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| SA = Simulated Annealing | from Ventresca, M., 2012. Global search algorithms using a combinatorial unranking-based problem representation for the critical node detection problem. <i>Computers & Operations Research</i> 39, 2763–2775. |
| PBIL = Population Based Incremental Learning | |
| DFSH-Post = Depth First Search Heuristic with Postprocessing | Edalatmanesh, M., 2013. Heuristics for the critical node detection problem in large complex networks. Ph.D. thesis, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. |
| Greedy = greedy algorithm | Ventresca, M., Aleman, D., 2015a. Efficiently identifying critical nodes in large complex networks. <i>Computational Social Networks</i> 2 (6). |
| Greedy3d and Greedy4d = constructive algorithms | Addis, B., Aringhieri, R., Grosso, A., Hosteins, P., 2016. Hybrid Constructive Heuristics for the Critical Node Problem. <i>Annals of Operations Research</i> 238 (1), 637–649. |
| Best VNS = Best VNS algorithm among all existing VNS variants | |
| Best among all VNS = best result for each instance among all 24 VNS variants | |
| Best ILS = Best ILS algorithm among all existing ILS variants | Aringhieri, R., Grosso, A., Hosteins, P., Scatamacchia, R., 2016. Local search metaheuristics for the critical node problem. <i>Networks</i> 67, 209–221. |
| Best among all ILS = best result for each instance among all 6 ILS variants | |
| Genetic = genetic algorithm with use of greedy rules | R. Aringhieri, A. Grosso, and P. Hosteins. A genetic algorithm for a class of critical node problems. In The 7th International Network Optimization Conference (INOC'15), volume 52 of <i>Electronic Notes in Discrete Mathematics</i> , pages 359–366, 2016 Aringhieri, R., Grosso, A., Hosteins, P., Scatamacchia, R., 2016. A general evolutionary framework for different classes of critical node problems. <i>Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence</i> , 55:128–145, 2016. |
| CNA1 = Critical Node Algorithm 1 | W. Pullan, 2015. Heuristic identification of critical nodes in sparse real-world graphs. <i>Journal of Heuristics</i> 21, 577–598. |
| GRASP+PR = Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure with Path Relinking | D. Purevsuren, G. Cui, N.N.H. Win, X. Wang, 2016. Heuristic Algorithm for Identifying Critical Nodes in Graphs. <i>Advances in Computer Science: an International Journal</i> 5 (3). |
| exact = exact algorithms (used as target value, when available) | Veremyev, A., Boginski, V., Pasiliao, E., 2014. Exact identification of critical nodes in sparse networks via new compact formulations. <i>Optimization Letters</i> 8, 1245–1259. Di Summa, M., Grosso, A., Locatelli, M., 2012. Branch and cut algorithms for detecting critical nodes in undirected graphs. <i>Computational Optimization and Applications</i> 53, 649–680. |

| Instances | K | exact | SA | PBIL | DFSH-Post | Greedy | Greedy3d | Greedy4d | Best VNS | Best among all VNS | | Best among all ILS | | Genetic | CNA1 | GRASP+P R |
|-----------|-----|-------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Best ILS | Best ILS | | | |
| BA500 | 50 | 195 | 997 | 892 | 203 | 199 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 | 195 |
| BA1000 | 75 | 558 | 3770 | 3057 | 580 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 559 | 558 | 558 | 558 |
| BA2500 | 100 | 3704 | 31171 | 28044 | 4292 | 3726 | 3722 | 3722 | 3704 | 3704 | 3722 | 3722 | 3704 | 3704 | 3704 | 3704 |
| BA5000 | 150 | 10196 | 170998 | 146753 | 12273 | 10216 | 10196 | 10196 | 10196 | 10196 | 10242 | 10222 | 10196 | 10196 | 10196 | 10196 |
| ER235 | 50 | 295 | 7700 | 6700 | 1141 | 3011 | 315 | 313 | 295 | 295 | 324 | 313 | 295 | 297 | 297 | 297 |
| ER466 | 80 | | 48627 | 44255 | 19952 | 28994 | 1938 | 1993 | 1655 | 1542 | 1874 | 1874 | 1560 | 1548 | 1575 | |
| ER941 | 140 | | 234479 | 229576 | 114166 | 116135 | 8106 | 8419 | 5326 | 5198 | 5724 | 5544 | 5120 | 5345 | 5482 | |
| ER2344 | 200 | | 2011122 | 2009132 | 1606656 | 1395584 | 1118785 | 1112685 | 1059239 | 997839 | 1066164 | 1038048 | 1039254 | 1014430 | 1048464 | |
| FF250 | 50 | 194 | 1841 | 1386 | 302 | 217 | 199 | 197 | 194 | 194 | 212 | 195 | 194 | 194 | 194 | 194 |
| FF500 | 110 | 257 | 2397 | 1904 | 344 | 293 | 262 | 264 | 259 | 257 | 261 | 261 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 |
| FF1000 | 150 | 1260 | 92800 | 59594 | 1880 | 1414 | 1288 | 1271 | 1279 | 1260 | 1278 | 1276 | 1260 | 1260 | 1260 | 1261 |
| FF2000 | 200 | 4545 | 387248 | 256905 | 7432 | 5002 | 4647 | 4592 | 4551 | 4549 | 4583 | 4583 | 4546 | 4548 | 4554 | |
| WS250 | 70 | | 14251 | 13786 | 16110 | 16110 | 11694 | 11401 | 7977 | 6610 | 3266 | 3241 | 3240 | 4465 | 4465 | 9351 |
| WS500 | 125 | | 54201 | 53779 | 55163 | 69751 | 4818 | 11981 | 2130 | 2130 | 2282 | 2282 | 2199 | 2141 | 2209 | |
| WS1000 | 200 | | 311700 | 308596 | 319600 | 319600 | 316416 | 318003 | 236279 | 139653 | 146172 | 115914 | 113638 | 171635 | 297241 | |
| WS1500 | 265 | | 717369 | 703241 | 653015 | 761995 | 157621 | 243190 | 13792 | 13792 | 16357 | 14681 | 13662 | 14461 | 14177 | |

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Set 1: proposed in Ventresca in Ventresca, M., 2012. Global search algorithms using a combinatorial unranking-based problem representation for the critical node detection problem. Computers & Operations Research 39, 2763–2775.

Set 1 is available here: <https://engineering.purdue.edu/~mventresca/cnd.zip>
<http://di.unito.it/cnp>

results on set 2

| Instances | K | Greedy3d | Greedy4d | Best VNS | Best ILS | Genetic |
|-------------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bovine | 3 | 268 | 268 | 268 | 268 | 268 |
| Circuit | 25 | 2099 | 2100 | 2101 | 2117 | 2099 |
| E.coli | 15 | 806 | 834 | 806 | 806 | 806 |
| USAir97 | 33 | 4442 | 4726 | 5444 | 4442 | 4336 |
| HumanDiseas | 52 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 |
| TreniRoma | 26 | 926 | 936 | 920 | 934 | 928 |
| EU_flights | 119 | 349927 | 350757 | 356631 | 355798 | 351610 |
| openflights | 186 | 29624 | 29552 | 31620 | 29416 | 28834 |
| yeast | 202 | 1416 | 1415 | 1421 | 1434 | 1414 |
| Ham1000 | 100 | 338574 | 336866 | 332286 | 344509 | 328817 |
| Ham2000 | 200 | 1372109 | 1367779 | 1309063 | 1417341 | 1315198 |
| Ham3000a | 300 | 3087215 | 3100938 | 3058656 | 3278172 | 3005183 |
| Ham3000b | 300 | 3096420 | 3100748 | 3121639 | 3250497 | 2993393 |
| Ham3000c | 300 | 3094459 | 3097451 | 3079570 | 3202002 | 2975213 |
| Ham3000d | 300 | 3090753 | 3100216 | 3027839 | 3237495 | 2988605 |
| Ham3000e | 300 | 3095793 | 3113514 | 3031975 | 3255390 | 3001078 |
| Ham4000 | 400 | 5534254 | 5530402 | 5498097 | 5877896 | 5403572 |
| Ham5000 | 500 | 8657681 | 8653358 | 8889904 | 9212984 | 8411789 |
| powergrid | 494 | 16373 | 16406 | 16099 | 16533 | 16254 |
| Oclinks | 190 | 614504 | 614546 | 623366 | 625671 | 620020 |
| facebook | 404 | 608487 | 856642 | 865115 | 420334 | 561111 |
| grqc | 524 | 13787 | 13825 | 13751 | 13817 | 13736 |
| hepth | 988 | 232021 | 326281 | 114933 | 123138 | 114382 |
| hepph | 1201 | 10305849 | 10162995 | 10989642 | 11759201 | 7336826 |
| astroph | 1877 | 54713053 | 54517114 | 65937108 | 65822942 | 58045178 |
| condmat | 2313 | 11771033 | 11758662 | 6121430 | 2298596 | 2612548 |

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