

Swarm Optimization

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Approximate Optimization Methods

Swarm Behaviour

- **E** Swarm behavior is the collective behavior of **decentralized, self-organized** systems. A typical swarm system consists of a **population of simple agents** which can communicate (either directly or indirectly) locally with each other by acting on their local environment.
- Examples in natural systems of swarm intelligence include **bird flocking, ant foraging, and fish schooling**
	- Swarm agents establish a social network
	- Swarm agents profit from the discoveries and previous experience of the other agents of the swarms
	- Swarm agents iteratively change their positions (i.e., decides how to move) using information from personal past experience and from its social neighborhood

Communication and Cooperation

- Boids is an artificial life program, developed by Craig Reynolds in 1986, which simulates the flocking behavior of birds. The name "boid" corresponds to a shortened version of "bird-oid object", which refers to a bird-like object
- Boids follow 3 fundamental rules are:
	- Birds are **attracted** to the location of the roost
	- Birds **remember** where it was closer to the roost
	- Birds **share information** with its neighbors about its closest location to the roost

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Eventually, all agents land on the roost

- **What if**
	- Roost $=$ (unknown) local optima of a function
	- Distance to the roost $=$ quality of current agent position on the optimization landscape

Particle Swarm Optimization

- Particle Swarm Optimization cosists of simulating the movement of swarm bird -like **particles** (solutions)
- At each iteration, each particle is found at a position in the **solution space**
- The fitness of each particle represents the **quality of its position** on the optimization landscape
- Particles move over the search space with a certain **velocity**
- At each iteration the velocity of a particles is influenced by:
	- pbest: its **own best positions** found so far
	- gbest: the **global best solution** so far
- **Exentually the swarm of particles will converge** to optimal; positions

Swarm Optimization Algorithms

Particle Swarm Optimization

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 $2 \times r \times 10 km$

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Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhgDMAm-iml

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PSO Mathematical Model

$$
\overrightarrow{X_i^{t+1}} = \overrightarrow{X_i^t} + \overrightarrow{V_i^{t+1}}
$$

- Objective: maximize $f(X) = x_1^2 x_1x_2 + x_2^2 + 2x_1 + 4x_2 + 3$
- Where: $-5 \le x_1, x_2 \le 5$
- **Population size = 5**
- **Inertia weight:** $w = 0.9$
- **Cognitive weight:** $c_1 = 1.5$
- **B** Social weight: $c_2 = 1.5$

■ Iteration 2

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 (c_1r_1)

Exploration: Search for new regions of the solution space. Aims to find the regions with potentially the best solutions

Exploitation: Explores previous promising regions of the solution space.

 c_2r_2

Inertia: Makes the particle move in the same direction and velocity. The parameter W is important for balancing exploration and exploitation

 $\overline{V_i^{t+1}}$

Cognitive Component: Makes the particle to return to a previous promising position

Social Component: Makes the particle to move in the direction of the best solution found so far by the team.

- **Swarm size** (N) number of particles in the swarm: the more particles in the swarm, the larger the **initial diversity**. A large swarm allows larger parts of the search space to be covered per iteration. However, more particles increase the per iteration **computational complexity**, and the search degrades to a parallel random search
- It has been shown in a number of empirical studies that small swarm sizes of **10 to 30** tend to provide better results – however note that the optimal swarm size is problem-dependent

• **Inertia Coefficient** (w) allows to define the ability of the swarm to change its direction.

$$
\overrightarrow{X_i^{t+1}} = \overrightarrow{X_i^t} + \overrightarrow{V_i^{t+1}}
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$$
\overrightarrow{V_i^{t+1}} = \overrightarrow{W_i^t} + c_1 r_1 \left(\overrightarrow{P_i^t} - \overrightarrow{X_i^t} \right) + c_2 r_2 \left(\overrightarrow{G^t} - \overrightarrow{X_i^t} \right)
$$
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$$
\underbrace{\sum_{\text{Inertia}}^{\text{Inertia}} \sum_{\text{Cognitive component}}^{\text{Conitive component}} \sum_{\text{Social component}}^{\text{Local component}}
$$

A low coefficient w facilitates the exploitation of the best solutions found so far while a high coefficient w facilitates the exploration around these solutions. Note that it is recommended to avoid $w > 1$ which can lead to a divergence of our particles.

- Cognitive Coefficient (c1) allows defining the ability of the group to be influenced by the best personal
- **Social Coefficient** (c2) allows defining the ability of the group to be influenced by the best global solution found over the iterations.

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\nSocial component

The particles of the swarm are more individualistic when $c1$ is high (exploration) . There is, therefore, no convergence because each particle is only focused on its own best solutions. In contrast, the particles of the swarm are more influenced by the others when c2 is high.

Try it yourself

[http://www.netlogoweb.org/launch#http://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/models/models/Sample%20Models](http://www.netlogoweb.org/launch#http://ccl.northwestern.edu/netlogo/models/models/Sample%20Models/Computer%20Science/Particle%20Swarm%20Optimization.nlogo) /Computer%20Science/Particle%20Swarm%20Optimization.nlogo

Adaptive PSO

- According to the paper by M. Clerc and J. Kennedy to define a standard for Particle Swarm Optimization, the best static parameters are $w \approx 0.73$ and $c1 + c2 > 4$. More exactly $c1 = c2 = 2.05$ (obtained empirically)
- An adaptive procedure may lead to better balance between exploration and exploitation - starting with a strong c_1 , strong w, and weak c_2 to increase the exploration in the first iterations. Then, the parameters are updated, towards a weak c1, weak w, and strong c2 to increase exploitation around the best region.

$$
w^{t} = 0.4 \frac{(t - N)}{N^{2}} + 0.4
$$

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$$
c_{1}^{t} = -3 \frac{t}{N} + 3.5
$$

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$$
c_{2}^{t} = +3 \frac{t}{N} + 0.5
$$

 $t - current iteration$ − total number of iterations

Swarm Topology

- The topology of the swarm defines the subset of particles with which each particle can exchange information.
- The basic version of PSO uses the global topology as the swarm communication structure. This topology allows all particles to communicate with all the other particles, thus the whole swarm share the same best position g from a single particle.
- However, this approach might lead the swarm to be trapped into a local minimum, thus different topologies have been used to control the flow of information among particles.

Global topology: each particle is attracted to the best group particle noted gbest, and communicates with the others.

Ring topology: each particle communicates with n immediate neighbors, and tends to move towards the best position in the local neighborhood called nbest

40 Star topology : a central particle is connected to all others. Only this central particle adjusts its position towards the best, if this causes an improvement the information is propagated to the others.

Swarm Topology

Cluster-based global topology

Discrete Optimization

- PSO algorithms are applied traditionally to continuous optimization problems. Some adaptations must be made for discrete optimization problems. Two methods are often used:
	- **Discrete PSO with Crossover Operators**: Crossover operators are used to guide the particles towards the gbest and the lbest (cognitive and social moves); Mutation operators are often used to facilitate exploration (inertia move)
	- **Binary PSO with Sigmoid Function**: velocity assume real values, however a sigmoid functions is used to transform the velocities into the binary interval

PSO with Crossover Operators

Recall from Evolutionary Algorithms

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PSO in Python

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TSP Instance

Generate and Process Instance Data


```
plt.plot(coordlct_x, coordlct_y, 'o', color='black');
```


Object City

■ A city is an object with data concerning the corresponding coordinates and functions (methods) to compute distance between city objects


```
#Compute Distance Between Cities
City.distance(cities[1],cities[2])
```
Generate Initial Population

▪ **2-approaches to generate the initial population:**

- Completely at random (good to ensure diversity)
- Greedy approach (initiate the search with good solutions)

Overview of the Code

particle.update costs and pbest()

Swap Mutation – Inertia Operator

■ Apply *n (self.no_swap)* random swaps

```
swap it=0
while swap_it <self.no_swap:
   idx = range(len(self.cities))i1, i2 = random.sumple(idx, 2)new_route[i1], new_route[i2] = new_route[i2], new_route[i1]
    swap_it=swap_it+1
```
Swap Operator


```
#Cognitive Component
pbest probability=0.5
temp velocity = []for i in range(len(cities)):
     if new route[i] != particle.pbest[i]:
        swap = (i, particle.pbest.index(new_route[i]), pbest_probability)
        if random.random() \leq swap[2]:
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Crossover – Social Operator

```
gbest_probability=0.5
for i in range(len(cities)):
    if new_{\text{route}}[i] != ghost_i[i]:swap = (i, new_route.index(gbest_i[i]), gbest_probability)
        if random.random() \leq swap[2]:
            new\_route[swap[0]], new\_route[swap[1]] = new\_route[swap[1]], new\_route[swap[0]]print(swap)
```
Similar to Cognitive Operator