

NP-hard optimization problems still persist... despite deep learning

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Resumen:

Neural Combinatorial Optimization has emerged as a new paradigm in the optimization area. It attempts to solve optimization problems by means of neural networks and reinforcement learning. In the last few years, due to their novelty and presumably good performance, many research papers have been published introducing new neural architectures for a variety of combinatorial problems. However, the incorporation of such models in the conventional optimization portfolio raises many questions related to their performance compared to other existing methods, such as exact algorithms, heuristics or metaheuristics. In this talk, we will provide an idea of the capabilities of NCO models giving illustrative examples, and will describe their limitations and weaknesses that comprehend the trends for research in the next years.

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