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Routing Optimization in Computer Networks

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Route optimization

Routing optimization Algorithms basically designs for the best routes to reduce travel cost, energy consumption and time.



Vehicle routing problem (VRP)

The applications of VRP are very common in real life. It can be described by the scenario that follows:

Let consider a depot having a fleet of vehicles with limited capacities and a set of customers. The problem is to determine optimal routings for each vehicle to visit every customer exactly once in order to fulfill the demand. The most common goal for optimization is to minimize the overall distance travelled by the vehicles.



Vehicle Route Optimization (VRO)

VRO helps reduce the cost of lastmile services by optimizing route and resources allocation. Resulting savings can be significant as over half the costs associated with a typical logistics company is borne in the execution of firstmile or lastmile.

Benefits can come in form of

- Time savings
- Distance and fuel savings
- Customer satisfaction from shorter delivery times

The following conditions must be satisfied:

- The total demand of any vehicle route must not exceed the capacity of the vehicle.
- •Any given customer is served by one, and only one vehicle.
- The least number of vehicles is used and the shortest distance is covered.
- Customer delivery should be done efficiently and economically.



Applications

Companies like Amazon and Alibaba are investing hundreds of millions of dollars in order to make their delivery processes that much faster and more efficient to ensure the next day or even same-day delivery.





Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Logistics

Artificial Intelligence can be used to improve logistics experience by increasing reliability, reducing the cost of transportation, faster processing, and deciding optimal routes for last-mile operations. Algorithms like: traveling salesman, swarm optimization and ant colony optimization are used for routing optimization.

How AI can help Logistics...



Computer Networks Algorithms

Dijkstra's Algorithm is used to find the shortest path between nodes in a graph. The algorithm maintains a set of unvisited nodes and calculates a tentative distance from a given node to another.





Fig. 1: Computer network and graphical representation

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Dijkstra's Algorithm ()
         // Initialization
                                          // Tree is made only of the root
         Tree = {root}
         for (y = 1 \text{ to } N)
                                          // N is the number of nodes
              if (y is the root)
                                          // D[y] is shortest distance from root to node y
                  D[y] = 0
              else if (y is a neighbor)
                                          // c[x][y] is cost between nodes x and y in LSDB
                   D[y] = c[root][y]
              else
                  D[y] = \infty
         // Calculation
         repeat
              find a node w, with D[w] minimum among all nodes not in the Tree
                                         // Add w to tree
              Tree = Tree \cup {w }
              // Update distances for all neighbors of w
              for (every node x, which is a neighbor of w and not in the Tree)
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              {
                  D[x] = \min{D[x], (D[w] + c[w][x])}
         } until (all nodes included in the Tree)
    } // End of Dijkstra
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Mutli-stop route planners











Getting Started

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C	Retail & Distribution	Laundry & Dry Cleaning	
	Installation & Maintenance	O Waste Collection	
C	Healthcare	Cleaning Services	
or			
C	Other Delivery	O Other Service	
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Getting Started

To optimize your routes, we need to know more about your drivers	
Number of drivers: 1	
Drivers work time: 08:00 💌 — 16:00 💌	
Schedule a break for this driver	
Break duration (minutes): 30	
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Add order							
Basic Info	Order ID:	1		Date*:	10/03/2021		•
Load parameters	Order type:*	Delivery		 Assigned to: 	Driver 001		~
Skills	Location:*	MAN			1	0	
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