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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents a pollination based optimization (PBO) algorithm. PBO is a bio-inspired, multipopulation global optimization algorithm capable of generating high accuracy solutions to complex problems. The plants have been observed to optimize their resource expenditure on fragrance, floral display, nectar production and pollen to attract pollinating agents such as insects, bees, flies, bats, birds, etc. Subject to pollination success, plants increase or decrease their total resource cost on fragrance, superior nectar content, pollen and floral display. If the reproductive success is better, plants decrease their investment. In case the reproductive success is below average, plants increase their investment on resources affecting pollination. This increases the number of pollinators and their re-visitation causing the reproductive success to go up. The proposed PBO algorithm was evaluated on the 80 test functions of CEC 2021 test suite, and the performance was compared with 8 recent algorithms. The algorithm performed exceptionally well, leading in 41 of the 80 functions of the test bench. The paper further, demonstrates the application of the proposed algorithm to evolve an optimized CNN architecture for the paddy plant disease detection from the paddy leaf dataset. The paddy leaf dataset has 5932 infected images indicating various diseases. The PBO based approach with 99.37% accuracy outperformed KNN, SVM, Decision Tree, Random Forest, GA-CNN and BBBC-CNN based algorithms.

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#### 1. BACKGROUND

OPTIMIZATION is an instinct inherent in human beings, animals, plants and trees. In their search for food, ants find the shortest path between their colony and location of food, through pheromone laying [1]. According to biogeography, as survival tactics, birds maintain an optimal number on an island [2], fireflies optimize their hunt and reproductive success through their flashing behavior [3], honey bees waggle dance to communicate the distance and direction of flower patches to other bees of the hive to maximize their nectar collection [4-5]. The human beings have a tendency to create a mathematical discipline for anything that is abstract, significant and general. Searching and optimization are so significant to us that these have become one of the important and established branches of the mathematics. This paper proposes a pollination-based global optimization algorithm named PBO. In the pollination process pollen is transferred from the anther (male part), to the stigma (reproductive organ). There are two forms of pollination namely biotic and abiotic. In the biotic pollination insects and bees act as primary pollen carriers. Biotic pollination accounts for approximately 90% of the total pollination. On the other hand, water and wind act as pollen carriers in abiotic pollination.

For plants, a cost-based pollination model was proposed by Thakkar et al. [6]. This model was further improved by B. Sriram et al. [7]. The above model does not adequately represent the inherent randomness of the pollination process. A careful look at the pollination process reveals that neither it is totally random, nor it is purely deterministic. This process is a guided one with considerable randomness. In the pollination process pollinators arrive randomly, and their repeated visits are guided by plant investment in the nectar, floral display, pollen and fragrance. Another pollination-based algorithm namely FPA was proposed by Yang She et al. [8].

This paper presents a new pollination success based, bioinspired, multi-population, optimization algorithm named PBO, that is conceptually very different from FPA. Section 2 builds the PBO concept. Section 3 develops the formal algorithm based on the inspiration derived from the plants. In the Section 4 we evaluate and discuss the performance of PBO on the 80 functions of the CEC 2021 test suite and compares it with 8 of the leading algorithms. Section 5 describes its application to the identification of an optimized CNN for the disease detection in paddy plants. Section 6 concludes the paper.

#### 2. PBO CONCEPT

For plant species to survive, these need to produce their next generation by producing their seeds via pollination. Pollinators forage for pollen and nectar. The plant flowers through their fragrance and floral display attract pollinators to provide them with quality nectar and pollen. These pollinators then carry pollen from one flower to other and thus, the pollination begins. This interdependence of the two on each other leads to successful pollination. The pollination process gets completed in a specific time frame during the pollination season. The relationship between pollination success and resource control could be explained as follows:

- (a) If the pollination success is proceeding at the normal rate, the plants invest average resource on all cost factors.
- (b) If the pollination success is observed to be below (above) normal rate, plants increase (decrease) the investment in different components (floral display, fragrance, pollen and nectar) randomly, to attain optimal pollination with minimal total investment/cost. Increased investment on resources/ cost components results into attracting a greater number of pollinators with increased visitation leading to successful pollination with high probability.
- © If plants allow maximum expenditure/ investment for every cost component i.e., floral display in terms of brightness of flowers, nectar sweetness, fragrance and pollen quantity then plants are likely to achieve maximal pollination success with high probability at the highest cost in that particular season.

For the pollination process to be successful, pollinators need to be attracted and they must repeatedly visit flower patches. Plants achieve this by investing their resources in four major components namely floral display, flower fragrance, pollen and nectar. These four investment/cost components are as depicted in Table 1; form the decision variables for the optimization model. Though, pollination success is a function of these variables as these aid in luring the pollinators yet the visitation by the pollinators is random. Hence, the pollination success has a lot of randomness. Thus, an investment vector consists of 'n' elements/ decision variables. For a plant, investment vector consists of above said 4 components. The count for decision variables is problem-specific and shall vary from problem to problem.

In the PBO, patches represent populations of candidate solutions, with each patch consisting of a fixed number of flowering plants. Each plant has an associated investment vector 'I' consisting of investment/cost components. As stated earlier each of the investment component is a decision variable influencing the total investment as well as pollination success for the plant. The fitness of a plant (pollination success) is the function of investment vector.

Table 1: Formulation of an Investment Vector											
No. of investment/cost components = No. of decision variables											
Display Cost = Sum of display costs of all the flowers of a plant											
Fragrance Cost = Sum of Fragrance costs of all the flowers of a plant											
Nectar Cost = Sum of Nectar Costs of all the flowers of a plant											
I = Investment Vector Remarks											
	=	One in	divid	ual							
Investment vector of Plant No. $1 = I_1$	x11	x 12	<i>x</i> <sub>13</sub>	$x_{I4}$	Flowers of "P"						
					Plants constitute						
Investment vector of Plant No. $2 = I_2$	x21	<i>x</i> <sub>22</sub>	<i>x</i> <sub>23</sub>	<i>x</i> <sub>24</sub>	One Patch or One						
					Population						
Investment vector of Plant No. $p = I_p$	x <sub>p1</sub>	$x_{p2}$	$x_{p3}$	$x_{p4}$							
The fitness function and the total the east o	f on inv	actman	t voo	tor "T	are the functions of						
its decision variables	r an mv	coullel	ii vec	101 1	are the functions of						

Let for an investment vector  $I = \{x1, x2, ..., xn\}$ pollination success 'S' be defined as given below: S = f(I) (1)

The optimization problem can now be stated as follows: Search a specific vector  $I^* = \{x1, x2, ..., xn\}$  from amongst all the possible candidate solutions for which  $S^* = f(I^*)$ 

is the optimal value of 'S';

subject to the constraint that:

Bounds on decision variables are not violated.

In the beginning algorithm creates 'N' patches, each consisting of 'p' investment vectors (candidate solutions). Each investment vector consists of 'n' investment components or decision variables. All investment vectors are created randomly, respecting the bounds.

As soon as the initial set of 'N' patches is created, algorithm evaluate pollination success (fitness) of each of the plants. From amongst all the patches of investment vectors we record the global best investment vector that yields the best level of pollination.

The algorithm generates new investment vectors for every vector of the current patch as given in Algorithm 1. These are then subjected to the combination and mutation operations. Collective pollination behavior of all the patches is modeled by 'Combination' operation. It has been observed that whenever one of the flowering patches attains a specific level of success, simultaneously all of its neighboring patches also achieve almost the same level of pollination success. The algorithm models this process by moving each of the decision variables of the investment vectors of a patch towards global best investment vector. For good results, this movement is performed with a high probability between 0.7 to 0.95. When the PBO begins search in the current patch we call it a local search. It continues with the local search for every patch. After a given fraction of the maximum number of iterations the algorithm incorporates the global search; moving towards global optima for a limited fraction of iterations e.g. let us say the total number of iterations (seasons) is max iterations, then up to the first 20% of max iterations we do not apply combination operator (only local search). From 20% to 25% of max iterations, we apply the combination operator as follows:

$$I_{i,j} = (I_{i,j} + I_{g_{best_{1,j}}})/2 \qquad \dots (2)$$

Here, subscript 'j', indicates jth decision variable of ith candidate solution.

The algorithm again carries out a local search without a combination operation from iteration number greater than 25% of the max\_iterations to iteration number less than or equal to 45% of the max\_iterations; between the iteration number greater than 45% to 50% of the max\_iterations, algorithm carries out global search using a combination operation. This cycle of local search followed by global search is repeated.

The algorithm combines the two sets of patches, i.e., the current patch and the newly created patch. This combined patch has twice the number of investment vectors. Constraints/ bound violation if any are checked and corrected. Following this step algorithm evaluates the fitness (pollination success) of each of the investment vectors of the combined patches and retains each patch with 'p' best fit investment vectors. The algorithm then updates global best  $I_{gbest}$  (if needed) and records its corresponding fitness values.

Since, the pollination is a seasonal process, the algorithm runs for a given number of seasons (iterations). On meeting the termination criterion, the algorithm stops with  $I_{gbest}$  as the optimal solution vector and the corresponding fitness value as the optimal fitness value for the given total cost.

Natural calamities such as abnormal temperatures, storms, rains or damage to plants due to outbreak of certain diseases may affect the pollination success adversely. PBO models such effects using a 'mutation' operator that is similar to the one used in GAs. Mutation operator is applied with a low probability on each of the components of all the investment vectors

Fig 1: Algorithm 1- Pollination Based Optimization (PBO) Algorithm

```
begin
    for patch num = 1 : N do
           randomly generate a candidate solution matrix Pcwrent (patch_number) of size p×n; respecting the
           bounds:
           evaluate pollination success(fitness) of all the investment vectors of "Pewrent (patch number)"
    end for
    record global best investment vector Igbest and its fitness value
    P<sub>current</sub> = pop.patch(pach_num).iv
    \alpha_{\text{patch num}} = \alpha_0
    while season < max seasons do
           for patch num = 1: N do
               \alpha_{\text{patch_mum}} = \alpha_{(\text{patch_mum-l})}(1 - (\text{patch_num} - 1) \times (0.01))
                                                                                                         ... (3)
               for j = 1: p do
                for k = 1:n do
                  change(j,k) = [(-\alpha_{patch_num}) + (2 * \alpha_{patch_num}) * (rand(1))] * (1 - (\frac{season}{max_seasons}))...(4)
                   P_{new}(j,k) = P_{current}(j,k) + change(j,k) \quad \dots \quad (5)
                  end
               end
               if global flag == true
               (/*with a given probability Pc, combine each decision variable of Pnew with the corresponding
               element of global best investment vector as follows/*)
                   for j = 1: p do
                     for k = 1: n (number of cost components) do
                           generate a random number "r" between 0 to 1
                             ifr<Pc
                                   P_{new}(j,k) = [\{(P_{new}(j,k) + I_{abest}(1,k)\}/2]
                            endif
                     end for
                    end for
               end if
               with a given probability Pm, mutate cost components of each of the Pnew as follows:
               for j = 1: p do
                   for k = 1: n do
                       generate a random number "r" between 0 to 1.
                       if r < P_m
                         Max possible value of (P_{new}(j, k) - current \ value \ of P_{new}(j, k))
                       endif
                    end
               end
               combine matrix "Pcurrent" and "Pnew" to another matrix "Pcombined" with "2p" rows
               check bounds violations of cost component of "Pcombined"; correct if needed
               evaluate pollination success (fitness) of all investment vectors of (rows) "Pcombined"
               select best "p" investment vectors from "Pcombined" and save these in "Pnew2
               update global best investment vector Igbest and its fitness value; if needed
               pop.patch(patch_num).iv = Pnew2
           end for patch_num
           season = season + 1
    end while
    display global best investment vector I<sub>abest</sub> and its fitness value
end
```

#### 3. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

#### A. Nomenclature

α0:	A problem specific constant, usually
	between 1 to 100
Patch:	Set of flowering plants
S:	Pollination success (fitness)
	corresponding to an investment vector
N:	Total number of patches
n:	Number of cost components of an
	Investment Vector (number of decision
	variables)
Pcurrent:	Matrix of size p×n of investment
	vectors corresponding to current Patch
p:	Number of investment vectors. It
	equals number of plants in the patch
Pc:	Combination probability (0.7 to 0.95)
Pm:	Mutation probability
	(usually less than 0.1)
global_flag:	is set for a given number of iterations
	(about 5%) after a preset amount of
	iterations for local search (about 20%
	of maximum iterations)
max_seasons	Number of maximum Seasons for
	which algorithm should run
	(termination criterion)
I <sub>gbest</sub> :	Optimally fit investment vector of all
	the populations evaluated so far

The proposed algorithm is given in figure 1.

### 4. PERFORMANCE OF THE PROPOSED ALGORITHM

To validate the effectiveness of the PBO we implemented it in MATLAB. We evaluated its performance on 80 functions of the CEC-2021 test suite, using a core i7@2.8 GHz with a 16 GB RAM-based laptop operating on Windows-11 platform. We compared the performance of PBO with 8 other leading algorithms namely L-SHADE-OrdRW [10], MadDE [11], RB\_IPOP\_CMAES\_PPMF [12], NL-SHADE-RSP [13], MLS-LSHADE [14], DEDMNA [15], J21 [16] and SOMA-CLP [17]. For performance analysis, we considered all functions with 10 dimensions. 25 trial runs were conducted for each of the test functions. Mean error of the 25 runs was used as the comparison metric. We evaluated the performance of all the 9 algorithms. Function wise performance of all the competing algorithms is placed in Table 2.

Comparative performance of all the 9 algorithms, including the

proposed PBO algorithm, is presented in Table 3. The comparative performance is in terms of the number of functions on which an algorithm delivered the best-performance. Looking at Table 3 one could observe that amongst the 9 competing algorithms, PBO algorithm tops the chart, achieving the best performance in 41 of the 80 functions of the CEC-2021 test suite. In 3 of these 41 functions none of the competing algorithms could match the performance record of PBO. For other 38 of the 41 functions, its performance is the best but it was also matched by a few other algorithms.

Algorithm L-SHADE-OrdRW [10] bags the second place with the best performance on the 41 of the test functions. Out of these 41 functions, it gave unique best performance only on 2 of the 80 benchmark functions, which was lesser than PBO.

Algorithm	Α	В	С	Rank
РВО	41	3	38	1
L-SHADE- OrdRW	41	2	39	2
MadDE	40	2	38	3
RB_IPOP_CM AES_PPMF	31	8	23	4
NL-SHADE- RSP	21	4	17	5
MLS- LSHADE	20	0	20	6
DEDMNA	18	3	15	7
J21	15	1	14	8
SOMA-CLP	7	0	7	9

Table 3: Comparative Performance on CEC-2021 Test Suite

A = Number of functions for which the best performance is recorded, B = Number. of functions for which (Unequalled) best performance was recorded, C = No. of functions for which the best performance is recorded but is equalled by other competing algorithms also.

MadDE [11] stands at the number 3 position by achieving the best performance over 40 out of 80 functions. Out of these 40 functions MadDE algorithm delivered an unmatched performance for the 2 functions only and the best performance over 38 other functions, those were matched by the performance of some other algorithms also. RB\_IPOP\_CMAES\_PPMF was placed at the number 4 position as it gave the best performance over 31 benchmark functions.

## 5. PBO APPLICATION TO RICE DISEASE DETECTION

Rice is a staple food crop for a large portion of the world's population and plays a vital role in global food security. However, rice plants are vulnerable to a number of diseases, which can significantly reduce crop yield and cause farmers to lose money. Early disease detection limits the spread of the disease and boosts agricultural productivity. Manual examination and laboratory testing on plant samples (using techniques including chemical analyses, genetic analyses, and biochemical approaches) are the traditional ways of detecting diseases. Applying computer vision algorithms to diagnose plant diseases has the potential to provide faster and precise diagnosis with fewer computing resources, hence reducing the spread of diseases and boosting crop production. Due to the complexity of real-world datasets, automated computerbased disease diagnosis is a challenging and complex task. As a result, effective image classification methods based on soft computing are required for the accurate and scalable identification of plant diseases.

Selecting the optimal hyperparameter combination in Convolution Neural Networks (CNNs) can be difficult because so many distinct combinations could potentially be used. It is difficult to guarantee that a specific set of hyperparameters would produce the best results for a task. The other option is trial and error selection. But the trial and error selection of hyperparameters is time and resource consuming. Consequently, there arises a need for an automated system that evolves the optimal CNN hyperparameters for a given situation. Additionally, when building a CNN, one must select the number and structure of layers, the number of filters, the size of the filters, the stride, padding, the pooling type, the activation function, the number of neurons in the fully connected layers, the optimizer, etc. The network architecture and hyperparameters need to be carefully designed in order for it to learn the features of the training data successfully. This section presents a PBO algorithm based approach to evolve an optimized CNN model with optimal hyperparameters. The proposed method successfully identified a lightweight CNN model from the given training dataset [18].

#### 5.1 Proposed Approach

As referred to CNNs, hyper-parameters are the variables those control as to how the network is trained and how its structure is set up. CNN architecture makes use of a large number of hyper-parameters [19-20]. Domain/Technical knowledge is necessary to select the optimal hyperparameters manually. It is a tedious, time-consuming technique that relies on trial and error [21]. This section demonstrates the application of a PBO based approach to evolve an optimal number of convolution layers of the CNN model along with the optimal hyper-parameters. This has shortened the design time drastically. The approach begins with a single convolution layer skeleton CNN as shown in Figure 2, and randomly generates populations of investment vectors, where each investment vector represents CNN hyper-parameters. The fitness function evaluates the CNN model's test accuracy for the rice-plant disease classification.



Fig 2. CNN model structure used for evolution

The proposed approach automatically adds a convolution

considered for optimizati	ion.		layer in	the CNN	V model	whe	n nec	essary	. With the
Parameter	Range	ange addition of a new hidden layer, the number of hype							r of hyper-
Convolution Layers	1-10		parameters increases. As a result, a variable-length						
Filters	1-64		investme	ent vector	encoding	g sch	eme 1	s emp	loyed. The
Filter Size	1-10		hyper-pa	rameters a	re encode	ed in t	the inv	estmer	nt vector, as
Neurons in fully	32-1024		shown in	Figure 3.					
connected layers									
Batch size Epochs CNN model	8-512 (multiple of 2) 1-20 SGD, Adadelta, Adam Adagrad, RMSprop, Ftrl Nadam, and Adan	n, nax.							
1 No. 0	of filters of C <sub>1</sub> Filter size of C	FC Layer 1	Neurons i FC Layer 2	n Batch Size	Epochs	Mode Optin	el mizer		
2 No. of filters of C <sub>1</sub> F	Filter size of C <sub>1</sub> No. of filters	of C <sub>2</sub> Filter si	ize of C <sub>2</sub> Net FC	urons in Ne Layer 1 FC	eurons in 2 Layer 2	Batch Size	Epoch	ns M O	lodel ptimizer
3 No. of filters Filter si of C <sub>1</sub> of C <sub>1</sub>	ize No. of filters Filter size of C <sub>2</sub> of C <sub>2</sub>	e No. of filters of C <sub>3</sub>	Filter size of C <sub>3</sub>	Neurons in FC Layer 1	Neurons FC Layer 2	in B 2 S	Batch I lize	Epochs	Model Optimizer
n No. of filters of C <sub>1</sub> Filter	r size of C <sub>1</sub> No.	of filters of C <sub>n</sub>	Filter size of C	C <sub>n</sub> Neurons FC Layer	in Neuror 1 FC Lay	ns in yer 2	Batch Size	Epoch	s Model Optimizer

Table 4 displays the ranges of hyper-parameters considered for optimization.

Fig. 3. Variable length investment vector structure used for the optimization

The investment vector structure represents the number of filters, convolutional layers, filter size, neurons in fully connected layers, batch size, epochs, and optimizer to be applied. The classification accuracy for each of the individual is then obtained. The CNN architecture with the best accuracy is considered the fittest. Our objective is to evolve the best-performing CNN architecture along with tuned hyper-parameters.

Figure 4 shows the proposed approach to evolve CNN architecture. It begins with randomly generated 'N' patches of investment vectors (candidate solutions), each of size 'p×n'. As given in the algorithm 1, it evaluates the fitness of each individual of every population using the CNN model. Thereafter, current population Pcurrent is modified to obtain 'N' new populations ( $P_{new}$ ). Under stated condition and with a given probability Pc,  $P_{new}$  is combined with global best investment vector. With the given probability  $P_m$ , The current population is then mutated. The algorithm then checks the bound violation

for each decision variable of every population of Pnew. The algorithm combines the Pnew with Pcurrent, evaluates the combined population and selects best fit 'p' investment vectors for each of the 'N' populations as Pnew2. The global best investment vector is continually updated as and when needed. Pnew2 is then saved as current patch Pcurrent. Finally, if the stopping criteria are satisfied, the proposed approach outputs the structure of CNN model along with the optimized hyper-parameters represented by the global best. If the stopping criteria are not met and the given number of iterations are not over the algorithm goes for next iteration; if the number of iterations are over but the condition of maximum limit of layers is yet not satisfied, we modify the CNN architecture by adding a new convolution layer, reset iteration count to zero, and generate new 'N' populations for the evolution of newly obtained CNN architecture.



Fig. 4. PBO based approach for evolving CNN model and hyper-parameters

The proposed approach's termination conditions are greater than 98% classification accuracy or no gain in model accuracy with a new convolution layer.

#### 5.2 Results and Discussion

As shown in Fig. 4, we first optimize single convolution (Conv2d) layer CNN using pollination-based optimization. The best accuracy of 94.625% was recorded while executing the 29th iteration. The stopping criteria were unsatisfied, so a new hidden (Conv2d) layer was included in the architecture of CNN, and the new

optimization cycle began. A similar approach was applied to CNNs with three and four convolution layers. Figure 5 presents the record of the algorithm progress for the CNN with three layers. The plot shows generation (seasons) versus accuracy values across the iterations. With three convolutional layers, the CNN model achieved an accuracy of 99.37%. Thus, The PBO Based approach successfully evolved a three Conv2d layer CNN architecture and optimal hyper-parameters for classification of rice plant disease.



Table 5. Different layers of CNN optimized using PBO

Conv2d layers in CNN	Accuracy	
1	94.625%	
2	96.875%	
3	99.375%	

As shown in Table 5 and Figure 5, proposed PBO approach achieved 99.375% accuracy. We also observed that the CNN architecture with 4 convolution layers produced 97.625% accuracy. The optimal three-layer CNN model hyperparameters are presented in Figure 6.

No. of ConvolutionNo.LayersC1	o. of ters of	Filter Size of C <sub>1</sub>	No. of filters of C <sub>2</sub>	Filter Size of C <sub>2</sub>	No. of filters of C <sub>3</sub>	Filter Size of C <sub>3</sub>	Neurons in FC Layer 1	Neurons in FC Layer 2	Batch Size	Epochs	Model Optimizer
03 45		1	18	1	64	10	586	838	206	20	Adam

Fig. 6. Pollination-based optimized CNN hyper-parameter

We evaluated the performance of proposed approach using confusion matrix. The performance results of the PBO based approach are shown in Figure 7.



Fig. 7. Confusion Matrix of pollination based Optimized CNN

The confusion matrix yielded true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP), and false negative (FN) values. The performance of the disease detection approach is validated using the accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and F1-score performance measures.

A comparison of the proposed approach with other cutting-edge image classification techniques, such as a genetic algorithm (GA)-based CNN, and a big-bang, bigcrunch optimised CNN is shown in Table 6. The PBO based optimized CNN performed better than other classifiers.

 Table 6. Performance Comparison of Proposed approach with

 existing image classification approaches

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Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
SVM	92.54%	92.65	92.69	92.6
KNN	70.30%	73.56	70.77	69.76
Decision Tree	88.51%	88.36	88.08	88.17
Random Forest	95.3%	95.82	95.92	95.86
GA-CNN	96.37	96.74	96.88	96.72
BB-BC CNN	98.70%	98.701	98.75	98.70
PBO-CNN	99.375	99.37	99.375	99.374

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

This paper proposed a novel multi-population based, bioinspired, global optimization algorithm called PBO Algorithm. The cost optimization behaviour of flowering plants inspired the algorithm. Plants optimise resource spending on pollen production, floral display, floral fragrance, and nectar production based on pollination success. The performance of the PBO algorithm was tested on 10-dimensional 80 functions of the CEC 2021 test suite. We compared the performance of PBO with the 8 existing algorithms. The proposed PBO algorithm performed best on 41 of the 80 functions of the CEC-2021 test bench, followed by L-SHADE-OrdRW. MAdDE ranked third with best performance in 40 functions.

Further, we tested the PBO algorithm on rice plant disease detection problem. The PBO algorithm was applied to evolve the structure of CNN from the training dataset. We observed that the PBO performed extremely well. The proposed PBO-CNN approach efficiently identified rice diseases. We compared the performance of the proposed approach with the existing 8 machine learning approaches. The comparison results show that the proposed PBO-CNN-based approach outperformed all the other competing machine learning based approaches including GA-CNN and BBBC-CNN approaches.

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Table 2: Performance of Proposed algorithm on CEC-2021 Benchmark Functions										
Function	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10
				Basic						
DEDMNA	0.0000000	0.0000000	2.1800000	0.1280000	0.0000000	0.0035600	0.0005680	0.00000 00	0.0000000	48.0000 000
MadDE	0.000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	0.2670000	9.2300000	1.0200000	37.800000 0	1.4300000	7.5000000	0.00000 00	0.0000002	48.0000 000
J21	0.0000000	0.0000000	5.6300000	0.2430000	0.0000000	0.0340000	0.0079700	0.00000 00	0.0000000	46.4000 000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0143000	0.0000000	0.0068700	0.0013800	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00193 00
SOMACLP	0.0000000	0.1040000	361000000.0 000000	0.3600000	0.0000000	0.0311000	0.0021500	0.00000 00	0.0000000	771.000 0000
MLS-LSHADE	0.000000	0.0000000	2.2500000	0.0065800	0.0000000	0.0018300	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00692 00
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 41
РВО	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
			•	Bias		•	•			
DEDMNA	0.0000000	15.000000 0	9.8200000	0.4420000	3.5800000	0.3740000	0.1570000	3.62000 00	0.0000000	51.4000 000
MadDE	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000087	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	0.3060000	8.8700000	1.0100000	34.900000 0	1.2000000	14.500000 0	0.00000 00	0.0000002	66.9000 000
J21	0.0000000	16.200000 0	11.6000000	0.8440000	4.3500000	1.3200000	0.3530000	15.9000 000	0.0000000	51.6000 000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	5.4600000	5.0500000	0.3830000	3.3100000	0.4190000	0.1930000	42.4000 000	0.0000000	48.1000 000
SOMACLP	0.0000001	1610000.0 000000	1600.000000 0	0.9940000	71600000. 0000000	0.4520000	0.6990000	18.3000 000	0.0000000	52.7000 000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.000008	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00448 00
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 19
РВО	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	51.8000 000
				Shift						
DEDMNA	0.0000000	0.0000000	4.8100000	0.1560000	0.0000000	0.0053100	0.0005100	14.0000 000	86.700000 0	373.000 0000
MadDE	0.0000000	0.0000000	10.9000000	0.1880000	0.0000000	0.0162000	0.0014200	87.9000 000	93.300000 0	400.000 0000
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	275.00000 00	11.2000000	1.0600000	125.00000 00	50.600000 0	30.400000 0	97.2000 000	256.00000 00	400.000 0000
J21	0.0000000	0.0020800	10.2000000	0.2540000	0.0000000	0.0254000	0.0056200	0.00000 00	110.00000 00	363.000 0000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	0.0000000	10.2000000	0.0942000	0.0000000	0.0075700	0.0020100	0.54500 00	80.100000 0	390.000 0000
SOMACLP	0.0000000	0.0923000	2930000.000 0000	0.3580000	0.0000079	0.0242000	0.0026500	0.71900 00	152.00000 00	394.000 0000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	0.0208000	10.1000000	0.1210000	0.0000000	0.0445000	0.0070300	62.3000 000	214.00000 00	387.000 0000
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	0.0437000	10.9000000	0.1890000	6.1700000	0.2710000	0.2980000	100.000	319.00000 00	400.000
РВО	0.0000000	6.9500000	11.5000000	0.4740000	11.800000 0	0.6730000	0.4470000	0.00000 00	100.00000 00	400.000 0000

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Rotation										
DEDMNA	0.0000000	16.300000 0	11.6000000	0.4370000	12.000000 0	0.1760000	0.1880000	54.8000 000	83.300000 0	368.000 0000
MadDE	0.0000000	12.300000 0	13.6000000	0.3510000	1.1000000	0.3260000	0.2330000	96.0000 000	90.000000 0	398.000 0000
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	498.00000 00	11.4000000	0.7860000	114.00000 00	46.800000 0	75.000000 0	96.1000 000	205.00000 00	418.000 0000
J21	0.0000000	21.600000 0	11.7000000	0.7960000	1.7300000	0.5170000	1.3700000	9.31000 00	90.000000 0	318.000 0000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	12.100000 0	13.3000000	0.1300000	6.2000000	0.2970000	0.0783000	23.9000 000	75.200000 0	398.000 0000
SOMACLP	0.000002	4340000.0 000000	13.8000000	0.2150000	1770000.0 000000	0.3330000	0.1960000	33.5000 000	191.00000 00	399.000 0000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	18.700000 0	13.1000000	0.4010000	6.3300000	0.6390000	0.4380000	65.5000 000	100.00000 00	388.000 0000
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	5.2000000	11.8000000	0.3360000	29.000000 0	0.5810000	2.2900000	100.000 0000	290.00000 00	428.000 0000
РВО	15.6000000	15.100000 0	10.7000000	0.5390000	77.900000 0	1.3200000	1.3600000	11.4000 000	0.0003790	398.000 0000
				Bias and S	Shift					
DEDMNA	0.0000000	0.0000000	2.1400000	0.1280000	0.0000000	0.0035600	0.0004750	0.00000 00	0.0000000	48.0000 000
MadDE	0.000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
J21	0.0000000	0.0000000	4.7100000	0.2390000	0.0000000	0.0327000	0.0198000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	46.4000 000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0134000	0.0000000	0.0074800	0.0011200	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00207 00
SOMACLP	0.0000000	0.1190000	34600000.00 00000	0.3080000	0.0000000	0.0284000	0.0029500	0.00000 00	0.0000000	4980000 0.00000 00
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	0.0000000	2.3200000	0.0032900	0.0000000	0.0001530	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00721 00
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
РВО	0.0000000	0.3120000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	48.0000 000
				Bias and Ro	tation					
DEDMNA	0.0000000	15.000000 0	9.8200000	0.4420000	3.5800000	0.3740000	0.1570000	3.62000 00	0.0000000	51.4000 000
MadDE	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000315	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
J21	0.0000000	16.200000 0	11.3000000	0.8390000	4.3400000	1.3300000	0.3410000	12.4000 000	0.0000000	51.6000 000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	6.4600000	5.2700000	0.4300000	2.1000000	0.4230000	0.2130000	44.1000 000	0.0000000	51.7000 000
SOMACLP	0.0000001	24100000. 0000000	15600000.00 00000	1.0800000	71900000. 0000000	0.4620000	0.3070000	37.7000 000	0.0000000	52.1000 000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000009	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00429 00
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000001	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 14
РВО	0.0000000	0.3120000	0.0000000	0.3250000	0.0000000	0.4490000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	51.6000 000

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				Shift and Rot	tation					
DEDMNA	0.0000000	0.0000000	4.8100000	0.1560000	0.0000000	0.0053100	0.0005080	14.0000 000	86.700000 0	373.000 0000
MadDE	0.0000000	0.0083300	10.9000000	0.1930000	0.0000000	0.0145000	0.0015500	94.0000 000	90.000000 0	400.000 0000
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.00000 00	0.0000000	0.00000 00
J21	0.0000000	0.0020800	9.8500000	0.2490000	0.0000000	0.0338000	0.0077200	0.00000 00	104.00000 00	389.000 0000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	0.0000000	10.9000000	0.1010000	0.0000000	0.0057100	0.0049000	0.00000 00	76.000000 0	400.000 0000
SOMA-CLP	0.0000000	0.1060000	979.0000000	0.3480000	0.0000000	0.0294000	0.0029100	0.00342 00	127.00000 00	387.000 0000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	0.0312000	9.8200000	0.1580000	0.0000000	0.0324000	0.0057000	52.0000 000	195.00000 00	390.000 0000
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	0.0333000	10.9000000	0.1940000	6.1600000	0.3980000	0.2470000	100.000 0000	319.00000 00	400.000 0000
РВО	0.0000000	3.5400000	2.4400000	0.3220000	0.4380000	0.6490000	0.7270000	0.00000 00	100.00000 00	400.000 0000
			ĺ	Bias, Shift and I	Rotation					
DEDMNA	0.0000000	16.300000 0	11.6000000	0.4370000	12.000000 0	0.1760000	0.1880000	54.8000 000	83.300000 0	368.000 0000
MadDE	0.0000000	21.600000 0	14.0000000	0.3720000	0.9630000	0.3020000	0.1720000	91.3000 000	90.000000 0	398.000 0000
RB_IPOP_CMAES_ PPMF	0.0000000	553.00000 00	10.5000000	0.8660000	93.500000 0	49.700000 0	121.00000 00	97.1000 000	172.00000 00	415.000 0000
J21	0.0000000	21.600000 0	11.5000000	0.7950000	1.7000000	0.5170000	1.9100000	11.4000 000	90.000000 0	338.000 0000
NL-SHADE-RSP	0.0000000	14.500000 0	13.1000000	0.1380000	5.0300000	0.3010000	0.0278000	32.4000 000	79.700000 0	388.000 0000
SOMA-CLP	0.0000001	6910000.0 000000	13.5000000	0.2000000	315000000 .0000000	0.2730000	0.1840000	28.1000 000	263.00000 00	389.000 0000
MLS-LSHADE	0.0000000	18.200000 0	12.6000000	0.3800000	5.1500000	0.7300000	0.3020000	70.6000 000	91.200000 0	384.000 0000
L-SHADE-OrdRW	0.0000000	4.0600000	11.5000000	0.3470000	28.900000 0	0.5750000	2.8000000	100.000 0000	292.00000 00	428.000 0000
РВО	4.4900000	3.9500000	14.5000000	0.2290000	44.100000 0	0.6770000	2.4000000	12.9000 000	100.00000 00	398.000 0000

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