

Optimization Techniques

Genetic Algorithm

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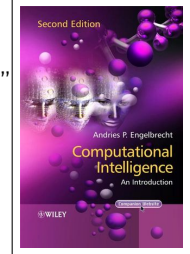
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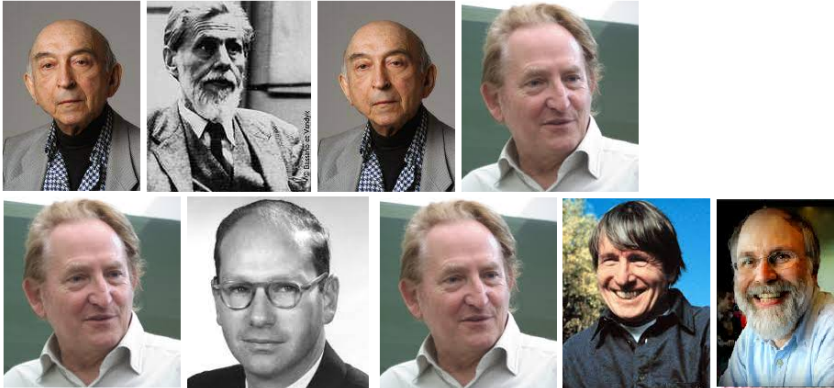
Learning Objectives

During this presentation, an instructor/mentor aims to

1. List Types of Optimization Problem
2. Explain how GA works by solving a very simple optimization problem
3. Estimate the optimal values and objective function
4. Demonstrate optimization process using R

History

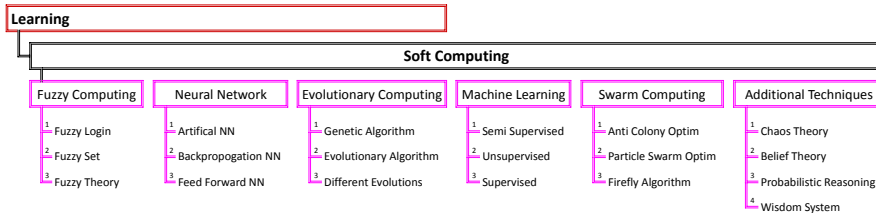
SC(Zadeh, 1981) = [McCulloch(NN, 1943) + Zadeh(FL, 1965) + Rechenberg(EC, 1960)]
EC(Rechenberg, 60) = Fogel(EP, 62)+Rechenberg(ES, 65)+Holland(GA, 70)+Koza(GP, 92)

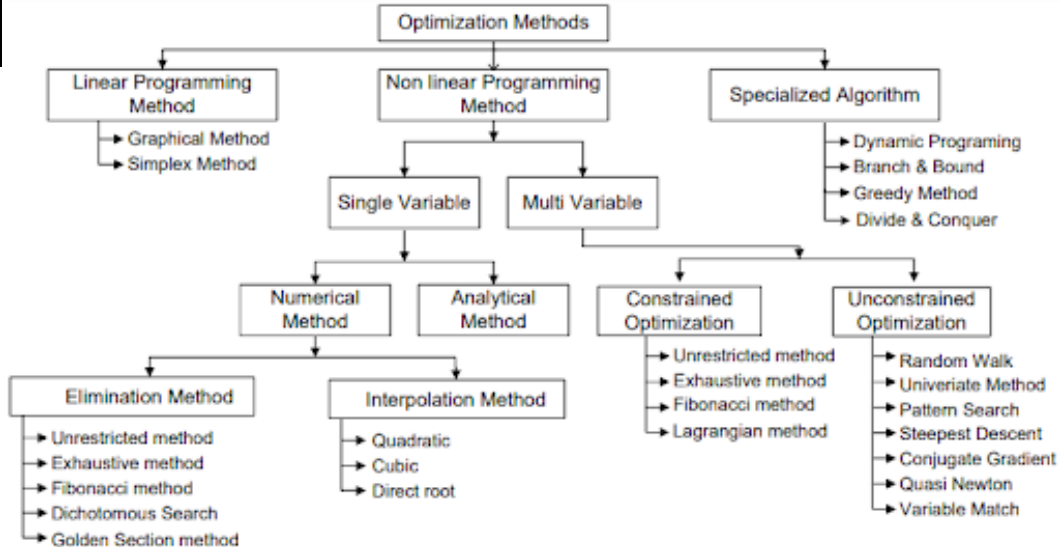


Classification

Lotfi A. Zadeh, “What is Soft Computing”, Soft Computing. Springer-Verlag, Germany/USA 1997 He defined SC into one multidisciplinary system as the fusion of

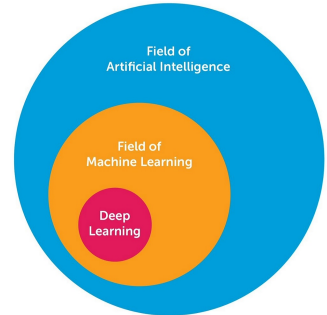
- ▶ Neural Network: for learning and adaptation
- ▶ Fuzzy Logic: for knowledge representation via fuzzy If – Then rules.
- ▶ Genetic Computing: for evolutionary computation





Genetic Algorithm

- ▶ 1965: Introduced by John Holland, Professor, Michigan University, USA
- ▶ 1975: Publication of first article on GA
- ▶ GA is based on two fundamental principles of biological processes:
- ▶ 1865: Genetics: Gregor Johan Mendel
- ▶ 1875: Evolution: Charles Darwin



Biological Background

Genetics:

- ▶ Living bodies contain cells and each cell carries some unit of heredity called gene
- ▶ Each gene contains chromosome in the nucleus
- ▶ Different species carry fixed number of chromosomes (e.g Human 46, Frogs 26, Mosquito 6)

Genetic code:

- ▶ Spiral helix of protein substance is called DNA
- ▶ DNA code is unique for a specie and used as biometric trait
- ▶ DNA inherits some characteristics from one generation to next generation

Reproduction

Organism's cell (Cell division), Reproductive $cell = gameteX + gameteY$

- ▶ Output is haploid if reproductive cell has half the number of chromosomes
- ▶ O/p is diploid if each chromosome from both haploids are combined to have full no.

Crossing over

- ▶ Method of combining information from two different organism's body cells
- ▶ Random crossover points makes infinite diversities in information possible

Mutation

- ▶ To make the process forcefully dynamic when variations in popu. going to stable

Evolution (Natural Selection)

Information propagation

- ▶ Heredity: An offspring has many of its characteristics of its parents (i.e. information passes from parent to its offspring)

Population diversity

- ▶ Diversity: Variation in characteristics in the next generation

Survival for existence

- ▶ Selection: Only a small percentage of the offspring produced survive to adulthood

Survival of the best

- ▶ Ranking: Offspring survived depends on their inherited characteristics

Genetic Algorithm

- ▶ GAs are the heuristic search and optimization techniques that mimic the process of natural evolution.
- ▶ Principle Of Natural Selection: Select The Best, Discard The Rest
- ▶ GA is a population-based probabilistic search and optimization techniques
- ▶ GA works based on the mechanisms of natural genetics and natural evaluation
- ▶ GA is an iterative process.
- ▶ GA is a searching technique.
- ▶ Working cycle with / without convergence.
- ▶ Solution is not necessarily guaranteed. Usually, terminated with a local optima.

Concept of optimization problem

- ▶ Definition: Optimum value that is either minimum or maximum value
- ▶ Example: $y = F(x)$
- ▶ Let, $2x - 6y = 11$ or $y = (2x - 11) / 6$
- ▶ Can we determine an optimum value for y .
- ▶ It is simple to understand but not related to optimization problem in reality.

Traditional optimization and search technique

Example of Optimization Problems

- ▶ Travelling Salesman Problem
- ▶ Knapsack Problem
- ▶ Graph Coloring Problem
- ▶ Job Machine Assignment Problem
- ▶ Coin Change Problem
- ▶ Binary search tree construction problem

Optimization requirements

- ▶ Input parameters
- ▶ Objective function(s)
- ▶ Fitness evaluation / mathematical formula or algorithm
- ▶ Constraint(s)
- ▶ Encoding and Decoding

Learning Activity 1: Operators in genetic algorithm

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Exercise 1: Individual activity

- ▶ Online polls 1

Learning activity 1: Solution

Before Crossover

Parent 1 :	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Parent 2 :	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0

Crossover Point k_1 Crossover Point k_2

Select two crossover points randomly

After Crossover

Offspring 1:	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Offspring 2:	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

Limitations of the traditional optimization approach

- ▶ Computationally expensive
- ▶ For a discontinuous objective function, methods may fail
- ▶ Method may not be suitable for parallel computing
- ▶ Discrete (integer) variables are difficult to handle
- ▶ Methods may not necessarily adaptive

Soft Computing techniques

- ▶ Address the above mentioned limitations of solving optimization problem with traditional approaches

Types of Optimization Problem

- ▶ Unconstrained optimization problem: Problem is without any functional constraint
- ▶ Constrained optimization problem: Optimization problem with at one or more functional constraint(s)
- ▶ Integer Programming problem: If all the design variables take some integer values
- ▶ Real-valued problem: If all the design variables are bound to take real values
- ▶ Mixed-integer programming problem: Some of the design variables are integers and the rest of the variables take real values
- ▶ Linear optimization problem: Both objective functions as well as all constraints are found to be some linear functions of design variables
- ▶ Non-linear optimization problem: If either the objective function or any one of the functional constraints are non-linear function of design variables

Constraints in GA

Unconstrained opt. problem: Problem is without any functional constraint

- ▶ Example: Minimize $y = f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 5)^2 + (x_2 - 3)^3$ where $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

Constrained optimization problem

- ▶ Optimization problem with at one or more functional constraint(s)
- ▶ Example: Maximize $y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- ▶ Subject to some constants c_i where $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $k > 0$ with design parameters x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

Integer Programming problem

- ▶ If all the design variables take some integer values
- ▶ Example: Minimize $y = f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2$
- ▶ Subject to $x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$ and $5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 9$

Constraints in GA

Linear optimization problem: Both objective functions as well as all constraints are found to be some linear functions of design variables

- ▶ Example: Maximize $y = f(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2$
- ▶ Subject to $x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$ and $5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 10$ and $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

Non-linear optimization problem: If either the objective function or any one of the functional constraints are non-linear function of design variables

- ▶ Example: Maximize $y = f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 + 5x_1^2$ Subject to $x_1^4 + 3x_2^2 \leq 629$ and $2x_1^3 + 4x_2^3 \leq 133$ and $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$

A simple optimization problem

- ▶ Let us estimate the optimal values of a and b using GA which satisfy $2a^2 + b = 57$
- ▶ Any opt. problem starts with an objective function,
- ▶ so rewrite above equation as: $f(a, b) = 2a^2 + b - 57$

Optimization Process

- ▶ Optimization process using 4 steps in R for one iteration (or generation).
- ▶ Step — 1: Initialize population
- ▶ Step — 2: Selection (roulette wheel method)
- ▶ Step — 3: Crossover

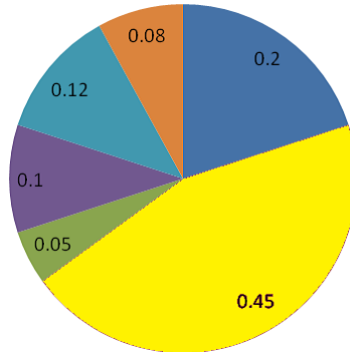
Optimization Process

Roulette wheel method

- ▶ Expression is used to calculate fitness probability (FP) of a single chromosome:
 $FP = Fi / Sum(Fi)$; Fi = fitness value of i th chromosome
- ▶ Roulette wheel is a pie plot where the value of each pie is expressed in terms of fitness probability.
- ▶ Note that fitness value and fitness probability are two different terms.
- ▶ In this optimization problem, chromosome which produces low fitness value has high fitness probability.
- ▶ Fitness probability of each chromosome is computed from fitness values.
- ▶ Chromosome having high fitness probability will have higher chance of getting selected.

Roulette wheel method

- ▶ FP shown for 6 diff. chromosomes as computed using $FP = Fi / Sum(Fi)$
- ▶ The sum of all fitness probabilities must be always equal to 1
- ▶ To select the fittest chromosomes, 6 random prob. generated bet. 0 and 1



Mutation

Step 4:

- ▶ Mutation is the process of altering the value of gene
- ▶ i.e to replace the value 1 with 0 and vice-versa
- ▶ How many genes need to be altered and at what positions.
- ▶ The mutation parameter decides how many genes to be mutated.
- ▶ If mutation parameter is 0.1 (usually kept low values).
- ▶ Then 0.1 times the total genes are allowed to mutate.

Mutation

Step 4:

- ▶ In this opt. problem, total number of genes is 48 (6×8).
- ▶ So, 4.8 i.e 5 randomly selected genes allowed for mutation.

Binary representation of chromosomes of offspring								After mutation							
1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1



Summary

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Thank You.

