

# Experiment: Advanced Computation for Energy Engineering

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## Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

### Subject 3: Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

Implement a Matlab m script of PSO to solve Rastrigin function in m-dimension:

$$Eval_i = 3m + \sum_{j=1}^m (x_{ij}^2 - 3 \cos(2\pi x_{ij}))$$

Take 10 and 20 agents

Test it for m=2 and m=3, with visualization of agent's trajectories.

## Rastrigin Function

Create a m script for the rastrigin function

```
function val = rastrigin(x)
    % the parameter x is the current position which is an array
    % dimensionality (m)
    m = length(x);
```

```

% rastrigin function Eval = 3m + summation(x^2 - 3cos(2*pi*x))
sum = 0;
% find the summation by looping through
for i = 1 : m
    sum = sum + (x(i).^2 - 3*cos(2*pi*x(i)));
end

% fitness value of the rastrigin function
val = 3*m + sum;
end

```

#### For a Rastrigin function:

- The Rastrigin function has several local minima.
- It is highly multimodal, but locations of the minima are regularly distributed.
- The function is usually evaluated on the hypercube  $x_i \in [-5.12, 5.12]$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$

Reference: <https://www.sfu.ca/~ssurjano/rastr.html>

## PSO Algorithm

### General steps

1. Initialize the algorithm parameter ( $\omega, c_1, c_2$ ). Algorithm parameter to be explained later
2. Initialize the population (swarm of particles) with random position  $x$  and velocity  $v$  ( $v$  can be otherwise initialized as zero)
3. Evaluate the fitness  $f$  of each particle using the fitness function
4. Update the particle's pbest and gbest using equation (a) and (b), respectively.
5. Generate random numbers  $r_1$  &  $r_2$
6. Update the velocity of each particle using equation (c) as shown below
7. Update the position of each particle using equation (d) as shown below
8. Loop through **step 3 to 7** until a stopping criteria is met. Stopping criteria can be a user-defined number of iterations.

### Equations

- $P_{(i,lb)}^{(t)}$  is the personal best position of  $i$  – th particle in  $t$  generation. Assume minimization problem

$$p_{(i,lb)}^{(t+1)} = \begin{cases} x_i^{(t+1)} & \text{if } f(x_i^{(t+1)}) \leq f(p_{(i,lb)}^{(t)}) \\ p_{(i,lb)}^{(t)} & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \text{equ. (a)}$$

- $P_{gb}^{(t)}$  is the global best position in  $t$  generation. It is the minimum fitness which is calculated as:

$$p_{gb}^{(t)} \in \{p_{(1,best)}^{(t)}, \dots, p_{(N,best)}^{(t)}\} \mid f(p_{gb}^{(t)}) = \min\{f(p_{(1,best)}^{(t)}), \dots, f(p_{(N,best)}^{(t)})\}$$

$$p_{gb}^{(t)} \in \{x_1^{(t)}, \dots, x_N^{(t)}\} \mid f(p_{gb}^{(t)}) = \min\{f(x_1^{(t)}), \dots, f(x_N^{(t)})\} \quad \text{equ. (b)}$$

- Velocity and position update

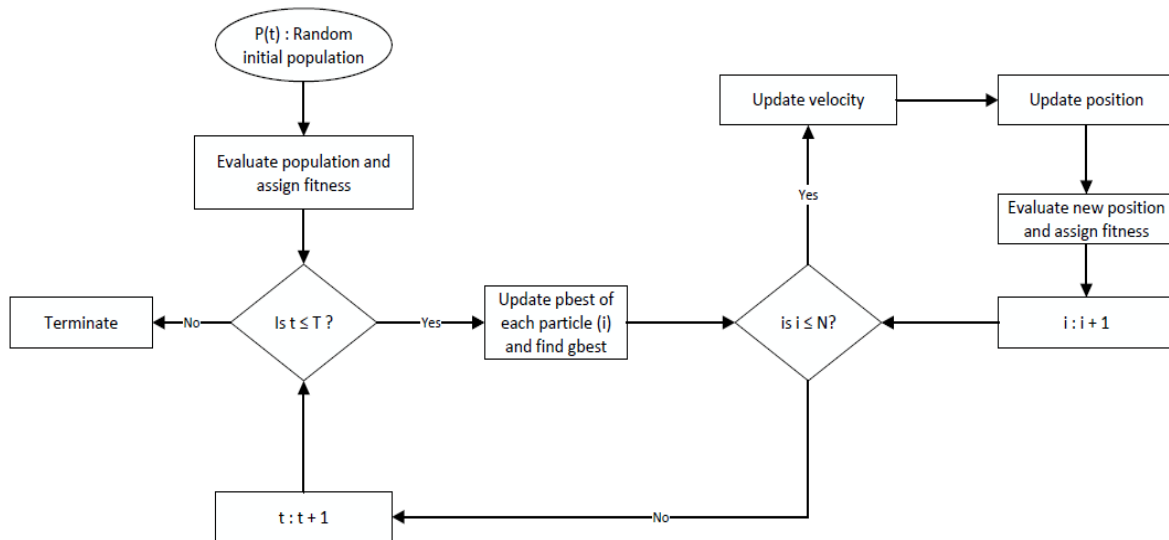
$$v_i^{t+1} = \omega \times v_i^t + c_1 r_1 (p_{(i,lb)}^{(t)} - x_i^{(t)}) + c_2 r_2 (p_{gb}^{(t)} - x_i^{(t)}) \quad \text{equ. (c)}$$

$$x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + v_i^{t+1} \quad \text{equ. (d)}$$

Where

- $N$  is the number of particles in the swarm
- $lb$  is local (personal) best,  $gb$  is the global best
- $i$  is the number of iteration
- $\omega$  is the inertia weight
- $c_1$  &  $c_2$  are the acceleration coefficients
- $r_1$  &  $r_2$  are random numbers between 0 and 1 and are generated in each iteration for each dimension, and not for each particle.
- $pbest$  is the best position achieved by the particle.
- $gbest$  is the best position achieved by the whole swarm.
- $T$  is the number of iteration

## Flowchart of PSO



PSO Flowchart

Source: Module 4 Evolution Computation by Nptel

## Bibliography:

- <https://www.udemy.com/course/bio-inspired-artificial-intelligence-algorithms-for-optimization>
- <https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/optimization-algorithms/9781633438835/>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/146EpYC6qX5Rk-GEED6oRtH5TD8t9SmJK/view>
- <https://archive.nptel.ac.in/courses/112/103/112103301/>
- [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/379603938\\_Particle\\_Swarm\\_and\\_Genetic\\_Algorithms\\_applied\\_to\\_the\\_identification\\_of\\_Induction\\_Machine\\_Parameters](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/379603938_Particle_Swarm_and_Genetic_Algorithms_applied_to_the_identification_of_Induction_Machine_Parameters)

## Code Implementation

### User defined parameters

```
%% User defined parameters
m = 2;                % dimensionality (search space) for m = 2 or m = 3
n_particles = 10;     % numbers of particles (agents) set for 10 or 20
max_iter = 100;       % maximum iteration which is the stopping criteria
fprintf("User parameter for simulation defined!")
```

User parameter for simulation defined!

## PSO hyperparameters

```
%% PSO hyperparameters
w = 0.7;                % inertia weight
c1 = 1.4;               % cognitive (personal) coefficient
c2 = 1.2;               % social coefficient

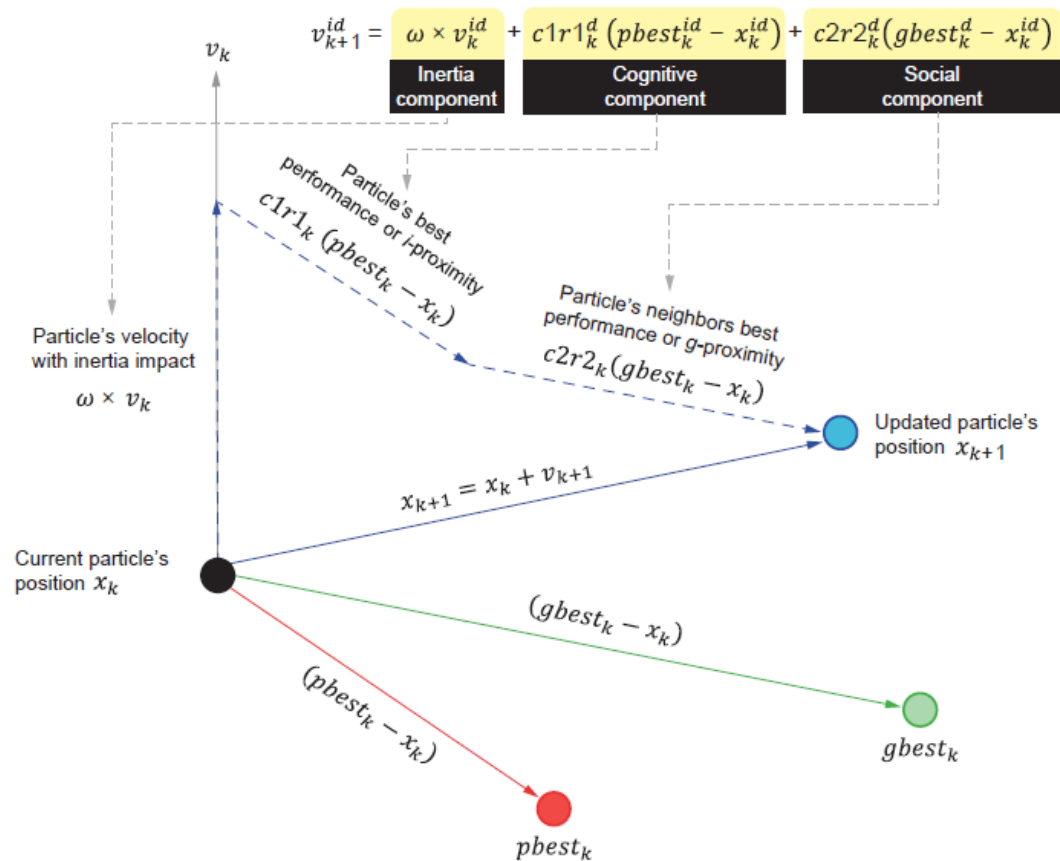
% for rastrigin problems, the search space boundaries is
% commonly [-5.12 5.12]
min_x = -5.12;          % minimum search space boundary
max_x = 5.12;           % maximum search space boundary

fprintf("PSO hyperparameter for simulation defined!")
```

PSO hyperparameter for simulation defined!

- **Inertia component ( $\omega$ ):** The first part of the velocity update equation represents the influence of a particle's inertia, taking into account that a particle (like a fish in a school or a bird in a flock) cannot abruptly change its direction. Large values of  $\omega$  encourage **exploration**, while small values promote **exploitation**, allowing the cognitive and social components to exert greater control. A widely adopted value for  $\omega$  is **0.792**.
- **Cognitive component:** The second part of the equation (c), referred to as the cognitive component, represents the particle's attraction toward its personal best position, or individual proximity (i-proximity). The cognitive component encourages particles to explore the areas around their personal best positions, allowing them to fine-tune their search in promising regions. Setting c1 to 0 reduces the PSO algorithm to a social-only or selfless PSO model. Hence, particles are solely attracted to the group best and ignore their personal bests. This leads to an emphasis on global exploration based on the swarm's collective knowledge.
- **Social component:** The third part of the velocity update equation is the social component, which represents the particle's attraction to the swarm's collective knowledge or group proximity (g-proximity). The social component fosters collaboration among particles, helping them converge toward an optimal solution more effectively. Setting c2 to 0 results in a cognition-only model, where particles act as independent hill climbers, relying only on their personal bests.
- **Note:** In many applications, c1 and c2 are set to **1.49**. Although there is no theoretical justification for this specific value, it has been empirically found to work well in various optimization problems. Generally, the **sum of c1 and c2 should be less than or equal to 4** to maintain the algorithm's stability and convergence properties.

## Motion Visualization



## Initialize Swarm

```
%% Initialize the Swarm

% initialize the position with random value with [min_x max_x]
x = min_x + (max_x - min_x) .* rand(n_particles, m);

% initialize the velocity to zero
v = zeros(n_particles, m);

% initialize the fitness function
fitness = zeros(n_particles, 1);

for i = 1 : length(x)
    fitness(i) = rastrigin(x(i,:));
end

% personal best
p_best_pose = x;                % personal best position
p_best_val = fitness;           % personal best value
```

```

% global best
% the global best value is the minimum fitness
[gbest_val, gbest_idx] = min(fitness); % find the index of the minimum
fitness
% the index of minimum fitness is the global best position
gbest_pose = x(gbest_idx,:); % global best position

fprintf("Swarm initialization done!")

```

Swarm initialization done!

## Create Figure Template

- **Mesh grid:** <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/meshgrid.html>
- **Linspace:** <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/double.linspace.html>

```

%% Figure template
if m == 2
    figure('Name','PSO Rastrigin 2D','NumberTitle','off');
elseif m == 3
    figure('Name','PSO Rastrigin 3D','NumberTitle','off');
end

% figure template for precomputing grid for contour and surf
[X, Y] = meshgrid(linspace(min_x, max_x, 100), linspace(min_x, max_x, 100));
Z = zeros(size(X));
for i = 1:size(X,1)
    for j = 1:size(X,2)
        Z(i,j) = rastrigin([X(i,j), Y(i,j)]);
    end
end

fprintf("Figure template for the plot created!")

```

Figure template for the plot created!

## Main PSO Loop

```

for iter = 1 : max_iter
    % update velocities and positions of the particles (agents)
    for i = 1 : n_particles
        % random coefficients for behavior ranging from 0 - 1
        r1 = rand(); r2 = rand();

        % velocity update
        v(i,:) = w*v(i,:) + c1*r1*(p_best_pose(i,:) - x(i,:)) +
c2*r2*(gbest_pose - x(i,:));
    end
end

```

```

% update the position
x(i,:) = x(i,:) + v(i,:);

% boundary conditions to make sure position isn't
% beyond [min_x max_x] limit
for d = 1:2
    if x(i, d) > max_x
        x(i, d) = max_x;
    elseif x(i, d) < min_x
        x(i, d) = min_x;
    end
end
end

% evaluate fitness after updating positions
for i = 1 : n_particles
    fitness(i) = rastrigin(x(i,:));

    % update personal best
    if fitness(i) < p_best_val(i)
        p_best_val(i) = fitness(i);
        p_best_pose(i,:) = x(i,:);
    end
end

% update global best
[current_best, current_best_idx] = min(p_best_val);
if current_best < gbest_val
    gbest_val = current_best;
    gbest_pose = p_best_pose(current_best_idx, :);
end

% display iteration info
fprintf('Iteration %d \t| Global Best Value = %f\n', iter, gbest_val);

% plot the graph
if m == 2
    clf;
    contourf(X,Y,Z,80, 'LineColor', 'none'); hold on;
    plot(p_best_pose(:,1), p_best_pose(:,2), 'ro', 'MarkerFaceColor','r');
    plot(gbest_pose(:,1), gbest_pose(:,2), 'ro', 'MarkerFaceColor','g');
    title(['Iteration ' num2str(iter)]);
    xlabel('x_1'); ylabel('x_2');
    axis([min_x max_x min_x max_x]);
    drawnow; % for the plot animation
end

```



```

elseif (m == 3)
    clf; % clear figure
    surf(X, Y, Z, 'EdgeColor','none');
    colormap('jet');
    hold on;
    view(45, 45); % view angle

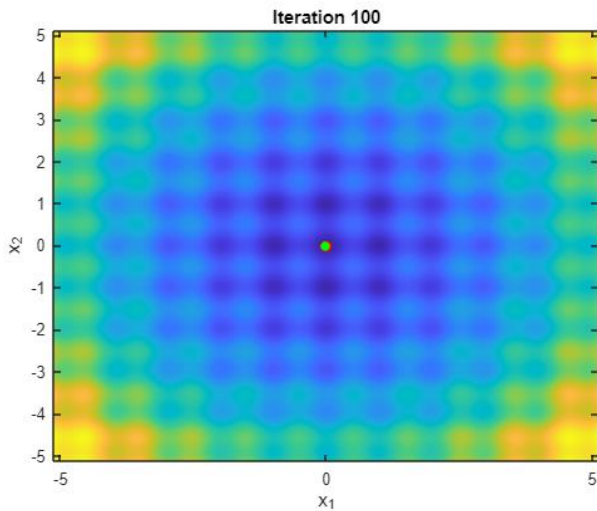
    % evaluate Rastrigin at each particle to show their 'height'
    zPos = arrayfun(@(row) rastrigin(p_best_pose(row,:)),
1:size(p_best_pose,1));
    scatter3(p_best_pose(:,1), p_best_pose(:,2), zPos, 40, 'r', 'filled');
    title(['Iteration ' num2str(iter)]);
    xlabel('x_1'); ylabel('x_2'); zlabel('Function Value');
    drawnow; % plot animation
end
end

```

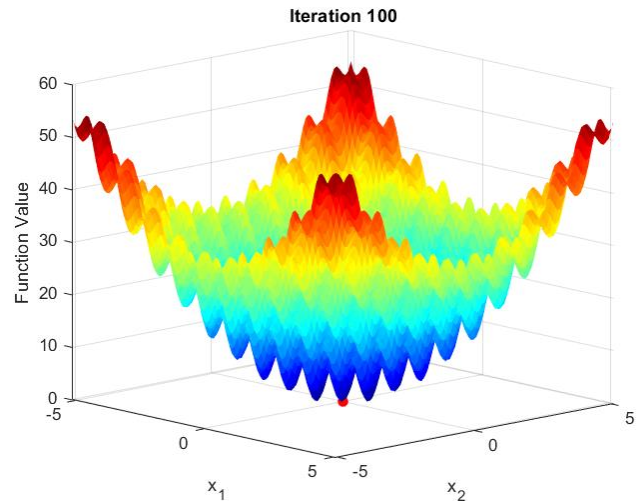
Iteration 1	Global Best Value = 5.159142
Iteration 2	Global Best Value = 2.398222
Iteration 3	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 4	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 5	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 6	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 7	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 8	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 9	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 10	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 11	Global Best Value = 1.204072
Iteration 12	Global Best Value = 0.201617
Iteration 13	Global Best Value = 0.201617
Iteration 14	Global Best Value = 0.201617
Iteration 15	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 16	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 17	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 18	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 19	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 20	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 21	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 22	Global Best Value = 0.014447
Iteration 23	Global Best Value = 0.011929
Iteration 24	Global Best Value = 0.011929
Iteration 25	Global Best Value = 0.006460
Iteration 26	Global Best Value = 0.006460
Iteration 27	Global Best Value = 0.006460
Iteration 28	Global Best Value = 0.006460
Iteration 29	Global Best Value = 0.000836
Iteration 30	Global Best Value = 0.000836
Iteration 31	Global Best Value = 0.000836
Iteration 32	Global Best Value = 0.000836
Iteration 33	Global Best Value = 0.000836
Iteration 34	Global Best Value = 0.000371
Iteration 35	Global Best Value = 0.000371

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Iteration 93	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 94	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 95	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 96	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 97	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 98	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 99	Global Best Value = 0.000000
Iteration 100	Global Best Value = 0.000000



Rastrigin 2D



Rastrigin 3D

#### Note:

- `arrayfun`: <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/arrayfun.html>
- It is used with an *anonymous* function:  
[https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/matlab\\_prog/anonymous-functions.html](https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/matlab_prog/anonymous-functions.html)
- This is done to avoid writing function m script and the output is turned to an array.

#### Final Result

```
%% final result
```

```
fprintf('Best value found: %f\n', gbest_val);
```

```
Best value found: 0.000000
```

```
if m == 2
```

```
    fprintf('Best position found: [%f, %f]\n', gbest_pose(1), gbest_pose(2));
```

```
Best position found: [0.000000, 0.000000]
```

```
elseif m == 3
```

```
    fprintf('Best position found: [%f, %f, %f]\n', gbest_pose(1),  
gbest_pose(2), gbest_pose(3));
```

```
end
```

## PSO Simulation Video

Click here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16-pilizYJNG8Ki1unexyFoG23p-IYtej?usp=sharing>

## Source Code

- Copy the code in the code box below and name the m script file as `rastrigin.m`

```
function val = rastrigin(x)
    % the parameter x is the current position and an array
    % dimentionality (m)
    m = length(x);

    % rastrigin function Eval = 3m + summation(x^2 - 3cos(2*pi*x))
    sum = 0;
    % find the summation by looping through
    for i = 1 : m
        sum = sum + (x(i).^2 - 3*cos(2*pi*x(i)));
    end

    % fitness value of the rastrigin function
    val = 3*m + sum;
end
```

- Copy the code below and name the m script file as `PSO_Rastrigin.m`

```
function PSO_Rastrigin(n_dim, n_agents)
%% User defined parameters
m = n_dim;                % dimensionality (search space) for m = 2
or m = 3;
n_particles = n_agents;   % numbers of particles (agents) set for 10
or 20;
max_iter = 100;           % maximum iteration which is the stopping
criteria

%% PSO hyperparameters
w = 0.7;                  % inertia weight
c1 = 1.4;                  % cognitive (personal) coefficient
c2 = 1.2;                  % social coefficient

% for rastrigin problems, the search space boundaries is
% commonly [-5.12 5.12]
min_x = -5.12;            % minimum search space boundary
max_x = 5.12;             % maximum search space boundary

%% Initialize the Swarm
```

```

% initialize the position with random value with [min_x max_x]
x = min_x + (max_x - min_x) .* rand(n_particles, m);

% initialize the velocity to zero
v = zeros(n_particles, m);

% initialize the fitness funtion
fitness = zeros(n_particles, 1);

for i = 1 : length(x)
    fitness(i) = rastrigin(x(i,:));
end

% personal best
p_best_pose = x; % personal best position
p_best_val = fitness; % personal best value

% global best
% the global best value is the minimum fitness
[gbest_val, gbest_idx] = min(fitness); % find the index of the
minimum fitness
% the index of minimum fitness is the global best position
gbest_pose = x(gbest_idx,:); % global best position

%% Figure template
if m == 2
    figure('Name','PSO Rastrigin 2D','NumberTitle','off');
elseif m == 3
    figure('Name','PSO Rastrigin 3D','NumberTitle','off');
end

% figure template for precomputing grid for contour and surf
[X, Y] = meshgrid(linspace(min_x, max_x, 100), linspace(min_x, max_x,
100));
Z = zeros(size(X));
for i = 1:size(X,1)
    for j = 1:size(X,2)
        Z(i,j) = rastrigin([X(i,j), Y(i,j)]);
    end
end

%% Main PSO Loop
for iter = 1 : max_iter
    % update velocities and positions of the particles (agents)
    for i = 1 : n_particles
        % random coefficients for behavior ranging from 0 - 1
        r1 = rand(); r2 = rand();

        % velocity update
        v(i,:) = w*v(i,:) + c1*r1*(p_best_pose(i,:) - x(i,:)) +
c2*r2*(gbest_pose - x(i,:));

        % update the position
        x(i,:) = x(i,:) + v(i,:);
    end
end

```

```

    % boundary conditions to make sure position isn't
    % beyond [min_x max_x] limit
    for d = 1:2
        if x(i, d) > max_x
            x(i, d) = max_x;
        elseif x(i, d) < min_x
            x(i, d) = min_x;
        end
    end
end

% evaluate fitness after updating positions
for i = 1 : n_particles
    fitness(i) = rastrigin(x(i,:));

    % update personal best
    if fitness(i) < p_best_val(i)
        p_best_val(i) = fitness(i);
        p_best_pose(i,:) = x(i,:);
    end
end

% update global best
[current_best, current_best_idx] = min(p_best_val);
if current_best < gbest_val
    gbest_val = current_best;
    gbest_pose = p_best_pose(current_best_idx, :);
end

% display iteration info
fprintf('Iteration %d \t| Global Best Value = %f\n', iter,
gbest_val);

% plot the graph
if m == 2
    clf;
    contourf(X,Y,Z,80, 'LineColor', 'none'); hold on;
    plot(p_best_pose(:,1), p_best_pose(:,2), 'ro',
'MarkerFaceColor','r');
    plot(gbest_pose(:,1), gbest_pose(:,2), 'ro',
'MarkerFaceColor','g');
    title(['Iteration ' num2str(iter)]);
    xlabel('x_1'); ylabel('x_2');
    axis([min_x max_x min_x max_x]);
    drawnow; % for the plot animation
elseif (m == 3)
    clf; % clear figure
    surf(X, Y, Z, 'EdgeColor','none');
    colormap('jet');
    hold on;
    view(45, 45); % view angle
end

```

```

        % evaluate Rastrigin at each particle to show their 'height'
        zPos = arrayfun(@(row) rastrigin(p_best_pose(row,:)),
1:size(p_best_pose,1));
        scatter3(p_best_pose(:,1), p_best_pose(:,2), zPos, 40, 'r',
'filled');
        title(['Iteration ' num2str(iter)]);
        xlabel('x_1'); ylabel('x_2'); zlabel('Function Value');
        drawnow; % plot animation
    end
end

%% final result
disp('=====');
disp('PSO optimization successfully done. ');
fprintf('Best value found: %f\n', gbest_val);
if m == 2
    fprintf('Best position found: [%f, %f]\n', gbest_pose(1),
gbest_pose(2));
elseif m == 3
    fprintf('Best position found: [%f, %f, %f]\n', gbest_pose(1),
gbest_pose(2), gbest_pose(3));
end

end

```

- Save both files in the same folder and run this command in the command window

```

% m = 2, agents = 10
>> PSO_Rastrigin(2, 10)

% m = 2, agents = 20
>> PSO_Rastrigin(2, 10)

% m = 3, agents = 10
>> PSO_Rastrigin(3, 10)

% m = 3, agents = 20
>> PSO_Rastrigin(3, 20)

```

- Source code can be found on the GitHub page: <https://github.com/Abisoyesam/Computation-for-Energy/tree/main/PSO>