

A Hybrid Estimation of Distribution Algorithm with Differential Evolution for Global Optimization

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The box-constrained continuous global optimization can be stated in the following:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t} & x \in [a_i, b_i]^n \end{array} \quad (1)$$

- $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \in R^n$ is a decision vector
- $[a_i, b_i]^n$ is the search space
- $f : R^n \rightarrow R$ is the objective function

DE is a simple but powerful optimization algorithm. Classical DE algorithm consists of three steps:

- mutation: Utilize mutation operator to generate mutant vector.
- crossover: Utilize crossover operator to generate trial vector.
- selection: Target vector and trial vector competes to enter the next generation.

EDA is a recent stochastic optimization algorithm which mainly includes three steps:

- modeling: Build a probabilistic model.
- sampling: Generate individuals according to the built probabilistic model.
- selection: Select individuals from the generated individuals and parent population to the next generation.

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DE-EIG is novel DE which utilize eigenvector to rotate the original coordinate system. It is significant to extract the statistical information from the population.

Crucial work:

- crossover in a rotated coordinate system
- utilize a appropriate parameter to control the crossover in the original coordinate system or the rotated coordinate system

DE/EDA is a algorithm combining DE and EDA.

Its main work:

- combine the differential information from DE and global information from EDA
- make a parameter to control the sampling of EDA

Based on the framework of DE/EDA, we propose EDA/DE-EIG.
Our thoughts:

- 1 Import DE-EIG to improve the sampling of EDA.
- 2 Utilize a random parameter to control the resource allocations of DE-EIG and EDA.
- 3 Expensive local search is applied to refine the solutions further more.

Algorithm 5: EDA/DE-EIG

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1 Initial the population  $Pop(t) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N\}$  ( $N$ 
  is the size of the population)
2 while not terminate do
3   Construct the probabilistic model:
4    $p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(x_i; \mu_i, \sigma_i)$ 
5   Generate a trial solution  $u_{i,G}$  as follows:
6   if  $rand() < CRP$  then
7      $u_{i,G}$  is produced by DE-EIG.
8   else
9      $u_{i,G}$  is sampled from the probabilistic model
10     $p(x)$ .
11  end
12  if  $f(u_{i,G}) < f(x_{i,G})$  then
13     $x_{i,G+1} = u_{i,G}$ 
14  else
15     $x_{i,G+1} = x_{i,G}$ 
16  end
17  if  $Converge(\theta, G, G_e)$  then
18    Operate the expensive local search.
19  end
20   $t = t + 1$ 
21 end
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Figure 1: The algorithm framework of EDA/DE-EIG

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Compared algorithms and experimental setting

In this paper, EDA/DE-EIG is compared with JADE and DE/EDA on the first 13 test instances form YYL test instances.

- The dimension of the population is 30. All algorithms are run independently 50 times and stopped after 450,000 function evaluations.
- JADE: $N = 150$, $p = 0.05$, $c = 0.1$, $F = 0.5$ and $CR = 0.9$.
- DE/EDA: $N = 150$, $F = 0.5$ and $CRP = 0.9$.
- EDA/DE-EIG: $N = 150$, $CRP = 0.5$, $f = 0.5$, $CR = 0.6$, $P = 0.5$, $\theta = 0.1$.

All the algorithms are implemented by Matlab and executed at the same computer.

TABLE I
 STATISTICAL RESULTS (*mean* \pm *std*) FOR THE THREE ALGORITHMS ON INSTANCES $f1 - f13$.

instances	EDA/DE-IG	JADE	DE/EDA
$f1$	1.54e-159 \pm 5.11e-159	$3.90e - 127 \pm 2.74e - 126(+)$	$1.39e - 59 \pm 2.58e - 59(+)$
$f2$	1.02e-75 \pm 7.46e-76	$2.60e - 35 \pm 1.64e - 34(+)$	$5.15e - 28 \pm 4.68e - 28(+)$
$f3$	4.01e-35 \pm 8.47e-35	$7.79e - 35 \pm 2.51e - 34(\sim)$	$1.23e - 12 \pm 1.20e - 12(+)$
$f4$	5.01e-20 \pm 3.06e-19	$3.15e - 14 \pm 6.42e - 14(+)$	$9.90e - 12 \pm 2.69e - 11(+)$
$f5$	$1.46e - 29 \pm 2.62e - 29$	3.85e-30 \pm 9.58e-30(-)	$3.37e - 21 \pm 8.66e - 21(+)$
$f6$	0.00e+00 \pm 0.00e+00	0.00e+00 \pm 0.00e+00(\sim)	0.00e+00 \pm 0.00e+00(\sim)
$f7$	$3.60e - 03 \pm 1.00e - 03$	6.01e-04 \pm 2.23e-04(-)	$2.20e - 03 \pm 5.59e - 04(-)$
$f8$	$2.79e + 03 \pm 5.02e + 02$	4.74e+00 \pm 2.34e+01(-)	$1.82e + 03 \pm 6.72e + 02(-)$
$f9$	$6.23e + 00 \pm 2.21e + 00$	0.00e+00 \pm 0.00e+00(-)	$1.54e + 02 \pm 1.96e + 01(+)$
$f10$	4.44e-15 \pm 0.00e+00	4.44e-15 \pm 0.00e+00(\sim)	4.44e-15 \pm 0.00e+00(\sim)
$f11$	0.00e+00 \pm 0.00e+00	$1.48e - 04 \pm 1.05e - 03(\sim)$	$2.96e - 04 \pm 1.46e - 03(\sim)$
$f12$	1.57e-32 \pm 5.53e-48	1.57e-32 \pm 5.53e-48(\sim)	1.57e-32 \pm 5.53e-48(\sim)
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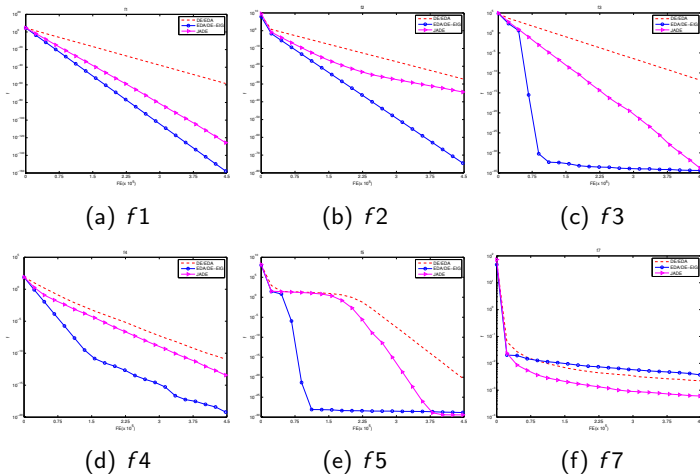
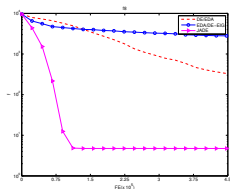
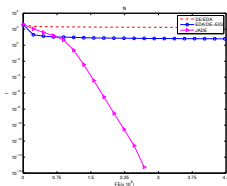


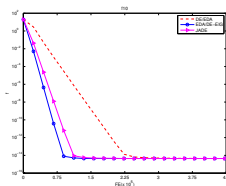
Figure 2: The mean function value versus on $f_1 - f_7$ except f_6 .



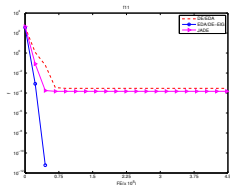
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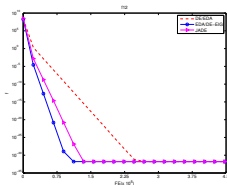
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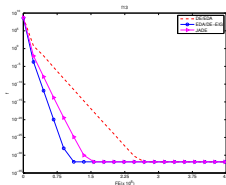
(c) f_{10}



(d) f_{11}



(e) f_{12}



(f) f_{13}

Figure 3: The mean function value versus on $f_8 - f_{13}$

According to figure 2 and figure 3, the following conclusions are obtained:

- 1 obtain best results on 8 out of 12 test instances
- 2 better than DE/EDA except $f7$ and $f8$
- 3 has a similar performance in comparison with JADE

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- 1 DE/EDA is a promising algorithm framework utilizing global and local information.
- 2 DE-EIG is significant to improve the sampling.
- 3 EDA/DE-EIG has a impressive performance comparing with JADE and DE/EDA.

The results reported in this paper is preliminary and there are several ways to improve the algorithm performance. The future work includes:

- simplify the algorithm framework of EDA/DE-EIG
- investigate the resources allocation of DE-EIG and EDA

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