# Test Case Prioritization using Meta-heuristic Algorithm

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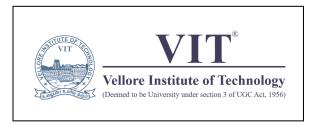
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# **Abstract**

In Software Testing, 'Test case' is a set of conditions or variable used to determine whether a system under test satisfies requirements and works correctly.

The objective of this work is to generate the set of test cases for the identified domain or project, prioritize the test cases using meta-heuristic technique. Further, the prioritized test cases are evaluated by comparing with other evolutionary algorithms based on running time, time complexity and accuracy.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Software Testing is the process of evaluation the software application's functionality, and to find whether the developed software met the specified requirements and identify the detect and free in order to produce the quality product. The effective software test methods and automation tools are strongly needed in the real world in order to deliver high quality software products. Testing is the process identifies faults and by removing faults we can increase the quality of software, it's also measures the capability for achieving accurateness, reliability, usability, maintainability, reusability, correctness and testability. Test Case Prioritization is process to prioritize the tester's test cases to measure and run the test cases in the regression testing process and also increase a test suite's rate of fault detection. Regression Testing has three processes: Test suite minimization; Test case selection; Test case prioritization.

## 1.1 Background

In today's updated world, PSO algorithm is a method used to find the search space of the problem to find the settings and given parameters. Normally the test cases are generated to prioritize from some other or domain where they pull up a set of test plans for particular projects or domains. Then, the test cases are generated it's used to prioritize from the fault and test coverage. Each test case has the particular information about project and it's implemented in programming language.

### 1.2 Problem Statement

The following are the objectives of this study:

- 1) Generate the set of test cases
- 2) Prioritize the test cases using PSO algorithm
- 3) Performance of the proposed algorithm will be evaluated based on running time, time complexity and accuracy.

### 1.3 Motivation

There are several evolutionary algorithm utilized in the field of software engineering domain. Each algorithm has its own advantage and limitations and no single algorithm is suitable for all type of optimization problem. This motivates us to perform this study to understand the most efficient evolutionary algorithm for prioritizing the test cases in the software development process

### 1.4 Challenges

One of the major challenge faced as elicitation of test cases dataset for the selected project due to availability of several meta-heuristic algorithm selecting the most appropriate algorithm for optimization is another challenge

## 1.5 Proposed System

The objective of this study is as follows

- To generate the set of test cases for the identified domain or project
- Prioritize the test cases using meta-heuristic technique.
- The proposed approach is evaluated by comparing with other evolutionary algorithm (Ant colony Optimization-ACO) based on running time, accuracy.

# Chapter 2

# Overview

### 2.1 Test Case Prioritization

Test Case Prioritization is the procedure of ordering the test cases to be executed in a particular order; the test cases are prioritized in higher to lower priority. To increase the test suite rate of fault detection, test cases are prioritized. And also its used to reduce the regression testing's cost. Software tester prioritizes the test case and measure the run of the regression testing process earlier. Information sources of Test case Prioritization are contains the Test management tool, Change management tool, Fault management tool and Architecture models. It's used to prioritize the test cases using Prioritized System.



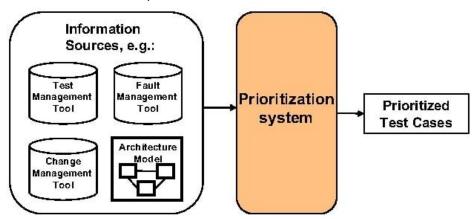


Figure 2.1: Architecture Diagram of Prioritizing Test Case

### 2.1.1 Literature Review

To solve the problem of test case prioritization, various algorithms such as Search algorithm and Meta-heuristic algorithm are used.

**Shruti Mishra** et. al. [1] designed the approach of the test-case prioritization by using binary Particle Swarm Optimization Technique. The test case selection and prioritization are used to determine which test cases need to executed thereby making the results more effective.

Manika Tyagi and Sona Malhotra [2] proposed an approach based on the Test case Prioritization using Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimizer (MOPSO). The goal of regression testing is to validate the modified software. And it has 3 phase approach to solve test-case prioritization. In first phase just remove the redundant test case using simple matrix operation. In second phase, MOPSO used to optimizes the fault coverage and execution time. In third phase, its prioritize the test case from second phase and calculate the ratio of fault coverage to execution time, to check the higher the value of the ratio of higher will be priority the test cases.

**Vedpal** and **Naresh Chauhan** [3] proposed a test case prioritization technique for object oriented software using method complexity. Minimization of cost and time for testing the software is a challenging task for every software industry. The method complexity is determined by using some factors which are identified by the structural analysis of the software.

**Renuka Singh** and **Sania Thomas** [4] solved the problem of test case optimization for regression testing bases on hybrid firefly technique. The software presentation phase on a software development life cycle involves regression testing to be done for existing system suite whenever any alterations are done to the software test case optimization in a specification-based on requirement security score.

**K.Senthil Kumar** and **A.Muthukumaravel** [5] proposed to use a hybrid approach for test case prioritization using PSO based on software quality metrics. Selection of suitable method for optimization and prioritization off any test case as well as appropriate evaluation of the application would result in reduction of fault detection effort without appreciable information loss and significantly decrease the clearing up cost.

**Erum Ashraf** et. al. [6] designed the technique to check the value based PSO test case prioritization algorithm. The aim of the research is to detect the maximum faults earlier in testing life cycle, it have introduced the combination of six prioritization factors for prioritization are customer priority, requirement volatility, implementation complexity, requirement traceability, execution time and fault impact if requirement.

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Title	Author	Source
Test-Case Prioritization by using binary Particle Swarm Optimization Technique	Sharma, Rishi Singh Kushwah	International Journal of Current Trends in Engineering and Technology vol 3, no. 1. Jan 2017
Test case Prioritization using Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimizer		International Conference on Signal Propagation and Computer Technology
Test Case Prioritization Technique for Object Oriented Software Using Method Complexity		International Journal of Innovative Computing, Information and Control, vol 14, no. 1, Feb 2018
Test Case Optimization for Regression Testing Bases on Hybrid Firefly Technique		International Journal of Advanced Research in Electronics and Communications Engineering vol 6, issue 7, July 2017
A Hybrid Approach for Test Case Prioritization using PSO Based on Software Quality Metrics	A.Muthukumaravel	International Journal of Engineering and Technology vol 7, no. 1, Dec 2017
Value based PSO Test Case Prioritization Algorithm	Khan, Khurrum Mahmood, Shaftab Ahmed	International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications vol 8, no.1, 2017

Table 2.1 Literature Survey

## 2.2 System Planning

### Gantt chart

Gantt chart is used to show the timeline of the project work. It specifies the different project module. Each module has a certain time period, the time period can be in the form of the start and the end dates of the respective modules.

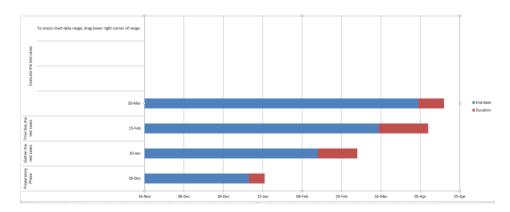


Figure 2.2: Gantt chart

## 2.4 System Requirements

### 2.4.1 Hardware Requirements

Processor: Intel Core i5 8<sup>th</sup> Gen

RAM: 8GB

## 2.4.2 Software Requirements

Operating System: Windows 10

Browser: Google Chrome

Editor: Jet Brains Pycharm Community Edition,

**Command Prompt** 

# Chapter 3

# System Design

## 3.1 Test Case Prioritization (TCP)

### 3.1 TCP overall architecture

(Ref: Semantics Scholar)

Test Cases

Apply
Prioritized
Test Suites

Program

Compute
APFD

APFD

Figure 3.1 TCP Overall Architecture

## 3.2 Use Case Diagram

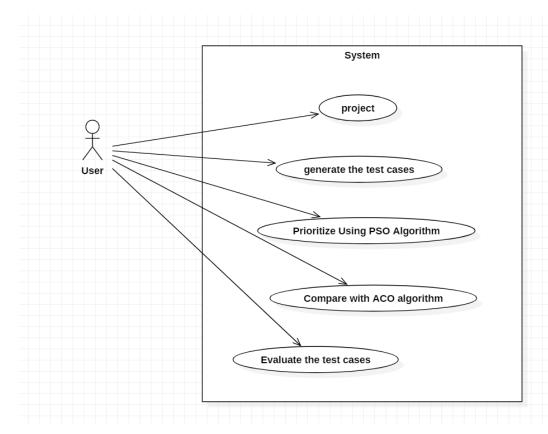


Figure 3.2 Use Case Diagram

### 3.3 Class Diagram

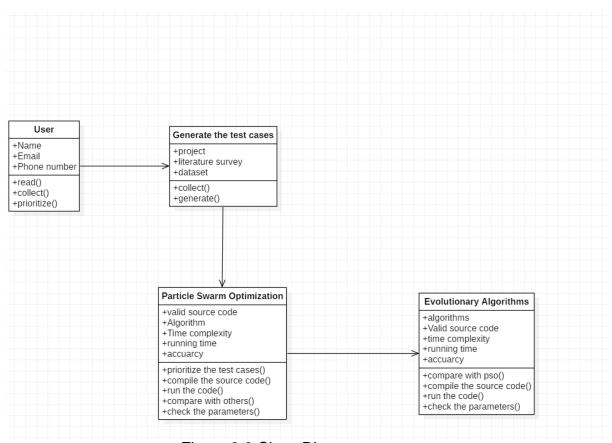


Figure 3.3 Class Diagram

## 3.4 Sequence Diagram

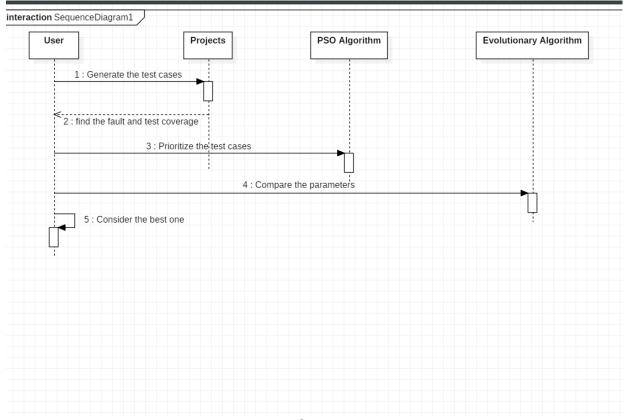


Figure 3.4 Sequence Diagram

## 3.5 Process-Flow Diagram

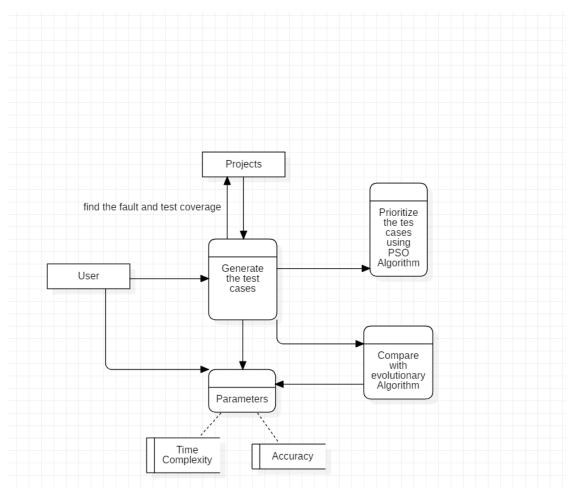


Figure 3.5 Process-Flow Diagram

# Chapter 4

# Implementation of System/ Methodology

This chapter describes about the Particle Swarm Optimization. The PSO algorithm is a swarm based-intelligence algorithm. It is inspired by the social activities of insects, bird and fish. Individual ants, bees or birds have limited intelligence when they act alone. But through social interaction with one another as well as their environment, they are capable of accomplishing difficult tasks like discovering the shortest route to a food source, organizing the nest, synchronizing their movement. A particle is similar to a bird or fish, which flying through the problem search space. All the particles movement has been synchronized through a velocity of magnitude and direction. Number of particles present in a problem space is called as population. Each single particle has a heuristic value called solution in search space. All the particles have fitness values which are evaluated by the fitness function to be optimized and have velocities which direct the flying of the particles. The particles fly through the problem space by following the current optimum particles.

PSO is initialized with a group of random particles and then searches for optima by updating generations. In every iteration, each particle is updated by following two best values. The first one is the personal best solution that has achieved so far by neighboring particle. This value is called "pbest". Every time particles based on new pbest. The second is the global best, obtained so far by all particular in the population and called "gbest". The gbest is the actual solution of current iteration

### PSO algorithm:-

- 1. Set particle dimensions equal to the size of ready tasks in  $\{ti\} \in T$ ,  $\{Ii = 1,2,...,n\}$
- 2. Initialize particles position randomly from x and velocity v randomly.
- 3. Calculate its fitness value
- 4. Compare new fitness value with previous best pbest
- 5. If the fitness value is better than pbest, set the current fitness value as the pbest.
- 6. Sort the particles based on fitness, select the best particle as gbest.
- 7. Update velocity and positions using given formula.
- 8. If the stopping criteria or maximum iteration is not satisfied, repeat from step3
- 9. End

### 4.1 Development Tools

### 4.1.1 Jet Brains PyCharm:

PyCharm is an Integrated Development Environment by Jet brains. It is used for development in Python and frameworks like DJango. It lets you to enhance productivity while coding by providing some features. PyCharm provides API, so the developers can write their own plugins to extend PyCharm features. Several plugins from other Jet Brains IDE also work with PyCharm. There are more than 1000 plugins which are compatible with PyCharm.

### • Python:

Python is a high-level language created by Guido van Rossum and it's first released in 1991. Python is interpreted, general-purpose programming language. It has a design philosophy that emphasizes code readability, notably using significant whitespace. It provides constructs that enable clear programming on both small and large scales.

#### Command Prompt:

Command Prompt is a command line interpreter application available in most Windows operating systems. It's used to execute entered commands. Most of those commands automate tasks via scripts and batch files, perform advanced administrative functions, and troubleshoot or solve certain kinds of Windows issues.

## 4.2 Testing

### 4.2.1 Testing

It involves identifying bug/error/defect in software without correcting it. Normally professionals with a quality assurance background are involved in bugs identification. Testing is performed in the testing phase.

### 4.2.2 Test cases

### Games Test cases:

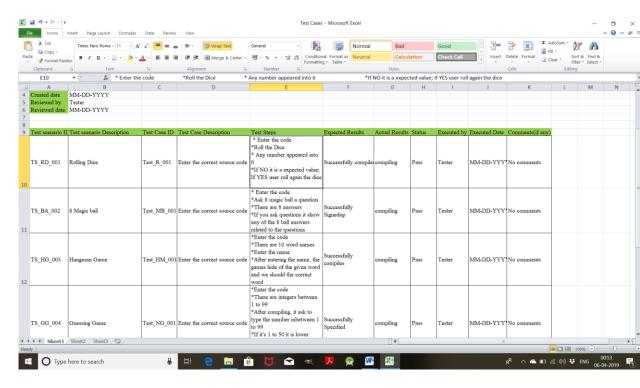


Figure 4.1 Screenshot of Generated Test Cases

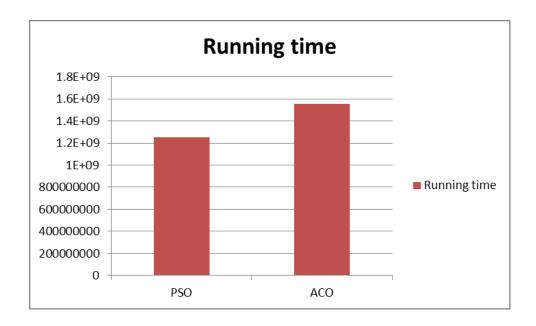
# Chapter 5

## **Results and Discussions**

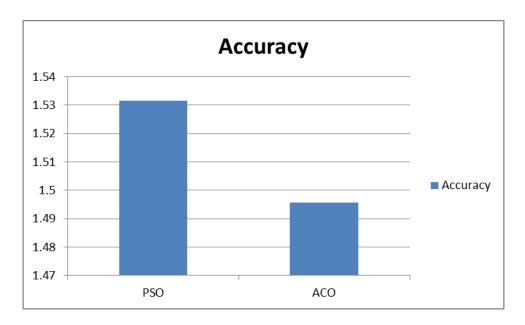
The Test case Prioritization using Meta-heuristic Algorithm is developed in Python. Before prioritization, The test case are generated form the projects like Rolling a dice, 8-Magic Ball, Hangman, Guessing Game; After get the result of projects, find the fault and test coverage to prioritize the test case.

After Prioritization, using Particle Swarm Optimization gets the best iteration of the project using velocity and position of the particles and parameters like time complexity, running time error and accuracy of the code. Then evaluate the algorithm with other evolutionary algorithm to show which one has best results.

When comparing the results, the running time of Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is lesser than the Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) for the generated test cases.



When comparing the results, the accuracy of Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is higher than the Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) for the generated test cases.



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Games	Results
Rolling a dice	<ul> <li>Roll a dice</li> <li>Number appeared in between 1 to 6</li> <li>If we type yes; the dice will roll again</li> </ul>
	If we type no; that is the expected value
8-Magic Ball	<ul> <li>Ask the question in 8-magic ball</li> <li>There will be 8 answers</li> <li>Ask the question it will show the relevant answers in 8-magic ball</li> </ul>
Hangman	<ul> <li>The word to guess is in row of dashes</li> <li>Player guess a letter which exists in word</li> <li>Player has 10 turns to guess the word</li> </ul>
Guessing Game	<ul> <li>The game will add the counter for many guess</li> <li>Counter initial set from 0 to 99</li> <li>User just guess the integer is lower or upper</li> </ul>

Table 5.1 Results

### 5.1 Screen shots

Code:

PSO.py:

```
self.target error = target error
self.n particles = n particles
self.particles = []
self.gbest_value = float('inf')
self.gbest_position = np.array([random.random() * 50, random.random() * 50])
```

### Output: (Figure 5.1- PSO)

```
I am at [-23.03/06/53 20.22486387] meu pbest is [-23.03/06/53 20.22486387]
I am at [-11.00605033 -10.24568707] meu pbest is [-11.00605033 -10.24568707]
I am at [-30.47948082 27.31409801] meu pbest is [-30.47948082 27.31409801]
I am at [ 4.20706842 31.63262978] meu pbest is [ 6.30.47948082 27.31409801]
I am at [ 4.20706842 31.63262978] meu pbest is [ 6.3.91964476 -3.04881165]
I am at [ 35.06731815 8.20232834] meu pbest is [ 6.3.06731815 8.20232834]
I am at [ 35.06731815 8.20232834] meu pbest is [ 6.36.95618 -36.47400031]
I am at [ 3.04940195 -2.69054076] meu pbest is [ 6.26.36099618 -36.47400031]
I am at [ 7.28.04127115 -37.57421697] meu pbest is [ 7.28.04127115 -37.57421697]
I am at [ 13.68387343 -45.05545193] meu pbest is [ 19.68387343 -45.05545183]
I am at [ 37.18448928 -18.6815745] meu pbest is [ 19.68887343 -45.05545183]
I am at [ 7.26.75612814 37.87560858] meu pbest is [ 7.26.75612814 37.87560858]
I am at [ 7.275612814 37.87560858] meu pbest is [ 7.28.75612814 37.87560858]
I am at [ 7.94957815 -22.01401133] meu pbest is [ 7.94957815 -22.01401133]
I am at [ 7.01304071 48.0193588] meu pbest is [ 7.94957815 -22.01401133]
I am at [ 7.18995739 ] meu pbest is [ 7.1818079629 -19.6222202]
I am at [ 7.1818065 -46.10710132] meu pbest is [ 7.1818079629 -19.6222202]
I am at [ 7.7574612 42.17680599] meu pbest is [ 7.1818079629 -19.6222202]
I am at [ 7.1818065 -46.10710132] meu pbest is [ 7.1818071 48.01935885]
I am at [ 7.1818066 -17.1818079] meu pbest is [ 7.1818079629 -19.6222202]
I am at [ 7.1818066 -18180799] meu pbest is [ 7.1818079629 -19.6222202]
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I am at [ 7.18180866 -46.10710132] meu pbest is [ 7.18180866 -46.10710132]
I am at [ 7.18180866 -46.10710132] meu pbest is [ 7.1818088]
I am at [ 7.28121519 -28.40733743] meu pbe
```

### Running time:

C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\untitled\venv\Scripts\python.exe C:/Users/Lenovo/PycharmProjects/face/pso.py 1253348879.8392978

### Accuracy:

C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\untitled\venv\Scripts\python.exe C:/Users/Lenovo/PycharmProjects/face/pso.py 1.531557718

### Rolling a Dice

### Code:

```
import random
min = 1
max = 6

roll_again = "yes"

while roll_again == "yes" or roll_again == "y";
    print(_("Rolling the dices...")
    print_("The values are...")
    print_(random.randint(min, max))
    print_(random.randint(min, max))
    roll_again = imput("Roll the dices.again.")
```

### Output:

```
C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face\venv\Scripts\python.exe C:\Users/Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face\dice.py
Rolling the dices...

5

5
Roll the dices again?
Rolling the dices...
The values are....
3

5
Roll the dices again?

Process finished with exit code 0
```

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.590]

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C:\Users\Lenovo\cot\C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face

C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage run dice.py

Rolling the dices...

The values are...

1

5

Roll the dices again?no

C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face>coverage report

Name Stmts Miss Cover

dice.py 10 0 100%
```

Figure 5.3 Test coverage-1

### 8-Magic Ball:

```
import sys
import random
from typing import Any, Union

ans = True

while ans:
    question = input("Ask the magic 8 ball a question: (press enter to quit) ")
    answers: Union[int, Any] = random.randint(1, 8)

if question == "":
    sys.exit()

elif answers == 1:
    print("It is certain")

alif answers == 2:
    print("Outlook good")

clif answers == 3:
    print("You may rely on it")

alif answers == 5:
    print("Concentrate and ask again")

alif answers == 5:
    print("Reply hazy, try again")
```

### Output:

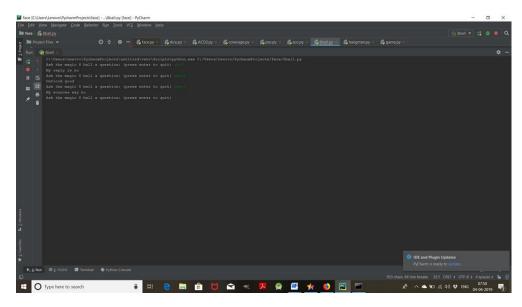


Figure 5.4 8-ball



Figure 5.5 Test Coverage-2

Hangman

```
Import time

name = imput("What is your name? ")

print("blot, " + name, "time to play hangman!")

print("c")

time.sleep(1)

print("otant gussing...")

time.sleep(0.5)

word = "secreet"

word = "sicmena"

word = "storena"

word = "storena"

word = "shorenama"

it has in gussess

print(chas).

also,

print("),

failed == 0;

print("),

failed == 0;

print("),

failed == 0;

print("),

print(")

print(")

print("storenama")

print("storenama")
```

### Output:

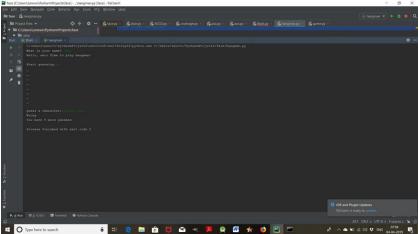


Figure 5.6 Hangman

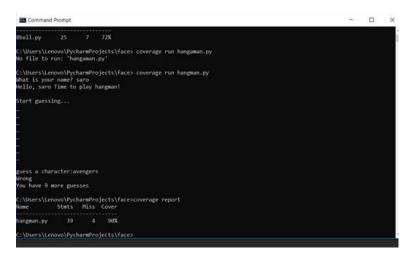


Figure 5.7 Test Coverage-3

### **Guessing Game**

```
import random
n = random.randint(1, 99)
guess = int(input("Enter an integer from 1 to 99: "))
while n != "guess":
    print()
    if guess < n:
        print("guess is low")
        guess = int(input("Enter an integer from 1 to 99: "))
    elif guess > n:
        print("guess is high")
        guess = int(input("Enter an integer from 1 to 99: "))
    else:
        print("you guessed it!")
        break
    print()
```

### Output:

```
The first interpretation of th
```

Figure 5.8 Guessing game

```
C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage run game.py
Enter an integer from 1 to 99: 2

guess is low
Enter an integer from 1 to 99: 79

guess is high
Enter an integer from 1 to 99:

Traceback (most recent call last):
File "game.py", line 11, in <module>
guess = int(input("Enter an integer from 1 to 99: "))

ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: ''
```

Figure 5.9 Test Coverage-4

Test Coverage:

Games	Test Coverage
Rolling a dice	C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage report Name Stmts Miss Cover
	dice.py 10 0 100%
8-Magic Ball	C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage report Name Stmts Miss Cover
	8ball.py 25 7 72%
Hangman	C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage report Name Stmts Miss Cover
	hangman.py 39 4 90%
Guessing Game	C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\face> coverage report Name Stmts Miss Cover
	game.py 14 2 86%

Table 5.2 Test Coverage

Games	Prioritized test cases
Rolling a dice	100%
Hangman	90%
Guessing Game	86%
8-Magic ball	72%

Table 5.3 Prioritized Results

#### ACO Code:

```
ort numpy as np
   rom numpy import inf
iteration = 100
n_ants = 5
n_citys = 5
y_pred = [0, 2, 1, 3]
y_true = [0, 1, 2, 3]
accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)
accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred, normalize=False)
accuracy_score(nparray([[0, 1], [1, 1]]), np.ones((2, 2)))
visibility = 1 / d
visibility[visibility == inf] = 0
   initializing the rute of the ants with size rute(n_ants,n_citys+1) note adding 1 because we want to come back to the source city
  or ite in range(iteration):
            combine_feature = np.zeros(5) # intializing combine_feature array to zero
cum_prob = np.zeros(5) # intializing cummulative probability array to zeros
             \begin{array}{ll} p\_feature = np.power(pheromne[cur\_loc,:], beta) \ \#\ calculating\ pheromne\ feature \\ v\_feature = np.power(temp\_visibility[cur\_loc,:],\ alpha) \ \#\ calculating\ visibility\ feature \\ \end{array}
            p_feature = p_feature[:, np.newaxis] # adding axis to make a size[5,1] v_feature = v_feature[:, np.newaxis] # adding axis to make a size[5,1]
             probs = combine feature / total # finding probability of element probs(i) = comine feature(i)/total
             city = np.nonzero(cum_prob > r)[0][0] + 1 # finding the next city having probability higher then random(r) # nint(city)
```

```
best_route = rute[dist_min_loc] # finging min of dist_cost

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for i in range(m):

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tor j in range(n - 1):

dt = 1 / dist_cost[]
pheromne[int(rute_opt[i, j]) - 1, int(rute_opt[i, j + 1]) - 1] = pheromne[int(rute_opt[i, j]) - 1, int(
rute_opt[i, j + 1]) - 1] + dt
# updating the pheromne with delta_distance
# delta_distance will be more with min_dist i.e adding more weight to that route peromne

print(route of all the ants at the end :')
print(route_opt)
print(best_path :', best_route)
print(cost of the best_path', int(dist_min_cost[0]) + d[int(best_route[-2]) - 1, 0]
```

### Output:

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```

Figure 6.0 ACO

### Running Time:

C:\Users\Lenovo\PycharmProjects\untitled\venv\Scripts\python.exe C:/Users/Lenovo/PycharmProjects/face/ACO2.py 1555350090.5324647

### Accuracy:

 $C:\ Users\ Lenovo\ Pycharm Projects\ untitled\ venv\ Scripts\ python. exe C:\ Users\ Lenovo\ Pycharm Projects\ face\ ACO2. py {\bf 1.495790794}$ 

# Chapter 6

# Conclusion

In the study, the test case dataset for the chosen project or selected for the test case prioritization problem particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm has been implemented. Further, the results are analysed with Ant Colony Algorithm (ACO) algorithm for time complexity, running time and accuracy. The evolution proves that PSO out-performs ACO on all the three selected criteria

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