Touring Disney – Faster, Faster!

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Optimality

- Estimated Bitcoin hash rate = 10^19 operations a second
- 20! = 2.4 * 10^18, less than a second
- 21! : one second
- 22! : less than 2 minutes
- 23! : 43 minutes
- 24! : 17 hours
- 25! : 17 days
- 26! : 460 days
- 29! : 28018 years

Ok, time to go home

How to make a good guess

- Genetic algorithm
- Initialize a 'population' of tours
- For some number of generations:
 - Pick one or two 'parent' tours
 - Pick an operation and use it to make a 'child' tour
 - If the child tour is fit enough, it gets included in the population and bumps another tour out
- Output the best tour



But wait...

- TD = Time Dependent
- TDTSP
- Takes more computation to determine fitness
- Using time dependency we can find tours that see everything in Magic Kingdom in one day*



But wait...(2)

- FastPasses
 - At most three attractions
 - Same park
 - Tiers (Epcot and HS)
 - No overlap
- User friendly



Now with Time Windows!

TDTSPTW

A wholesome part of your family vacation!

Cases

- I've already selected my FastPasses!
- Disney is offering me some sets of FastPasses.
- I want FastPasses for these rides!
- What's a FastPass?

I've already picked FastPasses!

- Population-wide FastPasses
 - Change the wait times for all tours in the population
 - Over time, the tours that fit the FastPasses (and are faster) become more common

Changes

- OneShift
 - 'Shifts' the parent's rides repeatedly
 - Tries to fit all rides with FastPasses into their allotted time slots
 - Problem is as hard as the TSP
 - Can only make a child if it is successful
 - Depth : 4
 - success Rate : 80%
- Not that useful

Disney gave me four options for FastPasses!

- Population-wide FastPass groups
 - New tours are forced to have one of the population's groups
 - May the best group win!



Changes

- Initialization stage of populations
 - Give each new tour a random group
- RandomFastPassGroup
 - Make a child tour with the same list of rides as the parent tour
 - Pick a random fast pass group and give it to the child tour

I want FastPasses for these rides, but I don't care when

- Move FastPasses around
 - Start with population-wide FastPasses
 - Let them change times
- Fake rides that are given all day FastPasses
 - Mimic a real ride, and can replace them
 - Specified when you start a new population of tours

Changes

- MatchFastPassesToRides
 - Similar to OneShift
 - Shift FastPass times rather than arrival times
- 'Fake' nodes always get FastPass wait times
 - Doubles the number of rides you 'could' see

Disney has FastPasses?!?

- Let the algorithm pick FastPasses for you
- New operations that change a tours FastPasses
- FastPass constraints
 - Three per tour (including all-day-fast-pass rides)
 - No overlapping times
 - Tiers in some parks (Epcot and Hollywood Studios)
 - These may still give invalid FastPasses

Changes

- New Operations:
 - addFastPassWorstContrarian
 - addFastPassWorstWait
 - MatchFastPassesToRides
 - randomFastPassRideChange
 - randomFastPassTimeChange
 - AverageFastPassesCross
 - DuplicateFastPassesCross

Other improvements

- New Operations:
 - Initialize Interval
 - Super LKTD
- Partial tours and duplicated rides
 - Issues in some old operators
 - PathRelink, Cycle Cross
- Bug Fixes
 - Edge Recombination
 - Merge Cross?

How can *I* find a good tour?

- I VERY SERIOUSLY recommend looking at touringPlans.com; we get our data from them
- They also have cool things like a crowd calendar, and they can help find the cheapest ticket package
- Take the Disney MayX, you'll get to use this application!

Demo

I don't want to download anything, just tell me tips

- If you think a ride will have a big wait time, see it either in the first hour or two of the day, or between 2:45 and 3:45.
 - Unless it is a new ride that was just built, in which case you MUST see it in the morning to have a reasonable wait time.
- Don't see Peter Pan in the afternoon. Just don't.
- If you want to finish as fast as possible, don't be afraid to walk across the park more than once. 20 min of walking can often save 30 min of waiting.
- Pick some big rides to see early in the day, and don't waste a FastPass on them that early.
- Good choices for FastPasses in MK:
 - Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Space Mountain, Winnie The Pooh

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