

# A modified artificial bee colony based on chaos theory for solving non-convex emission/economic dispatch



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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, a modified ABC based on chaos theory namely CIABC is comprehensively enhanced and effectively applied for solving a multi-objective EED problem to minimize three conflicting objective functions with non-smooth and non-convex generator fuel cost characteristics while satisfying the operation constraints. The proposed method uses a Chaotic Local Search (CLS) to enhance the self searching ability of the original ABC algorithm for finding feasible optimal solutions of the EED problem. Also, many linear and nonlinear constraints, such as generation limits, transmission line loss, security constraints and non-smooth cost functions are considered as dynamic operational constraints. Moreover, a method based on fuzzy set theory is employed to extract one of the Pareto-optimal solutions as the best compromise one. The proposed multi objective evolutionary method has been applied to the standard IEEE 30 bus six generators, fourteen generators and 40 thermal generating units, respectively, as small, medium and large test power system. The numerical results obtained with the proposed method based on tables and figures compared with other evolutionary algorithm of scientific literatures. The results regards that the proposed CIABC algorithm surpasses the other available methods in terms of computational efficiency and solution quality.

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## 1. Introduction

In the recent years, in view of the increasing public understanding of the environmental protection and approval of the US clean air amendments of 1990, the governments have obliged the manufacturing units and power utilities to modify their strategies to decrease environmental pollutions and atmospheric emissions in the thermal plants [1,2]. A host of traditional economic dispatch is in vogue to decrease environmental pollutions like installing switching to low emission fuels, post-combustion cleaning equipment, and replacement of the aged fuel burners or dispatching with emission considerations [3]. The latter decision is preferred in many cases due to economical reasons and its immediate availability for short term operation [4,5].

The aim of EcD problem is provide best generation schedule for the generating plants to provide the required demand plus transmission losses with the minimum production cost [6,7]. The EmD problem is similar to EcD problem except that it extends to minimize the net emissions instead of fuel cost [8]. The multi objective generation dispatch in electric power systems is combining of EED that focuses to simultaneously minimize both the fuel cost and

emission levels by fulfilling all unit and nonlinear systems constraints. There is no solitary best result to the bi-objective EED problem unless exact preference or weight of both the objectives is known [9]. Thus, it gives rise to finding a set of compromise solutions known as Pareto optimal solutions, which explain the trade-off between the two conflicting objectives [10].

Recently, conventional mathematical programming methods such as lambda iteration, gradient search, linear programming and Lagrangian relaxation [11] and evolutionary optimization algorithms such as TS [12], GA [13,14], multi objective PSO [15], NSGA [16], MDE [17], EMODE [18], cultural self-organizing migrating strategy [19], quantum-inspired evolutionary algorithm [20], clonal algorithm [21], Tribe-MDE [22] and biogeography based optimization [23] are applied to deal with EED problem.

Unfortunately, the above-mentioned methods lost numerous non-dominated solutions (dominated and non-dominated solutions explain in Fig. 3) to be in the search process which some of dominated solutions may be misclassified as non-dominated ones due to the selection process. Thus, they do not offer a outline for directing the search toward Pareto-optimal front that has lost its diversity and converged to local optimum of the objective function and the searching methods do not enhance toward more appropriate solutions and as a result it might not be possible for the this technique to proceed toward the global optimum (hasty convergence). In other words, when the system has a highly epistatic

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**Nomenclature**

ABC	Artificial Bee Colony	IABC	Interactive Artificial Bee Colony
CIABC	Chaotic Interactive Artificial Bee Colony	NDS	Non-Dominated Sort
CLS	Chaotic Local Search	IHBMO	Interactive Honey Bee Mating Optimization
EED	Environmental/Economic Dispatch	HBMO	Honey Bee Mating Optimization
US	United States	MODE	Multi-Objective Differential Evolution Algorithm
EcD	Economic Dispatch	IABC	Incremental Artificial Bee Colony
EmD	Emission Dispatch	CPSO–SQP	Chaotic PSO algorithm and Sequential Quadratic Programming
TS	Tabu Search	EP	Evolutionary Programming
GA	Genetic Algorithm	MGSO	Modified Group Search Optimizer
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization	SOMA	Self Organizing Migrating Strategy
NSGA	Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm	IABC-LS	Incremental Artificial Bee Colony algorithm with Local Search
MDE	Modified Differential Evolution	ABCDP	Artificial Bee Colony with Dynamic Population size
EMODE	Enhanced Multi-Objective Differential Evolution Algorithm		
Tribe-MDE	Tribe-Modified Differential Evolution		
ELD	Economic Load Dispatch (ELD)		

objective function and number of variables to be optimized is large, then they have degraded efficiency to obtain global optimum solution.

To capture these shortages, a multi objective CIABC algorithm based on fuzzy decision making is introduced in this paper. In other words, modifications in local rule based on CLS are proposed to the original ABC method that explores the searching space with a random localization, enhancing its rate of convergence for a better solution quality. By combining CLS mechanism with ABC, it can be ensured that the solutions are not trapped in local optima, based on the characteristics of periodicity and regularity of chaos. By applying the proposed technique to the standard IEEE 30-bus six-generator, medium power system with 14-generator, and a large scale system with 40 generators, its efficiency has been studied. The simulations results are compared with the recent algorithms of existing literatures. The results evaluation shows that the proposed algorithm achieves good performance in finding optimal solution for EED problem.

**2. Problem formulation**

The EcD problem is one of the main issues of modern power system, which determines the optimal real power settings of generating units so minimized two opposing objective functions, fuel cost and environmental emission while satisfying numerous equality and inequality practical constrains of generators [24]. This problem can be summarized in below subsections:

**2.1. Problem objectives**

**2.1.1. Minimization of fuel cost**

The EcD can be defined as the process of allocating generation levels to the generating units, so that the system load is supplied entirely and most economically [22]. The objective of EcD is to minimize the overall cost of generation. This function can be defined by:

$$F(P_G) = \sum_{i=1}^N F_i(P_{G_i}) \tag{1}$$

where  $N$  is number of generator and  $F_i(P_{G_i})$  is the total fuel cost of  $i$ th generator (in \$/h).  $P_{G_i}$  denote the output of  $i$ th generator (in MW). The cost of generating unit  $F_i(P_{G_i})$  is represented by the following quadratic functions:

$$F_i(P_{G_i}) = a_i + b_i P_{G_i} + c_i P_{G_i}^2 \text{ (\$/h)} \tag{2}$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  are the fuel cost coefficients of  $i$ th generator. To take into account for the valve-point effect, sinusoidal functions are added to the quadratic constant functions that the graphical structure is shown in Fig. 1. Thus, it can be written as:

$$F_i(P_{G_i}) = a_i + b_i P_{G_i} + c_i P_{G_i}^2 + |e_i \sin(f_i(P_{G_i}^{\min} - P_{G_i}))| \tag{3}$$

where  $e_i$  and  $f_i$  are the fuel cost-coefficients of the  $i$ th unit with valve-point effects.

**2.1.2. Minimization of emission**

The production of electricity from fossil fuel releases some contaminants, such as Sulfur oxides, Nitrogen oxides and Carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere. The total ton/h pollution of these pollutants can be defined as [24].

$$E(P_G) = \sum_{i=1}^N 10^{-2} (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_{G_i} + \gamma_i P_{G_i}^2) + \zeta_i \exp(\lambda_i P_{G_i}) \tag{4}$$

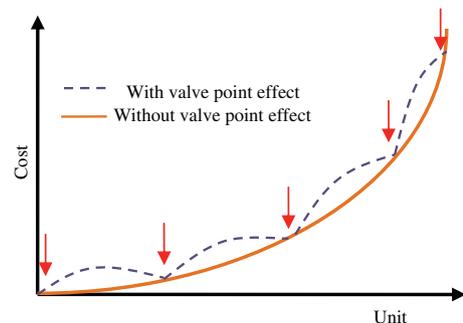
where  $\zeta_i, \lambda_i, \gamma_i, \alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  are the emission coefficients of the  $i$ th generator.

**2.1.3. Minimization of power loss**

To obtain network power loss the Newton Raphson method is used that can be expressed as:

$$P_L(P_G) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_L} g_k [V_i^2 + V_j^2 - 2V_i V_j \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)] \tag{5}$$

where the subscript  $k$  shows  $k$ th branches between bus  $i$ th and  $j$ th,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N_D, j = 1, 2, \dots, N_j, N_D$  shows the set of numbers of power demand bus;  $N_j$  is the set of numbers of buses adjacent to bus  $j$ ,



**Fig. 1.** Variation of cost with valve point effect.

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