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Data-driven Evolutionary Optimization – Integrating Evolutionary Computation, **Machine Learning and Data Sciences**



Abstract

Many real-world complex optimization problems can be solved based on data only, which is known as data-driven optimization. In this talk, we discuss

the main challenges in data-driven evolutionary algorithms resulting from complexities in data as well the problems to be optimized. We then present recent advances in data-driven optimization that systematically integrate advanced machine learning techniques including active learning, semi-supervised learning and transfer learning, with evolutionary algorithms. Real-world examples are provided to illustrate different model management strategies for handing different data-driven optimization problems.

Biography (i)

Yaochu Jin received the B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees from Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, in 1988, 1991, and 1996, respectively, and the Dr.-Ing. degree from Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, in 2001.

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Dr Jin is the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON COGNITIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL SYSTEMS and Co-Editor-in-Chief of Complex & Intelligent Systems. He is an IEEE Distinguished Lecturer (2013-2015 and 2017-2019) and past Vice President for Technical Activities of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (2014-2015). He is the recipient of the 2018 IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation Outstanding Paper Award, the 2015 and 2017 IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine Outstanding Paper Award. He is a Fellow of IEEE.





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