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7. Conclusions

Multi-period routing problems with consistency requirements represent a practically relevant class of problems, as distributors can gain significant competitive advantages by providing consistent service to their customers. Arrival-time consistency, i.e., the requirement to visit customers at approximately the same time during the routing horizon, has been identified as one plausible avenue to add such value. In this paper, we introduced three mixed-integer linear programming formulations for the Consistent Traveling Salesman Problem and analyzed their potential worthiness in a branch-and-cut framework. This constitutes the first exact approach in the open literature that addresses a routing problem with consistency constraints. The effectiveness of the branch-and-cut algorithm was tested on a set of benchmark problems that was compiled by extending the well-known TSPLIB database. Instances with up to 50 customers that require service over a 5-period planning horizon were solved to guaranteed optimality. A formulation that uses only binary variables and that relies on cutting planes to enforce all consistency requirements was shown to be the most attractive from a computational viewpoint. Finally, our study suggests that a modest routing cost increase of the order of 1-2 percent would typically suffice so as to provide consistent service. Expected benefits for the distributor, however, may well make up for this small cost increase. Evidently, consistency of service constitutes a value proposition that distributors should consider





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