ABSTRACT – We review some old and new results on randomly generated instances of the Traveling Salesperson Problem. We consider two basic scenarios. One where the vertices are random points in Euclidean space and we use euclidean distance as cost. In the second, we assume that the costs are independently generated. The two models are rather different.

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