AI Based Personalized Fitness Program Optimization

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Abstract

This project presents an artificial intelligence system designed to generate personalized fitness and nutrition programs based on user specific inputs. Unlike static templates, this system utilizes a ***Genetic Algorithm (GA)*** *to solve the combinatorial optimization problem of workout scheduling. The system interacts with the user via a terminal interface to collect biological data and goals. It then employs deterministic mathematical models for nutrition planning and stochastic evolutionary algorithms to create an optimal weekly workout schedule. Experimental results demonstrate that the system successfully adapts to dynamic user constraints, maximizing fitness scores by balancing intensity, duration and recovery.*

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1 Introduction

The domain of personal fitness has traditionally relied on static, predetermined routines that often fail to address individual physiological differences and constraints. While effective training requires personalization, the manual generation of such schedules is a resource intensive task. From a computational perspective, generating a personalized weekly schedule from a database of N exercises constitutes a **Combinatorial Optimization Problem**. As the number of exercises and constraints (time, equipment, goal) increases, the search space grows exponentially, rendering Brute Force approaches computationally infeasible [1].

In the field of Artificial Intelligence, such scheduling tasks are often categorized as Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSPs). Studies conducted in the domain of evolutionary computation suggest that heuristic search methods are superior for these types of nonlinear problems. Specifically, **Genetic Algorithms (GA)** have been extensively studied for their efficacy in resource allocation and timetabling problems. Goldberg (1989) demonstrated that GAs are particularly robust in navigating vast, multimodal search spaces where traditional gradient based optimization methods fail [2].

Building on these foundational studies, this project implements an *AI Based Fitness Optimization System*. By leveraging the stochastic nature of evolutionary algorithms, the system aims to automate the generation of "tailor made" fitness programs, balancing user specific hard constraints (e.g., available days) with soft constraints (e.g., preferred intensity), thus bridging the gap between theoretical optimization and practical fitness application.

2 Methodology

The proposed system operates in two distinct phases: Deterministic Nutrition Calculation and Stochastic Workout Optimization.

2.1 Nutrition Optimization Module

The first unit of the methodology is deterministic. Upon receiving user input (Age, Weight, Height, Gender), the system calculates the Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR) using the Mifflin-St Jeor equation, which is widely cited for its accuracy in clinical settings [3].

$$BMR = (10 \times weight) + (6.25 \times height) - (5 \times age) + S \tag{1}$$

Where S is +5 for males and -161 for females. The Total Daily Energy Expenditure (TDEE) is then derived based on activity levels. Finally, macronutrients are partitioned based on the specific goal (e.g., Cut: High Protein/Deficit, Bulk: High Carb/Surplus).

2.2 Workout Optimization Module (Genetic Algorithm)

The core intelligence of the system is the Genetic Algorithm. The problem is modeled as follows:

- **Chromosome:** A list representing a weekly schedule.
- **Gene:** A specific day containing a set of exercises.
- **Fitness Function:** A scoring mechanism $(0 - 100)$ that evaluates the quality of a schedule based on duration constraints (30-90 mins) and intensity alignment with the user's goal.

The algorithmic flow includes Initialization, Selection (Elitism), Crossover (Single Point) and Mutation. The logic is detailed in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Fitness Schedule Optimization (Genetic Algorithm)

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Require: User profile, ExerciseDB
Ensure: Optimized BestPlan
Population ← Generate N random schedules
for generation ← 1 to MaxGenerations do
    for each plan in Population do
        Score ← 100
        if plan.duration < 30 or plan.duration > 90 then
            Score ← Score − 10                          ▷ Time Penalty
        end if
        if plan.intensity ≠ User.goal then
            Score ← Score − 20                          ▷ Goal Penalty
        end if
        plan.Fitness ← Score
    end for
    Sort Population by Fitness descending
    Survivors ← Top 50% of Population
    NextGen ← Survivors
    while size(NextGen) < N do
        Parent1, Parent2 ← Random select from Survivors
        Child ← Crossover(Parent1, Parent2)
        if Random() < MutationRate then
            Mutate(Child)
        end if
        Add Child to NextGen
    end while
    Population ← NextGen
end for
return Population[0]
```

3 Simulation

To validate the proposed methodology, the system was implemented in Python 3.13 and subjected to rigorous testing. The simulation focused on measuring the algorithm's efficiency, convergence speed and solution quality compared to a baseline random search.

3.1 Experiment Configuration

The experiments were conducted on a standard consumer-grade computing environment. The Genetic Algorithm relies on specific hyperparameters that control the trade off between *Exploration* (searching new areas) and *Exploitation* (refining good solutions). Through empirical tuning, the configuration detailed in Table 1 was selected as the optimal setup.

Table 1: Genetic Algorithm Configuration Parameters

Parameter	**Value**
Population Size (N)	20
Max Generations	50
Mutation Rate (P_m)	0.2 (20%)
Crossover Method	Single-Point
Selection Method	Elitism (Top 50%)

3.2 Metric Results

We evaluated the system using a test case of a user requiring a "Weight Loss (Cut)" program with a 4 days/week constraint. The performance was measured using three key metrics:

1. **Fitness Improvement:** The difference between the best score in the initial population (Generation 0) and the final population (Generation 50).

2. **Convergence Rate:** The generation number at which the fitness score stabilized.

3. **Execution Time:** The total wall clock time required to find the optimal solution.

Findings: In the initial generation (random assignment), the average fitness score was observed to be **45/100**. These initial plans were invalid due to duration violations (e.g., 15 minute workouts) or intensity mismatches. After the evolutionary process, the best individual achieved a score of **95/100**. The algorithm demonstrated a **111% improvement** over the baseline. The total execution time was approximately **0.42 seconds**, proving the system's suitability for real time interaction.

3.3 Algorithm Analysis

The simulation data revealed distinct behavioral phases of the Genetic Algorithm:

- **Exploration Phase (Gen 0-15):** The fitness score increased rapidly from 45 to 80. The high mutation rate (20%) played a crucial role here, preventing the algorithm from getting stuck in local optima (e.g., repeating the same cardio exercise).
- **Exploitation Phase (Gen 16-50):** The score improvement slowed down, focusing on micro-optimizations. The algorithm adjusted the schedule to hit the exact duration targets (e.g., swapping a 10 min exercise for a 15 min one) to satisfy the time constraints perfectly.

This analysis confirms that the selected population size of 20 provided sufficient genetic diversity without incurring unnecessary computational costs.

4 Discussion

The experimental results provide significant insights into the behavior of the Genetic Algorithm, particularly in how it manages competing constraints and optimizes the search space.

4.1 Effect of Population Size

Our experiments showed that a small population size ($N = 20$) is sufficient for this specific problem scope. Increasing the population to $N = 100$ marginally improved the final score convergence speed but significantly increased computational cost. This suggests that for personal fitness scheduling, a compact population combined with high mutation rates is computationally efficient.

4.2 Analysis of Constraint Handling

A critical finding of this study is the algorithm's ability to distinguish between **Hard** and **Soft Constraints** through the fitness function.

- **Hard Constraints:** Structural limits, such as the user's available days (e.g., strictly 3 days/week), were encoded directly into the chromosome initialization. This ensured that invalid solutions (e.g., 8 days weeks) were never generated, reducing the search space.
- **Soft Constraints:** User preferences, specifically *Preferred Intensity* and *Workout Duration*, were modeled as soft constraints. The simulation demonstrated that the penalty mechanism (e.g., -20 points for intensity mismatch) effectively guided the evolutionary process without discarding feasible solutions.

For instance, in the "Bulk" test case, initial random schedules frequently included low intensity cardio exercises. While these schedules were valid in terms of time, they violated the soft constraint of "Preferred Intensity." The algorithm successfully "punished" these genes via the fitness function. Over successive generations, the system converged on high intensity strength exercises, not because they were structurally mandatory, but because they minimized the soft constraint penalties, thereby maximizing the global fitness score.

5 Conclusion

This study presented a comprehensive framework for solving the personalized fitness scheduling problem by integrating deterministic biological models with stochastic evolutionary computation. The primary objective was to overcome the limitations of static, generic fitness templates through an interactive AI system capable of handling dynamic user constraints.

5.1 Summary of the Study

The proposed system successfully implemented a hybrid architecture. The nutrition module utilized the Mifflin St Jeor equation to provide medically accurate caloric targets, while the workout optimization module employed a Genetic Algorithm to navigate the combinatorial search space of exercise scheduling. The transition from a manual "Brute Force" approach to an evolutionary heuristic allowed the system to generate valid weekly schedules in under 0.5 seconds.

5.2 Thoughts on Findings

The experimental findings provide strong evidence for the efficacy of Genetic Algorithms in Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSPs) within the health domain.

- **Efficacy of Soft Constraints:** One of the most significant findings is that modeling user preferences (such as intensity and duration) as "soft constraints" with cumulative penalties is more effective than rigid rule based filtering. This allowed the algorithm to explore a wider variety of solutions before converging on the optimal one.

- **Convergence Behavior:** The rapid improvement in fitness scores (from 45 to 95 in 50 generations) indicates that the problem landscape, while vast, is navigable with proper heuristic guidance (mutation and crossover).

In conclusion, this project demonstrates that AI-driven personalization is not only feasible but computationally efficient for real time applications. Future work will focus on enhancing user accessibility by developing a Graphical User Interface (GUI) and integrating Reinforcement Learning agents to adapt the schedules based on post workout user feedback.

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