

Aim-Optimization using Genetic Algorithm in MATLAB.

Objectives-

- Global Maxima of Stalagmite Function will be measured
- Data sets will be devised for giving inputs to Genetic Algorithm for optimization.
- Data from the set will be synthesised for plotting the stalagmite function.
- Optimization will be done for three cases namely-
 1. With un-constrained inputs
 2. With constrained Lower & Upper bounds
 3. With constrained input and increased population size

Introduction-

Genetic algorithms are evolutionary algorithms, which are based on natural selection & genetics. GAs use Darwin's Theory of Survival of the fittest to evolve to an optimal solution. It selects individuals at random from the population to mate and produce off springs. In every generation, the artificially generated off springs mutate and over a few generations it converges to an optimal solution.

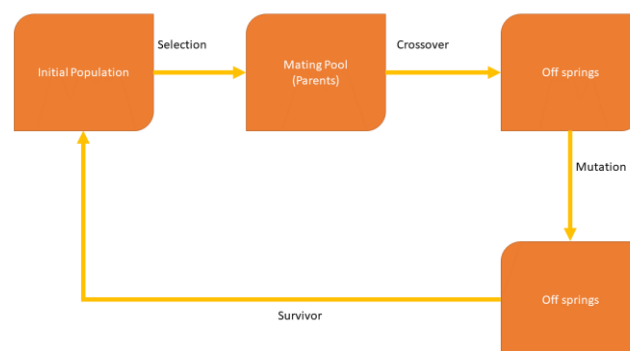
Genetic Algorithms have been developed by John Holland and his acquaintances in University of Michigan, Ann Harbour.

The main idea behind GA is robustness, i.e. whichever solution is fit for survival in many different environments is allowed to transfer data to another generation & vice-versa.

Genetic Algorithm can be applied to solve a variety of optimization problems that are discontinuous, highly non-linear & non-differentiable.

Working Principle-

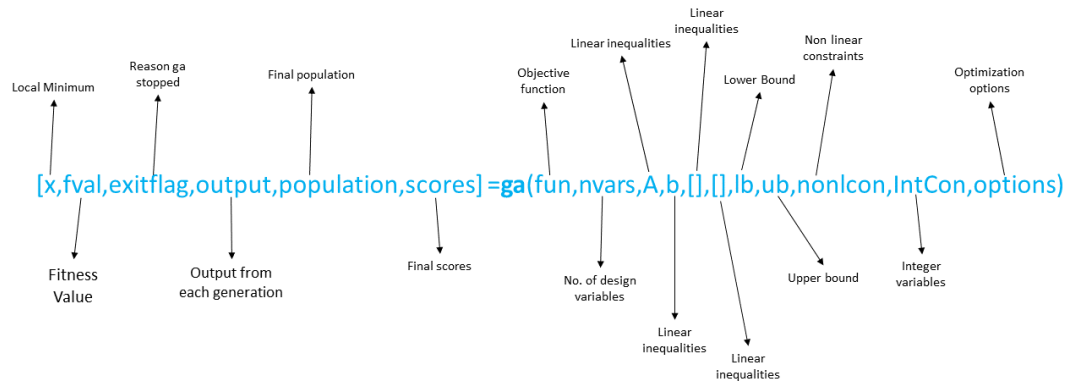
- Step 1- **Initialize**, create a population of N elements each randomly generated.
- Step 2- **Selection**, evaluate fitness of each element of population and build a mating pool.
- Step 3- **Reproduction**
 - Pick two parents from the population according to their fitness
 - Crossover
 - Mutate
 - Add new child to the population
- Step 4- Replace old population with new population and return to Step 2.



Genetic Algorithm Solver MATLAB-

“ga” is a function which determines the minimum of a function using genetic algorithm.

Syntax-



- **fun** — Objective function
- **nvars** — Number of variables
- **A, b** — Linear inequality constraints of type $A \cdot x \leq b$
 - $x + y \leq 10$
 - $4x + 12y \leq 24$
 - $A = [1, 1; 4, 12];$
 - $b = [10; 20];$
- **Aeq, Beq** — Linear equality constraints of type $Aeq \cdot x = beq$,
 - $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 10$
 - $2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = 20$
 - $Aeq = [1, 2, 3; 2, 4, 1];$
 - $beq = [10; 20];$
- **Bounds-** lb ub
- **nonlcon** — (Nonlinear constraints) a function that accepts a vector or array x and returns two arrays, $c(x)$ and $ceq(x)$.
 - $c(x)$ is the array of nonlinear inequality constraints at x
 - $ceq(x)$ is the array of nonlinear equality constraints at x
- **options** — Optimization options output of optimoptions

Stalagmite Function-

A stalagmite is a type of rock formation that rises from the floor of a cave due to the accumulation of material deposited on the floor from ceiling drippings.

Mathematically we can model stalagmites as

$$f(x, y) = f_{1x} \cdot f_{1y} \cdot f_{2x} \cdot f_{2y}$$

Where,

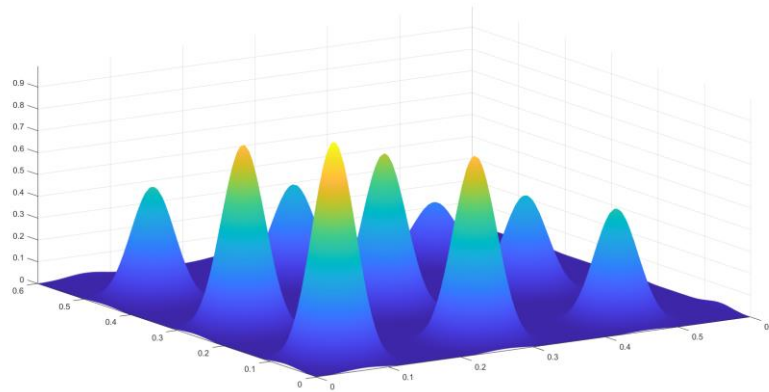
$$f_{1x} = \sin((5.1\pi x + 0.5))^6$$

$$f_{1y} = \sin((5.1\pi y + 0.5))^6$$

$$f_{2x} = e^{\left\lfloor -4 \ln 2 \frac{(x-0.0667)^2}{0.64} \right\rfloor}$$

$$f_{2y} = e^{\left\lfloor -4 \ln 2 \frac{(y-0.0667)^2}{0.64} \right\rfloor}$$

$$f(x,y) = \sin((5.1\pi x + 0.5))^6 \cdot \sin((5.1\pi y + 0.5))^6 \cdot e^{\left[-4 \ln 2 \frac{(x-0.0667)^2}{0.64}\right]} \cdot e^{\left[-4 \ln 2 \frac{(y-0.0667)^2}{0.64}\right]}$$



Objective function (stalagmite.m)-

```
%% =====Stalagmite objective function=====
function [Y]= stalagmite(X)
x=X(1);                                     %Variable 1
y=X(2);                                     %Variable 2

f1x= sin(5.1.*pi.*x+0.5).^6;
f1y= sin(5.1.*pi.*y+0.5).^6;

f2x= exp((-4.*log(2)).*((x-0.0667).^2/0.64));
f2y= exp((-4.*log(2)).*((y-0.0667).^2/0.64));

f=(f1x*f1y*f2x*f2y);
Y=-f;                                       %Minus sign is added to evaluate MAXIMA

end
%=====
```

Code Explanation-

1. Optimization of Stalagmite function using GA in an unbound manner-

- Initializing the search space for the genetic algorithm to work upon, meshgrid is used for creation of

```
%% ===== Preparing the Search Space=====
x=linspace(0,0.6,150);                    % X-values
y=linspace(0,0.6,150);                    % Y-values
%=====2D array creation using meshgrid Function=====
[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);
func= zeros;
for i=1:length(X)
    for j=1:length(Y)
        input(1)=X(i,j);
        input(2)=Y(i,j);
        func(i,j)=stalagmite(input);
    end
end
end
```

- Now, GA is employed for finding optimal solution with no. of iterations to be governed by '**num_case**'. Furthermore stalagmite function is plotted, tic-toc commands are used for studying the execution time of GA and subplot for maximum function value vs no. of iterations.

```
num_case=30;
%% -----Unbound optimization-----
figure(1)
surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');

tic
objfunc=@stalagmite;                                %objective function
for k=1:num_case
    [maxima,f_opt(k)]=ga(objfunc,2);
    x_opt(k)=maxima(1);
    y_opt(k)=maxima(2);
end
a=toc;

figure(2)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Unbound Optimization');
shading interp
hold on
plot3(x_opt,y_opt,-f_opt,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_opt))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');
```

- For each iteration we are getting optimal maxima(**f_opt**) of the stalagmite function along with optimal design parameters(**x_opt,y_opt**).

2. Optimization of Stalagmite function using GA in a bound manner-

- Now this part of the code deals with the bound optimization with lower & upper bounds, thus the GA syntax is altered appropriately as per the definition of the stalagmite(objective function), lower bound of 0 and upper bound of 1 is initialized for improving the accuracy of GA, rest of the code remains same like the unbound case.

```

%% =====Bound Optimization with upper and lower bounds=====
tic
for i=1:num_case
    [maximab,f_optb(i)]=ga(objfunc,2,[],[],[],[],[0;0],[1;1]);
    x_optb(i)=maximab(1);
    y_optb(i)=maximab(2);
end

b=toc;

figure(3)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Bound Optimization');
hold on
plot3(x_optb,y_optb,-
f_optb,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_optb))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');

```

3. Optimization of Stalagmite function using GA in a bound manner with increased population size-

- To further increase the accuracy of GA we increase the population size of search space by using the **optimoptions** function.

```

%% =====Increasing Population Size=====
options=optimoptions('ga');
options=optimoptions(options,'PopulationSize',500);

tic
for i=1:num_case
    [maximaip,f_optip(i)]=ga(objfunc,2,[],[],[],[],[0;0],[1;1],[],[],options);
    x_optip(i)=maximaip(1);
    y_optip(i)=maximaip(2);
end

c=toc;

figure(4)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Bound Optimization with Increased population');
hold on

```

```

plot3(x_optip,y_optip,-
f_optip,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_optip))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');

```

Main Script(genetic_algorithm_main.m)-

```

%-----Genetic Algorithm Main Script-----
clear all % Clears command history
close all % Closes all windows
clc % Clears command window
%% ===== Preparing the Search Space=====
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y=linspace(0,0.6,150); % Y-values
%=====2D array creation using meshgrid Function=====
[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);
func= zeros;
for i=1:length(X)
    for j=1:length(Y)
        input(1)=X(i,j);
        input(2)=Y(i,j);
        func(i,j)=stalagmite(input);
    end
end
num_case=30;
%% -----Unbound optimization-----
figure(1)
surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
colorbar
%view(2)
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');

tic
objfunc=@stalagmite; %objective function
for i=1:num_case
    [maxima,f_opt(i)]=ga(objfunc,2);
    x_opt(i)=maxima(1);
    y_opt(i)=maxima(2);
end
a=toc;

figure(2)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Unbound Optimization');
shading interp
hold on

```

```

plot3(x_opt,y_opt,-f_opt,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_opt))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');

%% =====Bound Optimization wtih upper and lower bounds=====
tic
for i=1:num_case
    [maximab,f_optb(i)]=ga(objfunc,2,[],[],[],[],[0;0],[1;1]);
    x_optb(i)=maximab(1);
    y_optb(i)=maximab(2);
end

b=toc;

figure(3)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Bound Optimization');
hold on
plot3(x_optb,y_optb,-f_optb,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_optb))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');

%% =====Increasing Population Size=====
options=optimoptions('ga');
options=optimoptions(options,'PopulationSize',500);

tic
for i=1:num_case
    [maximaip,f_optip(i)]=ga(objfunc,2,[],[],[],[],[0;0],[1;1],[[],[]],options);
    x_optip(i)=maximaip(1);
    y_optip(i)=maximaip(2);
end

c=toc;

figure(4)
subplot(2,1,1)

surfc(X,Y,-func)
shading interp
xlabel('x');
ylabel('y');
zlabel('f(x,y)');
title('Bound Optimization with Increased population');

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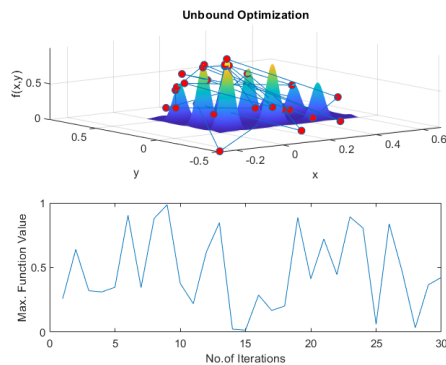
hold on
plot3(x_optip,y_optip,-f_optip,'marker','o','markersize',6,'markerfacecolor','r');

subplot(2,1,2)
plot(abs(f_optip))
xlabel('No.of Iterations');
ylabel('Max. Function Value');
%% =====Displays the output=====
%=====
disp(['Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in unbound manner ='
num2str(a),'sec'])
disp(['Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in bound manner ='
num2str(b),'sec'])
disp(['Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in bound manner with Increased
population =' num2str(c),'sec'])
%=====
disp(['MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in unbound manner ='
num2str(max(-f_opt))])
disp(['MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in bound manner =' num2str(max(-
f_optb))])
disp(['MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in bound manner with increased
population =' num2str(max(-f_optip))])
disp(['MAXIMA of Stalagmite function lies at x = ' num2str(maximaip(1)) ' y = '
num2str(maximaip(2))])

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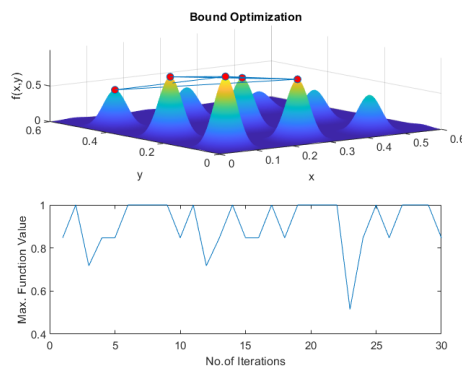

Results-

Unbound Optimization-



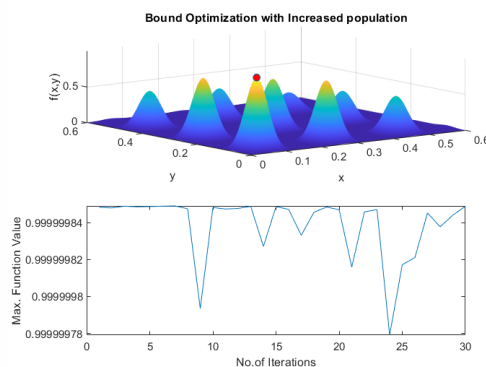
- From the graph and the table we can clearly see that in unbound manner GA predicts many local maxima as during the 30 iterations value gets changed at every iteration, thus low accuracy is obtained.

Bound Optimization-



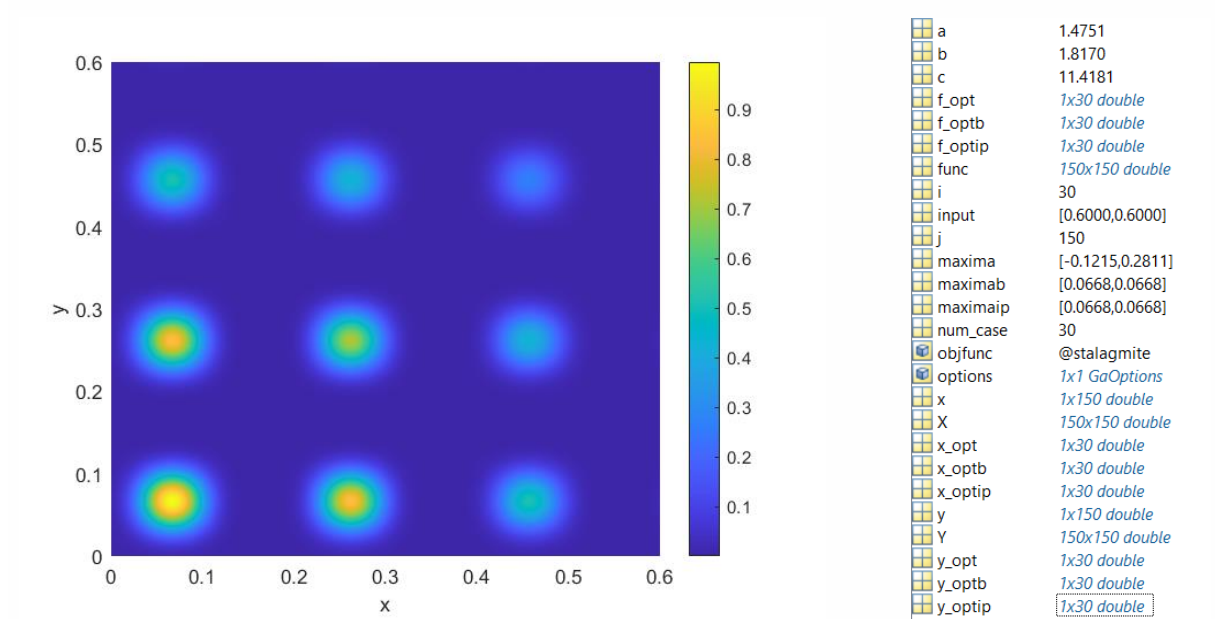
- In this case of bound optimization the accuracy is improved, it is clearly evident from the figures above.

Bound Optimization with increased population size-

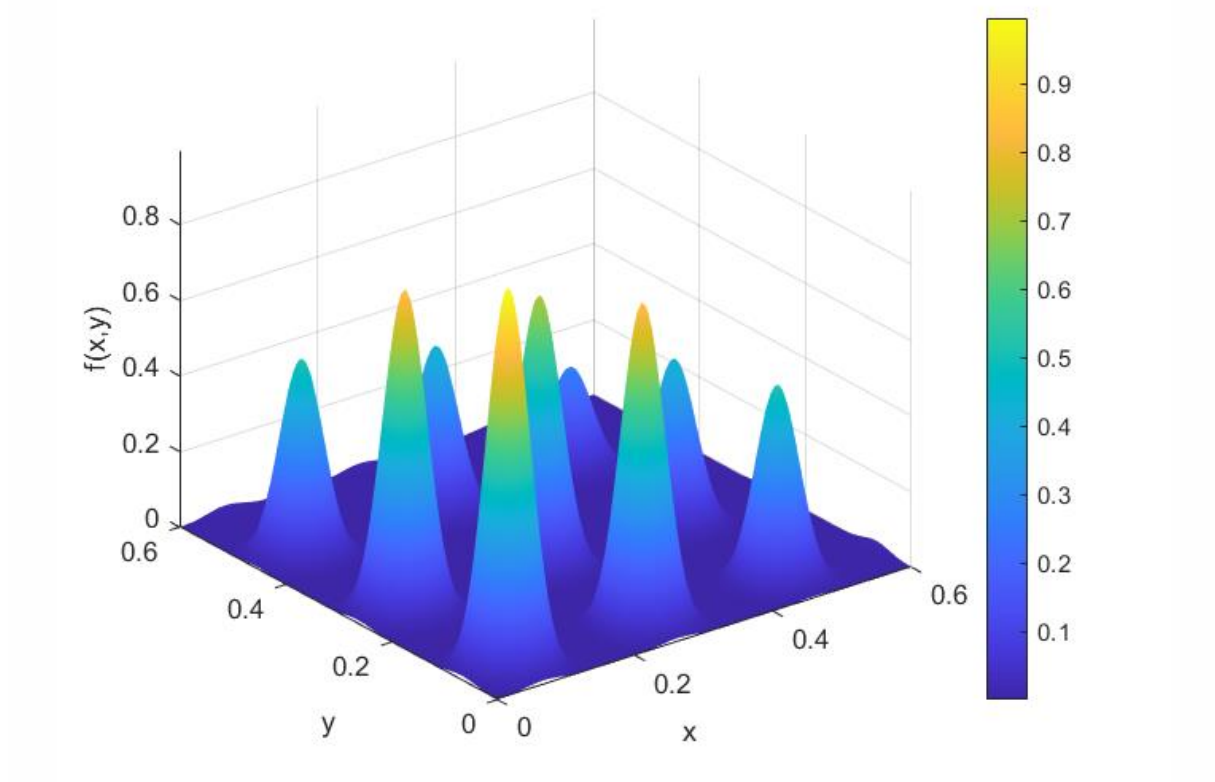


- In this case the GA predicts only one maxima which is the global maxima for the stalagmite function, hence by bounding and increasing the population size we can increase the accuracy of the genetic algorithm.

Workspace generated during the optimization process.



Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in unbound manner =1.4751sec
 Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in bound manner =1.817sec
 Time Taken by Genetic Algorithm to optimize in bound manner with Increased population =11.4181sec
 MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in unbound manner =0.97781
 MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in bound manner =1
 MAXIMA of Stalagmite function when optimized in bound manner with increased population =1
 MAXIMA of Stalagmite function lies at $x = 0.066832$ $y = 0.066833$



Conclusion-

- We used the genetic algorithm to optimize the stalagmite function & found that its Optimum maximum value is **1** which lies at

x=0.066832

y=0.033833

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