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Solution of Test Problems with Grey Wolf Optimization Algorithm and Comparison with Particle Swarm Optimization

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Abstract

In this study, Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO), which is a new method with swarm intelligence is compared with another metaheuristic optimization method, Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), using optimization benchmark functions. Simulation studies on test functions are presented as a table by obtaining mean, standard deviation, best and worst values. In addition, the effects of population and iteration number change on the GWO algorithm are presented in separate tables. The GWO algorithm has establish a good balance between exploration and exploitation. Simulation studies have shown that GWO has better convergence performance and optimization accuracy.

Keywords: Grey Wolf Optimization, Metaheuristic Optimization, Particle Swarm Optimization

1. INTRODUCTION

The process of finding the smallest or largest values under a given constraint that gives a purpose function that changes depending on various variables mathematically is defined as an optimization problem [1]. Optimization is used in a wide range of fields such as electronics, computers, economics, transportation, production. In the design of heuristic and metaheuristic algorithms, inspired by biological systems or the behaviour of physical events in nature [2]. For instance, Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), is based on the talent of ants to find the shortest way from the anthill to the food source [3], Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA), imitating the hunting behaviour of whales [4]. Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO), which has been developed by imitating the hunting and social behaviour of grey wolves, has been one of the most studied metaheuristic methods in recent years. The reasons why population-based metaheuristic optimization methods such as GWO, Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Bat Algorithm (BA), ACO, WOA have become so popular can be shown; simplicity, flexibility, non-derivative system, and avoidance of local optimal values [5]. The purpose of these methods is to find

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the best solution quality and better convergence performance [6].

In this study, GWO was compared with the PSO algorithm by using 23 test functions in the literature. Experimental solutions are presented as a table by obtaining mean, standard deviation, best and worst values. Experimental results have shown that GWO has better convergence performance and optimization accuracy.

2. GREY WOLF OPTIMIZATION (GWO)

GWO is a population-based metaheuristic optimization method created by Mirjalili et al., [5] by considering the hunting and social behaviour of grey wolves. Grey wolves live in flocks and which are at the top of the food chain. There are 4 types of grey wolves in the GWO method in terms of social hierarchy: alpha (α), beta (β), delta (δ) and omega (ω). It has a strict social hierarchy that decrease from top to bottom as shown in Figure 1.

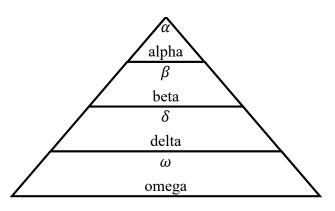


Figure 1 Grey wolf hierarchy (dominance decreases from top to bottom.)

Alpha is the group leader in GWO and responsible for taking decisions on topics such as hunting. Alpha's decisions are obeyed by the other wolves. Beta wolves help alpha in decision making. Delta wolves obeys alpha and beta wolves, and which is dominate omega. Omega wolves take the last place in the grey wolf hierarchy. Hunting in GWO takes place in 3 main steps. Tracking, encircling and attack towards the prey.

2.1. Social Hierarchy

In the GWO the social hierarchy and hunting behaviour of grey wolves are mathematically modelled. Alpha is considered the best candidate solution. Optimization is directed by alpha, beta and delta, respectively. These wolves are followed by omega.

2.2. Encircling Prey

Grey wolves surround their prey during hunting. The following equations are used for the mathematical model of the siege [5]:

$$\vec{D} = \left| \vec{C} \cdot \vec{X}_p(k) - \vec{X}(k) \right| \tag{1}$$

$$\vec{X}(k+1) = \vec{X}_p(k) - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{D}$$
⁽²⁾

where k indicates current iteration, \vec{A} , \vec{C} and \vec{D} are coefficient vectors, \vec{X}_p is the position vector of prey, \vec{X} points the position vector of grey wolves. The coefficients \vec{A} , \vec{C} and \vec{a} are calculated as follows:

$$\vec{A} = 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}_1 - \vec{a} \tag{3}$$

$$\vec{C} = 2 \cdot \vec{r}_2 \tag{4}$$

$$\vec{a} = 2 - k * \left(\frac{2}{k_{max}}\right) \tag{5}$$

 \vec{A} and \vec{C} are the coefficients, to equilibrium the exploration and the exploitation [7]. Value of \vec{a} are updated from 2 to 0 as given (5), \vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2 , can be randomly selected in the range [0-1]. Grey wolves can update their position around the prey according to (1) and (2). The \vec{C} vector, can be also considered as the effect of impediments in nature in the hunting process.

2.3. Hunting

Hunting is done by being directed by alpha. Beta and delta can also join hunting. The best three solutions obtained are recorded and it is ensured that the positions of other wolfs (including omega) are updated regarding the position of the best search agents. The following formulas are recommended in this respect [5].

$$\vec{D}_{\alpha} = |\vec{C}_{1}\vec{X}_{\alpha} - \vec{X}|, \qquad \vec{D}_{\beta} = |\vec{C}_{2}\vec{X}_{\beta} - \vec{X}|,$$

$$\vec{D}_{\delta} = |\vec{C}_{3}\vec{X}_{\delta} - \vec{X}| \qquad (6)$$

$$\vec{X}_{1} = \vec{X}_{a} - \vec{A}_{1}(\vec{D}_{a}), \qquad \vec{X}_{2} = \vec{X}_{\beta} - \vec{A}_{2}(\vec{D}_{\beta}),$$

$$\vec{X}_{3} = \vec{X}_{\delta} - \vec{A}_{3}(\vec{D}_{\delta}) \qquad (7)$$

$$\vec{X}(k+1) = \frac{\vec{X}_{1} + \vec{X}_{2} + \vec{X}_{3}}{3} \qquad (8)$$

The GWO search process starts by creating a random population of grey wolf. During the iterations, alpha, beta and delta update the distance from the hunt by predicting the possible location of the prey. Value of \vec{a} is updated as given (5), to emphasise exploration and exploitation. As shown in Figure 2, grey wolves move away from prey when \vec{A} >1, and approach prey when \vec{A} <1. GWO's equilibrium between exploration and exploitation it is carried out with parameters \vec{A} , \vec{C} ve \vec{a} .

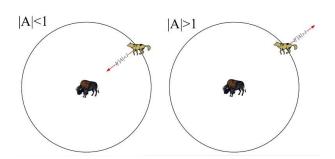


Figure 2 Attacking prey and searching for prey

GWO algorithm flow chart is as shown in Figure 3.

Initialize all the parameters
Calculation of the fitness of search agent
\vec{X}_a = the finest solution
\vec{X}_{β} = the second finest solution
\vec{X}_{δ} = the third finest solution
while $(k < k_{max})$
for each grey wolf
Update the position of the current wolf by
equation (8)
end for
Update parameters α , A, and C
Calculate the fitness of all grey wolves
Update $ec{X}_a, ec{X}_eta$, and $ec{X}_\delta$
k = k+1
end while
return \vec{X}_a

Figure 3 GWO Pseudo Code

3. TEST STUDIES

3.1. Test Benchmark Functions

In this study, GWO algorithm has been compared with another metaheuristic optimization method, standard PSO algorithm. The PSO algorithm was proposed by Eberhart and Kennedy in 1995. PSO algorithm has been developed inspired by the behaviour of flocks of birds and fish [8]. Various studies on PSO such as Clubs-Based PSO [9], The Modified Power Mutation PSO [10] are continuing.

Optimization benchmark functions used in similar studies were used [11]. The $f_1 - f_7$ single-mode test functions shown in Table 1 have only one global optimum and no local optimum.

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Table 1
Unimodal benchmark functions

Function	f _{min}	Range	Dimensions
$f_1(x) = \sum_{l=1}^n x_l^2$	0	[-100,100]	30
$f_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \prod_{i=1}^n x_i $	0	[-10,10]	30
$f_3(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^i x_j\right)^2$	0	[-100,100]	30
$f_4(x) = max_i\{ x_i , 1 \le i \le n\}$	0	[-100,100]	30
$f_5(x) = \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} [100(x_{l+1} - x_l^2)^2 + (x_l - 1)^2]$	0	[-30,30]	30
$f_6(x) = \sum_{l=1}^n ([x_l + 0.5])^2$	0	[-100,100]	30
$f_7(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n ix_i^4 + random[0, 1]$	0	[-1.28,1.28]	30

The $f_8 - f_{13}$ multimodal test functions shown in Table 2 have multiple optima, making them more demanding than unimodal functions. Only one of

the optimum points is global optimum and the others are local optimum [12].

Table 2 Multimodal benchmark functions

Multimodal benchmark functions			
Function	f _{min}	Range	Dimensions
$f_8(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i \sin\left(\sqrt{ x_i }\right)$	-418.9829×5	[-500,500]	30
$f_9(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 - 10\cos(2\pi x_i) + 10]$	0	[-5.12,5.12]	30
$f_{10}(x) = -20 \exp\left(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \cos(2\pi x_i)\right) + 20 + e$	0	[-32,32]	30
$f_{11}(x) = \frac{1}{4000} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2 - \prod_{i=1}^{n} \cos\left(\frac{x_i}{\sqrt{i}}\right) + 1$	0	[-600,600]	30
$f_{12}(x) = \frac{\pi}{n} \left\{ 10\sin(\pi y_1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (y_i - 1)^2 [1 + 10\sin^2(\pi y_{i+1})] + (y_n - 1)^2 \right\} + \sum_{i=1}^n u(x_i, 10, 100, 4)$ $y_i = 1 + \frac{x_i + 1}{4}$ $u(x_i, a, k, m) = \begin{cases} k(x_i - a)^m & x_i > a \\ 0 & -a < x_i < a \\ k(-x_i - a)^m & x_i < -a \end{cases}$	0	[-50,50]	30
$f_{13}(x) = 0.1 \left\{ sin^2 (3\pi x_1) + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - 1)^2 \left[1 + sin^2 (3\pi x_i + 1) \right] + (x_n - 1)^2 [1 + sin^2 (2\pi x_n)] \right\} + \sum_{i=1}^n u(x_i, 5, 100, 4)$	0	[-50,50]	30

The only difference of the $f_{14} - f_{23}$ fixed-size multimodal test functions shown in Table 3 from the multimodal functions is that they contain a small number of local minimums due to their low size [13]. If the exploration of an algorithm is poorly designed, it will not be able to effectively scan at a wide angle, causing the algorithm to get stuck at the local optimum. Therefore, multimodal functions with containing many local optima are shown as the most difficult problem classes for many algorithms [14].

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Fixed-dimension	s multimodal	benchmark	functions
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Function	f _{min}	Range	Dimensions
$f_{14}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{500} + \sum_{j=1}^{25} \frac{1}{j + \sum_{i=1}^{2} (x_i - a_{ij})^6}\right)^{-1}$	1	[-65,65]	2
$f_{15}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{11} [a_i - \frac{x_1(b_i^2 + b_i x_2)}{b_i^2 + b_i x_3 + x_4}]^2$	0.00030	[-5,5]	4
$f_{16}(x) = 4x_1^2 - 2 \cdot 1x_1^4 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^6 + x_1x_2 - 4x_2^2 + 4x_2^4$	-1.0316	[-5,5]	2
$f_{17}(x) = (x_2 - \frac{5 \cdot 1}{4\pi^2} x_1^2 + \frac{5}{\pi} x_1 - 6)^2 + 10(1 - \frac{1}{8\pi})\cos x_1 + 10$	0.398	[-5,5]	2
$ f_{18}(x) = [1 + (x_1 + x_2 + 1)^2 (19 - 14x_1 + 3x_1^2 - 14x_2 + 6x_1x_2 + 3x_2^2)] \times [30 + (2x_1 - 3x_2)^2 \times (18 - 32x_1 + 12x_1^2 + 48x_2 - 36x_1x_2 + 27x_2^2)] $	3	[-2,2]	2
$f_{19}(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{4} c_i exp(-\sum_{j=1}^{3} a_{ij}(x_j - p_{ij})^2)$	-3.86	[1,3]	3
$f_{20}(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{4} c_i exp(-\sum_{j=1}^{6} a_{ij}(x_j - p_{ij})^2)$	-3.32	[0,1]	6
$f_{21}(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{5} [(X - a_i)(X - a_i)^T + c_i]^{-1}$	-10.1532	[0,10]	4
$f_{22}(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{7} [(X - a_i)(X - a_i)^T + c_i]^{-1}$	-10.4028	[0,10]	4
$f_{23}(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{10} [(X - a_i)(X - a_i)^T + c_i]^{-1}$	-10.5363	[0,10]	4

3.2. Comparison of Test Results of GWO and PSO

The GWO and PSO pseudocodes are coded in MATLAB R2017A and implemented on Nvidia GeForce GTX1650, 16 GB Memory, i7 9750H Processor and 256 GB SSD. In all tests, the same parameter settings were used in both algorithms, with a population number of 30 and a maximum number of iterations of 500. All benchmark functions were run 30 times and presented as a table by obtaining mean, standard deviation, best values, worst values, and computation time. The algorithm with better average solution in each function is solved in bold font. The $f_1 - f_7$ Functions are unimodal test functions used only to examine the convergence rates of optimization algorithms that have global optimum solution. As shown in Table 4, GWO outperformed 6 of these 7 ($f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_7$) functions. Performance curves of unimodal functions are shown in Figure 4 through Figure 10.

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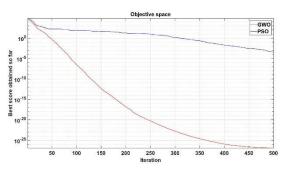


Figure 4 F1 Function convergence curve

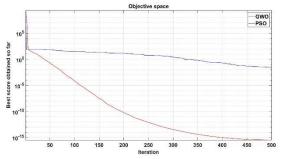


Figure 5 F2 Function convergence curve

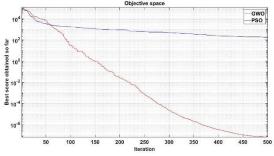


Figure 6 F3 Function convergence curve

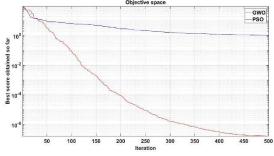


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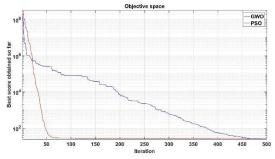


Figure 8 F5 Function convergence curve

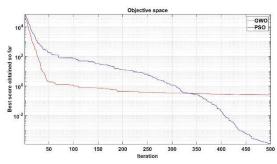


Figure 9 F6 Function convergence curve

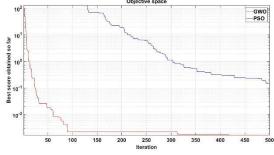
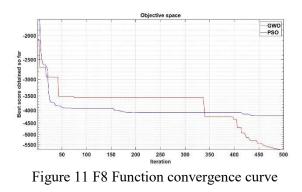


Figure 10 F7 Function convergence curve

As shown in Table 5, GWO outperformed 3 of these 6 multimodal functions (f_9, f_{10}, f_{11}) containing many local minimums. The performance curves of the multimodal functions are shown in Figure 11 to Figure 16.



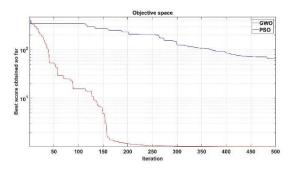


Figure 12 F9 Function convergence curve

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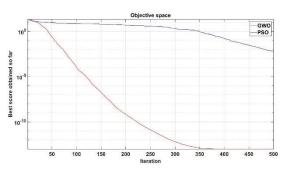


Figure 13 F10 Function convergence curve

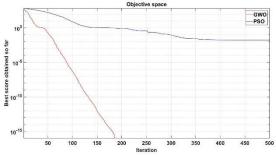


Figure 14 F11 Function convergence curve

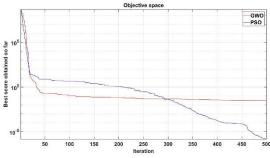


Figure 15 F12 Function convergence curve

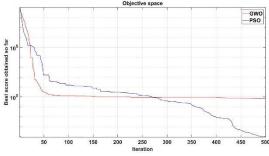


Figure 16 F13 Function convergence curve

GWO showed better results in 6 of 10 functions $(f_{17}, f_{19}, f_{20}, f_{21}, f_{22}, f_{23})$ that contain fewer local minimum and low dimensions compared to multimodal functions. Both algorithms showed good results in f_{16} functions. The results are shown in Table 6. Performance curves of fixed-size multimodal functions are shown between Figure 17 with Figure 26.

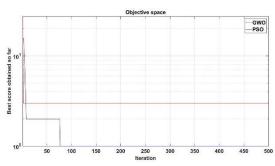


Figure 17 F14 Function convergence curve

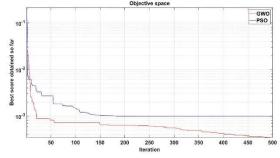


Figure 18 F15 Function convergence curve

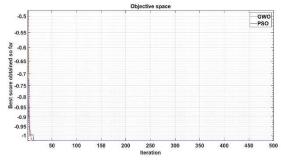


Figure 19 F16 Function convergence curve

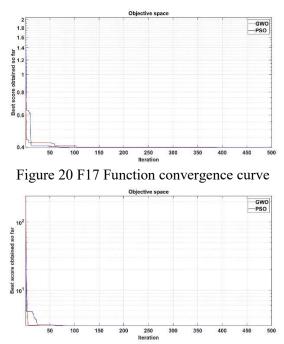


Figure 21 F18 Function convergence curve

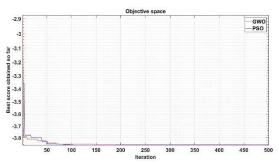


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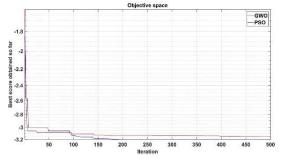


Figure 23 F20 Function convergence curve

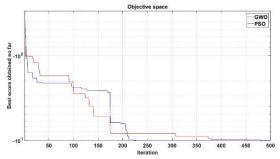


Figure 24 F21 Function convergence curve

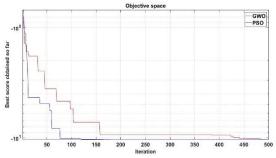


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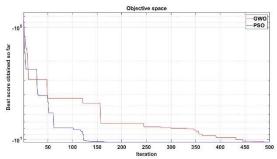


Figure 26 F23 Function convergence curve

3.3. The Effect of Change of Population Number and Iteration Number on GWO Algorithm.

In this part, the effects of the number of populations and iteration number on the GWO algorithm are examined. In the tests, the population number was applied as 15 and 30. The maximum number of iterations has been applied separately as 100 and 500. All benchmark functions were run 30 times and presented as a table by obtaining mean, standard deviation, best and worst values.

Increasing the number of populations and iteration had a positive effect on all single-mode test functions. The importance of the number of iterations was observed sharply in (f_3, f_4, f_5) functions. The results are shown in Table 7.

As shown in Table 8, in 5 of 6 multimodal functions, $(f_8, f_9, f_{10}, f_{12}, f_{13})$ high population number positively affected. The importance of the number of iterations was observed sharply in (f_9, f_{10}, f_{13}) functions.

As shown in Table 9, in 6 of 10 $(f_{14}, f_{15}, f_{18}, f_{20}, f_{21}, f_{23})$ fixed sized multimodal functions, high population and iteration number positively affected. The F_{16} function showed good results in both population and iteration numbers.

4. CONCLUSION

GWO is a metaheuristic optimization method developed inspired by the hunting and social behaviour of grey wolves. In this study, GWO was compared with PSO algorithm using 23 optimization test functions. Comparison results and performance curves are presented. GWO's exploration and exploitation performance has been observed to be better. In addition, increasing the number of populations and iterations in GWO has better convergence performance and optimization accuracy.

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Table 4

GWO-PSO performance comparison with unimodal benchmark functions

Function	Method	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
f_1	GWO	2.8155e-29	1.2770e-27	1.0236e-26	2.1109e-27	0.1171
	PSO	1.8645e-05	1.8152e-04	0.0015	3.4239e-04	0.0722
f ₂	GWO	1.8533e-17	9.5313e-17	3.6638e-16	7.9800e-17	0.1291
	PSO	0.0048	0.0320	0.1727	0.0392	0.0778
f ₃	GWO	6.3728e-08	1.1175e-05	5.4032e-05	1.6984e-05	0.3805
	PSO	19.8364	73.6746	157.0681	30.9306	0.5378
f ₄	GWO	3.4488e-08	1.0720e-06	5.3905e-06	1.2244e-06	0.1287
	PSO	0.6978	1.1559	1.7896	0.2664	0.0699
f ₅	GWO	25.4990	26.9089	28.5607	0.7535	0.1473
	PSO	17.0043	98.0932	498.7949	104.7435	0.1379
f ₆	GWO	6.5542e-05	0.7089	1.4975	0.3452	0.1388
	PSO	9.0093e-06	1.3498e-04	5.1873e-04	1.2357e-04	0.0803
f_7	GWO	5.1824e-04	0.0023	0.0067	0.0014	0.1860
	PSO	0.0734	0.1768	0.3456	0.0600	0.2059

Table 5

GWO-PSO performance comparison with multimodal benchmark functions

Function	Method	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
f ₈	GWO	-3.1897e+03	-6.0773e+03	-7.3092e+03	971.4041	0.2227
	PSO	-3.0109e+03	-4.9471e+03	-7.0724e+03	1.2770e+03	0.0994
f ₉	GWO	0	2.6344	15.4156	3.9016	0.2092
	PSO	29.9706	58.3851	96.7560	16.4032	0.1409
f ₁₀	GWO PSO				1.5979e-14 0.2082	0.1334 0.0953
<i>f</i> ₁₁	GWO	0	0.0035	0.0280	0.0078	0.1502
	PSO	2.1291e-06	0.0078	0.0320	0.0089	0.1046
<i>f</i> ₁₂	GWO	0.0193	0.0444	0.0820	0.0150	0.2923
	PSO	3.9338e-08	0.0138	0.2074	0.0450	0.2555
f ₁₃	GWO	0.3080	0.5907	1.3103	0.1985	0.2915
	PSO	5.0410e-06	0.0056	0.0210	0.0067	0.2577

Table 6GWO-PSO performance comparison with fixed size multimodal functions

Function	Method	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
£	GWO	0.9980	5.1762	12.6705	4.2581	0.5141
<i>f</i> ₁₄	PSO	0.9980	2.8430	7.8740	1.9284	0.5071
f 15	GWO	3.0750e-04	0.0031	0.0204	0.0069	0.0846
	PSO	6.6311e-04	8.8895e-04	0.0012	1.3007e-04	0.0792
6	GWO	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0683
<i>f</i> ₁₆	PSO	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0698
6	GWO	0.39790	0.397891	0.397891	3.4575e-06	0.1126
f ₁₇	PSO	0.39789	0.397890	0.39789	1.6938e-16	0.0623
6	GWO	3	3.00003	3.0002	5.4667e-05	0.0783
f_{18}	PSO	3	3	3	0	0.0989

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c	GWO	-3.8604	-3.8611	-3.8628	0.0026	0.1162
f 19	PSO	-3.8628	-3.8628	-3.8628	3.6114e-15	0.1081
f	GWO	-3.3220	-3.2879	-3.1375	0.0586	0.2001
<i>f</i> ₂₀	PSO	-3.3220	-3.2784	-3.2031	0.0583	0.1107
£	GWO	-10.1530	-8.9193	-2.6303	2.5581	0.1679
<i>f</i> ₂₁	PSO	-10.1532	-6.0438	-2.6305	2.9052	0.1542
f	GWO	-10.4026	-10.0480	-5.0876	1.3434	0.1943
<i>J</i> ₂₂	PSO	-10.4029	-9.1608	-3.7243	2.5445	0.1887
£	GWO	-10.5362	-10.3545	-5.1284	0.9871	0.2526
f ₂₃	PSO	-10.5364	-9.2591	-2,8066	2.6405	0.2422

Table 7

The effects of changing the number of populations and iterations, on unimodal benchmark functions

Function	Method	Population Number	Iteration Number	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
	GWO	30	500	2.8155e-29	1.2770e-27	1.0236e-26	2.1109e-27	0.1171
f_1	GWO	15	500	3.3304e-21	6.2407e-20	2.4847e-19	6.5138e-20	0.0766
11	GWO	30	100	1.8645e-05	0.0147	0.0326	0.0083	0.0750
	GWO	15	100	0.17745	0.6804	2.3128	0.4345	0.0570
	GWO	30	500	1.8533e-17	9.5313e-17	3.6638e-16	7.9800e-17	0.1291
£	GWO	15	500	6.4614e-13	2.3781e-12	6.1267e-12	1.6860e-12	0.0796
f_2	GWO	30	100	0.0122	0.0230	0.0359	0.0069	0.0619
	GWO	15	100	0.1001	0.1950	0.3660	0.0646	0.0510
	GWO	30	500	6.3728e-08	1.1175e-05	5.4032e-05	1.6984e-05	0.3805
£	GWO	15	500	5.2722e-05	0.0102	0.0549	0.0152	0.2202
f_3	GWO	30	100	52.7035	382.4511	2.4758e+03	459.5907	0.1864
	GWO	15	100	197.3679	1.2317e+03	4.6694e+03	946.8118	0.1578
	GWO	30	500	3.4488e-08	1.0720e-06	5.3905e-06	1.2244e-06	0.1287
£	GWO	15	500	5.9714e-06	8.9815e-05	4.7227e-04	9.5299e-05	0.0803
f_4	GWO	30	100	0.5224	1.4898	2.9883	0.6714	0.0636
	GWO	15	100	0.9107	4.2749	8.0857	1.6376	0.0525
	GWO	30	500	25.4990	26.9089	28.5607	0.7535	0.1473
£	GWO	15	500	26.2671	27.7108	28.7986	0.7353	0.0828
f_5	GWO	30	100	28.7672	30.9848	42.8574	3.0148	0.0699
	GWO	15	100	35.5374	88.1632	287.0783	51.4240	0.0542
	GWO	30	500	6.5542e-05	0.7089	1.4975	0.3452	0.1388
£	GWO	15	500	0.3679	1.4966	2.5180	0.6316	0.1208
f_6	GWO	30	100	1.7964	2.9401	4.1530	0.6346	0.1107
	GWO	15	100	2.8815	4.8694	7.6166	1.0635	0.0973
	GWO	30	500	5.1824e-04	0.0023	0.0067	0.0014	0.1860
<i>c</i>	GWO	15	500	14.126e-04	0.0045	0.0100	0.0022	0.1098
f ₇	GWO	30	100	0.0081	0.0196	0.0399	0.0085	0.0819
	GWO	15	100	0.0065	0.0399	0.0734	0.0182	0.0786

Table 8

The effects of changing the number of populations and iterations, on multimodal benchmark functions.

Function	Method	Population Number	Iteration Number	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
f ₈	GWO	30	500	-3.1897e+03	-6.0773e+03	-7.3092e+03	971.4041	0.2227
	GWO	15	500	-3.7541e+03	-5.7933e+03	-7.3390e+03	769.0020	0.1492
	GWO	30	100	-2.7952e+03	-5.5985e+03	-6.8392e+03	946.5625	0.0797
	GWO	15	100	-2.2474e+03	-4.6750e+03	-7.1282e+03	1.3882e+03	0.0781
f9	GWO	30	500	0	2.6344	15.4156	3.9016	0.2092
	GWO	15	500	5.6843e-14	3.9220	15.5209	4.0141	0.0885
	GWO	30	100	10.0693	41.9163	229.1786	39.5007	0.0791
	GWO	15	100	23.3764	45.9260	81.3144	14.6026	0.0762
	GWO	30	500	6.8390e-14	9.9179e-14	1.3234e-13	1.5979e-14	0.1334
<i>c</i>	GWO	15	500	8.6127e-12	4.3345e-11	1.1429e-10	2.8252e-11	0.0955
<i>f</i> ₁₀	GWO	30	100	0.0127	0.0282	0.0792	0.0140	0.0852
	GWO	15	100	0.1232	0.3316	0.8121	0.1600	0.0659
f ₁₁	GWO	30	500	0	0.0035	0.0280	0.0078	0.1502
	GWO	15	500	0	0.0032	0.0244	0.0074	0.0959
	GWO	30	100	0.0033	0.0919	0.1950	0.0615	0.0886
	GWO	15	100	0.3125	0.6201	0.9780	0.1637	0.0846
	GWO	30	500	0.0193	0.0444	0.0820	0.0150	0.2923
c	GWO	15	500	0.0370	0.0946	0.1763	0.0404	0.2821
<i>f</i> ₁₂	GWO	30	100	0.1037	0.4369	1.1312	0.2598	0.1264
	GWO	15	100	0.2496	0.9956	3.8609	0.6986	0.1099

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	GWO	30	500	0.3080	0.5907	1.3103	0.1985	0.2915
c	GWO	15	500	0.3873	1.1492	1.5388	0.2549	0.2781
J 13	GWO	30	100	1.4057	2.2815	3.2969	0.4376	0.2002
	GWO	15	100	2.3542	3.6059	6.6733	1.0975	0.1592

Table 9

The effects of changing the number of populations on fixed sized multimodal benchmark functions

Function	Method	Population Number	Iteration Number	Best	Mean	Worst	Std	Computation Time
	GWO	30	500	0.9980	5.1762	12.6705	4.2581	0.5141
<i>f</i> ₁₄	GWO	15	500	1.9920	7.6726	12.6705	4.5098	0.4820
	GWO	30	100	0.9980	5.3432	12.6705	4.0264	0.2799
	GWO	15	100	1.1046	8.3693	17.3744	4.6689	0.1831
f ₁₅	GWO	30	500	3.0750e-04	0.0031	0.0204	0.0069	0.0846
	GWO	15	500	3.0750e-04	0.0032	0.0204	0.0068	0.0712
	GWO	30	100	3.1176e-04	0.0049	0.0204	0.0080	0.0814
	GWO	15	100	3.8972e-04	0.0065	0.0204	0.0087	0.0811
	GWO	30	500	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0683
_	GWO	15	500	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0684
f_{16}	GWO	30	100	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0984
	GWO	15	100	-1.0316	-1.0316	-1.0316	6.7752e-16	0.0930
	GWO	30	500	0.39790	0.3978913	0.39789	3.4575e-06	0.1126
	GWO	15	500	0.39791	0.3979230	0.39881	1.6762e-04	0.1094
f_{17}	GWO	30	100	0.398	0.3981783	0.40253	9.0173e-04	0.0992
	GWO	15	100	0.398	0.3984403	0.40744	17.75e-04	0.0622
	GWO	30	500	3	3.00003	3.0002	5.4667e-05	0.0783
	GWO	15	500	3	5.7001	84.0001	14.7885	0.0751
f_{18}	GWO	30	100	3	3.0009	3.0028	8.6061e-04	0.1064
	GWO	15	100	3.0001	11.103	84.0036	24.7150	0.0545
	GWO	30	500	-3.8604	-3.8611	-3.8628	0.0026	0.1162
	GWO GWO	30 15	500	-3.8628	-3.8613	-3.8549	0.0028	0.0759
f_{19}	GWO GWO	30	100	-3.8601	-3.8610	-3.8553	0.0027	0.0664
	GWO	15	100	-3.8597	-3.8604	-3.8515	0.0019	0.0608
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	GWO	30	500	-3.3220	-3.2879	-3.1375	0.0586	0.2001
f_{20}	GWO	15	500	-3.3220	-3.2525	-2.8404	0.1062	0.1180
, 20	GWO	30	100	-3.3202	-3.2436	-2.8558	0.1037	0.0708
	GWO	15	100	-3.3197	-3.2319	-2.8403	0.1309	0.0651
<i>f</i> ₂₁	GWO	30	500	-10.1530	-8.9193	-2.6303	2.5581	0.1679
	GWO	15	500	-10.1530	-8.2287	-2.6302	3.0591	0.1488
J 21	GWO	30	100	-10.1499	-8.3714	-2.6244	3.2080	0.0856
	GWO	15	100	-10.1412	-9.1689	-2.6595	2.1374	0.0660
f ₂₂	GWO	30	500	-10.4026	-10.0480	-5.0876	1.3434	0.1943
	GWO	15	500	-10.4028	-10.3998	-10.3964	0.0016	0.1787
	GWO	30	100	-10.3949	-9.70229	-2.76460	2.0055	0.0956
	GWO	15	100	-10.3852	-9.0812	-1.8358	2.8628	0.0684
	GWO	30	500	-10.5362	-10.3545	-5.1284	0.9871	0.2526
<i>f</i> ₂₃	GWO	15	500	-10.5361	-10.3101	-3.8352	1.2229	0.2205
	GWO	30	100	-10.5311	-9.73273	-2.4172	2.3299	0.1123
	GWO	15	100	-10.5131	-8.84514	-2.4209	3.0127	0.1073