

Comparing Performances of Evolutionary Algorithms on the Emission Dispatch and Economic Dispatch Problem

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Abstract

Evolutionary methods dominate in the computation for breaking out the real problems. For a couple of years, it is more popular than classical methods for solving many cases. Technically, one of real problems is the emission dispatch and economic dispatch (EDED) problem. The EDED problem is used to optimize the power system operation (PSO) at a certain time under some constraints. This paper presents performance comparison between Harvest Season Artificial Bee Colony (HSABC) and Genetic Algorithms on the EDED problem applied to the IEEE-62 bus system. Simulation results show that the tested methods have difference characteristics and abilities for optimizing the PSO based on the EDED problem.

Keywords: economic dispatch, emission dispatch, genetic algorithm, HSABC algorithm, power system operation

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1. Introduction

At present years, many important decisions are made from describing the optimal solution for measuring the real problem of the real operation based on desirable solutions to meet operational constraints while existing in the certain condition. In particular, many mathematical and optimization techniques have been proposed to solve the problems and several previous works have been successfully applied to carry out real problems [1], [2], [3]. Other studies have also reported many techniques for obtaining the optimal solution categorized into classical methods and evolutionary methods [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9]. In general, evolutionary methods are consisted of many algorithms based on natural entity behaviors which are adopted as optimization methods for improving performances of classical techniques. Moreover, evolutionary methods dominate in computations for determining solutions of optimization problems on many applications with various themes. These methods are commonly developed as an intelligent computation for searching the optimal solution using an optimization technique in multiple constraints.

For a couple of years, genetic algorithm (GA) is more popular than other algorithm in the implementation of evolutionary methods in many variants as presented in many previous studies. In principles, this algorithm has been inspired by a phenomenon of a natural evolution and many previous works have used to carry out optimization problems applied to solve many topics. Its procedures for selecting the optimal solution are performed by several steps covered population, natural selection, crossover, and mutation. In detail, principles and procedures of GA are discussed clearly in literatures [3], [10], [11], [12]. Recently, the latest variant of evolutionary methods is harvest season artificial bee colony (HSABC) algorithm promoted in 2013. This algorithm is composed using bee behaviours and the harvest season situation, and its function is discussed clearly as the computing ability in [13].

Recently, the application of evolutionary algorithms to the power system operation (PSO) is more popular than classical methods for bringing out technical problems. One of the most important combined problems is the emission dispatch and economic dispatch (EDED) problem for searching an optimal balance in the acceptable economic operation with various

technical constraints and conditional limits. In these studies, this problem is used for comparing GA and HSABC on both performances throughout the computing ability while searching the optimal solution under various constraints and limitations.

2. Genetic and Harvest Season Artificial Bee Colony Algorithms

As mentioned before, intelligent computations are consisted of evolutionary methods composed using a population based algorithm. Many methods have been introduced to attempt the natural phenomenon for creating various evolutionary algorithms and it has been successful applied to the optimization problems [2], [3], [4], [8], [10], [14], [15]. Specifically, for the last ten years, the most popular of evolutionary algorithms is GA inspired by a phenomenon of the natural evolution. GA's procedures for selecting the optimal solution are performed by several steps, such as, population; natural selection; crossover; and mutation, as discussed clearly in [3], [10], [15]. Many previous works have used GA for solving optimization problems of the PSO and this algorithm has been applied to solve various topics of dispatching powers for determining the optimal solution and for scheduling power outputs of generating units. In detail, principles and procedures of GA are clearly discussed in literatures [3], [10], [16], [15]. These studies are conducted to those previous works for GA's principles and hierarchies.

In particular, HSABC algorithm was proposed on March 2013 after developing and introducing early its structures in 2012 based on the harvest season situation consisted of blooming flowers in its area and bee's behaviors while searching for foods. In detail, flowers are expressed using multiple food sources related to the first food source and the other food sources. Each food source is located randomly at a certain position using a harvest operator [13], [17]. In principle, the sequencing computation of HSABC algorithm is distributed into several processes to select the optimal solution as following orders as adopted in these studies [5], [14]:

- Generating population: create initial population sets, evaluate initial population sets, and define the population.
- Food source exploration: produce the first food source, produce the other food sources, evaluate the multiple food sources, apply the greedy process, and calculate the probability value.
- Food selection: produce a new food, produce neighbor foods, evaluate foods, and apply the greedy process.
- Abandoned replacement: determine an abandoned food, replace with a new randomly one, and memorize the food.

3. Emission Dispatch and Economic Dispatch

In general, the PSO is structured using various parts and equipments for establishing an integrated system to deliver electric energy from generating webs to usage areas under certain operational constraints with the distributed own power consumption. Technically, this operation should be provided in reasonable budgets for all processes in 24 hours of the operating period forced in environmental requirements [14]. Recently, the environment protection is considered in the PSO to reduce pollutant productions at thermal power plants discharged in various particles and gasses, like CO, CO₂, SO_x and NO_x [2], [3], [12], [14], [15], [18]. To cover these problems, the PSO considers financial and environmental aspects for searching the balance decision between emission dispatch and economic dispatch with its different orientation throughout the EDED formulation as single objective function for determining the optimal solution and plotting a committed schedule of generating unit outputs.

Basically, the EDED is addressed to minimize the total fuel cost included the pollutant reduction with considering several limitations for the PSO. Moreover, the EDED problem is composed using penalty and compromised factors for combing financial and environmental aspects. The penalty factor is used to shows the coefficient rate of each generating. The compromised factor shows the contribution of pollutants and costs in the computation. In addition, economic dispatch; emission dispatch; and the EDED problem are formed in expression (1); (2); and (3).

$$\text{Economic dispatch: } F_{tc} = \sum_{i=1}^{ng} (c_i + b_i \cdot P_i + a_i \cdot P_i^2), \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Emission dispatch: } E_t = \sum_{i=1}^{ng} (\gamma_i + \beta_i \cdot P_i + \alpha_i \cdot P_i^2), \quad (2)$$

$$\text{EDED problem: } \Phi = w \cdot F_{tc} + (1 - w) \cdot h \cdot E_t, \quad (3)$$

where P_i is a output power of i^{th} generating unit (MW), a_i ; b_i ; c_i are fuel cost coefficients of i^{th} generating unit, F_{tc} is a total fuel cost (\$/h), ng is number of generating unit, α_i ; β_i ; γ_i are emission coefficients of i^{th} generating unit, E_t is a total emission (kg/h), Φ is the EDED (\$/h), w is a compromised factor, and h is a penalty factor.

4. Tested System and Procedures

To compare performances of GA and HSABC, designed programs of both algorithms are applied to a standard model from Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). IEEE's models are often adopted as sample systems for simulating many problems. These standard models are also useful and effective to test related problems of the PSO because of available provided technical data. In particular, many problems of the PSO are approached using these standard models in order to know characteristic; performances; and results of the problems. In these studies, the IEEE-62 bus system is selected as a tested system for both algorithms.

Table 1. Fuel Cost and Emission Coefficients of Generators

Bus	Gen	a, $\times 10^{-3}$ (\$/MWh ²)	b (\$/MWh)	c	α (kg/MWh ²)	β (kg/MWh)	γ
1	G1	7.00	6.80	95	0.0180	-1.8100	24.300
2	G2	5.50	4.00	30	0.0330	-2.5000	27.023
5	G3	5.50	4.00	45	0.0330	-2.5000	27.023
9	G4	2.50	0.85	10	0.0136	-1.3000	22.070
14	G5	6.00	4.60	20	0.0180	-1.8100	24.300
17	G6	5.50	4.00	90	0.0330	-2.5000	27.023
23	G7	6.50	4.70	42	0.0126	-1.3600	23.040
25	G8	7.50	5.00	46	0.0360	-3.0000	29.030
32	G9	8.50	6.00	55	0.0400	-3.2000	27.050
33	G10	2.00	0.50	58	0.0136	-1.3000	22.070
34	G11	4.50	1.60	65	0.0139	-1.2500	23.010
37	G12	2.50	0.85	78	0.0121	-1.2700	21.090
49	G13	5.00	1.80	75	0.0180	-1.8100	24.300
50	G14	4.50	1.60	85	0.0140	-1.2000	23.060
51	G15	6.50	4.70	80	0.0360	-3.0000	29.000
52	G16	4.50	1.40	90	0.0139	-1.2500	23.010
54	G17	2.50	0.85	10	0.0136	-1.3000	22.070
57	G18	4.50	1.60	25	0.0180	-1.8100	24.300
58	G19	8.00	5.50	90	0.0400	-3.000	27.010

In these studies, the IEEE-62 bus system is adopted as a sample model of the PSO for comparing ability of GA and HSABC. In detail, this system is developed using 19 generators, 62 buses and 89 lines. One line diagram of the IEEE-62 bus system is shown in Figure 2. Its generating coefficients are listed in Table 1 for fuel consumptions and pollutant productions of 19 units.

Main procedures of simulations for performing GA and HSABC are described by following explanations as illustrated in Figure 1. The first step is an EDED formation considered emission and economic aspects in single objective function. The second step is an algorithm composition for both evolutionary methods constructed by its parameters. The third step is programming developments for all computing processes associated with references for the tested algorithms [3], [5], [10], [14], [15].

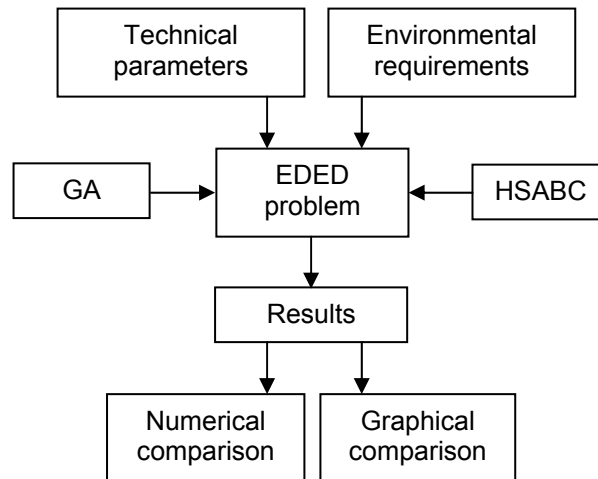


Figure 1. Sequencing procedures for the comparison

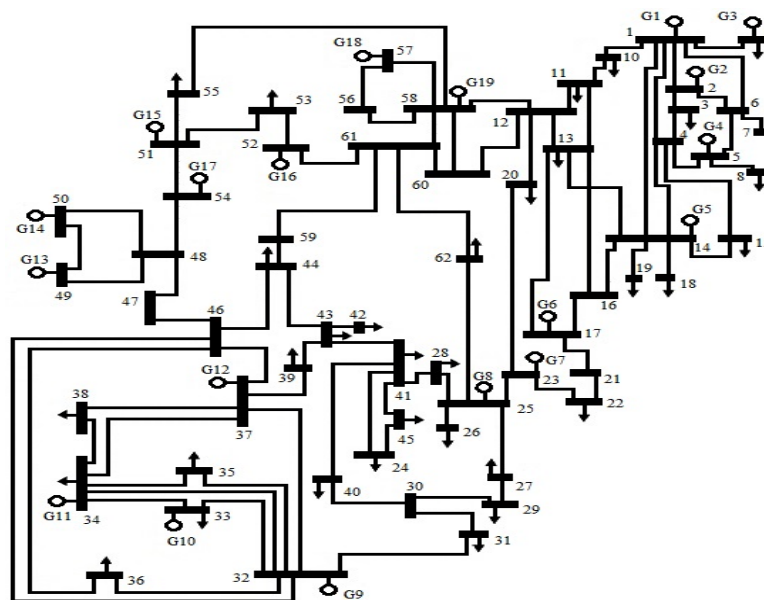


Figure 2. One-line diagram of IEEE-62 bus system

In these simulations, operational constraints are also used to put desired solutions in the feasible ranges of the PSO. In detail, operational constraints are defined in $\pm 5\%$ of maximum and minimum limits of fluctuated voltages; 90% of the maximum power transfer capability on transmission lines; an equality of total powers between generating units, power losses, and loads; maximum and minimum power limits of generating units; 15% of the maximum total power loss; and the emission standard.

5. Results and Discussion

These works are addressed to obtain the optimal solution of the PSO through the EDED solved using HSABC and GA. These simulations are also used to compare its ability based on the EDED. To demonstrate GA and HSABC, these simulations have considered 2,912 MW of the power demand; 0.5 of the compromised factor; 0.85 kg/MWh of the emission standard; the dominant penalty factor. For executing designed programs of HSABC, this algorithm has been applied to solve the EDED using the colony size= 50; food sources= 25; and 200 of foraging

cycles. Each process of GA has considered its procedures and hierarchies as discussed clearly in several references [2], [10], [11]. In these simulations, GA has been also implemented using its qualified parameters covered population; natural selection; crossover; mutation; and others. In detail, main parameters of GA have used population= 50; natural selection= roulette; crossover= scattered; mutation= Gaussian; and maximum generation= 200.

In particular, numerical results are provided in Table 2. Performances of the EDED are also presented graphically in Figure 3 and Figure 4. These figures illustrate performances in terms of convergence speeds and time consumptions. Figure 3 shows convergence speeds of used intelligent computations for two types of evolutionary algorithms associated with each selection for obtaining the optimal solution from available candidate solutions in the population. This figure illustrates progressing optimal solutions of the EDED problem computed using GA and HSABC for 200 cycles. By considering all parameters and operational constraints for solving the problem, optimal solutions of the EDED have been initialed at different points before leveling at the optimal solution as shown in Figure 3 with the fastest is HSABC. In addition, the execution of designed programs for each algorithm has consumed a certain time to complete all computations while obtaining the optimal solution of the EDED with different characteristics as given in Figure 4. In total, both time consumptions are listed in Table 2 with the shortest is HSABC. According to this table, the optimal solution of the EDED is settled at 11,585.13 \$/h with different budgeting fees for pollutants and fuels.

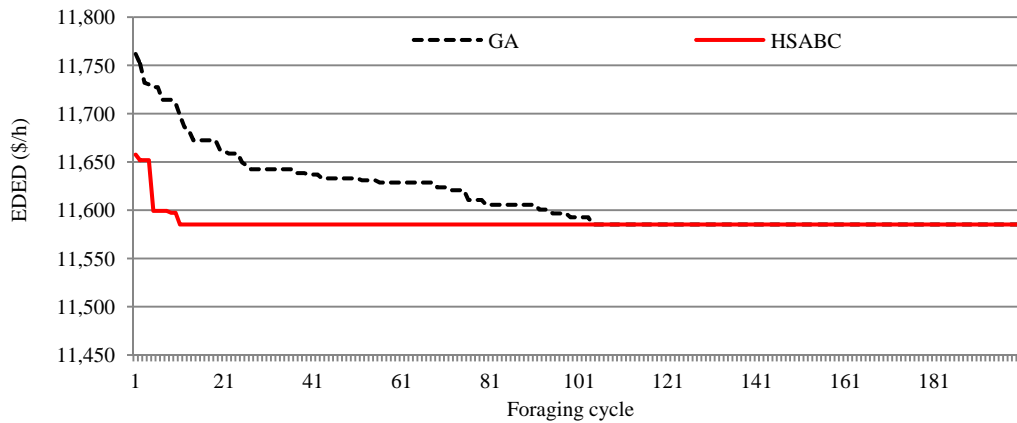


Figure 3. Convergence speeds of EDED's computations

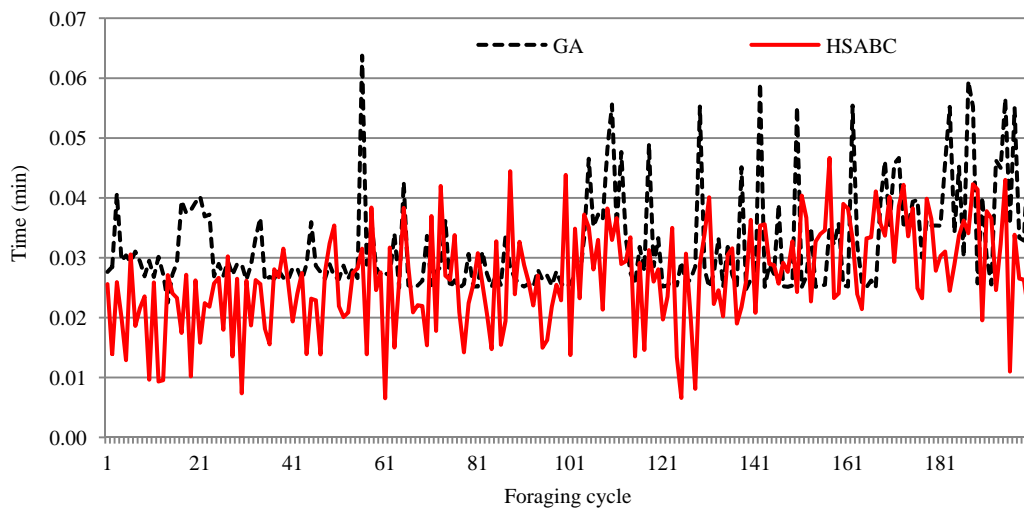


Figure 4. Time consumptions of EDED's computations

Table 2. Computing Performances

Subjects	GA	HSABC	Subjects	GA	HSABC
Fuels (\$/h)	8,547.47	8,192.53	Range (\$/h)	176.66	72.41
Pollutants (\$/h)	3,037.66	3,392.60	Optimal cycle	104	11
EDED (\$/h)	11,585.13	11,585.13	Optimal time (min)	3.04	0.21
Start point (\$/h)	11,761.85	11,657.60	Total time (min)	6.40	5.32

Table 3. Power and Pollutant Performances

Units	Powers (MW)		Pollutant (kg/h)	
	GA	HSABC	GA	HSABC
G1	140.24	105.75	124.48	34.18
G2	168.18	305.14	540	2,336.86
G3	258.16	380.22	1,580.89	3,847.27
G4	91.89	91.89	17.45	17.45
G5	140.48	146.48	125.25	145.39
G6	161.14	252.25	481.06	1,496.22
G7	145.27	108.62	91.37	23.97
G8	190.16	195.10	760.34	814.08
G9	357.32	119.92	3,990.73	218.55
G10	91.89	91.89	17.45	17.45
G11	110.22	147.94	54.11	142.30
G12	130.1	105.35	60.67	21.58
G13	281.01	220.83	937.08	502.41
G14	115.13	113.14	70.46	66.50
G15	340.31	399.78	3,177.35	4,583.36
G16	121.26	80.13	75.82	12.10
G17	91.89	91.89	17.45	17.45
G18	237.13	153.7	607.23	171.33
G19	130.47	94.84	316.52	102.30
Total	3,302.25	3,204.88	13,045.71	14,570.74

Table 4. Cost Performances

Units	Total costs (\$/hr)		Fuel costs (\$/h)		Emission costs (\$/h)	
	GA	HSABC	GA	HSABC	GA	HSABC
G1	1,244.27	908.30	1,186.30	892.38	57.97	15.92
G2	1,109.79	2,850.97	858.31	1,762.69	251.48	1,088.28
G3	2,180.38	4,152.70	1,444.16	2,361.03	736.22	1,791.67
G4	117.35	117.35	109.22	109.22	8.13	8.13
G5	842.95	890.27	784.62	822.56	58.33	67.71
G6	1,101.41	2,145.77	877.38	1,448.98	224.03	696.79
G7	904.46	640.37	861.91	629.18	42.55	11.16
G8	1,622.30	1,685.12	1,268.01	1,306.01	354.29	379.11
G9	5,142.66	998.55	3,284.18	896.77	1,858.48	101.78
G10	128.96	128.96	120.83	120.83	8.13	8.13
G11	321.35	466.45	296.03	400.18	25.32	66.27
G12	259.16	205.34	230.91	195.29	28.25	10.05
G13	1,412.01	950.31	975.61	716.34	436.4	233.97
G14	361.65	354.60	328.84	323.63	32.81	30.97
G15	3,911.95	5,132.31	2,432.26	2,997.84	1,479.69	2,134.47
G16	361.24	236.71	325.93	231.08	35.31	5.63
G17	117.35	117.35	109.22	109.22	8.13	8.13
G18	940.22	457.02	657.43	377.23	282.79	79.79
G19	1,091.19	731.25	943.79	683.61	147.4	47.64
Total	23,170.65	23,170.65	17,094.94	16,385.05	6,075.71	6,785.60

Based on the EDED problem, final results for scheduling generating units of the PSO are listed in Table 3, which have been optimized using GA and HSABC. This table shows real conditions of generating units to compose the committed power output considering 2,912 MW. As listed in this table, based on the combination of generating units for the PSO considered the minimum total operating cost, it is known that some generating units are operated in fixed power outputs. To make the unit commitment, generating units produce different individual power outputs. Moreover, some generating units are operated in the same capacities for both algorithms. By discharging pollutant emissions while producing power outputs to meet the total power demand, generating units have used compensation fees as listed in Table 4. These

payments have been considered in the PSO. According to these tables, it is indicated that generating units use various payments for producing power outputs. Regarding in combinations of power outputs, generating units have been operated using different budgets. Focused on the total operating cost, it has been optimized economically in 23,170.65 \$/h determined by both computations, although it has spent different total costs of fuel consumptions and pollutant compensations.

6. Conclusion

This paper compares GA and HSABC while solving the EDED using IEEE-62 bus as a sample system. Obtained results show that both algorithms have different characteristics and performances for the EDED problem. Its convergence speeds are smooth and quick to select optimal solutions. Focused on the solution quality and the computational efficiency, HSABC has searched for the optimal solution in the fastest speed and the shortest time. Numerically, both algorithms have produced similar results.

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