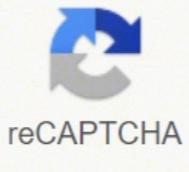




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Using 2-Opt based evolution strategy for travelling salesman problem

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**Abstract.** Harmony search algorithm that mimics the (p+1) evolution strategy, is a heuristic method simulated by the process of music improvisation. In this paper, a harmony search algorithm is directly used for the travelling salesman problem. Instead of conventional selection operators such as roulette wheel, the transformation of real number values of harmony search algorithm to order index of vertex representation and improvement of solutions are obtained by using the 2-Opt local search algorithm. Thus, the obtained algorithm is tested on two different parameter groups of TSPLIB. The proposed method is compared with classical 2-Opt which randomly started at each step and known solutions of test instances from TSPLIB. It is seen that the proposed algorithm offers valuable solutions.

**Keywords:** Travelling salesman problem; TSP; harmony search; HS; (p+1) evolution strategy; 2-Opt; TSPLIB  
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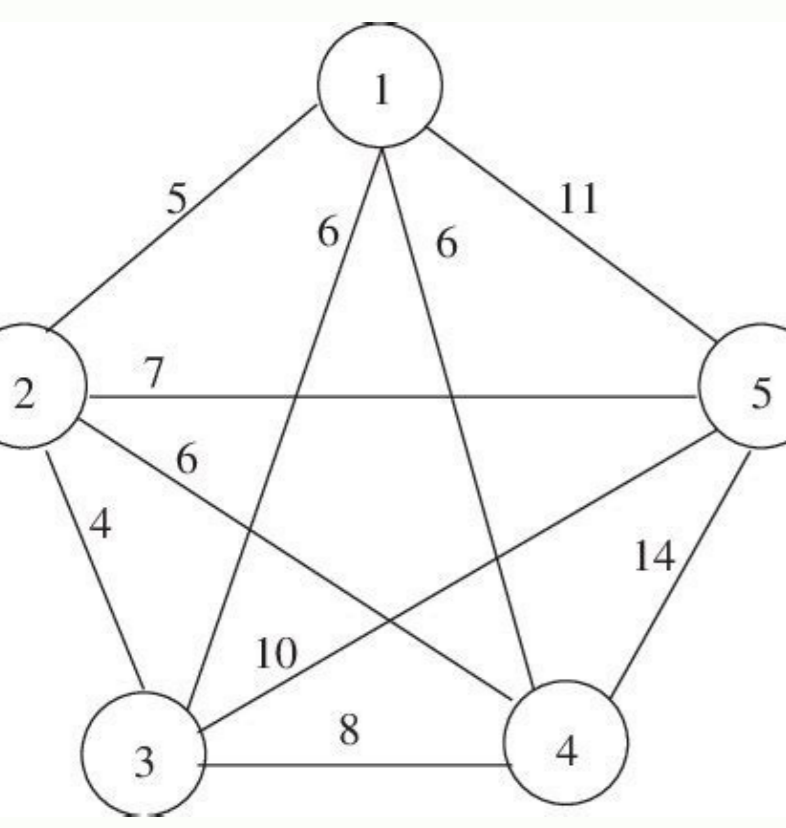
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# Iterative Cartesian Genetic Programming: Creating General Algorithms for Solving Travelling Salesman Problems

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**Abstract.** Evolutionary algorithms have been widely used to optimise or design search algorithms, however, very few have considered evolving iterative algorithms. In this paper, we introduce a novel extension to Cartesian Genetic Programming that allows it to encode iterative algorithms. We apply this technique to the Traveling Salesman Problem to produce human-readable solvers which can be then be independently implemented. Our experimental results demonstrate that the evolved solvers scale well to much larger TSP instances than those used for training.

**Keywords:** Iterative algorithms · Cartesian Genetic Programming · TSP

## 1 Introduction

Designing effective search algorithms for difficult problems has long been an intensive field of study in computer science [13]. Evolutionary algorithms have been used to optimise or design search algorithms and it is typical for such algorithms to operate on a human-designed template in which new operations are generated at fixed points in the template. Very few have evolved loop-based control flow and attempted to answer John Koza's question: "Is it possible to automate the decision about [...] the particular sequence of iterative steps in a computer program?" [16]. Such control flow can be implemented either via iteration or recursion. Recursive approaches to various problems of program induction have been presented in Yu and Clack [43] and Alexander [1] but we are not aware of any direct applications to search problems.

In this paper, we introduce a novel and extended form of a well-known graph-based form of Genetic Programming, Cartesian Genetic Programming (CGP), to encode iterative algorithms. The original motivation for using hyper-heuristics is that they do not require skilled practitioners. The use of CGP is significant in this regard, since it doesn't require knowledge of specialized bloat-handling techniques. We apply this technique to the well-known Traveling Salesman Problem

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