

# Search and Task Allocation

Swarm Intelligence

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## 1 Formalism

We define a search  $A$  as an area bound by two points. Over the search area,  $n_T$  tasks  $T$  are spawned at random positions. The tasks have a task capacity  $T_c$  indicating how many agents  $R$  are required to solve a task. The task is solved immediately if  $T_c$  agents are within the task radius  $T_r$ . The agents  $R$  move randomly around the search area at a speed  $R_v$ . There are  $n_R$  agents. When an agent is inside the task radius  $T_r$  of a task, the agents will wait for other agents to complete the task. The agents can also call for aid in solving a task. The communication distance  $R_d$  determines how far an agent can send a call for aid to another agent.

## 2 Simulations

We implement a tool for visualising the problem described above, in ‘PyGame’. The full implementation is available at [github.com/gregwinther/mas](https://github.com/gregwinther/mas).