# MULTIPLE VEHICLE ROUTING PROBLEM WITH FUEL CONSTRAINTS 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, a Multiple Vehicle Routing Problem with Fuel Constraints (MVRPFC) is considered. This problem consists of a field of targets to be visited, and a collection of vehicles with fuel tanks that may visit the targets. Consideration of this problem is mainly in the improvement of feasible solutions, but the following steps are discussed: Cost Matrix Transformation, Field Partitioning, Tour Generation and Rerouting, and Tour Improvement.

Four neighborhoods were investigated (2-opt, 3-opt, Target Vehicle Exchange, Depot Exchange), using the Variable Neighborhood Descent and Variable Neighborhood Search schemes, with APD and Voronoi partition methods. These neighborhoods were compared to investigate their performance for various instances using the above schemes and partition methods. In general, 2-opt performed as well as 3-opt in less time than 3opt; in fact, 3-opt was the slowest of the four neighborhoods. Additionally, the Variable Neighborhood Descent scheme was found to produce better results than the Variable Neighborhood Search.


## NOMENCLATURE

| APD | Approximate Primal-Dual algorithm |
| :--- | :--- |
| LKH | Lin-Kernighan Heuristic |
| MV | Multiple Vehicle |
| MVRPFC | Multiple Vehicle Routing Problem with Fuel Constraints |
| TSP | Traveling Salesman Problem |
| TVE | Target Vertex Exchange |
| VND | Variable Neighborhood Descent |
| VNS | Variable Neighborhood Search |

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) is a canonical problem in the field of optimization, with many practical applications in fields such as logistics, military surveillance, and disaster relief (Army, 2007), (Curry, Maslanik, Holland, \& Pinto, 2004). This problem, in its most basic form, is to find the cheapest order to visit a collection of targets for a vehicle such that each target is visited at least once and the total distance traveled by the vehicle is a minimum. Finding an optimal solution for the TSP is challenging because the computation time required by the existing algorithms increase exponentially with the size of the problem. This difficulty is compounded when multiple vehicles are considered, and even more when fuel constraints are imposed on these vehicles. The TSP, with these additional considerations, is called the Multiple Vehicle Routing Problem with Fuel Constraints (MVRPFC). This problem can be stated as follows: given a set of targets, fuel stations, and vehicles, find a path for each vehicle such that every target is visited at least once, none of the vehicles violate their fuel constraints along their respective paths, and the total travel cost is a minimum.

The MVRPFC is a generalization of the standard TSP and is NP-hard. Therefore, the focus of this thesis is to develop heuristics that can find good solutions to the MVRPFC as quickly as possible. We do this through the framework of the Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS) and Variable Neighborhood Descent (VND). VNS and VND are metaheuristics used to solve difficult combinatorial and global optimization problems. These
are iterative algorithms where in each iteration, the algorithms search through multiple neighborhoods of the current feasible solution to find a feasible solution with lower cost. The use of multiple neighborhoods allows the solution in the VNS and VND heuristics to move away from local optima as quickly as possible. To generate an initial feasible solution to the problem, we rely on the approximation algorithm develop by Kaarthik et al. in (Sundar \& Rathinam, 2013). An $\alpha$-approximation algorithm is a polynomial time algorithm that produces a solution whose cost is at most $\alpha$ times the optimal cost for any instance of the problem.

The single vehicle version of the MVRPFC has been addressed by the authors in (Khuller, Malekian, \& Mestre, 2011), (Sundar \& Rathinam, 2013). Khuller et al. present an approximation algorithm for the symmetric version of the problem. Kaarthik et al. present an approximation algorithm for the asymmetric version of the problem. The MVRPFC is also closely related to routing problems with intermediate facilities [Ghiani, Angelelli, Crevier] as discussed in (Sundar \& Rathinam, 2013). Variants of the MVRPFC have also been studied in the literature. Dell et al considered a multiple vehicle TSP from a practical perspective, incorporating time windows and equity constraints (Dell, Batta, \& Karwan, 1996). Approximation algorithms and heuristics for a heterogeneous multiple vehicle TSP are studied by Rangarajan, where some targets must be visited by certain vehicles (Rangarajan, 2011). Oberlin discusses a transformation of a heterogeneous multiple vehicle, multiple depot TSP into an asymmetric TSP so that algorithms for the standard TSP can be put to good use (Oberlin,
2009). Rathinam and Sengupta determine lower bounds for a multiple depot, multiple vehicle TSP, along with a 2-approximation algorithm for solving this problem (Rathinam \& Sengupta, 2006).

Hansen and Mladenovic review improvement schemes in (Hansen \& Mladenovic, 2001), notably the Variable Neighborhood Descent (VND) and Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS), which are the focus of this paper.

In this paper, an $\alpha$-approximation algorithm is used in combination with improvement heuristics to calculate solutions for an MVRPFC. The method discussed in this paper consists of the following steps: Cost Matrix Transformation, Partitioning, Tour Generation and Rerouting, and Tour Improvement. For the Partitioning step, an Approximate Primal-Dual algorithm is used and compared with a Voronoi implementation. For the Tour Improvement step, several heuristics are used: the 2-opt, 3-opt, Depot Exchange, and Target Vehicle Exchange heuristics. These heuristics are used as part of VNS and VND schemes, and are discussed in details, along with results from application of these schemes on several instances.

## 2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Consider a multiple vehicle routing problem with $K$ vehicles with fuel capacities $L_{1}, L_{2}, \ldots, L_{k}$, let $T$ denote the set of targets to be visited, and let $D$ denote the set of depots that are available. The problem is then formulated on a complete undirected graph $G=(T \cup D, E)$, where $E$ is the set of edges between every pair of members of $T \cup D$, and is assumed to satisfy the triangle inequality: $\operatorname{cost}(x, y)+\operatorname{cost}(y, z) \geq$ $\operatorname{cost}(x, z)$. Additionally, some constraints are imposed on the problem data: for every target in $T$, it is required that there is a depot in $D$ that is reachable by every vehicle:

$$
\exists d \in D \text { s.t. } 2 * \operatorname{cost}(t, d) \leq L_{k} \forall k, \forall t \in T
$$

Then the objective of this paper is to find $K$ tours, 1 for each vehicle, such that every target in $T$ is visited at least once, the total cost to traverse the tours is at a minimum, and none of the vehicles run out of fuel while traversing their tours.

## 3 ALGORITHMS

### 3.1 Overview

The algorithm discussed in this thesis consists of five basic steps: cost matrix transformation, partitioning, tour generation, tour rerouting, and tour improvement. The first step in the process is to adjust the given cost matrix to account for possible necessary refueling trips. The resulting cost matrix will then contain real fuel costs to travel between two nodes. The next step is the partitioning of the target field. In this step, groups of nodes are assigned to vehicles based on their proximity to the nodes. Once these partitions have been found, the next step is to find a tour for the partition that will only visit each target once. These tours are not necessarily feasible, so refueling trips are added, where necessary, to ensure that the vehicle can realistically navigate the tour. Once the tours have been made feasible, they are improved using a variety of improvement heuristics. The intent of these heuristics is to reduce the cost required for the vehicles to navigate the tours.

### 3.2 Cost Matrix Transformation

The first step in the algorithm is to adjust the cost matrix to account for refueling trips. This step is required to ensure that the partitioning algorithm has a monotonically nonincreasing set of cost matrices to work with.. The first step is to determine the closest refueling station to every target that is to be surveilled. This information is used when adding required refueling trips. Once the closest stations have been found, the algorithm iterates through every pair of targets, determines if a refueling trip is necessary, and if
so, calculates the cost of the refueling trip. To find the cheapest path for the refueling trip, a graph is formed that contains the nodes of interest and every refueling station on the field. Edges between nodes are then added to the graph if they are feasible. Once this graph has been formed, a simple shortest path algorithm is run. This shortest path is stored, and the cost to traverse it is placed in the adjusted cost matrix. A detailed technical description of the algorithm follows.

First, consider any two targets $x$ and $y$, where the cost to travel from $x$ to $y$ is called $D_{x y}$. We denote the closest depot to $x$ as $d_{x}$, where the cost to travel from $x$ to $d_{x}$ is called $D_{x}$. Similarly for y , we define $d_{y}$ and $D_{y}$. Then our objective is to determine a path from $d_{x} \rightarrow x \rightarrow y \rightarrow d_{y}$ that is feasible; that is, the vehicle will not run out of fuel traversing this path. If $L_{k}$ is the fuel capacity of the $k$ th vehicle (the vehicle of interest), then to travel this path directly, we must have

$$
D_{x}+D_{x y}+D_{y} \leq L_{k} \Rightarrow D_{x y} \leq L_{k}-D_{x}-D_{y}
$$

However, if this inequality is not satisfied, an indirect path must be found from $x$ to $y$. To accomplish this, an intermediate graph $G_{L}$ is formed. First, all the depots that are reachable from $x$ after the vehicle has visited $d_{x}$ are added to the graph; that is, all depots within a distance of $L_{k}-D_{x}$ from $x$ are added to the graph, along with the edges from $x$ to these depots. These depots are selected to ensure that they are reachable from $x$ in the best case, when the vehicle has the most possible fuel it can have at $x$. Similarly for $y$, depots within a distance of $L_{k}-D_{y}$ from $y$ are added to the graph. Then, the
remaining depots on the field are added to the graph, and edges between the depots are added if the cost to travel those edges are less than $L_{k}$ (see Figure 3-1).


Figure 3-1 $G_{L}$ Formation

Then, a shortest path is determined to travel from $x$ to $y$ along this graph, using Dijkstra's algorithm. This path, shown in Figure 3-2, is the indirect path from $x$ to $y$, and the cost to travel this path is called $L_{x y}$. This $L_{x y}$ value is calculated for every pair of targets and for every vehicle.


Figure 3-2 Shortest Path Determination

An important result of this algorithm, that is also a requirement for the Approximate Primal Dual algorithm, is that if the vehicles are ordered such that $L_{1} \geq L_{2} \geq \cdots \geq L_{k}$, then $L_{x y}^{1} \leq L_{x y}^{2} \leq \cdots \leq L_{x y}^{k} \forall x, y \in T$ : the $L_{x y}$ matrices are monotonically nondecreasing. This result is easy to understand when the graph formed between $x$ and $y$ is considered. For example, take the above algorithm for a pair of targets $x$ and $y$ and for the first vehicle. Then the graph between $x$ and $y$ contains only edges with a cost that is less than $L_{1}$, the fuel capacity of the vehicle. When the $L_{x y}$ value is calculated for the second vehicle, this graph cannot contain more edges than that for the first vehicle, because $L_{2} \leq L_{1}$. Therefore, $L_{x y}^{2}$, the cost of the shortest path from $x$ to $y$ in this graph, must be greater than or equal to $L_{x y}^{1}$.

### 3.3 Partitioning

The next step in the algorithm is to determine partitions for the vehicles. This consists of assigning groups of nodes to certain vehicles, based on some criteria. The partitioning algorithm used in this paper is an extension of the primal dual algorithm described by Jungyun Bae (Bae \& Rathinam, 2011). The primal dual algorithm takes advantage of the relation between linear programs and their duals; it repeatedly tightens primal constraints via dual variables until there are no more constraints to tighten. At this point, a pruning step is performed to retrieve disjoint sets of nodes for each vehicle. The output of the algorithm is the field partitions for each vehicle, as shown in Figure 3-3.


The Approximate Primal Dual algorithm calculates spanning trees for each vehicle, which are directly translated into field partitions.

Figure 3-3 Primal Dual Algorithm Depiction

### 3.4 Tour Generation

The task of generating tours from partitions found in the previous step was delegated to K. Helsgaun's implementation of the Lin-Kernighan heuristic (Helsgaun, 2012). The lkh.exe executable takes the field partitions as input, and produces tours for each vehicle. The lkh executable finds low cost tours for the partitions that are input, without considering fuel capacity restrictions.

### 3.5 Tour Rerouting

The Lin-Kernighan heuristic implementation does not know about the fuel capacities of the vehicles, so the tours it returns are not guaranteed to be feasible. Therefore, refueling trips must be inserted into the tours where necessary. The first step in this process is to reintroduce the indirect refueling trips found in the cost matrix transformation step (Section 3.2). This step is called tour expansion, and is shown in Figure 3-4.


Figure 3-4 Tour Expansion

From this augmented tour, strands between refueling visits are identified and extracted. Each strand is checked for feasibility by calculating the cost required to travel the nodes in the strand. For each infeasible strand, an augmented greedy strand is generated where every node visit is succeeded by a refueling trip to the station nearest to the node. Refueling trips that are not required for strand feasibility are removed, and the strands are rejoined to form the feasible tour.

### 3.6 Tour Improvement

The tours generated at this point in the algorithm are far from optimal. In an effort to improve them, several schemes are used in conjunction with an implementation of a variable neighborhood search. The following neighborhoods are examined in this paper: 2-Opt, 3-Opt, Depot Exchange, and Target-Vehicle Exchange.

### 3.6.1 Variable Neighborhood Search

The variable neighborhood search is a method that is used to search for cheaper tours in multiple neighborhoods. A variable neighborhood search consists of 3 main steps: Shaking (covered in Section 3.6.1.1), Local Search (Section 3.6.1.2), and Move Or Not (Section 3.6.1.3) (Hansen \& Mladenovic, 2001). To set up for a variable neighborhood search, a collection of $k$ neighborhoods and an initial solution $x$ are required. Once these have been determined, the first neighborhood $N_{l}$ is chosen as the "current" neighborhood. A concise description of the algorithm is shown in Figure 3-5. In this figure, step 3 is the Shaking step, step 4 is the Local Search step, and step 5 is the Move Or Not step.

1. Start with an initial set of tours $\mathcal{T}$.
2. $\operatorname{Set} k=1$.
3. Choose random neighbor $\mathcal{T}^{\prime}$ from neighborhood $N_{k}$ of $\mathcal{T}$.
4. Choose best neighbor $\mathcal{T}^{\prime \prime}$ from neighborhood $N_{k}$ of $\mathcal{T}^{\prime}$.
5. If $\operatorname{cost}\left(\mathcal{T}^{\prime \prime}\right)<\operatorname{cost}(\mathcal{T})$, set $\mathcal{T}=\mathcal{T}^{\prime \prime}, k=1$, and go to Step 3. Otherwise, increment $k$.
6. If $k>\operatorname{length}(N)$, output $\mathcal{T}$. Otherwise, go to Step 3 .

Figure 3-5 Variable Neighborhood Search Algorithm

Figure 3-6 shows a depiction of the solution space, with the initial solution $x$ denoted.


Figure 3-6 Variable Neighborhood Search Initialization

### 3.6.1.1 Shaking

The shaking step is the characteristic feature of the variable neighborhood search. In this step, a random member of the currently selected neighborhood of $x$ is found, and denoted as $x$ '. Selecting a random neighborhood member introduces fluctuations into the solution search path, and acts to generally avoid getting stuck in local optima. For certain neighborhoods, it may be possible that there are no feasible neighbors; i.e. the neighborhood of $x$ is empty. In this special case, the shaking step is skipped, and $x$ ' is the same as $x$. Figure 3-7 shows the solution space, where the neighborhood $N_{1}$ is denoted by a red circle, and the product of the shaking step is denoted as $x^{\prime}$.


Figure 3-7 Variable Neighborhood Search Shaking Step

### 3.6.1.2 Local Search

Once $x$ ' has been found, a simple local search is used to find the cheapest solution in the current neighborhood of $x^{\prime}$, which is denoted as $x^{\prime \prime}$. Again, it may be possible that the current neighborhood of $x^{\prime}$ is empty. If this is the case, $x^{\prime \prime}$ is set to be the same as $x^{\prime}$.

### 3.6.1.3 Move Or Not

In this step, the cost of $x$,' is compared to the cost of $x$. The two possible outcomes of interest are when the cost of $x$ '' is less than the cost of $x$, and when the cost of $x$ " is greater than or equal to the cost of $x$. In the first case, $x$ '' is cheaper than $x$. When this is true, $x$ is set to be $x$ " (see Figure 3-8). The first neighborhood is set as the "current" neighborhood, and computations continue with the Shaking step (Section 3.6.1.1). When the second case is true, $x^{\prime \prime}$ is forgotten, and the next neighborhood is set as the "current" neighborhood. If there is no next neighborhood; i.e. the "current" neighborhood is the last neighborhood designated, the algorithm terminates.


Figure 3-8 Variable Neighborhood Search Move-or-not Step

### 3.6.2 Variable Neighborhood Descent

The Variable Neighborhood Descent method, also described in (Hansen \& Mladenovic, 2001), is very similar to the Variable Neighborhood Search method, save for the absence of the Shaking step.

### 3.6.3 2 Opt

The 2 opt neighborhood can be generated from an initial tour by removing 2 edges, and then reconnecting the tour in a different arrangement. In the 2 opt case, only one rearranged tour can be generated from an initial tour. Once the rearranged tours have
been generated, infeasible tours are removed, and the tour with the lowest cost is chosen as the new initial tour, as shown in Figure 3-9.


Figure 3-9 2-opt Move

### 3.6.4 3 Opt

The 3 opt neighborhood is generated in a similar fashion to the 2 opt neighborhood; 3 edges are removed from the initial tour, and the tour is then reconnected in 7 different arrangements (shown in Figure 3-10). The feasible configurations are then added to the neighborhood.


Figure 3-10 3-opt Move

### 3.6.5 Depot Exchange

The depot exchange neighborhood is the simplest of the neighborhoods. To form this neighborhood, visits to depots that are not the vehicle's starting depot are first identified in the initial tour. For each visit to depot $D$, all other depots in the graph are substituted. Tours with this substitution that are feasible are added to the neighborhood. Figure 3-11 shows an example depot exchange move.


Figure 3-11 Depot Exchange Move

### 3.6.6 Target Vehicle Exchange

To build the target vehicle exchange neighborhood, all possible pairs of vehicles are determined. Then, for each pair, one vehicle is chosen as the donor vehicle and the other is designated as the beneficiary vehicle. Then, each target visited by the donor vehicle is inserted into the tour of the beneficiary vehicle in as many locations as possible. The configurations that retain the feasibility of both the donor vehicle's tour and the beneficiary vehicle's tour are added to the neighborhood. Figure 3-12 shows a possible Target Vehicle Exchange move, where a target visit is chosen in the tour of the first vehicle, and possible insertions of this target into the tour of the second vehicle are checked for feasibility, and improvement.


Figure 3-12 Target Vehicle Exchange Example

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Implementation

Implementation of the algorithms discussed in Section 3 was achieved by way of three separate executables: apd_nographics, lkh, and mv. apd_nographics and mv were written by the student, and implement the approximate primal-dual algorithm (Bae \& Rathinam, 2011) and the multiple vehicle algorithm, respectively. The lkh executable was the reference implementation of the Lin-Kernighan heuristic (Helsgaun, 2012). To facilitate communication and transfer of data between the processes, two file formats were developed: APD and MVGS.

### 4.2 Neighborhood Configuration Investigation

The above multiple vehicle algorithm was run for 23 problem instances, with names ranging from p 01 to p 21 , and pr 01 to pr 21 . Complete detailed results for these instances are contained in Appendix A. However, a summary of the interesting results are discussed here.

First, the effect of the order of neighborhoods was investigated when 4 neighborhoods were considered, and the best results are listed in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1 Effect of Neighborhood Order (4 Neighborhoods)

| Scheme | Partition | N1 | N2 | N3 | N4 | Avg <br> Improvement <br> (percent) | Avg. Time <br> (secs) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | TVE | 3-opt | Depex | $33.92 \%$ | 78.04881 |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | TVE | Depex | 3-opt | $33.79 \%$ | 77.33881 |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | 3-opt | TVE | Depex | $33.76 \%$ | 197.7543 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt | Depex | $27.52 \%$ | 70.8876 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | 2-opt | Depex | 3-opt | $27.39 \%$ | 75.12725 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | Depex | 2-opt | 3-opt | $26.99 \%$ | 75.44715 |
| VND | Voronoi | Depex | TVE | 3-opt | 2-opt | $38.08 \%$ | 310.7845 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | 3-opt | Depex | 2-opt | $37.94 \%$ | 304.7469 |
| VND | Voronoi | Depex | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt | $36.85 \%$ | 203.9593 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | Depex | 2-opt | 3-opt | $42.22 \%$ | 221.0236 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | Depex | 3-opt | 2-opt | $38.23 \%$ | 741.5726 |
| VNS | Voronoi | Depex | TVE | 3-opt | 2-opt | $37.52 \%$ | 799.8579 |

At first, it can be seen that the order does not significantly affect improvement percent, when observation is constrained to a specific scheme. However, the Variable Neighborhood Descent produces better final results, with higher average improvement percentages. Additionally, the 2-opt, Depex, TVE, 3-opt configuration produced the best improvement percentages, while requiring an order of magnitude less time than the other configurations, on average. Considering the neighborhood selection behavior of the VND and VNS methods, where the first neighborhood is selected as the active neighborhood whenever a better solution is found, a conclusion can be drawn that the 2opt neighborhood produces comparable (if not better) results than the 3-opt neighborhood, while taking significantly less time to run.

Next, the effect of neighborhood order was investigated for three neighborhoods. The best results are listed in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2 Effect of Neighborhood Order (3 Neighborhoods)

| Scheme | Partition | N1 | N2 | N3 | Avg <br> Improvement <br> (pct) | Avg Time <br> (secs) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | TVE | 3-opt | $33.99 \%$ | 483.1837 |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | 3-opt | TVE | $33.86 \%$ | 595.6045 |
| VND | APD | TVE | 3-opt | 2-opt | $33.49 \%$ | 89.5769 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt | $27.52 \%$ | 71.3513 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | 3-opt | 2-opt | $26.77 \%$ | 178.1168 |
| VNS | APD | 2-opt | TVE | 3-opt | $25.87 \%$ | 79.254 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | Depex | 3-opt | $42.59 \%$ | 323.1872 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt | $36.24 \%$ | 225.4593 |
| VND | Voronoi | Depex | TVE | 3-opt | $35.97 \%$ | 891.1418 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt | $37.37 \%$ | 241.9253 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | 3-opt | Depex | $37.18 \%$ | 298.7079 |
| VNS | Voronoi | Depex | TVE | 3-opt | $36.93 \%$ | 795.2278 |

Again, the results show that the VND scheme produces better improvement percentages than the VNS scheme. Additionally, it can be seen that the 3-opt neighborhood occurs frequently in these runs, but is mainly the last neighborhood in the configuration. This reinforces the conclusion drawn previously that 3-opt is effective, but slow, so is not preferred by the improvement schemes.

Next, configurations with 2 neighborhoods were investigated, with the best results listed in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3 Effect of Neighborhood Order (2 Neighborhoods)

| Scheme | Partition | N1 | N2 | Avg <br> Improvement <br> (pct) | Avg Time <br> (secs) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VND | APD | TVE | 2-opt | $32.82 \%$ | 417.9984 |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | TVE | $32.15 \%$ | 422.4113 |
| VND | APD | TVE | 3-opt | $31.99 \%$ | 495.1695 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | 3-opt | $22.76 \%$ | 170.846 |
| VNS | APD | 3-opt | TVE | $21.24 \%$ | 173.4163 |
| VNS | APD | 3-opt | 2-opt | $20.38 \%$ | 121.7078 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | 3-opt | $39.42 \%$ | 753.4336 |
| VND | Voronoi | 3-opt | TVE | $33.73 \%$ | 1109.158 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | 2-opt | $30.32 \%$ | 11.05305 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | 3-opt | $33.93 \%$ | 503.4305 |
| VNS | Voronoi | 3-opt | TVE | $29.22 \%$ | 479.8828 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | 2-opt | $27.92 \%$ | 7.714526 |

These results exhibit the same behavior as the above tables with regards to the improvement scheme, but provide a clearer picture of the overall improvement capability of the different neighborhoods. From Table 4-3, it is immediately seen that the Target Vehicle Exchange (TVE) and 3-opt neighborhoods appear most frequently, followed by the 2-opt neighborhood. This indicates that TVE and 3-opt are the most effective neighborhoods, even though they take one or two orders of magnitude longer to run than other neighborhoods.

Finally, configurations with only one neighborhood were investigated. The best of these runs are tabulated in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4 Effect of Neighborhood Order (1 Neighborhood)

|  |  |  | Avg <br> Improvement <br> (pct) | Avg <br> Time <br> (secs) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Scheme | Partition | N1 | 3-opt | $22.96 \%$ |
| VND | APD | 1462.62 |  |  |
| VND | APD | 2-opt | $21.96 \%$ | 420.1842 |
| VND | APD | TVE | $14.08 \%$ | 1.017391 |
| VNS | APD | 3-opt | $17.32 \%$ | 109.5311 |
| VNS | APD | 2-opt | $10.36 \%$ | 0.75705 |
| VNS | APD | TVE | $8.13 \%$ | 0.30115 |
| VND | Voronoi | 3-opt | $21.29 \%$ | 835.2096 |
| VND | Voronoi | TVE | $17.56 \%$ | 1.6659 |
| VND | Voronoi | 2-opt | $15.56 \%$ | 4.2504 |
| VNS | Voronoi | 3-opt | $19.92 \%$ | 459.5533 |
| VNS | Voronoi | 2-opt | $13.19 \%$ | 3.118789 |
| VNS | Voronoi | TVE | $8.87 \%$ | 0.399421 |

Results in this table are not surprising when the previous tables are considered. These results exhibit the same behavior regarding improvement scheme and neighborhood selection. However, this set of results makes it easier to see the relative execution times of the three best neighborhoods; 3-opt generally takes an order of magnitude longer than other neighborhoods, but provides the best improvement percent of the three top neighborhoods.

### 4.3 Voronoi Partitioning Investigation

To determine the effectiveness of the Approximate Primal-Dual algorithm in determining vehicle partitions, runs were performed using a simple Voronoi partitioning scheme, where targets are assigned to the vehicle whose starting depot is closest to the target. The costs of the solutions output by the construction heuristic using the Voronoi partitions, relative to the same costs using the APD algorithm are listed in Table 4-5.

Table 4-5 Voronoi Construction Heuristic Costs

| Instance | APD <br> Cost | Voronoi <br> Cost | Voronoi <br> Pct |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p01 | 2483.04 | 2474.20 | $99.64 \%$ |
| p03 | 2170.27 | 3666.57 | $168.95 \%$ |
| p04 | 2569.91 | 4354.53 | $169.44 \%$ |
| p05 | 2588.21 | 2645.91 | $102.23 \%$ |
| p06 | 5089.49 | 4158.92 | $81.72 \%$ |
| p07 | 5759.59 | 5798.38 | $100.67 \%$ |
| p08 | 40044.10 | 59003.20 | $147.35 \%$ |
| p09 | 37783.80 | 51802.70 | $137.10 \%$ |
| p10 | 34990.60 | 50382.60 | $143.99 \%$ |
| p11 | 34610.90 | 71234.30 | $205.81 \%$ |
| p12 | 5917.04 | 12618.00 | $213.25 \%$ |
| p15 | 23619.60 | 9628.57 | $40.77 \%$ |
| p21 | 77354.60 | 19131.90 | $24.73 \%$ |
| pr01 | 6964.58 | 9940.97 | $142.74 \%$ |
| pr02 | 7625.70 | 7854.82 | $103.00 \%$ |
| pr03 | 21303.90 | 29336.80 | $137.71 \%$ |
| pr04 | 14659.20 | 19382.00 | $132.22 \%$ |
| pr05 | 9780.66 | 24196.30 | $247.39 \%$ |
| pr06 | 24778.50 | 9144.85 | $36.91 \%$ |
| pr07 | 4026.09 | 10006.30 | $248.54 \%$ |

Table 4-5 Continued

| Instance | APD <br> Cost | Voronoi <br> Cost | Voronoi <br> Pct |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pr08 | 9340.81 | 14959.80 | $160.16 \%$ |
| pr09 | 12207.20 | 16921.70 | $138.62 \%$ |
| pr10 | 9119.63 | 30491.90 | $334.35 \%$ |

From Table $4-5$, it can be seen that the cost of the Voronoi partitions were generally more than that of the APD partitions, save for a few outliers where the Voronoi partitions were slightly cheaper.

However, the costs of the solutions output by the construction heuristic do not tell the entire story. Therefore, the Voronoi partitioned instances were improved using the same neighborhoods and schemes as their APD partitioned counterparts, and selected results are listed in Table 4-6. In this table, the $7^{\text {th }}$ column shows the final cost using the Voronoi partitions as a percentage of the final cost using the APD partitions. The $6^{\text {th }}$ column is provided as a reference.

Table 4-6 Comparison Between Improved APD and Voronoi Runs

| Scheme | N1 | N2 | N3 | N4 | APD Improved Cost (pct) | Voronoi <br> Improved <br> Cost (pct) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VNS | TVE | 2-opt | Depex | 3-opt | 100.00\% | 90.10\% |
| VND | Depex | 2-opt | TVE | 3-opt | 100.00\% | 95.58\% |
| VND | Depex | 2-opt | TVE | 3-opt | 100.00\% | 95.58\% |
| VNS | TVE | 3-opt | Depex |  | 100.00\% | 118.64\% |
| VND | 3-opt | TVE | Depex |  | 100.00\% | 98.20\% |
| VNS | TVE | 2-opt | 3-opt |  | 100.00\% | 91.27\% |
| VND | TVE | 2-opt | $3-\mathrm{opt}$ |  | 100.00\% | 94.15\% |
| VNS | TVE | 2-opt |  |  | 100.00\% | 101.52\% |
| VND | TVE | 2-opt |  |  | 100.00\% | 93.53\% |
| VNS | 3-opt | 2-opt |  |  | 100.00\% | 135.45\% |
| VND | TVE | 3-opt |  |  | 100.00\% | 97.90\% |
| VNS | TVE |  |  |  | 100.00\% | 151.36\% |
| VND | 2-opt |  |  |  | 100.00\% | 103.04\% |
| VND | TVE |  |  |  | 100.00\% | 134.98\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Average: | 107.24\% |

From Table 4-6, it can be seen that the instances that used the Voronoi partitions did about the same, on average, than their APD counterparts. In fact, the average Voronoi cost percentage over all runs was $107.24 \%$. This indicates that selection of partition method is not a very important factor in final solution quality.

### 4.4 Total Best Combinations

The averages of all the improvement percentages were used to determine the best configurations for the $1,2,3$, and 4 neighborhood groups. These configurations were then run for every instance to ensure a complete result set.

### 4.4.1 Best 1 Combination

The best 1 neighborhood group was found to be 3 -opt, without shaking and with the APD partition method. These runs averaged a $22.96 \%$ improvement percentage. Results from these runs are shown in Table 4-7.

Table 4-7 Best 1 Combination Results

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p01 | 2483.04 | 1942.48 | $21.77 \%$ | 7.368 |
| p03 | 2170.27 | 1172.44 | $45.98 \%$ | 4.822 |
| p04 | 2569.91 | 1301.3 | $49.36 \%$ | 15.816 |
| p05 | 2588.21 | 1468.28 | $43.27 \%$ | 30.267 |
| p06 | 5089.49 | 2904.23 | $42.94 \%$ | 180.685 |
| p07 | 5759.59 | 4456.7 | $22.62 \%$ | 195.286 |
| p08 | 40044.1 | 40044.1 | $0.00 \%$ | 192.995 |
| p09 | 37783.8 | 37783.8 | $0.00 \%$ | 142.009 |
| p10 | 34990.6 | 34990.6 | $0.00 \%$ | 374.885 |
| p11 | 34610.9 | 34610.9 | $0.00 \%$ | 30.816 |
| p12 | 5917.04 | 2064.31 | $65.11 \%$ | 25.047 |
| p15 | 23619.6 | 3105.85 | $86.85 \%$ | 5842.052 |
| p21 | 5564.69 | 4889.38 | $12.14 \%$ | 28.90068 |
| p21 | 77354.6 | 76936.9 | $0.54 \%$ | 9000 |
| pr01 | 6964.58 | 6885.05 | $1.14 \%$ | 11.20039 |
| pr02 | 7625.7 | 7625.7 | $0.00 \%$ | 9.709453 |
| pr03 | 21303.9 | 21303.9 | $0.00 \%$ | 29.87566 |
| pr04 | 14659.2 | 13465.5 | $8.14 \%$ | 943.9597 |
| pr05 | 9780.66 | 8137.73 | $16.80 \%$ | 286.9558 |
| pr06 | 24778.5 | 14108.8 | $43.06 \%$ | 32975.92 |
| pr07 | 4026.09 | 2151.59 | $46.56 \%$ | 2.17765 |
| pr08 | 9340.81 | 7385.68 | $20.93 \%$ | 178.9951 |
| pr09 | 12207.2 | 9294.9 | $23.86 \%$ | 480.1001 |
| pr10 | 9119.63 | 9119.63 | $0.00 \%$ | 50.35585 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

As can be seen, some of the instances (the larger ones) were unable to find any improvement for this configuration. This is a common trend in the result set; it seems that the larger instances started in local optima more frequently than the smaller instances.

### 4.4.2 Best 2 Combination

The best 2 combination was found to have TVE as the first neighborhood, and 3-opt for the second, using the VND scheme and the Voronoi partitions. For this configuration, the improvement percentages averaged $39.42 \%$. Table 4-8 lists these results.

Table 4-8 Best 2 Combination Results

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr <br> Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p01 | 2474.2 | 1096.8 | $55.67 \%$ | 1.012 |
| p03 | 3666.57 | 1253.25 | $65.82 \%$ | 16.18 |
| p04 | 4354.53 | 1762.64 | $59.52 \%$ | 206.734 |
| p05 | 2645.91 | 1465.84 | $44.60 \%$ | 38.875 |
| p06 | 4158.92 | 1829.36 | $56.01 \%$ | 22.65 |
| p07 | 5798.38 | 2224.81 | $61.63 \%$ | 48.702 |
| p08 | 59003.2 | 59003.2 | $0.00 \%$ | 518.078 |
| p09 | 51802.7 | 51802.7 | $0.00 \%$ | 557.311 |
| p10 | 50382.6 | 50382.6 | $0.00 \%$ | 479.043 |
| p11 | 71234.3 | 67496.8 | $5.25 \%$ | 9570.828 |
| p12 | 12618 | 1573.43 | $87.53 \%$ | 8.731 |
| p15 | 9628.57 | 2398.17 | $75.09 \%$ | 23.964 |
| p21 | 19131.9 | 5543.1 | $71.03 \%$ | 58.40544 |
| pr01 | 9940.97 | 9940.97 | $0.00 \%$ | 2.577926 |
| pr02 | 7854.82 | 2425.53 | $69.12 \%$ | 16.12673 |
| pr03 | 29336.8 | 22436 | $23.52 \%$ | 4844.833 |
| pr04 | 19382 | 18776.1 | $3.13 \%$ | 508.4298 |
|  |  | 30 |  |  |

Table 4-8 Continued

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr <br> Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pr05 | 24196.3 | 17398.5 | $28.09 \%$ | 4531.525 |
| pr06 | 9144.85 | 5088.55 | $44.36 \%$ | 252.208 |
| pr07 | 10006.3 | 5294.35 | $47.09 \%$ | 2.493464 |
| pr08 | 14959.8 | 8907.27 | $40.46 \%$ | 142.704 |
| pr09 | 16921.7 | 5272.41 | $68.84 \%$ | 100.4253 |
| pr10 | 30491.9 | 30491.9 | $0.00 \%$ | 46.63218 |

This configuration shows typically longer run times than that of the best 1 combination, but with a higher average improvement percentage. This indicates that the TVE neighborhood is effective for solution improvement.

### 4.4.3 Best 3 Combination

The best 3 combination configuration used TVE, Depot Exchange, and 3-opt neighborhoods, without shaking, and using the Voronoi partitioning method. These runs averaged a $42.59 \%$ for improvement percent, and are shown in Table 4-9.

Table 4-9 Best 3 Combination Results

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr <br> Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p01 | 2474.2 | 1096.8 | $55.67 \%$ | 0.962 |
| p03 | 3666.57 | 1253.25 | $65.82 \%$ | 16.196 |
| p04 | 4354.53 | 1634.81 | $62.46 \%$ | 186.685 |
| p05 | 2645.91 | 1465.84 | $44.60 \%$ | 38.83 |

Table 4-9 Continued

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr <br> Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p06 | 4158.92 | 1829.36 | $56.01 \%$ | 22.633 |
| p07 | 5798.38 | 2224.81 | $61.63 \%$ | 48.9 |
| p08 | 59003.2 | 59003.2 | $0.00 \%$ | 515.802 |
| p09 | 51802.7 | 51802.7 | $0.00 \%$ | 554.835 |
| p10 | 50382.6 | 50382.6 | $0.00 \%$ | 476.858 |
| p11 | 19327.5 | 4599.05 | $76.20 \%$ | 212.3943 |
| p12 | 12618 | 1573.43 | $87.53 \%$ | 8.829 |
| p15 | 9628.57 | 2398.17 | $75.09 \%$ | 24.106 |
| p21 | 19131.9 | 5391.13 | $71.82 \%$ | 89.22671 |
| pr01 | 9940.97 | 9940.97 | $0.00 \%$ | 2.634846 |
| pr02 | 7854.82 | 2435.17 | $69.00 \%$ | 14.46503 |
| pr03 | 29336.8 | 22475.2 | $23.39 \%$ | 4365.047 |
| pr04 | 19382 | 18776.1 | $3.13 \%$ | 541.5995 |
| pr05 | 24196.3 | 17403.7 | $28.07 \%$ | 4190.062 |
| pr06 | 9144.85 | 5165.15 | $43.52 \%$ | 235.299 |
| pr07 | 10006.3 | 5510.2 | $44.93 \%$ | 2.12073 |
| pr08 | 14959.8 | 8689.09 | $41.92 \%$ | 179.7975 |
| pr09 | 16921.7 | 5289.71 | $68.74 \%$ | 94.15305 |
| pr10 | 30491.9 | 30491.9 | $0.00 \%$ | 46.17499 |

These runs took less time than the best 2 combination runs, but provided a slightly better average improvement percentage. This indicates that the Depot Exchange neighborhood provides some improvement at a negligible run time increase.

### 4.4.4 Best 4 Combination

The best configuration with 4 neighborhoods was TVE, Depot Exchange, 2-opt, and 3opt, using a Variable Neighborhood Search and Voronoi partitions. These runs averaged a $42.22 \%$ improvement, and are shown in Table 4-10.

Table 4-10 Best 4 Combination

| Instance | Start <br> Cost | Impr <br> Cost | Impr <br> Pct | Secs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| p01 | 2474.2 | 694.271 | $71.94 \%$ | 0.232 |
| p03 | 3666.57 | 1143.62 | $68.81 \%$ | 4.915 |
| p04 | 4354.53 | 1551.03 | $64.38 \%$ | 58.451 |
| p05 | 2645.91 | 1476.75 | $44.19 \%$ | 19.571 |
| p06 | 4158.92 | 1474.53 | $64.55 \%$ | 12.117 |
| p07 | 5798.38 | 1464.33 | $74.75 \%$ | 26.84 |
| p08 | 59003.2 | 59003.2 | $0.00 \%$ | 519.381 |
| p09 | 51802.7 | 51802.7 | $0.00 \%$ | 559.957 |
| p10 | 50382.6 | 50346.4 | $0.07 \%$ | 470.61 |
| p11 | 71234.3 | 65498.1 | $8.05 \%$ | 1910.843 |
| p12 | 12618 | 2385.06 | $81.10 \%$ | 53.939 |
| p15 | 9628.57 | 2409.39 | $74.98 \%$ | 11.693 |
| p21 | 19131.9 | 5492.56 | $71.29 \%$ | 78.08324 |
| pr01 | 9940.97 | 9940.97 | $0.00 \%$ | 2.691766 |
| pr02 | 7854.82 | 2107.41 | $73.17 \%$ | 14.26489 |
| pr03 | 29336.8 | 22494.6 | $23.32 \%$ | 974.1806 |
| pr04 | 19382 | 18603.2 | $4.02 \%$ | 213.7126 |
| pr05 | 15198.4 | 9801.09 | $35.51 \%$ | 484.938 |
| pr06 | 9144.85 | 5240.83 | $42.69 \%$ | 98.146 |
| pr07 | 10006.3 | 4827.39 | $51.76 \%$ | 1.632319 |
| pr08 | 14959.8 | 8357.23 | $44.14 \%$ | 64.22047 |
| pr09 | 16921.7 | 4676.42 | $72.36 \%$ | 168.083 |
| pr10 | 30491.9 | 30473.4 | $0.06 \%$ | 47.34827 |

These runs took longer, thanks to the addition of the 2 -opt neighborhood, but did not offer much improvement over the best 3 group. This is probably due to the overlap in the solution spaces of the 3-opt and 2-opt neighborhoods.

## 5 CONCLUSION

To examine the effects of different neighborhoods and different schemes on solution improvement for a multiple vehicle routing problem with fuel constraints, two algorithms were implemented in two executables: the apd.exe executable and the mv.exe executable. These implement the Approximate Primal-Dual algorithm and the Multiple Vehicle algorithm, respectively. To facilitate result analysis and program intercommunication, two file formats were created: the .apd file format and the. mv file format.

Once these implementations were completed, four neighborhoods were selected: 2-opt, 3-opt, Depot Exchange, and Target Vehicle Exchange. Then, all combinations of one, two, three, and four of these were run on 23 instances, utilizing the Variable Neighborhood Descent and Variable Neighborhood Search schemes, and the APD and Voronoi partition methods. Once as many of these runs were completed as possible (some instances required too much time to complete), certain combinations of neighborhoods, scheme, and partition methods were chosen to investigate their effects on solution improvement.

The first observation that was made was that the Variable Neighborhood Descent produced better solution improvement than the Variable Neighborhood Search. This is a counter-intuitive result because the shaking step of the VNS was intended to break out of
local minima. The next observation was that the 2 -opt neighborhood provides improvement comparable to the 3-opt neighborhood, in an order of magnitude less time. Finally, the effect of neighborhood order on improvement was investigated. This found that the best improvement percentages were achieved when 2 -opt was the first neighborhood. Additionally, these runs completed in less time than other configurations, because the VND and VNS schemes utilize the first neighborhood more often than the others. Then the 2-opt neighborhood is used more, and its small solution space becomes an advantage, allowing a quick approach to a local minima. The effect of the partition method (either the Approximate Primal-Dual algorithm, or the Voronoi partitions) was investigated, and it was found that while the Voronoi partitions produced solutions with a higher starting cost, the final costs after improvement were close to that of the APD partitions. This suggests that the improvement step is somewhat resilient to the initial solution given to it.

The final investigation performed against the run data was to find the best configurations that include only one, two, three, and four neighborhoods. The configuration groups were sorted by improvement percent, and resulted in the following best configurations:

1. VND, APD: 3-opt
2. VND, Voronoi: TVE, 3-opt
3. VND, Voronoi: TVE, Depot Exchange, 3-opt
4. VNS, Voronoi: TVE, Depot Exchange, 2-opt, 3-opt

These results imply that the neighborhoods can be ordered in descending improvement percentage: 3-opt, TVE, Depot Exchange, and 2-opt.

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## APPENDIX A

## FULL RESULTS

Table 5-1 summarizes the result set from the runs performed for this paper. For each combination of instance, scheme, and partition method, the improved cost of the best combinations with $1,2,3$, and 4 neighborhoods are listed, respectively.

Additionally, the starting cost is listed (the cost after the construction heuristic).

Table 5-1 - Result Summary Best 1 Combo

| Instance | Scheme | Partition | Sta | Best 1 Combo |  | Best 2 Impr Cost | Combo | Best Impr Cost | Combo Secs Taken | Best Impr Cos | Combo Secs Taken |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| p01 | VNS | APD | 2483.04 | 1942.48 | 8.290 | 1148.07 | 2.602 | 1029.72 | 1.716 | 813.37 | 1.125 |
| p01 | VNS | Voronoi | 2474.20 | 1929.48 | 0.024 | 792.15 | 0.274 | 537.45 | 0.265 | 537.45 | 0.266 |
| p01 | VND | APD | 2483.04 | 1163.14 | 0.149 | 1051.55 | 0.184 | 1051.55 | 0.179 | 1029.72 | 8.438 |
| p01 | VND | Voronoi | 2474.20 | 1499.81 | 0.050 | 1047.64 | 3.993 | 890.03 | 1.599 | 890.03 | 1.615 |
| p03 | VNS | APD | 2170.27 | 1617.30 | 0.313 | 1062.95 | 2.185 | 1036.81 | 2.525 | 963.07 | 1.062 |
| p03 | VNS | Voronoi | 3666.57 | 1801.66 | 9.760 | 1411.49 | 10.434 | 1120.64 | 5.349 | 1099.25 | 6.356 |
| p03 | VND | APD | 2170.27 | 1172.44 | 4.822 | 1158.89 | 5.021 | 1138.59 | 1.719 | 1134.36 | 1.792 |
| p03 | VND | Voronoi | 3666.57 | 1801.66 | 9.783 | 1253.25 | 16.180 | 1177.55 | 14.394 | 1177.55 | 14.324 |
| p04 | VNS | APD | 2569.91 | 1301.30 | 15.748 | 1298.91 | 5.206 | 1292.39 | 4.118 | 1281.77 | 5.195 |
| p04 | VNS | Voronoi | 4354.53 | 2832.90 | 182.724 | 2770.80 | 349.353 | 1663.61 | 114.348 | 1551.03 | 58.451 |
| p04 | VND | APD | 2569.91 | 1301.30 | 15.816 | 1301.30 | 15.758 | 1301.30 | 15.943 | 1301.30 | 15.890 |
| p04 | VND | Voronoi | 4354.53 | 2809.46 | 194.482 | 1753.87 | 227.212 | 1543.85 | 224.807 | 1474.78 | 32.102 |
| p05 | VNS | APD | 2588.21 | 1478.15 | 34.644 | 1477.15 | 18.722 | 1473.29 | 16.819 | 1459.48 | 15.729 |
| p05 | VNS | Voronoi | 2645.91 | 1465.84 | 39.486 | 1465.84 | 39.472 | 1465.84 | 39.655 | 1457.50 | 19.640 |
| p05 | VND | APD | 2588.21 | 1468.28 | 30.267 | 1468.28 | 30.110 | 1468.28 | 30.329 | 1468.28 | 30.308 |
| p05 | VND | Voronoi | 2645.91 | 1465.84 | 38.858 | 1465.84 | 38.861 | 1465.84 | 39.109 | 1465.84 | 39.484 |
| p06 | VNS | APD | 5089.49 | 3428.53 | 205.309 | 2894.21 | 134.432 | 2883.44 | 136.893 | 2876.65 | 83.280 |
| p06 | VNS | Voronoi | 4158.92 | 3414.69 | 0.208 | 1052.84 | 18.011 | 1052.84 | 18.036 | 1052.84 | 18.073 |

Table 5-1 Continued
Best 1 Combo Best 2 Combo Best 3 Combo Best 4 Combo

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Impr Cost |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| p06 | VND | APD | 5089.49 | 2904.23 | 180.685 | 2904.23 | 181.884 | 2904.23 | 181.093 | 2904.23 | 181.794 |
| p06 | VND | Voronoi | 4158.92 | 2624.25 | 0.959 | 1829.36 | 22.650 | 1776.17 | 277.707 | 1752.59 | 8.741 |
| p07 | VNS | APD | 5759.59 | 4456.70 | 197.979 | 3294.58 | 862.749 | 2392.51 | 2.833 | 2392.40 | 3.502 |
| p07 | VNS | Voronoi | 5798.38 | 4038.83 | 3.191 | 1928.29 | 53.184 | 1558.05 | 181.364 | 1464.33 | 26.840 |
| p07 | VND | APD | 5759.59 | 2962.01 | 2.306 | 2395.09 | 274.106 | 2395.09 | 277.892 | 2395.09 | 277.484 |
| p07 | VND | Voronoi | 5798.38 | 3829.60 | 123.154 | 2224.81 | 48.702 | 2136.65 | 48.252 | 2114.11 | 24.676 |
| p08 | VNS | APD | 40044.10 | 40044.10 | 0.904 | 40044.10 | 194.059 | 39793.90 | 568.133 | 39730.70 | 579.968 |
| p08 | VNS | Voronoi | 59003.20 | 59003.20 | 1.208 | 59003.20 | 521.369 | 58868.50 | 1029.656 | 58868.50 | 1034.539 |
| p08 | VND | APD | 40044.10 | 40044.10 | 0.638 | 40044.10 | 193.823 | 40044.10 | 192.518 | 40044.10 | 192.859 |
| p08 | VND | Voronoi | 59003.20 | 59003.20 | 0.909 | 59003.20 | 522.883 | 59003.20 | 522.492 | 59003.20 | 521.843 |
| p09 | VNS | APD | 37783.80 | 37586.20 | 1.261 | 37586.20 | 2.112 | 37586.20 | 140.221 | 37586.20 | 142.557 |
| p09 | VNS | Voronoi | 51802.70 | 51802.70 | 0.945 | 51796.40 | 0.739 | 51562.60 | 1633.865 | 51562.60 | 1656.211 |
| p09 | VND | APD | 37783.80 | 37783.80 | 0.696 | 37783.80 | 147.777 | 37783.80 | 143.700 | 37783.80 | 143.602 |
| p09 | VND | Voronoi | 51802.70 | 51802.70 | 0.720 | 51802.70 | 546.646 | 51802.70 | 559.428 | 51802.70 | 564.941 |
| p10 | VNS | APD | 34990.60 | 34990.60 | 1.610 | 34990.60 | 372.422 | 34990.60 | 381.882 | 34990.60 | 369.433 |
| p10 | VNS | Voronoi | 50382.60 | 50346.40 | 0.713 | 50346.40 | 1.555 | 50289.00 | 930.216 | 50289.00 | 956.784 |
| p10 | VND | APD | 34990.60 | 34990.60 | 1.520 | 34990.60 | 381.347 | 34990.60 | 377.317 | 34990.60 | 375.210 |
| p10 | VND | Voronoi | 50382.60 | 50382.60 | 0.677 | 50382.60 | 481.611 | 50382.60 | 482.115 | 50382.60 | 475.982 |
| p11 | VNS | APD | 34610.90 | 34610.90 | 0.399 | 32694.60 | 397.689 | 31863.90 | 13.479 | 31731.40 | 70.013 |
| p11 | VNS | Voronoi | 71234.30 | 67871.30 | 33.827 | 67509.30 | 7733.787 | 65936.30 | 1610.337 | 65498.10 | 1910.843 |
| p11 | VND | APD | 34610.90 | 30679.70 | 9.765 | 30558.60 | 1520.315 | 30558.60 | 1474.569 | 30558.60 | 1486.398 |
| p11 | VND | Voronoi | 71234.30 | 67496.80 | 9505.046 | 67496.80 | 9532.939 | 4599.05 | 115.675 | 67496.80 | 9549.344 |
| p12 | VNS | APD | 5917.04 | 3069.05 | 32.756 | 2088.40 | 5.984 | 2054.97 | 7.104 | 1979.15 | 5.916 |
| p12 | VNS | Voronoi | 12618.00 | 3552.20 | 641.124 | 2707.32 | 155.453 | 1559.21 | 84.632 | 1559.21 | 84.086 |
| p12 | VND | APD | 5917.04 | 2064.31 | 25.047 | 2039.37 | 2.865 | 2039.37 | 2.835 | 2039.37 | 2.852 |
| p12 | VND | Voronoi | 12618.00 | 1556.68 | 661.698 | 1545.49 | 25.355 | 1545.49 | 25.492 | 1545.49 | 25.657 |
| p15 | VND | APD | 23619.60 | 3105.85 | 5842.052 | 3105.85 | 5935.886 | 3080.96 | 349.839 | 3105.85 | 5870.366 |
| p21 | VND | APD | 5564.69 | 4889.38 | 15.740 | 24147.60 | 9000.000 | 49162.80 | 9000.000 | - | - |
| pr01 | VNS | APD | 6964.58 | 6885.05 | 6.318 | 6885.05 | 9.594 | 6885.05 | 8.066 | 6885.05 | 7.956 |

Table 5-1 Continued

## Best 1 Combo <br> Best 2 Combo

Best 3 Combo
Best 4 Combo

| Instance pr01 | Scheme VNS | Partition <br> Voronoi | Start Cost$9940.97$ | Best 1 Combo |  | Best 2 Combo |  | Best 3 Combo |  | Best 4 Combo |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Impr Cost | Secs Taken | Impr Cost | Secs Taken | Impr Cost | Secs Taken | Impr Cos | Secs Taken |
|  |  |  |  | 9940.97 | 0.000 | 9742.18 | 5.616 | 9711.07 | 0.062 | 9711.07 | 2.730 |
| pr01 | VND | APD | 6964.58 | 6885.05 | 6.100 | 6885.05 | 5.881 | 6885.05 | 5.850 | 6885.05 | 6.038 |
| pr01 | VND | Voronoi | 9940.97 | 9940.97 | 0.016 | 9940.97 | 1.451 | 9940.97 | 1.435 | 9940.97 | 1.419 |
| pr02 | VNS | APD | 7625.70 | 7209.52 | 0.032 | 5671.24 | 78.328 | 5671.24 | 75.723 | 5596.61 | 121.401 |
| pr02 | VNS | Voronoi | 7854.82 | 5187.07 | 0.733 | 2226.53 | 13.697 | 2047.71 | 6.630 | 2047.71 | 6.583 |
| pr02 | VND | APD | 7625.70 | 3001.42 | 3.494 | 3001.42 | 3.526 | 3001.42 | 3.744 | 3001.42 | 3.884 |
| pr02 | VND | Voronoi | 7854.82 | 4326.63 | 20.920 | 2425.53 | 8.783 | 2145.94 | 12.199 | 2145.94 | 12.246 |
| pr03 | VNS | APD | 21303.90 | 21303.90 | 0.125 | 21303.90 | 17.160 | 21303.90 | 26.302 | 21114.30 | 32.651 |
| pr03 | VNS | Voronoi | 29336.80 | 24552.40 | 1964.436 | 22713.00 | 2656.131 | 22423.60 | 1920.069 | 22423.60 | 2287.047 |
| pr03 | VND | APD | 21303.90 | 21303.90 | 0.093 | 21303.90 | 16.318 | 21303.90 | 16.177 | 21303.90 | 16.395 |
| pr03 | VND | Voronoi | 29336.80 | 24528.40 | 2153.634 | 22436.00 | 2638.612 | 22369.10 | 496.132 | 22369.10 | 508.206 |
| pr04 | VNS | APD | 14659.20 | 13465.50 | 545.101 | 13463.20 | 694.660 | 13456.30 | 410.674 | 13429.00 | 348.773 |
| pr04 | VNS | Voronoi | 19382.00 | 18776.10 | 286.185 | 18620.90 | 2.871 | 18544.80 | 51.527 | 18387.50 | 133.377 |
| pr04 | VND | APD | 14659.20 | 13465.50 | 514.103 | 13448.50 | 318.275 | 13448.50 | 310.319 | 13448.50 | 313.392 |
| pr04 | VND | Voronoi | 19382.00 | 18776.10 | 296.793 | 18776.10 | 283.548 | 18776.10 | 290.569 | 18776.10 | 281.411 |
| pr05 | VNS | APD | 9780.66 | 8137.73 | 157.952 | 8129.20 | 172.616 | 7954.24 | 148.545 | 7954.24 | 147.078 |
| pr05 | VND | APD | 9780.66 | 8137.73 | 156.283 | 8108.92 | 183.318 | 8108.92 | 191.804 | 8108.92 | 184.020 |
| pr05 | VND | Voronoi | 24196.30 | 18372.10 | 8.237 | 17398.50 | 2467.977 | 17235.50 | 2788.436 | 17399.40 | 4609.273 |
| pr06 | VND | APD | 24778.50 | 14108.80 | 17959.474 | 14108.80 | 17795.797 | - |  |  | - |
| pr07 | VNS | APD | 4026.09 | 2140.68 | 1.435 | 2098.52 | 1.419 | 2087.64 | 1.311 | 2087.64 | 1.279 |
| pr07 | VNS | Voronoi | 10006.30 | 6104.24 | 0.218 | 5105.09 | 0.484 | 4884.46 | 0.530 | 4827.39 | 0.889 |
| pr07 | VND | APD | 4026.09 | 2151.59 | 1.186 | 2090.29 | 1.248 | 2090.29 | 1.295 | 2090.29 | 1.357 |
| pr07 | VND | Voronoi | 10006.30 | 6271.34 | 0.171 | 5224.70 | 0.421 | 5175.43 | 0.764 | 5175.43 | 0.811 |
| pr08 | VNS | APD | 9340.81 | 7385.68 | 94.069 | 7385.68 | 98.032 | 7143.78 | 15.273 | 7133.24 | 29.453 |
| pr08 | VNS | Voronoi | 14959.80 | 10765.70 | 64.257 | 9395.85 | 72.447 | 8566.96 | 81.963 | 8357.23 | 34.976 |
| pr08 | VND | APD | 9340.81 | 7385.68 | 97.485 | 7385.68 | 92.899 | 7312.80 | 54.491 | 7312.80 | 56.784 |
| pr08 | VND | Voronoi | 14959.80 | 10765.70 | 62.478 | 8907.27 | 77.720 | 8689.09 | 97.922 | 8659.87 | 21.185 |
| pr09 | VNS | APD | 12207.20 | 7881.07 | 2.012 | 5758.65 | 25.928 | 5417.64 | 30.825 | 5417.64 | 31.512 |
| pr09 | VNS | Voronoi | 16921.70 | 12113.80 | 340.661 | 7097.05 | 21.638 | 4543.79 | 118.234 | 4422.08 | 108.281 |
| pr09 | VND | APD | 12207.20 | 6325.20 | 4.945 | 5706.90 | 461.125 | 5598.21 | 179.558 | 5598.21 | 191.975 |
| pr09 | VND | Voronoi | 16921.70 | 7489.55 | 14.804 | 5272.41 | 54.694 | 4983.53 | 40.966 | 4767.24 | 60.279 |

# Table 5-1 Continued 

Best 1 Combo Best 2 Combo
Best 4 Combo

| Instance | Scheme Partition Start Cost impr Cost Secs Taken impr Cost Secs Taken impr Cost Secs Taken impr Cost Secs Taken |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| pr10 | VNS | APD | 9119.63 | 6922.19 | 0.468 | 6027.47 | 1.029 | 4701.49 | 2.028 | 4701.49 | 6.973 |
| pr10 | VNS | Voronoi | 30491.90 | 30473.40 | 0.655 | 30468.60 | 76.145 | 30332.70 | 1.669 | 30332.70 | 27.877 |
| pr10 | VND | APD | 9119.63 | 4044.72 | 1.389 | 4044.72 | 9.282 | 4044.72 | 728.606 | 4044.72 | 737.623 |
| pr10 | VND | Voronoi | 30491.90 | 30491.90 | 0.109 | 30491.90 | 25.365 | 30491.90 | 25.335 | 30491.90 | 25.241 |

