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ABSTRACT

This paper describes...

INTRODUCTION

NP-hard and NP-complete problems....

Background

Peterson, et al., [5] demonstrated....

Project Goals

The project described and explained in this paper....

METHODOLOGY

Utilizing an Intel Pentium platform and....

RESULTS

Analysis of the computed paths of the TSP reveal that....

CONCLUSIONS

NP-complete problems have been shown to be ...

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