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Symmetry in Evolutionary Algorithms

Message from the Guest Editor

Symmetry is a fundamental and pervasive concept in evolutionary algorithms, influencing the design, efficiency, and performance of these optimization techniques. Symmetry is also a key factor in handling multimodal optimization problems. Moreover, in real-world applications, from engineering design to complex system optimization, symmetry-aware evolutionary algorithms have demonstrated superior performance in solving problems with inherent symmetric structures, such as symmetric constraints or symmetric objective functions. In summary, symmetry is an indispensable element in advancing evolutionary algorithms, offering new perspectives for improving their robustness, efficiency, and applicability. This Special Issue aims to gather cutting-edge research on the integration of symmetry into evolutionary algorithms, exploring novel theories, methodologies, and practical applications. We particularly welcome studies that bridge the gap between symmetry theory and evolutionary algorithm design and demonstrate tangible impacts in solving real-world optimization challenges.

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