

Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithm

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Overview of Algorithm

This report is analyzing the results of a multi-objective evolutionary algorithm for the offline 2D Bin Packing problem. This algorithm is trying to optimize the horizontal distance the shapes occupy on the sheet. The primary purpose for this is to minimize the amount of stock needed to cut each given shape. The other objective the algorithm is trying to optimize is the vertical distance. This is primarily to avoid having to use the entire vertical spread of the stock so as to eliminate the need to cut shapes from the imperfect edges of the sheet. These optimizations evolve by making Pareto improvements to the population. When the algorithm is completed, it returns the best Pareto optimal front found to the user to decide which solution is truly most fit.

Overview of Experiment

This experiment runs the algorithm using three different configurations on three different problem sets. These results are then analyzed to compare diversity as well as best achieved value for each of the objectives. The configuration differences are as follows:

- Configuration 1
 - Standard starting point to compare other two configurations to
- Configuration 2
 - Significant increase in population size and number of children spawned in each generation (4x)
- Configuration 3
 - Significant increase in mutation rate (3x)

The exact configuration files can be found in the “configuration files” portion of this report. Each of these configurations were run for each problem set, and then the results of each problem instance were then analyzed against each other to see if these changes made a statistical difference and if so which configuration yielded better results. The results of this experiment follow.

Configuration 1

Data

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Analysis

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Configuration 2

Data

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Analysis

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Configuration 3

Data

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Analysis

50 Shapes

100 Shapes

100 Complex Shapes

Configuration Files

50 Shapes

Configuration 1

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  <convergenceCriterion dataType="Integer">15</convergenceCriterion>

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100 Shapes

Configuration 1

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100 Complex Shapes

Configuration 1

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Log and Solution Files