# Novel Multimodal Problems and Differential Evolution with Ensemble of Restricted Tournament Selection 

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#### Abstract

Multi-modal optimization refers to locating not only one optimum but a set of locally optimal solutions. Niching is an important technique to solve multi-modal optimization problems. The ability of discover and maintain multiple niches is the key capability of these algorithms. In this paper, differential evolution with an ensemble of restricted tournament selection (ERTS-DE) algorithm is introduced to perform multimodal optimization. The algorithms is tested on 15 newly designed scalable benchmark multi-modal optimization problems and compared with the crowding differential evolution (Crowding-DE) in the literature. As shown by the experimental results, the proposed algorithm outperforms the Crowding-DE on the novel scalable benchmark problems.


## I. Introduction

IN real world optimization, many engineering problems can be classified as multi-modal problems, such as classification problems in machine learning [1] and inversion of teleseismic waves [2]. The aim is to locate several globally or locally optimal solutions and then to choose the most appropriate solution considering practical issues. In recent years, evolutionary algorithms (EA) with various niching techniques have been successfully applied to solve multi-modal optimization problems. The earliest niching approach was proposed by Cavicchio [3]. Subsequently, many other niching methods, such as crowding [4] and clearing [5], have also been proposed.
Differential evolution is a very powerful optimization technique compared with other EAs such as genetic algorithms and evolutionary programming. Like other EAs, DE is also a population-based algorithm. Although DE has been proven to be effective in locating one globally optimal solution [6], the basic DE is not efficient for solving multi-modal optimization problems [7]. Some work has been done to extend the DE to solve multi-modal problems [8]-[9]. Thomsen proposed a Crowding-DE [7] and showed that Crowding-DE outperformed a DE based fitness sharing algorithm. In this paper, DE with an ensemble of crowding and restricted tournament selection (ECRTS-DE) is proposed and compared with the Crowding-DE on a set of newly designed scalable multi-modal optimization problems.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section II provides a brief overview of differential evolution, crowding and restricted tournament selection as well as the Crowding-DE algorithm. In Section III, the proposed

[^0]ERTS-DE algorithm is introduced. The definition of newly developed problems and the results of the experiments are presented in Sections IV and V, respectively. Finally, the paper is concluded in Section VI.

## II. Crowding Differential Evolution

This section introduces the differential evolution algorithm, crowding and restricted tournament selection based niching algorithms and crowding differential evolution algorithm which is a DE and crowding based multimodal optimization algorithm.

## A. Differential Evolution

The differential evolution (DE) algorithm was first introduced by Storn and Price [10] and widely used in different areas [11]-[13]. The four major steps involved in DE are known as, initialization, mutation, recombination and selection. In the mutation operation, one of the following strategies is used [14]:
$\mathrm{DE} / \mathrm{rand} / 1: v_{p}=x_{r 1}+F \cdot\left(x_{r 2}-x_{r 3}\right)$
$\mathrm{DE} / \mathrm{best} / 1: v_{p}=x_{\text {best }}+F \cdot\left(x_{r 1}-x_{r 2}\right)$
DE/current-to-best/2:
$v_{p}=x_{p}+F \cdot\left(x_{\text {best }}-x_{p}+x_{r 1}-x_{r 2}\right)$
DE/best/2: $v_{p}=x_{\text {best }}+F \cdot\left(x_{r 1}-x_{r 2}+x_{r 3}+x_{r 4}\right)$
$\mathrm{DE} / \mathrm{rand} / 2: v_{p}=x_{r 1}+F \cdot\left(x_{r 2}-x_{r 3}+x_{r 4}-x_{r 5}\right)$
where $r 1, r 2, r 3, r 4, r 5$ are mutually different integers randomly generated in the range [1, NP (population size)], $F$ is the scale factor used to scale differential vectors. $x_{\text {best }}$ is the solution with the best fitness value in the current population.

The crossover operation is applied to each pair of the generated mutant vector and its corresponding parent vector using the following equations:

$$
u_{p, i}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
v_{p, i} & \text { if } \text { rand }_{i} \leq C R \\
x_{p, i} & \text { otherwise }
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $u_{p}$ is the offspring vector. $C R$ is the crossover rate which is a user-specified constant.

## B. Crowding and Restricted Tournament Selection

Crowding [4] was introduced by De Jong in 1975 and extended to restricted tournament selection by Harik [15]. It differs from a simple evolutionary algorithm in the way of replacing individuals in the current population by offspring.

For crowding and restricted tournament selection, in order to compare the offspring with the current population, a random set of $w$ (window size) individuals are selected from the current population and the nearest to the offspring is determined by Euclidean distance measure. Finally, this nearest individual is replaced by the offspring if its fitness value is worse than the offspring's fitness value. This process is repeated for all the offspring in each generation. Crowding and restricted tournament selection methods are effective in maintaining the diversity of the population, which is important in multi-modal optimization.

## C. Crowding DE

Crowding DE was first introduced by Thomsen to solve multi-modal optimization problems [7]. In Crowding DE, the fitness value of an offspring is compared with that of the nearest individual in the current population ( $w$ is same as the population size). The steps of Crowding DE are shown in Table I.

Table I. Crowding DE algorithm
Step 1 Use the basic DE to produce NP (population size) offspring.
For $i=1: N P$
Step 2 Calculate the Euclidean distance values of the offspring $(i)$ to the other individuals in the DE Population.
Step 3 Compare the fitness value of offspring(i) and the fitness value of the individual that has the smallest Euclidean distance. The offspring will replace the individual if it is fitter than the individual.
Endfor
Step 4 Stop if the termination criterion is met, otherwise go to step 1.

## III. ERTS-DE

As we know, there is one key parameter $w$ that controls the performance of restricted tournament selection (Crowding DE is a special case with $w=N P$ ). According to the "No free lunch" theorem [16], it is impossible to find one parameter value that can be better than all other parameter values for all problems. Motivated by this observation, an ensemble of restricted tournament selection DE is proposed using parallel populations with different window sizes. In other words, different populations are used. In this paper, two populations with two different window sizes are used. More populations can be used, if additional different parameters or different niching algorithms are used. Each population will generate its own offspring population. The populations need not only compete with their own offspring, but also the offspring generated by the other population. In this way, the algorithm
will always keep the offspring that was generated by the more suitable parameter leading to a better performance. The flowchart of the ERTS-DE algorithm is shown in Fig. 1.


Fig. 1. Flowchart of the ERTS-DE algorithm

## IV. PROBLEM DEFINITIONS

There are several multi-modal benchmark problems available in the literature. However, these problems are relatively easy and many algorithms can solve them perfectly. There is also a lack of scalable multi-modal problems. Therefore, it is difficult to differentiate the performance of advanced algorithms. To overcome these problems, a new set of scalable multi-modal problems is designed in this article by making use of composition functions in [17]. All the test functions are maximization problems with equal globally optimal fitness value of 0 . The composition functions are defined as follows:
$F(x)$ : new composition function
$f_{i}(x)$ : $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ basic function used to construct the composition function.
$n$ : number of basic functions (number of optima)
$D: \quad$ dimensions (can be chosen from 1-100)
$M_{i}$ : linear transformation matrix for each $f_{i}(x)$
$o_{i}$ : new shifted optima position for each $f_{i}(x)$
$F(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\{w_{i} *\left[f_{i}^{\prime}\left(\left(x-o_{i}\right) / \lambda_{i} * M_{i}\right)\right]\right\}$
$w_{i}$ : weight value for each $f_{i}(x)$, calculated as follow:
$w_{i}=\exp \left(-\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{D}\left(x_{k}-o_{i k}\right)}{2 D \sigma_{i}^{2}}\right)$
$w_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}w_{i} & w_{i}=\max \left(w_{i}\right) \\ w_{i} *\left(1-\max \left(w_{i}\right) . \wedge 10\right) & w_{i} \neq \max \left(w_{i}\right)\end{array}\right.$
then normalize the weight $w_{i}=w_{i} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i}$
$\sigma_{i}$ : used to control each $f_{i}(x)$ 's coverage range.
$\lambda_{i}$ : used to stretch compress the function.
$f_{i}^{\prime}(x)=C * f_{i}(x) /\left|f_{\text {maxi }}\right|, C$ is a predefined constant.
$\left|f_{\operatorname{maxi}}\right|$ is estimated
using: $\left|f_{\max i}\right|=f_{i}\left(\left(x^{\prime} / \lambda_{i}\right) * M_{i}\right), x^{\prime}=[5,5, \ldots, 5]$

## Composition Function 1 ( $\mathbf{F 1}, \boldsymbol{n}=\mathbf{8}$ )

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function

$$
f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(x_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi x_{i}\right)+10\right)
$$

$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{k \text { max }}\left[a^{k} \cos \left(2 \pi \sum_{k=0}^{k \max }\left(x_{i}+0.5\right)\right]\right)-\quad\right)$
$\mathrm{a}=0.5, \mathrm{~b}=3, \mathrm{k}_{\max }=20$
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} \frac{x_{i}^{2}}{4000}-\prod_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(\frac{x_{i}}{\sqrt{i}}\right)+1$
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}$
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60,5 / 32,5 / 32]$
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices
These formulas are basic functions; shift and rotation should be added to these functions. Take $f_{1}$ as an example, the following function should be evaluated:
$f_{i}(z)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(z_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi z_{i}\right)+10\right)$
where $z=\left(\left(x-o_{i}\right) / \lambda_{1}\right) * M_{1}$.

## Composition Function 2 ( $\mathbf{F} 2 \boldsymbol{n}=\mathbf{6}$ )

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$, $]$
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 3 (F3 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$,
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 4 ( $\mathbf{F 4} \mathbf{n}=\mathbf{6}$ )

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$, ]
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 5 (F5 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$,]
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 6 ( $\mathbf{F 6} \boldsymbol{n}=\mathbf{6}$ )

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$F 8(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} \frac{x_{i}^{2}}{4000}-\prod_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(\frac{x_{i}}{\sqrt{i}}\right)+1$
$F 2(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D-1}\left(100\left(x_{i}^{2}-x_{i+1}\right)^{2}+\left(x_{i}-1\right)^{2}\right)$
$f_{i}(x)=F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)\right)+F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right)+\ldots+$
$F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{D-1}, x_{D}\right)+F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{D}, x_{1}\right)\right)\right.$
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 * 1 ; 1 ; 5 * 1 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 7 (F7 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$F(x, y)=0.5+\frac{\left(\sin ^{2}\left(\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}\right)-0.5\right)}{\left(1+0.001\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)\right)^{2}}$
$f_{i}(x)=F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)+F\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)+\ldots+F\left(x_{D-1}, x_{D}\right)+F\left(x_{D}, x_{1}\right)$
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 8 ( $\mathbf{F 8} \boldsymbol{n}=6$ )

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 * 1 ; 1 ; 5 * 1 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 9 (F9 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank’s Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 10 (F10 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 11 (F11 n=8)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 200 ; 5 / 200]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix
Composition Function 12 ( $\mathbf{F 1 2}$ n=8)
$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Griewank’s Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 13 (F13 n=10)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{9-10}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 200 ; 5 / 200]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 14 (F14 n=10)

All settings are the same as F13, except $M_{i}$ 's condition numbers are [10 20501002001000200030004000 5000]

## Composition Function 15 (F15 n=10)

$f_{1}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer’s F6 Function
$f_{3}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{4}(x)$ : Ackley's Function
$f_{i}(x)=-20 \exp \left(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}}\right)-\exp \left(\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(2 \pi x_{i}\right)\right)+20+e$
$f_{5}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{7}(x)$ : Non-Continuous Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$F(x, y)=0.5+\frac{\left(\sin ^{2}\left(\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}\right)-0.5\right)}{\left(1+0.001\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)\right)^{2}}$
$f_{i}(x)=F\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)+F\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)+\ldots+F\left(y_{D-1}, y_{D}\right)+F\left(y_{D}, y_{1}\right)$
$y_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}x_{j} & \left|x_{j}\right|<1 / 2 \\ \operatorname{round}\left(2 x_{j}\right) / 2 & \left|x_{j}\right|>1 / 2\end{array}\right.$ for $j=1,2, \ldots, D$
$\operatorname{round}(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}a-1 \text { if } x \leq 0 \& b \geq 0.5 \\ a \quad \text { if } b<0.5 \\ a+1 \text { if } x>0 \& b \geq 0.5\end{array}\right.$
$f_{8}(x)$ : Non-Continuous Rastrigin's Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(y_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi y_{i}\right)+10\right)$
$y_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}x_{j} & \left|x_{j}\right|<1 / 2 \\ \operatorname{round}\left(2 x_{j}\right) / 2 & \left|x_{j}\right|>1 / 2\end{array}\right.$ for $j=1,2, \ldots, D$
$f_{9}(x)$ : High Conditioned Elliptic Function
$f(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(10^{6}\right)^{\frac{i-1}{D-1}} x_{i}^{2}$
$f_{10}(x)$ : Sphere Function with Noise in Fitness

$$
f_{i}(x)=\left(\sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}\right)(1+0.1|N(0,1)|)
$$

$n=10$
$\sigma_{i}=2$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[10 ; 5 / 20 ; 1 ; 5 / 32 ; 1 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 / 50 ; 1 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100]$
$M_{i}$ are all rotation matrices, condition number are [100 5030 1055432 2];

| Table II. Test function properties |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Test Function | No. of equal <br> global optima | No. of basic <br> function used | Rotation used <br> $(\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{N})$ |
| F1 | 8 | 4 | N |
| F2 | 6 | 3 | N |
| F3 | 6 | 3 | N |
| F4 | 6 | 3 | N |
| F5 | 6 | 3 | N |
| F6 | 6 | 3 | Y |
| F7 | 6 | 3 | Y |
| F8 | 6 | 3 | Y |
| F9 | 6 | 3 | Y |
| F10 | 6 | 3 | Y |
| F11 | 8 | 4 | Y |
| F12 | 8 | 4 | Y |
| F13 | 10 | 5 | Y |
| F14 | 10 | 5 | Y |
| F15 | 10 | 10 | Y |

## V. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

For the simulations, Matlab 7.1 is used as the programming language. The configurations of the computer are Intel Pentium® 4 CPU 3.00 GHZ, 2 GB of memory. As the test problems are relatively complex and the number of optima is large, a large population size should be used. The population size is set 600 for $D=10$ and 1200 for $D=30$. The maximum number of generation is 500 for $D=10$ and 1000 for $D=30$. Therefore, the maximum number of function evaluations will be the population size multiplied by number of generations for both algorithms. The parameters used in the algorithms are list as below:

$$
F=0.9, C R=0.1,
$$

Two experiments are conducted as follows:

1. $D=10$, Test Functions: F1-F15
2. $D=30$, Test Functions: F1-F5

For comparison, the following two criteria are used:

1. Number of optima found [18]
2. The best value found

An optimum is considered to be found if there exists a solution in the population within the tolerated Euclidean distance to that optimum. The tolerance for all problems is set to 0.1 . All problems are run for 25 times. The results are
shown in Tables III-V. Since for $D=30$, both algorithms are not able to locate any global optimum, the number of optima found for these problems will be zero. As can been seen from the results, the proposed algorithm outperforms the Crowding-DE on all benchmark problems.

Table III Comparison of number of optima found ( $D=10$ )

| Test Function | Crowding DE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Best | 1 | 2 |
| F1 | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0.1 | 1.2 |
|  | Std | 0.3162 | 0.7888 |
| F2 | Best | 3 | 3 |
|  | Worst | 1 | 3 |
|  | Mean | 2 | 3 |
|  | Std | 0.6667 | 0 |
| F3 | Best | 1 | 3 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 1 |
|  | Mean | 0.1 | 2.1 |
|  | Std | 0.3162 | 0.5676 |
| F4 | Best | 1 | 2 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 1 |
|  | Mean | 0.7 | 1.5 |
|  | Std | 0.4831 | 0.5270 |
| F5 | Best | 2 | 4 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 2 |
|  | Mean | 1.4 | 2.9 |
|  | Std | 0.6992 | 0.5677 |
| F6 | Best | 0 | 3 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 1 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 2.4 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0.6992 |
| F7 | Best | 0 | 0 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0 |
| F8 | Best | 0 | 1 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0.2 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0.4216 |
| F9 | Best | 1 | 2 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0.1 | 1.1 |
|  | Std | 0.3162 | 0.8756 |
| F10 | Best | 0 | 0 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0 |
| F11 | Best | 1 | 1 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 1 |
|  | Mean | 0.4 | 1 |
|  | Std | 0.5164 | 0 |
| F12 | Best | 0 | 1 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0.2 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0.4216 |
| F13 | Best | 0 | 1 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0.2 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0.4216 |
| F14 | Best | 0 | 0 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0 |
| F15 | Std | 0 | 0 |
|  | Best | 0 | 2 |
|  | Worst | 0 | 0 |
|  | Mean | 0 | 0.5 |
|  | Std | 0 | 0.7071 |

Table IV. Comparison of best value found ( $D=10$ )

| Test Function |  | Crowding DE | ERTS-DE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | Best | -0.3218 | -0.1777 |
|  | Worst | -1.9420 | -0.8395 |
|  | Mean | -1.1618 | -0.4367 |
|  | Std | 0.4773 | 0.1912 |
| F2 | Best | -0.0480 | -0.0074 |
|  | Worst | -0.1316 | -0.0339 |
|  | Mean | -0.0911 | -0.0239 |
|  | Std | 0.0272 | 0.0077 |
| F3 | Best | -0.0987 | -0.0306 |
|  | Worst | -0.3566 | -0.0904 |
|  | Mean | -0.1954 | -0.0615 |
|  | Std | 0.0834 | 0.0225 |
| F4 | Best | -26.4690 | -11.5970 |
|  | Worst | -39.4740 | -27.5910 |
|  | Mean | -31.7634 | -18.4755 |
|  | Std | 4.5066 | 5.5951 |
| F5 | Best | -0.0999 | -0.0137 |
|  | Worst | -0.2112 | -0.0832 |
|  | Mean | -0.1292 | -0.0377 |
|  | Std | 0.0345 | 0.0215 |
| F6 | Best | -2.2706 | -0.1270 |
|  | Worst | -6.5206 | -0.9615 |
|  | Mean | -4.6309 | -0.5758 |
|  | Std | 1.2340 | 0.2838 |
| F7 | Best | -43.1750 | -3.6100 |
|  | Worst | -114.7600 | -18.0540 |
|  | Mean | -64.6664 | -11.0893 |
|  | Std | 20.8064 | 4.8449 |
| F8 | Best | -7.2632 | -1.8996 |
|  | Worst | -20.1200 | -5.8679 |
|  | Mean | -13.1706 | -3.7509 |
|  | Std | 3.7754 | 1.2317 |
| F9 | Best | -2.7016 | -0.7779 |
|  | Worst | -10.0240 | -2.6185 |
|  | Mean | -5.9759 | -1.7434 |
|  | Std | 2.0342 | 0.6195 |
| F10 | Best | -21.2510 | -1.6850 |
|  | Worst | -40.4930 | -3.6430 |
|  | Mean | -29.6469 | -2.5746 |
|  | Std | 6.5543 | 0.5745 |
| F11 | Best | -14.2310 | -2.6533 |
|  | Worst | -20.9890 | -11.0240 |
|  | Mean | -17.7898 | -5.7436 |
|  | Std | 2.2209 | 2.3804 |
| F12 | Best | -3.9807 | -1.1163 |
|  | Worst | -20.2220 | -4.8248 |
|  | Mean | -14.1562 | -2.0342 |
|  | Std | 5.6613 | 1.1223 |
| F13 | Best | -9.2783 | -3.0312 |
|  | Worst | -30.0480 | -12.7220 |
|  | Mean | -23.6060 | -6.2305 |
|  | Std | 6.6086 | 3.2660 |
| F14 | Best | -38.1120 | -3.2552 |
|  | Worst | -81.2650 | -75.5100 |
|  | Mean | -56.5465 | -30.5935 |
| F15 | Std | 16.0574 | 56.4823 |
|  | Best | -9.4756 | -1.2842 |
|  | Worst | -46.7710 | -5.0021 |
|  | Mean | -21.6305 | -2.9632 |
|  | Std | 11.6107 | 1.0729 |

Table V. Comparison of best value found $(D=30)$

| Test Function |  | Crowding DE | ERTS-DE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Best | -5.1271 | -2.9273 |
| F1 | Worst | -7.8151 | -4.5686 |
|  | Mean | $\mathbf{- 6 . 2 5 6 1}$ | $-\mathbf{3 . 8 0 6 0}$ |
|  | Std | 0.8332 | 0.6433 |
| F2 | Best | -2.6091 | -1.1209 |
|  | Worst | -3.7313 | -1.6555 |
|  | Mean | $-\mathbf{3 . 1 6 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 . 3 8 6 5}$ |
|  | Std | 0.4195 | 0.1907 |
| F3 | Best | -2.4809 | -0.7774 |
|  | Worst | -4.3563 | -2.0588 |
|  | Mean | -3.7140 | $\mathbf{- 1 . 6 4 3 6}$ |
|  | Std | 0.6220 | 0.3615 |
|  | Best | -72.2550 | -59.2930 |
|  | Worst | -74.8780 | -72.5570 |
|  | Mean | $-\mathbf{- 7 3 . 9 1 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{- 6 4 . 6 0 0 0}$ |
|  | Std | 0.9569 | 4.5664 |
| F5 | Best | -2.2144 | -1.0255 |
|  | Worst | -3.9658 | -1.6979 |
|  | Mean | $-\mathbf{3 . 0 4 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 . 4 2 4 6}$ |
|  | Std | 0.5437 | 0.1853 |

## VI. Conclusion

In this paper, differential evolution algorithm with an ensemble of restricted tournament selection-based niching algorithm is proposed to overcome the difficulty of choosing window size parameter when solving multi-modal optimization problems. The proposed algorithm is compared with the Crowding-DE on a set of newly designed scalable multi-modal problems. As we can see from the result, the proposed algorithm outperforms the Crowding-DE on all the test problems.

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## Appendix (not to publish, just to assist the review process)

## Test Function Set 1

F1: Two-Peak Trap

$$
f_{1}(x)= \begin{cases}\frac{160}{15}(15-x), & \text { for } 0 \leq x \leq 15 \\ \frac{200}{5}(x-15), & \text { for } 15 \leq x \leq 20\end{cases}
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 20$
F2: Central Two-Peak Trap

$$
f_{2}(x)= \begin{cases}\frac{160}{10} x, & \text { for } 0 \leq x \leq 10 \\ \frac{160}{5}(15-x) & \text { for } 10 \leq x \leq 15 \\ \frac{200}{5}(x-15), & \text { for } 15 \leq x \leq 20\end{cases}
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 20$
F3: Five-Uneven-Peak Trap

$$
f_{3}(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}
80(2.5-x) & \text { for } 0 \leq x<2.5 \\
64(x-2.5) & \text { for } 2.5 \leq x<5 \\
64(7.5-x) & \text { for } 5 \leq x<7.5 \\
28(x-7.5) & \text { for } 7.5 \leq x<12.5 \\
28(17.5-x) & \text { for } 12.5 \leq x<17.5 \\
32(x-17.5) & \text { for } 17.5 \leq x<22.5 \\
32(27.5-x) & \text { for } 22.5 \leq x<27.5 \\
80(x-27.5) & \text { for } 27.5 \leq x \leq 30
\end{array}\right.
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 20$
F4: Equal Maxima

$$
f_{4}(x)=\sin ^{6}(5 \pi x)
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 1$

## F5: Decreasing Maxima

$$
f_{5}(x)=\exp \left[-2 \log (2) \cdot\left(\frac{x-0.1}{0.8}\right)^{2}\right] \cdot \sin ^{6}(5 \pi x)
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 1$
F6: Uneven Maxima

$$
f_{6}(x)=\sin ^{6}\left(5 \pi\left(x^{3 / 4}-0.05\right)\right)
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 1$
F7: Uneven Decreasing Maxima

$$
f_{7}(x)=\exp \left[-2 \log (2) \cdot\left(\frac{x-0.08}{0.854}\right)^{2}\right] \cdot \sin ^{6}\left(5 \pi\left(x^{3 / 4}-0.05\right)\right)
$$

Range: $0 \leq x \leq 1$
F8: Himmelblau's function

$$
f_{8}(x, y)=200-\left(x^{2}+y-11\right)^{2}-\left(x+y^{2}-7\right)^{2}
$$

Range: $-6 \leq x, y \leq 6$
F9: Six-Hump Camel Back

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{9}(x, y)=-4\left[\left(4-2.1 x^{2}+\frac{x^{4}}{3}\right) x^{2}+x y+\left(-4+4 y^{2}\right) y^{2}\right] \\
& \text { Range: } \\
& -1.9 \leq x \leq 1.9 ; \\
& -1.1 \leq y \leq 1.1
\end{aligned}
$$

F10: Shekel's foxholes

$$
f_{10}(x, y)=500-\frac{1}{0.002+\sum_{i=0}^{24} \frac{1}{1+i+(x-a(i))^{6}+(y-b(i))^{6}}}
$$

$$
\text { where } a(i)=16(i \bmod 5)-2) \text {, and } b(i)=16(\lfloor(i / 5)\rfloor-2)
$$

Range: $-65.536 \leq x, y \leq 65.535$
F11: 2D Inverted Shubert function
$f_{11}(\vec{x})=-\prod_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{5} j \cos \left[(j+1) x_{i}+j\right]$
Range: $-10 \leq x_{1}, x_{2} \leq 10$
F12-14: Inverted Vincent function
$f(\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{x}})=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sin \left(10 \cdot \log \left(x_{i}\right)\right)$
where $n$ is the dimesnion of the problem
Range: $0.25 \leq x_{i} \leq 10$

## Test Function Set 2

The set 2 composition function are defined as follow:
$F(x)$ : new composition function
$f_{i}(x): \mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ basic function used to construct the composition
function.
$n$ : number of basic functions (number of optima)
$D: \quad$ dimensions (can be chosen from 1-100)
$M_{i}$ : linear transformation matrix for each $f_{i}(x)$
$o_{i}$ : new shifted optima position for each $f_{i}(x)$
$F(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\{w_{i} *\left[f_{i}^{\prime}\left(\left(x-o_{i}\right) / \lambda_{i} * M_{i}\right)\right]\right\}$
$w_{i}$ : weight value for each $f_{i}(x)$, calculated as follow:
$w_{i}=\exp \left(-\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{D}\left(x_{k}-o_{i k}\right)}{2 D \sigma_{i}^{2}}\right)$
$w_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{lr}w_{i} & w_{i}==\max \left(w_{i}\right) \\ w_{i}^{*}\left(1-\max \left(w_{i}\right) \cdot \wedge 10\right) & w_{i} \neq \max \left(w_{i}\right)\end{array}\right.$
Then normalize the weight $w_{i}=w_{i} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i}$
$\sigma_{i}$ : used to control each $f_{i}(x)$ 's coverage range.
$\lambda_{i}$ : used to stretch compress the function.
$f_{i}^{\prime}(x)=C^{*} f_{i}(x) / \mid f_{\text {maxi }}, C$ is a predefined constant.
$\left|f_{\text {max }}\right|$ is estimated using: $\left|f_{\max }\right|=f_{i}\left(\left(x^{\prime} / \lambda_{i}\right) * M_{i}\right), x^{\prime}=[5,5, \ldots, 5]$

## Composition Function 1 ( $\mathbf{F 1 5 , n = 8 \text { ) } ) ~}$

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(x_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi x_{i}\right)+10\right)$
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{k \text { max }} D a^{\left.\left[a^{k} \cos \left(2 \pi b^{k}\left(x_{i}+0.5\right)\right)\right]\right)-}\right)$
$a=0.5, b=3, k_{\text {max }}=20$
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank’s Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} \frac{x_{i}^{2}}{4000}-\prod_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(\frac{x_{i}}{\sqrt{i}}\right)+1$
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}$
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60,5 / 32,5 / 32]$
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

These formulas are basic functions; shift and rotation should be added to these functions. Take $f_{1}$ as an example, the following function should be evaluated:
$f_{i}(z)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(z_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi z_{i}\right)+10\right)$
where $z=\left(\left(x-o_{i}\right) / \lambda_{1}\right) * M_{1}$.

## Composition Function 2 (F16 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$, $]$
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

Composition Function 3 (F17 n=6)
$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$,
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 4 (F18 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$,
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 5 (F19 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Sphere Function
$\sigma_{i}=1$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[1,1,10,10,5 / 60,5 / 60$,
$M_{i}$ : are all identity matrices

## Composition Function 6 (F20 n=6)

$$
f_{1-2}(x): \text { F8F2 Function }
$$

$$
F 8(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D} \frac{x_{i}^{2}}{4000}-\prod_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(\frac{x_{i}}{\sqrt{i}}\right)+1
$$

$$
F 2(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D-1}\left(100\left(x_{i}^{2}-x_{i+1}\right)^{2}+\left(x_{i}-1\right)^{2}\right)
$$

$f_{i}(x)=F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)\right)+F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\right)+\ldots+F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{D-1}, x_{D}\right)+F 8\left(F 2\left(x_{D}, x_{1}\right)\right)\right.$
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=\left[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5^{*} 1 ; 1 ; 5^{*} 1 ; 1\right]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 7 (F21 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function $\quad F(x, y)=0.5+\frac{\left(\sin ^{2}\left(\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}\right)-0.5\right)}{\left(1+0.001\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)\right)^{2}}$
$f_{i}(x)=F\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)+F\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right)+\ldots+F\left(x_{D-1}, x_{D}\right)+F\left(x_{D}, x_{1}\right)$
$f_{3-4}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 8 (F22 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer’s F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 * 1 ; 1 ; 5 * 1 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 9 (F23 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer’s F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 10 (F24 n=6)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin’s Function
$f_{3-4}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 11 (F25 n=8)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{3-4}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 200 ; 5 / 200]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 12 (F26 n=8)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer’s F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : F8F2 Function
$f_{5-6}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 13 (F27 n=10)

$f_{1-2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3-4}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{5-6}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{7-8}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{9-10}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$\sigma=[1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2]$,
$\lambda=[5 * 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 ; 1 ; 5 ; 1 ; 50 ; 10 ; 5 * 5 / 200 ; 5 / 200]$
$M_{i}$ : are all orthogonal matrix

## Composition Function 14 (F28 n=10)

All settings are the same as F13, except $M_{i}$ 's condition numbers are [10 20501002001000 200030004000 5000]

## Composition Function 15 (F29 n=10)

$f_{1}(x)$ : Weierstrass Function
$f_{2}(x)$ : Rotated Expanded Scaffer's F6 Function
$f_{3}(x):$ F8F2 Function
$f_{4}(x)$ : Ackley’s Function
$f_{i}(x)=-20 \exp \left(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}}\right)-\exp \left(\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^{D} \cos \left(2 \pi x_{i}\right)\right)+20+e f_{5}(x)$ : Rastrigin's Function
$f_{6}(x)$ : Griewank's Function
$f_{7}(x)$ : Non-Continuous Expanded Scaffer’s F6 Function
$F(x, y)=0.5+\frac{\left(\sin ^{2}\left(\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}\right)-0.5\right)}{\left(1+0.001\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)\right)^{2}}$
$f_{i}(x)=F\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)+F\left(y_{2}, y_{3}\right)+\ldots+F\left(y_{D-1}, y_{D}\right)+F\left(y_{D}, y_{1}\right)$
$y_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}x_{j} & \left|x_{j}\right|<1 / 2 \\ \operatorname{round}\left(2 x_{j}\right) / 2 & \left|x_{j}\right|>1 / 2\end{array}\right.$ for $j=1,2, \ldots, D$
$\operatorname{round}(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{c}a-1 \text { if } x \leq 0 \& b \geq 0.5 \\ a \quad \text { if } b<0.5 \\ a+1 \text { if } x>0 \& b \geq 0.5\end{array}\right.$
$f_{8}(x)$ : Non-Continuous Rastrigin's Function
$f_{i}(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(y_{i}^{2}-10 \cos \left(2 \pi y_{i}\right)+10\right)$
$y_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}x_{j} & \left|x_{j}\right|<1 / 2 \\ \operatorname{round}\left(2 x_{j}\right) / 2 & \left|x_{j}\right|>1 / 2\end{array}\right.$ for $j=1,2, \ldots, D$
$f_{9}(x)$ : High Conditioned Elliptic Function
$f(x)=\sum_{i=1}^{D}\left(10^{6}\right)^{\frac{i-1}{D-1}} x_{i}^{2}$
$f_{10}(x)$ : Sphere Function with Noise in Fitness

$$
f_{i}(x)=\left(\sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{2}\right)(1+0.1|N(0,1)|)
$$

$n=10$
$\sigma_{i}=2$ for all $i$
$\lambda=[10 ; 5 / 20 ; 1 ; 5 / 32 ; 1 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 / 50 ; 1 ; 5 / 100 ; 5 / 100]$
$M_{i}$ are all rotation matrices, condition number are [10050 301055432 2];


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