

ASSIGNMENT #4

Computational Intelligence: PSO
(Particle Swarm Optimization)

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PART 1: Problem formulation & Objectives

1. The Problem

-We have a certain problem/ function: $f(X_1, X_2) = \sin(2X_1 - 0.5\pi) + 3 \cos(X_2) + 0.5X_1$, Where:

- $-2 \leq X_1 \leq 3$
- $-2 \leq X_2 \leq 1$

Where $f(X_1, X_2)$ is a maximization problem.

2. Objective:

-It is required to solve this problem and try to find its optimal solution using the PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization) algorithm, which is:

- The best value for both X_1 and X_2 , which is the position of the particles.
- The value of the function at such positions

3. About PSO:

- Particle Swarm Optimization, or PSO, is a nature-inspired optimization algorithm that involves simulating a swarm of particles moving through a search space to find the optimal solution to a given problem.

-The algorithm starts by initializing a population of particles, each with a random position and velocity in the search space.

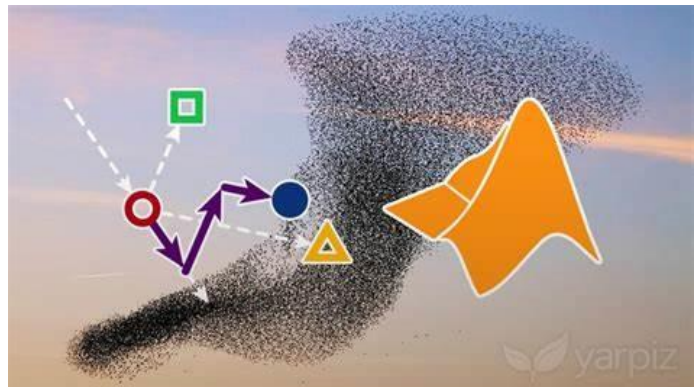
-The particles then move through the search space, updating their velocity and position according to a velocity update rule that combines their current velocity with a cognitive and social component.

-The cognitive component pulls the particle towards its best-known position, while the social component pulls the particle towards the best-known position in the swarm.

-The particles continue to move and update their velocity and position until a stopping criterion is met, such as a maximum number of iterations or a satisfactory level of fitness.

-The best-known position found by any particle in the swarm is recorded as the global best position, and the process is repeated for several iterations or until the desired level of accuracy is achieved.

-PSO is a metaheuristic algorithm that is widely used in optimization problems, such as in engineering design, machine learning, and data mining.



PART 2: System Overview

1. System components:

-Let's first look at our system environment:

System	Entity	Attributes	Activities	Events	State Variable
Maximization Function	Particle	Velocity	Updating Particle's	Initializing Population	<code>global bestFit</code>
		Position	Position and Velocity	Updating Values	<code>p_g</code>
		Cognitive and Social Components	Calculating Fitness	Reaching Optimal solution	
		Fitness	Comparing Fitness Values		

2. System Analysis:

-To solve this problem, we're going to use Python programming language on a Jupyter Notebook.

-We're using the NumPy library to ease some of the calculations and with initializing random numbers for the initial population.

-Here is a list of the variables used and their usage:

a. Initializing the initial population.:

```
def initpop(npop, x_max, x_min, v_max, dim):
```

-In this part of the code, we initialize the initial population using the NumPy library's random function, where `x_id` is the initial population positions and `v_id` is the initial population velocities.

-There is also a for loop that creates a list full of zeros of size $1 \times \text{dim}$, which is used to indicate the lower bounds of the velocities of the particles which is zero, to be added as a parameter in the random function.

b. Calculating Fitness for each particle.

```
def fitCalc(x_i)
```

-In this part of the code, we calculate the fitness value for each particle, by substituting its `X1` and `X2` values (it's position) in the Objective function mentioned in the beginning of the report.

c. Comparing and Updating parameters according to fitness value.

-In this part, we use 2 functions to decide whether to update the fitness values or not:

```
def updatePid(x_i,x_fitness,p_i,particle_bestFit)
```

-In this function, we check the history of the particle's previous fitness's "particle_bestFit" and compare it to the new fitness "x_fitness".

-If it turns out that this new fitness is indeed the best new fitness across this particle, we assign it as the best new fitness value "particle_bestFit".

-Else, move on to the velocity-update function.

```
def updatePg(p_i,particle_bestFit,p_g,global_bestFit)
```

-In this function, we check to see if the local best fitness value we just achieved "particle_bestFit" is better than the global best fitness value "global_bestFit".

-If so, assign this new value as the new global best value "global_bestFit".

Else, move on to the velocity-update function.

d. Updating Position and Velocity of Particle.

```
def updateVidXid(p_i,p_g,x_i,v_i,c_cog,c_soc,dim):
```

-Here, we update the values of the velocities for each particle using the equation:

$$v_{ij}(t + 1) = v_{ij}(t) + c1r1j(t)[y_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(t)] + c2r2j(t)[\hat{y}_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(t)]$$

-Where:

1. $v_{ij}(t)$ Previous Velocity (Inertia Component):

It can be seen as a momentum, which prevents the particle from drastically changing direction.

2. $c1r1j(t)[y_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(t)]$ Cognitive Component (Nostalgia):

Particles are drawn back to their own best positions, resembling the tendency of particles to return to places that satisfied them most in the past.

3. $c2r2j(t)[\hat{y}_{ij}(t) - x_{ij}(t)]$ Social Component (Envy):

Particle is drawn towards the best position found by the particle's neighborhood.

-We then calculate the new positions by adding the new velocity to the old positions vector.

e. Main PSO Function.

```
def PSO(numItr, npop, x_max, x_min, v_max, dim, c_cog, c_soc)
```

-This is the main function that combines the functionality of each function stated to successfully implement the PSO algorithm.

-We follow the following steps using the functions created previously until one of the stopping criteria are met (Which is reaching the max number of iterations here):

1. Initialize the population of particles with random positions and velocities on D dimensions.
2. For each particle, evaluate the fitness based on the above function.
3. Find the maximum fitness & compare it with the best fitness found so far 'pbest'. If it is better than 'pbest', set 'pbest' to the maximum fitness in the population and set to the location of the particle with the maximum fitness.
4. Update the velocities and the positions of the particles according to the set of equations described in the lecture.
5. Loop to step 2, until the stopping criteria is met.

-Also, most of the parameters are set to be input by the user, to allow for dynamic use of the code instead of being hard coded.

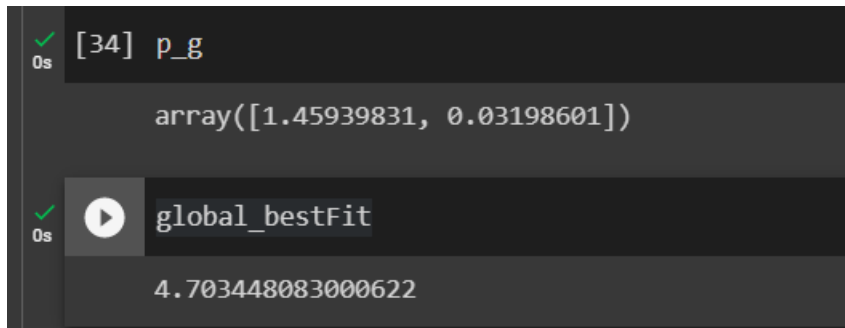
PART 3: Results and Conclusions

1. Results

-Using the following values for our parameters and constraints:

```
numItr = 200
npop = 50
x_max = [3,1]
x_min = [-2,-2]
v_max = [0.1,0.1]
dim = 2
c_cog = 1.7
c_soc = 1.7
```

-We reach the following Optimal positions and fitness values:



The screenshot shows two code cells from a Jupyter Notebook. The first cell, labeled '[34] p_g', contains the code `array([1.45939831, 0.03198601])`. The second cell, labeled 'global_bestFit', contains the value `4.703448083000622`. Both cells have a green checkmark and '0s' in the left margin, indicating successful execution.

2. Conclusion

-From these answers we can conclude that:

The best X1 value is 1.45939831.

The best X2 Value is 0.03198601.

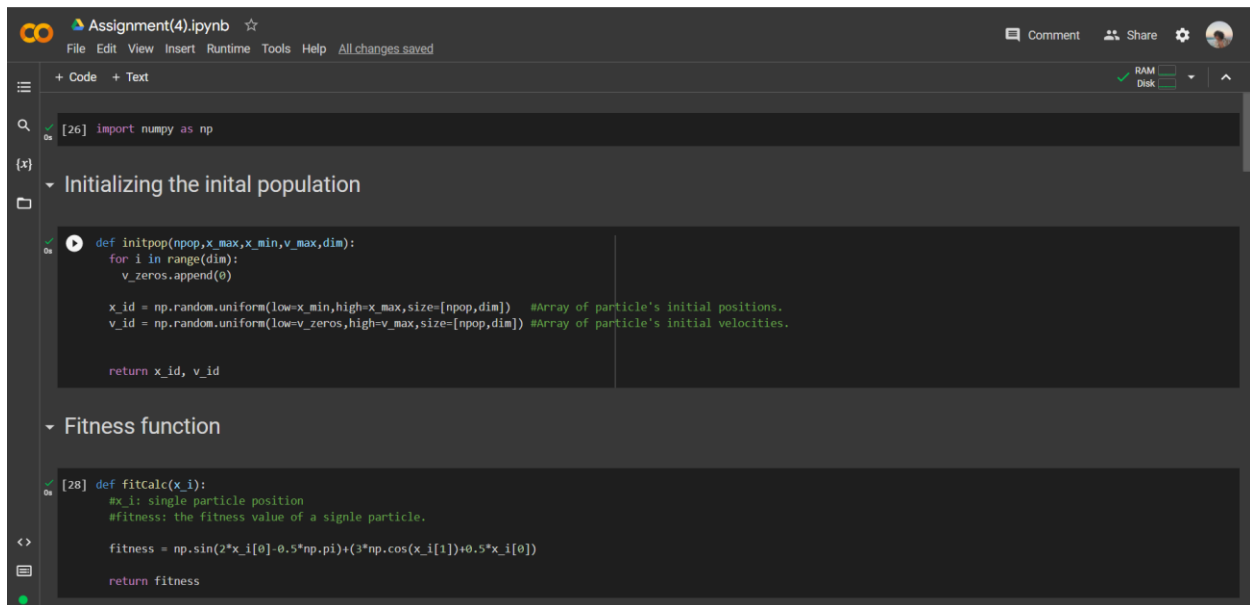
The optimal solution to the objective function $f(X_1, X_2)$ is 4.703448083000622.

PART 4: Code link and additional Screenshots:

Link:

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Screenshots:

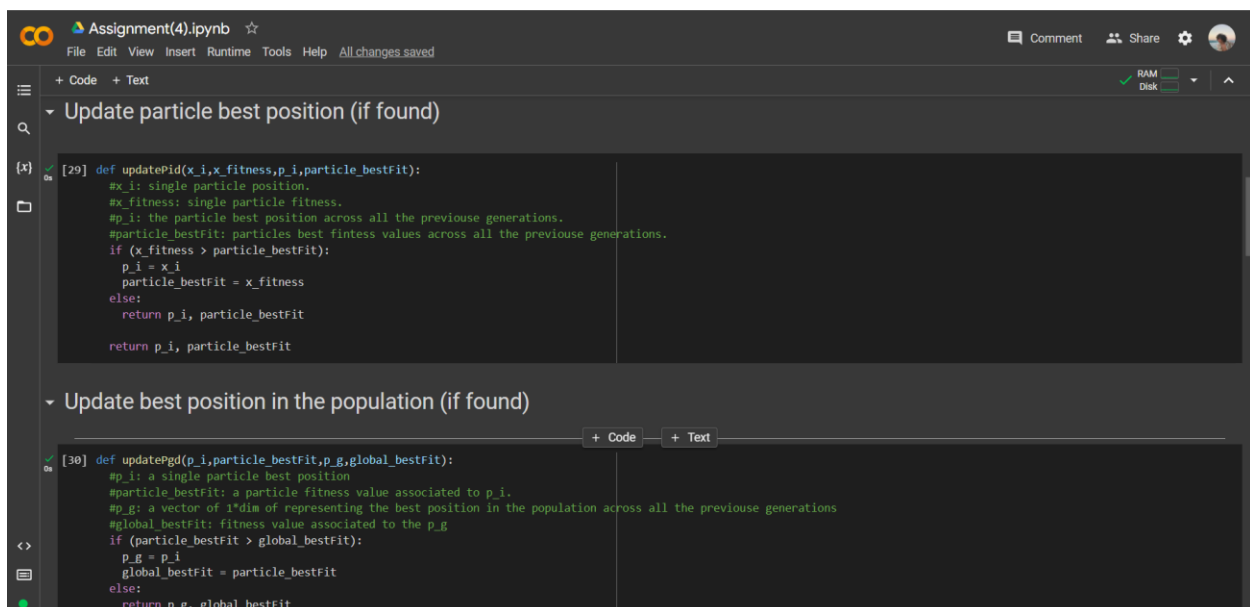


The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled "Assignment(4).ipynb". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Runtime, Tools, Help) and a status bar (All changes saved). The notebook is in "Code" mode. The first cell, labeled "[26]", contains the code to import numpy as np. The second cell, labeled "Initializing the initial population", contains a function definition for initpop. The third cell, labeled "Fitness function", contains a function definition for fitcalc.

```
[26] import numpy as np
```

```
def initpop(npop, x_max, x_min, v_max, dim):  
    for i in range(dim):  
        v_zeros.append(0)  
  
    x_id = np.random.uniform(low=x_min, high=x_max, size=[npop, dim]) #Array of particle's initial positions.  
    v_id = np.random.uniform(low=v_zeros, high=v_max, size=[npop, dim]) #Array of particle's initial velocities.  
  
    return x_id, v_id
```

```
def fitcalc(x_i):  
    #x_i: single particle position  
    #fitness: the fitness value of a single particle.  
  
    fitness = np.sin(2*x_i[0]-0.5*np.pi)+(3*np.cos(x_i[1])+0.5*x_i[0])  
  
    return fitness
```



The screenshot shows the same Jupyter Notebook interface. The fourth cell, labeled "Update particle best position (if found)", contains a function definition for updatePid. The fifth cell, labeled "Update best position in the population (if found)", contains a function definition for updatePg.

```
def updatePid(x_i, x_fitness, p_i, particle_bestFit):  
    #x_i: single particle position.  
    #x_fitness: single particle fitness.  
    #p_i: the particle best position across all the previous generations.  
    #particle_bestFit: particles best fitness values across all the previous generations.  
    if (x_fitness > particle_bestFit):  
        p_i = x_i  
        particle_bestFit = x_fitness  
    else:  
        return p_i, particle_bestFit  
  
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```

```
def updatePg(p_i, particle_bestFit, p_g, global_bestFit):  
    #p_i: a single particle best position  
    #particle_bestFit: a particle fitness value associated to p_i.  
    #p_g: a vector of 1*dim of representing the best position in the population across all the previous generations  
    #global_bestFit: fitness value associated to the p_g  
    if (particle_bestFit > global_bestFit):  
        p_g = p_i  
        global_bestFit = particle_bestFit  
    else:  
        return p_g, global_bestFit
```



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Updating Position and Velocity of Particle.

[31] def updateVidXid(p_i,p_g,x_i,v_i,c_cog,c_soc,dim):
    #v_i: single particle velocity.
    #c_cog: cognitive component acceleration constant
    #c_soc: social component acceleration constant
    r_cog = np.random.random(size=2)
    r_soc = np.random.random(size=2)

    cognitive = c_cog * r_cog * (p_i - x_i)
    social = c_soc * r_soc * (p_g - x_i)

    v_i = v_i + cognitive + social
    x_i = x_i + v_i

    return x_i, v_i

MAIN PSO FUNCTION

[32] def PSO(numItr,npop,x_max,x_min,v_max,dim,c_cog,c_soc):
    #Use this function to put all the PSO algorithm together for number of iterations
    #numItr: number of iterations.(generations)
    #npop: population size
    #x_max: the upper limit for each decision variable (positions). [10,12]
    #x_min: the lower limit for each decision variable (positions). [1,2]
    #v_max: the upper limit for each decision variable (velocity). [2,4]
    #c_cog: cognitive constant (c1)
    #c_soc: social constant (c2)
    #dim: the number of decision variable.

    #Initialize
    population = []
    population = initpop(npop,x_max,x_min,v_max,dim)

    positions = population[0] #array that stores the list of positions of all particles
    velocities = population[1] #array that stores the list of velocities of all particles

    p_i = []
    p_g = []
    particle_bestFit = 0
    global_bestFit = 0

    for i in range(dim):
        p_i.append(0)
        p_g.append(0)

    #repeat till number of iterations
    for iterations in range(numItr):
        for i in range(npop):
            x_i = positions[i]
            v_i = velocities[i]
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#repeat till number of iterations
for iterations in range(numItr):
    for i in range(npop):
        x_i = positions[i]
        v_i = velocities[i]
        x_fitness = fitcalc(x_i)

        #Update particle best position and global best position
        p_i, particle_bestFit = updatePid(x_i,x_fitness,p_i,particle_bestFit)
        p_g, global_bestFit = updatePg(p_i,particle_bestFit,p_g,global_bestFit)

        #Update velocity and position
        x_i, v_i = updateVidXid(p_i,p_g,x_i,v_i,c_cog,c_soc,dim)

    return p_g, global_bestFit
#p_g: the position with the best fitness in the final generation.
#global_bestFit: value associated to p_g

numItr = int(input("Enter number of iterations: "))
npop = int(input("Enter population size: "))
dim = 2
c_cog = float(input("Enter the Cognitive Component constant: "))
c_soc = float(input("Enter the Cognitive Component constant: "))

x_max = []
x_min = []

v_max = []
v_zeros = []
```

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x_max = []
x_min = []

v_max = []
v_zeros = []

#Dynamically initialize the max and min values for the decision variables, also the max velocities
for i in range(dim):
    m = int(input(f"Enter the max value for variable {i + 1}: "))
    x_max.append(m)

for i in range(dim):
    m = int(input(f"Enter the min value for variable {i + 1}: "))
    x_min.append(m)

for i in range(dim):
    m = float(input(f"Enter the max velocity particle {i + 1} can reach: "))
    v_max.append(m)

p_g, global_bestFit = PSO(numitr, npop, x_max, x_min, v_max, dim, c_cog, c_soc)

Enter number of iterations: 200
Enter population size: 50
Enter the Cognitive Component constant: 1.7
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Enter the max value for variable 1: 3
Enter the max value for variable 2: 1
Enter the min value for variable 1: -2
Enter the min value for variable 2: -2
Enter the max velocity particle 1 can reach: 0.1
Enter the max velocity particle 2 can reach: 0.1
```

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