

# Session : Particle Swarm Optimization

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# Objectives of this Session

I wish to introduce:

1. Swarm intelligence (SI)
2. Computational swarm intelligence
3. Basic particle swarm optimization (PSO)
4. Various control parameters of PSO
5. Various social topologies of PSO
6. A few variants of PSO
7. Implementation aspects of PSO
8. Binary PSO



# Intended Outcomes of this Session

At the end of this session, the student will be able to:

1. Appreciate the elements of biological swarm intelligence
2. Relate how biology inspires computer algorithms resulting in computational SI
3. Develop canonical global and local best forms of PSO to solve multidimensional optimization benchmark problems
4. Tune the algorithm parameter values based on the problem
5. Solve engineering problems using PSO and binary PSO



# Recommended Resources for this Session

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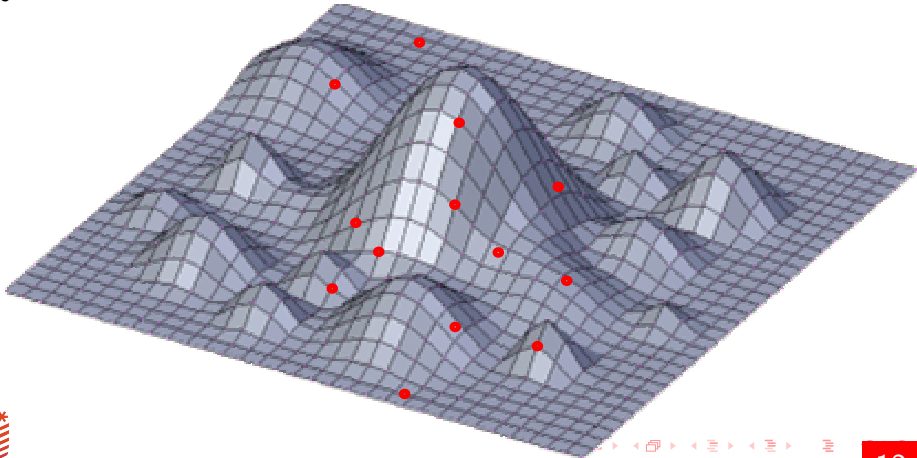
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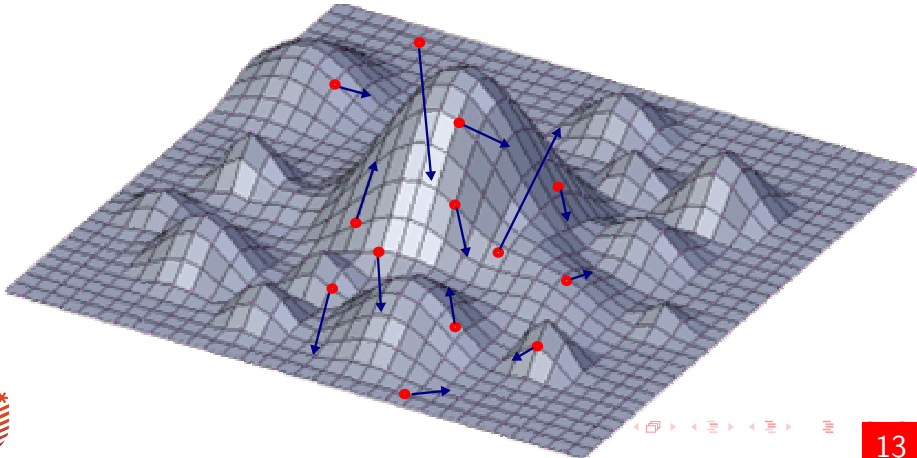
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- Also, in a time step  $t$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \max\{f(\mathbf{x}_1(t)), \dots, f(\mathbf{x}_{n_s}(t))\}$





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12:    Update the velocity;
13:    Update the position;
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15: until Termination condition is met;
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# Detailed $g_{best}$ PSO Algorithm

- The link



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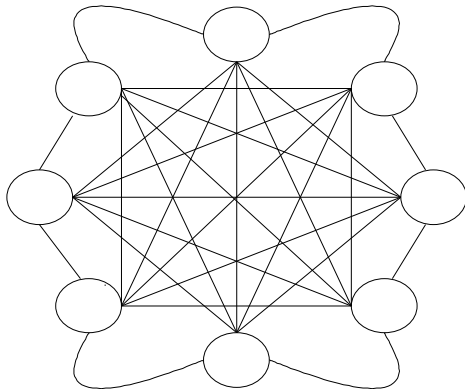
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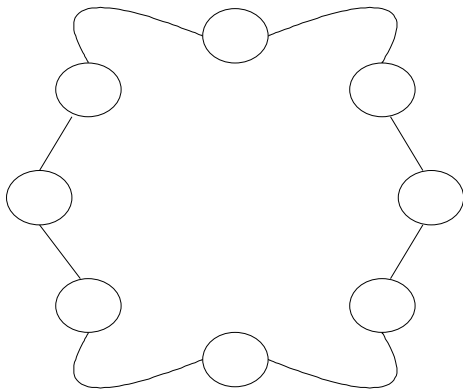


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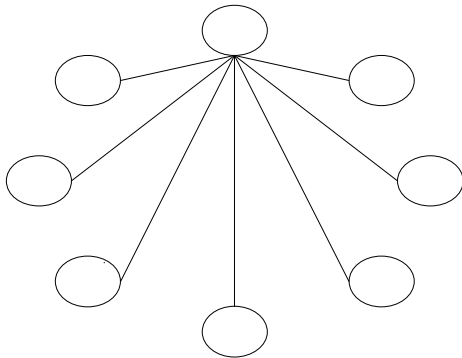
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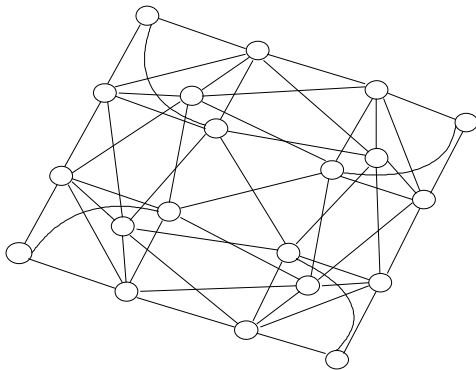
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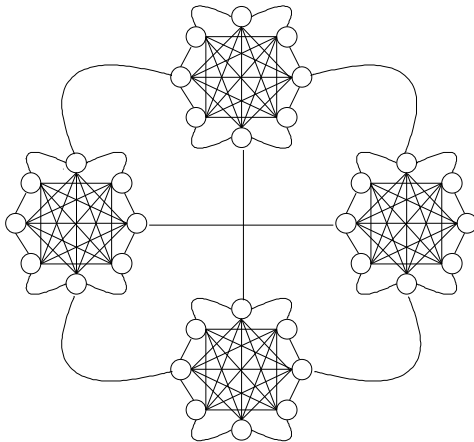
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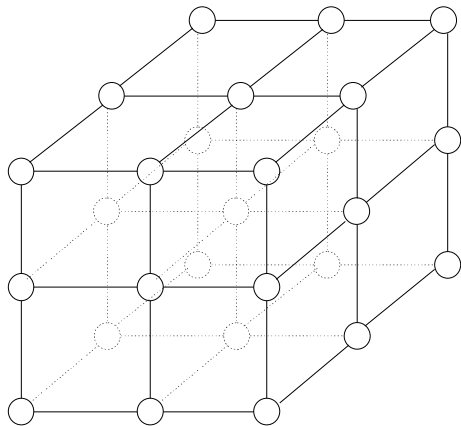


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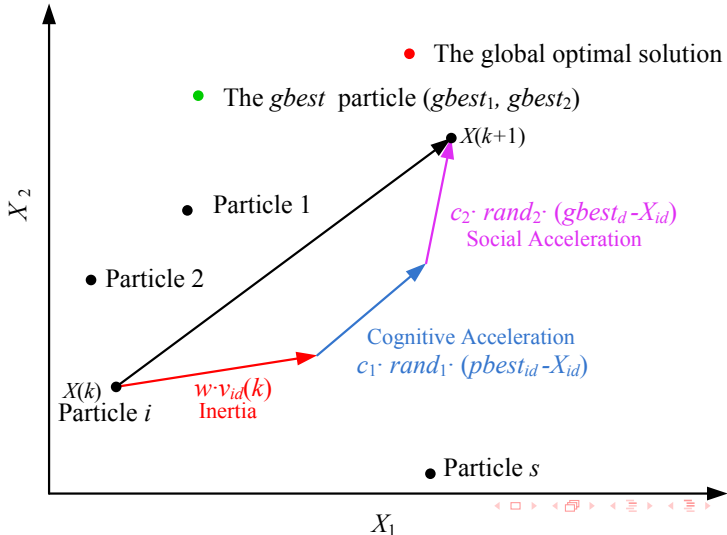
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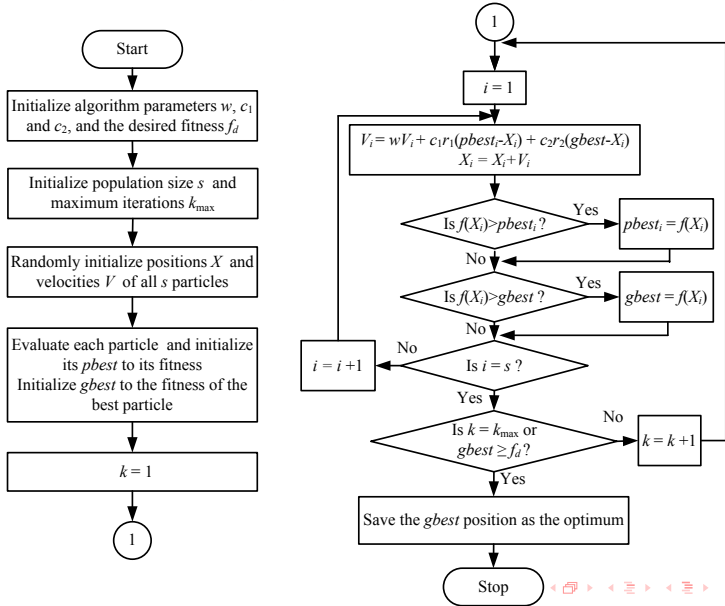
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