



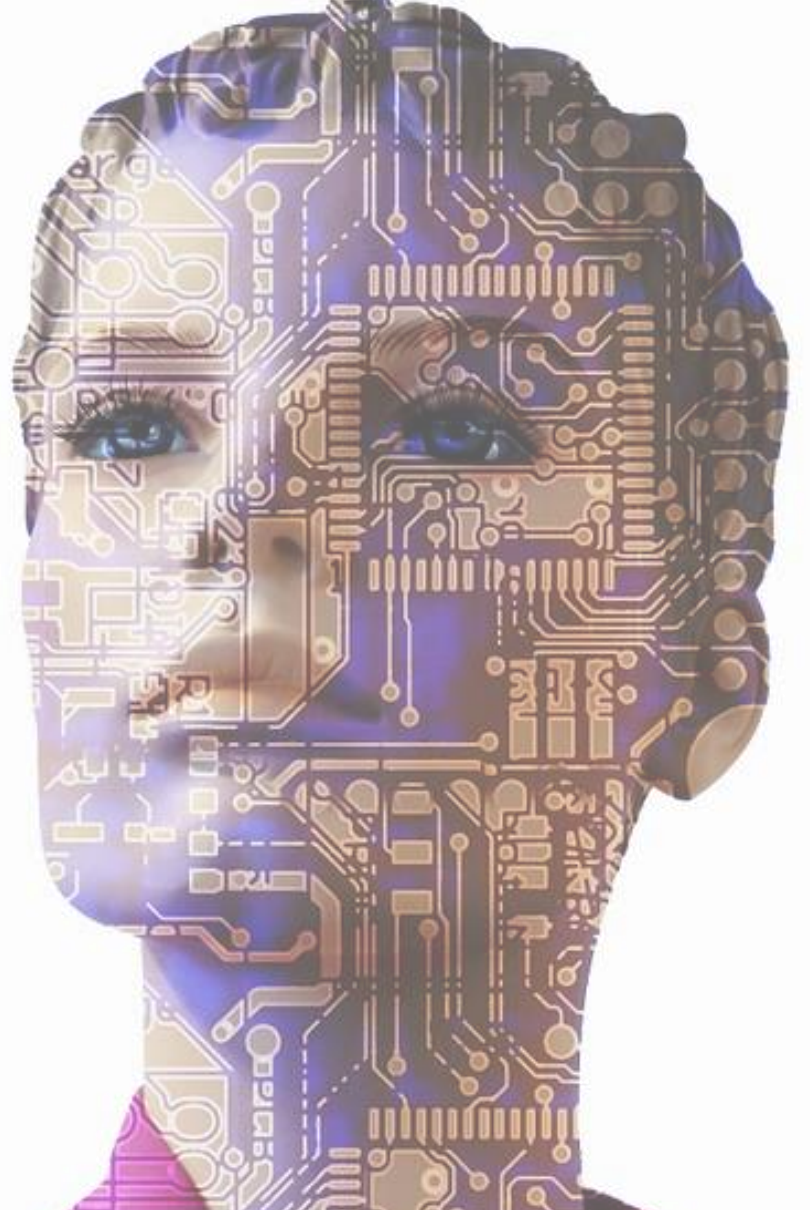
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# PSO Exercises



- **Objective:** Implement in Python a Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm to solve the proposed exercises
- **Goal:**
  - Implement and study the algorithm learning process.
  - Evaluate how the  $w$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  hyperparameters can finetune the optimization process.
  - Report main results and conclusions.
- **Analyse first:**
  - Tutorial: <https://towardsdatascience.com/nature-inspired-optimization-algorithms-particle-swarm-optimization-2cd207d0d37e>
  - Brief PSO Summary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhgDMAm-iml>
  - Python Code Guideline: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uZcuaUvwq0>

**Exercise 1:**

Minimize

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_i)^2$$

$$N = 30$$

$$-100 \leq x_i \leq 100$$

$$-80 \leq a_i \leq 80$$

Where  $a_i$  is selected previously

**Exercise 2:**

Imagine that you want to obtain a polynomial approximation for the  $\sin x$  function. From a polynomial:  $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n x^n$

For this, it is necessary to discover the values of the coefficients  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  that minimize the differences between the values predicted by the polynomial and the real values of the  $\sin(x)$  function in the interval  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$



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