



## A modified particle swarm optimization using adaptive strategy

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### ABSTRACT

In expert systems, complex optimization problems are usually nonlinear, nonconvex, multimodal and discontinuous. As an efficient and simple optimization algorithm, particle swarm optimization(PSO) has been widely applied to solve various real optimization problems in expert systems. However, avoiding premature convergence and balancing the global exploration and local exploitation capabilities of the PSO remains an open issue. To overcome these drawbacks and strengthen the ability of PSO in solving complex optimization problems, a modified PSO using adaptive strategy called MPSO is proposed. In MPSO, in order to well balance the global exploration and local exploitation capabilities of the PSO, a chaotic-based non-linear inertia weight is proposed. Meanwhile, to avoid the premature convergence, stochastic and mainstream learning strategies are adopted. Finally, an adaptive position updating strategy and terminal replacement mechanism are employed to enhance PSO's ability to solve complex optimization problems in expert systems. 30 complex CEC2017 benchmark functions are utilized to verify the promising performance of MPSO, experimental results and statistical analysis indicate that MPSO has competitive performance compared with 16 state-of-the-art algorithms. The source code of MPSO is provided at <https://github.com/lhustl/MPSO>.

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### 1. Introduction

In expert system, many practical problems can be modeled as optimization tasks, such as power system (Dosoglu, Guvenc, Duman, Sonmez, & Kahraman, 2018; Lai, Illindala, & Subramaniam, 2019; Thurner et al., 2018), path planning (FarzanehKaloorazi, Bonev, & Birglen, 2018; Raineri, Ronchini, Perri, & Bianco, 2020) and water supply system design (Han, Lu, & Qiao, 2017), operation management (Hamdi, Ghorbel, Masmoudi, & Dupont, 2018) and satellite network (Huang, Liu, Su, & Wang, 2018). Because of the wide applications of expert system, complex optimization problems are generally nonlinear, uncertain, multimodal, discontinuous and high-dimensional. Therefore, high performance optimization algorithm has become a research hotspot.

Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a population-based intelligent optimization algorithm proposed by (Kennedy & Eberhart, 1995), which has attracted more and more attention from researchers and has been successfully applied to solve many real optimization problems in expert systems, which has attracted more and more attention from researchers, such as the vehicle routing problem (Marinakis, Marinaki, & Migdalas, 2019), data classifica-

tion (Alswaitti, Albughdadi, & Isa, 2018; Carneiro, Cheng, Zhao, & Jin, 2019), knapsack problem (Lin, Guan, Li, & Feng, 2019b), flexible job-shop scheduling (Nouiri, Bekrar, Jemai, Niar, & Ammari, 2018), feature selection (Wu, Ma, Fan, Xu, & Shen, 2019a), deep neural network (Geng, 2018; Xue, Tang, & Liu, 2019) and many other real-world problems in expert systems (Mahmoodian, Jabbarzadeh, Rezazadeh, & Barzinpour, 2019; Wu, Wu, & Liu, 2019b).

Although PSO is of simple principle, easy implementation and higher convergence rate, it still has some shortcomings, such as premature convergence and poor global search ability. Researchers have proposed various modified versions of PSO to overcome the deficiencies. Generally speaking, there are five strategies to fulfill these targets:

- (1) Tuning control parameters. As for the inertial weight ( $w$ ), time-varying inertia weights (Beheshti, Shamsuddin, & Hasan, 2015; Yang, Gao, Liu, & Song, 2015), adaptive inertial weight (Agrawal & Tripathi, 2019; Nagra, Han, & Ling, 2019b; Shi & Eberhart, 2001), rand inertial weight (Eberhart & Shi, 2001) and chaotic dynamic weight (Chen, Zhou, & Liu, 2018a; Xu, Rong, Trovati, Liptrott, & Bessis, 2018) can enhance the performance of PSO. Concerning the cognitive acceleration coefficient ( $c_1$ ) and the social acceleration coefficient ( $c_2$ ), the time-varying acceleration coefficients (Ratnaweera, & Halgamuge, 2004) are widely used.

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- (2) Hybrid PSO, which hybridizes other heuristic operators to increase population diversity. The genetic operators have been hybridized with PSO, such as selection operator (Angeline, 1998), crossover operator (Chen et al., 2018b; Engelbrecht, 2016) and mutation operator (Chen et al., 2017; Dong, Kang, & Zhang, 2017). Similarly, ant colony optimization (Jindal & Bedi, 2018), differential evolution algorithm (Wang, Li, & Yang, 2019), artificial immune system (Krohling & Mendel, 2013), tabu search (Nakano, Ishigame, & Yasuda, 2010), local search strategy (Liang & Suganthan, 2005), artificial bee colony (El-Abd, 2013), firefly algorithm (Aydilek, 2018) and gravitational search algorithm (Nagra, Han, Ling, & Mehta, 2019a) have been introduced into PSO to make full use of the advantages of each algorithm.
- (3) Changing the topological structure. The neighbourhood is the set of particles with which a given particle shares information. The global and local versions of PSO are the main type of swarm topologies. The global version converges faster with the disadvantage of trapping into a local optima, while the local version can obtain a better solution with slower convergence (Kennedy, 1999). Many different neighborhood topologies have been devised for PSO including Star, Ring, Wheel, Pyramid and Von Neumann structures (Engelbrecht, 2005). A surrogate-assisted hierarchical particle swarm optimizer was proposed for high-dimensional problems (Yu, Tan, Zeng, Sun, & Jin, 2018). A local optima topology structure based on the comprehensive learning PSO was proposed to enlarge the particle's search space and increase the convergence speed with a certain probability (Zhang, Huang, & Zhang, 2019a). A ring topology in exemplar generation was adopted to enhance diversity and exploration ability of the genetic learning particle swarm optimization (Lin, Sun, Yu, Wu, & Tang, 2019a). Zhang et al. (2019b) proposed a terminal crossover and steering based PSO (TCPSO), which effectively enhanced PSO's ability to solve complex optimization problems and was used to solve several engineering design problems in expert systems.
- (4) Eliminating the velocity formula. After researching the convergence property of PSO, the Bare-bones PSO (BPSO) was proposed (Kennedy, 2003). It must be emphasized that BPSO does not tune control parameters by discarding the velocity item of PSO, i.e., it is parameter-free. Some variants of BPSO have been proposed to enhance the performance of BPSO (Liu, Ding, & Wang, 2014; Liu, Xu, Ding, & Li, 2015; Omran, Engelbrecht, & Salman, 2009; Vafashoar & Meybodi, 2019).
- (5) Changing the learning Strategy. The comprehensive learning PSO (CLPSO) (Liang, Qin, Suganthan, & Baskar, 2006) was proposed and was further developed heterogeneous CLPSO to enhance the exploitation and exploration of CLPSO (Lynn & Suganthan, 2015). A social learning PSO (Zhang, Wang, Kang, & Cheng, 2019c) was proposed, in which the social learning mechanism was introduced into PSO to improve the global search ability and convergence performance. A dimensional learning PSO algorithm (Xu et al., 2019) was proposed, in which a dimensional learning strategy is adopted to construct a learning exemplar for each particle. An adaptive learning PSO algorithm (Wang et al., 2018) was devised, in which a self-learning based candidate generation strategy was introduced to ensure the exploration ability, and a competitive learning based prediction strategy was employed to guarantee exploitation ability. Wang, Liu, Yu, and Tu (2020) successfully combined a variant of PSO with cellular automata and used it to optimize neural network in expert systems.

Although these classic PSO variants have been mature and successfully applied to solve real optimization problems in expert systems, but there are still problems of premature convergence and poor performance on complex optimization problems in expert systems. In addition, with the development of human society, the real optimization problems in expert system are more and more complex, and tend to be high-dimensional, multi-constraint, multimodal, and other trends, PSO and other classic optimization algorithms are facing new severe challenges. In the face of this situation, how to improve PSO to improve its ability to solve increasingly complex optimization problems in expert systems has become a research hotspot.

In this study, to strength the performance of PSO in solving complex optimization problems with expert systems and balance exploration and exploitation better, a modified PSO, called MPSO is proposed. In MPSO, there are four contributions, which are described below.

- (1) A chaos-based non-linear inertia weight is proposed to balance exploration and exploitation better by enlarging or shrinking the search step.
- (2) Stochastic and mainstream learning strategies are devised to replace the self and global learning strategies, which can effectively enhance the diversity of population and avoid premature convergence. And then improve the ability of the algorithm to solve complex optimization problems in expert systems.
- (3) An adaptive position updating strategy is introduced to further balance the exploration and exploitation process.
- (4) Inspired by the survival of the fittest rule in nature, a terminal replacement mechanism is adopted to enhance the convergence precise of MPSO, and the ability of the algorithm to solve the real optimization problems of expert systems is further improved.

In additions, to verify the feasibility and validity of the proposed MPSO algorithm, 30 well-known benchmark functions from CEC2017 are employed to test MPSO convergence performance. MPSO is compared with 16 excellent PSO variants and other evolutionary algorithms developed recently. Experimental results and corresponding statistical analysis indicate that MPSO outperforms other 16 algorithms for majority benchmark functions. In summary, the proposed MPSO is successful, it has a competitive convergence performance.

The remainder of this paper is presented as follows: the canonical PSO is presented in Section 2. Section 3 describes the proposed MPSO algorithm, which shows better convergence performance. The simulation results and comparisons of the approaches are shown in Section 4. Finally, conclusion and the future work are presented in Section 5.

## 2. Particle swarm optimization (PSO)

As a kind of swarm intelligent optimization algorithms, PSO was proposed by Eberhart and Kennedy in 1995. It uses a simple mechanism that mimics swarm behaviour in birds foraging to guide the particles to search for global optimum. So that PSO relies on the motion of the particles in search space to find the optimal value. In this paper, the dimension of search space is denoted as  $D$ , and the position and velocity of the  $i$ -th particle at time  $t$  are recorded as  $\{X_i^1(t), X_i^2(t), \dots, X_i^D(t)\}$ , and  $\{V_i^1(t), V_i^2(t), \dots, V_i^D(t)\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , respectively.  $N$  is the number of particles in the population. The velocity and position update formulas of particle  $i$  are represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} V_i(t+1) = & \omega(t)V_i(t) + c_1 \cdot r_1(Pbest_i(t) - X_i(t)) \\ & + c_2 \cdot r_2(Gbest(t) - X_i(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$X_i(t+1) = X_i(t) + V_i(t+1) \quad (2)$$

Where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are two random variables which are uniformly distributed in (0,1).  $c_1 = c_2 = 2$ , referred to as the acceleration factors. Personal best and global best are defined as Eqs. (3) and (4), respectively.

$$Pbest_i(t) = argmin\{fit(X_i(1)), fit(X_i(2)), \dots, fit(X_i(t))\} \quad (3)$$

$$Gbest(t) = argmin\{fit(Pbest_1(t)), fit(Pbest_2(t)), \dots, fit(Pbest_N(t))\} \quad (4)$$

In Eq. (1),  $\omega$ , called inertia weight, is a linear decreasing variable.  $\omega$  is generated by Eq. (5).

$$\omega(t) = \omega_{max} - \frac{(\omega_{max} - \omega_{min})}{T_{Max}} t \quad (5)$$

Where  $\omega_{max} = 0.9$ ,  $\omega_{min} = 0.4$ .  $T_{Max}$  is the maximum number of iterations,  $t$  is the number of current iteration.

Obviously, the particle positions in the population are varied with the increase of the number of iterations  $t$  through Eqs. (1) and (2). In addition,  $Pbest_i(t) - X_i(t)$  is called self-cognition.  $Gbest(t) - X_i(t)$  is called social cognition.

### 3. A modified particle swarm optimization using adaptive strategy

In order to avoid the premature convergence phenomenon of PSO and improve its performance on complex problems, a modified particle swarm optimization using adaptive strategy, called MPSO, is proposed in this paper. In MPSO, the four major highlights are described below.

#### 3.1. Chaotic-based inertia weight

As one of the parameters in PSO, inertia weight ( $\omega$ ) can provide particles with dynamic adjustment ability in different environments, thus realize the balance between exploration and exploitation. Therefore, it plays an important role in PSO. Generally, linear method of inertia weight is adopted, however, the non-linear inertia weight has stronger fitting and simulation ability.

As a non-linear mapping, chaos generates random numbers with good randomness and disorder, so it has been widely used in the field of evolutionary computation (Tharwat, Elhoseny, Hassanien, Gabel, & Kumar, 2019). Logistic is a well-known chaotic mapping, which can generate random numbers between 0 and 1. It is defined by Eq. (6). In this paper, the logistic chaos is introduced into the inertia weight, thus a non-linear inertia weight is constructed, which is defined by Eq. (7), and the corresponding simulation diagram is shown in Fig. 1.

$$r(t+1) = 4r(t)(1 - r(t)), \quad r(0) = rand \quad (6)$$

where  $r_0 \notin \{0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1\}$

$$\omega(t) = r(t) \cdot \omega_{min} + \frac{(\omega_{max} - \omega_{min})}{T_{max}} \cdot t \quad (7)$$

where  $\omega_{max} = 0.9$ ,  $\omega_{min} = 0.4$ .  $r(t)$  is a random number generated by the logistic chaotic.

From Fig. 1, it can be seen that the inertia weight  $\omega$  is a non-linear form of value taking and is fluctuating in the whole iteration process, and has strong volatility. This kind of nonlinear inertia weight has stronger fitting and simulation capabilities and can balance well the global exploration and local exploitation abilities of particles. In addition,  $\omega$  with wave characteristics can make the motion of particles more random, so that particles are not easy to fall into local optimum.

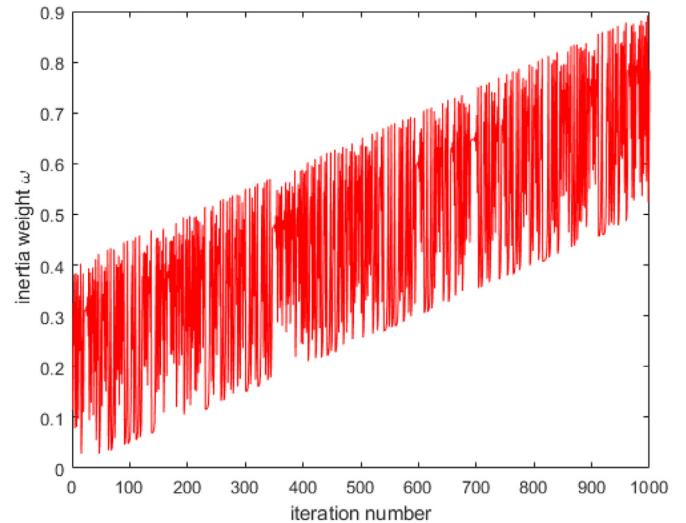


Fig. 1. simulation diagram of inertia weight.

#### 3.2. Stochastic and mainstream learning strategies

As we know that personal and global learning strategies are adopted in PSO, particles learn from their personal best ( $Pbest$ ) and the global best ( $Gbest$ ) to update their velocities and positions. This learning strategy makes PSO have the advantages of fast convergence, high reliability and strong global exploration ability. However, this strategy leads to the shortcomings of PSO such as premature convergence and poor performance on complex problems. To avoid these issues, stochastic and mainstream learning strategy are introduced to replace the personal and global learning strategies.

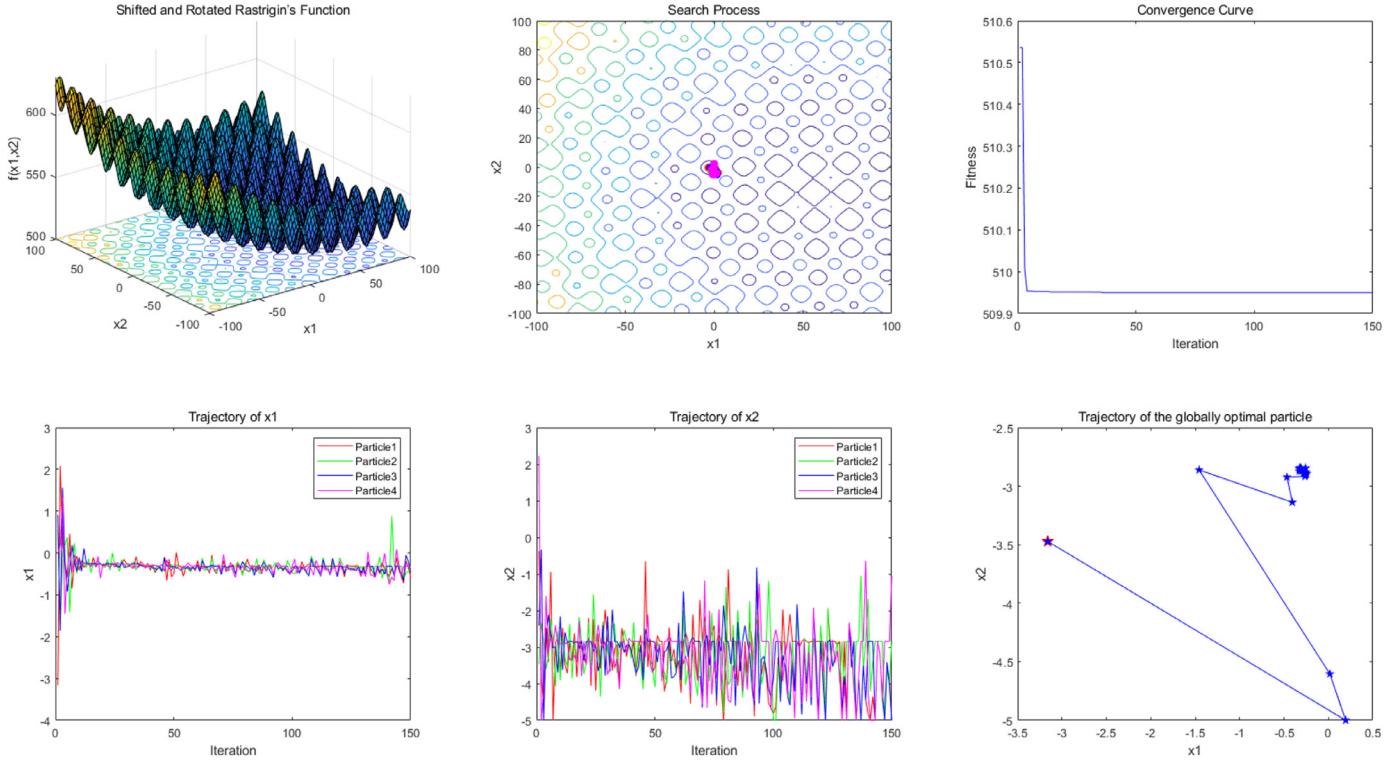
Stochastic learning, which gives particles the ability to learn from other excellent individuals in the population, makes the movement of particles more diverse. Therefore, the shortcoming of PSO algorithm that is easy to premature convergence is overcome by enhancing the diversity of population. The strategy is described by Eqs. (8) and (9). At each iteration, two mutually different personal best particles are randomly selected from the population, and the better personal best will be considered as a candidate personal best solution ( $CPbest$ ), then, the better solution, compared the current personal best ( $Pbest_i$ ) with the  $CPbest$  by their fitness value, will be the final stochastic personal best ( $SPbest$ ). In this way, particles will learn from  $SPbest$  to update their velocities.

$$CPbest(t) = argmin\{fit(Pbest_a(t)), fit(Pbest_b(t))\}, \quad a \neq b \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \quad (8)$$

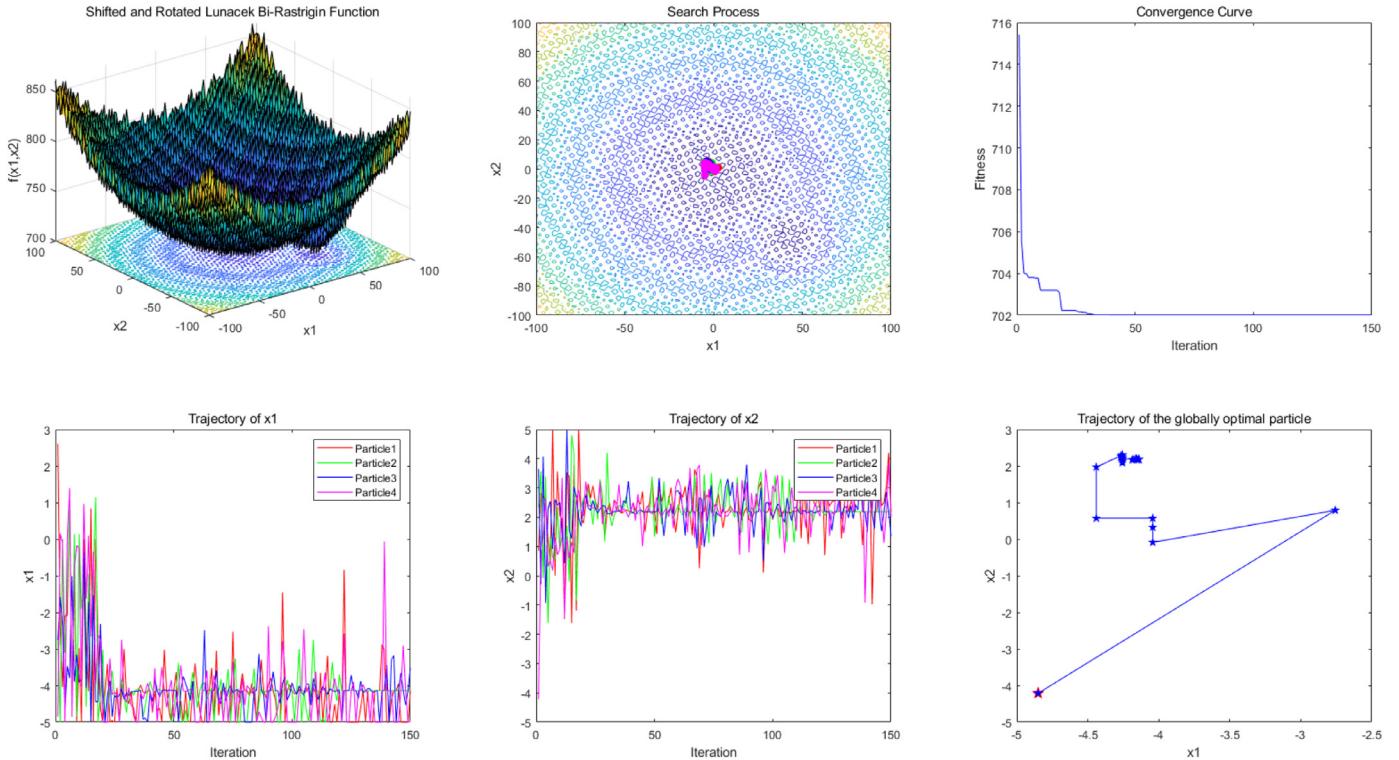
$$SPbest_i(t) = \begin{cases} CPbest(t) & fit(CPbest) < fit(Pbest_i) \\ Pbest_i(t) & otherwise \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

In PSO and major variants of PSO, each particle updates their position by learning from the personal best experience ( $Pbest$ ) and the population best experience ( $Gbest$ ), so that these algorithms suffer some potential problems, such as diversity quickly lost and premature convergence. Therefore, designing an effective learning strategy to avoid these drawbacks and to improve the convergence performance is an urgent issue for PSO research. As we all known, the mass of society is influenced not only by the best individuals but also by some mainstream ideas. To simulate the social phenomenon, a global particle, denoted as  $Mbest$ , is defined as the mean of the personal best positions of all particles. That is

$$Mbest(t) = mean\{Pbest_1, Pbest_2, \dots, Pbest_N\}$$



**Fig. 2.** Shifted and Rotated Rastrigin's function  $f_5$ .



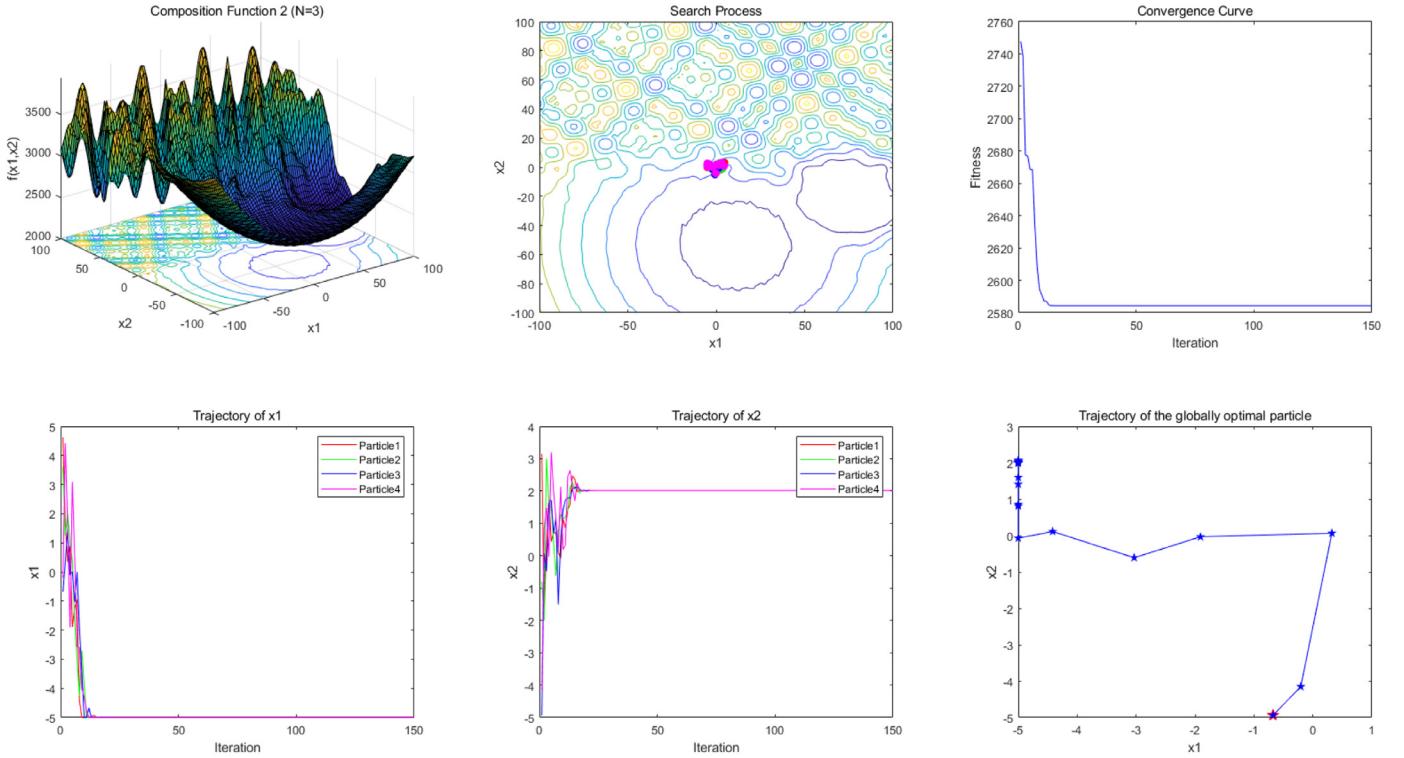
**Fig. 3.** Shifted and Rotated Lunacek Bi-Rastrigin function  $f_7$ .

$$= \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Pbest_i^1(t), \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Pbest_i^2(t), \dots, \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Pbest_i^D(t) \right) \quad (10)$$

where  $N$  is the population size,  $Pbest_i^d(t)$  ( $d = 1, 2, \dots, D$ ) is the  $d^{th}$  component of the  $Pbest$  position of particle  $i$  at iteration  $t$ .

In summary, stochastic and mainstream learning strategies have been proposed, and the original personal and global learning strategies will be replaced. Therefore, the velocity update equation will be changed as Eq. (11).

$$V_i(t+1) = \omega(t)V_i(t) + r_1 c_1 \otimes (SPbest_i(t) - X_i(t))$$

Fig. 4. Composition function 2 ( $N = 3$ )  $f_{22}$ .

$$+ r_2 c_2 \otimes (Mbest(t) - X_i(t)) \quad (11)$$

where  $c_1 = c_2 = 2$ ,  $r_1 \sim U(0, 1)$ ,  $r_2 \sim U(0, 1)$ , and  $\otimes$  denotes the element-wise product of two vectors. Similarly to the canonical PSO, on the right hand of Eq. (11), the first item is called "inertial component", the second item is called "stochastic learning component", and the third item is called "mainstream learning component".

### 3.3. Adaptive position updating strategy

It is well known that different position updating strategies have different exploration and exploitation capabilities. In our investigation, we found that " $X = X + V$ " is beneficial to local exploitation, " $X = \omega X + (1 - \omega)V$ " is conducive to the global exploration. In order to balance the local exploitation and global exploration, an adaptive position updating mechanism is proposed. Utilize this mechanism, particles can choose position updating strategies according to the corresponding conditions to balance exploration and exploitation better. As mentioned, the adaptive strategy position updating strategy is represented by Eqs. (12) and (13).

$$p_i = \frac{\exp(fit(X_i(t)))}{\exp(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N fit(X_i(t)))} \quad (12)$$

$$X_i(t+1) = \begin{cases} \omega(t)X_i(t) + (1 - \omega(t))V_i(t+1) + Gbest(t) & p_i > rand \\ X_i(t) + V_i(t+1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

where  $fit(\cdot)$  is the fitness of the corresponding particle,  $N$  is the size of population.

In the above adaptive strategy, the particles can obtain an estimate value at each iteration according to the ratio between the current fitness of particle  $i$  and the average fitness of the population, which is recorded as  $p_i$ . When the  $p_i$  is smaller, the performance of particle  $i$  is higher than the average level of population, on this condition, in order to enhance its global exploration ability, the strategy of  $X = X + V$  is adapted to update the position. On

the contrary, when the  $p_i$  is larger, particle  $i$  is considered to be weaker than the average level of population, and the position updating strategy  $X = \omega X + (1 - \omega)V$  is adopted to enhance its local exploitation ability.

### 3.4. Terminal replacement mechanism

In order to enhance the diversity of the population and improve the performance of MPSO on complex problems, terminal updating mechanism is introduced. Inspired by the survival of the fittest rule in nature, the global worst particle  $Gworst$  will be replaced at each iteration. Firstly, the global worst particle is defined as Eq. (14). Then, a new particle  $Nbest$  is generated by crossover as Eq. (15). Finally, comparing  $Gworst$  with  $Nbest$ , if the new generated  $Nbest$  is better than the  $Gworst$ , then the corresponding personal best of  $Gworst$  will be replaced by  $Nbest$ , otherwise, the corresponding personal best of  $Gworst$  will retain unchanged. This replacement mechanism is defined as Eq. (16).

$$Gworst(t) = \text{argmax}\{fit(Pbest_1(t)), fit(Pbest_2(t)), \dots, fit(Pbest_N(t))\} \quad (14)$$

$$Nbest(t) = Gbest(t) + rand \cdot (Pbest_j(t) - Pbest_k(t)), \quad j \neq k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \quad (15)$$

$$Gworst(t) = \begin{cases} Nbest(t) & fit(Nbest(t)) < fit(Gworst(t)) \\ Gworst(t) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

In summary, MPSO as a variant of PSO is proposed, and the pseudocodes of implementing the proposed MPSO are listed as shown in Algorithm 1.

**Algorithm 1:** MPSO algorithm.

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Input: Population size: $N$ , the maximum number of iterations
 $T_{Max}$ , inertia weight  $\omega$ , location boundary  $[x_{\min}^d, x_{\max}^d]$ ,
velocity boundary  $[v_{\min}^d, v_{\max}^d]$   $d = 1, 2, \dots, D$ ,
 $v_{\max} = 0.5 \cdot (x_{\max} - x_{\min})$ ,  $v_{\min} = -v_{\max}$  ;
Output: Optimal solution;
1 Initialize:  $x_i^d = x_{\min}^d + rand \cdot (x_{\max}^d - x_{\min}^d)$ ,
 $v_i^d = v_{\min}^d + rand \cdot (v_{\max}^d - v_{\min}^d)$  ;
2 for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T_{Max}$  do
3   Update  $Ub_{est}$  ;
4   for  $i = 1 : N$  do
5     if  $fit(Ub_{est}) < fit(Pbest_i)$  then
6       |  $Rbest_i = Ub_{est}$  ;
7     end
8   end
9   Update location of particle by Eqs. (12) and (13). Check
the boundaries ;
10  % Adaptive Position Updating Strategy ;
11  for  $i = 1 : N$  do
12    if  $p_i > rand$  then
13      |  $X_i(t+1) = \omega(t)X_i(t) + (1 - \omega(t))V_i(t+1) + Gbest$  ;
14    else
15      |  $X_i(t+1) = X_i(t) + V_i(t+1)$  ;
16    end
17  end
18  Check the boundaries ;
19  % Terminal Updating Strategy ;
20  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  do
21    Update  $Gworst_i$  by Eq. (14);
22    Update  $Nbest_i$  by Eq. (15) and Bounds checking.:
23    if  $fit(Nbest) < fit(Gworst)$  then
24      |  $Gworst = Nbest$  ;
25      |  $fit(Gworst) = fit(Nbest)$ ;
26    end
27  end
28  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  do
29    if  $fit(X_i) < fit(Pbest_i)$  then
30      |  $Pbest_i = X_i$  ;
31      |  $fit(Pbest_i) = fit(X_i)$ 
32    end
33    if  $fit(Pbest_i) < fit(Gbest)$  then
34      |  $Pbest_i = Gbest$ ;
35      |  $fit(Gbest) = fit(Pbest_i)$ ;
36    end
37  end
38 end

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(Kennedy & Mendes, 2002), FIPS (Mendes, Kennedy, & Neves, 2004), CLPSO (Liang et al., 2006), DNLPPO (Nasir et al., 2012), FDR\_PSO (Peram, Veeramachaneni, & Mohan, 2003), SPSO2011 (Clerc, 2011)) and 8 other evolution algorithms (ABC (Karaboga & Basturk, 2007), CSA (Yang & Deb, 2014), BOA (Arora & Singh, 2019), BSA (Civicioglu, 2013), DSA (Civicioglu, 2012), GSA (Rashedi, Nezamabadi-Pour, & Saryazdi, 2009), OSA (Jain, Maurya, Rani, & Singh, 2018) and VSA (Doğan & Ölmez, 2015)) are evaluated to compared with the efficiency of MPSO. These evolution algorithms are listed as shown in Table 2.

For the sake of fairness, each algorithm is independently run 50 times, and the terminations condition of all algorithm is the maximum number of iterations, the maximum number of iteration is set 1000.

## 4.2. Results analysis and discussion

### 4.2.1. Qualitative analysis of MPSO

For qualitative analysis and intuitive presentation of PSO iteration, four qualitative metrics are utilized. These metrics include search history, convergence curve, trajectory curve and movement of the global best particle. All qualitative metrics are carried out under the same conditions, in which the number of iterations of MPSO is set 150, and  $D = 2$ . We take  $f_5, f_7, f_{22}$  and  $f_{26}$  as examples to make qualitative analysis, which are shown in Figs. 2–5.

The trajectory curve represents the search process of particles in each dimension. The fluctuation of the previous indicates that the particles are searching exploring globally, while the stability of the late indicates that the particles have entered the global or local optimum.

### 4.2.2. Comparisons between MPSO and 16 well-known algorithms

In this section, 8 variants of PSO and 8 other evolution algorithms are compared with MPSO, and the results are listed in Tables 3 and 4, respectively. Three indicators: average value(Mean), standard deviation(Std) and minimum(Min) are adopted. The convergence characteristics of all algorithms are shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

As can be seen from Table 3, the overall performance of MPSO are stronger than the 8 variants of PSO. From the comparison of mean value, the effect of MPSO is stronger than 8 variants of PSO on functions  $f_3, f_{11}, f_{13}, f_{14}, f_{15}, f_{18}, f_{19}, f_{21}, f_{23}, f_{24}$  and  $f_{30}$ . From the minimum point of view, the performance of MPSO is stronger than the 8 variants of PSO on functions  $f_3, f_7, f_9, f_{10}, f_{13}, f_{14}, f_{15}, f_{18}, f_{19}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{27}, f_{29}$  and  $f_{30}$ . In addition, MPSO does not perform well on some functions, such as  $f_1, f_4, f_6, f_{17}$  and  $f_{28}$ . Although the performance of MPSO is unsatisfactory in some case, the performance of MPSO is still the best under the premise of ranking based on the mean of all functions.

From Table 4, we can see that the overall performance of MPSO is stronger than the 8 other evolution algorithm. It is clear that on functions  $f_5, f_7, f_9, f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{20}, f_{21}, f_{23}, f_{24}, f_{29}$  and  $f_{30}$ , while on functions  $f_3, f_{10}, f_{15}, f_{16}, f_{18}, f_{19}$  and  $f_{26}$ , MPSO is weaker than some other evolutionary algorithms. According to the comparison of the minimum values, the performance of MPSO is better than that of the other eight evolutionary algorithms on functions  $f_7, f_8, f_9, f_{10}, f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{13}, f_{15}, f_{17}, f_{18}, f_{19}, f_{20}, f_{22}, f_{23}, f_{26}, f_{27}, f_{29}$  and  $f_{30}$ . Although MPSO performs poorly in some functions, it still performs best in the overall ranking.

### 4.2.3. Statistical analysis

Generally, it is necessary to use statistical tests to analyse the experimental results. In this section, we focus on the use of non-parametric statistical inference for analysing the experimental results in Tables 3 and 4, which were obtained by MPSO and the other selected algorithms in the given search space.

## 4. Experimental results and discussion

### 4.1. Benchmark functions and comparison algorithms

In this experimentation, 30 benchmark functions in CEC2017 (Awad, Ali, Liang, Qu, & Suganthan, 2016) ( $f_2$  has been excluded because it shows unstable behavior especially for higher dimensions, and significant performance variations for the same algorithm implemented in Matlab) are selected to evaluate the performance the proposed MPSO. These benchmark functions are classified into four categories: unimodal functions ( $f_1 - f_3$ ), multimodal functions ( $f_4 - f_{10}$ ), hybrid functions ( $f_{11} - f_{20}$ ), composition functions ( $f_{21} - f_{30}$ ), which are shown in Table 1 and Appendix.

To verify the performance of MPSO, 16 algorithm including 8 variations of PSO (PSO\_cf (Eberhart & Shi, 2000), PSO\_cf\_local

**Table 1**  
The information of the benchmark function used in this paper.

NO.	Function	D	Range	$f_{opt}$
$f_1$	Shifted and Rotated Bent Cigar Function	30	[−100, 100]	100
$f_3$	Shifted and Rotated Zakharov Function	30	[−100, 100]	300
$f_4$	Shifted and Rotated Rosenbrock's Function	30	[−100, 100]	400
$f_5$	Shifted and Rotated Rastrigin's Function	30	[−100, 100]	500
$f_6$	Shifted and Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function	30	[−100, 100]	600
$f_7$	Shifted and Rotated Lunacek Bi-Rastrigin Function	30	[−100, 100]	700
$f_8$	Shifted and Rotated Non-Continuous Rastrigin's Function	30	[−100, 100]	800
$f_9$	Shifted and Rotated Levy Function	30	[−100, 100]	900
$f_{10}$	Shifted and Rotated Schwefel's Function	30	[−100, 100]	1000
$f_{11}$	Hybrid Function 1 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1100
$f_{12}$	Hybrid Function 2 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1200
$f_{13}$	Hybrid Function 3 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1300
$f_{14}$	Hybrid Function 4 ( $N = 4$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1400
$f_{15}$	Hybrid Function 5 ( $N = 4$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1500
$f_{16}$	Hybrid Function 6 ( $N = 4$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1600
$f_{17}$	Hybrid Function 6 ( $N = 5$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1700
$f_{18}$	Hybrid Function 6 ( $N = 5$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1800
$f_{19}$	Hybrid Function 6 ( $N = 5$ )	30	[−100, 100]	1900
$f_{20}$	Hybrid Function 6 ( $N = 6$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2000
$f_{21}$	Composition Function 1 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2100
$f_{22}$	Composition Function 2 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2200
$f_{23}$	Composition Function 3 ( $N = 4$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2300
$f_{24}$	Composition Function 4 ( $N = 4$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2400
$f_{25}$	Composition Function 5 ( $N = 5$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2500
$f_{26}$	Composition Function 6 ( $N = 5$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2600
$f_{27}$	Composition Function 7 ( $N = 6$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2700
$f_{28}$	Composition Function 8 ( $N = 6$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2800
$f_{29}$	Composition Function 9 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	2900
$f_{30}$	Composition Function 10 ( $N = 3$ )	30	[−100, 100]	3000

**Table 2**  
Some well-known variants of PSO and other evolution algorithms.

Algorithm	Years	Parameter information
PSO (Shi & Eberhart, 1998)	1998	$\omega = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c_1 = c_2 = 2$ .
PSO_cf (Eberhart & Shi, 2000)	2000	$\omega = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c_1 = c_2 = 2$
PSO_cf_local (Kennedy & Mendes, 2002)	2002	$\omega = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c_1 = c_2 = 2$
FIPS (Mendes et al., 2004)	2004	$\chi = 0.729, \sum c_i = 4.1$ .
FDR_PSO (Peram et al., 2003)	2003	$\omega = 0.4 \sim 0.9, c_1 = c_2 = 1, c_3 = 2$
CLPSO (Liang et al., 2006)	2006	$w = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c = 1.49445, m = 7$ .
DNLPSO (Nasir et al., 2012)	2012	$\omega = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c_1 + c_2 = 2, \delta: random[0.05, 0.1], \sigma = 1 \sim 0.1$ .
SPSO2011 (Clerc, 2011)	2011	$\omega = 0.9 \sim 0.4, c_1 = c_2 = 2$ .
ABC (Karaboga & Basturk, 2007)	2007	$limit = 100, Size\ of\ employed - bee = N/2$
GSA (Rashedi et al., 2009)	2009	$\alpha = 20, G_0 = 100$
CSA (Yang & Deb, 2014)	2009	Discovery rate of alien eggs: $pa = 0.25$
DSA (Civicioglu, 2012)	2012	$method = 1, p1 = 0.3rand, p2 = 0.3rand, R = 1./gamrnd(1, 0.5)$
BSA (Civicioglu, 2013)	2013	$mixrate = 1$
VSA (Doğan & Ölmez, 2015)	2015	$x = 0.1, ginv = (1/x) * gammairninv(x, 1)$
OSA (Jain et al., 2018)	2018	$\beta = 1.9 \sim 0$
BOA (Arora & Singh, 2019)	2019	$Sensormodality\ c = 0 \sim 1, Powerexponent: 0.1 \sim 0.3, Switchprobability: p = 0 \sim 8$
MPSO	presented	

To draw a statistical conclusion, a pair-wise statistical test named Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test (WSRT) is used to better compare the overall performance of the algorithms. WSRT is a non-parametric test that can be used to check for the statistical significance difference between two algorithms. The null hypothesis  $H_0$  for a two-sided test is "there is no difference between the median of the solutions produced by algorithm A and the median of the solutions produced by algorithm B for the same benchmark function" (Zhang, Li, Li, Lai, & Zhang, 2016). To determine whether algorithm A achieves a statistically better solution than algorithm B, or if not, whether the alternative hypothesis is valid, the sizes of the ranks provided by WSRT are examined. When using WSRT, the  $R+$  and  $R-$  related to the comparisons between two algorithms can be calculated and their  $p$ -values can be obtained. In this part, WSRT is used for statistical analysis with the significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . For the statistical analysis, the best solutions of 50 runs for each benchmark function are used for their pair-wise comparisons.

For MPSO and the variants of PSO, the statistical comparisons of the algorithms by WSRT are shown in Tables 5 and 6. In this tables, '+' indicates the case in which the null hypothesis is rejected and MPSO shows a better performance in the statistical comparison tests at 95% significance level ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ); '-' indicates the case in which the null hypothesis is rejected and MPSO shows a worse performance; and '=' indicates a case in which no statistically significant difference between MPSO and the other algorithms exists. The last rows of Tables 5 and 6 show the total counts in the '+/-' format. From Tables 5 and 6, we can conclude that MPSO performs significantly better than any other algorithms on major benchmark functions.

For MPSO and the other evolutionary algorithms, the statistical comparisons of the algorithms by WSRT are shown in Tables 7 and 8. These statistical results show that MPSO is evidently superior to all other algorithms.

**Table 3**

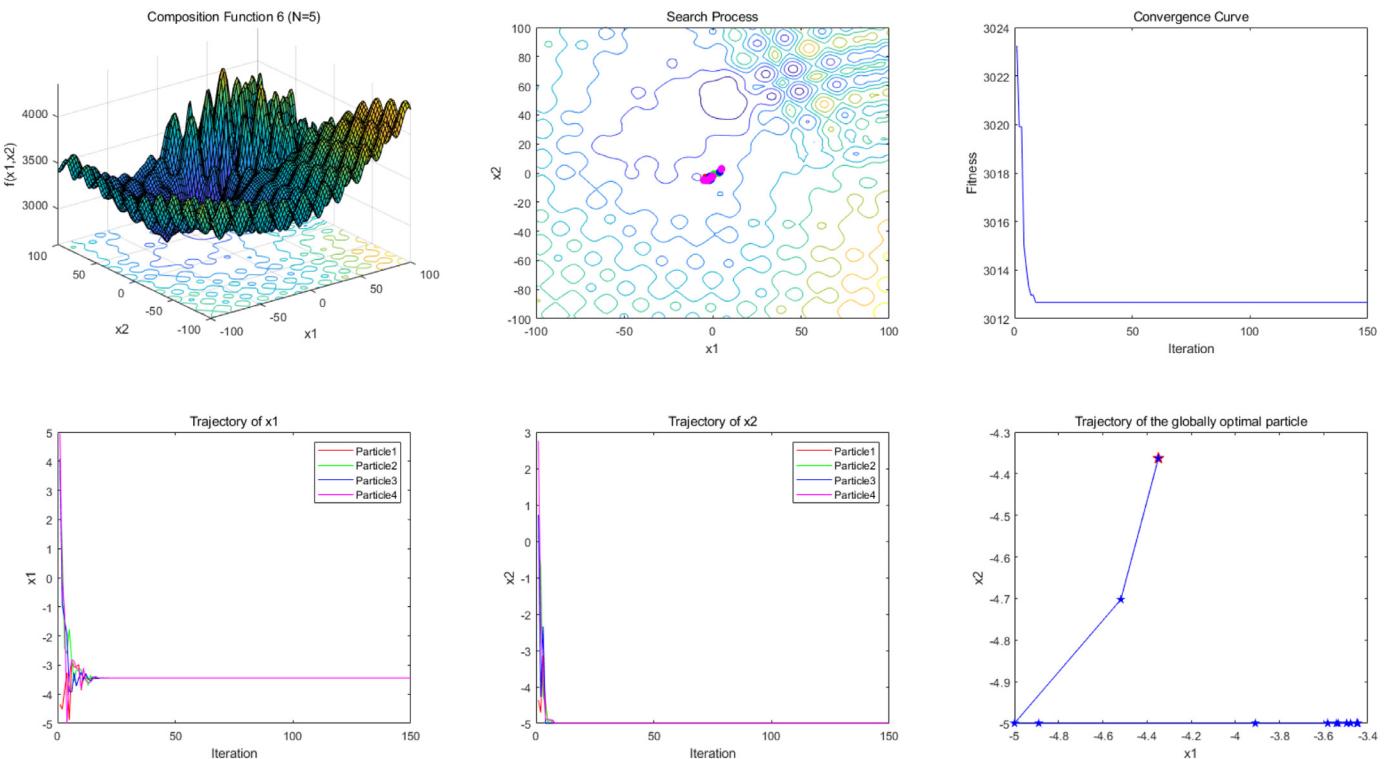
Comparisons of experimental results between MPSO with some well-known variants of PSO.

		SPSO	PSO_cf	FIPS	FDR_PSO	CLPSO	SPSO2011	DNLPSO	PSO_cf_local	MPSO
$f_1$	Main	1.42E+10	8.30E+09	4.41E+06	1.57E+08	4.68E+07	<b>2.82E+03</b>	8.74E+09	6.96E+07	8.19E+07
	Std	6.66E+09	5.71E+09	1.52E+06	4.49E+08	1.03E+07	<b>2.18E+03</b>	5.85E+09	2.61E+08	1.80E+08
	Min	4.12E+09	2.09E+04	1.86E+06	1.02E+02	2.66E+07	<b>1.10E+02</b>	2.09E+04	1.00E+02	1.71E+03
	Rank	9	7	2	6	3	<b>1</b>	8	4	5
$f_3$	Main	8.52E+04	4.52E+04	7.33E+04	1.59E+04	9.17E+04	3.09E+04	6.68E+04	6.80E+04	<b>1.15E+04</b>
	Std	3.54E+04	2.46E+04	1.38E+04	<b>6.35E+03</b>	1.46E+04	8.78E+03	3.32E+04	1.97E+04	7.04E+03
	Min	2.75E+04	1.26E+04	4.41E+04	5.59E+03	5.59E+04	1.63E+04	1.76E+04	2.73E+04	<b>3.51E+03</b>
	Rank	8	4	7	2	9	3	5	6	<b>1</b>
$f_4$	Main	1.41E+03	1.19E+03	4.99E+02	5.00E+02	5.65E+02	<b>4.81E+02</b>	1.70E+03	5.04E+02	5.04E+02
	Std	8.72E+02	9.07E+02	<b>7.67E+00</b>	2.88E+01	1.04E+01	3.67E+01	1.32E+03	2.26E+01	2.56E+01
	Min	5.70E+02	5.04E+02	4.90E+02	4.07E+02	5.42E+02	<b>4.00E+02</b>	5.21E+02	4.87E+02	4.23E+02
	Rank	8	7	2	3	6	<b>1</b>	9	4	5
$f_5$	Main	6.48E+02	6.44E+02	6.80E+02	<b>5.63E+02</b>	6.57E+02	6.26E+02	6.17E+02	5.66E+02	5.70E+02
	Std	3.01E+01	3.82E+01	1.46E+01	1.86E+01	<b>1.05E+01</b>	1.93E+01	3.44E+01	1.76E+01	1.75E+01
	Min	5.92E+02	5.63E+02	6.42E+02	5.36E+02	6.27E+02	5.78E+02	5.57E+02	<b>5.26E+02</b>	5.32E+02
	Rank	7	6	9	<b>1</b>	8	5	4	2	3
$f_6$	Main	6.20E+02	6.16E+02	6.01E+02	6.01E+02	6.04E+02	6.04E+02	6.11E+02	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.05E+02
	Std	9.83E+00	8.09E+00	2.13E+01	8.36E+01	4.99E+01	1.89E+00	7.62E+00	<b>4.00E+01</b>	3.72E+00
	Min	6.04E+02	6.05E+02	6.01E+02	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.03E+02	6.01E+02	6.02E+02	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.01E+02
	Rank	9	8	3	2	4	5	7	<b>1</b>	6
$f_7$	Main	9.57E+02	8.93E+02	9.27E+02	7.98E+02	9.53E+02	8.61E+02	8.70E+02	<b>7.94E+02</b>	8.08E+02
	Std	1.32E+02	7.89E+01	1.36E+01	2.22E+01	1.64E+01	2.00E+01	7.72E+01	<b>1.60E+01</b>	2.17E+01
	Min	7.93E+02	7.90E+02	8.90E+02	7.51E+02	9.01E+02	7.93E+02	7.63E+02	7.67E+02	<b>7.56E+02</b>
	Rank	9	6	7	2	8	4	5	<b>1</b>	3
$f_8$	Main	9.47E+02	9.41E+02	9.87E+02	<b>8.60E+02</b>	9.60E+02	9.19E+02	9.02E+02	8.68E+02	8.68E+02
	Std	3.17E+01	4.19E+01	<b>1.20E+01</b>	1.65E+01	1.26E+01	1.99E+01	2.77E+01	1.58E+01	2.17E+01
	Min	8.65E+02	8.76E+02	9.57E+02	<b>8.31E+02</b>	9.32E+02	8.57E+02	8.57E+02	8.41E+02	8.33E+02
	Rank	7	6	9	<b>1</b>	8	5	4	2	3
$f_9$	Main	5.04E+03	3.08E+03	<b>9.19E+02</b>	9.50E+02	2.57E+03	9.46E+02	3.63E+03	9.42E+02	1.05E+03
	Std	2.17E+03	1.50E+03	<b>7.06E+00</b>	1.11E+02	4.40E+02	3.93E+01	1.91E+03	6.89E+01	1.82E+02
	Min	1.37E+03	1.28E+03	9.09E+02	9.01E+02	1.58E+03	9.02E+02	9.84E+02	9.02E+02	<b>9.07E+02</b>
	Rank	9	7	1	4	6	3	8	2	5
$f_{10}$	Main	5.30E+03	4.71E+03	7.82E+03	4.47E+03	6.26E+03	7.22E+03	6.04E+03	<b>4.43E+03</b>	4.49E+03
	Std	7.56E+02	8.36E+02	3.59E+02	7.00E+02	2.88E+02	4.88E+02	1.27E+03	<b>5.36E+02</b>	8.35E+02
	Min	4.05E+03	3.10E+03	7.03E+03	2.97E+03	5.62E+03	6.18E+03	3.33E+03	3.21E+03	<b>2.74E+03</b>
	Rank	5	4	9	2	7	8	6	<b>1</b>	3
$f_{11}$	Main	1.77E+03	1.37E+03	1.26E+03	1.22E+03	1.44E+03	1.23E+03	1.55E+03	1.24E+03	<b>1.22E+03</b>
	Std	6.63E+02	1.06E+02	1.80E+01	4.01E+01	6.20E+01	4.43E+01	7.46E+02	4.57E+01	<b>5.02E+01</b>
	Min	1.32E+03	1.18E+03	1.22E+03	1.14E+03	1.31E+03	1.15E+03	1.24E+03	<b>1.13E+03</b>	1.14E+03
	Rank	9	6	5	2	7	3	8	4	<b>1</b>
$f_{12}$	Main	9.95E+08	4.50E+08	2.90E+06	2.27E+06	1.16E+07	<b>1.02E+06</b>	6.47E+08	8.50E+06	1.51E+06
	Std	1.19E+09	6.28E+08	1.16E+06	5.53E+06	3.54E+06	<b>6.32E+05</b>	9.17E+08	2.85E+07	1.37E+06
	Min	2.14E+07	8.82E+05	1.09E+06	<b>4.48E+04</b>	5.21E+06	1.19E+05	1.66E+05	8.52E+04	4.83E+04
	Rank	9	7	4	3	6	<b>1</b>	8	5	2
$f_{13}$	Main	7.00E+08	3.61E+08	5.68E+04	1.20E+05	1.03E+06	4.12E+04	1.69E+08	2.09E+06	<b>1.56E+04</b>
	Std	1.17E+09	7.05E+08	4.48E+04	6.26E+05	6.51E+05	1.89E+04	4.26E+08	1.02E+07	<b>1.11E+04</b>
	Min	9.27E+04	1.40E+04	4.33E+03	2.68E+03	2.45E+05	8.59E+03	3.83E+04	6.42E+03	<b>1.56E+03</b>
	Rank	9	8	3	4	5	2	7	6	<b>1</b>
$f_{14}$	Main	3.21E+05	9.17E+04	8.17E+04	3.50E+04	6.13E+04	3.49E+04	2.48E+05	4.69E+04	<b>5.00E+03</b>
	Std	1.01E+06	8.57E+04	5.93E+04	4.03E+04	4.41E+04	2.55E+04	6.28E+05	4.68E+04	<b>4.87E+03</b>
	Min	1.37E+04	7.03E+03	4.01E+03	1.84E+03	7.92E+03	5.35E+03	1.01E+04	2.85E+03	<b>1.58E+03</b>
	Rank	9	7	6	3	5	2	8	4	<b>1</b>
$f_{15}$	Main	1.34E+05	1.81E+07	1.97E+04	8.97E+03	3.72E+04	6.60E+04	6.79E+04	1.73E+04	<b>3.40E+03</b>
	Std	9.97E+04	1.28E+08	1.55E+04	1.01E+04	1.84E+04	6.15E+04	4.55E+04	1.80E+04	<b>2.40E+03</b>
	Min	7.27E+03	2.86E+03	2.33E+03	1.67E+03	9.37E+03	1.03E+04	2.35E+03	2.29E+03	<b>1.60E+03</b>
	Rank	8	9	4	2	5	6	7	3	<b>1</b>
$f_{16}$	Main	2.96E+03	2.91E+03	2.90E+03	2.44E+03	2.47E+03	2.67E+03	2.94E+03	<b>2.37E+03</b>	2.49E+03
	Std	3.81E+02	3.57E+02	2.74E+02	2.46E+02	<b>1.60E+02</b>	2.68E+02	4.30E+02	2.69E+02	2.46E+02
	Min	2.03E+03	1.98E+03	2.21E+03	1.86E+03	2.12E+03	2.12E+03	2.05E+03	<b>1.76E+03</b>	1.98E+03
	Rank	9	7	6	2	3	5	8	<b>1</b>	4
$f_{17}$	Main	2.44E+03	2.46E+03	<b>1.94E+03</b>	1.99E+03	1.94E+03	2.00E+03	2.38E+03	1.99E+03	2.05E+03
	Std	2.82E+02	3.00E+02	<b>7.76E+01</b>	1.35E+02	7.10E+01	1.02E+02	3.07E+02	1.17E+02	1.76E+02
	Min	1.86E+03	1.93E+03	1.81E+03	<b>1.75E+03</b>	1.80E+03	1.86E+03	1.83E+03	1.82E+03	1.77E+03
	Rank	8	9	<b>1</b>	4	2	5	7	3	6
$f_{18}$	Main	2.97E+06	1.70E+06	7.55E+05	3.00E+05	5.42E+05	5.57E+05	2.09E+06	4.42E+05	<b>1.20E+05</b>
	Std	5.08E+06	3.21E+06	3.39E+05	1.96E+05	2.93E+05	5.68E+05	2.63E+06	4.48E+05	<b>1.19E+05</b>
	Min	7.20E+04	3.70E+04	2.00E+05	5.88E+04	4.28E+04	5.72E+04	1.25E+05	4.66E+04	<b>2.74E+04</b>
	Rank	9	7	6	2	4	5	8	3	<b>1</b>
$f_{19}$	Main	1.71E+07	7.40E+06	9.04E+03	1.40E+04	3.10E+04	7.13E+05	1.67E+07	1.98E+05	<b>6.33E+03</b>
	Std	4.18E+07	2.89E+07	6.99E+03	2.66E+04	1.53E+04	6.38E+05	4.10E+07	1.09E+06	<b>4.51E+03</b>
	Min	5.77E+03	1.94E+03	2.35E+03	1.94E+03	4.06E+03	8.85E+04	3.05E+03	2.11E+03	<b>1.92E+03</b>
	Rank	9	7	2	3	4	6	8	5	<b>1</b>
$f_{20}$	Main	2.41E+03	2.51E+03	2.42E+03	2.30E+03	2.30E+03	2.40E+03	2.37E+03	<b>2.27E+03</b>	2.30E+03
	Std	1.71E+02	1.63E+02	9.84E+01	1.36E+02	8.08E+01	<b>1.02E+02</b>	1.74E+02	1.26E+02	1.37E+02
	Min	2.14E+03	2.13E+03	2.22E+03	2.05E+03	2.14E+03	2.18E+03	2.08E+03	<b>2.05E+03</b>	2.06E+03
	Rank	7	9	8	3	4	6	5	<b>1</b>	2

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**Table 3** (continued)

		SPSO	PSO_cf	FIPS	FDR_PSO	CLPSO	SPSO2011	DNLPSO	PSO_cf_local	MPSO
$f_{21}$	Main	2.45E+03	2.44E+03	2.48E+03	2.36E+03	2.44E+03	2.41E+03	2.43E+03	2.37E+03	<b>2.36E+03</b>
	Std	3.65E+01	4.20E+01	<b>1.17E+01</b>	1.59E+01	3.70E+01	1.76E+01	3.15E+01	1.73E+01	1.71E+01
	Min	2.37E+03	2.36E+03	2.45E+03	2.34E+03	2.29E+03	2.37E+03	2.38E+03	2.34E+03	<b>2.33E+03</b>
	Rank	8	7	9	2	6	4	5	3	<b>1</b>
$f_{22}$	Main	6.01E+03	5.17E+03	2.32E+03	3.52E+03	2.94E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>	6.34E+03	3.42E+03	2.79E+03
	Std	1.40E+03	1.50E+03	9.73E-01	1.71E+03	1.07E+03	<b>1.13E+00</b>	1.96E+03	1.58E+03	1.26E+03
	Min	3.00E+03	2.59E+03	2.31E+03	2.30E+03	2.45E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>	2.46E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>	<b>2.30E+03</b>
	Rank	8	7	2	6	4	<b>1</b>	9	5	3
$f_{23}$	Main	2.92E+03	2.92E+03	2.83E+03	2.79E+03	2.79E+03	2.76E+03	2.90E+03	2.77E+03	<b>2.73E+03</b>
	Std	6.24E+01	8.88E+01	1.35E+01	4.90E+01	<b>1.10E+01</b>	3.56E+01	7.06E+01	2.22E+01	3.42E+01
	Min	2.79E+03	2.78E+03	2.78E+03	2.73E+03	2.76E+03	<b>2.66E+03</b>	2.78E+03	2.73E+03	2.67E+03
	Rank	8	9	6	5	4	2	7	3	<b>1</b>
$f_{24}$	Main	3.13E+03	3.10E+03	3.01E+03	2.99E+03	2.98E+03	2.91E+03	3.10E+03	2.94E+03	<b>2.90E+03</b>
	Std	7.33E+01	6.16E+01	<b>1.53E+01</b>	5.21E+01	1.67E+01	3.67E+01	6.59E+01	3.10E+01	3.34E+01
	Min	3.01E+03	2.99E+03	2.98E+03	2.90E+03	2.94E+03	<b>2.84E+03</b>	2.98E+03	2.88E+03	2.85E+03
	Rank	9	7	6	5	4	2	8	3	<b>1</b>
$f_{25}$	Main	3.22E+03	3.09E+03	<b>2.89E+03</b>	2.89E+03	2.93E+03	2.92E+03	3.06E+03	2.89E+03	2.95E+03
	Std	2.58E+02	2.79E+02	<b>1.49E+00</b>	1.42E+01	9.74E+00	2.34E+01	1.51E+02	1.42E+01	3.33E+01
	Min	2.92E+03	2.89E+03	2.89E+03	<b>2.88E+03</b>	2.91E+03	2.89E+03	2.89E+03	2.89E+03	2.89E+03
	Rank	9	8	<b>1</b>	3	5	4	7	2	6
$f_{26}$	Main	6.45E+03	6.34E+03	<b>3.01E+03</b>	4.33E+03	4.81E+03	4.51E+03	6.32E+03	4.79E+03	4.43E+03
	Std	7.17E+02	8.42E+02	3.51E+02	6.10E+02	4.67E+02	5.68E+02	7.86E+02	2.94E+02	1.31E+03
	Min	5.03E+03	4.10E+03	2.86E+03	2.80E+03	3.83E+03	<b>2.80E+03</b>	4.72E+03	4.25E+03	2.81E+03
	Rank	9	8	<b>1</b>	2	6	4	7	5	3
$f_{27}$	Main	3.33E+03	3.34E+03	<b>3.21E+03</b>	3.25E+03	3.24E+03	3.25E+03	3.33E+03	3.24E+03	3.24E+03
	Std	6.05E+01	6.86E+01	<b>6.44E+00</b>	2.21E+01	5.05E+00	2.01E+01	6.73E+01	2.55E+01	1.59E+01
	Min	3.23E+03	3.21E+03	<b>3.20E+03</b>	3.21E+03	3.23E+03	3.22E+03	3.23E+03	<b>3.20E+03</b>	<b>3.20E+03</b>
	Rank	7	9	<b>1</b>	6	3	5	8	2	4
$f_{28}$	Main	4.27E+03	3.90E+03	3.25E+03	3.26E+03	3.33E+03	<b>3.16E+03</b>	4.33E+03	3.43E+03	3.35E+03
	Std	7.91E+02	7.05E+02	<b>1.16E+01</b>	4.46E+01	1.69E+01	5.18E+01	1.21E+03	4.97E+02	9.10E+01
	Min	3.39E+03	3.28E+03	3.22E+03	3.21E+03	3.30E+03	<b>3.10E+03</b>	3.29E+03	3.22E+03	3.26E+03
	Rank	8	7	2	3	4	<b>1</b>	9	6	5
$f_{29}$	Main	4.12E+03	4.15E+03	3.99E+03	<b>3.65E+03</b>	3.74E+03	3.78E+03	4.08E+03	3.80E+03	3.67E+03
	Std	3.73E+02	3.23E+02	<b>1.12E+02</b>	1.78E+02	9.75E+01	1.18E+02	3.87E+02	1.97E+02	1.89E+02
	Min	3.59E+03	3.54E+03	3.70E+03	3.37E+03	3.59E+03	3.58E+03	3.49E+03	3.47E+03	<b>3.36E+03</b>
	Rank	8	9	6	<b>1</b>	3	4	7	5	2
$f_{30}$	Main	5.47E+06	3.40E+06	1.95E+05	3.71E+04	2.68E+05	9.39E+05	6.30E+06	1.51E+05	<b>1.21E+04</b>
	Std	5.57E+06	5.55E+06	1.40E+05	8.96E+04	1.29E+05	7.26E+05	1.63E+07	4.04E+05	<b>1.20E+04</b>
	Min	7.48E+04	8.47E+03	3.57E+04	5.91E+03	6.72E+04	1.62E+05	1.87E+04	6.42E+03	<b>5.60E+03</b>
	Rank	8	7	4	2	5	6	9	3	<b>1</b>
ToTal Rank		239	209	132	86	148	109	206	95	81
Final Rank		9	8	5	2	6	4	7	3	1

**Fig. 5.** Composition function 6 ( $N = 5$ )  $f_{26}$ .

**Table 4**

Comparisons of experimental results between MPSO with 8 evolutionary algorithms.

		ABC	VSA	CSA	BOA	BSA	DSA	OSA	GSA	MPSO
$f_1$	Mean	<b>2.70E+03</b>	4.64E+03	1.00E+10	5.05E+10	9.71E+04	2.10E+05	5.31E+10	1.03E+08	8.19E+07
	Std	2.31E+03	5.41E+03	<b>0.00E+00</b>	7.42E+09	6.68E+04	1.48E+05	6.69E+09	1.49E+08	1.80E+08
	Min	1.83E+02	<b>1.00E+02</b>	1.00E+10	3.71E+10	1.56E+04	3.46E+04	4.08E+10	3.91E+02	1.71E+03
	Rank	<b>1</b>	2	7	8	3	4	9	6	5
$f_3$	Mean	1.31E+05	<b>4.40E+03</b>	1.00E+05	8.43E+04	6.41E+04	1.13E+05	9.23E+04	9.14E+04	1.15E+04
	Std	1.87E+04	2.61E+03	1.93E+04	6.38E+03	9.05E+03	2.37E+04	<b>2.19E+03</b>	8.46E+03	7.04E+03
	Min	7.26E+04	<b>9.96E+02</b>	6.36E+04	6.33E+04	4.76E+04	5.82E+04	8.28E+04	7.17E+04	3.51E+03
	Rank	9	<b>1</b>	7	4	3	8	6	5	2
$f_4$	Mean	<b>4.71E+02</b>	5.02E+02	4.92E+02	2.01E+04	5.19E+02	5.23E+02	1.21E+04	6.89E+02	5.04E+02
	Std	1.76E+01	1.49E+01	1.82E+01	2.88E+03	9.18E+00	<b>1.34E+01</b>	2.34E+03	1.40E+02	2.56E+01
	Min	<b>4.20E+02</b>	4.64E+02	4.39E+02	1.43E+04	4.89E+02	4.92E+02	7.28E+03	5.43E+02	4.23E+02
	Rank	<b>1</b>	3	2	9	5	6	8	7	4
$f_5$	Mean	6.03E+02	6.09E+02	6.72E+02	9.05E+02	6.14E+02	6.32E+02	9.45E+02	7.37E+02	<b>5.70E+02</b>
	Std	1.89E+01	3.16E+01	2.85E+01	2.20E+01	<b>1.09E+01</b>	1.18E+01	2.30E+01	2.49E+01	1.75E+01
	Min	5.62E+02	5.63E+02	6.11E+02	8.40E+02	5.89E+02	6.07E+02	8.97E+02	6.83E+02	<b>5.32E+02</b>
	Rank	2	3	6	8	4	5	9	7	<b>1</b>
$f_6$	Mean	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.22E+02	6.55E+02	6.85E+02	6.01E+02	6.00E+02	6.95E+02	6.58E+02	6.05E+02
	Std	<b>1.33E-02</b>	1.03E+01	9.22E+00	5.29E+00	4.52E-01	1.30E-01	5.54E+00	4.51E+00	3.72E+00
	Min	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.07E+02	6.34E+02	6.74E+02	<b>6.00E+02</b>	<b>6.00E+02</b>	6.82E+02	6.50E+02	6.01E+02
	Rank	<b>1</b>	5	6	8	3	2	9	7	4
$f_7$	Mean	8.29E+02	8.63E+02	9.37E+02	1.38E+03	8.56E+02	8.73E+02	1.46E+03	9.56E+02	<b>8.08E+02</b>
	Std	1.31E+01	4.29E+01	3.29E+01	3.40E+01	1.41E+01	<b>1.24E+01</b>	3.75E+01	4.08E+01	2.17E+01
	Min	7.95E+02	8.02E+02	8.69E+02	1.30E+03	8.20E+02	8.44E+02	1.38E+03	8.82E+02	<b>7.56E+02</b>
	Rank	2	4	6	8	3	5	9	7	<b>1</b>
$f_8$	Mean	9.20E+02	9.07E+02	9.60E+02	1.13E+03	9.16E+02	9.38E+02	1.15E+03	9.58E+02	<b>8.68E+02</b>
	Std	1.61E+01	3.08E+01	2.50E+01	1.61E+01	1.16E+01	<b>1.13E+01</b>	2.46E+01	1.32E+01	2.17E+01
	Min	8.88E+02	8.51E+02	9.19E+02	1.09E+03	8.88E+02	9.02E+02	1.08E+03	9.24E+02	<b>8.33E+02</b>
	Rank	4	2	7	8	3	5	9	6	<b>1</b>
$f_9$	Mean	3.53E+03	2.74E+03	6.40E+03	1.06E+04	1.10E+03	1.77E+03	1.23E+04	4.21E+03	<b>1.05E+03</b>
	Std	9.24E+02	1.41E+03	1.94E+03	9.66E+02	<b>1.65E+02</b>	4.27E+02	1.16E+03	3.99E+02	1.82E+02
	Min	1.75E+03	9.81E+02	3.14E+03	7.92E+03	9.21E+02	1.18E+03	9.81E+03	3.25E+03	<b>9.07E+02</b>
	Rank	5	4	7	8	2	3	9	6	<b>1</b>
$f_{10}$	Mean	<b>3.99E+03</b>	4.59E+03	5.38E+03	8.87E+03	5.22E+03	5.49E+03	8.96E+03	5.13E+03	4.49E+03
	Std	3.38E+02	6.75E+02	2.20E+02	3.53E+02	2.96E+02	3.37E+02	4.54E+02	4.99E+02	8.35E+02
	Min	3.16E+03	2.86E+03	4.90E+03	7.84E+03	4.36E+03	4.62E+03	7.92E+03	4.19E+03	<b>2.74E+03</b>
	Rank	<b>1</b>	3	6	8	5	7	9	4	2
$f_{11}$	Mean	2.69E+03	1.28E+03	1.25E+03	7.87E+03	1.22E+03	1.45E+03	1.07E+04	4.35E+03	<b>1.22E+03</b>
	Std	1.12E+03	4.93E+01	2.94E+01	1.68E+03	<b>2.39E+01</b>	1.63E+02	2.21E+03	1.01E+03	5.02E+01
	Min	1.28E+03	1.18E+03	1.19E+03	4.70E+03	1.15E+03	1.25E+03	6.37E+03	2.55E+03	<b>1.14E+03</b>
	Rank	6	4	3	8	2	5	9	7	<b>1</b>
$f_{12}$	Mean	2.12E+06	5.76E+06	7.55E+09	1.23E+10	1.72E+06	8.86E+06	1.37E+10	9.43E+07	<b>1.51E+06</b>
	Std	<b>1.21E+06</b>	4.90E+06	4.03E+09	3.76E+09	7.77E+05	5.54E+06	2.16E+09	8.91E+07	1.37E+06
	Min	4.62E+05	5.89E+05	1.23E+07	6.14E+09	3.16E+05	2.27E+06	7.38E+09	1.12E+06	<b>4.83E+04</b>
	Rank	3	4	7	8	2	5	9	6	<b>1</b>
$f_{13}$	Mean	1.01E-05	8.50E+04	2.99E+09	1.13E+10	4.99E+04	1.63E+06	5.78E+09	3.25E+04	<b>1.56E+04</b>
	Std	8.63E+04	5.49E+04	4.48E+09	5.61E+09	9.09E+04	1.31E+06	1.64E+09	<b>7.07E+03</b>	1.11E+04
	Min	1.03E+04	1.53E+04	3.36E+04	2.33E+09	4.23E+03	5.63E+04	3.20E+09	1.95E+04	<b>1.56E+03</b>
	Rank	5	4	7	9	3	6	8	2	<b>1</b>
$f_{14}$	Mean	3.70E+05	2.42E+04	<b>1.52E+03</b>	6.91E+06	4.27E+03	1.86E+05	2.06E+07	1.07E+06	5.00E+03
	Std	2.14E+05	2.14E+04	<b>1.75E+01</b>	7.87E+06	2.34E+03	1.51E+05	1.43E+07	2.60E+05	4.87E+03
	Min	4.03E+04	1.79E+03	<b>1.49E+03</b>	3.51E+05	1.67E+03	8.81E+03	2.77E+06	5.99E+05	1.58E+03
	Rank	6	4	<b>1</b>	8	2	5	9	7	3
$f_{15}$	Mean	2.92E+04	6.24E+04	<b>2.18E+03</b>	7.53E+08	5.29E+03	3.04E+05	7.84E+08	1.51E+04	3.40E+03
	Std	<b>2.20E+04</b>	4.05E+04	2.41E+02	3.70E+08	3.62E+03	3.99E+05	2.37E+08	3.39E+03	2.40E+03
	Min	3.60E+03	6.43E+03	1.81E+03	2.18E+08	1.95E+03	1.29E+04	3.78E+08	8.00E+03	<b>1.60E+03</b>
	Rank	5	6	<b>1</b>	8	3	7	9	4	2
$f_{16}$	Mean	<b>2.48E+03</b>	2.57E+03	2.84E+03	7.17E+03	2.69E+03	2.79E+03	6.17E+03	3.49E+03	2.49E+03
	Std	1.58E+02	3.36E+02	<b>1.51E+02</b>	1.59E+03	1.67E+02	1.70E+02	9.14E+02	3.95E+02	2.46E+02
	Min	2.12E+03	<b>1.80E+03</b>	2.42E+03	4.51E+03	2.36E+03	2.44E+03	4.67E+03	2.50E+03	1.98E+03
	Rank	<b>1</b>	3	6	9	4	5	8	7	2
$f_{17}$	Mean	2.08E+03	2.03E+03	2.12E+03	8.57E+03	<b>2.02E+03</b>	2.15E+03	1.38E+04	2.89E+03	2.05E+03
	Std	9.50E+01	1.73E+02	1.06E+02	6.19E+03	9.63E+01	1.26E+02	1.83E+04	2.13E+02	1.76E+02
	Min	1.88E+03	1.79E+03	1.90E+03	3.47E+03	1.84E+03	1.84E+03	3.16E+03	2.37E+03	<b>1.77E+03</b>
	Rank	4	2	5	8	<b>1</b>	6	9	7	3
$f_{18}$	Mean	6.96E+05	3.94E+05	<b>6.47E+04</b>	1.13E+08	1.38E+05	9.94E+05	1.24E+08	4.35E+05	1.20E+05
	Std	3.54E+05	2.63E+05	<b>2.71E+04</b>	1.09E+08	7.72E+04	5.81E+05	1.28E+08	2.20E+05	1.19E+05
	Min	2.06E+05	2.46E+04	2.96E+04	6.36E+06	5.06E+04	1.28E+05	7.70E+06	1.45E+05	<b>2.74E+04</b>
	Rank	6	4	<b>1</b>	8	3	7	9	5	2
$f_{19}$	Mean	5.67E+04	1.12E+06	<b>2.16E+03</b>	7.94E+08	9.41E+03	3.35E+05	5.37E+08	1.69E+05	6.33E+03
	Std	4.76E+04	7.01E+05	3.12E+02	4.26E+08	7.59E+03	3.46E+05	2.93E+08	8.59E+04	4.51E+03
	Min	5.96E+03	5.77E+04	1.99E+03	1.27E+08	2.20E+03	1.25E+04	1.64E+08	3.90E+04	<b>1.92E+03</b>
	Rank	4	7	<b>1</b>	9	3	6	8	5	2
$f_{20}$	Mean	2.38E+03	2.43E+03	2.59E+03	2.96E+03	2.38E+03	2.45E+03	3.19E+03	3.07E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>
	Std	<b>1.11E+02</b>	1.47E+02	9.16E+01	1.34E+02	<b>1.11E+02</b>	9.30E+01	1.83E+02	2.43E+02	1.37E+02
	Min	2.11E+03	2.12E+03	2.35E+03	2.64E+03	2.13E+03	2.22E+03	2.74E+03	2.52E+03	<b>2.06E+03</b>
	Rank	2	4	6	7	3	5	9	8	<b>1</b>

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**Table 4** (continued)

		ABC	VSA	CSA	BOA	BSA	DSA	OSA	GSA	MPSO
$f_{21}$	Mean	2.38E+03	2.40E+03	2.46E+03	2.61E+03	2.41E+03	2.44E+03	2.76E+03	2.63E+03	<b>2.36E+03</b>
	Std	7.20E+01	2.55E+01	3.31E+01	1.33E+02	1.34E+01	<b>1.32E+01</b>	4.34E+01	3.11E+01	1.71E+01
	Min	<b>2.23E+03</b>	2.35E+03	2.34E+03	2.32E+03	2.37E+03	2.40E+03	2.63E+03	2.56E+03	2.33E+03
	Rank	2	3	6	7	4	5	9	8	<b>1</b>
$f_{22}$	Mean	2.70E+03	<b>2.45E+03</b>	5.47E+03	5.37E+03	3.06E+03	2.83E+03	1.01E+04	7.42E+03	2.79E+03
	Std	1.02E+03	7.80E+02	1.98E+03	8.75E+02	1.66E+03	1.08E+03	6.32E+02	<b>4.49E+02</b>	1.26E+03
	Min	2.31E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>	2.33E+03	4.08E+03	2.31E+03	2.34E+03	7.51E+03	6.34E+03	<b>2.30E+03</b>
	Rank	2	<b>1</b>	7	6	5	4	9	8	3
$f_{23}$	Mean	2.75E+03	2.75E+03	2.83E+03	3.48E+03	2.76E+03	2.78E+03	3.62E+03	3.86E+03	<b>2.73E+03</b>
	Std	2.76E+01	2.42E+01	3.56E+01	1.31E+02	1.52E+01	<b>1.27E+01</b>	1.66E+02	1.52E+02	3.42E+01
	Min	2.70E+03	2.70E+03	2.77E+03	3.16E+03	2.71E+03	2.75E+03	3.25E+03	3.50E+03	<b>2.67E+03</b>
	Rank	3	2	6	7	4	5	8	9	<b>1</b>
$f_{24}$	Mean	2.94E+03	2.93E+03	2.98E+03	4.05E+03	2.95E+03	2.99E+03	3.92E+03	3.51E+03	<b>2.90E+03</b>
	Std	1.83E+02	3.41E+01	4.33E+01	2.67E+02	<b>1.48E+01</b>	1.70E+01	1.74E+02	8.53E+01	3.34E+01
	Min	<b>2.57E+03</b>	2.87E+03	2.79E+03	3.59E+03	2.92E+03	2.95E+03	3.52E+03	3.32E+03	2.85E+03
	Rank	3	2	5	9	4	6	8	7	<b>1</b>
$f_{25}$	Mean	2.89E+03	2.90E+03	<b>2.89E+03</b>	5.67E+03	2.90E+03	2.90E+03	4.76E+03	3.00E+03	2.95E+03
	Std	4.90E+00	1.40E+01	<b>2.04E+00</b>	4.79E+02	5.67E+00	6.49E+00	3.00E+02	1.76E+01	3.33E+01
	Min	2.89E+03	2.89E+03	<b>2.88E+03</b>	4.78E+03	2.89E+03	2.89E+03	4.28E+03	2.96E+03	2.89E+03
	Rank	2	3	<b>1</b>	9	4	5	8	7	6
$f_{26}$	Mean	<b>3.44E+03</b>	4.77E+03	5.05E+03	1.15E+04	4.58E+03	4.91E+03	1.15E+04	7.89E+03	4.43E+03
	Std	7.58E+02	5.36E+02	8.34E+02	7.35E+02	4.62E+02	<b>3.82E+02</b>	8.79E+02	5.40E+02	1.31E+03
	Min	2.86E+03	2.90E+03	3.47E+03	9.68E+03	3.53E+03	3.75E+03	9.56E+03	6.54E+03	<b>2.81E+03</b>
	Rank	<b>1</b>	4	6	9	3	5	8	7	2
$f_{27}$	Mean	<b>3.22E+03</b>	3.26E+03	3.25E+03	4.30E+03	3.23E+03	3.23E+03	4.81E+03	5.08E+03	3.24E+03
	Std	6.20E+00	2.87E+01	1.98E+01	4.05E+02	5.93E+00	<b>4.67E+00</b>	4.25E+02	3.36E+02	1.59E+01
	Min	3.21E+03	3.21E+03	3.22E+03	3.66E+03	3.21E+03	3.22E+03	3.94E+03	4.22E+03	<b>3.20E+03</b>
	Rank	<b>1</b>	6	5	7	3	2	8	9	4
$f_{28}$	Mean	3.25E+03	3.23E+03	<b>3.23E+03</b>	7.85E+03	3.29E+03	3.30E+03	6.75E+03	3.58E+03	3.35E+03
	Std	1.52E+01	2.11E+01	1.50E+01	5.42E+02	1.38E+01	<b>1.16E+01</b>	4.80E+02	1.86E+02	9.10E+01
	Min	3.22E+03	3.19E+03	<b>3.20E+03</b>	6.57E+03	3.24E+03	3.28E+03	5.85E+03	3.33E+03	3.26E+03
	Rank	3	2	<b>1</b>	9	4	5	8	7	6
$f_{29}$	Mean	<b>3.67E+03</b>	3.84E+03	4.11E+03	1.09E+04	3.70E+03	3.81E+03	7.68E+03	5.42E+03	<b>3.67E+03</b>
	Std	9.38E+01	1.78E+02	1.39E+02	5.09E+03	<b>8.75E+01</b>	9.65E+01	1.37E+03	3.00E+02	1.89E+02
	Min	3.49E+03	3.51E+03	3.87E+03	6.22E+03	3.51E+03	3.60E+03	5.58E+03	4.85E+03	<b>3.36E+03</b>
	Rank	<b>1.5</b>	5	6	9	3	4	8	7	<b>1.5</b>
$f_{30}$	Mean	3.73E+04	2.93E+06	5.70E+04	1.80E+09	2.98E+04	2.67E+05	3.60E+09	3.54E+06	<b>1.21E+04</b>
	Std	1.58E+04	2.19E+06	2.39E+04	1.01E+09	1.62E+04	1.86E+05	1.04E+09	1.29E+06	<b>1.20E+04</b>
	Min	1.34E+04	2.68E+05	2.15E+04	6.07E+08	1.04E+04	5.42E+04	1.77E+09	1.31E+06	<b>5.60E+03</b>
	Rank	3	6	4	8	2	5	9	7	<b>1</b>
Final Rank		89.5	103	139	231	93	148	247	189	65.5
Total Rank		2	4	5	8	3	6	9	7	1

**Table 5**

Statistical comparisons of WSRT for MPSO vs. PSO, FDR\_PSO, PSO\_cf\_local and PSO\_cf.

fun	MPSO vs. PSO				MPSO vs. FDR_PSO				MPSO vs. PSO_cf_local				MPSO vs. PSO_cf			
	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner
$f_1$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.000621	992	283	+	1.86E-05	1081	194	-	9.07E-10	3	1272	+
$f_3$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.000177	249	1026	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_4$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.308478	743	532	=	0.746404	671	604	=	1.15E-09	7	1268	+
$f_5$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.029494	863	412	-	0.336803	737	538	=	1.09E-09	6	1269	+
$f_6$	1.47E-09	11	1264	+	1.09E-09	1269	6	-	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	1.68E-08	53	1222	+
$f_7$	3.57E-09	26	1249	+	0.011592	899	376	-	0.000389	1005	270	-	1.2E-08	47	1228	+
$f_8$	9.63E-10	4	1271	+	0.047284	843	432	-	0.660499	592	683	=	1.66E-09	13	1262	+
$f_9$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.000114	1032	243	-	6.56E-05	1051	224	-	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_{10}$	1.43E-05	188	1087	+	0.926932	647	628	=	0.710153	676	599	=	0.420215	554	721	=
$f_{11}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.236997	515	760	+	0.0325	416	859	+	2.66E-09	21	1254	+
$f_{12}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.019739	879	396	-	0.0156	387	888	+	1.02E-09	5	1270	+
$f_{13}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.000913	294	981	+	2.19E-06	147	1128	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{14}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	4.54E-08	71	1204	+	4.25E-09	29	1246	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{15}$	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	4.92E-05	217	1058	+	2.93E-08	63	1212	+	1.56E-09	12	1263	+
$f_{16}$	1.55E-07	94	1181	+	0.448581	716	559	=	0.079762	819	456	=	2.23E-07	101	1174	+
$f_{17}$	2.10E-08	57	1218	+	0.073344	823	452	=	0.055343	836	439	=	1.32E-07	91	1184	+
$f_{18}$	3.78E-09	27	1248	+	1.99E-06	145	1130	+	1.72E-07	96	1179	+	5.87E-07	120	1155	+
$f_{19}$	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	0.269029	523	752	=	0.003089	331	944	+	1.86E-09	15	1260	+
$f_{20}$	1.85E-03	315	960	+	0.996149	638	637	=	0.331969	738	537	=	7.52E-07	125	1150	+
$f_{21}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.184401	500	775	=	0.000389	270	1005	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{22}$	2.36E-09	19	1256	+	0.00024	257	1018	+	0.005515	350	925	+	2.12E-07	100	1175	+
$f_{23}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.19E-07	89	1186	+	2.12E-07	100	1175	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{24}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.09E-09	6	1269	+	6.81E-07	123	1152	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{25}$	4.01E-09	28	1247	+	1.15E-09	1268	7	-	9.63E-10	1271	4	+	0.002811	328	947	+
$f_{26}$	2.66E-09	21	1254	+	0.783225	666	609	=	0.041184	426	849	+	3.85E-08	68	1207	+
$f_{27}$	2.23E-09	18	1257	+	0.034099	418	857	+	0.502282	707	568	=	2.36E-09	19	1256	+
$f_{28}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.68E-08	1222	53	-	0.681612	680	595	=	1.98E-08	56	1219	+
$f_{29}$	1.13E-08	46	1229	+	0.490062	709	566	=	0.002723	327	948	+	9.07E-10	3	1272	+
$f_{30}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.002723	327	948	+	2.34E-08	59	1216	+	1.15E-09	7	1268	+
+/-=			29/0/0				11/9/9						15/4/10			28/0/1

**Table 6**

Statistical comparisons of WSRT for MPSO vs. FIPS, CLPSO, SPSO2011 and DNLPSO.

fun	MPSO vs. FIPS				MPSO vs. CLPSO				MPSO vs. SPSO2011				MPSO vs. DNLPSO			
	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner
$f_1$	7.41E-05	1048	227	-	0.101791	468	807	=	9.63E-10	1271	4	-	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_3$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	2.66E-09	21	1254	+	1.66E-09	13	1262	+
$f_4$	0.099788	808	467	=	1.15E-09	7	1268	+	0.001976	958	317	-	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_5$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.23E-09	8	1267	+	3.45E-08	66	1209	+
$f_6$	1.15E-09	1268	7	-	0.0274	866	409	-	0.114494	801	474	=	4.86E-06	164	1111	+
$f_7$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.76E-09	14	1261	+	2.53E-06	150	1125	+
$f_8$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.53E-10	2	1273	+	2.12E-07	100	1175	+
$f_9$	3.78E-09	1248	27	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.63E-05	1084	191	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
10	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.38E-09	$f_{10}$	1265	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	5.05E-07	117	1158	+
$f_{11}$	3.51E-06	157	1118	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.135848	483	792	=	1.15E-09	7	1268	+
$f_{12}$	1.78E-05	193	1082	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.059131	833	442	=	1.23E-09	8	1267	+
$f_{13}$	1.02E-07	86	1189	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.38E-08	80	1195	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{14}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	4.51E-09	30	1245	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{15}$	3.17E-09	24	1251	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{16}$	5.95E-08	76	1199	+	0.72458	674	601	=	0.003722	337	938	+	1.17E-06	134	1141	+
$f_{17}$	0.000579	994	281	+	0.0006	993	282	-	0.065923	828	447	=	1.07E-08	45	1230	+
$f_{18}$	1.47E-09	11	1264	+	7.58E-09	39	1236	+	5.58E-07	119	1156	+	1.38E-09	10	1265	+
$f_{19}$	0.026076	407	868	+	1.66E-09	13	1262	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.86E-09	15	1260	+
$f_{20}$	0.000115	238	1037	+	0.646571	590	685	=	0.000102	235	1040	+	4.95E-02	434	841	+
$f_{21}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	5.06E-09	32	1243	=	9.63E-10	4	1271	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{22}$	0.0003	1012	263	-	0.000434	273	1002	+	9.63E-10	1271	4	-	3.37E-09	25	1250	+
$f_{23}$	8.53E-10	2	1273	+	1.76E-09	14	1261	+	0.000375	269	1006	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{24}$	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	1.15E-09	7	1268	+	0.207759	507	768	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{25}$	8.03E-10	1274	1	-	3.2E-06	1120	155	-	2.53E-06	1125	150	-	9.06E-05	232	1043	+
$f_{26}$	2.48E-08	1215	60	-	0.070297	450	825	=	0.72458	601	674	=	2.22E-08	58	1217	+
$f_{27}$	1.66E-09	1262	13	-	0.533523	702	573	=	0.121297	477	798	=	1.86E-09	15	1260	+
$f_{28}$	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	0.702977	677	598	=	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	8.53E-10	2	1273	+
$f_{29}$	8.5E-09	41	1234	+	0.016447	389	886	+	0.000979	296	979	+	1.81E-07	97	1178	+
$f_{30}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
+/-=					20/8/1				19/3/7				17/6/6			29/0/0

**Table 7**

Statistical comparisons of WSRT for MPSO vs. ABC, BOA, ASO and BSA.

fun	MPSO vs. ABC				MPSO vs. BOA				MPSO vs. CSA				MPSO vs. BSA			
	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner
$f_1$	8.03E-10	1274	1	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	-	4.01E-09	1247	28	-
$f_3$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_4$	4.3E-08	1205	70	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	4.50E-04	1001	274	-	0.000361	268	1007	+
$f_5$	5.37E-09	33	1242	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_6$	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.3E-09	1266	9	-
$f_7$	2.78E-06	152	1123	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.53E-10	2	1273	+
$f_8$	9.63E-10	4	1271	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.15E-09	7	1268	+
$f_9$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.039305	424	851	+
$f_{10}$	0.001285	971	304	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.40E-07	92	1183	+	1.2E-05	184	1091	+
$f_{11}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.20E-04	239	1036	+	0.313086	533	742	-
$f_{12}$	0.009545	369	906	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.140987	485	790	=
$f_{13}$	3.57E-09	26	1249	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	0.000289	262	1013	+
$f_{14}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	1275	0	+	0.681612	595	680	=
$f_{15}$	1.66E-09	13	1262	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.12E-03	975	300	-	0.001122	300	975	+
$f_{16}$	0.973047	634	641	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	5.69E-09	34	1241	+	0.00012	239	1036	+
$f_{17}$	0.107995	471	804	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	6.44E-04	284	991	+	0.377088	729	546	=
$f_{18}$	1.09E-09	6	1269	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	6.83E-05	1050	225	-	0.045171	430	845	+
$f_{19}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.02E-09	1270	5	-	0.021318	399	876	+
$f_{20}$	0.003089	331	944	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	2.99E-09	23	1252	+	0.004471	343	932	+
$f_{21}$	0.083138	458	817	+	1.02E-09	5	1270	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_{22}$	0.233191	514	761	=	5.37E-09	33	1242	+	1.64E-06	141	1134	+	0.071808	451	824	+
$f_{23}$	0.0006	282	993	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.15E-09	7	1268	+	3.05E-06	154	1121	+
$f_{24}$	0.313086	533	742	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.42E-08	50	1225	+	1.98E-08	56	1219	+
$f_{25}$	8.53E-10	1273	2	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	1.09E-09	1269	6	-
$f_{26}$	0.00024	1018	257	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.03E-02	450	825	=	0.382324	547	728	=
$f_{27}$	3.45E-08	1209	66	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.49E-02	459	816	=	0.000198	1023	252	-
$f_{28}$	8.03E-10	1274	1	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	3.09E-08	1211	64	-
$f_{29}$	0.919265	648	627	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.30E-09	9	1266	+	0.502282	568	707	=
$f_{30}$	1.27E-08	48	1227	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.30E-09	9	1266	+	8.66E-08	83	1192	+
+/-=					14/8/7				29/0/0				19/8/2			18/6/5

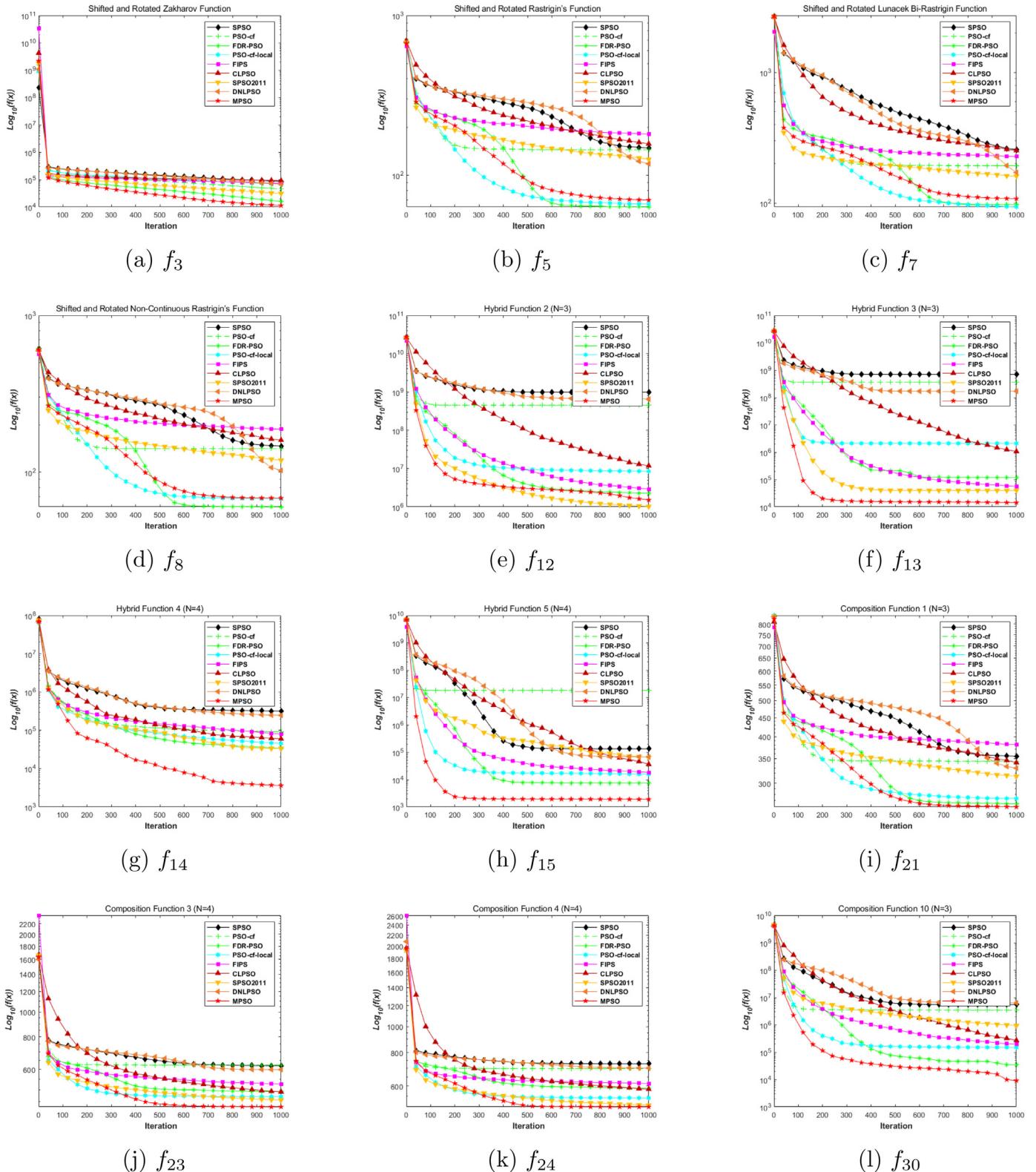


Fig. 6. Convergence curve of algorithms for variants of PSO.

Both Friedman-test and Quad-test are non-parametric statistical test (Derrac, García, Molina, & Herrera, 2011). Generally, they are used to detect differences in treatments across multiple test attempts. In this study, they are adopted to compare the comprehensive performance of each algorithm on a set of functions. Thus, the result of the Friedman-test and Quad-test provide an overview

of algorithm's performance. Tables 9 and 10 depict the ranks calculated through them for all benchmark functions among all algorithms. As shown in Tables 9 and 10, MPSO ranks first among the 17 algorithms. The  $p$ -value computed from the statistics of the Friedman-test and Quade-test strongly indicates that there are significant differences among the 17 algorithms.

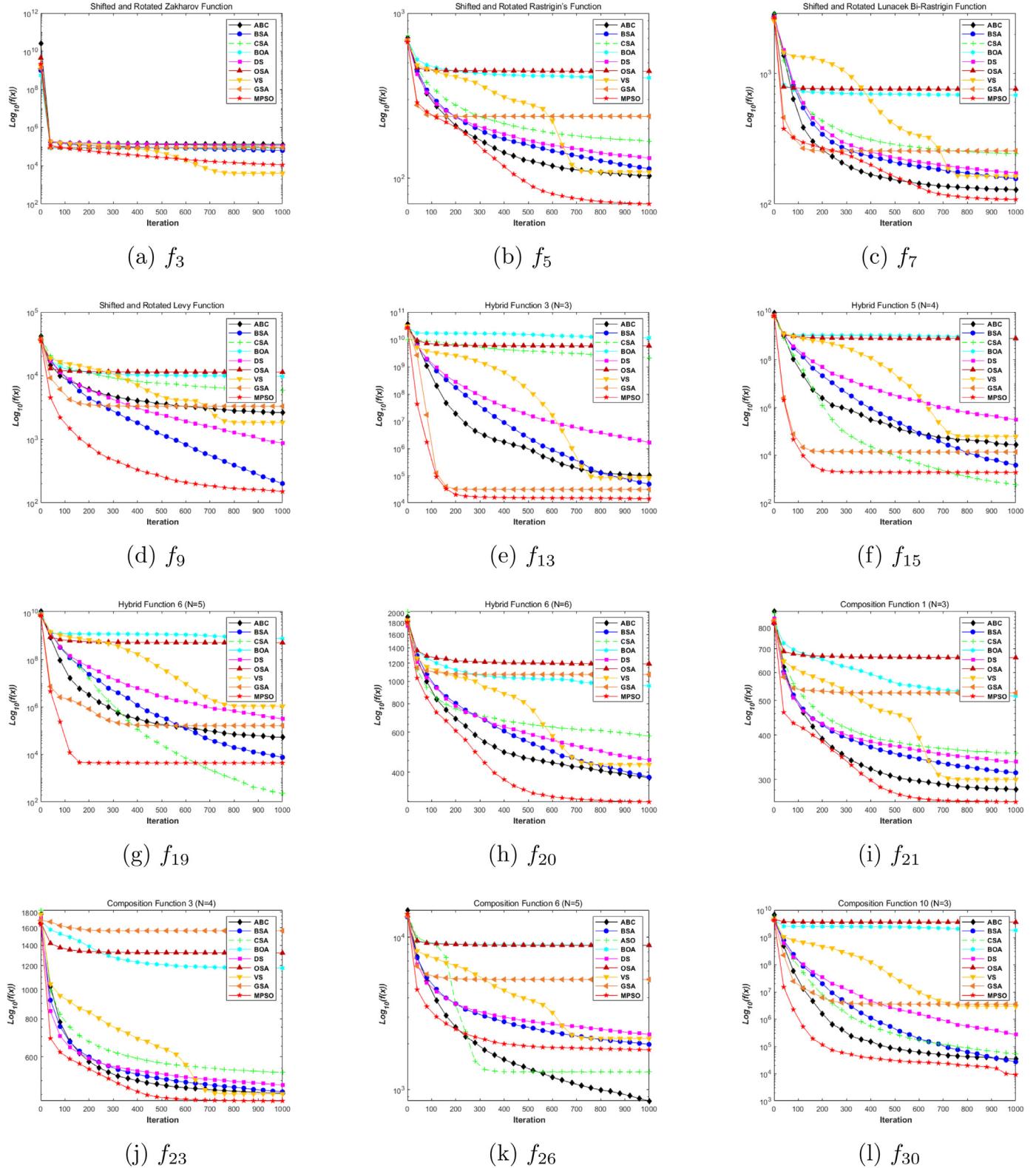


Fig. 7. Convergence curve of algorithms for 8 evolutionary algorithms.

**Table 8**

Statistical comparisons of WSRT for MPSO vs. DSA, GSA, OSA and VSA.

fun	MPSO vs. DSA				MPSO vs. GSA				MPSO vs. OSA				MPSO vs. VSA			
	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner	p_Value	R+	R-	Winner
$f_1$	9.53E-09	1232	43	-	0.090237	462	813	=	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.53E-10	1273	2	-
$f_3$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.27E-08	1227	48	+
$f_4$	2.41E-05	200	1075	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.790651	665	610	=
$f_5$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.13E-08	46	1229	+
$f_6$	7.56E-10	1275	0	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.76E-09	14	1261	+
$f_7$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.27E-08	48	1227	+
$f_8$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.63E-07	95	1180	+
$f_9$	9.63E-10	4	1271	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+
$f_{10}$	3.45E-08	66	1209	+	1.49E-05	189	1086	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.387605	548	727	=
$f_{11}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	3.92E-07	112	1163	+
$f_{12}$	1.09E-09	6	1269	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	2.12E-07	100	1175	+
$f_{13}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	3.45E-08	66	1209	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	9.07E-10	3	1272	+
$f_{14}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	2.23E-07	101	1174	+
$f_{15}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{16}$	1.55E-07	94	1181	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.294924	529	746	=
$f_{17}$	0.005196	348	927	+	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.843129	658	617	=
$f_{18}$	9.63E-10	4	1271	+	3.09E-08	64	1211	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.19E-07	89	1186	+
$f_{19}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
$f_{20}$	7.52E-07	125	1150	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	3.53E-05	209	1066	+
$f_{21}$	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.07E-08	45	1230	+
$f_{22}$	0.000466	275	1000	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	1.63E-07	1180	95	-
$f_{23}$	4.51E-09	30	1245	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.00012	239	1036	=
$f_{24}$	1.02E-09	5	1270	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.000621	283	992	+
$f_{25}$	1.15E-09	1268	7	-	1.42E-08	50	1225	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	8.53E-10	1273	2	-
$f_{26}$	0.017335	391	884	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.078116	455	820	=
$f_{27}$	1E-05	1095	180	-	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	0.001851	315	960	+
$f_{28}$	2.09E-06	1129	146	-	8.03E-10	1	1274	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	1275	0	-
$f_{29}$	6.3E-05	223	1052	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	2.41E-05	200	1075	+
$f_{30}$	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+	7.56E-10	0	1275	+
+/-=			24/5/0				28/0/1						29/0/0			19/4/6

**Table 9**

Average Rankings of the algorithms (Friedman-test).

Algorithm	Ranking	Final rank
OSA	1.4655172413793098	17
BOA	2.189655172413793	16
SPSO	4.862068965517242	15
GSA	5.379310344827586	14
PSO_cf	6.344827586206897	13
DNLPSO	6.517241379310345	12
CSA	8.689655172413795	11
DSA	8.89655172413793	10
CLPSO	9.499999999999998	9
FIPS	10.603448275862068	8
VSA	11.413793103448274	7
SPSO2011	12.086206896551722	6
ABC	12.29310344827586	5
PSO_cf_local	12.586206896551722	4
BSA	12.79310344827586	3
FDR_PSO	13.448275862068966	2
<b>MPSO</b>	<b>13.931034482758621</b>	<b>1</b>
$\rho_{value}$	1.3818635125062428E-10	

**Table 10**

Average Rankings of the algorithms (Quade-test).

Algorithm	Ranking	Final rank
OSA	1.4919540229885055	17
BOA	2.1770114942528735	16
SPSO	4.4689655172413785	15
DNLPSO	5.610344827586207	14
PSO_cf	6.1873563218390775	13
GSA	6.59080459770115	12
DS	8.417241379310346	11
CSA	9.427586206896551	10
CLPSO	9.697701149425288	9
VS	11.418390804597701	8
PSO_cf_local	11.525287356321837	7
FIPS	11.5666666666666668	6
ABC	11.639080459770113	5
SPSO2011	12.372413793103448	4
FDR_PSO	13.022988505747128	3
BSA	13.259770114942533	2
<b>MPSO</b>	<b>14.126436781609195</b>	<b>1</b>
$\rho_{value}$	1.179738817334863E-50	

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, to overcome the drawbacks of PSO such as premature convergence, poor balance between global exploration and local exploitation, and poor ability in solving complex optimization problems in expert systems, a modified PSO called MPSO is proposed. In MPSO, stochastic and mainstream learning strategies are devised to avoid premature convergence. Meanwhile, a chaos-based non-linear inertia weight is proposed to balance exploration and exploitation better by enlarging or shrinking the search step. In addition, an adaptive position updating strategy and terminal replacement mechanism is adopted to enhance the ability of

PSO to solve complex optimization problems in expert systems. To verify MPSO's convergence performance on various optimization problems, comparison experiments on complex CEC2017 are carried out. The experiment results and corresponding statistical analysis indicate that MPSO outperforms quite a few state-of-the-art PSO variants and some other evolutionary algorithms proposed recently.

However, MPSO still has some limitations.

- (1) Although MPSO has achieved excellent performance, its convergence and stability are lack of theoretical support.

- (2) There are some parameters in MPSO, which limit the applicability of MPSO, because these parameters need to be adjusted for different real optimization problems in expert systems. This increases the difficulty of problem solving.
- (3) According to the experimental results, it can be found that the performance of MPSO is ideal, but there are still some defects. For example, the performance of MPSO on functions  $f_1$ ,  $f_{17}$  and  $f_{25}$  are not ideal, which indicates the deficiency of MPSO performance. In the future, we will work to further improve the performance of MPSO.

The future work will be carried out from the following aspects.

- (1) Using Markov chain theory to analyze the convergence of MPSO, and using fixed point theorem to analyze the first and second order stability of MPSO. However, the second-order stability of PSO without stagnation assumption is complex and difficult. It may be possible to analyze the second-order stability on the premise of stagnation assumption, which should be solved in the future.
- (2) As we all know, the parameters of the algorithm will increase the difficulty of solving practical optimization problems in expert systems. In the future, MPSO will be further improved and its parameters will be reduced, so as to reduce its difficulty in solving practical problems.
- (3) MPSO will be combined with neural network, that is, using MPSO algorithm to train artificial neural network, which is widely used in expert system.
- (4) Because the optimization problem in expert system often has constraints, and to deal with the constrained optimization problem, we need to maintain the feasible solution in the algorithm. Therefore, in the future, a feasible solution maintenance method will be designed and used in MPSO to solve constraint optimization problems

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### Appendix A

Shifted and Rotated Bent Cigar Function ( $F_1$ )

$$F_1(x) = f_1(M(x - o_1)) + F_1^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Sum of Different Power Function ( $F_2$ )

$$F_2(x) = f_2(M(x - o_2)) + F_2^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Zakharov Function ( $F_3$ )

$$F_3(x) = f_3(M(x - o_3)) + F_3^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Rosenbrock's Function( $F_4$ )

$$F_4(x) = f_4(M(x - o_4)) + F_4^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Rastrigin's Function( $F_5$ )

$$F_5(x) = f_5(M(x - o_5)) + F_5^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Schaffer's F7 Function( $F_6$ )

$$F_6(x) = f_{20}\left(M \frac{0.5(x - o_6)}{100}\right) + F_6^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Lunacek Bi-Rastrigin's Function( $F_7$ )

$$F_7(x) = f_7\left(M \frac{600(x - o_7)}{100}\right) + F_7^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Non-Continuous Rastrigin's Function( $F_8$ )

$$F_8(x) = f_8\left(\frac{5.12(x - o_8)}{100}\right) + F_8^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Levy Function( $F_9$ )

$$F_9(x) = f_9\left(M \frac{5.12(x - o_9)}{100}\right) + F_9^*$$

Shifted and Rotated Schwefel's Function( $F_{10}$ )

$$F_{10}(x) = f_{10}\left(\frac{1000(x - o_{10})}{100}\right) + F_{10}^*$$

Hybrid Function 1( $F_{11}$ )

$$F_{11}(x) = f_3(M_1 z_1) + f_4(M_2 z_2) + f_5(M_3 z_3) + F_{11}^*$$

Hybrid Function 2( $F_{12}$ )

$$F_{12}(x) = f_{11}(M_1 z_1) + f_{10}(M_2 z_2) + f_1(M_3 z_3) + F_{12}^*$$

Hybrid Function 3( $F_{13}$ )

$$F_{13}(x) = f_1(M_1 z_1) + f_4(M_2 z_2) + f_7(M_3 z_3) + F_{13}^*$$

Hybrid Function 4 ( $F_{14}$ )

$$F_{14}(x) = f_{11}(M_1 z_1) + f_{13}(M_2 z_2) + f_{20}(M_3 z_3) + f_5(M_4 z_4) + F_{14}^*$$

Hybrid Function 5 ( $F_{15}$ )

$$F_{15}(x) = f_1(M_1 z_1) + f_{18}(M_2 z_2) + f_5(M_3 z_3) + f_4(M_4 z_4) + F_{15}^*$$

Hybrid Function 6 ( $F_{16}$ )

$$F_{16}(x) = f_6(M_1 z_1) + f_{18}(M_2 z_2) + f_4(M_3 z_3) + f_{10}(M_4 z_4) + F_{16}^*$$

Hybrid Function 7 ( $F_{17}$ )

$$F_{17}(x) = f_{16}(M_1 z_1) + f_{13}(M_2 z_2) + f_{19}(M_3 z_3) + f_{10}(M_4 z_4) + f_5(M_5 z_5) + F_{17}^*$$

Hybrid Function 8 ( $F_{18}$ )

$$F_{18}(x) = f_1(M_1 z_1) + f_{13}(M_2 z_2) + f_5(M_3 z_3) + f_{18}(M_4 z_4) + f_{12}(M_5 z_5) + F_{18}^*$$

Hybrid Function 9 ( $F_{19}$ )

$$F_{19}(x) = f_1(M_1 z_1) + f_5(M_2 z_2) + f_{19}(M_3 z_3) + f_{14}(M_4 z_4) + f_6(M_5 z_5) + F_{19}^*$$

Hybrid Function 10 ( $F_{20}$ )

$$F_{20}(x) = f_{17}(M_1 z_1) + f_{16}(M_2 z_2) + f_{13}(M_3 z_3) + f_5(M_4 z_4) + f_{10}(M_5 z_5) + f_{20}(M_4 z_4) + f_5(M_6 z_6) + F_{20}^*$$

Composition Function 1 ( $F_{21}$ )

$$F_{21}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{21}^*$$

$$\omega_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^D (x_j - o_{ij})^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{j=1}^D (x_j - o_{ij})^2}{2D\sigma_i^2}\right)$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30], \lambda = [1, 1e-6, 1], bias = [0, 100, 200]$$

$$g = [f'_4, f_{11}, f_4]$$

Composition Function 2( $F_{22}$ )

$$F_{22}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{22}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30], \lambda = [1, 10, 1], bias = [0, 100, 200],$$

$$g = [f'_5, f'_{15}, f'_{10}]$$

Composition Function 3 ( $F_{23}$ )

$$F_{23}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{23}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30, 40], \lambda = [1, 10, 1, 1], bias = [0, 100, 200, 300],$$

$$g = [f'_4, f'_{13}, f'_{10}, f'_5]$$

Composition Function 4( $F_{24}$ )

$$F_{24}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{24}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30, 40], \lambda = [1, 1e-6, 10, 1],$$

$$bias = [0, 100, 200, 300], g = [f'_{13}, f'_{11}, F'_{15}, f'_5]$$

Composition Function 5( $F_{25}$ )

$$F_{25}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{25}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50], \lambda = [1, 1, 10, 1e-6, 1],$$

$$bias = [0, 100, 200, 300, 400],$$

$$g = [f'_5, f'_{15}, f'_5, f'_5, f'_{10}]$$

Composition Function 6( $F_{26}$ )

$$F_{26}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{26}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 20, 30, 40], \lambda = [1e-26, 10, 1e-6, 10, 5e-4],$$

$$bias = [0, 100, 200, 300, 400], g = [f'_6, f'_{10}, f'_{15}, f'_4, f'_5]$$

Composition Function 7( $F_{27}$ )

$$F_{27}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^6 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{27}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60],$$

$$\lambda = [10, 10, 2.5, 1e-26, 1e-6, 5e-4],$$

$$bias = [0, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500],$$

$$g = [f'_{18}, f'_5, f'_{10}, f'_{11}, f'_{11}, f'_6]$$

Composition Function 8( $F_{28}$ )

$$F_{28}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^6 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{28}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60], \lambda = [10, 10, 1e-6, 1, 1, 5e-4],$$

$$bias = [0, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500],$$

$$g = [f'_{13}, f'_{15}, f'_{12}, f'_4, f'_{17}, f'_6]$$

Composition Function 9( $F_{29}$ )

$$F_{29}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{29}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 30, 50], \lambda = [1, 1, 1], bias = [0, 100, 200],$$

$$g = [F'_5, F'_6, F'_7]$$

Composition Function 10( $F_{30}$ )

$$F_{30}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \{\omega_i^*[\lambda_i g_i(x) + bias_i]\} + F_{30}^*$$

$$\sigma = [10, 30, 50], \lambda = [1, 1, 1], bias = [0, 100, 200],$$

$$g = [F'_5, F'_8, F'_9]$$

Bent Cigar Function ( $f_1$ )

$$f_1(x) = x_1^2 + 10^6 \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2$$

Sum of Different Power Function ( $f_2$ )

$$f_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D |(x_i)|^{i+1}$$

Zakharov Function ( $f_3$ )

$$f_3(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 + \left(0.5 \sum_{i=1}^D x_i\right)^2 + \left(0.5 \sum_{i=1}^D x_i\right)^4$$

Rosenbrock's Function ( $f_4$ )

$$f_4(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} \left[ 100(x_i^2 - x_{i+1})^2 + (x_i - 1)^2 \right]$$

Rastrigin's Function ( $f_5$ )

$$f_5(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D \left[ x_i^2 - 10 \cos(2\pi x_i) + 10 \right]$$

Expanded Schaffer's F6 Function ( $f_6$ )

$$f_6(x) = g(x_1, x_2) + g(x_2, x_3) + g(x_3, x_4) + \dots + g(x_D, x_1)$$

$$g(x, y) = 0.5 + \frac{\sin^2(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) - 0.5}{(1 + 0.001(x^2 + y^2))^2}$$

Lunacek bi-Rastrigin Function ( $f_7$ )

$$f_7(x) = \min \left( \sum_{i=1}^D (x_i^2) - \mu_0 \right)^2, dD + S \sum_{i=1}^D (x_i - \mu_i)^2 + 10 \left( D - \sum_{i=1}^D \cos(2\pi z) \right)$$

Non-continuous Rotated Rastrigin's Function ( $f_8$ )

$$f_8(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D [x_i^2 - 10\cos(2\pi x_i) + 10]$$

$$y_i = \begin{cases} x_i & |x_i| < 0.5 \\ \frac{\text{round}(2x_i)}{2} & |x_i| \geq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

Levy Function ( $f_9$ )

$$f_9(x) = \sin^2(\pi \omega_i) + \sum_{i=1}^D [1 + 10\sin^2(\pi \omega_i + 1)] + (\omega_D - 1)^2 [1 + \sin^2(1\pi \omega_D)]$$

Modified Schwefel's Function ( $f_{10}$ )

$$f_{10}(x) = 418.9829D - \sum_{i=1}^D g(z_i)$$

$$z_i = x_i + 4.209687462275036e + 002$$

High Conditioned Elliptic Function ( $f_{11}$ )

$$f_{11}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D (10^6)^{\frac{i-1}{D-1}} x_i^2$$

Discus Function ( $f_{12}$ )

$$f_{12}(x) = 10^6 x_1^2 + \sum_{i=2}^D x_i^2$$

Ackley's Function ( $f_{13}$ )

$$f_{13}(x) = -20\exp\left(-0.2\sqrt{\frac{1}{D}\sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2} - \exp\left(\frac{1}{D}\sum_{i=1}^D \cos(2\pi x_i)\right) + 20 + e\right)$$

Weierstrass Function ( $f_{14}$ )

$$f_{14}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{k20} [0.5^k \cos(2\pi 3^k)(x_k + 0.5)] - D \sum_{k=0}^{k20} [0.5^k \cos(2\pi 3^k \cdot 0.5)] \right]$$

Griewank's Function ( $f_{15}$ )

$$f_{15}(x) = \frac{1}{4000} \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 - \prod_{i=1}^D \cos\left(\frac{x_i}{\sqrt{i}}\right) + 1$$

Katsuura Function ( $f_{16}$ )

$$f_{16}(x) = \frac{10}{D^2} \prod_{i=1}^D \left( 1 + i \sum_{j=1}^3 2^{\lfloor 2^j x_i - \text{round}(2^j x_i) \rfloor} \right)^{\frac{10}{D^{1/2}}} - \frac{10}{D}$$

HappyCat Function ( $f_{17}$ )

$$f_{17}(x) = \left| \left( \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} + \left( 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^D x_i \right) \right| / D + 0.5$$

HGBat Function ( $f_{18}$ )

$$f_{18}(x) = \left| \left( \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^D x_i \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^D x_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^D x_i \right) \right| / D + 0.5$$

Expanded Griewank's plus Rosenbrock's Function ( $f_{19}$ )

$$f_{19}(x) = f_7(f_4(x_1, x_2)) + f_7(f_4(x_2, x_3)) + \dots + f_7(f_4(x_D, x_1))$$

Schaffer's F7 Function ( $f_{20}$ )

$$f_{20}(x) = \left[ \frac{1}{D-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} (\sqrt{s_i}(\sin(50s_i^0 \cdot 2) + 1)) \right)^2 \right]^2$$

$$s_i = \sqrt{x_i^2 + x_{i+1}^2}$$

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