

## findBestHyperparam

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## 0.1 1. Datasets insight

We used a corpus made of 16 datasets: 2 public (pX datasets), 4 synthetic sampled for agile projects (aX datasets), and 10 synthetic sampled for plan-driven projects (cX and dX datasets):

- *pX datasets*: 2 small datasets which have been used in several works, as in 'Ant Colony Optimization for the Next Release Problem'. P1 has very few requirements (20) and also very few dependencies (7). P2 makes a bit more effort in providing more realistic project datasets, although dependencies and requirements are not too large.

- *aX datasets*: commonly agile projects have a lower number of stakeholders actively managed, although their buy-in in the development of the product is more constant. Thus, aX datasets present a lower number of stakeholders. Since requirements are not decided a priori with a long elicitation process, requirements and dependencies among them are not usually large for a given minor or functional release. Thus, we produced datasets with not a very high number of dependencies and requirements. For the sake of completeness, two aX datasets have a large number of requirements. Effort estimations are computed using a fibonacci scale, similar to some agile estimation techniques.
- *cX datasets*: classic or plan-driven datasets tend to have a large number of requirements and, due to a long and expensive planning, also a large number of dependencies. Also due to usual processes which deal with management of stakeholders interests, it is also common to identify more stakeholders than in agile datasets. Effort values were simulated by using Function Points values extracted from the 2015 version of the International Software Benchmarking Standards Group (ISBSG) dataset, using {A,B} values for "Unadjusted Function Points rating", "New development" for "Development type" and "IFPUG 4+" for "Count approach". This procedure is used to generate percentile 25,50,75 of total FPs of a classic project, in order to generate a realistic sample of classic estimation of requirements, done by selecting randomly, for a given number of requirements, a list of costs that sums up to the percentile value.
- *dX datasets*: following the same procedure than for *cX datasets*, here we simulate the most complex classical projects, with very large number of requirements (column #PBI) and dependencies (column #(PBI-->[PBI])). In fact, this is the case in which the MONRP might be of greater help for the decision maker.
- *eX datasets*: again, derived from classical estimation of effort with Function Points from ISBSG 2015, these datasets not only contain large number of requirements, and requirements which imply dependencies, but also the cardinality of these dependencies is also large (column Avg\_len[PBI]); that is, when a requirement has a dependency X --> [list of requirements], this list is larger in the eX datasets compared to the others. ---> aún no añadidos en la experimentación, pendiente de que termine MIMIC.

	Dataset	#Stakeholders	#PBI	#(PBI-->[PBI])	%(PBI-->[PBI])	Avg_len[PBI]
0	p1	5	20	7	0.3500	1.8571
1	p2	5	100	29	0.2900	2.6897
2	a1	5	50	18	0.3600	2.2222
3	a2	15	50	18	0.3600	2.7222
4	a3	5	200	74	0.3700	1.9459
5	a4	15	200	75	0.3750	2.2533
6	c1	15	50	20	0.4000	2.4000

7	c2	100	50	17	0.3400	3.5294
8	c3	15	200	69	0.3450	1.9420
9	c4	100	200	75	0.3750	2.0933
10	d1	15	100	45	0.4500	2.8444
11	d2	50	100	39	0.3900	2.1026
12	d3	15	200	88	0.4400	3.3523
13	d4	50	200	88	0.4400	4.8523
14	d5	50	200	88	0.4400	3.4773
15	d6	15	300	131	0.4367	3.7710
16	d7	50	300	145	0.4833	3.6966

## 0.2 2. FEDA description:

Given an initial set of requirements dependencies in the form of  $X1 \rightarrow X2$ , FEDA uses this knowledge as a prefixed structure.

e.g: we can have an acyclic graph like this:  $G=\{0 \rightarrow 2, 1 \rightarrow 2, 3, 2 \rightarrow 4\}$ , where requirements 0,1,3 do not have parents,  $parents(2)=\{0,1\}$  and  $parents(4)=\{2\}$ .

Thus, learning is not structural and only applies to data.

Sampling is always performed following a topological (ancestral) order ( $[3,0,1,2,4]$  in the example above).

Algorithm is as follows:

### 1. Sampling of First generation:

```
-- If X does not have any parents, then sample using  $P(X)=1/num\_requirements$ 
-- If any Y in  $parents(X)$  is set to 1, then  $X=1$ , else use  $P(X)=1/num\_requirements$ 
```

do

### 2. Learning

```
-- If X does not have any parents in graph structure, then learn its marginal probability
```

```
-- If X does have parents in graph structure, learn Conditional:
```

$P(X | \text{all } Y \text{ in } parents(X) == 0)$  In the example above,  $P(2 | 0 == 0, 1 == 0)$ .

Thus, we only need to learn  $P(X | parents(X))$  from requirements whose parents Y are not selected.

That is, we do not need  $P(X | \text{any } parents(X) == 1)$ , just the all  $parents(X) == 0$  case.

This means that conditional probability can be stored in a unidimensional array,

using the same array to store either marginal or conditional probability for each X.

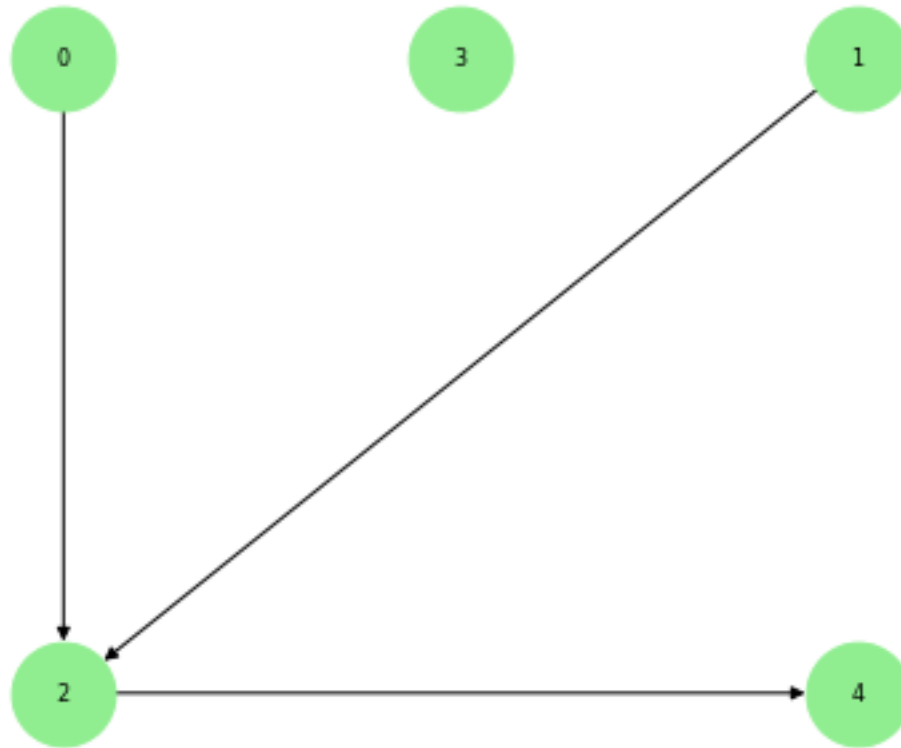
### 3. Sampling

```
-- In the case of requirements without parents in graph structure, use learned marginal probability
```

```
-- In any Y in parents(X) is set to 1, then X=1,
else use P(X|parents(X)==0)
```

```
while(!stop_criterion)
```

Graph with prefixed structure for requirements dependencies



Ancestral order: [3,0,1,2,4]

**a) Sampling of first generation:** In the dependencies structure shown above, when sampling the first set of solutions, the requirement in each solution is selected given the following probabilities:

$$P(3) = 1/5$$

$$P(0) = 1/5$$

$$P(1) = 1/5$$

$$P(2) = 1 \text{ if requirement 0 or 1 has been selected in current solution; } 1/5 \text{ otherwise.}$$

$$P(4) = 1 \text{ if requirement 2 has been selected in current solution; } 1/5 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Let us assume that we sample 6 individuals with the following result:

solutions =

```
[ [0 0 1 0 1]
```

```

[1 0 1 1 1]

[0 1 1 0 1]

[0 0 0 0 0]

[0 1 1 0 1]

[0 1 0 1 1]

[0 0 0 1 0]
]

```

An impossible sampled individual would be, for example: [0 1 0 0 1] because requirement 2 should be selected since requirement 1 is. Thus, the dependencies graph structured is respected.

The whole population is evaluated, and the local NDS in current iteration set is identified. Let us assume this NDS:

```

nds_local =

[
  [1 0 1 1 1]

  [0 0 1 0 1]

  [0 1 0 1 1]

  [0 0 0 1 0]
]

nds_global = nds_local

```

**b) Learning** This step consists in updating the sampling probability of each requirement from the `nds_local` population.

$$P(0) = 1/4$$

$$P(1) = 1/4$$

$$P(2) = P\_nds\_local(2|requirement\_0=0 \text{ and } requirement\_1=0) = 1/2$$

$$P(3) = 2/4$$

$$P(4) = P\_nds\_local(4|requirement\_0=0) = 2/3$$

Thus, our probabilities vector is now:

```

probabilities =

[0.25, 0.25, 0.5, 0.5, 0.66]

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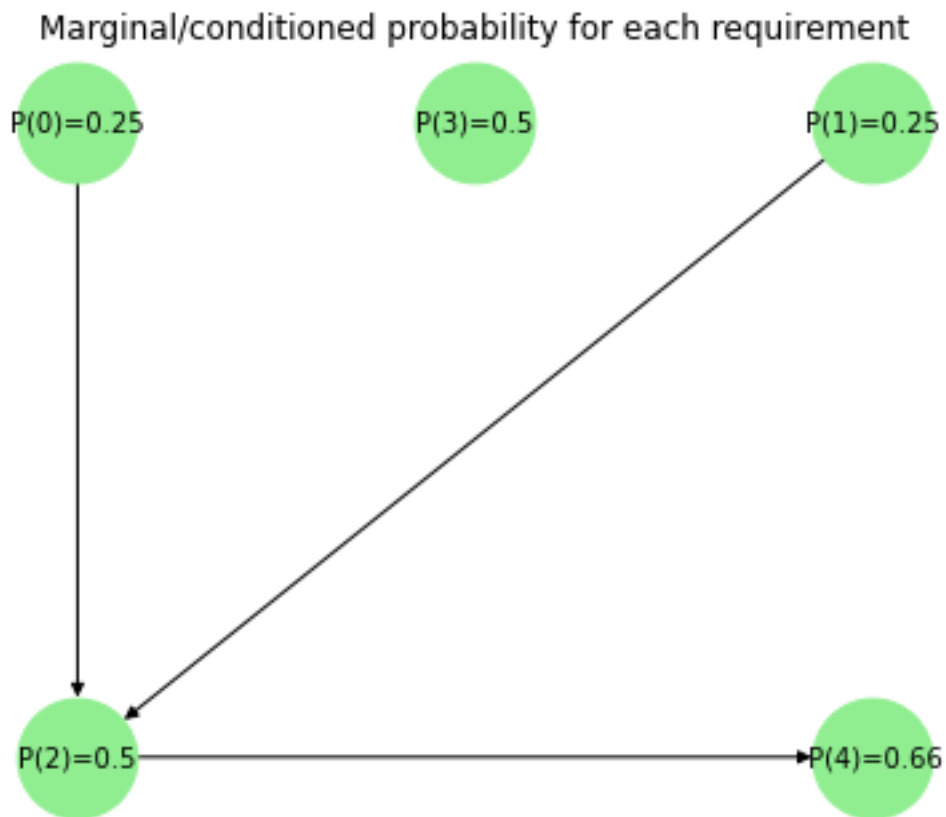
#### Sidenote about learning

we could have special cases in which a requirement is never selected. For instance, let us imagine this local NDS:

nds\_local =

```
[  
  [1 0 1 1 1]  
  
  [0 0 1 0 1]  
  
  [0 0 0 1 1]  
]
```

$P(1) = 0$ , so sampling of new individuals would not select requirement 1 anymore. In this case, we keep  $P(1)$  as its previous stored probability. Another possible alleviations to this cases could be learning  $P(1)$  from the global NDS, or using some smooth.



**c) Sampling** Each new individual is sampled given the Ancestral order:  $[3,0,1,2,4]$ , and using the following probabilities:

$P(3) = 0.5$

$P(0) = 0.25$

$P(1) = 0.25$

$P(2) = 1$  if requirement 0 or 1 is selected. 0.5 otherwise.

$P(4) = 1$  if requirement 2 is selected. 0.66 otherwise.

Let us assume that we sample 6 individuals with the following result:

new\_solutions =

```
[ [0 0 0 1 1]
  [0 0 1 1 1]
  [1 1 1 0 1]
  [0 0 1 1 1]
  [0 0 0 1 0]
  [0 0 0 0 1]
]
```

We evaluate the solutions to: - update the global NDS given the new\_solution population - set local NDS to the nds found in new\_solution population

Repeat Learning+Sampling until stop criterion.

### 0.3 3. Search of the best hyperparameters configuration for each algorithm.

#### 3.1 Best configuration for: FEDA

These are the different values used to set hyperparameters in FEDA, for each dataset:

population\_length: [ 100 200 500 700 1000]

max\_generations: [ 50 100 200 300 400]

max\_evaluations: [0]

selection\_scheme: ['nds']

In total, 25 configuration per dataset.

Counts of best configurations found in 17 datasets. Please notice that those with less than the maximum possible #iterations or #solutions\_per\_iteration have converged sooner, and they obtain the same HV with higher configurations, thus the least configuration possible is shown. In conclusion: 'best configuration' can be interpreted as 'minimum configuration to converge'.

	population_length	max_generations	max_evaluations	selection_scheme	\
0	1000	300	0	nds	
1	1000	50	0	nds	
2	1000	400	0	nds	
3	1000	200	0	nds	





2	1000	400	2	0.8
3	1000	100	2	0.8
4	1000	200	2	0.8
5	1000	400	2	0.8

	mutation_prob	mutation	replacement	datasets \
0	0.3	flip1bit	elitismnds	[a1, d1]
1	0.3	flip1bit	elitismnds	[a2, c4, d7]
2	0.3	flip1bit	elitismnds	[a3, a4, c3, d4, d5, d6]
3	0.3	flip1bit	elitismnds	[c1, p2]
4	0.3	flip1bit	elitismnds	[c2, d2, d3]
5	0.1	flip1bit	elitismnds	[p1]

		HV	wins
0		[0.8163, 0.7937]	2.0000
1		[0.8916, 0.724, 0.6546]	3.0000
2	[0.7022, 0.6978, 0.808, 0.6969, 0.7019, 0.6686]		6.0000
3		[0.8493, 0.685]	2.0000
4		[0.8285, 0.7663, 0.7074]	3.0000
5		[0.8837]	1.0000

Best hyperparameter configuration for GeneticNDS is:

```

population_length:1000
max_generations:400
selection_candidates:2
crossover_prob:0.8
mutation_prob:0.3
mutation:flip1bit
replacement:elitismnds

```

### 3.4 Best configuration for: UMDA

These are the different values used to set hyperparameters in UMDA, for each dataset:

```

population_length: [ 100  200  500  700 1000]
max_generations: [ 50 100 200 300 400]
selection_scheme: ['nds']
replacement_scheme: ['elitism']

```

In total, 25 configuration per dataset.

Counts of best configurations found in 17 datasets. Please notice that those with less than the maximum possible #iterations or #solutions\_per\_iteration have converged sooner, and they obtain the same HV with higher configurations, thus the least configuration possible is shown. In conclusion: 'best configuration' can be interpreted as 'minimum configuration to converge'.

	population_length	max_generations	selection_scheme	replacement_scheme \
0	1000	50	nds	elitism

1	1000	400	nds	elitism
2	1000	300	nds	elitism
3	1000	200	nds	elitism
4	1000	100	nds	elitism

	datasets	HV \
0	[a1, a3, c3, c4, d3, p1]	[0.8639, 0.8031, 0.8779, 0.8204, 0.7945, 0.8783]
1	[a2, d2, d7]	[0.9303, 0.831, 0.7516]
2	[a4, c1, d1]	[0.7942, 0.8819, 0.865]
3	[c2, d4]	[0.8631, 0.802]
4	[d5, d6, p2]	[0.7844, 0.7648, 0.7713]

	wins
0	6.0000
1	3.0000
2	3.0000
3	2.0000
4	3.0000

Best hyperparameter configuration for UMDA is:

```
population_length:1000
max_generations:50
selection_scheme:nds
replacement_scheme:elitism
```

### 3.5 Best configuration for: PBIL

These are the different values used to set hyperparameters in PBIL, for each dataset:

```
population_length: [ 100  200  500  700 1000]
max_generations: [ 50 100 200 300 400]
max_evaluations: [0]
learning_rate: [0.1]
mutation_prob: [0.1]
mutation_shift: [0.1]
```

In total, 25 configuration per dataset.

Counts of best configurations found in 17 datasets. Please notice that those with less than the maximum possible #iterations or #solutions\_per\_iteration have converged sooner, and they obtain the same HV with higher configurations, thus the least configuration possible is shown. In conclusion: 'best configuration' can be interpreted as 'minimum configuration to converge'.

	population_length	max_generations	max_evaluations	learning_rate \
0	1000.0000	400.0000	0.0000	0.1000
1	700.0000	400.0000	0.0000	0.1000
2	200.0000	300.0000	0.0000	0.1000

	mutation_prob	mutation_shift	\
0	0.1000	0.1000	
1	0.1000	0.1000	
2	0.1000	0.1000	

	datasets	\
0	[a1, c1, c2, c3, c4, d1, d2, d3, d4, d5, d6, d...	
1	[a2, a3, a4]	
2	[p1]	

	HV	wins
0	[0.8968, 0.903, 0.9421, 0.7414, 0.7336, 0.9033...	13.0000
1	[0.9736, 0.6568, 0.6583]	3.0000
2	[0.8948]	1.0000

Best hyperparameter configuration for PBIL is:

```

population_length:1000.0000
max_generations:400.0000
max_evaluations:0.0000
learning_rate:0.1000
mutation_prob:0.1000
mutation_shift:0.1000

```

### 3.6 Best configuracion for: MIMIC ---> pendiente de terminar los experimentos.

These are the different values used to set hyperparameters in MIMIC, for each dataset:

```

population_length: [ 100 200 500 700 1000]
max_generations: [ 50 100 200 300 400]
max_evaluations: [0]
selection_scheme: ['nds']
selected_individuals: [ 50 100]
In total, 50 configuration per dataset.

```

Counts of best configurations found in 23 datasets. Please notice that those with less than the maximum possible #iterations or #solutions\_per\_iteration have converged sooner, and they obtain the same HV with higher configurations, thus the least configuration possible is shown. In conclusion: 'best configuration' can be interpreted as 'minimum configuration to converge'.

	population_length	max_generations	max_evaluations	selection_scheme	\
0	1000	200	0	nds	
1	1000	300	0	nds	
2	1000	400	0	nds	
3	1000	100	0	nds	
4	1000	200	0	nds	
5	1000	50	0	nds	

	selected_individuals	datasets \
0	50	[a1, e2, e5, e6]
1	50	[a2, c1, d3, d4]
2	50	[a3, a4, c2, c3, c4, d1, d2, d5, d6, d7, p2]
3	50	[e1, e4]
4	100	[e3]
5	50	[p1]

	HV	wins
0	[0.9106, 0.8031, 0.7809, 0.7826]	4.0000
1	[0.9701, 0.9313, 0.8293, 0.8286]	4.0000
2	[0.8458, 0.8355, 0.9412, 0.9203, 0.8679, 0.912...	11.0000
3	[0.7979, 0.8093]	2.0000
4	[0.7831]	1.0000
5	[0.9134]	1.0000

Best hyperparameter configuration for MIMIC is:

```
population_length:1000
max_generations:400
max_evaluations:0
selection_scheme:nds
selected_individuals:50
```

All algorithms find their best results when using a Population Size = 1000, the maximum value among the 5 given for this hyperparameter.

Respect to the number of generations, all algorithms but UMDA are slow to converge, needing the maximum (400) almost the maximum (300 in FEDA) value among the possible values. UMDA seems to converge really soon, since in 6 out of 17 datasets it finds its best results with just 50 generations, in both agile and classic projects.

#### 0.4 4. Pareto plots for each dataset, setting each algorithm with its best configuration found (wins among all datasets).

Given the most frequently best configuration (over all datasets), we plot the pareto for each dataset given that configuration. That is, the configuration for a given algorithm is the same across all datasets, concretely the one which performed the best more times (more wins).

We show a plot for each dataset. In each plot, for each algorithm, we show the pareto front found in all the executions (commonly 30). Since the solutions subset size is commonly 10, thus for each algorithm we plot 300 points. Since each algorithm has 30 paretos, please note that such paretos are not non-dominated among them, which can be seen in the shapes they create.

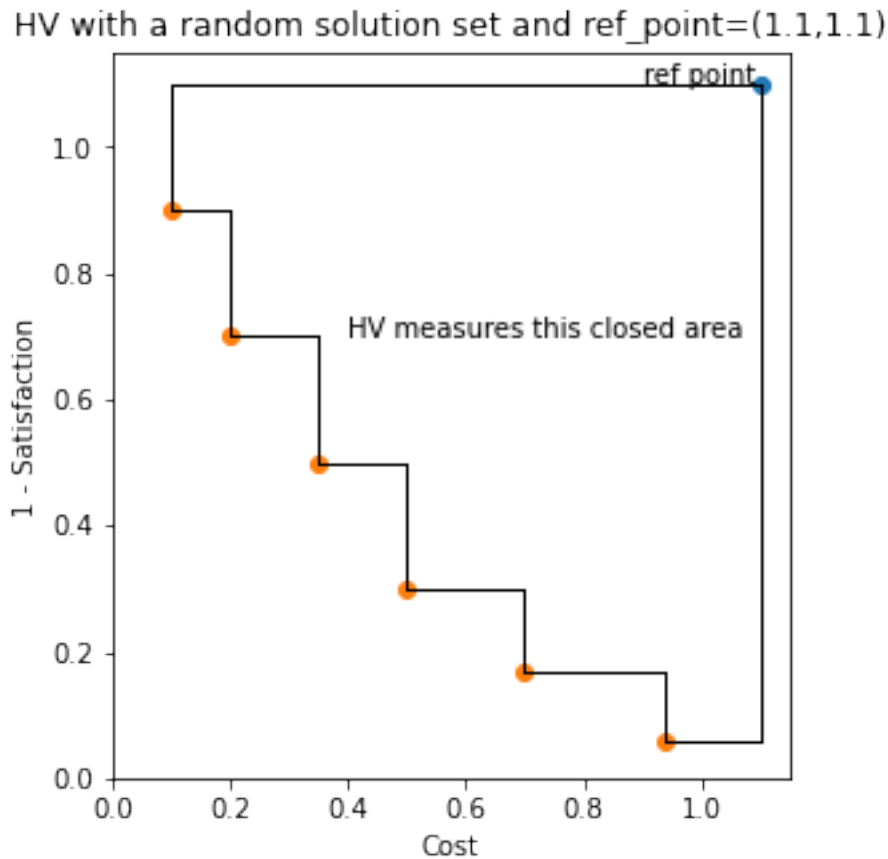
**4.1 Metrics** We show the average results over 30 executions for each algorithm. Each execution produces a NDS, from which we keep the subset of 10 solutions which maximize HV, as suggested in 'Difficulties in Fair Performance Comparison of Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithms'. Such a subset is constructed by following an incremental forward greedy search.

Metrics shown are: 4 Quality Indicators (HV, gd+, UNFR, spread), time and cardinality of the

global NDS found by the algorithm during execution.

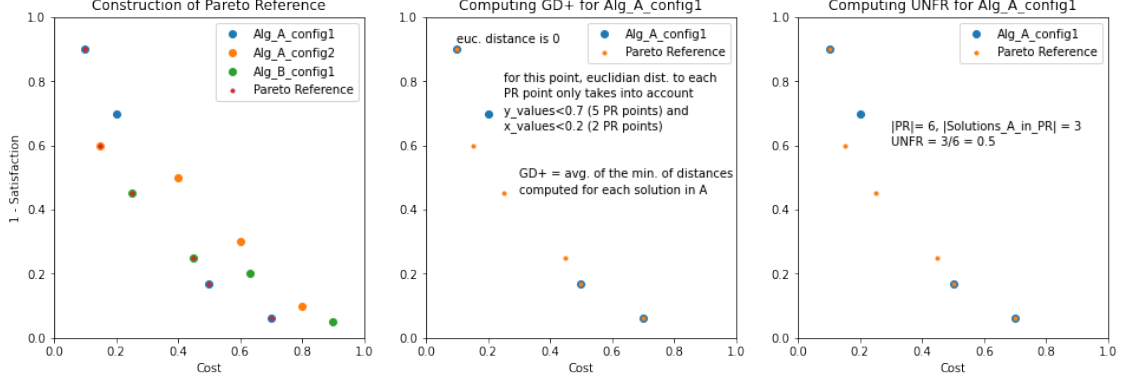
- HV (Hypervolume): this is the most widely used metric to assess pareto solutions for multi-objective problems and, concretely, in SBSE. It summarizes the four aspects of a solution set (convergence, spread, uniformity and cardinality); that is, this metric can be used as a compliance metric representing how good a Pareto front is. HV tends to be greater as knee points in the pareto are neareer the optimal point (0,0), thus it is preferable when Decision Makers prefer balanced solutions. In order to compute it, a reference point is needed, and this should be the same for all algorithms under comparison. Following the results and suggestions in ("How to evaluate solutions in pareto-based search-bases software engin."), we set the following reference point in our bi-objective problem:  $ref_x = nadir_x + range_x/10$   $ref_y = nadir_y + range_y/10$  The nadir point is the worst point found by algorithms during search. Since we normalize both cost and satisfaction, our worst point is 1 for both metrics (satisfaction is plotted as  $1 - satisfaction$ ). Range is the difference between the best and worst point found. Best point is 0, so clearly the value of the reference point for both goals is  $1 + (1 - 0)/10 = 1.1$ . HV is pareto compliance, so  $HV_a > HV_b$  means that, visually, the pareto front of algorithm  $a$  dominates algorithm  $b$ . A great advantage of HV is that it does not need an ideal Pareto Reference, so its computation and fair comparison with other algorithm only needs a shared reference point which, thanks to goals normalization, is known a priori.

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- **GD+:** General Distance (GD) covers the convergence aspect of the quality of solution set, measuring the Euclidian distance of such solution set to the ideal Pareto Reference. For each solution, its GD is the minimum of the distances to each point in the PF. In order to become GD compliant with Pareto dominance, GD+ enhances GD by measuring distances between points using only the goal coordinates which are superior in the Pareto Reference than those from the solutions set being measured. This metric is to be minimized, and a key point is the computation of the Pareto Reference, which needs to be done after execution of search algorithms. In our experiments, Pareto Reference is constructed by finding the Non Dominated Solutions set among all solutions sets found by all algorithm, under all hyperparameters configurations explained in Section 2.
- **UNFR:** Unique Non Dominated Front Ratio. It measures the ratio of solution points in the PR which belong to the solution set of the evaluated algorithm. That is, it measures the contribution (from 0 to 1) of an algorithm to the PR. Of course, a point in the PR might be present in the solution sets of several algorithms. In our case, since the PR is constructed from such a large number of algorithms and configuration combinations, it presents a high cardinality of solutions. Furthermore, since each algorithm is evaluated using only using a selected subset of 10 points from its solution set, the UNFR value for each algorithm tends to be quite low, and the maximum possible is never 1, since the PR contains further more than 10 points. Anyway, greater UNFR values is desirable.

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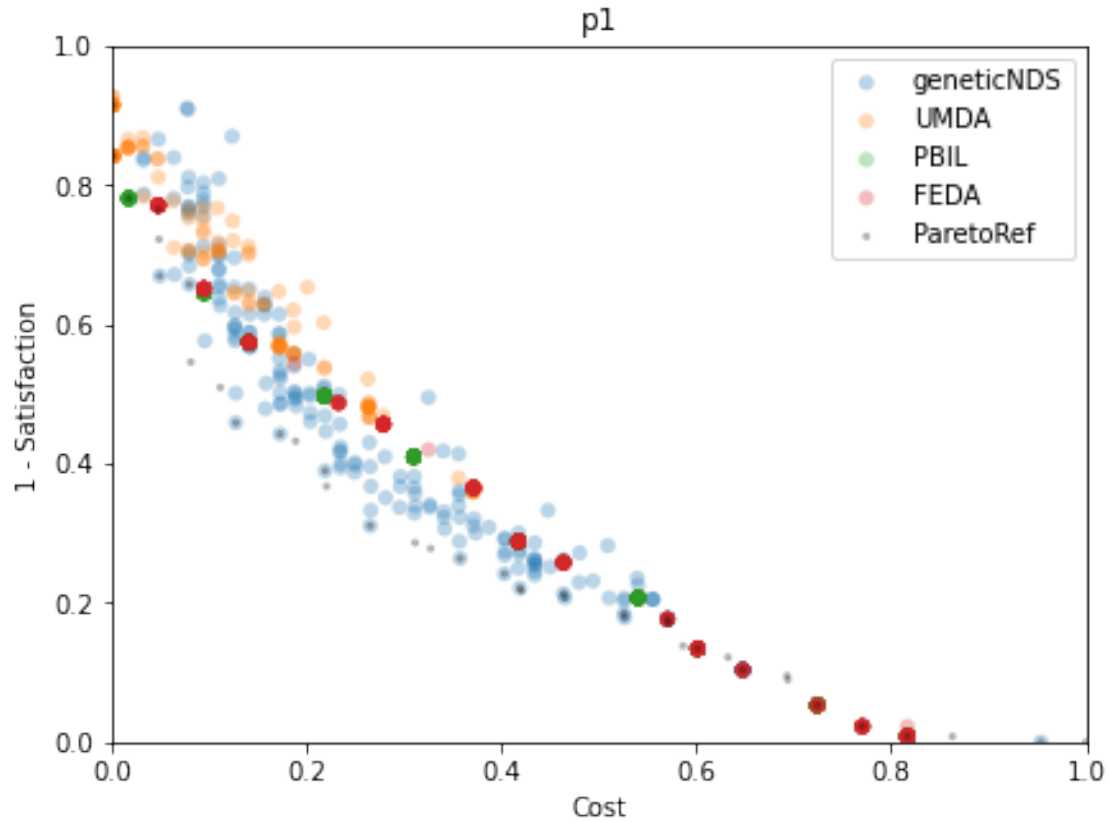
**4.2 Results** Here we show one plot per dataset, containing the result of all algorithms with their best configuration. As mentioned before, each algorithm is run 30 times; after each execution, we keep a subset of the NDS constructed. This subset contains the 10 solutions from NDS which maximize HV in a forward greedy search over the NDS. Thus, for each algorithm, we plot  $10 \times 30 = 300$  points. This way, it is easy to identify the common Pareto shape relative to the algorithm. After each plot, all metrics are tabbed to show the average over the 30 executions in the dataset.

It is worth to mention that half of the execution time in algorithms is due to updating NDS after each iteration. Thus, although after each execution we select a subset of 10 solutions in the final

NDS, more time consuming algorithms are usually those which tend to develop a NDS with higher cardinality during their search.

Pareto Reference has 40 points

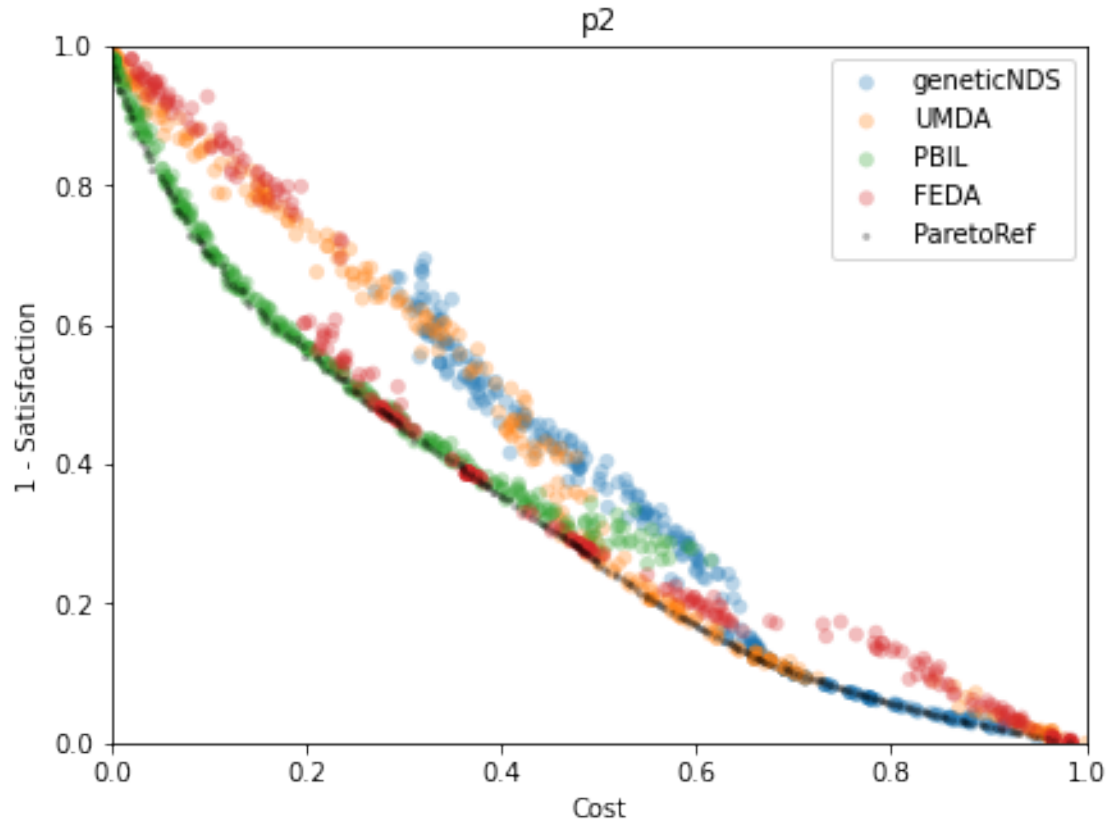
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/40=0.2500$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8793	0.1142	0.0277	0.6453	800.8662	47.0667
1	UMDA	0.8783	0.0967	0.0374	0.6236	84.4473	34.8667
2	PBIL	0.8948	0.1000	0.0316	0.6038	452.2194	42.8333
3	FEDA	0.8787	0.0733	0.0373	0.6795	554.5325	31.9667

Pareto Reference has 283 points

Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/283=0.0353$

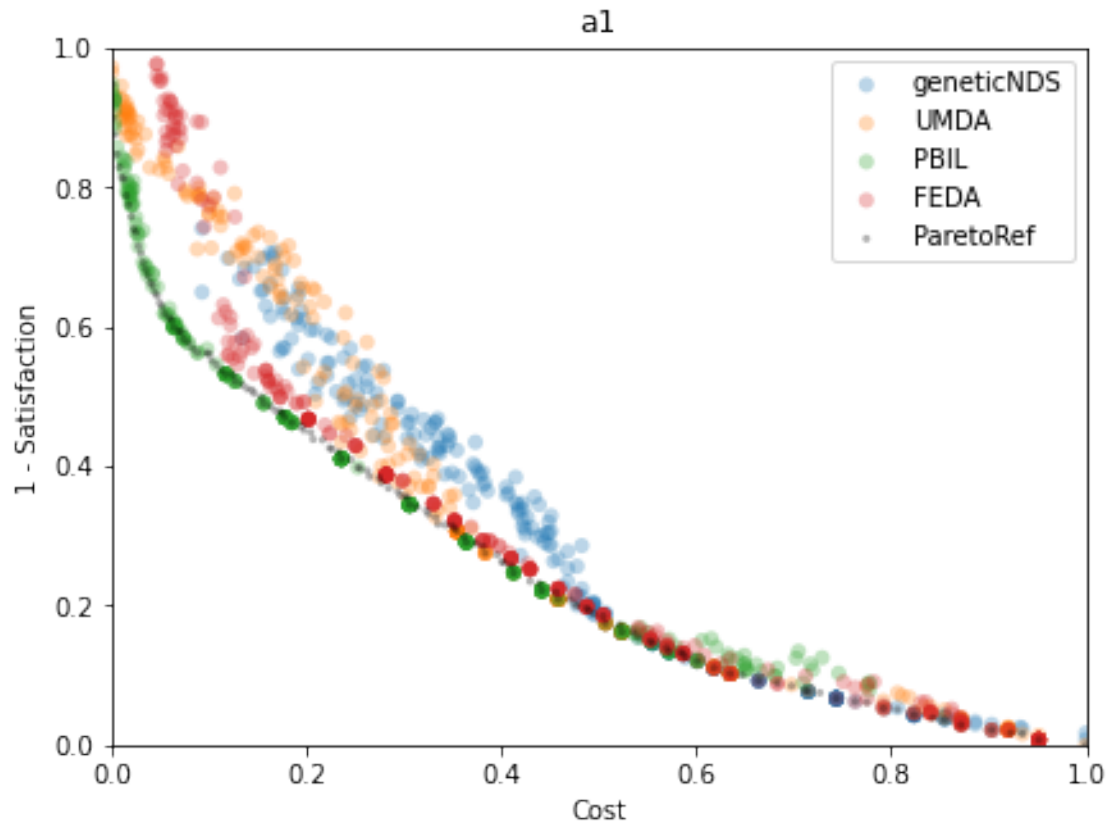


	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.6844	0.0068	0.0561	0.6608	2213.7621	114.0000
1	UMDA	0.7712	0.0033	0.0458	0.5759	335.5445	151.1667
2	PBIL	0.7390	0.0045	0.0113	0.5571	1024.6246	107.2667
3	FEDA	0.7886	0.0025	0.0299	0.6018	3037.3493	217.2667

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Pareto Reference has 142 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/142=0.0704$

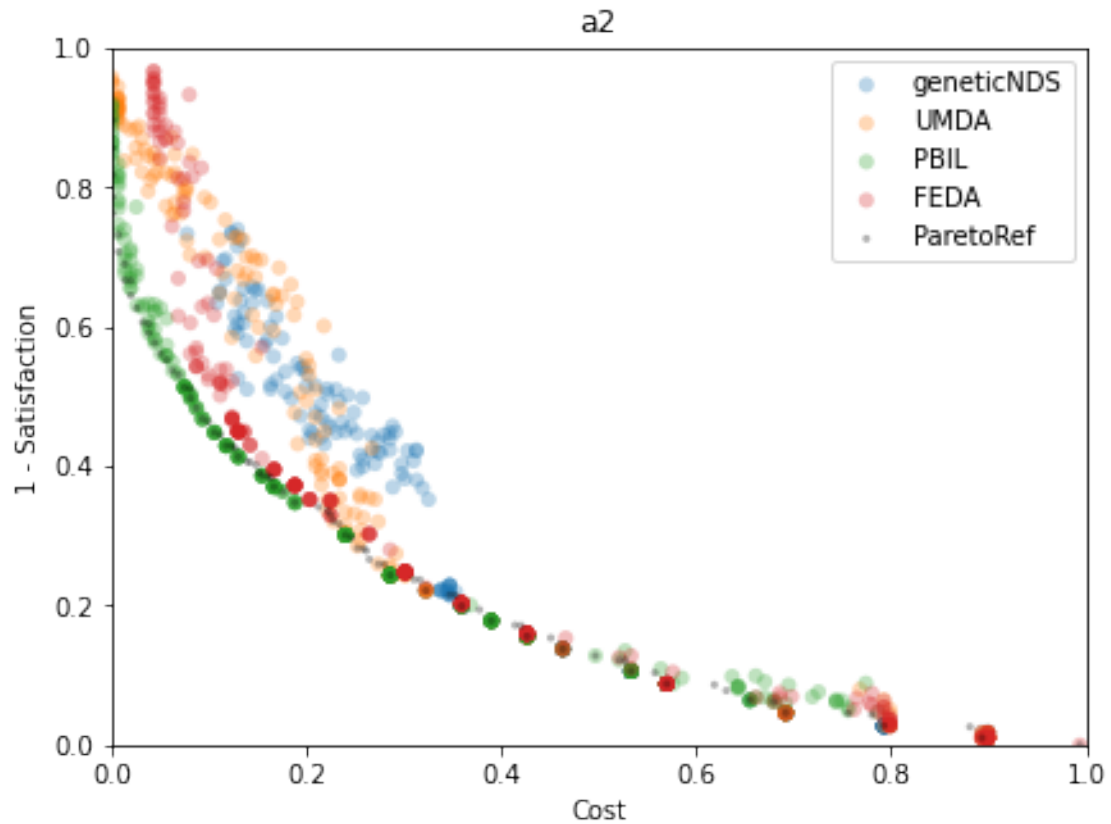




	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8150	0.0279	0.0369	0.6649	1193.1049	64.5667
1	UMDA	0.8639	0.0279	0.0299	0.5756	174.7565	67.0000
2	PBIL	0.8968	0.0491	0.0031	0.6078	698.1781	110.7667
3	FEDA	0.8728	0.0120	0.0179	0.5812	1427.4162	94.9333

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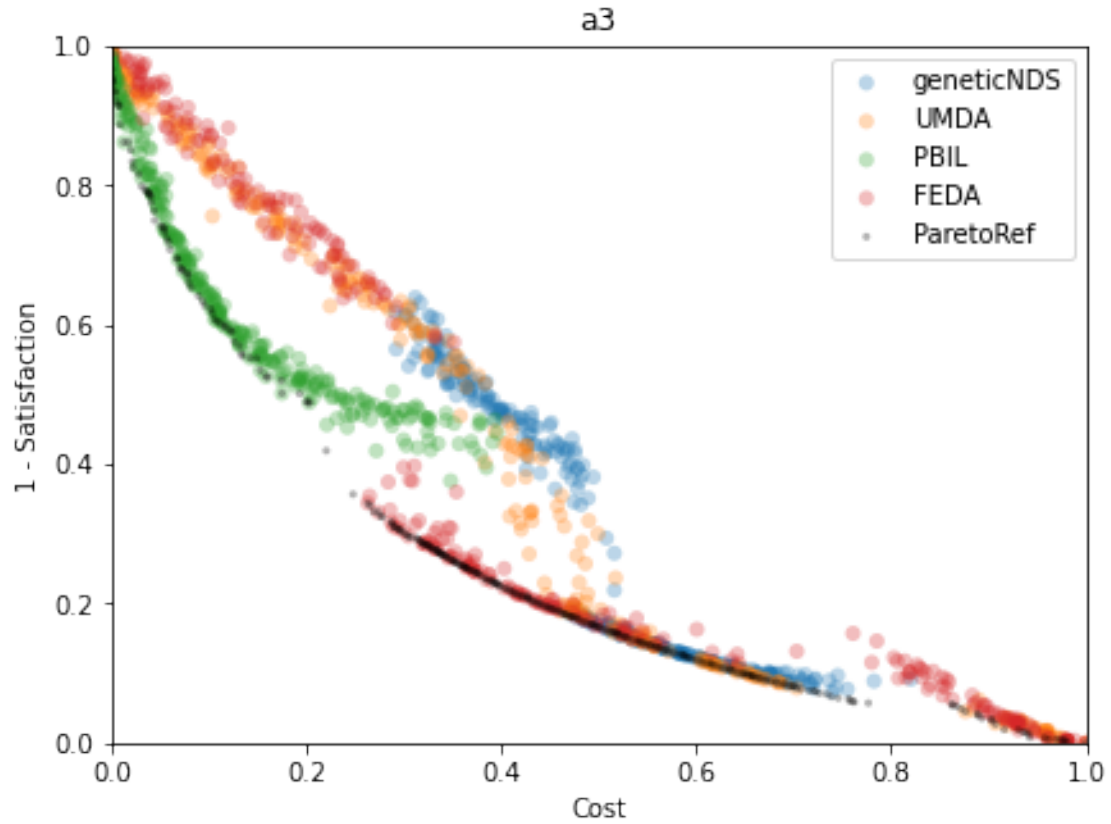
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Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/86=0.1163$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8877	0.0717	0.0338	0.6420	806.1419	50.5000
1	UMDA	0.9290	0.0488	0.0296	0.5923	136.8646	47.1667
2	PBIL	0.9736	0.0795	0.0029	0.6097	548.6406	73.6000
3	FEDA	0.9435	0.0143	0.0187	0.6313	662.6650	50.9667

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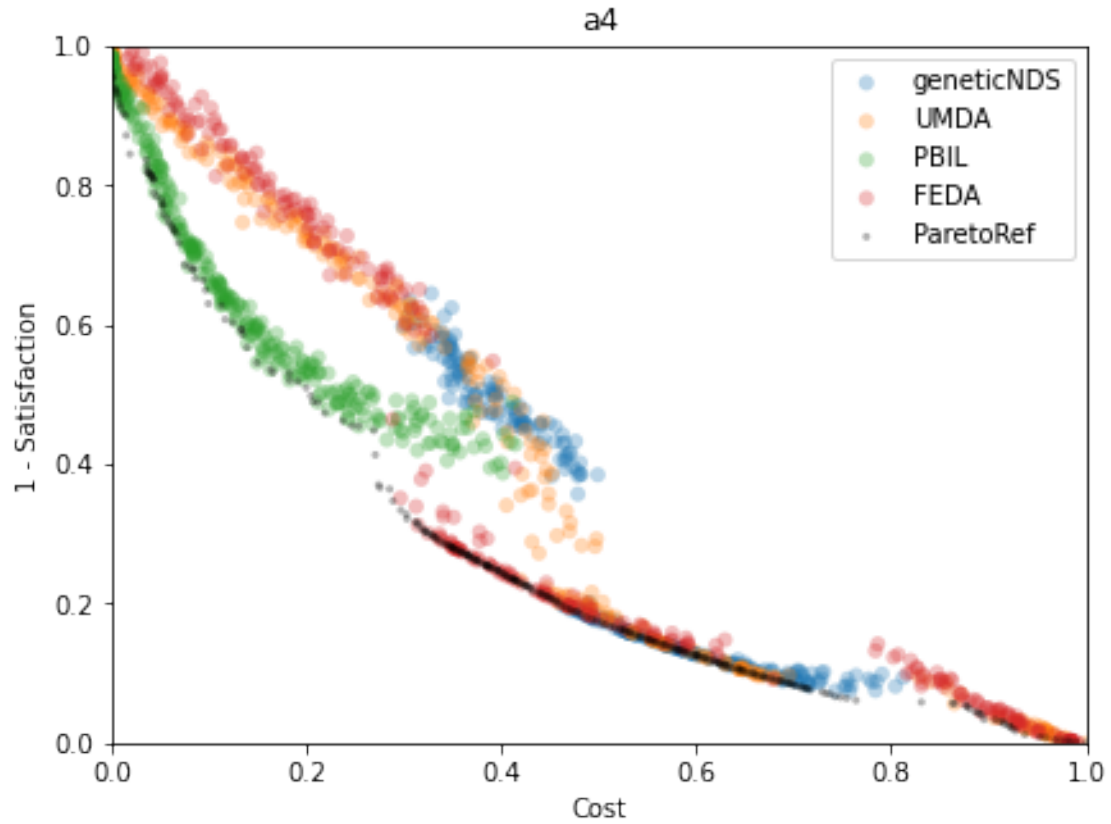
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Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/306=0.0327$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7022	0.0020	0.0805	0.7520	1504.1177	86.9333
1	UMDA	0.8031	0.0032	0.0663	0.5809	344.3830	126.4667
2	PBIL	0.6558	0.0022	0.0275	0.5703	828.3615	62.8667
3	FEDA	0.8238	0.0041	0.0454	0.5921	2268.7561	153.9000

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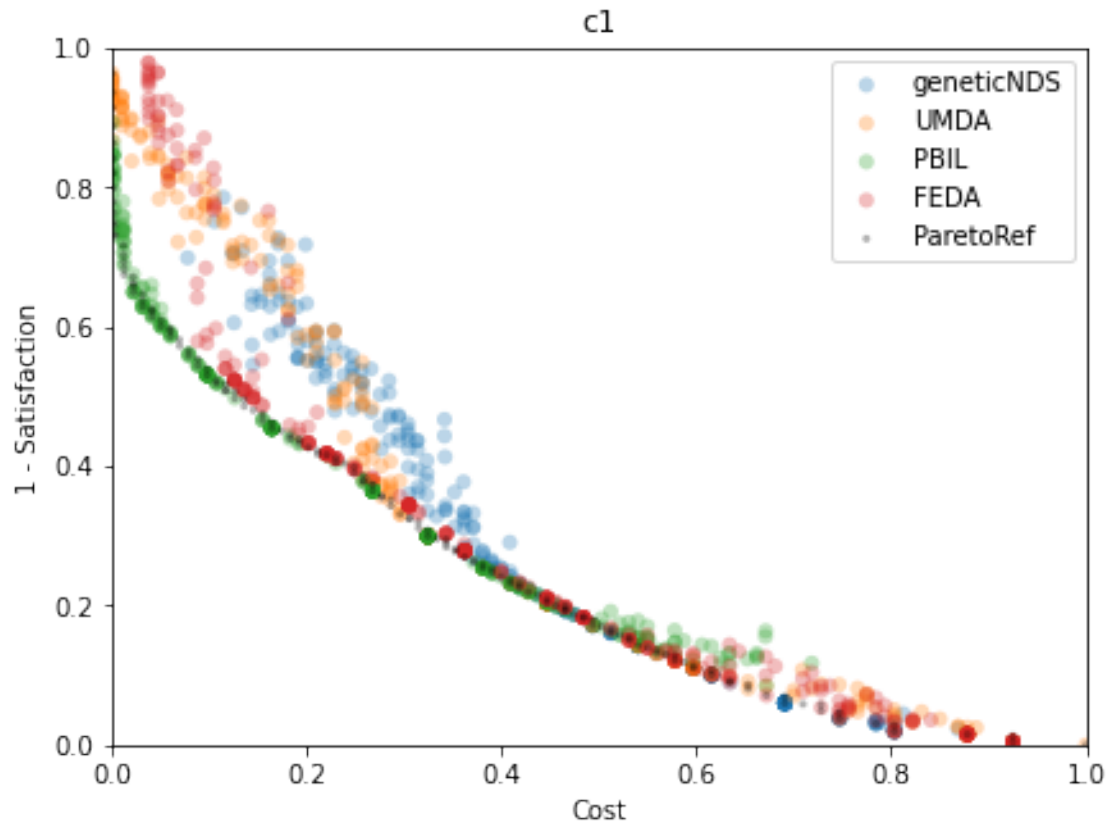
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Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/305=0.0328$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.6978	0.0049	0.0637	0.7291	1761.2607	99.8333
1	UMDA	0.7923	0.0023	0.0636	0.5875	375.8887	143.3667
2	PBIL	0.6576	0.0013	0.0237	0.5685	874.9545	64.6333
3	FEDA	0.8022	0.0035	0.0493	0.6169	2775.3945	170.3000

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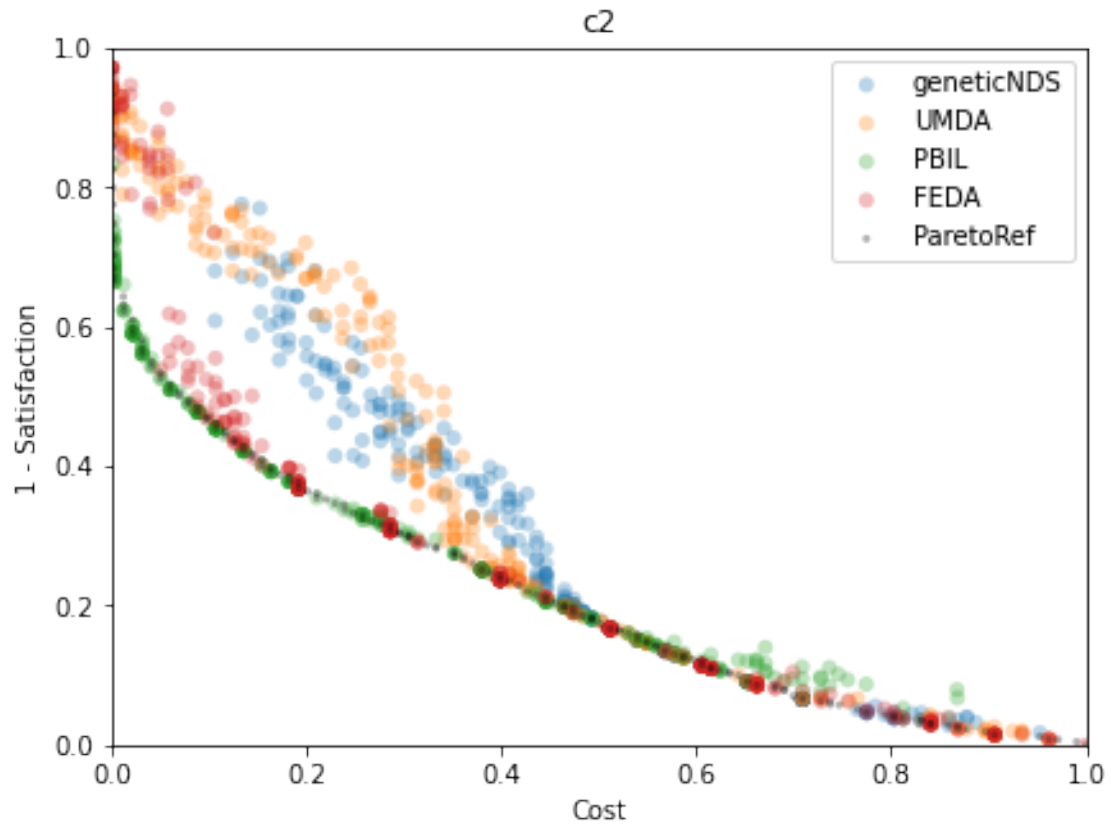
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Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/155=0.0645$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8468	0.0318	0.0338	0.6418	1369.9759	86.2667
1	UMDA	0.8817	0.0273	0.0301	0.6068	223.7486	79.3000
2	PBIL	0.9030	0.0443	0.0037	0.6150	743.3746	105.7333
3	FEDA	0.8967	0.0157	0.0170	0.6054	1202.8190	90.1667

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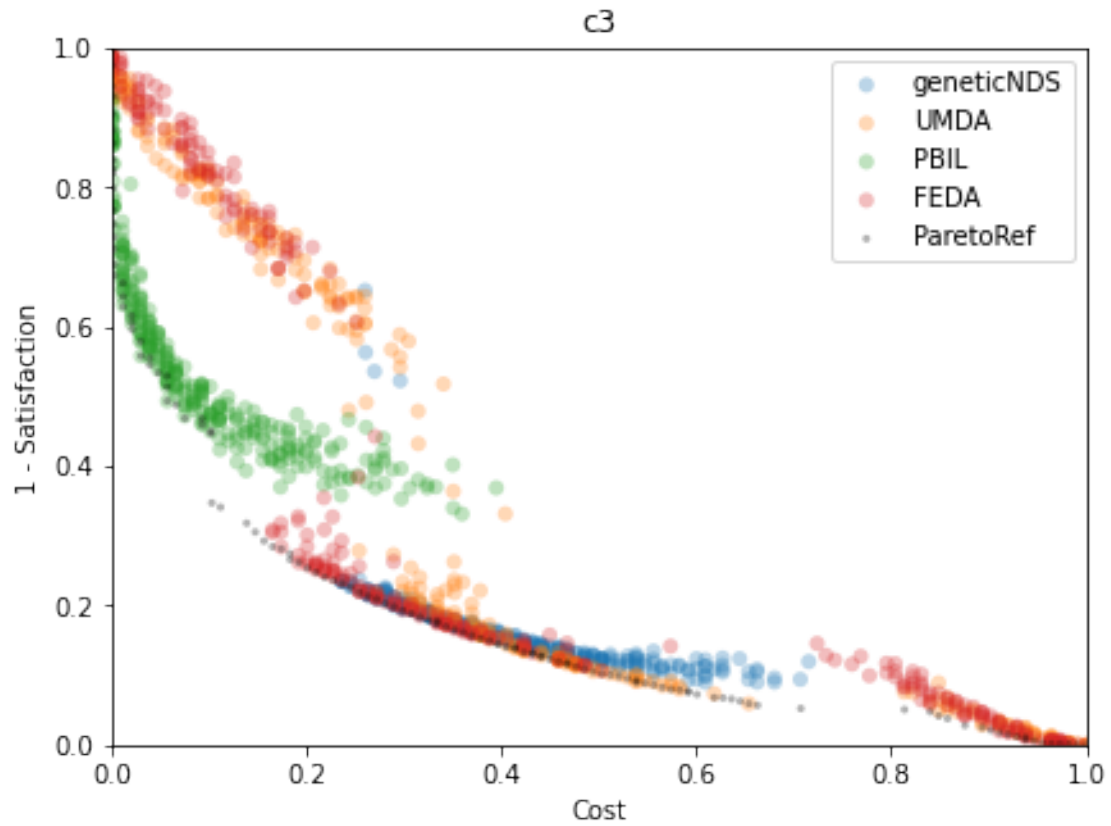
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	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8252	0.0249	0.0509	0.6707	1099.2675	81.3000
1	UMDA	0.8584	0.0198	0.0505	0.5627	185.9247	69.6333
2	PBIL	0.9421	0.0465	0.0030	0.6031	716.0132	103.4667
3	FEDA	0.9320	0.0383	0.0072	0.5564	1342.6053	98.3000

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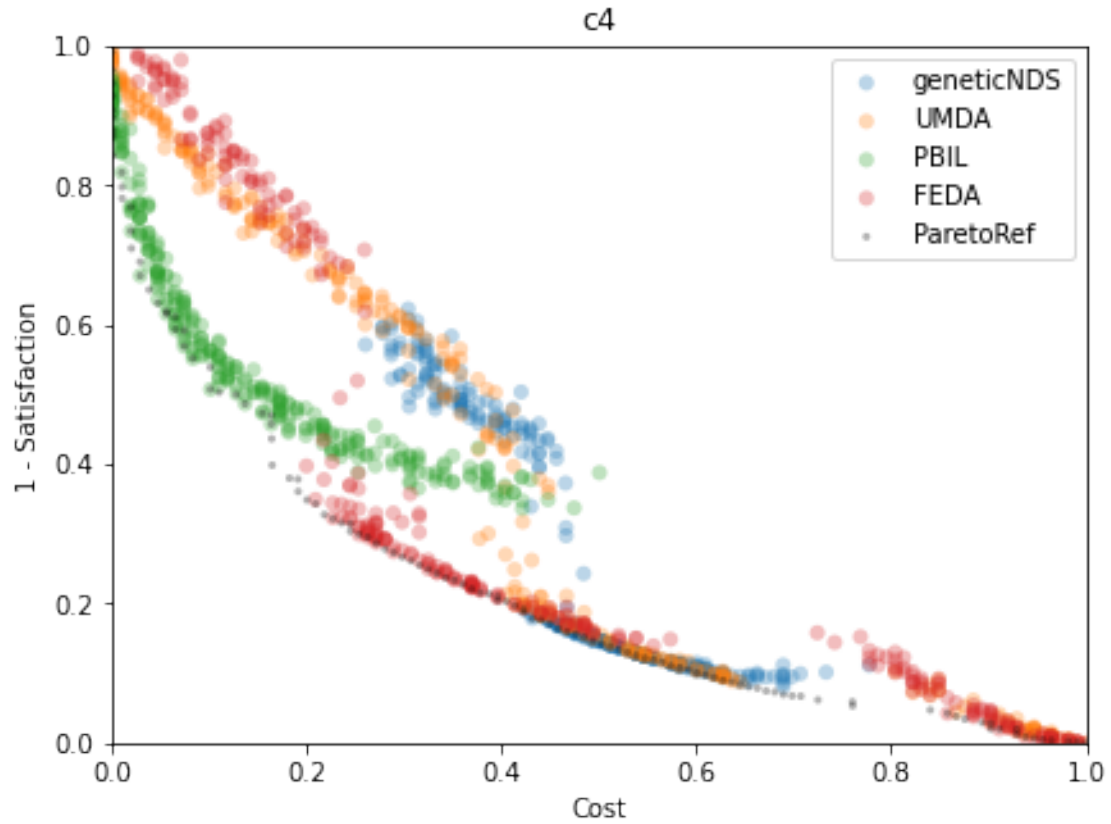
Pareto Reference has 126 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/126=0.0794$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.8080	0.0016	0.0173	0.7739	874.2606	38.1333
1	UMDA	0.8779	0.0037	0.0608	0.5699	197.7094	65.7333
2	PBIL	0.7414	0.0042	0.0391	0.6520	531.1763	36.9000
3	FEDA	0.9061	0.0050	0.0403	0.6381	1115.9604	57.4333

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Pareto Reference has 120 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/120=0.0833$

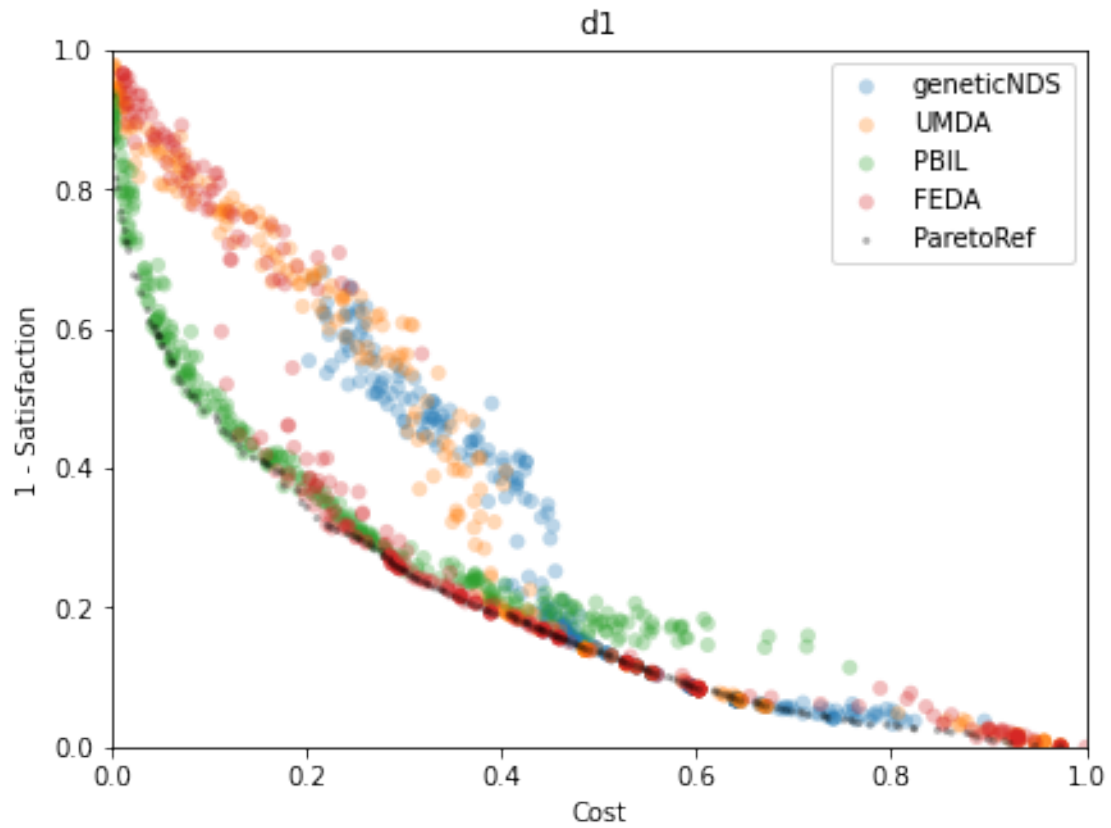


	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7231	0.0025	0.0771	0.7743	820.1618	32.4667
1	UMDA	0.8204	0.0014	0.0751	0.5832	204.6724	61.0000
2	PBIL	0.7336	0.0047	0.0408	0.6020	656.5295	48.4333
3	FEDA	0.8497	0.0058	0.0474	0.6148	1172.4405	59.4667

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Pareto Reference has 204 points  
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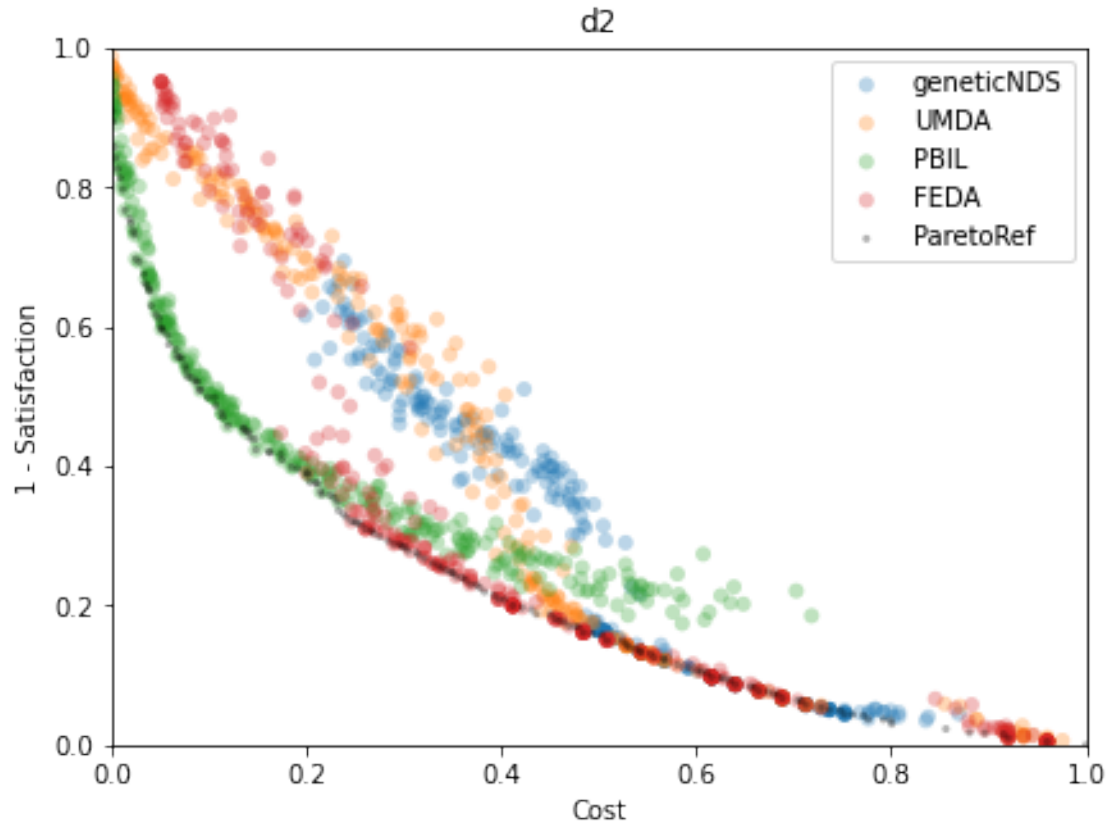




	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7906	0.0132	0.0697	0.7176	1346.1592	74.6667
1	UMDA	0.8612	0.0101	0.0665	0.5579	239.4590	90.2667
2	PBIL	0.9033	0.0026	0.0201	0.6027	662.4540	72.0667
3	FEDA	0.9060	0.0132	0.0270	0.6000	1907.2975	121.5333

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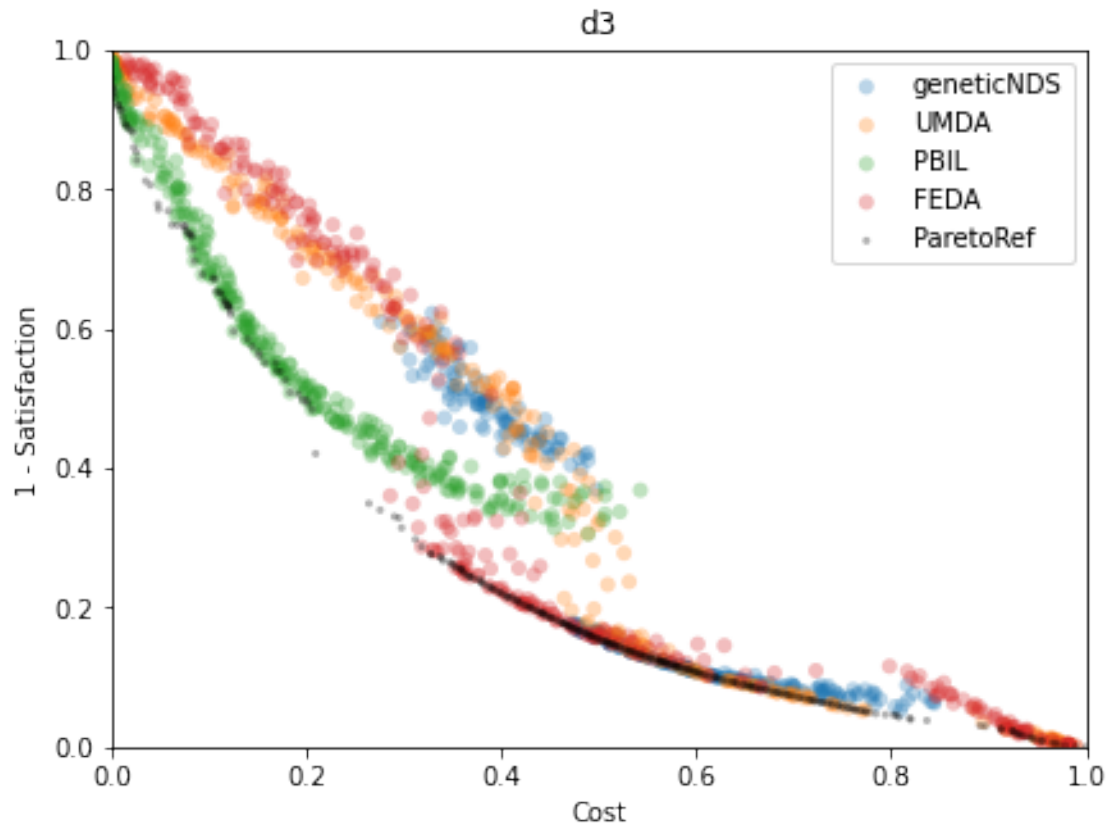
Pareto Reference has 167 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/167=0.0599$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7608	0.0220	0.0757	0.7147	939.1621	65.0000
1	UMDA	0.8304	0.0140	0.0732	0.5560	209.9717	71.2333
2	PBIL	0.8559	0.0044	0.0268	0.5932	671.5176	70.5667
3	FEDA	0.8702	0.0234	0.0337	0.6145	1414.7278	86.5000

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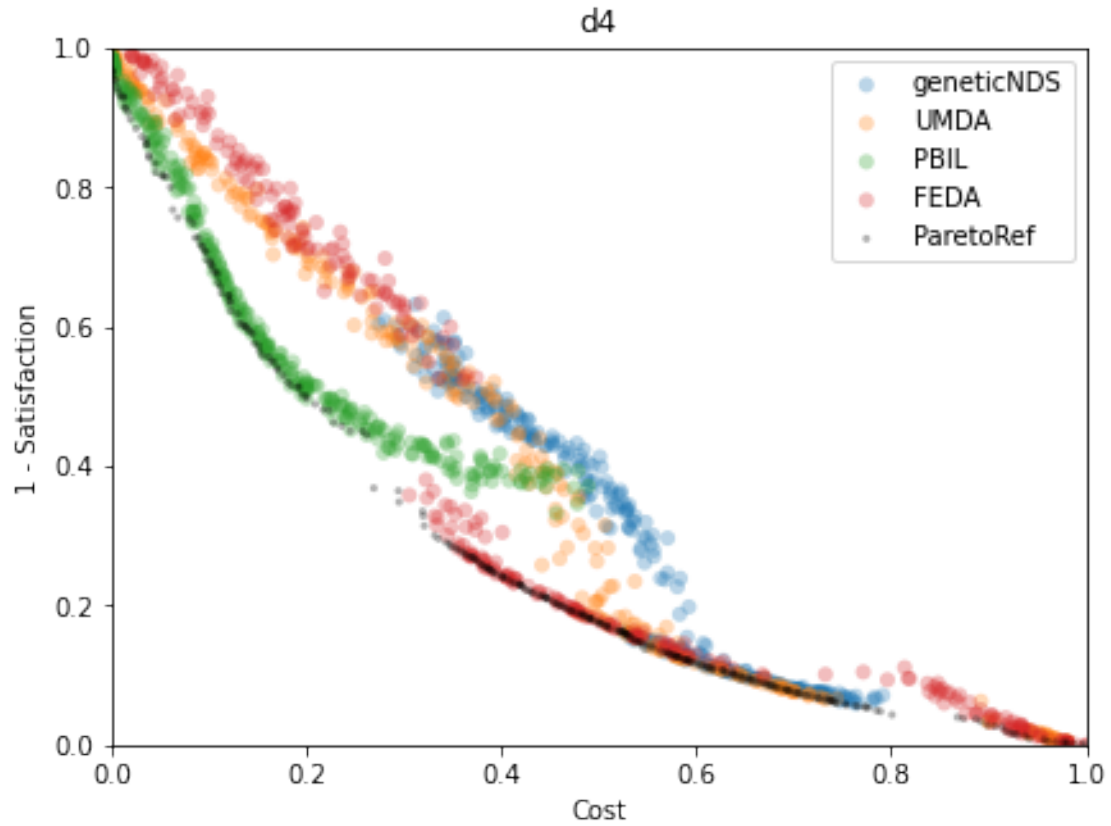
Pareto Reference has 304 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/304=0.0329$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7073	0.0065	0.0629	0.7581	1813.7526	86.8000
1	UMDA	0.7945	0.0035	0.0717	0.5627	338.0281	123.7667
2	PBIL	0.7197	0.0021	0.0388	0.5822	979.6848	71.1667
3	FEDA	0.8098	0.0041	0.0514	0.5935	2108.9927	141.5000

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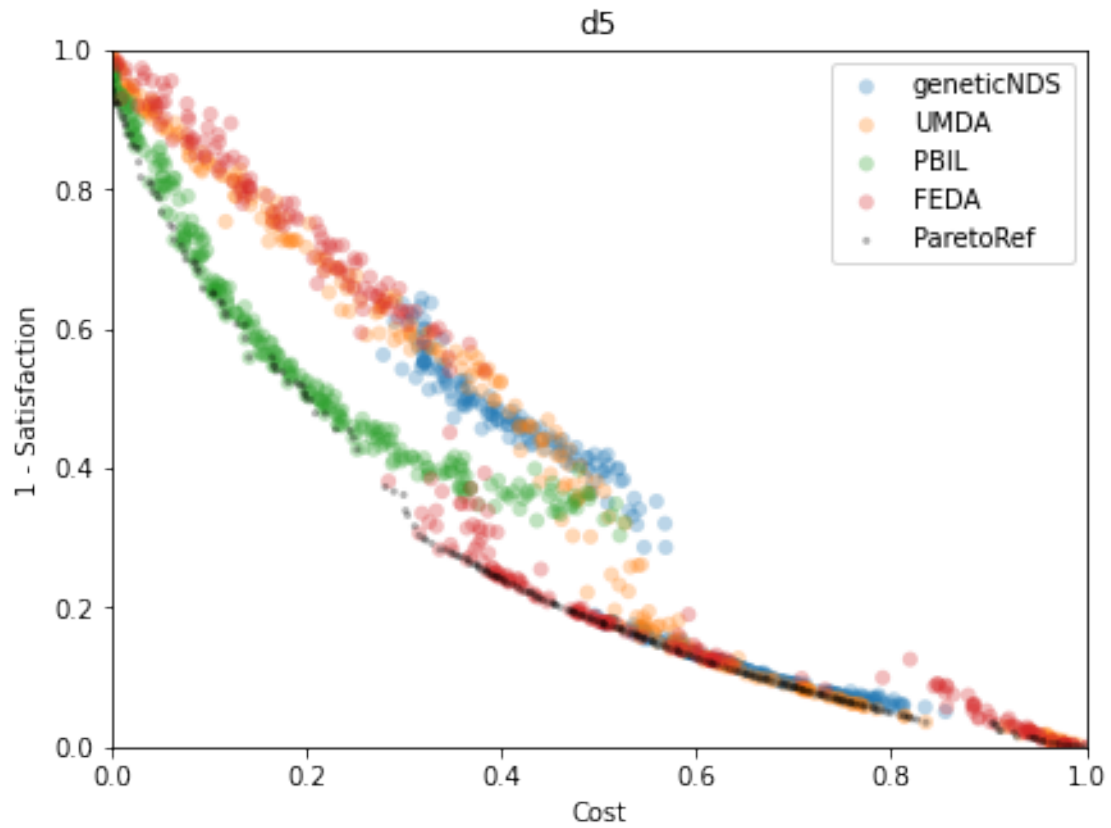
Pareto Reference has 294 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/294=0.0340$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.6969	0.0022	0.0820	0.7401	1775.7885	89.2667
1	UMDA	0.8006	0.0045	0.0558	0.5709	397.6439	147.8667
2	PBIL	0.6934	0.0015	0.0263	0.5751	1184.9404	79.5667
3	FEDA	0.8080	0.0027	0.0461	0.5963	3208.9304	200.3000

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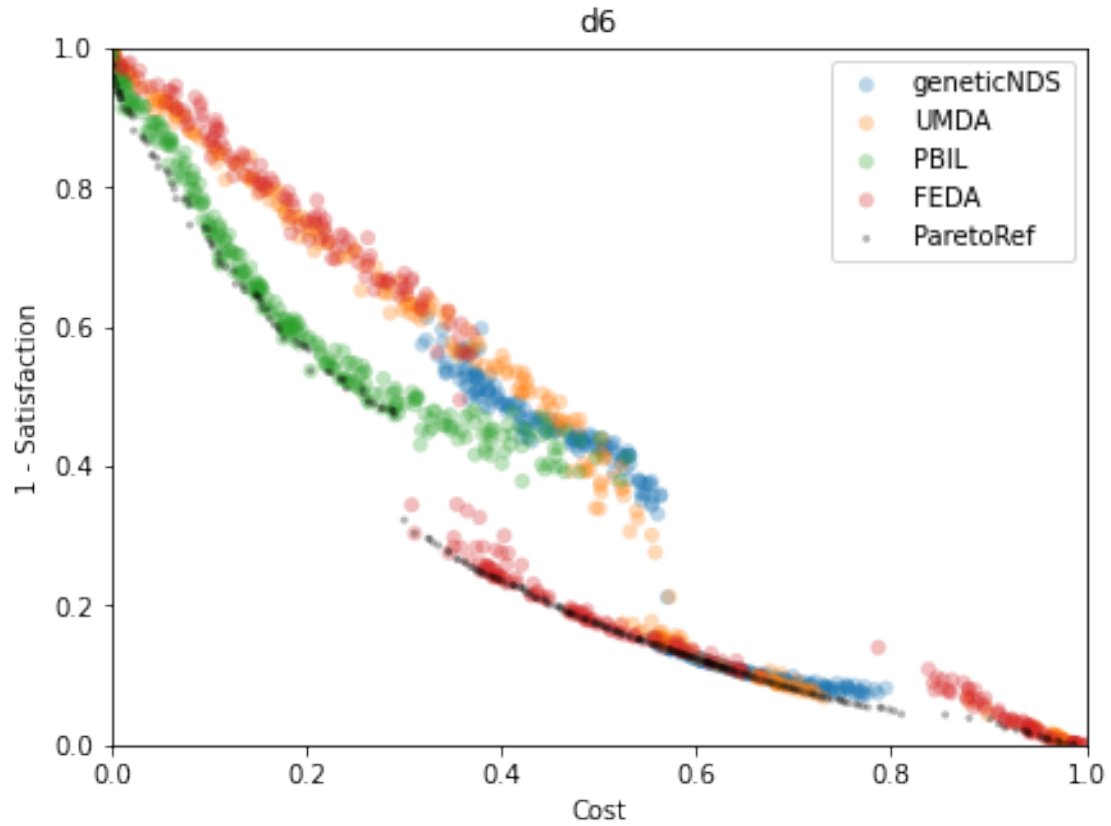
Pareto Reference has 263 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/263=0.0380$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.7019	0.0004	0.0721	0.7259	1916.8350	94.4667
1	UMDA	0.7842	0.0035	0.0667	0.5800	328.0819	122.6667
2	PBIL	0.7197	0.0028	0.0307	0.5789	885.8085	67.7000
3	FEDA	0.8090	0.0038	0.0487	0.5953	2356.9579	149.2667

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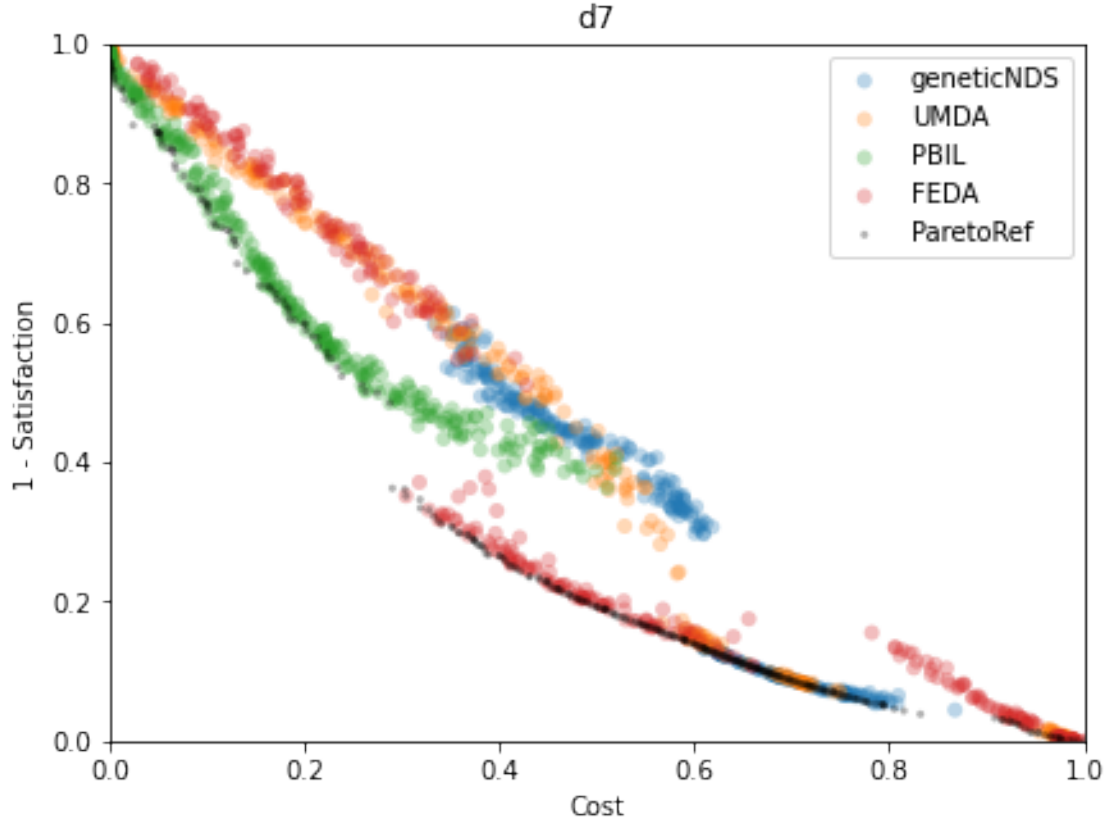
Pareto Reference has 277 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/277=0.0361$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.6686	0.0030	0.0786	0.7611	1568.3957	78.3333
1	UMDA	0.7632	0.0014	0.0690	0.5703	359.8537	124.0667
2	PBIL	0.6441	0.0029	0.0327	0.5626	1200.1904	70.9667
3	FEDA	0.7980	0.0026	0.0429	0.6004	2437.1066	166.1000

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Pareto Reference has 324 points  
Maximum UNFR possible is  $10/324=0.0309$



	Method	HV	UNFR	gd+	spread	time(s)	NDS
0	geneticNDS	0.6545	0.0063	0.0896	0.7401	2144.0206	104.4333
1	UMDA	0.7503	0.0012	0.0657	0.5694	369.0416	148.0333
2	PBIL	0.6451	0.0024	0.0322	0.5723	1221.0485	80.3000
3	FEDA	0.7791	0.0019	0.0431	0.6063	3178.8110	192.3667

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Wins Counts:

{'geneticNDS': 0, 'UMDA': 0, 'PBIL': 5, 'FEDA': 12}

Wins in datasets:

{'geneticNDS': [], 'UMDA': [], 'PBIL': ['p1', 'a1', 'a2', 'c1', 'c2'], 'FEDA': ['p2', 'a3', 'a4', 'c3', 'c4', 'd1', 'd2', 'd3', 'd4', 'd5', 'd6', 'd7']}

Given the results, we see that PBIL behaves really well in datasets with not a large number of requirements (aX and cX datasets). In the case of dX datasets, with hundreds of requirements, FEDA obtains greater Hypervolumes than PBIL and the rest of algorithms. In some cases, FEDA obtains a very similar HV value than PBIL or UMDA; in such cases, in order to be sure that FEDA performs better we can take into account the UNFR value, which is Pareto compliant, and when FEDA's HV is just slightly better, UNFR is clearly better than the other algorithm. \

A drawback FEDA presents is that its execution time is much worse than the other algorithms. This is mostly due to the large number of Non Dominated Solutions it finds. \

Respect to  $gd+$ , FEDA is usually the second algorithm with best (lowest) mean general distance to the Pareto Reference, while PBIL commonly finds the closer solutions to the PR, although its HV covered is lower, as said, when the project presents hundreds of requirements.

#### **0.4.1 5. Statistical tests of quality indicators**

Antes de meterme en esto, a ver si veis alguna laguna en la experimentación. Por ejemplo me preocupa: - Ausencia de  $nsga-ii$  - qué hacer con GRASP - tiempos tan grandes por  $|NDS|$  y que ensombrece el tiempo real de learning+sampling - quitar algún dataset  $dX$