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BENCHMARK OF PSO-DE USING BBOB 2010

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Abstract: As an example, we benchmark the Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm with a Differential Evolution on the noisefree Black Box Optimization Benchmark 2010 testbed. Each candidate solution is sampled uniformly in [-5, 5] ^D, where D denotes the search space dimension, and the evolution is performed with a classical PSO algorithm and a classical DE/x/1 algorithm according to a random threshold. The maximum number of function evaluations is chosen as 10⁵ times the search space dimension. This paper shows how to evaluate the performance of a given optimization algorithm a using the BBOB 2010.

Keywords: Benchmarking, Black-box optimization, Direct search, Evolutionary computation, Particle Swarm Optimizacin, Differential Evolution

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Introduction

Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a global optimization algorithm for dealing with problems in which a best solution can be represented as a point or surface in an n-dimensional space. Hypotheses are plotted in this space and seeded with an initial velocity, as well as a communication channel between the particles. Particles then move through the solution space, and are evaluated according to some fitness criterion after each timestep. Over time, particles are accelerated towards those particles within their communication grouping which have better fitness values. The main advantage of such an approach over other global minimization strategies such as simulated annealing is that the large number of members that make up the particle swarm make the technique impressively resilient to the problem of local minima [7, 8, 9].

Equations used in the particle swarm optimization training process are the following ones, where c1 and c2 are two positive constants, R1 and R2 are two random numbers belonging to [0, 1] and w is the inertia weight. This equations define how the genotype values are changing along iterations.

$$egin{aligned} &v_{in}(t+1) = wv_{in}(t) + \ &c_1 R_1(p_{in} - x_{in}(t)) + \ &c_2 R_2(p_{gn} - x_{in}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{in}(t+1) = x_{in}(t) + v_{in}(t+1)$$

Previous equations will modified the network weights till a stop conditions is achieved, that is, a lower mean squared error or a maximum number of iterations is reached.

Differential Evolution (DE) is an evolutionary algorithm [10, 11, 12] that uses a differential mutation procedure that consists in the addition of the weighted difference of two population vectors to a third vector. Many variants of the differential mutation procedure exists. Choosing between these variants and setting parameters requires preliminary testing as [11] admits that the results of the algorithm are dependent on the chosen strategy and the choice of parameter. DE/local-to-best/1 is a variant where instead of the base vector x_{i1} being chosen in the

population vector, it is chosen to lie between the vector considered and the best vector so far, thus the update of the velocity is written as follows, where F is a constant in the range [0, 2]:



Figure 1: Expected Ronning Time (ERT, \bullet) to reach $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ and median number of *f*-evaluations from successful trials (+), for $\Delta f = 10^{[+1,0,-1,-2,-3,-5,-8]}$ (the exponent is given in the legend of f_1 and f_{34}) versus dimension in log-log presentation. For each function and dimension, $\text{ERT}(\Delta f)$ equals to $\#\text{FEs}(\Delta f)$ divided by the number of successful trials, where a trial is successful if $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ was surpassed. The $\#\text{FEs}(\Delta f)$ are the total number (sum) of *f*-evaluations while $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ was not surpassed in the trial, from all (successful and unsuccessful) trials, and f_{opt} is the optimal function values. Crosses (×) indicate the total number of *f*-evaluations, $\#\text{FEs}(-\infty)$, divided by the number of trials. Numbers above ERT-symbols indicate the number of successful trials. Y-axis annotations are decimal logarithms. The thick light line with diamonds shows the single best results from BBOB-2009 for $\Delta f = 10^{-8}$. Additional grid lines show linear and quadratic scaling.

Method

We have used a uniform sampling in $[-5, 5]^{D}$, where D denotes the dimension of the search space. The experiments according to [3] on the benchmark functions given in [2, 4] have been conducted using a C-code. A maximum of $10^5 \times D$ function evaluations has been used.

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Table 1: Shown are, for a given target difference to the optimal function value Δf : the number of successful trials (#); the expected running time to surpass $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ (ERT, see Figure 1); the 10%-tile and 90%-tile of the bootstrap distribution of ERT; the average number of function evaluations in successful trials or, if none was successful, as last entry the median number of function evaluations to reach the best function value (RT_{succ}). If $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ was never reached, figures in *italics* denote the best achieved Δf -value of the median trial and the 10% and 90%-tile trial. Furthermore, N denotes the number of trials, and mFE denotes the maximum of number of function evaluations executed in one trial. See Figure 1 for the names of functions.

The simulations for 2; 5; 10; 20 and 40 D were done with the C-code and took 2 hours and a half. No parameter tuning was done and the crafting effort CrE [3] is computed to zero.



Figure 2: Empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDFs), plotting the fraction of trials versus running time (left subplots) or versus Δf (right subplots). The thick red line represents the best achieved results. Left subplots: ECDF of the running time (number of function evaluations), divided by search space dimension D_s to fall below $f_{opt} + \Delta f$ with $\Delta f = 10^k$, where k is the first value in the legend. Right subplots: ECDF of the best achieved Δf divided by 10^k (upper left lines in continuation of the left subplot), and best achieved Δf divided by 10^{-8} for running times of D, 10D, 100D... function evaluations (from right to left cycling blackcyan-magenta). The legends indicate the number of functions that were solved in at least one trial. FEvals denotes number of function evaluations, D and DIM denote search space dimension, and Δf and Df denote the difference to the optimal function value. Light brown lines in the background show ECDFs for target value 10^{-8} of all algorithms benchmarked during BBOB-2009.

Results

Results from experiments according to [2] on the benchmarks functions given in [1, 3] are presented in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and in Tables 1 and 2. The algorithm solves some of the moderate functions f1, f2, f5, f6, f14 and f21. Else, f8, f9, f11, f12, f13 are partially solved for dimensions 20.



Figure 3: ERT loss ratio versus given budget FEvals. The target value f_t for ERT (see Figure 1) is the smallest (best) recorded function value such that ERT(f_t) \leq FEvals for the presented algorithm. Shown is FEvals divided by the respective best ERT(f_t) from BBOB-2009 for functions $f_{1-f_{\rm M}}$ in 5-D and 20-D. Each ERT is multiplied by exp(CrE) correcting for the parameter crafting effort. Line: geometric mean. Box-Whisker error bar: 25-75%-ike with median (box), 10-90%-ike (caps), and minimum and maximum ERT loss ratio (points). The vertical line gives the maximal number of function evaluations in this function subset.

Conclusion

We have presented the results of the Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm with a Differential Evolution term, that does use information gathered during search for guiding its next stops following a social behavior not a genetic one. Those results provide a baseline comparison that every adaptive algorithm should outperform. Results have been obtained using the Black Box Optimization Benchmark 2010, which provides useful tools to analyze data in a graphical way.

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1e4	32	94	1.4e2	3.7e2	6.7e2	1.4e3		
1e5	99	2.0e2	3.5e2	6.2e2	3.7e3	6.2e3		
RLus/D	6e3	6e3	6e3	6e3	6e3	6e3		

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