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# Adaptive Dynamic Disturbance Strategy for Differential Evolution Algorithm

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**Abstract:** To overcome the problems of slow convergence speed, premature convergence leading to local optimization and parameter constraints when solving high-dimensional multi-modal optimization problems, an adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy for differential evolution algorithm (ADDSDE) is proposed. Firstly, this entails using the chaos mapping strategy to initialize the population to increase population diversity, and secondly, a new weighted mutation operator is designed to weigh and combinemutation strategies of the standard differential evolution (DE). The scaling factor and crossover probability are adaptively adjusted to dynamically balance the global search ability and local exploration ability. Finally, a Gauss perturbation operator is introduced to generate a random disturbance variation, and to accelerate premature individuals to jump out of local optimization. The algorithm runs independently on five benchmark functions 20 times, and the results show that the ADDSDE algorithm has better global optimization search ability, faster convergence speed and higher accuracy and stability compared with other optimization algorithms, which provide assistance insolving high-dimensionaland complex problems in engineering and information science.

**Keywords:** differential evolution algorithm; adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy; Gauss perturbation; benchmark functions

## 1. Introduction

The differential evolution (DE) algorithm was proposed by Storn and Price in 1995 [1,2]. It was originally used to solve the Chebyshev polynomial problem, and is a bionic optimization algorithm based on swarm evolution. DE's unique population memory capability gives the algorithm a strong global search capability and robust performance. As a highly efficient parallel search algorithm with few controlled parameters, the DE algorithm has been widely used in neuron networks [3,4], power systems [5,6], vehicle routing problems [7–11] and many other fields [12–20]. Like other intelligent algorithms, however, the DE algorithm also has disadvantages such as precocity, strong parameter dependence and difficulty in obtaining global optimum values for high-dimensional complex objective functions [21–27]. Therefore, researchers proposed a number of improvement strategies for DE's existing shortcomings. First, to improve the existing parameters—Chiou et al. [28] proposed a variable scaling factor differential evolution algorithm, which does not require mutation selection. The type of operation, compared to the random scaling factor, has a large improvement in performance. Secondly, adding new operations was suggested—Wang et al. [29] proposed a generalized inverse differential evolution algorithm, which introduces generalized opposition-based learning based on

reverse learning techniques; this prevents the algorithm from falling into a local optimum to a certain extent. Third, multiple groups—Ali et al. [30] divided the population into independent subgroups, with each having different mutation and updating strategies, and introduced a multi-population DE to solve large-scale global optimization problems. Finally, the fourth suggestion was the hybrid algorithm—Trivedi et al. [31] proposed a hybrid evolutionary model based on genetic algorithms and differential evolution. The binary variables evolved based on the genetic algorithm and the continuous variables evolved based on the DE algorithm, which was used to solve a nonlinear, high-dimensional, highconstrained and mixed-integer optimization problem.

These classical improved algorithms improve the optimization performance of the DE algorithm to a certain extent, but for some high-dimensional and complex problems, there are still disadvantages of falling into the local optimum. Experiments show that the most critical operation in the DE algorithm is differential variation, and the core of differential variation is the composition of differential vectors. Most of the existing improved algorithms adopt adaptive adjustment parameters or randomly choose a mutation strategy. Although the random strategy improves the global search ability of the algorithm and population diversity, the evolutionary direction of the population is more difficult to control, which may cause the population to deviate from the direction of the optimal value search, and an excessive number of iterations will also lead to a decrease in the convergence rate of the algorithm.

In order to balance the global optimum and the local optimum, an adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy differential evolution algorithm is proposed in this paper. On the basis of the adaptive adjustment of policy level control parameters, it is added a dimensional variation disturbance strategy. Through the theoretical analysis of algorithm factors and performance testing of standard test functions, the results show that when the adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy for differential evolution (ADDSDE) algorithm is used to solve complex optimization problems such as high-dimensions and multi-peaks, the global optimal solution can be obtained with a minimum number of iterations, and the algorithm has strong robustness.

## 2. Standard Differential Evolution Algorithms

The differential evolution (DE) algorithm is a group heuristic optimization algorithm based on real coding. Its basic idea is to dynamically search the global optimal value through information sharing between groups and the unique memory of each individual. The main operations include mutation, crossover and selection. According to the loop iterations of mutation, crossover and selection operations, the population continuously evolves towards the optimal value. The specific definition is as follows:

Each population in the DE algorithm consists of  $N$  individuals, and is expressed as:  $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$ , where  $N$  is the number of populations; each individual corresponds to the solution of the problem to be solved, expressed as:  $x_i(g) = (x_{i1}(g), x_{i2}(g), \dots, x_{iD}(g))$ , where  $D$  is the dimension of solution,  $x_{ij}(g)$  is the  $j$ -th component of the  $i$ -th evolving individual in the  $g$ -th generation of the population.

### 2.1. Initialization

The DE algorithm initializes the population according to the principle of randomness, and sets the optimization interval for variables as  $[x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$ . The initialization operation is defined as follows

$$x_{ij}(0) = x_{\min,j} + \text{rand}() \cdot (x_{\max,j} - x_{\min,j}) \quad (1)$$

where  $\text{rand}()$  is a random number uniformly distributed in the interval  $[0,1]$ .

### 2.2. Mutation Operation

In each generation of evolution, the DE algorithm generates variant individuals for each individual  $x_{ij}(g)$  in the population, based on the mutation operation. Currently, there are multiple versions of the

variants, which are expressed as  $DE/a/b$ , and among them,  $a$  is the type of the mutation operator, which is generally valued as *rand* and *best*: *rand* means randomly selecting an individual from the population as the mutation base, and *best* represents selecting the optimal individual from the population as the mutation base; while  $b$  represents the number of differential terms, which is generally an integer. Common mutation operation schemes are as follows:

$$DE/rand/1: \quad t_{i,j}(g) = x_{r1,j}(g) + F \cdot [x_{r2,j}(g) - x_{r3,j}(g)] \quad (2)$$

$$DE/best/1: \quad t_{i,j}(g) = x_{best}(g) + F \cdot [x_{r1,j}(g) - x_{r2,j}(g)] \quad (3)$$

$$DE/rand/2: \quad t_{i,j}(g) = x_{r1,j}(g) + F \cdot [x_{r2,j}(g) - x_{r3,j}(g)] + F \cdot [x_{r4,j}(g) - x_{r5,j}(g)] \quad (4)$$

$$DE/best/2: \quad t_{i,j}(g) = x_{best}(g) + F \cdot [x_{r1,j}(g) - x_{r2,j}(g)] + F \cdot [x_{r3,j}(g) - x_{r4,j}(g)] \quad (5)$$

Among these,  $r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , and  $r1 \neq r2 \neq r3 \neq r4 \neq r5 \neq i$ ,  $N_i$  is the number of populations,  $x_{best}(g)$  is the optimal individual of the  $g$ -th generation and  $F$  is the scaling factor.

### 2.3. Crossover Operation

In order to increase the diversity of the population, the DE algorithm cross-processes the original individual  $x_{ij}(g)$  with the generated variant individual  $t_{ij}(g)$  according to the crossover probability  $CR$ , thereby generating a new variant individual  $v_{ij}(g)$ . Common crossovers have two crosses, defined as follows:

$$v_{ij}(g) = \begin{cases} t_{ij}(g) & rand < CR \text{ or } j = r \\ x_{ij}(g) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Among these: *rand* is the random number that is uniformly distributed in the interval  $[0,1]$ ,  $CR$  is the crossover probability and  $r$  is the random integer in the interval  $[1, 2, \dots, D]$ .

### 2.4. Selection Operation

In order to determine which individual evolved to adopt the greedy choice method for the next-generation DE algorithm—that is, to compare the fitness function values of the mutant individual  $v_{ij}(g)$  with the original individual  $x_{ij}(g)$ —the individual with higher fitness value is selected to enter the next generation. The definition is as follows:

$$x_{ij}(g+1) = \begin{cases} v_{ij}(g) & f[v_{ij}(g)] < f[x_{ij}(g)] \\ x_{ij}(g) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Among these:  $f(x)$  is the fitness function or objective function.

## 3. An adaptive Dynamic Disturbance Strategy for Differential Evolution Algorithm

The core idea of an improved differential evolution (DE) algorithm is to generate variation disturbance according to vector difference, ensure the diversity of the population, balance global search and local development ability, avoid precocity of population, accelerate the rate of population convergence and improve the convergence accuracy. So, the adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy for differential evolution (ADDSDE) algorithm mainly improves the algorithm from four aspects of population initialization, parameter adaptation, mutation strategy and disturbance strategy, and comprehensively improves the global optimization search ability and convergence speed of the

algorithm. Firstly, the chaos mapping theory is used to initialize the population. The standard DE algorithm is a random initialization population. Although it is beneficial to the diversity of population, it is difficult to guarantee that the quality of the population individual and the efficiency of the algorithm is reduced. Second, an adaptive adjustment mechanism for scaling factor  $F$  and crossover probability  $CR$  is adopted to improve the convergence speed and stability of the algorithm. Third, the mutation strategies  $DE/rand/1$  and  $DE/best/1$  are dynamically weighted, and balance the global search and local search. Finally, the Gauss perturbation strategy is introduced to accelerate individuals to jump out of the local optimum and improve the global search ability.

### 3.1. Population Initialization of Chaotic Maps

The initial population of the standard DE algorithm is randomly generated. The initial population may gather in a certain area that deviates from the optimal value, thereby reducing the efficiency of the algorithm. Chaos is a stochastic phenomenon generated by a deterministic nonlinear dynamical system. It has the characteristics of equilibrium instability and mutation. It can go through all states within a certain range without repetition—that is, the randomness, regularity and ergodicity of chaos. The most commonly used chaotic model is a one-dimensional Logistic nonlinear mapping [32], and its optimization formula is:

$$y_{k+1} = \mu y_k(1 - y_k) \tag{8}$$

In this formula,  $\mu$  is the control parameter whose value is a normal number, and  $k = 0, 1, 2 \dots$  is the number of iterations. When the value of  $\mu$  is determined, given the initial value  $y_0 \in (0, 1)$ , the population sequence  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$  is obtained after several iterations. According to experience, when  $\mu = 4$ , the system presents full chaos phenomenon, and there is no stable solution.

Randomly  $rand()$  generate a  $D$ -dimensional vector  $y_0 = (y_{01}, y_{02}, \dots, y_{0D})$ , obtain  $NP$  chaotic vectors  $y_q = (y_{q1}, y_{q2}, \dots, y_{qD})$ ,  $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, NP - 1$  according to Equation (8), and substitute the components of  $NP$  vectors into  $x_{qj} = x_{\min,j} + y_{qj} \cdot (x_{\max,j} - x_{\min,j})$ ,  $q = 0, 1, \dots, NP - 1$ , and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, D$ , respectively. At this point, the initial population after chaos is obtained, the objective function value of the initial population is calculated, and the optimal  $N$  vectors are selected as the initial solution.

### 3.2. Adaptive Adjustment Strategies for Zoom Factor $F$ and Crossover Probability $CR$

In the DE algorithm, the control parameters that have a great influence on the optimization performance of the algorithm are the zoom factor  $F$  and the crossover probability  $CR$ . The zoom factor  $F$  affects the search range of the algorithm. The larger the value of  $F$ , the higher the diversity of the population and the better the global search ability, but the convergence speed of the algorithm will be reduced accordingly; and the smaller the value of  $F$ , the better the retention of good individuals, and the faster the convergence speed of the algorithm, but it is easy to fall into the local optimum—cross-probability  $CR$  determines the search direction of the algorithm. The smaller the value of  $CR$ , the better the global search ability of the algorithm. Otherwise, it will help improve the local development ability.

The control of the parameters needs different adjustments in different periods. Therefore, two relatively simple parameter adaptive strategies are proposed:

$$F = F_{\max} - (F_{\max} - F_{\min})\left(\frac{g}{G_{\max}}\right) \tag{9}$$

Among them,  $F_{\max}$  is the maximum value of the zoom factor and  $F_{\min}$  is the minimum value of the zoom factor. This article takes  $F_{\max} = 0.9$ ,  $F_{\min} = 0.2$ ,  $g$  is the  $g$ -th generation and  $G_{\max}$  is the maximum number of iterations [33].

$$CR = CR_{\min} + (CR_{\max} - CR_{\min})\left(\frac{g}{G_{\max}}\right)^2 \tag{10}$$

This takes  $CR_{max} = 0.9, CR_{min} = 0.2$ .

### 3.3. Weighted Dynamic Mutation Strategy

The core idea of the DE algorithm lies in how to balance global exploration capabilities and local development capabilities. The standard DE algorithm uses the mutation strategy of Equation (2). Individuals that are mutated are randomly selected individuals in the current population. This increases the diversity of the mutated individuals and improves the overall exploration ability, but the randomness largely influences the direction of evolution, which may lead to the evolution of the population deviating from the optimal value, as well as a reduction in the convergence speed of the algorithm. Equation (3) makes use of the optimal individual as the base of variation, which ensures the optimization direction of evolution, improves the local development capability and accelerates the convergence speed of the algorithm. But the optimal individuals are too single, which greatly reduces the diversity of the population, and makes the algorithm easy to fall into local optimum. In order to better balance the algorithm's global exploration and local development capabilities, we improved Equation (3) and weightily combined it with Equation (2) to propose a new weighted dynamic mutation strategy:

$$t_{i,j}(g) = \mu[x_{r1,j}(g) + F \cdot (x_{r2,j}(g) - x_{r3,j}(g))] + (1 - \mu)[x_{r1,j}(g) + F \cdot (rand \cdot x_{best}(g) - x_{r1,j}(g))] \tag{11}$$

$$\mu = \exp(-\sqrt{g}) \tag{12}$$

Among them,  $\mu \in [0, 1], r1, r2, r3 \in [1, 2, \dots, NP]$  and  $r1 \neq r2 \neq r3 \neq i$ , while  $rand$  is the random number evenly distributed in the interval  $[0,1]$  and  $x_{best}(g)$  is the optimal solution of the  $g$ -th generation population.

From Equation (12), we can see that the weighted operator  $\mu$  is a monotonically decreasing function. After weighted combination, the early stage of mutation operation focuses on the overall exploration, and the later stage focuses on local development, making the algorithm better balanced in global exploration and local development, which is not only conducive to the diversity of the population, but also increases the convergence speed of the algorithm. The improvement of Equation (3) mainly considers the singleness of the population optimal solution. Using a random selection of the optimal solution and performing a difference with any individual of the population can increase the diversity of the population, and can randomly adjust the evolutionary direction of the population, making the population evolve towards the optimal direction.

### 3.4. Disturbance Mutation Strategy

Evolutionary algorithms are prone to fall into premature phenomenon in the late iterations. For the DE algorithm, at the later stage of the iteration, the differences between population individuals are gradually narrowed, and the diversity of populations is drastically reduced, thus forming the "aggregation" phenomenon. If at this time populations find the global optimal solution, it has no impact on the algorithm; if the local optimal solution is found, it is not conducive to the further exploration of the population, and can't find the global optimal solution. To describe this state, the following precocious definition is given:

Definition 1 variance of population fitness is shown as follows:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |f_i - f_{avg}|^2 \tag{13}$$

Among these,  $f_i$  is the current individual fitness value,  $f_{avg}$  is the average fitness value of the individual and  $N$  is the number of populations. From the equation, we can see that the smaller the value of  $\sigma^2$ , the more the population gathers together easily. Otherwise, it is in a stage of random search.

Definition 2 population precocious cardinality, if  $\sigma^2 < \text{det}$  and

$$f_{best}(g) > \delta \tag{14}$$

Then we can say that the individual is premature at the  $g$ -th generation.

Among these,  $f_{best}(g)$  is the optimal value for the  $g$ -th generation,  $\text{det}$  is the variance threshold value and  $\delta$  is precision value. This algorithm setting  $\text{det} = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\delta = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ .

If there is a precocious phenomenon in the  $g$ -th generation, a new mutation operation is carried out on individuals, and the mutation strategy is as follows:

$$x_i(g) = \mu x_{r1,j}(g) + (1 - \mu)x_{best}(j) + \beta(x_{r2,j}(g) - x_{r3,j}(g)) \tag{15}$$

$$\beta = F(1 + 0.5\eta) \tag{16}$$

Among these, the weighting coefficient  $\mu$  is the same as Equation (8), and  $r1, r2, r3, i$  are a random number of interval  $[1, N]$ .  $N$  is the number of populations, and  $j$  is a random number in interval  $[1, D]$ .  $x_{best}(j)$  is the optimum of the  $i$ -th population, while  $\eta$  is the random variable submitted to  $Gauss(0, 1)$ .

From Equation (15), we can see that the new mutation strategy comprises two parts: the  $\mu x_{r1,j}(g) + (1 - \mu)x_{best}(j)$  part is weighted by random and optimal individuals, and use the information of the optimal individual to guide other individuals to evolve in the direction of optimization; while the  $\beta(x_{r2,j}(g) - x_{r3,j}(g))$  part uses Gaussian perturbation vector differences to randomly generate perturbation mutates in order to accelerate individuals to jump out of the local optimum and improve the overall search ability.

### 3.5. Algorithm for Implementation Process

- Step 1 Initialize each parameter. The number of populations  $N$ , the dimension of the solution  $D$ , the maximum evolutionary generation  $G_{\max}$ , the upper and lower bounds of the individual variables  $x_{\max}, x_{\min}$ , the maximum and minimum of the scaling factor  $F_{\max}, F_{\min}$ , the maximum and minimum of the mutation probability  $CR_{\max}, CR_{\min}$ , the precocious cycle  $Q$ , the precision value  $\delta$  and the variance threshold value  $\text{det}$ .
- Step 2 Initialize the population. The chaotic mapping strategy was used to generate NP initial populations, and the fitness values of the individuals were calculated and ranked in order of magnitude. From the NP populations, the top  $N$  fitness values were selected as the initial population of the algorithm.
- Step 3 Calculate  $F, CR, \mu$  according to Equations (9), (10) and (12).
- Step 4 Mutation operation. Calculate variant individuals  $t_{i,j}(g)$  according to Equation (11).
- Step 5 Crossover operation. Find a new variant individual.  $v_{i,j}(g)$  according to Equation (6).
- Step 6 Selection operation. The next generation  $x_{i,j}(g + 1)$  is obtained from Equation (7).
- Step 7 Update the local and global optimal values.
- Step 8 Check whether the population is precocious or not; if it is precocious, the mutation operation will be carried out again. If  $\sigma^2 < \text{det}$  and  $f_{best}(g) > \delta$ , for  $j = 1$  to  $D$ , Calculate new individuals  $x_i(g)$  according to Equations (15) and (16), and update the optimal value.
- Step 9 Repeat Steps 4–8 for  $N$  times.
- Step 10 If  $g$  does not reach the maximum number of iterations  $G_{\max}$ , then go to Step 3, otherwise output  $x_{best}, f_{best}$ .

## 4. Simulation Experiment and Algorithm Performance Analysis

### 4.1. Test Function and Comparison of Algorithms

To verify the feasibility, effectiveness and overall optimization of the algorithm, this algorithm was compared with the standard differential evolution (DE) algorithm, the well-known SADE algorithm [34]

and the CAPSO algorithm [35]. All the algorithms went through 30 independent tests on five benchmark functions with different characteristics to compare the performance of each algorithm in terms of convergence speed, the accuracy of the optimal solution and their robustness. Among them,  $f_1$  is the *Sphere* simple unimodal function,  $f_2$  is the *Rosenbrock* non-convex and ill-conditioned unimodal function and  $f_3$  is the *Rastrigin* multi-peak function. There are approximately 10 n local minimum points in the interval of variables.  $f_4$  is the *Griewank* multi-peak function, and there are a large number of local minimum points.  $f_5$  is the *Ackley* non-convex and ill-conditioned multi-modal function. The test function description is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Test Functions.

Type	Function Name	Formula	Range of Optimization	Optimal Value
Unimodal	Sphere	$f_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$	[-100,100]	0
	Rosenbrock	$f_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n [100(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + (x_i - 1)^2]$	[-10,10]	0
Multi-peak	Rastrigin	$f_3(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 - 10 \cos(2\pi x_i) + 10]$	[-5.12,5.12]	0
	Griewank	$f_4(x) = \frac{1}{4000} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \prod_{i=1}^n \cos(\frac{x_i}{\sqrt{i}}) + 1$	[-600,600]	0
	Ackley	$f_5(x) = -20 \exp(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}) - \exp(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \cos(2\pi x_i)) + 20 + e$	[-32,32]	0

#### 4.2. Analysis of Results

This experiment was programmed using Matlab. It was run 20 times independently on a HP PC with Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2450M CPU, 2.50 GHz RAM 4.00 GB. The algorithm parameters were set as follows: The adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy for differential evolution (ADDSDE) algorithm, population number  $N = 50$ ,  $F_{max} = 0.9$ ,  $F_{min} = 0.2$ ,  $CR_{max} = 0.9$ ,  $CR_{min} = 0.2$ ,  $Q = 15$ ,  $\delta = 1 \times 10^{-6}$ , the parameter settings of the comparison algorithm DE, SADE and CAPSO are the same as the original. Consider the cases when variable dimension  $D = 30$  and  $D = 50$ . The number of iterations is appropriately changed according to the complexity of each test function. The optimal value, average optimal value and standard deviation of each algorithm are shown in Tables 2 and 3, and the convergence curve of each algorithm is shown in Figure 1.

As can be seen from Tables 2 and 3, the optimization result of the ADDSDE algorithm is significantly higher than that of the other three algorithms. For the five standard test functions selected, the ADDSDE algorithm can obtain the optimal value 0, except  $f_5 =$  Ackley function. The convergence accuracy is optimal. The standard deviation shows that the ADDSDE algorithm is very stable. For ill-conditioned high-dimensional complex functions, other algorithms cannot get the theoretical optimal value, some algorithms are far from the theoretical optimal value, and the stability of the algorithm is not satisfactory. From Tables 2 and 3, it can be seen that with the increase of the dimension of the solution, the evolutionary abilities of other algorithms also decrease accordingly with different degrees.

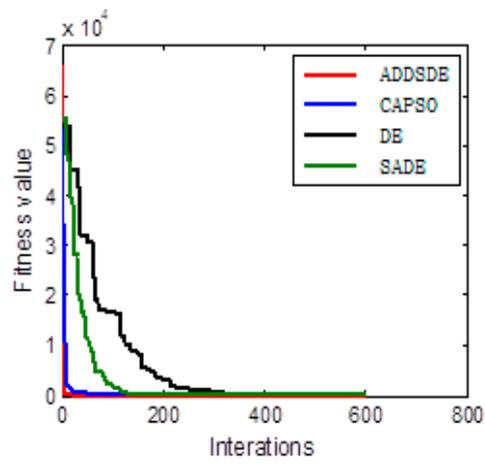
Analyzing the convergence curve of each algorithm in Figure 1, we know that the convergence curve of ADDSDE converges to the optimal solution almost at the speed of vertical descent. Additionally, its optimization ability is strong, and the convergence accuracy is high. Even for high-dimensional solutions, it can be quickly fixed to the optimal position. Due to the complexity of the function and the high dimension of the problem, the other comparison algorithms are easily trapped in the local optimum and the convergence speed is also slow.

**Table 2.** 30-dimensional function optimization results.

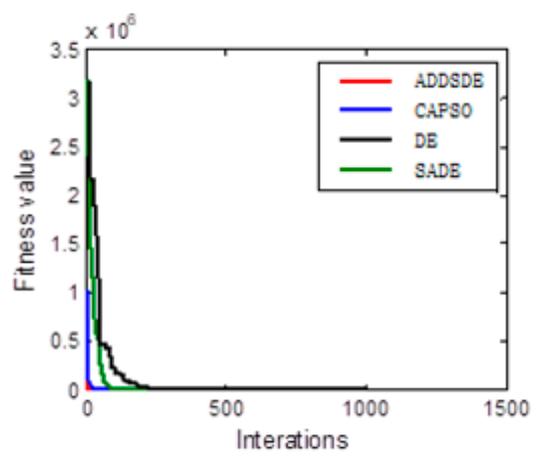
Function	Algorithm	Optimal Value	Average Optimum	Standard Deviation
$f_1$	DE	$8.10 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.84 \times 10^5$
	SADE	$1.10 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.41 \times 10^{-12}$
	CAPSO	$5.72 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.91 \times 10^{-13}$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_2$	DE	$2.57 \times 10^1$	$3.59 \times 10^1$	$7.96 \times 10^0$
	SADE	$1.83 \times 10^1$	$2.65 \times 10^1$	$6.33 \times 10^0$
	CAPSO	$5.42 \times 10^0$	$7.56 \times 10^0$	$1.41 \times 10^0$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_3$	DE	$7.94 \times 10^1$	$1.19 \times 10^2$	$2.91 \times 10^1$
	SADE	$3.01 \times 10^1$	$3.59 \times 10^1$	$6.21 \times 10^0$
	CAPSO	$2.10 \times 10^1$	$2.53 \times 10^1$	$5.31 \times 10^0$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_4$	DE	0	$3.69 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.65 \times 10^{-3}$
	SADE	0	0	0
	CAPSO	$8.62 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.52 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.80 \times 10^{-2}$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_5$	DE	$1.10 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-8}$
	SADE	$5.48 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.55 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.39 \times 10^{-11}$
	CAPSO	$3.05 \times 10^0$	$3.48 \times 10^0$	$2.61 \times 10^0$
	ADDSDE	$9.56 \times 10^{-16}$	$9.56 \times 10^{-16}$	0

**Table 3.** 50-dimensional function optimization results.

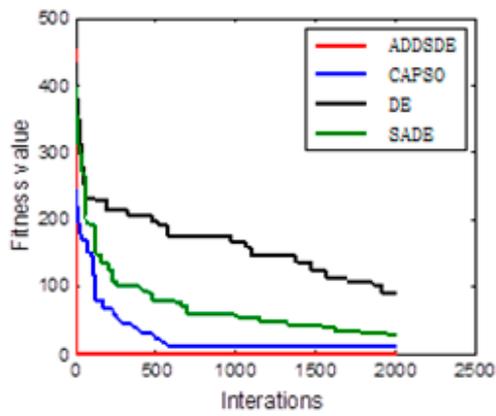
Function	Algorithm	Optimal Value	Average Optimum	Standard Deviation
$f_1$	DE	$1.20 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.11 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-3}$
	SADE	$1.79 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.47 \times 10^{-6}$
	CAPSO	$4.11 \times 10^2$	$6.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.65 \times 10^2$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_2$	DE	$4.48 \times 10^1$	$8.94 \times 10^1$	$4.62 \times 10^1$
	SADE	$4.70 \times 10^1$	$6.44 \times 10^1$	$1.64 \times 10^1$
	CAPSO	$1.15 \times 10^2$	$2.45 \times 10^2$	$1.09 \times 10^2$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_3$	DE	$3.45 \times 10^2$	$3.62 \times 10^2$	$1.98 \times 10^1$
	SADE	$1.67 \times 10^2$	$1.94 \times 10^2$	$1.54 \times 10^1$
	CAPSO	$1.16 \times 10^2$	$1.63 \times 10^2$	$2.98 \times 10^1$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_4$	DE	$5.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.98 \times 10^{-2}$
	SADE	$2.97 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.53 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.37 \times 10^{-5}$
	CAPSO	$5.92 \times 10^1$	$9.83 \times 10^1$	$2.52 \times 10^1$
	ADDSDE	0	0	0
$f_5$	DE	$1.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.75 \times 10^{-4}$
	SADE	$4.34 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.11 \times 10^{-7}$
	CAPSO	$3.76 \times 10^0$	$3.98 \times 10^0$	$3.71 \times 10^{-1}$
	ADDSDE	$9.56 \times 10^{-16}$	$9.56 \times 10^{-16}$	0



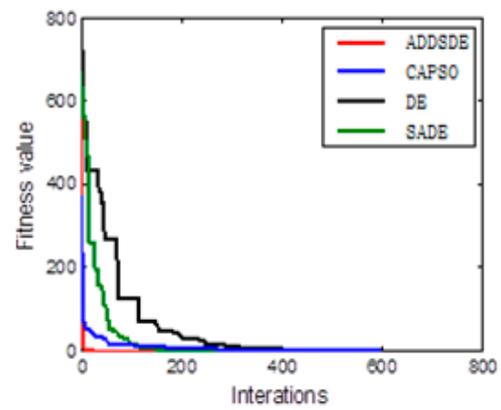
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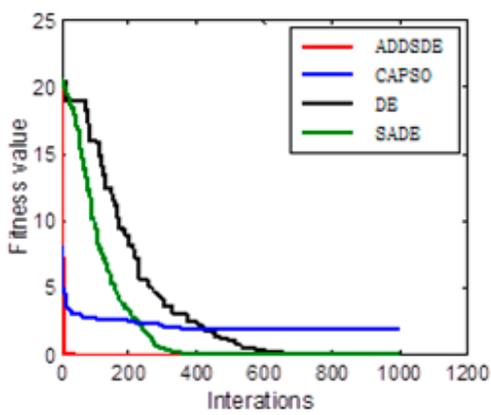
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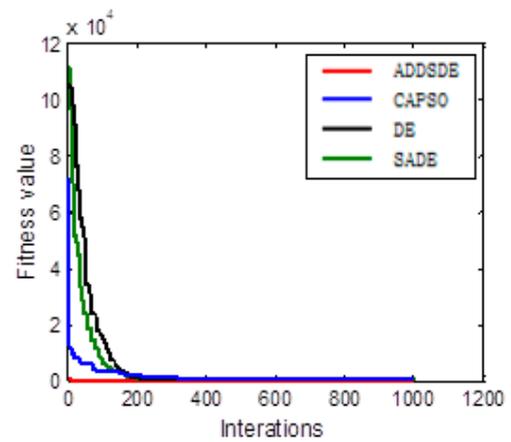
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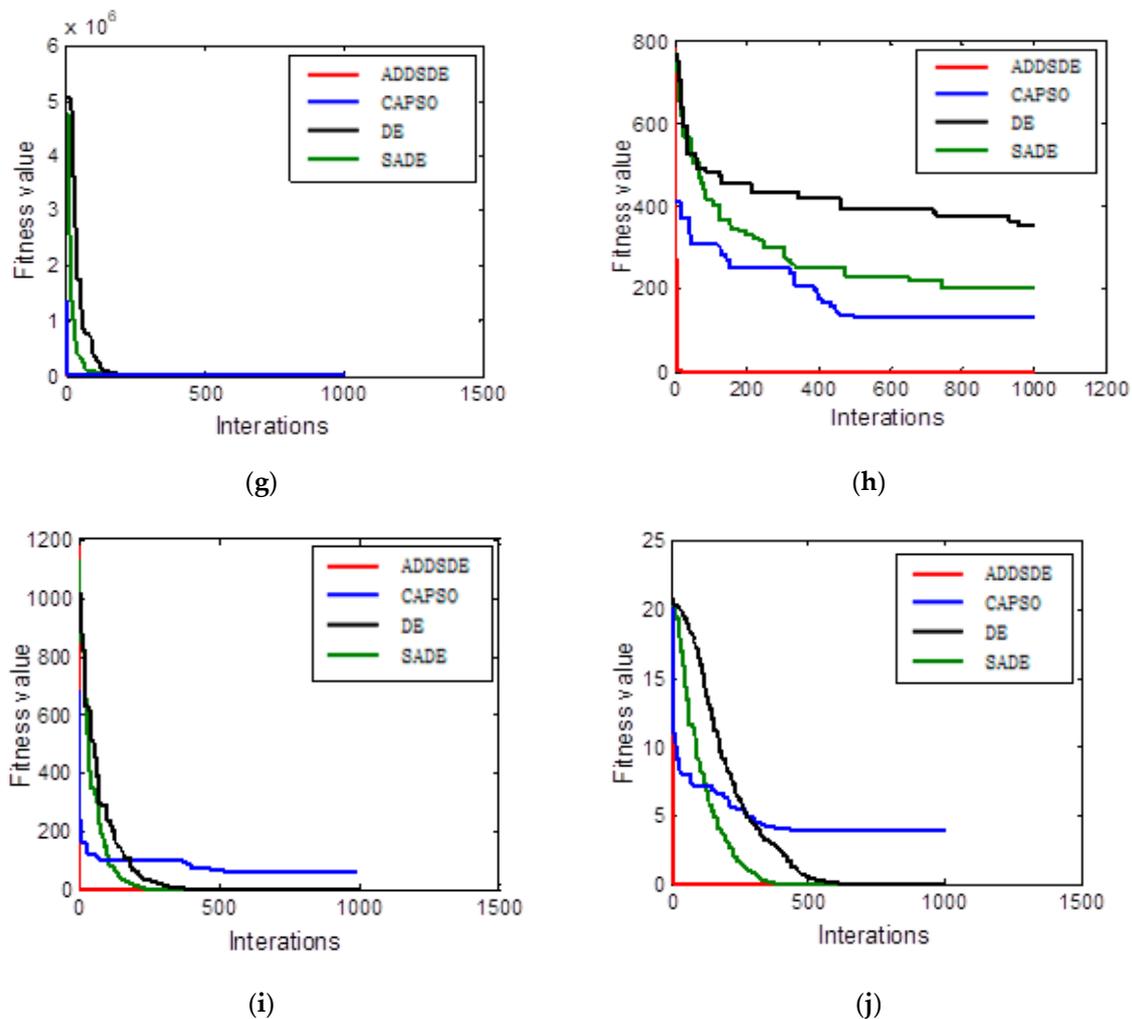


(e)



(f)

Figure 1. Cont.



**Figure 1.** Convergence curve of each algorithm: (a) Function  $f_1 = \text{Sphere}$  when  $D = 30$ ; (b) Function  $f_2 = \text{Rosenbrock}$  when  $D = 30$ ; (c) Function  $f_3 = \text{Rastrigin}$  when  $D = 30$ ; (d) Function  $f_4 = \text{Griewank}$  when  $D = 30$ ; (e) Function  $f_5 = \text{Ackley}$  when  $D = 30$ ; (f) Function  $f_1 = \text{Sphere}$  when  $D = 50$ ; (g) Function  $f_2 = \text{Rosenbrock}$  when  $D = 50$ ; (h) Function  $f_3 = \text{Rastrigin}$  when  $D = 50$ ; (i) Function  $f_4 = \text{Griewank}$  when  $D = 50$ ; and (j) Function  $f_5 = \text{Ackley}$  when  $D = 50$ .

## 5. Conclusions

For the solution of high-dimensional complex optimization problems, many improved DE algorithms still have many deficiencies in solution accuracy, speed, and so on. For this reason, this paper uses the advantages of the standard differential evolution (DE) mutation strategy to improve and combine mutation strategies based on chaotic mapping theory. The control parameters are adaptively weighted, and Gaussian perturbation strategies are adopted in the later iterations to prevent prematureness and jumping out of local optima, thus constituting an adaptive dynamic disturbance strategy differential evolution algorithm (ADDSDE). In order to verify the feasibility, effectiveness and optimization of the algorithm, five standard tests were selected for performance testing and compared with the DE algorithm, the SADE algorithm and the CAPSO algorithm. Finally, the simulation results show that when the algorithm is applied to high-dimensional and complex optimization problems, it can still quickly converge to the theoretical optimal value. It has a strong ability of global exploration and jumping out of the local optimal. Besides, the algorithm is stable and has a certain reference value and promotion value, which provide assistance in solving high-dimensional and complex problems in engineering and information science.

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