

Evolutionary Multiobjective Optimization in Dynamic Environments: A Set of Novel Benchmark Functions

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Table 1: Summary of proposed benchmark set: Unconstrained Dynamic Functions (Fs)

Function		Number of objectives	Pareto Set		Pareto Front		
			Nature	Variation	Nature	Shift	Angular shift / Curvature variation
$F1$		2	Trigonometric	Horizontal shift	Continuous	Diagonal	No change
$F2$	UDF1	2	Trigonometric	Vertical shift	Continuous	Diagonal	No change
$F3$	UDF2	2	Polynomial	Curvature change + Vertical shift	Continuous	Diagonal	No change
$F4$		2	Trigonometric	No change	Discrete	Diagonal	No change
$F5$	UDF3	2	Trigonometric	No change	Discrete	Diagonal	No change
$F6$		3	Trigonometric	No change	Continuous	Radial	No change
$F7$	UDF4	2	Trigonometric	Horizontal shift	Continuous	No change	Angular shift + Curvature variation
$F8$		2	Trigonometric	Vertical shift	Continuous	No change	Angular shift + Curvature variation
$F9$	UDF5	2	Polynomial	Curvature change + Vertical shift	Continuous	No change	Angular shift + Curvature variation
$F10$	UDF6	2	Trigonometric	No change	Discrete	Diagonal	Angular shift only
$F11$		2	Trigonometric	No change	Discrete	Diagonal	Angular shift only
$F12$	UDF7	3	Trigonometric	No change	Continuous	Radial + shift of the center	No change
$F13$	UDF8	2	Trigonometric	Random Vertical or Horizontal shift	Continuous	Random Diagonal Shift	Random Angular Shift or Curvature variation
$F14$	UDF9	2	Polynomial	Random Curvature change or Vertical shift	Continuous	Random Diagonal Shift	Random Angular Shift or Curvature variation

APPENDIX A: Dynamic test problems (all objective functions are to be minimized)

As before, we assume:

$$G(t) = \sin(0.5\pi t), \quad t = \frac{1}{n_s} \left\lfloor \frac{\tau}{T} \right\rfloor, \quad M(t) = 0.5 + |G(t)|, \quad H(t) = 0.5 + |G(t)|, \quad R(t) = 1 + |G(t)| \text{ and } K(t) = \lceil nG(t) \rceil$$

1) $F1$

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t)) \frac{\pi}{n})]^2 + |G(t)|$$

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t)) \frac{\pi}{n})]^2 + |G(t)|,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.

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- Optimal PF $f_2 = 1 - (f_1 - |G(t)|) + |G(t)|, 0 + |G(t)| \leq f_1 \leq 1 + |G(t)|$
- Optimal PS $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t))\frac{\pi}{n}), j = 2, \dots, n; 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

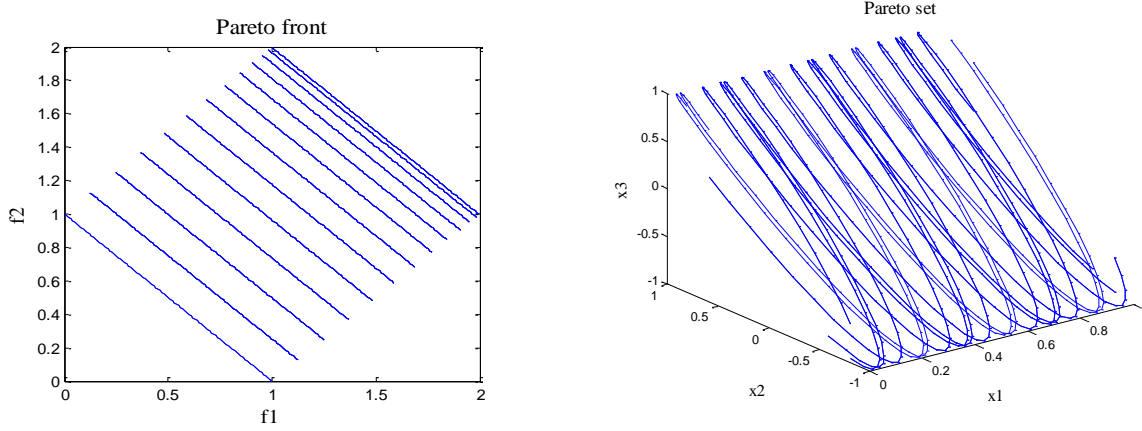


Fig. A1: PF and PS for F1

2) F2

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j\frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t)]^2 + |G(t)|$$

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j\frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t)]^2 + |G(t)|,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-2, 2]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF: $f_2 = 1 - (f_1 - |G(t)|) + |G(t)|, 0 + |G(t)| \leq f_1 \leq 1 + |G(t)|$
- optimal PS: $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j\frac{\pi}{n}) + G(t), j = 2, \dots, n, 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

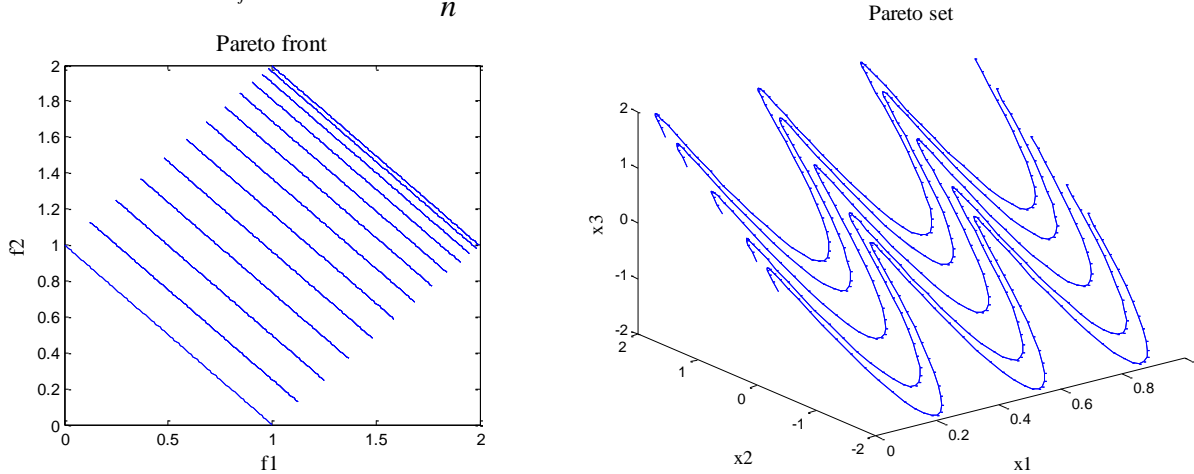


Fig. A2: PF and PS for F2

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3) $F3$

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t))} - G(t)]^2 + |G(t)|$$

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t))} - G(t)]^2 + |G(t)|,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 2]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF: $f_2 = 1 - (f_1 - |G(t)|) + |G(t)|$, $0 + |G(t)| \leq f_1 \leq 1 + |G(t)|$
- Optimal PS: $x_j = x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t))} + G(t)$, $j = 2, \dots, n$, $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

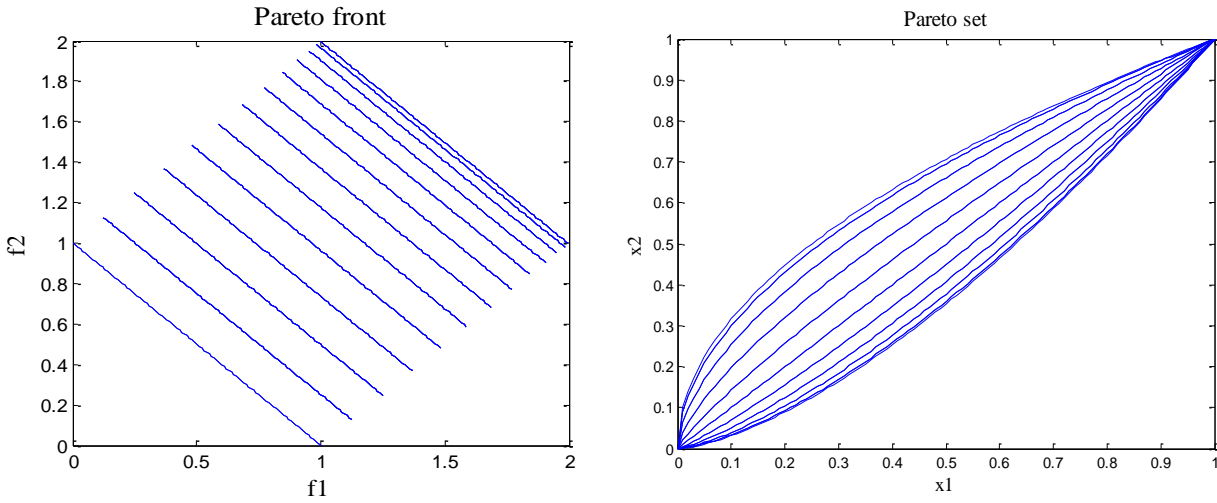


Fig. A3: PF and PS for F3

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4) *F4*

$$f_1 = x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon\right) \left| \sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N \left| G(t) \right| \right| + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [2y_j^2 - \cos(4\pi y_j) + 1]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon\right) \left| \sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N \left| G(t) \right| \right| + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [2y_j^2 - \cos(4\pi y_j) + 1]^2$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$, $\varepsilon = 0.1$ and $N = 10$.

$$y_j = x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}), \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$,
where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF: $2N + 1$ distinct points:

$$\left(\frac{i}{2N} + |G(t)|, 1 - \frac{i}{2N} + |G(t)|\right), i = 0, 1, \dots, 2N$$
- Optimal PS $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 2, \dots, n$. $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

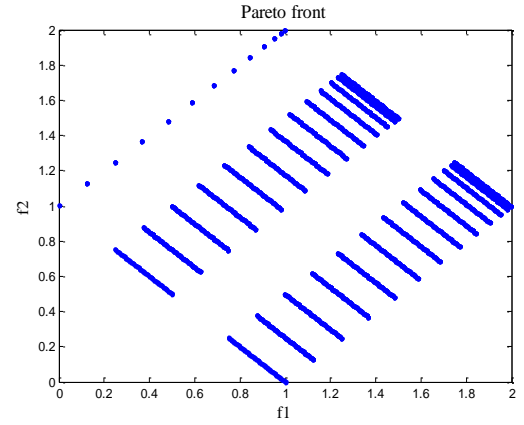


Fig. A4: PF for F4

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5) *F5*

$$f_1 = x_1 + \max\{0, (\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon)[\sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N|G(t)|]\} + \frac{2}{|J_1|} [4 \sum_{j \in J_1} 2y_j^2 - 2 \prod_{j \in J_1} \cos(\frac{20\pi y_j}{\sqrt{j}}) + 2]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 + \max\{0, (\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon)[\sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N|G(t)|]\} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} [4 \sum_{j \in J_2} 2y_j^2 - 2 \prod_{j \in J_2} \cos(\frac{20\pi y_j}{\sqrt{j}}) + 2]^2$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$, $\varepsilon = 0.1$ and $N = 10$.

$$y_j = x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}), \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF:
 - one disconnected point (0,1)
 - N disconnected parts: $\bigcup_{i=1}^N [\frac{2i-1}{2N} + |G(t)|, \frac{2i}{2N} + |G(t)|]$
- Optimal PS: $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 2, \dots, n$. $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

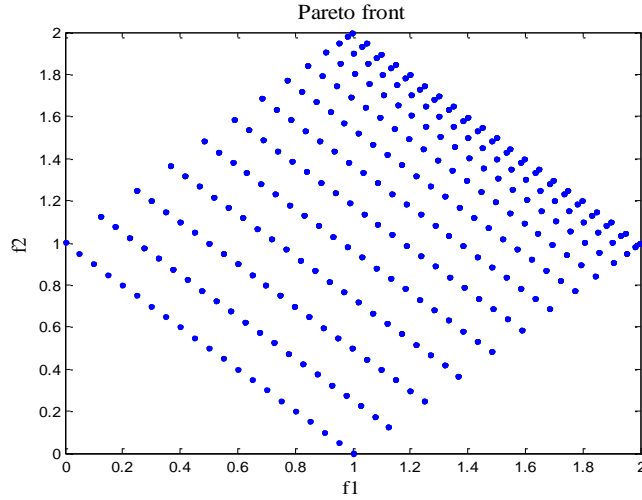


Fig. A5: PF for F5

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6) F6

$$f_1 = R(t) \cos(0.5\pi x_1) \cos(0.5\pi x_2) + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2$$

$$f_2 = R(t) \cos(0.5\pi x_1) \sin(0.5\pi x_2) + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2$$

$$f_3 = R(t) \sin(0.5\pi x_1) + \frac{2}{|J_3|} \sum_{j \in J_3} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2$$

where

$$J_1 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j-1 \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\},$$

$$J_2 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j-2 \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\},$$

$$J_3 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\}.$$

- Search space: $[0, 1]^2 \times [-2, 2]^{n-2}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF: $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + f_3^2 = [R(t)]^2$, $0 \leq f_1, f_2, f_3 \leq 1$.
- Optimal PS: $x_j = 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 3, \dots, n$.

Pareto front

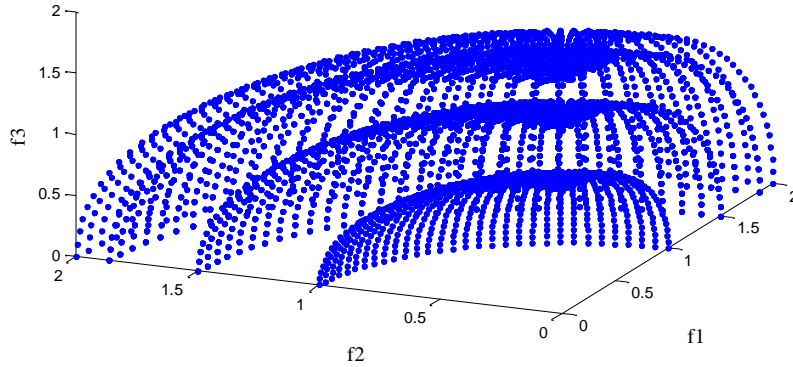


Fig. A6: PF for F6

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7) F7

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t)) \frac{\pi}{n})]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - M(t)(x_1)^{H(t)} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t)) \frac{\pi}{n})]^2,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0,1] \times [-1,1]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- POF $f_2 = 1 - M(t)f_1^{H(t)}$, $0 \leq f_1 \leq 1$
- POS $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t)) \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 2, \dots, n$; $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

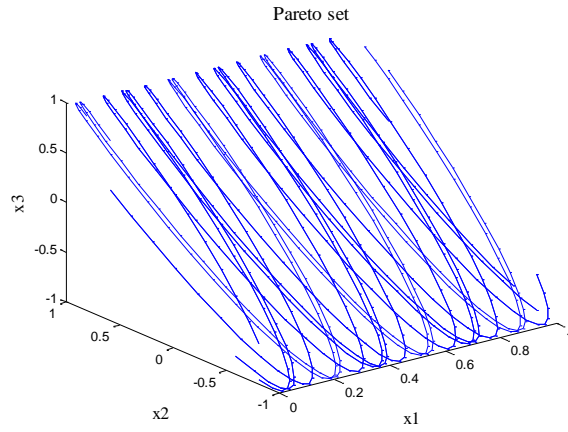
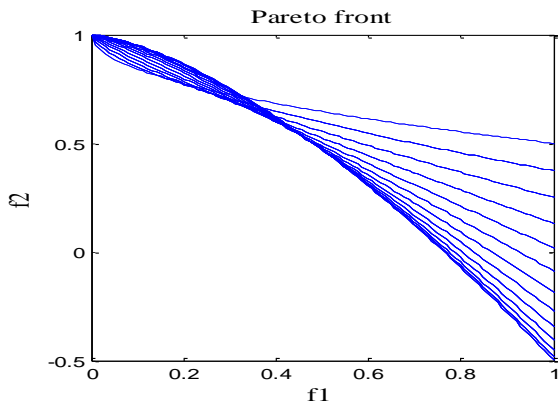


Fig. A7: PF and PS for F7

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8) F8

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t)]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - M(t)x_1^{H(t)} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t)]^2,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0,1] \times [-2,2]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF $f_2 = 1 - M(t)f_1^{H(t)}$, $0 \leq f_1 \leq 1$
- Optimal PS: $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}) + G(t)$, $j = 2, \dots, n$, $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

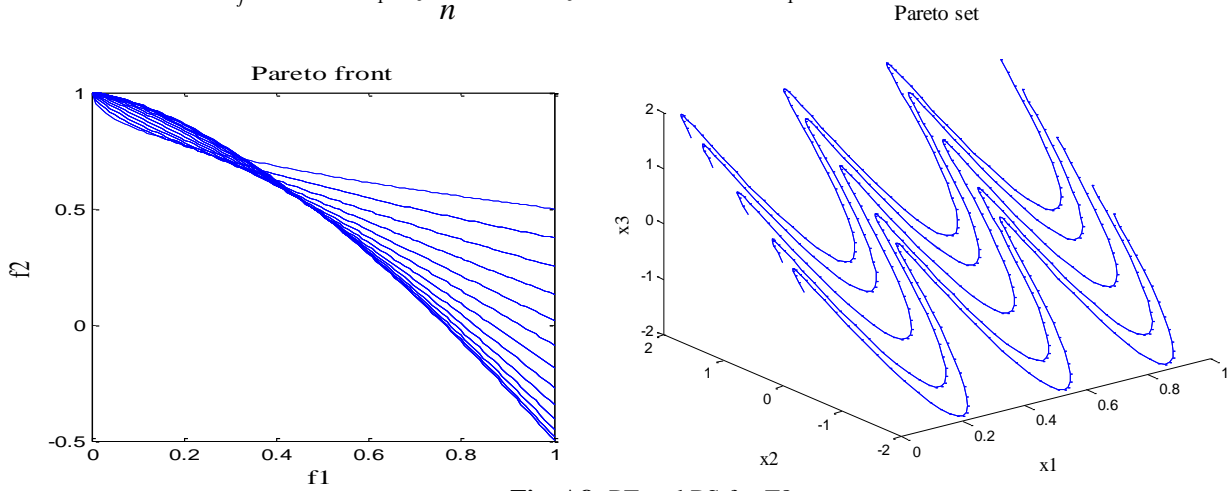


Fig. A8: PF and PS for F8

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9) F9

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - x_1^{0.5(2+\frac{3(j-2)}{n-2}+G(t))} - G(t)]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - M(t)x_1^{H(t)} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_1^{0.5(2+\frac{3(j-2)}{n-2}+G(t))} - G(t)]^2,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0,1] \times [-1,2]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF $f_2 = 1 - M(t)f_1^{H(t)}$, $0 \leq f_1 \leq 1$
- Optimal PS: $x_j = x_1^{0.5(2+\frac{3(j-2)}{n-2}+G(t))} + G(t)$, $j = 2, \dots, n$, $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

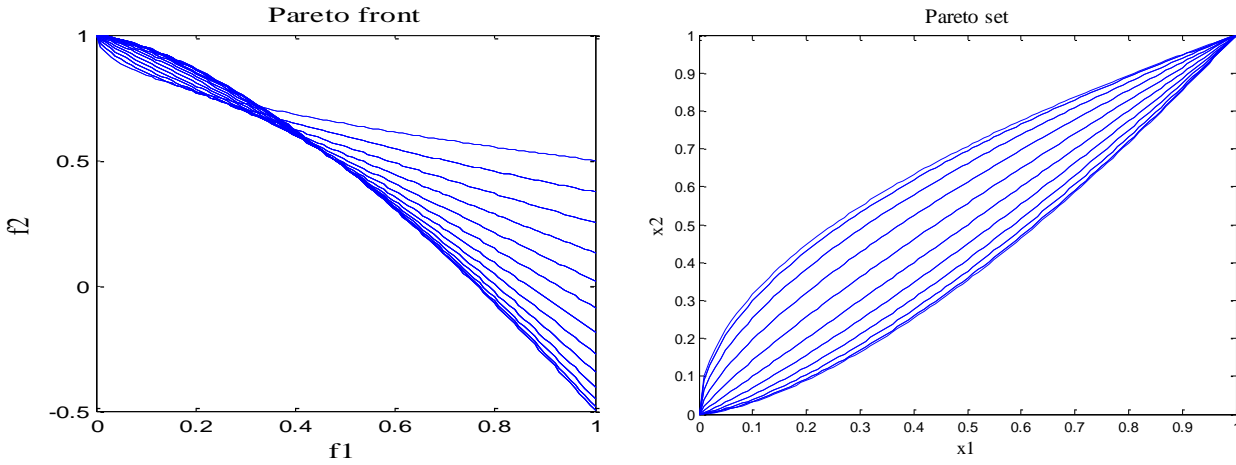


Fig. A9: PF and PS for F9

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10) *F10*

$$f_1 = x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon\right) \left| \sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N |G(t)| \right| + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [2y_j^2 - \cos(4\pi y_j) + 1]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - M(t)x_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon\right) \left| \sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N |G(t)| \right| + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [2y_j^2 - \cos(4\pi y_j) + 1]^2$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$,

$\varepsilon = 0.1$ and $N = 10$.

$$y_j = x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}), \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$,
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- Optimal PF: $2N + 1$ distinct points:

$$\left(\frac{i}{2N} + |G(t)|, 1 - \frac{i}{2N} M(t) + |G(t)|\right), i = 0, 1, \dots, 2N$$
- Optimal PS $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}), j = 2, \dots, n. \quad 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1.$

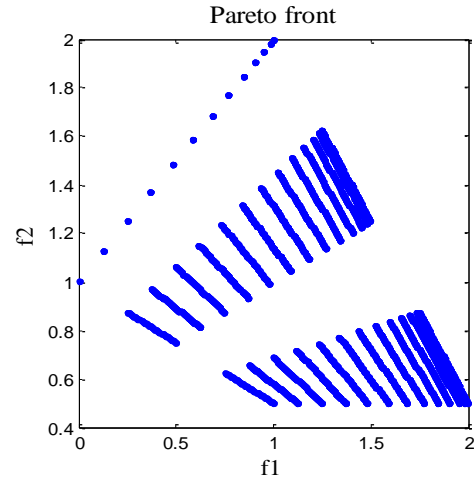


Fig. A10: Optimal PF for F10

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11) *F11*

$$f_1 = x_1 + \max\{0, (\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon)[\sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N|G(t)|]\} + \frac{2}{|J_1|} [4 \sum_{j \in J_1} 2y_j^2 - 2 \prod_{j \in J_1} \cos(\frac{20\pi y_j}{\sqrt{j}}) + 2]^2$$

$$f_2 = 1 - M(t)x_1 + \max\{0, (\frac{1}{2N} + \varepsilon)[\sin(2N\pi x_1) - 2N|G(t)|]\} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} [4 \sum_{j \in J_2} 2y_j^2 - 2 \prod_{j \in J_2} \cos(\frac{20\pi y_j}{\sqrt{j}}) + 2]^2 \quad \text{where}$$

$J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$, $\varepsilon = 0.1$ and $N = 10$.

$$y_j = x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n}), \quad j = 2, \dots, n$$

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$,
where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF:
 - one disconnected point $(0, 1)$
 - N disconnected parts: $\bigcup_{i=1}^N [\frac{2i-1}{2N} + |G(t)|, \frac{2i}{2N} M(t) + |G(t)|]$
- Optimal PS: $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 2, \dots, n$. $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

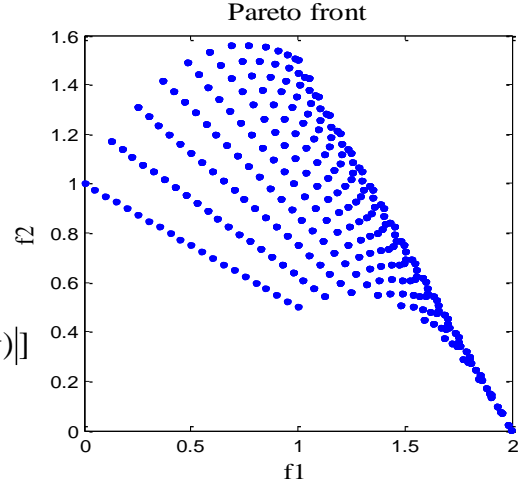


Fig. A11: Optimal PF for F11

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12) *F12*

$$f_1 = R(t) \cos(0.5\pi x_1) \cos(0.5\pi x_2) + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2 + G(t)$$

$$f_2 = R(t) \cos(0.5\pi x_1) \sin(0.5\pi x_2) + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2 + G(t)$$

$$f_3 = R(t) \sin(0.5\pi x_1) + \frac{2}{|J_3|} \sum_{j \in J_3} [x_j - 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})]^2 + G(t)$$

where $J_1 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j-1 \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\}$,

$J_2 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j-2 \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\}$,

$J_3 = \{j | 3 \leq j \leq n, \text{ and } j \text{ is a multiplication of } 3\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1]^2 \times [-2, 2]^{n-2}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF: $(f_1 - G(t))^2 + (f_2 - G(t))^2 + (f_3 - G(t))^2 = [R(t)]^2$, $0 \leq f_1, f_2, f_3 \leq 1$.
- Optimal PS: $x_j = 2x_2 \sin(2\pi x_1 + j \frac{\pi}{n})$, $j = 3, \dots, n$.

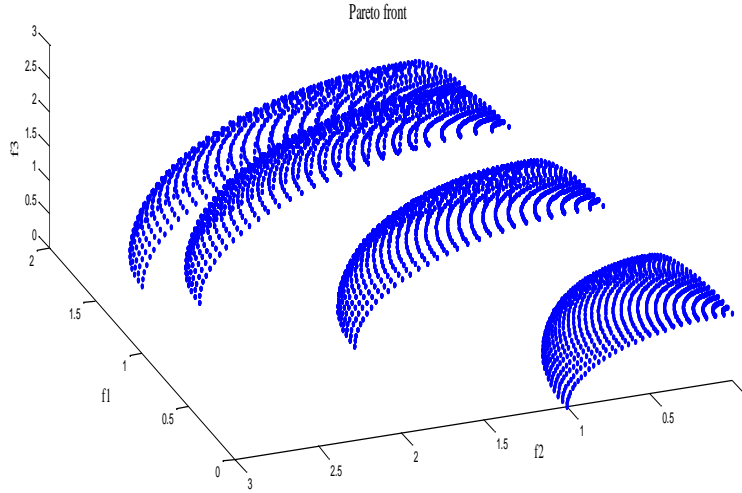


Fig. A12: Optimal PF for F12

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13) *F13*

Initialize $t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = t_5 = 0$

Let us define t_s as a random variable belonging to the set $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$, where probability of each of the variables being selected is equal i.e.

$$P(t_s = t_1) = P(t_s = t_2) = P(t_s = t_3) = P(t_s = t_4) = P(t_s = t_5) = \frac{1}{5}$$

for each iteration $\tau = 1 : \max_gen$

if $t(\tau) \neq t(\tau - 1)$

select t_s randomly from the set $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$,

increase the selected variable t_s by a step of 1

Update f_1, f_2 as per the current values of t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5

end

end

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t_1)) \frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t_2)]^2 + |G(t_3)|$$

$$f_2 = 1 - H(t_4) x_1^{H(t_5)} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_j - \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t_1)) \frac{\pi}{n}) - G(t_2)]^2 + |G(t_3)|,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-1, 1]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF $f_2 = 1 - H(t_4)(f_1 - |G(t_3)|)^{H(t_5)} + |G(t_3)|, 0 + |G(t_3)| \leq f_1 \leq 1 + |G(t_3)|$
- Optimal PS $x_j = \sin(6\pi x_1 + (j + K(t_1)) \frac{\pi}{n}) + G(t_2), j = 2, \dots, n; 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$.

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14) *F14*

Initialize $t_1 = t_2 = t_3 = t_4 = t_5 = 0$

Let us define t_s as a random variable belonging to the set $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$, where probability of each of the variables being selected is equal i.e.

$$P(t_s = t_1) = P(t_s = t_2) = P(t_s = t_3) = P(t_s = t_4) = P(t_s = t_5) = \frac{1}{5}$$

for each iteration $\tau = 1 : \max_gen$

if $t(\tau) \neq t(\tau - 1)$

Select t_s randomly from the set $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\}$,

Increase the selected variable t_s by a step of 1

Update f_1, f_2 as per the current values of t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5

end

end

$$f_1 = x_1 + \frac{2}{|J_1|} \sum_{j \in J_1} [x_j - x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t_1))} - G(t_2)]^2 + |G(t_3)|$$

$$f_2 = 1 - H(t_4) x_1^{H(t_5)} + \frac{2}{|J_2|} \sum_{j \in J_2} [x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t_1))} - G(t_2)]^2 + |G(t_3)|,$$

where $J_1 = \{j \mid j \text{ is odd and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $J_2 = \{j \mid j \text{ is even and } 2 \leq j \leq n\}$.

- Search space: $[0, 1] \times [-2, 2]^{n-1}$, where n is the number of dimensions of the search space.
- Optimal PF $f_2 = 1 - H(t_4)(f_1 - |G(t_3)|)^{H(t_5)} + |G(t_3)|, 0 + |G(t_3)| \leq f_1 \leq 1 + |G(t_3)|$
- Optimal PS $x_j = x_1^{0.5(2 + \frac{3(j-2)}{n-2} + G(t_1))} + G(t_2), \quad j = 2, \dots, n, \quad 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1.$

Note that in F13 and F14, several types of dynamic variation of PS and PF have been incorporated to form a pool of changes and at a time only one kind of change is employed. The variables t_1 to t_5 correspond to a single type of variation each. At a particular point of time, only one of the variables is selected randomly and gets increased by 1. The objective functions f_1, f_2 are obtained according to updated values of the variables.

N.B.: In all the benchmark functions we have used some common variables. They denote some typical kind of changes in PS or PF as discussed below:

$G(t)$: Vertical or Horizontal shift in PF or PS.

$M(t)$: Angular shift in PF.

$H(t)$: Curvature variation in PF.

$R(t)$: Radius variation in three dimensional PF.

$K(t)$: Phase shifting in trigonometric type of PS.