



Artificial Bee Colony

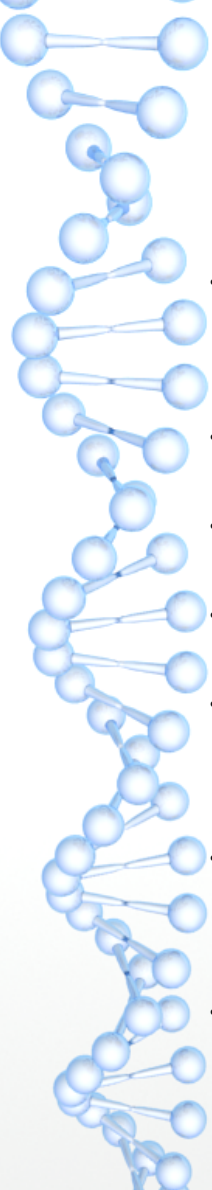
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Introduction

- Introduced by Dr. Dervis Karatoga 2005
- Inspired by honey bee colonies
- Searching algorithm
- Self-organising collective intelligence
- Used for optimizing numerical problems, system control, image classification, internet traffic flow analysis, neural networks training and much more

Algorithm

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- Goal is to find vector of parameters for given objective function getting minimal value
 - Dimension of search space == size of parameters vector
 - Food sources(vectors) are randomly initialized in search space
 - Employed bees search for food and remember best solution
 - Onlooker bees probabilistically select food based on employed bees information and perform search for neighbour solution
 - Scouts randomly search solution space, employed bee which solution was not improved many times become scout
 - Food search continues until search criteria are reached



Math – The problem

Minimize $f(\vec{x})$, $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
constrained by:

$$l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i, i = 1, \dots, n$$

subject to

$$g_j(\vec{x}) \leq 0, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, p$$

$$h_j(\vec{x}) = 0, \text{ for } j = p+1, \dots, q$$

We call constrained search space $S^n \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 p and q can be 0.



Math –Initialization

Let SN be population size, we randomly initialize all food sources $\vec{x}_m, m=1, \dots, n$

$$x_{mi} = l_i + rand(0,1) \cdot (u_i - l_i)$$



Math – Employee bees search

- Employee bees have last solution in memory
- Finding neighbour food source

$$v_{mi} = x_{mi} + \phi_{mi} (x_{mi} - x_{ki})$$

- where \vec{x}_k is random food source and i is random index and ϕ_{mi} is random number between $-\alpha$ and α . Then fitness is counted for both and better is chosen.

$$fit_m(\vec{x}_m) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + f_m(\vec{x}_m)} & \text{if } f_m(\vec{x}_m) \geq 0 \\ 1 + abs(f_m(\vec{x}_m)) & \text{if } f_m(\vec{x}_m) < 0 \end{cases}$$



Math – Onlooker bees

- Onlookers choose the food source based on employed bees information and search for neighbour solution.
- Probability of choosing food source m :

$$p_m = \frac{fit_m(\vec{x}_m)}{\sum_{m=1}^{SN} fit_m(\vec{x}_m)}$$



Scouts

- Employee bees keeps best found solution
- When there is no better solution after limit search, employed bee become scout
- Randomly search space as in initialization phase



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