A Direct Multisearch Filter Method for Biobjective Optimization

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Multiobjective Derivative-free Optimization

$$\min_{x \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} F(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_m(x))^{\top}$$
$$f_j : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}, \ j = 1, 2, \dots, m \ge 2$$

- $\Omega = X \cap \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid C(x) \leq 0\}$ where X is a full dimensional polyhedron and $C : \mathbb{R}^n \to (\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\})^p$
- objectives often conflicting
- impossible to use or approximate derivatives
- expensive function evaluation







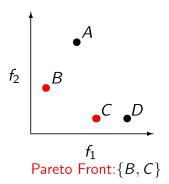
Large memory requirement

Multiobjective Derivative-free Optimization

Make use of Pareto Dominance

Pareto Dominance (x dominates y)

$$F(x) \le F(y)$$
, with $F(x) \ne F(y)$



Numerical Optimization

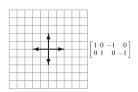
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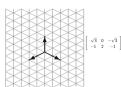
$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k d_k$$

• Derivative-based methods: d_k should be a descent direction according to at least one of the objectives, i.e.

$$d_k^\top \nabla f_i(x_k) < 0, \quad \text{ with } i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

- Derivative-free methods: when derivatives are not available and cannot be numerically approximated
 - Directional Direct Search: Uses positive spanning sets for sampling In R²:





 $pspan(D) = \mathbb{R}^2$

Motivation

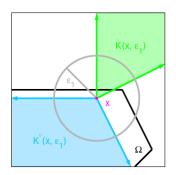
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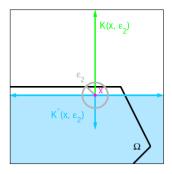
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DMS - General Linear Constraints

- Set of poll directions conforms to the geometry of the nearby constraints
- Approach of Abramson, Brezhneva, Dennis, and Pingel [2008] for single objective optimization





(in Kolda, Lewis, and Torczon [2003])

Metrics for Performance Profiles (Dolan and Moré [2002])

Purity

$$\frac{|F_{p,s} \cap F_p|}{|F_{p,s}|}$$

• Spreads Γ and Δ

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{p,s} &= \max_{j \in \{1,...,m\}} \left(\max_{i \in \{0,...,N\}} \{d_i\} \right) \\ \Delta &= \max_{j \in \{1,...,m\}} \left(\frac{d_0 + d_N + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |d_i - \overline{d}|}{d_0 + d_N + (N-1)\overline{d}} \right) \end{split}$$

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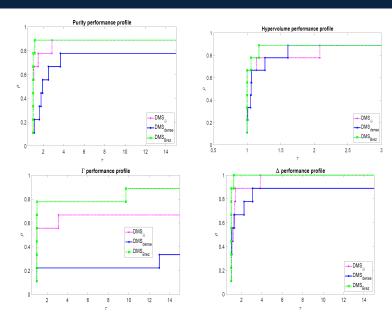
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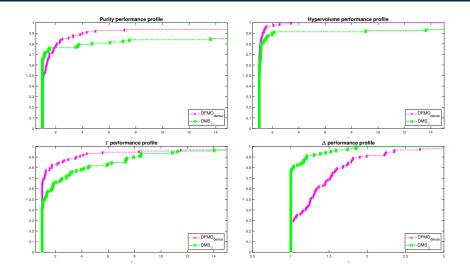
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DMS - Nonlinear + Bound Constraints



-DFMO -DMS

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Constraint Violation function:

$$h(x) = \|C(x)_+\|_2^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \max\{0, c_i(x)\}^2$$

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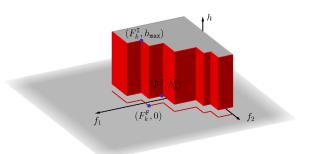
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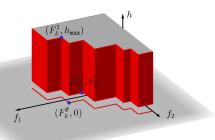
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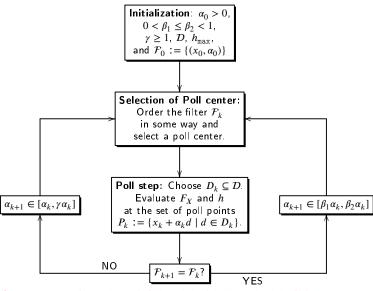
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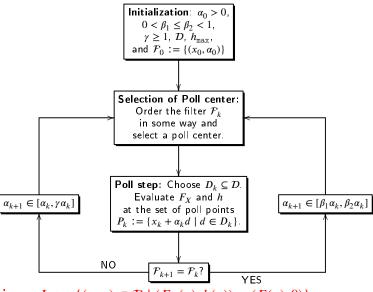
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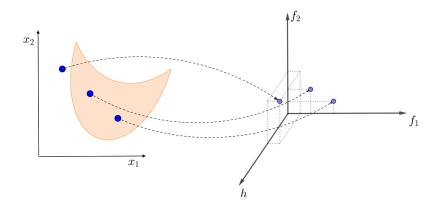
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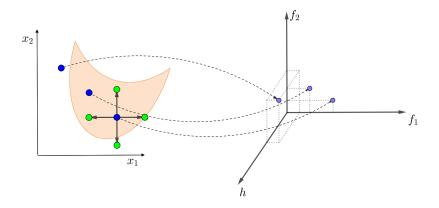
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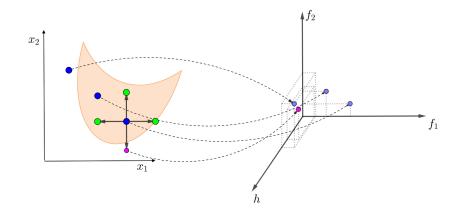


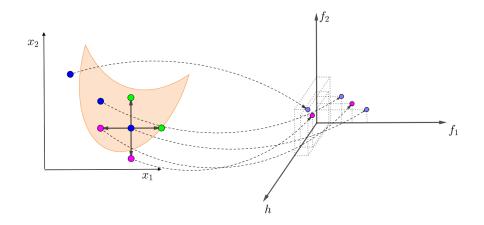
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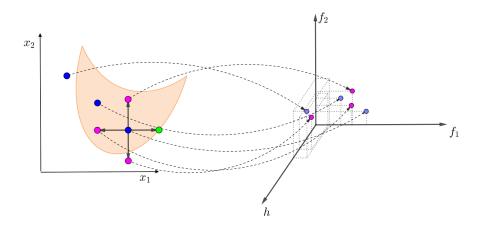
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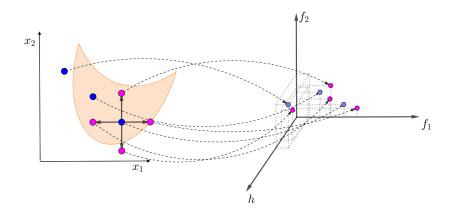


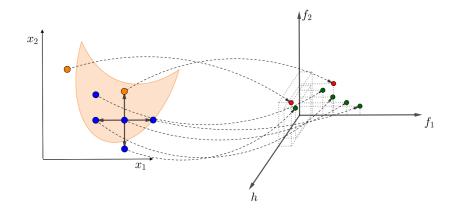


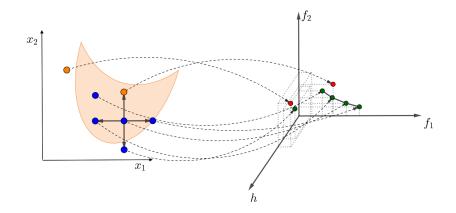








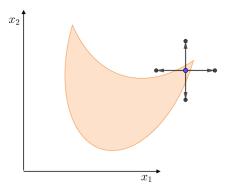


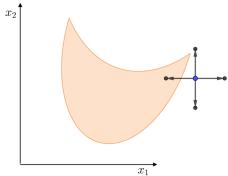


Poll Center Selection

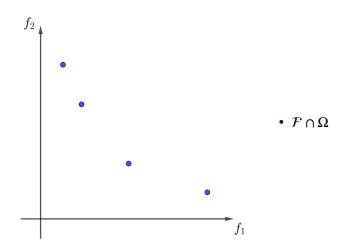
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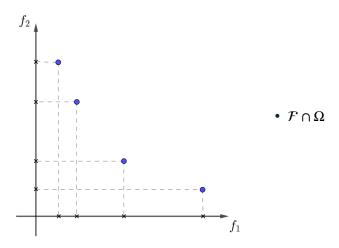




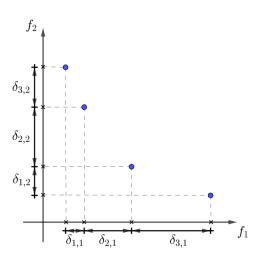
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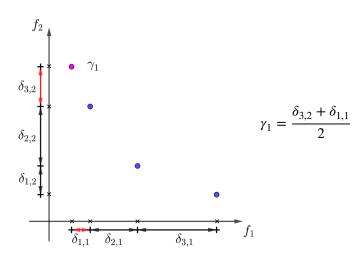
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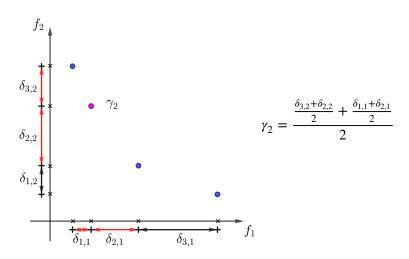


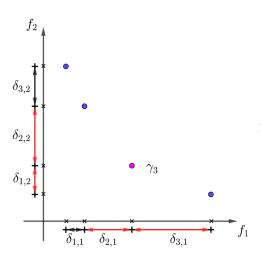
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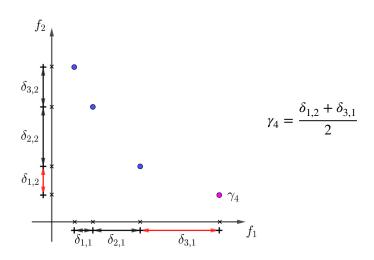
$$\begin{split} \delta_{i,j} &= f_{i+1,j} - f_{i,j} \\ \text{for } i &= 1, 2, 3 \text{ and } j = 1, 2. \end{split}$$

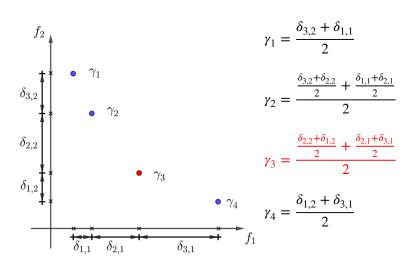


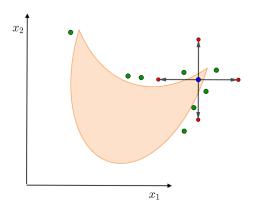


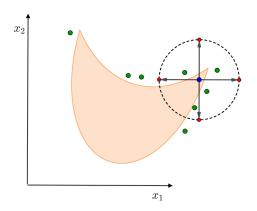


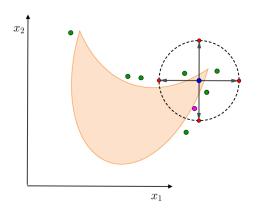
$$\gamma_3 = \frac{\frac{\delta_{2,2} + \delta_{1,2}}{2} + \frac{\delta_{2,1} + \delta_{3,1}}{2}}{2}$$

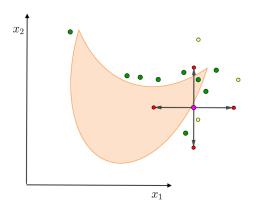












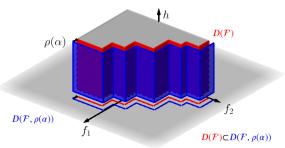
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Globalization Strategies

Using Integer Lattices (Torczon [1997], Audet and Dennis [2002])

- requires only simple decrease
- poll directions and step size must satisfy integer/rational requirements Imposing Sufficient Decrease (Kolda, Lewis, and Torczon [2003])
 - use of a forcing function $\rho:(0,+\infty)\to(0,+\infty)$, continuous and nondecreasing, satisfying $\rho(t)/t\to 0$ when $t\downarrow 0$
 - x is nondominated $\Leftrightarrow (F_X(x), h(x)) \notin D(\mathcal{F}, \rho(\alpha))$



Theorem (Refining Subsequences)

There is at least a convergent refining subsequence of iterates $\{x_k\}_{k\in K}$, corresponding to unsuccessful poll steps, with $\lim_{k\in K}\alpha_k=0$.

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Let $g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ be Lipschitz continuous near $\overline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we can define the Clarke-Jahn generalized derivatives of g along d in the $int(T_S^{Cl}(x))$ to $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ at x,

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Assume that F and h are Lipschitz continuous near \overline{x} .

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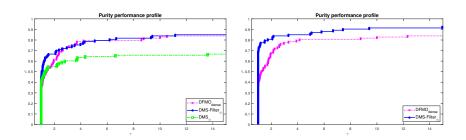
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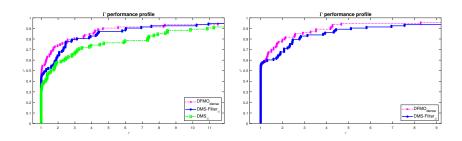
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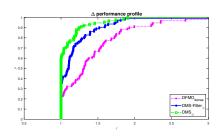
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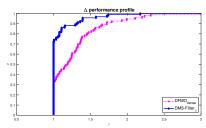
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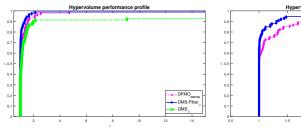
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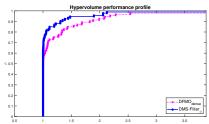




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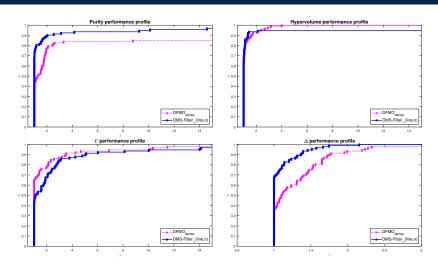
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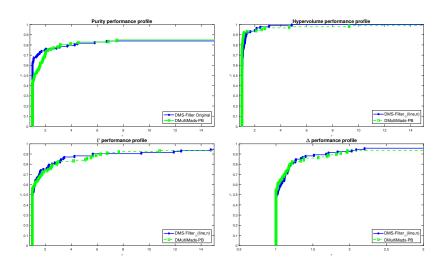
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DMS-Filter VS DMultiMads-PB



DMS-Filter

DMultiMads-PB

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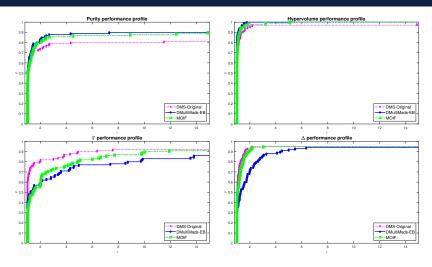
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DMS original versus MOIF and DMultiMads-EB



- DMS-Original
- MOIF
- DMultiMads-EB

Improvements in DMS

Selection of poll center based on DMultiMads

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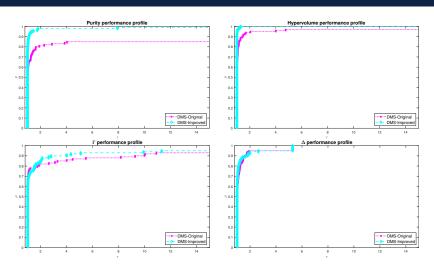
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• Gamma Γ

$$\begin{split} \gamma_i\left(\mathbf{x}^j\right) &= \begin{cases} 2\frac{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^2\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^1\right)}{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{\lfloor L^k \rfloor}\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^1\right)} & \text{if } j = 1\\ 2\frac{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{\lfloor L^k \rfloor}\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{\lfloor L^k \rfloor} - 1\right)}{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{\lfloor L^k \rfloor}\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^1\right)} & \text{if } j = \lfloor L^k \rfloor\\ \frac{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{J+1}\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{J-1}\right)}{f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^{\lfloor L^k \rfloor}\right) - f_i\left(\mathbf{x}^1\right)} & \text{oth erwise.} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

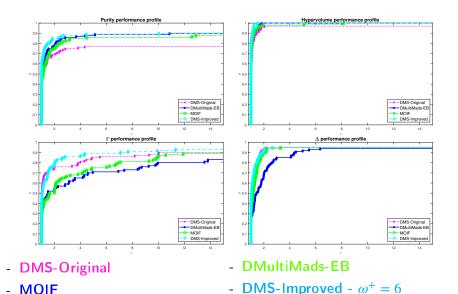
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Improvements in DMS



- DMS-Original
- DMS-Improved $\omega^+ = 6$

DMS-Improved versus MOIF and DMultiMads-EB



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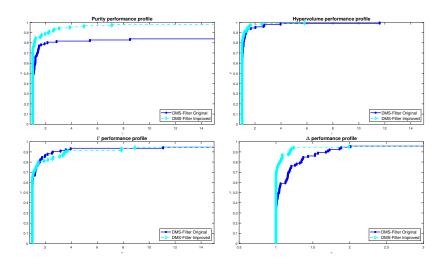
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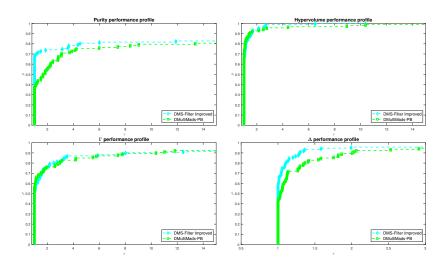
DMS-Filter (Original versus Improved)



DMS-Filter Original

DMS-Filter Improved

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DMS-Filter Improved

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