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# Impacts from Initialization techniques – An optimal computational resource allocation problem

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## Background & Purpose

- Initialization techniques are always considered as “computational-resource-free”
- Not true under computational expensive environment where single FE costs a lot
- Optimally allocate the limited computational resources becomes important

## Optimal Computational Resource Allocation Problem (OCRAP):

Under given amount of computational resources ( $R$ ), objective function of the base problem ( $f$ ), initialization technique ( $IniT$ ) and optimization algorithm ( $OA$ ), to find an resource allocation scheme ( $RA=IniR/(IniR+OptR)$ ) where  $IniR$  and  $OptR$  are the resources consumed by  $IniT$  and  $OA$  so that either the optimal solution ( $y=y^*$ ) of the objective function ( $y=f(x)$ ) is achieved with the least total resources ( $IniR+OptR<R$ ) or the best suboptimal solution ( $y!=y^*$ ) is achieved when resources are used up ( $IniR+OptR=R$ ).

Computational resource is defined as number of FE used under computational expensive environment. Due to the extreme long time required by FE, other calculations are negligible.

## Problem Formulation:

- General version:
 
$$\min_{IniT, OA, f(\bullet)} \{(IniR + OptR), |y - y^*|\} = F(RA)$$

$$s. t. \begin{aligned} IniR + OptR &\leq R \\ IniR &> 0 \\ OptR &> 0 \end{aligned}$$
- Simulation version:
 
$$\min_{IniT, OA, f(\bullet)} \{(IniFE + OptFE), |y - y^*|\} = F(RA)$$

$$s. t. \begin{aligned} IniFE + OptFE &\leq TotalFE \\ IniFE &> 0 \\ OptFE &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Simulation cases

### Initialization techniques:

- Pseudo Random Number Generator (PRNG)
- Opposition-Based Learning (OBL) [1]
- Quasi-Opposition-Based Learning (QOBL) [2]
- Quadratic Interpolation (QI) [3]

### Optimization algorithms:

- Differential Evolution (DE) [4]
- Chemical Reaction Optimization (CRO) [5]

### Benchmark functions:

- CEC14 computational expensive problem set

Functions	Search Ranges	
Shifted Sphere function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D y_i^2, y = x - o_1$
Shifted Ellipsoid function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D i y_i^2, y = x - o_2$
Shifted Rotated Ellipsoid function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_3(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D i y_i^2, y = M_3(x - o_3)$
Shifted Step function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_4(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D ( y_i + 0.5 )^2, y = x - o_4$
Shifted Ackley's function	$[-32, 32]$	$f_5(x) = -20 \exp\left(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^D y_i^2}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{1}{D} \sum_{i=1}^D \cos(2\pi y_i)\right) + 20 + e, y = x - o_5$
Shifted Griewank's function	$[-600, 600]$	$f_6(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{4000} - \prod_{i=1}^D \cos\left(\frac{y_i}{\sqrt{i}}\right) + 1, y = x - o_6$
Shifted Rotated Rosenbrock's function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_7(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} (100(y_i^2 - y_{i+1})^2 + (y_i - 1)^2), y = M_7\left(\frac{2.048(x - o_7)}{20}\right) + 1$
Shifted Rotated Rastrigin's function	$[-20, 20]$	$f_8(x) = \sum_{i=1}^D (y_i^2 - 10 \cos(2\pi y_i) + 10), y = M_8 \frac{5.12(x - o_8)}{20}$

### Metrics:

- Without  $IniR$  considered (traditional way)
- Considering  $IniR$
- Solve the OCRAP

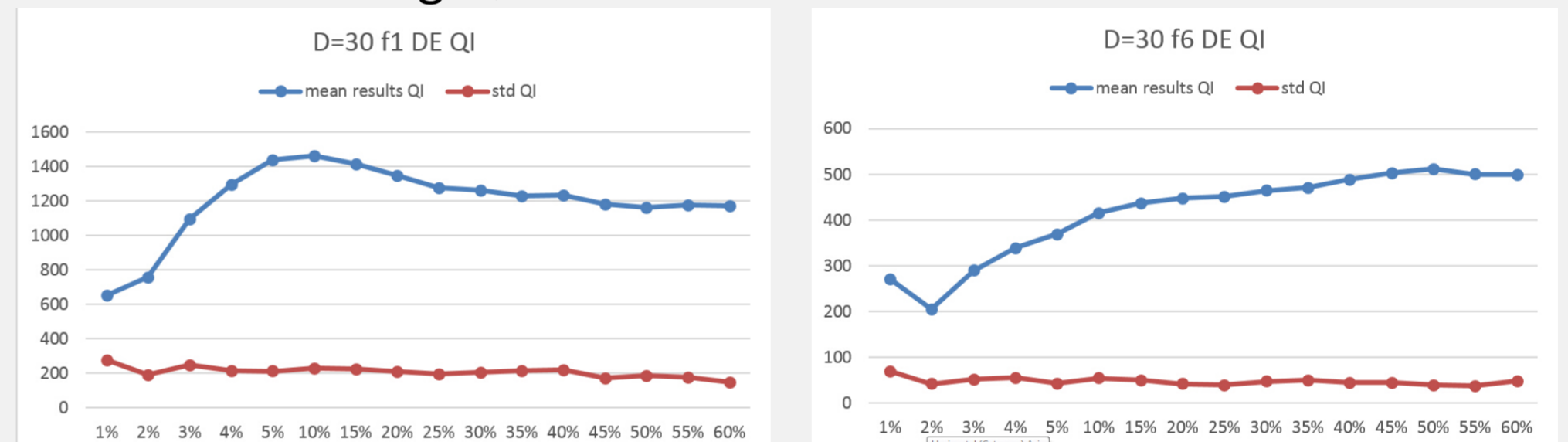
## Simulation results

- Notations & settings:
  - M1: without considering  $IniR$
  - M2:  $IniR$  considered
  - M3 =  $r\_init/r\_rand$ , the ratio between results from using  $IniT$  and using PRNG.
    - $M3 < 1$  means  $IniT$  better
    - $M3 > 1$  means PRNG better
  - $D=10, 30$  &  $100$ ;  $MaxFE(R)=50*D$ ; No. of run=50
- Comparison between  $IniR$  considered and not considered:

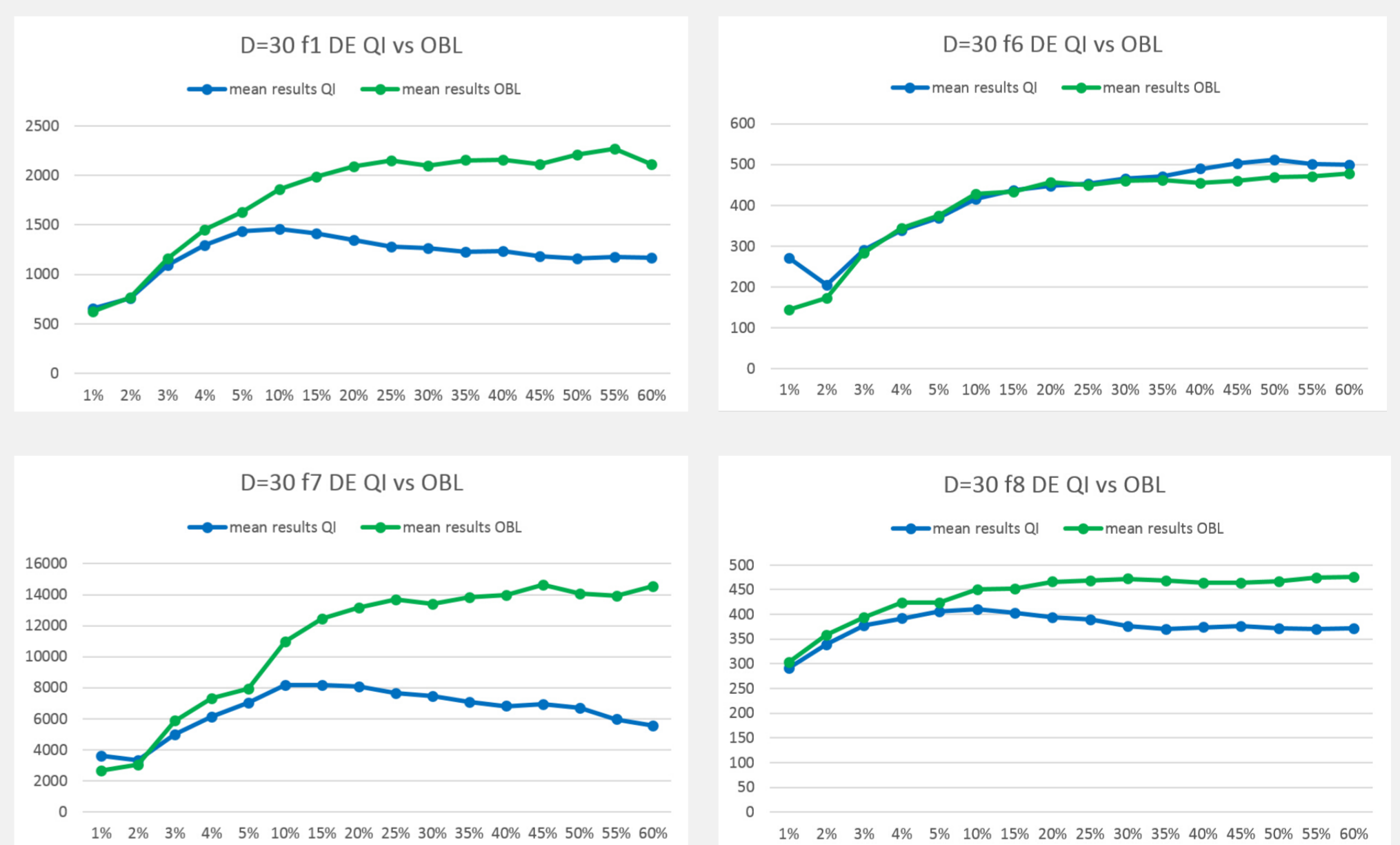
Dimension	Function	OBL				QOBL				QI			
		M1		M2		M1		M2		M1		M2	
		mean	M3	mean	M3	mean	M3	mean	M3	mean	M3	mean	M3
D = 10	$f_1$	292.688	0.896	320.001	0.98	303.638	0.93	341.753	1.047	206.56	0.633	225.633	0.694
	$f_2$	1425.08	0.867	1678.31	1.022	1651.54	1.005	1660.1	1.01	814.83	0.496	811.026	0.494
	$f_3$	1829.25	0.929	2034.93	1.033	2032.96	1.032	2230.04	1.133	1038.26	0.527	1120.04	0.569
	$f_4$	305.76	0.979	330.92	1.06	311.94	0.999	329.26	1.055	182.32	0.584	198.8	0.637
	$f_5$	18.624	1.002	19.8205	1.067	18.567	0.999	18.807	1.012	16.499	0.888	16.3709	0.881
	$f_6$	79.4	0.926	82.361	0.961	87.439	1.02	92.705	1.082	73.167	0.854	78.779	0.919
	$f_7$	798.859	0.88	883.785	0.973	904.741	0.996	1108.49	1.221	506.106	0.557	592.475	0.652
	$f_8$	102.563	1.013	101.49	1.003	99.74	0.985	101.496	1.003	85.656	0.846	88.84	0.878
D = 30	$f_1$	1952.7	0.974	2064.7	1.03	2039.07	1.017	2115.44	1.055	1373.82	0.685	1331.04	0.664
	$f_2$	27010.3	0.946	27700.6	0.97	27624.2	0.968	28722	1.006	17210.8	0.603	17850.1	0.625
	$f_3$	42243	1.002	41434.4	0.983	41594.8	0.986	44373.7	1.052	26003.1	0.617	25415.6	0.603
	$f_4$	2000.08	1.003	2007.02	1.007	2014.52	1.01	2037.34	1.022	1156.22	0.58	1210.7	0.607
	$f_5$	20.15	0.998	20.1741	1	20.1708	0.999	20.2353	1.003	18.734	0.928	18.4395	0.914
	$f_6$	444.645	0.972	455.463	0.995	463.495	1.013	481.687	1.053	441.425	0.965	455.731	0.996
	$f_7$	12117.4	0.933	12914.4	0.995	13199.3	1.017	14311.4	1.102	7357.16	0.567	8023.41	0.618
	$f_8$	454.58	0.977	460.919	0.991	459.388	0.987	467.537	1.005	396.179	0.851	392.518	0.844
D = 100	$f_1$	9951.52	1.005	9935.93	1.004	9953.54	1.006	10128.4	1.023	6433.26	0.65	6453.96	0.652
	$f_2$	462924	1.003	469329	1.017	464419	1.006	467461	1.013	294942	0.639	290347	0.629
	$f_3$	704188	0.993	713346	1.006	702866	0.992	721093	1.017	472779	0.667	481583	0.679
	$f_4$	9741.92	0.994	9906.98	1.011	9819.86	1.002	10106.1	1.031	6172.86	0.63	6208.14	0.633
	$f_5$	20.744	1	20.754	1	20.751	1	20.7547	1	19.814	0.955	19.8229	0.955
	$f_6$	1937.39	0.937	1952.19	0.944	2072.97	1.002	2110.65	1.021	2047.43	0.99	2083.3	1.007
	$f_7$	114970	0.995	119493	1.034	117515	1.017	120207	1.04	66601.9	0.576	67878.6	0.587
	$f_8$	1936.96	0.998	1941.86	1.001	1941.51	1.001	1961.03	1.011	1631.54	0.841	1611.6	0.831

- Some curves

- Using QI with DE to test different RA ratios



- Comparing QI, OBL under different RA



## Conclusion

- Formulate and solve the optimal computational resource allocation problem
- Define the computational resource under the expensive environment
- Conduct simulations analyze performances from different initialization techniques

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