

Session : Artificial Bee Colony

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Recommended Resources for this Session

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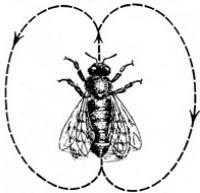
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- **Onlookers** wait in the nest and establish a food source through the information shared by employed foragers



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- The exchange of information is an important occurrence in the formation of collective knowledge
- Communication related to the quality of food sources takes place in the **dancing area**
- Employed foragers share their information with a probability proportional to the profitability of the food source, and this sharing through **waggle dancing** is longer in duration
- An onlooker on the dance floor watches numerous dances and decides to employ herself at the most profitable source
- There is a greater probability of onlookers choosing more profitable sources since more information is circulated about the more profitable sources



Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Algorithm

1. ABC is a meta-heuristic algorithm based on the foraging behavior of honey bees
2. ABC as an optimization tool, provides a population-based search procedure in which individuals called foods positions are modified by the artificial bees with time and the bees' aim is to discover the places of food sources with high nectar amount and finally the one with the highest nectar
3. The position of a food source represents a possible solution to the optimization problem and the nectar amount of a food source corresponds to the quality (fitness) of the associated solution
4. It is simple and converges faster to the optimal solution with moderate computational efforts



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4. ABC defines two leading modes of the behavior: the recruitment to a rich nectar source and the abandonment of a poor source



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ABC Algorithm

Algorithm 7B.1. ABC Algorithm

- 1: Initialize Population
 - 2: **while** stopping criteria is met **do**
 - 3: Place employed bees to their food positions
 - 4: Place the onlooker bees on the food sources depending on their nectar amounts
 - 5: Send the scouts to the search area for discovering new food sources
 - 6: Memorize the best food source found so far
 - 7: **end while**
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3. Each employed bee explores its neighboring food sources and apply a greedy selection strategy between its food source and food sources of its neighbors. If the f of the new position is higher then employed bee updates its x_{iD} otherwise it remains unchanged



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4. A new candidate position from the existing memory is generated using $v_{ij} = x_{ij} + \phi_{ij} \cdot (x_{ij} - x_{oj})$, where $i, o \in 1, 2, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, D$. o is randomly chosen such that $o \neq i$ and $-1 \leq \phi_i \leq 1$.



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Demo of MATLAB Simulation of ABC



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Any Questions?



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