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| **Title** | *An improved multistart based method for global optimization problems* |
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**ABSTRACT**

There is a great need to discover the global optimum of multimodal functions that arises from many scientifical and practical problems. A base method used to solve this problem is the Multistart method. The proposed method extends the traditional method by adding two major features: the first one is a rejection mechanism to prevent the method from spending time in unnecessary function evaluations and the second is a stopping rule aimed to terminate the method when the global minimum has been located with some certainty. The proposed method has been evaluated on a series of global optimization functions from the relevant literature and it is compared against some other optimization methods and the experimental results are presented.

**SPECIFICATIONS TABLE**

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| **Subject Area** | Computer Science |
| **More specific subject area** | *Global Optimization* |
| **Method name** | *NewMultistart* |
| **Name and reference of original method** |  |
| **Resource availability** | *https://github.com/itsoulos/OPTIMUS/* |

**\*Method details** A novel multistart based method is described and tested in the manuscript for global optimization problems. The method incorporate an asymptotic stopping rule to prevent the method from executing unnecessary local searches. This stopping rule terminates the algorithm, when under some certainty the global optimum has been located. Also, the proposed method utilizes an efficient discarding procedure which rejects points from being start points for the local search procedure if are too close to some other located local minima. This discarding procedure gradually creates a map of the regions of attraction for the underlying objective problem. The method was applied also in constrained optimization problems. As an example of the comparison results consider the following table, where the method is compared some other well – established methods in the area of global optimization. The testing is performed on some benchmark functions. The column CRS stands for the Controlled Random Search procedure, the column SA stands for the Simulated Annealing method, the column PSO for the Particle Swarm Optimization method and finally the column PROPOSED for the proposed method.

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| PROBLEM | CRS | SA | PSO | PROPOSED |
| BF1 | 2218 | 3845 | **2494** | 2833 |
| BF2 | 2207 | 3340 | 2641 | **2629** |
| BRANIN | 1744 | 4816 | **1636** | 1753 |
| CM4 | 4746 | 9652 | 2988 | **2293** |
| CAMEL | 1882 | 4820 | **1639** | 1732 |
| DIFFPOWER10 | 78634 | 25918 | 15500(0.87) | **19572** |
| EASOM | 588 | 4807 | 866 | **199** |
| EXP8 | 13239 | 19233 | 3084 | **2830** |
| EXP32 | 93520 | 76842 | 5055 | **3265** |
| GKLS250 | 1633 | 4120 | **1459** | 2415 |
| GKLS350 | 3329 | 7229 | 2259(0.97) | **243** |
| GRIEWANK2 | 2111 | 3830 | 2595(0.83) | **1786** |
| GRIEWANK10 | 32037 | 24118 | 8378(0.25) | **7184** |
| HANSEN | 3348 | 3323 | 4284 | **1510** |
| HARTMAN3 | 2898 | 7227 | **2448** | 11463 |
| HARTMAN6 | 9276 | 14440 | 4645 | **3740** |
| POTENTIAL5 | 95027 | 36084 | **20100** | 49601 |
| POTENTIAL10 | 193066 | 172166 | 19610(0.13) | 91094 |
| POTENTIAL20 | 189591(0.53) | 244314 | 18466(0.03) | 170524(0.97) |
| RASTRIGIN | 1906 | 3343 | 2258 | **675** |
| SHEKEL5 | 6345 | 9635 | 4791 | **3465** |
| SHEKEL7 | 6528 | 9334 | 5722 | **2976** |
| SHEKEL10 | 6477 | 9998 | 5354 | **3566** |
| SINU8 | 16950 | 19241 | 5398 | **549** |
| SINU32 | 100887 | 13858 | 6887 | **1296** |
| TEST2n4 | 6754 | 9631 | 5219 | **2890** |
| TEST2n5 | 12717 | 12036 | 7672 | **3262** |
| TEST2n6 | 12822 | 14438 | 8039 | **3451** |
| TEST2n7 | 18620 | 16840 | 8220 | **4002** |
| TEST30n3 | 2768 | 9616 | **2456** | 10818 |
| TEST30n4 | **3894** | 10617 | 4528 | 13320 |

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