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README

Binder

The python version reference vector guided evolutionary algorithm.

Currently supported: Multi-objective minimization with visualization and interaction support. Preference is accepted as a reference point.

To test the code, open the [binder link](#) and read example.ipynb.

Read the documentation [here](#)

1.1 Requirements:

- Python 3.6 or up
- [Poetry dependency manager](#)

1.2 Installation process:

- Download and extract the code
- Create a new virtual environment for the project
- Run `poetry install --no-dev` in the activated virtual environment to install the packages necessary to run the code.
- If you want to take part in the development process, run `poetry install` instead.

1.3 See the details of RVEA in the following paper

R. Cheng, Y. Jin, M. Olhofer and B. Sendhoff, A Reference Vector Guided Evolutionary Algorithm for Many-objective Optimization, IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, 2016

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PYRVEA PACKAGE

2.1 pyRVEA.EAs

2.1.1 pyRVEA.EAs.NSGAIII module

class `pyRVEA.EAs.NSGAIII.NSGAIII` (*population: Population, EA_parameters: dict = None*)
Bases: `pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA.BaseDecompositionEA`

Python Implementation of NSGA-III. Based on the pymoo package.

[description]

select (*population: Population*)
Describe a selection mechanism. Return indices of selected individuals.

Parameters `population` (`Population`) – Contains the current population and problem information.

Returns List of indices of individuals to be selected.

Return type list

set_params (*population: Population = None, population_size: int = None, lattice_resolution: int = None, interact: bool = True, a_priori_preference: bool = False, generations_per_iteration: int = 100, iterations: int = 10, plotting: bool = True*)
Set up the parameters. Save in self.params

2.1.2 pyRVEA.EAs.RVEA module

class `pyRVEA.EAs.RVEA.RVEA` (*population: Population, EA_parameters: dict = None*)
Bases: `pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA.BaseDecompositionEA`

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select (*population: Population*)

Describe a selection mechanism. Return indices of selected individuals.

APD Based selection. # This is different from the paper. # params.genetations != total number of generations. This is a compromise. Also this APD uses an archived ideal point, rather than current, potentially worse ideal point.

Parameters *population* (*Population*) – Population information

Returns list: Indices of selected individuals.

Return type list

set_params (*population: Population = None, population_size: int = None, lattice_resolution: int = None, interact: bool = False, a_priori_preference: bool = False, generations_per_iteration: int = 100, iterations: int = 10, Alpha: float = 2, plotting: bool = True*)

Set up the parameters. Save in RVEA.params. Note, this should be changed to align with the current structure.

Parameters

- **population** (*Population*) – Population object
- **population_size** (*int*) – Population Size
- **lattice_resolution** (*int*) – Lattice resolution
- **interact** (*bool*) – bool to enable or disable interaction. Enabled if True
- **a_priori_preference** (*bool*) – similar to interact
- **generations_per_iteration** (*int*) – Number of generations per iteration.
- **iterations** (*int*) – Total Number of iterations.
- **Alpha** (*float*) – The alpha parameter of APD selection.
- **plotting** (*bool*) – Useless really.

2.1.3 pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA module

class `pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA.BaseDecompositionEA` (*population: Population, EA_parameters: dict = None*)

Bases: `pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA.BaseEA`

This class provides the basic structure for decomposition based Evolutionary algorithms, such as RVEA or NSGA-III.

continue_evolution () → bool

Checks whether the current iteration should be continued or not.

continue_iteration ()

Checks whether the current iteration should be continued or not.

select (*population*) → list

Describe a selection mechanism. Return indices of selected individuals.

Parameters *population* (*Population*) – Contains the current population and problem information.

Returns List of indices of individuals to be selected.

Return type list


```
class pyRVEA.EAs.baseEA.BaseEA
```

Bases: object

This class provides the basic structure for Evolutionary algorithms.

```
set_params()
```

Set up the parameters. Save in self.params

2.2 pyRVEA.OtherTools

2.2.1 pyRVEA.OtherTools.IsNotebook module

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.IsNotebook.IsNotebook() → bool
```

Checks if the current environment is a Jupyter Notebook or a console.

Returns True if notebook. False if console

Return type bool

2.2.2 pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors module

```
class pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.ReferenceVectors(lattice_resolution: int,  
number_of_objectives:  
int, creation_type: str =  
'Uniform', vector_type:  
str = 'Spherical',  
ref_point: list = None)
```

Bases: object

Class object for reference vectors.

```
adapt(fitness: numpy.ndarray)
```

Adapt reference vectors. Then normalize.

Parameters *fitness* (*np.ndarray*) –

```
add_edge_vectors()
```

Add edge vectors to the list of reference vectors.

Used to cover the entire orthant when preference information is provided.

```
interactive_adapt_1(ref_point, translation_param=0.2)
```

Adapt reference vectors linearly towards a reference point. Then normalize.

The details can be found in the following paper: Hakanen, Jussi & Chugh, Tinkle & Sindhya, Karthik & Jin, Yaochu & Miettinen, Kaisa. (2016). Connections of Reference Vectors and Different Types of Preference Information in Interactive Multiobjective Evolutionary Algorithms.

Parameters

- **ref_point** –
- **translation_param** – (Default value = 0.2)

```
neighbouring_angles() → numpy.ndarray
```

Calculate neighbouring angles for normalization.

```
normalize()
```

Normalize the reference vectors to a unit hypersphere.

slow_interactive_adapt (*ref_point*)

Basically a wrapper around `rotate_toward`. Slowly rotate ref vectors toward `ref_point`. Return a boolean value to tell if the `ref_point` has been reached.

Parameters `ref_point` (*list or np.ndarray*) – The reference vectors will slowly move towards the `ref_point`.

Returns True if `ref_point` has been reached. False otherwise.

Return type boolean

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.householder` (*vector*)

Return reflection matrix via householder transformation.

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.normalize` (*vectors*)

Normalize a set of vectors.

The length of the returned vectors will be unity.

Parameters `vectors` (*np.ndarray*) – Set of vectors of any length, except zero.

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.rotate` (*initial_vector, rotated_vector, other_vectors*)

Calculate the rotation matrix that rotates the `initial_vector` to the `rotated_vector`. Apply that rotation on `other_vectors` and return. Uses Householder reflections twice to achieve this.

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.rotate_toward` (*initial_vector, final_vector, other_vectors, degrees: float = 5*)

Rotate `other_vectors` (with the centre at `initial_vector`) towards `final_vector` by an angle `degrees`.

Parameters

- **initial_vector** (*np.ndarray*) – Centre of the vectors to be rotated.
- **final_vector** (*np.ndarray*) – The final position of the center of `other_vectors`.
- **other_vectors** (*np.ndarray*) – The array of vectors to be rotated
- **degrees** (*float, optional*) – The amount of rotation (the default is 5)

Returns

- **rotated_vectors** (*np.ndarray*) – The rotated vectors
- **reached** (*bool*) – True if `final_vector` has been reached

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.ReferenceVectors.shear` (*vectors, degrees: float = 5*)

Shear a set of vectors lying on the plane `z=0` towards the `z`-axis, such that the resulting vectors ‘degrees’ angle away from the `z` axis.

`z` is the last element of the vector, and has to be equal to zero.

Parameters

- **vectors** (*numpy.ndarray*) – The final element of each vector should be zero.
- **degrees** (*float, optional*) – The angle that the resultant vectors make with the `z` axis. Unit is radians. (the default is 5)

2.2.3 pyRVEA.OtherTools.newRV module

2.2.4 pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate module

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_2d_init_` (*data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], filename: str*) → dict

Initiate a 2D scatter animation.

Only for 2D data.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[numpy.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – Objective values
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of the file to which plot is saved

Returns Plotly Figure Object

Return type dict

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_2d_next_` (*data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], figure: dict, filename: str, generation: int*) → dict

Plot the next set of individuals in a 2D scatter animation.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[numpy.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – The objective values to be plotted
- **figure** (*dict*) – Plotly figure object compatible dict
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of the file to which the plot is saved
- **generation** (*int*) – Iteration Number

Returns Plotly Figure Object

Return type dict

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_3d_init_` (*data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], filename: str*) → dict

Plot the first (or zeroth) iteration of a population.

Intended as a frames object. Plots Scatter 3D data.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[numpy.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – Contains the data to be plotted. Each row is an individual's objective values.
- **filename** (*str*) – Contains the name of the file to which the plot is saved.

Returns Plotly figure object

Return type dict

`pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_3d_next_` (*data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], figure: dict, filename: str, generation: int*) → dict

Plot the next set of individuals in an animation.

Plots scatter for 3D data.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[np.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – The objective values to be plotted
- **figure** (*dict*) – Plotly figure object compatible dict
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of the file to which the plot is saved
- **generation** (*int*) – Iteration Number

Returns Plotly Figure Object

Return type dict

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_init_(data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], filename: str) → dict
```

Plot the first (or zeroth) iteration of a population.

Intended as a frames object. Plots Scatter for 2D and 3D data. Plots parallel coordinate plot for higher dimensional data.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[np.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – Contains the data to be plotted. Each row is an individual's objective values.
- **filename** (*str*) – Contains the name of the file to which the plot is saved.

Returns Plotly figure object

Return type dict

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_next_(data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], figure: dict, filename: str, generation: int) → dict
```

Plot the next set of individuals in an animation.

Plots scatter for 2D and 3D data, parallel coordinate plot for 4D and up.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[np.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – The objective values to be plotted
- **figure** (*dict*) – Plotly figure object compatible dict
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of the file to which the plot is saved
- **generation** (*int*) – Iteration Number

Returns Plotly Figure Object

Return type dict

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_parallel_coords_init_(data: Union[numpy.ndarray, pandas.core.frame.DataFrame, list], filename: str) → dict
```

Plot the first (or zeroth) iteration of a population.

Intended as a frames object. Plots parallel coordinate plot for >3D data.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[np.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – Contains the data to be plotted. Each row is an individual's objective values.
- **filename** (*str*) – Contains the name of the file to which the plot is saved.

Returns Plotly figure object

Return type dict

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.animate_parallel_coords_next_(data:
                                                                Union[numpy.ndarray,
                                                                pan-
                                                                das.core.frame.DataFrame,
                                                                list], figure: dict,
                                                                filename: str,
                                                                generation: int)
                                                                → dict
```

Plot the next set of individuals in an animation.

Plots parallel coordinate plot for 4D and up.

Parameters

- **data** (*Union[np.ndarray, pd.DataFrame, list]*) – The objective values to be plotted
- **figure** (*dict*) – Plotly figure object compatible dict
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of the file to which the plot is saved
- **generation** (*int*) – Iteration Number

Returns Plotly Figure Object

Return type dict

```
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.test()
pyRVEA.OtherTools.plotlyanimate.test2()
```

2.2.5 pyRVEA.OtherTools.symmetric_vectors module

2.3 pyRVEA.Population

2.3.1 pyRVEA.Population.Population module

```
class pyRVEA.Population.Population.Population(problem: baseProblem, assign_type: str
                                                = 'RandomAssign', plotting: bool = True,
                                                *args)
```

Bases: object

Define the population.

add (*new_pop: numpy.ndarray*)

Evaluate and add individuals to the population. Update ideal and nadir point.

Parameters **new_pop** (*np.ndarray*) – Decision variable values for new population.

append_individual (*ind: numpy.ndarray*)

Evaluate and add individual to the population.

Parameters *ind* (*np.ndarray*) –

create_new_individuals (*design: str = 'LHSDesign', pop_size: int = None, decision_variables=None*)

Create, evaluate and add new individuals to the population. Initiate Plots.

The individuals can be created randomly, by LHS design, or can be passed by the user.

Parameters

- **design** (*str, optional*) – Describe the method of creation of new individuals. “RandomDesign” creates individuals randomly. “LHSDesign” creates individuals using Latin hypercube sampling.
- **pop_size** (*int, optional*) – Number of individuals in the population. If none, some default population size based on number of objectives is chosen.
- **decision_variables** (*numpy array or list, optional*) – Pass decision variables to be added to the population.

eval_fitness ()

Calculate fitness based on objective values. Fitness = obj if minimized.

evaluate_individual (*ind: numpy.ndarray*)

Evaluate individual.

Returns objective values, constraint violation, and fitness.

Parameters *ind* (*np.ndarray*) –

evolve (*EA: BaseEA = None, EA_parameters: dict = None*) → Population

Evolve the population with interruptions.

Evolves the population based on the EA sent by the user.

Parameters

- **EA** (*"BaseEA"*) – Should be a derivative of BaseEA (Default value = None)
- **EA_parameters** (*dict*) – Contains the parameters needed by EA (Default value = None)

hypervolume (*ref_point*)

Calculate hypervolume. Uses package pygmo. Add checks to prevent errors.

Parameters *ref_point* –

keep (*indices: list*)

Remove individuals from population which are not in “indices”.

Parameters *indices* (*list*) – Indices of individuals to keep

mate ()

Conduct crossover and mutation over the population.

Conduct simulated binary crossover and bounded polynomial mutation.

non_dominated ()

Fix this. check if nd2 and nds mean the same thing

plot_init ()

Initialize animation objects. Return figure

plot_objectives (*iteration: int*)

Plot the objective values of individuals in notebook. This is a hack.

Parameters *iteration* (*int*) – Iteration count.

update_ideal_and_nadir (*new_objective_vals: list = None*)

Updates self.ideal and self.nadir in the fitness space.

Uses the entire population if new_objective_vals is none.

Parameters *new_objective_vals* (*list, optional*) – Objective values for a newly added individual (the default is None, which calculated the ideal and nadir for the entire population.)

2.4 pyRVEA.Problem package

2.4.1 Submodules

2.4.2 pyRVEA.Problem.baseProblem module

```
class pyRVEA.Problem.baseProblem.baseProblem (name=None, num_of_variables=None,  
                                              num_of_objectives=None,  
                                              num_of_constraints=0, upper_limits=1,  
                                              lower_limits=0)
```

Bases: object

Base class for the problems.

constraints (*decision_variables*)

Accept a sample and/or corresponding objective values.

Parameters *decision_variables* –

objectives (*decision_variables*)

Accept a sample. Return Objective values.

Parameters *decision_variables* –

update ()

Update the problem based on new information.

2.4.3 pyRVEA.Problem.testProblem module

```
class pyRVEA.Problem.testProblem.testProblem (name=None, num_of_variables=None,  
                                              num_of_objectives=None,  
                                              num_of_constraints=0, upper_limits=1,  
                                              lower_limits=0)
```

Bases: `pyRVEA.Problem.baseProblem.baseProblem`

Defines the problem.

constraints (*decision_variables, objective_variables*)

Calculate constraint violation.

Parameters

- *decision_variables* –
- *objective_variables* –

objectives (*decision_variables*) → list
Use this method to calculate objective functions.

Parameters **decision_variables** –

2.5 pyRVEA.Recombination package

2.5.1 Module contents

2.6 pyRVEA.Selection package

2.6.1 Submodules

2.6.2 pyRVEA.Selection.APD_select module

pyRVEA.Selection.APD_select.**APD_select** (*fitness: list, vectors: ReferenceVectors, penalty_factor: float, ideal: list = None*)

Select individuals for mating on basis of Angle penalized distance.

Parameters

- **fitness** (*list*) – Fitness of the current population.
- **vectors** (*ReferenceVectors*) – Class containing reference vectors.
- **penalty_factor** (*float*) – Multiplier of angular deviation from Reference vectors. See RVEA paper for details.
- **ideal** (*list*) – ideal point for the population. Uses the min fitness value if None.

Returns A list of indices of the selected individuals.

Return type [type]

2.6.3 pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select module

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**NSGAIII_select** (*fitness: list, ref_dirs: ReferenceVectors, ideal_point: list = None, worst_point: list = None, extreme_points: list = None, n_survive: int = None*)

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**associate_to_niches** (*F, ref_dirs, ideal_point, nadir_point, utopian_epsilon=0.0*)

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**calc_niche_count** (*n_niches, niche_of_individuals*)

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**calc_perpendicular_distance** (*N, ref_dirs*)

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**get_extreme_points_c** (*F, ideal_point, extreme_points=None*)

Taken from pymoo

pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.**get_nadir_point** (*extreme_points, ideal_point, worst_point, worst_of_front, worst_of_population*)


```
pyRVEA.Selection.NSGAIII_select.niching(F, n_remaining, niche_count,  
                                         niche_of_individuals, dist_to_niche)
```


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