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Comprehensive Study of Population Based Algorithms

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Abstract

The exponential growth of industrial enterprise has highly increased the demand for effective and efficient optimization solutions. Which is resulting to the broad use of meta heuristic algorithms. This study explores eminent bio-inspired population based optimization techniques, including Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO), Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO), Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO), Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA), and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO). These methods which are inspired by natural and biological phenomena, offer revolutionary problems solving abilities with rapid convergence rates and high fitness scores. The investigation examines each algorithm's unique features, optimization properties, and operational paradigms, conducting broad comparative analyses against conventional methods, such as search history, fitness functions and to express their superiority. The study also assesses their relevance, arithmetic and logical efficiency, applications, innovation, robustness, and limitations. The findings show the transformative potential of these algorithms and offering valuable wisdom for future research to enhance and broaden upon these methodologies. This finding assists as a guiding for researchers to enable inventive solutions based in natural algorithms and advancing the field of optimization.

Keywords

Meta Heuristic Algorithms, Particle Swarm Optimization, Spider Monkey Optimization, Grey Wolf Optimization, Cuckoo Search Optimization, Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm, Ant Colony Optimization

1. Introduction

Population based meta-heuristic optimization algorithms have regularly illustrated outstanding performance in addressing a wide range of real-world optimization challenges. These algorithms are widely used in robotics, wireless networks, power systems, job shop scheduling, and artificial neural network classification and training [1, 2]. Although they have widespread utility, to achieve a global optimal solution often requires a prominent number of fitness evaluations which poses limitations for high-complexity problems;

such as computational fluid dynamics simulations and structural optimization. In such cases, assessing candidate solutions often requires computationally in-depth numerical methods. This method can demand substantial CPU time, ranging from several minutes to days [3, 4].

The researchers have highly focused on Swarm Intelligence (SI) techniques, to address these challenges. SI algorithm is a subset of meta-heuristic methods, which emulates the collective behavior of natural agents to achieve coherent global

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patterns through local interactions, such as fish schooling, bird flocking, and ant foraging [5]. Evolutionary Algorithms rely on mutation and selection mechanisms but SI techniques utilize self-organizing behaviors to strike a balance between exploration and exploitation. One of the widely adopted methods for scheduling, power system optimization and neural network training is Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO); due to its fast convergence and solution accuracy [6]. Similarly, Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO) has proven effective in multi-objective optimization problems, including IoT network resource allocation and dynamic trajectory optimi-

zation [7, 8].

Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA) and Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO) have shown significant application in handling engineering design problems and healthcare applications. GOA has been successfully utilized for energy management in micro-grids and structural optimization [9, 10] and SMO has been applied to medical image feature extraction and network intrusion detection [11, 12]. The hybrid use of these algorithms improves dynamic optimization quality and helps to further expand their applications mitigating individual algorithmic weakness [13, 14].

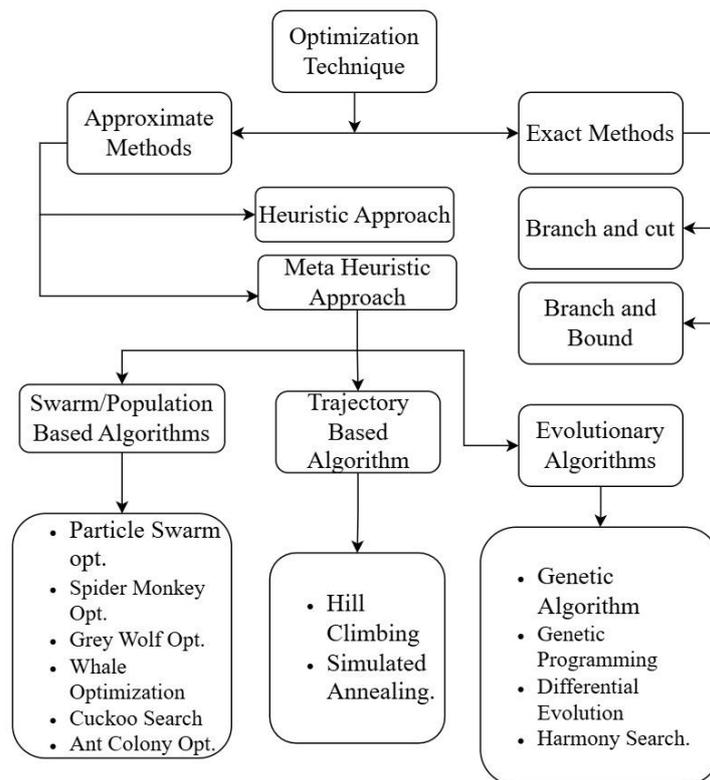


Figure 1. Classification of Optimization Technique.

Innovations like adaptive parameter tuning, dynamic population updates, and self-learning mechanisms have enhanced the efficiency and robustness of these algorithms, in addition to hybridization [15, 16]. Adaptive mechanisms accelerate convergence rates and improving overall performance which helps maintain a balance between exploration of the search space and exploitation of the identified solutions. These innovations help algorithms like WOA and CSO for optimizing renewable energy systems, feature selection in big data analytics, and large-scale scheduling tasks [17, 18].

The computational intensity of meta-heuristic algorithms remains a significant concern, despite their advantages. In case of high-complexity problems, such as those encountered in CFD and structural design: it required embed problem-specific knowledge of hybrid model to improve computational efficiency. For example, integrating GOA with chaos

theory has shown success in energy management applications, while fuzzy-enhanced ACO has demonstrated success in logistical optimization [19, 20]. These hybrid approaches mitigate the limitations of individual algorithms and open doors for innovative applications, especially in dynamic and high-dimensional problem domains.

The versatility and adaptability of meta-heuristic optimization algorithms make them valuable tools in addressing modern challenges. Their impact is evident across diverse fields, from enhancing renewable energy systems to optimizing machine learning models and solving large-scale scheduling problems. To ensure these algorithms remain relevant and efficient for emerging optimization challenges, future research should continue to explore hybrid models, adaptive mechanisms, and domain-specific enhancements.

This paper aims to demonstrate the working principles,

strengths, and limitations of these algorithms in depth. It also highlights their relevance and assess the recent innovations and applications, with a particular focus on their hybrid forms. The study aims to provide a broad understanding of how these powerful algorithms are shaping optimization practices and the advancements that lie ahead in their development.

1.1. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) was introduced by Kennedy and Eberhart. It is a stochastic and swarm-based algorithm influenced by the collective behavior of animals like fish in schools or birds in flocks. A particle moving through the problem space with a certain velocity is represented as the each possible solution in the PSO. These particles mimicking the social dynamics of a group for adjust their movements based on their own best experiences and the successes of their neighbors. This iterative process guides the swarm toward the optimal solution, much like a flock collectively searching for food [3, 21].

PSO is broadly popular due to its simplicity and fewer parameters to adjust. It has been applied effectively across various fields and is known for its potential to be hybridized or specialized for specific needs. The algorithm faces challenges

in high-dimensional or complex problem spaces. It often converges slowly and may struggle to escape local optima, it resulting in suboptimal performance. Particles can become confined to limited regions of the search space. Which reducing the likelihood of finding the global best solution in problems with numerous dimensions. Despite these limitations, PSO remains a powerful and adaptable tool in the field of optimization [22, 23].

This study provides a detailed taxonomy of PSO applications across various domains, including healthcare, environment, industry, commerce, smart cities, and general optimization challenges. Specific issues were found in each domain, such as economic emission dispatch, PV parameter identification, pollution forecasting, water quality monitoring, and food control in environmental applications. The taxonomy addresses these issues by classifying and reviewing key research contributions. Moreover, general concerns in PSO implementations are shown, proposing conceptual approaches to enhance adaptability across diverse applications [21, 24]. Comparative analyses of studies are also provided, focusing on their goals, case studies, strengths, limitations, and results, fostering the development of more efficient PSO-based solutions.

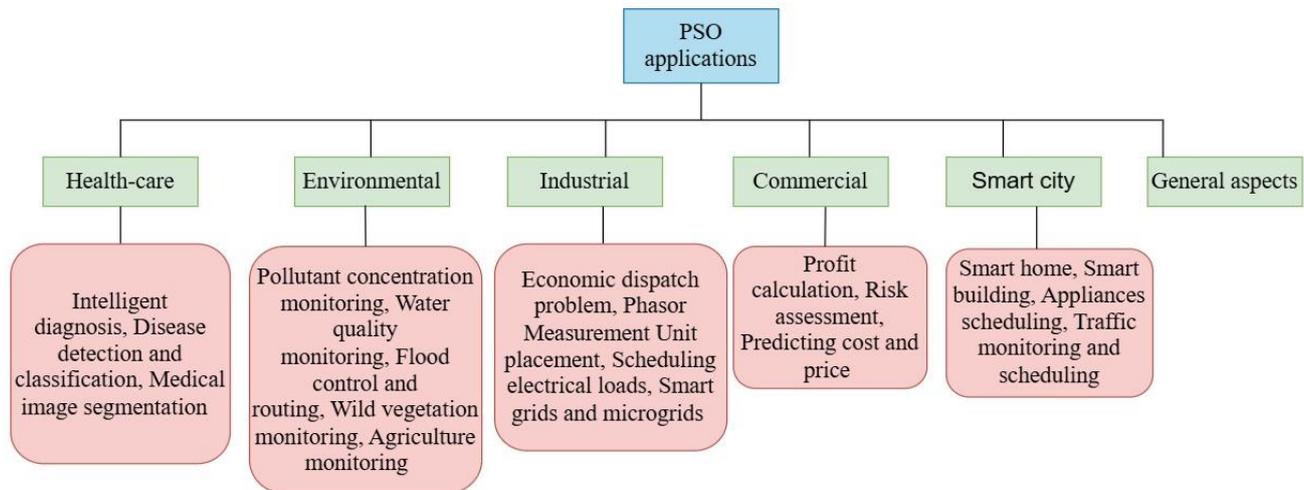


Figure 2. Applications of PSO.

Modified PSO by the Inertia Constant

This model is referred to as the standard PSO throughout this paper. In this model, a swarm of particles flies in a d-dimensional search space searching an optimal solution. Each particle i has a current velocity vector $V_i = [v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{in}]$ and a current position vector $X_i = [x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in}]$, where n is the number of dimensions. The PSO process starts by randomly initializing X_i and V_i . Then, the best position that has been found by particle i , $Pbest_i = [Pbest_{i1}, Pbest_{i2}, \dots, Pbest_{in}]$ and the best position that has been found by the whole swarm $Gbest = [Gbest_1, Gbest_2, \dots, Gbest_n]$ lead particle i to

update its velocity and position by equations (1) and (2) in each iteration:

$$V_i(t + 1) = W * V_i(t) + c_1 * r_1 [Pbest_i - X_i(t)] + c_2 * r_2 [Gbest - X_i(t)] \tag{1}$$

$$X_i(t + 1) = X_i(t) + V_i(t + 1) \tag{2}$$

Here, $V_i(t)$ and $X_i(t)$ are the velocity and position of particle i at time t , W is the inertia weight, c_1 and c_2 are acceleration coefficients and r_1 and r_2 are random numbers be-

tween 0 and 1.

PSO's outcomes strongly relies on three key parameters. They are inertia weight (w), cognitive component (c_1), and social component (c_2). These parameters are crucial for achieving high performance by tuning optimally. Various research results have introduced advanced procedures for parameter tuning, including dynamic, adaptive, and self-tuning approaches. These processes aim to balance exploration and exploitation efficiently, enhancing convergence rates and result quality. latest advancements have focused on hybrid strategies and machine-learning-based techniques to refine parameter settings, showcasing significant improvements in PSO's efficiency and applicability.

Algorithm 1. PSO

- 1: Initialization;
- 2: Define the swarm size S and the number of dimensions n ;
- 3: for each particle $i \in [1..S]$
- 4: Randomly induce X_i and V_i , and assess the fitness of X_i indicating it as $f(X_i)$;
- 5: Set $Pbest_i = X_i$ and $f(Pbest_i) = f(X_i)$;
- 6: ending of for
- 7: Set $Gbest = Pbest_1$ and $(Gbest) = f(Pbest_1)$;
- 8: for each particle $i \in [1..S]$
- 9: if $f(Pbest_i) < f(Gbest)$ then
- 10: $f(Gbest) = f(Pbest_i)$;
- 11: ending of if
- 12: ending of for
- 13: while $t < \text{maximum iterations number}$
- 14: for each particle $i \in [1..S]$;
- 15: Evaluate its velocity $v_{in}(t + 1)$;
- 16: Update the position $x_{in}(t + 1)$ of the particle ;
- 17: if $f(x_i(t + 1)) < f(Pbest_i)$ then
- 18: $Pbest_i = x_i(t + 1)$
- 19: $f(Pbest_i) = f(x_i(t + 1))$
- 20: ending of if
- 21: if $f(Pbest_i) < f(Gbest)$ then
- 22: $Gbest = Pbest_i$
- 23: $f(Gbest) = f(Pbest_i)$

- 24: ending of if
- 25: ending of for
- 26: $t = t + 1$
- 27: end of while
- 28: return the $Gbest$

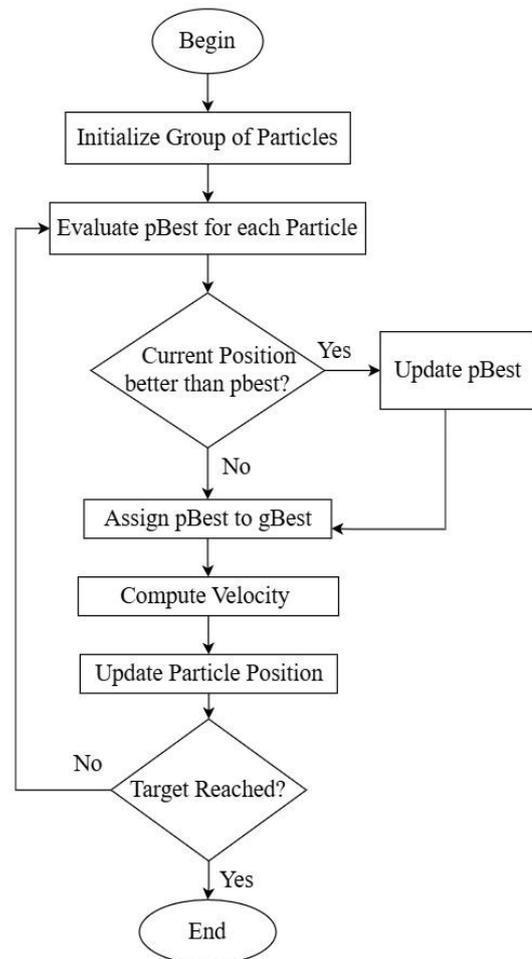


Figure 3. Flowchart of PSO.

Table 1. Applications and Related Research of PSO in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Smart Homes	Optimized energy management using PSO	Achieved reduced costs and efficient energy use in residential buildings.	[1]
Traffic Management	PSO for urban traffic signal optimization	Reduced congestion and improved traffic flow.	[21]
Power Grid Optimization	PSO for load flow optimization	Enhanced grid reliability and reduced losses.	[3]
Building Design	Heating load prediction using PSO	Optimized energy consumption for large-scale buildings.	[25]
Business Center location	Location optimization using PSO	Improved accessibility and cost-effectiveness of business center placement.	[2]

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Cost Prediction in Engineering	Transmissionline cost optimization using hybrid PSO	Reduced costs with better estimation accuracy.	[22]
Wireless Networks	Energy-efficient routing with PSO	Prolonged networklife and enhanced data delivery in ad hoc networks.	[25]
Image Processing	Hybrid PSO for image restoration and clustering	Improved image quality and segmentation accuracy.	[23]
Electrical Systems	PSO for power flow optimization	Improved system reliability and security under varyingload conditions.	[26]
Robotics Path Planning	Trajectory optimization in autonomous robots	Achieved smooth, collision-free motion in complex environments.	[6]
Renewable Energy Systems	Maximum power point tracking for solar systems using PSO	Increased energy efficiency under variable shading conditions.	[27]
Healthcare Systems	Disease prediction and diagnostics using PSO	Improved diagnostic accuracy for cardiovascular and diabetic conditions.	[9]
IoT Optimization	Resource allocation and energy optimization for IoT networks	Extended batterylife and improved throughput in IoT devices.	[24]
Manufacturing Optimization	PSO for scheduling in productionlines	Reduced processing time and optimized resource utilization.	[28]
Civil Infrastructure Optimization	Truss design optimization with PSO	Enhancedload distribution and minimized material usage.	[29]

1.2. Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO)

Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO) is a swarm intelligence algorithm influenced by the social organization and foraging behavior (fission-fusion dynamics) of spider monkeys. Monkeys collaboratively optimize their search for resources, by sharing information based on their positions and postures. SMO includes six key phases. They are initialization, localleader phase, globalleader phase, globalleaderlearning, localleaderlearning, and decision phase [39]. These steps help the algorithm to find out a balanced convergence between exploration and exploitation, enhancing processing speed and optimizing performance with fewer iterations [41]. SMO has been efficiently used in solving complex optimization problems across various domains, involving engineering design, machinelearning, and scheduling tasks [36].

Research shows its strengths in balancing search diversity and precision, making it appropriate for multi-objective optimization and real-world problems requiring high efficiency and robust results [39, 43].

a. Initialization Equation

The N number of spider monkeys are initialized with the upper andlower bound values.

$$K_{ij} = K_{minj} + U(0,1) \times (K_{maxj} - K_{minj}) \quad (3)$$

where, K_i denotes the spider monkey, K_{minj} and K_{maxj} are

the lower and upper bounds of the searching space, and $U(0,1)$ denotes the regularly distributed function which ranges from 0 to 1.

b. Position Update (Localleader Phase)

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (loc_{tj} - K_{ij}) + U(-1,1) \times (K_{rj} - K_{ij}) \quad (4)$$

where, K_{ij} denotes the j^{th} position of spider monkey i , Loc_{tj} is the localleader of t^{th} group, and $U(-1,1)$ indicates the regularly distributed random number.

c. Fitness Function

$$FF = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+o_j} & \text{if } o_i \geq 0 \\ 1 + abs(o_j) & \text{if } o_i < 0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The fitness FF calculates how good a monkey's position is based on o_i , which is the value of the objective function at that position and Positive or negative values are dealt with separately to normalize the fitness score.

d. Selection probability

$$Pb_i = \frac{f_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N f_{-i}} \quad (6)$$

This calculates the probability of selecting a monkey as a leader.

f_i is the fitness value of monkey I and $\sum_{i=1}^N f_i$ is the total fitness of all monkeys.

e. Globalleader Update

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (Gloc_j - K_{ij}) + U(-1,1) \times (K_{rj} - K_{ij}) \quad (7)$$

f. Decision Phase (Final Position Update)

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (Glo_{ij} - K_{ij}) + U(0,1) \times (K_{rj} - loc_{tj}) \quad (8)$$

Algorithm2. Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO)

1: Initialize the set of parameters as population, localleaderlimitloc, globalleaderlimit Glo, and perturbation rate;

2: thelocal and globalleaders are identified;

3: Update the position oflocalleader;

For each member $K_{ij} \in t^{th}$ group do

For each $j \in \{1,2, \dots, D\}$ do

If $U(0,1) \geq per_r$ then

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (loc_{tj} - K_{ij}) + U(-1,1) \times (K_{rj} - K_{ij}) ;$$

Else

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij};$$

Ending of if

Ending of for

4: Update the position of globalleader;

Initialize count Cnt = 0;

While Cnt < size of group do

If $U(0,1) > Pb_1$

Cnt = Cnt + 1;

Select the integer randomly from

$j \in \{1,2, \dots, D\}$;

Select the monkey $k_r \in$ group

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (Glo_{ij} - K_{ij}) + U(0,1) \times$$

$$(K_{rj} - loc_{tj});$$

Ending of if

Ending of for

Ending of while

5: Performlearning throughlocal and globalleaders;

6: The positions oflocalleader and global are updated in the decision phase;

//localleader

IfLCnt > LLL then

Initializelocallimiter countLCnt = 0;

For each $j \in \{1,2, \dots, D\}$ group do

If $U(0,1) > Pb_i$ then

$$K_{newij} = K_{minj} + U(0,1) \times (K_{maxj} - K_{minj});$$

Else

$$K_{newij} = K_{ij} + U(0,1) \times (loc_{tj} - K_{ij}) + U(-1,1) \times (K_{rj} - K_{ij});$$

Ending of if

Ending of for

Ending of if

//Globalleader

If GLCnt > GLL then

Initialize globallimiter count GLCnt = 0;

If No of groups < max group then

The swarms are split into groups;

Else

Single group can be created by integrating all the groups;

Ending of if

Update the position of allocalleaders;

7: Based on the decision of globalleader, the decision of fusion-fission is obtained;

8: If (termination) is satisfied

Stop;

Else

The globalleader position is updated in the optimal solution;

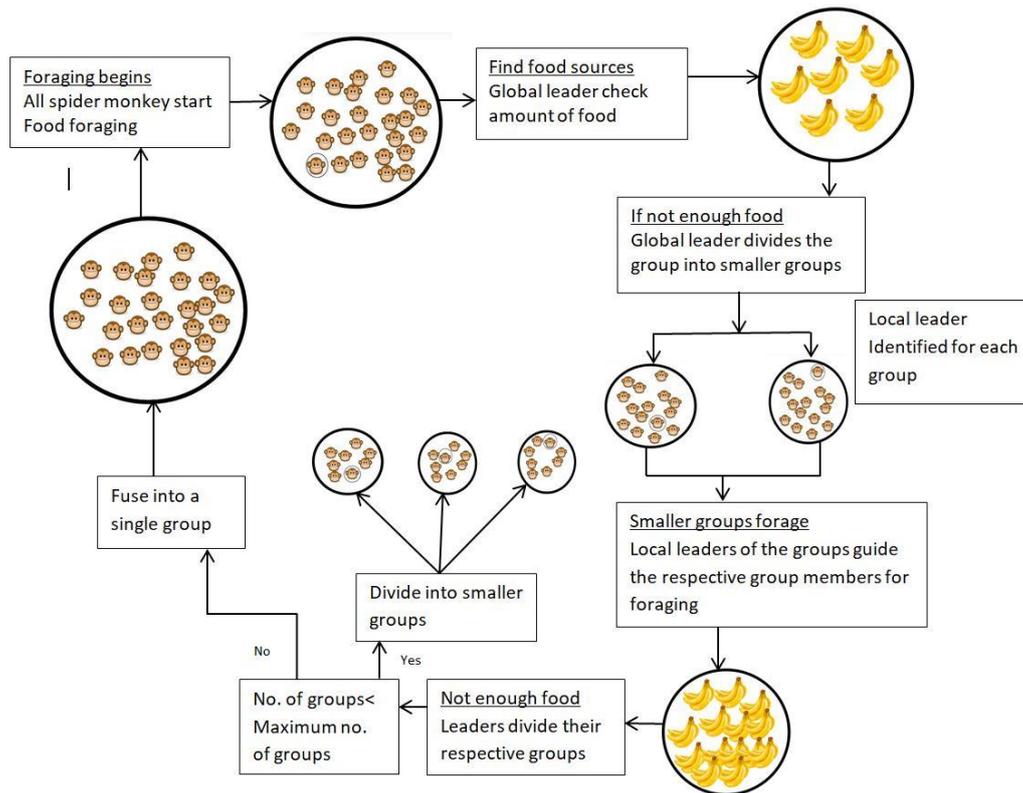


Figure 4. Spider Monkey foraging behavior analysis [30].

Table 2. Applications and Related Research of SMO in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Android Malware Detection	SMO-based Bi-LSTM for malware classification	Achieved high accuracy in detecting Android malware for cybersecurity applications.	[31]
Electric Vehicle Power Systems	Control for interleaved parallel bidirectional DC-DC converters	Enhanced grid integration and energy efficiency in electric vehicles.	[32]
Load Flow Optimization	SMO combined with swarm intelligence for load flow in power grids	Improved efficiency and convergence in large-scale power networks.	[33]
Wireless Networks	Smart SMO for energy-efficient wireless communication	Achieved reduced energy consumption and enhanced nodellifetime.	[34]
Network Intrusion Detection	Hybrid SMO with hierarchical swarm intelligence for feature selection	Enhanced detection accuracy for intrusion prevention in network security systems.	[35]
Chemical Engineering	SMO for optimization in chemical data processing	Improved hyperparameter tuning for chemical data models, increasing processing accuracy.	[12]
Structural Engineering	SMO for bridge load optimization	Improved structural safety and cost efficiency in bridge designs.	[36]
Healthcare Applications	SMO for medical image feature extraction and segmentation	Enhanced accuracy in disease diagnosis through optimized image processing.	[37]
Renewable Energy Systems	SMO for wind farm placement optimization	Achieved higher energy efficiency and reduced setup costs in renewable energy projects.	[38]
Machinelearning Optimization	SMO for optimizing deeplearning hyperparameters	Increased model accuracy with efficient hyperparameter tuning.	[39]
Robotics and Path Plan-	SMO for robot trajectory optimization in	Improved obstacle avoidance and energy effi-	[40]

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
ning	dynamic environments	ciency in robotic movements.	
IoT Network Management	SMO for bandwidth and energy optimization in IoT networks	Enhanced network utilization and extended device life in IoT applications.	[41]
Bioinformatics	SMO for gene selection in protein structure analysis	Achieved higher predictive accuracy in bioinformatics applications.	[42]
Civil Infrastructure Optimization	SMO for optimizing truss designs	Enhanced load distribution and material utilization in large-scale truss structures.	[36]
Transportation Optimization	SMO for vehicle routing in urban logistics	Improved delivery efficiency and reduced transportation costs.	[43]

1.3. Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO)

The Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO) algorithm refines exploration and exploitation. Due to its simplicity, few control parameters, and high convergence accuracy, it reduces the risk of local optima and gaining popularity [44, 45]. Researchers have been enhancing GWO by integrating it with other meta-heuristics and using advanced strategies to address various optimization challenges. For example, hybrid approaches like GWO-SCA, WOAGWO, and GWO-PSO have enhanced performance in engineering applications such as PV model parameter extraction, pressure vessel design, and reactive power scheduling [46, 47]. Strategy-based enhancements such as K-means clustering, stochastic learning, and nonlinear convergence factors, have also reinforced GWO's exploration and convergence capabilities [48, 49].

Applications of GWO span various fields, including PV parameter estimation, emotion recognition, structural optimization, and investment predictions [50]. GWO contends with highly confined problems or those including various local extrema [51, 52]. This study presents an improved GWO algorithm integrating reverse learning, nonlinear convergence strategies, and concepts from Tunicate Swarm and Particle Swarm algorithms to address these limitations. Benchmark tests and real-world engineering problems validate its enhanced accuracy, robustness, and applicability [53].

A. Basic Background

Gray wolves live in packs with a well-structured social hierarchy. At the top of this, is the α -wolf, who leads the pack by making important decisions about hunting strategies, food distribution, and choosing resting places. β -wolves support the leader and are ranked second. They assist the α -wolf in decision-making processes. δ -wolves follow them, who hold tertiary roles like scouting, patrolling, and acting as guards. At last, there are ω -wolves, whose primary role is to create harmony within the group and maintain social dynamics. This

hierarchical structure and the predation behavior of gray wolves are important to their pack dynamics and have contributed optimization models. Let the solution space be represented in d dimensions and the population size by N , in the context of the GWO algorithm for optimization challenges. The location of the i -th wolf within this pack indicates one probable solution in the search space expressed as:

$$X_i = \{X_i^1, X_i^2, \dots, X_i^d\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (9)$$

α , β , and δ , respectively denote the optimal, sub-optimal, and third optimal solutions in the gray wolf population, and the rest of the solutions are indicated as ω . ω constantly updates the position based on the positions of α , β , and δ in order to search the best solution or the optimal position. The positions of the gray wolves are calculated as:

$$D = |C \cdot X_p(t) - X(t)| \quad (10)$$

$$X(t + 1) = X_p(t) - A \cdot D \quad (11)$$

Where i is pack size, D is the distance between current wolf position and the best solution, $X(t)$ is the position of wolf iteration t , $X_p(t)$ denotes the position of prey at iteration t , t denotes the current position, $X(t + 1)$ denotes the updated position of the wolf, A and C are coefficient vectors.

$$A = 2a \cdot \text{rand}() - a \quad (12)$$

$$C = 2 \cdot \text{rand}() \quad (13)$$

This is obtained by minimizing the value of a in the Eq. (12). Note that the oscillation range of A is likewise decreased by a . A is a random number in the interval $[-a, a]$ where a is decreased from 2 to 0 throughout iterations.

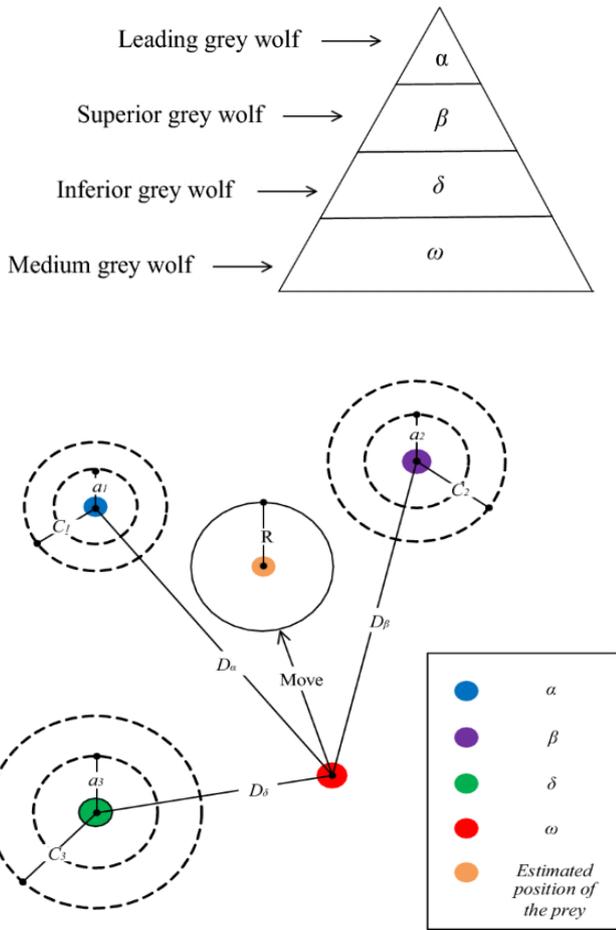


Figure 5. Schematic diagram of gray wolf population hierarchy and predation processes [54].

It is assumed that the alpha wolf (representing the best solution), along with the beta and delta wolves, possess superior knowledge regarding the possible location of the prey, to mathematically model the hunting behavior of gray wolves. As a result, the top three best solutions identified so far are held. The remaining search agents update their positions based on the guidance provided by these leading search agents including the ω - wolves.

$$D = \begin{cases} D_\alpha = |C_1 \cdot X_\alpha - X| \\ D_\beta = |C_1 \cdot X_\beta - X| \\ D_\delta = |C_1 \cdot X_\delta - X| \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

$$X = \begin{cases} X_1 = X_\alpha - A_1 \cdot (D_\alpha) \\ X_2 = X_\beta - A_2 \cdot (D_\beta) \\ X_3 = X_\delta - A_3 \cdot (D_\delta) \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

$$X(t + 1) = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3} \quad (16)$$

Algorithm3: Grey Wolf Optimization Algorithm

1: Initialize the grey wolf population X_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) ;

- 2: Initialize the coefficient vectors a, A and C ;
- 3: Calculate the fitness of each search agent (wolf);
- 4: X_α = the best search agent (wolf);
- 5: X_β = the second best search agent (wolf);
- 6: X_δ = the third best search agent (wolf);
- 7: while iteration < maximum Iteration, do
- 8: for each wolf X_i ,do
- 9: Update the position of current wolf X_i ;
- 10: Update the position of wolf X_i ,if exceed boundaries ;
- 11: ending of for
- 12: Update the coefficient vectors a, A and C ;
- 13: Calculate the fitness of all search agents (wolves);
- 14: Update the value of X_α, X_β and X_δ ;
- 15: ending of while
- 16: return X_α ;

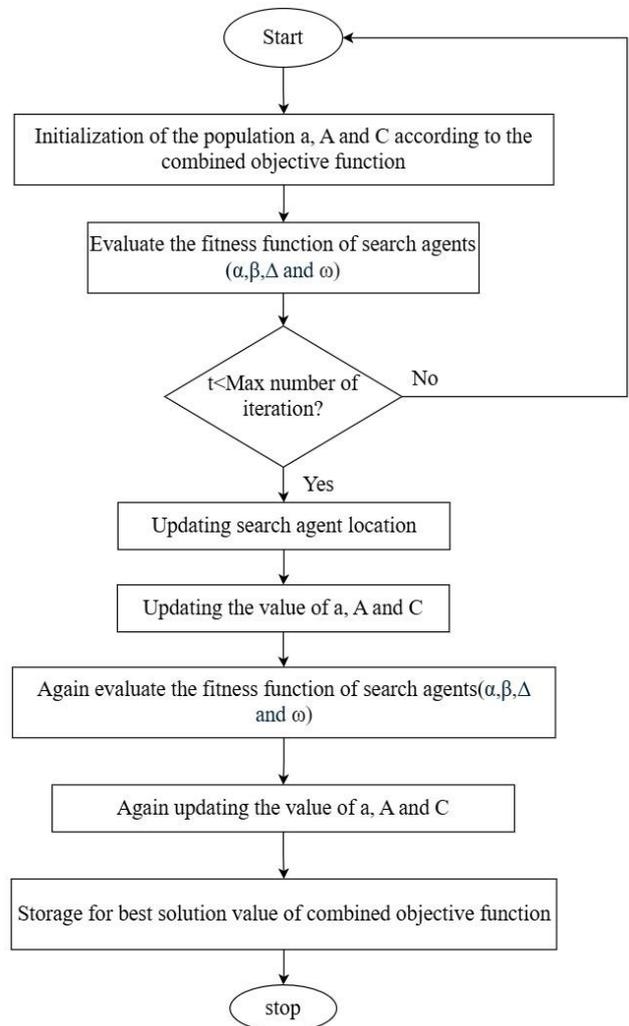


Figure 6. Flowchart of Grey Wolf Optimization.

Table 3. Applications and Related Research of GWO in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Structural Engineering	Enhanced GWO for structural optimization	Achieved improved efficiency and stability in building designs.	[44]
Renewable Energy Systems	GWO for optimizing hybrid renewable energy systems	Improved energy efficiency and power balancing in solar-wind hybrid systems.	[45]
Control Systems	Adaptive GWO for PID controller design	Enhanced performance in industrial control systems with optimal parameter tuning.	[51]
Electromagnetic Systems	GWO-based antenna array optimization	Achieved better directional performance with reduced design costs.	[46]
Healthcare Applications	GWO for feature selection in disease diagnostics	Improved classification accuracy in cancer and diabetes detection.	[47]
Machinelearning	Integration of GWO with deeplearning models	Optimized hyperparameter tuning for improved model performance.	[48]
IoT and Network Systems	GWO for resource allocation in IoT networks	Enhanced bandwidth utilization and reducedlatency inlarge-scale IoT networks.	[50]
Robotics and Path Planning	GWO for robot trajectory optimization	Improved obstacle avoidance and energy efficiency in dynamic environments.	[55]
Power Systems	GWO forload frequency control in power grids	Achieved better frequency regulation and stability in smart grids.	[52]
Environmental Monitoring	GWO for optimizing sensor deployment	Improved coverage and reduced costs in environmental monitoring systems.	[56]
Bioinformatics	GWO for protein structure prediction	Enhanced accuracy in determining stable protein conformations.	[57]
Transportation andlogistics	GWO for vehicle routing problem	Improved delivery efficiency and reduced transportation costs.	[58]
Financial Applications	GWO for stock market prediction	Optimized trading strategies with higher predictive accuracy.	[53]
Energy Optimization	GWO for maximum power point tracking in solar panels	Enhanced energy harvesting under partial shading conditions.	[49]
Civil Engineering	GWO for optimizing truss structures	Improvedload-bearing efficiency and material usage in bridge designs.	[59]

1.4. Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA)

The Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA) is a bio-inspired meta-heuristic optimization method that follows the swarming behavior of grasshoppers during their life cycle. Grasshoppers show specific movement patterns in their nymph and adult stages, which are effectively modeled in GOA to balance exploration and exploitation in optimization tasks. Grasshoppers form large groups with slow, coordinated movements, resembling local exploration to refine solutions in nearby areas during the nymph phase [60]. On the other hand adult grasshoppers show sudden, wide-ranging movements during aerial migrations, assisting global exploration of the

search space [61]. The dual-phase behavior indicates the need to discover diverse regions of a problem space while adjusting favorable solutions.

To simulate the swarm's collective behavior, GOA utilizes social interaction mechanisms like attraction, repulsion, and alignment. These mechanisms lead candidate solutions (agents) towards best results by balancing wide-range exploration and precise exploitation [62, 63]. GOA is particularly valued for its simplicity and adaptability in solving complex multi-modal optimization problems thus it is broadly used in engineering, robotics, energy systems, and machinelearning, [64]. Its ability to emulate natural processes makes it an efficient tool for facing real-world problems.

$$X_i^d = c \left(\sum_{j=1}^N c \frac{ub_d - lb_d}{2} s(|X_j^d - X_i^d|) \frac{X_j - X_i}{d_{ij}} \right) + T_d, J \neq i \quad (17)$$

Equation (18) is used for the update the position of the grasshopper.

Common term and parameters are used in the mathematical models:

n is the population size of the grasshoppers, d indicates the population dimension, X_i indicates the position of the i^{th} grasshopper, X_i^d indicates the updated position of the i^{th} grasshopper, t denotes as the current iteration, t_{max} indicates the maximum iteration, $s(r)$ is the social component, l is the attraction force, f is the repulsion force and T_d indicates the optimal solution so far.

Where ub_d indicates the upper bound in the d^{th} dimension, lb_d indicates lower bound in the d^{th} dimension, T_d indicates optimal solution found so far, and c is a decreasing coefficient to lessen the comfort zone, repulsion zone, and attraction zone.

$$c = c_{max} - \left(\frac{c_{max} - c_{min}}{t_{max}} \right) \quad (18)$$

The social component $s(r)$ is defined as:

$$s(r) = f e^{\frac{-r}{l}} - e^{-r} \quad (19)$$

Where $r = |X_j^d - X_i^d|$, here, l denotes as the attraction force and f denotes as the repulsion force.

Algorithm4. Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA)

- 1: Initialize the grasshopper population X_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$);
- 2: Calculate the fitness of each search agent (grasshopper);
- 3: $T =$ the best search agent (grasshopper)
- 4: while iteration no < maximum iteration no, do
- 5: Update the value of c ;
- 6: for each grasshopper X_i , do;
- 7: Normalize the distance between the grasshoppers;
- 8: Update the position of current grasshopper X_i ;
- 9: Update the position X_i ; if exceed boundaries
- 10: ending of for
- 11: Update T_d if there is a better solution;
- 12: ending of while
- 13: return T_d ;

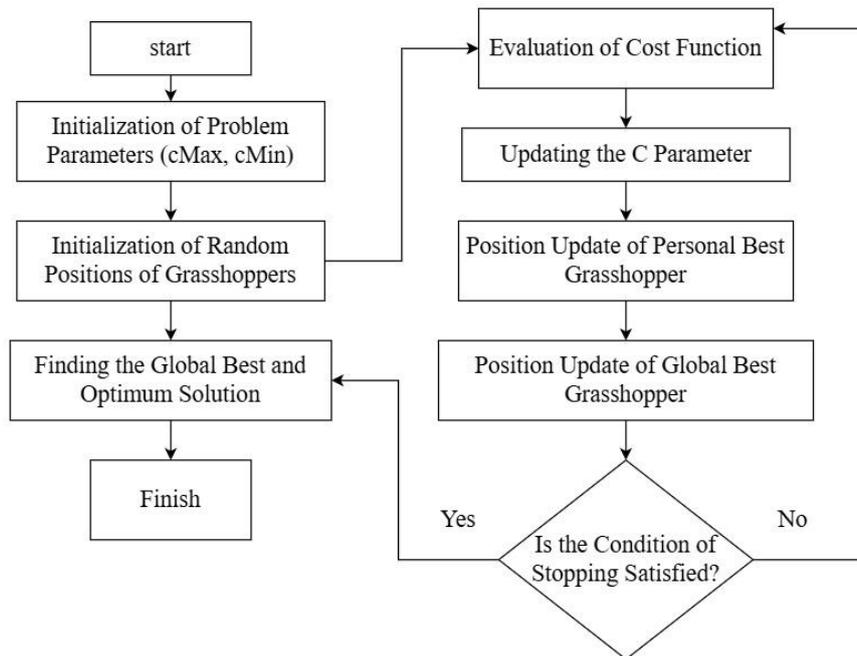


Figure 7. Flowchart of Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA).

Table 4. Applications and Related Research of GOA in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Power Systems Control	Standard GOA for controlling power systems	Efficient balancing of control parameters and optimization in complex systems.	[62]
Routing in FANETs	Hybrid GOA with Invasive Weed Optimization	Enhanced routing efficiency and reduced computational overhead for network optimization.	[65]

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Structural Analysis	Finite Element Method (FEM) plugin in Grasshopper	Improved structural modeling and optimization using a parametric environment.	[66]
Lung Cancer Classification	Binary GOA combined with Artificial Bee Colony	Effective feature selection and classification in medical applications using deeplearning.	[63]
Pavement Crack Detection	GOA integrated with U-Net framework	Accurate crack detection and condition scoring for pavement maintenance.	[67]
Machinelearning Optimization	GOA for optimizing machinelearning models	Achieved better refinement and performance of predictive models in healthcare applications.	[64]
Wind Farm Power Systems	GOA forload Frequency Control (LFC)	Improved dynamic stability in power systems incorporating renewable energy.	[60]
Tunnel Design	GOA for iterative and dynamic tunnel modeling	Enhanced geometric adjustments and airflow optimization in tunnel design.	[68]
Interior Design	Parametric modeling with Grasshopper optimization	Improved customization and innovation in furniture and architectural design.	[69]
Conceptual Design Process	Computational design methods based on Grasshopper	Facilitated brainstorming and creative solutions in the early stages of design.	[70]
Concrete Dam Optimization	GOA for gravity dam design	Achieved better structural stability and resource efficiency.	[10]
Photovoltaic Systems	Improved GOA for global maximum power tracking	Enhanced energy efficiency in solar panels under varying conditions.	[61]
Fuzzy Neural Networks	GOA integrated with Recurrent Fuzzy Neural Networks	Accurate predictions of surface ozonelevels using hybrid optimization methods.	[71]
Energy Management in Micro-Grids	Modified Chaos GOA for optimizing renewable energy output	Achieved higher efficiency in hybrid renewable energy systems.	[8]
Heart Disease Prediction	GOA-optimized Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)	Improved prediction accuracy and computational performance for medical diagnostics.	[72]

1.5. Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO)

The Cuckoo Search (CS) algorithm is a population-based meta-heuristic optimization technique. It is known for its simplicity, minimal parameter requirements, and effective global search capabilities [73]. It uses the Lévy flight strategy to produce new solutions, allowing intense exploration of the solution space while maintaining diversity. However it can lead to reduced local exploitation and slower convergence, particularly in complex optimization problems as the algorithm relies on highly random movements [16].

Improvements to the algorithm have focused on parameter control and hybridization to address these problems. Adaptive schemes have been broadly applied, including strategies like dynamic updates of discovery probability, Cauchy distribution, and Lehmer mean to enhance convergence performance in parameter control. Other approaches have involved dynamically fine-tuning step size and probability parameters, showing improved results in different benchmarks and constrained optimization works [74-77].

Hybridization with other algorithms has also proven efficient in improving CS performance. Combining CS with optimization techniques such as Grey Wolf Optimization, Quantum-Behaved Particle Swarm Optimization, and Bat Algorithm to refine solution quality, improve exploration, and balance population diversity are some of the hybridization in practice. In field such as engineering design, medical diagnostics, data clustering, and predictive modeling, variants such as Dynamic CS, Quantum-Inspired CS, and Adaptive CS have been successfully applied. These improvements address key challenges in optimization, exhibiting the adaptability and effectiveness of the CS algorithm in solving complex, real-world challenges.

Algorithm 5. Cuckoo Search Optimization Algorithm (CSO)

- 1: Start;
- 2: Objective function (x) , $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)^T$;
- 3: Initial a population of n host nests x_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$);
- 4: while ($t < \text{Maximum Generation}$) or (stop criterion)
- 5: Get a cuckoo (say i) randomly and generate a new solution by Lévy flights;

- 6: Evaluate its quality/fitness; F_i Choose a nest among n (say) randomly;
- 7: if $(F_i > F_j)$, Replace j by the new solution
- 8: ending of if
- 9: Abandon a fraction (Pa) of worse nests [and build new ones at new locations via Levy flights];

- 10: Keep the best solutions (or nests with quality solutions);
- 11: Rank the solutions and find the current best;
- 12: ending of while
- 13: Post process results and visualization;
- 14: ending

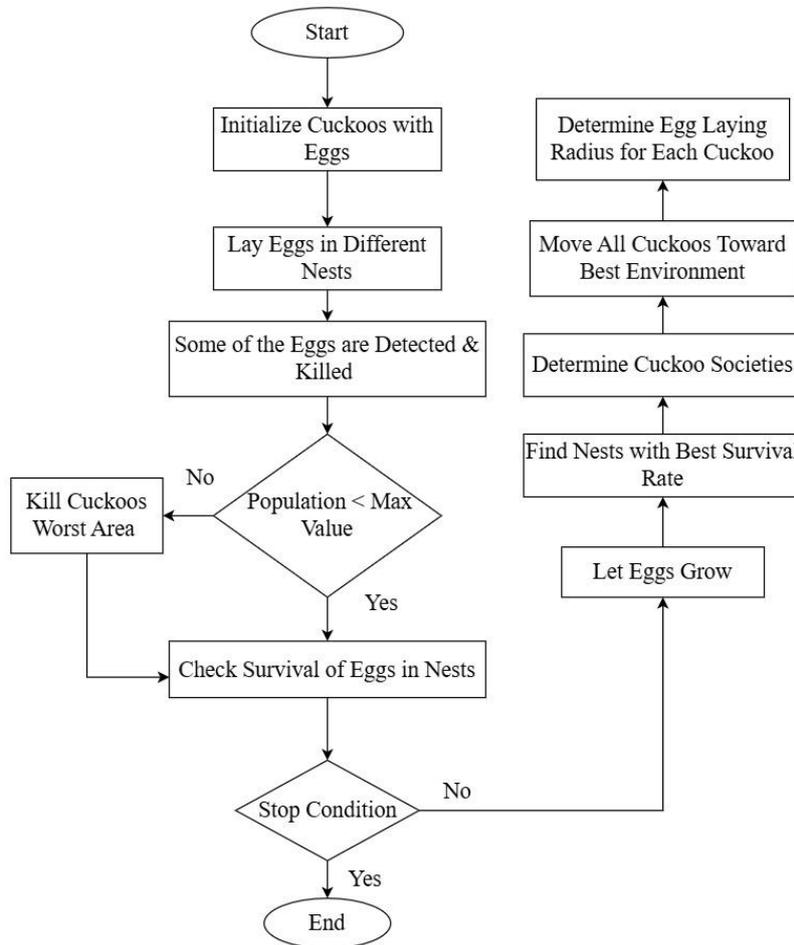


Figure 8. Flowchart of Cuckoo Search Optimization.

Table 5. Application and related research of Cuckoo Search Optimization in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Power Systems Control	Reactive power compensation using CS for grid system optimization	Improved stability and efficiency in grid systems with FACTS devices.	[16]
Network Telemetry	Structure-aware CS for real-time traffic monitoring	Enhanced data tracking in modern computer networks.	[78]
Renewable Energy Systems	CS for photovoltaic power forecasting	Increased accuracy in solar irradiance and photovoltaic power predictions.	[79]
Fault Diagnosis	Hybrid CS for gas turbine engine fault identification	Enhanced diagnostic accuracy for gas turbine systems with constrained nonlinear optimization.	[80]
Data Mining Optimization	Dynamic CS combined with neutrosophic cognitive mapping	Improved feature selection and clustering efficiency in large datasets.	[74]

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Wind Power Prediction	CS for wind power installed capacity forecasting	Accurate predictions for energy capacity planning in renewable systems.	[75]
Vehicular Networks	CS for resource allocation in vehicular networks	Efficient caching and offloading in resource-constrained vehicular systems.	[76]
Groundwater Contamination	CS for identifying contamination sources	Improved environmental monitoring with kernel extremelearning machines.	[77]
Structural Engineering	CS-based optimization for concrete dam design	Achieved better structural stability and resource utilization.	[81]
Healthcare Systems	CS for disease classification and prediction	Enhanced diagnostic accuracy for medical imaging and classification tasks.	[82]
Image Segmentation	Triple hybrid CS with Type II fuzzy sets	Improved multi-level image segmentation with adaptive mechanisms.	[83]
Engineering Design Problems	Multi-algorithm CS with adaptive mutation mechanism	Enhanced constraint handling and optimization efficiency.	[84]
Mechanical Design	Enhanced CS withlevy flight and GANs	Optimized mechanical manufacturing processes with generative models.	[85]
Advanced Machining	CS for optimization of machining parameters	Improved accuracy in machining tasks with reduced waste.	[86]
Bearing Fault Diagnosis	Adaptive CS for noise-resistant fault diagnosis	Achieved effective fault identification under strong noise conditions.	[87]

1.6. Ant Colony Optimization Algorithm

Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), first introduced by in 1991, is a population-based meta-heuristic algorithm influenced by the foraging behavior of ants. Ants guide their movements toward food sources by communicating indirectly through pheromone trails. This biological behavior has been applied into optimization algorithms to solve complex problems. Recent studies have exhibited the flexibility of ACO in solving real-world challenges like logistics, routing, and scheduling [89, 95]. ACO has evolved with hybrid approaches and parameter optimization techniques, improving its performance and extending its applicability over the years. ACO has been successfully used across diverse fields. ACO leverages to optimize tourist itineraries and to achieve reduced travel times. ACO is applied to improve the accuracy of laser drilling processes, reducing waste and improving efficiency in industrial settings [88]. Likewise, ACO's leveraged effectiveness in optimizing vehicular and power network routing [96]. These applications exhibit ACO's adaptability and efficacy in solving complex optimization challenges. The basic advantages of ACO include its adaptability to dynamic environments and ability in solving multi-objective optimization problems [89, 96]. Due to its parallel search capabilities, ACO is particularly efficient in large-scale problems. The limitations of ACO involve suffering from slow convergence in complex scenarios and is prone to stagnation in local optima, as the

computational cost of ACO increases significantly as the problem size grows [91]. These problems need further research to improve the algorithm's efficiency and scalability.

The food of ants can be represented by the destinations. All ants are randomly positioned at either one or any of the nodes of the transport network at the beginning of the evolution. The probability of transition of any ant to an adjacent node from time t to $t + 1$ is found by using the following equation:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tau_{ij,pq}^\alpha(t) \cdot \eta_{ij,pq}^\beta(t)}{\sum_{u=1}^{m_p} \tau_{ij,pu}^\alpha(t) \cdot \eta_{ij,pu}^\beta(t)}, & q = 1, 2, \dots, m_p \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Where $\tau_{ij,pq}^\alpha$ indicates the intensity of trail on edge (e_{ij}, e_{pq}) at time, $\tau_{ij,pq}^\alpha \in (\tau_{min}, \tau_{max})$.

$\eta_{ij,pq}$ is the visibility of edge (e_{ij}, e_{pq}) , α is the relative importance of trail, $\alpha \geq 0$, β is the relative importance of the visibility, $\beta \geq 0$.

When $\alpha = 0$, the jobs with the shortest processing times are more likely to be chosen. Which leads to a classical stochastic algorithm. Only pheromone amplification is at work which will lead to the pre-mature convergence of the method to a strongly sub-optimal solution if on the contrary $\beta \geq 0$. Therefore, the transition probability demonstrates a compromise between visibility i.e., the shorter the processing time the higher the probability to choose it and trail intensity (the higher the traffic on the arc (e_{ij}, e_{pq}) , the higher its attrac-

tiveness).

Ants select an adjacent node using Eq. (21), and this continues until all ants move to a neighboring node, completing what is called an iteration or cycle. After this, the trial intensity is updated using Eq. (21).

$$\tau_{ij,pq}(t+n) = (1 - \rho)\tau_{ij,pq}(t) + \Delta\tau_{ij,pq}(t) \quad (21)$$

$$\Delta\tau_{ij,pq}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m \Delta\tau_{ij,pq}^k(t) \quad (22)$$

Where ρ is the coefficient that represents the evaporation of trial between time t and $+n, \rho \in [0,1)$. $\Delta\tau_{ij,pq}(t)$ is the total intensity of node (e_{ij}, e_{pq}) during an iteration of ants, m is the total number of ants, $\Delta\tau_{ij,pq}^k(t)$ is the amount of pheromone ant k deposits on the areas it has visited. This usually amounts to the value:

$$\Delta\tau_{ij,pq}^k = \frac{Q}{Z(C_k)} \quad (23)$$

Where $Z(C_k)$ is the length of the tour and Q is a positive constant.

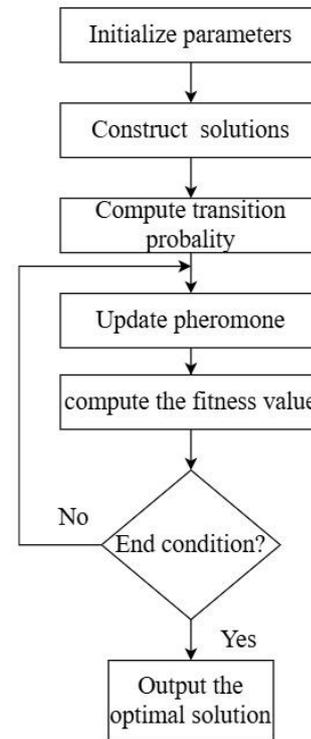


Figure 9. Flowchart of the Ant Colony Optimization.

Table 6. Application and Related research of ACO in various fields.

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
Agriculture	Boosting agriculture and water efficiency with advanced ACO	Enhanced accuracy and efficiency in predictive modeling.	[89]
Tourist Route Optimization	ACO-based recommendation system	Reduced travel times and optimized itineraries.	[90]
Human Resource Management	ACO for job candidate optimization	Improved recruitment and resource management.	[91]
Robotic Swarm Cleaning	Bee-inspired ACO for robotic cleaners	Improved navigation and task completion in industrial setups.	[92]
Load Balancing in Computing	Dynamic ACO for serverload balancing	Reduced downtime and improved computation efficiency.	[93]
Energy Monitoring	ACO with neural networks for harmonic distortion monitoring	Enhanced detection and prediction in energy systems.	[94]
Microenterprise Vulnerability	ACO for fuzzy geodemographic clustering	Improved business vulnerability analysis.	[95]
Logistics and Routing	Improved ACO for integrated logistics optimization	Enhanced delivery efficiency and cost reduction.	[96]
Network Optimization	Multi-ACO for vehicular routing problem	Optimized traffic flow and resource utilization.	[97]
Humanitarian Aid Distribution	ACO for location routing problem	Improved speed and efficiency in critical resource distribution.	[98]
Laser Drilling Optimization	ACO with gradient descent for precision laser drilling	Achieved higher accuracy and reduced waste.	[88]

Application Area/Field	Proposed Method/Approach	Strengths/Contribution	Reference
3D Containerloading	Hybrid ACO for multi-objective optimization	Improved packing efficiency and resource utilization.	[99]
Carbon Emissions Mod-eling	ACO with Cobb-Douglas models for emission analysis	Enhanced understanding of emission pat-terns and impacts.	[100]
Power and Transportation Networks	Collaborative ACO for urban transportation and power systems	Improved integration and efficiency.	[101]
Edge-Cloud Resource Allocation	Bi-directionalSTM and ACO for adaptive resource scheduling	Enhanced cloud computing efficiency.	[102]

2. Comparative Analysis

Table 7. Comparison of Population-Based Algorithms.

Algorithm	Inspiration	Strength	Limitations	Scalability	Computational Complexity	Flexibility	Convergence Rate
PSO	Swarm behavior of birds and fish	Simple implementation, effective in dynamic systems	Prone to premature convergence	Moderate Scalability in medium sized problems	Lower computational cost compared to others	High adaptability to dynamic environments	Fast convergence but risks local optima
SMO	Social behavior of spider monkeys	Effective in multi objective optimizations tasks	Slower convergence in complex scenarios	Moderate Scalability with hybrid enhancements	Higher computational cost in large scale problems	Good adaptability in structured problems	Moderate convergence requires parameter tuning
GWO	Social hierarchy and hunting behavior of grey wolves	Simplicity, low parameter dependency,	Balancing global and local search is challenging	High Scalability in large problem spaces	Moderate computational cost	Flexible for different optimizations problems	Efficient convergence in static environments
GOA	Swarming behavior of grasshoppers	Strong exploration abilities	High sensitivity to parameter settings	Moderate scalability in medium complexity tasks	Higher computational complexity	Good flexibility in multimedia tasks	Fast convergence in structured environments
CSO	Brood parasitism of cuckoos	Excellent global exploration capabilities	Poor local search requires hybridization	Limited scalability for very large data sets	Higher computations demands	Moderate flexibility in constrained problems	Effective in global optimization tasks
ACO	Pheromone laying behavior of ants	Best for combinational problems	High computational cost for large problems	Moderate scalability with hybrid approaches	Significant computational complexity	Highly flexible for discrete problems	Slower convergence in dynamic scenarios

3. Usage and Performance Analysis of Bio-Inspired Optimization Algorithms

The pie chart below shows the proportion of research studies using each of the six bio-inspired optimization algo-

rithms over the past decade. The algorithms based on benchmark such as convergence speed, solution accuracy, and robustness across various applications are shown below as the bar graph which compares the average performance efficiency of each algorithm.

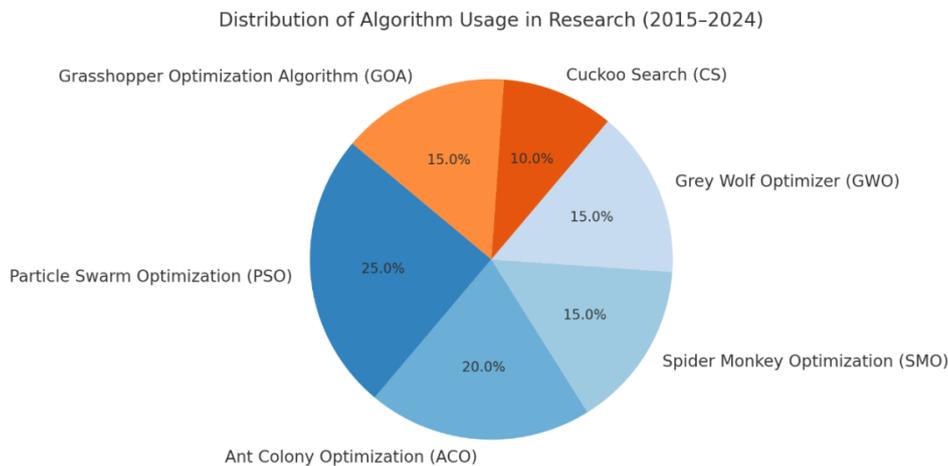


Figure 10. Pie Chart of Distribution of Algorithm Usage in Research.

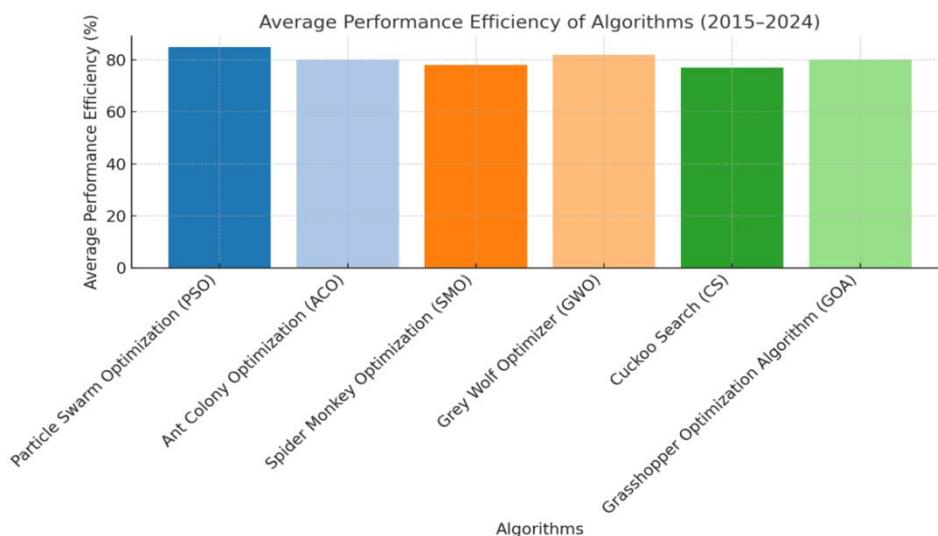


Figure 11. Bar graph of the Average Performance Efficiency of Algorithms.

4. Discussion

This section provides an extensive review of the bio-inspired optimization algorithms which include Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO), Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO), Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA), Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO), and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO). Such algorithms use natural processes and behaviors and are efficient in

solving complicated optimization issues. These algorithms keep the diversity of the population and do not converge early by simulating such natural processes as group behavior, hierarchy, and distribution of resources. However, they also show efficiency in terms of computational complexity and dependency on parameters that start the algorithm, which affects their scalability and performance mainly with problems of high dimensionality.

Metaheuristic algorithms such PSO and GWO are some of the bio inspired algorithms that have proven to be efficient in numerous engineering fields. For example, PSO has been

used in energy management of smart homes and smart grid applications to prove its applicability in dynamic environments. Likewise, GWO has been applied to resource allocation for IoT networks and load frequency control for power systems. These algorithms have evaluation-exploitation phases in which they can come close to the finest solutions efficiently. However, they have some difficulties, for example, premature convergence in multimodal search spaces, which needs high escape methods to avoid local optima.

Due to the fact that SMO and GOA are particularly suitable for multi-objective optimization problems. SMO, based on the social interactions of the spider monkeys, performs well in the problems that require pyramid decision making and categorization. Recent research work has demonstrated its use in low power wireless communication and in feature extraction of medical images, thus making it evident that it is a very general purpose filter. On the other hand, GOA copies the swarming behavior of grasshoppers and has been used in energy control and in the optimization of machine learning model. However, both algorithms heavily depend on the parameter tuning and, therefore, may not be very efficient for large data sets or complex environments.

CSO and ACO is based on the exploration of the optimization mechanisms. CSO, based on the brood parasitism behavior of cuckoos, employs Lévy flights to traverse the solution space efficiently. New trends like the hybrid CSO models for fault detection of gas turbines and photovoltaic power prediction have enhanced its usage in the renewable energy and mechanical systems. ACO which simulates the foraging behavior of ants is well known for its performance in solving routing and scheduling issues. Its usage in routing of vehicular network and in the collaborative optimization of urban transport confirms its ability to solve real-life logistics problems. However, the computational complexity of ACO is directly proportional to the problem size, and thus, the problem size must be reduced or hybrid with other algorithms or adaptive methods to improve scalability.

Despite the complexity of the calculations, bio-inspired algorithms are flexible and can be adapted easily. They give reliable results in different problem contexts, which is why they are indispensable in such areas as medicine and transportation, engineering and geophysical modeling. However, several issues are still worth discussing. Generalization of the procedure is also a problem due to high computational costs and sensitivity to the parameter initialization, especially in the high-dimensional cases. To overcome these drawbacks, next studies could concentrate on the application of parallel computing methods and varying step size control strategies which vary during the optimization process to perform a fine balance between exploration and exploitation.

Furthermore, the integration of these algorithms, for example, CSO-ACO or incorporating machine learning into the algorithms, provides potential for improvement. For instance, the integration of global searching capability of ACO with

local optimizing strategies of PSO can enhance the convergence speed and yet at the same time, would decrease the computational burden. In addition to that, it is possible to integrate machine learning models that can rapidly adjust to time-sensitive conditions such as hyper parameter tuning in order to enhance the results of the optimization techniques. Such developments can bring together the theoretical aspects of optimization and real-world problem-solving scenarios that can lead to the creation of new and better solutions in a constantly expanding range of problem areas.

5. Conclusion

This paper gives the broad analysis of bio-inspired meta-heuristic population based optimization methods. Which demonstrated the efficacy and flexibility of these algorithms, in solving complex optimization problems across various fields. The key patterns and strengths of these challenges were identified by assessing the usage trends, applications and performance efficiencies of algorithms such as Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm (GOA), Spider Monkey Optimization (SMO), Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO), and Cuckoo Search (CS).

The PSO has a superior convergence speed and solution accuracy which emerges as the most broadly used and effective algorithm. Whereas GOA and SMO explored growing relevance and adaptability. Algorithms like Cuckoo Search also proved effective for niche applications, although their lower frequency of usage.

Thus bio-inspired population based optimization techniques represent a strong class of problem-solving methodologies, providing intelligent, adaptable, and efficient solutions to real-world and theoretical problems. This paper directly provides fellow researchers with clear insights for choosing an appropriate method tailored to their specific needs in the field of path planning. Future work can focus on hybridizing these algorithms to leverage their individual strengths by further enhancing their applicability in dynamic and high-dimensional problem spaces.

Abbreviations

PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
SMO	Spider Monkey Optimization
GWO	Grey Wolf Optimization
GOA	Grasshopper Optimization Algorithm
CS	Cuckoo Search
ACO	Ant Colony Optimization

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