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Résumé en anglais The periodic capacitated arc routing problem (PCARP) is a challenging general model with important applications. The PCARP has two hierarchical optimization objectives: a primary objective of minimizing the number of vehicles ( $F_v$ ) and a secondary objective of minimizing the total cost ( $F_c$ ). In this paper, we propose an effective two phased hybrid local search (HLS) algorithm for the PCARP. The first phase makes a particular effort to optimize the primary objective while the second phase seeks to further optimize both objectives by using the resulting number of vehicles of the first phase as an upper bound to prune the search space. For both phases, combined local search heuristics are devised to ensure an effective exploration of the search space. Experimental results on 63 benchmark instances demonstrate that HLS performs remarkably well both in terms of computational efficiency and solution quality. In particular, HLS discovers 44 improved best known values (new upper bounds) for the total cost objective  $F_c$  while attaining all the known optimal values regarding the objective of the number of vehicles  $F_v$ . To our knowledge, this is the first PCARP algorithm reaching such a performance. Key components of HLS are analyzed to better understand their contributions to the overall performance.

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