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The open access Journal of Physics: Conference Series (JPCS) provides a fast, versatile and cost-effective proceedings publication service.
The chart shows the evolution of the average number of times documents published in a journal in the past two, three, and four years have been cited in the current year. The two years line is equivalent to journal impact factor (Thomson Reuters) metric.

| Year | Cites / Doc. (4 years) |
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| 2006 | 0.472                 |
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| 2008 | 0.470                 |
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Journal self-citation is defined as the number of citations from a journal citing articles to articles published by the same journal.

The evolution of the number of total citations per document and external citation per document (i.e., journal self-citations removed) received by a journal's published documents during the three previous years is shown. External citations are calculated by subtracting the number of self-citations from the total number of citations received by the journal's documents.

International collaboration accounts for the articles that have been produced by researchers from several countries. The chart shows the ratio of a journal's documents signed by researchers from more than one country; that is, including more than one country address.

Not every article in a journal is considered primary research and therefore “citable.” This chart shows the ratio of a journal's articles including substantial research (research articles, conference papers, and reviews) in three-year windows vs. those documents other than research articles, reviews, and conference papers.

The ratio of a journal's items, grouped in three-year windows, that have been cited at least once vs. those not cited during the following year is shown.
HARI CHANDRA 7 days ago

kindly let me know the Quartile rating of the past three years.

reply

Melanie Ortiz 6 days ago

Dear Hari, thank you very much for your comment. In the journal's report, you can see all the indicators available in Open Access format. We cannot provide other Open Access’ data different than those shown on the platform. Best Regards, SCImago Team

Kalin Kostadinov 1 month ago

You have forgotten to remove the Quartile label Q4 of the “Journal of Physics: Conference Series” for 2020 in the same way as you removed it for all previous years after changing the publication type from „Journal” to „Conferences and Proceedings”.

reply

Melanie Ortiz 1 month ago

Dear Kalin,

Thank you for contacting us.

After contacting Scopus Team, the publication type for this publication has been updated in SCImago Journal and Country Rank.

However, as SCImago is updated only once a year, the scientometric indicators section won't be updated until the next SCImago's annual update (June 2022).

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Lian Nedelchev 2 months ago

Dear colleagues from SCImago Team,

Please let me know what was the quartile of Journal of Physics: Conference Series for 2018 and 2019. The data are not present now, but I clearly remember that on this site it was classified as Q3 journal for these years. Could you please confirm that, as it is very important for an ongoing attestation in my Institute.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

reply
Ammar Ahmed Hamdoon 2 months ago
Dear Sir
Are the research published here archived within Scopus...
My greetings

Arcadius Benawa 3 months ago
How about publication in ScitePress? Is it indexed by Scopus? My paper which I presented in Ebic 2019 has been published in ScitePress publication in 2021 and so my paper which I have presented in IC2LC Binus 2018 has been published in ScitePress in 2021. Thank you for your attention. I wait eagerly for your respon. Thank you very much.

Melanie Ortiz 2 months ago
Dear Ammar,
Thank you for contacting us. A paper will be considered as Scopus indexed as long as it has been published in the same period in which Scopus has indexed the journal. For this reason, we always recommend to consult the Scopus database directly to see the current status of a journal.
Best Regards, SCImago Team

Arcadius Benawa 3 months ago
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Melanie Ortiz 3 months ago
Dear Arcadius, thank you very much for your comment. We suggest you consult the Scopus database directly. Best Regards, SCImago Team

Ren 5 months ago
Hi, how long does an article published in JPCs will appear in scopus? Waiting for your reply

Melanie Ortiz 3 months ago
Dear Arcadius, thank you very much for your comment. We suggest you consult the Scopus database directly. Best Regards, SCImago Team

Melanie Ortiz 3 months ago
Dear Lian,
Thank you for contacting us. Unfortunately, that information is not available.
Best Regards, SCImago Team
Alexandr Kupershtokh 6 months ago

This "Journal of Physics: Conference Series" is classified as Journal in SCOPUS. However, in SCOPUS SEARCH by Authors, all my articles published in this journal are marked as Proceedings in list publications. Please, correct the information in SCOPUS SEARCH.

Sincerely yours,
Alexandr Kupershtokh

reply

Amz 5 months ago

At scopus it already declare as conference proceeding

Melanie Ortiz 6 months ago

Dear Alexandr,

thank you very much for your comment, unfortunately we cannot help you with your request. We suggest you contact Scopus support:
https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus/

Best Regards, SCImago Team

S S

Sheetal Jagdale 12 months ago

This "Journal of Physics: Conference Series" is classified as Journal in SCOPUS october 2020 list. Even in https://www.scopus.com/sources it is listed in Journal But the SCImago has mentioned conference. Kindly guide

reply

S S

Samar Ghazal 10 months ago

Dear,

SCImago Team

I already saw all comments below, the fact is that the Journal of Physics: Conference Series is still classified as a journal in Scopus (30/1/2021). Can you check it with Scopus, please?

Thank you so much
Melanie Ortiz  10 months ago

Dear Samar,

Thank you for contacting us.

As said below, Scopus sent us a request to change the publication type from "Journal" to "Conference and Proceedings" last August.

For further information, you need to contact Scopus Support Team here:
https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Melanie Ortiz  12 months ago

Dear Sheetal,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Huda  1 year ago

Please, I have a question about the IOP Journal of Physics magazine from which quarter?

reply

Melanie Ortiz  1 year ago

Dear Huda,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

MD SARFARAZ ALAM  1 year ago

Dear,

SCImago Team

In scopus website when I am checking this JPCS is coming under journal section not conference proceedings.

I think SCImago team needs to modify this status here and change it into journal category not proceedings. If you are following SCOPUS coverage.

Regards,
Dr. S. Alam  
JMI University  

jose daniel  1 year ago  

Dear,  
SCImago Team  
I already saw all comments below, the fact is that the Journal of Physics: Conference Series is still classified as journal in scopus (11/11/2020). Can you check it with scopus please? This confusion can lead to many problems for authors.

Melanie Ortiz  1 year ago  

Dear Jose,  

Thank you for contacting us. As said previously, Scopus sent us a request to change the publication type from "Journal" to "Conference and Proceedings" a few months ago. For further information, you need to contact Scopus Support Team here: https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus/  

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Melanie Ortiz  1 year ago  

Dear Dr. S. Alam,  

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below.  

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Albert King  1 year ago  

Dear SCImago Team  

I got my article published in "Journal of Physics: Conference Series" in June 2020. At that time it was classified as 'Journal' on scimagojr website. But now it has been changed to 'Conference Proceeding'. Can you please provide a proof that it was a "journal" type publication and later it got changed to 'Conference Proceeding'. Thank you.
**Anderson Sandoval** 1 year ago

Reviewing the new classification reported on this web platform, I see with surprise that this journal was eliminated from the assignment of quartiles, while other proceeding journals still continue with the classification of journal and assignment of quartiles. Which leads me to wonder:

Why does this happen?
Is there discrimination in the process?
Why isn't everyone treated the same equally?
Where is the level playing field?
Is there the status favouring of some of these proceedings for belonging to large publishers?

I would like to know the reasons why this journal was removed from the classification by quartiles and why other proceeding journals did not suffer the same treatment.

Staying tuned

Cordially,

reply

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**Melanie Ortiz** 1 year ago

Dear Anderson,

Thank you for contacting us. As said below, SCImago calculates the SJR data for all the publication's types, but the Quartile's data are only calculated for Journals and Book Series. SCImago does not decide if a publication has to be classified as a Conference and proceedings, journal or book serie. It is Scopus who proceeds to classify the publication types. Therefore, you need to contact Scopus regarding this matter here:

https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus/

Best regards, SCImago Team

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**Nasir Zaba** 1 year ago

Dear SCImago Team

I have seen the comment below and the SCImago Team's explanation. I would like to know, what is the publication type for old articles of JPCS that were published before this status changes?

Are my old articles still classified as JOURNAL or CONFERENCES
Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago

Dear Nasir,
thank you very much for your comment, unfortunately we cannot help you with your request. We suggest you contact Scopus support:
https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus/
Best Regards, SCImago Team

Dr. Jawad Alzaidi 1 year ago

Dear team of journal... Please answer for me clearly. If journal has Q and sitescore in scopus now?... I Read all the comments above and not found clear answer..... Best regards

Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago

Dear Dr. Jawad,
Thank you very much for your comment.
You need to consult the Scopus database directly to see the CiteScore.
Best Regards, SCImago Team

Restu 1 year ago

Why does the coloured quartile graph is not shown on this page? It used to be shown buy why did it dissapear?

Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago

Dear Restu,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

Kadir Kadir 1 year ago

Please be informed, in July 2020, "Journal of Physics: Conference Series" still has a Q3 quartile, why is there currently no quartile (written not yet assigned quartile)
Rana 1 year ago
Now I am checking this journal in scopus preview. This journal still called journal of physics there isn't any change in name

reply

Hoang Van Ngoc 1 year ago
Please tell me the Q of this magazine?
Why not see it here? thanks

reply

Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago
Dear Hoang,
Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below.
Best Regards, SCImago Team

Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago
Dear Sergey,
Thank you for contacting us. This publication type has been recently changed from "Journal" to "Conference and Proceedings", after receiving a change order by Scopus last week.
Best regards, SCImago Team
Dear colleagues,

The status of the journal has just been updated to no quartile assigned. But a month ago when the database for 2019 was updated it showed Q3. Now it is even not seen that it has had Q3 for years. How can you explain it?

reply

On the scopus site, this journal still belongs to the type of publication - journal. Ilya I don't understand something?

What is the cost of publishing an article in the Journal of Physics: Conference Series?

reply

Dear Anna,

Thank you for contacting us. This publication type has been recently changed from "Journal" to "Conference and Proceedings", after receiving a change order by Scopus. We calculate the SJR data for all the publication's types, but the Quartile's data are only calculated for Journals and Book Series.

Best regards, SCImago Team

Dear Jean Pierre,

Thank you very much for your comment, we suggest you look for that information in the website or contact the editorial staff. Best Regards, SCImago Team

Dear Nismon,

Is this Indexed in Scopus Database?

When I checked it is not listed.

reply

Dear Nismon,

Thank you very much for your comment.
All the metadata have been provided by Scopus /Elsevier in their last update sent to SCImago, including the Coverage's period data. The SJR for 2019 was released on 11 June 2020. We suggest you consult the Scopus database directly to see the current index status as SJR is a static image of Scopus, which is changing every day.
Best Regards, SCImago Team

**Rio Aurachman** 1 year ago

Today is already June. But the new rank not released yet. Could you please send the specific date when will the new SJR will be released. Thank you before

reply

**Melanie Ortiz** 1 year ago

Dear Rio,

Thank you for contacting us. Our data come from Scopus, they annually send us an update of the data. This update is sent to us around April / May every year. Therefore, the indicators for 2019 will be available throughout this month (June 2020) but we cannot tell you a specific day. Best regards, SCImago Team

**Saiqa Khan** 1 year ago

Please tell me impact factor?

reply

**Melanie Ortiz** 1 year ago

Dear Saiqa, thank you very much for your comment. SCImago Journal and Country Rank uses Scopus data, our impact indicator is the SJR. The next update will be made throughout June 2020. We suggest you consult the Journal Citation Report for other indicators (like Impact Factor) with a Web of Science data source. Best Regards, SCImago Team

**Ahmad Fauzi** 1 year ago

why the journal (physics) has Q3 while material science and engineering (https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=19700200831

reply

**Melanie Ortiz** 1 year ago


Dear Sir/Madam,
I have an article titled ‘Influence of dietary epigallocatechin-3 gallate and Larginine and its combination on early laying performance and physiological status of stressed Japanese quails’ which has been published in IOP Conf. Series: Journal of Physics: Conf. Series 1294 (2019) 092014. This article is not included in Scopus Preview, although the journal is registered in Scopus database. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

reply

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Karrar Imad Abdulsahib Al-Shammari 2 years ago

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Melanie Ortiz 2 years ago

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Best Regards, SCImago Team

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Rose 2 years ago

Dear Sir,

It is stated in the JPCS homepage that the journal is a proceeding publication (https://iopscience.iop.org/journal/1742-6596). Is it valid and common for proceeding publication to have Q3 rank over years in scopus? Looking forward for you explanation.

reply

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Melanie Ortiz 2 years ago

Dear Rose,

Thank you for contacting us.

As you probably already know, SJR is a portal with scientometric indicators of journals indexed in Scopus. All the data have been provided by Scopus /Elsevier. This fact implies that Scopus sends us an annual update of their publications and their metadata. If Journal of Physics: Conference Proceeding appears as a "Journal publication's type " it means that Scopus has categorized it like this. In addition, we have to say that the metadata belongs to Scopus, thus SCImago doesn't have the authority over this data which are exclusively property of Scopus/Elsevier. SCImago has a signed agreement that limits our performance to the generation of scientometric indicators derived from the
Dear editor,

We intend to hold a conference in the medical and health science scope. Is it possible for us to send our full paper that has been presented (oral presentation) to be published in this journal as proceeding?

Many thanks, looking forward for your favorable feedback

Regards,

Dian

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I would like to ask you about SJR for 2019.

reply

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Dear Dian,

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Post graduate Yogyakarta State University

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Comparative Study of Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithms in Solving Size, Topology, and Shape Optimization

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Abstract. This paper focuses on optimizing truss structures while proposing best PSO variants. Truss optimization is one way to make the design efficient. There are three types of optimization: size, shape, and topology. By combining size, shape, and topology optimization, we can obtain the most efficient structure. Metaheuristics have the ability to solve this problem. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a metaheuristic algorithm which is frequently used to solve many optimization problems. PSO mimics the behavior of flocking birds looking for food. But PSO has three parameters that can interfere with its performance, so this algorithm is not adaptive to diverse problems. Many PSO variants have been introduced to solve this problem, including linearly decreasing inertia weight particles swarm optimization (LDWPSO) and bare bones particles swarm optimization (BBPSO). The metaheuristic method is used to find the solution, while DSM is used to analyze the structure. A 10-bar truss structure and a 39-bar truss structure are considered as case studies. The result indicates that BBPSO beat other two algorithms in terms of best result, consistency, and convergence behavior in both cases. LDWPSO took second place for the three categories, leaving PSO as the worst algorithm that tested.

Keywords: Particle swarm optimization (PSO), metaheuristic method, structure

1. Introduction
Truss structures are often seen in buildings. This structure is only subjected to axial force due to releasing the moment of fixity. In civil engineering it is important to have efficient design, especially for truss structures. For civil engineers, construction cost efficiency is considered as priority. There are many ways to minimize construction costs. One way that can be used is structure optimization. There are three types of optimization: size, shape, and topology [1]. Size optimization is used to find the optimal sectional area for each member, topology finds the optimal number of elements in the structure while still paying attention to structural stability, and shape is used to find the optimal node coordinates. Usually researchers only consider one or two optimizations, but by optimizing all of them, we can obtain the most efficient structure [2].

“Trial and error” is commonly used by engineers to gain this efficient design. But this method is not efficient and requires a lot of time due to its many constraints and variables. Fortunately, metaheuristics have the capability to solve this problem [3]. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) [4], proposed by Kennedy and Eberhart, is popular in solving the problem of optimization. It is well known for its simple concept. This algorithm applies the behavior of flocking birds. Each bird tries to find best place in the flock to find food. Like flocks of bird, they use information from the previous
direction, the best location that the group ever experienced, and the best location that each bird ever experienced. Although it is easy to understand the concept, this algorithm has some weaknesses. Three parameters that must be set in the beginning is one of them [5]. To resolve this matter, many researchers have proposed some PSO variants like linearly decreasing inertia weight particles swarm optimization (LDW-PSO) [6] and bare bones particle swarm optimization (BBPSO) [7].

2. Literature review

2.1. Particle swarm optimization (PSO)
While bird searching for food, they tend to use information from initial velocity ($v_i(t)$), best location that this particle discovers $X_{pbest}(t)$, best location from population $X_{gbest}(t)$, and its current location $X_i(t)$. This concept is used by PSO to search for the optimum solution. This algorithm is well-known for this simple concept. But the one weakness of this algorithm is the need to pre-set the parameters to adapt to each separate problem [7]. First, the algorithm generates a random location for each particle [6]. Then the particle enters the main looping, where each particle updates its location every iteration using Equation (1). Particles use velocity to update the location, which is calculated with Equation (2).

$$X_i(t+1) = X_i(t) + v_i(t+1)$$

$$v_i(t+1) = wv_i(t) + r_1C_1\left(X_{pbest}(t) - X_i(t)\right) + r_2C_2\left(X_{gbest}(t) - X_i(t)\right)$$

where $v_i(t+1)$ is the next velocity; $w$ is inertia weight; $v_i(t)$ is the initial velocity; $r_1$ and $r_2$ are random numbers between 0 and 1; $C_1$ and $C_2$ are constants that have been set (usually 2); $X_{pbest}(t)$ is personal best; $X_i(t)$ is initial location; $X_{gbest}(t)$ is global best; and $X_i(t+1)$ is the particles new location.

2.2. Linearly Decreasing Inertia Weight Particles Swarm Optimization (LDWPSO)
LDWPSO perfects one parameter in PSO: Inertia weight, which is used to adjust local and global searches. For a more global search a large value of inertia weight is needed, while for more local search a small value of inertia weight is needed. By reducing the inertia weight each iteration, PSO searches more in a global scope at the beginning of iteration, and in a local scope at the end of iteration [6]. The inertia weight updates with Equation (3):

$$w = w_0 - \omega \cdot (w_0 - w_e) / t_{max}$$

where $w$ is current inertia weight; $w_0$ is initial inertia weight; $w_e$ is final inertia weight; $t$ is current iteration; and $t_{max}$ is total iteration.

2.3. Bare Bones Particles Swarm Optimization (BBPSO)
Unlike LDWPSO that modifies one parameter, all parameters are erased by BBPSO. Instead of using velocity to update the location, BBPSO uses a Gaussian distribution. The particle’s next position is only calculated by its personal best position and swarm global best position. Parameter-free means the algorithm can easily adapt to separate problems [7]:

$$\mu = \frac{\pi_{i} + g_{best}}{2}$$

$$\sigma = |\pi_{i} - g_{best}|$$

$$x(i+1) = \begin{cases} N(\mu, \sigma) & \text{if } \omega > 0.5 \\ \pi_{i} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where $\pi_{i} = (p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$ is the personal best position of each particle, $g_{best}$ is the best position of the whole swarm, and $\omega$ is a random number from 0 to 1.
3. Problem formulation

The objective of this study is to minimize the weight of the truss structure without violating any constraints. Static constraints such as validity, kinematic stability of structure, size, shape, nodal displacement, and element stress are used as constraints in this study. The mathematical formulation of this optimization problem can be performed as follows:

Find,

\[ X = \{A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m, \xi_1, \xi_2, \ldots, \xi_n\} \]

To minimize,

\[ f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} B_i A_i \rho_i L_i \quad (5) \]

where,

\[ B_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } A_i < \text{Critical Area} \\ 1, & \text{if } A_i \geq \text{Critical Area} \end{cases} \]

Subjected to:

\[ g_1: \text{Check on validity of structure} \]
\[ g_2: \text{Check on stability of structure} \]
\[ g_3(X): \text{Stress constraints}, |B_i \sigma_i| - |\sigma_i^{\text{max}}| \leq 0 \]
\[ g_4(X): \text{Displacement constraints}, |\delta_i| - |\delta_i^{\text{max}}| \leq 0 \]
\[ g_5(X): \text{Size constraints}, A_i^{\text{Critical}} \leq A_i \leq A_i^{\text{Upper}} \]
\[ g_6(X): \text{Shape constraints}, \xi_j^{\text{Lower}} \leq \xi_j \leq \xi_j^{\text{Upper}} \]

where, \(i = 1, 2, \ldots, m\) and \(j = 1, 2, \ldots, n\), and where \(A_i, \rho_i, L_i\) and \(\sigma_i, \xi_j\) are cross-sectional area, density, modules of elasticity, length, and stress of element \(i\), respectively. \(\sigma_i\) and \(\xi_j\) are real values of nodal displacement and coordinates of node \(j\), respectively. \(B_i\) is a topological bit, which is 0 for absence and 1 for presence of element \(i\), respectively. The truss structure is called invalid (\(g_1\)) if during the optimization process loaded or support nodes are being deleted.

4. Material and Method

A combination of the direct stiffness method (DSM) and metaheuristics is used for this optimization. Metaheuristics is used to find the optimal size, topology, and shape of the truss structure while DSM is used to run the structural calculation. Before conducting the research, researchers prepared a DSM program for a planar truss, and prepared three metaheuristic algorithms: PSO, LDW-PSO, and BBPSO. The DSM and metaheuristic algorithms were written using MATLAB 2017a and the results of the three algorithms were compared to determine the best performing algorithm. In general, this program randomizes the cross-section area, and iterates using trial and error until it reaches its maximum iteration. A flow chart of the truss optimization process is diagrammed in Figure 1.
Upper bound and lower bound are used as size and shape constraints. Displacement of each node as well as the axial force and stress of each element from DSM are also used as constraints for this optimization. Whenever a solution violates the constraints, a penalty is given to the solution. This study used two types of penalty. When there are stability and validity constraint violations, the fitness value will be given a dead penalty. Unlike stability and validity constraints, when displacement and stress constraints are violated, a penalty value will be given accordingly. $P_{\text{penalty}}$ multiplied to the total mass of the structure using Equation (6)–(8) [2]:

$$F_{\text{penalty}} = (1 + \varepsilon_1 \times C)^{\varepsilon_2},$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^{q} C_i,$$

$$C_i = \left| 1 - \frac{p_i}{p_i^*} \right|.$$  

$p_i$ is a level of violation that is violated against the $p_i^*$ limit, $q$ is the number of constraints used, and $\varepsilon_1$ and $\varepsilon_2$ are parameters set by the researcher. This study refers to [2] on the values of $\varepsilon_1$ and $\varepsilon_2$ being

![Flow chart for truss optimization.](chart.png)
3. Then, the results of the $F_{\text{penalty}}$ will be multiplied by the total mass of the structure to obtain the fitness value.

5. Test Problems and Results

This paper compares the performance of three PSO variants using 2 planar truss structure problems. All problems are optimized using shape, topology, and size considerations. Each algorithm was run 30 times and with 50 populations. The structures were analyzed using DSM. Cognitive (C1) and social (C2) parameters for PSO and LDWPSO were set to 2. Inertia weight (W) for PSO was set to 0.8 while the LDWPSOs inertia weight linearly decreased from 0.9 to 0.1 with respect to iterations. Algorithms and structural analyses were coded in MATLAB 2017a.

5.1. Planar 10-bar truss structure

This structure is very popular in truss optimization and was previously studied by Miguel [2] and Rahami [8]. The 10-bar structure has a total of six nodes with three fixed nodes and three moving nodes as shown in Fig. 2. It has 12 degrees of freedom due to X and Y directions. The material density is 0.1 lb/in3 and elastic modulus 107 psi. The stress limit for compression/tension is 25,000 psi and displacement should be no more than ±2 in. This problem has 13 variables: Ten cross-section area variables and three geometric variables. A shape constraint for this problem was that nodes 1, 3, and 5 could move in the Y direction only between 180 and 1000 inches. The cross-sectional areas available were:

$$D = \{0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5, 10.0, 10.5, 11.0, 11.5, 12.0, 12.5, 13.0, 13.5, 14.0, 14.5, 15.0, 15.5, 16.0, 16.5, 17.0, 17.5, 18.0, 18.5, 19.0, 19.5, 20.0, 20.5, 21.0, 21.5, 22.0, 22.5, 23.0, 23.5, 24.0, 24.5, 25.0, 25.5, 26.0, 26.5, 27.0, 27.5, 28.0, 28.5, 29.0, 29.5, 30.0, 30.5, 31.0, 31.5\} \text{ (in}^2)\).

Table 1 shows that BBPSO and LDWPSO have the most optimal weight (2705.1667 lb), while PSO cannot obtain such a minimum weight. There is a great gap between BBPSO and the other two algorithms in terms of consistency. The average and standard deviation for BBPSO are far lower than PSO or LDWPSO. BBPSO is also superior in terms of convergence behavior shown in Figure 3. Shape, topology, and size changes can be seen in Figure 4. From previous study, genetic algorithm (GA) [8] obtains larger best result than PSO variants used in this study. However, PSO has small constraints violation.
Table 1. Final design of sizing, shape, and topology for 10-bar truss.

| Variables | PSO | LDWPSO | BBPSO |
|-----------|-----|--------|-------|
| A1        | 11.5| 11.5   | 11.5  |
| A2        | 0   | 0      | 0     |
| A3        | 11.5| 11.5   | 11.5  |
| A4        | 5.74| 7.22   | 7.22  |
| A5        | 0   | 0      | 0     |
| A6        | 0   | 0      | 0     |
| A7        | 5.74| 5.74   | 5.74  |
| A8        | 3.83| 3.13   | 2.88  |
| A9        | 13.5| 13.5   | 13.5  |
| A10       | 0   | 0      | 0     |
| Y1        | 0   | 201.4377| 180 |
| Y3        | 506.4203| 486.7639| 486.6606 | 486.68129 |
| Y5        | 789.7306| 780.6457| 790 | 789.99058 |
| Best (lb) | 2723.05| 2708.614| 2705.167 | 2705.167 |
| Average (lb) | - | 2973.832| 2923.337 | 2804.739 |
| Stdev (lb) | - | 222.036| 201.069 | 92.222 |
| Max Stress(ksi) | 19.1463| 19.185| 19.145 | 19.145 |
| Max Displacement(inch) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| No. of analyses | - | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 |
| Constraint violation | None | 2.44E-11 | None | None |

Figure 3. Convergence behavior for 10-bar truss structure.
5.2. Planar 39-bar truss structure

The ground structure illustrated in Figure 5 shows a vertical load of 20 kips applied on nodes 2, 3 and 4. The allowable stress is 20 ksi and allowable displacement is ±2 in. This structure has been studied before by Miguel [2], Deb [9], and Tejani [10]. The material properties (modulus of elasticity and weight density) are the same as in the previous examples. Members of the structure are grouped into 21 groups for symmetrical reasons. For shape constraint, all loading and support nodes are fixed. All nodes can move from 120 to -120 in an x and y direction from its original position, except for node 11 which can only move in a y direction. Nodes move symmetrically, which means there are only seven...
shape constraints: $x_6 = -x_9$, $y_6 = y_9$, $x_7 = -x_8$, $y_7 = y_8$, $x_{10} = -x_{12}$, $y_{10} = y_{12}$, and $y_{11}$. This is a continuous problem with a max sectional area of 2.25 inch$^2$ and a minimum of 0.05 inch$^2$.

Table 2. Final design of sizing, shape, and topology for 39-bar truss.

| Variables | [10] | PSO | LDWPSO | BBPSO |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-------|
| A1,A22    | 0.1905 | 0.050001 | 0.8547715 | 0.182017 |
| A2,A23    | 0.9157 | 1.013031 | 0.9500338 | 1.0127308 |
| A3,A24    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A4,A25    | 1.4694 | 0     | 0.7066295 | 0     |
| A5,A26    | 0      | 0     | 0.0655538 | 0     |
| A6,A27    | 0      | 0.0503 | 0     | 0.0501156 |
| A7,A28    | 0      | 1.118042 | 0.050144 | 1.1588633 |
| A8,A29    | 0      | 2.25  | 1.0052822 | 1.2771902 |
| A9,A30    | 1.2353 | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A10,A31   | 0.9966 | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A11,A32   | 0      | 0     | 2.25  | 0     |
| A12,A33   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A13,A34   | 0.5099 | 0.501794 | 2.25  | 0.5163225 |
| A14,A35   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A15,A36   | 0      | 2.25  | 1.6655047 | 1.511016 |
| A16,A37   | 0      | 0     | 0.0917872 | 0     |
| A17,A38   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A18,A39   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     |
| A19       | 1.0159 | 0     | 1.0003739 | 0     |
| A20       | 15.6136 | 2.25 | 2.2489131 | 1.1418484 |
| A21       | 143.9449 | 0   | 0.402704  | 0     |
| x6        | 0      | 120  | 120  | 230.5454 |
| y6        | 0      | 0    | 185.35876 | 148.74514 |
| x7        | 192.6985 | 239.9501 | 239.99901 | 185.869 |
| y7        | 236.2853 | 240  | 0    | 330.34409 |
| x10       | 0      | 0    | 102.93241 | 134.56055 |
| y10       | 0.1905 | 120  | 181.53663 | -120 |
| y11       | 0.9157 | 120  | 290.88376 | -120 |
| Best (lb) | 190.1088 | 242.678 | 230.390 | 187.896 |
| Average (lb) | 211.3174 | 329.740 | 311.734 | 213.512 |
| Stdev (lb) | 10.8810 | 55.580 | 50.879865 | 20.068 |
| Max Stress(ksi) | 19.9998 | 19.999 | 19.999 | 19.999 |
| Max Displacement(inch) | 1.7658 | 1.4756 | 1.7418 | 1.377 |
| No. of analyses | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 |
| Constraint violation | None | None | None | None |

From Table 2, BBPSO is the best algorithm of the three that have been tested. BBPSO gains minimum weight of structure (187.89617 lb) with the lowest average and standard deviation from three PSO variants. With PSO and LDWPSO also showing similar results from previous problem. LDWPSO has the second best result (230.38976 lb) and PSO has the worst result (242.6785 lb). BBPSO has a 63.89% less standard deviation than PSO. Furthermore, BBPSO also shows exceptional convergence behavior in Figure 6. Iteration for the 39-bar truss structure can be seen in Figure 7. In
the 100th iteration, BBPSO has found its optimum shape and topology while still optimizing the sectional area. PVS from Tejani [10] has better result than PSO and LDWPSO with 190.1088 lb. BBPSO still has better result and average than PVS. However, PVS has smaller standard deviation (10.8810lb) than BBPSO.

![Convergence behavior for 39-bar truss structure.](image)

**Figure 6.** Convergence behavior for 39-bar truss structure.

![Iteration for 39-bar truss structure.](image)

**Figure 7.** Iteration for 39-bar truss structure (a) first iteration, (b)10th iteration, (c) 100th iteration, (d) final design.

6. Conclusion

In this paper, the three PSO variants (PSO, LDWPSO, and BBPSO) are tested using two planar truss structures. Every benchmark problem is optimized using shape, topology, and size considerations. Static constraints such as stresses, displacements, stability, and validity are used. Optimized shape, topology and size simultaneously deliver a high increase in the number of constraints and variables, thus making the problem more complex and difficult. The results show that the BBPSO algorithm ranks first in achieving lighter trusses, followed by the LDWPSO and PSO algorithms. The BBPSO
also outperforms other algorithms in terms of consistency and convergence behavior, followed by LDWPSO and PSO. Even from the previous studies, BBPSO is superior from GA in 10-bar truss problem and GA in 39-bar truss problem. LDWPSO that modified the inertia weight parameter has better result than original PSO, while BBPSO that eliminate the parameters outperform PSO and LDWPSO. It can be concluded that BBPSO is the best PSO variants that has been tested and the performance of PSO can be improved by modifying the parameters.

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