.txt";
String file7 = "test50a_100_p.txt";
String file8 = "test50a_130_p.txt";
String file9 = "test50a_160_p.txt";

double Time;

public Sudo10(int K, int V, File Pro, File Tim, String File, String file, int[][] p) throws
{
//date1= System.currentTimeMillis();
//K=3;
//V=47;
Profit = new int[V];
time = new double[V][V];
Stop = new int[V];
NN= new int[9];

NN[0]=10;
NN[1]=20;
NN[2]=40;
NN[3]=50;
NN[4]=70;
NN[5]=80;
NN[6]=100;
NN[7]=130;
NN[8]=160;

FileWriter fw = new FileWriter(file);
BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(fw);
PrintWriter outFile = new PrintWriter(bw, true);

FileWriter fw2 = new FileWriter(File);
BufferedWriter bw2 = new BufferedWriter(fw2);
PrintWriter outFile2 = new PrintWriter(bw2, true);

```

```

SimulatedAnnealing7 Sim[] = new SimulatedAnnealing7[10];

GetDataFrom1D ProData = new GetDataFrom1D(Profit,Pro);
Profit=ProData.P;

GetDataFrom2D TimeData = new GetDataFrom2D(time, V, Tim);
time=TimeData.P;

//GetDataFrom1D StoData = new GetDataFrom1D(Stop,Sto);
//Stop=StoData.P;

for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
if (i==0 || i==V-1)
{
Stop[i]=0;
}
else
{
Stop[i]=1;
}
}

for (int k=0; k<1;k++)
{
for (int i=0;i<9;i++)
{

Decrease DD= new Decrease(V, Profit, time, Stop, NN[i]);
V1=DD.v;

double[][] TT= new double[V1][V1];
TT=DD.T;
int[] profit=new int[V1];
profit=DD.P;
int[] stop =new int[V1];
stop=DD.S;

InitialGuess init = new InitialGuess (K, V1);
Route=init.Route; //constructs the Route matrix 2D

for(int j=0;j<9;j++)
{
date1= System.currentTimeMillis();
Sim[j] = new SimulatedAnnealing7(Route,K, V1, profit, TT, stop, file1, NN[i], p);
OPT=Sim[j].S;
Route=Sim[j].Route;
}
}

```



```

//-----
int Snew; //temporary variables
int[] [] RouteNew;

calculateOpt calOpt[] = new calculateOpt[2];
calculateTime calT[] = new calculateTime[2];
moves2 move[] = new moves2[2];

public SimulatedAnnealing7(int[] [] route, int K, int V, int[] p, double[] [] time, int[] Stop)
{
Random generator = new Random();

Route=route;
count=0;

//-----
calOpt[0] = new calculateOpt(Route, K,V, p);

S=calOpt[0].OPT;

//-----
calT[0]= new calculateTime(Route,time,K,V, Stop);
SumTime=calT[0].SumT;

count=1;

try
{
//-----
FileWriter fw = new FileWriter(file);
BufferedWriter bw = new BufferedWriter(fw);
PrintWriter outFile = new PrintWriter(bw, true);

while(count<MAX)
{
move[1]=new moves2(K,V,Route, SumTime, MaxTime, time, p, PROP);
RouteNew=move[1].route;

//-----
calOpt[1] = new calculateOpt(RouteNew, K,V,p);
Snew=calOpt[1].OPT;

//-----

```

```

Delta=Snew-S;
calculateTime calTemp = new calculateTime(RouteNew, time, K, V, Stop);
SumTemp=calTemp.SumT;
Maximum =0;
TimeTemp=0;
Time=0;

MRT=move[1].temp;
outFile.println("Move: "+MRT);
AS=move[1].temp2;
outFile.println("Instance: "+AS);
JCVD=move[1].temp3;
outFile.println("UsedBuses: "+JCVD);
SS=move[1].UsedBuses;

for(int i=0; i<K; i++)
{
if (Maximum<= SumTemp[i])
{
Maximum=SumTemp[i];
}
TimeTemp=SumTemp[i]+TimeTemp;
Time=SumTime[i]+ Time;
}

if (Maximum <= MaxTime)
{
if (Delta>=0)
{
if (Delta==0)
{
if(TimeTemp<=Time || (Time==0 && TimeTemp!=0))
{
S=calOpt[1].OPT;
Route=move[1].route;
}
else
{
Delta2=TimeTemp-Time;
Num1=-Delta/T;
prop= Math.exp(Num1);
RandN=generator.nextFloat();
if(Delta2 <0 && prop<=RandN && Maximum<= MaxTime)
{
S=calOpt[1].OPT;
Route=move[1].route;
}
}
}
}
}
}

```

```

}
}

//-----
if (TimeTemp<Time || (Time==0 && TimeTemp!=0))
{
iter2=count; //finding the iteration when the optimal value is found
}
//-----

}
else
{
iter1=count; //finding the iteration witch returns the optimal value
S=calOpt[1].OPT;
Route=move[1].route;
}
}
else
{
Num1=-Delta/T;
prop= Math.exp(Num1);
RandN=generator.nextFloat();
if(Delta <0 && prop<=RandN && Maximum<= MaxTime)
{
S=calOpt[1].OPT;
Route=move[1].route;
}
}
}

if (T> Frozen)
{
T=r*T; //Cooling Schedule
}
else
{
T=0; //Now we implement a local search
}

calT[1]= new calculateTime(Route,time,K,V, Stop);
SumTime=calT[1].SumT;
count=count+1;

//-----

try

```

```

{
//outFile.println(S+ " " + (count-1));
//outFile.println("iteration:" + (count-1));
//outFile.println("Opt: "+iter1+"      Time: " +iter2);

//for(int k=0; k<K; k++)
//{
//for(int i=0; i<V; i++)
//{
//if(i==0 || Route[k][i]!=0)
//outFile.print(Route[k][i] + " ");
//}
//outFile.println();
//}

TotalT=0;
for(int k=0; k<K; k++)
{
//outFile.print(SumTime[k]+" ");
TotalT=SumTime[k]+TotalT;
}

//outFile.println();
}
catch (NumberFormatException exception)
{
System.out.println ("NumberFormatException" );
}
}

catch (IOException exception)
{
System.out.println("IOException ");
}
}
}

```

C.2.3 moves.java

```

import java.util.Random;
import java.io.*;

public class moves2
{

```

```

int OPT;
int[] UsedBuses; //number of buses in route
int[] U; // number of unvisited points
int[][] route;
int[] Prop;
int RandProp;
int[][] Rnew;
int Neighbor=6; //number of possible Swaps
int temp=0;
int temp2=0;
int temp3=0;

double SumTravelNew=0;
double SumTravel=0;
double[] Travel;
double[] TravelNew;

calculateTime calT[] = new calculateTime[2];

public moves2 (int K, int V, int[][] Route, double[] SumT, int MaxT, double [][] time, int[]
{
Random generator = new Random();
Prop = new int[Neighbor];
route = new int[K][V];

UnvisitedPoints Unvi = new UnvisitedPoints(K,V,Route);
U=Unvi.U;

NumberOfBuses Num = new NumberOfBuses(K,V,Route);
UsedBuses=Num.N;
temp3=UsedBuses.length;

//-----
//If loop construct the odds of insert or Swap moves happening
//-----
if (UsedBuses.length>1)//more the one route
{
if (U.length<1 && UsedBuses.length<K) //more then 1 route and no unused points and not all
{ temp2=1;
Prop[0]=PROP[0][0]; //SwapMove2_1 40%
Prop[1]=PROP[0][1]; //SwapMove1_1 40%
Prop[2]=0; //a chosen insert move 0%
Prop[3]=0; //a chosen bus move 0%
Prop[4]=PROP[0][4]; //SwapMove3_1 20%
Prop[5]=0; //Insert1_3 10%
}
}

```

```

else
{
if (UsedBuses.length==K) //all buses in use
{
if (U.length>0) //unused points available
{ temp2=21;
Prop[0]=PROP[1][0]; //SwapMove2_1 30%
Prop[1]=PROP[1][1]; //SwapMove1_1 30%
Prop[2]=PROP[1][2]; //a chosen insert move 20%
Prop[3]=0; //a chosen bus move 0%
Prop[4]=PROP[1][4]; //SwapMove3_1 10%
Prop[5]=PROP[1][5]; //Insert1_3 10%
}
else //U.length <=0
{ temp2=22;
Prop[0]=PROP[2][0]; //SwapMove2_1 40%
Prop[1]=PROP[2][1]; //SwapMove1_1 40%
Prop[2]=0; //a chosen insert move 0%
Prop[3]=0; //a chosen bus move 0%
Prop[4]=PROP[2][4]; //SwapMove3_1 20%
Prop[5]=0; //Insert1_3 0%
}
}
else //not all buses in use
{
if (U.length>1) //unused points left
{ temp2=3;
Prop[0]=PROP[3][0]; //SwapMove2_1 30%
Prop[1]=PROP[3][1]; //SwapMove1_1 20%
Prop[2]=PROP[3][2]; //a chosen insert move 25%
Prop[3]=PROP[3][3]; //a chosen bus move 10%
Prop[4]=PROP[3][4]; //SwapMove1_1 10%
Prop[5]=PROP[3][5]; //Insert1_3 5%
}
}
}
}
else
{
if (UsedBuses.length>0) //only one route
{
if(UsedBuses.length>0 && U.length<1) //only one route and no unused points
{ temp2=5;
Prop[0]=0; //SwapMove2_1 0%
Prop[1]=100; //SwapMove1_1 100%
Prop[2]=0; //a chosen insert move 0%

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Prop[3]=0; //a chosen bus move 0%
Prop[4]=0; //SwapMove3_1 0%
Prop[5]=0; //Insert1_3 0%
}
else //only one route and unused points
{
temp2=6;
Prop[0]=0; //SwapMove2_1 0%
Prop[1]=PROP[4][1]; //SwapMove1_1 30%
Prop[2]=PROP[4][2]; //a chosen insert move 50%
Prop[3]=PROP[4][3]; //a chosen bus move 10%
Prop[4]=0; //SwapMove3_1 0%
Prop[5]=PROP[4][5]; //Insert1_3 10%
}
}
else //no route
{
temp2=7;
Prop[0]=0; //SwapMove2_1 0%
Prop[1]=0; //SwapMove1_1 0%
Prop[2]=PROP[5][2]; //a chosen insert move 90%
Prop[3]=PROP[5][3]; //a chosen bus move 10%
Prop[4]=0; //SwapMove3_1 0%
Prop[5]=0; //Insert1_3 0%
}
}

//-----

RandProp=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(100)+1;//generates an number between 1 & 100

if (RandProp<Prop[0])
{ temp=1;
swapmove2_1 swa= new swapmove2_1(V,K, UsedBuses, Route);
route=swa.r;
}
else//-----
{
if(RandProp<Prop[1]+Prop[0] && RandProp>=Prop[0] && Prop[1]!=0)
{ temp=2;
swapmove1_1 swa= new swapmove1_1(V,K, UsedBuses, Route);
route=swa.r;
}
else//-----
{
if(RandProp<Prop[2]+Prop[1]+Prop[0] && RandProp>=Prop[1]+Prop[0] && Prop[2]!=0)
{ temp=3;
InsertMove1_1 ins = new InsertMove1_1(V,K,U,UsedBuses,Route, time, MaxT );
//InsertMove1_2 ins = new InsertMove1_2(V,K,U,UsedBuses,Route, time, MaxT , profit);

```



```

Route = new int [K] [V]; //
for(int k=0; k<=(K-1); k++)
{
Route[k] [0]=0;
Route[k] [1]=V-1; //V=L+2 but the number of nodes is V-1
}
}
}

```

C.2.5 calculateOpt.java

```

import java.util.Random;
import java.io.*;

public class calculateOpt
{
int alpha;
int beta;
int sumX;
int sumY;
int OPT;
int R;

public calculateOpt (int[] [] route, int K, int V, int[] P)
{
alpha=1;
beta=15;
sumX=0;
sumY=0;
for (int k=0;k<K; k++)
{
for (int i=0;i<V;i++)
{
sumY=sumY+P[route[k] [i]];
}
if(route[k] [1]==(V-1))
{
sumX=sumX+1;
}
}
OPT=alpha*sumY+beta*sumX;
}
}

```

C.2.6 calculateTime.java

```
import java.util.Random;
import java.io.*;

public class calculateOpt
{
    int alpha;
    int beta;
    int sumX;
    int sumY;
    int OPT;
    int R;

    public calculateOpt (int[] [] route, int K, int V, int[] P)
    {
        alpha=1;
        beta=15;
        sumX=0;
        sumY=0;
        for (int k=0;k<K; k++)
        {
            for (int i=0;i<V;i++)
            {
                sumY=sumY+P[route[k][i]];
            }
            if(route[k][1]==(V-1))
            {
                sumX=sumX+1;
            }
        }
        OPT=alpha*sumY+beta*sumX;
    }
}
```

C.2.7 UnvisitedPoints.java

```
import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;

public class UnvisitedPoints2
{
    int[] U;
    int sum;
    int temp=0;
    int temp2=0;
    public UnvisitedPoints2(int K, int V, int[] [] route, double[] [] dist, int MaxDist)
```

```

{
U = new int[0];
sum=0;

for (int i=1; i<V-1; i++)
{
temp=0;
for (int k=0; k<K; k++)
{
for(int j=0; j<V; j++)
{
if (route[k][j]==i)
{
temp=1;
}
}
}
if(temp==0)
{
temp2=0;
for (int k=0; k<K;k++)
{
for (int j=1;j<V; j++)
{
if (dist[route[k][j]][i]< MaxDist && route[k][j]!=i && route[k][j]!=0)
{
temp2=1;
}
}
}
if (temp2==0)
{
U = addArrayElement(i);
}
}
}
}

public int[] addArrayElement(int n){
int[] newarray = new int[U.length + 1];
for (int i = 0;i < U.length;i++){
newarray[i] = U[i];
}
newarray[U.length] = n;
return newarray;
}
}

```

C.2.8 NumberOfBuses.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;

public class NumberOfBuses
{
int[] N;
public NumberOfBuses(int K, int V, int[][] route)
{
N = new int[0];
//This double for loop finds all buses that are on route
for(int k=0; k<K; k++)
{
if (route[k][1]<V-1)
{
N = addArrayElement(k);
}
}
}
public int[] addArrayElement(int n){
int[] newarray = new int[N.length + 1];
for (int i = 0;i < N.length;i++){
newarray[i] = N[i];
}
newarray[N.length] = n;
return newarray;
}
}

```

C.2.9 InsertMove11.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
//-----
//Inserts a random node into a random route, currently in use.
//If the route will then become to long a new route (and node)
//will be chosen. The current route will though be tested MaxTemp
//times before it is abandond (it is possible to ad a node without
//increasing travel time)
//-----

public class InsertMove1_1
{
int LengthU;
int RandI;
int LengthK;

```

```

int RandK;
int RandAdd; //the spot where the new node is added into the route
int[] [] r; //route
int NewNode; //the node to be added
int AddedTo; //the route to be increased
int NumVisitedPoints; //Number of nodes in chosen route (includes source and sink)
int MAX=100; //maximum number of iterations
double[] SumT;//travel time for busses 0... K-1

public InsertMove1_1(int V, int K, int[] u, int[] UsedBuses, int[] [] Route, double[] [] time
{
Random generator = new Random();
r = new int[K][V];
//For loop necessary else epsilon and Y will follow each other.
for (int k=0; k<K; k++)
{
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
r[k][i]=Route[k][i];
}
}
//-----
//Finding a random node to be inserted
//-----
LengthU = u.length;
RandI=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(LengthU); // Generates a random node
NewNode= u[RandI];
//-----
//Finding the route the node will be inserted into
//-----
LengthK= UsedBuses.length;

if (LengthK==0) //no bus in use or current routes are full
{
RandK=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(K);
AddedTo=RandK;
}
else
{
RandK=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates a bus that is on route
AddedTo=UsedBuses[RandK];
}
//-----
//Inserting the new node into the route
//-----
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)

```

```

{
if (r[AddedTo][i]==V-1)
{
NumVisitedPoints=i;// find the number of nodes in the current route
}
}
//System.out.println(NumVisitedPoints);
//System.out.println(AddedTo);

RandAdd=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints)+1; // Generates a random number s

//adding the new node into the current route
if (NumVisitedPoints==RandAdd)
r[AddedTo][RandAdd+1]=r[AddedTo][RandAdd];
else{
for (int i=NumVisitedPoints; i>=RandAdd; i--)
{
r[AddedTo][i+1]=r[AddedTo][i];
}}
r[AddedTo][RandAdd]=NewNode;
}
}

```

C.2.10 BusMove.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
//-----
//Inserts a random nodes into a random route, currently not in use.
//If the route will then become to long a new route (and node)
//will be chosen. The current route will though be tested MaxTemp
//times before it is abandond (it is possible to ad a node without
//increasing travel time)
//-----

public class BusMove1_1
{
int LengthU;
int RandI;
int RandN, RandN2;
int LengthK;
int RandK;
int Num; //number of points to be added to route
int M; //No more the this many points can be in the route
int bool=0; //Boolean number for while loop
int RandAdd; //the spot where the new node is added into the route

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int[] Buses;
int[] [] r; //route
int[] NewNodes; //the nodes to be added
int AddedTo; //the route to be increased
int NumVisitedPoints; //Number of nodes in chosen route (includes source and sink)
double SumT; //travel time for the bus route
double T;
int count=0;

public BusMove1_1(int V, int K, int[] u, int[] UsedBuses, int[] [] Route, double[] [] time, i
{
Random generator = new Random();
r = new int[K][V];
Buses = new int[K];
M=V-1;

//Determining the length of the new route
LengthU = u.length;
RandI=Math.abs(generator.nextInt())%(LengthU)+1; // Generates a random number
if (RandI>M)
{
Num=M;
}
else
{
Num=RandI;
}
NewNodes =new int[Num];

//For loop necessary else epsilon and Y will follow each other.
for (int k=0; k<K; k++)
{
Buses[k]=k;
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
r[k][i]=Route[k][i];
}
}

//-----
//Finding the route the nodes will be inserted into
//-----
LengthK= UsedBuses.length;

if (LengthK==0) //no bus in use or current routes are full
{

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RandK=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(K);
AddedTo=RandK;
}
else
{
for (int i=0; i<LengthK; i++)
{
for(int j=0; j<Buses.length; j++)
{
if(Buses[j]==UsedBuses[i])
{
Buses = removeArrayElement(j); //removing used buses from the function
}
}
}
RandK=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(Buses.length); //Generates a random bus
AddedTo=Buses[RandK];
}
//-----
//Finding a random nodes to be inserted & inserting them
//-----
for (int i=0; i<Num; i++)
{
RandN=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthU);
NewNodes[i]= u[RandN];
r[AddedTo][i+1]=NewNodes[i];
UnvisitedPoints Unvi = new UnvisitedPoints(K,V,r); //unused nodes redefined
u=Unvi.U;
LengthU= u.length;
}
//-----
r[AddedTo][Num+1]=V-1;
}
/** Creates a new array from intarray skipping element n.
*/
//For Buses Matrix
public int[] removeArrayElement(int n){
int[] newarray = new int[Buses.length - 1];
for (int i = 0;i < Buses.length;i++){
if (i < n)
{
newarray[i] = Buses[i];
}

if (i > n)
{
newarray[i-1] = Buses[i];
}
}
}

```

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    }
    }
    return newarray;
}
// For NewNodes matrix
public int[] removeArrayElement2(int n){
    int[] newarray2 = new int[NewNodes.length - 1];
    for (int i = 0;i < NewNodes.length;i++){
        if (i < n) newarray2[i] = NewNodes[i];
        if (i > n) newarray2[i-1] = NewNodes[i];
    }
    return newarray2;
}
}

```

C.2.11 SwapMove11.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
//-----
//Swaps to nodes in the same route
//Can only be entered if there is an active route in the system.
//A swap move will only decrease traveling time and not profit
//-----

public class swapmove1_1
{
    int temp;
    int RandI;
    int LengthK;
    int RandK;
    int RandSwap1;
    int RandSwap2;
    int SwappedIn; //the spot where the new node is added into the route
    int[] [] r; //route
    int NumVisitedPoints; //Number of nodes in chosen route (includes source and sink)
    int MAX=10;
    int count=0;

    public swapmove1_1(int V, int K, int[] UsedBuses, int[] [] Route)
    {
        Random generator = new Random();
        r= new int[K][V];

        for(int k=0; k<K; k++ )
        {

```

```

for(int i=0;i<V; i++ )
{
r[k][i]=Route[k][i];
}
}
LengthK= UsedBuses.length;
//This move is only feasible when there already some buses in route, visiting more the one :
RandK=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates a bus that is on route
SwappedIn=UsedBuses[RandK];

//Finding the number of nodes in route, they have to be at least 2
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
if (r[SwappedIn][i]==V-1)
{
NumVisitedPoints=i;// find the number of nodes in the current route
}
}

RandSwap1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints-1)+1;
RandSwap2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints-1)+1;

while (RandSwap1==RandSwap2 && count<MAX && NumVisitedPoints>2)
{
RandSwap1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints-1)+1; // Generates a random number
RandSwap2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints-1)+1;
count=count+1;
}
temp=r[SwappedIn][RandSwap1];
r[SwappedIn][RandSwap1]=r[SwappedIn][RandSwap2];
r[SwappedIn][RandSwap2]=temp;
}
}

```

C.2.12 SwapMove21.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
//-----
//Swaps to nodes in the same route
//Can only be entered if there are 2 our more routes active
//
//-----

public class swapmove2_1
{

```

```

int temp;
int RandI;
int LengthK;
int RandK1;
int RandK2;
int RandSwap1;
int RandSwap2;
int SwappedBetween1; //the spot where the new node is added into the route
int SwappedBetween2;
int[] [] r; //route
int NumVisitedPoints1; //Number of nodes in chosen route (includes source and sink)
int NumVisitedPoints2;
public swapmove2_1(int V, int K, int[] UsedBuses, int[] [] Route)
{
Random generator = new Random();
r= new int[K][V];

for(int k=0; k<K; k++ )
{
for(int i=0;i<V; i++ )
{
r[k][i]=Route[k][i];
}
}

LengthK= UsedBuses.length;
//This move is only feasible when there already some buses in route, visiting more the one :
while (RandK1==RandK2)
{
RandK1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates a bus that is on route
RandK2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK);
}

SwappedBetween1=UsedBuses[RandK1];
SwappedBetween2=UsedBuses[RandK2];

//Finding the number of nodes in route, they have to be at least 2
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
if (r[SwappedBetween1][i]==V-1)
{
NumVisitedPoints1=i;// find the number of nodes in the current route
}
}
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
if (r[SwappedBetween2][i]==V-1)

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{
NumVisitedPoints2=i;// find the number of nodes in the current route
}
}
RandSwap1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints1-1)+1; // Generates a random num
RandSwap2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints2-1)+1;

temp=r[SwappedBetween1][RandSwap1];
r[SwappedBetween1][RandSwap1]=r[SwappedBetween2][RandSwap2];
r[SwappedBetween2][RandSwap2]=temp;
}
}

```

C.2.13 SwapMove31.java

```

import java.util.Vector;
import java.util.Random;
//-----
//Swaps one nodes from one route to another
//Can only be entered if there is more than one active route in the system.
//A swap move will only decrease traveling time and not profit
//-----

public class swapmove3_1
{
int temp;
int RandI;
int LengthK;
int RandK1;
int RandK2;
int RandFrom;
int RandTo;
int RandSwap;
int RandLocation;
int SwappedFrom;
int SwappedTo;
int[][] r; //route
int NumVisitedPoints1; //Number of nodes in SwappedFrom route (includes source and sink)
int NumVisitedPoints2; //Number of nodes in SwappedTo route (includes source and sink)
int MAX=50;
int count=0;

public swapmove3_1(int V, int K, int[] UsedBuses, int[][] Route)
{
Random generator = new Random();
r= new int[K][V];

```

```

for(int k=0; k<K; k++ )
{
for(int i=0;i<V; i++ )
{
r[k][i]=Route[k][i];
}
}
LengthK= UsedBuses.length;

//This move is only feasible when there already some buses in route, visiting more the one :
RandK1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates a bus that is on route
SwappedFrom=UsedBuses[RandK1];

RandK2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates another bus that is on route
SwappedTo=UsedBuses[RandK2];

while (RandK1==RandK2 && count<MAX)
{
RandK1=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates a bus that is on route
SwappedFrom=UsedBuses[RandK1];

RandK2=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(LengthK); //Generates another bus that is on route
SwappedTo=UsedBuses[RandK2];

count=count+1;
}
//Finding the number of nodes in route, they have to be at least 2
for (int i=0; i<V; i++)
{
if (r[SwappedFrom][i]==V-1)
{
NumVisitedPoints1=i; // find the number of nodes in the SwappedFrom route
}

if (r[SwappedTo][i]==V-1)
{
NumVisitedPoints2=i; // find the number of nodes in the SwappedTo route
}
}
RandSwap=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints1-1)+1; // Generates a random number
RandLocation=Math.abs (generator.nextInt())%(NumVisitedPoints2)+1; // Generates a random number

temp=r[SwappedFrom][RandSwap]; //the node to be moved

//Adding the node to SwappedTo route
//-----

```

```
for (int i=NumVisitedPoints2; i>= RandLocation; i--)
{
r[SwappedTo][i+1]=r[SwappedTo][i];
}

if (RandLocation==NumVisitedPoints2)
{
r[SwappedTo][NumVisitedPoints2+1]=V-1;
}

r[SwappedTo][RandLocation]=temp;
//-----

//Removing the node from SwappedFrom
//-----
for (int i=RandSwap; i<=(NumVisitedPoints1+1);i++)
{
r[SwappedFrom][i]=r[SwappedFrom][i+1];
}
}
}
```


Appendix D

Test

This, the appendix, contains additional information on many of the test, experiments and analysis carried out in the report. In some cases p may represent the probability matrix instead of P . This is due to change lat in the project wher P was denoted as the probability matrix as p could confuse with the profit of a single node.

D.1 Non-Randomly Generated Data Sets

D.1.1 Results Data Set 3_50_b

Results P_2

52.5	105.5	168.1	211.6	279.5	334.7	374.2	400.6	419.9
55	120	180	250	301	361	411	432	432
0.95455	0.87917	0.93389	0.8464	0.92857	0.92715	0.91046	0.92731	0
3888.7	5790.6	7312	9762.7	10273	9784.4	9572.1	9388.6	9127.7

Results P_1

55	117	171	249	292.9	356.9	401.8	428.9	423
55	120	180	250	301	361	411	432	432
1	0.975	0.95	0.996	0.97309	0.98864	0.97762	0.99282	0.97917
4833.6	6275.6	8560.7	10993	12022	11570	11125	10317	

Results P_3

53.5	114	167.1	213.1	279.7	350.8	376.2	404.8	413.7
55	120	180	250	301	361	411	432	432
0.97273	0.95	0.92833	0.8524	0.92924	0.97175	0.91533	0.93704	0.95764
4216.7	5843.1	7815.3	9982.5	10597	10098	9943.8	9878.2	9470.6

D.1.2 Results Data Set 3_50_c

Results P_2

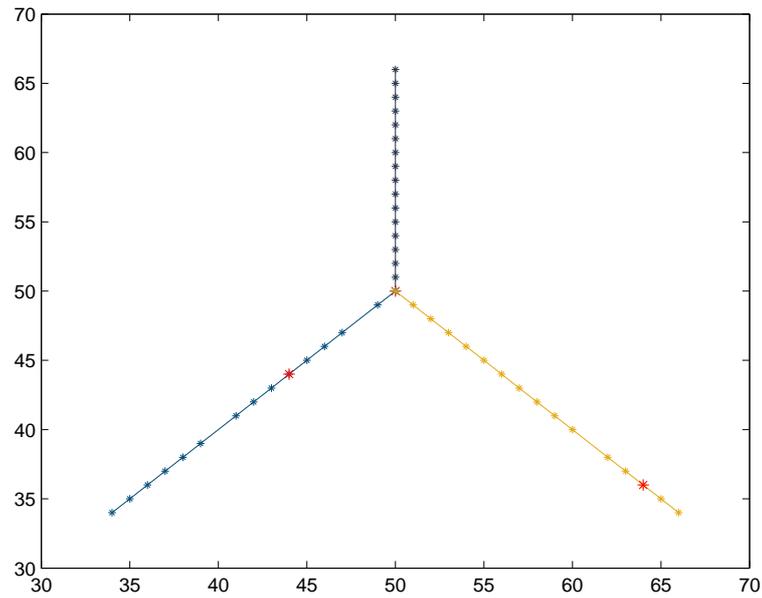


Figure D.1: Shows the data set 3_50_b, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

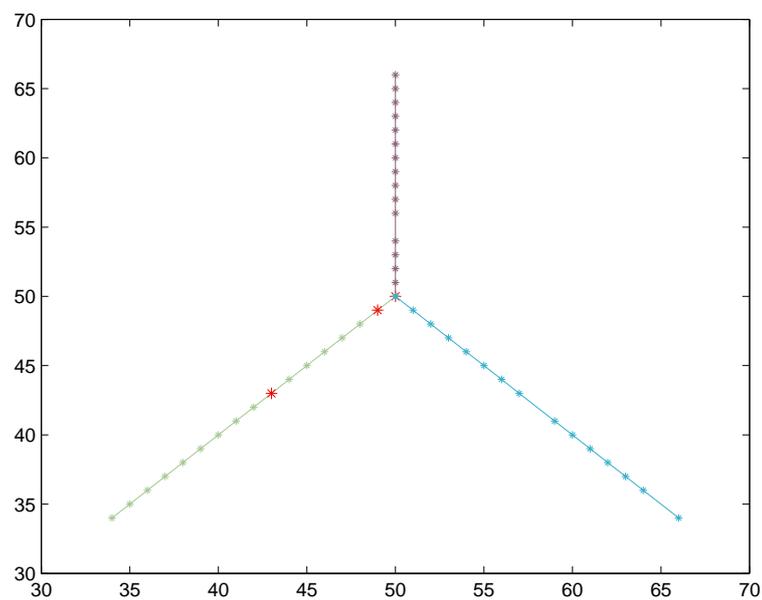


Figure D.2: Shows the data set 3_50_c, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

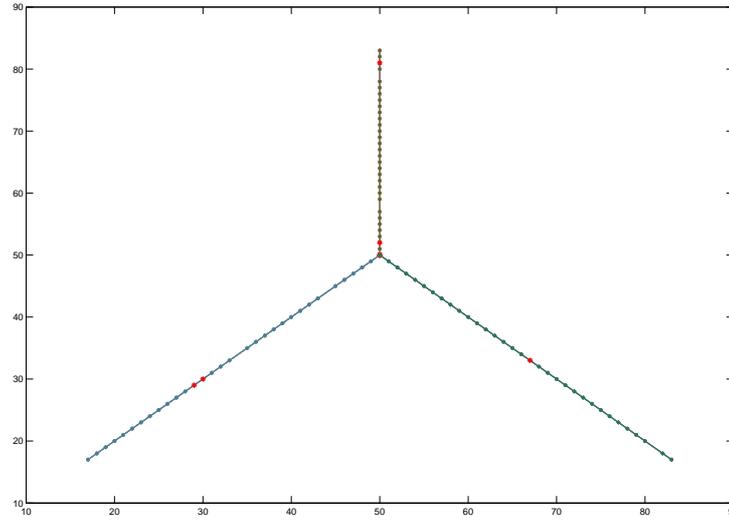


Figure D.3: Shows the data set 3_100_a, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

51.5	94	166	208.9	275.7	341.9	371.5	398.7	420
55	111	181	232	300	360	402	432	432
0.93636	0.84685	0.91713	0.90043	0.919	0.94972	0.92413	0.92292	0.9722
3808.2	5724.8	7530.7	10032	10144	9506.1	9350.6	9352.9	9051.4

Results P_1

55	104.5	179	228.1	299.2	359	402.9	428	429
55	111	181	231	300	360	411	432	432
1	0.94144	0.98895	0.98745	0.99733	0.99722	0.98029	0.99074	0.99306
4843.8	6605.6	8756.9	11517	12029	11760	11730	11412	10319

Results P_3

55	109.8	171.9	218.4	254.2	341	364.4	410	411
55	111	181	231	300	360	411	432	432
1	0.98919	0.94972	0.94545	0.84733	0.94722	0.88662	0.94907	0.95139
4445.5	6130.9	7790.1	10633	10959	10435	10082	10139	10004

D.1.3 Results Data Set 3_100_a

Results P_1

111.2	216.5	342.2	378.5	447.4	494.4	552.2
121	240	370	430	490	551	611
0.91901	0.90208	0.92486	0.88023	0.91306	0.89728	0.90376
5288.2	10992	21209	25362	29351	30888	32924

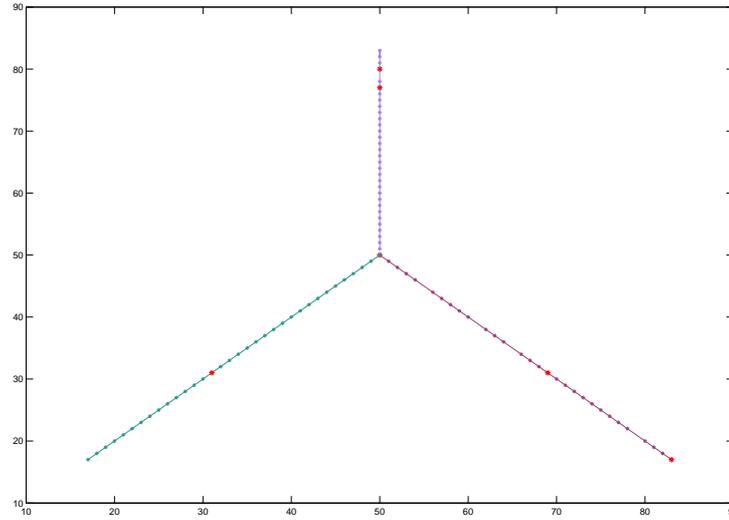


Figure D.4: Shows the data set 3_100_b, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

Results P_2

118	231.1	358.1	414.7	492.1	521.3	587.4
121	240	370	431	500	560	620
0.97521	0.96292	0.96784	0.96218	0.9842	0.93089	0.94742
6121.4	12729	23002	30998	34771	41077	43730

Results P_3

115.4	225.5	343.4	409.6	455.9	514.9	544.1
121	240	370	431	491	561	611
0.95372	0.93958	0.92811	0.95035	0.92851	0.91783	0.89116
5431.9	11390	22847	26672	33301	38870	35621

D.1.4 Results Data Set 3_100_b

Results P_1

113.5	219	338.5	383	460	467.7	563.5
130	240	380	430	500	541	611
0.87308	0.9125	0.89079	0.8907	0.92	0.86451	0.92226
5521.1	10912	19956	29231	29985	34844	37307

Results P_2

130	246	359	410	475	540.2	594
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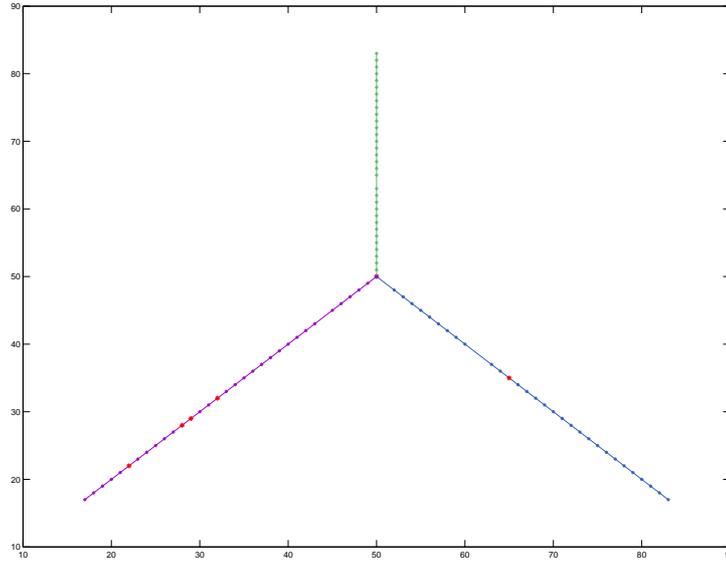


Figure D.5: Shows the data set 3_100_c, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

130	250	380	430	500	560	620
1	0.984	0.94474	0.95349	0.95	0.96464	0.95806
6071.3	12023	23078	28914	36920	37747	44592

Results P_3

120	240	354	391	444.2	501.6	580.5
130	250	380	440	500	541	621
0.92308	0.96	0.93158	0.88864	0.8884	0.92717	0.93478
5617.7	11396	22569	26318	36042	40019	39442

D.1.5 Results Data Set 3_100_c

Results P_1

106.5	221	330	395.1	425.2	445.3	526.6
120	240	350	420	471	550	601
0.8875	0.92083	0.94286	0.94071	0.90276	0.80964	0.87621
5301.6	10011	18860	24295	30413	35980	37782

Results P_2

112	237	328	411	456	526.3	563.5
120	240	350	420	480	551	601
0.93333	0.9875	0.93714	0.97857	0.95	0.95517	0.9376
5802.6	11083	22702	27548	35322	39322	38953

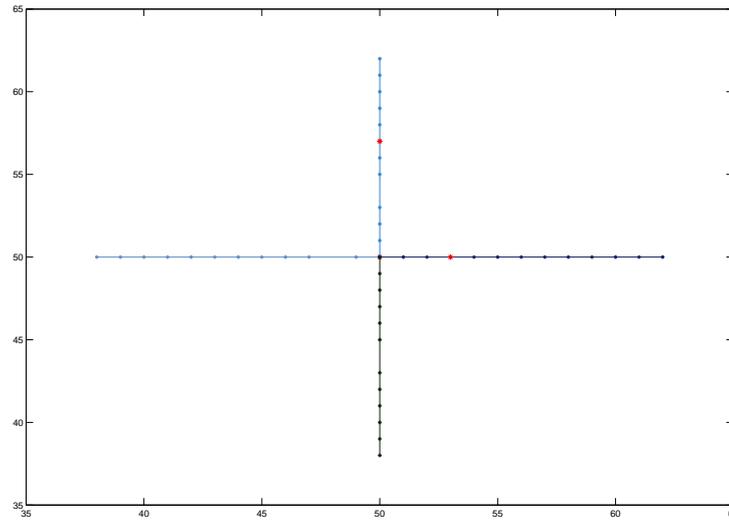


Figure D.6: Shows the data set 4_50_a, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

Results P_3

111	223	343	407	455	503.7	531.1
120	240	350	420	480	551	591
0.925	0.92917	0.98	0.96905	0.94792	0.91416	0.89865
5530.4	10180	24435	26076	33234	38273	42131

D.1.6 Results Data Set 4_50_a

Results for $P = P_1$

62.5	109.4	174.1	262.1	342	402.7	417.9	416.8	
70	131	201	281	361	432	432	432	432
0.89286	0.83511	0.86617	0.93274	0.94737	0.93218	0.96736	0.96481	0.96481
4790.1	8160.9	14217	12665	11754	11243	11168	11130	

Results for $P = P_2$

72.5	129.6	190.8	272	359.9	423	431.9	430.9	
75	131	201	281	361	432	432	432	432
0.96667	0.98931	0.94925	0.96797	0.99695	0.97917	0.99977	0.99745	0.99745
6816.4	9613.7	17074	14932	14440	13535	12780	12427	

Results for $P = P_3$

70	127.6	182.8	264.5	331	407.8	403.9	397.8	
75	131	201	281	361	432	432	432	432
0.93333	0.97405	0.90945	0.94128	0.9169	0.94398	0.93495	0.92083	0.92083
5608.3	8630.3	15744	13947	12237	11754	11528	11431	

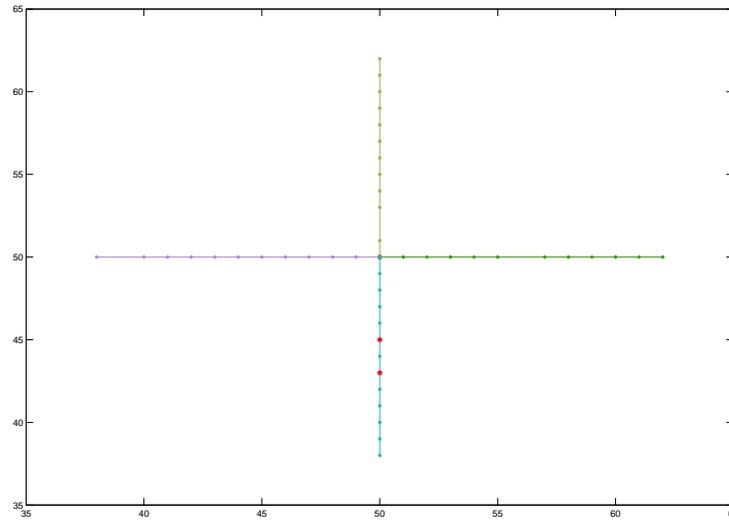


Figure D.7: Shows the data set 4_500_b, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

D.1.7 Results Data Set 4_50_b

Results for $P = P_1$

62.5	126.5	167.4	264.7	324	379	399.8	402.7
70	150	211	290	360	432	432	432
0.89286	0.84333	0.79336	0.91276	0.9	0.87731	0.92546	0.93218
4928.6	8316.7	14414	12453	11638	11345	11129	11180

Results for $P = P_2$

71.5	144	206.9	273.4	364.1	423.9	423.7	417.9
75	150	211	290	370	432	432	432
0.95333	0.96	0.98057	0.94276	0.98405	0.98125	0.98079	0.96736
7025.3	9696.4	16331	14673	14050	12864	13007	12435

Results for $P = P_3$

69.5	142	205.9	275.6	333	417.8	406.8	428
75	150	211	290	362	432	432	432
0.92667	0.94667	0.97583	0.95034	0.91989	0.96713	0.94167	0.99074
6052.4	8526.6	14891	13404	11996	11668	11728	11320

D.1.8 Results Data Set 4_50_c

Results for $P = P_1$

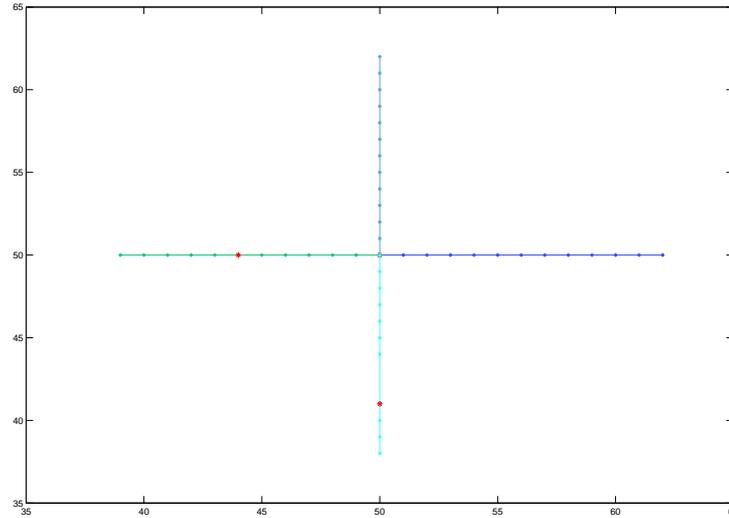


Figure D.8: Shows the data set 4_50_c, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

64.5	146.5	191.6	271.2	343.1	408.5	406.5	424.8	441.5
70	160	221	292	372	432	432	432	432
0.92143	0.91563	0.86697	0.92877	0.92231	0.9456	0.94097	0.98333	0.98333
5201.6	8204.9	14624	12352	11850	11494	11322	11218	11218

Results for $P = P_2$

75	156	229.9	286.4	361.5	423.9	428	428.9	428.9
80	160	231	292	372	432	432	432	432
0.9375	0.975	0.99524	0.98082	0.97177	0.98125	0.99074	0.99282	0.99282
6975.3	9060.5	15812	14074	13112	12542	12264	12323	12323

Results for $P = P_3$

71.5	148.5	228.9	277.5	342.1	412.3	406.5	422.8	422.8
80	160	231	292	372	432	432	432	432
0.89375	0.92812	0.99091	0.95034	0.91962	0.9544	0.94097	0.9787	0.9787
6096.6	8785.3	15063	12749	12204	11575	11507	11309	11309

D.1.9 Results Data Set 4_100_a

Results P_1

167.5	295.6	413.5	485.7	593.1	624.6	681.3
190	370	471	560	633	712	793
0.88158	0.79892	0.87792	0.86732	0.93697	0.87725	0.85914
10836	39478	55322	47922	45993	42580	38845

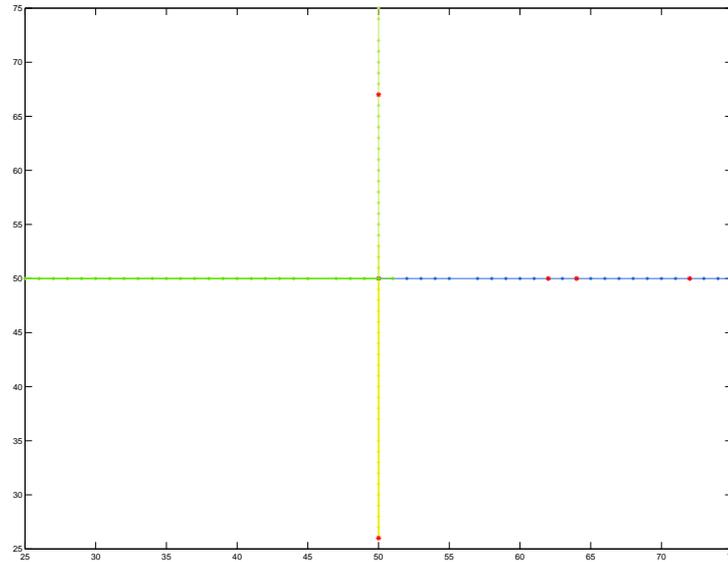


Figure D.9: Shows the data set 4_100_a, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

Results P_2

183	362	462.6	544.8	628	697.2	742.3
190	380	471	561	661	750	814
0.96316	0.95263	0.98217	0.97112	0.95008	0.9296	0.91192
11610	44446	69766	57475	53055	47969	44791

Results P_3

183	351.3	423.5	527.7	577.3	631.2	672.8
190	380	471	561	660	712	763
0.96316	0.92447	0.89915	0.94064	0.8747	0.88652	0.88178
11258	43975	67787	63596	52416	49354	43542

D.1.10 Results Data Set 4_100_b

Results P_1

165.5	315	425.2	508	597.4	664.8	645.7
190	360	470	550	641	751	761
0.87105	0.875	0.90468	0.92364	0.93198	0.88522	0.84849
10984	35607	55929	51928	47081	41341	38896

Results P_2

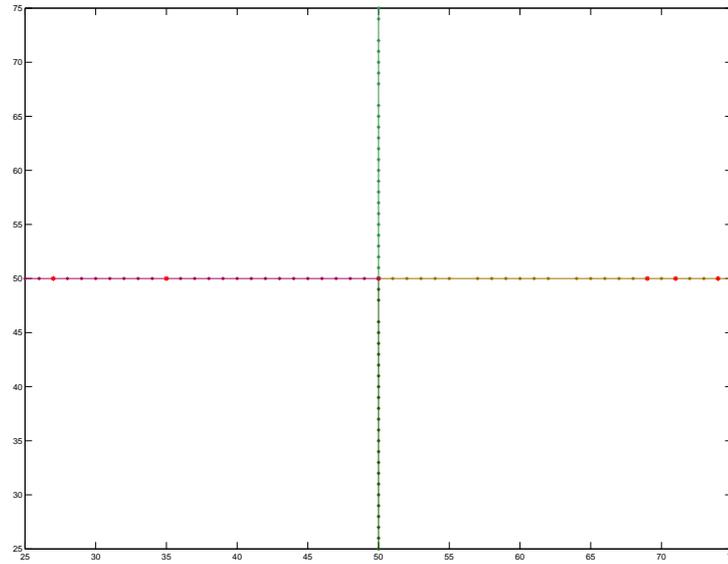


Figure D.10: Shows the data set 4_100_b, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

182	377	440	566.6	651.2	684.5	790.2
190	380	470	571	670	751	841
0.95789	0.99211	0.93617	0.99229	0.97194	0.91145	0.9396
11757	39682	65734	58835	56639	47337	44403

Results P_3

182	361	426	532.3	625.8	668.3	688.6
190	380	470	571	661	731	752
0.95789	0.95	0.90638	0.93222	0.94675	0.91423	0.91569
11515	44669	84627	62193	51611	48193	45368

D.1.11 Results Data Set 4_100_c

Results P_1

157.5	341	428.5	520.4	607.4	643.7	693.8
190	380	470	570	660	700	780
0.82895	0.89737	0.9117	0.91298	0.9203	0.91957	0.88949
11248	35945	58997	54339	48585	42226	40935

Results P_2

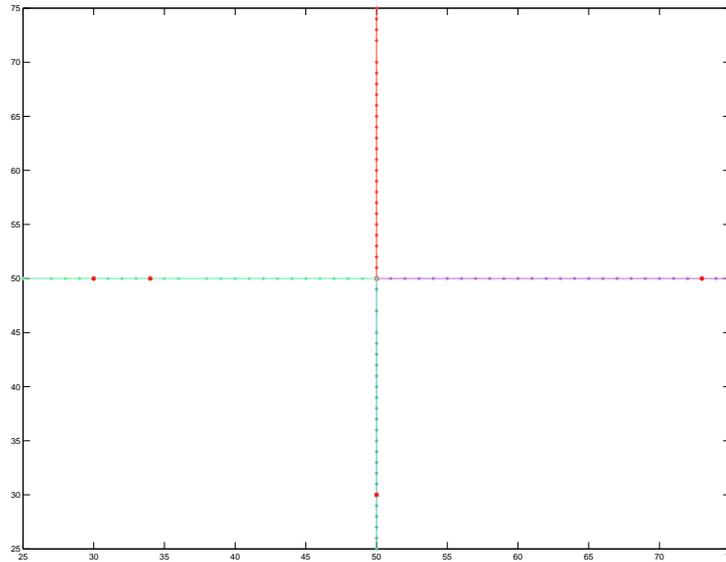


Figure D.11: Shows the data set 4_100_c, points in red mark the point with decreased profit or the depot(center). One can also see which point have been removed form the routes.

190	378	463	548	644.3	681.4	793.6
190	390	470	580	661	761	841
1	0.96923	0.98511	0.94483	0.97474	0.8954	0.94364
11702	42901	69121	60838	53120	47479	46224

Results P_3

180	356	446	551.1	596.4	668.7	721.5
190	390	470	580	661	731	802
0.94737	0.91282	0.94894	0.95017	0.90227	0.91477	0.89963
11513	49877	70498	52944	53646	46272	45828

D.2 Cooling Schedule

D.2.1 Results for temperature, T , first run

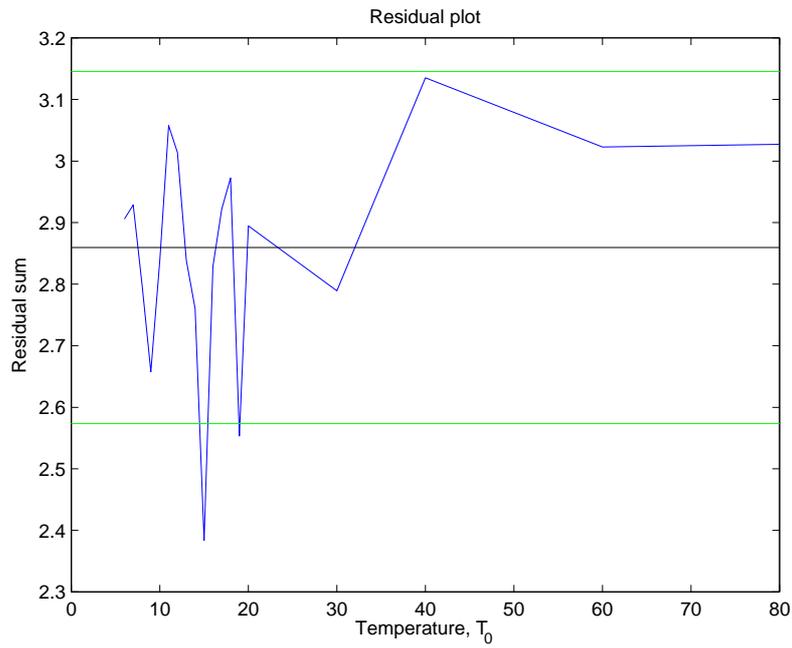


Figure D.12: This figure shows the residual sum for some temperatures, blue line. The black dots are the mean residual sum for all temperatures and green dots are mean $\pm 10\%$.

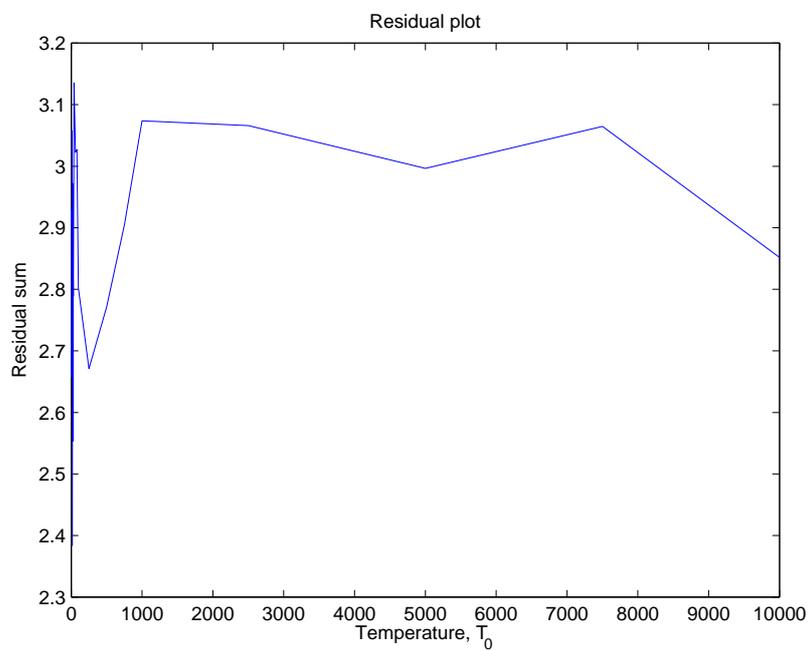


Figure D.13: This figure shows the residual sum for all tested temperatures.

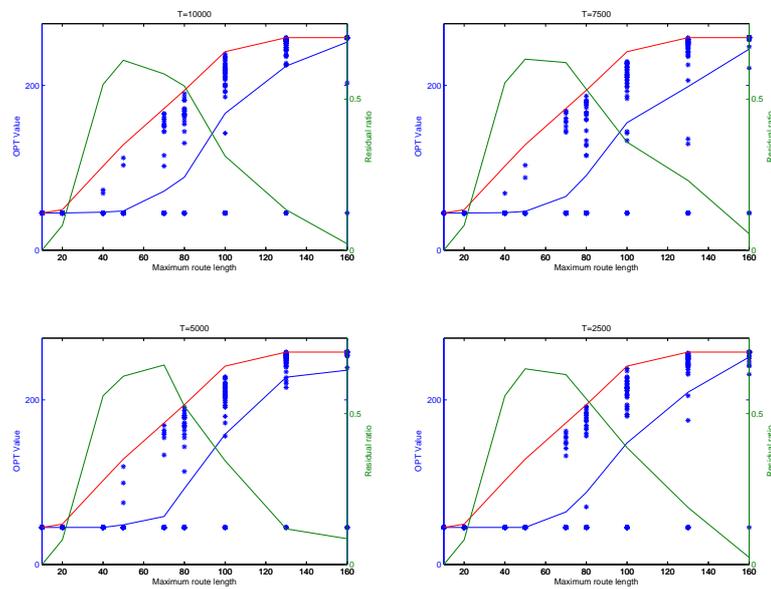


Figure D.14: This figures shows results for four different tempratues. Blues line and dots is the average value and the calculated optimas, the red lin is the best known optimum and the green line is the residual ratio.

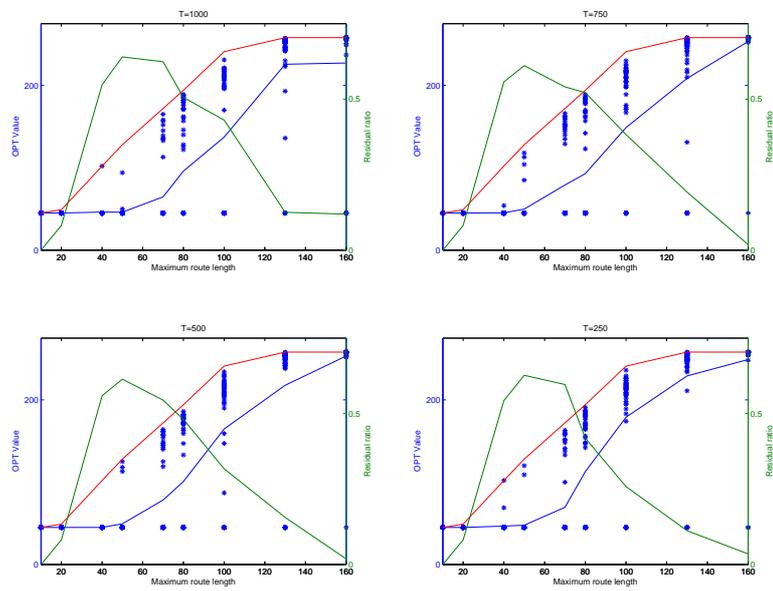


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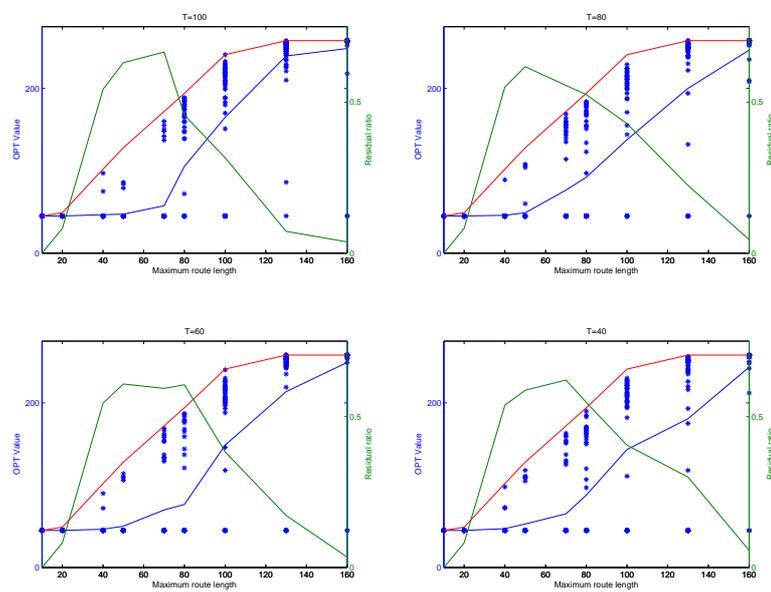


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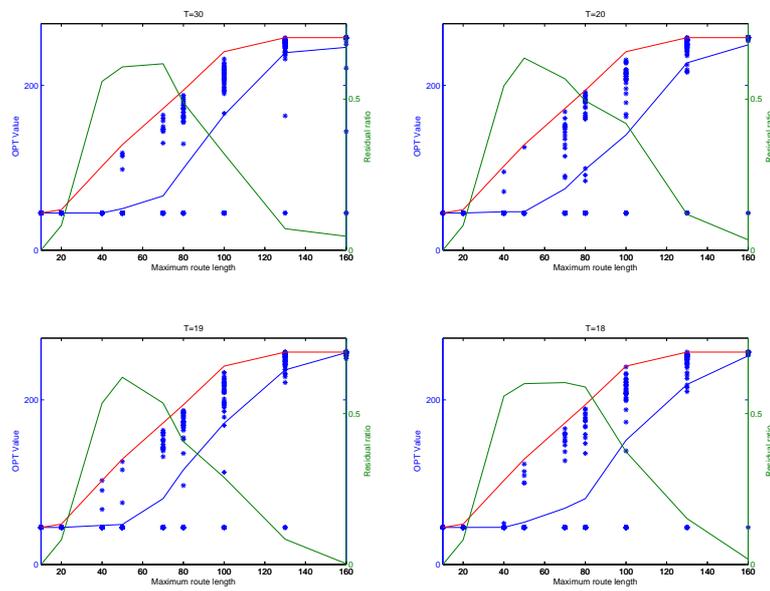


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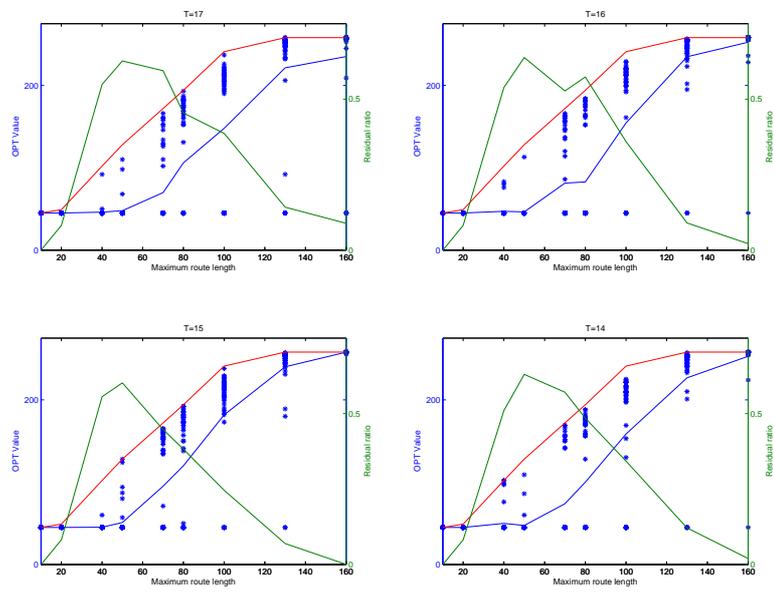


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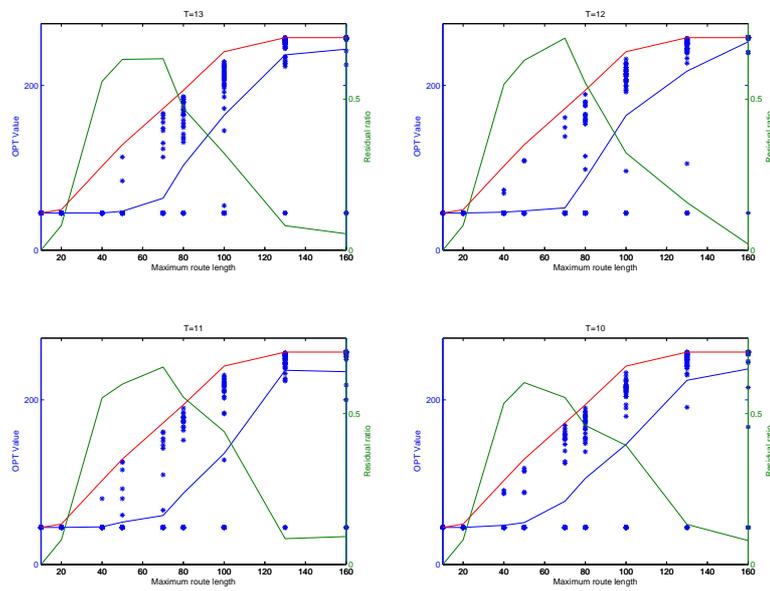


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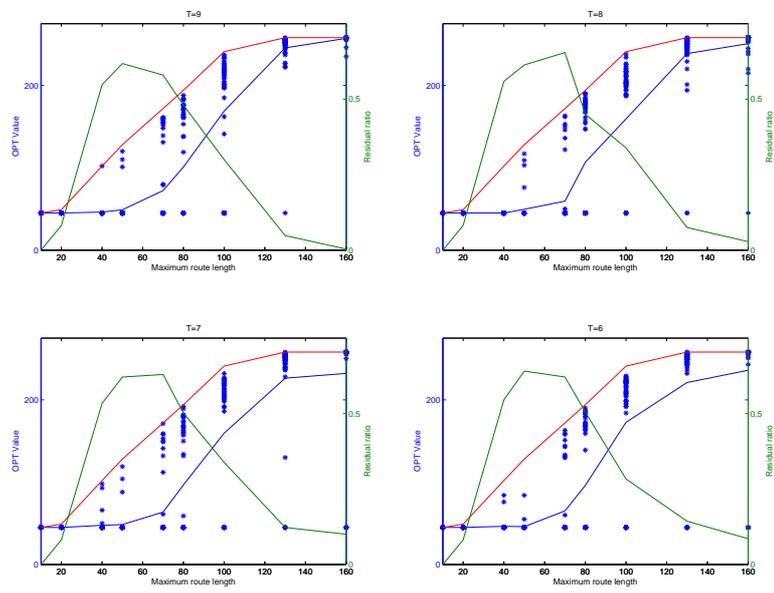


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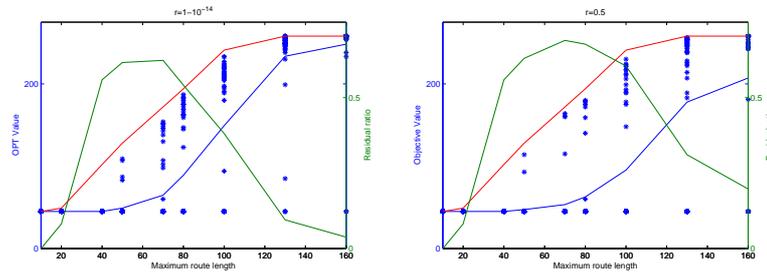


Figure D.21: This figures shows results for four different tempratues. Blues line and dots is the average value and the calculated optimas, the red lin is the best known optimum and the green line is the residual ratio.

D.2.2 Results for reduction factor, r , first run

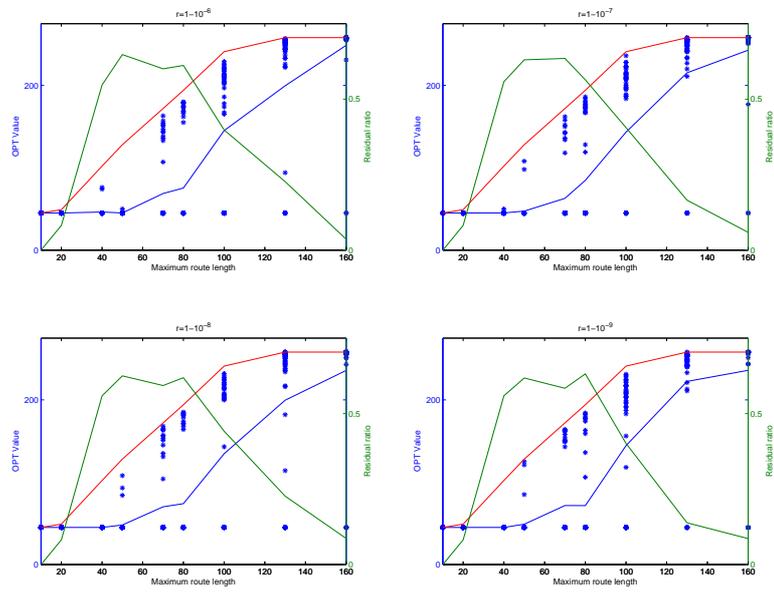


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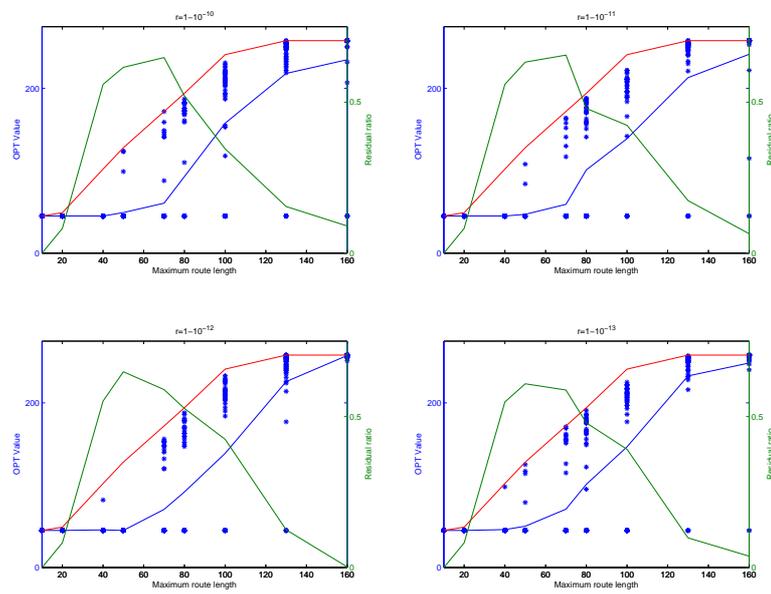


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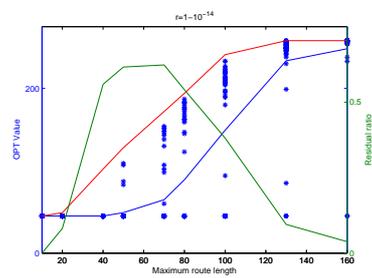


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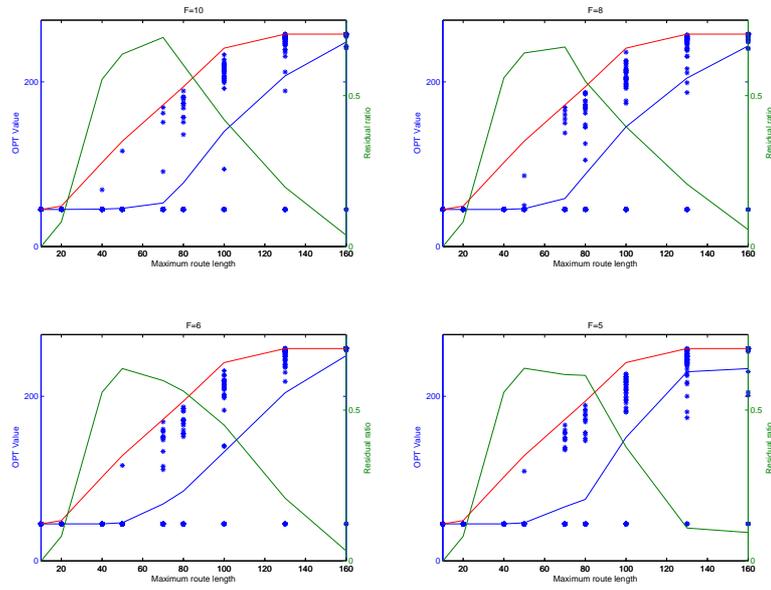


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D.2.3 Results for stopping criteria, F , first run

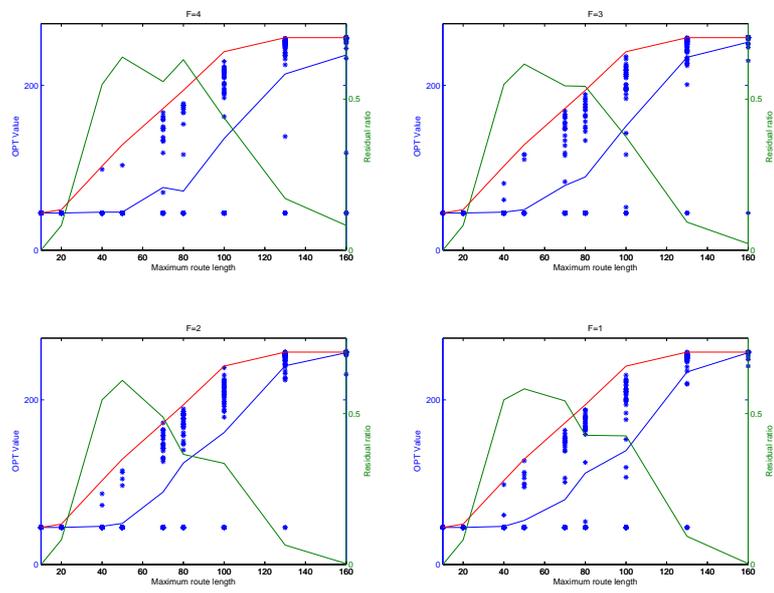


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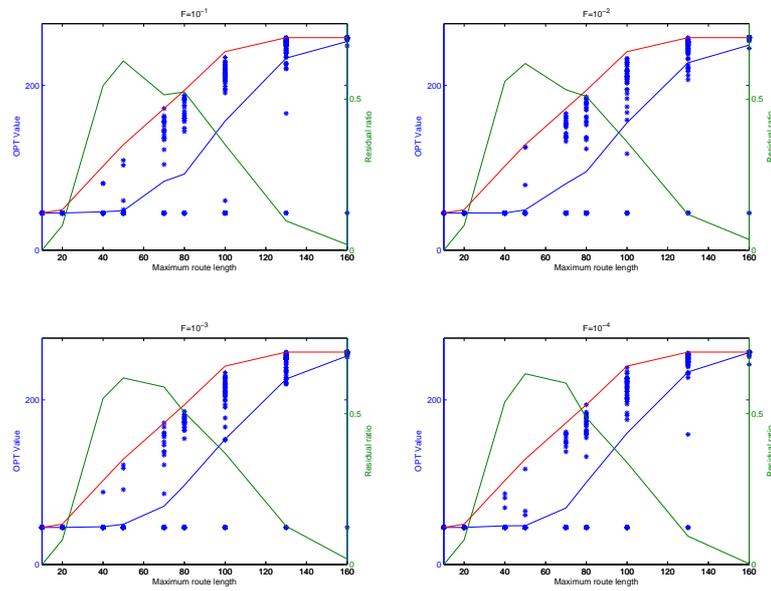


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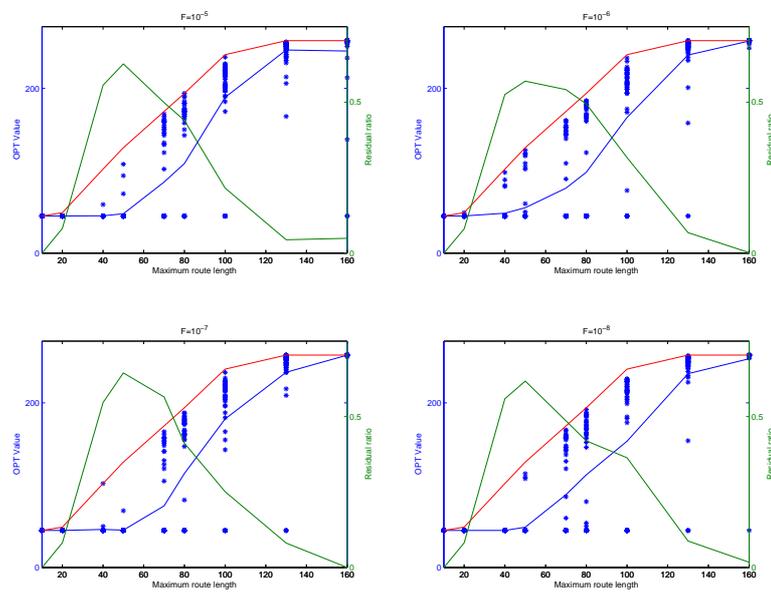


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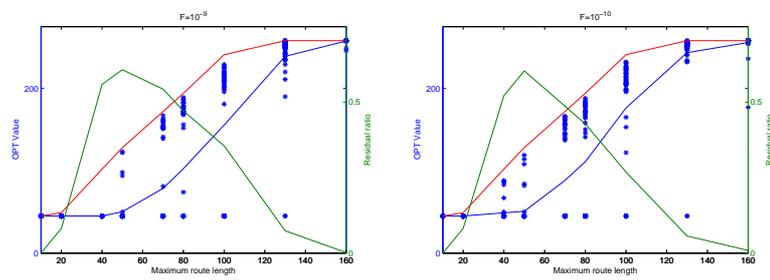


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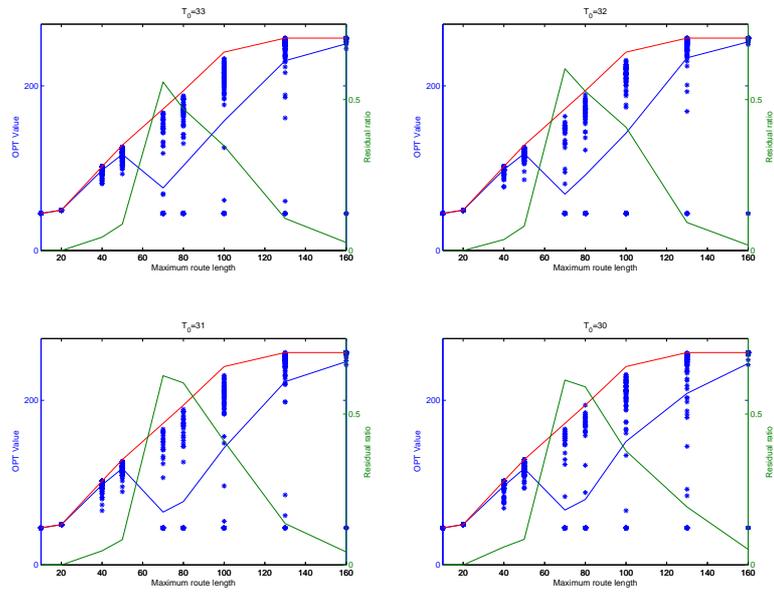


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D.2.4 Results for temperature, T , second run

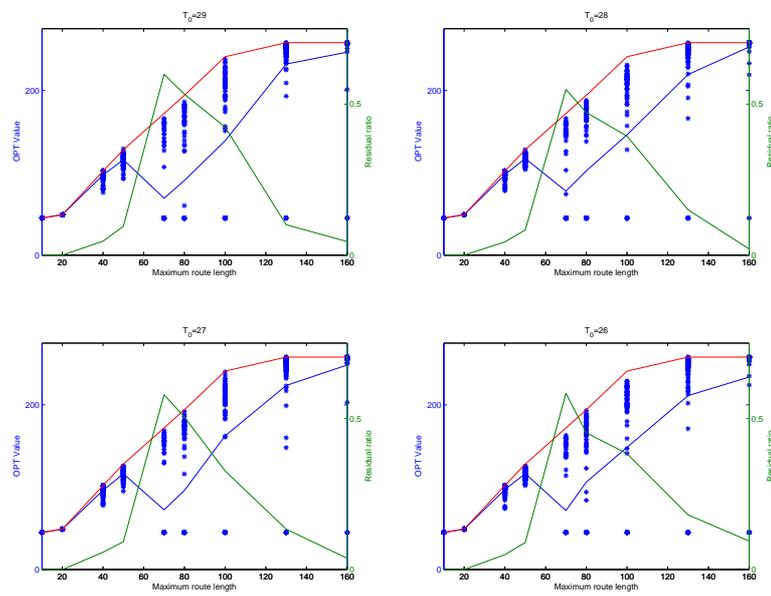


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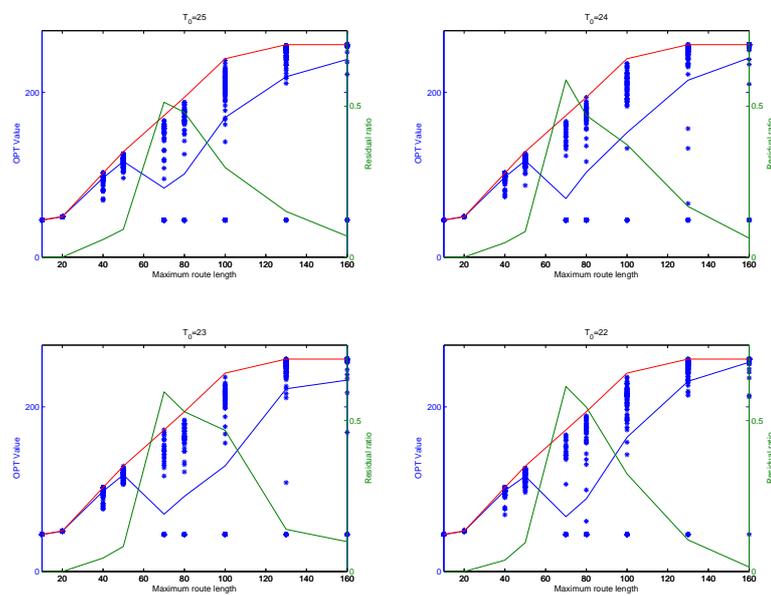


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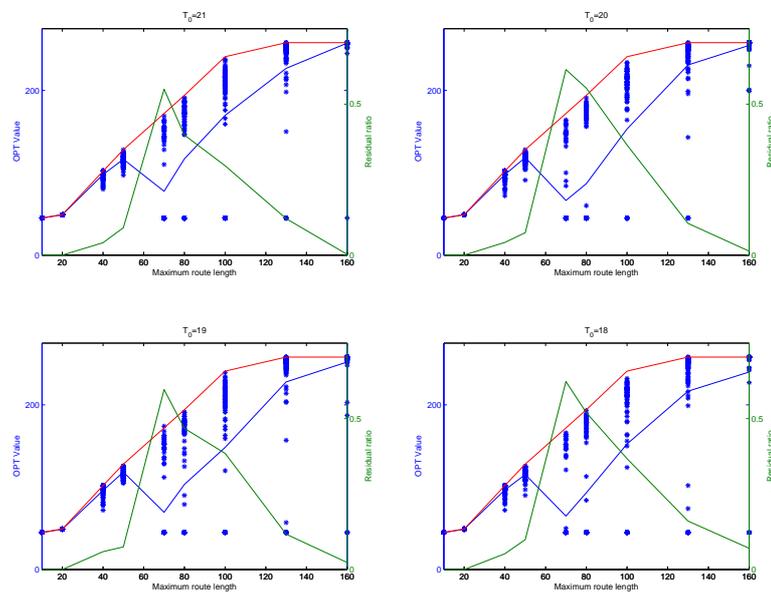


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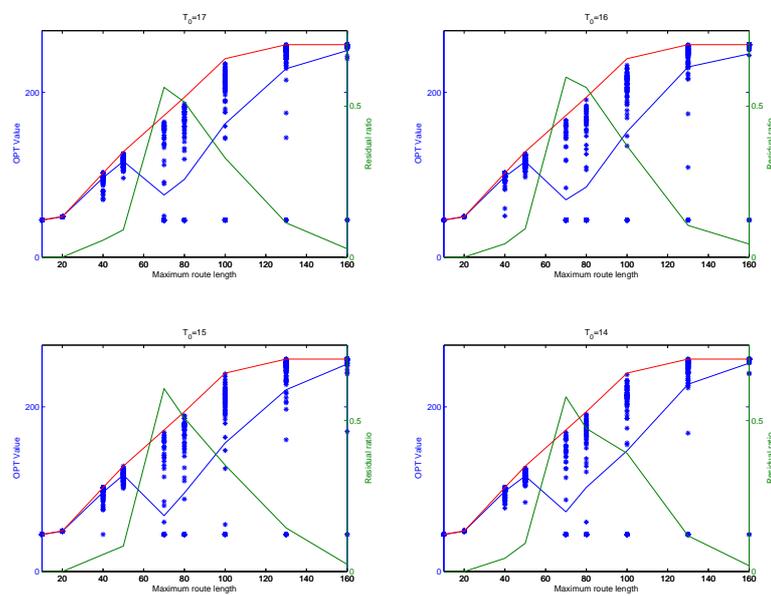


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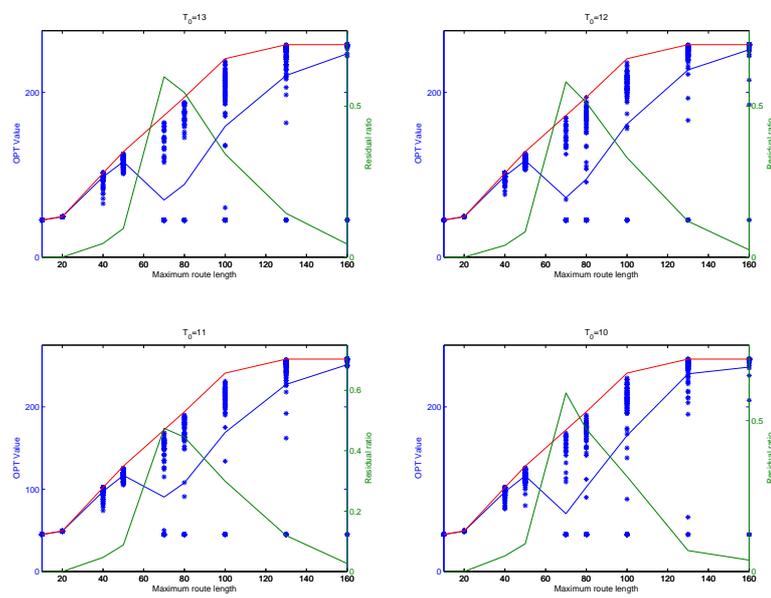


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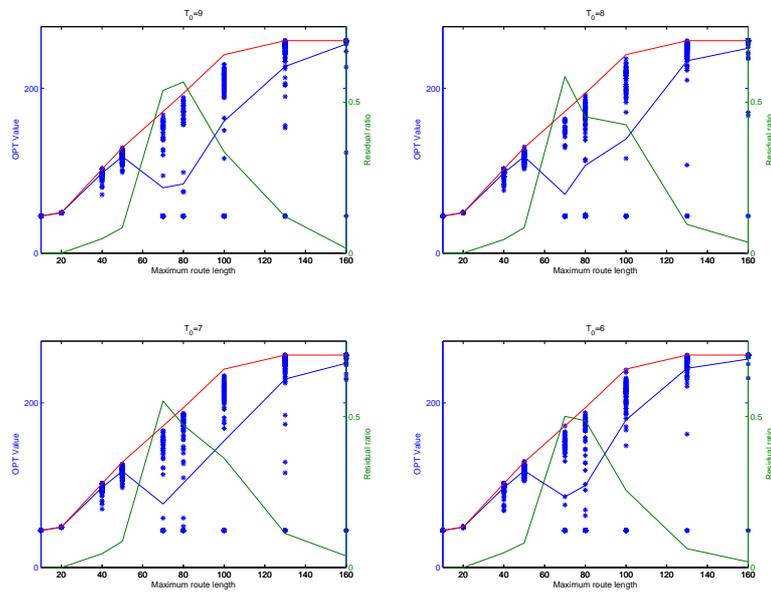


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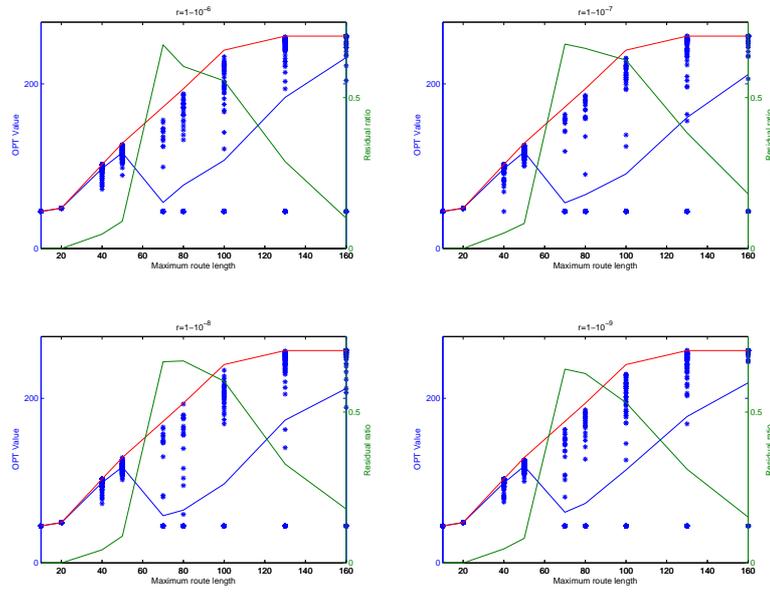


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D.2.5 Results for reduction factor, r , second run

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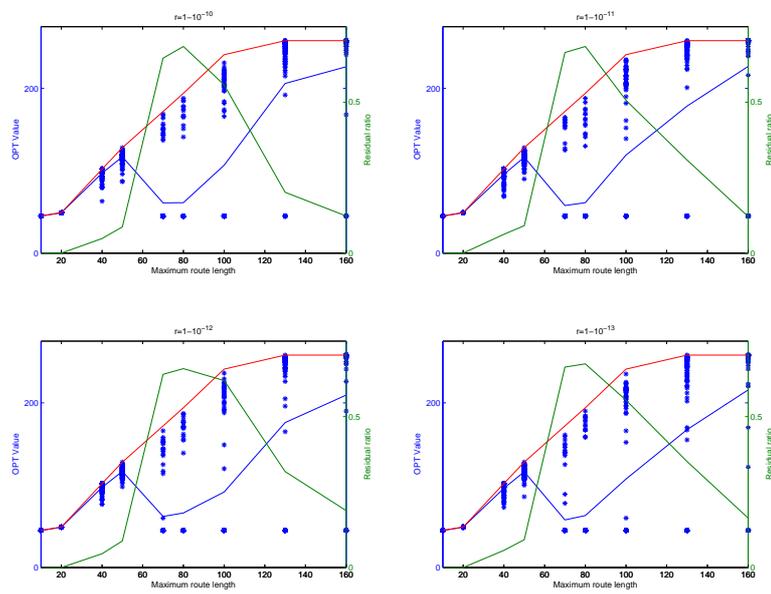


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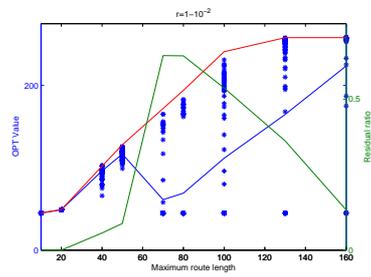


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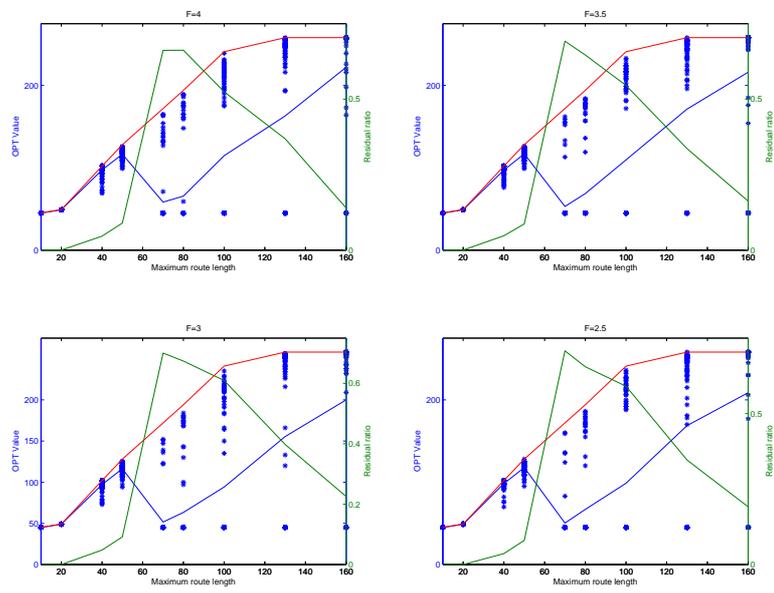


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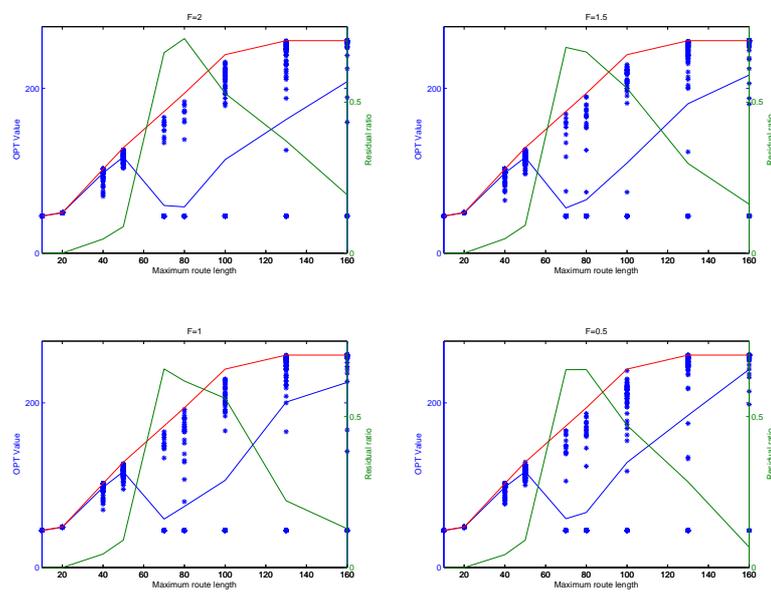


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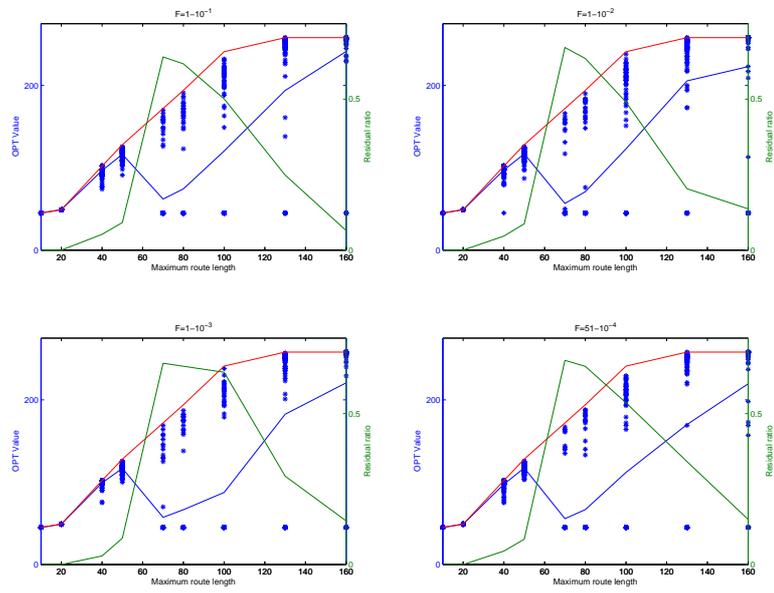


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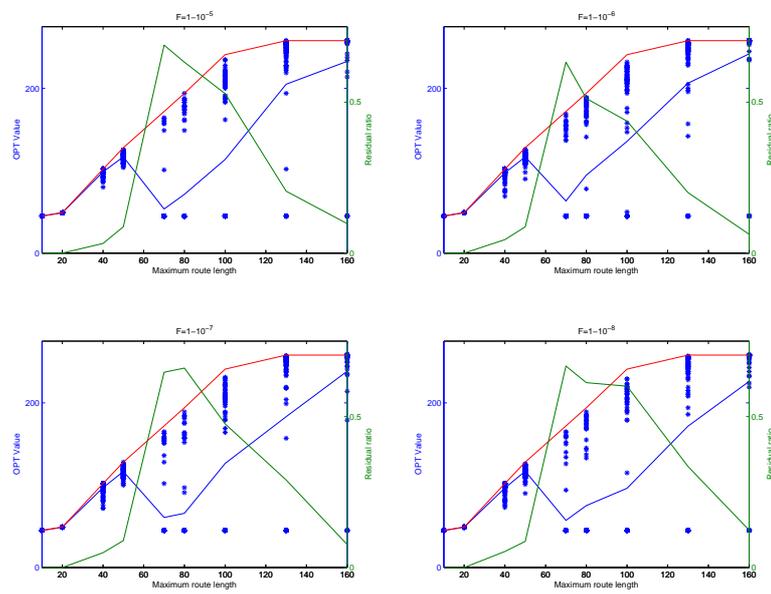


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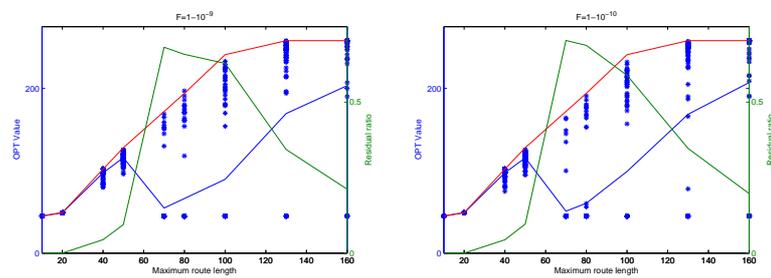


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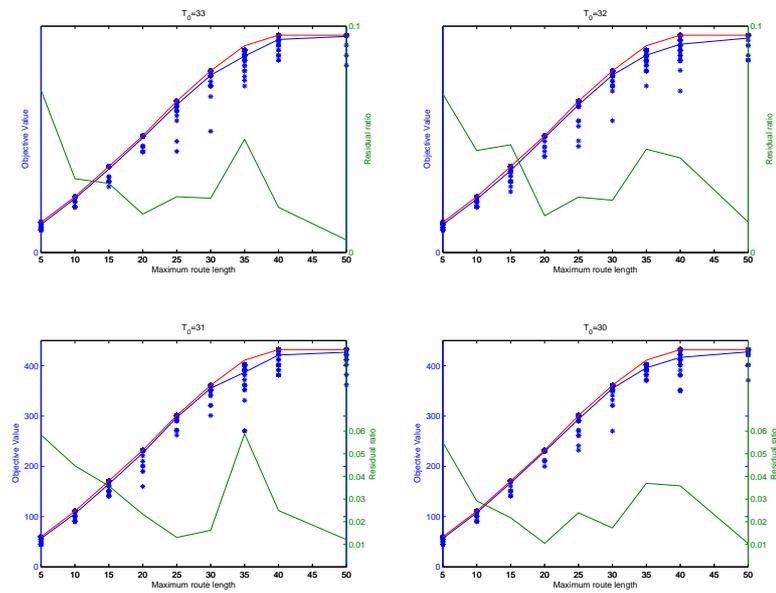


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D.2.6 Results for Temperature, T , Data Set 3_50_a

D.2.7 Results for Reduction Factor, r , Data Set 3_50_a

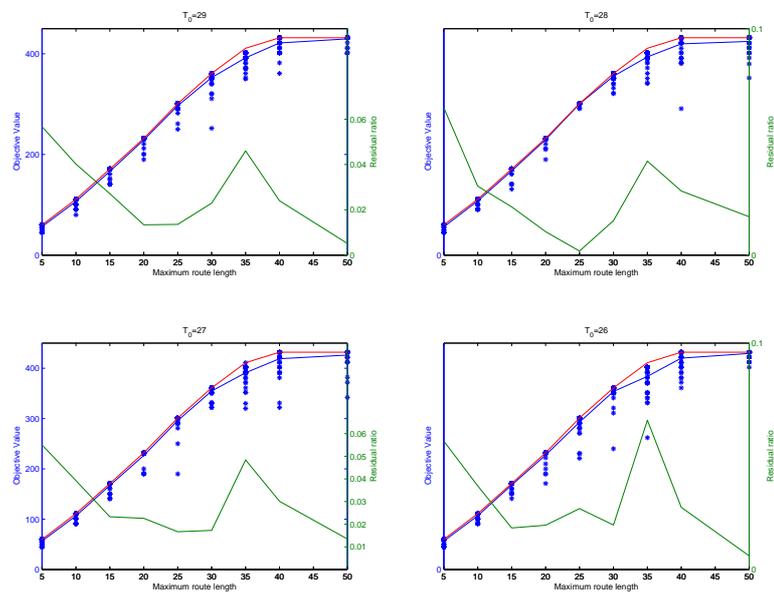


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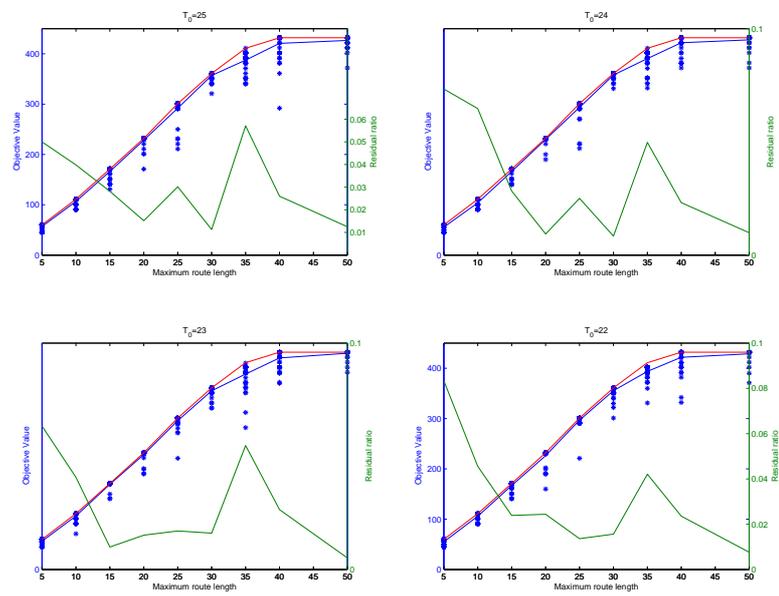


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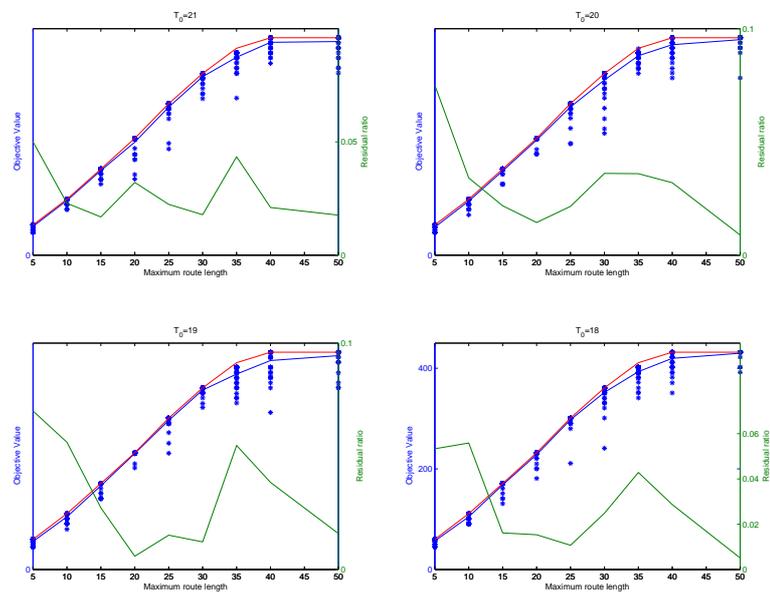


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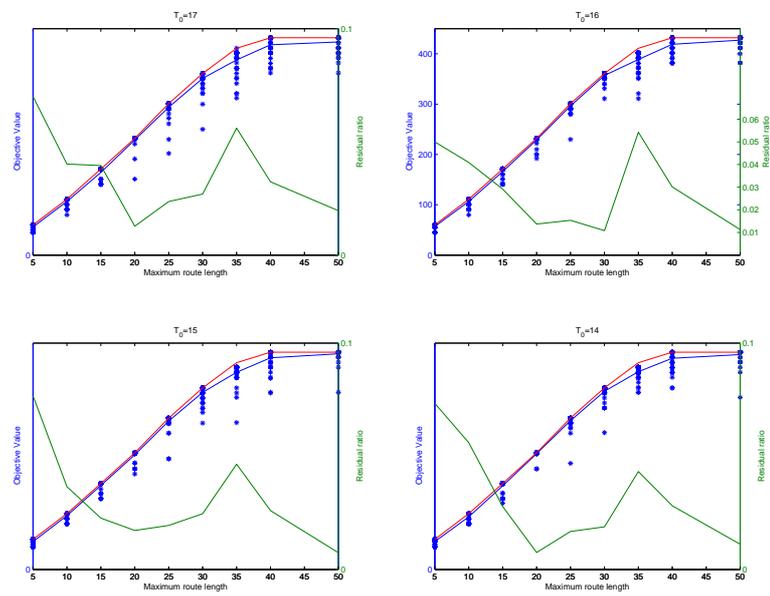


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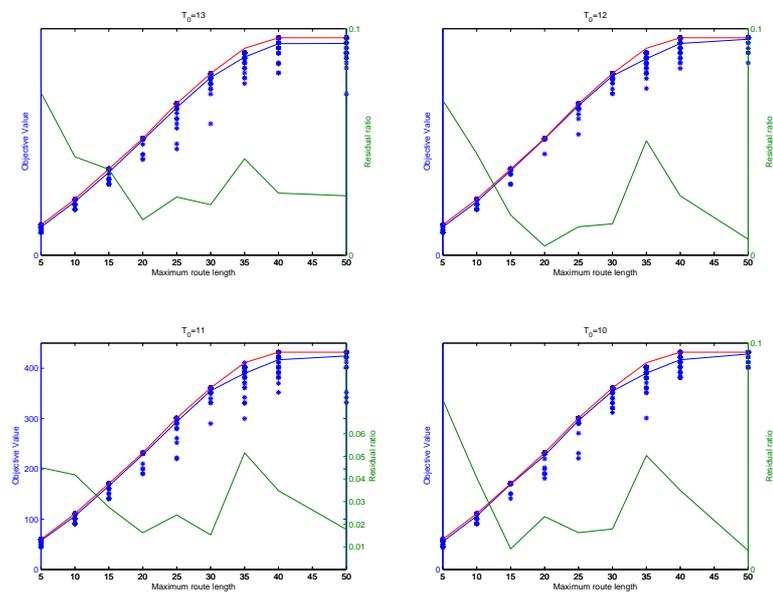


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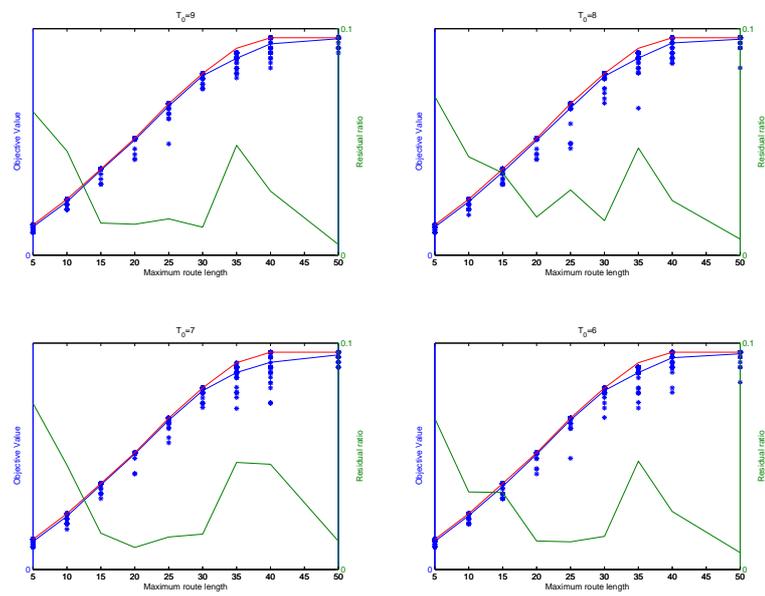


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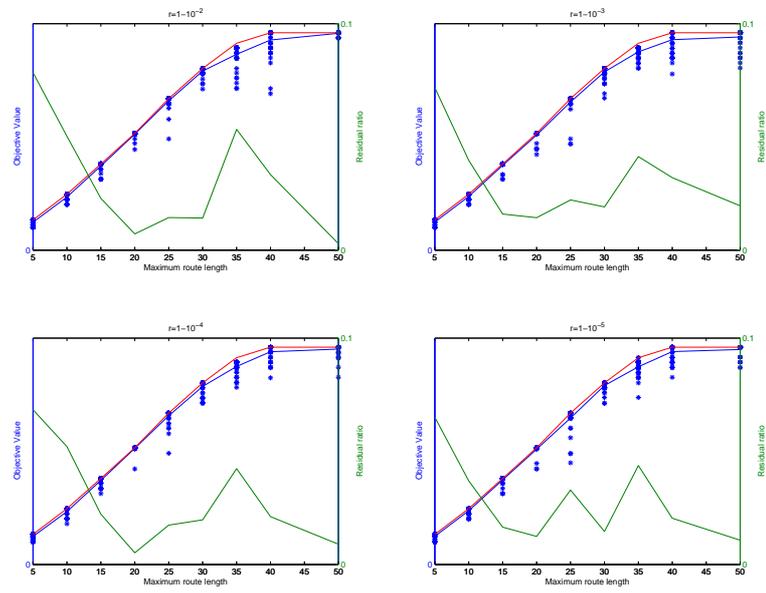


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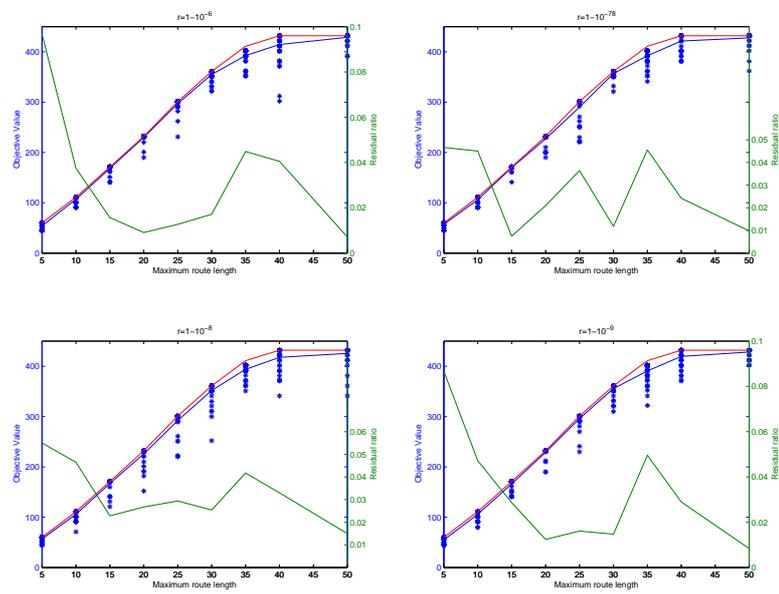


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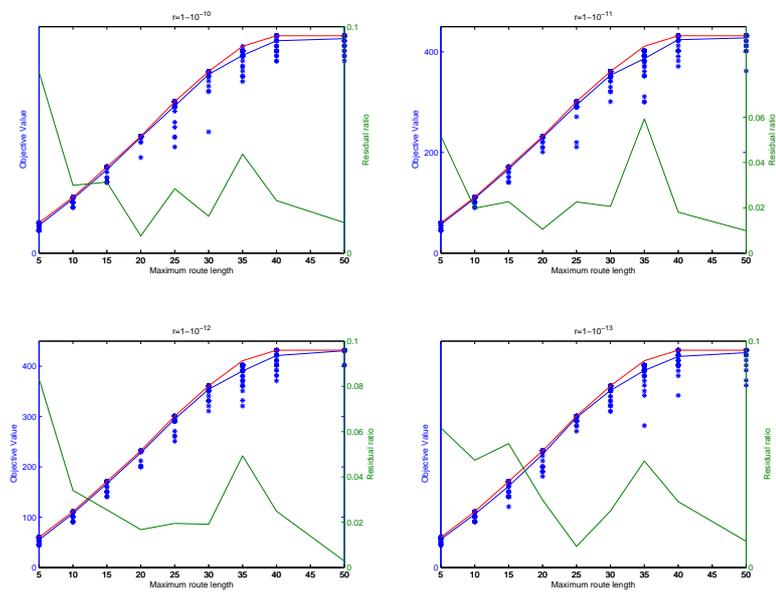


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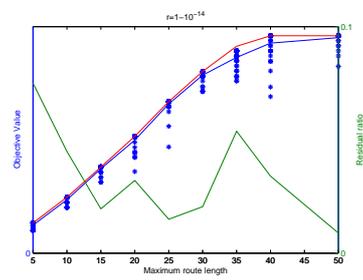


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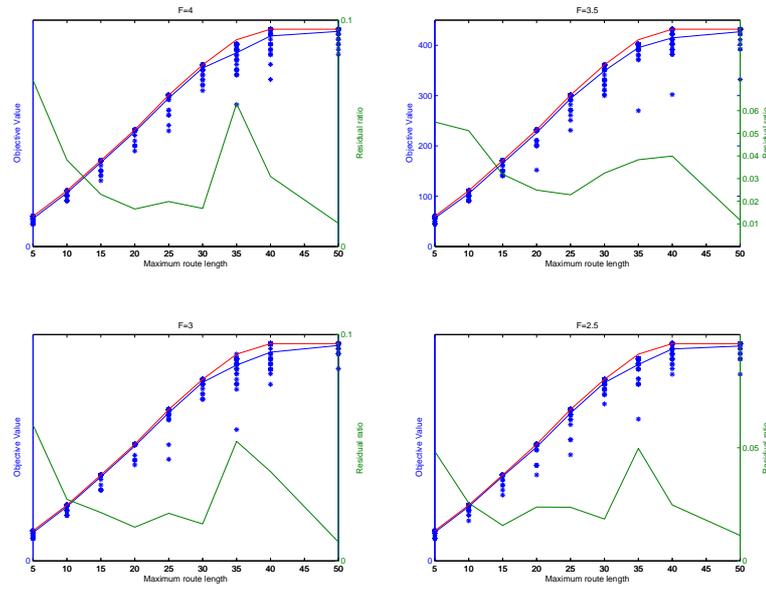


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D.2.8 Results for Frozen Factor, F , Data Set 3_50_a

D.3 Randomly Generated Data Sets

D.3.1 50 point profit vector

- 0
- 3
- 9
- 2
- 4
- 9
- 3
- 3
- 5
- 5
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 5
- 10
- 10
- 6

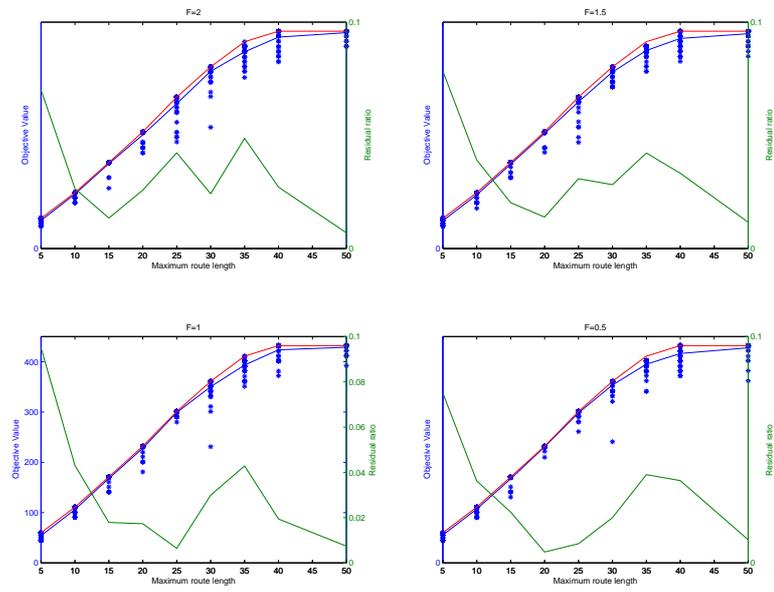


Figure D.57: This figures shows results for four different tempratues. Blues line and dots is the average value and the calculated optimas, the red lin is the best known optimum and the green line is the residual ratio.

- 8
- 4
- 5
- 1
- 10
- 7
- 2
- 3
- 10
- 8
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- 5
- 3
- 5
- 2
- 3
- 8
- 4
- 1
- 2

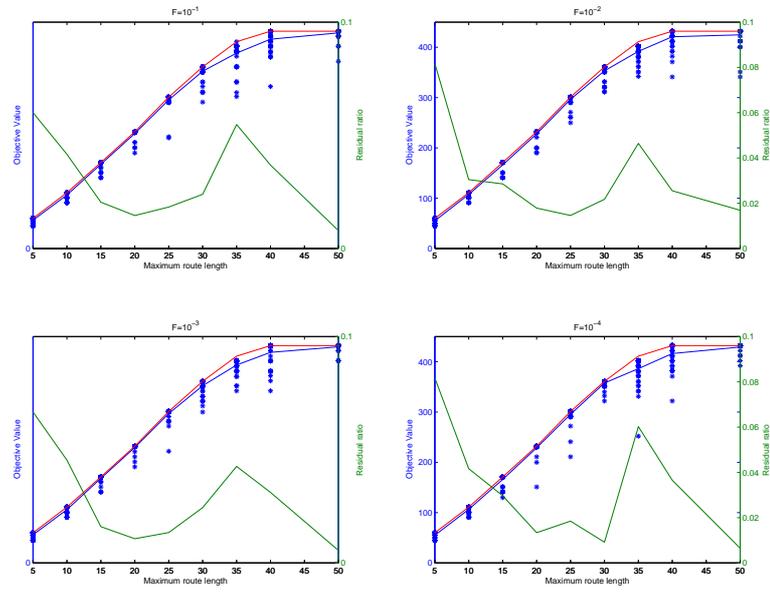


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- 1
- 4
- 2
- 10
- 2
- 7
- 10
- 2
- 8
- 1
- 1
- 7
- 0

D.3.2 100 point profit vector

- 0
- 5
- 6
- 2
- 5
- 1

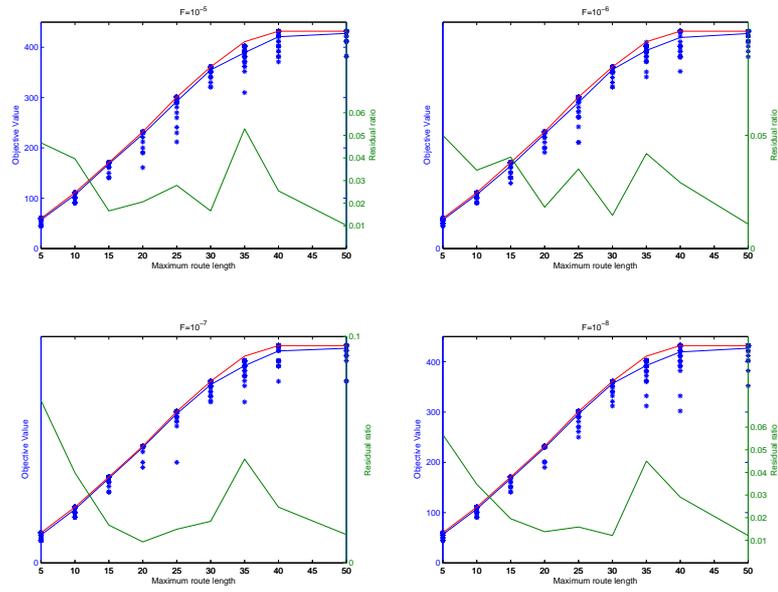


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10
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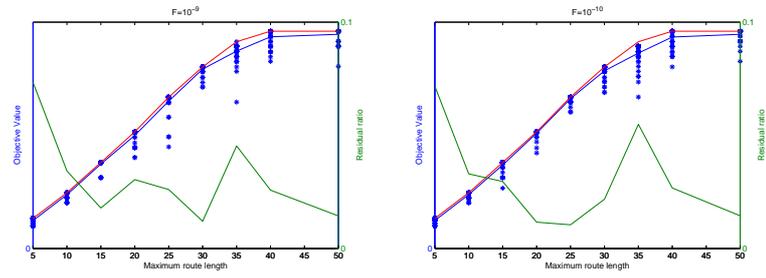


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- 2
- 7
- 10
- 8
- 1
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- 6
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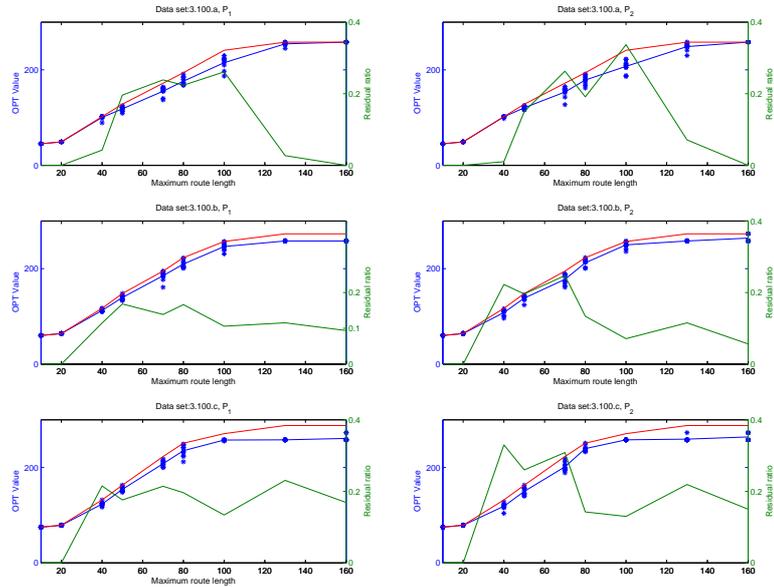
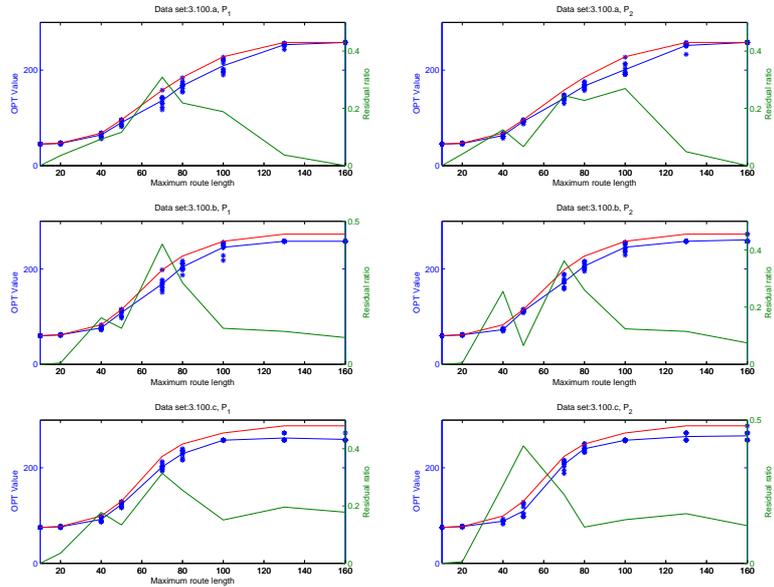


Figure D.61: Blues line and dots is the average values and the calculated optimums, the red line is the best known optimum and the green line is the residual ratio.

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D.3.3 Test with data sets 50a,b,c,d and e with 450,000 Iterations



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Figure D.62: Blues line and dots is the average values and the calculated optimums, the red line is the best known optimum and the green line is the residual ratio.

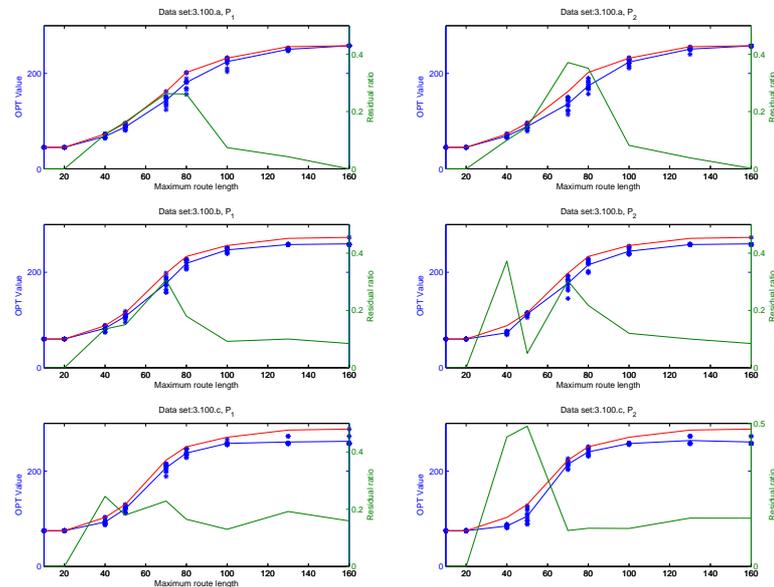


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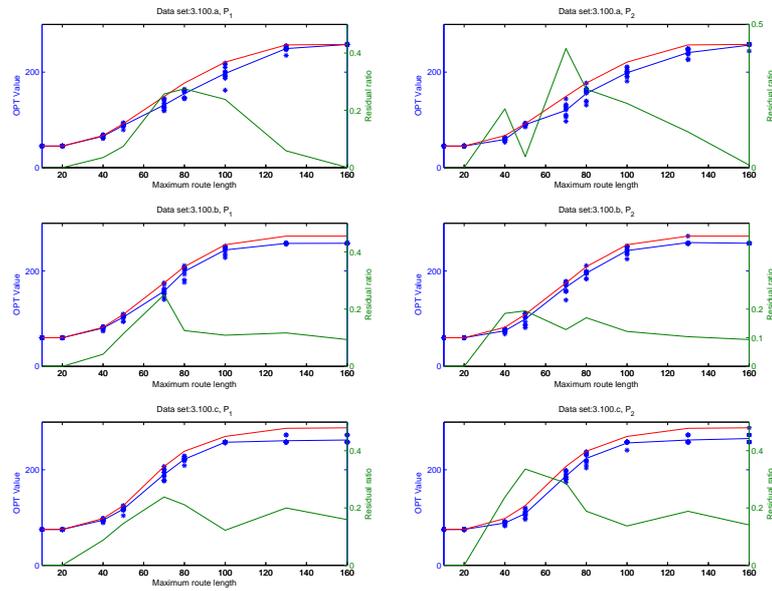


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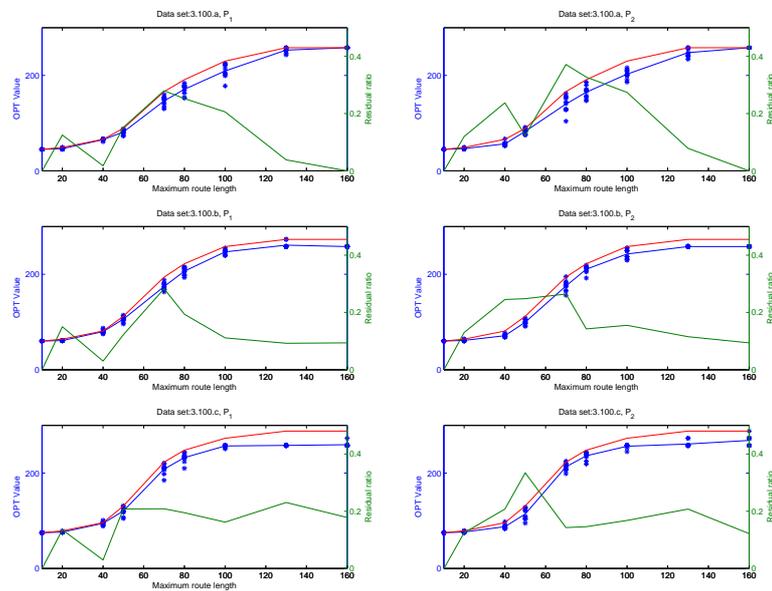


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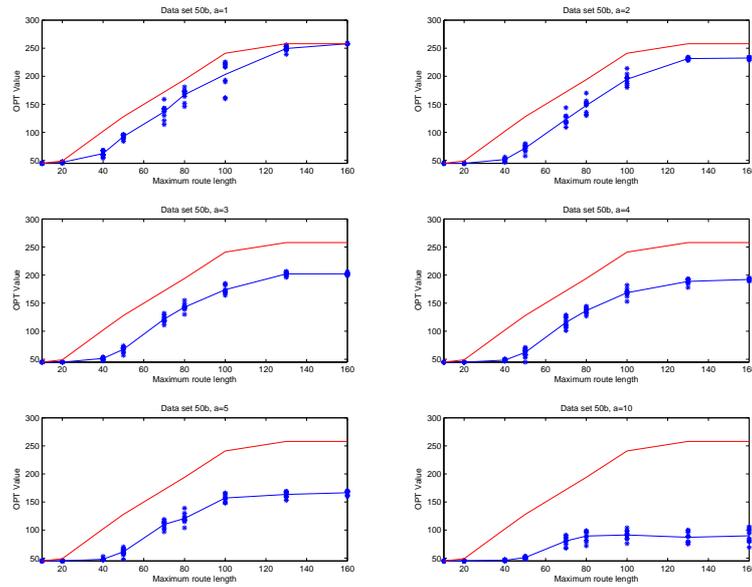


Figure D.66: Blues line and dots is the average values and the calculated optimums and the red line is the best known optimum

D.4 Results Comparison to Decrease.java with New Cooling Schedule

M	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	$ K $	p
OPT	45	49	49	59	69	76	95	107	110	3	p_2
AVE	45	48.2	49	50.45	64.55	73.3	89.05	99.2	107.45	3	p_2
OPT	60	64	64	74	84	92	109	119	125	4	p_2
AVE	60	63.6	63.8	65.9	80.75	86.55	101.65	111.3	113.35	4	p_2
OPT	75	79	79	89	99	106	124	129	138	5	p_2
AVE	75	79	78.8	80.45	95.85	101.15	118.85	122.85	125.85	5	p_2

D.4.1 Results for the Distance Constraint

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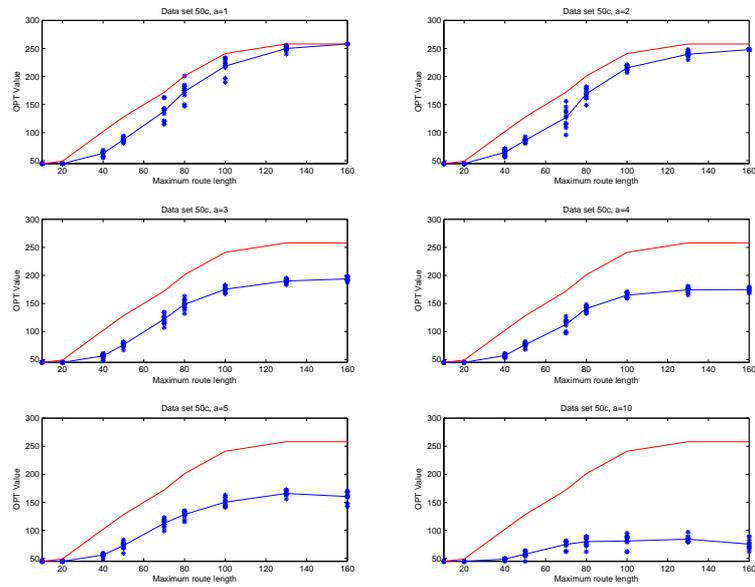


Figure D.67: Blues line and dots is the average values and the calculated optimums and the red line is the best known optimum

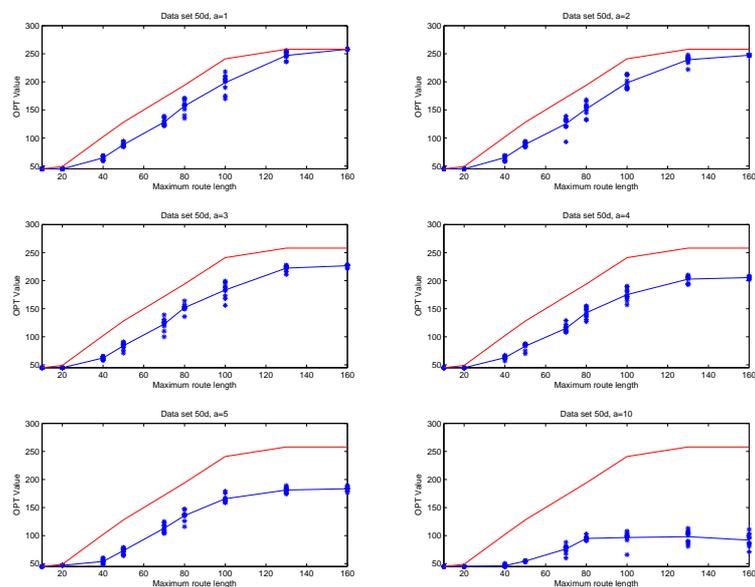


Figure D.68: Blues line and dots is the average values and the calculated optimums and the red line is the best known optimum

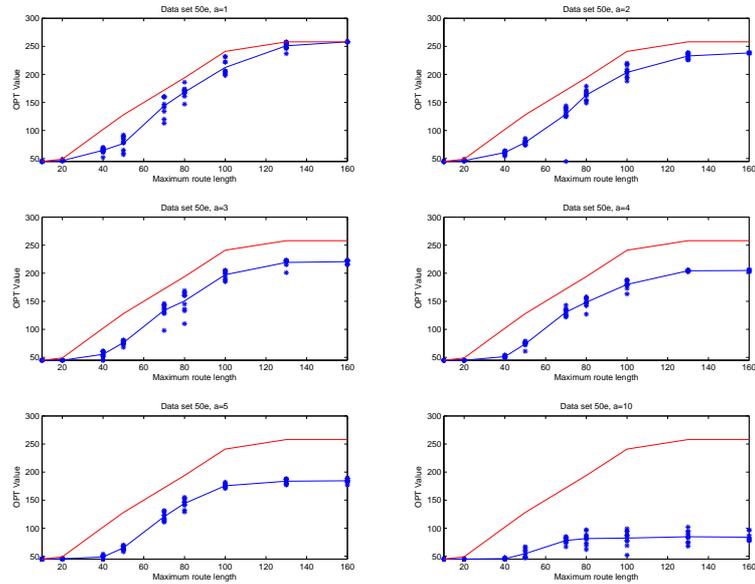


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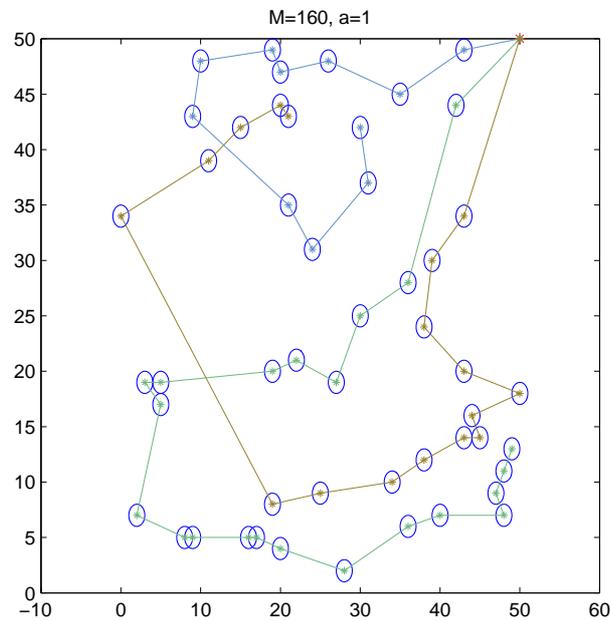


Figure D.70: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 1$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.

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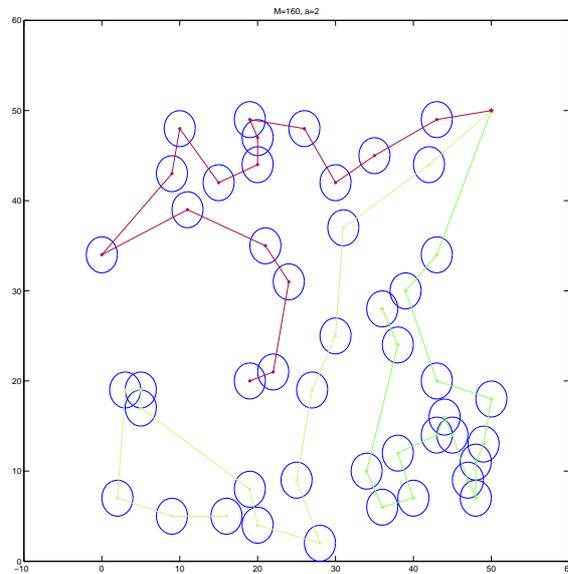


Figure D.71: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 2$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.

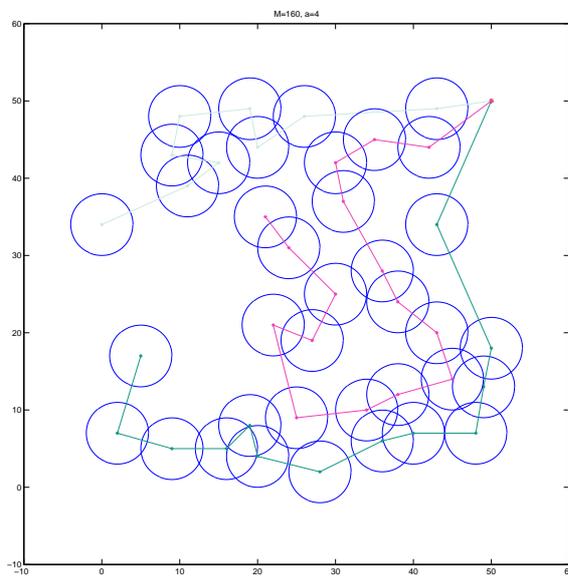


Figure D.72: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 4$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.

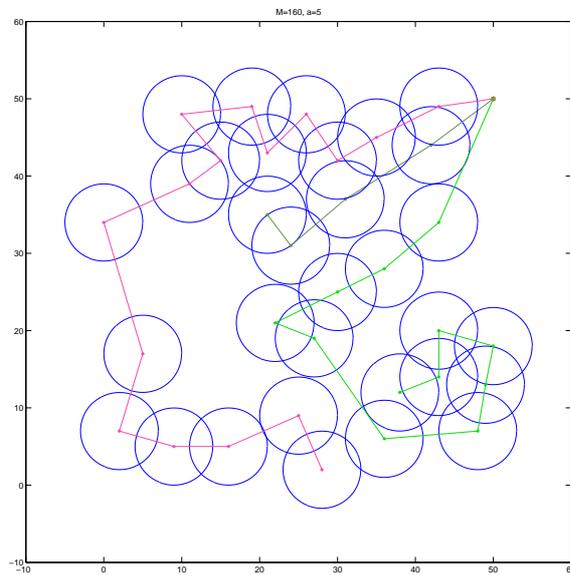


Figure D.73: Shows the routes constructed when $a = 5$ and $M = 160$. The circles are the area where that must be traveled before another pick up point is chosen.