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Methodology

The theoretical part of the bachelor thesis will analyse and discuss the Nearest neighbor algorithm, Vogel's approximation algorithm, Savings algorithm methods. The results of these methods will be calculated and discussed in the practical part in order to find out the best result for the problem. The conclusions will be carried out at the end of the bachelor thesis.

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Travelling around Czech Republic - designing the route using quantitative method

Abstract

The main objective of this Bachelor Thesis is to find an optimal combination of routes through selected destinations around the Czech Republic, of one student for instance, who would like to travel by car. Thus, the student wishing to see the shortest routes for travelling to save more time for the excursion. The bachelor thesis contained two parts: theoretical and practical. The theoretical part underlines an overview of travel and tourism and its categories. Besides that, the general information on logistics such as its objectives, history, development and its features will be given out. Finally, the particular information about operations research along with its characteristics will be brought out in this work.

The practical part describes more into detail about the problems with the obtained results by the TSPKOSA program with three main algorithms which are: Nearest Neighbour algorithm, Vogel's Approximation algorithm and the Savings algorithm. All of the calculations will be analysed and represented by tables and figures. The optimal result will be carried out at the end of the bachelor thesis.

Keywords: Travelling salesman, tourism, travel

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Abstrakt

Hlavním cílem této bakalářské práce je najít optimální kombinaci tras napříč vybranými destinacemi. Praktická část je založena na příkladu studenta, který by chtěl cestovat autem po celé České republice. Z pohledu studenta je podstatné nalézt optimální trasy a minimalizovat tak čas strávený cestováním. Bakalářská práce obsahuje dvě části: teoretickou a praktickou. Teoretická část zahrnuje přehled cestovního ruchu a jeho kategorie. Kromě toho jsou zde také uvedeny obecné informace týkající se logistiky jako jsou například cíle, historie, vývoje a jejich vlastnosti. Nakonec, budou v této části uvedeny informace o kvantitativních metodách vhodných pro optimalizaci tras.

Praktická část podrobněji popisuje problémy a získané výsledky prostřednictvím programu TSPKOSA se třemi hlavními algoritmy: Metoda nejbližšího souseda, Vogelova aproximační metoda a Metoda výhodnostních čísel. Všechny výpočty jsou analyzovány a reprezentovány pomocí tabulek a obrázků. Na konci bakalářské práce je provedeno zhodnocení a prezentace optimálního řešení problému.

Klíčová slova: Obchobní cestujících, turismus, cestování

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1 Introduction

In recent years, the world has witnessed an explosion of traveling activities around the globe. During the period of ancient Egypt and Greece, people have a tendency to travel to temples, holy places, Christian churches and so on... But traveling was only really becoming popular in the late nineteenth century and exploded in the 1960s when the second scientific and technological revolution has brought tremendous achievements in the social economy. When people are getting tired of industrial life manner, they have a tendency to return to nature, to the roots of agricultural civilization in order to relax after a long period of working time.

Czech Republic is an amazing destination for those who want to travel in Europe. With a long-standing splendid beauty along with ancient Baroque architecture, temperate climate and friendly local people, Czech Republic welcomes thousands of tourists from all over the world visiting the country every year. This has greatly contributed to promote the development of the economy in not only the process of building but also preserving the country nowadays as well as in the future. Besides, we cannot deny the benefits of traveling in our busy lifetime. It is not only helps us to gain new experiences in a new country but also contributes to making our spiritual life becomes more knowledgeable and interesting.

The goal of this thesis is to find the shortest routes for student who would like to travel around Czech Republic in the holidays. Assume all of the destinations are chosen based on the interest of the student with the starting point of the trip is started from Prague main train station and after visit all the famous chosen destinations, the student will return to the initial point. The length of the trip will be divided into 10 days with the time set for one day travel is approximately from 09:00 am to 17:00 pm.

2 Objectives and Methodology

2.1 Objectives

The aim of the bachelor thesis is to find the most convenient routes through selected locations in order to traveling around Czech Republic. Assume all the destinations are chosen based on the interest of the student. Every day, the student will have approximately 5 locations to visit. The duration time for each day started from 9:00 am to 17:00 pm with the begin location is at Prague main train stations and after 10 days traveling, the student will come back to the initial point and finish the excursion.

2.2 Methodology

The Bachelor Thesis is divided into two parts:

- The first theoretical part includes:
 - The research of the related literature. To be more precise, it is focused on the study of travel and tourism, tourism flow models, logistics history and its development.
 - Moreover, it is also concentrated on the quantitative approach, operational research as well as the methods by which problems are solved in the practical part which is namely: the nearest neighbor algorithm (sequential), Vogel's approximation algorithm and lastly the savings algorithm (parallel).
- The second practical part includes:
 - Introduction about the traveling scenarios and selected destinations for the excursion. There are 47 destinations that needed to visit during the trip, which are divided into days with up to 5 destinations needed to travel each day.
 - All of the data was collected from TSPKOSA program. The comparison of the overall traveling scenarios with 3 different algorithms. The best option will be carried out and split into 10 days in order to calculate the total time fit for one day travel. The results will be represented in tables by the introduced program and in figures obtained by the chosen website Mapy.cz.

3 Literature Review

3.1 Travel and tourism:

It was first started for a long time ago when primitive man set out, they often traveling for great distances searching for food, clothing, and shelter for survival. During the long history, people have traveled all around the world for the purpose of war, trade, religious, economic gain and so on. Since that time, travel continues to grow and become an important factor in civilization development. (17)

It is said that, tourism began during the industrial revolution along with the rise of inexpensive transportation as well as the rise of the middle class in England. Due to the industry of airline commercial creation after World War II along with jet aircraft development started the increase of international travel which was called today: *tourism*. (17)

Nowadays, tourism has developed not only in economic sector but also in social importance factors. It is worth noticing that over the past few years, the area of services has been growing pretty fast in the economic sector of almost industrialized countries. From time to time, travel and tourism have become one of the biggest segments in the service industry.

The word “*tour*” originally from the Greek “*tornos*” and from the Latin “*tornare*” which means “a lathe or circle, the movement around a central point or axis”. The meaning in English is “one’s turn”, and it is suggested that the word “*tour*” stands for the action of movement around a circle. For this reason, a circle stands for a starting point, which in the end returns back to its beginning. (17)

3.1.1 Tourism Flow Models:

Given the fact that the methodology for predicting the flow of tourist between the various touristic attractions in the geographical area can be different depend on predicting tourist arrivals in the number of tourists at one given attraction can be used in some circumstances as information in deciding how many will be traveling another destination within that area at a subsequent time. It is said that, there are two main approaches and it can be divided into stochastic (probabilistic) and deterministic. (17)

3.1.1.1 Probabilistic Approach

An example is given to explain the probabilities that United States visitors to the Ontario province would make a stop by overnight among ten other economic regions. The model is Markov a chain that transition matrix probability demonstrates the relationships of economic regions as stopping at a location of overnight points. The outcome of the model brings in the average number of overnights stops as well as their distribution throughout the province for visitors first stopping in each part of Ontario. This model however has shown good results and sets the stage for further applications of this approach. (17)

3.1.1.2 Deterministic Approach

A tourism flow model – a part of a multiperiod planning model was developed for tourism development. The difference of this model is that it is firstly focused on predicting the changes in tourist flows which is a result of the implementation of a specific tourism development projects in different locations. It is mainly concentrated on the development of the new project which may cause the change in “touristic attractiveness” of a location and as a result, the existing tourist flows will be redistributed in order to reflect this change. Moreover, the term “saturation index”, which is referred to the ratio of projected visitors to the visitor capacity indicated that the closer the index is to one, the less effect any further development that one visitor can have on the attractiveness area, therefore it attracts more tourists flow from that area. (26)

3.1.2 Dimension of travel

The three main elements of dimension travel in tourism are: the purpose of the trip, distance traveled and the last one is the duration of the trip. However, travelers are also being defined by two additional dimensions that are occasionally used are the residence of traveler and the mode of transportation.

1. **Purpose of trip:** the concept behind the tourism dimension was also contains other elements of most travel in these times. Travelers are often being viewed only as tourists. However, business travel is also should be considered as one part of leisure travel for the reason that it is not a daily business routine as usual. (28)
2. **Distance traveled:** Measuring travel away from home is a part of statistical purposes and the total of the round-trip distance between the place of residence and the

destination is often viewed as a statistical measurement factor. The distance which was the view as traveling can vary from 0 to 160 kilometers, therefore, the destinations that are less than the given kilometers are not rated as official estimates of tourism. (28)

3. **Duration of trip:** For the purpose of defining travelers, almost interpretations of tourists involve at least one overnight stay in the area of destination. (28)
4. **Residence of traveler:** When it comes to business purpose needed to define markets or marketing strategy. It is more vital to define the location rather than focus on other demographic elements for instance like their citizenship or nationality. (28)
5. **Mode of transport:** The means of transportation for example airplane, train, auto, train and so forth are used for planning and travelling purposes. (28)

3.1.3 The importance of travel satisfaction in life

Nowadays, a lot of scientific studies have shown that travel satisfaction has a positive impact on the well-being of people's health conditions. It is said that travel satisfaction is an indicator of the trip's contribution to the subjective well-being of the traveler. (23)

In other circumstances, the term subjective well-being is used as a measure of psychological well-being which is related to affect, happiness and satisfaction of one person. Moreover, it is also being used as a tool to make an assessment of one's state. (23)

It is said that the overall mood and happiness of an individual is related to daily travel. In one research, they have pointed out that travel satisfaction had a direct effect on not only cognitive but also affective subjective well-being as a result of daily travel. (2)

Besides, satisfaction with travel can be considered as an indicator of the trip's contribution to the subjective well-being of the traveler, which is easier to measure than well-being in general. (3)

Well-being is often explained as an assessment of each individual based on one's life which is related to their needs on a daily basis. Another way to approach to subjective well-being consists of the cognitive component can be used to indicate an individual's satisfaction based on their positive as well as a negative emotion. (8)

There are several scientific studies shown that higher travel satisfaction lead to the higher overall well-being of one person. Meanwhile, some studies of social exclusion provide evidence that a person with a lower level of well-being is a result of the lack of access to travel. (7)

3.2 Logistics

Basically, logistics is a framework and planning orientation in which through a business, strive to create a plan for the flow of products as well as information. (5)

3.2.1 Objectives of logistics

Every logistics has certain goals, concerns depend on different aspects. Logistics can be divided into *macrologistics and micrologistics*. (12)

The main goal of *macrologistics* is to make sure about the efficient supply of the customers, business in order to establish the traffic flows between sources and destinations within a region, country or around the world. An efficient logistics is necessary so as to one company can achieve the optimal economic development of one country besides suitable laws and capable institutions. (12)

Besides, the main goal of *micrologistics* is to supply depend on private orders, contracts as well as agreements. Therefore, companies and consumers with the most requirement of goods and to cover the mobility demand of individuals. For this purpose, companies and logistics providers plan, set up and operate logistic systems and networks. The main task of *micrologistics* is to operate and realize also including operate logistics system in order to ensure supply networks and transport chains to satisfy the needs of the consumers along with the optimal development of a company. (12)

3.2.2 History of logistics:

The original of the word “*Logistics*” was from Greek, the term “skilled in calculating” was from “*logistikos*” meaning. However, the word “*Logistics*” did not appear until the end of eighteenth century when applied to military administration. (22)

Logistics is a type of activity, has happened many years ago and can be associated with the oldest forms of organized trade. Even some authors consider the organization of pyramid building as the beginning of practical logistics. (22)

Since the 9th century, this term can be noticed in military. Logistics organized the provision of all military needs for example supply of food, weapons, ammunition or controlled movements of military units. (13)

Logistics, as the subject of research, appears in the early 20th century. Logistics did not receive much attention until after World War II. Efficient distribution and supply have fundamentally contributed to the success of the Allied troops on the Western Front. As a result, the post-war tendency was to use logistics in the civilian sphere. Supply problems led to the use of mathematical methods, which were subsequently applied in business logistics. (13)

3.2.3 System of logistics

“The logistics system represents a purposefully arranged set of all technical means, equipment, buildings, roads and workers involved in the realization of the logistics chain. The logistics system can be considered as a special kind of multi-system, which we define as technical-technological, information-communication system and management system. The aim of the company's logistics system is to strengthen and strengthen the company's position as an economic entity in the market”. (29)

The logistics system includes three subsystems:

1. Information system:

Ensures all data manipulation related to a logistics system. The information system can be divided into three groups:

- Planning system: prepares, creates and optimizes the logistics chain links

- Disposition system: guarantees smooth operation of logistics systems.
- Delivery system: provides support for information management of material flow.

(19)

2. **Control system:**

Process information at the point of origin in real-time. Control systems can be divided into two groups:

- Computerized: data processing using technology, which causes a lower error rate and fewer administration demands.
- Uninformatized: data is processed by people, which results in its extensive administration and slow and inefficient management. (19)

3. **Material system:**

Records material and manages it by material security. (19)

3.2.4 Development of logistics:

The origin of logistics was first started in the military. The Sumerians use simple considerations and calculations in order to improve the supply as well as the transfer of troops in the organization. Moreover, in the military, logistics has proved its worth complex operations of allied troops at the end of World War II. (18)

In the civilian sector, the logistics method began to be used after the war. They started to develop inventory management systems along with IT planning. However, at the end of the twentieth century, with the use of sciences established partial scientific approaches to the problems. (18)

In contrast, logistics today not only optimize material but also information and financial flows. Fortunately, with the help of new tracking technologies, it allows to manage and monitor material flow, handing equipment and means of transport. (18)

3.2.5 Supply Chain Management and Logistics in tourism

Regarding logistic in tourism, the supply-delivery chain management concerns not only the internal integration of logistics activity but also the external integration.

The internal logistics of one organization include the following activities:

- The scheduling of strategic (the structure of the distribution)

- The scheduling of demand (the demand of tourists on the destination)
- The scheduling of provision (the production planning and dimensioning)

The main core of the supply-delivery chain management in tourism includes the following activities: logistics management, external integration as well as the elaboration of strategy concerning the specific activity development in different categories of participants. (18)

3.2.6 Logistics decision

It has been demonstrated that when performing and creating a logistics system, it is necessary to take into account some of the basic problems. According to the planning horizon, logistics decisions conventionally divided into 3 parts: strategic, tactical and finally is operational. (9)

Strategic decisions: It contains logistics systems design and the acquisition of capacity sizing, warehouse structure... for the reason that data is usually inadequate and incorrect, strategic decisions employ forecast depends on the aggregate data which makes it has more long-lasting effects. (9)

Tactical decisions: Made on a medium-term basis. It contains the activity of production and distribution planning. Tactical decisions usually employ forecast depends on the disaggregated data. (9)

Operation decisions: Made on real-time or daily basis which include warehouse order picking, shipment as well as vehicle dispatching. Operation decisions depend on very detailed data. (9)

3.3 Quantitative methods for decision support:

The use of quantitative methods is mainly used to reduce intuitive decision-making and eliminate the negative consequences of subjective management problems. (11)

The most common decision-making problem in the proceedings is the decision-making problem, which contributes to solves the goals and needed for its realization. (11)

Some publications talk about quantitative methods also through the concept of operation analysis, for example: "Operational analysis is the application of scientific methods to complex, trade and military. A peculiarity of the approach is the development of a scientific methods model of a system, including the measurement of factors such as chances and risk

from which the outcome of alternative decisions, strategies or management their decision scientifically". (11)

Thus, it is typically focused on decision support in situations where complex solutions to complex or large systems need to be designed. The use of quantitative methods can also be observed in situations where a large number of external and internal factors, with complex interrelationships, affect the problem solution, and the resulting solution has an impact on the entire managed system. These methods are also a useful tool in finding solutions in new situations where the impact of decisions has not yet been mapped, or effective solutions. It is also recommended to apply these methods when the decision has an impact on the economic indicators of the business or to apply routine solutions to standardized problems where the solution algorithm can easily be implemented in an automated company management system. (11)

3.3.1 Operational research:

Operational research is a term which represents for an approach with the aim of problem-solving characterized by system orientation, an interdisciplinary philosophy which is concentrate on quantification of the important aspects of the circumstances into a model as well as the manipulation of this model in term of mathematical, statistical along with computer methodologies so as to improve plans, decisions, and policies in life. (25)

This term was created during World War II when scientists in many different fields were asked to contribute in the military in order to find out the best solutions in various operational problems. These problems vary from find out the best location of radar units in order to release the early warning of air raids to clarifying search strategies for the protection of submarine. (25)

Since then, Operational Research has come to be a standard activity in almost organizations and is educated as a part of the business for instance: system analysis, quantitative analysis and so on. (25)

Under the field of tourism, the term Operational Research used by Cesario happens to be the first applied in the literature (27). Nowadays, with the practice of Operational Research, a

lot of planners together with tourism researchers use the concepts as well as methodologies in the world of business. Associated with the help of concepts and methodologies, it is typically deal with some problems in the field of tourist flows, tourist forecasting, planning and policy problems, the measurement and evaluation of the impact of oriented tourism facilities and activities, and the determination of tourist flows. (25)

3.3.2 Traveling salesman problem

The name “traveling salesman problem” for the optimization is believed to have originated in the United States. Possibly because the first report using this term was made public in 1949 (21). The traveling salesman problem is defined as follows: Given a set of nodes and length of travel between pairs and nodes, find the tour of the minimal length that visits each node exactly once and comes back to the initial node. (1)

In the field of operations research literature, the traveling salesman problem is one of the most popular combinatorial optimization problems. It is divided into two main types: symmetric or asymmetric which is based on accordingly whether the cost and the distance to travel is either symmetric or asymmetric. (4)

The problem is modeled using a complete graph $G = \{V, E\}$ which are including n vertices which are denoting the cities and m connecting edges. The traveling cost (distance or time) between the vertices it connects is assigned with a weight on each edge. The main objective is to find the shortest routes to pass through n vertices that minimizes the total cost. (14)

In real life, there are many issues that include finding a series of tasks, actions or operations can be known as Travelling Salesman Problem. Moreover, many real-world problems for example like scheduling, routing, networking and so on... is a part of it. (20)

Given a formal mathematical definition of the Traveling Salesman Problem, let $G = \{V, E\}$ (Directed or undirected graph), F be the family of all Hamiltonian cycle (tours) in G . (10)

For each edge $e \in E$ a cost (weight) C_e is prescribed. The problem of the travel salesman problem is to find a tour (Hamiltonian cycle) in G in order to find the smallest sum of the cost on each edge of the tour. (10)

We suppose that G is a completed graph, we could replace the missing edges with the one that have a very large cost. Let set the node $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The matrix $C = (C_{ij})_{n \times n}$, is called the cost matrix (distance or weight matrix), where the $(ij)^{th}$ entry C_{ij} corresponds to the cost of the edge joining node i to node G . (10)

Besides, depending on the cost of the matrix (the nature of G), Traveling Salesman Problem is divided into two classes:

- If C is asymmetric (given the graph G is undirected) then the problem is called the Symmetric Traveling Salesman Problem (STSP). (10)

- If C is not asymmetric (given the graph G is directed) then the problem is called the Asymmetric Traveling Salesman Problem (ATSP). (10)

While every undirected graph can be seen as a directed graph by duplicating edges in the forward direction and the other from the backward direction. Therefore, STSP can be taken as a special case of ATSP. (10)

3.3.2.1 Nearest neighbour algorithm (sequential)

The nearest neighbor method is the simplest approximation method. Its principle is that the chosen starting point is connected with the place with the most favorable rate.

From there it connects to another location that has not been yet included in the route, which has the most convenient connection to a location that has already been selected before.

After passing all the places, the circuit is closed by returning to the starting point. By choosing each location as the starting point will determine all around trips.

When calculating by using this method, the column in the rate matrix will first be deleted. The cell that has the most favorable rate is found in the row which corresponding to the starting point. This connection creates the first section of the circular route. (24)

3.3.2.2 Vogel's approximation algorithm

Vogel's approximation method is to finds solutions near the optimum, and it is very often used in solving circular traffic problems, but also in single-stage traffic tasks. (15)

1. Calculate the difference between the two lowest rates in each row and column.
2. Select the cell with the lowest rate in the row or column with the highest difference.

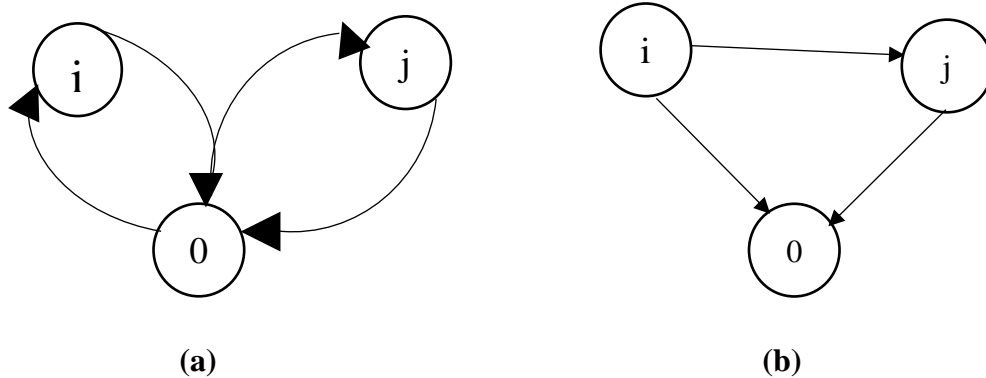
3. Delete the entire column and row in which the cell was located in order to avoid the possibility of repeat stations of the circuit.
4. The procedure is repeated in the table changed table until all rows and columns are deleted of the transport table, and if the maximum difference occurs in two rows, it is necessary to occupy the cell with the most advantageous rate in these rows. (24)

3.3.2.3 The savings algorithm (parallel)

The savings algorithm is the experimental algorithm, therefore it does not present the best optimal result. However, this algorithm proposes a quite good result because that solution deviates not much from the optimal result.

The basic concept of the savings algorithm states through the savings cost which is achieved by merging two routes into one as shown in figure 1, and 0 denote for the depot

Figure 1 - Illustration of savings concept



(6)

At first, customers i and j are travelled on individual routes which can be seen from figure 1 (a). However, there is an alternative to this problem is to travel the two customers on the same route, for example in the sequence $i - j$ which can be seen in figure 1(b). Because the transportation costs are given, the savings that result from driving the route in figure 1(b) instead of the two routes in figure 1(a) can be calculated. Refer to the transportation cost between two given points i and j by C_{ij} , the total transportation cost D_a in figure 1(a):

$$D_a = c_{0j} + c_{i0} + c_{j0} \quad (6)$$

The same as the transportation cost D_b in figure 1(b) is:

$$D_b = c_{0i} + c_{ij} + c_{j0} \quad (6)$$

By merging the two routes one obtains the savings S_{ij} :

$$S_{ij} = D_a - D_b = c_{i0} + c_{0j} - c_{ij} \quad (6)$$

Relatively large values of S_{ij} indicate that it is attractive, with regard to costs, to visit points i and j on the same route such that point j is visited immediately after point i .

The savings algorithm has two main versions parallel version and the other is a sequential version. In the parallel version more than one route may be built at a time, meanwhile in the sequential version just only one route is built at a time.

The first step of the savings algorithm, all pairs of customer points are sorted in descending order of the savings as well as the savings for all pairs of customers are calculated. Afterward, from the top of the sorted list of point pairs, one pair of points is considered at a time. When a pair of points $i - j$ is considered, the two routes that travel i and j are combined (such that j is go to immediately after i on the resulting route), if this can be done without deleting a previously established direct connection between two customer points, and if the total demand on the resulting route does not exceed the vehicle capacity. In the parallel version only requires one pass through the list, meanwhile the sequential version, one must start a new from the top of the list every time a connection is established between a pair of points (since combinations that were not viable so far now may have become viable). (6)

3.3.3 Traveling salesman problem and its application

In real life, Traveling Salesman Problem and its variation can be applied in many other aspects not just only planning the route problem for example: computer science, operational research, engineering, mathematics, electronics, and so forth. (10)

3.3.3.1 Machine scheduling problems

Traveling Salesman Problems is probably well-known for scheduling and machine sequencing. A simple scheduling application can be explained as follow. Given n jobs that

needed to be processed sequentially on a machine $\{1,2, \dots, n\}$. Let c_{ij} be the setup cost required for processing task then j immediate processor after task i . Once the tasks are being processed, then the machine is reset to its initial state which is c_{i1} , given j is the last task process so that the total setup cost is minimized. Undoubtedly, finding a permutation π $\{1,2, \dots, n\}$ that minimizes $C_{\pi(n)\pi(1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} C_{\pi(n)\pi(i)}$ to solve the problem. (10)

The objective of the sequencing problem is to find order in order to find out the total minimized setup cost which is processed by the tasks. We can see in many practical applications, the tasks usually can be clustered together so as to set up time, if any, the relationship between tasks within a cluster is not too big compared to setup time between tasks in two different clusters. (10)

Besides, given the n jobs for the scheduling problem on m machines in the order $1,2,3, \dots, m$. There should be no job is allowed to have a waiting time within the processing of two machines. The main goal of this problem is to find out an optimal sequencing of tasks in order to minimize the total completion time. The problem therefore can be described as follow. Make a complete directed graph G on $n + 1$ nodes, where $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $n + 1$ stand for the start as well as the end of the process. The cost c_{ij} of arc (i, j) in G stand for the additional schedule length if task j replace right after the task i in the workflow. In order to complete the reduction, the value of c_{ij} must be classified. Assume that p_{jk} be the job processing time of task j on the processor k , where $1 \leq j \leq n$ and where $1 \leq k \leq m$. then c_{ij} can be obtained by using the following equations $c_{n+1,i} = \sum_{r=1}^m p_{ir}$, where $i = 1,2, \dots, m$. (10)

3.3.3.2 Arc routing problems

Arc Routing Problems often be taken as a mixed windy rural postman problem (MWRPP), and it can be explained as follows. Given $G = (V, A \cup E)$ where components of K are edges with an undirected graph. Given $A \subset A'$ and $E \subset E'$. The arc and edge costs are given to be non-negative. The aim of MWRPP is to find a minimum cost and containing all arc in A' along with all edges in E' which is a closed walk to G . There are some special circumstances related to MWRPP are: windy Chinese postman problem, mixed Chinese postman problem, and so forth. (10)

3.3.4 TSPKOSA:

Under the cooperation of two departments: Department of Systems Engineering and Department of Statistics of Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, 2010.

TSPKOSA was designed in order to find out the most convenient routes for the Travelling Salesman Problem. The program was created in the Microsoft Visual Basic 6.5 programming language with four selected methods:

- Approximation methods:
 - Nearest Neighbor Algorithm (sequential)
 - Vogel Approximation method
 - Savings algorithm (parallel)
- Optimization method:
 - Branch and Bound (16)

4 Practical Part

4.1 Characteristics of the problem:

With the advantageous location in the middle of Europe, Czech Republic attracts thousands of international tourists to visit the country every year. Given the situation that one student would like to travel around the country during their summer vacation and plan the whole time and trip on their own and suppose all of the destinations are chosen based on the interest of the student. The trip begins at Prague main train station and travels from there to other destinations and finally returns to the starting point after 10 days traveling.

There are 47 destinations included in this journey that needed to be visited apart from the Prague main train station, which is the place of departure as well as the return point of the whole trip. Due to the fact that the trip includes more places than one day can be visited, therefore it is necessary to divide these places into groups, which is 10 days and each day with approximately 5 destinations. The time for sightseeing and break time is given depend on the interest of the student in each destination.

Each day, the student will travel approximately up to 5 destinations with the visiting time vary from 60 – 90 minutes between each location along with the break time already included. In total, the student can travel up to 8 hours per day which is consists of travelling time, sightseeing and also break time. The following days of the trip will be started from the last location of the previous day and continually repeat until the end of the trip.

The total destinations of the trip can be found in the table down below which is not an ideal result to travel for the whole trip.

Table 1 - List of destinations

Number of destinations	List of destinations	Number of destinations	List of destinations
[1]	Prague main train station	[24]	Stromovka park
[2]	Maisel Synagogue museum	[25]	Museum Kampa
[3]	National Library of the Czech Republic	[26]	Troja Palace
[4]	Church of The Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord	[27]	Parukářka park
[5]	Czech Police Museum	[28]	Hloubětín castle
[6]	Academy of Sciences Library of the Czech Republic	[29]	Saints Cyril and Methodius Cathedral
[7]	Obora Hvězda park	[30]	Dolní Počernice Chateau
[8]	Průhonice Castle	[31]	Kbely Aviation Museum
[9]	Church of St. James the Greater	[32]	Ctěnice Castle
[10]	Vrtba Garden	[33]	Čakovice Chateau
[11]	Dancing House	[34]	Řáblice Chateau
[12]	Czech Museum of Music	[35]	Vinoř Castle
[13]	Prague zoo	[36]	Jenštejn Castle
[14]	Saint Castulus Church	[37]	Chvalský Castle
[15]	Czech National Library of Technology	[38]	Libeň Chateau
[16]	Žižkov TV Tower	[39]	Malešice Chateau
[17]	Botanical garden	[40]	Kunratice Castle
[18]	Letná park	[41]	Petrovice Chateau
[19]	Church of St. Ludmila	[42]	Krč Chateau
[20]	Prague Castle	[43]	Vršovice Castle
[21]	Vyšehrad Castle	[44]	Lochkov Chateau
[22]	St. Nicholas Church	[45]	Černínský Palace
[23]	Municipal Library of Prague	[46]	Záběhlíce Monastery Chateau

Source: own processing

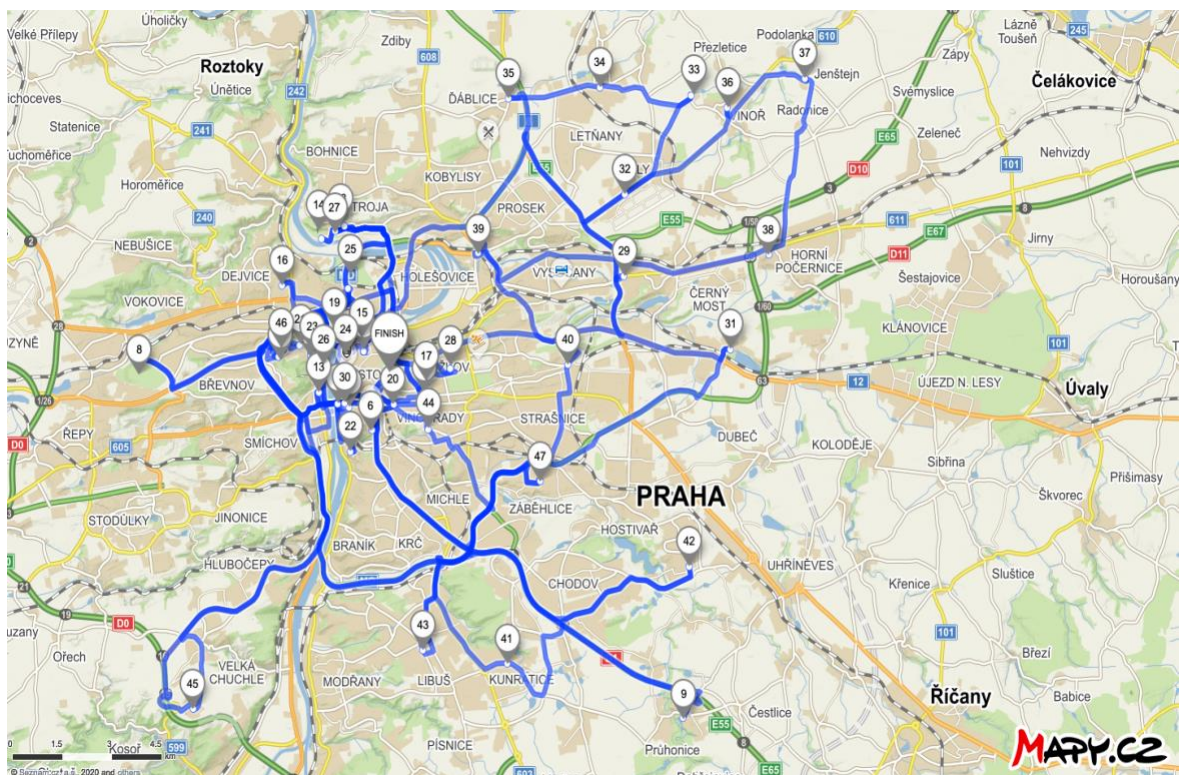
4.2 Starting circuit:

The trip requires a circuit passing through 47 destinations, it is also included the Prague main train station for the starting and finishing point. Assigned each number with the destinations from 1 to 46. Thus, the default circuit is shown as follows:

[1] – [2] – [3] – [4] – [5] – [6] – [7] – [8] – [9] – [10] – [11] – [12] – [13] – [14] – [15] – [16] – [17] – [18] – [19] – [20] – [21] – [22] – [23] – [24] – [25] – [26] – [27] – [28] – [29] – [30] – [31] – [32] – [33] – [34] – [35] – [36] – [37] – [38] – [39] – [40] – [41] – [42] – [43] – [44] – [45] – [46] – [1].

Given the speed of the car is 666,667 meters/minute. The total distance of the circuit is 370 522 meters long and it takes 555,783 minutes to finish the circuit with the break time and sightseeing is already included between each destination. The result is not an optimal version of the whole circuit.

Figure 2 - Default circuit



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.3 Optimizing the problems:

In order to minimize the distances, the program TSPKOSA was applied to solve the problem. The Nearest Neighbor algorithm (sequential), The Vogel's Approximation and The Savings algorithm (parallel) are deployed to optimize the circuit. These may not be symmetrical because the route from A to B may not be the same as from B to A due to roundabout, one-way traffic and so on.

Due to each method proposed diverse alternative solutions to the problem, therefore in the end the result with the lowest outcome will be selected as the goal of this bachelor thesis.

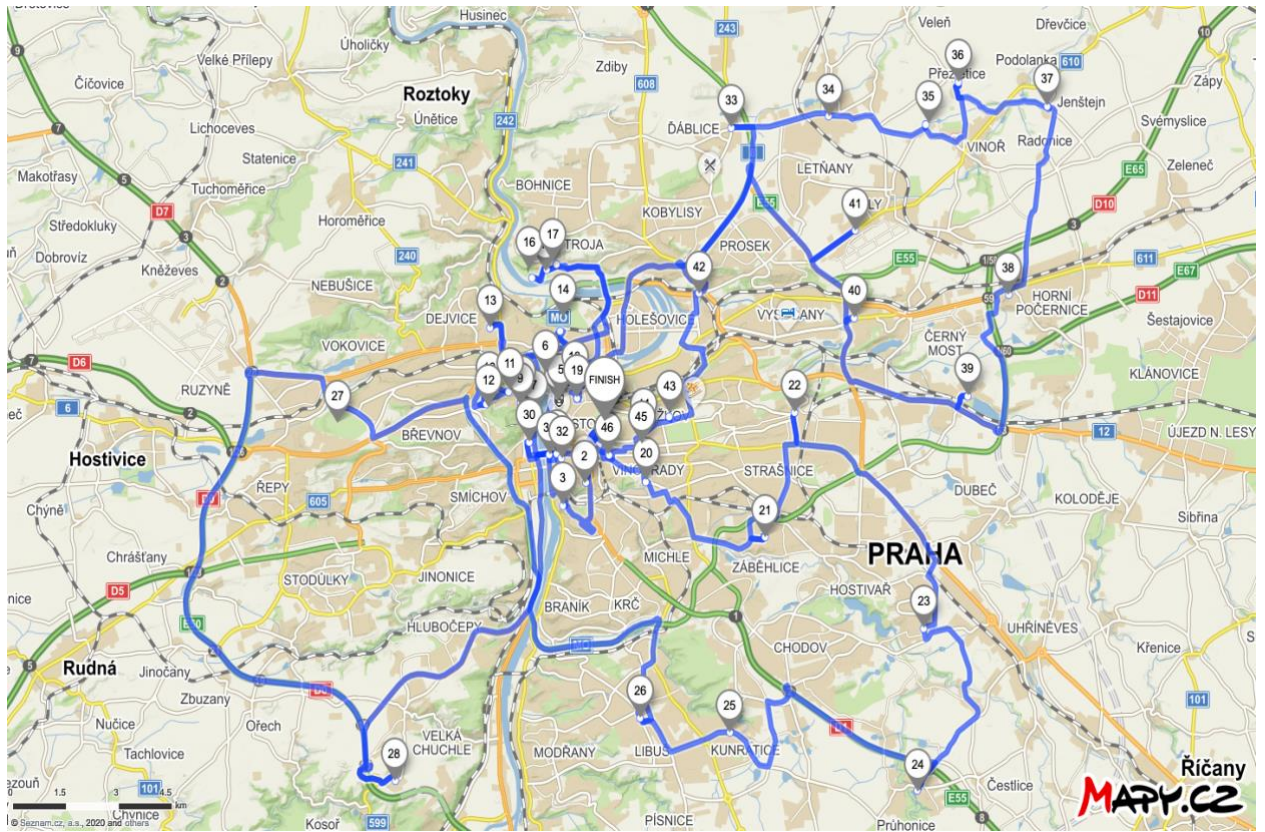
4.3.1 Nearest neighbour algorithm – Distance matrix

The first result obtained from TSPKOSA program, the Nearest Neighbor algorithm on the matrix is used. The result is as follow:

[1] – [5] – [21] – [23] – [2] – [18] – [25] – [23] – [10] – [45] – [20] – [3] – [15] – [24] – [26] – [13] – [17] – [14] – [4] – [43] – [46] – [39] – [41] – [8] – [40] – [42] – [7] – [44] – [29] – [12] – [11] – [6] – [34] – [33] – [32] – [35] – [36] – [37] – [30] – [28] – [31] – [38] – [27] – [16] – [9] – [19] – [1].

The total distance of the circuit is 184 734 meters long and it takes 277,101 minutes to finish the circuit with the break time as well as sightseeing is already included between each destination.

Figure 3 - First calculated routes



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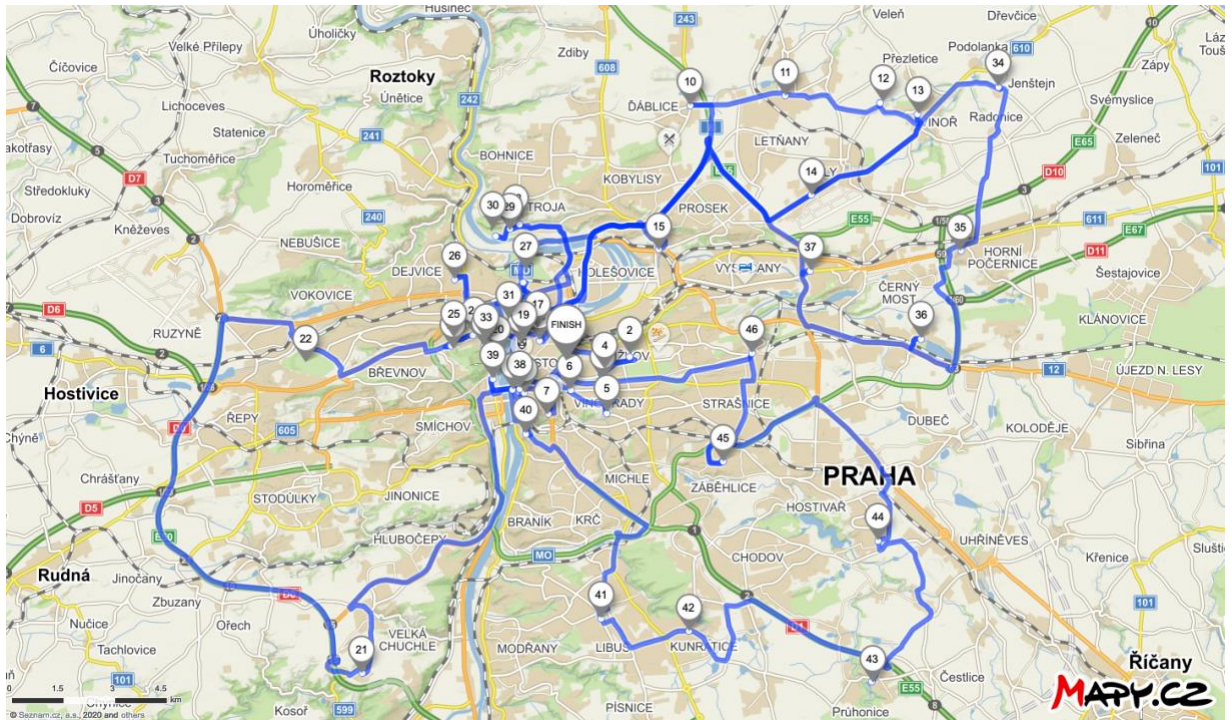
4.3.2 Vogel's approximation algorithm – Distance matrix:

The second result obtained from TSPKOSA program. The Vogel's approximation algorithm on the matrix is used has the following result:

[1] – [27] – [9] – [16] – [43] – [19] – [5] – [11] – [6] – [34] – [33] – [35] – [31] – [38] – [4] – [14] – [23] – [2] – [25] – [44] – [7] – [3] – [20] – [45] – [15] – [24] – [17] – [26] – [13] – [18] – [10] – [22] – [36] – [37] – [30] – [28] – [29] – [12] – [21] – [42] – [40] – [8] – [41] – [46] – [39] – [1].

The total distance of the circuit is 174 714 meters long and it takes 262,071 minutes to finish the circuit with the break time as well as sightseeing is already included between each destination.

Figure 4 - Second calculated routes



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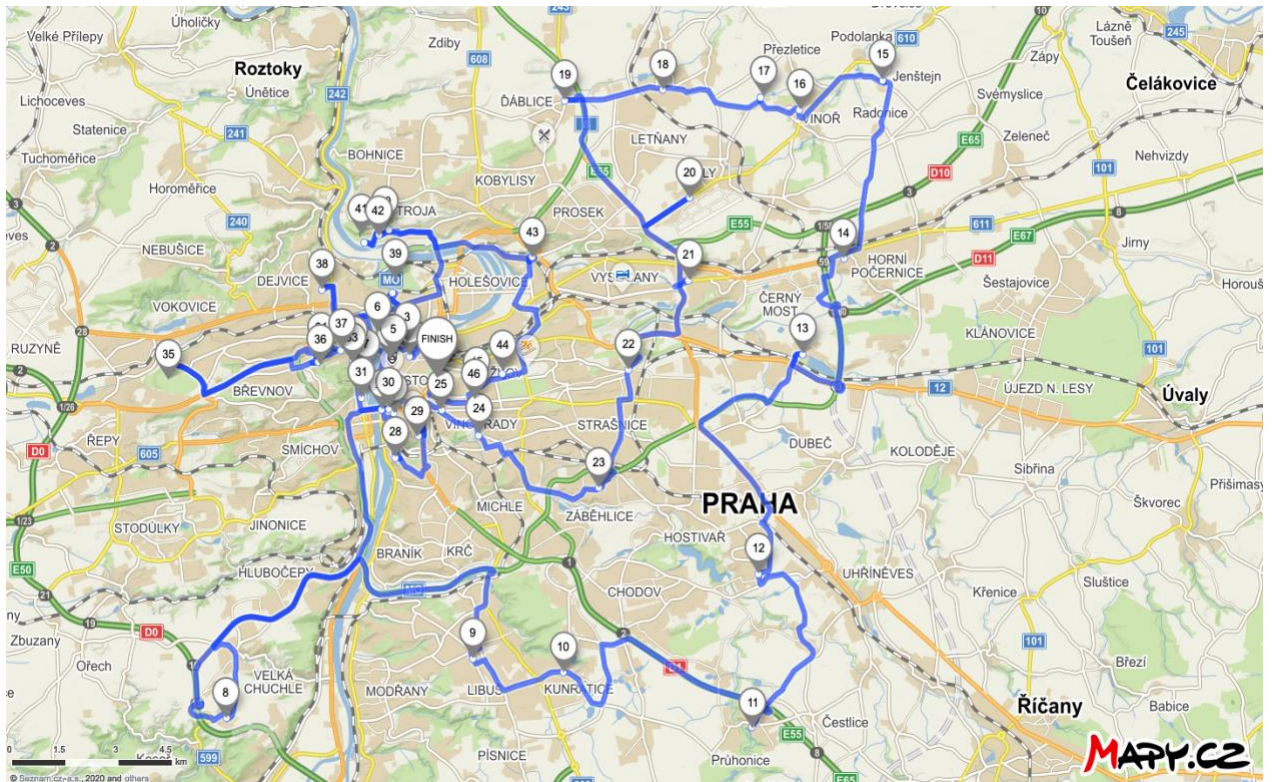
4.3.3 Savings algorithm (parallel) – Distance matrix:

The second result obtained from TSPKOSA program. The savings algorithm on the matrix is used has the following result:

[1] – [4] – [14] – [23] – [2] – [18] – [25] – [44] – [42] – [40] – [8] – [41] – [30] – [37] – [36] – [35] – [32] – [33] – [34] – [31] – [28] – [39] – [46] – [43] – [19] – [11] – [6] – [21] – [5] – [29] – [12] – [22] – [10] – [45] – [7] – [3] – [20] – [15] – [24] – [17] – [13] – [26] – [38] – [27] – [16] – [9] – [1].

The total distance of the circuit is 161 266 meters long and it takes 241,899 minutes to finish the circuit with the break time and sightseeing is already included between each destination.

Figure 5 - Third calculated routes



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4 Solving the problems:

According to the results given above by the program TSPKOSA. The best result for traveling is the Savings method with the total distance of the circuit is 161 266 meters long and it takes 241,899 minutes.

Due to the fact that the trip includes more places than one day can visit. Therefore, it is necessary to divide these places into groups which are 10 days and each day with approximately 5 destinations.

However, as the trip contains several days to travel, therefore the first destination of the following days will not be counted as the place needed to visit because it is already be visited the day before.

Besides, the time to sightseeing and break time was included together and vary from 60 – 90 minutes which is based on the interest of the student in each destination. The speed of the

car was chosen to be 666,667 meters/minute along with the distance numbers in meter was obtained from the Savings algorithm.

The results of the problems between each day are calculated as follow:

4.4.1 Day one travel:

Table 2 - Day one travel results obtained from the Savings method

v = 666,667 (meters/minute)			
Day 1	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[1]	-	-	-
[4]	90	4,333	2 889
[14]	90	1,051	701
[23]	90	2,349	1 566
[2]	60	0,393	262
[18]	60	1,851	1 234
Total time	399,978 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

Chosen the starting point of the trip is from destination [1]. When traveling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [1] to [18], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$2\,889 + 701 + 1\,566 + 262 + 1\,234 = 6\,652 \text{ (meters)}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ applied in sequence from destination [18] to destination [8], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$4,333 + 1,051 + 2,349 + 0,393 + 1,851 = 9,978 \text{ (minutes)}.$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [18] to destination [8] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 90 + 90 + 60 + 60 = 390 \text{ (minutes)}.$$

Together, the total time that needed to spend on day one is:

$$9,978 + 390 = 399,978 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day one are shown as follow:

[Prague main train station] – [Church of The Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord] – [Saint Castulus Church] – [Municipal Library of Prague] – [Maisel Synagogue museum] – [Letná park].

Figure 6 - Day one travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.2 Day two travel:

Table 3 - Day two travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 2	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[18]	-	-	-
[25]	90	1,525	1 070
[44]	60	18,450	12 300
[42]	60	19,125	12 750
[40]	90	4,838	3 225
[8]	60	10,925	7 283
Total time	414,864 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day two begins with the last destination from day one which is destination [18]. When traveling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [18] to [8], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$1\ 017 + 12\ 300 + 12\ 750 + 3\ 225 + 7\ 283 = 36\ 575 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [18] to destination [8], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$1,526 + 18,450 + 19,125 + 4,838 + 10,925 = 54,863 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [18] to destination [8] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 60 + 60 + 90 + 60 = 360 \text{ (minutes).}$$

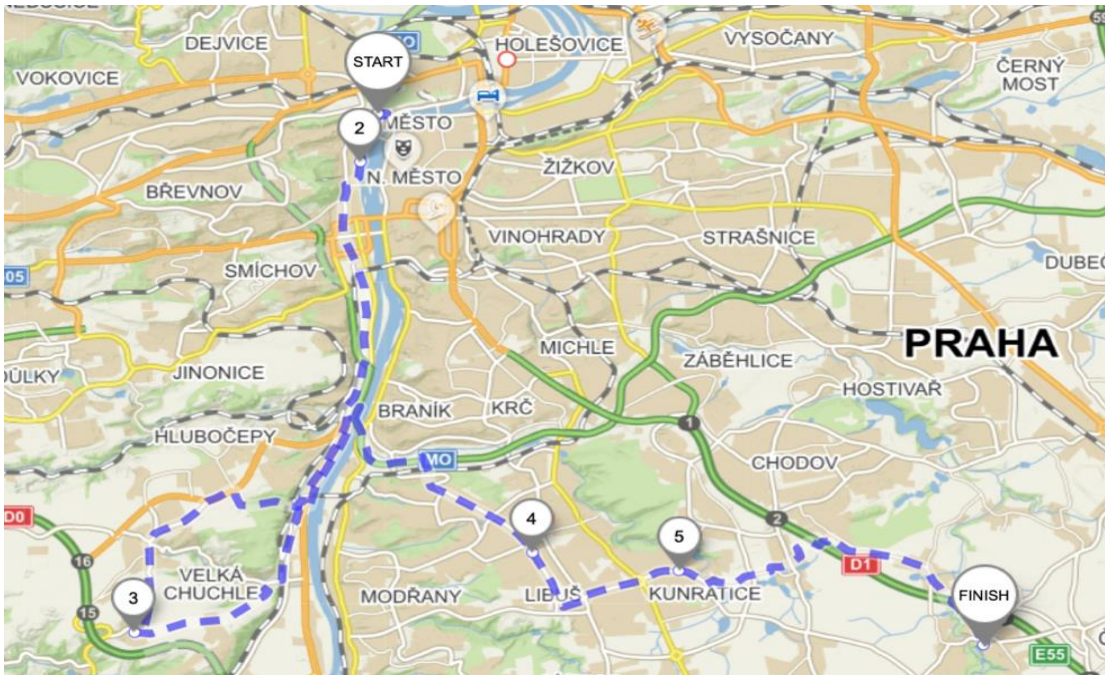
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day two is:

$$54,864 + 360 = 414,864 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day two are shown as follow:

[Letná park] – [Museum Kampa] – [Lochkov Chateau] – [Krč Chateau] – [Kunratice Castle] – [Průhonice Castle].

Figure 7 - Day two travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.3 Day three travel:

Table 4 - Day three travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 3	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[8]	-	-	-
[41]	90	10,398	6 932
[30]	60	15,421	10281
[37]	90	7,44	4 963
[36]	60	8,100	5 400
[35]	90	4,573	3 049
Total time	435,937 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day three begins with the last destination from the day two which is destination [8]. When travelling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [8] to [35], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$6\,932 + 10\,281 + 4\,963 + 5\,400 + 3\,049 = 30\,625 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meter/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [8] to destination [35], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$10,398 + 15,421 + 7,444 + 8,100 + 4,573 = 45,937 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [8] to destination [35] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 60 + 90 + 60 + 90 = 390 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Together, the total time that needed to spend on day three is:

$$45,937 + 390 = 435,937 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day three is shown as follow:

[Průhonice Castle] – [Petrovice Chateau] – [Dolní Počernice Chateau] – [Chvalský Castle]
– [Jenštejn Castle]- [Vinoř Castle].

Figure 8 - Day three travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.4 Day four travel:

Table 5 - Day four travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 4	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[35]	-	-	-
[32]	90	2,811	1 874
[33]	60	4,714	3 143
[34]	60	4,266	2 844
[31]	90	9,283	6 189
[28]	90	5,838	3 892
Total time	416,913 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day four begins with the last destination from day three which is destination [35]. When traveling in order by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [35] to [28], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$1\ 874 + 3\ 143 + 2\ 844 + 6\ 189 + 3\ 892 = 17\ 942 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [35] to destination [28], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$2,811 + 4,714 + 4,266 + 9,283 + 5,838 = 26,913 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [35] to destination [28] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 60 + 60 + 90 + 90 = 390 \text{ (minutes).}$$

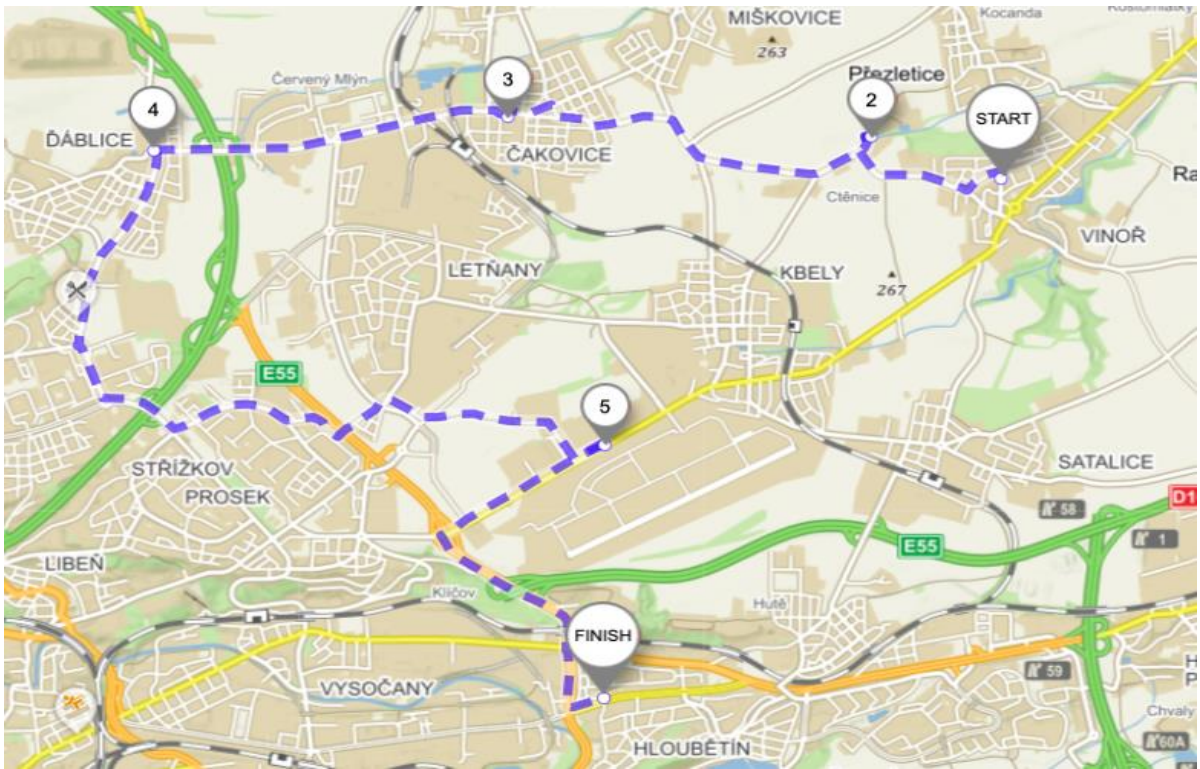
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day four is:

$$26,913 + 390 = 416,913 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day four are shown as follow:

[Vinoř Castle] – [Ctěnice Castle] – [Čakovice Chateau] – [Dáblice Chateau] – [Kbely Aviation Museum] – [Hloubětín castle].

Figure 9 - Day four travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

6.4.5 Day five travel:

Table 6 - Day five travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 5	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[28]	-	-	-
[39]	90	6,144	4 096
[46]	60	6,235	4 157
[43]	90	8,037	5 358
[19]	60	3,546	2 364
[11]	90	2,994	1 996
Total time	416,956 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day five begins with the last destination from day four which is destination [28]. When travelling in order by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [28] to [11], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$4\,096 + 4\,157 + 5\,358 + 2\,364 + 1\,996 = 17\,971 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [28] to destination [11], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$6,144 + 6,235 + 8,037 + 3,546 + 2,994 = 26,956 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [28] to destination [11] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 60 + 90 + 60 + 90 = 390 \text{ (minutes).}$$

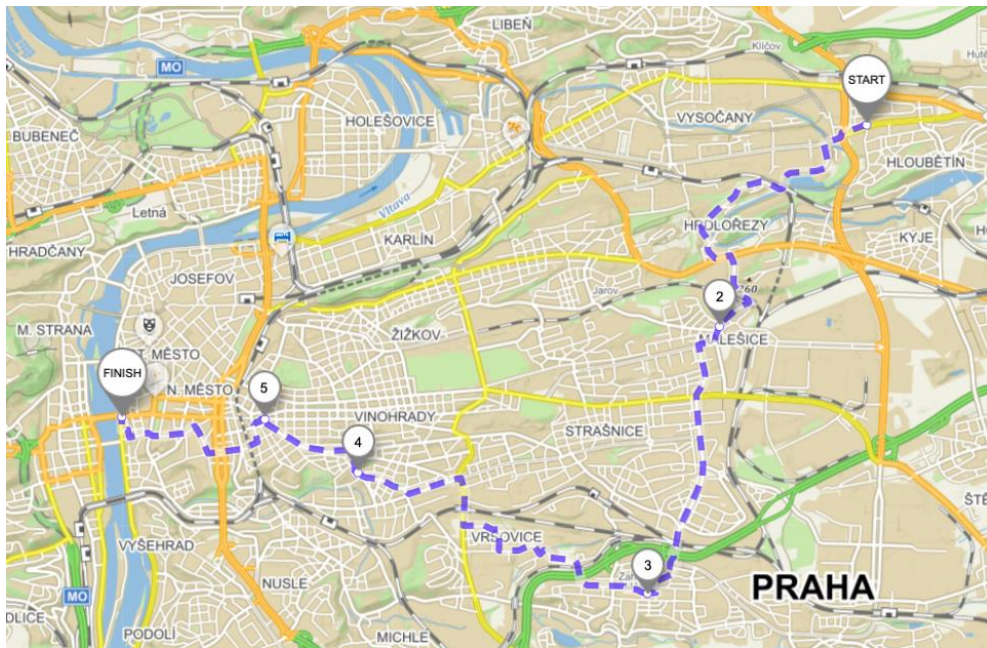
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day five is:

$$26,956 + 390 = 416,956 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day five are shown as follow:

[Hloubětín castle] – [Malešice Chateau] – [Záběhllice Monastery Chateau] – [Vršovice Castle] – [Church of St. Ludmila] – [Dancing House].

Figure 10 - Day five travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.6 Day six travel:

Table 7 - Day six travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 6	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[11]	-	-	-
[6]	60	0,699	466
[21]	90	2,610	1 740
[5]	90	4,089	2 726
[29]	60	2,893	1 929
[12]	90	1,783	1 189
Total time	402,075 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day six begins with the last destination from day five which is destination [11]. When traveling in order by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [11] to [12], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$466 + 1\,740 + 2\,726 + 1\,929 + 1\,189 = 8\,050 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [11] to destination [12], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$0,699 + 2,610 + 4,089 + 2,893 + 1,783 = 12,075 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [11] to destination [12] is calculated as follow:

$$60 + 90 + 90 + 60 + 90 = 390 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Together, the total time that needed to spend on day six is:

$$12,075 + 390 = 402,075 \text{ (minutes).}$$

The routes of day six are shown as follow:

[Academy of Sciences Library of the Czech Republic] – [Vyšehrad Castle] – [Czech Police Museum] – [Saints Cyril and Methodius Cathedral] – [Czech Museum of Music].

Figure 11 - Day six travel scenario



Source: *Mapy.cz* 2020

4.4.7 Day seven travel:

Table 8 - Day seven travel results obtained from the Savings method

v = 666,667 (meters/minute)			
Day 7	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[12]	-	-	-
[22]	90	4,779	1 593
[10]	60	3,306	1 102
[45]	90	7,38	2 460
[7]	60	16,503	5 501
Total time	331,968 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day seven begins with the last destination from day six which is destination [11]. When traveling in order by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [12] to [7], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$1\ 593 + 1\ 102 + 2\ 460 + 5\ 501 = 10\ 656 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [12] to destination [7], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$4,779 + 3,306 + 7,38 + 16,503 = 31,968 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [12] to destination [7] is calculated as follow:

$$90 + 60 + 90 + 60 = 300 \text{ (minutes).}$$

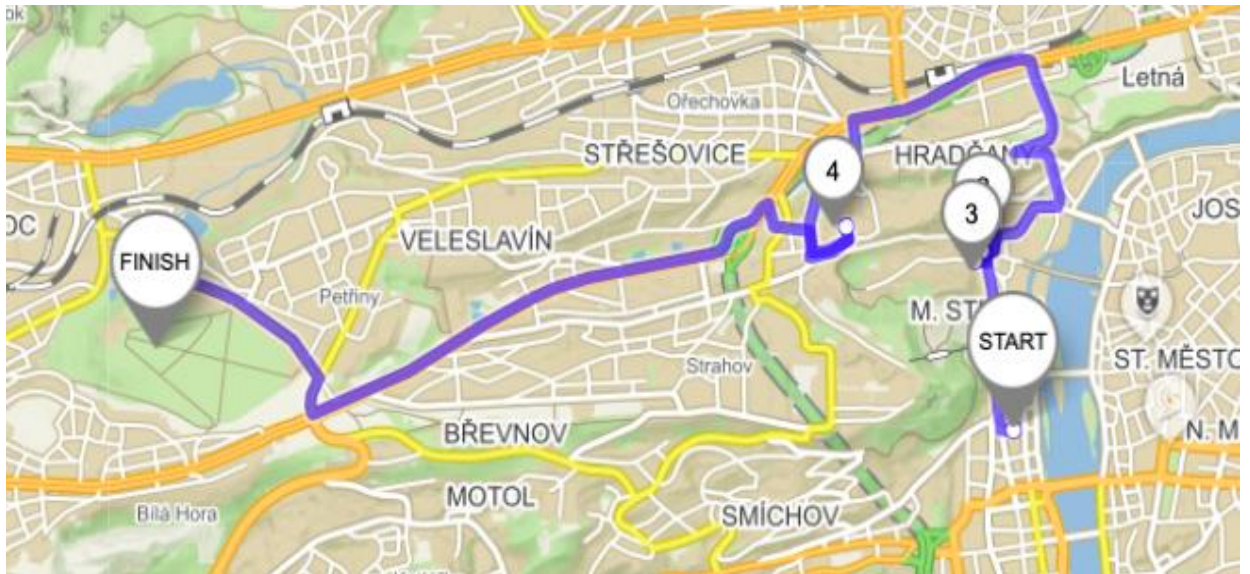
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day seven:

$$31,968 + 300 = 331,968 \text{ (minutes).}$$

The routes of day seven are shown as follow:

[Czech Museum of Music] – [St. Nicholas Church] – [Vrtba Garden] – [Černínský Palace] – [Obora Hvězda park].

Figure 12 - Day seven travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.8 Day eight travel:

Table 9 - Day eight travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 8	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[7]	-	-	-
[3]	90	7,528	5 019
[20]	90	1,750	1 167
[15]	60	3,870	2 580
[24]	60	6,006	4 004
Total time	319,155 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day eight begins with the last destination from day seven which is destination [7]. When traveling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [7] to [24], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$5\,019 + 1\,167 + 2\,580 + 4\,004 = 12\,770 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [7] to destination [24], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$7,528 + 1,750 + 3,870 + 6,006 = 19,155 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [7] to destination [24] is calculated as follow:

$$60 + 90 + 90 + 60 = 300 \text{ (minutes).}$$

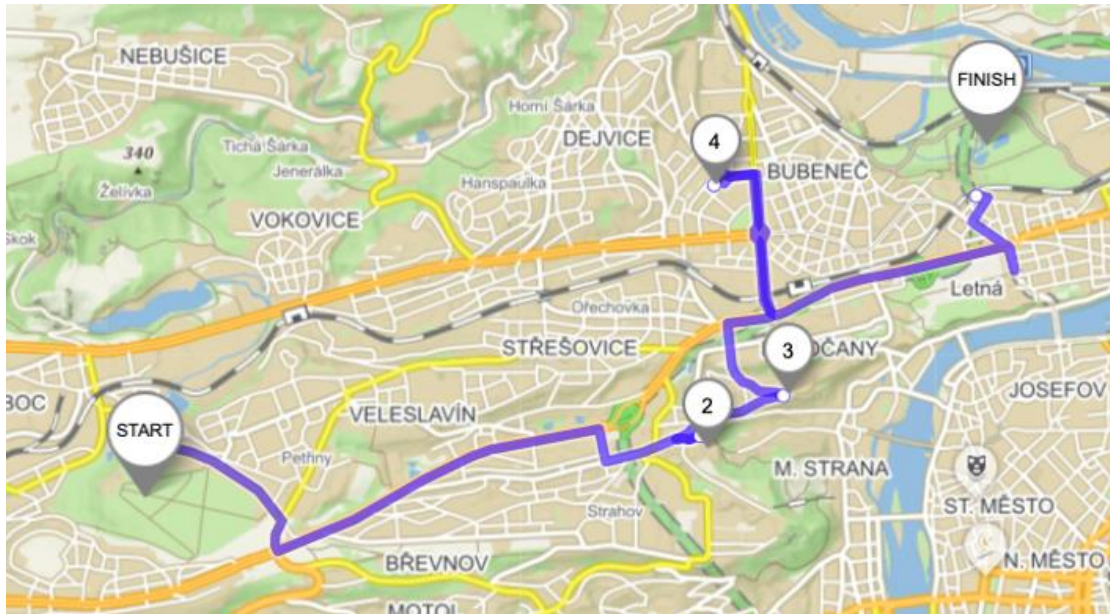
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day eight is:

$$19,155 + 300 = 319,155 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day eight are shown as follow:

[Obora Hvězda park] – [National Library of the Czech Republic] – [Prague Castle] – [Czech National Library of Technology] – [Stromovka park].

Figure 13 - Day eight travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.9 Day nine travel:

Table 10 - Day nine travel results obtained from the Savings method

$v = 666,667$ (meters/minute)			
Day 9	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[24]	-	-	-
[17]	60	6,204	4 136
[13]	90	2,544	1 696
[26]	90	1,041	694
[38]	60	7,657	5 105
Total time	317,446 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day nine begins with the last destination from day eight which is destination [24]. When traveling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [74] to [38], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$4\,136 + 1\,696 + 694 + 5\,105 = 11\,631 \text{ (meters).}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [24] to destination [38], the total travelling time is calculated as follow:

$$6,204 + 2,544 + 1,041 + 7,657 = 17,446 \text{ (minutes).}$$

Moreover, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [24] to destination [38] is calculated as follow:

$$60 + 90 + 90 + 60 = 300 \text{ (minutes).}$$

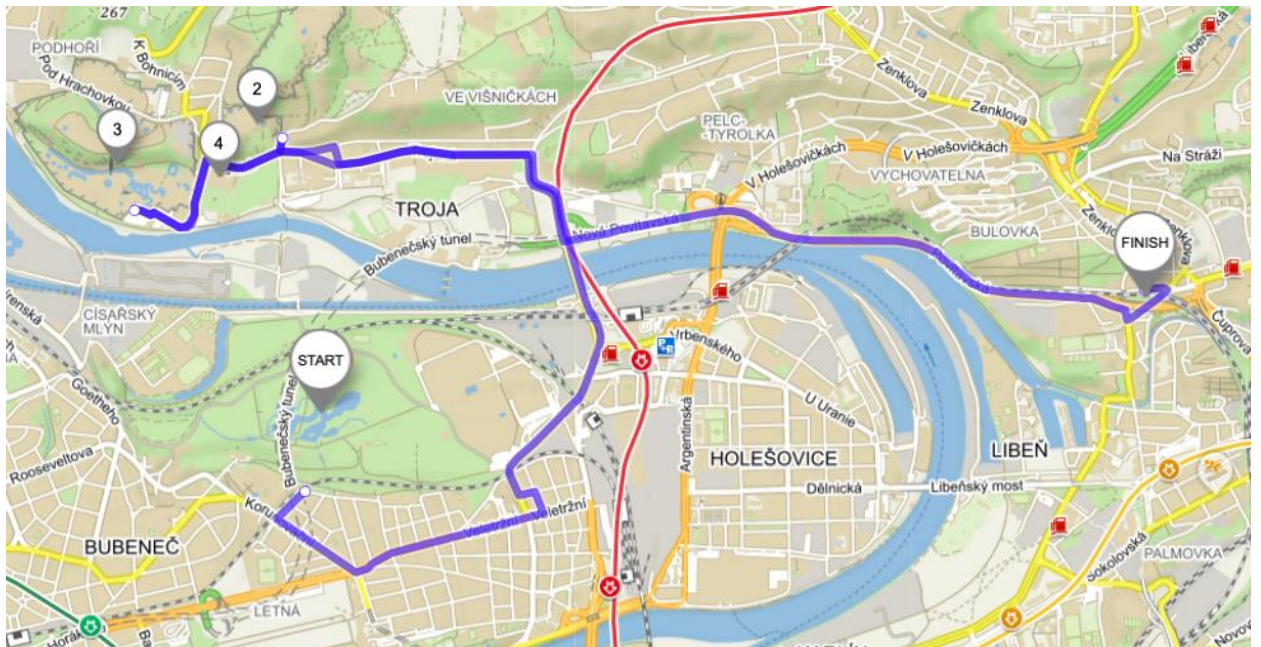
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day nine is:

$$17,446 + 300 = 317,446 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day nine are shown as follow:

[Stromovka park] – [Botanical garden] – [Prague zoo] – [Troja Palace] – [Libeň Chateau]

Figure 14 - Day nine travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

4.4.10 Day ten travel:

Table 11 - Day ten travel results obtained from the Savings method

v = 666,667 (meters/minute)			
Day 10	Spending time (minutes)	Travelling time: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ (minutes)	s (meters)
[38]	-	-	-
[27]	60	7,303	4 869
[16]	90	1,422	948
[9]	90	0,595	397
[1]	-	3,270	2 180
Total time	252,591 (minutes)		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

The starting point of day ten begins with the last destination from day nine which is destination [38]. When traveling in sequence by the obtained the result of the Nearest Neighbor problem from destination [38] to [1], the total distance is calculated as follow:

$$4\,869 + 948 + 397 + 2\,180 = 8\,394 \text{ (meters)}$$

Given the speed of the vehicle is 666,667 meters/minute.

In order to find the travelling time, the formula: $t = \frac{s}{v}$ is applied in sequence from destination [38] to destination [1], the total traveling time is calculated as follows:

$$7,303 + 1,422 + 0,595 + 3,270 = 12,591 \text{ (minutes)}.$$

However, the total spend time on each place of the last day is not apply for the final destination of the day ten which is [1] – the starting point as well as the ending point. As soon as, the student returns the initial point, they will return home and finish ten days excursion in the Czech Republic.

Therefore, the total result of the spend time in one place from destination [38] to destination [1] is calculated as follow:

$$60 + 90 + 90 = 240 \text{ (minutes).}$$

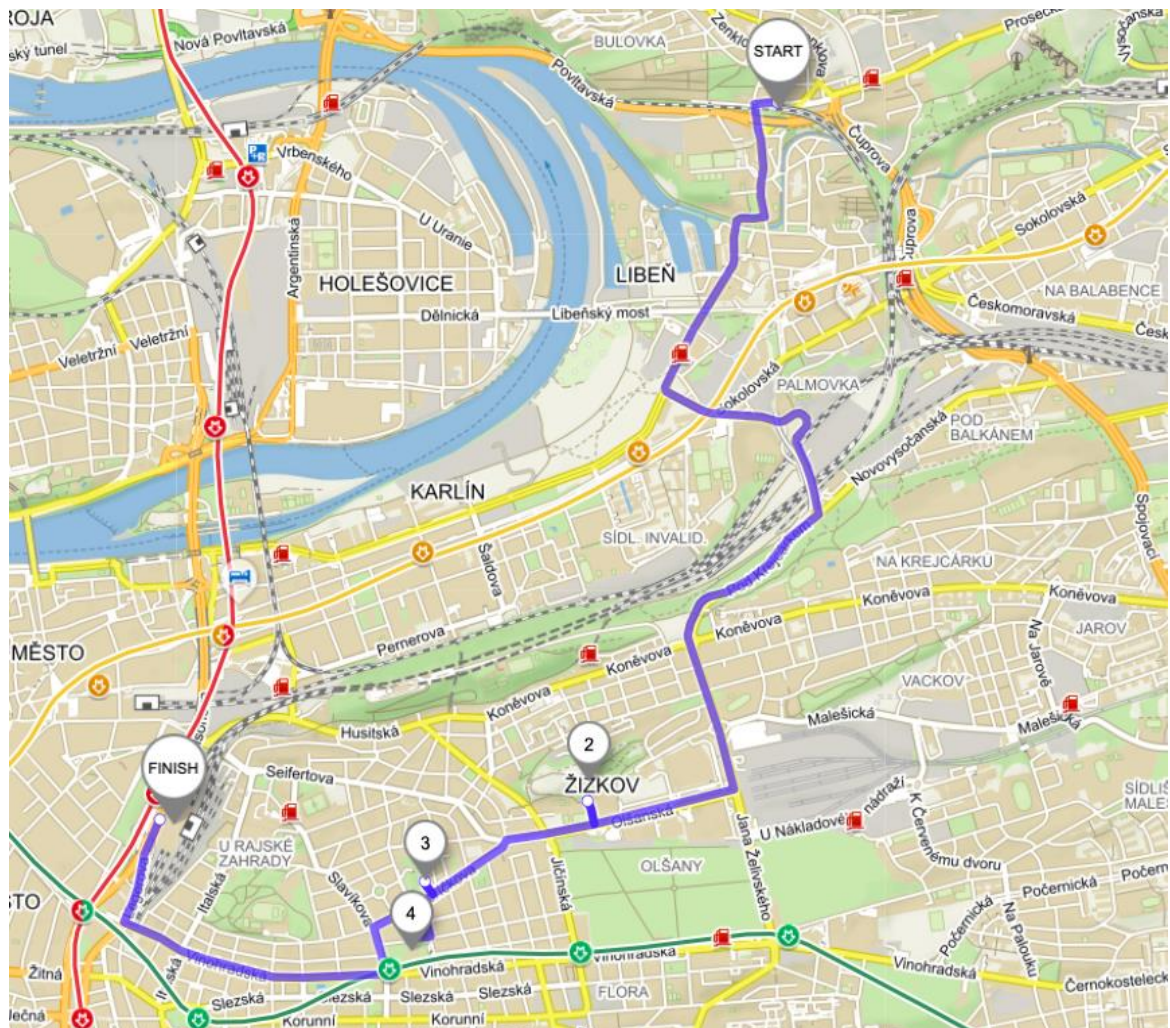
Together, the total time that needed to spend on day ten is:

$$12,591 + 240 = 252,591 \text{ (minutes)}$$

The routes of day ten are shown as follow:

[Libeň Chateau] – [Parukářka park] – [Žižkov TV Tower] – [Church of St. James the Greater] – [Prague main train station].

Figure 15 - Day ten travel scenario



Source: Mapy.cz 2020

5 Results and Discussion:

5.1 Evaluation of the initial routes and the optimization results:

In order to find out the best solution, three approximation algorithms were deployed to solve the problems. Given the result was obtained through the TSPKOSA program. The circuit obtained by the Nearest Neighbor algorithm lasts 277,101 minutes with 184 734 meters long. Besides, the circuit obtained by the Vogel's approximation algorithm lasts 262,071 minutes with 174 714 meters long. Meanwhile, the circuit obtained by the Savings algorithm lasts 241,899 minutes with 161 266 meters long.

Therefore, the most favorable route is a circuit has the result from the Savings algorithm with 161 266 meters and 241,899 minutes long which is shorten the journey time of the circuit by 209 256 meters and 313,831 minutes long.

Table 12 – Distances and times comparison of the default circuit and alternative circuit of the whole trip

Algorithm	Distance (meters)	Time Travelling (minutes)	Distance Improvement (meters)	Time Improvement (minutes)
Nearest Neighbor Algorithm (sequential)	184 734	277,101	185 788	278,682
Vogel's Approximation Algorithm	174 714	262,071	195 808	293,712
Savings Algorithm (parallel)	161 266	241,899	209 256	313,831
Default circuit	370 522	555,783		

Source: own processing of data, results are obtained by the program TSPKOSA.

6 Conclusion

The main objective of this work is to find out the nearest routes for one student who would like to travel around the Czech Republic during their holidays. Assume all the destinations are chosen based on the interest of the student. In order to solve the problem, the program TSPKOSA was introduced along with three algorithms: Nearest Neighbour algorithm (sequential), Vogel's approximation algorithm, Savings algorithm (parallel) which helped to figure out the problems based on the distance matrix.

In this case, the optimal solution was found by the Nearest Neighbor algorithm (parallel) from the distance matrix with 161 266 meters and 241,899 minutes long which is shorten the journey time of the circuit by 209 256 meters and 313,884 minutes long compare to the default circuit.

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8 Appendix

Table 13 - Default distance matrix of the TSPKOSA program

Destinations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
1	0	3.787	8.231	2.889	2.508	2.549	11.179	16.820	2.205	5.624	2.839	3.763	6.250	2.685	6.299	2.293	5.980	3.251	2.145	5.784	4.045	4.521	3.600	5.586	4.269	5.900	2.761	8.717	2.575	11.108	12.420	15.115	11.997	10.412	14.400	19.101	13.218	5.183	6.169	12.093	15.269	9.600	3.400	15.199	5.467	11.356	0
2	4.040	0	4.285	1.407	3.713	2.328	8.063	18.025	5.758	3.433	1.861	2.394	7.053	1.474	3.904	4.907	6.783	1.234	3.794	3.149	3.815	1.886	3.48	3.812	1.380	6.360	5.375	9.766	2.480	14.002	13.374	16.069	12.951	11.366	17.628	20.055	14.267	6.232	8.782	13.298	16.475	10.200	5.287	14.217	2.831	12.562	4.040
3	7.346	4.496	0	5.360	8.458	6.594	4.998	22.872	9.064	5.270	6.127	4.943	8.679	5.156	3.260	8.213	8.409	3.660	8.539	1.167	7.743	4.168	4.228	4.273	4.028	7.985	8.681	13.859	6.029	24.064	15.489	18.185	15.067	13.481	19.743	22.170	20.368	9.121	14.103	16.468	21.321	13.460	10.032	15.568	8.49	17.197	7.346
4	3.458	1.804	5.003	0	4.570	4.611	9.670	18.882	5.176	3.868	2.846	3.379	6.450	7.01	4.791	4.325	6.180	1.495	4.651	4.028	4.800	2.765	1.617	4.078	2.513	5.756	4.793	9.184	4.637	13.420	12.770	15.466	12.348	10.763	17.025	19.452	17.650	6.602	8.200	14.155	13.200	12.211	6.144	19.438	3.710	7.900	3.458
5	2.152	3.545	7.180	5.041	0	1.903	10.093	14.839	3.399	5.062	2.461	3.118	8.402	4.837	8.451	3.508	8.132	5.403	1.572	7.670	2.590	4.600	3.300	7.738	4.285	7.708	4.913	16.715	1.929	16.243	14.572	17.267	14.149	12.564	18.826	27.350	21.388	7.335	12.446	10.113	13.289	8.169	3.065	18.777	7.352	9.376	2.152
6	2.146	2.800	6.435	5.035	1.881	0	9.349	16.193	3.393	4.317	1.896	2.373	8.396	4.831	7.666	3.502	8.125	3.394	1.962	6.925	1.740	3.855	2.532	8.657	3.540	7.702	4.907	10.863	1.184	13.300	14.566	17.261	14.143	1.200	18.820	18.400	22.742	7.329	7.663	11.467	14.643	9.523	3.455	13.923	6.607	10.730	2.146
7	11.035	8.153	5.019	8.686	10.593	9.208	0	26.472	12.753	9.347	8.742	7.728	12.004	8.482	7.013	11.902	11.734	7.318	10.674	5.543	10.528	7.825	7.885	7.598	7.685	11.311	12.370	17.185	9.589	20.500	18.814	21.510	18.392	23.068	25.496	23.694	12.446	17.428	20.068	24.922	17.060	12.167	18.294	5.225	20.798	11.035	
8	16.156	18.122	23.404	19.046	15.021	16.479	26.318	0	17.403	22.214	16.456	20.273	22.406	18.841	24.635	17.512	22.136	19.408	15.576	23.894	15.675	21.751	17.853	25.626	20.425	21.712	15.371	20.217	16.505	19.745	23.348	26.957	27.605	26.496	31.506	30.852	24.890	21.339	15.948	7.323	6.932	11.582	14.247	21.400	23.576	12.877	16.156
9	2.180	4.940	9.385	4.043	3.538	3.578	12.332	17.849	0	6.777	3.868	4.793	7.403	3.839	7.453	3.87	7.133	4.405	1.919	6.938	5.074	5.675	4.754	6.740	5.422	6.710	1.534	8.029	3.604	11.037	10.994	16.269	13.151	11.566	15.248	17.675	12.530	6.644	5.189	13.123	12.999	11.179	2.109	16.229	6.620	5.400	2.180
10	5.814	2.690	6.546	4.259	4.949	3.564	8.925	19.261	6.460	0	3.097	2.249	9.113	4.055	4.799	6.681	8.842	2.129	5.030	2.777	4.884	1.514	2.421	4.706	2.221	8.419	7.149	11.541	3.549	22.925	15.922	18.618	15.500	13.915	20.177	22.604	16.042	9.554	10.557	15.328	17.710	12.320	6.523	14.428	2.460	16.057	5.814
11	2.116	1.787	5.071	2.659	1.852	4.66	7.984	16.163	3.363	2.953	0	1.009	11.698	2.727	6.301	3.472	11.428	2.381	1.933	5.561	2.217	2.490	1.519	7.292	2.527	11.005	4.878	10.700	1.154	17.568	14.536	17.232	14.114	12.528	16.300	28.675	22.712	7.299	7.633	11.437	14.163	10.336	3.200	12.444	5.243	10.700	2.116
12	3.269	2.120	4.791	2.992	3.004	1.619	7.170	17.316	4.516	2.055	1.152	0	11.526	3.060	6.129	4.625	11.256	2.207	3.085	2.856	2.939	1.593	1.852	1.200	10.833	6.030	16.706	2.297	20.980	18.336	21.032	17.914	16.329	22.590	25.017	23.215	11.968	8.785	13.383	15.765	9.900	4.578	12.483	5.338	14.113	3.269	
13	7.334	8.465	9.679	8.303	8.446	4.886	12.626	29.698	9.052	9.240	8.777	13.020	0	8.098	8.313	8.201	1.696	6.184	8.527	10.203	9.982	8.137	8.197	7.329	7.997	6.94	10.892	10.537	8.512	14.832	12.167	14.863	11.745	10.160	16.421	18.848	17.046	5.799	10.781	23.294	19.580	20.286	10.020	22.394	9.885	24.024	7.334
14	3.335	1.752	6.600	8.39	4.448	4.488	9.547	18.759	5.053	3.816	2.794	3.327	6.328	0	4.668	4.202	6.057	1.444	4.529	3.977	5.984	2.714	1.566	3.955	2.461	5.634	4.670	9.062	4.514	13.297	12.648	15.343	12.225	10.640	14.500	19.329	17.527	5.300	8.078	14.033	17.209	12.089	6.022	13.600	6.359	13.296	3.335
15	7.192	4.649	3.116	4.843	8.304	7.957	6.513	24.235	8.910	5.424	7.490	7.557	8.410	4.639	0	8.059	8.140	3.814	8.385	4.739	9.037	4.321	4.381	4.004	4.181	7.717	7.400	13.959	8.371	17.885	15.220	17.916	20.100	13.210	19.474	19.700	20.100	8.852	13.834	17.831	22.684	14.823	9.878	16.100	4.421	18.560	6.100
16	2.242	5.302	9.747	4.405	3.599	3.640	12.694	14.912	3.97	7.139	3.930	4.855	7.765	4.201	7.815	0	7.495	4.767	2.129	7.300	5.136	6.037	5.116	7.102	5.784	7.072	1.211	7.706	3.666	10.715	10.671	14.280	13.513	11.928	14.300	17.352	12.207	6.321	4.865	10.180	13.055	10.184	1.912	19.960	6.982	5.681	2.242
17	7.063	1.895	9.408	8.032	8.176	8.216	12.356	29.428	8.781	8.969	8.506	12.750	1.696	7.828	8.042	7.930	0	5.914	8.256	9.932	9.712	7.867	7.927	7.059	7.727	1.002	10.622	10.200	8.242	14.561	11.897	14.592	11.474	9.889	16.151	18.578	16.776	5.528	10.511	23.024	19.309	20.016	9.750	22.124	9.614	23.753	7.063
18	3.686	1.486	3.508	2.130	4.798	2.866	7.286	19.110	5.404	2.372	2.400	2.645	7.441	1.926	3.127	4.553	7.170	0	4.879	2.533	4.354	1.270	1.218	3.035	1.017	6.747	5.021	9.102	8.264	13.848	14.251	16.946	13.828	12.243	18.305	20.932	13.913	5.878	8.428	14.383	17.559	16.354	6.372	18.362	4.215	13.646	3.400
19	1.383	3.348	6.983	4.272	1.665	1.706	9.897	15.977	1.958	4.865	1.996	2.921	7.633	4.068	7.682	2.067	7.763	4.634	0	7.473	3.202	5.904	3.080	6.969	5.652	6.939	3.357	10.100	1.732	17.381	13.803	16.946	13.380	11.795	18.057	20.484	14.601	6.566	6.228	11.251	14.427	8.300	2.078	14.356	7.155	10.514	1.383
20	6.666	3.816	1.890	4.680	7.778	6.106	5.593	23.298	8.384	4.590	7.330	7.999	4.476	2.580	7.533	7.269	7.859	0	6.684	3.487	3.580	3.447	3.305	8.001	13.179	5.349	17.473	13.100	17.504	14.386	12.801	19.063	21.490	19.688	8.441	13.423	16.848	12.717	18.887	9.352	15.995	6.05	16.624	6.666			
21	3.861	4.564	7.848	6.750	2.726	3.264	10.762	14.619	5.108	5.730	2.777	3.786	10.111	6.546	9.079	5.217	9.840	7.112	3.281	8.338	0	5.268	4.296	10.070	5.304	9.417	6.622	16.495	3.463	16.023	16.280	18.976	15.858	14.273	17.600	27.130	21.168	9.044	12.226	9.892	13.068	7.948	4.774	13.989	8.020	9.155	3.861
22	4.794	1.670	4.160	3.239	4.075	2.690	8.051	18.387	6.512	1.102	2.223	1.375	8.093	3.035	3.779	5.661	7.822	1.109	4.156	1.757	4.010	0	1.401	3.686	1.201	7.399	6.129	10.521	2.675	22.051	12.100	17.598	14.480	12.895	19.157	1.900	15.022	7.200	9.537	14.454	16.836	11.446	5.649	13.554	1.440	15.183	4.794
23	3.993	2.62	4.239	1.135	3.359	1.974	8.017	17.671	5.711	3.079	1.508	2.040	7.007	1.202	3.857	4.860	6.736	1.187	3.440	3.103	3.462	1.840	0	3.765	1.333	6.400	5.328	9.720	2.700	13.955	13.327	16.023	12.905	11.320	17.581	20.008	14.220	6.186	8.736	12.945	16.121	11.755	4.933	13.863	2.785	12.208	3.993
24	7.334	4.839	8.935	6.585	8.446	8.487	11.882	22.758	9.052	8.496	8.777	12.276	4.406	6.381	7.569	8.201	4.136	6.536	8.527	9.458	9.983	7.393	7.306	0	7.253	3.712	9.941	5.986	8.513	13.881	11.216	13.911	10.793	9.208	15.470	17.897	16.095	4.848	8.930	22.550	18.629	19.542	10.020	12.650	9.141	16.953	7.334
25	4.761	1.636	4.127	3.205	5.																																										

Table 14 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day one

Day one					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[1]	-	-	[1]	-	-
[2]	3 787	5,680	[4]	2 889	4,333
[3]	4 285	6,427	[14]	701	1,051
[4]	5 360	8,040	[23]	1 566	2,349
[5]	4 570	6,855	[2]	262	0,393
[6]	1 903	2,854	[18]	1 234	1,851
Total	19 905	29,857		6 652	9,978

Table 15 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day two

Day two					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[6]	-	-	[18]	-	-
[7]	9 349	14,023	[25]	1 070	1,525
[8]	26 472	39,708	[44]	12 300	18,450
[9]	17 403	26,104	[42]	12 750	19,125
[10]	6 777	10,165	[40]	3 225	4,838
[11]	3 097	4,645	[8]	7 283	10,925
Total	63 098	97,647		36 575	54,863

Table 16 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day three

Day three					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[11]	-	-	[8]	-	-
[12]	1 009	1,513	[41]	6 932	10,398
[13]	11 526	17,289	[30]	10281	15,421
[14]	8 098	12,147	[37]	4 963	7,44
[15]	4 668	7,002	[36]	5 400	8,100
[16]	8 059	12,088	[35]	3 049	4,573
Total	33 360	50,040		30 625	435, 937

Table 17 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day four

Day four					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[16]	-	-	[35]	-	-
[17]	7 495	11,242	[32]	1 874	2,811
[18]	5 914	8,871	[33]	3 143	4,714
[19]	4 879	7,318	[34]	2 844	4,266
[20]	7 473	11,209	[31]	6 189	9,283
[21]	6 684	10,026	[28]	3 892	5,838
Total	32 445	48,667		17 942	26, 913

Table 18 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day five

Day five					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[21]	-	-	[28]	-	-
[22]	5 268	7,903	[39]	4 096	6,144
[23]	1 401	2,101	[46]	4 157	6,235
[24]	3 765	5,674	[43]	5 358	8,037
[25]	7 253	10,879	[19]	2 364	3,546
[26]	7 366	11,049	[11]	1 996	2,994
Total	25 053	37,579		17 971	26,956

Table 19 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day six

Day six					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[26]	-	-	[11]	-	-
[27]	7 800	11,700	[6]	466	0,699
[28]	8 858	13,287	[21]	1 740	2,610
[29]	10 069	15,103	[5]	2 726	4,089
[30]	21 121	31,681	[29]	1 929	2,893
[31]	8 749	13,123	[12]	1 189	1,783
Total	56 597	84,895		8 050	12,075

Table 20 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day seven

Day seven					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[31]	-	-	[12]	-	-
[32]	3 602	5,403	[22]	1 593	4,779
[33]	3 143	4,714	[10]	1 102	3,306
[34]	2 844	4,266	[45]	2 460	7,38
[35]	7 419	11,128	[7]	5 501	16,503
Total	17 008	25,512		10 656	31,968

Table 21 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day eight

Day eight					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[35]	-	-	[7]	-	-
[36]	3 071	4,606	[3]	5 019	7,528
[37]	5 430	8,145	[20]	1 167	1,750
[38]	9 760	14,640	[15]	2 580	3,870
[39]	5 759	8,638	[24]	4 004	6,006
Total	24 020	36,030		12 770	19,155

Table 22 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day nine

Day nine					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[39]	-	-	[24]	-	-
[40]	11 367	17,050	[17]	4 136	6,204
[41]	7 200	10,800	[13]	1 696	2,544
[42]	10 895	16,342	[26]	694	1,041
[43]	8 168	12,252	[38]	5 105	7,657
Total	37 630	56,445		17,446	11 631

Table 23 - The sequence of default circuit and the best algorithm Savings method in day ten

Day ten					
Default circuit			Savings method		
Sequences	Distances	Time	Sequences	Distances	Time
[43]	-	-	[38]	-	-
[44]	18 517	27,775	[27]	4 869	7,303
[45]	14 816	22,224	[16]	948	1,422
[46]	16 944	25,416	[9]	397	0,595
[47]	7 100	10,650	[1]	2 180	3,270
Total	57 377	86,065		8 394	12,591