

Master thesis, bachelor thesis, project thesis

Development of a genetic algorithm for a cellular VRP

In the research project ZellFTF, the economic and logistical efficiency of the use of cellular transport units, which are formed by automated guided vehicles, is investigated in comparison to conventional approaches (e.g. transport with forklifts).

The aim of the thesis is to develop a genetic algorithm for the approximate solution of a vehicle routing problem (VRP) for cellular AGVs. The algorithm is to be written in Python. The model for which the genetic algorithm is to be developed is available. The developed solution approach is to be compared with optimal solutions for a VRP (e.g. using CPLEX).



Your tasks

- · Literature research on existing mathematical approaches for intralogistic transport processes
- · Development of a genetic algorithm to solve the existing vehicle routing problem for cellular AGVs
- · Implementation of the algorithm with Python
- Application of the algorithm for an exemplary production layout
- Evaluation of the algorithm in comparison to optimal solutions of the VRP (e.g. by CPLEX)

Your profile

You are studying one of the following subjects:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial engineering
- Economics and Management
- Production and Logistics
- or similar

You are interested in logistic models, mathematical modeling, operations research and intralogistics? And do you enjoy working independently on new topics? Then you are welcome to apply!

You should already have basic knowledge of logistic models and OR and have some programming experience (especially Python).

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