

Title of the project: 5G Private Network Deployment Optimization Based on RWSSA in Open-Pit Mine

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Abstract:

The objective of this project is to implement and analyse an enhanced version of the Sparrow Search Algorithm (SSA) for optimizing 5G base station placement in a constrained environment. This involves simulating real-world deployment scenarios where the goal is to maximize signal coverage over a predefined area while avoiding overlap and adhering to various spatial constraints.

The algorithm incorporates realistic communication parameters like signal radius and effective range, and includes anti-clustering penalties and smooth convergence mechanisms. The enhanced SSA introduces role-based behaviours—producers and scroungers—as well as anti-predator movements to prevent local minima trapping. Additional features such as grid-based fitness evaluation, spatial visualization of coverage, and heatmap-based performance metrics were implemented.

Plan of Work:

1. **Understanding the problem:**
 - Identifying Dimensions to be optimized like Total coverage, Pit coverage, Clustering penalties, cost and Radius of base stations.
 2. **Algorithm Analysis:**
 - Understanding the Sparrow Search Algorithm (SSA), which is inspired by the foraging and anti-predation behaviour of sparrows.
 - Incorporating base roles: producers (explorers) and scroungers (followers). The sparrows (representing 5G tower configurations) use a **fitness function** to evaluate the effectiveness of tower placement.
 - **Global Exploration (Discoverers Searching the Entire Mine)**
 - **Local Exploration (Joiners Fine-Tuning Around Discoverers)**
 - **Discoverers' Position Update Formula:**
 - $X_{ij}(t + 1) = X_{ij}(t) \times \exp(-i / (\alpha \times T))$, below the **safety threshold**, else
 - $X_{ij}(t + 1) = X_{ij}(t) + Q \times L$.
 - **Scroungers' Position Update Formula:**
 - $X_{ij}(t + 1) = Q \times \exp((X_{w_j} - X_{ij}(t)) / i^2)$, if low **fitness values**, else
 - $X_{ij}(t + 1) = X_{bestj} + |X_{ij}(t) - X_{bestj}| \times A / A^T$
- **Implementation:**

- Understanding the Fitness Function in 5G Base Station Deployment:
 - The **fitness function** evaluates the quality of a solution (where the base stations are placed). The goal is to **max the fitness value**.
 - **High coverage** (more area covered by base stations)
 - **Low interference** (less overlap between stations) X
 - **Low cost** (fewer or optimally placed stations) \$
 - $$30 * \text{total_coverage} + 20.0 * \text{pit_reward} + \text{station_reward} + \text{efficiency_reward} - 5.0 * \text{placement_penalty} - 100.0 * \text{clustering_penalty} - \text{scaled_cost} + \text{min_coverage_reward}$$
- Custom implementation of SSA using Python with support for key parameters:
 - Signal Radius (R_s), Effective Range (R_e), Lambda (λ).
 - Grid-based probability mapping for joint coverage evaluation.
- Handling constraints such as:
 - Restricted zones (obstacles).
 - Boundary avoidance buffers.
 - Minimum inter-station spacing to reduce clustering.
- Integration of cost modelling that considers both the number of base stations and signal radius, with premium costs for larger coverage radii to reflect real-world deployment economics.
- **Visualization & Analysis:**
 - Generated dynamic heatmaps representing signal coverage across the deployment area.
 - Circle overlays for R_s and R_e to visualize inner and outer coverage.
 - Development of an interactive Streamlit application providing a user-friendly interface for algorithm parameter tuning, real-time visualization of optimization progress, and comprehensive result analysis.
- **Applications and Challenges:**
 - Balancing between coverage and clustering using fitness weights.
 - The implementation required balancing vectorized operations for performance with readable code that expresses the algorithm's intent.
 - The fitness function's components (coverage rewards, pit coverage priorities, clustering penalties, cost factors) exhibited high sensitivity to small parameter changes.

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