車輛途程含取貨問題解法之研究

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摘要

本研究主要針對傳統車輛途程含回程取貨問題(VRPB)加以研究與改良。傳統VRPB主要是將服務的顧客群分為二類,第一類為將貨物送達顧客(LINEHAULS),第二類為回程取貨顧客(BACKHAULS),其構想是利用車輛在送貨途中順便回程取貨。由於傳統型的VRPB並不允許一個需求點同時包含送貨與取貨,一般都是將取貨點放在送貨點之後處理。如此一來,可以省去貨物空間排列的問題,但對於路線行駛的距離與所需車輛數勢必會增加,此類需求與假設明顯與台灣某些產業的貨物運送實況不合。本研究基於此想法,藉由數學模式的修改,來達到同一需求點可以同時處理送貨與取貨顧客,並將取貨需求點拜訪的順序需放置送貨需求點的限制予以放寬。換言之,改良後的演算法可依問題的要求,去拜訪不同順序的需求點。再者,藉由時窗限制(TIMES WINDOWS)來提升服務品質也為時下研究者所重視,因此本研究將VRPB與服務時窗結合,此一構想,應可更接近實務現況。由於VRP為一個NP-HARD問題,當要處理規模較大問題時,所耗費的時間,呈指數倍成長。當問題內容包含取貨問題及時窗限制,將更顯複雜難解。所以本研究將根據題意分別利用模擬退火法建構啟發式演算法,並以國際網路例題做測試,冀能在時間與效率上求得平衡。

關鍵詞:車輛途程含回程取貨問題、考量時窗限制之車輛途程含取貨問題、模擬退火法

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