

Tutorial at SSCI 2017

Estimation of distribution. Basic and advanced topics.

Summary:

Estimation of distribution algorithms (EDAs) are Evolutionary Algorithms based on the use of probability distributions and machine learning models in order to extract information of the selected individuals and produce new fitter individuals. In this tutorial we provide the attendant with:

- i) The basic tools to understand, design and codify EDAs in order to solve optimization problems, and introduce several successful applications in different fields, which show the potential of EDAs
- ii) The latest advances of the field such as EDAs specifically design to solve permutation-based optimization problems or to solve constraint optimization problems
- iii) a list of open research questions, which could motivate and extend the research in this type of algorithms.



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