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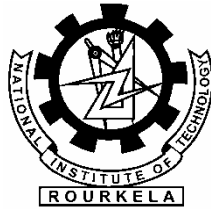
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## **ABSTRACT**

This project presents an efficient and reliable Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) method for the Economic load dispatch (ELD) problems which is considered as one of the complex problems to be tackled. The PSO techniques have drawn much attention from the power system community and been successfully applied in many complex optimization problems in power systems. The PSO method was developed through the simulation of a simplified social system and has been found to be robust in solving continuous nonlinear optimization problems in terms of accuracy of the solution and computation time and it can out perform other algorithms.

In this project, the proposed algorithm is applied for the ELD of three unit thermal plant systems.

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## NOMENCLATURE

$F_t$  - Total fuel cost

$N$  - Number of online generators committed to the operating system.

$P_i$  - Power output of  $i$ th generator.

$F_i (P_i)$  - Fuel cost characteristics of the  $i$ th generator.

$P_D$  - Total power demand

$P_L$  - Total transmission loss

$B_{mn}$  - Co-efficient of Transmission loss formula.

$P_{i,max}$  - Maximum generation capacity of the  $i$ th generator.

$P_{i,min}$  - Minimum generation capacity of the  $i$ th generator.

$n$  - Number of particles in a group

$m$  - Number of members in a particle

$t$  - Pointer of iterations (generations)

$\omega$  - Inertia weight factor

$C_1, C_2$  - Acceleration constant

$\text{rand} ( )$ ,  $\text{Rand} ( )$  - Uniform random value in the range  $[0, 1]$

$V_{id}^{(t)}$  - velocity of particle  $i$  at iteration ' $t$ ',  $V_d^{\min} \leq V_{id}^{(t)} \leq V_d^{\max}$

$X_{id}^{(t)}$  - current position of particle  $i$  at iteration ' $t$ '

$A_i, B_i, C_i$  - Fuel cost coefficients

## INTRODUCTION

The Economic Load Dispatch (ELD) problem is one of the fundamental issues in power system operation. The ELD problem involves the solution of two different problems. The first of these is the Unit Commitment or pre-dispatch problem wherein it is required to select optimally out of the available generating sources to operate, to meet the expected load and provide a specified margin of operating reserve over a specified period of time. The second aspect of economic dispatch is the on-line economic dispatch wherein it is required to distribute the load among the generating units actually paralleled with the system in such manner as to minimize the total cost of supplying the minute-to-minute requirements of the system. The main objective is to reduce the cost of energy production taking into account the transmission losses. While the problem can be solved easily if the incremental cost curves of the generators are assumed to be monotonically increasing piece-wise linear functions, such an approach will not be workable for nonlinear functions in practical systems. In the past decade, conventional optimization techniques such as lambda iterative method, linear programming and quadratic programming have been successfully used to solve power system optimization problems such as Unit commitment and Economic load dispatch. For highly non-linear and combinatorial optimization problems, the conventional methods are facing difficulties to locate the global optimal solution. Recently there is an upsurge in the use of modern evolutionary computing techniques in the field of power system optimization. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), first introduced by Kennedy and Eberhart, is one of the modern heuristic algorithms. It was developed through simulation of a simplified social system,



and has been found to be robust in solving continuous non-linear optimization problems. The PSO technique can generate high-quality solutions within shorter calculation time and stable convergence characteristics than other stochastic methods like Genetic Algorithm (GA). Unlike in GA method, in PSO the selection operation is not performed. All the particles in PSO are kept as members of the population through the course of a run (a run is defined as the total number of generation of the evolutionary algorithms prior to termination). It is the velocity of the particle which is updated according to its previous best position of its companions. The particles fly with the updated velocities. This paper proposes the application of PSO method for solving the economic load dispatch problems.

## **FORMULATION OF ELD PROBLEM**

The Economic Load Dispatch (ELD) is generating adequate electricity to meet the continuously varying consumer load demand at the least possible cost under a number of constraints. Practically, while the scheduled combination of units at each specific period of operation are listed, the ELD planning must perform the optimal generation dispatch among the operating units to satisfy the load demand, spinning reserve capacity, and practical operation constraints of generators.

The objective of the ELD problem is to minimize the total fuel cost. Mathematically it can be represented as

$$\text{Minimize } F_T = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i(P_i)$$

$$\text{where } F_T = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i P_i^2 + B_i P_i + C_i$$

The ELD problem is subjected to the following constraints,

The power balance equation,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_g} P_i = P_D + P_L$$

The total Transmission loss,

$$P_L = \sum \sum P_m B_{mn} P_n$$

In addition, power output of each generator has to fall within the operation limits of the generators as shown below,

$$P_{gi}^{\min} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gi}^{\max} \quad , \text{ for } i=1,2,\dots,n.$$

## ECONOMIC LOAD DISPATCH INCLUDING LOSSES:

When transmission distances are very small and load density is very high, transmission losses may be neglected and the optimal dispatch of generation is achieved with all plants operating at equal incremental production cost. However in a large interconnected network where power is transmitted over long distances with low load density areas, transmission losses are a major factor and affect the optimum dispatch of generation. One common practice for including the effect of transmission losses is to express the total transmission losses as a quadratic function of the generator power outputs.

The simplest quadratic form is:

$$P_L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} \sum_{j=1}^{n_g} P_i B_{ij} P_j$$

A more general formula containing a linear term and a constant term, referred to as Kron's loss formula, is

$$P_L = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} \sum_{j=1}^{n_g} P_i B_{ij} P_j + \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} B_{0i} P_i + B_{00}$$

The coefficients  $B_{ij}$  are called loss coefficients or B-coefficients. These are considered constants and reasonable accuracy can be expected provided the actual operating conditions are close to the base case where the B constants were computed. There are various ways of arriving at a loss equation.

The economic dispatching problem is to minimize the overall generating cost  $F_T$ , which is the function of plant output

$$F_T = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} C_i + B_i P_i + A_i P_i^2$$

subject to the constraint that generation should equal total demands plus losses, i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_g} P_i = P_D + P_L$$

satisfying the inequality constraints, expressed as follows:

$$P_{gi}^{\min} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gi}^{\max}, \text{ for } i=1,2,\dots,n.$$

The B-coefficients obtained are based on the generation in per unit. When generation are expressed in MW, the loss coefficients are

$$B_{ij} = B_{ij \text{ pu}} / S_B, \quad B_{0i} = B_{0i \text{ pu}}, \quad \text{and} \quad B_{00} = B_{00 \text{ pu}} * S_B$$

Where  $S_B$  is the base MVA.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF PSO FOR ELD PROBLEMS

### *A. OVERVIEW OF PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZER*

Kennedy and Eberhart developed a particle swarm optimization (**PSO**) algorithm based on the behavior of individuals (i.e., particles or agents) of a swarm. Its roots are in zoologist's modeling of the movement of individuals (i.e., fishes, birds, insects) within a group. It has been noticed that members of the group seem to share information among them, a fact that leads to increased efficiency of the group. PSO, as an optimization tool, provides a population-based search procedure in which individuals called particles change their position (states) with time. In a PSO system particles fly around in a multi-dimensional search space.

During flight, each particle adjusts its position according to its own experience and the experience of neighboring particles, making use of the best position encountered by it and neighbors. The swarm direction of a particle is defined by the set of particles neighboring the particle and its history experience. Instead of using evolutionary operation to manipulate the individuals, like in other evolutionary computational algorithms, each individual in PSO flies in the search space with a velocity which is dynamically adjusted according to its own flying experience and its companions flying experience.

Let  $x$  and  $v$  denote a particle co-ordinate (position) and its corresponding flight speed (velocity) in a search space respectively. Therefore, each  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle is treated as a volume less particle, represented as  $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2} \dots x_{id})$  in the  $d$  - dimensional space. The best

previous position of the  $i$ th particle is recorded and represented as  $pbest_i = (pbest_{i1}, pbest_{i2}, \dots, pbest_{id})$ . The index of the best particle among all the particles is treated as global best particle, is represented as  $gbest_d$ . The rate of velocity for particle 'i' is represented as  $v_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{id})$ . The modified velocity and position of each particle can be calculated using the current velocity and the distance from  $pbest_{id}$  to  $gbest_d$  as shown in the following formulas,

$$V_{id}^{(t+1)} = \omega V_i^{(t)} + C_1 \text{rand}() (pbest_{id} - P_{gid}^{(t)}) + C_2 \text{Rand}() (gbest_{id} - P_{gid}^{(t)})$$

$$P_{gid}^{(t+1)} = P_{gid}^{(t)} + V_{id}^{(t+1)}$$

In the above equation,  $C_1$  has a range (1.5, 2), which is called self-confidence range;  $C_2$  has a range (2, 2.5), which is called swarm range.

The term  $\text{rand}() * (pbest_{id} - P_{gid}^{(t)})$  is called particle memory influence. The term  $\text{Rand}() * (gbest_d - P_{gid}^{(t)})$  is called swarm influence.

$V_i^{(t)}$  which is the velocity of  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle at iteration 't' must lie in the range  $V_d^{\min} \leq v_{id}^{(t)} \leq V_d^{\max}$ . The parameter  $V_d^{\max}$  determines the resolution, or fitness, with which regions are to be searched between the present position and the target position. If  $V_d^{\max}$  is too high, particles may fly past good solutions. If  $V_d^{\max}$  is too small, particles may not explore sufficiently beyond local solutions.

The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  pull each particle towards  $pbest$  and  $gbest$  positions. Low values allow particles to roam far from the target regions before being tugged back. On the other hand, high values result in abrupt movement towards, or past, target regions. Hence, the acceleration constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are often set to be 2.0 according to past

experiences. Suitable selection of inertia weight ‘  $\omega$  ’ provides a balance between global and local explorations, thus requiring less iteration on average to find a sufficiently optimal solution. As originally developed,  $\omega$  often decreases linearly from about 0.9 to 0.4 during a run. In general, the inertia weight  $w$  is set according to the following equation,

$$\omega = \omega_{\max} - [(\omega_{\max} - \omega_{\min}) / \text{iter}_{\max}] * \text{iter}$$

where  $\omega$  - inertia weight factor

$\omega_{\max}$  - maximum value of weighting factor

$\omega_{\min}$  - minimum value of weighting factor

$\text{iter}_{\max}$  - maximum number of iterations

$\text{iter}$  - current number of iteration

Each individual moves from the current position to the next one by the modified velocity using the following equation:

$$P_{\text{gid}}^{(t+1)} = P_{\text{gid}}^{(t)} + V_{\text{id}}^{(t+1)}$$

The search mechanism of PSO using the modified velocity and position of individual  $i$  is illustrated in fig.

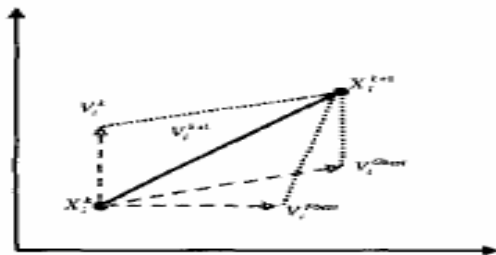


Fig. 2. The searching mechanism of the particle swarm optimization.

## ***B. APPLICATION OF PSO METHOD TO ECONOMIC LOAD DISPATCH***

An algorithm is used to solve a constrained ELD problem using PSO was developed to obtain a high quality solution. The PSO algorithm was utilized mainly to determine the optimal allocation of power among the units, which were scheduled to operate at the specific period, thus minimizing the total generation cost.

### ***CALCULATION PROCESS OF THE PROPOSED METHOD***

This paper presents a quick solution to the constrained ELD problem using the PSO algorithm to search optimal or near optimal generation of each unit. The sequential steps of the proposed PSO method are given below.

Step 1: Initialize randomly the individuals of the population according to the limit of each unit including individual dimensions, searching points, and velocities. These initial individuals must be feasible candidate solutions that satisfy the practical operation constraints.

Step 2: To each chromosome of the population the dependent unit output  $P_d$  will be calculated from the power balance equation and  $B_{mn}$  coefficient matrix.

Step 3: Calculate the evaluation value of each individual  $P_{gi}$ , in the population using the evaluation function  $f$  given by:



$$\text{Minimize } F_T = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i(P_i)$$

Step 4: Compare each individual's evaluation value with its *pbest*. The best evaluation value among the *pbests* is denoted as *gbest*.

Step 5: Modify the member velocity  $v$  of each individual  $P_g$ ,

$$V_{id}^{(t+1)} = \omega V_i^{(t)} + C_1 \text{rand}() (pbest_{id} - P_{gid}^{(t)}) + C_2 \text{Rand}() (gbest_{id} - P_{gid}^{(t)})$$

Where  $i=1, 2 \dots n$ .  $d=1, 2 \dots m$

Step 6: Check the velocity components constraint occurring in the limits from the following conditions,

$$V_{id}^{(t+1)} > V_d^{\max}, \text{ then } V_{id}^{(t+1)} = V_d^{\max},$$

$$V_{id}^{(t+1)} < V_d^{\min}, \text{ then } V_{id}^{(t+1)} = V_d^{\min},$$

Where

$$V_i^{\min} = -0.5 P_g^{\min} \text{ and}$$

$$V_i^{\max} = +0.5 P_g^{\max}$$

Step 7: Modify the member position of each individual  $P_g$

$$P_{gid}^{(t+1)} = P_{gid}^{(t)} + V_{id}^{(t+1)}$$

$P_{gid}^{(t+1)}$  must be modified toward the near margin of the feasible solution.

Step 8: If the evaluation value of each individual is better than previous *pbest*, the current value is set to be *pbest*. If the best *pbest* is better than *gbest*, the value is set to be *gbest*.

Step 9: If the number of iterations reaches the maximum, then go to step 10. Otherwise, go to step 2.

Step 10: The individual that generates the latest *gbest* is the optimal generation power of each unit with the minimum total generation cost.

### **EXAMPLE PROBLEM AND SIMULATION RESULTS:**

To verify the feasibility of the PSO method, three thermal plants of a power system are tested. A reasonable  $B_{mn}$  loss coefficients matrix of power system network is employed.

The program is developed in MATLAB and executed.

#### **EXAMPLE : THREE-UNIT THERMAL SYSTEM:**

The fuel cost in \$/h of three thermal plants of a power system are given as

$$C_1 = 200 + 7.0P_1 + 0.008P_1^2 \text{ \$/h}$$

$$C_2 = 180 + 6.3P_2 + 0.009P_2^2 \text{ \$/h}$$

$$C_3 = 140 + 6.8P_3 + 0.007P_3^2 \text{ \$/h}$$

The unit operating ranges are:

$$10 \text{ MW} \leq P_1 \leq 85 \text{ MW}$$

$$10 \text{ MW} \leq P_2 \leq 80 \text{ MW}$$

$$10 \text{ MW} \leq P_3 \leq 70 \text{ MW}$$

For this problem, assume the real power loss is given by the simplified expression

$$P_{L(\text{pu})} = 0.0218P_1^2_{(\text{pu})} + 0.0228P_2^2_{(\text{pu})} + 0.0179P_3^2_{(\text{pu})}$$

The B matrices of the loss formula for this system are given in per unit on a 100 MVA base as follows:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0218 & 0.0093 & 0.0028 \\ 0.0093 & 0.0228 & 0.0017 \\ 0.0028 & 0.0017 & 0.0179 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_0 = [0.0003 \quad 0.0031 \quad 0.0015]$$

$$B_{00} = 0.00030523$$

For the system load of 150 MW, the PSO method is applied.

### **For finding local best(pbest) and global best(gbest)**

Particle swarm optimization toolbox for matlab developed by Prof. Brian Birge implementing Common, Clerc 1", and Trelea types along with an alpha version of tracking changing environments. It can search for min, max, or 'distance' of user developed cost function. It uses similar syntax to Matlab's optimization toolbox.

`% Usage:`

`% [optOUT]=PSO(funcname,D)`

`% or:`

```
% [optOUT,tr,te]=...

% PSO(funcname,D,mv,VarRange,minmax,PSOparams,plotfcn,PSOseedValue)

% Inputs:

% funcname - string of matlab function to optimize

% D - # of inputs to the function (dimension of problem)

%

% Optional Inputs:

% mv - max particle velocity, either a scalar or a vector of length D

%     (this allows each component to have it's own max velocity),

%     default = 4, set if not input or input as NaN

%

% VarRange - matrix of ranges for each input variable,

%     default -100 to 100, of form:

%     [ min1 max1

%       min2 max2

%       ...

%       minD maxD ]

%

% minmax = 0, funct minimized (default)

%         = 1, funct maximized

%         = 2, funct is targeted to P(12) (minimizes distance to errgoal)

% PSOparams - PSO parameters
```

```
% P(1) - Epochs between updating display, default = 100. if 0,  
%     no display  
% P(2) - Maximum number of iterations (epochs) to train, default = 2000.  
% P(3) - population size, default = 24  
%  
% P(4) - acceleration const 1 (local best influence), default = 2  
% P(5) - acceleration const 2 (global best influence), default = 2  
% P(6) - Initial inertia weight, default = 0.9  
% P(7) - Final inertia weight, default = 0.4  
% P(8) - Epoch when inertial weight at final value, default = 1500  
% P(9)- minimum global error gradient,  
%     if  $\text{abs}(\text{Gbest}(i+1)-\text{Gbest}(i)) < \text{gradient over}$   
%     certain length of epochs, terminate run, default =  $1e-25$   
% P(10)- epochs before error gradient criterion terminates run,  
%     default = 150, if the SSE does not change over 250 epochs  
%     then exit  
% P(11)- error goal, if NaN then unconstrained min or max, default=NaN  
% P(12)- type flag (which kind of PSO to use)  
%     0 = Common PSO w/inertia (default)  
%     1,2 = Trelea types 1,2  
%     3 = Clerc's Constricted PSO, Type 1"  
% P(13)- PSOseed, default=0  
%     = 0 for initial positions all random
```

```
%           = 1 for initial particles as user input
%
% plotfcn - optional name of plotting function, default 'goplotpso',
%           make your own and put here
%
% PSOseedValue - initial particle position, depends on P(13), must be
%               set if P(13) is 1 or 2, not used for P(13)=0, needs to
%               be nXm where n<=ps, and m<=D
%               If n<ps and/or m<D then remaining values are set random
%               on Varrange
%
% Outputs:
% optOUT - optimal inputs and associated min/max output of function, of form:
%
%   [ bestin1
%     bestin2
%     ...
%     bestinD
%     bestOUT ]
%
% Optional Outputs:
% tr  - Gbest at every iteration, traces flight of swarm
% te  - epochs to train, returned as a vector 1:endepoch
```

**SOURCE CODE:**

```
function [OUT,varargout]=pso_Trelea_vectorized(funcname,D,varargin)

rand('state',sum(100*clock));

if nargin < 2

    error('Not enough arguments.');
```

end

*% PSO PARAMETERS*

```
if nargin == 2    % only specified funcname and D

    VRmin=ones(D,1)*-100;

    VRmax=ones(D,1)*100;

    VR=[VRmin,VRmax];

    minmax = 0;

    P = [];

    mv = 4;

    plotfcn='goplotpso';

elseif nargin == 3 % specified funcname, D, and mv

    VRmin=ones(D,1)*-100;

    VRmax=ones(D,1)*100;

    VR=[VRmin,VRmax];

    minmax = 0;
```

```
mv=varargin{1};  
if isnan(mv)  
    mv=4;  
end  
P = [];  
plotfcn='goplotpso';  
elseif nargin == 4 % specified functname, D, mv, Varrange  
    mv=varargin{1};  
    if isnan(mv)  
        mv=4;  
    end  
    VR=varargin{2};  
    minmax = 0;  
    P = [];  
    plotfcn='goplotpso';  
elseif nargin == 5 % Functname, D, mv, Varrange, and minmax  
    mv=varargin{1};  
    if isnan(mv)  
        mv=4;  
    end  
    VR=varargin{2};  
    minmax=varargin{3};  
    P = [];
```



```
    plotfcn='goplotpso';

elseif nargin == 6 % Functname, D, mv, Varrange, minmax, and psoparams

    mv=varargin{1};

    if isnan(mv)

        mv=4;

    end

    VR=varargin{2};

    minmax=varargin{3};

    P = varargin{4}; % psoparams

    plotfcn='goplotpso';

elseif nargin == 7 % Functname, D, mv, Varrange, minmax, and psoparams, plotfcn

    mv=varargin{1};

    if isnan(mv)

        mv=4;

    end

    VR=varargin{2};

    minmax=varargin{3};

    P = varargin{4}; % psoparams

    plotfcn = varargin{5};

elseif nargin == 8 % Functname, D, mv, Varrange, minmax, and psoparams, plotfcn,
PSOseedValue

    mv=varargin{1};

    if isnan(mv)
```

```
    mv=4;

end

VR=varargin{2};

minmax=varargin{3};

P = varargin{4}; % psoparams

plotfcn = varargin{5};

PSOseedValue = varargin{6};

else

    error('Wrong # of input arguments.');
```

```
end

% sets up default pso params

Pdef = [100 2000 24 2 2 0.9 0.4 1500 1e-25 250 NaN 0 0];

Plen = length(P);

P = [P,Pdef(Plen+1:end)];

df = P(1);

me = P(2);

ps = P(3);

ac1 = P(4);

ac2 = P(5);

iw1 = P(6);

iw2 = P(7);
```

```
iwe = P(8);
```

```
ergrd = P(9);
```

```
ergrdep = P(10);
```

```
errgoal = P(11);
```

```
trelea = P(12);
```

```
PSOseed = P(13);
```

```
% used with trainpso, for neural net training
```

```
if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')
```

```
    net = evalin('caller','net');
```

```
    Pd = evalin('caller','Pd');
```

```
    Tl = evalin('caller','Tl');
```

```
    Ai = evalin('caller','Ai');
```

```
    Q = evalin('caller','Q');
```

```
    TS = evalin('caller','TS');
```

```
end
```

```
% error checking
```

```
if ((minmax==2) & isnan(errgoal))
```

```
    error('minmax= 2, errgoal= NaN: choose an error goal or set minmax to 0 or 1');
```

```
end
```

```
if ( (PSOseed==1) & ~exist('PSOseedValue') )  
    error('PSOseed flag set but no PSOseedValue was input');  
end  
  
if exist('PSOseedValue')  
    tmpsz=size(PSOseedValue);  
    if D < tmpsz(2)  
        error('PSOseedValue column size must be D or less');  
    end  
    if ps < tmpsz(1)  
        error('PSOseedValue row length must be # of particles or less');  
    end  
end  
  
% set plotting flag  
if (P(1))~=0  
    plotflg=1;  
else  
    plotflg=0;  
end  
  
% preallocate variables for speed up  
tr = ones(1,me)*NaN;
```

```

% take care of setting max velocity and position params here

if length(mv)==1

    velmaskmin = -mv*ones(ps,D); % min vel, psXD matrix
    velmaskmax = mv*ones(ps,D); % max vel

elseif length(mv)==D

    velmaskmin = repmat(forcerow(-mv),ps,1); % min vel
    velmaskmax = repmat(forcerow( mv),ps,1); % max vel

else

    error('Max vel must be either a scalar or same length as prob dimension D');

end

posmaskmin = repmat(VR(1:D,1)',ps,1); % min pos, psXD matrix
posmaskmax = repmat(VR(1:D,2)',ps,1); % max pos

posmaskmeth = 3; % 3=bounce method (see comments below inside epoch loop)

% PLOTTING

message = sprintf('PSO: %%g/%%g iterations, GBest = %%20.20g.\n',me);

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% initialize population of particles and their velocities at time zero,
% format of pos= (particle#, dimension)

% construct random population positions bounded by VR

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pos(1:ps,1:D) = normmat(rand([ps,D]),VR',1);

if PSOseed == 1      % initial positions user input, see comments above

    tmsz            = size(PSOseedValue);

    pos(1:tmsz(1),1:tmsz(2)) = PSOseedValue;

end

% construct initial random velocities between -mv,mv

vel(1:ps,1:D) = normmat(rand([ps,D]),...

    [forcecol(-mv),forcecol(mv)]',1);

% initial pbest positions vals

pbest = pos;

% VECTORIZE THIS, or at least vectorize cost funct call

out = feval(funcname,pos); % returns column of cost values (1 for each particle)

%-----

pbestval=out; % initially, pbest is same as pos

% assign initial gbest here also (gbest and gbestval)

if minmax==1

    % this picks gbestval when we want to maximize the function

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    [gbestval,idx1] = max(pbestval);
elseif minmax==0
    % this works for straight minimization
    [gbestval,idx1] = min(pbestval);
elseif minmax==2
    % this works when you know target but not direction you need to go
    % good for a cost function that returns distance to target that can be either
    % negative or positive (direction info)
    [temp,idx1] = min((pbestval-ones(size(pbestval))*errgoal).^2);
    gbestval = pbestval(idx1);
end

% preallocate a variable to keep track of gbest for all iters
bestpos = zeros(me,D+1)*NaN;
gbest = pbest(idx1,:); % this is gbest position
% used with trainpso, for neural net training
% assign gbest to net at each iteration, these interim assignments
% are for plotting mostly
if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')
    net=setx(net,gbest);
end

%tr(1) = gbestval; % save for output
bestpos(1,1:D) = gbest;

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% this part used for implementing Carlisle and Dozier's APSO idea
% slightly modified, this tracks the global best as the sentry whereas
% their's chooses a different point to act as sentry
% see "Tracking Changing Extrema with Adaptive Particle Swarm Optimizer",
% part of the WAC 2002 Proceedings, June 9-13, http://wacong.com

sentryval = gbestval;

sentry = gbest;

if (trelea == 3)

% calculate Clerc's constriction coefficient chi to use in his form

kappa = 1; % standard val = 1, change for more or less constriction

if ( (ac1+ac2) <=4 )

    chi = kappa;

else

    psi = ac1 + ac2;

    chi_den = abs(2-psi-sqrt(psi^2 - 4*psi));

    chi_num = 2*kappa;

    chi = chi_num/chi_den;

end

end

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rstflg = 0; % for dynamic environment checking

% start PSO iterative procedures

cnt = 0; % counter used for updating display according to df in the options

cnt2 = 0; % counter used for the stopping subroutine based on error convergence

iwt(1) = iw1;

for i=1:me % start epoch loop (iterations)

    out = feval(funcname,[pos;gbest]);

    outbestval = out(end,:);

    out = out(1:end-1,:);

    tr(i+1) = gbestval; % keep track of global best val

    te = i; % returns epoch number to calling program when done

    bestpos(i,1:D+1) = [gbest,gbestval];

    %assignin('base','bestpos',bestpos(i,1:D+1));

    %-----

    % this section does the plots during iterations

    if plotflg==1

        if (rem(i,df) == 0 ) | (i==me) | (i==1)

            fprintf(message,i,gbestval);

            cnt = cnt+1; % count how many times we display (useful for movies)

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    eval(plotfcn); % defined at top of script

    end % end update display every df if statement
end % end plotflg if statement

% check for an error space that changes wrt time/iter

% threshold value that determines dynamic environment

% sees if the value of gbest changes more than some threshold value

% for the same location

chkdyn = 1;

rstflg = 0; % for dynamic environment checking

if chkdyn==1

    threshld = 0.05; % percent current best is allowed to change, .05 = 5% etc

    letiter = 5; % # of iterations before checking environment, leave at least 3 so PSO has
time to converge

    outornrg = abs( 1- (outbestval/gbestval) ) >= threshld;

    samepos = (max( sentry == gbest ));

if (outornrg & samepos) & rem(i,letiter)==0

    rstflg=1;

    % disp('New Environment: reset pbest, gbest, and vel');

    %% reset pbest and pbestval if warranted

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%   outpbestval = feval( functname,[pbest] );
%   Poutorng   = abs( 1-(outpbestval./pbestval) ) > threshld;
%   pbestval   = pbestval.*~Poutorng + outpbestval.*Poutorng;
%   pbest      = pbest.*repmat(~Poutorng,1,D) + pos.*repmat(Poutorng,1,D);

pbest   = pos; % reset personal bests to current positions

pbestval = out;

vel     = vel*10; % agitate particles a little (or a lot)

% recalculate best vals

if minmax == 1
    [gbestval,idx1] = max(pbestval);
elseif minmax==0
    [gbestval,idx1] = min(pbestval);
elseif minmax==2 % this section needs work
    [temp,idx1] = min((pbestval-ones(size(pbestval))*errgoal).^2);
    gbestval   = pbestval(idx1);
end

gbest = pbest(idx1,:);

% used with trainpso, for neural net training

% assign gbest to net at each iteration, these interim assignments

```

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% are for plotting mostly

if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')

    net=setx(net,gbest);

end

end % end if outorng

sentryval = gbestval;

sentry = gbest;

end % end if chkdyn

% find particles where we have new pbest, depending on minmax choice

% then find gbest and gbestval

%[size(out),size(pbestval)]

if rstflg == 0

if minmax == 0

    [tempi] = find(pbestval>=out); % new min pbestvals

    pbestval(tempi,1) = out(tempi); % update pbestvals

    pbest(tempi,:) = pos(tempi,:); % update pbest positions

    [iterbestval,idx1] = min(pbestval);

    if gbestval >= iterbestval

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gbestval = iterbestval;

gbest = pbest(idx1,:);

% used with trainpso, for neural net training

% assign gbest to net at each iteration, these interim assignments

% are for plotting mostly

if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')

    net=setx(net,gbest);

end

end

elseif minmax == 1

[tempi,dum] = find(pbestval<=out); % new max pbestvals

pbestval(tempi,1) = out(tempi,1); % update pbestvals

pbest(tempi,:) = pos(tempi,:); % update pbest positions

[iterbestval,idx1] = max(pbestval);

if gbestval <= iterbestval

    gbestval = iterbestval;

    gbest = pbest(idx1,:);

    % used with trainpso, for neural net training

    % assign gbest to net at each iteration, these interim assignments

    % are for plotting mostly

    if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')

        net=setx(net,gbest);

    end

end

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```

    end

end

elseif minmax == 2 % this won't work as it is, fix it later

egones      = errgoal*ones(ps,1); % vector of errgoals
sqerrr2     = ((pbestval-egones).^2);
sqerrr1     = ((out-egones).^2);

[tempi,dum] = find(sqerrr1 <= sqerrr2); % find particles closest to targ
pbestval(tempi,1) = out(tempi,1); % update pbestvals
pbest(tempi,:) = pos(tempi,:); % update pbest positions

sqerrr      = ((pbestval-egones).^2); % need to do this to reflect new pbests
[temp,idx1] = min(sqerrr);
iterbestval = pbestval(idx1);

if (iterbestval-errgoal)^2 <= (gbestval-errgoal)^2

    gbestval = iterbestval;

    gbest = pbest(idx1,:);

    % used with trainpso, for neural net training

    % assign gbest to net at each iteration, these interim assignments

    % are for plotting mostly

    if strcmp(funcname,'pso_neteval')

        net=setx(net,gbest);

    end

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    end

end

end

% % build a simple predictor 10th order, for gbest trajectory
% if i>500
% for dimcnt=1:D
%   pred_coef = polyfit(i-250:i,(bestpos(i-250:i,dimcnt))',20);
%   % pred_coef = polyfit(200:i,(bestpos(200:i,dimcnt))',20);
%   gbest_pred(i,dimcnt) = polyval(pred_coef,i+1);
% end
% else
%   gbest_pred(i,:) = zeros(size(gbest));
% end

% gbest_pred(i,:)=gbest;

% assignin('base','gbest_pred',gbest_pred);

% % convert to non-inertial frame
% gbestoffset = gbest - gbest_pred(i,:);
% gbest = gbest - gbestoffset;
% pos = pos + repmat(gbestoffset,ps,1);

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+ac1.*rannum1.*(pbest-pos)...           % independent
+ac2.*rannum2.*( repmat(gbest,ps,1)-pos) ; % social
else
% common PSO algo with inertia wt
% get inertia weight, just a linear funct w.r.t. epoch parameter iwe
if i<=iwe
    iwt(i) = ((iw2-iw1)/(iwe-1))*(i-1)+iw1;
else
    iwt(i) = iw2;
end
% random number including acceleration constants
ac11 = rannum1.*ac1; % for common PSO w/inertia
ac22 = rannum2.*ac2;

vel = iwt(i).*vel...           % prev vel
+ac11.*(pbest-pos)...         % independent
+ac22.*( repmat(gbest,ps,1)-pos); % social
end

% limit velocities here using masking
vel = ( (vel <= velmaskmin).*velmaskmin ) + ( (vel > velmaskmin).*vel );
vel = ( (vel >= velmaskmax).*velmaskmax ) + ( (vel < velmaskmax).*vel );

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% update new position (PSO algo)

pos = pos + vel;

% position masking, limits positions to desired search space
% method: 0) no position limiting, 1) saturation at limit,
%      2) wraparound at limit , 3) bounce off limit

minposmask_throwaway = pos <= posmaskmin; % these are psXD matrices
minposmask_keep      = pos > posmaskmin;
maxposmask_throwaway = pos >= posmaskmax;
maxposmask_keep      = pos < posmaskmax;

if posmaskmeth == 1

% this is the saturation method

pos = ( minposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmin ) + ( minposmask_keep.*pos );
pos = ( maxposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmax ) + ( maxposmask_keep.*pos );

elseif posmaskmeth == 2

% this is the wraparound method

pos = ( minposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmax ) + ( minposmask_keep.*pos );
pos = ( maxposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmin ) + ( maxposmask_keep.*pos );

elseif posmaskmeth == 3

% this is the bounce method, particles bounce off the boundaries with -vel

pos = ( minposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmin ) + ( minposmask_keep.*pos );
pos = ( maxposmask_throwaway.*posmaskmax ) + ( maxposmask_keep.*pos );

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disp(['--> Solution likely, GBest hasn't changed by at least ',...
      num2str(ergrd),' for ',...
      num2str(cnt2),' epochs.']);

eval(plotfcn);

end

break

end

end

% this stops if using constrained optimization and goal is reached

if ~isnan(errgoal)

if ((gbestval<=errgoal) & (minmax==0)) | ((gbestval>=errgoal) & (minmax==1))

if plotflg == 1

    fprintf(message,i,gbestval);

    disp(' ');

    disp(['--> Error Goal reached, successful termination!']);

    eval(plotfcn);

end

break

end
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% this is stopping criterion for constrained from both sides

if minmax == 2

    if ((tr(i)<errgoal) & (gbestval>=errgoal)) | ((tr(i)>errgoal) ...
        & (gbestval <= errgoal))

        if plotflg == 1

            fprintf(message,i,gbestval);

            disp(' ');

            disp(['--> Error Goal reached, successful termination!']);

            eval(plotfcn);

        end

        break

    end

end % end if minmax==2

end % end ~isnan if

% % convert back to inertial frame

% pos = pos - repmat(gbestoffset,ps,1);

% pbest = pbest - repmat(gbestoffset,ps,1);

% gbest = gbest + gbestoffset;

end % end epoch loop
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%% clear temp outputs

% evalin('base','clear temp_pso_out temp_te temp_tr;');

% output & return

OUT=[gbest';gbestval];

varargout{1}=[1:te];

varargout{2}=[tr(find(~isnan(tr)))];

return
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% forcerow.m

% function to force a vector to be a single row

function[out]=forcerow(in)

len=prod(size(in));

out=reshape(in,[1,len]);
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% goplotpso.m

% default plotting script used in PSO functions

clf

set(gcf,'Position',[651 31 626 474]); % this is the computer dependent part
%set(gcf,'Position',[743 33 853 492]);
set(gcf,'Doublebuffer','on');

% particle plot, upper right

subplot('position',[.7,.6,.27,.32]);

set(gcf,'color','k')

plot3(pos(:,1),pos(:,D),out,'b.','Markersize',7)

hold on

plot3(pbest(:,1),pbest(:,D),pbestval,'g.','Markersize',7);
plot3(gbest(1),gbest(D),gbestval,'r.','Markersize',25);

% crosshairs

offx = max(abs(min(min(pbest(:,1)),min(pos(:,1))))),...
           abs(max(max(pbest(:,1)),max(pos(:,1)))));
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offy = max(abs(min(min(pbest(:,D)),min(pos(:,D)))),...
            abs(min(max(pbest(:,D)),max(pos(:,D)))));

plot3([gbest(1)-offx;gbest(1)+offx],...
      [gbest(D);gbest(D)],...
      [gbestval;gbestval],...
      'r-');

plot3([gbest(1);gbest(1)],...
      [gbest(D)-offy;gbest(D)+offy],...
      [gbestval;gbestval],...
      'r-');

hold off

xlabel('Dimension 1','color','y')
ylabel(['Dimension ',num2str(D)],'color','y')
zlabel('Cost','color','y')

title('Particle Dynamics','color','w','fontweight','bold')

set(gca,'Xcolor','y')
set(gca,'Ycolor','y')
set(gca,'Zcolor','y')
set(gca,'color','k')

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% camera control

view(2)

try

    axis([gbest(1)-offx,gbest(1)+offx,gbest(D)-offy,gbest(D)+offy]);

catch

    axis([VR(1,1),VR(1,2),VR(D,1),VR(D,2)]);

end

% error plot, left side

subplot('position',[0.1,0.1,.475,.825]);

semilogy(tr(find(~isnan(tr))),'color','m','linewidth',2)

%plot(tr(find(~isnan(tr))),'color','m','linewidth',2)

xlabel('epoch','color','y')

ylabel('gbest val.','color','y')

if D==1

    titstr1=sprintf(['%11.6g = %s( [ %9.6g ] )'],...
                    gbestval,strrep(funcname,'_','\_' ),gbest(1));

elseif D==2

    titstr1=sprintf(['%11.6g = %s( [ %9.6g, %9.6g ] )'],...
                    gbestval,strrep(funcname,'_','\_' ),gbest(1),gbest(2));

elseif D==3

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titstr1=sprintf(['%11.6g = %s( [ %9.6g, %9.6g, %9.6g ] )'],...
               gbestval,strrep(funcname,'_','\_' ),gbest(1),gbest(2),gbest(3));

else

titstr1=sprintf(['%11.6g = %s( [ %g inputs ] )'],...
               gbestval,strrep(funcname,'_','\_' ),D);

end

title(titstr1,'color','m','fontweight','bold');

grid on

% axis tight

set(gca,'Xcolor','y')

set(gca,'Ycolor','y')

set(gca,'Zcolor','y')

set(gca,'color','k')

set(gca,'YMinorGrid','off')

% text box in lower right

% doing it this way so I can format each line any way I want

subplot('position',[.62,.1,.29,.4]);

clear titstr

if trelea==0

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PSOtype = 'Common PSO';
xtraname = 'Inertia Weight : ';
xtraval = num2str(iwt(length(iwt)));

elseif trelea==2 | trelea==1

PSOtype = (['Trelea Type ',num2str(trelea)]);
xtraname = '';
xtraval = '';

elseif trelea==3

PSOtype = (['Clerc Type 1']);
xtraname = '\chi value : ';
xtraval = num2str(chi);

end

if isnan(errgoal)
    errgoalstr='Unconstrained';
else
    errgoalstr=num2str(errgoal);
end

if minmax==1
    minmaxstr = ['Maximize to : '];
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elseif minmax==0
    minmaxstr = ['Minimize to : '];
else
    minmaxstr = ['Target to : '];
end

if rstflg==1
    rststat1 = 'Environment Change';
    rststat2 = '';
else
    rststat1 = '';
    rststat2 = '';
end

titstr={'PSO Model: ' ,PSOtype;...
    'Dimensions : ' ,num2str(D);...
    '# of particles : ',num2str(ps);...
    minmaxstr ,errgoalstr;...
    'Function : ' ,strrep(funcname,'_','\ ');...
    xtraname ,xtraval;...
    rststat1 ,rststat2};

text(.1,1,[titstr{1,1},titstr{1,2}], 'color','g','fontweight','bold');

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hold on

text(.1,.9,[titstr{2,1},titstr{2,2}], 'color','m');

text(.1,.8,[titstr{3,1},titstr{3,2}], 'color','m');

text(.1,.7,[titstr{4,1}], 'color','w');

text(.55,.7,[titstr{4,2}], 'color','m');

text(.1,.6,[titstr{5,1},titstr{5,2}], 'color','m');

text(.1,.5,[titstr{6,1},titstr{6,2}], 'color','w','fontweight','bold');

text(.1,.4,[titstr{7,1},titstr{7,2}], 'color','r','fontweight','bold');

% if we are training a neural net, show a few more parameters
if strcmp('pso_neteval',funcname)

    % net is passed from trainpso to pso_Trelea_vectorized in case you are
    % wondering where that structure comes from

    hiddlyrstr = [];

    for lyrCnt=1:length(net.layers)

        TF{lyrCnt} = net.layers{lyrCnt}.transferFcn;

        Sn(lyrCnt) = net.layers{lyrCnt}.dimensions;

        hiddlyrstr = [hiddlyrstr, ', ',TF{lyrCnt}];

    end

    hiddlyrstr = hiddlyrstr(3:end);

text(0.1,.35,['#neur/lyr = [ ',num2str(net.inputs{1}.size),' ',...

        num2str(Sn),' ]'],'color','c','fontweight','normal',...

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        'fontsize',10);  
text(0.1,.275,['Lyr Fcn: ',hiddlyrstr],...  
      'color','c','fontweight','normal','fontsize',9);  
  
end
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legstr = {'Green = Personal Bests';...  
         'Blue = Current Positions';...  
         'Red = Global Best'};  
text(.1,0.025,legstr{1},'color','g');  
text(.1,-.05,legstr{2},'color','b');  
text(.1,-.125,legstr{3},'color','r');
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hold off
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set(gca,'color','k');  
set(gca,'visible','off');
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drawnow
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function [y Pl]=f6(in)
in=abs(in);
global data B B0 Pd
a=data(:,1);
b=data(:,2);
c=data(:,3);
y1=in.*in*diag(a)+in*diag(b);
Pl1=(in*B).*in+in*diag(B0);
Pl=sum(Pl1)';
lam=abs(Pd+Pl'-sum(in'))';
y=(sum(y1')+sum(c))'+100*lam;
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% the data matrix should have 5 columns of fuel cost coefficients and plant limits.
% 1.a ($/MW^2) 2. b $/MW 3. c ($) 4.lower limit(MW) 5.Upper limit(MW)
%no of rows denote the no of plants(n)

clear

clc;

format long;

global data B B0 B00 Pd

data=[0.008  7    200  10    85
0.009  6.3   180  10    80
0.007  6.8   140 10 70];

B=.01* [.0218 .0093 .0028;.0093 .0228 .0017;.0028 .0017 .0179];

B0=0* [.0003 .0031 .0015];

B00=100* .00030523;

Pd=150;

Pd=Pd+B00;

l=data(:,4)';

u=data(:,5)';

ran=[l' u'];

n=length(data(:,1));

Pdef = [100 100000 100 2 2 0.9 0.4 1500 1e-6 5000 NaN 0 0];
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[OUT]=pso_Trelea_vectorized('f6',n,1,ran,0,Pdef);  
out=abs(OUT)  
P=out(1:n)  
[F PI]=f6(P')
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## SIMULATION RESULT:

PSO: 1/100000 iterations, GBest = 1632.5074919140593.  
PSO: 100/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.882135116467.  
PSO: 200/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.8093232242156.  
PSO: 300/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7974910663006.  
PSO: 400/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7974910663006.  
PSO: 500/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7864074485133.  
PSO: 600/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.775247783934.  
PSO: 700/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7659229125113.  
PSO: 800/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7659228346886.  
PSO: 900/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7535586579863.  
PSO: 1000/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441037441795.  
PSO: 1100/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441030611044.  
PSO: 1200/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441030610737.  
PSO: 1300/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441030610737.

PSO: 1400/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441030610737.  
PSO: 1500/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7441030610737.  
PSO: 1600/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7417625988853.  
PSO: 1700/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7417625988728.  
PSO: 1800/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7417625988728.  
PSO: 1900/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7417625988728.  
PSO: 2000/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7400589502358.  
PSO: 2100/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7398239799877.  
PSO: 2200/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7384905040958.  
PSO: 2300/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7361693317653.  
PSO: 2400/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7361693317653.  
PSO: 2500/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7358745606207.  
PSO: 2600/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7338612604658.  
PSO: 2700/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821456585.  
PSO: 2800/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 2900/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3000/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3100/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3200/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3300/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3400/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3500/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
PSO: 3600/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.

PSO: 3700/100000 iterations, GBest = 1597.7329821367932.  
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## CONCLUSION

This paper presents a new approach to ELD problems based on the **PSO** algorithm. A position adjustment strategy is incorporated in the **PSO** framework in order to provide solutions satisfying the inequality constraints. The equality constraint in the ELD problem is resolved by reducing the degree of freedom by one at random. The strategies for handling constraints are devised in order not to intervene the dynamic process of PSO algorithm. The proposed PSO provided the global solution for the ELD problems with smooth cost functions within a reasonable computation time and iteration number.

The PSO algorithm has been demonstrated to have superior features including high quality solution, stable convergence characteristics, and less computation time. The PSO method is employed to solve the ELD problem. The proposed method was indeed capable of obtaining higher quality solutions with better computation efficiency and convergence property.

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