

Multi-area economic dispatch with stochastic wind power using Salp Swarm Algorithm[☆]

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ABSTRACT

Salp Swarm Algorithm (SSA) is a newly developed swarm intelligence based optimization method. Its analytical model mimics self-organized swarming and foraging behavior of salps. Salps are found in the ocean and they form a swarm called *salp chain* for their organized movement and foraging. Since its inception in 2017, SSA has been applied to many engineering domains. This paper presents the solution of complex constrained multi-area economic dispatch problem of power system with and without stochastic wind integration using SSA. Simulation analysis has been carried on four different constrained test cases with diverse dimensions/complexity level. They are (i) four area system with sixteen thermal units (ii) four area system with forty thermal units (iii) two area system with forty thermal units and (iv) two area forty-unit system with wind integration. Comparison of simulation results obtained by SSA with other methods reported in the recent literature has proven SSA's capability of constrained handling and offered promising and efficient solutions.

1. Introduction

Due to rising complexity and the size of real-world optimization problems Bio-inspired optimization approaches became very popular in past decade among researchers of almost all application domains. The Bio-inspired optimization techniques are stochastic in nature and they apply randomness for searching the solution. The randomness helps in the development of a gradient-free search mechanism. Most of these optimization techniques are inspired by natural phenomena and they can be grouped either based on evolution, collective behaviour (swarm-based), ecological phenomenon, physical science. These algorithms have proven their great potential to deal with real-world optimization problems. The classification of Bio-inspired optimization methods is presented in Fig. 1.

Evolution based algorithm utilises the concept of natural evolution such as reproduction, mutation, recombination and selection. Some of the popular optimization method in this category are genetic algorithms (GA) [1], differential evolution (DE) [2] and backtracking search algorithm(BSA) [3].

In fact among bio-inspired optimization methods swarm intelligence

based optimization approaches are quite popular and efficient. The key features of swarm intelligence (SI) based algorithms are self-organization and division of work to achieve a given task. For Example, Particle swarm optimization (PSO) [4] simulates biological behaviour of fish schooling and bird flocking, artificial bee colony (ABC) [5] optimization simulates collective foraging behaviour of honey bees, whale optimization algorithm (WOA) [6] follows behaviour of humpback whales, grasshopper optimization (GOA) [7] follows their unique swarming behaviour, spider monkey optimization(SMO) [8] mimics the fission-fusion social structure of spider monkeys, grey wolf optimizer (GWO) [9] mimics the hunting behaviour and social leadership of grey wolf, TLBO [10] models the effect of the influence of a teacher on the output of students in the classroom and many others.

The next class of bio-inspired optimization methods belongs to optimization methods inspired by the concept of physical Sciences. The most popular and efficient optimization methods in this class are simulated annealing (SA) [11] inspired by annealing process of metal, Harmony search (HS) [12] follows the concept of jazz's improvisation process and then the search of the perfect state of harmony by musician, Gravitation search algorithm(GSA) [13] utilises the concept of Newton's law of gravitation and laws of motion, chemical reaction optimization (CRO)

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Nomenclature			
$f_{ij}(P_{ij})$	fuel cost of j^{th} thermal unit in i^{th} area	$P_{wav,ij}$	available power of j^{th} wind generator in i^{th} area
N	number of area	$f_{wij}(\mathcal{P}_{ij})$	Cost of j^{th} wind generator in i^{th} area
M_t	Number of thermal power generator	b_w	Direct cost coefficient of wind generator
a_i, b_i, c_i, e_i, f_i	Fuel cost Coefficients	M_w	Number of wind power generator
n_{ij}	j^{th} poz of generating unit for i^{th} area	\mathcal{V}	wind speed (m/sec)
$p_{ij,m-1}^{u,lim}, p_{ij,m}^{l,lim}$	upper and lower limits of $(m-1)^{th}$ and m^{th} POZ	c	shape factor
m	numbers of POZs of j^{th} unit in area i	k	scale factor
p_{ij}^0	Previous hour output by j^{th} power generating unit	CDF	cumulative distribution function
P_{wr}	rated wind power	PDF	probability density function
$p_{ij}^{min}, p_{ij}^{max}$	upper and lower limits of thermal generators	\mathcal{V}_{in}	cut in speed
UR_{ij}, DR_{ij}	up and down ramping rate limits	\mathcal{V}_{out}	cut out speed
P_{Di}	active power demand in area i	\mathcal{V}_r	rated wind speed
\mathcal{F}_{il}	tie-line power flow from area i to l	$p_{wij}^{min}, p_{wij}^{max}$	upper and lower limits of wind generators
Ub, lb	upper and lower limits	$\mathbb{F}S$	position of food source
\mathcal{F}_t^{Cost}	total Operating Cost	w_0	initial speed
		\mathcal{P}	wind Power at any time
		\mathcal{P}_{sij}	scheduled power of j^{th} wind generator in i^{th} area

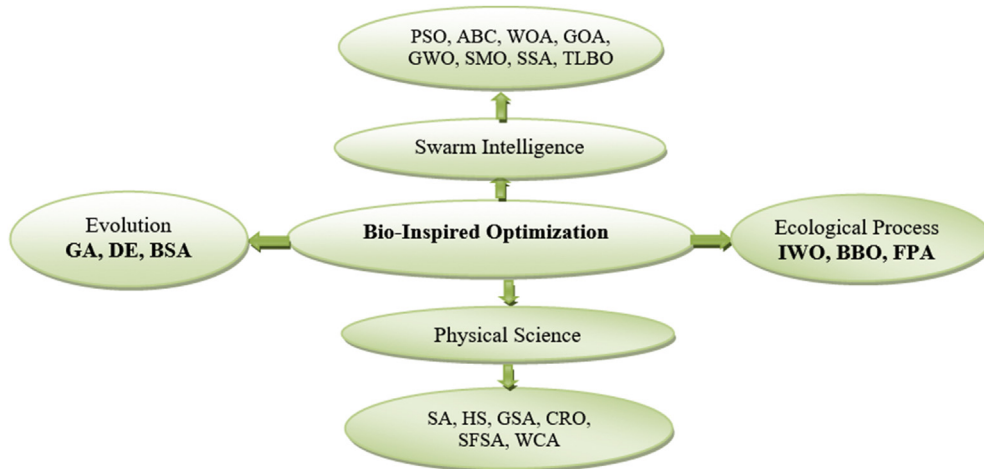


Fig. 1. Classification of Bio-inspired optimization methods.

[14] utilises the concept how molecules interact with each other through the sequence of reaction and are finally converted to state of minimum energy, stochastic fractal search algorithm(SFSA) [15] imitates the natural phenomenon of growth and utilises process based on random fractals, water cycle algorithm(WCA) [16] is inspired by nature and based on the observation of hydrologic cycle, how rivers and water streams flow to the sea.

Invasive weed optimization (IWO) [17] is inspired from weed colonization, Biogeography based optimization(BBO) [18] follows the concept of migration of species among different habitats, Flower pollination algorithm (FPA) [19] simulate pollination process of the flowering plant. These are the popular algorithms that belong to the family of ecological process-based optimization.

A detailed review and applications of bio-inspired techniques for the solution of different types of constrained complex practical optimization problems can be found in Ref. [20–24]. These include applications related to medical science, job shop scheduling, image processing, parameter estimation, power, and energy. Economic dispatch (ED) is one of the most complex constrained optimization problems of the integrated power system [25]. The main aim of ED is to allocate the power demand among the committed generator units in the most economical manner

while satisfying all the physical and operational constraints. The practical ED problem is highly non-linear and non-convex with multiple minima due to practical operational constraints like valve point loading (VPL) effects, discontinuous due to prohibited operating zones (POZ) and ramp rate limits (RRL). Over the past decades various single area ED problems considering VPL effect [26–31], RRL [27,30,32,33] and POZ [32,34–36] were solved without considering transmission constraints.

However, many utilities have their own limitations for power flows among different areas/regions over transmission lines. Every area/region has its own load pattern and power generation characteristics. Multi-area economic dispatch (MAED) is an extension of ED, where the objective is to calculate power generation as well as the exchange of power between different areas at minimum cost while satisfying additional power transmission capacity constraints along with all equality and inequality constraints associated with ED problems. Due to the additional transmission line power flow limit constraints, MAED problem becomes more complex to solve. Therefore, for the solution of such a complex constrained optimization problem a latest and efficient bio-inspired optimization approach is required.

Various bio-inspired optimization algorithms were reported in the literature for the solution of MAED problems [37–50]. The solution of a

single objective MAED problem with different dimension and complexity levels are found in Ref. [37–47]. They are harmony search (HS) [37,38], differential evolution (DE) [39], artificial bee colony (ABC) [40], flower pollination algorithm (FPA) [42], particle swarm optimization (PSO) [44], hybrid cuckoo search algorithm (HCSA) [45], hybrid differential evolution based PSO (DEPSO) [41] and moth-flame optimization (MFO) [43]. Considering clean air policy and global warming concept, solution of multi-objective MAED problems are also presented using PSO [48], chaotic artificial bee colony (CABC) [49] and improved Jaya algorithm (IJA) [50].

In the present scenario, the Integration of wind and solar energy among renewable energy resources is gaining wide acceptance due to their emission-free low-cost operation. However, as wind speed is uncertain therefore, uncertainty associated with wind power is incorporated in objective function using a mathematical model called probabilistic density function (pdf). Out of many pdf models, Weibull distribution [21,51,52], beta distribution [53] and gamma distribution [54] are used by researchers to calculate cost due to random wind power.

The effect of large wind power integration in MAED problems is investigated for a combined wind-thermal system for Taiwan power system using a direct search approach (DSA) in Ref. [55], where 52 unit thermal systems were used with cost function as a second-order polynomial in nature. Using all complexity of practical thermal generator unit as VPL, RRL and POZ, the impact of wind integration was analyzed using the backtracking search algorithm (BSA) in Refs. [56].

Even though various optimization techniques are proposed for the solution of MAED problems, according to No Free Lunch Theorem [57], none of the algorithms can guarantee to solve all optimization problems. There is always a chance of improvement; keeping that in mind, this paper presents the Salp Swarm Algorithm (SSA) for the solution of MAED problem.

Application of a novel swarm intelligence based SSA algorithm for the solution of MAED problems is the significant and major contribution of this paper. The paper also presents Weibull pdf model for the calculation of wind power. In order to validate the performance of SSA over MAED problem, four cases with different dimensions and complexity levels which possess non-linear, multimodal, non-convex, discontinuous and probabilistic modal due to wind integration are evaluated. The obtained results using SSA are also compared with recently reported results in the literature.

Rest of the paper is organized as follows: formulation of the problem that combines the concept behind MAED, wind power modeling and the related constraints are described in section 2. Section 3 presents the concept behind the SSA, its foraging behavior using an analytical model and implementation procedure for the solution of MAED problem. Description of test cases, effect of control parameters, simulation results and their discussion are presented in section 4. Finally, conclusions are drawn in section 5.

2. Problem formulation

The key objective of MAED problem is to minimize total operating cost in all areas in such a manner that it will satisfy all operational constraints associated with it, i.e. power balance, minimum and maximum power generation limits, RRL, POZ and area wise capacity constraints of tie-line/transmission line.

The objective function of MAED problem with wind integration can be expressed as:

$$\text{Minimize } \mathcal{F}_t^{\text{Cost}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\sum_{j=1}^{M_i} f_{ij}(P_{ij}) + \sum_{j=1}^{M_w} f_{wij}(\mathcal{P}_{ij}) \right] \quad (1)$$

The fuel cost function of j^{th} thermal power generating unit in i^{th} area can be represented as:

$$f_{ij}(P_{ij}) = a_{ij}P_{ij}^2 + b_{ij}P_{ij} + c_{ij} \quad (2)$$

Practically due to VPL effects ripples are introduced in the cost function, which can be modelled by adding rectified sine function in it, and represented as:

$$f_{ij}(P_{ij}) = a_{ij}P_{ij}^2 + b_{ij}P_{ij} + c_{ij} + |e_{ij} \times \sin(f_{ij} \times (P_{ij}^{\text{min}} - P_{ij}))| \quad (3)$$

2.1. Wind power modeling

Wind power is a stochastic variable due to uncertain wind speed. Therefore power generation by wind farm includes three types of costs: (i) direct cost, (ii) overestimation cost/reserve cost which is included due to deficit in wind power and (iii) the underestimation cost/penalty cost which is taken into account due to more wind power generation than the scheduled power [21,51–56]. Therefore the cost of j^{th} wind generator in i^{th} area can be represented as

$$f_{wij}(\mathcal{P}_{ij}) = \{ (b_{w,ij} \times \mathcal{P}_{ij}) + k_p(P_{w,ij} - \mathcal{P}_{ij}) + k_r(\mathcal{P}_{ij} - P_{w,ij}) \} \quad (4)$$

Reserve cost/overestimation cost of wind power is represented as:

$$k_r(\mathcal{P}_{ij} - P_{w,ij}) = k_r \times \int_0^{\mathcal{P}_{ij}} (\mathcal{P}_{ij} - \mathcal{P}_{ij}) f_w(\mathcal{P}) d\mathcal{P} \quad (5)$$

The penalty cost/underestimation cost of wind power is represented as:

$$k_p(P_{w,ij} - \mathcal{P}_{ij}) = k_p \times \int_{\mathcal{P}_{ij}}^{P_{w,ij}} (\mathcal{P}_{ij} - \mathcal{P}_{ij}) f_w(\mathcal{P}) d\mathcal{P} \quad (6)$$

Here Weibull probability density function (PDF) is used for wind speed distribution as the wind speed is uncertain and irregular.

$$f(v, k, c) = \left(\frac{k}{c} \right) \times \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^{k-1} \times \exp \left[- \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^k \right] \quad (7)$$

The corresponding cumulative distribution function (CDF) can be represented as:

$$F(v, k, c) = 1 - \exp \left[- \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^k \right] \quad (8)$$

For each wind power generating unit, the power output at given wing speed can be expressed as [21,51]:

$$\mathcal{P}(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; v < v_{in} \quad \text{and} \quad v > v_{out} \\ P_{w,r} \left(\frac{v - v_{in}}{v_r - v_{in}} \right) & ; v_{in} < v < v_r \\ P_{w,r} & ; v_r < v < v_{out} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Probability of wind power is 0 to $P_{w,r}$ can be calculated as below:

$$f_w(\mathcal{P}) \{ \mathcal{P} = 0 \} = 1 - \exp \left(- \left(\frac{v_{in}}{c} \right)^k \right) + \exp \left(- \left(\frac{v_{out}}{c} \right)^k \right) \quad (10)$$

Wind power in the range $v_{in} < v < v_r$ is given by:

$$\mathcal{P} = P_{w,r} \left(\frac{v - v_{in}}{v_r - v_{in}} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$f_w(\mathcal{P}) = \frac{k \times \mathcal{H} \times v_{in}}{P_{w,r} \times c} \left(\frac{(1 + \frac{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{P}}{P_{w,r}}) v_{in}}{c} \right)^{k-1} \times \exp \left\{ - \left(\frac{(1 + \frac{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{P}}{P_{w,r}}) v_{in}}{c} \right)^k \right\} \quad (12)$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{H} = \left(\frac{v_r}{v_{in}} \right) - 1 \quad (13)$$

$$f_w(\mathcal{P}) \{ \mathcal{P} = P_{w,r} \} = \exp \left(- \left(\frac{v_r}{c} \right)^k \right) - \exp \left(- \left(\frac{v_{out}}{c} \right)^k \right) \quad (14)$$

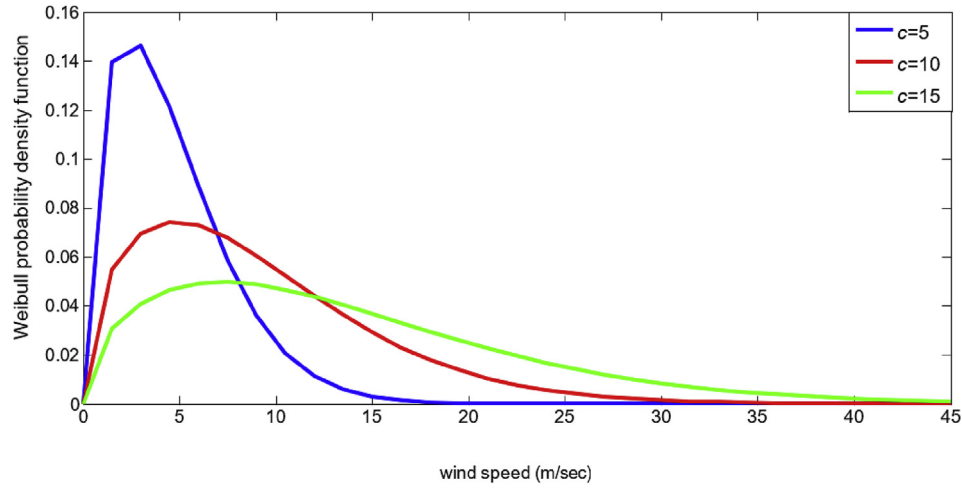


Fig. 2. Weibull Probability density function for $k=1.5$ and $c=5, 10$ and 15 .

A typical Weibull PDF with shape factor 1.5 and scale factor cof 5, 10, and 15 is shown in Fig. 2.

The total cost \mathcal{F}_t^{Cost} given in (1) is minimized subject to following operational constraints:

2.2. Area wise power balance

It needs to satisfy power balance in each area, neglecting transmission loss it can be represented as:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{M_i} P_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^{M_{il}} \mathcal{P}_{ij} = P_{Di} + \sum_{l,l \neq i} \mathcal{F}_{il}, \quad i \in N \quad (15)$$

2.3. Power generation limit

$$P_{ij}^{min} \leq P_{ij} \leq P_{ij}^{max} \quad (16)$$

$$P_{wij}^{min} \leq \mathcal{P}_{ij} \leq P_{wij}^{max} \quad (17)$$

2.4. Ramp rate limits of the generator

For RRL consideration, (16) can be modified and written as below [39]:

$$\text{Max}(P_{ij}^{min}, P_{ij}^0 - DR_{ij}) \leq P_{ij} \leq \text{Min}(P_{ij}^{max}, P_{ij}^0 + UR_{ij}) \quad (18)$$

2.5. Prohibited operating zones

Due to some physical limitations of generating units, their operations are restricted in specified operating zones and it makes input-output characteristics discontinuous in nature. It can be represented as below [39]:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ij}^{min} &\leq P_{ij} \leq P_{ij,1}^{lim} \\ P_{ij,m-1}^{lim} &\leq P_{ij} \leq P_{ij,m}^{lim}, \quad m = 2, 3, \dots, n_{ij} \\ P_{ij,n_{ij}}^{lim} &\leq P_{ij} \leq P_{ij}^{max} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

2.6. Tie-line limits

The real power flow over the transmission line (\mathcal{F}_{il}) from area i to k must remain within the maximum (\mathcal{F}_{il}^{max}) and minimum ($-\mathcal{F}_{il}^{max}$) operating limits of the tie line [40,41]:

$$-\mathcal{F}_{il}^{max} \leq \mathcal{F}_{il} \leq \mathcal{F}_{il}^{max} \quad (20)$$

3. Salp swarm algorithm

Salp Swarm Algorithm (SSA) is a recent bio-inspired optimization technique [58], inspired by navigation and foraging behaviour of salp chain, generally found in deep oceans. In its mathematical model, salp population is divided into two groups called leader and followers. The best salp (best solution) is considered as the food source to be followed by the salp chain. After every iteration, the leader salp changes its position with respect to the food sources. The leader explores and exploits the search space around the best solution and the follower salps move gradually towards the leader. This process helps salps in converging to the global optima quickly while preventing from being trapped in local optima. Fig. 3 depicts the salp chain. The front salp of the chain is called leader while other salps of the chain are called followers. The leader salp guides the follower salps.

The salp locations are defined in the n -dimensional search space. Where n is the number of decision variables in the problem.

Let us assume there is a food source \mathbb{F} in the search space as swarm's target. As per the location of the food source, leader updates its position using the equation (21) as below:

$$x_j^1 = \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}S_j + C_1 \times \left[(\mathbb{U}b_j - \mathbb{L}b_j)C_2 + \mathbb{L}b_j \right], & C_3 \geq 0 \\ \mathbb{F}S_j - C_1 \times \left[(\mathbb{U}b_j - \mathbb{L}b_j)C_2 + \mathbb{L}b_j \right], & C_3 < 0 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

The balance between exploration and exploitation during optimization is maintained by coefficient C_1 defined as:

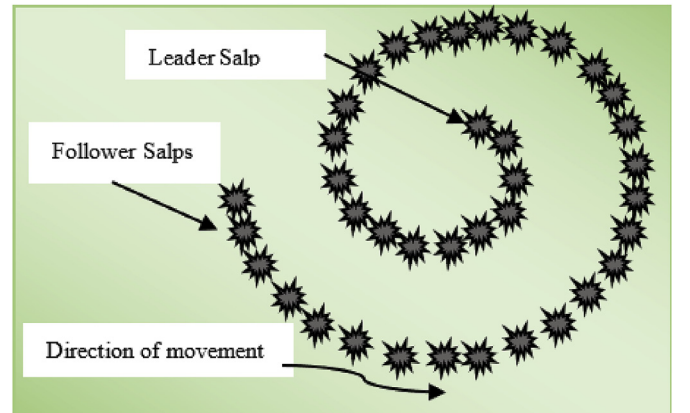


Fig. 3. Salp chain in nature.

$$C_1 = 2 \times e^{-\left[\frac{4 \times (iter_c - iter_max)}{iter_max}\right]^2} \quad (22)$$

Here, $iter_c$ stands for the current iteration number and $iter_max$ is the maximum number of iterations allowed, C_2 and C_3 are the uniformly distributed random numbers in the interval $[0, 1]$.

In SSA, followers update their positions as per Newton's law of motion [58]:

$$x_j^i = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + w_0t, \quad i \geq 2 \quad (23)$$

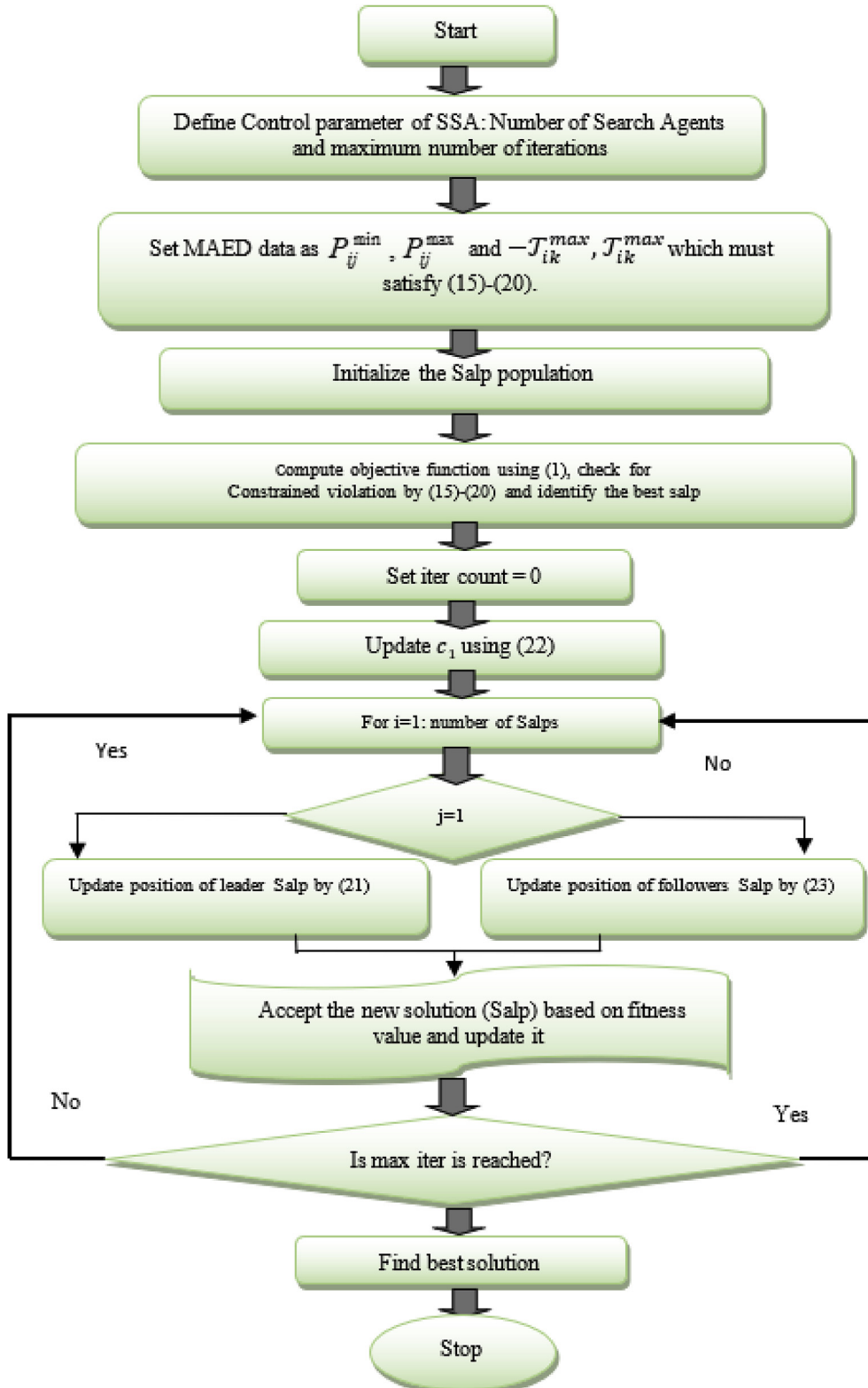


Fig. 4. Flowchart for the solution of MAED problem using SSA.

$$\text{Where, } \alpha = \frac{w_{final}}{w_0} \quad (24)$$

$$\text{and } w = \frac{x - x_0}{t} \quad (25)$$

Considering, $w_0 = 0$ and since the difference between any two consecutive time steps is 1, therefore

$$x_j^i = \frac{1}{2} \times (x_j^i + x_j^{i-1}), \quad i \geq 2 \quad (26)$$

The MAED problem given in section 2 is solved using above explained SSA algorithm. The implementation process of SSA to solve MAED problems is depicted with the help of flowchart given in Fig. 4.

4. Description of test cases and simulation results

The performance of SSA is evaluated and validated on four standard test cases of MAED problems with different dimensions and complexity levels. SSA has been implemented in MATLAB13 environment and executed on 2.40GHz, i5 processor with 8GB RAM and is simulated over 30 independent runs for all test cases. Description of test cases and the outcome of simulation results obtained by SSA are presented below.

Test Case I: This test case has four areas. Each area consists of four power generating unit systems connected using six tie lines [37]. The fuel cost coefficient data, tie-line power flow limits along with area wise power demands are listed in Table A1. The network topology used in this test case with four areas consisting of sixteen power generating units system is shown in Fig. 5.

The simulation results obtained by SSA in terms of area wise optimum generation scheduling are listed in Table 1 and the comparison of costs with other metaheuristics is summarized in Table 2. The optimum generation cost obtained by SSA is 7337.0139 \$/hr. Fig. 6 shows the smooth and stable cost convergence characteristic obtained by SSA.

Test Case II: It is a comparatively large dimension test case with forty power generator units having non-convex fossil fuel cost characteristics with multiple minima. Transmission loss is not considered here. The fuel cost coefficients data and power generation limits are listed in Table A2 as reported in Ref. [26]. The total load demand is set at 10500 MW. Here forty power generating units are segregated in four areas. Each area with ten power generating units shares power demand as 1575MW (15%) in area one, 4200MW (40%) in area two, 3150MW (30%) in area three, and 1575MW (15%) in area four respectively [40].

The tie-line power flow limitations are considered as follows: (i) between area 1 to area 2 or from area 2 to area 1 is 200MW, (ii) between

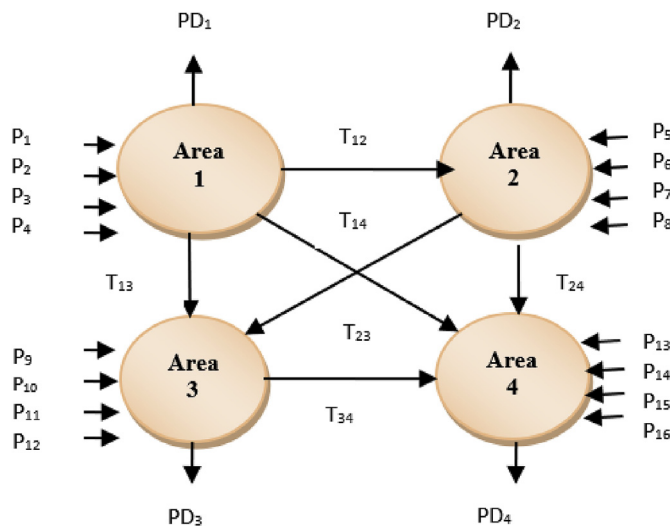


Fig. 5. Four area network with sixteen power generating units.

Table 1

Optimal generation scheduling for four area system with sixteen units (Test case I).

Output (MW)		IHS [38]	HLSO [41]	MFO [43]	SSA
Area1	P ₁₁	149.9997	150	150	150
	P ₁₂	99.9985	100	100	100
	P ₁₃	66.1206	67.3848	67.008	67.0081
	P ₁₄	99.9964	100	100	100
Area2	P ₂₁	56.9908	57.0625	57.0081	57.0081
	P ₂₂	96.2944	96.1749	96.2603	96.2602
	P ₂₃	41.6731	41.8472	41.8802	41.8801
	P ₂₄	72.459	72.4505	72.507	72.5068
Area3	P ₃₁	50.0009	50	50	50
	P ₃₂	36.4301	36.3190	36.2534	36.2534
	P ₃₃	37.647	38.5911	38.5042	38.5041
	P ₃₄	38.1545	37.3719	37.3108	37.3108
Area4	P ₄₁	149.9998	150	150	150
	P ₄₂	99.9984	100	100	100
	P ₄₃	57.7173	56.9272	57.0079	57.0082
	P ₄₄	96.5195	95.8709	96.2601	96.2602
Tie Line Power Flow	T _{1,2}	0.004	0	0	0
	T _{3,1}	16.11	17.4643	17.9508	18.319
	T _{3,2}	71.658	-0.0795	-0.9428	-1.3109
	T _{4,1}	0.004	70.2537	69.9808	69.6127
	T _{4,2}	4.236	-2.7186	-2.3252	-1.9575
	T _{4,3}	99.994	-100	-100	-100
$\sum P_g$		1250.000	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00
Cost(\$/hr)		7337.275	7337.0299	7337.0139	7337.0139

Table 2

Comparison of results for four area sixteen unit system (Test case I).

Method	Generation cost (\$/hr)			
	Best	Mean	Worst	SD
HHS [37]	7329.85	7334.01	7337.21	–
IFEP [38]	7337.51	–	–	–
IHS [38]	7337.275	–	–	–
HLSO [41]	7337.024	7338.5734	–	0.4008
IDEPSO4 [41]	7338.2339	7339.9968	–	1.7621
MFO [43]	7337.0139	7341.2738	–	3.5499
SSA	7337.0139	7340.6698	7344.1745	5.544

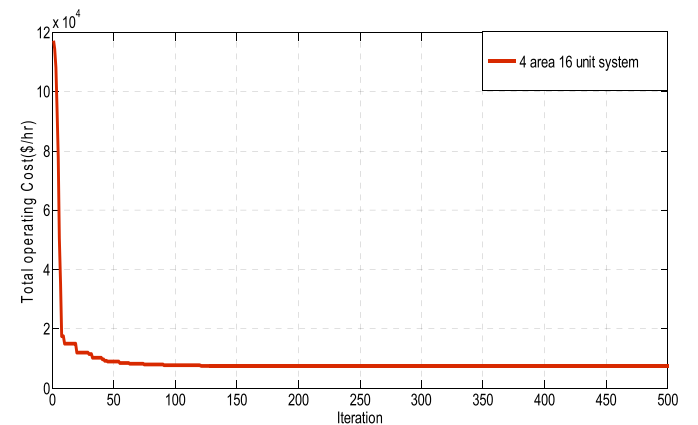


Fig. 6. Convergence characteristic of SSA for four area system with sixteen generating units. (Test Case I).

area 1 to area 3 or from area 3 to area 1 is 200MW, (iii) between area 3 to area 2 or from area 2 and area 3 is 200MW, (iv) between area 4 to area 1 or from area 1 to area 4 is 100MW, (v) between area 4 to area 2 or from area 2 to area 4 is 100MW and (vi) between area 3 to area 4 or from area 4 to area 3 considered as 100MW.

Here the best cost obtained by SSA is 122471.666 \$/hr, the corresponding generation schedule is presented in Table 3 and its statistical results are summarized in Table 4. The smooth and stable cost

Table 3

Optimal generation scheduling for four areas forty unit system (Test case II).

Output (MW)	ABCO [40]	FPA [42]	SSA	Power(MW)	ABCO [40]	FPA [42]	SSA
P _{1,1}	111.102	112.6745	114	P _{3,4}	542.3424	542.271	523.2794
P _{1,2}	109.9774	111.3751	114	P _{3,5}	520.2448	520.1734	523.2794
P _{1,3}	100.9238	101.6238	60	P _{3,6}	533.6389	533.5675	523.2794
P _{1,4}	190	190.7	179.7331	P _{3,7}	10	10	10
P _{1,5}	96.939	97.639	97	P _{3,8}	10	10	10
P _{1,6}	96.9675	97.6675	105.4	P _{3,9}	10	10	10
P _{1,7}	259.695	260.395	259.5997	P _{3,10}	96.7699	96.6985	87.8
P _{1,8}	276.8725	276.7	284.5997	P _{4,1}	190	190	190
P _{1,9}	300	300.7	284.5997	P _{4,2}	168.6841	168.7555	164.7616
P _{1,10}	130.6977	130.7	130	P _{4,3}	173.6165	173.6879	159.7331
P _{2,1}	245.1007	244.4007	168.7998	P _{4,4}	186.374	186.4454	164.7999
P _{2,2}	94	93.3	168.7998	P _{4,5}	200	200	164.7999
P _{2,3}	125	124.3	304.5196	P _{4,6}	164.957	165.0284	164.7999
P _{2,4}	434.8062	434.1062	394.2794	P _{4,7}	92.5627	92.6341	89.1142
P _{2,5}	390.6743	389.9743	394.2794	P _{4,8}	96.9911	97.0625	89.1142
P _{2,6}	395.0043	394.3043	394.2794	P _{4,9}	109.8153	109.8153	89.1142
P _{2,7}	500	499.3	489.2794	P _{4,10}	431.4011	431.4725	511.2794
P _{2,8}	500	499.3	489.2794	T _{1,2}	191.7078	198.6246	173.925
P _{2,9}	530.7889	530.0889	511.2794	T _{3,1}	6.674	6.424	-7.4764
P _{2,10}	514.409	513.709	511.2794	T _{3,2}	183.1852	182.9355	-112.5164
P _{3,1}	527.1989	527.1275	523.2794	T _{4,1}	86.859	87.1918	-100
P _{3,2}	502.0795	502.0081	523.2794	T _{4,2}	95.3237	95.4904	-100
P _{3,3}	530.3657	530.2943	523.2794	T _{4,3}	57.2192	57.219	0
$\sum P_g$					10500.000	10500.000	10500.000
Cost(\$/hr)					124009.4	123999.2	122471.666

Table 4

Comparison of results for four area forty unit system (Test case II).

Method	Generation cost (\$/hr)			SD
	Best	Mean	Worst	
RCGA [40]	129911.8	–	–	–
EP [40]	124574.5	–	–	–
DE [40]	124544.1	–	–	–
ABCO [40]	124009.4	–	–	–
FPA [42]	123999.2	–	–	–
CSA [45]	125719	127360	128403	565.3690
JAYA-TLBO [46]	121694.4	–	–	–
SSA	122471.666	122572.9690	122737.9965	88.5323

convergence characteristic for a larger test system obtained by SSA is presented in Fig. 7.

Test Case III: It has a two-area system with forty thermal power generating units. Each area consists of twenty generating units, connected using a tie line with capacity 1500MW. This test case is much complex and highly nonlinear, multimodal and discontinuous with many local minima as all practical complexities like VPL effects, RRL, and POZ are considered here. The fuel cost coefficient data is taken as in Ref. [39]

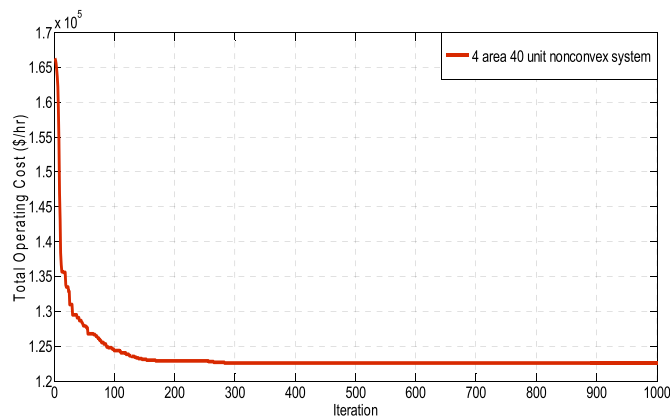


Fig. 7. Convergence characteristic of SSA for four area system with forty generating units. (Test Case II).

and are also listed in Table A3. The total power demand is considered as 10500MW. The area wise power demands are set at 7500MW and 3000MW respectively. The network topology is shown in Fig. 8.

Here the best cost solution obtained by SSA is 124647.0508 \$/hr for tie line limit (TLL) of 1500MW. Fig. 9 depicts the steady and stable cost convergence characteristic of SSA for the two area networks. The optimum power generation schedules are listed in Table 5, which shows the potential of SSA to satisfy associated operational constraints for larger and complex test case too and comparison of results in terms of cost with other methods are presented in Table 6.

Test case IV: It is a two area network with combined wind-thermal (WT) system having forty generating units [39]. The WT system is constructed by replacing three thermal units of Test case III by the wind generators. These thermal units are 27, 28, and 29. The parameter used for wind generators are Weibull scale and shape factor as $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 15$ and $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 1.5$. The penalty cost due to underestimation and overestimation of stochastic wind power is considered as $k_{p1} = k_{p2} = k_{p3} = 5$, and $k_{r1} = k_{r2} = k_{r3} = 5$ respectively. The cut-in speed (v_{in}), cut out speed (v_o), and rated wind speed (v_r) are 5 m/s, 15 m/s, and 45 m/s similar to Ref. [51]. The rated wind power of three generators are considered as $P_{wr1} = P_{wr2} = P_{wr3} = 110$ MW. For the TLL capacity of 1500MW, the best total cost solution obtained by SSA is 120857.2447 \$/hr, out of which the thermal cost is 120164.95424 \$/hr and the wind over estimation cost 692.2903 \$/hr. The Stochastic variation of wind velocity and corresponding wind power of three wind generators is plotted in Fig. 10. The optimum generation scheduling of generators is presented in Table 7 and the stable and steady cost convergence

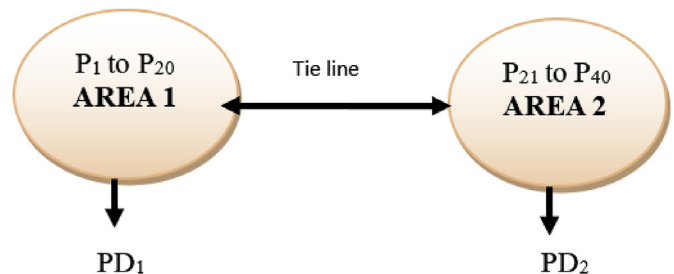


Fig. 8. Two area network with forty power generating units.

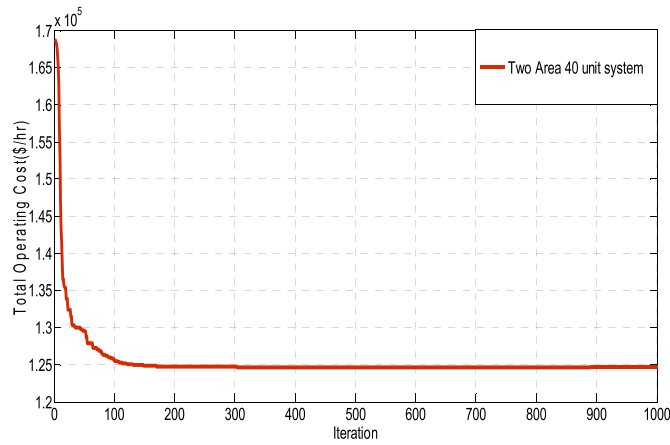


Fig. 9. Convergence characteristic of SSA for Two Area system with forty generating units. (Test Case III).

characteristic for combined WT obtained by SSA is presented in Fig. 11.

4.1. Effect of control parameter

SSA is a population-based algorithm. Apart from population size, termination criteria and other common parameters it has only one control parameter C_1 . To get optimum value, simulation analysis has been carried out with different population (search agent) sizes keeping maximum number of iterations 500 as the stopping criteria. Performance of SSA over 30 repeated trials is analyzed on Test Case I and the outcome of results are presented in Fig. 12 and Fig. 13, respectively. Here it is observed that with population size of 200, SSA attained minimum cost with less standard deviation. However, with further increase in population size there is no improvement in operational cost but average CPU time increases. Therefore, population size of 200 is considered for simulation analysis of MAED problems.

Now to find the optimal value of control parameter C_1 which is coupled with current iteration and maximum iteration by exponential term as defined in (22) and plotted in Fig. 14. Here it is observed that the value of C_1 exponentially decreases as iteration progresses, which shows the exploration in the initial stage and then exploitation in the later stage.

Table 5

Optimal generation scheduling for two area forty unit system (Test case III).

AREA1(PD=7500MW)				AREA2(PD=3000MW)			
unit	HLSO [41]	ISFS [47]	SSA	unit	HLSO [41]	ISFS [47]	SSA
P _{1,1}	110.8012	113.9058	114	P _{2,1}	523.2792	433.4200	523.2794
P _{1,2}	113.9997	114.0000	111.6554	P _{2,2}	523.2791	523.0749	523.2795
P _{1,3}	120.0	119.9864	120	P _{2,3}	523.2794	523.2439	433.5195
P _{1,4}	179.7331	179.9941	179.7331	P _{2,4}	523.2794	523.2985	523.2794
P _{1,5}	95.551	97.0000	90.4583	P _{2,5}	523.2795	433.3512	433.5194
P _{1,6}	140.0	140.0000	140	P _{2,6}	254.0	433.4643	433.5198
P _{1,7}	300.0	300.0000	300	P _{2,7}	10.0001	10.0034	10
P _{1,8}	284.5997	291.3401	284.6	P _{2,8}	10	10	10
P _{1,9}	284.5997	287.0178	284.6	P _{2,9}	10	10	10
P _{1,10}	270.0	200.0000	279.5995	P _{2,10}	87.7997	87.8100	87.7999
P _{1,11}	94.0	230.0000	168.7996	P _{2,11}	188.5959	159.6862	159.7338
P _{1,12}	300.0	168.8385	168.7999	P _{2,12}	159.7331	189.3811	159.7333
P _{1,13}	304.5195	394.2548	394.2794	P _{2,13}	159.733	159.7251	159.7328
P _{1,14}	394.2797	394.2946	394.2794	P _{2,14}	164.8002	164.6679	164.7999
P _{1,15}	484.0395	484.0588	484.0391	P _{2,15}	164.7998	164.8266	164.7999
P _{1,16}	484.0391	483.9991	484.0392	P _{2,16}	164.7998	164.6281	90.0001
P _{1,17}	489.2794	489.3491	489.2794	P _{2,17}	89.1143	89.1646	89.1144
P _{1,18}	489.2796	489.3036	489.2795	P _{2,18}	89.114	89.1364	103.0144
P _{1,19}	549.9998	511.3242	511.2794	P _{2,19}	89.1134	89.1093	89.1142
P _{1,20}	511.2791	511.3414	511.2794	P _{2,20}	242.0001	242.0000	331.7598
T ₁₂					-1500.000	-1499.9915	-1500.000
ΣPg					10500.000	10500.0000	10500.000
Cost (\$/hr.)					125100.2621	124683.0977	124647.0508

4.2. Comparative analysis

4.2.1. Solution quality

For the test case I, the optimal generation schedule and comparison of costs are made in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. Here it is observed that

Table 6

Comparison of results for two area forty-unit system (Test case III).

Method	Generation cost (\$/hr)			
	Best	Mean	Worst	SD
DEC2 [39]	131549.6080	–	–	1.7634
DEPSO1 [41]	125299.5631	125474.4525	–	173.9205
DEPSO2 [41]	125179.5581	125421.1636	–	157.2532
DEPSO3 [41]	127386.3364	128757.9549	–	860.0746
DEPSO4 [41]	128641.7046	128957.7981	–	263.9482
HLSO [41]	125100.2621	125384.4464	–	104.2493
MFO [43]	124746.0610	124843.3515	–	90.2025
SFS [47]	124750.5796	124975.1366	125209.4607	125.5477
ISFS [47]	124683.0977	124818.1031	125062.6706	86.1173
SSA	124647.0508	124688.4065	124888.862	88.1322

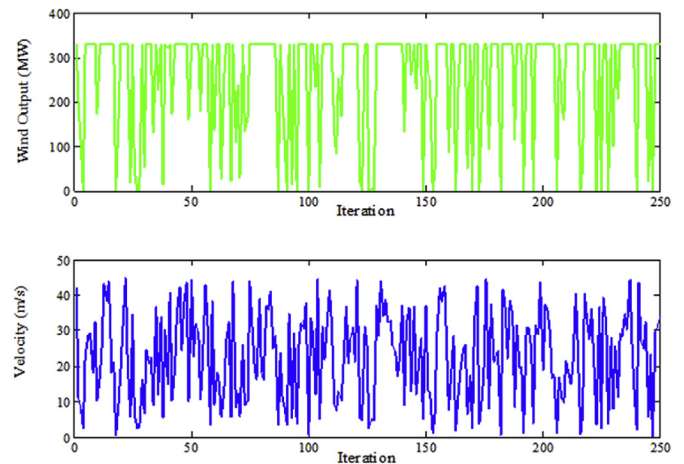
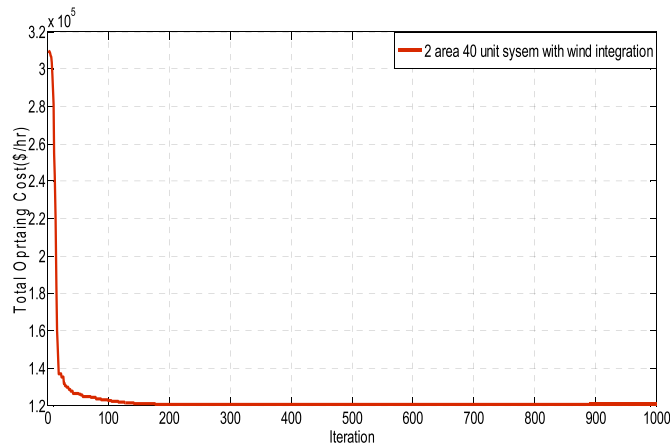


Fig. 10. Stochastic variation of wind velocity and corresponding wind power.

Table 7

Optimal generation scheduling for two area forty unit wind-thermal system (Test case IV).

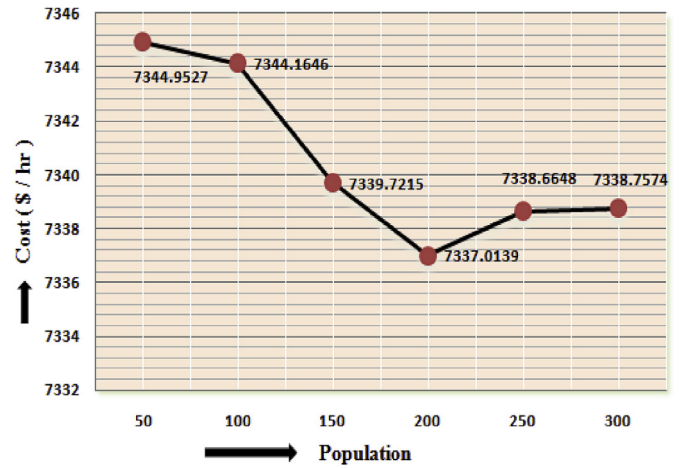
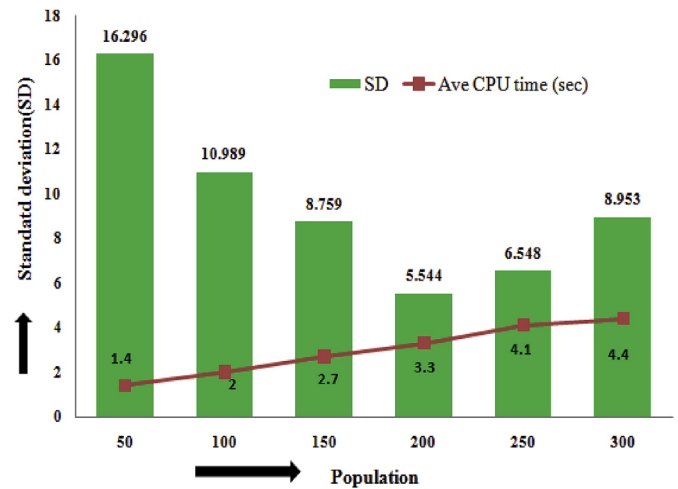
AREA1(PD=7500MW)		AREA2(PD=3000MW)	
unit	SSA	unit	SSA
P _{1,1}	113.9998	P _{2,1}	523.2795
P _{1,2}	113.9996	P _{2,2}	343.7598
P _{1,3}	120	P _{2,3}	254
P _{1,4}	179.7331	P _{2,4}	523.2794
P _{1,5}	96.0324	P _{2,5}	523.2793
P _{1,6}	140	P _{2,6}	523.2793
P _{1,7}	300	P _{W2,7}	109.9999
P _{1,8}	284.5995	P _{W2,8}	109.9999
P _{1,9}	284.6002	P _{W2,9}	110
P _{1,10}	269.9999	P _{2,10}	87.7998
P _{1,11}	168.7999	P _{2,11}	159.733
P _{1,12}	350.0002	P _{2,12}	159.733
P _{1,13}	394.2794	P _{2,13}	159.7331
P _{1,14}	394.2793	P _{2,14}	90
P _{1,15}	304.5197	P _{2,15}	164.8
P _{1,16}	484.0391	P _{2,16}	164.8
P _{1,17}	489.2794	P _{2,17}	72.296
P _{1,18}	489.2796	P _{2,18}	89.114
P _{1,19}	511.2794	P _{2,19}	89.114
P _{1,20}	511.2793	P _{2,20}	242
T ₁₂			-1500.0000
Total cost(\$/hr)			120857.2447
Wind over estimation cost (\$/hr)			692.2903
Wind under estimation cost (\$/hr)			0.0002
Optimum Thermal cost (\$/hr)			120164.95424

**Fig. 11.** Convergence characteristic of SSA for Two Area system with forty generating units with wind integration (Test Case IV).

optimum cost obtained by SSA 7337.0139 \$/hr is found to be comparable with MFO [43], HLSO [41] and better than IHS [38], IFEP [38] and IDEPSO4 [41], reported in the recent literature.

For large dimension problem (Test Case II), the optimal generation schedule and statistical results in terms of costs are summarized in Tables 3 and 4 respectively. By comparison of costs reported by other metaheuristics it is observed that SSA can acquire lowest cost 122471.666 \$/hr as compared to real coded genetic algorithms (RCGA) [40], differential evolution (DE) [40], evolutionary programming (EP) [40], artificial bee colony optimization (ABCO) [40], cuckoo search algorithm (CSA) [45] and flower pollination algorithm (FPA) [42]. Also the mean cost 122507.5003 \$/hr obtained by SSA is found to be superior as compared to the best cost reported by other methods, which supports to claims the global search capability of SSA.

For two area network (Test case III) which has non-convex as well as discontinuous fuel cost characteristics due to VPL effect and POZ both are considered here. The minimum cost solution obtained by SSA is

**Fig. 12.** Effect of population on optimum generation cost (Test Case I).**Fig. 13.** Effect of population size on Standard deviation and average CPU time (Test Case I).

124647.0508 \$/hr and corresponding generation schedule is listed in Table 5. While comparing its statistical results in terms of cost with other methods in Table 6, such as stochastic fractal search (SFS) [47], hybrid DEPSO with different mutation strategy of DE, DEPSO1 to DEPSO4 [41], Hybrid sum local search optimizer (HLSO) [41] and MFO [43] and DEC2 [39], it is observed that the minimum cost obtained by SSA is better.

Test case IV is a modified version of Test case III, and modification has been done by replacing three thermal generators by the wind generators. It has highest complexity among all cases considered for simulation analysis. It includes complexity like probabilistic constraints due to wind integration in addition to VPL, RRL and POZ of the thermal system, makes the objective function multimodal as well as discontinuous in nature and hence finding global minima solution for such a complex constrained problem has become quite difficult task. For such a complex and highly constrained test case also SSA is able to obtain optimum generation cost of 120857.2447 \$/hr which is found to be lower by 3789.8061 \$/hr as compared to Test Case III. Its detail solution which is listed in Table 7, shows the better constrained handling capability of SSA.

Therefore, we can say SSA has a strong ability to find a better quality of the solution.

But for two test cases, it is observed that minimum cost of SSA is found to be inferior as compared to hybrid version meta-heuristics reported in the literature listed in Tables 2 and 4, respectively. They are (i) for test case I, the best cost reported using a hybrid harmony search

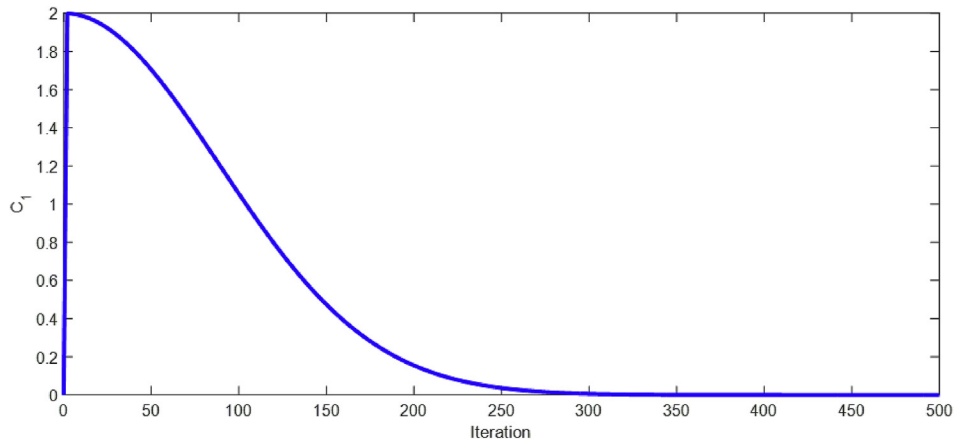


Fig. 14. Variation of the Control parameter C_1 with iteration (Test Case I).

(HHS) [37] is 7329.85\$/hr, while SSA has 7337.0139 \$/hr. (ii) for test case II the best cost obtained using JAYA-TLBO [46] is 121694.4 \$/hr while using SSA it is 122471.666 \$/hr.

4.2.2. Computational efficiency

The best cost solution achieved by SSA and corresponding generation schedule for different cases are presented in Tables 1, 3, 5 and 7 show the ability to satisfy constraints for complex constrained optimization problems. The average CPU time required to converge into the optimum solution for all four test cases are shown in Fig. 15. Considering dimensions and complexity levels of problems taken under consideration, such computational times are quite justified. Therefore, it can be said that SSA is computationally efficient also.

4.2.3. Robustness

The statistical results in terms of cost simulated over 30 independent runs of all four test cases having different dimensions/complexity are summarized in Table 2, Table 4, Table 6, and Table 8. The robustness of the algorithm is analyzed on the basis of mean cost and standard deviation (SD). For test case I, the mean cost of SSA is found to be inferior to hybrid/improved version of metaheuristics reported in literature as hybrid sum-local search optimizer (HLSO) [41], DEPSO4 [41] but superior to MFO [43]. Here the SD of cost for SSA is also higher as compared to others.

For large dimension test case II, even the worst cost solution of SSA 122737.9965 \$/hr is found to be superior to the best cost reported by EP [40], DE [40], ABCO [40], FPA [42] and CSA [45] listed in Table 4.

For two area system test case III, with the nonlinear, multimodal and discontinuous objective function, the mean cost 124688.4065 \$/hr of SSA is better as compared to other bio-inspired methods as variants of DE

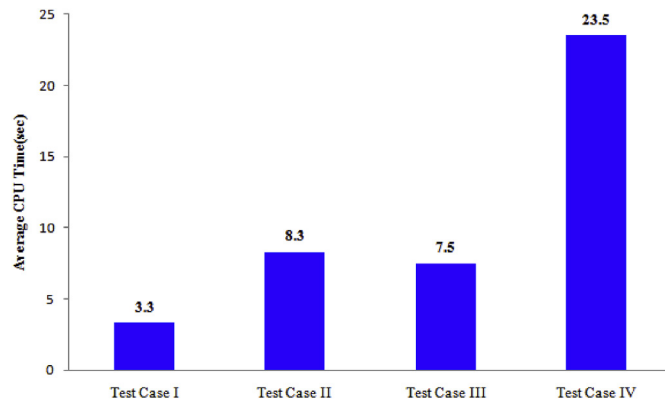


Fig. 15. Average CPU time of SSA for different test cases.

Table 8

Statistical results for two area forty-unit wind-thermal system over 30 Trail.

Generation cost (\$/hr)			
Best	Mean	Worst	SD
120857.2447	120944.6006	121365.6097	140.8637

[41], MFO [43], SFS [47] and ISFS [47] listed in Table 6. Here also it is observed that SD of cost 88.1322 for SSA is either superior or almost comparable to other reported methods except DEC2 [39].

Comparing the results of Test case III and Test case IV, i.e. MAED problem of thermal system and then MAED problem of wind-thermal system as presented in Tables 6 and 8, it has been observed that cost is reduced significantly by wind integration but due to additional probabilistic constraints, standard deviation of the cost is found to be large. Based on this discussion, we can say SSA is a robust optimization approach.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, a salp swarm algorithm is implemented to solve MAED problems with different dimensions and operational complexity. By analyzing the generation schedule, it has been observed that all operational constraints are fully satisfied for all the test cases having different dimensions and complexity level. It proves that SSA can efficiently handle the constraints. Through comparison of best cost solution with other metaheuristics, SSA is found to be effective in terms of solution quality too. The average CPU time required to converge into the optimum solution has also been analyzed, considering the dimension and complexity of problems. SSA is found to be sufficiently fast converging algorithm. Despite providing good results, it has been observed that SSA suffers from premature convergence especially for test cases having objective function non-convex, discontinuous and probabilistic in nature. It may be due to parameter C_1 , which decreases exponentially and is responsible for exploration and exploitation during the optimization process. Therefore a more extensive research on the sensitivity analysis of parameter C_1 can further improve SSA.

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Appendix A

Table A1
Cost coefficient and generator limit data of 16 unit system [37] (Test Case I)

Unit	P_{min} (MW)	P_{max} (MW)	a_i (\$/MW ²)	b_i (\$/MW)	c_i (\$)
Area1					
1	50	150	0.00	4	0.01
2	25	100	0.00	2	0.03
3	25	100	0.00	3	0.05
4	25	100	0.00	1	0.04
Area2					
5	50	150	0.00	4	0.05
6	25	100	0.00	2	0.04
7	25	100	0.00	3	0.08
8	25	100	0.00	1	0.06
Area3					
9	50	150	0.00	4	0.10
10	25	100	0.00	2	0.12
11	25	100	0.00	3	0.10
12	25	100	0.00	1	0.13
Area4					
13	50	150	0.00	4	0.01
14	25	100	0.00	2	0.03
15	25	100	0.00	3	0.05
16	25	100	0.00	1	0.04
For all tie lines T_{ij} (MW)	0	100	0.00	1	0.00

Table A2
Cost coefficient and generator limit data of 40-unit system [26] Test Case II

Unit	P_{min} (MW)	P_{max} (MW)	a_i (\$/MW ²)	b_i (\$/MW)	c_i (\$)	d_i (\$/MW)	e_i (rad /MW)
1.	36	114	0.00690	6.73	94.705	100	0.084
2.	36	114	0.00690	6.73	94.705	100	0.084
3.	60	120	0.02028	7.07	309.54	100	0.084
4.	80	190	0.00942	8.18	369.03	150	0.063
5.	47	97	0.0114	5.35	148.89	120	0.077
6.	68	140	0.01142	8.05	220.33	100	0.084
7.	110	300	0.00357	8.03	287.71	200	0.042
8.	135	300	0.00492	6.99	391.98	200	0.042
9.	135	300	0.00573	6.60	455.76	200	0.042
10.	130	300	0.00605	12.9	722.82	200	0.042
11.	94	375	0.00515	12.9	635.20	200	0.042
12.	94	375	0.00569	12.8	654.69	200	0.042
13.	125	500	0.00421	12.5	913.40	300	0.035
14.	125	500	0.00752	8.84	1760.40	300	0.035
15.	125	500	0.00708	9.15	1728.30	300	0.035
16.	125	500	0.00708	9.15	1728.30	300	0.035
17.	220	500	0.00313	7.97	647.85	300	0.035
18.	220	500	0.00313	7.95	649.69	300	0.035
19.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.83	300	0.035
20.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.81	300	0.035
21.	254	550	0.00298	6.63	785.96	300	0.035
22.	254	550	0.00298	6.63	785.96	300	0.035
23.	254	550	0.00284	6.66	794.53	300	0.035
24.	254	550	0.00284	6.66	794.53	300	0.035
25.	254	550	0.00277	7.10	801.32	300	0.035
26.	254	550	0.00277	7.10	801.32	300	0.035
27.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077
28.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077
29.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077
30.	47	97	0.01140	5.35	148.89	120	0.077
31.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063
32.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063

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Table A2 (continued)

Unit	P_{min} (MW)	P_{max} (MW)	a_i (\$/MW ²)	b_i (\$/MW)	c_i (\$)	d_i (\$/MW)	e_i (rad /MW)
33.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063
34.	90	200	0.0001	8.95	107.87	200	0.042
35.	90	200	0.0001	8.62	116.58	200	0.042
36.	90	200	0.0001	8.62	116.58	200	0.042
37.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098
38.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098
39.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098
40.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.83	300	0.035

Table A3

Cost coefficient and generator limit data of 40 unit system with ramp rate limit and Prohibited operating Zones (Test Case III and IV)

Unit	P_{min} (MW)	P_{max} (MW)	a_i (\$/MW ²)	b_i (\$/MW)	c_i (\$)	d_i (\$/MW)	e_i (rad /MW)	P_0	UR(MW/hr)	DR(MW/hr)
1.	36	114	0.00690	6.73	94.705	100	0.084	100	114	114
2.	36	114	0.00690	6.73	94.705	100	0.084	100	114	114
3.	60	120	0.02028	7.07	309.54	100	0.084	90	120	120
4.	80	190	0.00942	8.18	369.03	150	0.063	150	100	150
5.	47	97	0.0114	5.35	148.89	120	0.077	80	97	97
6.	68	140	0.01142	8.05	220.33	100	0.084	120	80	125
7.	110	300	0.00357	8.03	287.71	200	0.042	280	165	200
8.	135	300	0.00492	6.99	391.98	200	0.042	200	165	200
9.	135	300	0.00573	6.60	455.76	200	0.042	230	165	200
10.	130	300	0.00605	12.9	722.82	200	0.042	240	155	190
11.	94	375	0.00515	12.9	635.20	200	0.042	210	150	185
12.	94	375	0.00569	12.8	654.69	200	0.042	210	150	185
13.	125	500	0.00421	12.5	913.40	300	0.035	230	206	235
14.	125	500	0.00752	8.84	1760.40	300	0.035	355	260	290
15.	125	500	0.00708	9.15	1728.30	300	0.035	350	186	215
16.	125	500	0.00708	9.15	1728.30	300	0.035	350	186	215
17.	220	500	0.00313	7.97	647.85	300	0.035	460	240	270
18.	220	500	0.00313	7.95	649.69	300	0.035	470	240	268
19.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.83	300	0.035	500	290	315
20.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.81	300	0.035	500	290	315
21.	254	550	0.00298	6.63	785.96	300	0.035	510	335	360
22.	254	550	0.00298	6.63	785.96	300	0.035	520	335	360
23.	254	550	0.00284	6.66	794.53	300	0.035	520	335	362
24.	254	550	0.00284	6.66	794.53	300	0.035	450	350	378
25.	254	550	0.00277	7.10	801.32	300	0.035	400	350	380
26.	254	550	0.00277	7.10	801.32	300	0.035	520	350	380
27.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077	20	95	145
28.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077	20	95	145
29.	10	150	0.52124	3.33	1055.1	120	0.077	25	98	145
30.	47	97	0.01140	5.35	148.89	120	0.077	90	97	97
31.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063	170	90	145
32.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063	150	90	145
33.	60	190	0.00160	6.43	222.92	150	0.063	190	90	145
34.	90	200	0.0001	8.95	107.87	200	0.042	190	105	150
35.	90	200	0.0001	8.62	116.58	200	0.042	150	105	150
36.	90	200	0.0001	8.62	116.58	200	0.042	180	105	150
37.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098	60	110	110
38.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098	40	110	110
39.	25	110	0.0161	5.88	307.45	80	0.098	50	110	110
40.	242	550	0.00313	7.97	647.83	300	0.035	512	290	315
Unit	Prohibited operating Zones (MW)									
10	[130 150]				[200 230]				[270 299]	
11	[100 140]				[230 280]				[300 350]	
12	[100 140]				[230 280]				[300 350]	
13	[150 200]				[250 300]				[400 450]	
14	[200 250]				[300 350]				[450 490]	

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