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Particle swarm optimization performance on special linear programming problems

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Linear programming (LP) is one of the best known optimization problems solved generally with Simplex Method. Most of the real life problems have been modeled as LP. The solutions of some special LP problems exhibiting cycling have not been studied except for the classical methods. This study, aimed to solve some special LP problems, exhibit cycling with Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and to show PSO performance for these problems. So, some special problems taken from literature have been solved with PSO. Results taken from Genetic Algorithm (GA) and PSO have been compared with the reference. The results have shown that PSO performance is generally better than GA in view of optimality and solution time. And it is also proposed that cycling problems are used for testing the performance of new developed algorithms like Numerical Benchmark Functions.

Key words: LP, cycling, PSO.

INTRODUCTION

Optimization problems arise in a wide variety of scientific and engineering applications including signal processing, system identification, filter design, function approximation, regression analysis, and so on. In many engineering and scientific applications, the real-time solution of optimization problems is widely required. However, traditional algorithms for digital computers may not be efficient since the computing time required for a solution is greatly dependent on the dimension and structure of the problems (Effati and Nazemi, 2006).

Linear programming (LP) is perhaps the most widely applicable technique in Operational Research (Troutt et al., 2005). Most of the real-life problem such as hydro-power reservoir optimal operation (Cheng et al., 2008) water distribution system design problems (Milan, 2010), the calculation of chemical equilibrium in complex thermodynamic systems (Belov, 2010), Power Allocation for Coded orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM) (Kenarsari and Lampe, 2009) have been modeled and solved using LP approximation. LP model aims to optimize a linear object function, subject to linear equality or inequality constraints. Different solution methods have been proposed for LP.

Simplex Method is the best-known method developed by Dantzig. Revised Simplex methods have been developed by G.B. Dantzig for computer based solutions (Dantzig, 1998). There are a lot of different approaches for solving linear programming problems except for the classical methods. Simplified neural net-work (Oskoei and Mahdavi-Amiri, 2006), recurrent neural network (Malek and Alipour, 2007) and PSO (Kuo, 2009) have been used for solving linear programming problems.

Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a population based optimization technique developed by Kennedy and Eberhart (1995), inspired by social behavior of bird flocking or fish schooling (Lazinca, 2009). Since PSO is also population based method, convergence to optimal solution is quite rapid.

The solution of LP problems exhibit cycling is difficult with classical Simplex Method. So some extra methods like Perturbation method are applied to problem, even if a cycling is a rare situation for LP models. Comparing with iterative methods, metaheuristics are thought to be successful for the cycling LP problems solutions due to their algorithms. In this study, some special LP problems exhibit cycling are selected for solving with PSO.

LINEAR PROGRAMMING MODELS

A general LP model can be formulated as a mathematical optimization problem as Equation (1):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{fopt} &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i &< c_i \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i &= e_i, \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i &> g_i, \quad X_i > 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Solution in a General LP problem is found with movement from the basic solution point to the more optimum basic solution point, until it reaches the best optimum point. LP problems converge to an optimal solution, according to non-degeneracy assumption (NDA) (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004).

Finding the leaving variable, the presence of more than one candidate for leaving the basis causes degeneration. These candidates, namely basic solutions with one or more basic variables at zero are called degenerate. Simplex iterations that do not change the basic solution are also called degenerate. In some cases, after some degenerate iterations, simplex method reaches non-degenerate solution.

But sometimes Simplex method goes through an endless sequence of iterations without ever finding an optimal solution. Simplex Method repeats some iterations in a loop. The first example that was shown to cycle have been constructed by Hoffman in 1953 (Chvatal, 1983; Garcia and Palomo, 2003). And some techniques preventing cycling have been developed by Dantzig. Even if cycling is a rare situation in practical applications, cycling is overcome in most computer implementations of simplex method (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004).

PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is introduced by James Kennedy and Russell Eberhart in 1995. PSO is an evolutionary computation technique like genetic algorithms. Since PSO have many advantages such as comparative simplicity, rapid convergence and little parameters to be adjusted, it has been used in many fields such as function optimization, neural network training, fuzzy system control and pattern identification (Li and Xiao, 2008).

The particle swarm algorithm is an optimization technique inspired by the metaphor of social interaction observed among insects or animals. The kind of social interaction modeled within a PSO is used to guide a population of individuals (particles) moving toward the most promising area of the search space. In a PSO algorithm, each particle is a candidate solution and each particle "flies" through the search space, depending on two important factors; the best position the current particle have found so far and the global best position identified from the entire population. The rate of position change of particle is given by its velocity (Clerc, 1999). k is the iterations number. Particles velocity and positions are updated according to (2), (3) and (4) equations related to the pbest and gbest values:

$$v_i^{k+1} = K(v_i^k + \phi_1 \text{rand}() (p_{best_i}^k - x_i^k) + \phi_2 \text{rand}() (g_{best} - x_i^k)) \tag{2}$$

$$x_i^{k+1} = x_i^k + v_i^{k+1} \tag{3}$$

$$K = \frac{2}{\left| 2 - \phi - \sqrt{\phi^2 - 4\phi} \right|} \quad \phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \quad \phi > 4 \tag{4}$$

The velocity and position formulas with constriction factor(K) have been introduced by Maurice Clerc (Clerc, 1999) given (2),(3),(4). The constriction factor(K) produces a damping effect on the amplitude of an individual particle's oscillations, and as a result, the particle will converge over time. ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 represent the cognitive and social parameters, respectively, rand is the random number uniformly distributed (Parrot and Li, 2006).

The PSO algorithm shares many similarities with evolutionary computation techniques such as GAs. The system is initialized with a population of random solutions and searches for optima by updating generations. However, unlike GA, the PSO algorithm have no evolutionary operators, such as crossover and mutation. In the PSO algorithm, the potential solutions, called particles, move through the problems space by following the current optimal particles (Kuo and Huang, 2009).

PSO has been used for solving discrete and continuous problems. It has been applied to a wide range of applications such as function optimization (Seo et al., 2006), Electrical Power System applications (Valle et al., 2008), neural network training (Zhang et al., 2007), task assignment and scheduling problems in Operation Research (Yoshida et al., 1999; Sevcli and Guner, 2006). PSO is started with initial solutions belonging to each particle.

The global best solutions are selected to fitness function among initial solutions. Local best solutions for each particle is saved. Velocity and positions are updated according to the formulas. Until the stopping criteria, global best solutions and local best solutions are updated for the iterations.

The pseudo code of PSO is given as:

Generated initial P particle swarm

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Do
  For i=1:P
    If fitness(Pi) < fitness(Gbest) then Gbest=Pi
    If fitness(Pi) < fitness(Pbest(i)) then Pbest(i)=Pi
    Compute velocity with Formula (4)
  Update particle P with Formula (5)
  end
Until stopping criteria is not true
  
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SPECIAL LINEAR PROGRAMMING PROBLEM SOLUTION WITH PSO

Most of the real life optimization problems like LP model have constraints. The main difficulty for the optimization problems is to find a solutions in a feasible region specified by constraints. Since variables are continuous, the increment of the number of constraints and variables cause feasible solutions' space to be more complex. Meta-heuristics methods has been considered to be acceptably good solvers of unconstrained continuous problems (Hedar and Fukushima, 2001).

PSO also runs according to unconstrained optimization procedure. So, the constrained continuous optimization problems has been transformed into unconstrained continuous optimization problem by penalizing the objective function value with the quadratic penalty function. In case of any violation of a constraint boundary, the fitness of corresponding solutions is penalized, and thus kept within feasible regions of the solution space by increasing the value of the objective function, when constraint violations are encountered.

The penalty coefficients(R_i) for each constraint have to be judiciously selected. So the rea-sonable solutions importantly depend on these values of penalty coefficients (Saruhan, 2006):

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^k R_i (\max [0, g_i])^2 \tag{5}$$

$$F_{min} = F_{objective} + P \tag{6}$$

For the equality;

$$g_i = \text{abs}(\sum_{i=1}^n d_i x_i - e_i) - \text{tol} \tag{7}$$

In minimization problem, penalty function is added to fitness function. k is the number of constraints, g_i is the constraints' result for the current variables. Tol is the tolerance value, for the equality constraints. Namely if the sum is approached to e_i with an accepted tolerance, equality constraints are thought to be satisfied. If the problem variables satisfy the constraints, g_i will be negative and P will be zero. Namely, if constraints are in feasible region, then P is equal to zero and if not the fitness function is penalized by P .

In this study, LP problems solved with PSO are the best known LP problems exhibiting cycling presented, respectively (Hoffman1953; Beale 1955; Yudin and Gol'shtein, 1965; Marshall and Suurballe, 1969; Chvatal, 1983). The paper by Gass and Vinjamuri (2004) gives explicit statements of 11 problems that are known to exhibit cycling (Gass and Vinjumari, 2004). Problems used in this study are given in Table 1.

In LP models the aim is to find best solutions satisfying the linear constraints. As observed in the Table 1 the objects of the LP models may be minimization or maximization. PSO aims to find global minimum without getting trapped by local minimums. So if the object function is a maximization problem, object function is converted to minimization problem multiplying by minus 1. Fitness function is the sum of object function and penalty function. Parameters used for solving these problems have been given in Table 2.

According to the literature, the problems given in Table 1 have optimal results except for 9 and 11. Tables 9 and 11 have unbounded solutions.

PSO algorithms for the solutions of these problems

have been written in Matlab©. And for the comparison, problems have also been solved with GA. After specifying the proper parameter values, for each problem, 30 runs were simulated.

All simulations have been implemented on a personal computer with Intel Pentium Duo CPU 2.8 GHz and 1.87 GB RAM using MATLAB. The average solutions time for each problem has been calculated tic/toc commands in MATLAB. The mean and standard deviation of these simulations and best solutions for each problem have been given respectively in Table 3 - 22 comparing GA and PSO results with Reference Article. Relative errors have been calculated for the optimal values for GA and PSO with the following equation:

$$\mathcal{E} = \left| \frac{f_{\min^*} - f_{\min}}{f_{\min^*}} \right| \tag{8}$$

F_{\min^*} : Optimal solutions value given by Reference

F_{\min} : Average optimum solutions value found GA or PSO method

Conclusions

This study aimed to show PSO performance on LP problems exhibiting cycling. So some special LP problems exhibiting cycling have been solved in both PSO and GA for the constant parameters set. As observed in Table 3 - 23, PSO is successfully applied to such problems. The performance of PSO is generally better than GA in view of optimality.

As observed in the tables, PSO showed better results for the problems, both in view of average optimal solution and standard deviation. PSO has shown quite better results in view of relative errors for the problems having optimal values different from zero. Comparing average optimal values, the results show that PSO solutions are more stable, since the standard deviation of PSO solutions for the solved problems is generally smaller than GA.

Although both PSO and GA are population based optimization methods, the solution time for the problems solved with PSO is better than GA, because of the fact that PSO uses less parameter (Table 23). This is quite important for real time implementations.

It is observed that the two of the problems' results are different given in the reference (Gass and Vinjumari, 2004) (Table 19 - 21). These results have also been found with Matlab Linprog for controlling.

As it is seen from the results that the solutions for these kind of problems are strictly dependent to the parameters. So it is suggested to use such cycling problems for testing new developed algorithms' performances as benchmark problems. Also, sensitivity of the parameters for these problems are out of scope. It is suggested to study parameter sensitivity of such special problems solutions.

Table 1. Special LP problems by Gass and Vinjamuri (2004).

Problem no	Problem object function and constrained
1	Minimize $-2.2361x_4 + 2x_5 + 4x_7 + 3.6180x_8 + 3.236x_9 + 3.6180x_{10} + 0.764x_{11}$ subject to $x_1 = 1$ $x_2 + 0.3090x_4 - 0.6180x_5 - 0.8090x_6 - 0.3820x_7 + 0.8090x_8 + 0.3820x_9 + 0.3090x_{10} + 0.6180x_{11} = 0$ $x_3 + 1.4635x_4 + 0.3090x_5 + 1.4635x_6 - 0.8090x_7 - 0.9045x_8 - 0.8090x_9 + 0.4635x_{10} + 0.3090x_{11} = 0$
2	Minimize $-3/4x_1 + 150x_2 - 1/50x_3 + 6x_4$ subject to $(1/4)x_1 - 60x_2 - (1/25)x_3 + 9x_4 + x_5 = 0$ $(1/2)x_1 - 90x_2 - (1/50)x_3 + 3x_4 + x_6 = 0$ $x_3 + x_7 = 1$
3	Maximize $x_3 - x_4 + x_5 - x_6$ subject to $x_1 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 - 5x_5 + 6x_6 = 0$ $x_2 + 6x_3 - 5x_4 - 3x_5 + 2x_6 = 0$ $3x_3 + x_4 + 2x_5 + 4x_6 + x_7 = 1$
4	Maximize $x_3 - x_4 + x_5 - x_6$ subject to $x_1 + x_3 - 2x_4 - 3x_5 + 4x_6 = 0$ $x_2 + 4x_3 - 3x_4 - 2x_5 + x_6 = 0$ $x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 = 1$
5	Minimize $-2x_4 - 3x_5 + x_6 + 12x_7$ subject to $x_1 - 2x_4 - 9x_5 + x_6 + 9x_7 = 0$ $x_2 + (1/3)x_4 + x_5 - (1/3)x_6 - 2x_7 = 0$ $x_3 + 2x_4 + 3x_5 - x_6 - 12x_7 = 2$
6	Minimize $2x_1 + 4x_4 + 4x_6$ subject to $x_1 - 3x_2 - x_3 - x_4 - x_5 + 6x_6 = 0$ $2x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 - x_5 + 2x_6 = 0$
7	Minimize $-0.4x_5 - 0.4x_6 + 1.8x_7$ subject to $x_1 + 0.6x_5 - 6.4x_6 + 4.8x_7 = 0$ $x_2 + 0.2x_5 - 1.8x_6 + 0.6x_7 = 0$ $x_3 + 0.4x_5 - 1.6x_6 + 0.2x_7 = 0$ $x_4 + x_6 = 1$
8	Minimize $-2x_3 - 2x_4 + 8x_5 + 2x_6$ subject to $x_1 - 7x_3 - 3x_4 + 7x_5 + 2x_6 = 0$ $x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 - x_6 = 0$

Table 1. Contd.

9	Maximize $3x_1 - 80x_2 + 2x_3 - 24x_4$ subject to $x_1 - 32x_2 - 4x_3 + 36x_4 + x_5 = 0$ $x_1 - 24x_2 - x_3 + 6x_4 + x_6 = 0$
10	Minimize $10x_1 - 57x_2 - 9x_3 - 24x_4$ subject to $0.5x_1 - 5.5x_2 - 2.5x_3 + 9x_4 + x_5 = 0$ $0.5x_1 - 1.5x_2 - 0.5x_3 + x_4 + x_6 = 0$ $x_1 + x_7 = 1$
11	Maximize $-3x_2 + x_3 - 6x_4 - 4x_6$ subject to $x_1 + x_2 + (1/3)x_5 + (1/3)x_6 = 2$ $9x_2 + x_3 - 9x_4 - 2x_5 - (1/3)x_6 + x_7 = 0$ $x_2 + (1/3)x_3 - 2x_4 - (1/3)x_5 - (1/3)x_6 + x_8 = 2$

Table 2. GA and PSO parameters used for the solution of test problems.

Optimization method	Parameter	Value
GA	Population	80
	Generations	800
	Crossover	0.8
	Mutation	0.1
PSO	Particles	80
	Iteration number	800
	φ_1	2
	φ_2	2.1
	K	0.7298

Table 3. Results for the Hofman problem.

Prob No	Values	Best solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best solution with GA	Best solution with PSO
1	Fmin	0	-3E-06	1.88E-04
	X1	1	1	1
	X2	0	0	0.000484
	X3	0	0	3.81E-05
	X4	0	1.34E-06	0.001406
	X5	0	0	2.94E-05
	X6	0	0	0.001009
	X7	0	0	2.79E-05
	X8	0	0	1.26E-05
	X9	0	0	9.4E-05
	X10	0	0	7.7E-05
	X11	0	0	1.48E-05
	Iteration	10	-	-

Table 4. Mean and standard deviation for the Hofman problem.

Prob No	Values	Best solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
1	Fmin	0	-0.00075	0.010944	0.00038	0.040025
	X1	1	1.000036	1	0.00034	0
	X2	0	1.04E-05	0.002476	1.4E-05	0.008003
	X3	0	3.22E-05	0.00019	0	0.000337
	X4	0	0.000335	0.004196	0.00017	0.006937
	X5	0	0	9.52E-05	0	0.000215
	X6	0	1.24E-05	0.000208	1.34E-05	0.000805
	X7	0	0	0.002843	0	0.012208
	X8	0	0	0.000243	0	0.000534
	X9	0	0	0.001572	0	0.005884
	X10	0	0	8.93E-05	0	0.000183
	X11	0	0	0.000169	0	0.00036
	ϵ	-	-	-	-	-
	Iteration		10			

Table 5. Results for the Beale problem.

Prob No	Values	Best solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
2	Fmin	-0.05	0.0046	-0.05246
	X1	0.04	0.0026	0.044171
	X2	0	0.0000	-1.9E-06*
	X3	1	1.0006	1
	X4	0	0.0044	-1.3E-06*
	X5	0.03	0.0000	0.02969
	X6	0	0.0063	-1.9E-07*
	X7	0	0.0000	0
Iteration		6	-	-

Table 6. Mean and standard deviation for the Beale problem.

Prob No	Values	Best solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
2	Fmin	-0.05	0.001808	-0.04529	0.002829	0.109015
	X1	0.04	0.004206	0.126893	0.001338	1.304608
	X2	0	1.32E-08	0.000459	3.36E-08	0.007248
	X3	1	0.99251	1	0.037313	0
	X4	0	0.004135	1.6E-06	0.000455	6.17E-05
	X5	0.03	0.001469	0.035843	0.002386	0.108656
	X6	0	0.005828	2.24E-05	0.000585	0.000195
	X7	0	0.008037	0	0.037386	0
	ϵ	-	>1	0.094138	-	-
	Iteration		6			

Table 7. Results for the Yudin and Gol'shtein.

Prob No	Values	Best solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri,2004)	Best solution with GA	Best solution with PSO
3	Fmax	0.5	0.40283	0.48213
	X1	2.5	1.411504	2.076877
	X2	1.5	0.380302	1.032365
	X3	0	0.113277	0.046606
	X4	0	0.023864	6.34E-06
	X5	0.5	0.313417	0.436278
	X6	0	0	6.9E-06
	X7	0	0.010291	5.13E-07
	iteration		6	-

Table 8. Mean and Standart Deviation for the Yudin and Gol'shtein.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	of Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
3	Fmax	0.5	0.34545	0.4488	0.069596	0.013882
	X1	2.5	1.191161	1.452802	0.279237	0.254993
	X2	1.5	0.292941	0.330382	0.1087	0.282348
	X3	0	0.11502	0.112457	0.019995	0.026786
	X4	0	0.035043	1.99E-05	0.023188	5.72E-05
	X5	0.5	0.276161	0.336828	0.035617	0.040601
	X6	0	0.010687	4.52E-05	0.026594	0.000126
	X7	0	0.025672	0.000565	0.021501	0.001996
	ϵ	-	0.65455	0.1024		
Iteration		6				

Table 9. Results for the Yudin and Gol'shtein(2).

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
4	Fmax	1	0.9959	1.0125
	X1	3	1.698622	2.425748
	X2	2	0.062865	1.12498
	X3	0	0.321778	0.152485
	X4	0	1.82E-06	-2.5E-07
	X5	1	0.675247	0.862516
	X6	0	0.00112	-2.5E-07
	X7	0	0.00259	-1.2E-07
	iteration		6	-

Table 10. Mean and standard deviation for the Yudin and Gol'shtein (2).

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO	
4	Fmax	1	0.95329	1.01244	0.105593	0.000275	
	X1	3	1.72661	1.824238	0.143779	0.201671	
	X2	2	0.175376	0.210569	0.284471	0.305418	
	X3	0	0.304624	0.303967	0.05029	0,050873	
	X4	0	0,018184	1,66E-05	0,031774	8,94E-05	
	X5	1	0,671951	0,710903	0,01708	0,050874	
	X6	0	0,005105	-2,8E-07	0,027028	5,24E-07	
	X7	0	0,000828	2,74E-06	0,001827	1,33E-05	
	ϵ			0.046715	0.01244	-	-
	Iteration		6				

Table 11. Results for the Balinski and Tucker.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
5	Fmin	-2	-2.001	-2.00872
	X1	2	0.5001	2.006841
	X2	0	0.0002	0.002876
	X3	0	1.5001	0.000622
	X4	2	0.5001	1.975657
	X5	0	0.0001	6.15E-05
	X6	2	0.4997	1.938235
	X7	0	0.0000	-5.1E-06
	iteration		6	-

Table 12. Mean and standard deviation for the Balinski and Tucker.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
5	Fmin	-2	-0.71389	-1.96514	0.459497	0.110148
	X1	2	1.298878	2.249378	1.854423	0.472153
	X2	0	0.033816	0.012419	0.113663	0.036487
	X3	0	1.286864	0.042577	0.459391	0.102879
	X4	2	1.136697	2.04438	1.2516	0.311655
	X5	0	0.070701	0.040981	0.208571	0.06966
	X6	2	1.125361	2.102472	1.46674	0.366267
	X7	0	0.053854	0.011585	0.119924	0.041531
	ϵ		0.643055	0.017428	-	-
	Iteration	6				

Table 13. Results for the Marshall and Suurballe.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri,2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
6	Fmin	0.0000	0.0000	-2.2E-06
	X1	0.0000	0.0000	-2.5E-07
	X2	0.0000	0.0000	0.00012
	X3	0.0000	0.0000	0.001185
	X4	0.0000	0.0000	-5E-07
	X5	0.0000	0.0000	0.004208
	X6	0.0000	0.0000	-5.1E-07
	X7	0.0000	0.0000	-2.5E-07
	iteration	6	-	-

Table 14. Mean and standard deviation for the Marshall and Suurballe.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
6	Fmin	0.0000	0.366	-2.2E-06	1.380533	3.49E-07
	X1	0.0000	0.084538	-2.2E-07	0.356788	1.73E-07
	X2	0.0000	0.046342	0.000789	0.176358	0.000719
	X3	0.0000	0.002212	0.002894	0.011891	0.002379
	X4	0.0000	0.022703	-4.9E-07	0.107176	4.07E-08
	X5	0.0000	0.079811	0.002813	0.429783	0.002346
	X6	0.0000	0.026528	-5E-07	0.103081	2.83E-08
	X7	0.0000	0.084538	-2.2E-07	0.356788	1.73E-07
	ϵ	-	-	-	-	-
	Iteration	6				

Table 15. Results for the Marshall and Suurballe (2).

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
7	Fmin	-2.0000	-1.26253	-2.04151
	X1	4.0000	2.761524	4.040216
	X2	1.0000	0.892748	1.004056
	X3	0.0000	0.11161	0.000398
	X4	0.0000	0.012631	4.63E-07
	X5	4.0000	3.519165	4.107072
	X6	1.0000	0.986436	1.017612
	X7	0.0000	0.299839	8.84E-06
	iteration	6	-	-

Table 16. Mean and standard deviation for the Marshall and Suurballe (2).

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
7	Fmin	-2.0000	-0.00072	-1.81723	0.2017	0.212396
	X1	4.0000	0.00031	3.594129	1.639638	0.761029
	X2	1.0000	0.000108	0.894073	0.37794	0.200981
	X3	0.0000	7.69E-05	0.001073	0.440847	0.221419
	X4	0.0000	1.00015	0.101782	0.221794	0.176971
	X5	4.0000	0.001546	3.65473	1.160903	0.662888
	X6	1.0000	0.000249	0.905404	0.221631	0.177301
	X7	0.0000	0	0.000755	0.236954	0.186508
	ϵ	-	0.99964	0.091386	-	-
	Iteration	6				

Table 17. Results for the Solow.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri,2004)	Best Solution with GA	Best Solution with PSO
8	Fmin	0.0000	-0.00033	-0.012
	X1	0.0000	0.000209	1.031692
	X2	0.0000	0.000244	-2.5E-07
	X3	0.0000	0.000126	-2.5E-07
	X4	0.0000	3.94E-05	1.009681
	X5	0.0000	0	-2.5E-07
	X6	0.0000	0	0.998681
	Iteration	6	-	-

Table 18. Mean and standard deviation for the Solow

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
8	Fmin	0.0000	-0.00092	-0.012	0.000401	3.47E-12
	X1	0.0000	0.000769	0.787441	0.000763	0.321427
	X2	0.0000	4.34E-05	-2.5E-07	9.77E-05	2.21E-10
	X3	0.0000	7.37E-05	-2.5E-07	9.23E-05	8.65E-11
	X4	0.0000	0.000396	0.765464	0.000256	0.321547
	X5	0.0000	5.87E-10	-2.5E-07	3.16E-09	1.14E-10
	X6	0.0000	8.56E-06	0.754464	3.2E-05	0.321547
	ϵ	-	-	-	-	-
	Iteration	6				

Table 19. Results for the Chavatal.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with MATLAB Linprog	Best Solution with MATLAB GA	Best Solution with PSO
10	Fmin	1.0000	-245540913249*	-458.116	-6821.39
	X1	1.0000	0.0000x10 ¹⁰	0.628162	0.535329
	X2	0.0000	3.0192 x10 ¹⁰	6.131148	95.07208
	X3	1.0000	0.5366 x10 ¹⁰	1.756172	3.236557
	X4	0.0000	1.9846 x10 ¹⁰	4.129844	58.58254
	X5	2.0000	0.0852 x10 ¹⁰	0.629458	3.666556
	X6	0.0000	2.8124 x10 ¹⁰	5.629954	85.34194
	X7	0.0000	0.0000 x10 ¹⁰	0.372307	0.966603
	Iteration	6	*Unbounded		

Table 20. Mean and standard deviation for the Chavatal.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution given Ref	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
10	Fmin	1.0000	-223.897	-3664.96	96.22793	1078.986
	X1	1.0000	0.380679	0.520619	0.397145	0.269873
	X2	0.0000	2.905999	51.46951	1.279992	15.50198
	X3	1.0000	1.376416	2.944872	1.113509	3.796213
	X4	0.0000	2.069748	31.58738	0.901027	9.281742
	X5	2.0000	0.606591	5.940383	0.493378	8.711723
	X6	0.0000	2.786373	46.52708	1.191863	13.5573
	X7	0.0000	0.619903	0.517884	0.397234	0.307233
	ε		-	-	-	-
	Iteration	6				

Table 21. Results for the Nering and Tucker.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with MATLAB Linprog	Best Solution with MATLAB GA	Best Solution with PSO
11	Fmax	Unbounded	12*	17.8232	10.3368
	X1		0	0.115641	0.277586
	X2		0	0.00521	0.000592
	X3		193.9551	5.924058	10.39124
	X4		30.3258	0.434357	0.002472
	X5		6	0.351101	5.194964
	X6		0	5.289198	-4,9E-05
	X7		90.9775	0,402528	0,000155
	X8		0	2,767951	0,298196
	Iteration	6	*Optimal	*Optimal	*Optimal

Table 22. Mean and Standart Deviation for the Nering and Tucker.

Prob No	Values	Best Solution Ref (Gass and Vinjamuri, 2004)	Best Solution with MATLAB Linprog	Mean of GA	Mean of PSO	Std. Dev. Of GA	Std. Dev. Of PSO
11	Fmax	Unbounded	12*	5.46214	8.13893	6.073661	0.930759
	X1		0	1.159933	0.649337	0.812075	0.192641
	X2		0	0.234493	0.001054	0.429035	0.001421
	X3		193.9551	1.919658	8.655093	2.374153	1.341794
	X4		30.3258	0.419526	0.077417	0.661039	0.143141
	X5		6	0.427237	4.086683	0.58091	0.575386
	X6		0	1.392029	0.003354	1.66011	0.005795
	X7		90.9775	1.063227	0.208742	3.014762	0.57001
	X8		0	2.57027	0.647727	0.824895	0.212848
	ϵ		-	-	-	-	-
	Iteration	6					

Table 23. The solution time for each problem.

Problem no	Mean of the solution time for GA (seconds)	Mean of the solution time for PSO (seconds)
1	3.0885	0.0285
2	3.7562	1.4011
3	2.8744	0.0271
4	3.1823	1.4357
5	3.8144	1.4560
6	2.6133	1.8302
7	3.1675	1.2169
8	2.9108	1.8240
10	2.9956	1.8467
11	3.7887	1.4968

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