

一個解決TSP問題最佳解的穩定方法-以TA演算法為例

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摘要

在最佳化問題 (OPTIMIZATION PROBLEMS) 的求解中, 全區域最佳解通常是很難求得的。而旅行推銷員問題 (TRAVELING SALESMAN PROBLEM) 是最佳化問題中一個相當典型的例子。在系統規模小的時候, 模擬退火 (SIMULATED ANNEALING) 在求最佳解上是一個相當有效率的方法, 但是當系統規模變大的時候, 模擬退火法求解的時間將大幅增加, 以致於無法在合理的時間內求得最佳解; 或是在退火的過程中, 因無法跳脫陷入局部最佳解的陷阱, 因而接受了其他的劣化解 (區域最佳解)。因此, 我們採用門檻接受法 (THRESHOLD ACCEPTING; TA) 具有避免陷入區域最佳解的特性, 使得整個求解過程的運算時間縮短, 及大幅降低陷入區域解的機率。更者為了能使確保每次運算的結果皆能達到最佳解的穩定收斂狀態, 我們在此提出了雙重門檻接受 (DOUBLE TA) 演算法。而經運算所得的結果亦顯示出, 在TA中若能選擇適當的門檻值, 其所得最佳解之值確實較優於別種解法。在此門檻值被分為二個部分: 標準化門檻值 (NORMALIZED THRESHOLD VALUES) 和上限值 (CAP)。門檻值等於標準化門檻值乘以上限值。我們利用一條經標準化並由數個控制節點所構成的自然雲形線 (NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE) 來決定門檻值。我們使用MATLAB程式語言發展出一動態插入點的GUI (GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE) 介面, 讓使用者能夠自由的輸入所需的控制點, 以達到所想要的門檻值模型。而上限值我們採用B. HAJEK所提出的第二最小值深度的觀念, 使得CAP值越小越好, 並且能夠穩定的達到最佳解。首先, 我們將嘗試用雙重TA演算法, 求出傳統的對稱性方格矩陣 (REGULAR-GRID TSP) 問題, 城市 (或稱節點 (NODE)) 數目從16到441, 每個例子運算100次, 試圖達到每次皆能有最佳解的產生。其中我們亦想要解決GROTSCHHEL的PCB442問題, 這個問題在文獻上是個頂難的問題。以上所有程式都是用BORLAC++程式語言來撰寫。這裡我們所提出的雙重TA演算法, 指的是在一次完整的最佳化運算過程中將門檻接受法執行兩次, 而第二次的執行, 其目的為的是以防第一次運算的過程會有非達最佳化結果的產生。

關鍵詞: 旅行推銷員問題、模擬退火、門檻接受法、標準化門檻值、上限值、自然雲形線

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