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Multi-Objective Optimizations and Their Applications

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Multi-objective optimization addresses the challenge of optimizing multiple conflicting objectives in engineering, science, and industry. Unlike single-objective problems, it aims to find Pareto-optimal solutions that reflect trade-offs among objectives, providing decision-makers with diverse alternatives. Evolutionary multi-objective optimization (EMO) algorithms are widely used due to their population-based nature, which naturally supports the discovery of multiple optimal solutions. However, many real-world applications involve expensive evaluations such as simulations or physical experiments. Surrogate-assisted and data-driven approaches tackle this challenge by integrating machine learning models to approximate costly functions, enabling efficient design space exploration with lower computational cost. These methods also incorporate prior knowledge and uncertainty modeling. Techniques like infill criteria, model management, and data fusion further enhance performance, making such approaches practical in aerospace, automotive, drug discovery, and environmental engineering.

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