ASSIGNMENT 1

AIM: To Implement Fuzzy Logic Operations

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Implement Union, Intersection, Complement and Difference operations on fuzzy sets. Also create fuzzy relations by Cartesian product of any two fuzzy sets and perform max-min composition on any two fuzzy relations.

THEORY:

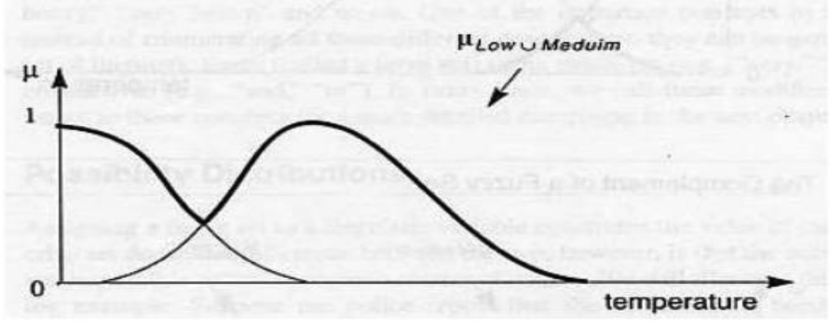
Fuzzy set theory is an extension of classical set theory. Unlike classical sets where an element either belongs or does not belong to a set (with membership value 0 or 1), fuzzy sets allow partial membership with values ranging between 0 and 1. This is useful for representing uncertainty, vagueness, and imprecision in real-world problems.

Fuzzy Set Operations:

1.Union: This represents the degree to which an element belongs to at least one of the sets.

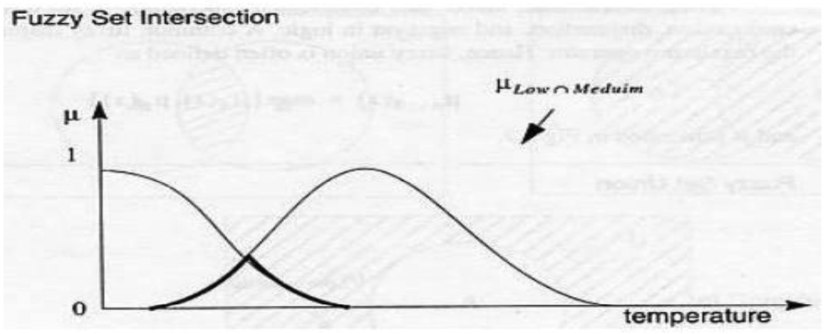
$$\mu_{A\cup B}(x) = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \ \forall x \in X$$

Fuzzy Set Union



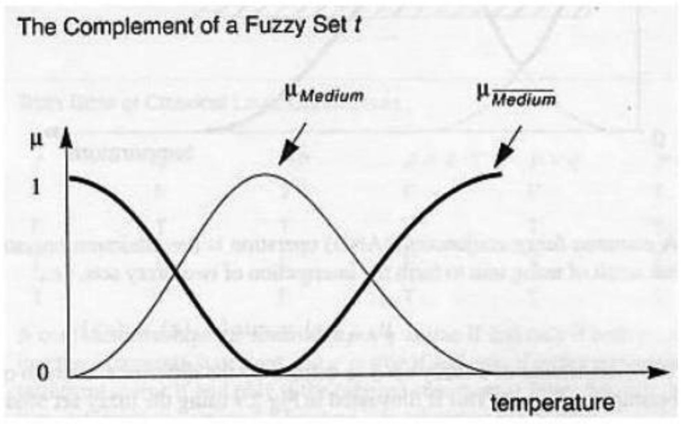
2. Intersection: This represents the degree to which an element belongs to both sets.

$$\mu_{A\cap B}(x) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)),\ \forall x \in X$$

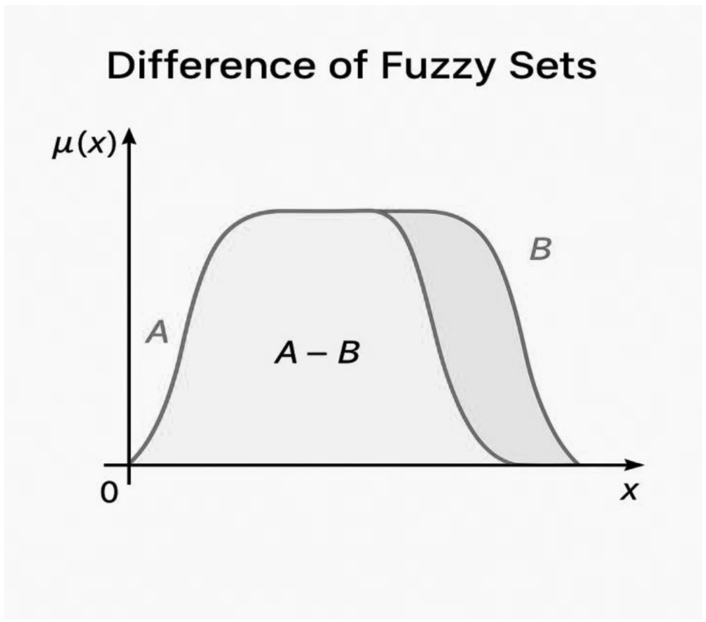


3.Complement: It indicates the degree to which an element does not belong to set A.

$$\mu_{\bar{A}}(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x),\ \forall x \in X$$



4.Difference: This gives the degree to which an element belongs to A but not to B.



Fuzzy Relations and Cartesian Product:

- A fuzzy relation is a generalization of a classical relation and can be formed using the Cartesian product of two fuzzy sets A and B.
- The Cartesian product of two fuzzy sets forms a fuzzy relation, where each pair of elements from the sets is assigned a membership value equal to the minimum of their individual membership values.

$$\mu_R(x, y) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(y))$$

Max-Min Composition of Fuzzy Relations:

The max-min composition combines two fuzzy relations by taking the maximum of the minimum values obtained from the compositions of their membership functions. This operation is fundamental in fuzzy logic systems for inference mechanisms.

$$\mu_R(x, z) = \mathrm{m}\left[\min(\mu_{R_1}(x), \mu_{R_2}z)\right]$$

Advantages of Fuzzy Sets:

- **Handles Uncertainty:** Fuzzy sets allow modeling of vague data where traditional binary logic fails to represent uncertainty.
- **Flexible Reasoning:** They enable reasoning with approximate values and linguistic terms, mimicking human decision-making effectively.
- **Smooth Transitions:** Supports gradual transition between membership levels instead of abrupt true/false classification boundaries.
- **Real-World Applications:** Widely applicable in control systems, pattern recognition, decision support systems, and natural language processing.

Disadvantages of Fuzzy Sets:

- **Complex Design:** Designing fuzzy rules and membership functions can be subjective and lacks a standard systematic approach.
- **Computational Cost:** Fuzzy logic systems may require more processing power compared to simple Boolean logic-based systems.
- **No Learning Ability:** Traditional fuzzy systems do not learn from data unless combined with machine learning techniques.
- **Ambiguity in Interpretation:** Different users might define fuzzy sets and rules differently, leading to inconsistent results.

CODE:

```
import numpy as np
def union(A, B):
    return np.maximum(A, B)

def intersection(A, B):
    return np.minimum(A, B)

def complement(A):
    return 1 - A

def difference(A, B):
    return np.maximum(A - B, 0)

def cartesian_product(A, B):
    return np.outer(A, B)

def max_min_composition(R1, R2):
    return np.maximum(np.minimum(R1, R2), 0)

A = np.array([0.2, 0.4, 0.7, 0.8])
B = np.array([0.1, 0.8, 0.2, 0.3])

R1 = cartesian_product(A, B)
R2 = cartesian_product(B, A)
result = max_min_composition(R1, R2)

print("Union of A and B:", union(A, B))
print("Intersection of A and B:", intersection(A, B))
print("Complement of A:", complement(A))
print("Difference of A and B:", difference(A, B))
print(f"Cartesian product of A and B:\n{R1}")
print(f"Cartesian product of B and A:\n{R2}")
print(f"Max-min composition of R1 and R2:\n{result}")
```

OUTPUT:

```
Union of A and B: [0.2 0.8 0.7 0.8]
Intersection of A and B: [0.1 0.4 0.2 0.3]
Complement of A: [0.8 0.6 0.3 0.2]
Difference of A and B: [0.1 0.  0.5 0.5]
Cartesian product of A and B:
[[0.02 0.16 0.04 0.06]
 [0.04 0.32 0.08 0.12]
 [0.07 0.56 0.14 0.21]
 [0.08 0.64 0.16 0.24]]
Cartesian product of B and A:
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Max-min composition of R1 and R2:
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CONCLUSION:

Fuzzy set theory extends classical set concepts to effectively handle imprecise, vague, and uncertain information. Through operations like union, intersection, complement, and difference, fuzzy sets allow nuanced modeling of real-world situations. Fuzzy relations, formed via Cartesian products and refined using max-min composition, enable complex reasoning across multiple domains. These techniques are especially valuable in fields such as artificial intelligence, control systems, and decision-making. Despite some limitations, fuzzy logic remains a powerful tool for approximating human-like reasoning in computational systems.

ASSIGNMENT 2

AIM: To understand and implement Clonal Selection Algorithm

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Implementation of Clonal selection algorithm using Python.

THEORY:

Clonal Selection Algorithm (CSA):

The Clonal Selection Algorithm is inspired by the clonal selection principle of the human immune system. It mimics how immune cells identify and remember antigens by selecting, cloning, and mutating high-affinity cells to better recognize pathogens. In computing, CSA is used as a global optimization algorithm.

Key Concepts of CSA:

1. Affinity (Fitness): Measures how good a solution (antibody) is.
2. Cloning: Best antibodies are copied multiple times.
3. Hypermutation: Small random changes are applied to clones to explore the search space.
4. Selection: The best among mutated clones are selected for the next generation.
5. Diversity Introduction: Poor solutions may be replaced by new random ones to maintain diversity.

How CSA Works:

1. Initialization: Generate a random population of candidate solutions.
2. Evaluation: Calculate the fitness of each candidate.
3. Selection: Choose the top-performing solutions.
4. Cloning: Replicate selected solutions proportionally to their fitness.
5. Mutation: Apply mutations to the clones to introduce diversity.
6. Replacement: Replace old population with better-performing individuals.

7. Iteration: Repeat the process until a stopping condition is met (e.g., max generations).

APPLICATION TO FUNCTION OPTIMIZATION:

The CSA can solve mathematical optimization problems such as minimizing the function $f(x) = x^2$. The global minimum of this function is at $x = 0$. The CSA iteratively searches for the minimum by refining a population of potential x values.

COMPONENTS OF CSA IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Population Initialization:
   A set of real-numbered values is generated randomly.
2. Fitness Evaluation:
   Each individual's fitness is computed using the objective function $f(x)$.
3. Selection & Cloning:
   Individuals with better fitness are selected and cloned more frequently.
4. Hypermutation:
   Small perturbations (Gaussian noise) are applied to clones.
5. Replacement & Iteration:
   The best mutated solutions replace the previous population for the next generation**.**

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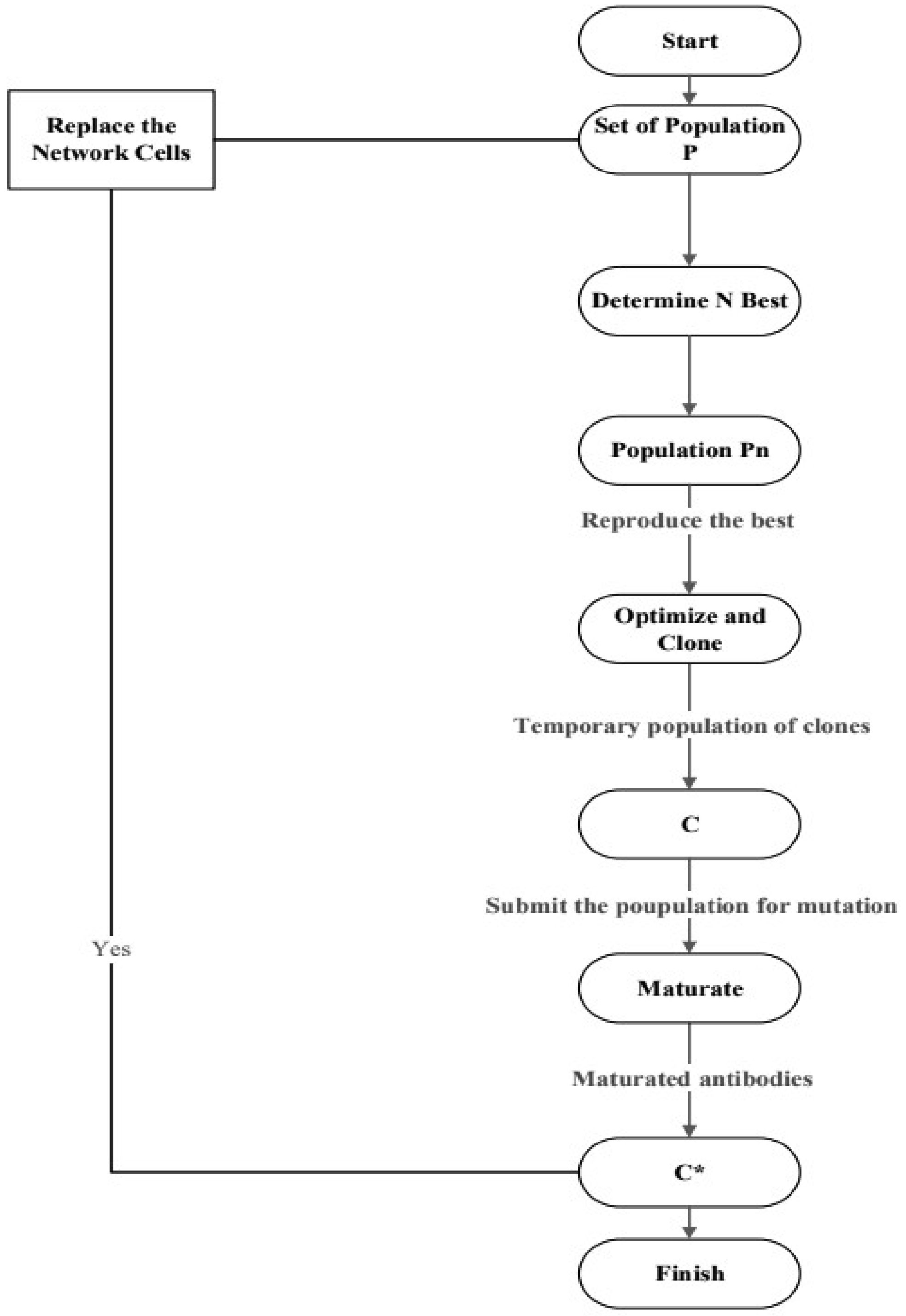
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Population Pn
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Yes
Maturate
Maturated antibodies
C*
Finish

Advantages of CSA:

- **Global Optimization:** Can escape local minima by using mutation and diversity.
- **Inspired by Biology:** Robust against noise and adaptable.
- **Scalable:** Works for simple and complex optimization tasks.
- **No Derivatives Needed:** Ideal for non-differentiable or black-box functions.
- **Parallelism-Friendly:** Fitness evaluation can be parallelized.

Limitations of CSA:

- **Computational Cost:** Cloning and mutation can be resource-heavy for large populations.
- **Parameter Sensitivity:** Performance is affected by settings like mutation rate and clone size.
- **Convergence Speed:** May require many generations to reach optimal solutions.
- **Local Search Weakness:** Mutation may not be enough for fine-tuning solutions without hybridization.

CODE:

```
import numpy as np
def objective_function(x):
    return x ** 2


def initialize_population(size, lower_bound, upper_bound):
    return np.random.uniform(lower_bound, upper_bound, size)


def clone(antibodies, num_clones):
    return np.repeat(antibodies, num_clones)


def hypermutate(clones, mutation_rate):
    noise = np.random.normal(0, mutation_rate, clones.shape)
    return clones + noise


def select_best(population, num_best):
    fitness = np.array([objective_function(x) for x in population])
    sorted_indices = np.argsort(fitness)
    return population[sorted_indices[:num_best]]


def clonal_selection_algorithm(pop_size=10, generations=20, clone_factor=5,
mutation_rate=0.1, lower_bound=-10, upper_bound=10):
    population = initialize_population(pop_size, lower_bound, upper_bound)


    for gen in range(generations):
        fitness = np.array([objective_function(x) for x in population])
        best = select_best(population, pop_size // 2)
        clones = clone(best, clone_factor)
        mutated_clones = hypermutate(clones, mutation_rate)
        new_best = select_best(mutated_clones, pop_size)
        population = new_best
        best_solution = population[np.argmin([objective_function(x) for x in population])]
        print(f"Generation {gen+1}: Best Solution = {best_solution:.5f}, Fitness =
{objective_function(best_solution):.5f}")


    return best_solution


best = clonal_selection_algorithm()
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print("\nFinal Best Solution:", best)
```

OUTPUT:

```
Generation 1: Best Solution = 1.09881, Fitness = 1.20737
Generation 2: Best Solution = 0.95082, Fitness = 0.90405
Generation 3: Best Solution = 0.78151, Fitness = 0.61076
Generation 4: Best Solution = 0.68403, Fitness = 0.46789
Generation 5: Best Solution = 0.44588, Fitness = 0.19881
Generation 6: Best Solution = 0.38226, Fitness = 0.14612
Generation 7: Best Solution = 0.30002, Fitness = 0.09001
Generation 8: Best Solution = 0.06385, Fitness = 0.00408
Generation 9: Best Solution = 0.02482, Fitness = 0.00062
Generation 10: Best Solution = -0.01587, Fitness = 0.00025
Generation 11: Best Solution = 0.00044, Fitness = 0.00000
Generation 12: Best Solution = -0.00336, Fitness = 0.00001
Generation 13: Best Solution = 0.00347, Fitness = 0.00001
Generation 14: Best Solution = 0.00080, Fitness = 0.00000
Generation 15: Best Solution = 0.00242, Fitness = 0.00001
Generation 16: Best Solution = -0.00400, Fitness = 0.00002
Generation 17: Best Solution = 0.02195, Fitness = 0.00048
Generation 18: Best Solution = 0.00228, Fitness = 0.00001
Generation 19: Best Solution = 0.00815, Fitness = 0.00007
Generation 20: Best Solution = 0.00020, Fitness = 0.00000

Final Best Solution: 0.00019764112273749912
```

CONCLUSION:

The Clonal Selection Algorithm is an effective bio-inspired approach for solving optimization problems. This assignment demonstrates how CSA can successfully minimize a mathematical function by iteratively evolving a population through selection, cloning, and mutation. The algorithm shows excellent convergence and is simple to implement using Python. It models the biological immune system's learning behavior, making it suitable for complex problem-solving in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

ASSIGNMENT 3

AIM: To Implement AIS (Artificial Immune System) with random synthetic generated data

PROBLEM STATEMENT: To apply the artificial immune pattern recognition to perform a task of structure damage Classification.

THEORY:

Artificial Immune Systems (AIS) are computational models inspired by the principles and processes of the biological immune system. They are used for solving complex problems in pattern recognition, anomaly detection, classification, and optimization.

In this context, AIS is applied to **structural damage classification**. Structural health monitoring (SHM) is essential in civil, aerospace, and mechanical engineering to ensure the safety and reliability of structures such as bridges, buildings, and aircraft. Detecting and classifying damage accurately is crucial for maintenance and prevention of catastrophic failures.

AIS-based pattern recognition leverages immune principles such as:

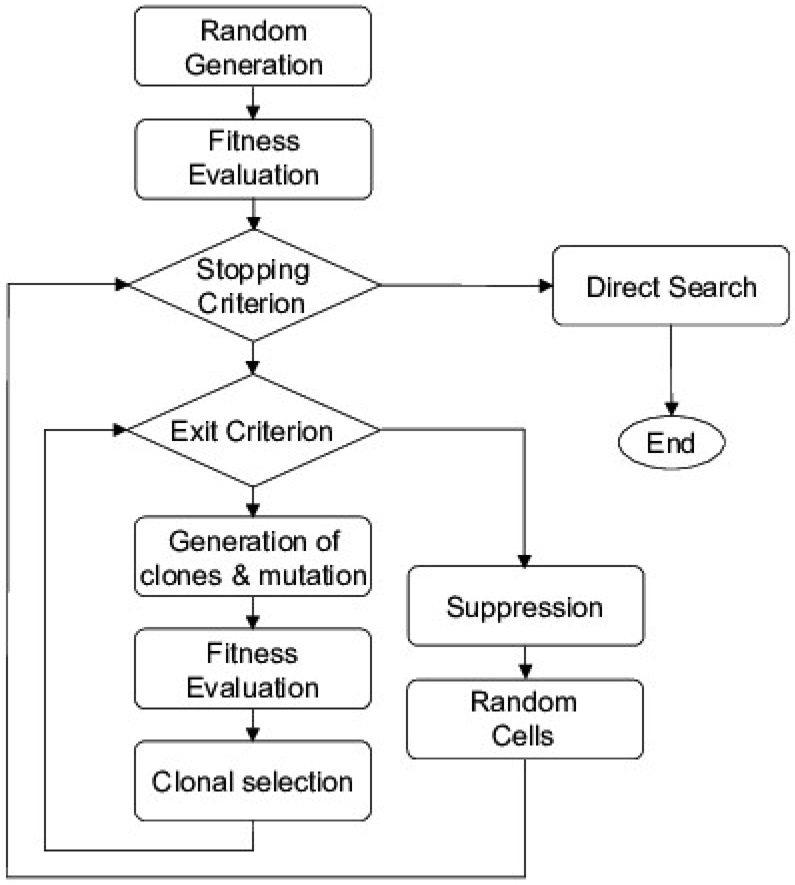
1. **Clonal Selection** – High-affinity antibodies (solutions) are cloned and mutated to generate better responses.
2. **Negative Selection** – Filters out non-self (abnormal) patterns, making it useful for anomaly detection.
3. **Immune Memory** – Remembers past patterns for faster future recognition.

In the structural damage classification task, AIS takes data from sensors or simulation models (vibration data, modal frequencies, etc.) and learns to classify patterns into categories such as *healthy*, *minor damage*, or *severe damage*. The algorithm adapts over time by learning from new inputs, mimicking the adaptive nature of biological immune systems.

The basic steps for applying AIS in damage classification include:

- Preprocessing of structural data
- Encoding structural conditions into feature vectors
- Applying AIS algorithm for pattern learning

- Classifying new structural states based on trained immune network



This biologically inspired approach is advantageous because it can handle:

- Noisy environments
- Dynamic and evolving systems
- Multiple classification categories

ADVANTAGES:

- **Robust to noise and anomalies**: The negative selection mechanism helps in detecting unknown damage patterns effectively.
- **Adaptive learning**: AIS can learn and remember new patterns over time, improving classification with experience.
- **Parallelism**: Inspired by distributed immune responses, AIS algorithms can be implemented in a parallel fashion for faster computation.

- **Nonlinear problem solving**: Capable of handling complex and nonlinear relationships in structural data.

DISADVANTAGES:

- **Computational complexity**: Some AIS implementations can be computationally expensive, especially with large datasets or complex structures.
- **Parameter tuning**: Performance can be sensitive to algorithm parameters (e.g., clone rate, mutation rate), which may require experimentation.
- **Scalability issues**: May face challenges when applied to very large or high-dimensional datasets without proper optimization.

CODE

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# 1. Generate simple synthetic data
def generate_data(n=200):
    X = np.random.rand(n, 2)  # 2D data (2 features)
    y = ((X[:, 0] > 0.5) & (X[:, 1] > 0.5)).astype(int)  # 1 if both > 0.5, else 0
    return X, y
# 2. NSA Classifier
class NSAClassifier:
    def __init__(self, num_detectors=50, radius=0.1):
        self.num_detectors = num_detectors  # Number of detectors
        self.radius = radius  # Distance threshold
        self.detectors = []  # Store detectors

    def train(self, X_self):
        # Generate detectors far from "self" (safe) points
        while len(self.detectors) < self.num_detectors:
            candidate = np.random.rand(2)  # Random point
            if all(np.linalg.norm(candidate - x) > self.radius for x in X_self):
                self.detectors.append(candidate)

    def predict(self, X):
        predictions = []
        for x in X:
            # If close to any detector, classify as "damaged" (1)
            if any(np.linalg.norm(x - d) <= self.radius for d in self.detectors):
                predictions.append(1)
            else:
                predictions.append(0)  # Else "safe" (0)
        return np.array(predictions)

# 3. Train and test
X, y = generate_data()  # Get data
split = int(0.8 * len(X))  # 80% train, 20% test
X_train, X_test = X[:split], X[split:]
y_train, y_test = y[:split], y[split:]
X_self = X_train[y_train == 0]  # "Safe" training data (self)
clf = NSAClassifier(num_detectors=50, radius=0.1)  # Create classifier
clf.train(X_self)  # Train on safe data
y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)  # Predict on test data

# 4. Calculate accuracy
acc = np.mean(y_pred == y_test)
print("Accuracy:", acc)
# 5. Visualize results
plt.scatter(X_test[:, 0], X_test[:, 1], c=y_pred, cmap='coolwarm', edgecolor='k')
plt.scatter(np.array(clf.detectors)[:, 0], np.array(clf.detectors)[:, 1], c='green', marker='x',
label='Detectors')
plt.xlabel('Feature 1')
plt.ylabel('Feature 2')
plt.title('Predicted Damage (Red=Damaged, Blue=Safe)')
plt.legend()

plt.show()
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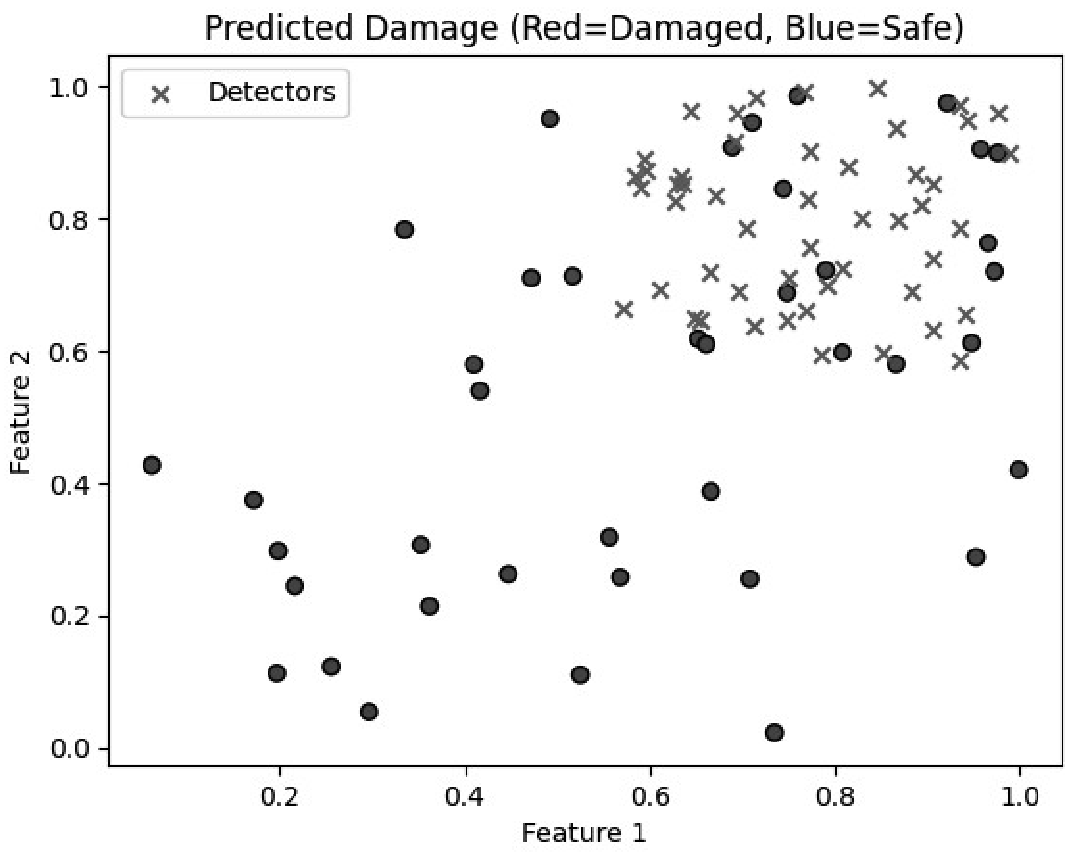
OUTPUT



CONCLUSION

Artificial immune system-based pattern recognition assignment was successfully applied to classify structural damage. The AIS algorithm mimicked key immune behaviors such as clonal selection and memory retention, enabling it to effectively distinguish between healthy and damaged structural states. The technique demonstrates potential in real-time structural health monitoring systems, offering adaptive, noise-resistant classification in complex environments.

ASSIGNMENT 4

AIM: To implement DEAP Algorithm

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Implement DEAP (Distributed Evolutionary Algorithms) using Python.

THEORY:

DEAP (Distributed Evolutionary Algorithms in Python) is an evolutionary computation framework designed to enable rapid prototyping and testing of genetic and evolutionary algorithms. It is written in pure Python and provides a simple yet powerful toolkit for solving optimization and machine learning problems using techniques like:

- **Genetic Algorithms (GAs)**
- **Genetic Programming (GP)**
- **Evolution Strategies (ES)**
- **Multi-objective Optimization**

The DEAP framework supports parallel and distributed computation, making it ideal for solving large-scale or computationally expensive problems. It provides key components for defining evolutionary processes, such as:

1. **Individuals and Populations**: Represented using Python lists or custom data structures.
2. **Fitness Evaluation**: Assigns a score to each individual based on an objective function.
3. **Selection**: Mechanisms like tournament or roulette wheel selection choose individuals for reproduction.
4. **Crossover and Mutation**: Create diversity by combining and altering individuals.
5. **Variation Operators**: Modular functions for evolution steps.
6. **Toolbox**: Core component for registering functions and operators in an evolutionary pipeline.

The DEAP workflow typically involves:

- Initializing a population
- Evaluating fitness

- Applying selection, crossover, and mutation
- Iteratively evolving the population over multiple generations
- Logging and analyzing results

DEAP is particularly useful in research and real-world applications, such as function optimization, feature selection, symbolic regression, and even game playing.

ADVANTAGES

- **Highly modular and extensible**: Easy to define and test custom operators or algorithms.
- **Parallelization support**: Built-in support for multiprocessing and distributed environments.
- **Pythonic design**: Leverages Python's simplicity and readability for fast development.
- **Supports multiple evolutionary paradigms**: Genetic algorithms, genetic programming, and multi-objective optimization.
- **Rich ecosystem**: Integrates well with NumPy, SciPy, matplotlib, and other scientific libraries.

DISADVANTAGES

- **Learning curve**: Initial setup and understanding of the framework may be complex for beginners.
- **Less optimized for speed**: Being Python-based, it may not match the raw speed of C/C++ alternatives for very large-scale problems.
- **Limited visualization tools**: Built-in visualization is basic; advanced plotting requires external libraries.

CODE

```
import random

from deap import base, creator, tools, algorithms

def eval_func(individual):

    # Example evaluation function (minimize a quadratic function)

    return sum(x ** 2 for x in individual),

creator.create("FitnessMin", base.Fitness, weights=(-1.0,))

creator.create("Individual", list, fitness=creator.FitnessMin)

toolbox = base.Toolbox()

toolbox.register("attr_float", random.uniform, -5.0, 5.0)  # Example: Float values
between -5 and 5

toolbox.register("individual", tools.initRepeat, creator.Individual, toolbox.attr_float, n=3)
# Example: 3-dimensional individual

toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list, toolbox.individual)

toolbox.register("evaluate", eval_func)

toolbox.register("mate", tools.cxBlend, alpha=0.5)

toolbox.register("mutate", tools.mutGaussian, mu=0, sigma=1, indpb=0.2)

toolbox.register("select", tools.selTournament, tournsize=3)

population = toolbox.population(n=50)

generations = 20

for gen in range(generations):

    offspring = algorithms.varAnd(population, toolbox, cxpb=0.5, mutpb=0.1)


    fits = toolbox.map(toolbox.evaluate, offspring)

    for fit, ind in zip(fits, offspring):

        ind.fitness.values = fit
    population = toolbox.select(offspring, k=len(population))
best_ind = tools.selBest(population, k=1)[0]
best_fitness = best_ind.fitness.values[0]

print("Best individual:", best_ind)
print("Best fitness:", best_fitness)
```

OUTPUT

```
Best individual: [0.007161860980880508, -0.023572632669203883, -
0.004861365718977996]
Best fitness: 0.0006305941403203314
```

CONCLUSION

The implementation of DEAP in Python demonstrates the effctiveness of evolutionary algorithms in solving optimization problems. DEAP provides a flexible and extensible framework for developing custom evolutionary solutions with minimal code overhead. Its support for distributed computation makes it suitable for large-scale applications. Through this lab, we gained hands-on experience with population initialization, selection mechanisms, fitness evaluation, and evolutionary operators, building a solid foundation in evolutionary computing.

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT:- 5

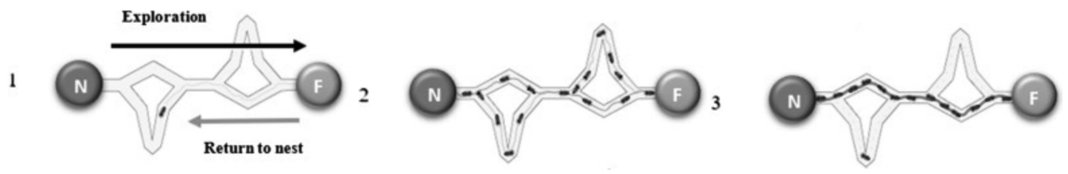
AIM:- Implement Ant colony optimization by solving the Traveling salesman problem using python.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:- A salesman needs to visit a set of cities exactly once and return to the original city. The task is to find the shortest possible route that the salesman can take to visit all the cities and return to the starting city.

THOERY:-

Ant colony optimization:

Ant colony optimization (ACO) is a metaheuristic optimization technique based on the behavior of ants. It was developed in the early of 1990s by Dorigo. The original idea comes from the observation of the exploitation of food resources by ants. Although ants have limited cognitive abilities individually, they are able to find the shortest path between a food source and their nest collectively.
When looking for food, ants initially explore the area surrounding their nest in a random way. If an ant finds a food source, it evaluates it and returns some food to the nest. During the return journey, the ant deposits a pheromone trail on the path followed. The deposited pheromone depends on the quantity and quality of the food, and this guides other ants to this food source. Pheromone trails represent indirect communication (this communication system is known as stigmergy) among ants, allowing them to find the shortest paths between their nest and food sources.



This real ant colony capability is adopted in the artificial ACO to find approximate solutions to optimization problems. However, as the first version of ACO works for discrete domains only, the application of pheromone strategy was generalized for continuous domains. This is done by making the so-called solution archive that includes a list of candidate solutions leading to a Gaussian mixture probabilistic model. The ACO in continuous domains is known as Estimation of Distribution algorithm because of the evolutionary interaction between the probabilistic model and solution archive.

The main steps of this algorithm are summarized as follows:

1. ***Initialization***: an initial population of *n* ants is generated randomly in a search domain, and their fitness functions are evaluated.
2. ***Generation of the solution archive***: the initial solutions are sorted according to their fitness. The best and the worst solutions are represented by $x1$ and xn, respectively.

3. ***Weight attribution:*** a weight is attributed to solutions regrouped in the archive by applying the following equation:

$$w_i \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\alpha n}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{i-1}{\alpha n}\right)^2\right]$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i = 1$$

4. ***Generation of the probabilistic model:*** the following equation is applied to the probabilistic model consisting of the Gaussian mixture:

$$G^k(x[k]) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i N(x[k];\mu_i[k], \sigma_i[k])$$

$$N(x;\mu,\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

where k is the decision variable and $x[k]$ means the kth element in x.
The probabilistic paradigm is accomplished by calculating the mean and standard deviation of the Gaussian mixture as shown in the following expressions:

$$\mu_i[k] = x_i[k]$$

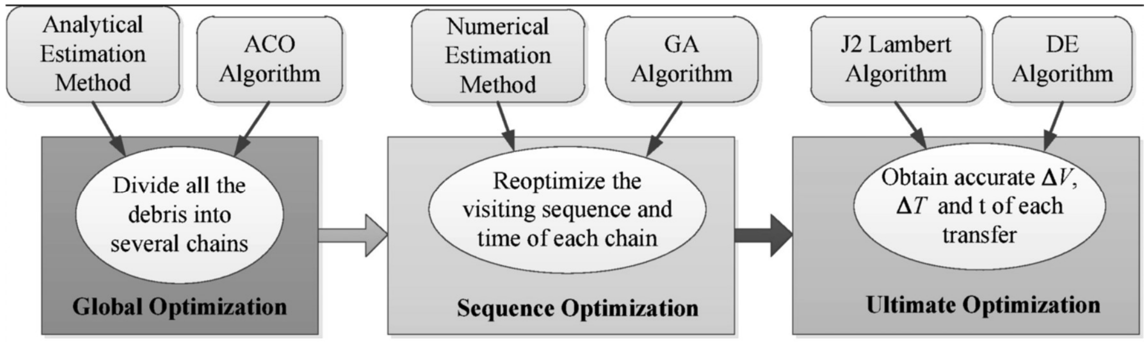
$$\sigma_i[k] = \frac{\eta}{n-1}\sum_{i'=1}^{n}[x_i[k] - x_{i'}[k]]$$

Where $\eta > 0$ is a balance factor between the exploration and exploitation.

- Sampling: m new samples are generated as the offsprings of the previous archive by using $g = (G^1, G^2, \dots, G^{n_x})$. An evaluation of the offspring is done based on the fitness function.
- Selection: in this step, a new solution archive is built by the offspring and l found best solutions. The fittest solution in the archive is therefore the best solution of the optimization process.

This process is repeated until a stopping condition is satisfied.

Traveling Salesman Problem:


Analytical Estimation Method
ACO Algorithm
Numerical Estimation Method
GA Algorithm
J2 Lambert Algorithm
DE Algorithm
Divide all the debris into several chains
Reoptimize the visiting sequence and time of each chain
Obtain accurate ΔV, ΔT and t of each transfer
Global Optimization
Sequence Optimization
Ultimate Optimization

Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), an evolutionary algorithm inspired by the foraging behavior of real ants, is well-suited for large search space TSP problems—especially when effective branch-and-bound strategies are unavailable. First introduced by M. Dorigo, ACO mimics ant behavior to solve the TSP through pheromone-based path selection and cooperation among artificial ants. While effective, its performance is sensitive to parameter tuning.

In the GTOC-9 competition by ESA, the problem involved removing space debris through multiple launches, forming a Multiple Traveling Salesman Problem (MTSP). Due to the complexity of optimizing both the number of launches and the debris sequence, ACO was employed by the NUDT team for global search. Chains of debris with low velocity increment (Δv) were identified using ACO, while Genetic Algorithm (GA) was applied for local sequence optimization. This hybrid approach enabled effective mission strategy planning and contributed to the team winning second place. ACO's flexibility and compatibility with other algorithms make it powerful for complex trajectory optimizations beyond TSP.

Applications of Ant Colony Optimization (ACO)

- **Logistics and Delivery Routing:** ACO helps delivery vehicles plan optimal routes, minimizing fuel and time. This is widely used in courier, food, and cargo services.
- **Telecommunication Networks:** ACO helps in routing data efficiently in networks like MANETs. It adapts dynamically to network changes and traffic loads.
- **Manufacturing and Robotics:** In robotic systems and CNC machines, ACO finds efficient tool paths. This improves speed and reduces manufacturing costs.
- **Drone and Autonomous Vehicle Path Planning:** ACO plans efficient paths for drones and robots to cover areas. It helps in applications like surveillance and mapping.
- **Urban Traffic Routing and Public Transport Planning:** Used by city planners to optimize routes for buses and emergency vehicles. It reduces congestion and travel time.

Advantages of Ant Colony Optimization

- **Decentralized Processing:** Each ant acts independently, so the algorithm does not rely on a central controller. This ensures system robustness.
- **Flexibility:** ACO can be applied to a variety of optimization problems. It works well in dynamic and changing environments.
- **Positive Feedback Loop:** Better solutions are reinforced through pheromones. This helps the algorithm gradually find optimal paths.
- **Parallel Nature:** Multiple ants can work simultaneously without interference. This allows faster processing using parallel computation.
- **Probabilistic Solution:** ACO doesn't rely on fixed logic; it explores many possibilities. This helps in discovering diverse solutions.

Disadvantages of Ant Colony Optimization

- **Slow Convergence Speed:** ACO may take many cycles to find the best solution. This makes it slower than some traditional methods.
- **High Computational Cost:** Large numbers of ants and cities increase complexity. This leads to higher processing and memory requirements.
- **Parameter Sensitivity:** ACO's performance depends on parameters like alpha, beta, and evaporation rate. Improper tuning can lead to poor results.
- **Stuck in Local Optima:** ACO may converge early to suboptimal paths. Pheromone bias can lead to exploration being limited.
- **No Guarantee of Global Optimum:** ACO is a heuristic method, not an exact one. It provides good solutions but not always the best.

CONCLUSION:- Ant Colony Optimization is a nature-inspired, intelligent algorithm based on the foraging behavior of real ants. It is particularly effective for solving complex combinatorial optimization problems like the Traveling Salesman Problem. ACO works through a decentralized and adaptive approach, where artificial ants explore paths, and good solutions are reinforced via pheromone trails. Despite being computationally intensive and sensitive to parameter tuning, ACO stands out for its robustness, flexibility, and scalability. It is applicable in diverse areas such as logistics, robotics, cloud computing, and network routing. With careful implementation and tuning, ACO can provide high-quality near-optimal solutions for real-world optimization tasks.

Code: Implement Ant colony optimization by solving the Traveling salesman problem using python.

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import numpy as np

# Distance matrix between cities (symmetric)
cities = np.array([
    [0, 2, 9, 10, 7, 14, 11],
    [1, 0, 6, 4, 12, 8, 10],
    [15, 7, 0, 8, 6, 9, 13],
    [6, 3, 12, 0, 9, 11, 5],
    [7, 12, 6, 9, 0, 4, 8],
    [14, 8, 9, 11, 4, 0, 6],
    [11, 10, 13, 5, 8, 6, 0]
])

num_ants = 10
num_iterations = 100
decay = 0.1
alpha = 1     # pheromone importance
beta = 2      # distance importance

num_cities = cities.shape[0]
pheromone = np.ones((num_cities, num_cities)) / num_cities
best_cost = float('inf')
best_path = None

def route_distance(route):
    dist = 0
    for i in range(len(route)):
        dist += cities[route[i - 1], route[i]]
    return dist

def select_next_city(probabilities):
    return np.random.choice(range(len(probabilities)), p=probabilities)

for iteration in range(num_iterations):
    all_routes = []
    all_distances = []

    for ant in range(num_ants):
        visited = []
        current_city = np.random.randint(num_cities)
        visited.append(current_city)

        while len(visited) < num_cities:
            unvisited = list(set(range(num_cities)) - set(visited))
            pheromone_values = np.array([pheromone[current_city][j] for j in
unvisited])
            distances = np.array([cities[current_city][j] for j in unvisited])
            heuristic = 1 / distances

            prob = (pheromone_values ** alpha) * (heuristic ** beta)
            prob /= prob.sum()

            next_city = unvisited[select_next_city(prob)]
            visited.append(next_city)
            current_city = next_city
        route = visited
        distance = route_distance(route)
        all_routes.append(route)
        all_distances.append(distance)

        if distance < best_cost:
            best_cost = distance
            best_path = route

    pheromone *= (1 - decay)      # Evaporate pheromone

    # Update pheromone
    for route, dist in zip(all_routes, all_distances):
        for i in range(num_cities):
            a, b = route[i - 1], route[i]
            pheromone[a][b] += 1 / dist

print("Best path:", best_path + [best_path[0]])
print("Best cost:", best_cost)
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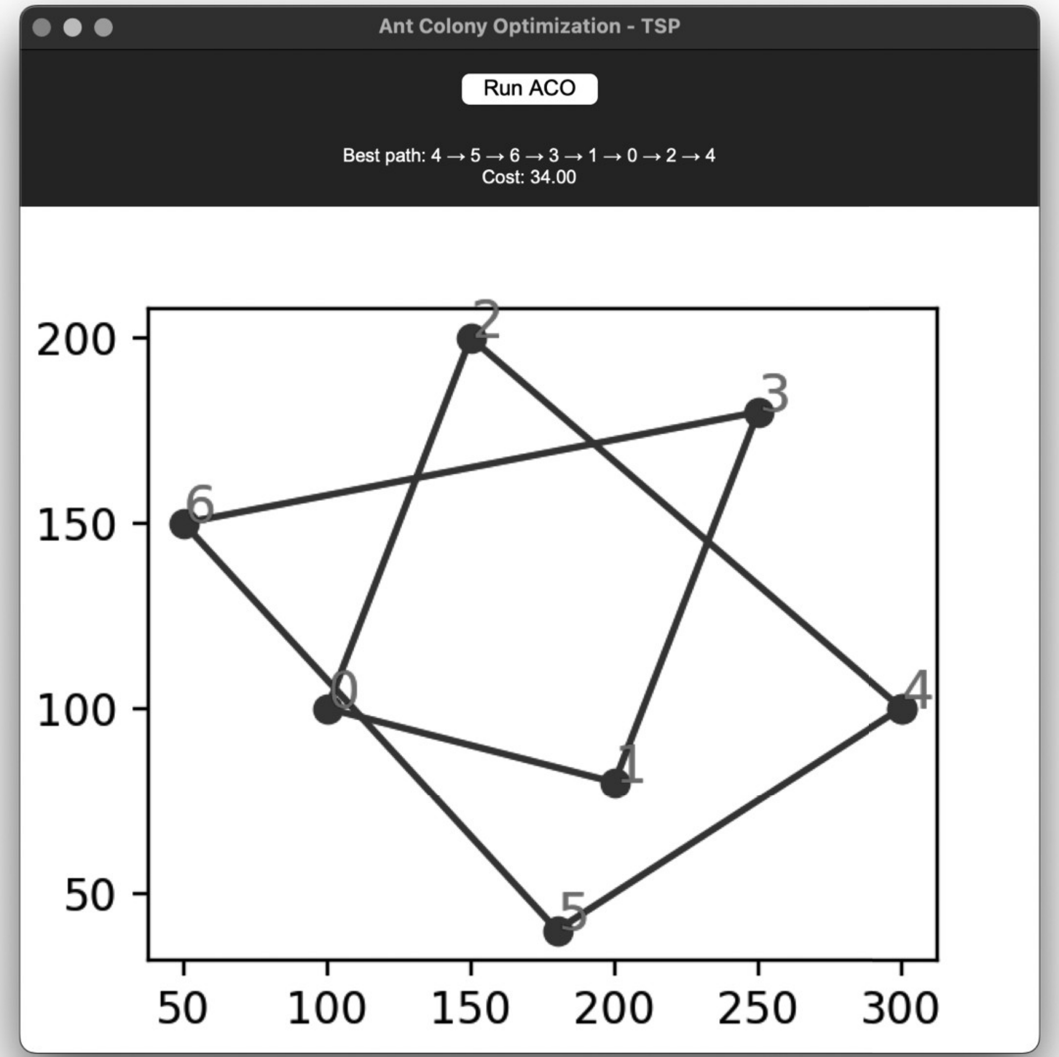
Output:



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Best path: 4 → 5 → 6 → 3 → 1 → 0 → 2 → 4
Cost: 34.00
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