

# An Effective Hybrid Flower Pollination and Genetic Algorithm for Constrained Optimization Problems

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**Abstract:** Flower pollination algorithm (FPA) is a new nature-inspired algorithm, based on the characteristics of flowering plants. In this paper, a new hybrid optimization method called hybrid flower pollination algorithm with genetic (FPA-GA) is proposed. The method combines the standard flower pollination algorithm (FPA) with the genetic (GA) algorithm to improve the searching accuracy. The FPA-GA algorithm is used to solve constrained optimization problems. To verify the performance of FPA-GA, seven benchmark optimization problems chosen from literature are employed. Experimental results indicate that the proposed method performs better than, or at least comparable to state-of-the-art methods from literature when considering the quality of the solutions obtained. Experimental results further demonstrate the proposed method is very effective.

**Keywords:** Flower pollination algorithm; hybrid optimization; global optimization; genetic algorithm; Constrained Optimization.

## 1 Introduction

Optimization is a field of applied mathematics that deals with finding the extremal values of a function in a domain of definition, subject to various constraints on the variable values [1]. Global optimization refers to finding the extreme value of a given nonconvex function in a certain feasible region and such problems are classified in two classes; unconstrained and constrained problems. Solving global optimization problems has made great gain from the interest in the interface between computer science and operations research [1-5].

There are two categories of optimization techniques: exact and heuristic. Exact strategies guarantee the optimal solution will be found, and work well for many problems. However for complex problems or ones with a very large number of parameters, exact strategies may require very high computational costs [3]. A large amount of real-world problems fall in this category of complex problems, and in order to solve them in a reasonable amount of time a different approach is needed [3,6]. For these problems, Meta-heuristic algorithms are considered as efficient tools to obtain optimal solutions [6-29]. Two important characteristics of meta-heuristics are intensification and diversification. Intensification, also called exploitation, intends to use the information from the current best solutions. This process searches around the neighborhood of

the current best solutions and selects the best candidates. Diversification, also called exploration, guarantees that the algorithm can explore the search space more efficiently, often by randomization. This is the essential step that guarantees that the system can jump out of any local optima and can generate new solutions as diversely as possible [6-7].

These methods have received remarkable attentions as they are known to be derivative free, robust and often involve a small number of parameter tunings [6-29]. However, applying such single methods is sometimes too restrictive, especially for high dimensional and nonlinear problems. This is because these methods usually require a substantially huge amount of computational times and are frequently trapped in one of the local optima. Recently, different methods combining meta-heuristics with local search methods is a practical remedy to overcome the drawbacks of slow convergence and random constructions of meta-heuristics [30-38]. In these hybrid methods, local search strategies are inlaid inside meta-heuristics in order to guide them especially in the vicinity of local minima, and overcome their slow convergence especially in the final stage of the search.

Recently, Yang [39] developed a new Flower pollination algorithm (FP) that draws its inspiration from the flow pollination process of flowering plants. In this paper, a new

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hybrid optimization method is introduced. The proposed method, hybrid flower pollination algorithm with genetic algorithm for solving constrained global optimization problems. The experimental results showed that the accuracy and speed performance of the FPA-GA method had outperformed the other existing methods.

## 2. The Flower pollination Algorithm

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 we review the basic FPA. The genetic algorithm is presented in Section 3 respectively. The proposed algorithm is given in Section 4. The results are given in Section 5. In the last section we conclude this paper and point out some future research directions.

Flower Pollination Algorithm (FPA) was founded by Yang in the year 2012. Inspired by the flow pollination process of flowering plants are the following rules:

**Rule 1:** Biotic and cross-pollination can be considered as a process of global pollination process, and pollen-carrying pollinators move in a way that obeys Le'vy flights.

**Rule 2:** For local pollination, a biotic and self-pollination are used.

**Rule 3:** Pollinators such as insects can develop flower constancy, which is equivalent to a reproduction probability that is proportional to the similarity of two flowers involved.

**Rule 4:** The interaction or switching of local pollination and global pollination can be controlled by a switch probability  $p \in [0,1]$ , with a slight bias toward local pollination.

In order to formulate updating formulas, we have to convert the aforementioned rules into updating equations. For example, in the global pollination step, flower pollen gametes are carried by pollinators such as insects, and pollen can travel over a long distance because insects can often fly and move in a much longer range [39]. Therefore, Rule 1 and flower constancy can be represented mathematically as:

$$x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + \gamma L(\lambda)(x_i^t - B) \quad (1)$$

Where  $x_i^t$  is the pollen  $i$  or solution vector  $x_i$  at iteration  $t$ , and  $B$  is the current best solution found among all solutions at the current generation/iteration. Here  $\gamma$  is a scaling factor to control the step size. In addition,  $L(\lambda)$  is the parameter that corresponds to the strength of the pollination, which essentially is also the step size. Since insects may move over a long distance with various distance steps, we can use a Le'vy flight to imitate this characteristic efficiently. That is, we draw  $L > 0$  from a Levy distribution:

$$L \sim \frac{\lambda \Gamma(\lambda) \sin(\pi\lambda / 2)}{\pi} \frac{1}{S^{1+\lambda}}, (S \gg S_0 > 0) \quad (2)$$

Here,  $\Gamma(\lambda)$  is the standard gamma function, and this distribution is valid for large steps  $s > 0$ .

Then, to model the local pollination, both Rule 2 and Rule 3 can be represented as

$$x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + U(x_j^t - x_k^t) \quad (3)$$

Where  $x_j^t$  and  $x_k^t$  are pollen from different flowers of the same plant species. This essentially imitates the flower constancy in a limited neighborhood. Mathematically, if  $x_j^t$  and  $x_k^t$  comes from the same species or selected from the same population, this equivalently becomes a local random walk if we draw  $U$  from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ . Though Flower pollination activities can occur at all scales, both local and global, adjacent flower patches or flowers in the not-so-far-away neighborhood are more likely to be pollinated by local flower pollen than those faraway. In order to imitate this, we can effectively use the switch probability like in Rule 4 or the proximity probability  $p$  to switch between common global pollination to intensive local pollination. To begin with, we can use a naive value of  $p = 0.5$  as an initially value. A preliminary parametric showed that  $p = 0.8$  might work better for most applications [39-43]. The basic steps of FPA can be summarized as the pseudo-code shown in Figure 1.

### Algorithm 1: Flower pollination algorithm

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Define Objective function  $f(x)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ 
Initialize a population of  $n$  flowers/pollen gametes with
random solutions
Find the best solution  $B$  in the initial population
Define a switch probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ 
Define a stopping criterion (either a fixed number of
generations/iterations or accuracy)
while ( $t < \text{MaxGeneration}$ )
  for  $i = 1 : n$  (all  $n$  flowers in the population)
    if  $\text{rand} < p$ ,
      Draw a ( $d$ -dimensional) step vector  $L$  which obeys a
      Levy distribution
      Global pollination via  $x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + L(B - x_i^t)$ 
    else
      Draw  $U$  from a uniform distribution in  $[0,1]$ 
      Do local pollination via  $x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + U(x_j^t - x_k^t)$ 
  end if
  Evaluate new solutions
  If new solutions are better, update them in the population
end for
Find the current best solution  $B$ 
end while
Output the best solution found

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Fig. 1 Pseudo code of the Flower pollination algorithm

## 3 Genetic Algorithm

The basic steps of GA can be summarized as the pseudo-code shown in Figure 2.

$$\min F(x) = f(x) + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^K \max(0, g_n) \quad (4)$$

Where  $f(x)$  is the objective function for assignment problem is,  $\lambda$  is the penalty coefficient and it is set to a value of  $10^7$  in this paper,  $K$  is the number of constraints and  $g_n$  the constraints of the problem.

**Algorithm 2: Genetic algorithm**

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Define Objective function  $f(x)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ 
Encode the solution into chromosomes (binary strings)
Define fitness  $F(F \propto f(x))$  for maximization
Generate the initial population
Initial probabilities of crossover ( $p_c$ ) and mutation ( $p_m$ )
while ( $t < \text{MaxGeneration}$ ) or (stop criterion);
    Generate new solution by crossover and mutation
    if  $p_c > \text{rand}$ , Crossover; end if
    if  $p_m > \text{rand}$ , Mutate; end if
    Accept the new solutions if their fitness increase
    Select the current best for new generation (elitism)
end while
Decode the results and visualization
End
    
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Fig. 2 Pseudo code of genetic algorithm

**Algorithm 3: Hybrid FPA-GA**

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Define Objective function  $f(x)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ 
Initialize a population of  $n$  flowers/pollen gametes with random solutions
Find the best solution  $B$  in the initial population
Define a switch probability  $p \in [0, 1]$ 
Define a stopping criterion (either a fixed number of generations/iterations or accuracy)
Define Genetic algorithm parameters  $p_c, p_m$ 
Begin FPA
    while ( $t < \text{MaxGeneration}$ )
        for  $i = 1 : n$  (all  $n$  flowers in the population)
            if  $\text{rand} < p$ ,
                Draw a ( $d$ -dimensional) step vector  $L$  which obeys a  $L'$  Levy distribution
                Global pollination via  $x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + L(B - x_i^t)$ 
            else
                Draw  $U$  from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ 
                Do local pollination via  $x_i^{t+1} = x_i^t + U(x_j^t - x_k^t)$ 
            end if
            Evaluate new solutions
            If new solutions are better, update them in the population
        end for
        Find the current best solution  $B$ 
    end while
    Final the best solution found
End begin FPA
Begin GA
     $i = 0$ 
    Initial population  $P(0) = \text{Final best population of flowers/pollen gametes}$ 
    Evaluate  $P(0)$  fitness
    while ( $t < \text{MaxGeneration}$ ) or (stop criterion); do
         $i = i + 1$ 
        Select  $P(i)$  from  $P(i - 1)$ 
        Recombine  $P(i)$  with crossover probability  $p_c$ 
        Mutate  $P(i)$  with mutation probability  $p_m$ 
        Evaluate  $P(i)$  fitness
    end while
    Rank the chromosomes, find the current best and save
    Postprocess results and visualization
end begin GA
    
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Fig. 3 Pseudo code of the FPA-GA

## 4 Proposed Hybrid Flower Pollination Algorithm and Genetic Algorithm for Constrained Optimization Problems

This section describes the proposed hybrid flower pollination and genetic algorithm. The initial motivation of developing hybrid FPA-GA approach is to combine the advantages of both flower pollination algorithm and genetic algorithm. To find an optimal solution to an optimization problem is often a very challenging task, depending on the choice and the correct use of optimization technique. In general, an ideal global optimization technique should have the following characteristics: method should be easy and simple to implement, good balance between exploration and exploitation, true global optimum should be found in each run, convergence should be fast, algorithm should have minimum control parameters to tune and algorithm should require minimum computational power to run effectively. In the first step, FPA explores the search place in order to either isolate the most promising region of the search space. In the second step, to improve global search and get rid of trapping into several local optima, it is introduced GA to explore search space (starting with the solution obtained by FPA and find new better solutions. The steps of the proposed algorithm for solving constrained global optimization problems can be summarized as the pseudo-code shown in Figure 3.

### 4.1 Handling Constraints

One of the well-known techniques of handling constraints is using penalty function, which transforms constrained problem into unconstrained ones, consisting of a sum of the objective and the constraints weighted by penalties. By using penalty function methods, the objectives are inclined to guide the search toward the feasible solutions. Hence, in this paper the corresponding objective function used in is defined and described as:

## 5 Experimental Results

Most real-world engineering optimization problems are nonlinear with complex constraints. In some cases, the optimal solutions of interest do not even exist. In order to evaluate the performance of FPA-GA, it is tested against the following well-known benchmark design problems.

In this section, we will carry out numerical simulation based on some well-known constrained optimization problems to investigate the performances of the proposed algorithm. The best results obtained by FPA-GA for test problems (1–7) are presented in Table 1. In these problems, the initial parameters are set at  $n = 50$  and the number of iterations is set to  $t = 1000$ . The results of FPA-GA algorithm are conducted from 40 independent runs for each problem. The comparison between the results determined by the proposed approach and the compared algorithms are reported in Table 1. The statistical results of the FPA-GA on the benchmark problems are summarized in Table 2. It includes the known optimal solution for each test problem and the obtained best, median, mean and worst values and the standard deviations (SD).

The results have demonstrated the superiority of the proposed approach to finding the global optimal solution. So far, these problems have been widely used as benchmarks for research with different methods by many researchers. Definitions of benchmark problems are described as follows:

### 5.1 Test problem 1

This problem, originally introduced by Bracken and McCormick [44], is a constrained minimization problem. Table 1 shows the best solution from the FPA-GA algorithm and also provides the results obtained using the GA (Homaifar et al. [20]), the evolutionary programming (Fogel [45]) and harmony search (Lee and Geem [46]). The problem can be formulated as:

$$\min f(x) = (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \quad (5)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2,$$

$$g_2(x) = \frac{-x_1^2}{4} - x_2^2 + 1 \geq 0,$$

$$-10 \leq x_1 \leq 10, -10 \leq x_2 \leq 10$$

### 5.2 Test problem 2

This function is a minimization problem with two design variables and two inequality constraints. The FPA-GA best solutions were compared to the previous solutions reported by Deb [47] using GA and Lee and Geem [45] using harmony search in Table 1. The problem formulation is:

$$\min f(x) = (x_1^2 + x_2 - 11)^2 + (x_1 + x_2^2 - 7)^2 \quad (6)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = 4.84 - (x_1 - 0.05)^2 - (x_2 - 2.5)^2 \geq 0,$$

$$g_2(x) = x_1^2 + (x_2 - 2.5)^2 - 4.84 \geq 0,$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 6, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 6$$

### 5.3 Test problem 3

The welded beam structure is a practical design problem that has been often used as a benchmark for testing different optimization methods [5, 47-49]. The structure consists of beam A and the weld required to hold the beam to member B. A welded beam is designed for minimum cost  $f(x)$  subject to constraints:  $g_1$  shear stress  $\tau$ ,  $g_2$  bending stress in the beam  $\sigma$ ,  $g_7$  buckling load on the bar  $\zeta(x)$ ,  $g_6$  end deflection of the beam  $\delta$  and  $g_3$ ;  $g_4$ ;  $g_5$  side constraints [2,5]. And there are four design variables. The FPA-GA best solutions were compared to the previous solutions reported by other method in Table 1. The problem can be stated as follows:

$$\min f(x) = 1.10471x_1^2x_2 + 0.04811x_3x_4(14.0 + x_2), \quad (7)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = \tau(x) - \tau_{\max} \leq 0,$$

$$g_2(x) = \sigma(x) - \sigma_{\max} \leq 0,$$

$$g_3(x) = x_1 - x_4 \leq 0,$$

$$g_4(x) = 0.10471x_1^2 + 0.04811x_3x_4(14.0 + x_2) - 5.0 \leq 0,$$

$$g_5(x) = 0.125 - x_1 \leq 0,$$

$$g_6(x) = \delta(x) - \delta_{\max} \leq 0,$$

$$g_7(x) = \zeta - \zeta(x) \leq 0$$

where

$$\tau(x) = \sqrt{(\tau')^2 + 2\tau'\tau'' \frac{x_2}{2R} + (\tau'')^2},$$

$$\tau' = \frac{P}{\sqrt{2}x_1x_2}, \tau'' = \frac{MR}{J}, M = P(L + \frac{x_2}{2}),$$

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{x_2^2}{4} + (\frac{x_1 + x_3}{2})^2},$$

$$J = 2 \left\{ \sqrt{2}x_1x_2 \left[ \frac{x_2^2}{12} + (\frac{x_1 + x_3}{2})^2 \right] \right\},$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{6PL}{x_4x_3^2}, \delta(x) = \frac{4PL^3}{Ex_3^3x_4},$$

$$\zeta(x) = \frac{4.013E \sqrt{\frac{x_3^2x_4^6}{36}}}{L^2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_3}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{E}{4G}} \right),$$

$$P = 6000 \text{ lb}, L = 14 \text{ in.}, E = 30 \times 10^6 \text{ psi},$$

$$G = 12 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}, \tau_{\max} = 30600 \text{ psi}, \sigma_{\max} = 30000,$$

$$\delta_{\max} = 0.25 \text{ in.}$$

### 5.4 Test problem 4

Himmelblau's Nonlinear Optimization Problem, This problem is originally proposed by Himmelblau [50] and solved using Generalize Reduced Gradient method (GRG). Table 1 lists the optimal values of the function problem obtained by the FPA-GA algorithm, and compares

them with earlier results reported by other methods Has been solved by Deb [47], Lee and Geem [46].

$$\min f(x) = 5.357847x_3^2 + 0.8356891x_1x_5 + 37.293239x_1 - 40792.141, \quad (8)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = 85.334407 + 0.0056858x_2x_5 + 0.00026x_1x_2 - 0.0022053x_3x_5,$$

$$g_2(x) = 80.51249 + 0.0071317x_2x_5 + 0.0029955x_1x_2 + 0.0021813x_3^2,$$

$$g_3(x) = 9.300961 + 0.0047026x_3x_5 + 0.0012547x_1x_3 + 0.0019085x_3x_4,$$

$$0 \leq g_1(x) \leq 92, 90 \leq g_2(x) \leq 110, 20 \leq g_3(x) \leq 25$$

$$78 \leq x_1 \leq 102, 33 \leq x_2 \leq 45, 27 \leq x_j \leq 45, j = 3, 4, 5.$$

### 5.5 Test problem 5

Tension/Compression String, This problem, is described by Arora [9], Coello [51] and Belegundu [52], and it consists of minimizing the weight of a tension/compression spring subject to constraints on minimum deflection, shear stress, surge frequency, limits on outside diameter and on design variables. The design variables are the wire diameter  $d=x_1$ , the mean coil diameter  $D=x_2$ , and the number of active coils  $N=x_3$ . Formally, the problem can be expressed as:

$$\min f(x) = (x_3 + 2)x_2x_1^2, \quad (9)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = 1 - \frac{x_2^3x_3}{71785x_1^4} \leq 0,$$

$$g_2(x) = \frac{4x_2^2 - x_2x_1}{2566(x_2x_1^3 - x_1^4)} + \frac{1}{5108x_1^2} - 1 \leq 0,$$

$$g_3(x) = 1 - \frac{140.45x_1}{x_2^2x_3} \leq 0,$$

$$g_4(x) = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{1.5} - 1 \leq 0,$$

$$0.05 \leq x_1 \leq 2, 0.25 \leq x_2 \leq 1.3, 2 \leq x_3 \leq 15$$

Table 1 lists the best solution of Tension/Compression String problem obtained by the FPA-GA algorithm, and compares them with previous best solutions reported by Belegundu [52], Arora [9], Coello [51], Mahdavi et al. [53], Shi and Eberhart[41].

### 5.6 Test problem 6

The pressure vessel design was previously analyzed by Sandgren [54] who first proposed this problem. The objective is to minimize the total cost  $f(x)$  including the cost of the material, forming and welding. There are four design variables:  $x_1$  ( $T_s$ , shell thickness),  $x_2$  ( $T_h$ , spherical head thickness),  $x_3$  ( $R$ , radius of cylindrical shell) and  $x_4$  ( $L$ , shell length).  $T_s=x_1$  and  $T_h=x_2$  are integer multipliers of 0.0625 in. in accordance with the available thickness of rolled steel plates, and  $R=x_3$  and  $L=x_4$  have Continuous values of  $40 \leq R \leq 80$  in. and  $20 \leq L \leq 60$  in., respectively. The mathematical

formulation of the optimization problem can be stated as follows:

$$\min f(x) = 0.6224x_1x_3x_4 + 1.7781x_2x_3^2 + 3.1661x_1^2x_4 \quad (10) + 19.84x_1^2x_3$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = -x_1 + 0.193x_3 \leq 0,$$

$$g_2(x) = -x_2 + 0.00954x_3 \leq 0,$$

$$g_3(x) = -\pi x_3^2x_4 - \frac{4}{3}\pi x_3^3 + 1296000 \leq 0,$$

$$g_4(x) = x_4 - 240 \leq 0,$$

$$g_5(x) = 1.1 - x_1 \leq 0,$$

$$g_6(x) = 0.6 - x_2 \leq 0,$$

The FPA-GA algorithm was applied to the pressure vessel optimization problem and the optimal results were compared to earlier solutions reported by Sandgren [54] and Wu and Chow [55], Geem [46] and Mahdavi et al. [53], as shown in Table 1.

### 5.7 Test problem 7

Heat Exchanger Design is a benchmark minimization problem that is regarded as difficult test case due to all the constraints are binding. This constrained function has eight variables and six inequality constraints, and has been solved previously by Deb [47], Michalewicz [56], Joines et al. [57], Lee and Geem[46]. The results show in Table 1. The problem formulation is:

$$\min f(x) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3, \quad (11)$$

s.t.

$$g_1(x) = 0.0025(x_4 + x_6) - 1 \leq 0,$$

$$g_2(x) = 0.0025(x_5 + x_7 - x_4) - 1 \leq 0,$$

$$g_3(x) = -1 - 0.01(x_8 - x_5) \geq 0,$$

$$g_4(x) = x_1x_6 - 833.33252x_4 - 100x_1 + 83333.333 \geq 0,$$

$$g_5(x) = x_2x_7 - 1250x_5 - x_2x_4 + 1250x_4 \geq 0,$$

$$g_6(x) = x_3x_8 - x_3x_5 + 2500x_5 - 1250000 \geq 0,$$

$$100 \leq x_1 \leq 10000, 1000 \leq x_2, x_3 \leq 10000, 10 \leq x_j \leq 1000, (j = 4, \dots, 8)$$

## 6 Conclusions

In the present study, FPA-GA algorithm has been employed to solve constrained optimization problems. FPA-GA has been validated using several benchmark mathematical and engineering design problems. To verify the performance of FPA-GA, seven benchmark optimization problems chosen from the literature are employed. The results show that the proposed FPA-GA algorithm clearly outperforms the basic FPA and GA. Compared with some evolution algorithms from literature, we find that our algorithm is superior to or at least highly competitive with these algorithms. In the last, experiments have been conducted on Lorenz system and

Chen system. Simulation results and comparisons demonstrate the proposed method is very effective. The proposed FPA-GA algorithm can be extended to solve other problem such as combinatorial optimization problems.

**Table 1:** the best solution of proposed algorithm and other algorithms for solving constrained optimization problems.

| Test problem | Optimum solution | The proposed algorithm |              | Other algorithms       |                   |              |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|              |                  | The best solution      | CPU time (s) | Name                   | The best solution | CPU time (s) |
| P1           | 1.3935           | 1.3935                 | 0.11         | Homaifar et al. [20]   | 1.4339            | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Fogel [45]             | 2.3772            | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Lee and Geem[46]       | 1.3770            | Unavailable  |
| P2           | 13.59085         | 13.59085               | 0.8          | Lee and Geem [46]      | 13.590845         | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Deb [47]               | 13.58958          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Mahdavi et al. [53]    | 13.590841         | Unavailable  |
| P3           | -                | 1.724840               | 0.71         | Fesanghary et al. [30] | 1.7248            | 4.138        |
|              |                  |                        |              | Shi and Eberhart [41]  | 1.72485084        | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Lee and Geem [46]      | 2.38              | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Mahdavi et al. [53]    | 1.7248            | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Coello [58]            | 1.7483            | Unavailable  |
| P4           | -                | -31025.56541           | 0.51         | Fesanghary et al. [30] | -31024.316        | 1.306        |
|              |                  |                        |              | Shi and Eberhart [41]  | -31025.56142      | Unavailable  |
| P5           | -                | 0.0126657981091        | 0.86         | Arora [9]              | 0.0127302737      | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Shi and Eberhart [41]  | 0.0126661409      | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Coello [51]            | 0.012681          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Belegundu [52]         | 0.0128334378      | Unavailable  |
| P6           | -                | 6059.719980            | 1.017        | Mahdavi et al.[53]     | 7197.730          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Lee and Geem[46]       | 7198.433          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Wu and Chow[55]        | 7207.494          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Sandgren [54]          | 7980.894          | Unavailable  |
| P7           | 7049.3307        | 7049.3307              | 1.48         | Lee and Geem [46]      | 7057.274414       | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Deb [47]               | 7060.221          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Michalewicz [56]       | 7377.976          | Unavailable  |
|              |                  |                        |              | Joines [57]            | 7068.6880         | Unavailable  |

**Table 2:** Best Results for the benchmark problems by FPA-GA

| Test problem | Global optimal | Results of proposed FPA-GA |              |              |              |          |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|              |                | best                       | median       | mean         | worst        | SD       |
| P1           | 1.3935         | 1.3935                     | 1.3935       | 1.3935       | 1.3935       | 2.1E-04  |
| P2           | 13.59085       | 13.59085                   | 13.59085     | 13.59080     | 13.59085     | 1.1E-14  |
| P3           | -              | 1.724840                   | 1.724840     | 1.7248401    | 1.724840     | 0.00E+00 |
| P4           | -              | -31025.56541               | -31025.56541 | -31025.56541 | -31025.56541 | 0.00E+00 |
| P5           | -              | 0.0126657                  | 0.0126657    | 0.0126657    | 0.0126657    | 1.35E-16 |
| P6           | -              | 6059.719980                | 6059.719980  | 6059.719980  | 6059.719980  | 0.00E+00 |
| P7           | 7049.3307      | 7049.3307                  | 7049.3307    | 7049.3307    | 7049.2216    | 1.3E-02  |

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