

Hierarchical Heterogeneous Particle Swarm Optimization

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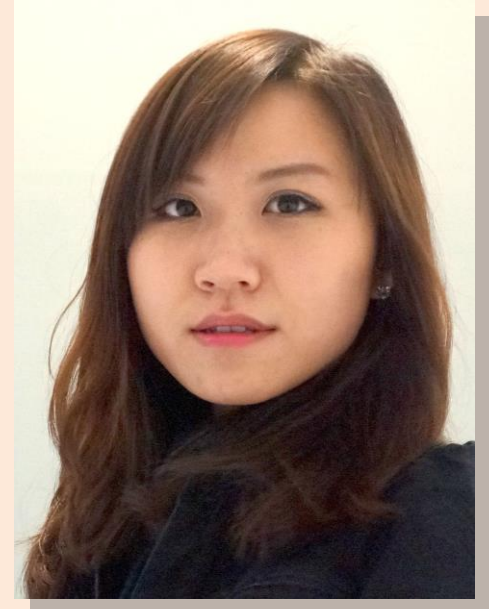
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Particle swarm optimization (PSO) has recently been modified to several versions. Heterogeneous PSO is a recent extension which includes behavioral heterogeneity of particles. Here we propose a further developed version that has hierarchical interaction patterns among heterogeneous particles, which we call hierarchical heterogeneous PSO (HHP SO). Two algorithm designs that have been developed and tested are multi-layer HHP SO (ml-HHP SO) and multi-group HHP SO (mg-HHP SO). The performances of these algorithms were measured on a set of benchmark functions and compared with standard PSO and heterogeneous PSO. The results showed that the performances of both HHP SO algorithms were significantly improved from standard PSO and heterogeneous PSO, with higher quality of optimal solutions and faster convergence speed.

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