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# Exact Approaches for the Travelling Thief Problem Junhua Wu, Markus Wagner, Sergey Polyakovskiy, and Frank Neumann

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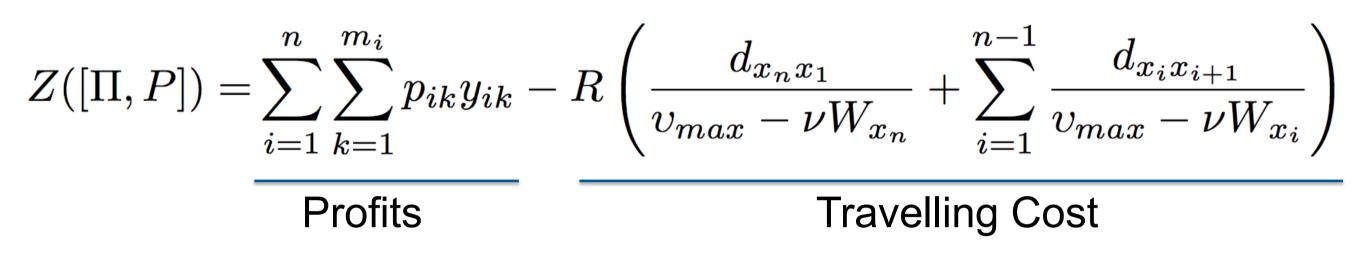
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$eil51_n06_m5_uncorr_01$	6	<b>5</b>	0.07	0.079	0.24			
$eil51_n07_m6_uncorr_01$	7	6	0.143	0.195	0.497			
$eil51_n08_m7_uncorr_01$	8	7	0.343	0.505	4.594			
$eil51_n09_m8_uncorr_01$	9	8	0.633	1.492	63.838			
$eil51_n10_m9_uncorr_01$	10	9	0.933	5.188	776.55			
$eil51_n11_m10_uncorr_01$	11	10	2.414	23.106	12861.181			
$eil51_n12_m11_uncorr_01$	12	11	3.938	204.786	-			
$eil51_n13_m12_uncorr_01$	13	12	14.217	2007.074	-			
$eil51_n14_m13_uncorr_01$	14	13	13.408	36944.146	-			
$eil51_n15_m14_uncorr_01$	15	14	89.461	-	-			
$eil51_n16_m15_uncorr_01$	16	15	59.526	-	-			
$eil51_n17_m16_uncorr_01$	17	16	134.905	-	-			
$eil51_n18_m17_uncorr_01$	18	17	366.082	-	-			
$eil51_n19_m18_uncorr_01$	19	18	830.18	-	-			
$eil51_n20_m19_uncorr_01$	20	19	2456.873	-	-			

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avg	0.3%	15.3%	$11.5^{\circ}_{\star}$	% 38.	9%	15.79	$\sim$	09.9	%	30.1%	6	3.3%
$\operatorname{stdev}$	2.2%	17.8%	16.7	% 29.	4%	24.69	%	18.8	%	20.1%	6	8.5%
				TTP	-DP		MA2	В		C5	D	P-S5
Instance				OPT	RT	Gap	$\operatorname{Std}$	RT	Gap	Std	Gap	St
eil51_n05	_m4_multipl	e-strongly-co	orr_01	619.227	0.02	29.1	12.1	2.71	35.5	1.20e-6	41.3	0.
eil51_n05	_m4_uncorr_	.01		466.929	0.02	0.0	0.0	3.22	0.0	2.20e-6	0.0	2.20e-
eil51_n05	_m4_uncorr-	similar-weig	$hts_01$	299.281	0.02	0.0	0.0	3.21	7.8	2.40e-6	7.8	1.20e-
eil51_n05	_m20_multip	ole-strongly-	corr_01	773.573	0.08	13.4	0.0	1.44	14.3	0.0	12.8	0
eil51_n05	_m20_uncor	r_01		2144.796	0.07	0.0	0.0	3.35	7.4	0.0	6.6	2.30e-
eil51_n05	_m20_uncor	r-similar-wei	$ghts_01$	269.015	0.04	0.0	0.0	3.51	0.0	2.30e-6	0.0	0
eil51_n10	_m9_multipl	e-strongly-co	orr_01	573.897	1.21	0.0	0.0	6.07	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
eil51_n10	_m9_uncorr_	.01		1125.715	0.93	0.0	0.0	6.06	0.0	1.30e-6	0.0	1.30e
eil51_n10	_m9_uncorr-	similar-weig	$hts_01$	753.230	0.86	0.0	0.0	5.87	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
eil51_n10	_m45_multip	ole-strongly-	corr_01	1091.127	14.89	0.0	0.0	7.99	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
eil51_n10	_m45_uncor	r_01		6009.431	6.39	0.0	0.0	8.6	6.6	2.30e-6	0.0	0
eil51_n10	_m45_uncor	r-similar-wei	$ghts_01$	3009.553	8.87	0.0	0.0	6.78	0.0	2.30e-6	0.0	2.30e
eil51_n12	_m11_multip	ole-strongly-	corr_01	648.546	4.58	0.0	0.0	6.08	4.6	2.20e-6	4.6	2.20e
eil51_n12	_m11_uncor	r_01		1717.699	3.94	0.0	0.0	7.21	0.0	1.20e-6	0.0	1.20e
eil51_n12	_m11_uncor	r-similar-wei	$ghts_01$	774.107	3.36	0.0	0.0	7.03	0.0	2.30e-6	0.0	2.30e
eil51_n12	_m55_multip	ole-strongly-	corr_01			0.0	0.0	9.19	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
eil51_n12	_m55_uncor	r_01		8838.012	35.79	0.0	0.0	9.76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
		r-similar-wei	0	3734.895	38.36	12.3	0.0	8.34	12.3	0.0	0.2	0
	-	ole-strongly-	corr_01	547.419	39.82	0.0	0.0	7.87	14.1	1.30e-6	13.3	1.30e
	_m14_uncor			2392.996	89.46	0.0	0.0	7.28	3.8			0
		r-similar-wei		637.419	16.35	0.0				1.60e-6	0.0	1.60e
eil51_n15	_m70_multip	ole-strongly-	corr_01	920.372	3984.29	2.1	1.1	12.11		2.70e-6		2.70e
	_m70_uncor			9922.137	740.22		0.0	9.67	7	1.20e-6	1.9	
		r-similar-wei	<u> </u>		867.78	0.0	0.0	7.98	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
		ole-strongly-		794.745		0.0	0.0	7.7	18.9	1.6e-6	18.9	1.6e
		ole-strongly-	corr_10	4498.848	623.4	0.0	0.0	9.1	12.9	0.0	16.6	1.3e
	_m15_uncor			2490.889	59.5		0.7	8.4	1.6	2.3e-6	1.6	2.3e
	_m15_uncor			3601.077	211.5			9.0				
		r-similar-wei	<u> </u>		36.4		0.0	8.5				
		r-similar-wei	0		245.4			8.7				
		ole-strongly-		685.565	248.6			8.4				
	-	ole-strongly-	corr_10		2190.4			9.8	0.0			
	_m16_uncor			2342.664	134.9			8.3	0.0			
	_m16_uncor			2275.279	554.5			9.6				
		r-similar-wei	<u> </u>		70.8			8.1	0.0			
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	-	ole-strongly-		834.031	715.7			10.2			12.9	
	-	ole-strongly-	corr_10	1	6252.4			10.5				
	_m17_uncor			2644.491	366.1			9.7	0.2			
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		r-similar-wei	0		148.3			8.5				
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	-	ple-strongly-	corr_10	-	-	-	-	10.4		-	-	-
	_m18_uncor			2604.844	830.2			9.7	0.0			
eil51_n19	_m18_uncor	r_10		4048.408	3884.3	0.0	0.0	10.9	0.0	1.4e-6	0.0	1.4e-

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### **Constraint Programming**

Our constraint programming model employs a simple permutation based representation of the tour that allows the use of the AllDifferent[2] filtering algorithm.

 $\begin{aligned} \max \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij} y_{ij} \\ &- R \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\texttt{Element}(d, n (x_i - 1) + x_{i+1})}{v_{max} - \nu \texttt{Element}(W, x_i)} + \frac{\texttt{Element}(d, n (x_n - 1) + 1)}{v_{max} - \nu \texttt{Element}(W, x_n)} \right) \\ & \texttt{AllDifferent}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ & W_i = W_{i-1} + \sum_{j \in M_i} w_{ij} y_{ij}, \ i \in \{2, \dots, n\} \\ & W_n \leq C \end{aligned}$ 

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$$Gap = \frac{OPT - Obj}{OPT}\%$$

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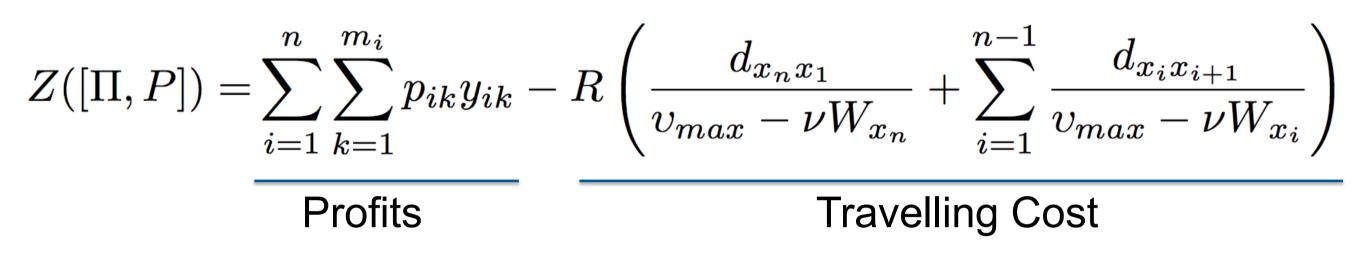
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eil51_n12	_m55_uncor	r_01		8838.012	35.79	0.0	0.0	9.76	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
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	_m70_uncor			9922.137	740.22		0.0	9.67	7	1.20e-6	1.9	
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We propose the upper bound that calculates the maximal possible profit that the thief may obtain by passing the remaining part of the tour with the minimal possible cost.

$$E_U(A(S, j, \cdot)) = \max_{0 \le w \le W} A(S, j, w) + \sum_{k \in N \setminus S} \sum_{l=1}^{m_k} p_{kl} - R \frac{d_{j1}}{v_{max}}$$

### **Constraint Programming**

Our constraint programming model employs a simple permutation based representation of the tour that allows the use of the AllDifferent[2] filtering algorithm.

 $\begin{aligned} \max \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij} y_{ij} \\ &- R \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\texttt{Element}(d, n (x_i - 1) + x_{i+1})}{v_{max} - \nu \texttt{Element}(W, x_i)} + \frac{\texttt{Element}(d, n (x_n - 1) + 1)}{v_{max} - \nu \texttt{Element}(W, x_n)} \right) \\ & \texttt{AllDifferent}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \\ & W_i = W_{i-1} + \sum_{j \in M_i} w_{ij} y_{ij}, \ i \in \{2, \dots, n\} \\ & W_n \leq C \end{aligned}$ 

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$$Gap = \frac{OPT - Obj}{OPT}\%$$

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