

Use of a genetic heritage for solving the assignment problem with two objectives

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Abstract : The paper concerns a multiobjective heuristic to compute approximate efficient solutions for the assignment problem with two objectives. The aim here is to show that the genetic information extracted from supported solutions constitutes a useful genetic heritage to be used by crossover operators to approximate non-supported solutions. Bound sets describe one acceptable limit for applying a local search over an offspring. Results of extensive numerical experiments are reported. All exact efficient solutions are obtained using Cplex in a basic enumerative procedure. A comparison with published results shows the efficiency of this approach.

Assignment problems, solutions and bounds

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{"min"} z^q(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n c_{il}^q x_{il} \quad q = 1, 2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_{il} = 1 \quad l = 1, \dots, n \\ \sum_{l=1}^n x_{il} = 1 \quad i = 1, \dots, n \\ x_{il} \in \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right]$$

15 Instances

- sizes : 5x5 to 100x100
- range c_{il}^q : [0,20]
- E : CPLEX(01)

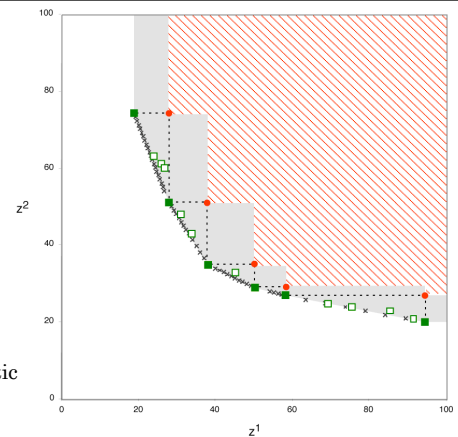
BiAP : • $E = SE \sqcup NE$

• LBS : LP

• UBS : «nadirs» points

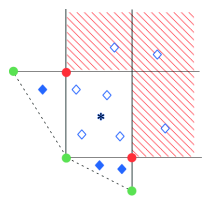
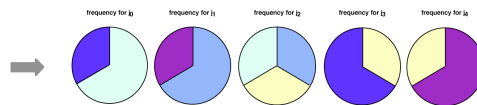
Principle

- compute SE : (CPLEX LP)
- approximate NE : EMO | AP heuristic



EMO | AP heuristic

SE	x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	z^1	z^2
1	3	1	0	4	2	27	56
2	4	0	3	2	1	51	9
3	3	0	2	4	1	31	36



- 1) position j_1 :
wheel $_{j_1} = \{0, 1\}$
⇒ 1 is selected (for example)
- 2) position j_2 :
wheel $_{j_2} = \{0, 2, 3\}$
but 3 is not feasible → wheel $_{j_2} = \{0, 2\}$
⇒ 2 is selected (for example)
- 3) position j_4 :
wheel $_{j_4} = \{1, 2\}$
but 1, 2 are not feasible → wheel $_{j_4} = \emptyset$
→ feasible list = $\{0\}$
⇒ 0 selected

j	0	1	2	3	4
I_1	3	1	0	4	2
I_2	3	0	2	4	1
I_3	3	*	*	4	*

$$\hat{E} \leftarrow se \cup \widehat{NE} \quad (\widehat{NE} = \emptyset)$$

for a given number of generations loop

-- Selection of individuals

Select I_1 and $I_2 \in \hat{E}$ at random ($I_1 \neq I_2$)

-- Offsprings of individuals

-- I_3 is built using the genetic information available in I_1, I_2 and \hat{E}

for j in $1..n$ loop

-- common genes are copied

if $I_{1j} = I_{2j}$ then $I_{3j} \leftarrow I_{1j}$ endIf

-- others genes : value is selected using the wheel

if $I_{1j} \neq I_{2j}$ then $I_{3j} \leftarrow useGeneticInformation(j)$ endIf

endFor

if isNotDominated(I_3, UBS) then TwoLevelsLS(I_3, \hat{E}) endIf

-- Mutation of individual

$I_4 \leftarrow$ Mutate I_1

if isNotDominated(I_4, UBS) then TwoLevelsLS(I_4, \hat{E}) endIf

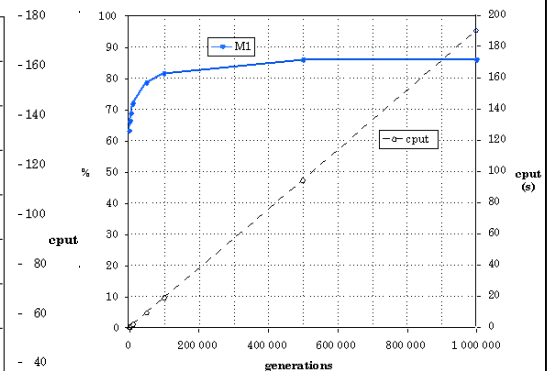
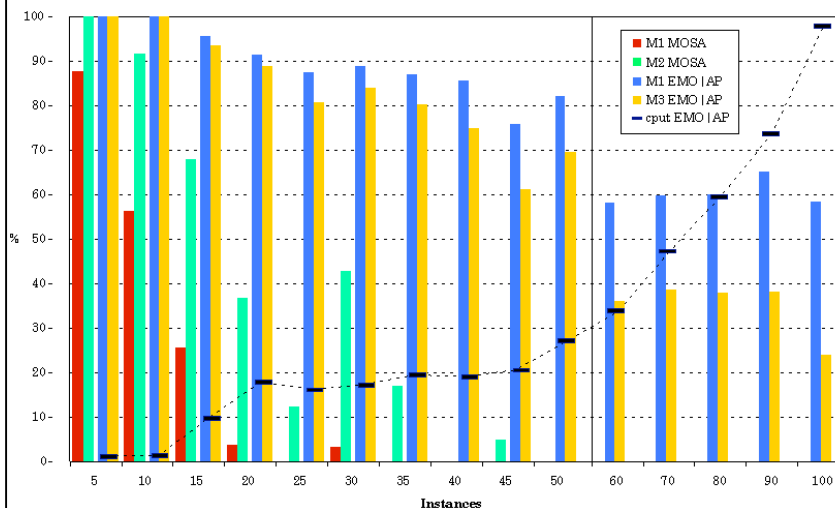
-- Refresh the genetic map

Update the genetic information after a determined number of generations.

Roulette wheels are rebuilt using \hat{E} .

endLoop generationProcess

Numerical experiments



EMO | AP :

Generations : 250 000

Refreshment : each 100 000 generation

Resolution repeated 9 times

Means results for M1 & M3

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