# Difference-genetic co-evolutionary algorithm for nonlinear mixed integer programming problems 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, the difference genetic co-evolutionary algorithm (D-GCE) is proposed for the mixed integer programming problems. First, the mixed integer programming problem with constrains converted to unconstrained bi-objective optimization problems. Secondly, selection mechanism combines the Pareto dominance and superiority of feasible solution methods to choose the excellent individual as the next generation. Final, differential evolution algorithm and genetic algorithm handle the continuous part and discrete part, respectively. Numerical experiments on 24 test functions have shown that the new approach is efficient. The comparison results among the D-GCE and other evolutionary algorithms indicate that the proposed D-GCE algorithm is competitive with and in some cases superior to, other existing algorithms in terms of the quality, efficiency, convergence rate, and robustness of the final solution. © 2016 All rights reserved.


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## 1. Introduction

Mathematical programming problem is an important branch in the field of operations research. With the development of operational research, scholars have summed up a lot of programming models. Some models is called integer nonlinear programming problems, in which some or all decision variables are restricted to have integer value or discrete value with nonlinear constraints or nonlinear objective. When mixed some

[^0]continuous variables in the models, this problem is mixed integer nonlinear programming problem. It has been widely applied to real-world such as power distribution system network optimization, engineering design problems, the conflict problems in air traffic management system, production scheduling, vehicle path planning and portfolio selection problem [10, 18, 20, 25, 31] and so on.

Mixed integer nonlinear programming problems can be expressed as follows:

$$
\begin{cases}\min & f(x, y)  \tag{1.1}\\ \text { s.t. } & g_{i}(x, y) \leq 0, i=1,2, \ldots, m \\ & h_{j}(x, y)=0, j=1,2, \ldots, n \\ & x^{L} \leq x \leq x^{U} \\ & y^{L} \leq y \leq y^{U} \\ & x=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n C}\right) \\ & y=\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, \ldots, y_{n I}\right)\end{cases}
$$

Where $x$ is a $n C$-dimensional real variables and $y$ is a $n I$-dimensional integer variables, $x^{L}, x^{U}$ are the lower and upper limits of the real variables, $y^{L}, y^{U}$ are the lower and upper limits of discrete variables, $f(x, y)$ is the objective function to be optimized, $g_{i}(x, y)$ is the set of inequality constraints, $h_{j}(x, y)$ is the set of equality constraints. The $m$ and $n$ are the number of inequality constraints and equality constraints, respectively.

Differential evolutionary (DE) algorithm is an efficient algorithm for solving mixed integer nonlinear programming problem at present. Although the differential evolution algorithm is easy to fall into local optimum, the convergence rate is loved by many scholars in practical applications. Deep[5] improved crossover and mutation operator based on genetic algorithm, and used Deb constraint rules to choose the excellent individual into next generation. Maiti [14] proposed a RCGA algorithm with ranking selection, whole arithmetic crossover and uniform mutation to solve the problem. Lin [12] proposed MIHDE algorithm which contains the migration operation to avoid candidate individuals clustering together. The population diversity measure is introduced to inspect when the migration operation should be performed so that the algorithm can use a smaller population size to obtain a global solution. Kitayama [8] designed the penalty function to convert discrete variable into continuous variable for mixed integer nonlinear programming problems and used particle swarm optimization algorithm to solve the problem. Costa [2] through the experiment demonstrate that the evolutionary algorithm as a valid approach to the optimization of non-linear problems. Mahdavi [13] employs a novel method for generating new solution vectors that enhances accuracy and convergence rate of harmony search (HS) algorithm. Yan [29] proposed an improved line-up competition algorithm and applied this algorithm to handle the mixed integer nonlinear programming problems. Test results show that the algorithm is efficient and robust.

In the previous study, the scholars only use one single algorithm for solving mixed integer programming problems. Single algorithm has its own prominent aspect. But for mixed integer programming problems, there are two types of variables: continuous variables and discrete variables, the single evolutionary algorithm is flawed, so scholars began to study hybrid algorithm.

Hedar [6] transformed the constrained optimization problem into unconstrained bi-objective optimization problem, the Pareto dominance is used for individual evaluation, and combine the pattern search algorithm into genetic algorithm framework to improve the efficiency of the algorithm for solving the problem. Liao [11] studied the ant colony algorithm, proposed three mixed thoughts. local search algorithm and differential evolutionary algorithm were introduced in the ant colony algorithm framework respectively. Final, three algorithm cooperative hybrid enhanced ability of optimization. Srinivas [21] added tabu search in differential evolution algorithm, avoid a lot of duplication search, greatly improving the computational efficiency. Liao [10] presented a hybrid algorithm that include differential evolution algorithm, local search operator and harmony search algorithm. The test results show the hybrid algorithm is effectively for solving the engineering design optimization problems. Yi 30 combined differential evolution algorithm, local search operator, harmony search algorithm and particle swarm optimization to three hybrid algorithm based on the literature [10]. Schluter [19] proposed extended version hybrid algorithm based on ant colony al-
gorithm framework which effectively solve the high-dimensional non-convex and computation complicated optimization problems.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 some basic information are described, Section 3 describes the original differential evolution algorithm and its variants, Section 4 presents the proposed method, Section 5 presents the experimental results, Section 6 concludes our study. Appendix shows the test problem used in this paper.

## 2. Background information

In this paper, we using the following method transformed the constrained optimization problem into unconstrained bi-objective optimization problem [2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 29].

$$
\begin{gathered}
g_{i}^{\prime}(x, y)=\left(\max \left\{0, g_{i}(x, y)\right\}\right)^{t}, i=1, \ldots, m \\
h_{j}^{\prime}(x, y)=\left|h_{j}(x, y)\right|^{t}, j=1, \ldots, n
\end{gathered}
$$

where, usually $t=1$ or $t=2$. Using this method formula (1.1) can be converted to the multi-objective optimization problem as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
\min & f(x, y) \\
& g_{i}^{\prime}(x, y), i=1,2, \ldots, m  \tag{2.1}\\
& h_{j}^{\prime}(x, y), j=1,2, \ldots, n
\end{align*}
$$

By defining $f_{c}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} g_{i}^{\prime}+\sum_{j=1}^{n} h_{j}^{\prime}$, the formula 2.1 can be converted to the bio-objective optimization problem as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
\min & f(x, y) \\
& f_{c}(x, y) . \tag{2.2}
\end{array}
$$

Pareto dominate is the best method to solve the problem above. The optimal solution of a multi-objective optimization problem is a set of optimal solution (largely known as Pareto-optimal solutions), that is not the same as in single-objective optimization. Two basic concept of multi-objective optimization have shown below
(1) Pareto dominate: A decision vector $x^{0}$ is said to dominate a decision vector $x^{1}$ (also written as $x^{0} \prec x^{1}$ ) if and only if

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\forall i \in\{1, \ldots, m\}: f_{i}\left(x^{0}\right) \leq f_{i}\left(x^{1}\right) \\
\wedge \exists j \in\{1, \ldots, m\}: f_{j}\left(x^{0}\right)<f_{j}\left(x^{1}\right)
\end{array}
$$

(2) Pareto optimal set: The Pareto optimal set $P_{s}$ is defined as $P_{s}=\left\{x^{0} \mid \neg \exists x^{1} \succ x^{0}\right\}$ also called nondominated optimal set.

## 3. Differential evolution algorithm

### 3.1. Basic differential evolution algorithm

Differential evolution (DE) [22, 23, 24] algorithm is a very simple but effective evolutionary algorithm, which is similar to the genetic algorithm. 1995, Storn and Price first proposed "differential evolution" this new concept in technical report [22]. A year later, differential evolution algorithm was successful demonstration at the first session of the International Competition in evolutionary optimization. With the subsequent development, differential evolution algorithm is used in various fields. Swagatam Das [3]
made a detail summary for differential evolution algorithm, from the basic concept to core operators, and application in multi-objective, constraints, large-scale, uncertainty optimization problems, which reflects the strong performance of differential evolution algorithm.

Differential evolution algorithm is a swarm intelligence algorithm; its main steps include mutation, crossover and selection which are described briefly in the following.

Mutation operation: For each individual $x_{g}^{m}(m=1,2, \ldots, p s)$ (where $p s$ is the population size, $g$ is the current generation)in this generation, differential vector is generated by two different individuals $x_{r 1}^{g}, x_{r 2}^{g}$ from the parent generation. The differential vector is defined as $D_{1,2}=x_{r 2}^{g}-x_{r 3}^{g}$. The mutation operation is defined as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{m}^{g}=x_{r 1}^{g}+F *\left(x_{r 2}^{g}-x_{r 3}^{g}\right) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x_{r 1}^{g}=\left(x_{r_{1}, 1}^{g}, x_{r_{1}, 2}^{g}, \ldots, x_{r_{1}, D}^{g}\right), x_{r 2}^{g}=\left(x_{r_{2}, 1}^{g}, x_{r_{2}, 2}^{g}, \ldots, x_{r_{2}, D}^{g}\right)$ and $x_{r 3}^{g}=\left(x_{r_{3}, 1}^{g}, x_{r_{3}, 2}^{g}, \ldots, x_{r_{3}, D}^{g}\right)$ are randomly selected from the parent generation and $r_{1} \neq r_{2} \neq r_{3} \neq m, F \in[0,2]$, which called mutation constant.

Crossover operation: For each mutation individual $v_{m}^{g}$, a trial individual $u_{m}^{g}$ is generated, using probability cross operations on the each dimension. The scheme is as follows:

$$
u_{m n}^{g}= \begin{cases}v_{m n}^{g} & \text { if } \quad \text { rand } \leq c p \text { or } n=\text { rand } \_n  \tag{3.2}\\ x_{m n}^{g} & \text { else }\end{cases}
$$

where rand is a random number generator within $[0,1], c p \in[0,1]$ is a crossover rate, the value of $c p$ is larger, the contribution of $v_{m}^{g}$ to trial individual $u_{m}^{g}$ is greater, rand_n is randomly chosen from $\{1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{D}\}$, which ensures that $u_{m}^{g}$ gets at least one element from $v_{m}^{g}$.

Selection operation: The purpose of selection operation is to determine which individual is better between trial individual $u_{m}^{g}$ and target individual $x_{m}^{g}$. For minimization problem, substituting the target individual $x_{m}^{g}$ with the trial individual $u_{m}^{g}$ if the fitness of $u_{m}^{g}$ is smaller than the $x_{m}^{g}$. The scheme is as follows

$$
x_{m}^{g+1}= \begin{cases}u_{m}^{g} & \text { if } \quad f\left(u_{m}^{g}\right) \leq f\left(x_{m}^{g}\right)  \tag{3.3}\\ x_{m}^{g} & \text { else }\end{cases}
$$

### 3.2. Constraints handling method

For optimization problems with constraints, scholars have made a lot of methods to deal with constraints in the optimization problem. The penalty function method is one of the easiest and the earliest constraint handling method. For each infeasible, calculates the fitness and plus a big number which we call penalty constant thereby reducing the selection probability of this individual. Huang [7] designed a special penalty function to handle the constraints in the mixed integer problem. A self-adaptive penalty function was proposed by Tessema [26. Multi-objective constraint handling method [3, 6, 7, 11, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30] is that handles all the constraints as an objective function, with the original objective function form the bio-objective unconstrained optimization problems. The individual selected into the new population based on the fitness and smaller constraint violation. Deb [4] proposed constrained-domination, the quality of two individual based on the following criteria: if both are infeasible, select the individual who violates less constraints; if both are feasible, using Pareto-dominate to choose the individual; feasible ones are always considered as better than the infeasible ones. Mallipeddi in the literature[15] made a detail review for the constraint handling techniques used with the EAs and proposed a novel constraint handling procedure called ECHT. The experimental results showed that the ECHT outperforms all constraint handling methods, as well as the state-of-the-art methods.

In this paper, we propose a new handling constraint method which called (PF). PF benefits from two methods, multi-objective constraint handling and SF (superiority of feasible solutions). In order to choose a better individual, we use the following method: If the dominate relationship exists, we use multi-objective constrained handling method, and if the two individuals are nondominated with respect to each other, we use SF. The Pseudo-code of the PF is stated as follows.

Function of constraint handling of PF
Input: $x$ denotes parent individual, $f f$ denotes function value of $x$ (size is $1 \times 2$ ), $x_{n e w}$ denotes offspring individual, $f f_{\text {new }}$ denotes function value of $x_{\text {new }}$ (size is $1 \times 2$ )
Output: $x_{\text {newg }}$ denotes new generation individual, $f f_{\text {newg }}$ denotes function value of $x_{\text {newg }}$ (size is $1 \times 2$ )
1)If $x \prec x_{n e w}$
2) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f$;
3)Elseif $x \succ x_{n e w}$
4) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x_{\text {new }} ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f_{\text {new }}$;
5)Elseif $x==x_{n e w}$
6) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x_{\text {new }}$ or $x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f$
7)Else
8) If $f f(2)==0$
9) $\quad x_{n e w g} \leftarrow x ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f$
10) Elseif $f f_{\text {new }}(2)==0$
11) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x_{\text {new }} ; f f_{\text {new }} \leftarrow f f_{\text {new }}$
12) Elseif $f f(2)<f f_{\text {new }}(2)$
13) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f$
14) Elseif $f f(2)>f f_{\text {new }}(2)$
15) $\quad x_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow x_{\text {new }} ; f f_{\text {newg }} \leftarrow f f_{\text {new }}$;
16) End If
17)End If
18)Return $x_{\text {newg }}$ and $f f_{\text {newg }}$

### 3.3. Discrete variable handling method

Mixed integer problems are optimization problems with some discrete decision variables and continuous variables. Satisfying the integer restrictions are very difficult but important. Current approach to discrete variable is as following:
(1) Truncation procedure: in order to ensure that, after crossover and mutation operations have been performed, the integer restrictions often use the truncation procedure or round to the integer or rounding depending on the probability [5].
(2) This method proposed by [10] involves the following operations: 1) replace each discrete variable by a continuous variable taking values between 1 and $n$ with $n$ being the number of discrete values allowed for the discrete variable being considered. This variable is called a continuous position variable; 2)truncate or round the value assigned to each continuous position to integer; 3) use the integer position value to look up the actual value from the corresponding discrete set.

In this paper, discrete part of the individual adopts integer coding. $N P$ sequences of integer are used to compose the integer part of population, then genetic algorithm takes place to generate the next generation.

## 4. Differential genetic algorithm co-evolution

### 4.1. Basic genetic evolution algorithm

Genetic algorithm, as a mature, efficient random search algorithm, is widely used to solve practical problems [5, 6, 14, 16]. In practical applications, there have been many improvements such as different genetic expression, crossover and mutation operators, using special operators, different regeneration and selection methods and so on. In this paper, a co-evolution approach which takes advantage of DE and GA is adopted for the mixed integer problem. Adopted genetic algorithm handles the integer part in each individuals. Designed by the following operations:
(1) Coding techniques. Using integer coding technique, randomly generate $N P$ individuals that meet the requirements in integer set.
(2) Selection. Traditional GA selects two individuals from parent generation to the next crossover operation while DE selects three individuals. So we proposed an improved genetic algorithm with new selection operation which randomly selects three different individuals from parent generation.
(3) Crossover. The crossover operator is applied on the three selected individuals; randomly generates two cross bit to generate a new individual. For example, the crossover operation has illustrated in Fig.1, where the gene fragments must satisfy the integer set $\{0,1,2, \ldots, 9\}$.

| Individual 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individual 2 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Individual 3 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| New individual | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 |

Fig. 1: Crossover operation
(4) Mutation operation. In order to generate trail individual, randomly generate an integer from integer set $\{0,1,2, \ldots, 9\}$ replace the gene on the mutation position. Specific method is as Fig. 2.

| New individual | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



Fig. 2: Mutation operation

### 4.2. Differential genetic co-evolution algorithm

DE and GA are all very good swarm intelligence optimization algorithms. These two algorithms, basically, have a same framework, but they have their own specific operating characteristics. There are some difficulties which appear in the combination of those two algorithms. So we proposed an improved genetic algorithm as describe in Section 4.1 that is very effectively to solve the problem. Conventional hybrid algorithms are based on two or more serial algorithm that means the population will go through multiple algorithms operator which will exponentially increase the algorithm's time complexity. D-GCE, proposed in this paper, uses a divide-and-conquer idea that means the differential evolution algorithm and genetic algorithm respectively handle the continuous part and discrete part. The flowchart of the D-GCE algorithm is shown in Fig. 3 .


Figure 3: Flowchart of the D-GCE algorithm

The D-GCE algorithm is outlined by pseudo code in the following section to solve the model we proposed.
1)Specify DGCE-related parameter values, which include $N P$ (population size), in $M A X$ (max iterations), $F$ (scaling factor), $C R$ (crossover probability) and $M R$ (mutation value)
2)Initial the global optimal gbest of the minimization problem
3)Randomly generate the initial population $P$ in the feasible region
4)Evaluate the initial population, record the number of function evaluations
5)Determine the best solution $x_{\text {best }}$, and the best function value $f$ best
6)Set the current iterations in $=1$
7) While in $<$ inMAX and fbest $>$ gbest
9) For each target vector $x_{i}(i=1,2, \ldots, N P)$
10) Randomly select three individuals $\left(x_{r i}, x_{r 2}\right.$ and $\left.x_{r 3}\right)$ from population $P$, where $i \neq r 1 \neq r 2 \neq r 3$
11) Three individuals are divided into continuous part recorded as $x_{r 1}^{c}, x_{r 2}^{c}$ and $x_{r 3}^{c}$, and discrete part recorded as $x_{r 1}^{d}, x_{r 2}^{d}$ and $x_{r 3}^{d}$
12) Update the continuous part $x_{r 1}^{c}, x_{r 2}^{c} x_{r 3}^{c}$ to generate the mutated vector according to Eq. 3.1)
13) Generate the trial vector $x_{t r i}$ according to Eq. 3.2. $D P(i,:)=x_{t r i}$
14) Update the discrete part $x_{r 1}^{d}, x_{r 2}^{d}$ and $x_{r 3}^{d}$ to generate the new vector according to Fig. 1
15) Use new vector to generate the mutated vector $x_{m u t}$ according to Fig.2,GP(i,:) $=x_{m u t}$
16) End For
17) Combine $D P$ and $G P$ as the new population, Poff and calculate the function values of $\operatorname{Poff}$, record the function evaluations
18) Update population according to Pseudo-code 1
19) Update the best solution $x_{\text {best }}$, and the best function value fbest
20) Increase iterations in
21)End While

## 5. Experiment and results

In our experiments, 24 mixed-integer test problems [1, 5, 6, 10] are used to investigate the potential of D-GCE. Those test problems are selected from published literature in several different engineering fields. Problems $p .1-p .14$ taken from literature[10] whereas $p .2-p .9$ also appears in literature [5, 6] and $p .15-p .24$ taken from literature [1]. All programs were coded in Matlab and all executions were made on a Dell personal computer with Intel(R)Core(TM) i5-3570K CPU @ 3.40 GHz.

Table 1: Description of test problems

| P | N | Nr | Ni | f | $\mathrm{fr}(\%)$ | ne | le | ni | li |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | Linear | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | Linear | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | 7 | 3 | 4 | Nonlinear | 25.5231 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Linear | 18.2323 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Nonlinear | 31.8359 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Quadratic | 0.187 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Linear | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | Nonlinear | 15.0124 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | Quadratic | 100 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | Linear | 0.0191 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |


| 11 | 4 | 0 | 4 | Nonlinear | 11.7783 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | 8 | 4 | 4 | Nonlinear | 13.0680 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 13 | 4 | 4 | 0 | Nonlinear | 1.4667 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Nonlinear | 0.0160 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 15 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Linear | 44.2316 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 16 | 6 | 3 | 3 | Nonlinear | 0.1452 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 17 | 2 | 0 | 2 | Nonlinear | 27.5206 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 18 | 2 | 0 | 2 | Quadratic | 29.9766 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 19 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Nonlinear | 37.3432 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Nonlinear | 73.1288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Quadratic | 49.9616 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 22 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Nonlinear | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 23 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Nonlinear | 62.7279 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 24 | 6 | 6 | 0 | Linear | 0.7846 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

### 5.1. Test problems and parameters setting

The basic information of 24 test problems are shown in Table 1 where ne denote the number of non-linear equations, $l e$ denotes the number of linear equations, $n i$ denotes the number of non-linear inequalities, $l i$ denotes the number of linear-inequalities, $N$ denote the number of decision variables, $N r$ denote the number of real variables, $N i$ denotes the number of integer variables. From Table 1 we can see that problem 13, 15, $20,22,23$ and 24 only have real variables, problem $10,11,17$ and 18 only have integer variables and other problems have both type of variables. $c a$ denotes the number of active constraints. $f r$ uses the following formula to calculate, denotes the feasible rate of search.

$$
\begin{equation*}
f r=N S / C \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

whereand $C=1000000$ and $N S$ is the number of feasible solutions.
The population size plays a vital role for the performance of intelligent evolutionary algorithm. If the population size is too small, reducing the diversity of the solution, on the contrary will increase the time complexity of the algorithm [9]. Therefore, we must choose an appropriate scale population. Storn [22] proposed an idea that the population size should increase with the dimension of variables. The population size in Wang's paper [28] equals to the 5-10 times of variable dimension. Mohamed [17] used the following formulate to calculate the population size:

$$
N P= \begin{cases}20 * n & 2 \leq n<5  \tag{5.2}\\ 10 * n & 5 \leq n<10 \\ 5 * n & n \leq 10\end{cases}
$$

In this paper, the population size equals to the 5-10 times of variable dimension. The mutation constant $F$ and crossover constant $c p$ can also affecting the search efficiency of the algorithm. Self-adaptive parameter setting is proposed by Brest to improve the ability of the algorithm. In this paper, the mutation constant $F=0.5$ and crossover constant $c p=0.3$ is a fixed value in DE. GA used the following parameter values: the crossover constant $G c p=0.6$ and mutation constant $G m p=0.3$. Some scholars use the tolerable error approach to change the equality constraints into inequality constraints. Different people use different accuracy, such as in Ali's paper [1] $\delta=0.01$, Mallipeddi [15] adopt $\delta=0.0001, \delta=1.0 E-10$ was adopted by Mohamed [17]. In this paper, we set the tolerable error $\delta=1.0 E-6$.

### 5.2. Result obtained by the D-GCE algorithm

Table 2: Result obtained by the D-GCE algorithm

| P | Optimal | Best | Median | Mean | Worst | Std |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 87.5 | 87.500013 | 87.500907 | 87.495666 | 87.509925 | 0.002892 |
| 2 | 7.667 | 7.667180 | 7.667180 | 7.667180 | 7.667180 | 0.000000 |
| 3 | 4.5796 | 4.579582 | 4.579603 | 4.579604 | 5.632729 | 0.000005 |
| 4 | 2 | 2.000000 | 2.000000 | 2.000001 | 2.000001 | 0.000000 |
| 5 | 2.1247 | 2.124470 | 2.124592 | 2.124662 | 2.125538 | 0.000094 |
| 6 | 1.076543 | 1.076543 | 1.076543 | 1.076544 | 1.076544 | 0.000000 |
| 7 | 99.245209 | 99.239554 | 99.239554 | 99.239554 | 99.239555 | 0.000000 |
| 8 | 3.557463 | 3.557461 | 3.557463 | 3.569764 | 4.632729 | 0.107520 |
| 9 | -32217.4 | -32217.427780 | -32217.427780 | -32217.427780 | -32217.427780 | 0.000000 |
| 10 | -0.808844 | -0.808844 | -0.808844 | -0.806037 | -0.790126 | 0.006717 |
| 11 | -0.974565 | -0.974565 | -0.974565 | -0.974222 | -0.972759 | 0.000697 |
| 12 | -0.999486 | -0.999901 | -0.999607 | -0.999649 | -0.999487 | 0.000108 |
| 13 | 5850.770 | 5848.122647 | 6090.526202 | 6185.328999 | 6771.596851 | 218.993775 |
| 14 | -75.1341 | -75.134167 | -75.134054 | -75.134053 | -75.134000 | 0.000043 |
| 15 | -5.50796 | -5.508010 | -5.507984 | -5.507985 | -5.507970 | 0.000009 |
| 16 | -316.27 | -316.531661 | -305.836287 | -298.581657 | -216.639945 | 23.553381 |
| 17 | 0.18301 | 0.183015 | 0.183015 | 0.183015 | 0.183015 | 0.000000 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | -195.37 | -195.370581 | -195.370284 | -195.370243 | -195.367739 | 0.000296 |
| 20 | -2.2137 | -2.213662 | -2.213661 | -2.213661 | -2.213660 | 0.000000 |
| 21 | 0.125 | 0.125000 | 0.125000 | 0.125000 | 0.125000 | 0.000000 |
| 22 | 0.0821 | 0.082085 | 0.082092 | 0.082092 | 0.082100 | 0.000004 |
| 23 | 1.5087 | 1.508653 | 1.508691 | 1.508687 | 1.508710 | 0.000016 |
| 24 | -0.388811 | -0.777376 | -0.484066 | -0.504627 | -0.391925 | 0.089488 |

Table 3: The result of equality constraint problem using the algorithm D-GCE

|  | $p .1$ | $p .2$ | $p .3$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 12.499998140749165 | 1.118033988749895 | 37.9114274237522 |
|  | 0.000002220001002 | 1.310370697104448 | 238.4555666064445 |
| $[x, y]$ | 1 | 0 | 0.7316905492784 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 0.3616750176226 |
|  |  | 1 |  |
| $h_{1}(x, y)$ | 0.000000000000005 | $2.220446049250313 \mathrm{e}-016$ | $2.398081733190338 \mathrm{e}-014$ |
| $h_{2}(x, y)$ |  | $-4.440892098500626 \mathrm{e}-016$ | $-1.110223024625157 \mathrm{e}-014$ |
| $f(x, y)$ | 87.500001420800686 | 7.667180068813135 | 5848.122647741006 |

To avoid the randomness, all the test problems independently ran 100 times. Table 1 shows the result of 24 test problems using the algorithm D-GCE. For all problems, the algorithm D-GCE can converge to the global optimal except problem $3,8,10,11,13$ and 16 . Problem 3 and 8 not all reach the global optimal value in 100 times (about 5 times). For problem 10 and 11 , the algorithm D-GCE is very close to the global optimal value. Problem 13 and 16 are most difficult with relatively high standard and the best solution is far away from the global optimal. But consider about problem 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18, 20 and 21, those problems have perfect result and the $\operatorname{Std}=0$ and problem $3,5,14,15,22$ and 23 obtain relatively low Std. For all problems, the algorithm D-GCE found the global optimal within error, especially in problem 1,5 , $7,8,12,13,16$ and 24 , the best solution obtained by D-GCE algorithm are superior to the known global optimal. Table 3 show the results of the test problems contain equality constraints using the algorithm D-GCE. From the Table 3, we can see that D-GCE obtains the solution with very small error compared with global optimal in all test problems. In summary, we believe that the D-GCE algorithm is an effective approach to handle mixed integer constrained optimization problem.

It is worth mentioning that there are some errors in the literature [10] (problem 3, problem7 and problem 12) when doing numerical experiments. correct results and test functions are shown in Appendix.

Fig 4 shows the convergence curve of test problems 1-24 (except p.13), where the horizontal axis represents the number of iteration $t$, ordinate represents $\log \left(f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right), x$ denotes the best solution in $t$ generation and $x^{*}$ is the known best solution. From the Fig, 4 , we can clearly see that $\log \left(f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right)$ decreases with the increase of iterations, that means the solution obtained by D-GCE algorithm is getting close to the known best solution. Table 4 shows that $\log (x)$ is corresponding different precision $x$ which can reflect the convergence degree of the test problems. The convergence curve of problem 1,2 and 20 indicate that $\log \left(f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right)<-10$, it means $f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)>0.00001$. The result of rest test problems is close to the known best solution, i.e. $f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)$ close to 0.000001 . It is worth noting problem 13 is difficult to obtain the best solution. The algorithm D-GCE with a few iterations converge to the optimal solution in problem 2, 9, 12, 18 and 24.


Figure 4: Curve of the variation of $\log \left(f(x)-f\left(x^{*}\right)\right)$ with generation $t$

Table 4: The variation of $\log (x)$ with different precision $x$

| $x$ | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.0001 | 0.00001 | 0.000001 | 0.0000001 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\log (x)$ | -4.6052 | -6.9078 | -9.2103 | -11.5129 | -13.8155 | -16.1181 |

### 5.3. Comparison results of $D-G C E$ and algorithms from 10

In order to detection how competitive of the proposed approach was, it was compared with the algorithms selected from [10]. The experiments use five indicators to measure the performance of the algorithm, including the best value, the success rate, the number of function evaluations, mean and standard deviation, the results have shown in Table 5. Each indicator of the algorithm D-GCE is calculated through 100 runs. Comparing the results presented in Table 5, notice that the success rate of test problems over $80 \%$ especially the success rate of problem $1,2,4-7,9,12$ and 14 reaches $100 \%$ use the algorithm D-GCE. In case of problem 13 , the success rate is $10 \%$. mde' -his ${ }^{[1]}$ is one of the best three algorithm that are from [10], but compared with the algorithm proposed by this paper, the success rate of problem 10,11 and 13 are better than the algorithm D-GCE. Overall the success rate of the proposed algorithm is better than mde' -his, ma-mde' and mde: Consider about the number of function evaluations, problem 1, 2, 6 and 12 using D-GCE lower than other three algorithms and with $100 \%$ success rate. The number of function evaluations and the success rate using D-GCE in problem 7 and 8, higher than other three algorithms. We use a higher number of function evaluations exchange a good result, which is in line with " no free lunch in the world ${ }^{*}$. Problems 11 and 13 are most difficult with relatively low success rate and high number of function evaluation. The best solution can not reflect the overall performance of the algorithm, so we calculate the average of solution. From Table 5, we can see that the Mean indicator of problem $1,2,6,7$ and 12 using D-GCE is better than other three algorithms. The Mean indicator of problem 13 is far away from the optimal.

Table 5: Comparison result of D-GCE, mde' -his, ma-mde' and mde'

| P | Optimal | Best | Indicators | D-GCE | mde ${ }^{\prime}$-his ${ }^{[1]}$ | ma-mde ${ }^{[1]}$ | mde ${ }^{\text {[1] }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 87.5 | 87.428783 | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 0.867 | 0.533 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1993 | 5359 | 4463 | 7777 |
|  |  |  | Mean | 87.495666 | 87.497550 | 88.230145 | 89.879034 |
| 2 | 4.5796 |  | Standard | 0.018077 | 0.002118 | 1.899683 | 2.768746 |
|  |  | 4.579582 | Success rate | 1 | 0.2 | 0.067 | 0.033 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1666 | 83442 | 93524 | 96718 |
|  |  |  | Mean | 7.667180 | 7.848896 | 7.883841 | 7.918619 |
|  |  |  | Standard | 0.000000 | 0.121909 | 0.098982 | 0.047891 |
| 3 | 7.667 | 7.667180 | Success rate | 0.97 | 0.8 | 1 | 0.933 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 15717 | 14518 | 13023 | 7688 |
|  |  |  | Mean | 4.579604 | 4.579599 | 4.579595 | 4.661414 |
| 4 | 2 | 2.000000 | Standard | 0.000005 | 0.000005 | 0.000003 | 0.311365 |
|  |  |  | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.933 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 3704 | 3297 | 1430 | 1075 |
|  |  |  | Mean | 2.000001 | 2.000001 | 2.000000 | 2.009348 |
|  |  |  | Standard | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.043579 |
|  |  |  | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.9 |
| 5 | 2.1247 | 2.124470 | Number of evaluations | 1294 | 1409 | 653 | 827 |




Figure 5: Comparison results of D-GCE, mde' -his, ma-mde' and mde' based on success rate

### 5.4. Comparison results of $D-G C E$ and algorithms from 30]

Four indicators, the best solution, the success rate, the number of function evaluations and the CPU time, are used to reflect the performance of D-GCE, MDE' -HJ, MDE' -IHS-HJ and PSO-MDE' -HJ. From Table 6, the value of success rate that use D-GCE algorithm outperforms the other three algorithms except problem 11and 13. Considering about the CPU time indicator, the result of problem $1,2,5,6,8,9,10$, 12 and 14 completely superior to other three algorithms. Problem 11 and 13 are still difficult to obtain the global optimal with the worst number of evaluations when compared with other three algorithm, in problem 1, 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12, D-GCE obtains competitive results compared to $\mathrm{MDE}^{\prime}-\mathrm{HJ}, \mathrm{MDE}^{\prime}-\mathrm{IHS}-\mathrm{HJ}$ and PSO-MDE' -HJ .

Table 6: Comparison result of D-GCE, MDE' -HJ, MDE' -IHS-HJ and PSO-MDE' -HJ

| P | Optimal | Best | Indicators | D-GCE | MDE' -HJ ${ }^{[16]}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { MDE }^{\prime} \\ \text {-IHS-HJ } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { PSO- } \\ \mathrm{MDE}^{\prime}-\mathrm{HJ} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 87.5 | 87.428783 | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 0.96 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1993 | 5859 | 6589 | 4596 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.18 | 0.58 | 0.74 | 0.33 |
| 2 | 7.667 | 7.667180 | Success rate | 1 | 0.74 | 0.94 | 0.73 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1666 | 28389 | 10522 | 20910 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.024 | 4.03 | 1.47 | 1.70 |
| 3 | 4.5796 | 4.579582 | Success rate | 0.97 | 0 | 0.48 | 0 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 15717 | 15795 | 15116 | 15511 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | $1.34$ | $1.8$ | $0.9$ | $1.27$ |
| 4 | 2 | 2.000000 | Success rate | $1$ | $0.99$ | $0.95$ | $0.88$ |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 3704 | 1787 | 1211 | 1863 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.33 | 0.28 | 0.16 | 0.19 |
| 5 | 2.1247 | 2.124470 |  | 1 | 0.79 | 0.86 | 0.49 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1294 | 1721 | 1251 | 2776 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.081 | 0.3 | 0.18 | 0.27 |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.9 | 0.83 | 0.71 |
| 6 | 1.076543 | 1.076543 | Number of evaluations | 12416 | 15964 | 21890 | 22969 |


| 7 | 99.239554 | 99.239554 | CPU time | 0.7 | 2.42 | 2.71 | 2.25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Success rate | 1 | 0.91 | 0.99 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 1446 | 994 | 458 | 412 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| 8 | 3.557463 | 3.557461 | Success rate | 0.93 | 0.03 | 0.81 | 0.28 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 38522 | 50210 | 45821 | 49206 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 3.65 | 5.84 | 4.01 | 3.63 |
| 9 | -32217.4 | -32217.427780 | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 609 | 495 | 453 | 555 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| 10 | -0.808844 | -0.808844 | Success rate | 0.85 | 0.47 | 0.92 | 0.89 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 7964 | 43090 | 13152 | 24484 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.66 | 9.95 | 2.49 | 3.31 |
| 11 | -0.974565 | -0.974565 | Success rate | 0.82 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 5887 | 285 | 221 | 288 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.43 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.06 |
| 12 | -0.999486 | -0.999486 | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 796 | 1704 | 1762 | 1414 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.06 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.15 |
| 13 | 5850.770 | 5850.770 | Success rate | 0.1 | 0.76 | 0.5 | 0.99 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 54907 | 30138 | 32618 | 18265 |
| 14 |  |  | CPU time | 4.03 | 4.51 | 3.60 | 1.90 |
|  | -75.1341 | -75.1341 | Success rate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  | Number of evaluations | 3412 | 3058 | 1747 | 2419 |
|  |  |  | CPU time | 0.16 | 0.48 | 0.26 | 0.23 |



Figure 6: Comparison result of D-GCE, MDE ${ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{HJ}, \mathrm{MDE}^{\prime}-\mathrm{IHS}-\mathrm{HJ}$ and PSO-MDE' -HJ based on CPU time

### 5.5. Comparison results of $D-G C E$ and algorithms from [11]

Liao proposed three hybrid algorithms base on Ant Colony Algorithm [11] and presents the success rate and CPU time for 14 test problems. The comparison results of D-GCE and other four algorithms based on
the success rate and CPU time were shown in Table 7. For all problems, the D-GCE algorithm found the global optimal in at least one run, whereas problems 2,3 and 8 did not found the optimal solution using the ACOR algorithm, and the algorithm $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - DE did not find the optimal solution of problem 2. In case of 9 problems, D-GCE algorithm provides $100 \%$ success. Moreover, only in 1 problem its success rate is less than $60 \%$. In case of $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ algorithm, $100 \%$ success rate is achieved in 5 problems, but in 6 problems success rate is less than $60 \%$. In case of $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - HJ algorithm, $100 \%$ success rate is achieved in 5 problems but in 5 problems success rate is less than $60 \%$. In case of $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - DE algorithm, $100 \%$ success rate is achieved in 6 problems, but in 2 problems success rate is less than $60 \%$. Consider $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$-DE-HJ algorithm, $100 \%$ success rate is achieved in 5 problems but in 6 problems success rate is less than $60 \%$. D-GCE algorithm also obtained completely less CPU time than $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}-\mathrm{HJ}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}$-DE and $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$-DE-HJ algorithm in problem $1,2,5,6,9,10$ and 12 . Overall, D-GCE, proposed by this paper, is superior to the algorithm proposed by literature [11.

Table 7: Comparison result of textbfD-GCE, $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}-\mathrm{HJ}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}-\mathrm{DE}$ and $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$-DE-HJ algorithm

| P | D-GCE |  | $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}{ }^{[14]}$ |  | $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - $\mathrm{HJ}{ }^{[14]}$ |  | $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - $\mathrm{DE}{ }^{[14]}$ |  | $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$-DE-HJ ${ }^{[14]}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Success rate | t-CPU | Success rate | t-CPU | Success rate | t-CPU | Success rate | t-CPU | Success rate | t-CPU |
| 1 | 1 | 0.18 | 0.0667 | 5.6485 | 0.7 | 0.516 | 0.8333 | 1.648 | 0.7 | 0.656 |
| 2 | 1 | 0.024 | 0 | 33.625 | 0.8667 | 0.4135 | 0 | 39.406 | 0.2333 | 5.2425 |
| 3 | 0.97 | 1.34 | 0 | 7.4375 | 0.9333 | 0.8125 | 1.0 | 4.5625 | 0.9333 | 0.75 |
| 4 | 1 | 0.33 | 0.9 | 0.2575 | 0.9 | 0.1645 | 1.0 | 0.188 | 1.0 | 0.141 |
| 5 | 1 | 0.081 | 0.6 | 0.1795 | 0.4 | 0.219 | 0.8667 | 0.109 | 0.8667 | 0.094 |
| 6 | 1 | 0.7 | 0.0333 | 11.469 | 0.0333 | 2.86 | 0.5333 | 12.492 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| 7 | 1 | 0.14 | 1.0 | 0.164 | 1.0 | 0.0545 | 0.8333 | 0.141 | 1.0 | 0.0545 |
| 8 | 0.93 | 3.65 | 0 | 22.969 | 0.1333 | 3.532 | 0.9667 | 8.2345 | 0.0667 | 3.531 |
| 9 | 1 | 0.04 | 1.0 | 0.047 | 1.0 | 0.047 | 1.0 | 0.078 | 1.0 | 0.047 |
| 10 | 0.85 | 0.66 | 1.0 | 10.7025 | 0.1 | 5.39 | 1.0 | 8.5705 | 0.3333 | 5.0235 |
| 11 | 0.82 | 0.43 | 1.0 | 0.141 | 1.0 | 0.047 | 0.9667 | 0.102 | 1.0 | 0.047 |
| 12 | 1 | 0.06 | 0.3333 | 7.047 | 1.0 | 0.367 | 1.0 | 1.4765 | 0.0333 | 1.578 |
| 13 | 0.1 | 4.03 | 0.9 | 6.7885 | 0.0667 | 5.5465 | 0.9 | 2.5855 | 0.0667 | 5.344 |
| 14 | 1 | 0.16 | 1.0 | 0.781 | 1.0 | 0.172 | 1.0 | 1.0395 | 1.0 | 0.203 |
| Total | 12.67 | 11.8250 | 7.8333 | 107.2570 | 9.1333 | 20.1415 | 11.9 | 80.633 | 8.7333 | 25.7115 |



Figure 7: Comparison results of D-GCE, $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}-\mathrm{HJ}, \mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - DE and $\mathrm{ACO}_{R}$ - $\mathrm{DE}-\mathrm{HJ}$ algorithm based on CPU time

### 5.6. Comparison results of D-GCE and algorithms from [1]

In order to get a better insight into the relative performance of $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{GCE}$ and the algorithm proposed by [1], choose the test problems $p .15-p .24$, six performance indicators is calculated which including the optimal, the best, the mean, the standard, the average number of iterations and the average number of evaluations in respect of those algorithms. For all problems, the D-GCE algorithm found the global optimal in at least one run, especially in problem 16 and 24 the solution is superior to the global optimal. For problems $15,17-24$, the best and mean is very close to the optimal, whereas the standard of problem 17,18 , 20 and 21 is close to 0 under the preset accuracy. D-GCE algorithm required less number of iterations than other four algorithms in all problems except problem 16 and 21. Consider about the number of evaluations, D-GCE algorithm is also superior to all other algorithms in all problems, the visual comparison can be found in the histograms 8 and 9 .

Table 8: Comparison results of D-GCE, GA_SFP, GA_PFP, LEDE_SFP and LEDE_PFP algorithm

| P | Optimal | Indicators | D-GCE | GA_SFP | GA_PFP | EDE_SFP | LEDE_PFP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | -5.50796 | Best | -5.508010 | -5.51 | -5.51 | -5.51 | -5.51 |
|  |  | Mean | -5.507985 | -5.51 | -5.51 | -5.51 | -5.51 |
|  |  | Standard | 0.000009 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  |  | The average number of iterations | 92.56 | 110.6 | 110.9 | NA | NA |
|  |  | The average number of evaluations | 2806.8 | NA | NA | 11614.4 | 11593.45 |
| 16 | -316.27 | Best | -316.531661 | -314.03 | -314.391 | -316.27 | -316.27 |
|  |  | Mean | -298.581657 | -295.43 | -295.65 | -310.05 | -307.8 |
|  |  | Standard | 23.553381 | 13.41 | 12.12 | 17.76 | 20.26 |
|  |  | The average number of iterations | 777.32 | 313.1 | 319.3 | NA | NA |
|  | 0.18301 | The average number of evaluations | 23319.6 | NA | NA | 26029.7 | 27137.01 |
| 17 |  | Best | 0.183015 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
|  |  | Mean | 0.183015 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 |
|  |  | Standard | 0.000000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | The average number of iterations | 68.02 | 101.3 | 101.3 | NA | NA |
|  |  | The average number of evaluations | 2070 | NA | NA | 10377.07 | 10404.72 |
| 18 | 0 | Best | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | Mean | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | Standard | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | The average number of iterations | 60 | 101.8 | 101.6 | NA | NA |
| 19 | -195.37 | The average number of evaluations | 1567.2 | NA | NA | 10481.89 | 10504.99 |
|  |  | Best | -195.370581 | -195.37 | -195.37 | -195.37 | -195.37 |
|  |  | Mean | -195.370243 | -195.37 | -195.37 | -195.37 | -195.37 |
|  |  | Standard | 0.000296 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | The average number of iterations | 114.15 | 123 | 121.6 | NA | NA |
|  |  | The average number of evaluations | 2303 | NA | NA | 13157.11 | 13252.961 |
|  |  | Best | -2.213662 | -2.21 | -2.21 | -2.21 | -2.21 |
|  |  | Mean | -2.213661 | -2.21 | -2.21 | -2.21 | -2.21 |
| 20 | -2.2137 | Standard | 0.000000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |


|  |  |  | The average number <br> of iterations | $\mathbf{3 2 . 1}$ | 100.9 | 101 | NA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | NA



Figure 8: Comparison result of D-GCE, GA_SFP and GA_PFP based on the number of iterations


Figure 9: Comparison result of D-GCE, LEDE_SFP and LEDE_PFP based on the number of evaluations

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, a differential genetic co-evolutionary algorithm is proposed for solving of constrained, integer and mixed integer optimization problems. In this algorithm we use differential evolution algorithm to handle the continuous part and the genetic algorithm to handle the discrete integer part in each individual. In order to handle the constraints in the model, we proposed a new method which we called PF is used to handle the constraints of the optimization problems.

The performance of the proposed D-GCE algorithm is compared with some classic algorithm selected from literature on a set of 24 test problems. Our results show that the proposed D-GCE algorithm outperforms other algorithm in most of the case for solving nonlinear mixed integer programming problem. Especially in some indicators such as the success rate, the efficiency of the search process, the quality of the solution and the stability of algorithm, etc. These properties can reflect that the D-GCE algorithm is an effective, stable, competitive evolutionary algorithm. However, this article only focuses on the parallel of those two algorithms and the control parameters, and self-adaptive would be needed to study about a stronger algorithm. In addition, in this paper, we used a new method to convert the constrained mixed integer problems to unconstrained bio-objective optimization problem and achieved better results, so we will extend this idea to the field of multi-objective optimization.

## Appendix

## P. 1

$\min \quad F=6.4 x_{1}+6 x_{2}+7.5 y_{1}+5.5 y_{2}$
s.t. $\quad 0.8 x_{1}+0.67 x_{2}=10, x_{1}-20 y_{1} \leq 0, x_{2}-20 y_{2} \leq 0$
$x_{1}, x_{2} \in[0,2], y_{1}, y_{2} \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=87.5, x=[12.5006,0]$ and $y=[1,0]$
P. 2
$\min \quad F=2 x_{1}+3 x_{2}+1.5 y_{1}+2 y_{2}-0.5 y_{3}$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}^{2}+y_{1}=1.25, x_{2}^{1.5}+1.5 y_{2}=3, x_{1}+y_{1} \leq 1.6$
$1.333 x_{2}+y_{2} \leq 3,-y_{1}-y_{2}+y_{3} \leq 0$
$x_{1}, x_{2} \in[0,2], y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3} \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=7.667, x=[1.118,1.310]$ and $y=[0,1,1]$

## P. 3

$\min \left(x_{1}-1\right)^{2}+\left(x_{2}-2\right)^{2}+\left(x_{3}-3\right)^{2}+\left(y_{1}-1\right)^{2}+\left(y_{2}-2\right)^{2}+\left(y_{3}-1\right)^{2}-\ln \left(y_{4}+1\right)$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}+y_{1}+y_{2}+y_{3} \leq 5, x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}+x_{3}^{2}+y_{3}^{2} \leq 5.5, x_{1}+y_{1} \leq 1.2$
$x_{2}+y_{2} \leq 1.8, x_{3}+y_{3} \leq 2.5, x_{1}+y_{4} \leq 1.2, x_{2}^{2}+y_{2}^{2} \leq 1.64, x_{3}^{2}+y_{3}^{2} \leq 4.25, x_{3}^{2}+y_{2}^{2} \leq 4.64$
$x_{1} \in[0,1.2], x_{2} \in[0,1.28], x_{3} \in[0,2.062], y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}, y_{4} \in\{0,1\}$

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=4.5796, x=[0.2,0.8,1.908]$ and $y=[1,1,0,1]$
P. 4
$\min F=2 x+y$
s.t. $\quad 1.25-x^{2}-y \leq 0, x+y \leq 1.6$
$x \in[0,1.6], y \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=2, x=[0.5]$ and $y=[1]$
P. 5
$\min \quad F=-y+2 x_{1}-\ln \left(x_{1} / 2\right)$
s.t. $\quad-x_{1}-\ln \left(x_{1} / 2\right)+y \leq 0$ $x_{1} \in[0.5,1.4], y \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=2.1247, x=[1.375]$ and $y=[1]$
P. 6
$\min F=-0.7 y+5\left(x_{1}-0.5\right)^{2}+0.8$
s.t. $\quad-\exp \left(x_{1}-0.2\right)-x_{2} \leq 0, x_{2}+1.1 y \leq-1.0, x_{1}-1.2 y \leq 1.2$
$x_{1} \in[0.2,1], x_{2} \in[-2.22554,-1], y \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=1.076543, x=[0.94194,-2.1]$ and $y=[1]$
P. 7
$\min \quad F=7.5 y+5.5(1-y)+7 x_{1}+6 x_{2}+\frac{50(1-y)}{0.8\left[1-\exp \left(-0.4 x_{2}\right)\right]}+\frac{50 y}{0.9\left[1-\exp \left(-0.5 x_{1}\right)\right]}$
s.t. $\quad 0.9\left[1-\exp \left(-0.5 x_{1}\right)\right]-2 y \leq 0,0.8\left[1-\exp \left(-0.4 x_{2}\right)\right]-2(1-y) \leq 0, x_{1} \leq 10 y, x_{2} \leq 10(1-y)$ $x_{1}, x_{2} \in[0,10], y \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=99.245209, x=[3.514237,0]$ and $y=[1]$
P. 8
$\min \left(x_{1}-1\right)^{2}+\left(x_{2}-2\right)^{2}+\left(x_{3}-3\right)^{2}+\left(y_{1}-1\right)^{2}+\left(y_{2}-1\right)^{2}+\left(y_{3}-1\right)^{2}-\ln \left(y_{4}+1\right)$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}+y_{1}+y_{2}+y_{3} \leq 5, x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}+x_{3}^{2}+y_{3}^{2} \leq 5.5, x_{1}+y_{1} \leq 1.2$
$x_{2}+y_{2} \leq 1.8, x_{3}+y_{3} \leq 2.5, x_{1}+y_{4} \leq 1.2, x_{2}^{2}+y_{2}^{2} \leq 1.64, x_{3}^{2}+y_{3}^{2} \leq 4.25, x_{3}^{2}+y_{2}^{2} \leq 4.64$
$x_{1} \in[0,1.2], x_{2} \in[0,1.8], x_{3} \in[0,2.5], y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}, y_{4} \in\{0,1\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=3.557463, x=[0.2,1.28062,1.95448]$ and $y=[1,0,0,1]$
P. 9
$\min \quad F=5.357854 x_{1}^{2}+0.835689 y_{1} x_{3}+37.29329 y_{1}-40795.141$
s.t. $\quad 85.334407+0.0056858 y_{2} x_{3}+0.0006262 y_{1} x_{2}-0.0022053 x_{1} x_{3} \leq 92$,
$80.51249+0.0071317 y_{2} x_{3}+0.0029955 y_{1} y_{2}+0.0021813 x_{1}^{2}-90 \leq 20$
$9.300961+0.0047026 x_{1} x_{3}+0.0012547 y_{1} x_{1}+0.0019085 x_{1} x_{2}-20 \leq 5$ $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \in[27,45], y_{1} \in\{78, \ldots, 102\}, y_{2} \in\{33, \ldots, 45\}$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-32217.4, x=[27$, any, 27] and $y=[78$, any $]$
P. 10
$\min \quad F=-\prod_{j=1}^{10}\left[1-\left(1-p_{j}\right)^{y_{j}}\right]$
s.t. $\quad \prod_{j=1}^{10}\left(a_{i j} y_{j}^{2}+c_{i j} y_{j}\right) \leq b, i=1,2,3,4$
$\left[p_{j}\right]=(0.81,0.93,0.92,0.96,0.99,0.89,0.85,0.83,0.94,0.92)$
$\left[a_{i j}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llllllllll}2 & 7 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 6 & 9 & 4 & 8 & 1 \\ 4 & 9 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 8 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 7 & 4 & 3 & 6 & 0 & 9 & 8 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 9 & 7 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$

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\begin{aligned}
& {\left[c_{i j}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
7 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 2 & 5 & 9 & 3 & 3 \\
4 & 6 & 5 & 7 & 2 & 6 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 8 \\
1 & 10 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 4 & 6 \\
2 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 6 & 10 & 9 & 1
\end{array}\right]} \\
& {\left[b_{i}\right]=\left(2.0 \times 10^{13}, 3.1 \times 10^{12}, 5.7 \times 10^{13}, 9.3 \times 10^{12}\right)} \\
& y_{j} \in\{1, \ldots, 6\}, j=1, \ldots, 10
\end{aligned}
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The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-0.808844$ and $y=[2,2,2,1,1,2,3,2,1,2]$
P. 11
$\min \quad F=-\prod_{j=1}^{4} R_{j}$
s.t. $\quad \sum_{j=1}^{4} d_{1 j} y_{j}^{2} \leq 100, \sum_{j=1}^{4} d_{2 j}\left(y_{j}+\exp \left(y_{j} / 4\right)\right) \leq 150, \sum_{j=1}^{4} d_{3 j} y_{j} \exp \left(y_{j} / 4\right) \leq 160$, $y_{j} \in\{1, \ldots, 6\}, j=1,2,4 y_{3} \in\{1, \ldots, 5\}$
where $R_{1}=1-q_{1}\left(\left(1-\beta_{1}\right) q_{1}+\beta_{1}\right)_{1}^{y}-1, R_{2}=1-\left(\beta_{2} q_{2}+p_{2} q_{2}^{y_{2}}\right) /\left(p_{2}+\beta_{2} q_{2}\right)$
$R_{3}=1-q_{3}^{y 3}, R_{4}=1-q_{4}\left((1-\beta) q_{4}+\beta_{4}\right)^{y_{4}-1}$
$\left[p_{j}\right]=(0.93,0.92,0.94,0.91),\left[q_{j}\right]=(0.07,0.08,0.06,0.09)$
$\left[\beta_{j}\right]=(0.2,0.06,0.0,0.3)$
$\left[d_{i j}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 7 & 5 & 7 \\ 7 & 8 & 8 & 6\end{array}\right]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-0.974565$ and $y=[3,3,2,3]$
P. 12
$\min \quad F=-\prod_{j=1}^{4}\left[1-\left(1-x_{j}\right)^{y_{j}}\right]$
s.t. $\quad \sum_{j=1}^{4} v_{j} y_{j}^{2} \leq 250$,
$\sum_{j=1}^{4} \alpha_{j}\left(\frac{-100}{\ln \left(x_{j}\right)}\right)^{\beta_{j}}\left(y_{j}+\exp \left(y_{j} / 4\right)\right) \leq 400$,
$\sum_{j=1}^{4} w_{j} * y_{j} * \exp \left(y_{j} / 4\right) \leq 500$,
$x_{j} \in\left[0.5,1-10^{-6}\right], j=1,2,3,4 \quad y_{j} \in\{1, \ldots, 10\}, j=1,2,3,4$
where $\left[v_{j}\right]=(1,2,3,2),\left[w_{j}\right]=(6,6,8,7),\left[\alpha_{j}\right]=(1.0,2.3,0.3,2.3) \times 10^{-5}$

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\left[\beta_{j}\right]=(1.5,1.5,1.5,1.5)
$$

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-32217.4, x=[27$, any, 27] and $y=[78$, any $]$
P. 13
$\min \quad F=0.6224 x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}+1.7781 x_{1}^{2} x_{4}+3.1661 x_{2} x_{3}^{2}+19.84 x_{1} x_{3}^{2}$
s.t. $\quad 0.0193 x_{1} / x_{3}-1=0,0.00954 x_{1} / x_{4}-1=0, x_{2} / 240-1=0$,
(1296000-(4/3) $\left.\pi x_{1}^{3}\right) /\left(\pi x_{1}^{2} x_{2}\right)-1 \leq 0$,
$x_{1} \in[25,150], x_{2} \in[25,240], x_{3}, x_{4} \in[0.0625,0.125,1.1875,1.25]$,
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=5850.770$ and $x=[38.858,221.402,0.75,0.375]$
P. 14
$\min \quad F=-x_{1} x_{2}$
s.t. $\quad 0.145 x_{2}^{0.1939} x_{1}^{0.7071} y^{-0.2343} \leq 0.3,29.67 x_{2}^{0.4167} x_{1}^{-0.8333} \leq 7$,
$x_{1} \in[8.6,13.4], x_{2} \in[5,30], y \in\{120,140,170,200,230,270,325,400,500\}$,
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-75.1341$ and $x=[13.4,5.6070]$
P. 15
$\min \quad F=-x_{1}-x_{2}$
s.t. $\quad-8 x_{1}^{2}+8_{1}^{3}-2 x_{1}^{4}+x_{2} \leq 2,96 x_{1}-88 x_{1}^{2}+32 x_{1}^{3}-4 x_{1}^{4}+x_{2} \leq 36$,
$x_{1} \in[0,3], x_{2} \in[0,4]$

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-5.50796$ and $x=[2.3295,3.17846]$
P. 16
$\min \quad F=-\left(0.0204+0.0607 x_{5}^{2}\right) x_{1} x_{4}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}\right)-\left(0.0187+0.0437 x_{6}^{2}\right) x_{2} x_{3}\left(x_{1}+1.57 x_{2}+x_{4}\right)$
s.t. $\quad 2070 / x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} x_{4} x_{5} x_{6}-1 \leq 0,6.2 x_{1} x_{4} x_{5}^{2}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}+x_{3}\right)+5.8 x_{2} x_{3} x_{6}^{2}\left(x_{1}+1.57 x_{2}+x_{4}\right) \leq 10000$, $x_{1}, x_{2} \in[0,10], x_{3}, x_{4} \in[0,15], x_{5}, x_{4} \in[0,1]$,
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-613.27$ and $x=[10,10,15,4.609,0.78511,0.3814]$
P. 17
$\min \quad F=\sum_{i=1}^{5} 1 /\left[a_{i}\left(x-p_{i}\right)\left(x-p_{i}\right)+c_{i}\right]$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+x_{2}-5 \leq 0,6 . x_{1}-x_{2}^{2} \leq 0,5 x_{1}^{3}+1.6 x_{2}^{2} \leq 0$, $x_{1} \in\{-3,-2, \ldots, 10\}, x_{2} \in\{-4,-3, \ldots, 7\}$

| $i$ | $a_{i}$ | $p_{i}$ |  | $c_{i}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 5 | 0.125 |
| 2 | 0.25 | 2 | 5 | 0.25 |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0.1 |
| 4 | $1 / 12$ | 4 | 4 | 0.2 |
| 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | $1 / 12$ |

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=0.18301$ and $x=[-3,-4]^{T}$
P. 18
$\min F=x_{1}^{2}+x_{2}^{2}$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+x_{2}-2 \leq 0, x_{1}^{2}-x_{2} \leq 0$,

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x_{1} \in\{-3,-2, \ldots, 2\}, x_{2} \in\{0,1, \ldots, 5\}
$$

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=0$ and $x=[0,0]$
P. 19
$\min \quad F=-\left(x_{2}-1.275 x_{1}^{2}+5 x_{1}-6\right)^{2}-10(1-1 / 8 \pi) \cos \left(\pi x_{1}\right)-10$
s.t. $\quad-\pi x_{1}-x_{2} \leq 0,-\pi^{2} x_{1}^{2}+4 x_{2} \leq 0$,
$x_{1} \in[-1.5,3.5], x_{2} \in[0,15]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-195.37$ and $x=[2.4656,15]$
P. 20
$\min F=-2 x_{1}-6 x_{2}+x_{1}^{3}+8 x_{2}^{2}$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+6 x_{2}-6 \leq 0,5 x_{1}+4 x_{2}-10 \leq 0$,
$x_{1} \in[0,2], x_{2} \in[0,1]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-2.2137$ and $x=[0.8165,0.375]$
P. 21
$\min \quad F=\left(x_{1}-0.75\right)^{2}+\left(0.5 x_{2}-0.75\right)^{2}$
s.t. $\quad x_{1}+0.5 x_{2}-1 \leq 0$,
$x_{1} \in[0,1], x_{2} \in[0,2]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=0.125$ and $x=[0.5,1]$
P. 22
$\min \quad F=\exp \left(x_{1}-2 x_{2}\right)$
s.t. $\quad \sin \left(-x_{1}+x_{2}-1\right) \leq 0$,
$x_{1} \in[-2,2], x_{2} \in[-1.5,1.5]$

The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=0.0821$ and $x=[0.5,1.5]$
P. 23
$\min \quad F=x_{1} \sqrt{1+x_{2}^{2}}$
s.t. $\quad 0.124 \sqrt{1+x_{2}^{2}} \times\left(8 / x_{1}+1 / x_{1} x_{2}\right)-1 \leq 0,0.124 \sqrt{1+x_{2}^{2}} \times\left(8 / x_{1}-1 / x_{1} x_{2}\right)-1 \leq 0$, $x_{1} \in[0.2,4], x_{2} \in[0.1,1.6]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=1.5087$ and $x=[1.41163,0.377072]$

## P. 24

$\min F=-x_{4}$
s.t. $\quad 0.09755988 x_{1} x_{5}+x_{1}-1 \leq 0,0.09658428 x_{2} x_{6}+x_{2}-x_{1} \leq 0, \sqrt{x_{5}}+\sqrt{x_{6}}-4 \leq 0$,
$0.0391908 x_{3} x_{5}+x_{3}+x_{1}-1 \leq 0,0.03527172 x_{4} x_{6}+x_{4}-x_{1}+x_{2}-x_{3} \leq 0$
$x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4} \in[0,1], x, x_{6} \in[0.00001,16]$
The known global optimal solution is $F^{*}=-0.388811$,
$x=[0.771516,0.516992,0.204192,0.388811,3.03557,5.09726]$

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